

## Humanity 1851

### Chapter 1851 - Three Realms Island Again

The total number of demon cultivators on Zixuan Island is only over five thousand, and with this mobilization, only a thousand demon cultivators remain, with the First Island Master, Lion Heart, personally overseeing the island.

In fact, if not for the concern that Lu Ye might have doppelgangers lurking on the island without appearing, Lion Heart wouldn't need to stay behind at all. With the strength of Zixuan Island's protective array, no force in the All Phenomena Ocean can shake it, so even without a Moon Jade governor, there's no risk of it being breached.

A thorough search just now did not uncover any more traces of Lu Ye's doppelgangers, but some precautions must be taken. To be on the safe side, Lion Heart decided to stay behind, because Zixuan Island has already sent forces to Three Worlds Island, and the Spirit Island battle has officially begun. Even though Zixuan Island has demon Moon Jade cultivators, during the Spirit Island battle, those Moon Jade cultivators not registered cannot be utilized.

In other words, during the Spirit Island battle, even if Lu Ye were to slay demon cultivators in front of them, the most they could do is watch. Any sign of interference allows Lu Ye to appeal for Sun Blaze arbitration, just like Yu Huan did before. If that happens, All Phenomena Sun Blaze will undoubtedly intervene to uphold the rules.

Like most Spirit Islands, Zixuan Island has five registered Moon Jades: Lion Heart, Hu Guang, Bao Youyou, Yoan Che, and the deceased Junior Brother Tiger.

Now that Junior Brother Tiger is dead, Lion Heart needs to guard the island, so only the three Moon Jades Hu Guang and others can be deployed.

They are well aware of the overall strength of Three Worlds Island. Although Three Worlds Island also has five Moon Jades, their forces are far inferior, and to conquer Three Worlds Island, Zixuan's side even brought out the Central Hub battleship that can accommodate a thousand people, indicating their determination.

Moreover, Lu Ye has lost two doppelgangers sequentially, which would inevitably lead to backlash and weaken his strength. Therefore, they only have to deal with four Moon Jades.

Hailing from a prestigious power like Zixuan, they somewhat look down on the Moon Jades from emerging forces like Three Worlds Island. The strength of cultivators is not directly determined by their realm level; the environment they come from, their growth process, combat experience, and even their wealth all contribute to their power.

Zixuan's deployment of troops was grand and boisterous, so such a movement quickly drew attention from All Phenomena Ocean.

A top-class Spirit Island mobilizing troops is something unprecedented in the All Phenomena Ocean for nearly ten thousand years. Suddenly, various messages spread rapidly, drawing the attention of countless cultivators in a very short time.

Everyone wanted to know which force Zixuan was targeting with this military move.

They soon found out which force Zixuan was targeting.

It turned out to be the recently rapidly rising Three Worlds Island!

Zixuan itself didn't hide its intention of mobilizing troops, and with many Island Masters from other Spirit Islands having personally witnessed that unbelievable anomaly at a previous banquet, Zixuan's purpose was quickly discerned by the world.

Three Worlds Island again!

Bear in mind that the affair when Three Worlds Island forcibly occupied Baiyue was quite sensational. In that battle, Three Worlds Island remarkably seized an upper-class Spirit Island that had been controlled for eight hundred years, resulting in the total defeat of Baiyue Moon Jade forces and countless deaths and injuries among the Constellations.

Three Worlds Island became infamous for that battle, as although there were prior cases of upper-class Spirit Islands being conquered, none had ever been so swift or had such a disparate casualty ratio. It's said that in that battle, Three Worlds Island's cultivators killed many enemies with no casualties on their side, marking it as a miracle.

After that battle, numerous Spirit Islands studied it as an exemplary case, wanting to understand how Three Worlds Island achieved it. Past experiences guide future actions, and even if one doesn't become enemies with Three Worlds Island later, such a classic battle is worth studying. However, after much research, they still couldn't figure out how the cultivators of Three Worlds Island managed to enter Baiyue massively before its protective array was breached.

Another notable event of that battle was when Lu Ye, the Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island, pursued Yu Huan, only to be obstructed by Yuan Du of All Phenomena Sun Blaze. After some verbal provocations, Yuan Du was forced to kill Yu Huan personally, slap Yuan Du's reputation hard, and directly caused no other force to pay homage to Yuan Du since.

Sensible people know Yuan Du holds a grudge against Three Worlds Island, yet there's nothing he can do. Although he is indeed the Sun Blaze governor, he is also the one who must most carefully adhere to the rules of All Phenomena Ocean.

Three Worlds Island has been developing well these years and is one of the few commercial Spirit Islands in All Phenomena Ocean. Every year, leasing shops alone brings in a considerable amount of spirit jade.

But how many years has it been? Three Worlds Island has stirred up trouble again, and this time it's against a top-tier power like Zixuan Island.

According to circulated reports, first, Three Worlds Island Moon Jade cultivators slaughtered Zixuan demon cultivators for no reason. Later, the Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye, used his doppelganger to perform the Blood Explosion Technique to slay the Fourth Island Master of Zixuan, causing Zixuan's outrage and subsequent mobilization for an assault.

The massive fleet traversed widely, casting a shadow that turned the waters of All Phenomena Ocean pitch black. Such a large-scale cultivator army on the offensive across All Phenomena Ocean would likely only be rivaled by other top-class Spirit Islands commanded by top-tier forces.

How can Three Worlds Island defend?

The news soon reached the main island of Three Worlds Island.

In the Council Hall, Three Worlds Island's Moon Jade cultivators gathered together, their expressions solemn but not panicked.

Old Tang asked, "What's the arrangement on Lu Ye's side?"

Luan Xiao'e replied, "Junior Brother has told us not to panic. He will try his best to stop the Zixuan fleet. If he truly can't stop it, we should abandon the island and leave before the Zixuan fleet arrives!"

Tang Jun was full of anger: "This is truly bullying to the extreme!"

Currently, rumors are spreading that it was the Three Worlds Island that stirred up trouble first, saying that a newly ascended Moon Jade cultivator from Three Worlds Island acted wildly, killing Zixuan demon cultivators without cause, and Lu Ye used his doppelganger to perform the Blood Explosion Technique, killing their Fourth Island Master.

But the truth is known only to a few, and furthermore, Zixuan has not mentioned a word about the billion spirit jade sent over to Three Worlds Island.

"They have been eyeing us for a long time, and after a year of waiting, no matter what the Junior Brother does, they will dispatch their troops." Luan Xiao'e sighed. Lu Ye must have known it would end like this, but when Wey Po was captured alive, even knowing the outcome, Lu Ye still went and tried his best to see if he could rescue Wey Po.

He Baichuan frowned and said, "What about the merchants on the island when the two islands are in conflict?"

Tang Jun responded, "No need to worry. Three Worlds Island is a commercial Spirit Island, and the war for commercial Spirit Islands will not affect those merchants. Even if Zixuan attacks, they will only strike the areas where local island cultivators are stationed, and won't disturb the merchants' zones."

There is precedent for this situation. So even though news of Zixuan's military expedition to Three Worlds Island has spread, the island's merchants are not panicking because the greatest value of Three Worlds Island is the merchants themselves; no one would offend them because of war.

Tang Jun's Spirit Talisman suddenly stirred. He quickly checked it and his face showed a satisfied smile: "Sifang Island has goodwill."

"What do you mean?" He Baichuan looked at him.

Tang Jun said, "Kang Cheng, Zhang Tingyi, Gao Zhan, and Zhou Chuang jointly sent a message, ready to support us with two thousand Constellations."

Sifang Island is currently stationed on the Spirit Island, which was originally Baiyue.

After the battle with Baiyue ended, Three Worlds Island secretly handed over Baiyue to Sifang Island to manage through an auction. They then sent people back to the four galaxies to bring back more Constellations.

During the auction back then, Three Worlds Island did not take a single spirit jade from Sifang Island; it was essentially given to them for free. Over these years, Sifang Island has developed well. Now, upon hearing of Zixuan's military attack, they have immediately expressed their support.

And this doesn't break any rules because they are supporting with Constellations. As long as they enter Three Worlds Island's defenses before the Zixuan fleet arrives, then they are considered part of Three Worlds Island's strength.

The rules in the All Phenomena Ocean do not restrict this; before two forces officially go to war, they can each seek allies for troop support, and there is precedent for this.

Of course, if the battles formally break out, then no external powers are allowed to intervene on the same battlefield.

It should be known that even if more Constellations were later brought from the four galaxies, Sifang Island currently has a total of just over three thousand people.

Sending over two thousand shows Sifang Island's sincerity. If not restricted by rules, they might even send a few Moon Jade cultivators.

Luan Xiao'e slightly nodded, a warmth spreading in her heart. True friendship is revealed in adversity. After a brief moment of contemplation, she spoke: "Send them a message expressing our gratitude, but let them know there's no need to support, and inform them we will not hold the island firm nor go in for a hard fight."

Three Worlds Island here is already prepared to withdraw from the island at any time because the disparity in strength between our side and the enemy is quite evident. Holding the island would certainly lead to heavy casualties, whereas timely withdrawal is the best strategy.

Since they are not planning to hold the island, there's naturally no need for support from Sifang Island.

Tang Jun nodded and immediately sent the message back.

At this moment, the massive Zixuan fleet was swiftly approaching Three Worlds Island. At the current pace, it would take less than a day to reach the island.

On the central battleship, Hu Guang was personally overseeing the command.

Seated on the large escort battleships to the left and right were Yoan Che and Bao Youyou. Numerous small Tiger Shark battleships spread out on the flanks, making the vast fleet look like a terrifying giant beast flying in from afar.

Suddenly, Hu Guang, standing on the battleship deck, looked ahead and saw a tiny figure. That person stood there quietly, alone.

"Lu Ye!" After seeing that person's face clearly, Hu Guang's eyes immediately turned red, and the scene of Junior Brother Tiger's tragic death flashed in his mind, prompting an angry shout, "Kill him for me!"

Upon the order, the battleships' numerous Arrays hummed, energy fluctuated, and after a brief charge time, a series of terrifying assaults were launched toward Lu Ye, overwhelming like a tide.

However, although these fearsome weapons meant for siege were incredibly powerful, they lacked flexibility. Before the assaults reached, Lu Ye's figure flickered a few times as if strolling leisurely, and all the attacks fell on empty space.

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The violent energy fluctuations subsided, and Hu Guang widened his eyes and looked towards the spot where Lu Ye once stood, only to find that the other party's figure was gone, causing him to feel uneasy.

At that moment, a commotion suddenly erupted from the right flank of the fleet. When he turned his head to look, he was met with a scene that made his eyes nearly pop out of their sockets. Lu Ye had somehow appeared there, standing atop a Tiger Shark battleship, his long blade already unsheathed, gripped with both hands in a reverse hold, mana surging violently as he stabbed down at the Tiger Shark beneath him.

The Boulder Mountain Saber, already unmatched in Sharpness, became even more lethal with the Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes. Even the Tiger Shark battleship couldn't withstand such a strike; the blade pierced through like cutting tofu, all the way to the hilt.

With a pull and a horizontal slash, in a blur of motion, a hole was carved into the Tiger Shark battleship.

Inside the battleship, five Constellation demon cultivators hadn't even reacted to what happened, only feeling a sudden brightness before they looked up and met Lu Ye's icy gaze.

The long blade vibrated, and a saber light like a stream of white fabric slashed out. Inside the Tiger Shark battleship, chaos ensued as blood splattered and life was obliterated.

Lu Ye had already leaped onto the nearby second Tiger Shark battleship, repeating the process.

Hu Guang was shocked!

Though from the brief prior encounter, it was clear that this Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island was audacious, enough to recklessly slaughter Zixuan Moon Jade with a doppelganger — an act only a fool without any sense would attempt.

But he never imagined that this man's courage had reached such a level.

Facing an entire fleet from Zixuan, he dared to come alone to create havoc. Did this person truly not know the meaning of dying?

What infuriated Hu Guang even more was that Lu Ye had succeeded.

One Tiger Shark battleship, five Constellation demon cultivators, although not a massive loss compared to the size of this enormous fleet, it was almost negligible. But some things couldn't be measured by the size of the loss.

