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Chapter 1761 - Breaking the Deadlock at Three Realms Island

Inside Three Worlds Island, Luan Xiao'e looked towards Lu Ye, her expression enquiring, Lu Ye spoke, "Since we have guests, let's entertain them."

Luan Xiao'e showed a slight hesitation, "There's no problem with entertaining, but if they want to discuss moving into Three Worlds Island..."

She wasn't skilled in that, nor did she understand the intricacies involved.

"First, let them in, entertain them well, Old Tang will return soon, let him handle it when he does."

Luan Xiao'e nodded, "You're right, I'll go then." She turned to Chu Shen, "Junior brother, settle in for now. If you need anything in the future, just send me a message."

During this time, Luan Xiao'e and Chu Shen had started calling each other senior sister and junior brother, mainly due to Lu Ye's influence. Chu Shen called Lu Ye big brother, so naturally, he couldn't call Luan Xiao'e a senior anymore.

Chu Shen nodded, "Senior sister go ahead with your tasks, I'll stroll around with big brother."

Luan Xiao'e walked away, and Lu Ye continued to lead Chu Shen and the others forward. Before long, Chu Shen had chosen a location. This area had vacant residences, just right for the cultivators of Cheling World to use.

The main task for the 20 Constellations coming over this time was cultivation, even Chu Shen wouldn't get involved with any affairs of Three Worlds Island.

The cultivation environment within the residence area was excellent, combined with spirit jade, the speed of cultivation for the Constellations would be far faster than in Cheling World.

Moreover, there weren't many cultivators on the Cheling World side, otherwise, there wouldn't just be twenty people coming over this time.

With Lu Ye assisting Chu Shen to settle in, on the other side, Luan Xiao'e ordered to activate the big island-protecting array, allowing all visiting cultivators to pass through.

When Tang Jun hurried back from All Phenomena Island, he was surprised to find the atmosphere on Three Worlds Island had changed quite a bit.

After meeting with He Baichuan, who was stationed at the gap in the big array to receive guests, Tang Jun finally understood the situation!

He was delighted, young people truly think flexibly! He had been focusing solely on visiting the Sun Blaze governor of All Phenomena Ocean these days, yet hadn't even had the chance to see one Sun Blaze in person, and instead received quite a few cold shoulders.

Who would have known that Lu Ye chose an unexpected path, completely overlooking those Sun Blaze governors and instead set his sights on Cheling World?

This resulted in getting things done!

Old Tang instinctively felt there must be Chu Shen's contribution in this. Tang Jun knew how much Chu Shen admired Lu Ye. With Lu Ye personally going to Cheling World, how could Chu Shen refuse this favor?

Regardless, the situation on Three Worlds Island has completely opened up now! Tang Jun's worries and anxieties were swept away...

Learning that those merchants interested in moving into Three Worlds Island were arranged in the visitors hall, waiting for him to handle things, Tang Jun couldn't help but sigh, "Born to toil, how could Three Worlds Island run without me?"

Despite the complaint, he moved like the wind, quickly heading to the visitors hall!

Upon entering the hall, he immediately saw a dense crowd, no less than a hundred people gathered in the hall!

"Elder Tang!" someone immediately rose and clasped fists.

Soon, all the cultivators in the hall stood up to salute.

Tang Jun glanced around and couldn't help but smile, "Oh, so many familiar faces!"

In an instant, Tang Jun realized what was happening.

Nearly seventy percent of the people here had interacted with him before! At that time, he was an elder of Unparalleled Island...

Chu Shen only grasped the big picture and didn't involve in the specifics. Naturally, the operation of Unparalleled Island was under his charge, and he had interacted with many merchants.

If the prosperity of Unparalleled Island had continued, he wouldn't see these people now.

Yet with the decline of Unparalleled Island, those merchants naturally withdrew from it. In a short period, with no suitable target, the sudden appearance of Three Worlds Island attracted them all at once.

Understanding this, Tang Jun suddenly felt a sense of revenge being fulfilled!

The loss of Unparalleled Island angered not only Chu Shen but also Tang Jun. He spent considerable effort and energy on Unparalleled Island. He even had the resolve to die defending it back then.

But one can't fight against the odds. The Unparalleled Island was lost, he sustained heavy injuries and was taken by Chu Shen to Cheling World to recover, until the return of Lu Ye.

Times have changed, Three Worlds Island rose, and Unparalleled Island declined. The merchants who were taken away then, now appeared in front of him once again.

He really wanted to see the expressions of those from Celestial Flames World, but thinking about it, going there would surely result in a beating, so better not.

Moreover, his current official title is the elder responsible for external affairs of Three Worlds Island. He is not on the registration list, does not participate in Spirit Island's offensive and defensive battles, only manages some external affairs of Spirit Island.

"Everyone sit down!" Tang Jun took his main seat, then extended his hand to indicate.

The crowd took their seats.

Tang Xiaoyue walked in from outside the hall, personally serving tea to her family patriarch, then stood quietly to the side, her face full of pride.

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, Tang Jun leisurely took a sip of tea, then put down the cup and slowly spoke, "I already know the purpose of your visits. The plans for Three Worlds Island you have seen by now. We initially aimed to develop Three Worlds Island into a commercial Spirit Island. Something happened before, as everyone understands, so I won't elaborate. But from now on, Three Worlds Island will have a vast future. Although its current foundation may not be as strong as the former Unparalleled Island, in terms of scale, Unparalleled Island cannot compare to our Three Worlds Island. So rest assured, by setting up shop on this island, no matter what you sell, you won't worry about a lack of customers. This, I can guarantee. If you can't make money doing business on Three Worlds Island, come and scold me, and I will not refute!"

Some people chuckled softly, while others frowned. The more Old Tang spoke of the bright future of Three Worlds Island, the higher the costs seemed for setting up there.

"Let me ask, who was the first to arrive?" Tang Jun looked around.

All eyes shifted, gathering on an old man.

With so many cultivators watching, the old man seemed a bit uneasy. He stood up and said, "Elder Tang, it was me!"

Tang Jun glanced at him and smiled, "Loo Wang of Shayuan, right? I remember you."

Loo Wang was a bit surprised and somewhat flattered, "It's an honor for Elder Tang to remember me. I am overwhelmed." He had not expected Tang Jun to remember him. Although he did meet him once on Unparalleled Island, it was only that one time.

"In the future, Three Worlds Island will need merchants with integrity. You did well on Unparalleled Island back then. Additionally, I have good news for you."

"Please, do tell, Elder," Loo Wang remained reserved.

"After the Baiyue battle, Moon Jade governors of our Three Worlds Island decided to offer rental discounts to the first business to set up here. So congratulations, Fellow Daoist Loo, you may choose any shop at will on Three Worlds Island, and the influence backing you will enjoy a fifty-percent discount on rent for twenty years."

Loo Wang was dumbfounded, as were the other cultivators in the hall.

After a long moment, Loo Wang came to his senses, still unbelieving, "Is Elder Tang serious?"

Tang Jun looked at him with a smile, "With so many Fellow Daoists present, I represent Three Worlds Island. Why would I joke with you?"

"Any shop? Even the best-located, largest ones?" Loo Wang asked.

"Yes!" Tang Jun nodded, "If you choose the best-located, largest ones, I suggest being next to the Five Colors Merchants Guild. That area is sure to be bustling."

The site chosen by the Five Colors Merchants Guild is in the very center of the commercial district. This area's prosperity will surely radiate outwards from the guild. In essence, any capable merchant will try to be as close as possible to the Five Colors Merchants Guild when choosing shop locations.

"This..." Loo Wang didn't know what to say.

He didn't have grand expectations, merely wishing for a suitable shop on Three Worlds Island. Selling goods was secondary to having the right to stay on the island long-term, facilitating his two apprentices' cultivation.

Who knew such a great opportunity would fall into his lap, and Tang Jun even offered helpful advice...

More importantly, the twenty-year, fifty-percent rental discount effectively saved them a significant amount of spirit jade, essentially a generous gift from Three Worlds Island!

Loo Wang was overwhelmed by the surprise, while the other cultivators felt regret.

If they had known about such decisions regarding Three Worlds Island, they would have strived to be the first to arrive. As it stood, arriving just a step behind Loo Wang cost them the top position.

For a moment, many looked at Loo Wang with envy.

Tang Jun spoke again, "Who is the second one?"

Having learned from the previous example, Sky Eagle Hwo Chong immediately stood up, with a nervous yet pleasing smile on his face, "It's me, Elder Tang!"

Old Tang glanced at him, "Hmm, the influence you represent has the right to choose the second shop and enjoys a seventy-percent discount on rent for ten years!"

Hwo Chong was overjoyed, his mouth nearly splitting to his ears, "Thank you, Elder Tang, thank you Moon Jade governors of Three Worlds Island. Sky Eagle will operate sincerely and ethically, ensuring no disgrace or trouble befalls Three Worlds Island!"

With a heartfelt declaration, Old Tang was very satisfied, then asked, "Who is the third?"

Su Yuhan of Golden Wheel was waiting for this moment, leaping to his feet, announcing himself, suppressing his inner joy, "Greetings, Elder Tang!"

Old Tang said, "Your influence has the right to choose the third shop, enjoying a ten-percent discount for five years!"

"Yes!" Su Yuhan rejoiced. Although the discount was significantly less compared to Loo Wang, there was still a discount. Moreover, he understood that Loo Wang's backing wasn't very strong. Even with the right to choose first, his options were limited. The area near the Five Colors Merchants Guild would be out of his reach.

Although Sky Eagle Hwo Chong's backing was stronger than Loo Wang's, it was only slightly better.

Thus, even as the third choice, he would likely still pick a prime location. Indeed, when opportunities arise, one must act quickly, or risk falling behind.

In the hall, with just a few words from Old Tang, the atmosphere became lively.

Chapter 1762 - Three Worlds Island Auction

Although after the three families, there were no more rent concessions, Tang Jun promised the cultivators present that within five days, everyone could choose their preferred location on Three Worlds Island. This filled the merchants who had made decisions with anticipation, and even many cultivators who came just to observe were influenced to decide to settle on Three Worlds Island.

News of this quickly spread, and coupled with the settlement of the Five Colors Merchants Guild and Cheling World, countless cultivators from all directions of the All Phenomena Ocean flocked towards Three Worlds Island.

Anyone with insight could see that the rise of Three Worlds Island was unstoppable. The mere settlement of the Five Colors Merchants Guild only improved Three Worlds Island's situation slightly but could not entirely change the dynamics. However, the entry of Cheling World had a decisive effect!

The reason why these merchants hesitated to settle on Three Worlds Island before was due to their fear of Yuan Du. But with Jiu Yan, the Sun Blaze behind Cheling World, what was there to fear from Yuan Du now that Three Worlds Island had formed an alliance with Cheling World?

The various benefits given to the first three merchants who chose to settle on Three Worlds Island were not a result of consultation with the Moon Jade members of Three Worlds Island, but a temporary decision made by Old Tang.

He clearly understood that although the merchants attracted to Three Worlds Island were numerous, they were small businesses with shallow foundations.

Small businesses are indispensable, but large businesses are also needed. Old Tang wanted to take this opportunity to build momentum for Three Worlds Island. As long as the island was lively enough, there was no fear of big businesses not coming.

It must be said, his decision was very wise. With the first batch of cultivators entering Three Worlds Island, in just half a day, more and more cultivators flocked in, making the commercial area incredibly lively.

At the ferry, He Baichuan personally took charge of the reception, and also assigned some local island cultivators to lead the incoming merchants to explore the details of settling on the island.

In such an atmosphere, those large businesses who received the news could no longer sit still.

They naturally perceived the vast future of Three Worlds Island. Previously they remained indifferent, giving face to Yuan Du. But now, with some actions from Three Worlds Island and the influx of numerous small businesses, Yuan Du's reputation had been trampled and torn apart.

These large businesses naturally could not restrain themselves any longer.

Three Worlds Island's best, largest piece of land had already been taken by the Five Colors Merchants Guild. To ensure their future interests on Three Worlds Island, they needed to enter early to select better plots.

Half a day later, the first large business finally arrived, followed by the second, third...

Again, it was Tang Jun who received and negotiated with them.

In the Council Hall, Old Tang specifically invited Chu Shen to accompany. Hearing is not the same as seeing; despite rumors that Cheling World's cultivator had entered Three Worlds Island, until it was seen with one's own eyes, the accuracy of this information remained to be verified.

So Chu Shen's presence was necessary; he didn't need to do anything but sit to the side.

