

## Humanity 1771

### Chapter 1771 - Eat and Run Without Taking Responsibility

After exchanging a few words with Moon Jade, who didn't seem to want to make things difficult and appeared straightforward and reassuring, Lu Ye soon followed Hai Tang into Mount Fangcun.

From the outside, Mount Fangcun looked like a small mountain-shaped floating land commonly seen in the stellar space, but upon entering, one would realize it's an entire world.

Hai Tang continued flying ahead, leading Lu Ye forward.

Lu Ye asked, "Where are we going?"

Hai Tang hesitated for a moment before speaking, "Senior Brother, I'd like to invite you to come with me to the Eastern Region!"

Lu Ye had already speculated on this; since the three sections of Mount Fangcun could communicate, it must be possible to go to the Eastern Region from here.

"Of course, if you don't want to go, I won't force you," Hai Tang added.

Lu Ye said nothing.

Hai Tang said so much, almost explicitly telling him to go to the Eastern Region to see Su Yuqing. As a Direct Disciple, she actually didn't want to intervene in this matter, but seeing the changes in her Master, she was worried, unable to help solve her Master's troubles as a disciple. Now, with such a rare opportunity, she didn't want to miss it.

Even if she would be punished by her Master later, she decided to act first and report later!

She believed Lu Ye wouldn't refuse, not if he had even a bit of responsibility...

Of course, Lu Ye couldn't refuse, following Hai Tang silently without expressing his stance, which was already a stance in itself.

After not going far, they arrived at a valley, where an altar-like structure stood, covered in complex patterns. Lu Ye immediately recognized traces of Void Spirit Runes.

Beside the altar, a figure sat cross-legged.

Noticing Lu Ye and Hai Tang's arrival, the person slowly opened their eyes, their gaze piercing like electricity!

Without any overt power, Lu Ye instantly understood this was a Sun Blaze!

The depth of the Western Region's foundation was truly profound; four Sun Blazes had shown themselves before, and another was left to guard the domain, totaling at least five Sun Blazes, not to mention if there were more hidden.

Hai Tang brought Lu Ye before the altar and bowed respectfully, "Master Uncle Zhang!"

At the same time, she transmitted to Lu Ye, "This is Master Uncle Zhang Kun!"

Lu Ye followed suit with a bow.

Zhang Kun glanced at them and smiled slightly, "Little Hai Tang, how come you're back? Sold out of Spirit Talismans?"

"No," Hai Tang replied, then angrily looked at Lu Ye, "Met a disciple's Dao companion in the All Phenomena Ocean. He wants to eat and run, denying responsibility. I will take him back to the Eastern Region to seek justice from our Master!"

Lu Ye broke out in cold sweat; when did he ever eat and deny responsibility... Hai Tang must be picking on me again.

Zhang Kun's gaze turned cold, "Oh? Your Dao companion, is that the human from the last Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet? Running into each other in the All Phenomena Ocean, it seems enemies do path cross. Do you need Master Uncle to break his limbs?"

Hai Tang was startled and hurriedly waved her hand, "No need, no need, I'll take him to meet our Master. Our Master will take care of it." It would be too unjust to actually have Lu Ye beaten.

Zhang Kun nodded, "Indeed, this is still your matter. It's inappropriate for me to meddle. In that case, come up!"

Hai Tang quickly grabbed Lu Ye's arm and took him onto the altar.

Zhang Kun waved his hand, and several spirit crystals flew out, embedding themselves around the altar. Immediately, his mana began to hum, and he loudly declared, "The process may be slightly uncomfortable, endure it briefly!"

Hai Tang nodded, "Disciple understands!"

She had already experienced it once when traveling from the Eastern Region; it was indeed an unpleasant sensation.

Zhang Kun's mana surged, and the spirit crystals around the altar consumed rapidly, turning into pure energy and feeding into the altar.

The entire altar began buzzing, and the Void twisted.

Lu Ye vaguely sensed that this was a form of teleportation similar to the Insect Path, except due to the specific and internal connection between sections of Mount Fangcun, both ends of the Insect Path were located inside different sections of Mount Fangcun.

He had experienced this type of teleportation before; previously, when entering the Mist Dragon's Insect Path from the Changyun Galaxy, it was a similar situation. The Insect Path was unstable, giving a very unpleasant sensation during teleportation.

At this point, Lu Ye felt much the same, as if he were drunk, the world spinning.

Beside him, Hai Tang wasn't much better off, her face turning slightly pale, and she seemed unsteady on her feet.

Suddenly, Zhang Kun's angry shout resounded, and his mana surged even more violently.

Then, unexpectedly, the distortion in the altar's space disappeared, and as Zhang Kun's mana subsided, the chaotic space returned to normal.

On the altar, Lu Ye and Hai Tang remained standing, Hai Tang showing a puzzled look, as Zhang Kun still stood before her, which meant the teleportation hadn't succeeded!

"Master Uncle, what happened?" Hai Tang asked, puzzled.

Zhang Kun was staring at Yaya, who was perched on Lu Ye's neck, and asked, "Kid, what's with this little girl?"

He hadn't noticed anything unusual about Yaya earlier, so he didn't pay much attention, but when he attempted to send Lu Ye and Hai Tang to Mount Fangcun in the Eastern Region, he realized something was wrong!

Such teleportation requires a higher cost for higher cultivation levels; under normal circumstances, Zhang Kun wouldn't struggle too much sending a Moon Jade and a Constellation. But the feeling from the recent teleportation attempt was not just Moon Jade and Constellation!

There was a Sun Blaze involved!

Zhang Kun immediately understood the issue lay with the seemingly ordinary little girl.

"What's wrong with her?" Hai Tang asked, puzzled.

Zhang Kun replied calmly, "She is a Sun Blaze!"

Hai Tang wore a look of astonishment, almost thinking Zhang Kun had made a mistake, but Zhang Kun was also a Sun Blaze, and the failed transmission just now clearly indicated some issues.

Lu Ye paused for a moment, then transmitted an audio message to Zhang Kun, informing him about Yaya's situation.

Learning that Yaya was indeed a Sun Blaze expert, but her Divine Sea was damaged by a Soul-Devouring Aphid, causing mental impairment and acting like an ordinary child, Zhang Kun couldn't help but sigh.

Being a Sun Blaze himself, he thought if he fell into Yaya's situation, he might as well be dead for a quick release.

After a brief contemplation, Zhang Kun said, "The cost of transmitting a Sun Blaze is too great; you should leave the little girl here."

Yaya immediately shook her head like a rattle drum, "I don't want to; I want to be with Daddy!"

Zhang Kun's eye twitched as he uncertainly looked at Lu Ye, "What did she call you?"

Lu Ye smiled wryly, "Master Uncle didn't hear wrong; she saw me first when she opened her eyes, so..."

Zhang Kun sighed, "Alright, alright, I'll just send you all together."

A Sun Blaze calling a Moon Jade 'Daddy' was absolutely absurd.

"Thank you, Master Uncle!"

Zhang Kun began exerting his mana once more; this time, he did not stop. After a moment, the space on the altar twisted intensely, and as it calmed again, the figures of Lu Ye and the two others were gone.

Zhang Kun's face was slightly pale, as if he had fought a great battle. He hastily sat down cross-legged, taking out a spirit crystal to recover his mana.

Dispelling various discomforts, when Lu Ye looked up, he found the figure before him was not Zhang Kun, but Chen Xuanhai from the Eastern Region!

Underfoot was an altar similar to the one they had seen before, and clearly, Chen Xuanhai was in charge here.

"Lu Yiye?" Chen Xuanhai undoubtedly remembered Lu Ye, but he felt puzzled about his sudden appearance here with Hai Tang.

"Master Uncle Chen!" Lu Ye and Hai Tang saluted together.

"How did you come over from the Western Region?" Chen Xuanhai asked.

Hai Tang explained on Lu Ye's behalf, and only then did Chen Xuanhai understand the situation.

"So, the reason you brought him here is..." Chen Xuanhai looked at Hai Tang.

"To pay respects to the Master!" Hai Tang didn't mention anything about eating and drinking this time, lest Chen Xuanhai would also want to break Lu Ye's hands and feet.

Chen Xuanhai nodded slightly, "Indeed, you should go see Junior Sister Su!"

Hai Tang's eyes blinked. From her standpoint, she brought Lu Ye to pay respects to the Master.

But Master Uncle Chen actually said Lu Ye should indeed go see the Master...

Paying respects and seeing are two different things; the former is junior to elder, the latter is peer to peer.

Hai Tang suddenly realized, did Master Uncle Chen know something? Otherwise, why would he say that?

Suppressing the urge to ask, Hai Tang said, "Master Uncle, we will head back to Immortal Spirit Peak first, and later we will trouble you to send us back."

"It's a trifle!" Chen Xuanhai waved his hand.

Hai Tang summoned the starboat, carrying Lu Ye and Yaya flying towards Immortal Spirit Peak.

As they traversed, Lu Ye looked out in contemplation, his thoughts inevitably returning to over ten years ago, when he had just been promoted to Constellation. Like other Nine Provinces Constellations, he embarked on exploring the surrounding stellar space, encountering many things the first time he left Nine Provinces.

He again thought of Fong Rumu who was chased by a flying sword, wondering how that senior was doing now.

Back then, it was this senior's guidance that allowed him to find the Ghost Ship.

The starboat glided through the sky, and Hai Tang was very quiet. By this time, she wasn't sure if what she was doing was right, but once the arrow is shot, there's no turning back, hopefully she hasn't made a mistake.

Immortal Spirit Peak arrived soon, and Hai Tang, well acquainted, led Lu Ye to a grand hall and then called out charmingly, "Master!"

A few breaths later, Su Yuqing's voice came from within the hall, "What is it?"

Hai Tang pursed her lips and spoke, "The disciple has brought Dao companion Lu Ye, to pay respects to the Master!"

As soon as she spoke, both Hai Tang and Lu Ye distinctly felt Su Yuqing's aura inside the hall fluctuate briefly!

This further confirmed Hai Tang's suspicions over the years.

Soon, a faint Mental Consciousness extended from inside the hall, probing and withdrawing instantly, clearly inspecting the situation outside.

After a while, Su Yuqing's voice rang out again, "Go to the Immortal Shadow Hall!"

"Yes!" Hai Tang gave Lu Ye a glance and led him aside.

In the Immortal Shadow Hall, Lu Ye sat waiting calmly, and after some time, a figure slowly walked out.

As he looked up, a white garment as snow, her hair coiled high, silky black hair cascaded like a black waterfall over her cheeks, a dignified aura with a touch of pure elegance.

Compared to their last meeting, Lu Ye suddenly noticed that Su Yuqing seemed to have acquired an indescribable charm.

Hai Tang was even more stunned, staring at her Master. Although she wasn't overly adorned, as a direct disciple, she could tell at a glance that the Master had taken extra care in grooming her appearance before showing up.

The Master and Senior Brother Lu... indeed have an issue!

## Chapter 1772 - Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Inside the Immortal Shadow Hall, Su Yuqing walked to the seat and sat down, Hai Tang saluted, "Master."

Lu Ye followed suit, clasping his fists, "Mountain Master Su."

Hearing Lu Ye address him this way, Hai Tang felt as clear as a mirror, increasingly certain that her thoughts were correct, because normally, Senior Brother Lu was supposed to call Master a senior!

This title..."Mountain Master Su"...feels off!

Su Yuqing responded softly, her gaze sweeping over the two, somewhat curious, "How did you two come back together?"

She could understand Hai Tang coming back. This time, passing through the All Phenomena Ocean in the Western Region, apart from Hai Tang, other Constellations from the Eastern Region had also gone there to join the Spirit Talisman tournament. Once the tournament ended, the people from the Eastern Region would naturally return.

But she couldn't understand why Lu Ye came here.

Looking at the young face below, even though Su Yuqing had deliberately tried to forget some past events over the years, many deeply buried memories couldn't help but surge up.

She had thought that sending him back to his homeland last time would be their last meeting, that their parting would be eternal. Who would have thought that they would meet again in just over a decade.

"Master, Senior Brother was at the All Phenomena Ocean, and we ran into each other at the Spirit Talisman tournament," Hai Tang explained excitedly. The stellar space is so vast, such an encounter was undoubtedly a fate.

"You were at the All Phenomena Ocean?" Su Yuqing looked at Lu Ye, somewhat surprised.