Zixuan launched an attack on Three Worlds Island, only to be harassed halfway by a Moon Jade cultivator from Three Worlds Island. How could the demon cultivators tolerate this?

Moreover, given Lu Ye's efficiency earlier, if not stopped, the losses would inevitably escalate, and if it led to too great a loss, even if they captured Three Worlds Island, Zixuan couldn't accept it.

The reason for deploying a force of four thousand was to crush Three Worlds Island with an absolute advantage and avoid their own losses as much as possible.

"Courting death!" Hu Guang shouted angrily as he swept towards Lu Ye, simultaneously surging his Mental Consciousness to issue two commands.

One command was for Yoan Che and Bao Youyou to attack together and encircle Lu Ye, and the other was to order all Tiger Shark battleships to activate their defenses.

His response was undoubtedly swift, but even so, in that brief moment, Lu Ye destroyed three more Tiger Shark battleships, with no surviving Constellation demon cultivators inside, all killed.

Hu Guang felt his heart bleeding.

Looking at the entire conflict between Zixuan and Three Worlds Island, it was Zixuan that schemed first, yet from beginning to end, Zixuan only killed a newly advanced Moon Jade, Wey Po. On the other hand, Three Worlds Island first exterminated Junior Brother Tiger, then killed Red Elephant and two hundred Constellations, and now even three Tiger Shark battleships were lost.

In comparison, Zixuan's losses were too great, and the one who initiated all of this was none other than this guy named Lu Ye!

"Be careful of that blade, it's very sharp!" Hu Guang hurriedly transmitted an audio message to Bao Youyou and Yoan Che as he rushed towards Lu Ye, having personally witnessed a Tiger Shark battleship, under his order to activate its defenses, being effortlessly slashed open by Lu Ye, with the cultivators slaughtered.

The allure of the Tiger Shark battleship lay in its compactness and nimbleness, with just several Constellations piloting it to exert almost Moon Jade level strength.

In other words, a Tiger Shark battleship with its defenses activated was nearly equivalent to a Moon Jade Early Stage cultivator activating their protective magic. Yet even so, it could not withstand the slash of that long blade, easily breached.

The demon cultivators indeed had formidable physiques, but even they had to be wary of such a sharp offensive.

The speed of Hu Guang and the three Moon Jade cultivators was indeed swift, and they were nearing Lu Ye in no time. However, what infuriated Hu Guang even more was that the seemingly aggressive Lu Ye withdrew just before the three of them reached him.

Obviously not wanting head-on confrontation, which was undoubtedly the most correct choice, fighting alone against three, especially when the three were all Moon Jade Late Stage. Retreating first was the most prudent action to take.

Hu Guang had anticipated this scenario, yet when Lu Ye made this choice, his heart remained restless. He hesitated whether to pursue, but then Yoan Che shouted, "Don't let him escape; his aura is somewhat unstable!"

Upon hearing this, Hu Guang immediately sensed carefully and found, indeed as Yoan Che said, that although Lu Ye appeared normal, the slightly unstable aura couldn't be concealed.

He immediately understood that it was likely the repercussion of losing two doppelgangers earlier, which backlashed onto Lu Ye's true body.

In the cultivation world, there are many kinds of Clone Techniques, but generally speaking, when a doppelganger is lost, it greatly affects the true body. Lu Ye had lost two doppelgangers back in Zixuan; how could he be completely unscathed?

His act of covering up was merely an attempt to conceal his own inconvenience.

Hu Guang hesitated no longer. He ordered the fleet to continue advancing while he, along with two other demon cultivators, continued their pursuit, steadily closing the distance.

This chase lasted for the time of half an incense stick, crossing nearly ten thousand miles. As the figure fleeing ahead was about to enter his attack range, Hu Guang silently activated his own power, revealing the phantom of six fox tails waving behind him, distorting the Void. This undoubtedly represented the all-out force of his next strike.

On the other side, Bao Youyou and Yoan Che were also amassing their own strength, preparing to join Hu Guang in delivering a fatal blow to Lu Ye.

The three Moon Jade Late Stage cultivators were so well-coordinated. As fellow Moon Jades, no one in the stellar space could withstand them. They were confident they could seriously injure or even kill Lu Ye here.

However, just as the three were about to make their move, Lu Ye, who had been fleeing, suddenly stopped, turned his head, and gave them a cold glance.

The next moment, a complex spirit rune suddenly formed beneath Lu Ye's feet.

Seeing this, a sense of dread struck Hu Guang's heart. Though he did not know what the spirit rune represented, he intuitively felt something was amiss. Without hesitation, he unleashed a fierce attack, sending a fiery assault towards Lu Ye.

Simultaneously, Bao Youyou and Yoan Che attacked together.

The violent forces covered the area where Lu Ye was, obscuring his figure from view. When the three demon cultivators arrived, their expressions sank.

Lu Ye was gone, yet there were no signs of death or destruction one would expect.

Bao Youyou's face was filled with unease: "Is this also a doppelganger?"

If it was a doppelganger, then where was Lu Ye's true body? In their pursuit of Lu Ye, the three Moon Jades had all set out, leaving the fleet without any strong defenders.

Hu Guang shook his head, abruptly turning to look back in the direction they came, his face changed dramatically: "Return to defense quickly!"

He had already realized the seriousness of the situation. Whether that was Lu Ye's true body or a doppelganger, there was no trace of his demise. It was as if he had simply vanished. Thinking back to that astonishing spirit rune that appeared suddenly, Hu Guang immediately understood that Lu Ye had mastered a profound transposition technique and had already teleported to some unknown place.

Rumor had it that Three Worlds Island had a talisman shop of the Dwarf Race, perhaps he used a transposition talisman crafted by them.

Hu Guang only hoped that Lu Ye was not too close to the fleet, so they would still have time to defend because Dwarf Race's transposition talismans were generally random, unable to pinpoint precise locations.

But in the next moment, his hope was shattered as the audio talisman suddenly began vibrating relentlessly, signaling numerous messages reaching him at once.

Hu Guang's body went cold. With trembling hands, he retrieved the audio talisman, and as his Mental Consciousness probed it, his vision darkened.

At the same time, Bao Youyou and Yoan Che were checking their own audio talismans, the former exclaimed, "It's bad! Lu Ye is slaughtering over at the fleet!"

The most dreadful thing had happened.

This meant that after Lu Ye teleported away, he appeared directly by the fleet.

Hu Guang didn't know how the other party pulled off such a feat, but he knew it was no coincidence. The three Moon Jade demon cultivators rushed desperately towards the fleet, but they had pursued too far. Even if they returned to defend now, it would take some time.

In the vast All Phenomena Ocean, it suddenly began to rain battleships today, with one Tiger Shark battleship after another spiraling down to crash into the sea, vanishing without even a ripple.

The many cultivators in the distance watching this shocking scene were all struck with an unparalleled sense of astonishment.

For in their view, this was nothing short of a massacre—one person slaughtering an entire massive fleet!

From afar, the figure darting among the huge fleet seemed as insignificant as an ant. Yet that small figure would bring doom to any Tiger Shark battleship it touched.

The fleet did attempt a counterattack, but it was useless and only resulted in numerous injuries from friendly fire.

The force dispatched by Zixuan this time comprised a central battleship that accommodated a thousand, two large battleships each holding three hundred and each with a Moon Jade on board, and the remainder manned by groups of five using nearly five hundred Tiger Shark battleships. Such a fleet size could only be mustered by a top-tier power like Zixuan Island in the All Phenomena Ocean.

With such a fleet, no force below a top-class Spirit Island could withstand them.

When the news of Zixuan dispatching forces to Three Worlds Island spread, all cultivators thought that Three Worlds Island was doomed, destined to be conquered and its ownership changed.

Yet no one expected this intense battle to erupt not at Three Worlds Island but on the way there—by the Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye, single-handedly tearing through the fleet, destroying Tiger Shark battleships, and slaughtering Zixuan demon cultivators.

Zixuan's massive fleet was utterly helpless against it!

No matter the ultimate fate of Three Worlds Island, the legendary feat of one person standing against an entire fleet was bound to be talked about for centuries, generating endless discussions.

Chapter 1853 - Brilliant, Isn't It?

The offensive and defensive capabilities of a Tiger Shark battleship are roughly equivalent to an early Moon Jade, but that doesn't mean a single Tiger Shark battleship is truly a Moon Jade.

After all, it is just a battleship. In terms of maneuverability and reaction speed, of course, a cultivator is faster. When a cultivator commands a Tiger Shark, it requires some time to build up energy for an attack.

As more and more Tiger Shark battleships were destroyed, the demon cultivators realized that continuing this way was just waiting for death. At present, their Moon Jade reinforcements required time to arrive, so they needed to adapt for their own protection.

Immediately, many demon cultivators leaped from the Tiger Shark battleships, holding As-Close-As-Siblings Array Discs, channeling demonic power, and forming battle formations.

Though they lost the protection of the Tiger Shark battleships this way, under these formations, the power they could exert wasn't greatly diminished, and they could react faster.

In the blink of an eye, at least dozens of battle formations were formed, surrounding Lu Ye's location tightly.

Lu Ye watched coldly, lifted his Boulder Mountain Saber from within a Tiger Shark battleship at his feet, bringing out a spray of hot blood. With a gentle flick, he rushed towards the nearest formation.

That formation was composed of five demon cultivators, with varying cultivation levels, so their combined strength was theoretically inferior to a Moon Jade.

How could such a formation withstand Lu Ye's assault?

Even an actual early Moon Jade couldn't stand in his way.

In the instant their figures collided, five bursts of blood bloomed in the air. However, this brutal scene did not scare off the other Constellation demon cultivators; instead, it triggered their ferocity.

Zixuan Demon Planet is the only top-level domain ruled by the Demon Race within the stellar space. However, within this domain, the growth environment for demon cultivators is far from peaceful but filled with slaughter and the survival of the fittest. Those who emerge from Zixuan Demon Planet and cultivate to the Constellation level have all experienced numerous life-and-death encounters.

Even without a Moon Jade present, these Constellation demon cultivators remained fiercely aggressive. As the first formation was broken, numerous formations around surged instead of retreating, gathering towards Lu Ye, unleashing an array of attacks against him.

Lu Ye's figure darted, slashing with his long saber, never missing a strike.

With each flash of blood light, bodies dropped one after another. The vast battlefield was like a pot of boiling oil sprinkled with salt, fully boiling over.

More demon cultivators formed battle formations, charging towards the most intense area of the fight. Cultivators observing from afar were stupefied by the shocking scene, all amazed by the Zixuan demon cultivators' tenacity and fearlessness.

Lu Ye gradually felt some pressure...

This was quite unbelievable, making him understand deeply the saying "many ants can bite an elephant to death."

The Brazen Plundering Technique could no longer be executed freely, as he was already surrounded so densely by Zixuan demon cultivators, he couldn't even see the light outside, indicating the sheer number of enemies gathering around him.

In such a situation, the use of the Brazen Plundering Technique was undoubtedly greatly restricted.

If not for the Defense Spirit Runes protecting him, he would surely have been injured by now. Even with frequent activation of the shields, there was always a lapse in defense because every moment, numerous attacks assaulted him from all directions.

In the face of such circumstances, the most correct approach would undoubtedly be to find a direction, carve a blood path, break through the encirclement, and only then could he have room to maneuver.

Lu Ye was well aware of this, but he did not do so. He was waiting!

Zixuan Island had waited for a year to let him watch a grand show.

Now it was time to repay them in their own coin.

In a flash, half a stick of incense worth of time passed. Already, over a hundred Zixuan demon cultivators had fallen under Lu Ye's saber, yet instead of decreasing, the number surrounding him had increased. Seeing Lu Ye seemingly struggling and unable to escape, the demon cultivators were as if injected with adrenaline, filled with a mighty aura, intent on killing him here.

Hu Guang, Bao Youyou, and Yoan Che finally caught up. Seeing this astonishing scene from afar, Yoan Che couldn't help but grin: "The little ones did well, huh!"

The three of them, all Month Jade, had failed to hunt down Lu Ye but didn't imagine that the guy would actually be trapped by a bunch of Constellation ones. This was undoubtedly due to his arrogance, overconfident in his strength, and dismissive of the Zixuan demon cultivators, leading to his predicament.

