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Chapter 1871 - I Have Someone to Back Me Up!

Lu Ye dared not entrust his life to others, yet the swift response of the Sun Blaze governors from the All Phenomena Ocean surprised him; the pressure from Yuan Du's overwhelming force suddenly vanished, which was the best evidence that the Sun Blaze experts appearing later were clearly opposing Yuan Du, causing the pressure on this side to abruptly disappear.

Blinking his eyes, Lu Ye abandoned the idea of activating the red talisman, but always remaining prepared, just in case.

At this moment, All Phenomena Island was a place of changing weather and turmoil; the clash between the Sun Blaze was astonishing, even if they hadn't really engaged. The confrontation just with the pressure was enough to be remarkable; countless cultivators looked skywards in awe, afraid, not knowing what was happening.

Some even inexplicably recalled the incident from years ago when a powerful individual broke into All Phenomena Island, dominantly killing a Sun Blaze, and couldn't help but wonder if past events were repeating.

Yet, ever since that incident, the number of Sun Blaze governors at All Phenomena Ocean was adjusted from three to five. Who would dare act recklessly here again?

But soon, the overwhelming confrontation among the Sun Blaze's vanished all at once, and terrifying pressure disappeared without a trace.

Suddenly, several figures appeared before Lu Ye.

The first one to appear was Yuan Du, whom Lu Ye had met years ago; naturally, he recognized him at a glance. But that meeting led to Yuan Du losing face, directly resulting in no Spirit Island ever paying respects to him anymore.

As a Sun Blaze, suffering such a great loss at Moon Jade's hand, how could Yuan Du not bear a grudge? Helpless against the rules, he couldn't personally take action; otherwise, he would have long since broken into the Three Worlds Island to kill Lu Ye.

Now meeting again, old grudges remain while new enmity forms, Yuan Du's eyes almost emit flames.

"Old Ancestor!" Yuan Cheng's face was extremely pale, prostrating before Yuan Du, trembling. Although Hu Xue's death had nothing to do with him, Hu Xue ultimately went out with him. Now, even if Lion Heart managed to make contact, Hu Xue was dead.

When disaster strikes at the city gate, the fish in the pond suffer, how could Yuan Cheng not be afraid? He had witnessed firsthand his ancestor's favoritism towards Hu Xue.

"Useless!" Yuan Du glared at Lu Ye, gritting his teeth in anger, but the rebuke was directed at Yuan Cheng.

Yuan Cheng knelt completely, not daring to lift his head.

Lu Ye, meanwhile, was looking to the other side, because suddenly, three figures appeared over there, two in front, and one slightly behind.

Unexpectedly, the one who just confronted Yuan Du should have been one of them.

The key was that all three were women, and Lu Ye recognized two among them.

The slightly forward of the two women, the one on the left, was precisely Muh Qing, one of the five Sun Blaze governors of All Phenomena Island.

When the Western Region's Mount Fangcun descended upon All Phenomena Ocean, all five Sun Blaze governors came forward to greet them from this side, and Lu Ye had seen them from afar, knowing Muh Qing hailed from the home galaxy's Kunyu World.

Beside Muh Qing was a woman of short but full stature, though her face was veiled in light, leaving her features indistinct to Lu Ye.

But to stand alongside Muh Qing here undoubtedly meant she was also a Sun Blaze cultivator.

Lu Ye was momentarily confused; All Phenomena Island's five Sun Blaze governors included only Muh Qing as a woman, where did this woman come from? Moreover, for some reason, this woman gave him a sense of unexplained familiarity, as if he'd seen her before.

But, upon looking again at the woman standing slightly behind this woman, Lu Ye discerned the mysterious woman's identity.

For the woman standing behind this unfamiliar woman was someone he recognized.

From Cheling World, the one Chu Shen called Aunt Yue; Lu Ye had interacted with Aunt Yue several times. Almost every visit to Cheling World was welcomed by Aunt Yue.

With Aunt Yue present, the woman's identity was clear.

Jiu Yan!

After carefully sensing the aura between Muh Qing and Jiu Yan, Lu Ye immediately understood that the one who confronted Yuan Du wasn't Muh Qing, the Sun Blaze governor, but Jiu Yan, Cheling World's World Lord.

Lu Ye suddenly realized why All Phenomena Ocean's Sun Blaze governors would be so selflessly neutral, willing to offend Yuan Du to uphold regulations immediately. Now it seemed he was overthinking.

These Sun Blaze governors, even upon realizing Yuan Du broke the rules, didn't intend to reveal themselves; instead, Jiu Yan stood up for him!

With thoughts evolving, Lu Ye noticed Aunt Yue winking at him, giving him a reassuring look, making his heart settle.

Indeed, the Three Worlds Island had the backing of Sun Blaze too!

Years ago, when Chu Shen brought a group of cultivators from Cheling World to the island for cultivation, it implied one thing, the Three Worlds Island paid respect to Cheling World's Jiu Yan!

Even though over the years, Three Worlds Island has never used the reputation of Cheling World for any purpose, Chu Shen and the cultivators from Cheling World only focus on cultivation on Three Worlds Island and do not participate in other matters, yet their relationship remains one of protection and being protected.

Because their relationship is so informal, even Lu Ye usually overlooks this relationship, but at critical moments, the backing steps forward!

Lu Ye suddenly felt his spine straighten considerably.

His thoughts shifted; was Jiu Yan's presence on All Phenomena Island at this time a coincidence? Obviously not...

This little brat Chu Shen planned well in advance; I must thank him properly later.

"What's going on here?" Mu Qing feigned ignorance while asking, "When did people start fighting and killing outside All Phenomena Island? What kind of conduct is that!"

Though officially, combat is restricted on All Phenomena Island itself, but there's no such restriction outside, yet for so many years, no one has really dared to contend so close to All Phenomena Island. Everyone comes to All Phenomena Ocean to make a living, so they must at least show some respect to All Phenomena Island.

She knew of the grudges between Three Worlds Island and Yuan Du and had heard Lu Ye's name long ago. Initially, she was puzzled as to why Jiu Yan, with whom she had little interaction, suddenly came to visit her a few days ago. Not until Yuan Du suddenly made a move did she realize.

Jiu Yan's visit was a ruse, waiting for this moment is the real reason!

She suddenly felt somewhat weary. On the Sun Blaze level of the home galaxy, they are not very united, especially after the incident on Unparalleled Island back then. Cheling World has always harbored significant opinions, and if today's matter is not handled properly, Jiu Yan will definitely not let it rest.

Among those present, Lion Heart was in a sorry and dispirited state, Yuan Cheng was lying on the ground, unable to get up, and Lu Ye looked around, realizing that he seemed to be the only one able to respond. Immediately, he straightened his demeanor, clasped his fists, and said, "Lu Ye of Three Worlds Island, greets the Lords Governor!"

Mu Qing nodded: "I've heard of you. Tell me, what happened here?"

Lu Ye said, "In report to the Lord Governor, this island was recently attacking Zixuan Island, achieving significant results. Zixuan Island Lord, Lion Heart, fled, and I pursued him here, but unexpectedly encountered an ambush by a female demon. While I was unprepared, she unleashed the combat arena. After an intense battle, eight hundred rounds, I struck her down. By the way, that female demon was from the Six-tailed Fox Demon clan, likely deeply connected to Zixuan, which is why she ambushed me here."

Even though Yuan Du had already known that Hu Xue faced immense danger, his eyelid still twitched painfully upon hearing Lu Ye talk of battling for eight hundred rounds and striking her down.