Furthermore, when Chu Shen crafted Unparalleled Island back then, he had dealings with these influential figures, so he was not unfamiliar with many of them. A few casual words exchanged further confirmed for them Cheling World's stance, increasing their confidence in the future of Three Worlds Island. Nearly ninety percent of the representatives of large businesses immediately decided to settle on Three Worlds Island.

In a short period, the previously neglected Three Worlds Island became a coveted place in the entire All Phenomena Ocean, drawing the attention of countless cultivators.

Several days later, large numbers of businesses moved in on the island, each refurbishing their shops and preparing their goods.

Three Worlds Island also announced to the public that in ten days, the island would be fully open. Cultivators could enter the island to trade goods, and on that day, the Five Colors Merchants Guild would hold a grand auction, inviting cultivators from all sides to attend.

Looking across the All Phenomena Ocean, the most renowned guild without a doubt was the All Phenomena Merchants Guild, nurtured by local powers, unparalleled by any outsider.

However, the reputation of the Five Colors Merchants Guild was not bad either. News of the branch on Three Worlds Island holding an auction naturally attracted a lot of attention from cultivators.

To prepare for this auction, the Five Colors Merchants Guild mobilized many rare items and compiled them into a jade booklet, distributing it everywhere to create buzz ahead of time.

Giant Blade Island.

The atmosphere on Giant Blade Island hadn't been good lately; three months ago, Three Worlds Island was at Giant Blade's doorstep. Although no conflicts happened, to drive back Three Worlds Island under their threat, Giant Blade Island paid a huge price.

Not only did they not gain any spoils, but they also ended up targeting themselves as a joke throughout the All Phenomena Ocean.

During that encounter, Giant Blade had been extorted by Three Worlds Island for twenty million spirit jades worth of resources, nearly exhausting their reserves. In this period, Giant Blade cultivators were tightening their belts to make ends meet, having almost no spirit jades available for their cultivation.

Although they had sent someone back to the home galaxy to seek material support, this round trip would take at least half a year.

This means that it would take another three months for the situation at Giant Blade to improve.

And as the First Island Master of Giant Blade Island, Zhao Yunqi had been in a state of self-reproach and regret over the past three months, blaming himself for being swayed by Yu Huan and leading people to Three Worlds Island, causing such enormous losses.

Furious at Yu Huan's incompetence, how could such a large Baiyue Island be taken down by Three Worlds Island so easily? If Baiyue hadn't been so fragile, Giant Blade Island wouldn't have been caught in the crossfire.

"Senior Brother!" Someone entered, and the worried Zhao Yunqi looked up to find it was Mo Hong.

Although they were not from the same domain, both hailed from the Giant Blade Galaxy and had been stationed in the All Phenomena Ocean for over a hundred years, so their relationship was quite good.

"What's the matter?" Zhao Yunqi casually asked.

Mo Hong handed over a jade booklet, "The Five Colors Merchants Guild is holding an auction. This is the auction jade booklet they sent over. There are some interesting things inside."

Zhao Yunqi weakly took it, "There are many interesting things in this world... but right now, where do we have the money to participate in any auction?"

Opening the jade booklet, he glanced through it carelessly, indeed finding some items that piqued his interest, but recalling his current financial constraints made him give up the idea of joining in on the fun.

Seeing good things but being unable to buy them, it's better not to see them at all.

Until after flipping through it for a while, Zhao Yunqi suddenly brightened and exclaimed, "Supreme-grade psyche refinement pill... twenty bottles?"

He made an effort to open his eyes wide to make sure he wasn't mistaken, then uncertainly looked up at Mo Hong, who nodded his head, indicating it was indeed twenty bottles!

"How is this possible?" Zhao Yunqi was flabbergasted.

It's known that supreme-grade elixir pills bear no burden for cultivators, have virtually no pill poison, and are extremely effective. Generally speaking, regardless of the type of elixir pill, once supreme-grade, they are hard to find.

Even the most skilled Pill Master cannot deliberately create supreme-grade elixir pills; they only appear coincidentally when luck strikes during a batch.

Thus, these supreme-grade elixir pills are usually kept by Pill Masters to be sold only when gathered in enough quantity.

It's like the All Phenomena Merchants Guild, which has auctioned supreme-grade psyche refinement pills before, but never more than five bottles, usually only three, and sometimes just one...

A full twenty bottles of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills, what kind of concept is this? Zhao Yunqi felt that if he could acquire all twenty bottles, there was hope to glimpse the secret of the Sun Blaze!

After all, at his level of cultivation, breaking through is all about psyche refinement, but unfortunately, he has made no progress over the years due to his own abilities.

He had taken similar elixir pills that enhance Divine Soul Power, but those had pill poison; the more he consumed, the murkier his psyche became, moving further away from the Sun Blaze.

So upon seeing that this auction had twenty bottles of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills, Zhao Yunqi's stagnant heart couldn't help but become active.

After a brief contemplation, he looked up at Mo Hong, "Junior Brother, I remember fifty years ago, did you not get a batch of Heavenly Heart Sand?"

That item holds great value, and Mo Hong has always wanted someone to help him craft it into a magic treasure, but unfortunately, the supplementary materials could not be gathered.

Mo Hong immediately became vigilant, "Senior Brother, what do you intend to do?"

Zhao Yunqi smiled, "Junior Brother, we have known each other for many years, sharing hardships. Thirty years ago, when you were seriously injured, it was I who took care of you day and night..."

Mo Hong's face fell instantly; had he known it would come to this, he wouldn't have brought the jade booklet along!

The Five Colors Merchants Guild has placed great importance on this auction—not only to build momentum for the Three Worlds Island but also to promote the sub-chapter of the Three Worlds Island. Thus, they sent out invitations and auction jade booklets to almost every known Spirit Island.

For this auction, the Five Colors Merchants Guild has indeed summoned quite a number of rare items, but what truly captivates the cultivators are those twenty bottles of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills!

Which Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator doesn't need this stuff?

On a mid-class Spirit Island, which family doesn't have a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator?

Generally, such things are rarely sold because their own cultivators need them, let alone in such substantial quantity at one time.

Hence, for many qualified Moon Jade Late Stage cultivators, these aren't just twenty bottles of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills—they represent an opportunity to reach the pinnacle of Sun Blaze.

No one is willing to miss out!

Once the Five Colors Merchants Guild distributed the jade booklets, the entire All Phenomena Ocean was in an uproar. Countless eyes turned toward Three Worlds Island, just waiting for the day the auction would commence.

Meanwhile, in a bamboo building within the local island cultivator's guard area on Three Worlds Island, both the true self and doppelganger of Lu Ye busily started crafting As-Close-As-Siblings Array Discs, expressionless.

Now that he is at Moon Jade cultivation level, it's quite easy for him to craft these things. With abundant materials, he repeated the process over and over, forming array discs one by one.

Although the situation on Three Worlds Island has completely opened up, in the future, simply maintaining it would ensure income; however, both Old Tang and Luan Xiao'e felt that Three Worlds Island should have its own business rather than merely relying on shop rental income.

Therefore, after a Moon Jade Council, Three Worlds Island decided to open two shops of its own.

Chapter 1763 - Island Opening

Two shops, one selling elixir pills, that's easy to handle. Shui Yuan manages the pill gourd, and can craft any elixir pill needed. Additionally, the healing cultivators on the island can craft elixir pills themselves to sell in the pharmacy for extra income.

The second shop specializes in selling As-Close-As-Siblings Array Discs, which is a burden for Lu Ye, because on Three Worlds Island, he's the only one who can craft these.

Lu Ye doesn't mind this because he knows each array disc he crafts is income. Crafting these requires little investment but yields great profit. His first fortune of spirit jade in the All Phenomena Ocean was earned through auctioning As-Close-As-Siblings Array Discs.

A total of over a hundred million spirit jade!

For any cultivator, such an amount would ensure a worry-free life.

But for him, over a hundred million spirit jade was spent within a few years. Mostly because his cultivation demands huge consumption; the Talent Tree burns spirit jade...

The price of array discs is now stable, around three thousand spirit jade each. His investment is a short effort and under fifty spirit jade in materials, still a profitable venture.

He wants to take advantage of his available time to craft more array discs for reserve. Once Three Worlds Island is stabilized, he aims to advance to the Moon Jade Mid-Stage.

A swift ten days pass by in the blink of an eye.

The day of island opening arrives, and the entire Three Worlds Island is enveloped in a heavy atmosphere.

Luan Xiao'e, He Baichuan, Yann Miao, Ma Shangsi, Tang Jun, and others gather together, observing the situation outside the island, all feeling a bit uneasy.

What they see is far beyond original expectations.

At this moment, towards the dock outside the island, at least tens of thousands of cultivators have gathered...

Bear in mind that these are all above the Constellation level. Though they've been in the All Phenomena Ocean for some time, they've never seen so many cultivators gathered together.

Moreover, outside this gathering, hundreds of tower ships are anchored, occasionally emitting Moon Jade aura from them.

Such tower ships... number in the hundreds.

Though aware that the island's opening would be lively, no one anticipated this extent of crowding!

Everyone understands this situation's reasons: First, the major upheaval previously caused by Three Worlds Island, attracting curious visitors wanting to see. Second, the Five Colors Merchants Guild's auction is alluring, especially appealing to those Moon Jade cultivators intending to attend. Third, when a Spirit Island opens for the first time, island merchants collaborate to offer discounts, lasting ten to fifteen days, which attracts many founding cultivators seeking desired goods.

"Quite a scene..." He Baichuan looks ahead, wiping sweat from his forehead. By responsibility division, he's stationed at the dock from today, meaning any cultivator landing on Three Worlds Island first encounters him.

Handling so many guests at once, He Baichuan feels immense pressure.

Tang Jun comforts him: "Don't panic, Old He. Stationed at the dock, just watch for any misconduct. Most people need not be concerned with."

He Baichuan nods: "Old Tang, if anything amiss arises, remind me."

"No problem, no problem." Tang Jun continuously nods, internally roaring. He hadn't experienced such a large event before; the island-opening scene at Unparalleled Island was much smaller.

After all, Unparalleled Island's capacity differs greatly from Three Worlds Island's, accommodating different visitor flow.

Though he ultimately has some experience, he can only maintain calm.

"So many people suddenly, all above Constellation. Patrol duty must be focused. Resolve disputes swiftly; make big matters small, small matters disappear. Under no circumstances induce chaos," Tang Jun instructs Ma Shangsi.

Tang Jun oversees overall, He Baichuan stationed at the dock, Ma Shangsi handles island patrol.

For this day, thousands of cultivators on the island divide into over two hundred squads, dispersed everywhere, under Ma Shangsi's command, ready to address possible disputes.

Ma Shangsi nods: "I understand."

Firmly determined, if anyone dares cause dispute on the island, a Blood Sea shield will envelop them, allowing them to contest within it, minimizing impact on others.

"Fellow Daoist Luan, as Island Master today, you're in charge of hosting the Moon Jade attendees for the auction. Five Colors Island personnel will collaborate with you."

Luan Xiao'e replies: "Of course."

"What should I do?" Yann Miao asks.

Ma Shangsi says: "Fellow Daoist Yann, station at the second dock. I'll allocate some personnel to assist you."

Several docks exist on the island. Given today's special circumstance, only two are open: one for entry, one for exit; He Baichuan handles the entry dock, Yann Miao stationed at the exit dock, the least pressured spot.

While speaking, at the Three Worlds Island's center, atop the high tower of the Five Colors Merchants Guild branch, Lu Ye and Mang Dang stand shoulder to shoulder, gazing at the lively scenario outside the island. Today, the Five Colors branch hosts the auction with Mang Dang personally overseeing.

"Brother, after today, Three Worlds Island is firmly established. In the future, brother will need to look after the branch here often."

Lu Ye said, "No problem, and thank you, Fellow Daoist, for your help earlier."

Mang Dang waved his hand, "I didn't help much, and looking at it now, establishing a branch here was a wise decision; it turns out the guild made a profit." He paused, lowered his voice, and said, "Brother, sell me a few bottles of that supreme-grade psyche refinement pill later."

Lu Ye smiled, "No problem, I'll have someone send it over later."

Mang Dang laughed heartily and patted Lu Ye on the shoulder, "Then I'll thank you in advance."

As they were talking, a loud voice suddenly rang out; it was Tang Jun calling out from the other side.

"Open the island!"

The big array at the trade area hummed, and at the dock, an opening appeared. In an instant, the waiting crowd swarmed in.