Hu Guang also calmed down slightly. The initial attack on Zixuan hadn't gone well, and they suffered losses due to Lu Ye's surprise attack. But if they could kill him here, those losses would be acceptable.

"Follow me to slay the enemy!" Hu Guang uttered lightly, eyes flashing with killing intent. Bao Youyou and Yoan Che each summoned their power, rapidly closing in on the tightly packed battle cluster.

At the center of this formation filled with numerous demon cultivators, resembling a black sphere, Lu Ye sensed Hu Guang's presence keenly and realized it was indeed time for him to return.

The show... begins!

Hopefully, the Zixuan demon cultivators wouldn't be disappointed.

With an uplifted hand, a bone saber suddenly appeared in Lu Ye's left hand. Unlike his right hand, which held the Boulder Mountain Saber, this bone saber was gripped inversely in his left hand.

Lu Ye's expression became calm, and in an instant, all his blood and Qi boiled violently, even the flesh under his clothes started shaking under the high load.

The Boulder Mountain Saber slashed down, the saber momentum yet to be exhausted, as he turned his body, the bone saber was already raised...

The first few slashes could still be traced, but in the blink of an eye, the two long blades in Lu Ye's hands spun into a storm as his body turned.

The saber light ravaged, saber Qi crisscrossed, an imposing killing intent solidified and boiled over.

Hu Guang, who was rapidly approaching the battle group, suddenly felt a jump in his chest, sharply perceiving some unusual changes, but before he could find out what these changes were, he witnessed a scene that chilled his blood.

A violent blade storm suddenly surged within the dense black sphere engulfed by the Zixuan demon cultivators, and the scale of the storm rapidly expanded in all directions at a visible speed.

The massive black sphere, formed by the demon cultivators, didn't last even a single breath before it shattered, blood soared like a waterfall, and countless limbs flew horizontally.

A sudden change in an instant, countless life breaths were obliterated, and as the blade storm continued to expand, more demon cultivators were engulfed, more life breaths withered away!

Only those demon cultivators farther from the center of the battle group saw the bad omen and escaped swiftly, narrowly saving their lives.

Feeling the terrifying power of that violent blade storm, Hu Guang dared not approach even a bit further, staring ahead in a daze, his lips trembling, losing all color.

Bao Youyou and Yoan Che also had trembling eyes; with such a violent offensive, not to mention those of the Constellation, even a late-stage Moon Jade like them would find it hard to escape death if caught in it!

Gradually, the blade storm subsided, and amid the massive battlefield, only one figure stood firm, with a violent aura and boiling blood Qi, surrounded by severed limbs and broken flesh, falling onto the All Phenomena Ocean, yet that figure was unstained by blood.

Among all the saber skills mastered by Lu Ye, there was none more suited for dealing with being surrounded by numerous enemies than the Great Windmill. This was developed specifically for such a situation, although Lu Ye had been using it to forcibly defeat Sun Blaze in the past.

This time, the effect was indeed extraordinary.

With a slight tilt of his head, meeting Hu Guang's horrified eyes, Lu Ye flicked the blood drops from the two long blades and asked, "Magnificent? Beautiful?"

Hu Guang finally snapped back to his senses, gritting his teeth and shouting fiercely, blood dripping from the corner of his mouth, "Lu Ye! With Zixuan, it's a fight to the death!"

In that brief period, at least three hundred demon cultivators died a tragic death! Counting those who fell before, after Zixuan attacked the Three Worlds Island, nearly four hundred Constellation Demon Race members were slain by Lu Ye!

This doesn't include the two hundred he killed inside Zixuan Island before. If counted, that's six hundred!

Lu Ye coldly said, "What nonsense are you babbling? Ever since your Zixuan killed my Three Worlds Moon Jade, we were already at a fight to the death!"

"Alright, alright, alright!" Hu Guang nearly lost his mind with rage, dashing towards Lu Ye in a frenzy.

Bao Youyou and Yoan Che followed immediately, forming a flanking attack with the three Moon Jade.

Just now, Lu Ye, who was unbeatable, showed no intention of engaging with the three of them. Seeing this scene, he dodged away, his voice echoing from afar, "Zixuan's four thousand demon cultivators, let's see how long you can hold out!"

With four hundred slain in one go and such terrifying killing efficiency, after a few more waves, even before the Zixuan fleet reaches the Three Worlds Island, it may have already lost its combat capability.

At these words, Hu Guang seemed suddenly awakened, immediately stopping in place.

Earlier, the three Moon Jades were led away by Lu Ye, resulting in Lu Ye's sudden assault and the massacre of four hundred Zixuan demon cultivators. This time, he definitely wouldn't repeat the mistake. Stopping, he transmitted to Bao Youyou and Yoan Che, "Don't give him any breathing space, just hold him!"

At the same time, he turned and ordered, "Continue the advance!"

The rhythm of war cannot fall into the enemy's hands. The Zixuan fleet is already deployed, and although the losses just now were significant, it doesn't affect the overall situation. When the Zixuan fleet arrives at the Three Worlds Island, the rhythm will be in their hands, and by then, Lu Ye won't be able to jump around as he pleases.

And by guarding the fleet, he could prevent Lu Ye from launching another sudden assault like before.

The fleet continued forward, albeit on a slightly smaller scale.

Standing on the central battleship, Hu Guang coldly watched Lu Ye over there. The other party seemed to know he couldn't repeat the same trick, so he never strayed far. Even under Bao Youyou and Yoan Che's pursuit, his figure constantly maneuvered, leaving Hu Guang unsure of his intentions.

A moment later, Hu Guang was surprised to see Lu Ye suddenly turn, actively heading towards Yoan Che, seeming agitated from being pursued, knowing he couldn't escape, and ready to make an all-out effort.

Hu Guang felt assured, waiting for Yoan Che to entangle Lu Ye, and when Bao Youyou joined the fray, he could seize the opportunity to enter the battle, attacking three against one, surely avenging a great vendetta!

On the other side, seeing Lu Ye charging towards him, Yoan Che shouted immediately, "Good timing!"

Lu Ye seemed irritable from being chased, and he was equally irritated because Lu Ye had never engaged them directly, leaving him with no room to utilize his full strength.

Chapter 1854 - How Could This Happen?

During the chase, seeing Lu Ye unexpectedly charging at him, Yoan Che fearlessly faced him head-on, even somewhat eagerly.

Both were at the Moon Jade stage, but his cultivation was one level higher than Lu Ye's, so naturally, he didn't fear the opponent.

Though unafraid, Yoan Che didn't underestimate him. When deciding to act against Three Worlds Island, Zixuan carefully gathered intelligence on the island.

The most concerning was Lu Ye's strength. He was a formidable opponent capable of cornering Yu Huan, an Early Stage Moon Jade cultivator, so his strength couldn't simply be judged by the cultivation realm.

Furthermore, Yoan Che had witnessed the sharpness of the Boulder Mountain Saber, so he had a simple plan—not aiming to kill Lu Ye but just to keep him tangled for a moment. In that time, Bao Youyou and Hu Guang would provide support, and then with a three-against-one scenario, Lu Ye wouldn't stand a chance of surviving.

With Demon Origin surging, Yoan Che was enveloped in golden light, activating an extremely powerful protective technique. Meanwhile, his already tall figure suddenly expanded several times over, transforming into a giant ape with long arms, white fur all over, and two tusks exposed.

For a demon cultivator, revealing one's true form in combat undoubtedly means going all out.

His teeth bared and eyes bloodshot, he glared angrily at Lu Ye. In a moment, he swung his arm backward, and the flesh on his arm began to writhe quickly.

The distance between them closed rapidly, and the intensity of their auras soared.

Then Yoan Che witnessed something inexplicable. As Lu Ye charged at him, he inexplicably sheathed his saber, placing his right hand on the hilt, with his eyelids slightly lowered.

At that instant, Yoan Che felt a shiver down his spine, sensing a huge impending crisis. However, the distance was too close to retreat.

Though unaware of Lu Ye's intention, Yoan Che instinctively made the right move. His arm, swung backward, suddenly shot forward like a long whip, striking the Void.

This strike didn't aim to kill but to obstruct the opponent momentarily. Despite the intense sense of crisis, he was confident it would work.

The arm knocked against Lu Ye, causing him to vanish in a puff of smoke, yet Yoan Che felt no joy, realizing it was just an illusion...

As the illusion dissipated, Lu Ye's true self appeared directly in front of Yoan Che. As he raised his other arm to repeat the move, the Boulder Mountain Saber was unsheathed.

In that instant, the radiant saber light rose like a big sun, causing all the cultivators watching to lose focus briefly. The draw of the long saber was accompanied by a terrifying slash.

Yoan Che's eyes widened at the realization that his opponent was no mere mid-stage Moon Jade but a Sun Blaze!

He finally understood the intense crisis he had felt earlier.

The two figures brushed past each other, maintaining their forward momentum, but Lu Ye's speed didn't decrease, while Yoan Che's physique gradually slowed down, standing still in mid-air, expression bitter.

Facing the pursuit of Bao Youyou, Yoan Che saw the terror in her eyes and smiled bitterly.

He couldn't even delay Lu Ye for a moment. How could a medium-stage Moon Jade like Lu Ye be so terrifying?

He believed his actions and responses were flawless, without a shred of arrogance or underestimation, yet he couldn't avoid disaster.

"Be careful!" Yoan Che shouted.

As the words fell, the golden light shattered violently, and even the massive Demon Race true form split in half, tumbling into the deep sea with blood and internal organs scattering.

Bao Youyou's eyes trembled fiercely. She reached out to catch Yoan Che's body but was too late, watching helplessly as the two halves disappeared from view.

She stood dazed, almost believing she was in a dream, for what she had just witnessed was too unreal.

As a late-stage Moon Jade like Yoan Che, Bao Youyou's disposition was naturally not weak. Moreover, she came from the top domain Zixuan Demon Planet, and among the Moon Jade level, the Zixuan Island Demon Race members were true elites.

The fact she was stunned showed how significant the impact was on her spirit.

"Junior Sister Bao!" An angry shout awakened Bao Youyou. At the same time, she sensed a sharp aura locking onto her. She quickly raised her head to see Lu Ye rushing towards her at great speed.

Yoan Che died right in front of her eyes, and without any resistance he was killed. Where would Bao Youyou dare to stay? She immediately darted to the side.

In that direction, Hu Guang was coming to assist her, seeing things had gone awry.

A few breaths later, Bao Youyou looked back and found Lu Ye had already stopped and was no longer pursuing, just coldly watching her silhouette, making her feel a sense of escaping death.

After two more breaths, she finally met up with Hu Guang, and the two demon cultivators dared not hesitate, flashing back to the central hub battleship.

The fleet was still executing Hu Guang's previous orders, advancing toward Three Worlds Island. However, the seemingly mighty fleet lost its formidable momentum seen when they set out, having

witnessed the previous twists and terrifying slaughter, the entire fleet was enveloped in an inexplicable atmosphere, every demon cultivator's heart was heavy, looking at that human figure still standing far away, feeling chills.

"How could it be like this?" On the central hub battleship, Bao Youyou's eyes were red as she murmured to herself.

Initially, many Constellations died and it could be said it was because of their few Moon Jade strategies being incorrect, having been led away by Lu Ye. But now even Yoan Che was dead!

And it was in direct confrontation, without any resistance he was killed.

While feeling sorrow, Bao Youyou was more thankful; luckily Lu Ye's previous target was not herself, otherwise it would be her dead now, not Yoan Che!

Hu Guang's lips were pale and his fists clenched tightly. Despite being unwilling to believe, everything happened right before his eyes, forcing him to admit one thing: "We underestimated him."

Yoan Che's response was seen by him, without any greed or impulsiveness, yet he still couldn't escape death. At the root, it was the failure to properly assess the opponent's ability.

Reflecting on everything since deploying to Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye first came alone to harass the fleet, deliberately leading them three Moon Jade away, then somehow killed in a counterattack amid the fleet, wantonly slaughtered, after the three returned for defense he used words to induce, leading him to stay and guard the fleet, letting Yoan Che and Bao Youyou team up to chase out.

Thinking two against one would be no problem, yet the result was losing one Yoan Che.

From the start, the rhythm of the combat was in Lu Ye's hands, completely leading the Zixuan demon cultivators by the nose; all his words and actions had strong intentions; at first, he even deliberately made a semblance as if his aura was weak due to losing his doppelganger, it was laughable how he didn't see through it.