She naturally knew how far the Jade Conch Galaxy was from the All Phenomena Ocean, and how remote the place was, with not even a single Insect Path, so it was truly surprising that Lu Ye would be at the All Phenomena Ocean.

Moreover, in just over a decade, Lu Ye's cultivation had advanced from Constellation Early Stage to the level of Moon Jade!

Although she wasn't sure what Lu Ye had experienced over the past decade, from the looks of it now, he must have endured quite a lot.

A cultivator's growth is always linked to the tribulations they experience; the faster the growth, the more tribulations there must be.

In an instant, Su Yuqing seemed to see a lot, her originally deliberately cold gaze softening a bit.

"Yes, I encountered some things back then and inadvertently ended up at the All Phenomena Ocean," Lu Ye casually explained without going into much detail.

"The All Phenomena Ocean is a good place," Su Yuqing nodded. "It's also a suitable place for a cultivator to make a name for themselves. If you can establish something there, standing out is not a problem."

After a few idle words, Su Yuqing, in a tone typical of an elder, offered advice to Lu Ye, who nodded respectfully, agreeing repeatedly.

As they spoke, Su Yuqing suddenly looked curiously at Yaya, "This little girl is..."

Yaya, as usual, cheerfully introduced herself, "I'm Daddy's daughter!"

Su Yuqing was taken aback, and immediately her gaze turned cold.

The temperature of the entire Immortal Shadow Hall seemed to drop significantly.

There was killing intent! Lu Ye's eye twitched, instantly realizing that things were not looking good.

Fortunately, at the critical moment, Hai Tang hurriedly transmitted an audio message to Su Yuqing, "Master, Yaya was picked up by Senior Brother, and she herself is a Sun Blaze. Due to her Divine Sea being broken by a Soul-Devouring Aphid, her psyche is damaged, and now her spiritual intelligence is only at the level of a few-year-old child."

Upon hearing this, Su Yuqing scrutinized Yaya carefully, not finding the slightest hint of deceit in her eyes.

It made sense; if she were just an ordinary child, it would have been impossible for her to follow Lu Ye through life at the All Phenomena Ocean.

Just then, Hai Tang stood up and said, "Master, my Spirit Talismans have almost sold out. Rarely do I come back; I'll go over to the other senior brothers and sisters to see if they have any extra Spirit Talismans." After saying this, she beckoned to Yaya, "Yaya, come with me."

Yaya promptly refused, "No, I want to be with Daddy!"

Lu Ye patted Yaya's small head, "Sister Hai Tang has lots of delicious treats you haven't seen or eaten."

Yaya immediately jumped off the chair with excitement and eagerly ran to Hai Tang, "Sister Hai Tang!"

Hai Tang couldn't help but laugh and cry at the same time. She called Lu Ye Senior Brother, Yaya called Lu Ye Daddy, and now she was being called Sister Hai Tang... if acknowledging from the perspective of Master, it seemingly wasn't an issue, but it was a bit confusing.

Her thoughts wandered, and as she held Yaya, Hai Tang bowed and took her leave.

Inside the Immortal Shadow Hall, only Lu Ye and Su Yuqing were left.

Lu Ye raised his eyes, meeting Su Yuqing's gaze directly; the latter's eyes flitted for a moment, a bit of panic within.

When Hai Tang was around, she could maintain the demeanor of an elder, showing some concern for Lu Ye's experiences over the years. But now that Hai Tang and Yaya were gone, she suddenly didn't know what position to take in having a conversation with Lu Ye.

Lu Ye was also unsure of what to say...

Back then, after Su Yuqing personally escorted him and Nian Yuexian near the Nine Provinces, not only did Su Yuqing think they would never meet again in this life, even Lu Ye felt the same.

Unless one day, the Eastern Mount Fangcun passed through the Jade Conch Galaxy again, and Su Yuqing actively went to visit him.

So he never expected the All Phenomena Ocean to become yet another intersection in their lives.

The atmosphere turned somewhat awkward and grueling.

Su Yuqing's hands clutched within her sleeves were drenched in sweat; this situation was more challenging than crafting a red talisman...

In the end, it was Lu Ye who broke the silence: "Hai Tang... probably knows."

"What?" Su Yuqing was taken aback, then her expression became incredibly flustered, and she asked, "What... what does she know? What did she say to you?"

"Sigh." Lu Ye sighed, stood up and walked towards Su Yuqing.

As he approached, Su Yuqing's expression grew increasingly panicked. One hand unconsciously gripped the armrest of the chair, her face tense. "What are you doing?"

Where was the aura and demeanor that Sun Blaze should have? Now she looked just like an inexperienced young girl confronted with something that confused and scared her, instinctively wanting to flee rather than face the challenge.

Lu Ye said nothing, his gaze unwavering as he stared at her delicate face.

In this situation, he didn't know what to do, but anything was better than the awkward silence between them.

Su Yuqing was Sun Blaze; her cultivation level was much higher than his, but in the end, she was still a woman. Some things needed him to take the initiative to break.

It only took a few steps for Lu Ye to reach Su Yuqing, looking down at her.

The woman in front of him had beautiful eyes that were nearly unfocused in nervousness. Her chest heaved violently, and her fair cheeks began to flush. Unbidden memories from over ten years ago surfaced, her entire body stiff as if struck by an immobilization talisman.

It wasn't until Lu Ye's large hand grasped her smooth chin that Su Yuqing shivered as if jolted by electricity.

"Hand... move your hand!" Su Yuqing's gaze moved past Lu Ye to look outside the hall, afraid to see disciples of Immortal Spirit Peak passing by.

If someone were to pass by at this moment and see this scene, her dignity would be utterly destroyed.

These childish words made Lu Ye want to laugh. In terms of cultivation, Su Yuqing was far superior to him. She could easily use her mana to throw him off.

But there was no sign of mana flow within her; instead, she was forcing herself to speak such empty and unimposing words.

Lu Ye felt something inside him suddenly awaken, and the woman's appearance made his blood boil even more.

His large hand traced along the woman's cheek, gently caressing it as he said in a deep voice, "Hai Tang didn't say much, but between the lines, she hinted that I'm a scoundrel who took advantage and then shirked responsibility. She said since I left years ago, you've changed, which is probably why she brought me here: to counsel and comfort you."

Su Yuqing trembled, her cheeks red, and even her fair neck began to flush. She looked up at Lu Ye, and her instincts told her that the wisest course was to use mana to push Lu Ye away, letting him know what happens when you disrespect your superior. But whenever she resolved to do so, she hesitated.

Her mana, pure as it was, seemed to freeze within her, unable to circulate.

She suddenly recalled a time in her youth when she ventured into an ancient forest and was pinned down by a snarling demon beast.

The situation back then felt remarkably similar to now.

In her vision, Lu Ye seemed to transform into that snarling demon beast, ready to devour her whole.

She didn't know why such a distant memory resurfaced, but she couldn't control it.

Lu Ye's voice sounded again, pulling her back from distant thoughts: "I don't know how to counsel and comfort you. You are ultimately Sun Blaze; your experience and resilience surpass mine. If you can't figure it out, no external advice will help. So sometimes... actions speak louder than words!"

"What?" Su Yuqing was utterly stupefied. Lu Ye's words went in one ear and out the other. She couldn't think at all, only hearing him say actions speak louder than words as his form loomed over her.

A long-absent passionate aura enveloped her...

Suddenly alert, Su Yuqing finally understood what she needed to do. Clenching her teeth, she exerted her strength.

Lu Ye paused, realizing his lips were cut, yet he showed no intention of backing down.

In that moment, her half-hearted resistance lost all significance. Moments later, Su Yuqing's pure Sun Blaze mana finally surged forth, not to push Lu Ye away, but to form a protective barrier encircling the entire Immortal Shadow Hall.

With a resounding boom, the doors of the hall slammed shut.

Meanwhile, on another spirit mountaintop, Hai Tang sensed something and turned to look in the direction of the Immortal Shadow Hall.

Her face was full of worry.

The mana fluctuations of Sun Blaze were quite apparent. She didn't know what was happening in the Immortal Shadow Hall, but she knew her master had surely acted.

Would Senior Brother get beaten?

Would he be beaten badly?

But she believed that as long as her master vented her frustrations, everything would be okay. Even if her master really acted against Lu Ye, she would surely exercise restraint and not truly harm him.

With this reassurance, Hai Tang suppressed the urge to go to the Immortal Shadow Hall and investigate, deciding to let nature take its course and not intervene. She had already done the one thing she could do: bringing Lu Ye back.

"Sister Hai Tang, where's the delicious food?" Yaya's voice chimed in.

"Ah." Hai Tang snapped back to reality, "Come with me, little glutton. I'll take you to find it. Mount Fangcun has so many delicious things you've never tasted outside."

#### Chapter 1773 - Hai Tang's Misunderstanding

Inside the Immortal Shadow Hall, an additional leisure lounge couch appeared without notice, with cyan silk curtains hanging down around it, concealing the interior scene.

Some strange scents wafted through the grand hall.

On the leisure lounge couch lay Lu Ye, with warmth and softness in his arms, Su Yuqing curled up against him like a small cat.

Since the day the doors of the Immortal Shadow Hall closed, it had already been three days to the present day.

For a full three days, there had been no verbal communication, but Lu Ye felt that his counseling and persuasion must have borne some fruit, as evident from Su Yuqing's physical responses.

He had made great efforts and could be said to have accomplished much.

On his chest, long eyelashes quivered a few times, and the curled-up person stirred.

"Awake?" Lu Ye looked down.

He met Su Yuqing's gaze and saw her smile softly.

There was not much shyness; what needed to happen had happened, and moreover, it was under the premise of her being fully conscious, so by now, there was no need to avoid anything.

If it were another innocent young girl, she might still be very embarrassed at this moment.

"Hai Tang misunderstood." Su Yuqing did not get up and voiced the first words in three days.

"How so?"

"She said that ever since you left, I changed, but actually, it's not because of you; I was repairing my secret technique."

With Su Yuqing's explanation, Lu Ye then understood that Hai Tang had truly misunderstood.

She thought the master's change was related to Lu Ye, so upon seeing Lu Ye again, she hastily brought him over to counsel the master, thinking that the one who untied the bell must be the one who tied it.

But in fact, it was not like that at all.

Su Yuqing, after all, was Sun Blaze, with a resilient heart, had prepared herself to never meet again the day they parted, and would not indulge in longing sentiment. She could adjust her mindset quickly.

If she couldn't even handle that, she would not have reached the level of Sun Blaze in her cultivation.

For these years, she kept a low profile, often secluding herself, just to repair her secret technique.

Back then, her secret technique had been broken by Lu Ye and was somewhat damaged. She was reluctant to give up that technique, after all, having cultivated it for many years, so it needed repair.

As a result, in Hai Tang's eyes, the master was heartbroken by feelings...

After listening, Lu Ye understood and said, "Regardless, we still need to thank Hai Tang."

"Thank her for what?" Su Yuqing lay half over Lu Ye, resting her chin on her hand as she looked at him.

Lu Ye raised his hand and pinched her cheek, "Thank her for bringing me here, so I could see you again."

Su Yuqing's eyes flickered, "You wanted to see me very much?"

Lu Ye did not answer, instead pondering, "You're not quite the same as last time."

"What's different?" Su Yuqing asked.

Lu Ye thought for a while and replied, "Last time you were very cold, this time not as cold, it seems you have gained a little more anticipation." Even though they had been intimate last time, Su Yuqing's attitude towards Lu Ye hadn't notably changed, unlike this time.

Su Yuqing did not deny it, she smiled, "Because there is something worth anticipating." She lay back, resting her head on Lu Ye's shoulder, and said softly, "Last time, you were just at Constellation Early Stage; in the stellar space, there are too many cultivators just entering Constellation. And since you were unwilling to stay in Mount Fangcun to cultivate, who knew if we'd ever meet again after that farewell? Who knew if you might die somewhere? But now, you are already Moon Jade, and in this stellar space, you have some self-preservation capability. Your aptitude is excellent, and your cultivation speed is so fast, you will become Sun Blaze sooner or later! If that happens, even if I am at Mount Fangcun and you're elsewhere, there will surely be a time to meet again."

Lu Ye roughly understood the reason for her change in mindset.

Indeed, as she said, a Constellation Early Stage who was unwilling to stay in Mount Fangcun to cultivate—who knew when he might suddenly die?

So back then, Su Yuqing dared not have any expectations.

But over a decade had passed, that Constellation Early Stage had now reached Moon Jade, and was even at Moon Jade Mid-Stage!