Lu Ye shifted his tone: "I just don't know why I provoked Governor Yuan Du, prompting his imposing power to descend, aiming to suppress me!" As he spoke, Lu Ye's expression became severe, his voice resounding, "I implore the Lord Governor to see clearly that since my Three Worlds Island cultivators came to All Phenomena Ocean, we have strictly adhered to the rules, not daring to overstep by even a bit, nor easily foster grievances with others. The attack on Zixuan was a self-defense counterattack. Governor Yuan Du bullies the weak, attempting suppression; I cannot accept this. I implore the Lord Governor to uphold justice!"

Back then, facing Yuan Du alone, with a moment of indignation, his words forced the issue somewhat, as if Yuan Du had truly been infuriated and acted without consideration, he would indeed have faced grave consequences, but today, that feeling was no more.

The sense of reliance was overwhelmingly delightful! This feeling of having a backing is indeed different!

Yuan Du remained silent, letting Lu Ye narrate the situation, only staring at him coldly. With his status, Yuan Du wouldn't engage in squabbles with Lu Ye; that would only be disgraceful.

With him silent, Mu Qing felt uncomfortable. She actually didn't want to get involved in such matters. Lu Ye's outburst in her presence, pleading for her to uphold justice, how was she supposed to do so? Scold Yuan Du? Not to mention whether she, as a fellow governor, had that qualification, even if she did, she wouldn't do it.

Personally, she was more inclined towards Yuan Du.

Yet Jiu Yan was standing right beside her, and since Lu Ye had already asked her to uphold justice, she couldn't just do nothing, especially with so many cultivators watching around.

Looking at Lu Ye with a hint of exasperation, Mu Qing said blandly, "You were ambushed? And then fought back, killing her?"

"Precisely, many Fellow Daoists witnessed the event," Lu Ye nodded quickly, "If the Lord Governor doesn't believe it, you could ask Yuan Cheng over there, as he knows the events from start to finish most clearly."

Yuan Cheng, kneeling on the ground, trembled, lifting his head to glance at Lu Ye, his eyes filled with innocence and anger. He had been lying here, not daring to move, and was still named and pointed out by Lu Ye, wasn't this pushing him into the fire pit?

Mu Qing turned her head to look towards Yuan Cheng, asking, "Yuan Cheng, is there any falsehood in his words?"

Yuan Cheng's lips moved, too frightened to respond. Saying yes would be lying through his teeth, and he would undoubtedly face a bad end because more than just him saw that scene. Saying no, Yuan Du's pass he couldn't get past.

He wished he could faint here and be done with it.

Who could have predicted that just coming out to assist Lion Heart would turn into this mess; had he known, he would never have let Hu Xue come along. Truly, he failed to achieve success but succeeded in creating failure.

"What's wrong? Cat got your tongue?" Mu Qing's expression turned angry.

Yuan Cheng's pleading gaze looked towards the figure of Yuan Du, who turned his back to him.

Yuan Du coldly spoke, "What is there, just speak it!" In public, it was indeed hard to conceal the events.

Feeling as if receiving a great pardon, Yuan Cheng hastily replied, "What Lu Ye said is not false."

Mu Qing nodded, "Conflicts arise from time to time across All Phenomena Ocean. Failing to ambush and getting killed instead is not uncommon." She eyed Lu Ye, "Next time there's a conflict, try to settle it further away from All Phenomena Island, so as not to affect the guests coming to the island."

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"Yes!" Lu Ye quickly responded, "Please rest assured, Governor Muh, this won't happen again next time."

Muh Qing nodded, just feeling that this young man seemed reasonable, but Lu Ye continued, "I battled with that female demon, killed her, but I don't understand why it angered Governor Yuan Du, causing him to step in and suppress with such authority?"

Upon hearing this, Muh Qing couldn't help but frown, glancing at Lu Ye with a hint of warning.

Lu Ye seemed oblivious, continuing on his own, "Governor Muh, this vast All Phenomena Ocean is maintained by governors like you, who protect the rules. For countless years, everything has been fair and just, impartial in actions. It is thanks to this, we foreign cultivators dare to settle and strive here, continuing to foster the prosperity of All Phenomena Ocean. The All Phenomena Ocean has rules, where all factions compete, and Sun Blaze governors must not intervene, unless one side requests arbitration. Governor Yuan Du's actions puzzled me, leaving me unsure if our Three Worlds Island unknowingly offended Governor Yuan Du somehow. Ye Tian is the third island master of Three Worlds Island; his personal honor is irrelevant to this, but behind Ye stands the Three Worlds Island. Thus, I must boldly ask Governor Yuan Du for an explanation."

Muh Qing slightly narrowed his eyes, realizing now that Lu Ye wasn't as easygoing as thought; this guy was like a dog, always ready to bite if given the chance.

You have grievances with Governor Yuan Du; why the sudden suppression? Are you not clear about it yourself?

Inquiring about this now, while simultaneously elevating the Sun Blaze governors, even without Jiu Yan standing nearby, with so many cultivators watching, Muh Qing couldn't ignore Lu Ye's questioning.

Sun Blaze is the strongest force in All Phenomena Ocean, but since ancient times, only the local star systems' Sun Blaze governors station here, a balance between local star systems and other star systems. Their presence requires fairness and adherence to the rules they set. If they disregard these rules, why would other star systems' powers care?

Muh Qing could feel the pressure Yuan Du faced from Lu Ye's words.

Turning to Yuan Du, Muh Qing asked, "Senior Brother, what happened earlier?"

Yuan Du coldly stared at Lu Ye, having remained silent after saying two sentences earlier, only speaking now with indifference, "There was a significant contention here, unusual activity was noted, fearing it might disturb passing guests, so I came to investigate and suppressed with authority immediately to prevent any escalation."

Lu Ye raised his eyebrows; there was nothing wrong with this explanation.

"I see." Muh Qing nodded slightly, looking at Lu Ye, "You heard that?"

Lu Ye pondered briefly, then clasped his fists toward Yuan Du, "I misunderstood Governor Yuan Du's intentions, please forgive me."

"It's all right!"

Muh Qing said, "Since it's a misunderstanding, then it's nothing." She turned to Lu Ye, "Go on with what you should be doing."

Lu Ye clasped his fists, "Farewell!"

He glanced at Aunt Yue, nodding slightly, giving a grateful look, and then activated his mana to leap away.

After Lu Ye left, Muh Qing lightly commanded, "Disperse."

Having spoken up, the surrounding cultivators dared not disobey and scattered like birds and beasts.

Yuan Du snorted coldly, turned, and headed toward All Phenomena Island.

"Senior Brother Yuan!" A cool voice suddenly called from behind. Yuan Du paused and turned his head to meet Jiu Yan's gaze.

She looked directly into his eyes, speaking coldly, "I'm not dead yet!" Meaning that while she's alive, Three Worlds Island remains under her protection; Yuan Du had better not stir anything covertly.

Yuan Du understood, merely frowned without speaking, and turned away.

Muh Qing looked at Jiu Yan, hesitating for a while, finally sighed, "Senior Sister, you are All Phenomena Sun Blaze after all!"

Jiu Yan snorted, "I know I am All Phenomena Sun Blaze, but some people don't seem to."

Many years ago, Unparalleled Island was established single-handedly by Chu Shen. After Unparalleled Island ascended to become a top-class Spirit Island, the local star systems found it necessary to control this newly elevated top-class Spirit Island. At that time, Jiu Yan didn't resist much, thinking that a top-class Spirit Island wasn't something Chu Shen's level should hold entirely, so she tacitly agreed, as long as Chu Shen was fine with it, everything was negotiable.

However, Chu Shen disagreed, and the local star systems immediately employed methods to attack, forcibly taking Unparalleled Island.

This displeased Jiu Yan greatly, though Chu Shen wasn't harmed at all during the entire process, Jiu Yan's attitude was, I can give, but you cannot forcibly take!