It's said that foxes are cunning, but compared to everything Lu Ye did in such a short time, Hu Guang felt himself utterly naive and pitiful; Lu Ye on Three Worlds Island absolutely had a very dirty 7th orifice Linglong heart!

"What exactly was that technique?" Bao Youyou asked in disbelief and fear, even though she narrowly escaped, recalling that terrifying saber still left her with lingering apprehension.

Hu Guang shook his head, how would he know what kind of technique it was; Yoan Che couldn't withstand that saber, meaning he and Bao Youyou couldn't either, perhaps only the First Island Master Lion Heart could survive under that saber.

"No matter what technique that was, such a secret technique surely caused him extreme damage." Hu Guang stared at the direction where Lu Ye was located, judging this because he discovered signs of Lu Ye swallowing a large amount of elixir pills, which undoubtedly indicated that after that saber, Lu Ye also needed recovery, hence did not pursue.

This might be an opportunity... Hu Guang's heart moved, reasoning that if his inference was correct, then Lu Ye must currently be at his limit, he and Bao Youyou might achieve something if they return to fight.

But he hesitated to make this decision, because if judged wrong, it would only worsen the situation, and he couldn't confirm if Lu Ye's current performance was intentional, inducing him to make this decision. Three Moon Jade had already lost one, if another one were lost, they would truly be picked off one by one.

A sudden jolt in his heart made Hu Guang realize something bitter: in the confrontation with Lu Ye, he had already fallen behind mentally, because no matter what Lu Ye did, he would feel the opponent was tricking him, dimming his gaze and souring his mood.

On the other side, Lu Ye, having swallowed a large number of elixir pills, watched as the fleet moved farther and farther away. He couldn't help but show a disappointed expression.

For he truly wanted to lure Hu Guang and Bao Youyou out for a battle; although the Drawn Saber Slash had already been deployed, he lacked the ability to rapidly slay a strong enemy across stages, but he had the Treasure Blood Avatar; as long as Hu Guang and Bao Youyou dared to come out and tangle with him,

he could deploy the Treasure Blood Avatar to form a big array, at that time these two Demon Race Moon Jade would certainly meet a dire fate.

As long as Hu Guang and Bao Youyou were dealt with, this vast fleet would be his prey, he could kill as he pleased.

Unfortunately, these two avoided coming out to fight, so other methods would have to be used.

Under the gaze of countless demon cultivators, Lu Ye who had been standing still finally moved, his figure transformed into a streaming light chasing toward the fleet, weaving through and dodging incoming attacks, landing swiftly on the rearmost Tiger Shark battleship.

He drew the Boulder Mountain Saber, his gaze remotely collided with Hu Guang at the fleet's forefront, beneath his serene expression was full provocation, the long saber thrust downward, slicing through the Tiger Shark battleship's defense as if cutting tofu.

Slaughter reignited!

Hu Guang sighed deeply, finally confirming that Lu Ye had indeed feigned weakness earlier, while feeling thankful for not taking the risk, he was forced to make a decision filled with humiliation: "Return to the island!"

Chapter 1855 - Sun Blaze's Strongest Underling

The All Phenomena Ocean was bustling today because another major event had occurred—Zixuan, as a top-class Spirit Island, suddenly deployed forces to attack Three Worlds Island, dispatching three Moon Jade Late-Stage cultivators and four thousand Constellation cultivators to form a massive fleet.

With the dissemination of various messages, it didn't take long for this event to become known throughout the All Phenomena Ocean.

Nearby cultivators rushed to investigate the situation immediately, while those further away hurried over, eager not to miss such a spectacle.

Across this vast All Phenomena Ocean, various conflicts continue incessantly; disputes and slaughters are staged almost every moment between cultivators and islands. Cultivators from different Star Systems clash here, keeping the All Phenomena Ocean perpetually lively.

However, amidst all this hullabaloo, it's almost unheard of for a top-class Spirit Island to dispatch forces to attack another island. Top-class islands possess powerful capabilities, and having already occupied a top-class Spirit Island, they are generally in a state of no needs and desires. Without a major grievance, they would not bully the weak.

The last time a top-class Spirit Island deployed forces was nearly ten thousand years ago.

Therefore, when the news of Zixuan deploying forces spread, it attracted attention from many cultivators, especially since Zixuan's target was the currently prominent Three Worlds Island.

Having risen to prominence within less than a decade and becoming one of the All Phenomena Ocean's exceptionally successful commercial Spirit Islands, the rise of Three Worlds Island is quite legendary. Whether it rapidly conquered Baiyue Island or offended the Sun Blaze governor, these events attract considerable attention.

Although the word from Zixuan claimed that Three Worlds Island had a newly promoted Moon Jade who killed Zixuan demon cultivators without cause, and thus they dispatched troops, such statements could only deceive newcomers to the All Phenomena Ocean. Any veteran cultivators who have spent some years here know this is but an excuse; the real reason for Zixuan's deployment is only known to themselves.

Everyone believed that Three Worlds Island was in for bad luck this time, because whether comparing their heritage or the number of cultivators, Zixuan significantly exceeds Three Worlds Island, making the disparity in overall strength extremely vast.

Yet, nobody anticipated that the forceful expedition, assembling such a large fleet of Zixuan demon cultivators, would be intercepted by one person; after a shocking slaughter, Zixuan demon cultivators lost hundreds of Constellation cultivators and one Moon Jade and were forced to retreat halfway through their journey.

According to cultivators who witnessed the battle firsthand, the individual responsible for this astounding feat was the Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye.

Despite his cultivation being only at Moon Jade Mid-Stage, Lu Ye's strength was extraordinarily frightening. He single-handedly intercepted the Zixuan fleet, brazenly charging into the fleet, easily destroying several Tiger Shark battleships, provoking the pursuit of Zixuan's three Moon Jade cultivators.

Lu Ye then doubled back and single-handedly wiped out hundreds of Zixuan demon cultivators.

The most shocking was that Zixuan's Third Island Master, Yoan Che, possessing Moon Jade Late-Stage cultivation, was forcefully slain by Lu Ye in one strike, making Yoan Che incapable of any resistance during the entire process.

Rumors suggested that when that strike was delivered, Lu Ye of Three Worlds Island descended like a war god, unstoppable; the brilliance of that strike dimmed the heavens and earth.

Afterward, seeing the situation had gone awry, Zixuan's second Island Lord Hu Guang commanded the fleet to return, while Lu Ye relentlessly pursued it further, dealing heavy damage to Zixuan until the fleet retreated back to their island, temporarily pausing this dispute.

With cultivators observing from afar spreading the news, almost immediately it traveled across the All Phenomena Ocean, leaving those who didn't witness it stupefied. However, these sources were numerous; many cultivators observed from afar, allowing confirmation.

This means that these unbelievable reports were not fabrications.

The entire All Phenomena Ocean was shaken.

Prior to today, nobody thought such a battle for island dominance could be fought like this, where one individual single-handedly deterred a fleet of nearly a thousand and caused massive casualties among the enemy. This sort of outrageous incident had never occurred in both the All Phenomena Ocean and the broader stellar space.

Throughout this skirmish, Zixuan dispatched troops aggressively yet concluded hastily; whether in reputation or actual loss, the consequences were unimaginable.

To achieve such a remarkable feat, the formidable personal strength of Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island indeed left people unable to fathom.

To confront the strong when being weak, he nevertheless slew Yoan Che in one strike; though traces of secret techniques were used, it still amazes.

It must be noted that Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island is just at Moon Jade Mid-Stage, and with such prowess now, should he advance to Moon Jade Late-Stage, what then?

Presently, Zixuan demon cultivators remain on their island, while Lu Ye positions himself 500 miles outside Zixuan Island, displaying a demeanor of disdain towards Zixuan and determinedly declaring he will strike down any demon cultivators daring to leave the island...

This directly resulted in no demon cultivators from Zixuan Island daring to leave recklessly.

Even the Zixuan demon cultivators previously lingering outside have concealed themselves, not daring to show up.

In other words, the massive Zixuan Island has been blockaded!

Countless cultivators eagerly anticipate how this ongoing conflict will unfold, as the clash between these two Spirit Islands has escalated to a point of no return. Being a top-class Spirit Island, Zixuan, renowned for years, has unexpectedly been blockaded at its gate—how can this be tolerated?

One side is destined to exit the stage dismally.

Five hundred miles away from Zixuan, Lu Ye sat cross-legged on an extremely small deserted island, gazing leisurely towards Zixuan Island, pondering how to break through the opponent's protective array.

We must acknowledge one thing: although he has killed many Zixuan demon cultivators before, and even three Moon Jade ones have died at his hands, this does not undermine the foundation of Zixuan Island. Cultivators can be replaced; as long as Zixuan Island exists, Zixuan demon cultivators have a stronghold!

The enmity with Zixuan is irreconcilable. Ever since Wey Po was devoured by Lion Heart, Zixuan has firmly stood on the opposite side of Three Worlds Island.

But this top-class Spirit Island is not comparable to the likes of Baiyue.

To deal with Baiyue, Lu Ye could weaken the protective array's power by sneaking in and destroying the bases, allowing the cultivators of Three Worlds Island to attack externally. However, the same approach doesn't apply to Zixuan.

Because even if he managed to destroy several array bases, without being able to destroy them all, Zixuan's protective array would remain intact. Even if the protection is slightly weakened, with Three Worlds Island's current resources, it can't be completely breached.

The solidity of this protective array, maintained over tens of thousands of years, is beyond imagination. Without intervention from Sun Blaze, it is essentially unmovable.

In this sense, going back to the Nine Provinces to ask the Dwarf Race Sun Blazes for two red talismans might be a solution.

When he ventured to the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye before, the Dwarf Race gave him three red talismans: one for attack, one for defense, and one for escape.

He has used the first two talismans, with only the escaping red talisman left, which is unsuitable for this situation.

But even if he were faster, it would take two months for a round trip. If he's not in the All Phenomena Ocean, and Zixuan Island makes a move, Three Worlds Island is in danger.

Moreover, red talismans from the Dwarf Race aren't inexhaustible. Previously, three races collaborated to give him three red talismans. Even if he goes back to ask for more, he may not get suitable ones.

Yet, without the power of red talismans, how can he break through Zixuan's protective array?

This matter is quite troubling for Lu Ye because, according to his plan, only by breaking the opponent's protective array will he fully control the battle's initiative. At that time, he could come and go at Zixuan Island as he pleases, even Lion Heart wouldn't be able to keep him.

After thinking long and hard, he still has no lead, and he can't stay here indefinitely. This would indeed be a waste of time; what if Zixuan remains behind closed doors?

After a brief contemplation, Lu Ye decided to set up a Formation on the spot. Soon, the Formation was activated, concealing his figure.

The main reason for doing this was that quite a few spectators were staying around. Any movement he made was under their watchful eyes, and among them were surely Zixuan's spies.

Under the cover of the Formation, Lu Ye conjured his Talent Tree Avatar, dressed it, and as his true self, activated Concealment and Breath-concealing Spirit Runes on himself, leaving quietly.

A few hours later, Lu Ye quietly returned to Three Worlds Island.

In the Council Hall, all Moon Jade members of this island gathered.

With a smile, Tang Jun looked at Lu Ye: "Young brother, you are quite impressive now. The whole All Phenomena Ocean is saying you are the best below Sunlight!"

The All Phenomena Ocean is a gathering place for cultivators from countless star systems, with many Moon Jade cultivators of various strengths from major factions. Yet even someone like Lion Heart wouldn't dare to claim to be the best below Sunlight, for in the world, there's always a higher peak.

However, after this series of battles, Lu Ye has firmly established his reputation as the best below Sunlight. Yoan Che was strong, but couldn't withstand even a single strike from him—who else in the entire All Phenomena Ocean could achieve that?

Lu Ye, however, showed no joy at this; he simply replied, "Those who say that about me must have ulterior motives."

Tang Jun paused for a moment, then nodded with realization: "Indeed."

Even with the feat of slaying Yoan Che in one strike, the title of "best below Sunlight" carries too much weight. Cultivators often harbor ambitions and aggressive tendencies. Without a sufficiently strong background, such a title is no good thing.