At such a growth rate, becoming Sun Blaze was not an issue; by then, even if they were miles apart, under the premise of a long lifespan, there would always be an opportunity to meet again.

It could be said that the current Su Yuqing dared to hold expectations for the future.

"How to handle Hai Tang then?" Lu Ye asked.

Though Hai Tang got some things wrong, thereby accidentally discovering the truth, if Lu Ye had not been engaged to her as a Dao companion, it wouldn't hold much concern.

But after all, he was Hai Tang's Dao companion, and now he was entangled with Su Yuqing, so he had to give her an explanation.

Su Yuqing said, "I will talk to her and won't hide anything from her." Mainly because Chen Xuanhai and Woo Qimo probably already guessed it.

She could conceal it from others at Mount Fangcun, but she could never hide it from these two Sun Blaze. Since they already knew, she saw no need to hide anything from Hai Tang.

Lu Ye nodded.

Su Yuqing shifted the topic and said, "I remember during the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet, you had Constellation Early Stage cultivation but showed Constellation Late Stage strength. Now that you're Moon Jade Mid-Stage, how would you fare against Moon Jade Late Stage?"

"Are you trying to ask if my current strength is superficial?" Lu Ye instantly understood Su Yuqing's intention.

A cultivator's strength is directly related to their realm, but it's not the deciding factor.

"Yes!"

Lu Ye's eyes flickered: "Words are no proof, why don't you experience it firsthand?"

Su Yuqing was momentarily stunned, and then her face turned red, her voice trembling: "Experience it like this?"

Su Yuqing ultimately experienced Lu Ye's strength firsthand—in true combat!

Using a Spirit Talisman, she created an independent space, suppressing her own strength to Moon Jade Late Stage to spar with Lu Ye within this space.

The result was shocking!

She initially thought that with Lu Ye's rapid increase in cultivation, his foundation might be unstable, and his cultivation might not be at its full potential. But after truly sparring with him, she was stunned to find that this Moon Jade Mid-Stage Lu Ye was stronger than any Moon Jade she had ever seen.

With her Sun Blaze background, suppressed to Moon Jade Late Stage strength, she found herself somewhat unable to match Lu Ye!

This was undoubtedly unbelievable, but it was the truth.

The space created by the Spirit Talisman dissipated, and Lu Ye put away the Boulder Mountain Saber, looking at Su Yuqing in front of him: "If there's anything you need help with, just say it."

Su Yuqing said, "There's nothing, why are you asking so suddenly?"

Lu Ye stared into her eyes and said, "You want to verify my strength without any reason, obviously there's something you want me to do."

Su Yuqing was silent.

"It's very dangerous?" Lu Ye asked, otherwise she wouldn't have reacted this way.

Only then did Su Yuqing hesitantly nod.

Lu Ye smiled and said, "Go ahead, if it's too risky, I can choose not to go."

Only then did Su Yuqing speak, "Let's sit and talk."

After a moment, the two sat down, and Su Yuqing took out a tea set and began to brew tea herself.

While methodically busy, she began, "Everyone knows that Mount Fangcun is now divided into three parts, and there's the rumor that the split of Mount Fangcun is related to a war with the Blood Race back then."

"It's not related?"

"It is indeed related. Initially, Mount Fangcun was a whole, a stellar space supreme treasure that nurtured our Dwarf Race for countless years in this stellar space. Until one day, an extremely powerful existence set its eyes on Mount Fangcun, wanting to seize it. This being called itself the Blood Ancestor and commanded many Blood Race members."

Blood Ancestor! Lu Ye immediately thought of the Blood Refinement World outside the Nine Provinces, inferring that it must be the Blood Ancestor's body.

"After a great battle, we barely defended Mount Fangcun, but it was divided into three parts. Moreover, during this war, the most important core part of Mount Fangcun was lost, which is the fundamental reason why the three parts of Mount Fangcun cannot reunite until now."

Lu Ye listened attentively; he truly didn't know these things. In the vast stellar space, few probably knew, and it was indeed a secret of the Dwarf Race.

Now that his relationship with Su Yuqing had progressed and he had enough strength, he could hear these secrets from her.

"For countless years, the three parts of the Dwarf Race have been trying to reunite Mount Fangcun. Unfortunately, without the core, there's no hope; the only solution now to revive the glory of Mount Fangcun is one way."

"Retrieve the core?" Lu Ye asked.

Su Yuqing nodded, pouring him a cup of tea.

Lu Ye was a little puzzled: "The three parts of Mount Fangcun, with so many Sun Blaze individuals, can't retrieve the core? Or do you not know where that core part is located?"

"We've always known the position of the core because the trajectory of the three parts of Mount Fangcun drifting in stellar space follows a certain pattern. Although it's complicated, over the years, we've studied this pattern and already determined the core's location."

Lu Ye understood: "In other words, the three parts of Mount Fangcun have always been drifting around the core?"

"Largely so, but the trajectory of Mount Fangcun is not constant!" Su Yuqing nodded.

"If so, couldn't you just go retrieve the core directly?" Lu Ye was even more confused.

Su Yuqing smiled bitterly: "If it were that simple, we wouldn't have waited so many years. The core's location is inside a stellar space marvel, and as you know, many stellar space marvels have their own unique characteristics. The marvel where the core is located has a major restriction: Sun Blaze may not enter!"

Lu Ye understood. He had witnessed many stellar space marvels and naturally knew that some had peculiar unique features.

With Su Yuqing's explanation, Lu Ye gradually understood: "So you want me to find Mount Fangcun's core!"

For the Dwarf Race, this was a big matter.

If the core could truly be brought back from the stellar space marvel, the three parts of Mount Fangcun wouldn't need to be divided anymore and could reunite, becoming a complete whole. At that time, its strength would surely surge, and with the foundation of the stellar space supreme treasure Mount Fangcun, becoming a top-level domain wouldn't be a problem.

Although Mount Fangcun's various parts are currently renowned, they're not top-level domains. The reason, essentially, is the missing core, resulting in division and dispersed strength.

Chapter 1774 - Whatever You Say Goes

In the Immortal Shadow Hall, Su Yuqing's voice rang out once more: "Starting many years ago, the three departments of Mount Fangcun began plotting this matter. The Moon Jade cultivators of our race cannot access the core, so we could only seek help from a Foreign Clan. However, these Foreign Clan members usually cannot be trusted. After all, finding that core is almost equivalent to grasping the lifeblood of our race. Thus, the candidates we choose are typically those who have been absorbed into our race, having undergone a lengthy assessment and proven to be trustworthy."

Lu Ye nodded, indicating his understanding.

The core of Mount Fangcun is of great importance. The Dwarf Race itself is unable to exert power and can only rely on outsiders, but outsiders cannot be completely trusted, so they use marriage alliances to bind them. However, this method is not entirely reliable, since the human heart is a mystery, and no one knows what others are thinking or planning.

Over countless years, the Dwarf Race has sent numerous Foreign Clan Moon Jade cultivators to search for Mount Fangcun's core, all ending up fruitless—with the core undiscovered and those sent disappearing without a trace, their fate unknown.

"Passing by All Phenomena Ocean this time, the main purpose of holding the Spirit Talisman Convention is actually to select suitable candidates here."

Mount Fangcun is not looking for Moon Jade cultivators from All Phenomena Ocean, as they mostly belong to various major powers and are fiercely loyal to their own factions, making them too unpredictable to assist the Dwarf Race.

The Dwarf Race aims to select suitable Constellation cultivators, especially those at the bottom with decent aptitude. Such individuals, if brought back to Mount Fangcun for training, can easily develop a sense of belonging to Mount Fangcun. If they then marry into the Dwarf Race, the relationships will be more secure.

Once they have achieved power, they can be tasked with executing the plan.

Of course, this matter requires years of preparation and cannot be accomplished in a short time. But having waited for so many years, the Dwarf Race is not in haste.

"Having stayed at All Phenomena Ocean for so many years, you should have some insights into the cultivators here. Do you have any suitable recommendations?" Su Yuqing asked.

Lu Ye pondered. He certainly didn't have any recommendations, but if Mount Fangcun indeed has such intentions, there is an appropriate reference.

The ranking of the Constellation Palace's contention!

Though over the years, most cultivators at the top of the Constellation Palace's contention rankings have already advanced to Moon Jade, some remain in the Constellation Realm. If they seek candidates based on this ranking, Mount Fangcun should be able to recruit some suitable talent, train them further, and surely they will achieve greatness.

However, Lu Ye did not mention this but instead asked: "Yuqing, why do you say that anyone who gets the core can grasp the lifeblood of the Dwarf Race?"

Su Yuqing blinked, a bit of shyness flashed across her bright cheeks—never before had anyone addressed her so affectionately.

She gathered herself and explained: "The reason the three departments of Mount Fangcun cannot unify is because the core is within that stellar marvel, which radiates a peculiar power obstructing the fusion of the departments and the core. However, if someone extracts the core, the three departments will immediately be drawn by the core's pull, converge, and unify. If that person has ulterior motives and places the core in a dangerous location, Mount Fangcun would fall into a calamity beyond redemption."

Lu Ye's eyes lit up: "In other words, if I obtain the core, I can choose where Mount Fangcun will unify?"

Su Yuqing looked at him leisurely: "Where do you want us to unify?"

"How about the star system where my homeland is located?" Lu Ye asked. The biggest issue facing Jade Conch is the lack of Sun Blaze to oversee it and its remote location. If Mount Fangcun unifies there, the entire Jade Conch Galaxy will experience explosive growth in power.

If there is another situation like a Filth Race invasion, it would be effortless for the Dwarf Race's Sun Blaze to intervene.

Moreover, he need not worry about the Dwarf Race harboring ambitions detrimental to Jade Conch, as the Dwarf Race is never one to seek contention, and their reputation among the stars is quite good.

What's more, he has the personal connection with Su Yuqing.

The more Lu Ye thought about it, the more he felt this could be worth anticipating.

Su Yuqing said: "As long as the three departments of Mount Fangcun can successfully unify, it doesn't matter where they do so because Mount Fangcun is a stellar space supreme treasure, and our race can control its movement."

That's not a big problem, as long as the Dwarf Race is willing to stay in Jade Conch for several years until the birth of a native Sun Blaze in the Jade Conch Galaxy. Then whether to stay or leave would be up to their own feelings.

"Are you really considering going?" Su Yuqing frowned.

If it's not certain that Mount Fangcun can unify in Jade Conch, Lu Ye indeed had no such desire. However, achieving the rapid acquisition of powerful backing for Jade Conch is exactly what Lu Ye desires.

He has spent many years in All Phenomena Ocean here. Although he can swiftly travel to and from Jade Conch Galaxy, any incidents occurring there mean Jade Conch residents would struggle to reach him here in time. He cannot keep going back to check periodically, as that would waste too much time.

During the last Filth Race invasion, fortunately, he was in Jade Conch World. If he weren't present then, Jade Conch might have already become the Filth Race's backyard. Thinking about it makes him anxious.

"It's really dangerous," Su Yuqing regretted bringing up this subject with Lu Ye, as she hadn't expected Lu Ye's strength to be so formidable. She originally thought that even if he could assist by acting, it should wait until he reached Moon Jade Late Stage. Perhaps by then, things would have a turn for the better; nothing was certain.

"Everything carries some risk; I'll go assess the situation first."

Su Yuqing's face was conflicted; torn between the future of her race and Lu Ye's safety, she hesitated.

But honestly speaking, Lu Ye is indeed suitable for this task.

Firstly, his strength is undeniable, a fact Su Yuqing personally confirmed. Secondly, he is trustworthy, and among the Moon Jade entrusted by Mount Fangcun, none are more suitable than Lu Ye.

After a moment's hesitation, Su Yuqing spoke: "If you truly decide to try, then wait until you're at Peak Moon Jade; then your ability to protect yourself will be stronger."

That requires some time, as he has just advanced to Moon Jade Mid-Stage. Even if he concentrates fully and without delay on cultivation, Lu Ye estimates it would take about a year to reach Peak Moon Jade. If any matters delay him in between, it certainly would take longer.

This point in time can be waited for, but there's another issue.

"Once I reach Peak Moon Jade, how do I get to that starry spectacle?"

Su Yuqing said, "I will leave you with the operational routes of three paths on Mount Fangcun. When the time comes, look at which one is closest to you, go directly there, and there will be Sun Blaze from our clan to escort you."