From above, the flow of people looked like a torrent rushing into the island through the opening, quickly dispersing. On both sides of the streets on the island, numerous prepared shopfronts opened their doors enthusiastically to welcome them.

After this bustling period passes, Three Worlds Island here will gradually return to normal.

Under normal circumstances, cultivators entering the Spirit Island would register at the dock, then receive a token for a stay on the island for a certain period; some islands even charge a fee for entry, like All Phenomena Island.

But today, there were simply too many guests, so this procedure was skipped. The focus was on letting guests in as quickly as possible, and Three Worlds Island didn't plan on charging entry fees.

All Phenomena Island has the qualification to do so, but Three Worlds Island does not yet.

Tens of thousands of people, even without any registration, took more than two hours to enter the island fully through one dock.

The vast Three Worlds Island instantly became bustling; all major shops were filled with cultivators coming and going.

Only then did those of the Moon Jade appear unhurriedly, personally received by Luan Xiao'e, and guided to the Five Colors Merchants Guild branch.

Once here, someone from the Five Colors Merchants Guild took over to make arrangements.

The island's two hundred cultivators patrolled the streets, guarding against any unsettling factors.

Indeed, some conflicts broke out, but the patrolling squads quickly intervened. For those hot-tempered cultivators who made trouble, Three Worlds Island had one stance: arrest and expel them.

If it was just verbal sparring, they focused on persuasion.

Lu Ye remained atop the high building of the Five Colors Merchants Guild branch, his powerful Mental Consciousness spreading over the entire Spirit Island. Fortunately, as long as no Moon Jade intervened, he didn't need to handle anything; the patrolling squads could resolve issues.

Everything proceeded methodically.

Lu Ye couldn't help but feel a bit sentimental. He hadn't worried at all during the development of Unparalleled Island, not even feeling much belonging.

So, when Unparalleled Island was lost, he didn't really react.

But now, Three Worlds Island was different.

Thinking carefully, it was because of his current position.

Back then, he was just alone, even with Tang Jun, just the two of them, so Unparalleled Island didn't matter much to him.

But now, it was different. He was not alone; over a thousand Three Worlds cultivators gathered here. This Spirit Island was the foundation of Jade Conch Galaxy in All Phenomena Ocean. Not just him, all Three Worlds cultivators had high expectations for Three Worlds Island and had made significant efforts for its rise.

The unity shown in the battle at Baiyue made Three Worlds Island's reputation soar. It was a hard-won achievement worth every effort to protect.

Thinking back to the struggles in Nine Provinces, he was just a junior cultivator under the Righteous Blood Sect.

Unconsciously, he had reached such a height.

The Five Colors Merchants Guild's auction should have started by now; he could vaguely sense the commotion below in the tall building but unfortunately couldn't participate in person.

Voices came from the store beside him; Shui Yuan's voice, as the island's apothecary, was set up next to the Five Colors Merchants Guild. Someone was probably buying elixir pills, and the store's name was simple: Three Worlds Apothecary.

Clearly an island-established store, ensuring quality.

Next to the apothecary was the Three Worlds Artifact Shop, currently only selling As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc, but in the future, it might sell spirit treasures and magic treasures.

The two shops occupied prime locations, so there was no worry about customer flow.

Additionally, a few store spots were reserved in the dock area, just in case there's anything to sell in the future. It's simply about reducing some rent, which is not a big issue for the current Three Worlds Island.

Feeling the surrounding hustle and bustle, Lu Ye was calm. Only at this moment did he realize that in this vast All Phenomena Ocean, he finally had a foothold.

Three Worlds Island won't be the end; it's just a beginning.

He will go further and stand taller in the future, but no matter where he is, he will never be alone. Behind him stands Jade Conch and Nine Provinces!

Chapter 1764 - Moon Jade Mid-Stage

The bustling Three Worlds Island maintained its lively atmosphere for a full ten days. After the first batch of guests entered the island, cultivators continued to pour in.

Few cultivators left.

Because there was no time limit for entering the island this time, cultivators could stay on Three Worlds Island for a long time. Even if they didn't conduct any transactions, they could still enjoy the advantageous cultivation environment provided by the island.

Of course, with tens of thousands of people simultaneously staying on the island, no matter how abundant the energy on Spirit Island was, the benefits distributed to each individual were minimal.

Fortunately, the commerce area and the residential area are completely separated, so the situation here in the commerce area wouldn't affect the local island cultivators' residential area. Cultivation in the residential area wouldn't be interfered with.

The Five Colors Merchants Guild's auction was also a complete success. Lu Ye did not participate, but later heard that those twenty bottles of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills were fiercely contested by many Moon Jade cultivators. Thus, the plan for the Five Colors Merchants Guild's branch to gain momentum was fully accomplished, and its reputation was thoroughly established. Three Worlds Island also gained a significant income.

Ten days later, cultivators gradually began to leave, and half a month later, the situation on the island gradually stabilized.

According to Tang Jun's statistics, the daily guest traffic on Three Worlds Island was now about five thousand people. Relative to the tens of thousands who rushed in on opening day, this number was undoubtedly unremarkable.

Moreover, the five thousand-person traffic was only temporary and should decline further.

If it truly stabilized, there might only be around three thousand people.

But this is still quite impressive. You know, back in the day on Unparalleled Island, the stable guest traffic was only half of this number.

For Three Worlds Island, a daily traffic of three thousand people is a qualified number. As long as the goods aren't too poor, the island's merchants can make their profit.

The cultivators of the Three Worlds are both pained and joyful. Previously, when Three Worlds Island had not developed, they didn't need to do anything but cultivate.

But now it's different. The thousand cultivators of Three Worlds must patrol Spirit Island in batches, in squads. Only when they have no tasks can they begin their own cultivation.

Of course, the treatment of the cultivators on Three Worlds Island nowadays is incomparable to the past.

When they first came here, everyone lived frugally, and Luan Xiao'e, who managed finances, was anxious and worried about future prospects.

Until the battle with Baiyue, where they seized many spoils and also extorted Giant Blade, the situation suddenly improved.

Today... Three Worlds Island no longer worries about spirit jade.

Numerous shop rentals alone are an unimaginably huge fortune, and there are still some vacant shops awaiting tenants. Currently, some merchants are negotiating leasing terms with Tang Jun.

To be exaggerated, if looking across the entire All Phenomena Ocean, for power-based asset ranking in treasures, Three Worlds Island could definitely contend for the top ten, perhaps even the top five.

With wealth comes the natural inclination to enhance strength.

While cultivation improvement cannot be rushed, it's a step-by-step process. However, cultivators can exchange their spirit treasures and magic treasures.

Especially the cultivators from Nine Provinces, whose spirit treasures were brought from Nine Provinces with low quality; a random exchange could greatly enhance their strength.

Moreover, Three Worlds Island cultivators need not travel far to purchase spirit treasures and magic treasures. The Five Colors Merchants Guild on the island sells them, along with many other shops.

Local island cultivators also enjoy considerable discounts when purchasing.

In less than a month, the cultivators of Three Worlds traded two or three spirit treasures each, significantly enhancing their strength.

The treatment regarding cultivator monthly allowance also saw substantial improvement. Compared to when they first arrived, the cultivators' pockets are now full.

Everything is falling into place.

Under All Phenomena Ocean, Lu Ye's original self is immersed in cultivation, unable to extricate himself.

This feeling of perceiving oneself becoming stronger bit by bit is a delightful enjoyment. Of course, if the cost is not considered, it would be even better.

Since the opening of Three Worlds Island and stabilization of the situation half a month ago, Lu Ye has delved into All Phenomena Ocean to begin his cultivation plan.

Before, when cultivating like this, he had to calculate the cost of Talent Tree resources and always keep some stock for emergencies.

Now, there's no need. He issued a significant amount of spirit jade from Luan Xiao'e, using it all to purchase fire-type treasures.

For others spending spirit jade, Luan Xiao'e might ask a couple of questions, at least to know the purpose behind the spirits' use. Also, each cultivator's spending limit on spirit jade is limited.

But for Lu Ye, she wouldn't inquire. With the current prosperity of Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye is highly credited, accounting for seventy to eighty percent of the wealth in the treasure vault. Unless Lu Ye is gifting Three Worlds Island to someone, what is there for her to question?

During the original's cultivation, the doppelganger was still refining As-Close-As-Siblings Array Discs to ensure the Three Worlds Artifact Shop had ample supplies.

For many cultivators, the As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc is actually a consumable...

It's an unavoidable situation; the array disc itself isn't sturdy and can be destroyed casually. So, in the current situation of competition among cultivators in All Phenomena Ocean, when forming arrays to contest, both opposing sides will strive to first destroy each other's array disc.

Moreover, the current price of array discs isn't too high, so cultivator squads with financial capacity will equip themselves with two or three discs.

This has also created a large demand for array discs among cultivators.

Under the All Phenomena Ocean, Lu Ye opened his body and mind, allowing the seawater to corrode him, while black smoke billowed from the Talent Tree, with terrifying consumption of resources.

He gazed at his Talent Tree, watching the burning leaves and the intricate patterns.

Currently, he faced an awkward situation where he had hit a bottleneck in his cultivation of the Path of Spirit Runes.

He could sense that the various spirit runes and divine runes he had mastered still had room for derivation and improvement.

But because his Path of Spirit Runes had an upper limit, this derivation couldn't proceed.

The derivation power of the Talent Tree was based on his own attainment in the Path of Spirit Runes; the higher his attainment in this path, the stronger the derivation power of the Talent Tree.

To change this, he could only enhance himself, thereby strengthening the derivation power of the Talent Tree.

If so, perhaps one day he could refine an As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc suitable for Moon Jade's use.

So, recently, in addition to cultivation, he had been understanding the insights left by many ancestors regarding the Path of Spirit Runes.

The burning leaves on the Talent Tree did not all carry complete spirit runes; many leaves carried not spirit runes but insights left by ancestors, even some techniques for constructing spirit runes.

Previously, Lu Ye hadn't paid much attention to these because he was focused solely on improving his strength.

Now, with a calm mind to seriously comprehend, Lu Ye was suddenly stunned to realize that every leaf was the essence of an ancestor's lifelong cultivation.

In the past, when constructing spirit runes, he could use the power of the Talent Tree to reach the level of knowing that it is so.

Once he thoroughly understood the treasures left by these ancestors, he could reach the level of knowing why it is so!

This would undoubtedly be a huge improvement!

So, recently, during his cultivation, he focused his efforts on this aspect, with considerable gains indeed.

While deep in contemplation, Lu Ye suddenly felt a jolt in his psyche, and instantly his mana buzzed, the flow speed within his body suddenly accelerated a lot, and the whole person at that moment felt extremely clear, as if he had ascended.

He blinked, realizing that he had broken through.

Moon Jade Mid-Stage!

With a slight thought, through the feedback from the doppelganger, Lu Ye confirmed that this cultivation took a full three months.

Since the breakthrough into Moon Jade within the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, it seemed as if only a little over a year had passed.

This was undoubtedly his fastest breakthrough since advancing in the Constellation Realm.

Of course, it was also related to the fact that he dedicated a lot of time and resources, relying on cultivation within the All Phenomena Ocean.

Early on, during preparations for the battle against Baiyue, Lu Ye cultivated under the All Phenomena Ocean for two months, and after the battle, he cultivated for another two months.

Once the situation on Three Worlds Island stabilized, he engaged in uninterrupted cultivation for a full three months, not even leaving this area.

In total, the time spent under the All Phenomena Ocean exceeded seven months!

The resource consumption alone, if converted to spirit jade, probably amounted to about five or six billion, so having such quick breakthrough speeds seemed unsurprising.

Previously, during cultivation in the Constellation Realm, it wasn't this fast, mainly because the true time dedicated to cultivation wasn't as concentrated, thus prolonging the entire cultivation period.

Seven months from Moon Jade Early Stage to Mid-Stage, this was something outsiders would find absolutely impossible.

And this was even without much improvement in the quality of Lu Ye's Magic Source.

If he could acquire some treasures that enhance the quality of the Magic Source, further increasing its level, cultivation efficiency would surely increase again.

In this way, it would save the expenditure of spirit jade.

Unfortunately, such treasures are exceedingly rare; no news has come from All Phenomena Merchants Guild, and Lu Ye previously entrusted Mang Dang to use the power of Five Colors Merchants Guild to search, but it's likely without hope.

This type of treasure is needed by many Moon Jade cultivators, not only Moon Jade but even some Sun Blaze cultivators need it, so it's rarely circulated in the market, hence one must rely on fate.