She could consider the issues from the perspective of local star systems, but some mistook her concession for weakness.

This matter passed many years ago, let it be in the past.

Now, with Three Worlds Island being targeted again, Jiu Yan is truly infuriated.

Indeed, Three Worlds Island once sought refuge under her, although she did not actively accept them, when Lu Ye first entered the Cheling World, she didn't even make an appearance; it was mainly Chu Shen's operation, bringing a batch of Cheling World cultivators into Three Worlds Island for cultivation, giving the outside world the impression of Three Worlds Island being under Jiu Yan's protection.

Whether she actively accepted it or not, the fact remains; Three Worlds Island is under her protection.

Fully aware of this, yet Yuan Du still stirs trouble secretly, directing Zixuan against Three Worlds Island, clearly disregarding her!

Even a clay figure has some temper, let alone the resolute Sun Blaze that Jiu Yan fought her way to become!

Therefore, upon receiving Chu Shen's transmission a few days ago, she immediately set out from the Cheling World, heading to All Phenomena Island, ostensibly to visit Muh Qing, catch up, but in reality, to guard against Yuan Du.

This old guy's actions have a precedent; back when Three Worlds Island was confronting Baiyue, he showed up, so there's no guarantee he won't appear this time.

In fact, her coming was indeed the right move. If she hadn't come this time, Lu Ye would probably be in grave danger.

Turning her head to look in the direction Lu Ye departed, Jiu Yan frowned. This young man at such a youthful age, is he prone to causing trouble, or does trouble tend to find him?

Looking at the major events that have occurred in the All Phenomena Ocean over these years, it seems like his presence is always there.

In the distance, Lu Ye rushed towards Zixuan.

Just now, in the confrontation with Yuan Du, both parties tacitly avoided mentioning the deceased Hu Xue. Lu Ye knew it was unwise to mention her, as it might truly infuriate Yuan Du. With Jiu Yan by his side, he had confidence, but everything has its limits. Intentionally provoking Sun Blaze is not a wise move.

Yuan Du and Muh Qing did not mention her either, for their own reasons.

Thus, this concubine of Yuan Du, who was cherished deeply, was referred to as a nameless female demon in their mouths.

But regardless, it's a fact that Lu Ye killed Hu Xue. If the previous grudges against Yuan Du were not too deep, now it's completely different; it's definitely reached the point of unending conflict.

Having such a Sun Blaze governor in the All Phenomena Ocean is indeed disgusting.

After all, Three Worlds Island is an outsider here; their status and strength are inferior. If the other side chooses to abide by their own established rules, that's fine. But if one day the so-called rules can no longer constrain those within Sun Blaze, then there will be no place for Three Worlds cultivators in the All Phenomena Ocean.

However, even if that day comes, Lu Ye will not fear it. He can simply use the portal of the green sea conch to transfer Three Worlds cultivators to the Merfolk Race's territory to avoid losses.

Although this time he managed to kill Hu Xue, he ultimately couldn't fulfill his desires. As long as Lion Heart remains alive, Lu Ye's frustration will persist.

But since Lion Heart has already entered All Phenomena Island, it won't be easy to kill him. As long as he hides inside and doesn't come out, Lu Ye really can't do much to him.

What kind of strategy should he consider to lure Lion Heart out?

He pondered while flying.

By the time Lu Ye returned to Zixuan Island, the battle here had already ended.

Initially, Zixuan had only Lion Heart left, and their protective array was broken. With the forced arrival of two thousand cultivators from Three Worlds Island, led by three Moon Jades and forming three dragons, Zixuan's defeat was inevitable.

Following Lion Heart's command, Zixuan demon cultivators fled in panic, while Three Worlds cultivators pursued relentlessly in smaller groups, achieving substantial results.

After the battle, it was time to clean up the battlefield—truly the most satisfying task.

The captured storage rings and Magic Artifacts from slain enemy cultivators were just the tip of the iceberg; the treasure vault of Zixuan Island was the real treasure.

When Lu Ye arrived, Luan Xiao'e was inside the treasure vault organizing the resources with others. Not counting other items, there were piles of spirit jade totaling tens of billions, and countless other resources.

It was truly a top-class Spirit Island. Compared to the plunder from Baiyue's treasure vault, this couldn't even be compared.

"Lion Heart has escaped to Three Worlds Island." Lu Ye stood beside Luan Xiao'e and said.

"Junior Brother has done enough, no need to fret. If Wey Po knows this from the afterlife, he would rest in peace." Luan Xiao'e nodded, the sorrow for Wey Po's death had completely faded.

Who in this world could destroy a top-class Spirit Island for the death of one person?

Across the vast All Phenomena Ocean, only Lu Ye!

From start to finish, only Wey Po died on Three Worlds Island. In contrast, Zixuan lost seven Moon Jade level cultivators and thousands of Constellations. If Wey Po's spirit remains, he would laugh wildly, knowing so many demon cultivators died buried with him, he surely wouldn't feel his death was in vain.

Wasn't it the same during the battle against Baiyue? That conflict only started because Tang Jun was ambushed...

Honestly, being companions with Lu Ye, Luan Xiao'e felt quite secure, because once someone becomes a victim, they know he will help get back everything with interest.

Lu Ye remained silent for a moment, then spoke again: "The spirit jade here, perhaps ten billion of it is ours."

Even though Zixuan is a top-class Spirit Island, they wouldn't stockpile over ten billion spirit jade. A few billion maybe, with the surplus ten billion likely being the ransom Lu Ye sent earlier that Hu Guang embezzled.

Back then, Hu Guang took the ransom but turned around and denied it. Now it's ironic, he had the life to take it but not to spend it. Three Worlds Island, on the contrary, sent out ten billion and received countless returns in profit. If Hu Guang had known it would turn out like this, one wonders what he would think.

Clearing the treasure vault may take several days. Countless war prizes also need to be collected, organized, and redistributed, because not everyone on the battlefield had the chance to kill enemies and claim their spoils. For example, healing cultivators were just focusing on rescuing the wounded; who had the time to seize war prizes?

But their efforts should not be forgotten, so all the spoils need to be gathered and redistributed.

No matter what, after this battle, the already wealthy Three Worlds cultivators have become even richer.

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After such a battle, many things need to be handled, but the first priority is to return and defend Three Worlds Island.

During the attack on Zixuan, all forces from Three Worlds Island set out, all five registered Moon Jade cultivators and two thousand cultivators arrived at Zixuan through the green sea conch's portal.

It can be said that at this moment, Three Worlds Island is in a completely unprotected state.

Though carrying the might of this battle, it's unlikely anyone would dare to cause trouble on Three Worlds Island, yet some precautions are necessary.

In fact, realizing that forces from Three Worlds Island had fully deployed to attack Zixuan, many forces were already ready to act, secretly dispatching troops.

Because if Three Worlds Island failed to conquer Zixuan and suffered great losses, they could immediately seize Three Worlds Island, claiming this treasure land.

Though a few newly ascended Moon Jade cultivators were left behind on Three Worlds Island, they weren't registered, so even if someone attacked, they could only stare helplessly without effective defense.

Of course, now Three Worlds Island has won decisively with an unbelievable overwhelming victory, and those eager forces have all quieted down.

Half a day later, a central battleship slowly ascended from Zixuan, accompanied by two larger battleships, with decks full of Tiger Shark battleships.

This was originally Zixuan's large fleet, which had aggressively deployed to Three Worlds Island days ago, but now it has become spoils of war.

Two thousand cultivators, with eight hundred mostly injured ones selected, proudly manned the three battleships departing from Zixuan.

This scene made the cultivators watching from a distance filled with envy.

Needless to say, just such a massive central battleship is extremely valuable, and the worth of the entire fleet is unimaginable.