Lu Ye thought about it, and a year later, the Western Mount Fangcun will definitely be closest. Once his cultivation reaches Peak Moon Jade, he will need to catch up to the Western Mount Fangcun, then find the Sun Blaze among them to escort him to the location where the starry spectacle is.

I don't know how much time will be wasted during this period.

He couldn't help but shake his head and say, "It's too troublesome, let's just decide this, there's no better day than today; the West is right in the All Phenomena Ocean, give me a token, I'll go meet the Sun Blaze in the West, and have them arrange someone to take me there."

Su Yuqing felt a bit headache, looking at him with mild anger, "Why don't you listen?"

This mother's tone of disciplining her child made Lu Ye pause, staring at Su Yuqing for a moment. He raised his hand, and with a ripple of mana, the doors of the Immortal Shadow Hall closed.

"Come, let's discuss this matter carefully."

Su Yuqing's expression immediately turned panicked, quickly changing her tone, "Whatever you say!"

The Immortal Shadow Hall inexplicably closed for three days previously, and now again suddenly closed; if the disciples below knew, what would they think?

Seeing Lu Ye sit back down again, Su Yuqing finally sighed in relief.

Having cultivated to Sun Blaze, she truly wasn't afraid of anyone, but Lu Ye's posture indeed made her panic.

"Another problem." Lu Ye spoke.

"What?" Su Yuqing was a bit wary.

"I've occupied a Spirit Island in the All Phenomena Ocean and previously offended a Sun Blaze there. If I leave, I'm afraid he might secretly do something to my Spirit Island."

Su Yuqing looked incredulous, really unable to understand what Lu Ye did in the All Phenomena Ocean to actually dare offend a local Sun Blaze.

"You're hoping for some protection from our clan for your Spirit Island?" Su Yuqing understood his intention.

"That's what I'm thinking," Lu Ye nodded, "I just don't know if Mount Fangcun has this capability."

"How did you offend them?"

Lu Ye simply explained the conflict with Yuan Du, and Su Yuqing understood, "If it's just this level of offense, there's no problem." She had mistaken earlier that Lu Ye had fought with them, but now knew it wasn't that serious.

After a short pondering, Su Yuqing said, "I'll arrange this matter, you don't need to worry."

Lu Ye felt completely relieved; having backing makes a difference, although he didn't know how Su Yuqing would accomplish it, her words brought him peace of mind.

"Then it's decided!"

Su Yuqing sighed, still couldn't help giving a warning: "If things don't look right, don't force it, and definitely don't easily put yourself in danger!"

Feeling her concern, Lu Ye earnestly said, "Don't worry, whether things succeed or not, I'll surely come back alive!"

He secretly resolved that if it's too dangerous, he would quickly retreat, although he wanted Mount Fangcun to integrate into Jade Conch and become Jade Conch's support, naturally, his own safety is more important.

After a while, Hai Tang returned with Yaya.

Yaya fell asleep at some point and was held in Hai Tang's arms.

In the Immortal Shadow Hall, Hai Tang bowed respectfully, eyes straight ahead, "Master!"

Su Yuqing said, "Escort Lu Ye, then come back; I have something to say to you."

Hai Tang's eyes flickered, vaguely aware, responded respectfully, "Yes!"

Outside the hall, they set up the starboat, carrying Lu Ye and Yaya away, silent throughout the journey.

Mainly because Hai Tang didn't know what to say, she had many guesses, just lacked clear evidence.

Moreover, she knew that the master would explain things to her later.

Chapter 1775 - Kid, You're Pretty Good

Hai Tang escorted Lu Ye to Chen Xuanhai and then left. On Chen Xuanhai's side, he activated the power of the altar to send Lu Ye and Yaya back to the Western Region's Mount Fangcun.

At the Western Region altar, Lu Ye appeared, and Zhang Kun, who was overseeing the area, glanced at him with a smile, saying, "Why are you back alone? Where's young Hai Tang?"

"Hai Tang had some matters to attend to and stayed over there for now." Lu Ye stepped down from the altar and took out a jade slip to hand it over to Zhang Kun.

Zhang Kun accepted it with a curious look.

Lu Ye explained, "This is from Su Yuqing, Mountain Master Su wanted me to deliver it to you. Please have a look, Brother Zhang."

Immediately, Zhang Kun's Mental Consciousness surged as he started examining the contents of the jade slip while saying, "Such disrespect, Hai Tang calls me Master Uncle, and you call me Brother, how does this hierarchical order even make sense..."

He stopped mid-sentence and his expression turned strange as he looked up at Lu Ye.

Because within the jade slip, Su Yuqing directly pointed out the relationship between her and Lu Ye.

Zhang Kun was shocked!

So Lu Yiye wasn't Hai Tang's Dao companion, but Su Yuqing's Dao companion?

What is happening here? Did the master snag her disciple's man, or did the master and disciple both capture him?

And... Su Yuqing actually dared to take this step! Isn't this a classic case of robbing the cradle?

Zhang Kun couldn't help but suck in a breath, having lived for so many years, he had never seen something so bizarre, yet he also felt an inexplicable heartache!

Considering the Dwarf Race's Sun Blaze, there were already so few women, and Su Yuqing was one of the prominent ones among them. Yet, no Sun Blaze of the race had even come close, only for her to be taken by a young fellow from the human race.

What qualities did this young lad have?

Very quickly, Zhang Kun understood why Su Yuqing intentionally pointed out this matter. It was undoubtedly to reassure him that Lu Ye was someone the Dwarf Race could trust. If it weren't for this, why would Su Yuqing specifically reveal such a matter?

After reading the content of the jade slip, Zhang Kun already knew Su Yuqing's plans.

Indeed, compared to the foreign aid previously sought by each troop of Mount Fangcun, Lu Ye undoubtedly seemed more suitable. With Su Yuqing's relationship as a layer of assurance, and since Lu Ye wasn't from any powerful faction, he would definitely not do anything detrimental to the Dwarf Race.

After a brief moment of contemplation, Zhang Kun raised his head and slapped Lu Ye on the shoulder, speaking through gritted teeth, "You kid... not bad!"

A smile hung on Lu Ye's face, though he felt as if his shoulder was about to be crushed.

"Alright," Zhang Kun withdrew his hand, "I understand the situation. I will carefully discuss it with a few senior brothers and sisters of our division, and let you know once we have a result. This matter, however, needs to be prepared for within this recent month, so be ready to set off at any time."

"Yes!" Lu Ye nodded.

"Go on then," Zhang Kun waved him off.

Lu Ye, holding Yaya, soared into the sky, soon departing Mount Fangcun. When he reappeared, he was above the All Phenomena Ocean, identified the direction, and flew straight towards Three Worlds Island.

Arrangements needed to be made on both sides, as his journey might require some time.

Additionally, he had to ensure there was ample fuel for the Talent Tree.

More than three days later, the bustling activity on Dapan Island continued, with countless cultivators coming and going, eager to establish Spirit Talisman trades with the Dwarf Race.

On Three Worlds Island, preparations had already been finalized in advance.

With Lu Ye's connection, Duan Xiuchen and Ye Chaoqun provided a large number of Spirit Talismans to Three Worlds Island, along with significant discounts, resulting in an excellent trade. Currently, the treasure vault had already accumulated a considerable number of Spirit Talismans from the Dwarf Race.

Of course, they were all white and purple talismans; the red ones could only be refined by the Sun Blaze and couldn't be bought.

Nevertheless, once these Spirit Talismans were distributed and carefully nurtured by the Three Worlds cultivators, their strength was bound to see a substantial enhancement.

Lu Ye gathered the many Moon Jades of Three Worlds Island, informing them that he would be leaving for an indefinite period.

Nobody asked much, as it was not unusual for a Moon Jade to wander around occasionally, whether on a whim or to take care of important matters.

Only Ma Shangsi, ever-loyal, immediately expressed his intent to follow Lu Ye and dedicate his service!

Lu Ye decisively refused, instructing him to keep a good watch over Three Worlds Island, with the promise of holding him accountable upon his return should any issues arise.

Ma Shangsi dutifully complied.

The Spirit Talisman convention on Dapan Island concluded ten days after it had begun, and following the convention, the Dwarf Race organized a Constellation Contest, the rewards of which made numerous Constellations envious.

The one who could claim the first place in the Constellation Contest would even receive five purple talismans as a reward.

And even the tenth place would get one purple talisman!

Ordinary purple talismans might not hold such allure, but those crafted by the Dwarf Race carried a different value. For cultivators in the Constellation Realm, a purple talisman nurtured for many years would be an invaluable trump card.

When this news reached Lu Ye, he immediately recalled what Su Yuqing had mentioned before.

The main purpose of the Spirit Talisman convention held by the Western Region's Mount Fangcun at the All Phenomena Ocean was to select suitable talents.

Previously, when the Western Region's troops descended, several Sun Blaze from the Western Region had already met with the local Sun Blaze of the All Phenomena Ocean. They likely discussed this and confirmed the holding of a Constellation Contest after the Spirit Talisman convention.

Thus, even with Lu Ye preparing to seek out the core of Mount Fangcun, the Constellation Contest was inevitable.

From the perspective of Mount Fangcun, Lu Ye's trip may not go smoothly. They still need to make two preparations. If they can recruit suitable talents from the All Phenomena Ocean, they can naturally cultivate them for future use.

Offering purple talismans as rewards is a great decision. Although purple talismans are quite valuable, they may not be enticing enough to attract those from top forces. This approach allows them to exclude certain candidates in advance.

The Constellations that are drawn to purple talismans are typically those without powerful backing or background; such cultivators are ones Mount Fangcun can trustfully use.

The Constellations on Three Worlds Island are eagerly preparing to participate, but whether they gain anything depends on their luck and strength.

The Constellation competition is also held on Dapan Island.

Lu Ye did not go to observe. As he is now a Moon Jade cultivator, the Constellation Realm struggles no longer interest him. These days, he has been attending to his personal affairs.

Before leaving, he visited Hua Ci, chatted with Chu Shen for half a day, and went to Five Colors Island himself, bringing good wine to thank Mang Dang in person.

For Talent Tree fuel, Tang Jun was already helping him to buy in bulk.

A few days later, while the Constellation competition was in full swing on Dapan Island, a group of guests arrived at Three Worlds Island.

When Lu Ye received the news, he quickly went out to greet them.

He immediately saw many familiar faces.

Duan Xiuchen, Ye Chaoqun, Hai Tang... A total of more than twenty Dwarf Race members, all of whom had participated in the Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet with no one missing.

"All of you are..." Lu Ye looked at them in confusion.

Duan Xiuchen laughed heartily, explaining, "By the order of our Master Uncles, Mount Fangcun wants to set up a talisman shop on Three Worlds Island!"

While Lu Ye was still stunned, Tang Jun responded enthusiastically, "Welcome, welcome! It is a great honor for your race to open a shop on this island."

He immediately recognized the immense value of a Dwarf Race talisman shop on Three Worlds Island.

Aside from anything else, just the name of Dwarf Race talismans will soon bring significant attention and popularity to Three Worlds Island.

A Dwarf Race talisman shop! In this vast All Phenomena Ocean, it's unparalleled, with no other branches. Who wouldn't want to come and buy a few to carry with them?

With attention and popularity secured, business on Three Worlds Island will undoubtedly become more prosperous.

This is an advantage that even All Phenomena Island doesn't possess.

Before today, the Dwarf Race had never taken such actions.

Lu Ye immediately understood that this was Su Yuqing's arrangement. Of course, judging by the current Dwarf Race lineup arriving at Three Worlds Island, Su Yuqing's plan was undoubtedly supported by the South and West Dwarf Race tribes; otherwise, there wouldn't be so many people here.

The Dwarf Race's entry clearly showcases a stance: Three Worlds Island has a deep relationship with the Dwarf Race!

Therefore, it can sometimes avoid unnecessary troubles.

If Yuan Du wishes to secretly target Three Worlds Island, he might have to consider the relationships with the Dwarf Race's Sun Blaze.

Previously, Three Worlds Island had no backing, but now it does! Coupled with the attitude from Cheling World, Lu Ye thinks Yuan Du likely won't have any improper designs on Three Worlds Island anymore.

Nowadays, Three Worlds Island has fully risen, unless he breaks the rules; otherwise, within the rules, he can't do anything against Three Worlds Island.

Before, Lu Ye was wondering how Su Yuqing would handle this matter.

Now looking at her means, they are indeed simple but extremely effective.