Lu Ye somewhat regretted that now, realizing he should have bought that piece of White Moon Crystal outside the Yin-Yang Great Millstone back then, but he was naive about its value at the time.

Calmly advancing, Lu Ye left the All Phenomena Ocean.

A breakthrough requires some time to settle, and Lu Ye didn't plan to use this method again for cultivation enhancement in the short term.

Back then, after obtaining the seven-color Divine Lotus, Hun Que worried about his cultivation not keeping pace with his psyche growth speed, but now it seems Hun Que's worries were needless.

Upon leaving the All Phenomena Ocean and returning to his residence, he immediately saw Yaya sleeping soundly on the lap of the doppelganger.

Chapter 1765 - Come Out Soon

When Lu Ye was not around, Yaya was cared for by Hua Ci and Shui Yuan together. Once Lu Ye returned, Yaya stuck to him all the time.

During this period, Yaya stayed with the doppelganger side, spending most of her time sleeping, with short bursts of activity when she would run outside and play.

Previously, the Three Worlds Island wasn't so bustling, so she didn't have much space to play. Now that the island is lively and the commercial district is filled with a variety of dazzling items, Yaya loves to go watch the excitement and sometimes even brings back some exquisite trinkets.

The merchants who have settled on the Three Worlds Island are now aware of Yaya's presence. Although they don't quite understand why a child is here, the cultivation world is filled with peculiar occurrences, so naturally, no one bothers to investigate further.

Yaya is adorable and lovable, and some female cultivators among the merchants often shower her with motherly affection and give her small gifts.

Lu Ye approached, picked up Yaya, placed her on a bed nearby, and covered her with a blanket before retrieving the doppelganger.

He then collected all the array discs that the doppelganger had painstakingly refined recently and turned to look for Shui Yuan.

Upon inquiring through message, he found that Shui Yuan was currently in the pill-making room practicing alchemy.

Throughout the Three Worlds Island, the most renowned and influential is undoubtedly the branch of the Five Colors Merchants Guild. However, through recent operations, the reputation of the Three Worlds Apothecary has also spread widely.

After all, the elixir pills produced from the pill gourd are of excellent quality. If not for Shui Yuan's deliberate control, every elixir pill refined with the pill gourd would be supreme grade!

This has caused the elixir pills at the Three Worlds Apothecary to be in short supply. Even though Shui Yuan has organized numerous healing cultivators to begin refining elixir pills, the situation hasn't improved much.

This is also related to the Three Worlds Apothecary being a local store on the island. Although there are other places selling elixir pills, the local stores naturally have some advantages.

Upon seeing Shui Yuan in the pill-making room, Lu Ye was taken aback, "Senior Sister, how long has it been since you last rested?"

At this moment, Shui Yuan looked somewhat haggard...

Given that she was almost at the Constellation Mid-Stage, she shouldn't be in this condition unless she hadn't rested for a long time.

With low spirits, Shui Yuan replied, "The last time I rested was the last time."

Lu Ye advised, "You can't earn all the spirit jade, and now our Three Worlds Island mainly relies on rent, so there's no need to overexert yourself with the apothecary."

"I know..." Shui Yuan replied, "But everyone is really happy. The healing cultivators usually do not have much opportunity to make a significant impact, so they are very enthusiastic about selling the elixir pills they personally refined."

As they spoke, she suddenly recalled something, "I heard you say before that a batch of the Flower Race took refuge in the Nine Provinces? When can you bring some of them over?"

Lu Ye, seeing her tired appearance, felt heartache and nodded, "I'll make a trip when I get the chance."

The number of Flower Race members isn't large, but each one is naturally skilled in alchemy. Bringing a batch here should ease the Second Senior Sister's burden.

I'm sure Hua Qianying won't object; after all, refining and selling elixir pills here ensures safety and earns spirit jade.

Still, it takes about two months to go there and back, even with the Soul Race ancestral land as a transit point, which is a vast improvement compared to the years it took before.

"What did you come to see me for?" Shui Yuan took the opportunity to rest, sitting to the side and sipping tea.

"I need to visit the Royal Conch Palace and see how Hua Ci is doing."

Shui Yuan said, "You really should go and check. I visited half a month ago, and nothing has changed on Hua Ci's side."

As she spoke, she drew out a green sea conch and blew it, revealing a portal.

Lu Ye stepped through, instructing, "I won't come back this time, open the portal to receive me again in seven days, Senior Sister."

"Alright!" Shui Yuan nodded.

Stepping through the portal, Lu Ye found himself at the entrance of the Divine Conch Hall.

This place was still guarded by cultivators of the Merfolk Race, but upon seeing Lu Ye, they paid no mind as everyone was familiar with each other by now.

Not bothering with greetings, Lu Ye went straight towards the outskirts of the Royal Conch Palace.

A short while later, he arrived at a place, which was the boundary between the Royal Conch Palace and the All Phenomena Ocean.

The entire Royal Conch Palace is situated inside a gigantic sea conch, a marvelously mysterious conch that has the ability to isolate seawater, leaving the inside of the palace devoid of water.

Furthermore, the palace itself is perched atop a vast Spirit Jade Vein.

The boundary seems like a transparent membrane; inside the membrane, there's no seawater, while outside, seawater abounds.

The enormous amber sealing Hua Ci and the mythical beast Pixiu is located right at this boundary, with only half being submerged in seawater.

Standing in front of the amber, Lu Ye gazed upon it: Hua Ci remained unchanged, sitting cross-legged within the amber, with Pixiu, the golden toad, crouching on her lap, both appearing to be in a deep slumber.

Lu Ye attempted to use his Mental Consciousness, but it still couldn't penetrate the amber to discern Hua Ci's condition.

Yet, upon closer inspection, Lu Ye was surprised to find that the golden coin patterns on Pixiu seemed to have become more solidified.

This amber had formed after Pixiu devoured a treasure coin, and it inherited the coin's property of energy absorption.

Lu Ye had guessed back then that perhaps only after enough energy was absorbed would the amber unlock, which was why he brought the amber sealing Hua Ci to this place.

Looking at it now, it seems he might be right.

As the amber continues to absorb energy from the seawater of the All Phenomena Ocean, the golden money pattern on Pixiu is showing subtle changes, which is undoubtedly good news.

It's been a long time, yet the amber still remains sealed, and Lu Ye doesn't know how much longer he will have to wait.

Lu Ye raised his hand, placing it on the amber, feeling a bit wistful.

"Lu Ye!" A familiar, cheerful voice called out.

Lu Ye turned his head to see the merfolk princess Bai Lu swaying her tail, rushing over joyfully.

Beside her was a familiar petite figure, none other than the specter.

However, unlike Bai Lu's joy, the specter's face was sullen, looking at Lu Ye as if he were a pile of dung.

Lu Ye nodded slightly at Bai Lu.

Bai Lu stopped in front of him, smiling as she said, "You're here?"

Lu Ye replied, "I came to check on Hua Ci."

Bai Lu's gaze moved past him, landing on the amber behind him. She said, "I often come to see Sister Hua Ci as well, but there's been no change recently."

"Thank you for your effort."

Bai Lu looked a bit embarrassed, "It's no trouble. I can't really help much, but rest assured, with Sister Hua Ci here, my Merfolk Race will definitely take good care of her."

As they talked, the second elder of the Merfolk Race, Yoo Xi, arrived. Unlike the dignified Great Elder Yan Miao, Yoo Xi was a very charming mermaid. Her sultry voice arrived before her, "The clansmen reported that an esteemed guest has arrived. I wondered which guest it was; turns out it's you!"

"Second Elder," Lu Ye saluted.

Yoo Xi returned the greeting, "You came to see the honorable lady?"

She undoubtedly had learned about Lu Ye's relationship with Hua Ci from Yan Miao and Chong Xin.

"Yes."

Yoo Xi smiled slightly, "My young friend, you are truly loyal and righteous. But I see that the honorable lady should be fine here. This might be her opportunity, so don't worry too much."

"I hope so," Lu Ye nodded, feeling the issue wasn't severe.

Yoo Xi glanced at Bai Lu, who was focused and hadn't taken her eyes off Lu Ye for a moment, sighed softly, then smiled, "My young friend, being loyal is good, but being infatuated might not be. With someone of your stature, you shouldn't be too absorbed in romance. There are thousands of beautiful flowers, and if you focus only on one, you might miss many wonderful things."

Lu Ye's gaze flickered.

Bai Lu, who had been staring at him, suddenly blushed.

The specter next to Bai Lu couldn't help but roll her eyes.

A sudden flash of gold light erupted, striking where Yoo Xi stood.

Yoo Xi exclaimed in surprise, then fell silent.

The three of them were startled, quickly looking towards Yoo Xi, who was now stiff, unable to move, as if she'd been struck by an immobilization curse, her face showcasing surprise, bewilderment, and a hint of panic.

"Second Elder!" Bai Lu cried, quickly rushing to Yoo Xi.

But Lu Ye turned swiftly, looking towards the amber, where Hua Ci still sat serenely with her eyes closed. The Pixiu on her lap hadn't made any movement, yet Lu Ye keenly observed that Pixiu's coins had dimmed significantly.

He was ecstatic!

Despite always feeling that Hua Ci, sealed within the amber, wasn't in danger, and considering, as Yoo Xi said, that it might be her opportunity, these were just guesses after all.

Now, this could be confirmed!

The golden light just now had undoubtedly been the treasure coin's power. The treasure coin had been consumed by the Pixiu, so it couldn't have activated randomly, much less accurately struck Yoo Xi.

Hua Ci was still conscious; she could hear the commotion outside! The earlier action must have been her way of conveying information to Lu Ye.

Looking at the face sealed within the amber, Lu Ye finally relaxed and let out a long sigh.

He gently tapped on the amber, speaking softly, "Come out soon!"

"Second Elder!" Bai Lu was still calling out to Yoo Xi, while the specter stood by, looking serious, glanced at Yoo Xi, then at the amber, her mind filled with doubt.

She was now at the Moon Jade stage, yet she had completely missed what had happened and couldn't understand what was wrong with Yoo Xi.

Lu Ye stepped forward, "Don't worry, the Second Elder isn't seriously hurt. She just won't be able to move for a while. Bai Lu, take the Second Elder back for proper care, and she'll recover in time."

Once Bai Lu listened to this, she felt relieved, nodding, "Alright!"

With that, she picked up the stiff Yoo Xi and returned in the direction of the Royal Conch Palace.

The specter, reluctant to stay with Lu Ye for fear of being bullied, hurriedly followed, reluctantly shouting back at Lu Ye, "I'm reaching Moon Jade Mid-Stage soon, just you wait!"

Defeating Lu Yiye and reclaiming the dignity lost over the years was the specter's greatest motivation in cultivation!

Moreover, cultivating alongside Bai Lu was extremely efficient, giving her every confidence that she could restore her honor after breaking through to Moon Jade Mid-Stage!

Thinking of that impending day, the specter was filled with enthusiasm.

Chapter 1766 - Mount Fangcun Is Coming

Lu Ye stayed at the Royal Conch Palace for a few days. Every day, he would find time to visit Hua Ci and chat with her. He knew that doing so had no substantial effect on unsealing Hua Ci, but he was always afraid of her being alone here.

The rest of the time, Lu Ye was helping the Merfolk Race solve the problem of the bloodline curse poison.

Previously, a batch of the Merfolk Race's curse poison had already been burned away with the help of the Talent Tree's power. However, it ultimately wasn't all of it. Taking this opportunity, resolving some of it was better than none; otherwise, this matter would fall on his shoulders again in the future.

Every merfolk was grateful for this.

Now, quite a few merfolk had left their territory and seen the kaleidoscopic wonders of the outside world with their own eyes. Naturally, those still troubled by the curse poison, unable to leave their territory, felt envious and eager.

Moreover, resolving the power of the curse poison not only allowed the Merfolk Race to break free from their current living environment, but also seemed to have some impact on their cultivation.

Just like Yann Miao; when the curse poison was unresolved, she couldn't even see the path to Sun Blaze, but after the curse poison was resolved, she had some vague sense of assurance. Recently, with the aid of the supreme-grade psyche refinement pill, her chances of advancing to Sun Blaze had significantly increased.

Seven days later, as promised, Shui Yuan blew the green sea conch, opening a portal in front of the Divine Conch Hall. Lu Ye departed amidst the reluctant farewells of a crowd of merfolk.

Returning to Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye did not linger, finding Luan Xiao'e and several Moon Jade guardians, giving them some reminders before quietly leaving.

Having just advanced to the Moon Jade Mid-Stage, he needed some time to settle in, perfectly timing a trip back to the Nine Provinces to bring some of the Flower Race over for alchemy.