"But why have you returned?" Tang Jun inquired, "Weren't you blocking the gate at Zixuan?"

"I left an Avatar there; the Zixuan demon cultivators will likely not dare come out for now."

Tang Jun nodded, understanding that if Zixuan demon cultivators don't emerge, Lu Ye staying there would be a waste of time.

Luan Xiao'e spoke: "Senior Brother, what are your plans next?"

Lu Ye replied: "If you don't kill a snake, it will bite back. Naturally, I plan to seize Zixuan. Zixuan has suffered significant losses right now, particularly losing two Moon Jade governors, which presents a great opportunity."

The loss of Moon Jade governors can be replenished, but the condition is that they must first go to the All Phenomena Ocean to register, which is why Lu Ye sees it as an opportunity.

Chapter 1856 - Precedent

As long as we don't give the Zixuan demon cultivators the chance to register and record on the All Phenomena Island side, even if Zixuan Island has more powerful figures, the public Moon Jade governors will still be only three.

"Capturing Zixuan is not so easy," Tang Jun frowned, "I have traveled to various Spirit Islands over the years, and I have been to several top-class Spirit Islands. Their protective arrays have been built up over a long period, running at full power at all times, and their defenses are extremely strong. As of now, unless Sun Blaze takes action, it's almost impossible to break through."

This was undoubtedly what was troubling Lu Ye. He was extremely proficient in combat, and even when facing the Zixuan fleet alone, he showed no fear and even achieved some results. However, in the contention on the All Phenomena Ocean, merely killing enemies was useless, unless he had the ability to kill all the Zixuan demon cultivators.

Luan Xiao'e said, "If junior brother really wants to capture Zixuan, all the cultivators from the Three Worlds Island must be mobilized. Not only that, but we'll also need to borrow troops from Sifang Island. By then, with five Moon Jades, four thousand cultivators, and proper coordination, it may not be impossible."

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye slowly shook his head: "Not appropriate. In warfare, the defending side inherently holds an absolute advantage. I previously investigated Zixuan's deployment a bit; their defensive structures are no joke. If we really send a large army to attack, significant casualties would inevitably occur before even approaching."

He Baichuan said, "Like last time, find a chance to infiltrate Zixuan? You have the Small Flower World; you could bring people as a surprise force and disrupt them from within."

This time, Tang Jun shook his head before Lu Ye could speak: "It's not feasible. The scale and foundation of Zixuan and Baiyue are completely different. Let's not even mention whether Lu Ye could still find a chance to infiltrate with Zixuan now on high alert. Even if there were such a chance, the capacity of the Small Flower World is limited and can't accommodate too many cultivators. These people could be swallowed whole by the enemy once inside Zixuan."

Lu Ye returned mainly to brainstorm, as he was at a dead end himself. Unfortunately, after discussing at length with the Moon Jades on this island, there was no breakthrough.

Helplessly, they each dispersed.

The Talent Tree Avatar is monitoring movements on Zixuan Island, but there's nothing obvious happening for now. It seems that after suffering a significant loss previously, Zixuan also doesn't dare to act rashly.

It makes sense, too. Zixuan took the initiative by assembling a massive fleet, only to be repelled single-handedly by Lu Ye, resulting in the death of a Moon Jade late-stage and several hundred Constellations. His formidable means of slaying Yoan Che undoubtedly make the Zixuan Moon Jades extremely apprehensive. Without effective countermeasures against him, Zixuan will not dispatch troops again.

Now numerous cultivators are watching the situation, and Zixuan should be under a lot of pressure. After all, having boasted previously as a top-class Spirit Island, they've now been blocked at their doorstep, and losing face so significantly is not easy to recover.

Unless Zixuan's Lion Heart takes action himself, no one else would dare to face Lu Ye one-on-one. But from Zixuan's current state of shutting its gates, it appears Lion Heart is also cautious.

Seeing Lu Ye's frustration, Tang Jun soon brought a few jugs of wine to see him. In the past, Tang Jun rarely stayed on Three Worlds Island and was usually on different Spirit Islands across the All Phenomena Ocean. But due to the tense situation now, he dared not venture out lightly.

An elder and a young one sat facing each other. Tang Jun also brought some snacks from somewhere, and the two of them ate and drank leisurely.

"Actually, after thinking it over, the side that should be anxious is not us, but Zixuan," Tang Jun remarked with a strategic demeanor. "See, Zixuan is being blocked by you, and its cultivators dare not go out. For a top-class Spirit Island with top-class power, enduring it temporarily is fine, but definitely not for long. So as long as we play the waiting game, they'll eventually make a move, providing an opportunity for a breakthrough."

Of course, Lu Ye understood this principle, but the key was how long would it take? A year, two years, or three to five years?

If Zixuan could lower their stance and endure for that long, Lu Ye couldn't afford to wait that long.

Wey Po met his tragic end right under his nose. At the time, things happened so suddenly that Lu Ye never anticipated Lion Heart would do something so cruel, leaving him no time to rescue.

Even though Lu Ye had no particular relationship with Wey Po, barely interacting a few times, in the end, Wey Po was a cultivator from Three Worlds Island and Luan Xiao'e's junior brother. His life and death related to the honor or disgrace of all Three Worlds Island cultivators.

"I boldly guess that before long, someone will come to negotiate," Tang Jun speculated, picking a fried spirit fruit resembling a peanut and tossing it into his mouth.

Lu Ye silently took a sip of wine: "When we fought against Baiyue, there were also people who came to negotiate."

He remembered the person claimed to be Gu Chuan of Yellow Dragon, a speaker invited by Yu Huan, but Lu Ye ignored him. When Gu Chuan saw Lu Ye's resolute attitude, he didn't say much more and left freely.

"If one person comes to negotiate, you can ignore them. But what if there are two, three, or even more people? What if someone invites Mang Dang?"

Lu Ye looked up at him.

Tang Jun said, "This is very likely to happen. The connections between these top-class Spirit Islands are very close. And speaking off the record, although you've been impressive this time, your terrifying achievements are indeed intimidating. You were able to block the entrance of Zixuan Island this time; what if one day you block other top-class Spirit Islands? It's said you're the number one under Sun Blaze, and you're only at Moon Jade Mid-Stage now. When you advance to Moon Jade Late Stage, won't you be tyrannizing all the Moon Jade ranks? The survival of Zixuan Island might not be directly related to other forces' interests, but you've become such a variable in All Phenomena Ocean that they must be cautious. If the situation develops where all forces hope Three Worlds Island and Zixuan reach a peace agreement, then we have no choice. If we don't go along with their wishes, Three Worlds Island will become the enemy of the entire All Phenomena Ocean. Where would we find a foothold in such a vast ocean? Additionally, we need to consider Yuan Du, that old guy will definitely fan the flames from behind."

Lu Ye squinted at Old Tang, "Why do I feel like you're a lobbyist now?"

Old Tang popped another spirit fruit into his mouth, chewing loudly, "See, you can already feel the pressure of the overwhelming trend. I'm just analyzing the future possibilities for you, but this possibility is real and won't be far off!" His expression turned solemn, "So, if we truly want to seize Zixuan, we must act quickly and decisively, and settle it before those possibilities occur, so we can silence everyone!"

Lu Ye nodded, understanding Old Tang's intentions in telling him this.

Originally, he did feel a bit anxious to attack Zixuan Island, but he hadn't realized these potential problems. Listening to Old Tang's explanation made him immediately realize that this matter truly couldn't be dragged out.

"Among these many top-class Spirit Islands in All Phenomena Ocean, is there no precedent for them being conquered?" Lu Ye asked. Old Tang had roamed around All Phenomena Ocean for years and befriended countless companions; he surely had more information than Lu Ye.

Tang Jun shook his head, "No, that's never happened because, under the current rules of All Phenomena Ocean, no force could break the protective arrays of top-class Spirit Islands, let alone conquer them. So kid, if we can achieve it, it would be a groundbreaking first, making Three Worlds Island renowned, akin to a top-class Spirit Island." He turned his speech with a thoughtful look, "However, although no one has ever conquered a top-class Spirit Island, there have been instances of their protective arrays failing."

"Oh?" Lu Ye instantly became interested, "Explain in detail!"

Tang Jun said, "Actually, it's not really a failure, just some problems causing it to shut down and then being repaired... Have you heard of Illusory Sea Island?"

Lu Ye nodded, "Naturally."

The top-class Spirit Islands in All Phenomena Ocean are well-known, and Illusory Sea Island is one of them. Even if Lu Ye were ignorant, he would've heard of it.

"It's said to be the smallest of the top-class Spirit Islands?"

"Correct." Tang Jun nodded, "Across the entire All Phenomena Ocean, the largest among all top-class Spirit Islands is undoubtedly All Phenomena Island, as it's held by the local Star System forces. Other top-class Spirit Islands vary in size, but the differences are not huge. Only Illusory Sea Island is pitifully small. Even now, only a thousand cultivators are stationed there."

Only enough to accommodate a thousand cultivators, it indeed is not large.

"You are quite proficient in formations and should understand one thing: the longer the protective array accumulates, the stronger its protective power."

Lu Ye nodded, as he knew the operational mechanisms of protective arrays. Simply put, a protective array is both an array and a container. The energy generated within a Spirit Island, aside from consumption by cultivators, is mostly absorbed and stored by the protective array, maintaining the operation of the array through storage within the array base. Therefore, the longer a protective array exists, the more energy it stores, the stronger its protection, and the longer it can last.

This is the fundamental reason for the significant disparity between the protective arrays of Zixuan Island and Baiyue Island. The former's protective array has operated for tens of thousands of years, while the latter has only been active for eight hundred years, making them incomparable.

Similarly, when Lu Ye led people to destroy the Array Base Hall of Baiyue Island, it was akin to destroying several storage points of the array's energy, destabilizing the protective array while greatly weakening its defensive power, which led to He Baichuan breaking Baiyue Great Array from the outside.

"Initially, Illusory Sea Island didn't host a thousand cultivators, only five hundred, as housing for cultivators needs to be rationally structured. Stationing five hundred was just right, but then problems arose. The energy consumed by five hundred cultivators during cultivation wasn't sufficient, resulting in more energy being absorbed and stored by the protective array. Initially, there were no issues, but over time, the energy storage reached its limit, the entire protective array of Illusory Sea Island began to operate in overload, dramatically boosting protection while running the risk of breaking down. Forced by circumstances, the cultivators of Illusory Sea Island dismantled the protective array, released all stored energy within the array base, and restructured it. Since then, Illusory Sea Island has stationed more cultivators to ensure more energy is consumed within the island, and to this day, Illusory Sea Island's protective array has had no further issues."

## Chapter 1857 - Possibilities

"I've been to Illusory Sea Island; you wouldn't believe it, a thousand cultivators crowding a small Spirit Island, it was really cramped," Tang Jun said with a tone of pride, "It's much more comfortable on Three Worlds Island, so spacious."

Three Worlds Island is indeed spacious because back when Lu Ye had Luan Xiao'e and the others choose a location, he deliberately selected this place. From the beginning, he planned to develop Three Worlds Island into a commercial Spirit Island similar to Unparalleled Island. For now, without mentioning the commercial area, even the cultivator settlement on Three Worlds Island can accommodate a few thousand cultivators without feeling crowded.

As they spoke, Tang Jun showed a look of surprise, "What happened?"

Lu Ye suddenly stared at him with bright eyes for some reason, then abruptly stood up, "I'm going out!"

"For what?" Tang Jun asked, puzzled by the abrupt decision, leaving him in confusion.

"Nothing, you just continue eating and drinking," Lu Ye said as he walked out. At the door, he suddenly turned back to remind, "If someone comes to talk on behalf of someone else, treat them well, but don't agree to anything."

"Okay!" Tang Jun nodded instinctively.

A moment later, below Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye swam swiftly like a fish to the location where the Small Constellation Palace was placed. Looking around, the Small Constellation Palace was still there, continuously converting seawater energy into Three Worlds Island.

Since returning, he had been pondering how to break the protective array of Zixuan forcefully. However, after talking with Tang Jun, he realized it was almost an impossible task unless he returned to the Nine Provinces to ask Su Yuqing for two offensive red talismans.