In front of him, Su Yuqing is an elegant and charming lady, but she is still a Sun Blaze, which is a fact no one can ignore.

However... While contemplating, Lu Ye glanced at Hai Tang, meeting her intriguing gaze.

He felt secretly fortunate; luckily, Hua Ci was sealed, otherwise, some matters would be hard to contain.

Ye Chaoqun stepped forward, handing a storage ring to Lu Ye, "Brother Lu, these are items that our Master Uncles instructed to give to you."

Lu Ye accepted it.

The matter of the Dwarf Race talisman shop is left to Tang Jun to handle. Although Three Worlds Island is lively, most shops have already been leased out, but some shops with very good locations, either in the center of Three Worlds Island or near the dock, were deliberately left unleased.

Thus, selecting a location for the Dwarf Race talisman shop was not difficult.

In the guard area, within the bamboo building, Lu Ye examined the storage ring given by Ye Chaoqun.

He immediately saw three red talismans!

Since advancing to the Constellation Realm, over a decade of exploration and experience has enriched Lu Ye's knowledge far beyond his past; he naturally knows the difficulty of red talisman crafting.

Even a Dwarf Race's Sun Blaze finds successfully crafting a red talisman not easy, often failing dozens of times before succeeding once.

And each failure represents a significant expenditure of time and effort for the Dwarf Race.

Thus, when Su Yuqing bestowed two red talismans upon him, he understood how precious they were.

Now there are three, each contributed by the three Dwarf Race tribes.

Chapter 1776: Illusory Blood Devil's Eye

The value of the three red talismans is immeasurable. In the short term, they might not show extraordinary effects, but with sufficient nurturing, they will surely become Lu Ye's secret weapon.

The three red talismans have different attributes: one for attack, one for defense, and another for fleeing. The Dwarf Race has prepared comprehensively.

Lu Ye immediately took out the three red talismans, activating Mana to refine them while continuing to explore other items in the storage ring.

Besides the three red talismans, there was also a small bell and a jade slip.

Lu Ye examined the bell and discovered that it was an unusually outstanding Soul Device.

The value of a Soul Device is very high because the difficulty of crafting one cannot be compared to ordinary magic treasures. The bell's quality was clearly exceptional, though its exact value was unknown.

As for the jade slip, it contained information about the stellar marvel, also instructing him to prepare, as within three to five days, a Sun Blaze from the Dwarf Race would come to find him and set off.

Heading to the stellar marvel located in the core of Mount Fangcun is a long journey. Having Sun Blaze personally escort him would undoubtedly save a lot of time.

Everything on Three Worlds Island had been arranged, and Lu Ye waited patiently.

A few days later, a Sun Blaze's pressure suddenly descended from the sky, swiftly releasing and retracting!

Feeling this Sun Blaze's aura, Lu Ye understood and stood up, swiftly leaving Three Worlds Island.

Outside Three Worlds Island, a figure stood quietly, obviously waiting for Lu Ye to arrive.

It was Zhang Kun!

Seeing him, Lu Ye was not surprised. The Western Region's Mount Fangcun was right here, so naturally, it was the responsibility of Sun Blaze from the Western Region to escort him on this departure.

"Senior Brother!" Lu Ye greeted.

Zhang Kun nodded slightly, summoned a starboat, and called, "Come aboard!"

Lu Ye stepped onto the starboat, and immediately, Zhang Kun infused Mana into it. The starboat transformed into a stream of light, heading towards the All Phenomena Ocean.

Though the commotion wasn't large, Zhang Kun's Sun Blaze aura was naturally detected by the Sun Blaze governors of All Phenomena Ocean, leaving them puzzled about the relationship between Three Worlds Island and the Dwarf Race, and why they appeared so close.

The Dwarf Race even agreed to open a talisman shop on Three Worlds Island! This was an opportunity that All Phenomena Island had failed to seize.

Several days passed, and the Constellation competition on Dapan Island concluded. Thus, the Western Region's Mount Fangcun had completed its journey in the All Phenomena Ocean.

Countless cultivators watched as the Western Region's Mount Fangcun departed from the All Phenomena Ocean, embarking on its continued journey.

Meanwhile, Lu Ye sat cross-legged on the starboat, stirring his blood Qi energy to nurture the red talismans within him.

Once refined into the body, the red talisman automatically draws from one's blood Qi to nurture itself, though the efficiency is somewhat low.

Actively stirring the blood Qi energy changes the effectiveness dramatically.

Lu Ye was uncertain what dangers this journey might hold. Though the stellar marvel is a place Sun Blaze cannot enter, and even if he faced enemies, they would merely be Moon Jade level. Nonetheless, caution was paramount.

If he could nurture the red talismans to a certain degree before reaching the destination, it would undoubtedly provide him with more protection.

For others, this capability would naturally be unattainable.

But with Lu Ye utilizing treasure blood to nurture the red talismans, he achieved extraordinary results, although it involved consuming the treasure blood continuously.

Thus, throughout the journey, he spent his time consuming treasure blood and repeating the cycle of refining new treasure blood.

Besides that, Lu Ye was also refining the small bell.

The bell, named the Soul-calming Bell, when activated, had the effect of calming the mind and pacifying the soul. It was specifically prepared by the Dwarf Race for Lu Ye's journey to the stellar marvel. Previously dispatched Moon Jade cultivators seeking Mount Fangcun's core received similar gifts, but Lu Ye's Soul-calming Bell was undoubtedly of high quality, as it was personally selected by Su Yuqing from her own collection.

Concerned about Lu Ye's safety, Su Yuqing was undoubtedly attentive.

Zhang Kun merely guided the starboat onwards, quickly reaching an Insect Path from All Phenomena Ocean. His Sun Blaze abilities allowed him to traverse the path, and the Moon Jade guarding the Insect Path dared not obstruct.

Lu Ye only took note of the Insect Path's location, not concerning himself with where it specifically led.

During this journey, Zhang Kun led him through three Insect Paths...

The last Insect Path was somewhat unstable; if not for Zhang Kun's Sun Blaze abilities, utilizing profound methods to clear the way, Lu Ye estimated he would have been trapped within if he came alone.

Half a year later, within the desolate star region, the starboat slowly advanced, and Lu Ye stood beside Zhang Kun.

He gazed in awe at the scene before them.

Though he had witnessed numerous stellar marvels, this uniquely shaped spectacle was the first time he had seen anything like it.

From afar, the spectacle stretched across seemingly endless stellar space, resembling a gigantic eye...

It appeared as if an invisible giant had opened its singular eye, observing the unpredictable changes of the endless stellar space throughout the river of time.

Illusory Blood Devil's Eye!

This is the name of the starry marvel ahead.

The starboat gradually slowed down until it came to a complete stop at a certain moment. Zhang Kun frowned, as if bearing tremendous pressure.

"Junior Brother, I can only take you this far." Zhang Kun had lowered his head, avoiding looking at the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye.

It's not that he doesn't want to, but he cannot!

The wonder of this starry marvel lies here. Cultivators under the Sun Blaze are not affected when they come here, but as soon as the Sun Blaze arrives, they bear immense pressure. That pressure doesn't originate from the physical body but from the psyche level. The closer one gets, the fiercer it becomes.

Especially when the Sun Blaze directly stares at this starry marvel, the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye, the pressure increases significantly.

"Thank you, Senior Brother!" Lu Ye nodded, recognizing that Zhang Kun had reached his limit. He was quite curious about what the mysteries of this starry marvel were.

Fortunately, he should be able to come into contact with it once he enters.

"Remember, the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye has two sides. It's best to find a place to hide when it blinks."

"Understood." This information was already recorded in the jade slip given to him by Ye Chaoqun, so there was no need for Zhang Kun to remind him; he already knew what to do.

"Additionally, Junior Sister Su asked me to pass a message to you: if things seem impossible, do not force it, prioritize your safety above all."

"I understand, Senior Brother, I'm going."

"Go ahead."

Lu Ye activated his Mana, leaping out of the starboat, heading in the direction of the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye.

On the journey, he kept his eyes on that gigantic Illusory Blood Devil's Eye but did not feel the pressure Zhang Kun had sensed, only marveling at the wonders of the stellar space, full of endless surprises.

Having reached the Moon Jade Mid-Stage, the speed at which he piloted the starboat had improved compared to before.

Even so, it still took Lu Ye ten full days to barely reach the outskirts of the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye. This starry marvel didn't seem very large from a distance, but any starry marvel is never small in scale; perhaps some are... Lu Ye, at least, hadn't seen any.

According to his calculations, the size of this starry marvel is definitely comparable to the All Phenomena Ocean.

The outskirts were filled with dust and meteorites of various sizes. Lu Ye didn't travel far before he saw a few figures traveling together, seemingly searching for spirit jade.

A sweep of his Mental Consciousness revealed that these individuals were at the Constellation Realm.

It's not surprising; while the interior of the starry marvel is fraught with danger, it often conceals opportunities. Not to mention, every starry marvel is a rich source of spirit jade and spirit crystals.

It is normal to see Constellations gathering here to collect spirit jade. Of course, with their level of cultivation, they only dared to operate in the outskirts, never daring to venture deep inside.

The suppression caused by the ancient environment of the starry marvel alone cannot be ignored by those at the Constellation Realm. The deeper one goes, the stronger the suppression becomes.

This is true not only for the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye but also for the Yin-Yang Great Millstone and most other marvels in the stellar space.

Because these marvels were mostly born in very ancient times, different from the environment in which the current cultivators live.

Lu Ye continued to venture inward.

On the other side, the information provided by Mount Fangcun was limited. Over the years, the only determined fact was that the core lies within this marvel.

As for its specific location and appearance, not even the Dwarf Race knows. They had once sent Moon Jade level members from foreign clans to search for it, but they either never returned or found nothing.

Lu Ye didn't have many expectations for this venture, considering that if it succeeded, he could place the core in the Jade Conch World and make Mount Fangcun a backer for Jade Conch. If it didn't, there wouldn't be much of a loss, only a waste of some time.

Therefore, carefulness was the priority.

Having continued for several days without much discovery, he encountered several waves of cultivators, including Constellations and Moon Jades.

Constellations came here primarily to seek spirit jade and spirit crystals, while Moon Jades... searching for resources was incidental; their main purpose was to refine their Mana.

These past days, Lu Ye also discovered another marvel of this starry spectacle.

Inside, there is a rhythmic emanation of some mysterious forces. Each time these forces appear, they are accompanied by a wondrous cleansing power that purifies the Mana within cultivators.

For many Moon Jades, this is undoubtedly an excellent refining ground.

When cultivating, they consume elixir pills or other resources, which leads to impurities in their Mana, necessitating time to expel them.

However, sometimes this expulsion is not thorough.

So they choose to come here, saving time and achieving a more thorough cleansing.

Nevertheless, this advantage is useless for Lu Ye. Under the refining of the Talent Tree, since the initial stage of his cultivation, his strength has been pure and flawless. Although he sensed that wondrous cleansing force, he couldn't make use of it.

The occasional encounters with other cultivators led to no interactions, each keeping a distance.

After several more days of searching, Lu Ye still found nothing, but he wasn't in a hurry. If the core of Mount Fangcun was that easy to find, it wouldn't have been lost for so many years.

Chapter 1777 - Demon Eye Blinks

In Lu Ye's opinion, since the core of Mount Fangcun split from the complete Mount Fangcun, it should bear some marks of Mount Fangcun in appearance, perhaps a meteorite, or something else. Therefore, whenever he discovers something peculiar, he investigates it thoroughly.

On this day, as he was searching all around, a voice suddenly reached his ears: "Young friend, don't go any further."

Lu Ye followed the sound and saw a figure seated cross-legged on a large meteorite, looking at him. The voice that reached his ears was undoubtedly a warning from this person.

It was an old man with white hair and beard, not using any mana, hence Lu Ye could not discern his cultivation level. But being able to penetrate to this location under the oppressive atmosphere of the marvel, he must surely be Moon Jade.

The old man sat on the meteorite, with array banners inserted all around, seemingly having arranged a big array. Despite his advanced age, his eyes were bright, leaving a profound impression on Lu Ye with just one glance.

Since entering the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye, Lu Ye had been here for about ten days, but this was the first cultivator to communicate with him. Unable to help himself, he asked, "Why?"

With a faint smile, the old man seemed enigmatic: "If you trust me, find a place to stay well, preferably setting up some formations. If not, please leave quickly to avoid any misunderstandings."