Yet what's surprising is that the direction these three ascending battleships were heading did not seem to be towards Three Worlds Island, leaving people unsure of their destination.

Messages from various sources revealed, almost half a day later, the destination of these three battleships was finally clear.

Giant Blade Island!

Unexpectedly, it was Giant Blade Island; no one knew why.

But these three battleships did indeed stop outside Giant Blade Island.

At this moment, aboard the central battleship, a Jade Conch cultivator asked, "Senior Brother Ma, why are we not returning to home island, but instead came here to stay?"

Ma Shangsi rubbed his head, "I don't know."

The questioning Jade Conch was puzzled, you don't know? Then why did you lead us here?

Ma Shangsi continued, "Third Island Master instructed us, we just follow orders, no more than taking a detour."

He indeed didn't know why Lu Ye had instructed him to detour to Giant Blade Island; this order was issued before he departed Zixuan, and he did not ask.

The Jade Conch cultivator couldn't help but ponder; he was certainly no stranger to Giant Blade Island. Last time during the battle with Baiyue, Giant Blade Island intervened, causing Three Worlds cultivators to stop briefly before the island on the return trip. Then, Giant Blade Island offered some spirit jade and resources as compensation for breaching Three Worlds Island's protective array, and the cultivators finally withdrew.

This time, landing outside Giant Blade Island again; is it still because of last time's matter?

Third Island Master is really grudge-bearing...

The three battleships anchored outside the island, even if Three Worlds Island had no intention to attack, Giant Blade Island was thrown into chaos.

Zhao Yunqi's face turned extremely pale, listening to the reports from his subordinates, he couldn't help but recall the recent events.

Ma Shangsi didn't understand why Lu Ye had him stationed here, but Zhao Yunqi was very clear.

Because he gloatfully cheered "Good!" and shouted "Murder demands payment!" during the feast at Zixuan.

At that time, he was indeed delighted, considering Zixuan powerful and Three Worlds Island weakened, he got carried away and spoke recklessly, never imagining today's situation.

In fact, he was more concerned than anyone about the battle at Zixuan. Upon hearing Zixuan's protective array was breached and Moon Jade cultivators were successively killed while Three Worlds Island cultivators decisively descended on Zixuan, he nearly fainted.

He had hoped such a minor incident would be forgotten by Three Worlds Island's Lu Ye, but now it's clear they hold fast to grudges, not forgetting at all.

Having dealt with Zixuan, troops have now arrived at the doorstep.

Fortunately, Three Worlds Island shows no signs of aggression towards Giant Blade. Zhao Yunqi, of course, knew what needed to be done.

"Quickly inventory the treasure vault, bring out anything useful," he immediately ordered.

A Moon Jade cultivator widened his eyes, "Senior Brother Zhao, why?"

Zhao Yunqi sullenly responded, "Sacrifice wealth to avoid disaster."

The Moon Jade angrily said, "This time Giant Blade didn't provoke them; why are they bullying us so?" Last time could be excused as Giant Blade's fault, but this time it's different. Why does Giant Blade Island always suffer?

"Senior Brother, how long can this be tolerated? Let's fight them! They haven't brought many cultivators, and there seems to be only one Moon Jade; surely they're no match for us!"

"Yes, Three Worlds Island is too arrogant; we mustn't compromise to appease them."

"Please, Senior Brother, give the order, we are willing to follow unto death!"

In the noisy crowd, Zhao Yunqi shouted angrily, "Fight for what? Is it easy for our home galaxy to own a high-class Spirit Island in this All Phenomena Ocean? That is the foundation built by our ancestors through generations. Sure, those Three Worlds Island cultivators are not many, and we might win if we fight them, but what happens after we win? Everyone, Zixuan is broken, and in the entire Moon Jade domain, only Lion Heart managed to hide in the All Phenomena Island and escaped the disaster, while most of the Constellation have perished. That Lu Ye from the Three Worlds Island... is not human!"

At the mention of Lu Ye's name, the spirits of the Moon Jade cultivators deflated.

The title of the number one under the Sun Blaze indeed intimidates people; that guy kills Moon Jade cultivators as easily as chickens. It's really hard to comprehend, how could someone as powerful as him exist when we're all Moon Jade cultivators.

Zhao Yunqi showed a look of guilt, "Today's situation is my fault. I said the wrong words out of momentary excitement when I attended the banquet at Zixuan. This time the Three Worlds Island came for a reason."

All the Moon Jade cultivators looked at Zhao Yunqi in shock, only now understanding the reason for the situation.

As for what Zhao Yunqi said that day, there's no need to inquire further; it must have been something that angered Lu Ye.

"Count the resources in the treasure vault." Zhao Yunqi looked dispirited and waved his hand.

No one said anything more.

The last time, Giant Blade Island exhausted its entire fortune to make the Three Worlds Island retreat. After that, the home galaxy sent a huge amount of resources to resolve the urgent crisis.

But unexpectedly, the good days didn't last long before we faced another situation where we had to tighten our belts.

A group of Moon Jade cultivators felt frustrated and powerless. Going to a banquet should have just been about eating and drinking; why say so much? No one would treat you like a mute.

After one incense stick's time, Zhao Yunqi led a group of cultivators out of Giant Blade Island, smiling cheerfully as they landed on the Central Hub battleship.

"Who are you?" Ma Shangsi asked loudly.

Zhao Yunqi quickly introduced himself.

Ma Shangsi frowned, "What's the matter?"

Zhao Yunqi waved his hand, and immediately the cultivators behind him began moving and carrying, piling countless resources in front of Ma Shangsi, soon forming a small mountain.

The reason for not using storage rings is because this creates a more visually impactful display, which better represents Giant Blade Island's stance.

Ma Shangsi was baffled, unable to make sense of the situation.

Zhao Yunqi clasped his hands and said, "Fellow Daoists, you must be tired from your journey; since you're passing by this island, we'd like to offer some resources to express our hospitality. Please don't feel offended."

Ma Shangsi was dumbfounded.

Thinking to himself, what a great thing this is; just stopping by an island for a while brings such benefits. If one were to visit all the major Spirit Islands along the way, wouldn't they quickly become wealthy beyond measure?

Moreover, the items Giant Blade Island sent were quite a lot, weren't they? Although he hadn't counted thoroughly, he could roughly estimate the value of these resources with a glance.

Anything unusual must have a reason. Faced with uncertainty, ask the master; Ma Shangsi contemplated for a moment and said, "Wait!"

He immediately sent a message to Lu Ye.

Soon, he received a reply, and Ma Shangsi roughly understood the situation. He looked at Zhao Yunqi and honestly conveyed Lu Ye's words, "Island Master Zhao, things can be done once or twice but not thrice! If there's another time, your island's fate will be uncertain."

Zhao Yunqi exhaled deeply, knowing he had gotten through this situation, and nodded immediately, "I understand, I promise there won't be another time!"

Ma Shangsi nodded, raised his hand and ordered, "Return to the island!"

After a short while, the three battleships returned fully loaded, with Zhao Yunqi leading a group of cultivators from Giant Blade Island to shout loudly at the back, "We respectfully see off all the Fellow Daoists!"

Much later, he raised his head, looking at the three departing battleships, full of regret. Because of a single word, Giant Blade Island lost resources worth tens of millions of spirit jade; he wished he could slap himself hard.

Turning around, he looked somewhat distraught at a Moon Jade cultivator, "Junior Brother, go back to the home galaxy and request resource support again."

Upon hearing this, the Moon Jade cultivator's expression immediately turned unpleasant, as if they had eaten something foul... Last time, they returned to request resource support, and were severely reprimanded under the Sun Blaze of their homeland. Why is it him again this time?

On Zixuan Island, Lu Ye put away the audio talisman, ending communication with Ma Shangsi.