Last time, Hua Qianying did not travel with Lu Ye, considering that the Flower World had just affiliated with the Nine Provinces, and with things not yet settled, leaving was inconvenient.

Now, some time had passed, and it is believed that things had completely stabilized in the Flower World. When Lu Ye went to find Hua Qianying again, she likely wouldn't refuse. Even if she didn't come personally, she would definitely send some clansmen over.

Ma Shangsi, loyal and steadfast, was supposed to accompany him but was asked by Lu Ye to stay behind.

After he left, looking across Three Worlds Island, the strongest force on the surface was Ma Shangsi, so he had to remain to oversee things.

Navigating the starboat, he left the All Phenomena Ocean, entered the Cangyue Galaxy through the Insect Path.

Without any setbacks, there was just a small interlude.

Every time he used another star system's Insect Path for passage, he had to report his origins and the purpose of his journey, something Lu Ye had experienced before.

However, that time, he was in the Constellation Late Stage and hadn't even met the Moon Jade stationed here.

But this time was different. He was already in Moon Jade. Although always maintaining the Pseudo-Might Spirit Runes, disguising his mana fluctuations to the lower Moon Jade Early Stage, the name of Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island could not be ignored by anyone.

Especially since the Cangyue Galaxy had a shop stationed on Three Worlds Island, they could be considered in a cooperative relationship.

Therefore, this time Lu Ye met the Moon Jade stationed here, exchanged a few simple words, and was personally escorted to enter the Cangyue Galaxy.

Arriving in the Cangyue Galaxy, introduced by that Moon Jade, he also met the Moon Jade cultivator stationed at this end of the Insect Path. Being warmly received, Lu Ye could only be a guest here for half a day before he left.

The treatment he received during the two times of using the Cangyue Insect Path couldn't be more different. It was not only due to the improvement of Lu Ye's cultivation but, more importantly, because the reputation of Three Worlds Island had been established, and the Cangyue Galaxy had a shop there. As the Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island, how could they dare to neglect Lu Ye?

On this trip back to the Nine Provinces, everything was peaceful. When Lu Ye returned two months later, not only did a group of the Flower Race arrive at the Small Flower World, but even the wood spirit and Spore Race had some clansmen come over.

Number Nine now had the companionship of Little Flower Girl and would no longer feel lonely, so Lu Ye's comings and goings didn't concern Number Nine much, which made Lu Ye sigh; Number Nine had changed.

Thinking back, how clingy was Number Nine before!

It is worth mentioning that Hua Qianying had reached Moon Jade! Not only her, but Mu He and Black Umbrella had also simultaneously advanced to Moon Jade, arguably the biggest happy event for both tribes in recent years.

The Flower Race, born from the Flower World, had a very special way of improving their cultivation. Personal cultivation wasn't the most crucial aspect; the main factor was the growth of the Flower World itself!

As high as the Flower World could go, as high as their cultivation could reach.

Since the World King Flower had affiliated with the Nine Provinces, although not much time had passed, the foundation of the Flower World had grown considerably. As such, the overall cultivation of the Flower Race had significantly improved. Currently, Hua Qianying was the only Moon Jade in the Flower Race, but in a few more years, there would be others.

Mu He and Black Umbrella's advancement was more due to sufficient accumulation. They brought their clansmen over because Three Worlds Island offered a better environment for cultivation. Both tribes didn't have many clansmen left; if they could achieve higher cultivation, they could naturally protect themselves better.

With the residence of the three groups, the situation of alchemy on Three Worlds Island had vastly improved.

Lu Ye rarely found leisure now, spending most of his days comprehending the blessings of his ancestors contained on the leaves of the Talent Tree, in hopes of advancing his Path of Spirit Runes. Every once in a while, he would check on Hua Ci at the Royal Conch Palace and help resolve the remaining merfolk curse poison.

The amber sealing Hua Ci remained unchanged, and he had no idea when it would be unsealed. However, the money mark on the Pixiu was becoming increasingly exquisite and radiant.

On this day, when Lu Ye returned from the Royal Conch Palace once again, Shui Yuan spoke: "Island Master Luan wants you to find her when you return, she has an important matter to discuss."

"What matter?" Lu Ye asked casually.

Shui Yuan replied, "The specifics aren't very clear, but I heard people say Mount Fangcun is coming."

"Who?" Lu Ye didn't react for a moment, wondering which Spirit Island's Moon Jade Mount Fangcun belonged to.

"Mount Fangcun!" Shui Yuan looked at him with a mixture of amusement and incredulity: "The Mount Fangcun of the Dwarf Race!"

Lu Ye suddenly understood, his eyes flickering: "Which faction?" Suddenly feeling a bit uneasy, and also a little nervous...

"Which faction?" Now it was Shui Yuan's turn to be puzzled.

"Mount Fangcun has three factions: East, South, and West."

Shui Yuan obviously hadn't heard of this, thought seriously for a moment, and asked: "Why isn't there a North faction?"

Lu Ye was momentarily speechless; indeed, there were East, South, and West factions, but why was there no North Mount Fangcun? Back when he was in the Eastern faction, he didn't seem to have considered this question.

Leaving the pill-making room, Lu Ye quickly sent a message to Luan Xiao'e, arranging a meeting place with her, then headed straight for the Council Hall.

Soon, inside the Council Hall, the several Moon Jade cultivators of Three Worlds Island were gathered together. Present were not only Luan Xiao'e and Lu Ye, who were registered governors, but also Tang Jun, responsible for external affairs, newcomer Hua Qianying, Mu He, and Black Umbrella.

Once everyone was present, Lu Ye turned to Luan Xiao'e: "Senior Sister, is Mount Fangcun really coming? Is this true? Where did the news come from?"

Luan Xiao'e replied, "You need to ask your Senior Brother Tang about this; he gathered this information. But recently, rumors have been spreading wildly across the All Phenomena Ocean, so it should not be false."

Lu Ye turned to look at Old Tang.

He was responsible for external affairs and had connections with many Spirit Islands, naturally making him very well-informed.

Tang Jun took a sip of Spiritual Tea and spoke: "I can confirm the news is true, because many Spirit Islands are already preparing; we can't fall behind. Whether it be one month or two, Mount Fangcun will pass through the All Phenomena Galaxy!"

Mount Fangcun wanders through stellar space, so saying it will pass through the All Phenomena Galaxy is not surprising, just like when Eastern Mount Fangcun passed through the Jade Conch Galaxy years ago.

"Which faction is coming?" Lu Ye asked.

Tang Jun was slightly surprised, glancing at Lu Ye: "Kid, asking this question shows you have some understanding of Mount Fangcun!"

Most people only know about Mount Fangcun, but are unaware of its three factions.

Lu Ye remained silent, recollecting the days at Eastern Mount Fangcun and pondering whether he should visit if the Eastern faction was coming.

Speaking of which, he was nominally Hai Tang's Dao companion... Back then, he used this title to participate in the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet. He wondered how Hai Tang was doing after all these years.

Tang Jun's voice sounded: "For now, all we know is that Mount Fangcun is coming; no one knows precisely which faction. Sun Blaze from the All Phenomena Ocean might have detailed information, but they won't disclose it externally."

Lu Ye nodded in agreement, unable to help asking: "When Mount Fangcun comes, what should we prepare? Or rather, what are other Spirit Islands preparing?"

Old Tang replied: "Because the Mount Fangcun intends to hold a Spirit Talisman Conference in the All Phenomena Ocean! Many Spirit Talismans produced by the Dwarf Race will be brought out for trading and selling; of course, we need to prepare."

Looking across stellar space, the Spirit Talismans of the Dwarf Race are rare treasures, because they can be nourished by the blood Qi of cultivators, and the longer they're nourished, the greater the talisman's power.

Lu Ye once received a batch and deeply experienced this.

Unfortunately, two red talismans were already used up; if he could exchange more red talismans from Mount Fangcun this time, they could serve as a trump card to compensate for the temporary inability to use money.

The Dwarf Race intends to hold a Spirit Talisman Conference in All Phenomena Ocean, which is indeed worth the effort of every Spirit Island. After all, such opportunities don't come often.

Come to think of it, although Mount Fangcun has a spirit jade vein, the Dwarf Race's cultivation needs aren't just limited to spirit jade; they also need to conduct some trading and exchange resources with the outside world.

All Phenomena Ocean is the center of stellar space, the most prosperous place; it has everything one might need. Passing through here, Mount Fangcun likely wants to seize the opportunity to gather more cultivation resources.

Thus, both sides seem to align perfectly, and it can be foreseen that this Spirit Talisman Conference will undoubtedly be lively. Many cultivators will attend, and those wanting to exchange suitable Spirit Talismans from the Dwarf Race will surely need to come prepared.

Chapter 1767 - The Western Region Arrives

Inside the Council Hall, Luan Xiao'e spoke up: "Some lower-quality Spirit Talismans can be bought with spirit jade, but for better ones, we'll likely need to barter. We have no issue with spirit jade, and as for materials... the only worthwhile trade would be supreme-grade elixir pills. Trading for a batch of high-quality Spirit Talismans should not be a problem."

Currently, what Three Worlds Island can craft in terms of supreme-grade elixir pills isn't limited to just the supreme-grade psyche refinement pill and supreme-grade treasure body pill. With the Flower Race joining, the variety of elixir pills has increased significantly.

This undoubtedly makes enticing bargaining chips, and quite fascinating ones at that.

The meeting's agenda was to discuss how much resource Three Worlds Island should allocate to exchange with the Dwarf Race for Spirit Talismans. This truly requires careful planning, as despite the island's current prosperity, it cannot spend recklessly.

Of course, these are collective assets of Three Worlds Island. If any Three Worlds cultivators want to trade privately using their own resources, it's up to their luck and confidence.

The meeting did not last long, reaching a decision within two hours. Tang Jun will take charge, and Luan Xiao'e will assist. They hope to discuss face-to-face with Moon Jade from the Dwarf Race, as large-scale exchange might come with discounts.

Lu Ye didn't speak up as he could not determine which tribe of the Dwarf Race was coming. If it's the Eastern tribe, things would be manageable; his involvement might secure substantial discounts. However, if it's the Southern or Western tribe, that would be impossible.

His interactions with these two tribes have been limited to the strategic maneuvers within Black Abyss...

The All Phenomena Ocean has become lively; the news of Mount Fangcun's impending passage spreads quickly. As Tang Jun mentioned, it's not just Three Worlds Island preparing; various Spirit Islands are gearing up, with many independent cultivators anticipating this grand event.

Located centrally in All Phenomena Ocean, Dapan Island is one of the few well-known barren islands that cultivators recognize.

It is the largest barren island across All Phenomena Ocean, significantly larger than All Phenomena Island itself.

Generally, barren islands lacking stellar space energy don't attract cultivators' attention, nor are their names known. However, Dapan Island's uniqueness has made its name widely recognized.

This vast barren island naturally serves as a base for several small factions, and there isn't just one of them.

These factions are small groups without the capital to occupy Spirit Islands, using the island as a gathering spot and maintaining peace among themselves.

Recently, however, these groups have been driven away from Dapan Island, replaced by cultivators from All Phenomena Galaxy, who are building some basic facilities on the island.

Initially, no one knew what this was for, but soon news spread: Dapan Island has been selected as the venue for the Spirit Talisman conference held by Mount Fangcun.

No one was surprised at the news.

Firstly, the Spirit Talisman conference promises to be very lively; a small place wouldn't suffice. Across All Phenomena Ocean, only a few Spirit Islands are suitable for such a venue.

All Phenomena Island meets the criteria, but if holding the Spirit Talisman conference affects its business, All Phenomena Merchants Guild wouldn't be pleased.

Thus, only Dapan Island would suffice.

Mount Fangcun's arrival means coordination with the local Star System. Naturally, the All Phenomena Galaxy will be responsible for preparing this Spirit Talisman conference.

In the pill-making room, Shui Yuan and Hua Qianying are tirelessly busy. For this Spirit Talisman conference, they must quickly produce a batch of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills. Thankfully, with the pill gourd's help, crafting elixir pills isn't difficult.

However, Three Worlds Apothecary needs elixir pills to maintain operations, and with thousands of cultivators practicing, they too require elixir pills, so the pill-making room can't rest for a moment.

Wiping the sweat from her forehead, Shui Yuan glanced sideways: "What are you doing here still?"

Lu Ye was sitting cross-legged on the ground, his face resting against his hand, watching them with a distracted gaze. Hearing Shui Yuan's question, he snapped back to reality: "Just seeing if you need any help."