Lu Ye instantly had a suspicion: "Is the Demon Eye going to blink?"

The old man remained silent.

Yet Lu Ye became interested. Before Zhang Kun left, he had advised Lu Ye that the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye had two faces — one he had seen before, the other he hadn't.

Every time the Demon Eye blinks, the two faces would switch places. Zhang Kun had also said that during the blink, it was best to find a place to hide.

This intelligence was also recorded in the jade slip. Mount Fangcun had been monitoring the Demon Eye for years and was fairly knowledgeable about basic information on this side.

Thus, hearing the old man's words, Lu Ye formulated a guess.

Normally, cultivators within the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye could meet without disturbing each other. But if the Demon Eye blinked, they would no longer have a choice.

In this marvel, conflicts and deaths of cultivators mostly occurred during the alternate phase after the Demon Eye blinked.

However, the jade slip lacked any mention of how to discern when the Demon Eye would blink, as such matters were utterly unpredictable — sometimes happening once in ten days to half a month, sometimes in several months, or even every three to five days.

So Lu Ye was puzzled as to how the old man was able to judge this.

From the old man's posture over there, he undoubtedly had great confidence in his judgment, otherwise he wouldn't have set up a big array near himself!

"Fellow Daoist, would it be convenient for you to tell me?" Lu Ye looked at the old man, considering he might need to stay here for a while. If there was a way to anticipate when the Demon Eye might blink, his own situation would undoubtedly be safer.

The old man shook his head: "If you believe, then act; if not, then leave. I've said all I can, take care of yourself!" With that, the old man stared intently at Lu Ye, as mana began to flow gently.

Suddenly reaching the level of Moon Jade Late Stage!

This location was no longer on the outskirts of the marvel; anyone here would be significantly oppressed, yet the old man could still display mana fluctuations of Moon Jade Late Stage, showing formidable strength.

This move was undoubtedly a warning for Lu Ye to hurry up and leave, because once the Demon Eye blinks, many things would become beyond their control. He kindly reminded Lu Ye not just out of pure goodwill, but also because he didn't want Lu Ye lingering nearby, as it could pose a degree of threat to his safety.

Considering for a moment, Lu Ye cupped his fist towards the old man before moving swiftly to one side. Though he wasn't afraid of him, it was best to avoid some unnecessary conflicts.

Away from the old man, Lu Ye then found a meteorite, imitating the old man's example, setting up formations on the meteorite to both protect himself and act as a binding effect.

He decided to believe the old man's words for now, as the old man's posture seemed far from baseless.

Having settled in, Lu Ye waited peacefully.

He set himself a deadline of three days; if everything remained normal within these three days, the old man was merely being alarmist, and he could continue his actions without delay.

He didn't have to wait three days, just half a day later, when Lu Ye suddenly felt a change in his surroundings.

In such a marvel, light wasn't greatly affected, yet just a moment ago, Lu Ye felt as if the environment around him suddenly darkened.

As though staying inside a room, a lit candle extinguished for a moment.

The Demon Eye really did blink! Lu Ye was amazed, unable to understand how the old man deduced this. The Dwarf Race had been collecting information on this marvel for years, yet had no intel on this aspect.

Indeed, the world is full of capable individuals.

While inside the marvel, Lu Ye only felt the surroundings darken for a moment, but if observing from outside the marvel, one would notice the immense eye spanning the stellar space, blinking at that moment.

In an instant, the blink cast a pale red mist over the entire Illusory Blood Devil's Eye, and as time went on, the pale red gradually deepened, as though the eye was bleeding.

The name of the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye derived exactly from this!

At this moment, within the marvel, on the meteorite, Lu Ye clearly sensed something was off.

Because as that moment of darkness passed, he suddenly felt as though he was being watched by someone. That invisible gaze brought him an overwhelming pressure, even causing his psyche to tremble.

He turned to look around, but found no abnormalities. The pale red mist observable from outside, strangely left no trace inside.

The pressure on Lu Ye's psyche was increasing.

And in the depths of his mind, Lu Ye sensed a faint connection with some part of this marvel...

He turned his head to look in that direction but saw nothing, then quickly submerged his consciousness. In the next moment, within the Divine Sea, his psyche spirit body manifested.

The psyche spirit body stood upon the seven-color Divine Lotus, with seven-colored sunlight blooming beneath his feet, casting him in radiant splendor. Looking around, Lu Ye was surprised to find a gigantic eye floating above his Divine Sea!

The eye looked identical to the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye, but now it appeared in a light red hue, which was gradually darkening.

An intangible pressure emanated from the Blood Eye, corroding Lu Ye's Divine Sea and psyche spirit body. In an instant, the entire Divine Sea was in turmoil.

Fortunately, the psyche spirit body was protected by the seven-color Divine Lotus, so Lu Ye only felt some discomfort, but nothing serious.

He finally understood the kind of pressure Zhang Kun had previously endured.

When traveling with Zhang Kun, the Demon Eye he saw appeared normal, but to Zhang Kun, with those Sun Blaze eyes, it was this Blood Eye!

The power of this Blood Eye corroded the Divine Sea with seemingly hallucinogenic effects. Even with the seven-color Divine Lotus's protection, Lu Ye couldn't help but see fragmenting illusions appearing before him.

This was merely the residual power he felt within the Demon Eye; the pressure Zhang Kun faced while directly staring at the Blood Eye must have been immense.

As the Demon Eye's color deepened, the power of erosion grew stronger, and the turbulence in the Divine Sea became fiercer. Although Lu Ye felt his psyche spirit body would come to no harm under the protection of the seven-color Divine Lotus, the turbulence in the Divine Sea still impacted his mental state, making it somewhat irritable.

This was clearly the influence of the Demon Eye.

Thinking of this, he reached out his hand, and from the turbulent Divine Sea, an object emerged, grabbed by him.

It was the Soul-calming Bell!

On the way here, Lu Ye had refined this Soul Device, enabling him to invoke its power.

Lu Ye gently shook it, and immediately, a clear and melodious bell sound rang out. With the rise and fall of the sound, visible ripples spread outward, like a large hand soothing the turbulent Divine Sea, bringing much stability to its edges.

Lu Ye instantly felt much better.

This Soul-calming Bell was indeed extraordinary, undoubtedly a high-quality Soul Device.

Under the dual protection of the Soul-calming Bell and the seven-color Divine Lotus, the Divine Sea was temporarily safe. Lu Ye looked up again at the Blood Eye, intending to observe its changes firsthand, but upon gazing at it, he revealed a look of astonishment.

Because he seemed to vaguely see some mysterious markings within the Blood Eye.

Instantly calming his mind, he meticulously observed, but the more he looked, the more alarmed Lu Ye became.

Without careful inspection, those numerous mysterious markings appeared undecipherable, but upon close examination, Lu Ye discovered they were Yin-Yang Dual Origins!

This Blood Eye was the manifestation of a spirit rune!

Suddenly, Lu Ye felt enlightened and greatly excited.

Though a combat cultivator, he was also a spirit runes master. The many spirit runes on his Talent Tree had provided substantial benefits to his journey; each spirit rune played a crucial role.

But there were only so many useful spirit runes. Since inscribing the Drawn Saber Slash Spirit Runes on the Talent Tree last time, he hadn't encountered any that piqued his interest.

Yet unexpectedly, he found one here!

If he could comprehend this Blood Eye Spirit Runes, it would certainly be a gain. For now, it seemed that this Blood Eye could create illusions and affect mental states, making it a potentially powerful asset in battle.

Lu Ye immediately immersed his mind, began observing, and carefully memorized the numerous Yin-Yang Dual Origins' intertwined contours.

Driven by curiosity, he was engrossed, unable to extricate himself...

Utterly oblivious, the seven-colored sunlight beneath his feet was growing brighter and brighter.

Until one moment, the seven-color Divine Lotus suddenly vibrated slightly, followed by a burst of seven-colored sunlight shooting upwards, piercing straight through the Blood Eye floating above the Divine Sea!

Lu Ye was dumbfounded...

Because once the seven-colored sunlight dissipated, the Blood Eye vanished alongside it, the scene evidently being that the Blood Eye got dispelled by the seven-color Divine Lotus!

Lu Ye couldn't help but be amused.

The protection of the seven-color Divine Lotus for the psyche was immensely strong; he had realized this before. However, he never expected there would come a day when this beneficial protection would spoil his plans.

Of the Blood Eye Spirit Runes, he had only comprehended a minimal part, and now that the Blood Eye was gone, he had nowhere to continue his observation.

Chapter 1778 - Chong Xu

Looking down at the seven-color Divine Lotus beneath his feet, Lu Ye felt a mix of emotions: joy at the lotus's power and regret for missing the opportunity.

However, thinking it over, the Demon Eye blinked more than once. As long as he stayed here, there would be more chances to encounter it in the future.

With this thought, Lu Ye felt a bit better and secretly decided that next time, he must seize the opportunity to observe it, otherwise the Blood Eye would surely be broken by the seven-color Divine Lotus again.

Calming his mind, Lu Ye glanced around. The environment didn't seem to have changed significantly, but he could feel that the inside of this marvel was different from when he first entered it.

This was undoubtedly the result of the Demon Eye's blinking.

What puzzled Lu Ye even more was that when the Demon Eye blinked, he distinctly felt a vague connection between something in the marvel and himself, but now he couldn't feel it at all.

When he first noticed it, he was busy checking the changes in his Divine Sea, so he didn't pay much attention.

But now that connection had disappeared altogether.

Lu Ye couldn't understand why.

In the distance, there were strong mana fluctuations.

Lu Ye looked in that direction and discovered that the source was precisely where the elder who had warned him earlier was located. With a brief contemplation, he could guess what was happening.

He hurriedly retracted the array banners he had set up around him and rushed towards that direction.

A short while later, Lu Ye returned to the area where the elder was. As expected, the mana fluctuations he'd sensed were indeed coming from there.

But the source was not the elder, but a creature with jet-black wings and a humanoid form.

Winged Race!

Lu Ye had seen this race at the All Phenomena Ocean and naturally knew that the Winged Race was inherently belligerent and acted with extreme ruthlessness. Compared to other major races, the Winged Race's reputation wasn't great, but it wasn't as despised as the Insect and Blood Races.

In fact, because the Winged Race was naturally brave and skillful, they often became the most sought-after by various major powers.

At this moment, the Winged Race member was wildly attacking the elder's position, but since the elder had set up a big array in advance, the Winged Race couldn't do anything for the time being.

On the meteorite formation, the elder sat cross-legged with closed eyes, using mana to maintain the operation of the formation, looking somewhat strained.

Lu Ye immediately understood what was happening.

The Blood Eye that had appeared above his Divine Sea was undoubtedly the manifestation of the Mysterious Power within this marvel. Normally, the Blood Eye wouldn't invade a cultivator's Divine Sea, but whenever the Demon Eye blinked, that Mysterious Power would envelop the entire marvel, invade the cultivator's Divine Sea, manifesting as the Blood Eye in the air, causing hallucinations while also affecting the cultivator's mindset.

All living beings inside were unable to avoid it, including Lu Ye, the elder, and even the Winged Race member.

The elder, being forward-thinking, had set up a big array here to protect himself. This Winged Race member clearly lacked such capabilities. At this moment, his Divine Sea was being corroded by the Blood Eye, likely leading to many hallucinations. This race was already naturally irritable, and under the influence of the Blood Eye, it was undoubtedly even more furious.

He discovered the elder's traces and started attacking the elder.

He might not even know what he was doing, or he might have a sliver of clarity but couldn't fully control himself.

That's why the intelligence provided to Lu Ye by the Dwarf Race said that in the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye, conflicts and deaths among cultivators mostly occurred when the Demon Eye blinked. During such times, many cultivators couldn't control themselves; once they encountered one another, a fight was inevitable.

The strength of this Winged Race member was undoubtedly formidable. The mana fluctuations he exhibited were at the Moon Jade Late Stage. Under his frenzied attacks, the elder's formation began to falter.

One had to admit, the elder was rather unfortunate.

With the formation's protection, he could basically remain unharmed during the Demon Eye's blinking. All this time, he had been getting by like this; even if a cultivator came to trouble him, the formation's protection assured his safety.

Yet, this time, the one attacking him turned out to be a Winged Race member with strength nearly equal to his!

He had to fend off the Blood Eye's invasion while maintaining the formation's operation, leaving him somewhat overwhelmed.