He didn't intend to drive Giant Blade Island to the brink of destruction; there was no need for it. Not to mention, with the Three Worlds Island's significant victory over Zixuan, the cultivators are exhausted both physically and mentally, with many wounded, needing recovery. Besides, what would be gained by taking over Giant Blade Island?

Conquering Zixuan is already enough to make All Phenomena Ocean's various forces wary of the Three Worlds Island. If they keep attacking Giant Blade, it would only make the Three Worlds Island seem arrogant and domineering.

Furthermore, Zhao Yunqi was merely expressing momentary dissatisfaction on that day without taking actions that substantially harmed the interests of the Three Worlds Island.

Hence, he had Ma Shangsi lead the fleet to camp outside Giant Blade Island; Zhao Yunqi is a smart man and naturally knows what to do.

Now that they have paid and apologized, the matter is resolved.

"Junior Brother, we've found the entrance to the Spirit Jade Vein." Feng Wujiang flew over and called out to Lu Ye.

"Let's take a look," Lu Ye immediately became excited and flew towards the Spirit Jade Vein entrance along with his senior brother.

Chapter 1874 - To Take or Not to Take?

After a brief moment, within the spirit jade vein, Lu Ye walked and observed.

Zixuan is a top-class Spirit Island, naturally possessing its own spirit jade vein, which is a hallmark of top-class Spirit Islands.

This wasn't his first time entering a spirit jade vein; the core of Mount Fangcun also has one, which he had previously explored.

He had observed the Merfolk Race's spirit jade veins countless times.

Though called a vein, a spirit jade vein is not quite like a real mine. Ordinary mines have many derivatives and associated minerals, which complicates extraction as those derivatives need to be removed, and the purity of the mined materials varies, requiring some means to purify the needed minerals.

But a spirit jade vein isn't like that.

The formation of spirit jade involves the gathering and condensing of stellar space energy, and when reaching a certain limit, the energy condenses into spirit jade.

Thus, the spirit jade vein of every top-class Spirit Island is the place where the energy is most concentrated on the island.

Cultivators can pre-drill roughly sized grooves inside the vein, and then simply wait quietly in those grooves for spirit jade to condense, and harvest them timely. Alternatively, one can leave them alone, having little impact.

In a unique place like the All Phenomena Ocean, one could say that as long as the ocean endures, all top-class Spirit Islands' spirit jade veins are inexhaustible, since fundamentally, the spirit jade harvested is just the condensation of energy dispersed from the ocean water.

The scale of Zixuan Island's spirit jade vein is pretty good, although compared to the vein within Mount Fangcun's core, it falls a little short.

When Lu Ye arrived here, Luan Xiao'e, He Baichuan, and Yann Miao had already arrived ahead and were eagerly observing.

For Luan Xiao'e and her junior, it was undoubtedly their first time entering a spirit jade vein, and they were deeply amazed; whereas Yann Miao had seen plenty before, as the Merfolk Race's spirit jade vein was much larger than this.

Zixuan Island's spirit jade vein scale is pretty good; however, when compared in purpose and scope with Mount Fangcun's core vein, it left some to be desired.

Apart from them, there were also several Constellations who heard the commotion and came running to watch.

Everyone originated from places like the Jade Conch Galaxy; where had they ever seen such a rare spectacle as a spirit jade vein before?

Noticing Lu Ye's presence, Luan Xiao'e turned and waved to him, "Junior brother, over here."

Lu Ye walked over, looking around for a moment before speaking, "Great Elder, how is the production of spirit jade from this vein?"

Among everyone present, the one most knowledgeable about spirit jade veins was undoubtedly Yann Miao, so Lu Ye sought her input.

Having already estimated its yield, Yann Miao replied, "About three million a year."

"Three million spirit jade?" He Baichuan asked.

"That's correct." Yann Miao nodded.

"That's not much," He Baichuan scoffed, interest waning, initially thinking such a spirit jade vein must be highly productive; yet the yearly output was only three million spirit jade.

Compared to the returns from Three Worlds Island, this vein's output seemed relatively modest despite its value.

Luan Xiao'e couldn't help but glare at He Baichuan, "Have you forgotten the days of hardship already? Three million is a significant find."

Three million spirit jade is not a small number for any cultivator under Sun Blaze; one could purchase an 8-star magic treasure and still have leftovers.

"Moreover, that's just one year's yield; Zixuan has stood here for tens of thousands of years, consider how much benefit they've taken from this place."

He Baichuan offered a sheepish smile, "I was just speaking casually."

Actually, if not for Three Worlds Island, three million spirit jade would undoubtedly be a fortune for Three Worlds cultivators.

Just consider when Lu Ye turned the tide, aiding the Four Galaxies in decisively defeating the Insect and Blood Races' Allied Forces—Four Galaxies provided a reward of only two million spirit jade. Not because they were stingy, but their reserves were limited.

And last time, when Three Worlds Island extorted Giant Blade Island, the spirit jade and resources given matched about two to three million spirit jade's worth.

Thus, three million spirit jade a year is indeed significant, but when He Baichuan compares these numbers with Three Worlds Island's current gains, it seems less impressive.

Nevertheless, given Zixuan has maintained its foothold here for tens of thousands of years, it's hard to imagine their accumulative benefits, with countless spirit jade fostering numerous cultivators.

And most importantly, this is essentially free.

For a top-class Spirit Island, a spirit jade vein is important but not the foundation, as every occupying force on a top-tier Spirit Island has a top-class domain supporting them. Their domain naturally contains spirit jade veins, definitely much larger than those in the All Phenomena Ocean.

For forces originating from top-class domains, the Spirit Island itself garners focus, as its unique cultivation environment cannot be replicated by any domain.

So the purpose of occupying this Spirit Jade Vein is not for the top powers, but just an added benefit.

From the side suddenly came the sound of discussions, many Constellations gathered at a certain spot to watch, soon someone shouted, "Senior brothers and sisters, there are spirit crystals here!"

Lu Ye and others looked in the direction of the voice and then walked over, indeed they saw spirit crystals there.

"Why are these spirit crystals arranged in such a peculiar manner?" He Baichuan glanced at it, showing a puzzled expression, because in his view, the spirit crystals here were arranged radiating outward from a certain point in the center. The closer to that central point, the brighter the color of the spirit crystals, and the farther away, the dimmer, gradually turning into a lower grade of spirit jade.

"Vein Source!" Yann Miao slowly spoke.

"What?" He Baichuan looked at him in confusion.

"The essence of the Spirit Jade Vein is the Vein Source, an elusive existence that cannot be detected with the naked eye, and even Mental Consciousness cannot perceive it. It is precisely because of the Vein Source that the stellar space energy converges at the location of the Vein Source, thereby condensing into spirit jade, and the closer to the Vein Source, the more likely spirit crystals are to form," Yann Miao explained, "A Spirit Jade Vein has more than one Vein Source, let's look for them, there should be other Vein Sources."

The Three Worlds cultivators immediately searched around and sure enough, found several other locations of Vein Sources.

Counting it up, this entire Spirit Jade Vein has around ten Vein Source points, running through the entire vein from start to finish.

Lu Ye tried to sense with Mental Consciousness but indeed could not detect any abnormal existence, the so-called Vein Source was invisible and intangible, not something that could be probed, but the spirit crystals forming near the Vein Source points were undoubtedly the best evidence.

A group of Three Worlds cultivators watched the activity within the Spirit Jade Vein for a while and then began collecting.

The condensation of spirit jade and spirit crystals is like the growth of fruit; with the continuous convergence and infusion of stellar space energy, they gradually grow larger and fuller.