Shui Yuan chuckled: "How can you help? As long as you don't cause trouble, it's good enough. Out, out. If you've nothing to do, go wake up Hua Ci sooner, then I'll have less pressure."

Being mercilessly chased out of the pill-making room by Shui Yuan, Lu Ye headed aimlessly to Tang Jun's residence.

Upon seeing him, Old Tang felt a headache coming, grimacing: "Didn't I tell you that you'd be notified if there's news?"

"Is there news then?" Lu Ye asked.

Old Tang replied expressionlessly: "I haven't notified you, do you think there's news?"

"Your info channels are quite lacking," Lu Ye remarked disdainfully.

Tang Jun was puzzled: "I don't understand, why does it matter which tribe of Mount Fangcun comes? Whether East, South, West, or North, they're all Dwarf Race. As long as we can exchange for Spirit Talismans from them, it's fine."

There is a difference—a significant one!

If the Eastern tribe arrives, he will have a natural advantage. After all, he holds the title of a Dao companion with Hai Tang, making him half a Dwarf Race. Negotiating with the Eastern tribe would mean many discounts on top of existing ones...

But with the South or West tribes, he wouldn't have this convenience.

Yet, with no outcome yet, Lu Ye couldn't explain much.

While speaking, Old Tang suddenly took out an audio talisman and inspected it, then hurriedly went outside: "Something's up, suit yourself!"

Since becoming the foreign affairs elder for Three Worlds Island, Tang Jun has been so busy that his feet have barely touched the ground. Today someone invites him for a meetup, tomorrow someone invites him for a concert, living his days in carefree leisure.

"Quickly find out which Mount Fangcun it is!" Lu Ye instructed.

Without the result, he couldn't focus on anything, and recently, he couldn't even calm down to comprehend the elders' legacy of the Talent Tree.

A small figure suddenly darted out from the side and jumped into his arms, affectionately calling out, "Papa!"

Lu Ye casually picked up Yaya and tapped her little nose. "Where did you run wild from again?"

Yaya pouted. "I just woke up!" She grabbed Lu Ye's clothing and quickly climbed onto his shoulder, pointing towards the direction of the trade district with her chubby finger. "Let's go play!"

"Let's go!" Lu Ye responded, carrying Yaya and darted away.

Yaya was the best, pure and carefree, only worried about playing, without a care in the world.

But speaking of which, Lu Ye had been uninterested in other matters recently, giving him time to spend with Yaya, and their "father-daughter" bond had deepened significantly.

Old Tang, after a few more days, being the well-informed person he was, finally managed to uncover accurate information.

The approaching Mount Fangcun was from the Western Region!

Upon hearing this news, Lu Ye's emotions were a mix of disappointment and relief, indescribable...

Now that Mount Fangcun had already entered the All Phenomena Star System, it would reach the All Phenomena Ocean area in ten days, and so the Spirit Talisman Conference would officially begin in ten days as well.

Countless cultivators eagerly awaited.

Some even headed towards the direction from which Mount Fangcun was coming, hoping to catch a glimpse of the legendary Mount Fangcun. After all, according to rumors, Mount Fangcun was a stellar space supreme treasure, mysteriously splitting into three parts - the Eastern, Southern, and Western Regions. The legend tied its past changes to the Blood Race, leading the Dwarf Race to consider them a mortal enemy!

Ten days passed by swiftly, and on Dapan Island, shadows of people crowded around, the scene even livelier than the opening day of Three Worlds Island, gathering tens of thousands of cultivators.

Despite the crowd, they congregated outside the island, with none stepping onto it.

This was because the stars of the Spirit Talisman Conference had not arrived yet; not a single Dwarf Race member was on the island, and cultivators entering now had no purpose.

Everyone was in waiting.

A small mountain slowly emerged at the far end of the horizon. From afar, this little mountain looked like a small-scale floating land, not uncommon in stellar space. Even if a cultivator accidentally encountered it, they probably wouldn't imagine that this was the renowned Mount Fangcun!

The mountain's speed was not fast, equivalent to a Constellation Late Stage riding a starboat. It floated in from the sky above the All Phenomena Ocean, as if entering an uninhabited area.

The Void trembled, ripples spreading as a majestic pressure descended from the heavens.

In the vision of many cultivators, five figures suddenly appeared!

The world became silent!

Everyone gazed at these five figures with eyes full of reverence.

Because these five were the current five Sun Blaze governors of the All Phenomena Ocean.

Yuan Du of the Yiyuan World, Guk Xi of the Celestial Flames World, Muh Qing of the Kunyu World, Mo Wenli of the Illusion God World, and Chen Xuanba of the Gaotian Continent!

On ordinary days, these five Sun Blazes were quite reclusive. Even for the Moon Jade, it was hard to meet them. Take Old Tang for example, who initially sought Yuan Du but never saw him; later, he tried to see Muh Qing, but still couldn't meet.

But at this moment, all five were present.

Because the Dwarf Race of Mount Fangcun had the privilege to have them assist in receiving, not to mention that Mount Fangcun itself was a stellar space supreme treasure. Even if broken, it was still a shard of a supreme treasure, whose powers remained unknown.

Almost simultaneously with these five Sun Blaze governors appearing, the fast-approaching Mount Fangcun began to gradually slow down, and soon came to a stop.

Lu Ye, having stayed at the Eastern Region's Mount Fangcun for a while, naturally knew that Mount Fangcun's operation could be manually altered, but the time it could be maintained wasn't long, at most a month.

Therefore, even if the Dwarf Race employed methods to halt Mount Fangcun above the All Phenomena Ocean, it would have to leave after at most a month.

Outside Mount Fangcun, ripples cascaded, and several figures appeared one after another.

In terms of aura alone, these figures were no less than the five Sun Blaze governors of the All Phenomena Ocean, evidently the Sun Blazes of the Dwarf Race.

Around Dapan Island, numerous cultivators observed, some showing puzzled expressions, one asking, "Master, why do the Dwarf Race appear no different from us human race? Shouldn't they be small?"

The master explained, "Small and large are relative. Look at Mount Fangcun, does it appear small? Yet for the Dwarf Race, this is their world. So indeed they are small, but beyond Mount Fangcun, they can maintain a size equivalent to normal human race."

The disciple immediately showed an understanding expression.

Chapter 1768 - Spirit Talisman Convention

Mount Fangcun arrived at All Phenomena Ocean, with five Sun Blaze governors personally welcoming them, which truly showed them respect.

Above All Phenomena Ocean, Sun Blaze from both parties met face to face. The Dwarf Race had four Sun Blaze present. After exchanging pleasantries, nine figures headed towards All Phenomena Island together.

Although the Spirit Talisman Meet is important, Sun Blaze will not handle these matters personally. Instead, the Moon Jade from both sides will negotiate and manage them.

With the disappearance of the nine Sun Blaze figures, the area outside Mount Fangcun gradually became bustling, as figures started emerging from Mount Fangcun—all undoubtedly members of the Dwarf Race.

They curiously observed All Phenomena Ocean, while countless cultivators curiously observed them in return.

Everyone had heard of the legends of the Dwarf Race, but it was the first time they actually saw them. Moments later, many cultivators displayed expressions of disappointment because, based purely on appearance, there was no difference between the Dwarf Race and the human race.

A Moon Jade from All Phenomena Galaxy stepped forward to connect with the Dwarf Race on the other side. After briefly discussing, a large number of Dwarf Race members flew towards Dapan Island, each seeking a good location to set up their own stalls.

In a short moment, no fewer than a few thousand Dwarf Race members flooded into Dapan Island. Most were Constellations, with a few Moon Jades, although their numbers were not large.

Outside Mount Fangcun, many Dwarf Race Moon Jade governors remained, to prevent any intrusions.

At this point, a Moon Jade Late Stage from All Phenomena Ocean loudly proclaimed, "Fellow Daoists, the Spirit Talisman Meet begins today and will last for ten days. Those interested in acquiring Spirit Talismans can enter Dapan Island to trade with the Fellow Daoists from the Dwarf Race. Old me here wishes the trading parties a fruitful exchange!"

With these words, tens of thousands of cultivators, having waited for some time, rushed into Dapan Island from all directions, heading towards the stalls of the Dwarf Race cultivators. In the blink of an eye, almost every stall of the Dwarf Race was crowded.

Among the crowd were Old Tang and Luan Xiao'e, who had long targeted a position occupied by a Dwarf Race Moon Jade. The two were representing Three Worlds Island to trade Spirit Talismans, and they needed a sizable number of Spirit Talismans. Naturally, they had to choose a suitable trading target, excluding those Constellation Dwarf Race members, with Moon Jade being their priority.

Almost simultaneously when the voice of the Moon Jade from All Phenomena Ocean fell, the two hurriedly flew towards Dapan Island. However, despite their quick actions, some were even faster. Before they could reach their destination, they watched helplessly as the spot was surrounded by a group of cultivators.

The cultivators' eagerness for Dwarf Race Spirit Talismans exceeded expectations, after all, the Dwarf Race's Spirit Talismans could be nurtured continuously. If one acquired a decent Spirit Talisman, it could even be treated as a family heirloom.

Across All Phenomena Ocean, there are numerous Spirit Islands. Old Tang and Luan Xiao'e were not alone in their plans; many Spirit Island Moon Jade governors shared similar intentions, directly leading to the Dwarf Race Moon Jade area being crowded with cultivators, nearly all representatives from various Spirit Islands, all Moon Jade cultivators...

The Dwarf Race clearly didn't expect such enthusiastic response, momentarily unsure how to maintain order. It was a case of 'quick hands win anything, slow hands lose everything,' and with everyone being Moon Jade, no one was willing to yield, how could order be maintained?

Luckily, although the scene was lively, regardless of which Spirit Island the cultivators came from, they were restrained. No one dared to cause trouble at this time.

The situation was the same for the Dwarf Race Moon Jades as well as the Constellations...

Even though thousands of Dwarf Race members came, there were tens of thousands of cultivators gathered. Even if averaged out, there were at least dozens of people before each Dwarf Race stall.

The Spirit Talisman Meet began amidst such a bustling and lively atmosphere.

One can imagine this fervor would persist for a day or two before slowly diminishing.

A thousand miles away from Dapan Island, Lu Ye maneuvered his starboat leisurely heading this way, with Yaya sitting on his neck, holding onto his hair with one hand, and pointing ahead, excitedly shouting in a childish voice, "Let's watch the fun! Let's watch the fun!"

Lu Ye felt a bit helpless.

After learning that Mount Fangcun arrived from the Western Region, he stopped paying attention. The matter of Three Worlds Island exchanging Spirit Talismans with the Dwarf Race was left to Tang Jun and Luan Xiao'e to handle—he wasn't of much help.

But somehow Yaya heard about it and insisted on seeing the commotion. When Lu Ye refused, she even threw a tantrum...

Helplessly, Lu Ye had to agree, only then did Yaya feel satisfied.

The "father and daughter" pair headed towards Dapan Island.

Covering a thousand-mile distance swiftly, from afar, Lu Ye saw the suspended Mount Fangcun.

It didn't look much different from the Mount Fangcun he saw in the Eastern Region; as for Dapan Island, it was full of people, truly bustling.

Lu Ye attempted to find traces of Tang Jun and Luan Xiao'e amongst the crowd but failed; he couldn't figure out where they were squeezed in.

Yaya loved such vibrant scenes, perhaps due to experiencing solitude within Mist Dragon for too long. At this moment, both her eyes sparkled.

Upon entering Dapan Island, the sounds of bargaining were heard, accompanied by cultivators muttering complaints, clearly displeased with their transactions with the Dwarf Race.

Lu Ye had no particular purpose, just strolling leisurely with Yaya, randomly picking a direction to wander along.

The All Phenomena Galaxy's preparations for the Spirit Talisman Fair were quite impressive. Around Dapan Island, new elegant shops were built, each occupied by a member of the Dwarf Race as their stall. Spirit Talismans were displayed on the shop counters for visitors to inspect and admire. Satisfied customers could discuss prices with the stall owners and purchase with spirit jade or exchange with goods.

Lu Ye roughly estimated that there were at least thousands of shops on Dapan Island, and it was quite commendable to have prepared this much in such a short time.

However, the order here seemed... somewhat chaotic.

This was unavoidable due to the sheer number of cultivators present, including Moon Jade cultivators. Even in the All Phenomena Ocean, managing them properly was impossible; things had to be left to nature.

As long as no conflicts or disturbances arose on Dapan Island, it wasn't a big issue.