But the encounter at Illusory Sea Island showed him another possibility. Perhaps... it wasn't necessary to forcefully break the protective array, which is labor-intensive and risky, with low chances of success. Thinking from a different angle could provide a solution.

Once his mindset shifted, Lu Ye increasingly found it feasible!

Illusory Sea Island's array base energy reached its limit, threatening the protective array with collapse. So if he could make Zixuan Island face the same situation as Illusory Sea Island, then Zixuan had two choices: either voluntarily remove and redeploy the protective array or watch it burst from the accumulated energy!

Whichever choice Zixuan makes, the protective array will no longer serve as a barrier for Lu Ye.

What would be impossible for others might be possible for Lu Ye with the help of the Small Constellation Palace.

Which is why he impulsively left to come here.

Finding the Small Constellation Palace, Lu Ye took it and swam in the direction of his Talent Tree Avatar.

Underwater speed is naturally slower than traveling through air, but its concealment is greater. Likely no one would suspect that a cultivator with malicious intent was rapidly approaching Zixuan Island from beneath the All Phenomena Ocean.

A full day later, Lu Ye finally arrived beneath Zixuan Island.

Though he had traveled in and out of the All Phenomena Ocean many times, he had never appeared beneath another Spirit Island, especially not a top-class Spirit Island like Zixuan.

Carefully sensing, he could detect minuscule, nearly imperceptible bubbles continuously forming in the seawater below Zixuan Island. These tiny bubbles undoubtedly contained pure stellar space energy, which is the fundamental reason behind Zixuan Island's energy abundance.

Energy from these bubbles flows into Zixuan Island, constrained by the protective array, preventing it from dissipating. It can then be used by cultivators on the island or absorbed by the protective array for storage.

The situation for other Spirit Islands should be similar, albeit with varying strengths, which accounts for the differing levels of Spirit Islands.

It's clear that these bubbles' energy derives from the All Phenomena Ocean's seawater conversion, likely related to the Constellation Palace itself; otherwise, the All Phenomena Ocean's seawater wouldn't convert on its own.

In other words, because there's a Constellation Palace under the All Phenomena Ocean, Spirit Islands on the ocean exist.

Not dwelling on this, Lu Ye circled under Zixuan Island, found a suitable spot, and placed the Small Constellation Palace.

He promptly began adjusting the Small Constellation Palace's power!

Since acquiring this stellar space supreme treasure's affiliated treasure, he never fully unleashed its power. Whether during the creation of Unparalleled Island or later for Three Worlds Island, its power had been greatly suppressed under his adjustments because creating a Spirit Island can't be rushed; it's a gradual process.

This time... Lu Ye didn't suppress it.

He fully unleashed the Small Constellation Palace's power!

Instantly, Lu Ye clearly felt an invisible, terrifying suction from the Small Constellation Palace's position, drawing surrounding seawater, converting it into pure energy in the blink of an eye, forming various-sized bubbles that rose upwards.

It was an awe-inspiring sight; at first glance, it looked like an invisible sea beast was breathing underwater, with bubbles as large as houses and as small as a person.

Lu Ye was secretly shocked, comparing the power when he placed the Small Constellation Palace under Three Worlds Island—an increase of at least a hundredfold?

He was increasingly sure his plan could be realized.

Just hope Zixuan likes the big gift he sent.

After placing the Small Constellation Palace, Lu Ye didn't leave too far. Instead, he quietly floated upward, waiting silently at a depth of less than ten meters from the edge of Zixuan Island, while activating the power of the Talent Tree to refine seawater for cultivation.

Speaking of which, his main purpose for returning to All Phenomena Ocean this time was to advance to Moon Jade Late Stage. However, due to the disturbance from Zixuan, he hasn't had the chance.

At this moment, within Zixuan Island, a cloud of gloom prevailed.

After the previous disaster, the morale of the Constellation demon cultivators plummeted, and the Moon Jade demon cultivators became irritable and restless.

Lion Heart, Hu Guang, and Bao Youyou, along with a few other unregistered Moon Jade demon cultivators, gathered together, but the atmosphere was silent and heavy.

After a long time, Lion Heart finally spoke in a buzzing voice: "In this situation, does anyone have a good strategy to deal with it?"

The Moon Jade cultivators remained silent; if they had a strategy, they would have spoken up by now.

Lion Heart turned to Hu Guang: "Junior Brother Hu, what do you say?"

Throughout Zixuan Island, if Lion Heart had the strongest combat power, then Hu Guang had the sharpest mind. The Demon Race is not lacking in intelligence; many demons are very clever, but due to their innate demon nature, they are often ruled by emotions, appearing somewhat reckless.

Hu Guang pondered slightly and said, "In the previous setback, Zixuan suffered greatly. The responsibility lies with me; I underestimated Lu Ye's strength. Not only did we lose hundreds of Constellation cultivators, but we also lost Junior Brother Yoan Che..."

Lion Heart raised his hand to interrupt: "There's no need for self-blame. Now, all the cultivators in All Phenomena Ocean are watching us. If we don't quickly win back a city, Zixuan will surely lose face. If you have any ideas, feel free to share."

Hu Guang nodded and said: "In the struggle for Spirit Islands in All Phenomena Ocean, Moon Jade is always the key. Currently, Junior Brother Tiger and Junior Brother Yoan have both died. Two registered Moon Jade governors are now missing. My suggestion is to quickly send Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang to All Phenomena Island to fill the Moon Jade governor vacancies. This way, we'll have five Moon Jade cultivators available on this island. Then Senior Brother can guard the island while I lead the other three to launch another attack. As strong as Lu Ye is, with the combined power of four of us, we should be able to stop him. On the way, we won't engage with him much but will head straight for Three Worlds Island for a powerful assault."

Upon hearing this, Lion Heart nodded slightly. Hu Guang's proposal was conventional, nothing new, but given the current situation, it was the only way. Zixuan cultivators couldn't remain sheltered forever. In this situation, Zixuan is being watched by countless cultivators, and they have to make a statement.

Moreover, it was what he had in mind.

Hu Guang continued: "However, there's a problem right now: Lu Ye is entrenched 500 miles away. If Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang leave the island, he will surely know. Therefore, we must create an opportunity to let the two leave undetected."

Lion Heart nodded: "If that's the case, then I'll personally deal with Lu Ye."

Hu Guang immediately said: "I will provide formation support for Senior Brother!"

Bao Youyou hurriedly said: "I'm coming too."

Hu Guang shook his head: "Junior Sister must stay on the island to guard against unexpected events!"

Bao Youyou reluctantly agreed only then.

Hu Guang looked at Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang: "When you two go out, remember to use the Spirit Talisman from the previous trade with the Dwarf Race. Your whereabouts must not be exposed."

Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang nodded together: "Understood."

With the plan settled, the Moon Jade cultivators immediately sprang into action.

500 miles away from Zixuan, Lu Ye's Talent Tree avatar remained motionless under the cover of the Formation, observing Zixuan's movements.

Suddenly, Zixuan's protective array stirred, followed by two figures rushing out one after the other, heading straight towards this side.

The Talent Tree avatar fixed his gaze, realizing the arrivals were none other than Lion Heart and Hu Guang. These two were coming fiercely, and as soon as they left the island, Lion Heart roared, "Lu Ye, come forth and meet your death!"

Afraid people wouldn't know he was leaving the island to seek battle.

The many cultivators observing all around had been bored for so long. Hearing Lion Heart's voice and seeing his figure, they all perked up, thinking the show was finally on, not having waited in vain.

On the extremely small deserted island, the Talent Tree avatar blinked, then immediately soared into the sky, fleeing far away without looking back.

Over here, not having the Boulder Mountain Saber, nor even equipped with the sword gourd, how could a combat cultivator contend with a strong opponent like Lion Heart? Moreover, along with Lion Heart was Hu Guang as well.

So Lu Ye had no intention of fighting them. His plan had already begun; just a little waiting, and it should take effect soon enough, naturally not motivated to dispute with Lion Heart.

Seeing this scene from a distance left the observing cultivators speechless. They had heard of Lu Ye's many feats, his valiant exploits of charging into the Zixuan fleet multiple times—such heroic achievements. How could it be now, seeing with their own eyes, somewhat not matching the legend?

Chapter 1858 - The Fish Took the Bait

Lion Heart and Hu Guang left the island, heading straight toward where Lu Ye was located, while Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang had already activated a Spirit Talisman to conceal their figures, quietly leaving Zixuan and heading towards All Phenomena Island.

Outside Zixuan Island, three figures constantly pursued and escaped, quickly disappearing into the distance, leaving the cultivators waiting around disappointed.

They had all heard of the Three Worlds Island's Lu Ye's heroic act of killing Yoan Che with a single strike, so they wanted to see for themselves the powerful capability of this number one under the Sun Blaze.

But upon witnessing it now, they were greatly disappointed, and for a moment, some began to doubt whether the death of Yoan Che was truly as it was rumored.

Because if Lu Ye really possessed such power, it wouldn't make sense for him to remain passive in the face of Lion Heart and Hu Guang's pursuit; at the very least, there should be some confrontation. But contrary to facts, the two Zixuan Moon Jade actively sought battle, and the Three Worlds Island's Lu Ye fled frantically.

Lion Heart was very angry, because since the fallout with Three Worlds Island, Zixuan had lost three Moon Jade alone, and Star Constellation was even more than several hundred in loss. In contrast, the Three Worlds Island had only lost Wey Po who he had personally consumed. Comparatively, the losses were indeed significant, making him seem like a very incompetent First Island Master.

So pursuing Lu Ye relentlessly was without mercy; furthermore, he truly wanted to test Lu Ye's depth personally. The result was that the opponent completely avoided battle, fleeing, which only fueled his anger.

Fortunately, Hu Guang was still composed, calling Lion Heart back at a critical moment. Otherwise, continuing the pursuit like this might have given Lu Ye the chance to defeat them individually. He feared that strike Lu Ye used to powerfully kill Yoan Che.

Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang had already left the island, their purpose achieved, naturally having no reason to continue entangling with Lu Ye.

After a short while, the two demon cultivators Moon Jade returned to Zixuan, and Lu Ye's figure once again appeared on a small deserted island five hundred miles away, observing for a while, suddenly sensing something, and hurriedly sent an image message to Tang Jun: "Zixuan might have Moon Jade heading to All Phenomena Island to register."

Lion Heart and Hu Guang's departure for battle seemed like a normal response, but there were still some suspicious points. Putting oneself in the situation, if Three Worlds Island faced the current circumstance, the most needed action would undoubtedly be to replenish the previously lost Moon Jade governor. This way, in a potential Spirit Island battle for control, there would be more Moon Jade available, avoiding the situation where Moon Jade confrontations are restricted by being outnumbered.

If so, then Three Worlds Island could completely find an opportunity to intercept Zixuan's Moon Jade.

Tang Jun quickly replied: "Rest assured, we have arrangements here."

Lu Ye was taken aback: "Who could have such foresight?" He had deduced through the reactions of Lion Heart and Hu Guang, but didn't expect this island to have already made preparations in advance.

"Although I lack any combat ability, I've eaten more salt than you've walked on roads, how could such a small matter not be foreseen? If Zixuan Moon Jade does not head to All Phenomena Island that's fine, but if they dare go, they will surely not return." Tang Jun's reply was filled with an air of smugness.

Lu Ye quietly began to anticipate.

Although he didn't know whether his hypothesis was correct, regardless of accuracy, his side wouldn't suffer any loss. Conversely, if he guessed correctly, those Zixuan Moon Jade heading to All Phenomena Island would be unlucky indeed.

All Phenomena Island, across from the registration hall, a teahouse where Lu Ye had once brought Ma Shangsi for tea.

At this moment, the spot where he sat back then was occupied by a young man whose gaze occasionally drifted towards the hall opposite.

Zhou Chuang of Sifang Island!

No one would have guessed that the one responsible for surveillance here was an apparently unrelated Sifang Island cultivator. Such surveillance was undoubtedly covert and deadly, even if Zixuan's demon cultivators discovered Zhou Chuang's trail, they wouldn't draw many associations.

Suddenly, a day later, Zhou Chuang raised his brow, looking toward the hall opposite. At this moment, two figures appeared at the entrance of the hall. Although they were disguised and concealed, at first glance there was nothing particularly remarkable, yet their alertness drew Zhou Chuang's attention.