If it were their own Spirit Jade Vein, of course, they would wait for the fruit to mature before harvesting, but since they conquered it, the Three Worlds cultivators didn't have such concerns, whether ripe or not, they harvested it all. Those many spirit jades and spirit crystals that weren't fully formed were smaller, but it didn't hinder their use in cultivation.

Before everyone was done, they heard that Tang Jun had arrived.

Including him, several Moon Jades were surprised and quickly came out.

From afar they saw Tang Jun surveying the surroundings.

Lu Ye hurriedly went up to meet him, "Is there trouble on this island?"

Tang Jun shook his head, "No!"

"Why did you come running then?" Lu Ye retorted angrily, thinking it over, if there were trouble on this island, Tang Jun would certainly have sent a message immediately rather than coming in person.

"There's something to discuss!" Tang Jun's expression became serious, "A big matter!"

Lu Ye blinked, vaguely realizing something, and said, "Let's find a place to talk."

After a while, in a grand hall on Zixuan Island, several Moon Jades from Three Worlds Island sat together. This hall was built in a rather majestic manner, its overall style quite rugged, reflecting the style of the Demon Race.

After everyone sat, Tang Jun spoke, "Before we discuss the matter, Yiye, give me a straight answer, do you want Zixuan Island or not?"

Lu Ye thought to himself that it was just as he had guessed, otherwise, Tang Jun wouldn't ask such a question. Though he had some insight, he still asked, "What if I do, and what if I don't?"

Tang Jun leisurely said, "If you want it, there's a way, and if you don't, there's a different approach! Let's say we want it. According to the rules here in All Phenomena Ocean, the same power can't occupy two Spirit Islands, so we'd have to move, migrating from Three Worlds Island to Zixuan Island, abandoning Three Worlds Island. Of course, we could also divide the forces. After all, we are an alliance of three domains, so we could split one domain to occupy Zixuan, which would be acceptable according to the rules."

He Baichuan said, "How can we abandon Three Worlds Island?"

Although Three Worlds Island is a high-class Spirit Island and Zixuan is a top-class Spirit Island, if he had to choose, he would definitely pick Three Worlds Island over Zixuan.

The only advantage Zixuan has over Three Worlds Island is its better cultivation environment, but in terms of financial gains, few Spirit Islands in All Phenomena Ocean today can measure up to Three Worlds Island.

The current need for the Three Worlds cultivators is not the cultivation environment, as the home island is more than sufficient. Any better environment would offer little additional help. The urgent need is to earn more spirit jade because everyone has their own domain behind them and a large demand for spirit jade and cultivation resources.

Tang Jun nodded, "Yes, I also think we can't abandon Three Worlds Island. If we want Zixuan, we'll have to divide the forces, splitting off one or two domains to occupy Zixuan."

"Not feasible, not feasible," He Baichuan immediately shook his head.

Even the united forces of Three Worlds cultivators aren't that strong, let alone after a division, and they simply don't qualify to occupy a top-class Spirit Island independently.

The ability to stably occupy Three Worlds Island is due to the fame earned from conquering Baiyue and the covert support from Cheling World, in which Lu Ye played an indispensable role. Without him, neither Three Worlds nor Zixuan could be securely held.

Therefore, dividing the forces is of no use. Whichever side has Lu Ye will be stable, while the other will undoubtedly be coveted by countless powers.

Luan Xiao'e slowly said from the side, "I also thought about this before, Zixuan has been conquered, but I'm afraid we can't hold it, so we probably shouldn't want Zixuan."

Chapter 1875 - Spirit Island Has a Price, Face Has No Price

This is undoubtedly a happy dilemma. There are countless forces across the All Phenomena Ocean, while the number of Spirit Islands is limited. Many forces have no foothold and can only drift around, with some lucky enough to find a deserted island to temporarily occupy, while others are left homeless.

However, the situation is different when it comes to the Three Worlds Island.

Back then, after conquering Baiyue, it was secretly handed over to Sifang Island, which is a separate matter. Now, we've taken down Zixuan, yet still can't find a way to occupy it.

This situation is troubling...

"We can agree that Zixuan is not to be desired, right?" Tang Jun looks at everyone.

The group nods in agreement.

Actually, even if Tang Jun hadn't come over to broach the subject, Luan Xiao'e would have swiftly summoned Moon Jade from this island to discuss how to handle Zixuan. As of now, the consensus is to not want Zixuan.

"If we don't want Zixuan, how should we handle it?" He Baichuan asks. It's difficult to relinquish such a top-class Spirit Island once conquered.

If we truly let it go, someone else will surely come to occupy it, gaining a huge advantage for nothing.

"Auction?" Yann Miao suggests, "Just like our auction for Baiyue last time; it should fetch a good price."

"This method might work, but I'm afraid no one will dare take it." Luan Xiao'e says.

After all, Zixuan was occupied by a top-tier force. Although now conquered by Three Worlds Island, it's not something just anyone can covet. This top-class Spirit Island is different from Baiyue. Back then, numerous forces were eager to obtain Baiyue, bidding competitively at the auction. But accepting Zixuan involves opposing Zixuan's side.

Zixuan will certainly try to reclaim the Spirit Island, just as the Baiyue Galaxy constantly eyes Sifang Island, wanting to regain its dominance. However, Sifang Island's overall strength prevents Baiyue Galaxy from succeeding.

But Zixuan is different; a force with insufficient confidence wouldn't dare entertain the idea.

This might be a hot potato.

"Wrong!" Tang Jun smiles slightly, "Someone is indeed interested in Zixuan."

"You heard something again?" Lu Ye asks, looking at him.

Tang Jun says, "Right after you took down Zixuan, a message came through, expressing interest in taking over and asking us to offer a reasonable price. There aren't many, but there are four or five groups."

Lu Ye, curious, asks, "Who dares to be so bold?"

Tang Jun replies, "In a place without rules, no one would dare ignore Zixuan's reputation. But here is ultimately the All Phenomena Ocean, where Zixuan's fame is great, but only the five registered Moon Jade have the right to participate in Spirit Island contests. This ensures there won't be too much commotion across the vast All Phenomena Ocean. Once these forces take over Zixuan, as long as they set up proper defenses, even if Zixuan dispatches troops to reclaim it, it won't be easy. And after enduring for a while and the protective array becoming more stable, they can establish a firm foothold. So, this isn't really about courage, but rather large domains within the stellar space that possess powerful backgrounds; such domains naturally have strong overall Star System strength."

Lu Ye understands, realizing that those secretly contacting Tang Jun do not fear Zixuan, but All Phenomena Ocean's rules significantly bind this behemoth. Even with immense power, it's limited in effect across the All Phenomena Ocean, making the risk worthwhile and with enough confidence.

A top-class Spirit Island changing hands—missing this opportunity means waiting a lifetime for another chance, so naturally, some take action.

"Though four or five groups aren't many, it should fetch a good price." He Baichuan nods, "We could sell it."

Luan Xiao'e ponders for a while, feeling tempted. Since the Three Worlds cultivators can't occupy Zixuan, selling it is indeed the only choice.

They all turn to look at Lu Ye, who, though nominally just the Third Island Master, has played a decisive role in the development of Three Worlds Island over the years, overcoming challenges under his lead. Without him, conquering Zixuan wouldn't have been possible.

Ultimately, how to proceed depends on his decision.

After a moment of thought, Lu Ye speaks, "Selling is definitely necessary. I already have a suitable candidate, and I believe they will offer a very high price."

Luan Xiao'e is astonished, "Who?" She hasn't seen Lu Ye in touch with anyone, so how does he already have a suitable transaction partner?

Lu Ye shakes his head, saying, "Let's not discuss this for now. Old Tang, you rushed over here; it's not just to discuss the issue of Zixuan's ownership, is it? Is there some hidden reason?"