Seeing that his formation wouldn't hold for much longer, the elder could only hope for the Blood Eye to dissipate quickly; otherwise, once the formation was broken, he would have no choice but to fight the Winged Race member, and under the influence of the Blood Eye, both would surely be left severely injured.

As he worried, he suddenly noticed that the Winged Race's attacks had abruptly stopped.

Perplexed, the elder opened his eyes, seeing the Winged Race member standing a short distance from the formation, back turned to him and looking forward.

The elder's gaze moved past the Winged Race member, immediately spotting Lu Ye's figure, and he realized that Lu Ye was seemingly provoking on purpose by stirring his own mana.

It's that kid... The elder undoubtedly recognized Lu Ye, feeling a slight sense of regret.

More than half a day ago, he had already warned Lu Ye, although he didn't make it very clear, anyone with a bit of sense should know what he meant.

Yet at this moment, seeing Lu Ye running towards his side, he realized the other party didn't take his words to heart. Now, he's afraid that, like the Winged Race, he has already been corrupted and influenced by the Blood Eye.

Otherwise, why would he recklessly jump out?

The Winged Race stopping meant they had discovered a better target.

Though it was regrettable, the elder was still delighted, because now his side would remain safe and sound.

Sure enough, under Lu Ye's intentional provocation, the Winged Race suddenly roared, its pitch-black wings flapping, its body darting toward him like lightning, with an expression of ferocity and killing intent.

Lu Ye turned and ran, the Winged Race eagerly chasing after him, disappearing in the blink of an eye.

This scene left the elder stunned because if Lu Ye was truly affected by the Blood Eye, he should have recklessly fought with the Winged Race at this moment. Suddenly turning and running was clearly not quite right!

This boy... could he have resisted the intrusion of the Blood Eye? The elder's mind revolved with surprise.

There are indeed cultivators who can fend off the intrusion of the Blood Eye. He could resist it to a certain extent, but only by leveraging the power of formations and a Soul Device within his Divine Sea, and he could not completely ignore it.

Lu Ye's mana fluctuations were at the Moon Jade Mid-Stage level, evident by his condition, was not heavily influenced by the Blood Eye.

The opponent must possess a Soul Device of extremely high quality, and his psyche cultivation must be profoundly deep, the elder instantly deduced.

In any case, a potential crisis was resolved, and the elder also saw that Lu Ye intentionally led the Winged Race away, which was undoubtedly an intentional favor to him.

With this in mind, the elder focused on resisting the intrusion of the Blood Eye.

Such resistance can benefit cultivators to some extent, aiding the growth of their psyche. In the future, when facing enemies who practice soul skills and employ illusion techniques or similar means, they would have a natural resistance.

One hour later, the elder opened his eyes again, seeing Lu Ye who had led the Winged Race away now returning, landing on a nearby meteorite, sitting cross-legged.

The elder nodded to him slightly, expressing his gratitude.

Lu Ye understood tacitly and waited at ease.

The Winged Race had already been led away by him, without engaging in combat. Although with his current strength, it shouldn't be too difficult to kill the Winged Race, but since there was no deep resentment, there was no need to strike such a blow. The Winged Race's actions were due to being affected by the Demon Eye, not his true intentions.

After about two hours, Lu Ye, waiting in peace, suddenly noticed the environment around him inexplicably darkened for a moment again, immediately understanding that the Demon Eye had blinked once more...

This also meant the other side of the Demon Eye had passed, returning to the state when he first entered this place.

There was movement on the elder's side; he first withdrew the array banners he had set up around him before rising and walking toward Lu Ye.

Lu Ye sensed it and looked up.

The elder landed directly on the meteorite where Lu Ye sat, cupping his hands in salute, "Chong Xu of Tianqing, greetings Fellow Daoist, thank you for your assistance."

Recalling the first time seeing Lu Ye, it was just because he didn't want the other roaming within his activity range, so he mentioned it in passing, at that time too lazy to say much. Who would have thought, in just more than half a day, he would end up indebted to him.

If not for Lu Ye leading the Winged Race away, he would most likely have fought the Winged Race, and although they would return to normal once the Demon Eye blinked again, in a senseless fight the potential for unavoidable disastrous consequences was high, mutual harm would be the best outcome.

Moreover, once Lu Ye returned, he simply waited quietly here without any intention to disturb, clearly indicating he harbored no ill intent toward him.

"Jade Conch, Lu Ye!" Lu Ye returned the salute.

In these chance encounters, stating their origins is generally based on the Star System.

Both calculated internally and discovered neither had heard of the other's Star System, which was normal—there are so many Star Systems in the stellar space, even the Moon Jade and Sun Blaze could not dare claim they knew all the Star System names.

Chong Xu smiled and said, "Fellow Daoist at such a young age, yet with this accomplishment, your resolute temperament is truly embarrassing for this old man."

"Fellow Daoist, you overpraise," Lu Ye modestly replied, "I merely rely on the power of the Soul Device, unlike Fellow Daoist with your foresight!"

Chong Xu showed a knowing expression, indeed Lu Ye relied on a powerful Soul Device to resist the intrusion of the Demon Eye, instantly feeling that the Jade Conch must be an exceptionally powerful Star System; otherwise, it couldn't possess such valuable treasure, merely that he was too ignorant to have heard of it.

"Fellow Daoist waiting here must have questions, I presume?" Chong Xu smiled warmly at Lu Ye.

Hearing this, Lu Ye ceased beating around the bush and straightforwardly said, "Indeed, I actually want to know if Fellow Daoist has the ability to sense when the Demon Eye will blink."

Chong Xu thought, the matter was indeed this; his earlier warning to Lu Ye had undoubtedly caught Lu Ye's attention. Being inside such a marvel, having the ability to foresee would undeniably protect oneself better.

Chapter 1779 - Searching

Lu Ye sought Chong Xu for information on this matter, not to better protect himself, as the Blood Eye formed by the marvel within was remarkable, yet it couldn't withstand the might of the seven-colored Divine Lotus; this had already been proven.

So even if Lu Ye did nothing, just waiting for a moment, the seven-colored Divine Lotus could dispel the Blood Eye eroding his Divine Sea, keeping him unharmed.

Lu Ye approached Chong Xu to understand his methods, merely wishing to make some preparations in advance; he was particularly interested in the spirit runes hidden within the Blood Eye.

If anyone else had asked, Chong Xu would surely have ignored them, but having received Lu Ye's favor, he couldn't withhold anything, and besides, his method couldn't be emulated by others.

He immediately began, "I do have some methods to sense in advance, but they are not accurate."

Lu Ye asked, "Fellow Daoist, could you teach me? Of course, I can offer some compensation."

Chong Xu waved his hand, "It's not that I am unwilling to teach, it's just that this method cannot be imitated by others. Please, Fellow Daoist, look at my right eye."

Lu Ye immediately looked over at his cue and saw some strange changes in Chong Xu's right eye. A normal person's eye is a white sclera wrapping around a black pupil, and Chong Xu's right eye was the same, but as his words fell, it suddenly turned all white, with no trace of black, appearing extremely eerie.

Chong Xu blinked, and the white right eye returned to normal, "To be honest, my right eye was born with something peculiar; even before entering the cultivation world, the things I saw were different from ordinary people. Upon entering the cultivation world, I relied on this to practice several Pupil Skills. Of course, sensing the Demon Eye's changes is not due to these Pupil Skills, but my right eye starts to ache whenever the Demon Eye is about to change. The closer it is to the time, the more it aches, so I can know in advance when the Demon Eye is about to blink."

Lu Ye suddenly understood, realizing that though the Dwarf Race had collected intelligence on this marvel for so many years without finding a means to discern when the Demon Eye blinks, he happened to meet someone like Chong Xu with such a method.

Turns out, it was due to the innate peculiarity of his right eye.

"Moreover, I cannot fully sense it. Out of ten occurrences, I can fail to notice about half of them, but whenever my right eye undergoes a change, the Demon Eye must be about to blink. When I first met Fellow Daoist, it was when I had such a sense."

Lu Ye finally understood.

Indeed, this is not something that can be taught, and he wasn't very disappointed. This method, if he could master it, would give him some advantage, but not mastering it would not have much impact.

Of course, if he really wanted the upper hand, he could choose to accompany Chong Xu. In this way, when he sensed anything, Lu Ye would be informed.

But two people who are practically strangers couldn't truly open up to each other because of a tiny connection.

"Let's do it this way, Fellow Daoist." Chong Xu thought for a moment and suggested, "Why don't we leave each other an audio talisman marking? This way, when I sense something, I can send you a message, and you can prepare in advance, Fellow Daoist."

"Sure!" Lu Ye immediately agreed, taking out an audio talisman.

In a moment, the two exchanged audio talisman markings, and Chong Xu reminded him, "This is ultimately within the marvel, so there's a distance limit on audio talisman communication, which differs from the outside world. If you are too far from me, I won't be able to reach you. I usually operate within this area, and I'll inform you if there are any changes."

"Thank you, Fellow Daoist." Lu Ye expressed his gratitude, appreciative of Chong Xu's meticulous approach. After thinking for a while, he asked, "Fellow Daoist, how long have you been here?"

Chong Xu stroked his beard and smiled, "It must have been thirty years. In my youth, I pursued the growth of power, taking a lot of elixir pills. Some pill poison turned out to be stubborn, and ordinary methods couldn't solve it, so I placed my hopes here. Additionally, during the Demon Eye's blinking, it can temper the Psyche Force, which aids in progressing to Sun Blaze to some extent."

Thirty years... Lu Ye marveled. He hadn't been cultivating for this long yet, but generally, as a cultivator's cultivation increases, the longer one tends to linger in a certain Cultivation Realm.

Thirty years seemed lengthy to him, but for Chong Xu... though not short, it was acceptable for reaching Sun Blaze.

And from his appearance, he might remain here for a longer time.

"Fellow Daoist Lu, youth is valuable, but don't overly pursue sudden cultivation realm leaps. A moment's impulsive rush might require a thousandfold compensation in old age," Chong Xu sincerely advised, evidently assuming Lu Ye had rapidly grown using a substantial amount of elixir pills due to his young appearance yet notable cultivation.

"I've been enlightened, thank you for the advice, Fellow Daoist." Lu Ye nodded.

Next, he sought more intelligence from Chong Xu, particularly asking whether he had encountered anything strange within the marvel.

Chong Xu did not hide anything, revealing whatever he knew.

Most were worthless intel, or information Lu Ye had already learned from the Dwarf Race, but there was one matter that piqued Lu Ye's interest.

Over ten years ago, during a Demon Eye blink, two cultivators fiercely contested near Chong Xu, fighting relentlessly.

Typically, he wouldn't interfere in such situations, and during these times, he would stay within his own Formation area to defend against the Blood Eye's erosion.

Generally, if dueling cultivators couldn't determine a victor, they would regain their sanity once the Blood Eye invaded and cease fighting.

But that occasion was strangely peculiar.

Within Chong Xu's perception, the intense confrontation of those hands suddenly vanished without a trace at a certain moment. He initially thought those two cultivators had perished together, but when he cautiously went to investigate afterward, he found not a single corpse in the area, only traces of a fierce battle remained.

Lu Ye was aware that Chong Xu's goal in investigation was not genuine, but a pretense for scavenging, so he did not point it out and simply asked, "Did the location where those two fought exceed Fellow Daoist's perception range?"

Chong Xu shook his head and said, "Impossible, although that position was not close to where I was, it still did not exceed the range of my Mental Consciousness. Their disappearance was very strange, happening in just an instant; however, it must be said, within this marvel indeed many cultivators have disappeared inexplicably."

This was something Lu Ye knew, because it was recorded in the Dwarf Race's intelligence.

The Dwarf Race suspected that those missing cultivators certainly include those who died in combat, but surely some accidentally contacted the core of Mount Fangcun!

Mount Fangcun is extremely mysterious; outwardly it appears small, but within it is an entire world. Even if it is divided into three, this mystery does not change.

Therefore, the lost core of Mount Fangcun must retain this feature; in other words, it is indeed a core, but inside, it absolutely contains another world!

If someone accidentally touches this core, they might fall into that world.

Over countless years, the Dwarf Race has sent Foreign Clan Moon Jade here; definitely, some have fallen into it and could not escape.

Chong Xu perceived those two cultivators who mysteriously disappeared ten years ago likely met this fate, otherwise Chong Xu would have detected something.

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye's interest was piqued, and he hurriedly sought details about the exact location of the cultivators' disappearance from Chong Xu.