Yaya was very happy, bouncing on Lu Ye's shoulders, her body swinging left and right.

As Lu Ye walked past the crowd, a somewhat familiar voice suddenly reached his ears: "This Fellow Daoist, I said, this hundred defense talisman is a rare treasure, a lifesaver in crucial moments. No less than five hundred thousand spirit jade, or there's no deal. Next!"

Lu Ye followed the voice and saw a familiar face through the bustling crowd.

By chance, the other person's gaze swept across his face. Initially, he didn't pay much attention, but soon his eyes returned, meeting Lu Ye's, showing a look of surprise.

Then, the Dwarf Race member exclaimed in delight, "Brother Lu?"

Lu Ye smiled and replied, "Brother Ye!"

The person turned out to be Ye Chaoqun, who participated in the Black Abyss conflict years ago!

Back then, Lu Ye was the leader of Mount Fangcun's Eastern team, while Ye Chaoqun led the Western team. Each side led their groups for fierce battles in the Black Abyss, with the Eastern team ultimately proving superior, seizing the top spot.

There was also Duan Xiuchen, who was the leader from Mount Fangcun's Southern team.

Seeing Ye Chaoqun here, Lu Ye wasn't too surprised, as this time, it was the Western Mount Fangcun that had come. Ye Chaoqun appearing here wasn't unexpected.

Ye Chaoqun had been at the Constellation Late Stage back then. Over these years, he had notably advanced to the Moon Jade, so the people gathered in front of his shop were all Moon Jade cultivators.

While the two conversed, many Moon Jade cultivators looked puzzled. No one expected that someone from the Dwarf Race in the All Phenomena Ocean would have acquaintances. Recognizing Lu Ye's face, some identified him.

Many had observed from afar during the Baiyue battle and naturally had seen Lu Ye.

The Dwarf Race's Spirit Talismans were indeed treasures, and the Moon Jade cultivators had been haggling with Ye Chaoqun without successfully completing a transaction. If Lu Ye was an acquaintance of Ye Chaoqun, he would undoubtedly have many advantages.

"The shop will temporarily close, please come back later!" Ye Chaoqun suddenly announced, starting to send people away.

Although the Moon Jade cultivators were helpless, they were not the type to linger stubbornly. As they left, each cast envious looks at Lu Ye, feeling that the Spirit Talismans here were likely to fall into Lu Ye's hands.

Once the numerous cultivators seeking trade had departed, Ye Chaoqun enthusiastically ushered Lu Ye into the shop, specially hung a sign saying 'closed', and welcomed Lu Ye to sit. With curiosity, he glanced at Yaya climbing down from Lu Ye, and sent a communication through an audio talisman, laughing, "Brother Lu, please wait. There are some old friends to meet you."

Lu Ye nodded, thinking those old friends either had fought against him or had been defeated by him. His familiarity with the Western Dwarf Race members was scant. Even with Ye Chaoqun, they weren't truly familiar, only having crossed paths in the Black Abyss.

Nonetheless, since things were already as they were, he had to make the best of it, greet briefly, and exchange some polite words when meeting later.

As for leveraging such relationships to secure a Spirit Talisman deal... Lu Ye hadn't considered it. Ultimately, they weren't that familiar, and Dwarf Race's Spirit Talismans were rare commodities without a reason to gain advantages over others. If not, Lu Ye wouldn't have only come to Dapan Island now. If Yaya hadn't been curious, he wouldn't have come.

"How did Brother Lu end up in the All Phenomena Ocean?" Ye Chaoqun asked curiously.

After the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, he had inquired with his Sun Blaze division about Lu Ye's background, learning that Lu Ye's originating star system was quite remote, theoretically not having the capacity to connect with the All Phenomena Ocean. Hence, today, seeing Lu Ye, he almost thought he was mistaken.

"It's a long story," Lu Ye sighed, "After the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, I returned to my home world and encountered an invasion by external enemies. During the confrontation, space collapsed, an Insect Path formed, and I arrived in the All Phenomena Ocean. It's been several years."

Ye Chaoqun understood, "Is that so? Then Brother Lu has indeed turned misfortune into a blessing; the All Phenomena Ocean is a great place."

"While the place is good, establishing oneself isn't easy."

Chapter 1769 - Meeting Many Old Friends in a Foreign Land

Ye Chaoqun clearly knew quite a bit about the intelligence on the All Phenomena Ocean, and upon hearing this, nodded, saying, "Indeed, but with someone as capable as Brother Lu, they can stand firm anywhere."

He had personally experienced Lu Ye's might. Back then, both he and Duan Xiuchen were in the Constellation Late Stage, while Lu Ye was only in the Constellation Early Stage.

Before the last Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, Mount Fangcun in the Eastern Region always ranked at the bottom, with the top spot constantly contested by the Southern and Western Regions. Yet during the last Martial Arts Meet, Lu Ye, then at the Constellation Early Stage, led the not particularly strong Eastern team to nearly single-handedly defeat both opposing teams.

Even the Sunshine from the South and West troops were greatly shocked.

This was one of the reasons Ye Chaoqun greeted Lu Ye so warmly this time. Had Lu Ye not achieved anything at that time, Ye Chaoqun would likely have long forgotten him. It can be said that the

experience at the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet was unforgettable for him, causing him to have a desire to befriend someone like Lu Ye.

Moreover, upon meeting this time, he discovered that Lu Ye had already reached Moon Jade Stage; this cultivation speed... was simply frightening!

As they were conversing, a silhouette suddenly rushed into the shop, exclaiming, "Why did you call me over in such a hurry?"

After speaking, the newcomer paused, staring fixedly at Lu Ye, who was sitting opposite Ye Chaoqun, with a look of astonishment on their face.

Lu Ye was also taken aback, looking back at the other person, both appearing as if seeing a mirage.

Yaya stood to the side, glancing at Lu Ye, then at the newcomer, seemingly finding their expressions amusing, and giggled.

The newcomer finally came to their senses, looking completely baffled: "Brother Lu?"

Lu Ye was equally astonished: "Brother Duan?"

Unexpectedly, the one who barged in from outside was Duan Xiuchen from the Southern Region!

Honestly, encountering Ye Chaoqun here wasn't surprising, since the one passing through the All Phenomena Ocean this time was Mount Fangcun from the Western Region, and Ye Chaoqun was naturally from the Western race. But seeing Duan Xiuchen here... left Lu Ye somewhat puzzled.

He suddenly realized that when Ye Chaoqun mentioned having an old friend to meet, it probably wasn't those few from the Western Dwarf Race he had thought, but Duan Xiuchen!

"You... you you..." Duan Xiuchen stammered for a while, "You're at the All Phenomena Ocean?"

Lu Ye nodded: "I've been here for almost a dozen years."

Duan Xiuchen laughed heartily, stepping forward to pat Lu Ye on the shoulder: "What a coincidence, just the other day I was mentioning you to Old Ye, and here we meet so soon. Oh, you've reached Moon Jade Stage?"

Lu Ye nodded: "I advanced not too long ago!"

Indeed, a little over a year ago wasn't long.

Duan Xiuchen looked at Ye Chaoqun speechlessly: "See, what did I say, someone like Brother Lu couldn't possibly have a slow cultivation speed. If we lag behind, we'll soon be left far behind."

Ye Chaoqun also showed a helpless expression: "This is too fast."

Duan Xiuchen chuckled: "Junior Brother Ye previously thought you should still be in the Constellation Stage and said if fate led him to meet you one day, he'd surely regain face. But now, it seems... unlikely!"

Ye Chaoqun snorted: "Anyway, it wasn't just me who lost face back then!"

Duan Xiuchen clearly also remembered the past misery and sighed: "After that battle, we were harshly reprimanded by the Master Uncles!"

During the last Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, both the Southern and Western Regions had unprecedentedly strong lineups, with several individuals in the Constellation Late Stage, yet they were still bested by the seemingly weakest Eastern team.

After the Martial Arts Meet, the Sunshine from both regions naturally scolded the two leading figures heavily, and both even received some punishment because of it.

"Brother Lu, you owe us some compensation!" Duan Xiuchen looked at Lu Ye.

Lu Ye nodded and said: "No problem, once you both finish your matters here, I'll take you to tour my Spirit Island. Feel free to choose anything you like."

Duan Xiuchen was surprised: "You have a Spirit Island in the All Phenomena Ocean?"

Ye Chaoqun was equally astonished. Although he believed Lu Ye could establish himself in the All Phenomena Ocean, he hadn't expected him to have reached the level of being able to occupy a Spirit Island.

It should only be a low-class Spirit Island, right? I've heard that the rivalry in the All Phenomena Ocean is intense, and without enough strength, it's impossible to hold a high-class Spirit Island.

"Three Realms Island, nowadays there are many shops established there, and you can buy whatever you want." Lu Ye replied.

Duan Xiuchen and Ye Chaoqun exchanged a glance, both realizing that Lu Ye's Spirit Island might not be what they initially thought...

A Spirit Island with numerous shops established must be at least a high-class Spirit Island! It couldn't possibly be just a low-class Spirit Island!

After a moment of silence, Duan Xiuchen asked, "Brother Lu, on your Spirit Island... how much say do you have? Or are you simply serving as a governor?"

Lu Ye truthfully replied: "Three Realms Island is a Spirit Island occupied by the joint forces of our home galaxy. I don't manage much, but everyone is willing to listen to me."

Duan Xiuchen and Ye Chaoqun immediately understood that over on Three Realms Island... Lu Ye likely held the authority. It truly was his Spirit Island!

"Are you here for business?" Ye Chaoqun inquired.

"We are! But other Senior Brothers and Sisters are handling it."

"Have them come over; Brother Duan and I will coordinate with them." Ye Chaoqun suggested.

Duan Xiuchen nodded in agreement.

Lu Ye asked, "Is that appropriate?"

Duan Xiuchen smiled: "What's inappropriate? Trading is trading, and dealing with insiders is always more trustworthy than outsiders. We'll be procuring a batch of supplies later, and we'll visit your Three Realms Island. We won't let you suffer losses, and I believe you won't let us suffer losses either!"

This does make sense. Lu Ye thought for a moment, then took out the audio talisman and communicated with Tang Jun, asking him and Luan Xiao'e to come over here.

A moment later, Old Tang and Luan Xiao'e hadn't arrived yet, but another person did.

"What's going on? Why are you calling me over so urgently?"

The familiar voice reached his ears, and Lu Ye turned his head, completely bewildered.

Earlier, when he saw Duan Xiuchen, Lu Ye was already confused, unable to understand why Duan Xiuchen from the Southern Region was here, and now, surprisingly, someone from the Eastern Region had come.

Hai Tang!

Hai Tang must have rushed over, her spirit force still unsettled. As she entered the shop and saw Lu Ye, she immediately froze.

After a while, she reacted and exclaimed, "Ah? Senior Brother Lu?"

Lu Ye smiled and nodded, "Junior Sister Hai Tang, long time no see!"

Beside them, Ye Chaoqun and Duan Xiuchen witnessed this scene and both frowned slightly.

Duan Xiuchen spoke, "You two Dao companions meeting, why does it seem... not very enthusiastic?"

The reason he regarded Lu Ye as one of his own was undoubtedly because of Lu Ye's Dao companion relationship with Hai Tang. He previously asked about Lu Ye's status on Three Worlds Island and learned it was considered truly Lu Ye's Spirit Island, so he immediately decided to engage in a transaction with Three Worlds Island.

As he said, a transaction is a transaction, with whom it is doesn't matter. If a family member has a need, their needs must be prioritized above others.

Ye Chaoqun had previously communicated with both Duan Xiuchen and Hai Tang, but now the situation after the meeting between these two people seemed somewhat unexpected.

Not much enthusiasm, rather a bit of politeness!

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye finally reacted.

It was true that in name he was Hai Tang's Dao companion and participated in the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet under that pretense.

But in reality, the two didn't have a particularly close relationship. This was something he knew, Hai Tang knew, Su Yuqing knew, but others didn't, not even the Dwarf Race on Mount Fangcun in the Eastern Region.

Under normal circumstances, a reunion of Dao companions shouldn't be so polite, but how could Lu Ye show too much enthusiasm?

Just as he was trying to divert Duan Xiuchen and Ye Chaoqun's attention, Hai Tang blushed, lowered her head, and threw herself at him, burying her flushed cheeks into his chest.

Duan Xiuchen chuckled, "That's more like it!"

That is the proper reaction between Dao companions reuniting after a long time!

"Lu Ye is here." Tang Jun's voice suddenly came from the shop door.