If it's just about Zixuan's ownership, it can be delayed. Yet Tang Jun came directly, suggesting something's amiss.

Tang Jun laughs, saying, "You're sharp! Since you see it, I won't keep it a secret. You killed Lion Heart outside All Phenomena Island, and then Three Worlds Island had a visitor from Cheling World's Fellow Daoist Yue. She visited Three Worlds Island, checked on Chu Shen, and after leaving, Chu Shen reached out to me, informing me of something."

"What?" He Baichuan asks curiously.

Tang Jun said, "We can find a way to sell Zixuan Island back to Zixuan Demon Planet!"

He Baichuan was stunned, looking confused, "What kind of logic is this? We worked so hard to capture it, and if we sell it back, wouldn't it all be for nothing?"

Tang Jun nodded, "Yes, that's exactly what I thought when I first heard this. But what Chu Shen conveyed to me, clearly was guidance from that Fellow Daoist Yue. Fellow Daoist Yue is a cultivator from Cheling World, not convenient for direct contact, hence let Chu Shen convey it." After a pause, Tang Jun continued, "Thinking deeper, could Fellow Daoist Yue's suggestion possibly reflect the intent of someone from Cheling World? If so, then it carries much deeper meaning."

The intention of Sun Blaze is unfathomable, but no one dares to ignore it.

"So I've been pondering all this way, what deep meaning lies within? We've broken through Zixuan Island, killed so many Zixuan demon cultivators, even if we sell it back to them, it wouldn't resolve the enmity. Since that's the case, why sell it back to Zixuan?" Tang Jun showed a troubled expression.

He Baichuan asked, "Have you figured it out?"

Tang Jun chuckled and didn't answer but looked at Lu Ye, "Who's the suitable recipient you mentioned?"

Lu Ye said indifferently, "Zixuan Demon Planet!"

Tang Jun pointed at him, clapping his hands, "Look, he's figured it out!"

He Baichuan's head felt muddled, "Stop beating around the bush, just tell us what you're thinking."

Tang Jun laughed, "It's a simple matter. Zixuan wants to buy; they'll certainly pay a high price. Indeed, the offers from those interested forces won't be low, but only by selling to Zixuan can we get the highest price! For Zixuan, buying back this Spirit Island is not just about the transaction itself; they are buying face!" At this point, Tang Jun sighed heavily, "For a top force to lose a Spirit Island in All Phenomena Ocean, this has never happened before. If Zixuan doesn't buy back the Spirit Island, they'll become the only top force without a top-class Spirit Island from now on, always the subject of discussion. The prestige of a top force is such a precious thing, money can't buy it. So by selling to Zixuan, we can totally dominate the negotiation, name our price however we wish, demand as high as we want!"

Listening to Tang Jun's explanation, He Baichuan suddenly understood.

Indeed, Spirit Island has a price, but prestige is priceless!

To reclaim the Spirit Island, as long as the price set by Three Worlds Island isn't too outrageous, Zixuan Demon Planet will accept it.

Most importantly, regarding financial power, which force can compare with a top domain? The benefits from selling to others definitely won't match selling back to Zixuan Demon Planet.

This is the best target to sell Zixuan.

Jiu Yan must have seen this point, hence instructed Aunt Yue to visit Three Worlds Island, with Chu Shen conveying this idea.

Tang Jun hadn't realized it, but Lu Ye's thoughts coincidentally aligned with Jiu Yan's, so even if he hadn't made this trip, Lu Ye already had a resolution.

"Will Zixuan come to buy?" He Baichuan asked.

Tang Jun replied, "Rest assured, Zixuan will definitely come to buy. Once news reaches Zixuan Demon Planet, someone there won't be able to sit still." As he spoke, he stood up, "All right, knowing you young fellows already have a resolution, I won't make this trip. You carry on, I'll leave first."

Tang Jun departed, and within days, Three Worlds cultivators gradually evacuated.

A large top-class Spirit Island suddenly became an unclaimed empty island.

Originally Luan Xiao'e planned to set up a simple protective array here and leave some Three Worlds cultivators to guard it, but was persuaded by Lu Ye to abandon the plan.

Yuan Du bears intense hatred towards him, so Three Worlds Island had better be cautious and avoid giving Yuan Du any excuse to seize upon.

If they split forces to occupy Zixuan, it would undoubtedly break the rule that no single force may occupy more than one Spirit Island in All Phenomena Ocean, allowing Yuan Du to make a fuss. Even if he attacked and killed Three Worlds cultivators, Lu Ye could only watch helplessly.

As Three Worlds cultivators evacuated, anything of value on Zixuan Island was taken away, except for the Spirit Jade Vein, which couldn't be moved. Even so, no force with some sense dared to occupy it randomly, because Three Worlds Island had the power to conquer Zixuan in its peak state and could certainly conquer it now when it's dilapidated.

Anyone occupying Zixuan would inevitably face hostility from Three Worlds Island, and once attacked, the situation would be hard to resolve.

This point was clear to all major forces in All Phenomena Ocean, so despite envy, they could only restrain themselves. The few forces interested in buying Zixuan have been in frequent contact with Tang Jun, even though Tang Jun has clearly refused them, they cannot resist their enthusiasm.

Recently, Old Tang has been enjoying nightly celebrations, his vigor undiminished, albeit somewhat troubled.

The grand battle thus came to a close, and the shock it imparted to cultivators in All Phenomena Ocean was far more intense than the previous strong attack by Three Worlds Island on Baiyue.

This was the first top-class Spirit Island in All Phenomena Ocean's history to be breached.

Three Worlds Island once again proved its formidable and fearsome foundation, and among them, the Third Island Master Lu Ye assuredly earned the title of the number one beneath Sun Blaze, his fame unmatched for a time.

Chapter 1876 - Chu Shen, the Model Son

Three Worlds Island, the local island cultivator's garrison area, inside Lu Ye's bamboo building, he sits facing Chu Shen, with a few plates of appetizers on the table, and two pots of fine wine, enjoying drinks and joyful conversation.

Since he returned from the retreat at Zixuan Island yesterday, Lu Ye has brought back the Small Constellation Palace and adjusted the powers of this supreme-grade affiliated treasure, placing it beneath Three Worlds Island.

From the day he took the Small Constellation Palace to place beneath Zixuan Island to today, only about half a month has passed, so although there's some impact on Three Worlds Island, it's not significant.

Most people haven't even noticed any great change on Three Worlds Island.

Today, Lu Ye specially invited Chu Shen for a casual meal and chat, not bothering with formalities, and he doesn't explicitly express gratitude, as some things are kept in mind, not necessarily spoken.

Chu Shen doesn't mention it either, but Lu Ye knows that Jiu Yan appearing at All Phenomena Island wasn't a coincidence; there's no such coincidences in this world.

If there's someone who can invite Jiu Yan, it must be Chu Shen.

"How long until Constellation Perfection?" Lu Ye asked casually, tossing a nut into his mouth.

Chu Shen chuckled, "Soon, within three years."

Since arriving at Three Worlds Island, Chu Shen has remained low-key, mostly staying in closed cultivation. He is exceptionally gifted, combined with the favorable cultivation environment of Three Worlds Island, never lacking resources, making rapid progress in cultivation.

Back in the day, he wasn't like this, always rebellious, difficult to manage, often running away from home. But since he lost Unparalleled Island, Chu Shen realized the importance of his own strength, enabling him to settle down and strive hard.

The path of growth for cultivators is always filled with many obstacles, it's the same for everyone; it's these obstacles that help temper one's character and make it more steady.

Not just talking about Chu Shen, at present, within Three Worlds Island, the first batch of Nine Provinces Constellation cultivators who came with Lu Ye has already reached Constellation Late Stage, with significant improvements in cultivation compared to when they first arrived at All Phenomena Ocean.