Chong Xu spoke in response, "That location is quite distant from here; words alone are unclear, let me take you there."

He could tell Lu Ye was not inquiring casually, there must be a reason. He suspected Lu Ye might have elders missing here and wanted to investigate specifically. Receiving the favor, leading Lu Ye was not problematic.

"Thank you, Fellow Daoist." Lu Ye expressed heartfelt gratitude. If not mistaken, Mount Fangcun's core should be at that location.

The two promptly set off flying in that direction.

Within this marvel, a substantial number of meteorites filled the area, making it unwise to pilot a starboat forward; traversing with the body alone would be faster.

Along the way, Lu Ye chatted offhandedly with Chong Xu, hoping to gather more information; unfortunately, there were no substantial gains.

On the other hand, Chong Xu occasionally collected shaped spirit jade and spirit crystal from certain meteorites or patches of peculiar dust.

He has been here for over thirty years; undoubtedly, the spirit jade and spirit crystal he brought early on were already depleted, but fortunately, the interior of the marvel did not lack these materials. Consistent collecting satisfied his usual needs without issue.

After several days of travel, Chong Xu halted his advance, looked around for a moment, then opened his mouth to speak, "This should be the approximate area, but Fellow Daoist should understand, the environment within a marvel is not constant, so I can only make a rough estimate, not precisely."

Lu Ye nodded in understanding, "So, Fellow Daoist estimates, what could be the margin of error?"

"It may span as far as three thousand miles in radius," replied Chong Xu.

Three thousand miles... This is not merely a planar span but a complete spatial area encompassing three thousand miles; the scope is vast.

Even with Lu Ye's current strength, trying to comb through this three thousand miles would not be easy.

"Thank you, Fellow Daoist."

Chong Xu nodded, "Should trouble arise, send word to the elderly, I will also inform you if my perception picks up anything."

Chong Xu soon departed, without suggesting he would stay to help. Unaware of Lu Ye's intentions, making unsolicited offers might breach taboos; leaving immediately is wise.

Once Chong Xu left, Lu Ye stabilized his mind, then flicked his fingers, causing five drops of treasure blood to emerge and transform into his likeness.

Lu Ye then activated the power of his Talent Tree, fashioning a Talent Tree Avatar.

One true form and six avatars gathered.

"Get to work, get to work!" Lu Ye commanded, and the six avatars dispersed in all directions for thorough searching.

Lu Ye did not overlook each meteorite, considering the possibility that it might be the core of Mount Fangcun; rash contact could lead to downfall, so he remotely activated his Mana for direct attacks, ordinary meteorites could not withstand his methods and were immediately shattered into dust.

If any meteorite was not reduced to dust, it was undoubtedly suspicious and might be what Lu Ye was looking for.

Chapter 1780 - Echoing From Afar

A month passed by in a blur, with Lu Ye constantly busy.

It wasn't until a month later that he finally stopped.

He stood in the void, his brows tightly knitted.

In this month's work, both his main self and the six doppelgangers had practically turned the area within three thousand miles inside out, blasting apart all meteorites and suspicious objects, turning the entire region into a literal vacuum.

To his disappointment, a month's efforts yielded no discoveries at all.

He had initially thought the core of Mount Fangcun should be within this area, but the results were not what he had imagined.

The information provided by Chong Xu shouldn't be wrong, not that Lu Ye trusted him implicitly, but because Chong Xu had no reason to deceive him about such a minor matter.

Then where was the problem?

Lu Ye guessed perhaps Chong Xu had remembered the position incorrectly? But upon careful thought, it seemed highly unlikely, after all, Chong Xu was at Moon Jade level, it didn't make sense to forget something from a decade ago.

Or perhaps the mysterious disappearance of the two cultivators here back then was due to reasons different from what he thought, not accidentally stumbling upon the core of Mount Fangcun, but something else entirely.

Of course, there was also the possibility that his guess was correct, except that after ten years, due to some reasons, the core of Mount Fangcun that had drifted here had floated away elsewhere.

Over the days, he discovered that the meteorites and floating land within this marvel were not unchanging; sometimes they shifted due to the actions of cultivators.

He decided to broaden the search area since, for now, the information from Chong Xu was the only lead he could delve deeper into.

A few more days passed in a flash, when suddenly, while Lu Ye was busy, the audio talisman began to vibrate.

He was initially startled, then quickly realized it must be Chong Xu contacting him. Given the nature of this place, it was unlikely anyone else could send a message here.

Upon inspecting the audio talisman, it was indeed a message from Chong Xu, notifying him that the Demon Eye was about to blink again.

This undoubtedly meant Chong Xu was aware, and per their previous agreement, was giving him a heads-up.

Lu Ye sent back a message of thanks, then gathered his many doppelgangers, found a place to settle down, and calmly waited.

Searching for the core of Mount Fangcun was the primary goal of this journey, but given the current situation, it seemed quite challenging, and Lu Ye wasn't fully confident. He could only do his best and leave the rest to fortune.

However, the benefit of the Blood Eye Spirit Runes reflecting in the sky above the Divine Sea during the Demon Eye's blink was tangible. If he could comprehend it, even without finding the core of Mount Fangcun, the trip wouldn't be considered fruitless.

While calmly waiting, another half-day passed, and suddenly, the surroundings plunged into darkness for a moment.

Just like last time, following this momentary darkness, Lu Ye distinctly felt some unusual changes within the marvel; the sensation of being surreptitiously watched by someone returned once more.

Along with it came that strange connection, as if something at a distant location was resonating with him!

The last time the Demon Eye blinked, Lu Ye felt the same way, yet back then, he submerged his consciousness into the Divine Sea. After the Blood Eye within the Divine Sea was shattered by the seven-color Divine Lotus, this mysterious connection vanished, leaving him unable to investigate it.

Unexpectedly, this connection reappeared now.

He couldn't help but look towards the distant horizon, filled with curiosity about what within the marvel was resonating with him and why it only appeared when the Demon Eye blinked?

Was this connection unique to him, or did all the cultivators present experience it?

What puzzled Lu Ye even more was that the direction from which the connection emanated this time was entirely different from the last, completely in two opposite directions.

This meant that if something within the marvel indeed resonated with him, it had moved a considerable distance within that time frame.

As thoughts swirled in his mind, Lu Ye made a decision.

The opportunity to comprehend the Blood Eye Spirit Runes was not to be missed; it was a must-do. But Lu Ye also wanted to delve into this mysterious connection, so he immediately split a part of his consciousness, submerging it into the Divine Sea to observe the Blood Eye Spirit Runes, while his body flickered forward, following the direction of the connection.

Under the influence of the Blood Eye Spirit Runes, various illusions continuously manifested before his eyes, shattering and reforming, over and over, while an inexplicable rage surged in his heart, making his mood incredibly irritable, as if he couldn't wait to find someone to fight.

He naturally realized that this was the influence of the Blood Eye and did not deliberately suppress it since, before long, the seven-color Divine Lotus would break the Blood Eye, allowing him to shake off this effect.

While moving forward, his mana surged incessantly, and coincidentally, there were traces of a cultivator nearby. Sensing the fluctuation of his mana, they immediately intercepted him head-on.

Suppressing the anger within his heart, Lu Ye initially didn't want any conflict, not wanting to waste time and having no grudges with others, no reason for a fight. But when he saw the appearance of the intercepting cultivator, he realized there was no need for restraint.

Because coming from ahead to block his way was an Insect Race!

Although this guy has a humanoid form, his Insect Race characteristics are too obvious. His body is wrapped in a layer of white carapace, as if bones have grown on the outside. His figure is gaunt, arms long, swift as the wind, wielding a bone long saber, with serrated edges on its blade. His eyes look extremely bizarre, clearly possessing the unique compound eye trait of the Insect Race.

Lu Ye sees this Insect Race creature and immediately recalls the mantis creatures he once killed.

If those mantis creatures were to grow sufficiently and transform into human form, they should look just like this.

The opponent's cultivation is quite impressive, and his mana fluctuations seem even more robust than Chong Xu's.

The true cultivation level of Chong Xu should be Peak Moon Jade, as he was preparing to break through to Sun Blaze, but within this marvel, the environment suppresses his capabilities to only display the Moon Jade Late Stage level.

Yet the foundation this Insect Race displays is even stronger than Chong Xu's, which feels rather unusual.

Lu Ye suddenly realizes that the opponent must have once participated in the contest for the Reincarnation Tree and gained benefits in the Taichu Realm.

Just like him, the opponent is not affected by the suppression of this marvel's environment!

This makes sense too; aside from the time he participated, the Insect and Blood Races almost always managed to secure winning spots in the Taichu Realm.

In the blink of Demon Eye, the rationality of this Insect Race is clearly affected, as it roars and lunges toward Lu Ye, the spirit light flashing on the bone saber as it violently slashes down, seemingly tearing open space. As the blade passes, a black line is cut out.

Lu Ye doesn't have the leisure to tangle with him.

Before the Blood Eye Spirit Runes are dispelled by the seven-color Divine Lotus, he must find a way to approach his target of investigation as closely as he can.

Moreover, he is also affected by the Blood Eye at this moment, his emotions being very irritable, so facing this slash, he hesitates not at all; as the Boulder Mountain Saber is drawn, the power of Drawn Saber Slash is already triggered.

In fact, this is the first time since he advanced to Moon Jade Mid-Stage that he is engaging in a real confrontation, and the opponent's strength is formidable, providing a good opportunity to test the growth of his own power.

Back in the Moon Jade Early Stage, he once used Drawn Saber Slash to injure a Moon Jade Late Stage. Now, having reached Moon Jade Mid-Stage, the power of this slash is even more fierce than before.

Instantaneous brilliance shines through a vast Void, covering the Insect Race's Moon Jade vision, and the instinctive life-threatening crisis forces him to hurriedly twist the saber edge in defense while quickly retreating!

Mana collides, a tremendous force assails, and the Insect Race feels a pain in the chest, temporarily clearing the rage impacted by the Blood Eye.

He stabilizes his stance, lowers his head to observe, only to see a massive wound stretching from his abdomen to his scapula, a Moon Jade Late-Stage barely avoiding being sliced in two!

A cold sweat breaks out across the insect creature, seeing Lu Ye aggressively pursuing him, pressure mounting, without hesitation reaches into the Void with a grasp, and another identical bone saber appears in his hand.

He promptly steadies his position, one saber held skyward, the other horizontally, his crimson eyes focusing on the reflection of Lu Ye's image.

The next moment, the bone sabers strike!

As Lu Ye pursues, witnessing the opponent retrieve a second bone saber and adopting such a strange stance, an inexplicable sense of familiarity arises.

Similar scenarios...he has faced many times during the Constellation!

As thoughts pass, the insect creature's bone sabers have already slashed down, simultaneously his body begins to spin.

Each slash faster than the last, heavier than the previous, in an instant, the insect creature's form seems to transform into a spinning top, the location turning into a storm of blades, engulfing the vast Void!

Such a furious assault cannot be ignored, anyone caught in it is sure to be swept away by this storm of blades, unable to block even one slash will result in being reduced to dust, leaving no intact corpse.

Lu Ye resembles a canoe in a raging storm, constantly at risk of capsizing.

Yet, as his Boulder Mountain Saber lightly stabs forward, the raging storm of blades suddenly halts, the surging mana dissipates.

The insect creature from Moon Jade stands stiffly in place, still holding his two bone sabers, gazing down at the Boulder Mountain Saber's tip piercing his heart, then looks at Lu Ye standing before him, uttering three words: "Impossible!"

This supreme secret technique handed down from ancestors, mighty in killing, since cultivation he has slain countless powerful enemies with this secret saber technique, even boasting many feats of defeating stronger foes as a weaker one.

Facing Lu Ye at Moon Jade Mid-Stage, he employs such a method with the full force of a lion against a rabbit, yet never imagined that the infallible technique could be so effortlessly dismantled.

And he has to pay the price with his life!

If it were before his saber momentum was activated, it would be understandable, but his saber momentum had fully activated, impossible to crack so easily even for those who surpass his strength.

Shock, rage, disbelief; myriad complex emotions urgently crowd within, the insect creature feels his vitality ebbing, desperately raises the bone saber for a final slash at Lu Ye!

But how would Lu Ye allow such a chance, mana surges, the Boulder Mountain Saber quivers, the insect creature is instantly riddled with grievous wounds, the descending slash becomes feeble, easily dodged.