Upon receiving Lu Ye's message, the two rushed over. But since the shop here didn't have a specific number, they had no idea which shop Lu Ye was in and had to check them one by one. Fortunately, the shop's door wasn't closed, and while passing outside, they could see the situation inside at a glance.

Especially compared to the bustling other shops, this one was empty, and there was a closed sign hanging at the door, which made Old Tang more curious. Upon checking, he indeed found Lu Ye.

But what utterly puzzled Old Tang was... the charming lady Lu Ye had in his arms; what kind of situation was this?

Luan Xiao'e happened to stick her head in at this moment to look inside.

She was also stunned!

Soon, she looked at Lu Ye with disdain, indeed, no man is good! Thinking about the one in hand while eyeing the one in the pot, Hua Ci's fate was unknown, yet Lu Ye was here smuggling precious moments!

At this moment, Lu Ye's posture stiffened, his gaze traversing the shoulders of Hai Tang clutching him, meeting those of Old Tang and Luan Xiao'e.

Old Tang gave him a thumbs up, as if saying youth is wonderful.

Luan Xiao'e's gaze was full of disdain, and she turned her eyes away.

This is a misunderstanding! Lu Ye screamed in his heart, unable to explain anything, his expression frozen.

Duan Xiuchen stepped up, "You two must be the governors of Three Worlds Island?"

Old Tang nodded, "I am Tang Jun, the elder responsible for external affairs of Three Worlds Island, and this is our First Island Master, Luan Xiao'e."

Duan Xiuchen smiled slightly, cupping his hands as he spoke, "I am Duan Xiuchen of the Dwarf Race."

Ye Chaoqun also followed suit in greeting, introducing himself.

Duan Xiuchen enthusiastically spoke, "Come, let's discuss the transaction of Spirit Talismans."

With that, he left the shop together with Ye Chaoqun, closing the door behind them, as the four Moon Jade discussed in low voices outside the shop.

Tang Jun and Luan Xiao'e were still in shock, having just met several Moon Jade from the Dwarf Race, but none of their transactions succeeded because their asking prices far exceeded Three Worlds Island's psychological expectation.

Besides, the Moon Jade of the Dwarf Race held a mentality of rare goods, and their attitudes were not good.

They had never met such courteous Dwarf Race members before.

Listening carefully, Tang Jun and Luan Xiao'e felt uplifted, never expecting such a pleasant surprise to happen upon them!

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Inside the tightly closed shop, Lu Ye's form was slightly stiff, while Hai Tang still maintained the posture of holding him, her cheeks burning.

Regarding Lu Ye, she indeed had a good impression, and initially, it was Lu Ye who rescued her from the Ghost Ship, a genuine debt of gratitude for saving her life. Later, during the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, it was Lu Ye who greatly contributed to the Eastern Region winning the championship.

But when it came to romantic feelings, Hai Tang truly didn't have such thoughts.

However, some things must be hidden...

Suddenly, she met the gaze of a small figure standing beside her, who was tilting her head and curiously examining her.

"Ah!" Hai Tang quickly jumped away from Lu Ye's embrace, stood upright, glanced at Yaya, then looked at Lu Ye, and explained via audio transmission: "Senior Brother, don't misunderstand, just now was..."

"I understand!" Lu Ye nodded.

Only then did Hai Tang breathe out a sigh of relief.

Lu Ye looked at Yaya and said, "Go outside and find your Aunt Luan!"

He had some matters he wanted to ask Hai Tang.

Yaya's eyes twirled: "I want to find Aunt Hua, I haven't seen her in a long time."

"This child..." Lu Ye's face darkened, easily picking up on the threatening tone in Yaya's words, and glared at her, instructing: "Behave yourself!"

Yaya then sat down nearby, looking very obedient, but her eyes darted between Lu Ye and Hai Tang.

"Who is this child..." Hai Tang wondered as she looked at Yaya, unable to fathom why Lu Ye had such a delicate and carved-looking little girl by his side, especially since from appearance, she showed no signs of having cultivated.

This was evidently quite unbelievable, given that this was the All Phenomena Ocean, not within a domain, how could an untrained child survive?

"Picked up." Lu Ye transmitted, "Yaya is somewhat special."

Hai Tang understood and did not ask further.

"Hai Tang, you and Duan Xiuchen... how did you end up here?" Lu Ye truly couldn't figure out why, unless Mount Fangcun somehow merged the three factions without East, South, and West distinctions.

Hai Tang's mood had calmed down, and she immediately explained via transmission: "Actually, it's possible for the different parts of Mount Fangcun to connect with each other, but it requires paying some price, so normally, there isn't direct contact between them, at most, there is some exchange of materials. But this time is different, as the Western Region was passing through the All Phenomena Ocean, the Eastern and Southern Regions didn't want to miss this opportunity, paying a certain price to reach the Western Region from their own Mount Fangcun. Of course, the higher the power, the greater the cost, so those who came from the Southeastern two regions this time are basically Constellation level." She then winked at Lu Ye: "This is the secret of the Dwarf Race, unknown to outsiders."

Lu Ye suddenly understood why Mount Fangcun from the Western Region came, and Hai Tang and Duan Xiuchen actually appeared alongside.

Mount Fangcun was originally a whole, but was inexplicably divided into three, drifting across various stellar spaces, yet despite this, there is a kind of invisible and intangible connection between the parts, which doesn't break because of distance. The Dwarf Race here merely needs to utilize some special methods, paying a certain level of cost to allow inter-faction travel.

Ordinarily, the Dwarf Race wouldn't do this, but passing through All Phenomena Ocean is a rare opportunity, so the Eastern and Southern Regions naturally wanted to join in the fun.

This is indeed a secret, known only to the Dwarf Race itself, no other outsiders are aware, but Hai Tang was unguardedly telling this secret to Lu Ye, clearly not considering him an outsider.

Lu Ye likely understood why the Dwarf Race kept this secret; beyond the great value of the Dwarf Race itself, their spirit talismans are unmatched by any race, and considering the parts of Mount Fangcun, these are fragmentary stellar space supreme treasures, who knows if anyone is plotting something sinister in the shadows!

Every part of Mount Fangcun is formidable; even the Eastern Region, with the least foundation, has Su Yuqing, Chen Xuanhai, and Woo Qimo as Sun Blaze governors.

If someone truly targeted Mount Fangcun, they would surely deploy numerous Sun Blaze experts to achieve a power clampdown.

However, if the hidden enemies only considered the strength of one part, they would be in for a huge surprise if they attacked.

This secret is Mount Fangcun's means of self-preservation; the three parts appear unrelated, yet they are essentially a trinity.

But as Hai Tang mentioned, normally, no direct travels occur between the parts, but All Phenomena Ocean carries significant weight, the Western Region was passing through, and the Southeastern Dwarf Race wanted to join the fray, so after discussion among the three Sun Blaze, they opened the passage between the three Mount Fangcun parts.

Thus, this scene of Hai Tang and Duan Xiuchen appearing here emerged.

Outsiders only assumed these Dwarf Race members belonged to the Western Region Mount Fangcun, unaware that there were two other parts present.

"Senior Brother, come with me!" Hai Tang suddenly stood after speaking.

"Where to?" Lu Ye asked.

"You'll know when we get there." Hai Tang kept it a mystery, rising to leave.

The shop's door was pushed open, and the two walked out one after the other.

Ye Chaoqun, Duan Xiuchen, and Luan Xiao'e, Tang Jun were still at the shop entrance discussing the specific details of the transaction, and noticing them emerge, they turned their heads together.

"So fast?" Duan Xiuchen had a look of shock on his face, but upon seeing the little girl beside Lu Ye, he suddenly realized he must have misunderstood.

"Two senior brothers, I'm taking Senior Brother Lu back for a bit." Hai Tang spoke.

Ye Chaoqun didn't ask further, nodded: "Go ahead."

Hai Tang immediately rose into the air, and Lu Ye hurriedly followed. Yaya was already riding on his neck, her two little hands gripping Lu Ye's ears with an expression that clearly said, "Don't even think about leaving me behind."

Watching the two leave, Tang Jun wore a look of admiration.

He couldn't understand when Lu Ye had developed connections with the Dwarf Race. Just now, when Ye Chaoqun and Duan Xiuchen were discussing the Spirit Talisman exchange with him, they offered the Three Worlds Island a significant discount, something he and Luan Xiao'e had longed for but couldn't secure.

If there wasn't some close relationship, how could the Dwarf Race offer such a discount?

Suddenly, he recalled that his old friend had died under a red talisman! And that red talisman was undoubtedly from the Dwarf Race; otherwise, it wouldn't have been so powerful.

Now it seems, back then, Lu Ye had already established a connection with the Dwarf Race.

But... since he was connected with the Dwarf Race, why didn't Lu Ye handle the Spirit Talisman exchange this time? Instead, he kept probing about which part of Mount Fangcun...

Tang Jun was a little puzzled, but in any case, this Spirit Talisman conference, the Three Worlds Island was sure to achieve Perfection!

Lu Ye followed behind Hai Tang as she flew straight towards Mount Fangcun.

Recalling what she had said earlier, Lu Ye suddenly felt anxious: "Hai Tang, Su... Peak Master isn't coming to the Western Region too, is she?"

Upon hearing this, Hai Tang turned to look at him and said in a faint voice: "Does Senior Brother wish for Master to come?"

"Why ask that?" Lu Ye's eyes flickered.

Hai Tang hesitated, then smiled and said, "Master is Sun Blaze, if she came from the Eastern Region, the cost wouldn't be small. So this time, those from the Eastern Region are mostly Constellations, and hardly any Moon Jade."

After a pause, she added in a low voice, "Master has rarely appeared in recent years; she seems different from before."

Lu Ye felt guilty, not knowing what to say.

From Hai Tang's demeanor, it seemed... perhaps... as if she knew something?

He tentatively asked, "Did something happen to Peak Master Su?"

Hai Tang glanced at him with a meaningful expression, then shook her head and said, "Master didn't say, and I didn't dare to ask much. But ever since you all left that year, Master has rarely appeared. I suspect it might have to do with Master using a secret technique to give you the qualification to participate in the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, that secret technique... must have taken a great toll on Master!"

"Cough, cough..." Lu Ye was almost out of breath.

Hai Tang must have figured something out; her words were subtly hinting at it.

It's not surprising after all; Hai Tang is Su Yuqing's direct disciple. If anyone in the world knows Su Yuqing the best, it's undoubtedly Hai Tang.

Back in the Eastern region, it was publicly said that Lu Ye and Hai Tang became Dao companions, and after cultivation together, Lu Ye gained the qualification to enter the Black Abyss.

But Hai Tang knew that was just the public story. Nothing happened between her and Lu Ye; it was clear and innocent.

And according to Su Yuqing, she would use a kind of secret technique to grant Lu Ye qualification to enter the Black Abyss. As for what that secret technique was, Hai Tang didn't ask because she believed her master had this capability.

However, the various changes in her master later made her suspicious. Did the secret technique really exist?

For a non-Dwarf Race being to participate in the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, they must be imbued with the aura of the Dwarf Race, and joint cultivation is the most direct and convenient method.

If the secret technique really didn't exist... Hai Tang couldn't bear to think further.

But she couldn't understand, if that were truly the case, why Master would do such a thing. The only undeniable fact was Master's change after Lu Ye had left.

So Hai Tang felt that Lu Ye was the key!

As they spoke, they had already arrived outside Mount Fangcun, where the Moon Jade governor of the Western Region was stationed, but they evidently recognized Hai Tang.

Though the Dwarf Race wasn't numerous, they were not few either. As a direct disciple of Sun Blaze, Hai Tang naturally had some fame.

Upon seeing Hai Tang arrive, one of the Moon Jade looked curious, "Sister, why have you returned? And who is this..."

Hai Tang immediately introduced, "Senior Brother, he is my Dao companion." Saying this, she affectionately linked arms with Lu Ye, smiling brightly.

The Moon Jade was taken aback, looking Lu Ye up and down, "Is he the human who beat Ye Chaoqun mercilessly during the last Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet?"

"Yes, that's him," Hai Tang said with a proud expression.

The Moon Jade gave Lu Ye a deep look, "So it's you!"

Lu Ye quickly bowed, "Lu Ye of the human race, greetings to Senior Brother!"

The other nodded, "No need for formalities. As Hai Tang's Dao companion, you're family. But, kid, Ye Chaoqun wasn't your match, that's his lack of ability, not proof that we in the Western Region lack talent!"

"Yes, yes, yes." What else could Lu Ye say? Naturally, he agreed with whatever others said.