Those entering that hall were usually Moon Jade cultivators from various Spirit Islands. Generally, they entered openly since registering wasn't a secretive thing.

But the sneaky behavior of these two truly raised suspicion.

Zhou Chuang immediately realized that the fish had shown themselves, and sent out an image message.

After a short time, those two cultivators exited the hall, and Zhou Chuang left the teahouse after tossing a few pieces of spirit jade.

There's no denying, the other party was quite cautious. Instead of leaving All Phenomena Island immediately after exiting the hall, they wandered around the island several times, causing Zhou Chuang to nearly expose his trail. Thankfully, he was careful enough.

Until another day passed, the two finally left All Phenomena Island from a pier, and the position of the pier was opposite to the direction heading towards Zixuan.

This led Zhou Chuang to doubt whether his judgment was correct, because if the opponent truly were Zixuan demon cultivators, it didn't make sense to leave All Phenomena Island in this direction.

However, if it was intentional, then it made sense.

But no matter what, the fishing net has been cast, and the fish have shown themselves. Whether the opponent is a Zixuan demon cultivator will soon be revealed.

Two hours later, above the All Phenomena Ocean, two Moon Jade cultivators leaving All Phenomena Island saw a figure standing in mid-air ahead, blocking their path.

This made them extremely cautious. Looking closely at the person's face, one of the Moon Jade was shocked: "Not good, it's Ma Shangsi!"

Zixuan had targeted Three Worlds Island for a year, and Zixuan knew clearly who the Moon Jade governors of Three Worlds Island were. Even if they hadn't seen them in person, they had seen the Moon Jade image messages of Three Worlds Island.

So these two immediately recognized that the one blocking the road was Ma Shangsi from Three Worlds Island.

"It's a trap!" the other Moon Jade exclaimed. Realizing the danger, the two Moon Jade quickly split up, evidently trying to escape separately.

"Caught one!" Ma Shangsi was overjoyed at their reaction, knowing that the information Zhou Chuang provided was correct. These two were indeed demon cultivators from Zixuan, and once they exerted their power, the traces of Demon Origin could no longer be concealed.

As he finished speaking, he identified one of them and chased after him.

Meanwhile, from an uninhabited island below, two figures flew out in pursuit of the other fleeing cultivator. These two sudden appearances were both Moon Jade Late-Stage cultivators, namely Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao.

The two Demon Race Moon Jades were not weak, but compared to Ma Shangsi and others, they were significantly weaker since they were only at the Moon Jade Mid-Stage cultivation level. Under such targeting, they stood no chance.

Luan Xiao'e resented Zixuan's actions, which led to Wey Po's tragic death, and she attacked mercilessly, directly killing the Zixuan Moon Jade on the spot. When they caught up with Ma Shangsi, the battle was already over.

A Moon Jade Late-Stage against a Moon Jade Mid-Stage, Ma Shangsi had an absolute advantage. Coupled with the bizarre Blood Sea Technique, once he trapped the enemy, they had no hope of escape.

Zixuan Island had experienced some strange occurrences over the past two days. The energy within the island suddenly became much denser, and the situation continued to intensify.

This was very unusual.

One should know that Zixuan Island was already a top-class Spirit Island. In the All Phenomena Ocean, the island's energy was among the densest, allowing the Zixuan demon cultivators to cultivate more quickly and conveniently here. Although the island's energy occasionally fluctuated, the amplitude of these fluctuations was not significant, maintaining a balance for tens of thousands of years.

But since two days ago, all this changed.

Under normal circumstances, such a change would be a good thing for Zixuan, as no one would complain about their spirit island having denser energy. This signifies an improvement in the cultivation environment.

But now, with Zixuan facing turbulent times, any abnormal change cannot be taken lightly.

On Lion Heart's orders, Hu Guang personally led a group of cultivators to investigate. Zixuan Island was the foundation for demon cultivators in the All Phenomena Ocean, so nothing could be left to chance. Until they figure out the cause of this change, no one can rest easy.

After two days of observation, Hu Guang finally found some obvious changes.

"Senior Brother, I walked around this island and discovered that a large number of bubbles are rising from under the sea. The source of the island's energy increase is precisely these bubbles bursting."

Lion Heart frowned: "Where do these bubbles come from?"

Hu Guang shook his head: "I don't know." After all, he couldn't delve into the All Phenomena Ocean to investigate. Changing his tone, he said, "Senior Brother, the waters of the All Phenomena Ocean are formed by stellar space energy. Strictly speaking, this vast All Phenomena Ocean can be regarded as a giant piece of spirit jade, except its impurities are too many and extremely corrosive, so no one can enter it to refine and cultivate."

"I naturally know this, continue," Lion Heart said.

"There are many Spirit Islands above the All Phenomena Ocean, and even more deserted islands. The difference between the two is that Spirit Islands have energy spawning underneath, while deserted islands don't. That's why we cultivators can station on Spirit Islands, set up big arrays to bind and use this spawning energy. The key is, how are these energies spawned?"

"What are your thoughts?" Lion Heart asked.

Hu Guang said, "I don't have any specific ideas, just a hypothesis. If we compare the entire All Phenomena Ocean to a giant piece of spirit jade, then this piece of spirit jade should have some hidden channels on its surface that are impossible to detect, allowing the energy inside the spirit jade to escape through these channels. If an island happens to sit above these channels, it becomes a Spirit Island. These channels vary in size, which results in the differing qualities of Spirit Islands."

Lion Heart thought for a moment and said, "Your hypothesis is quite interesting." This is precisely why he values Hu Guang, for his quick mind. In a few words, he provided a tangible connection, and this hypothesis might actually be true.

"Based on this hypothesis, the changes on this island have an explanation," Hu Guang spoke eloquently. "The channels under this island allowing All Phenomena Ocean energy to escape suddenly enlarged!"

Chapter 1859 - Excess Is as Bad as Deficiency

Because the hidden, impenetrable passage suddenly expanded, the influx of energy into Zixuan Island from within All Phenomena Ocean became immense, thus altering the cultivation environment on Zixuan Island.

"What does Junior Brother think, is this change a good or bad thing for this island?" Lion Heart asked again.

"It's a good thing!" Hu Guang replied, "But also a bad thing. The good part is that the energy of this island is becoming increasingly rich, making cultivation easier for the local island cultivators."

"And the downside?"

Hu Guang's expression turned solemn: "If this situation continues, this island's big array might not last three years."

"Why is that?" Lion Heart was puzzled. Although his strength was frighteningly powerful, he was completely ignorant of matters related to the Array Path and had never been involved with them.

It's a common issue among demon cultivators, not unique to him, which makes cultivators skilled in external paths extremely valuable and rare among the Demon Race.

Hu Guang naturally understood this and immediately patiently explained to him: "Senior Brother, if the energy escaping from the passage beneath this island is not contained, it will disperse directly. Thus, all Spirit Islands, including this island, set up arrays to isolate inside and outside, so the energy escaping from beneath the sea clusters within the island, available for cultivation by the local island cultivators. Of course, since this energy dispersal occurs constantly, it cannot be entirely consumed solely through cultivators' cultivation. The role of the protective array becomes evident, as the excess energy not consumed by cultivators is absorbed by the array base of the protective array, becoming reserve energy. Meanwhile, maintaining the protective array also consumes energy, so by adjusting the power of the protective array, the energy within the islands can be kept in balance."

Lion Heart's gaze flashed: "Was the power of the protective array adjusted because of this reason?"

The changes in the protective array naturally couldn't escape his perception. Before Hu Guang arrived, he clearly sensed the increased strength of the protective array, which represented an enhancement of its power. The most obvious change was that the light screen enveloping the entire Zixuan Island had become much brighter.

"Exactly." Hu Guang nodded, "Because too much energy has been dispersing over the past two days, it requires more consumption. Otherwise, it will put pressure on the big array, and this adjustment is only temporary. If this island's situation continues, the power of the big array will need to be continuously adjusted further because, due to tens of thousands of years of accumulated reserves, the array base on this island already has ample stored energy, and currently, no further energy reserve is needed."

Lion Heart said, "If so, then push the power of the big array to its limit!"

Hu Guang gave a bitter smile: "If we really do that, the big array won't last long. Although our array base and core are of high quality, there is still a limit to their load. Operating the big array to its extreme in the short term may be feasible, but it's not a long-term solution. And what worries me most is, if this situation keeps going, our protective array will explode."

Lion Heart was extremely shocked: "Is having too much energy not a good thing?"

"There's nothing good in excess."

Lion Heart pondered briefly, then suggested with an unusual idea: "What if we open a gap in the big array and let the energy actively escape through the gap?"

Hu Guang nodded: "It's indeed a workable solution, but unless absolutely necessary, we shouldn't do this. Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island is watching from outside, and no one knows what he's thinking or plans to do. Once a gap opens in the big array, it will easily lead to flaws."

Lion Heart said: "I'll leave this matter to Junior Brother, you decide everything; there's no need to consult me anymore." Regarding formations, he was entirely clueless, so it was better to leave it to Hu Guang rather than making things worse.

"Yes." Hu Guang knew this outcome already, but since Lion Heart is the First Island Master, some matters had to be reported. Switching topics, he said: "According to the time, Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang should be on their way back now, I wonder how they're doing."

Lion Heart said: "They sent me a message more than half a day ago, and everything went smoothly!"

As they were talking, the audio talisman suddenly sounded. Lion Heart smiled: "Junior Brother Chai sent a message again; they should be returning soon." Both of them being at Moon Jade Mid-Stage, if they returned, he'd have to go with Hu Guang to deal with Lu Ye to prevent him from intercepting the two junior brothers.

Lion Heart's smile abruptly froze as he checked the message, then he roared furiously: "Outrageous!"

Hu Guang was startled: "What happened, Senior Brother?"

Lion Heart looked at him: "Three Worlds Island was prepared long ago. The two junior brothers encountered an ambush one Shichen after leaving All Phenomena Island, and I'm afraid... they're not coming back!" The message was sent by Junior Brother Chai who was in a very dangerous situation during the transmission because he was being jointly attacked by two women from Three Worlds Island, transmitting desperately only to let Lion Heart know who they fell to.

Hu Guang's face turned pale, and he hurriedly took out an audio talisman to check. Sure enough, the audio talisman markings of Junior Brother Chai and Junior Brother Lang were unresponsive, which undoubtedly meant the two junior brothers had already fallen.

His eyes reddened, he gritted his teeth and said: "Three Worlds Island, it will be flattened sooner or later!"

Soon after Lion Heart received the news, Lu Ye also received the news of the successful ambush, feeling a bit regretful, as capturing those two at Moon Jade Mid-Stage alive would have been even better.

In this way, he could find a way to infiltrate Zixuan Island again.

However, one of the Moon Jade Mid-Stages on the opposing side sent out a message before dying, which undoubtedly means that Zixuan Island is already aware of the situation.

There's nothing that can be done about it, even though Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao teamed up to deal with a Moon Jade Mid-Stage with no pressure, preventing them from sending a desperate message still posed some difficulties unless achieving an instant kill.

Staring in the direction of Zixuan Island, Lu Ye squinted slightly.

Just not long ago, he discovered that the light screen of Zixuan Island's protective array had brightened, which undoubtedly represented that the other side had adjusted the array's power to cope with the increasingly rich energy changes on the island.

He had anticipated this scene, knowing that such adjustments wouldn't happen only once, so he was not in a hurry, just waiting patiently.

Another day passed, and the light screen of Zixuan Island's protective array brightened again, and over the following few days, the protective array light screen changed several times.

Until ten days later, from a distance, Zixuan Island seemed to have transformed into a semi-circular moon, and the brightness of the protective array's light screen was claimed to be the most in the All Phenomena Ocean!

Many cultivators lingering nearby were amazed, not knowing what Zixuan Island was up to.

Adjusting the protective array's power was something only done when facing an enemy attack on the island, as this adjustment consumed more reserve energy, but could make the protective array sturdier.

Yet there was no battle on Zixuan Island's side at the moment, the protective array's power had greatly increased, causing countless cultivators to wonder if Zixuan Island's energy reserves were already so abundant. This was simply squandering.

Some cultivators from low and mid-class Spirit Islands watched in heartache, feeling that Zixuan Island was squandering resources and failing to cherish them.

What left them speechless was that this adjustment was not the limit, because after a few more days, the brightness of Zixuan's protective array climbed to a new peak, turning the entire Spirit Island into a glowing hemisphere.

As a top-class Spirit Island, the protective array was already extremely sturdy, but now its power surged significantly. If initially Lu Ye had some confidence in breaking it with red talismans, now it was definitely impossible, unless Sun Blaze acted personally.

For a time, numerous cultivators who received the news rushed from afar to have a look, making the area around Zixuan lively and bustling.

This kind of rare spectacle was hard to see usually; if missed this time, who knows when it would occur again.

Lu Ye was pleased, because the continuous adjustments to Zixuan's array meant his plan was developing perfectly. Continuing this way, he felt it wouldn't take long for Zixuan Island's array to explode.

In fact, on a fundamental level, it was not that the array itself was exploding from the enormous energy, but the array foundation couldn't withstand more energy reserves and got damaged. The array foundation was the basis of the array; if it was damaged, the array naturally wouldn't exist anymore.

Just when Lu Ye was waiting for the show to start, he was astonished to find the Zixuan array no longer changed; it consistently maintained that brightness and power, seemingly achieving a balanced state.

This left him a bit puzzled.

But soon, he understood why.

Zixuan Island had surprisingly opened an opening in the array, allowing the island's energy to disperse outside through this opening, removing pressure from the island.

The news was heard from those cultivators who came to watch.

Upon learning the reason, the Talent Tree Avatar personally went to check from afar, finding the situation was indeed so; on the other side of Zixuan Island, there was an opening about a yard long.

Looking at that opening for a while, Lu Ye blinked his eyes.

Meanwhile, the true body, who had been cultivating under the sea, opened its eyes.

Diving quickly, it soon arrived at the location where the Small Constellation Palace was set up; raising a hand and pressing down on it, with a thought, the speed at which the surrounding seawater surged into the Small Constellation Palace suddenly accelerated several times. Huge bubbles rose from the mouths of its tripods, creating a situation far more spectacular than before.

The Small Constellation Palace had always been in a state of autonomous operation; all Lu Ye needed to do was adjust its power and set it in place.

But this item was after all an affiliated treasure of a supreme treasure; it could operate autonomously and be activated manually, and the latter was far more efficient than the former. It's just that Lu Ye had never done so, because once he did, he himself wouldn't be able to move.

However, he had no choice but to act like this at the moment.

Zixuan Island had opened an array opening to balance the island's energy, whereas all that needed doing on his side was to break that balance.

Moreover, Zixuan's response made him see an opportunity for a quick resolution.

It must be said, Zixuan Island had made a terrible move; without that opening, trying to break Zixuan's array would probably require waiting a few more days.

#### Chapter 1860 - The Big Array Is Unstable

Hu Guang has been rather overwhelmed recently; he realized that ever since the banquet that day, not a single day has passed comfortably for him.

Previously, let's not mention the losses of Moon Jade and numerous Constellation cultivators. At present, there are problems even here on the island for unknown reasons—the energy seeping from beneath the ocean has suddenly surged, forcing him to adjust the power of the protective array several times. As of today, this array which has shielded Zixuan for tens of thousands of years is miraculously in an overburdened state.

Yet despite this, it still can't consume the excessive energy.

Desperate, he can only attempt the approach Lion Heart suggested before, proactively opening a gap in the array to let the island's energy disperse, easing the array's pressure.

The result was significant; once the gap opened, the protective array finally started to stabilize slowly.

Nonetheless, this isn't a long-term solution because the protective array is an integrated whole; having a gap implies having a flaw, even if the gap is only around one zhang.

Ordinarily, such minor flaws wouldn't pose any issue, but now with Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island lurking outside, Hu Guang had to remain vigilant.

While pondering how to tackle the island's issues, he suddenly sensed some abnormal changes. Upon further perception, his expression changed: "This is bad!"

Somehow, the energy on the island was rapidly increasing; he even saw a thin energy mist starting to coalesce, undoubtedly indicating that the island's energy had become dense to an unimaginable degree.

Such a cultivation environment is something every cultivator dreams of; cultivating in this environment would boost efficiency several times over, even dozens of times. If such fortune were to occur on the Zixuan Demon Planet, Hu Guang might laugh until his teeth fell out. But this was ultimately just a Spirit Island on the All Phenomena Ocean, the protective array being the fundamental of a faction's presence here.

Thus, he must first consider the pressure the surge of energy imposes on the protective array.

He hurriedly rushed in a particular direction, soon arriving at his target.

This place is a node of the array, guarded by several demon cultivators; when Hu Guang arrived, these demon cultivators were in a state of alarm.

Because the initial one-zhang long array gap had been torn to three zhang under the assault of the surging energy, and the gap's length continued to increase.

An array's gap can't just be opened randomly; it requires the active intervention of the stationed demon cultivators. Originally, with their combined forces, they could maintain the stability of that one-zhang gap, but the current island's changes are clearly beyond their coping capacity.

Seeing Hu Guang arrive, one demon cultivator urgently called, "Second Island Master!"

Hu Guang remained silent, swiftly stepping forward, raising his hand to take out a Great Array Jade Cluster, with a wave, a streak of mystic light shot from the jade cluster and fell near the gap. Immediately, energy surged around him, the jade cluster in his hand glowed brightly.

Visibly, the continually tearing gap slowly stabilized, and the pressure on the Constellation demon cultivators significantly reduced, each let out a sigh of relief, looking at Hu Guang with eyes full of admiration.

Hu Guang, however, did not exhibit any relief, instead showing a solemn expression.

After taking over the array node here, he felt the pressure of the array more clearly and directly—a pressure he couldn't even begin to imagine.

Logically speaking, with such a gap here, even if the island's energy is this dense, it could be vented out. Yet, energy vented through this gap still falls short of the increase.

Even with Hu Guang's experience, he couldn't understand what had happened under the All Phenomena Ocean to cause such terrifying energy to disperse here, particularly around Zixuan Island.

Lion Heart and Bao Youyou detected the situation here and rushed to investigate; after exchanging with Hu Guang, they all realized the severity of the issue.

Nevertheless, they had no solutions to offer this was indeed a colossal joke.

As time passed, the energy mist inside the island became increasingly evident. Initially, it was a thin layer barely noticeable, but now the mist had risen to ankle height and continued increasing.

In such an environment, even without actively cultivating, demon race cultivators could feel the pure energy flowing into their bodies, aiding their strength enhancement.

Hu Guang, concentrating intently, cautiously controlled the array, expanding the array's gap bit by bit.

The three zhang gap gradually turned to four zhang, five zhang... until eight zhang, ten zhang.

At this point, Hu Guang dared not expand the gap further.

In normal circumstances, with a Great Array Jade Cluster in hand, he could open such a gap as he pleased, however large he wanted. But the situation now was different—the entire Zixuan Island was suffused with dense, tangible terrifying energy, with the protective array's power pushed to its limits. Under such circumstances, any change in the array could trigger unpredictable consequences.

Ten zhang is the utmost limit; it can't expand further, or even with a Great Array Jade Cluster in hand, he wouldn't be able to control it.

What terrified Hu Guang the most was that he already sensed instability indications within the protective array.

Thus, now he dared not expand the gap; instead, he had to suppress its expansion, an immense challenge for him.

Fortunately, after all his efforts, the situation on the island finally reached a kind of balance again, though the pressure was immense.

He could only hope that this unexpected change would not last too long; otherwise, he would be completely immobilized here.

Lion Heart and Bao Youyou stood by, their hearts anxious, yet unable to help.

Five hundred miles away, the Talent Tree Avatar pushed the limits of his Ocular Power, quietly watching the situation on Zixuan Island. Seeing that the gap of about ten yards was no longer expanding, he immediately understood that his plan was close to success.

But looking at the current situation, to truly succeed, he needed to add fuel to the fire over at Zixuan.

Taking out the audio talisman, he sent a message out, then the Talent Tree Avatar transformed into a stream of mystic light, heading towards the direction of Zixuan.

His movement drew the attention of countless cultivators, who couldn't help but widen their eyes, eagerly awaiting the show.

Within Zixuan Island, at the gap in the big array, Hu Guang also saw Lu Ye's movement. At this time, when the adversary rushed over, it was obviously with ill intent, having seen Zixuan's predicament, thus deciding to kick them while they were down, leading him to shout: "Master!"

Lion Heart roared in rage: "Despicable scoundrel, I will fight him!"

As those words fell, the massive figure had already darted out from the gap, directly meeting Lu Ye.

Both heading towards each other, five hundred miles disappeared in a blink. Lion Heart's eyes carried a cold killing intent, his Demon Origin swirling fiercely; although his body had not yet arrived, he had already thrown a punch from afar.

The raging Demon Origin shattered the Void, the punch transforming into a huge fist shadow, horizontally pushing towards Lu Ye's location.

The Avatar nimbly dodged; though he avoided the direct hit, the aftermath of the punch still made his figure unstable.

Just this strike informed Lu Ye that this Lion Heart was stronger than any Moon Jade he had come across before — worthy of being just a step away from Sun Blaze. If not for some unforeseen events, this guy would probably have already advanced to Sun Blaze.

Missing with one punch, the second had already arrived, with Lion Heart's roar echoing throughout All Phenomena Ocean: "Lu Ye, today will be the day of your death!"

The Avatar dodged a few blows, but as the distance between them continued to close, it became impossible to evade anymore, primarily because the range covered by the opponent's attack was too broad to dodge effectively.

Suddenly, blood light erupted; as the Blood Sea unfurled, the Talent Tree Avatar's presence had disappeared. Lion Heart's raging fist force crashed into the Blood Sea, stirring it tumultuously.

This sudden change made Lion Heart pause, because according to his intelligence, Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island was a combat cultivator. Deploying such an exquisite Blood Path Secret Technique all of a sudden was indeed unexpected.

The vast Blood Sea concealed Lu Ye's figure; Lion Heart momentarily couldn't discern Lu Ye's exact location. His brow furrowed, and he dashed straight into the Blood Sea.

It must be said, Lion Heart truly was a skilled and fearless individual. Any other cultivator facing such a Blood Sea would never dare easily venture within, nor proactively plunge into it, as doing so meant surrendering the initiative in battle.

Yet Lion Heart was utterly fearless, capable of making this choice, undoubtedly reflecting his strong confidence in his own strength.

Lion Heart indeed was strong, as he dove into the Blood Sea, the vast Blood Sea suddenly became turbulent — twisting and changing.

The cultivators watching from afar were awestruck; although the Blood Sea obscured the specifics of the battle, the change in the Blood Sea alone was enough to infer that Lion Heart had the upper hand!

The Zixuan Island Lord was certainly extraordinary.

The fierce battle lasted less than ten breaths; the vast Blood Sea suddenly scattered, revealing two figures within.

Lion Heart's aura was maddened, his hair fluffed and scattered, creating an imposing presence without anger. In contrast, Lu Ye was staggering, blood seeping from the corners of his mouth, even his chest had caved in, a conspicuous fist imprint visible.

The victor is decided!

The onlookers couldn't help but reveal disappointed expressions... Recently, renowned as the strongest person under Sun Blaze, reputed to be the first in prowess, but this?

This reality did not meet everyone's expectations for Lu Ye, believing it would certainly be a fierce clash between titans, yet unexpectedly, it turned into a one-sided crushing battle.

In shock, just how powerful had Lion Heart become? Yoan Che was split by Lu Ye's blade, yet now he broke Lu Ye's Blood Sea and severely injured him in just ten breaths, comparison showed Lion Heart's strength as almost unimaginable.

"Prepare to die!" Emerging from the Blood Sea, Lion Heart's giant hand spread open, directly grabbing towards Lu Ye's head, seemingly motionless, yet his massive form mysteriously appeared close in front of Lu Ye.

Lu Ye hastily retreated, raising his hand to release countless streams of mystic light towards Lion Heart. Lion Heart dodged and blocked smoothly, unharmed, raising his eyes to find Lu Ye already had turned to flee, seemingly in a panic and disarray.

"Do jumping clowns dare to act wild in my Zixuan!" Lion Heart snorted coldly, pursuing without hesitation, not caring at all about the few streams of mystic light breaking through his blockade, heading towards Zixuan Island.