Lu Ye nodded, "I'm planning to visit Cheling World, what do you think I should bring?"

Jiu Yan helped him resolve such a big crisis, at that time Lu Ye couldn't express anything, plus the contest for Spirit Island was ongoing, so he immediately rushed back to Zixuan Island.

Now that everything has settled, he naturally should visit Cheling World to personally thank Jiu Yan.

It wouldn't feel right to go empty-handed, so Lu Ye thought about bringing a gift, but what would interest Sun Blaze? Lu Ye thought it over and decided he should consult Chu Shen, after all, who knows a mother better than her child.

"No need to bring anything, just go. I'll accompany you," Chu Shen waved his hand.

"I need to bring something, give me some ideas," Lu Ye insisted. Chu Shen saying not to bring anything is being polite, he certainly can't go with nothing, "Does Senior Jiu Yan have any particular preferences?"

Chu Shen scratched his head, "I really don't know, I haven't seen mother have any particular likes."

"Think carefully, you are Jiu Yan's son, you should know what your own mother likes,"

Chu Shen thought deeply for a moment, then suddenly brightened up.

Lu Ye looked at him expectantly.

"Why don't you find a Dao companion for my mother? She's been alone all her life, it's about time she had someone by her side."

Lu Ye's mouth twitched; what a filial son, to say something like that?

Besides, where would he find a Dao companion for Jiu Yan? She's Sun Blaze, only another Sun Blaze would match.

Then he realized it wasn't quite right, frowning, "If Senior Jiu Yan has been alone all her life, where did you come from?"

Chu Shen chuckled, "I was picked up by my mother, we're not biological mother and son."

Lu Ye's eyes widened in shock.

He had always thought Chu Shen and Jiu Yan were biological mother and son, but turns out they weren't. Chu Shen wouldn't joke about such things.

Chu Shen shrugged it off, "I've known since I was little, mother never hid this from me. She said decades ago, she was traveling and passed by a certain domain, where she saw me as an infant placed in a wooden basin, drifting down a river, surrounded by wolves and tigers eyeing me hungrily. If no one intervened, I would either drown or be eaten by those wolves. Feeling compassion, she took me back and cared for me. My name comes from a character in that domain, Shen, and the nation within that domain was a small country called Chu, hence Chu Shen."

Lu Ye blinked, "I thought you took your father's surname."

Chu Shen laughed, "I don't even know who my father is." Speaking thus, Chu Shen suddenly said, "If you really want to bring gifts, maybe give them to Aunt Yue, mother probably doesn't want anything, so whatever you give won't matter, but if you give something to Aunt Yue, it's the same effect."

Lu Ye pursued further, "Then what does Aunt Yue like?"

Chu Shen considered, then replied, "As far as I know, Aunt Yue is on the verge of advancing to Sun Blaze, so a psyche refinement pill should be good. Also, years ago, she was looking for treasures to enhance the quality of her Magic Source, not sure if she found any."

With that, Lu Ye had an idea.

Indeed, for someone like Aunt Yue, at the Peak Moon Jade, a supreme-grade psyche refinement pill would undoubtedly be a great gift.

Three Worlds Island's supreme-grade psyche refinement pill is now a famous brand, in the vast All Phenomena Ocean, countless Peak Moon Jade cultivators have their eyes on it. Although this pill isn't difficult to refine on the island itself, with the pill gourd, in theory, as long as there's sufficient raw materials, it can be produced indefinitely.

However, it definitely can't be supplied in unlimited amounts to the outside; firstly, it would attract envy, and secondly, it would delay Shui Yuan's cultivation. Especially in the past few years, after Three Worlds Island got on the right track, Shui Yuan's main purpose for using the Pill Furnace to refine elixir pills was to ensure the cultivation needs of their own cultivators. Selling was secondary because Three Worlds Island no longer relied on selling elixir pills to earn spirit jade.

With the Flower Race joining, they can refine general elixir pills, and the quality is quite good. However, to refine supreme-grade elixir pills, it still depends on luck.

So, presently Three Worlds Island has only one way to sell supreme-grade psyche refinement pills to the outside world — an auction at the Five Colors Merchants Guild once a year. Every auction attracts a large number of Moon Jade cultivators, and even a casual bottle of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills can be hyped up to a very high price.

This time of year is also the most bustling time for Three Worlds Island.

Limited supply for the auction, but if Lu Ye wants some, it's not difficult at all; he can just take what he needs.

As for treasures that can improve the quality of the Magic Source... this matter is a bit of a bitter tale.

Several years ago, Lu Ye had already asked the All Phenomena Merchants Guild to keep an eye out for such treasures, but until now, there has been no feedback.

Even the large treasure vault on Zixuan Island didn't have any such treasures.

Instead, he found one in Hu Guang's storage ring, which should have been Hu Guang's personal stash.

Lu Ye had initially planned to refine it in a few days to enhance his Magic Source quality, which would likely increase his cultivation efficiency a bit. But now it seems there's no need to refine it; he can give it as a gift to Aunt Yue instead.

Although the treasure is rare, if Jiu Yan hadn't intervened that day, it certainly would have been difficult to resolve.

Three Worlds Island still needs the protection of Cheling World for development on the All Phenomena Ocean in the future.

The next day, Lu Ye, with his gifts prepared, departed with Chu Shen, leaving the All Phenomena Ocean towards Cheling World.

The journey was smooth and uneventful. Chu Shen was quite excited, as he hadn't returned to Cheling World for several years.

Upon arriving at Cheling World, there was no need for any formal greeting. Under Chu Shen's guidance, they directly entered the domain.

Wanxia Mountain's Wanxia Sect is the largest sect in Cheling World and also Jiu Yan's sect. When Chu Shen and Lu Ye arrived here, Aunt Yue was already waiting in front of a grand hall, evidently having sensed Chu Shen's return.

"Aunt Yue!" Chu Shen called out loudly, stepping forward to greet her.

"It's rare for you to still have the heart to come back and take a look," Aunt Yue said with a light smile, "I thought you had left Cheling World with the sky high enough for birds to fly, never wanting to return."

Chu Shen's face showed a pained expression: "Haven't I been absorbed in cultivation, completely lost to myself? Back then, when I was young and ignorant, I worried you and my mother. Now that I've grown up, I realize that home is the true resting place."

Aunt Yue blinked, a bit gratified: "Shen'er has really grown up."

She lifted her eyes to look at Lu Ye, who was standing behind Chu Shen. Lu Ye quickly bowed: "Aunt Yue!"

Since Chu Shen called him big brother, he naturally followed suit in addressing her. Although their cultivation levels were about the same, Aunt Yue was indeed much older.

Aunt Yue paused for a moment, not knowing what to reply. In the past, Lu Ye addressed her as Fellow Daoist. Now she couldn't just call Lu Ye by name... They weren't familiar enough for that, so she could only nod: "Island Master Lu."

Being the number one person under the Sun Blaze, such a reputation is something even she doesn't dare to ignore; it was genuinely earned through battle.

"Aunt Yue, this is a gift from big brother," Chu Shen promptly handed over a storage ring he had prepared in advance.

Aunt Yue smiled slightly: "There's no need for gifts just because you came." She said this but didn't refuse, reaching out to receive it.

She casually inspected it, and her eyes lit up: "Very thoughtful."

Not to mention how incredibly rare the treasure that could enhance the quality of the Magic Source is, the supreme-grade psyche refinement pills are exactly what she needs right now. In other words, the gift prepared by Lu Ye was precisely to her liking.

Seeing this, Lu Ye secretly breathed a sigh of relief. Aunt Yue accepting the gift was undoubtedly a gesture of goodwill, not treating him as an outsider. But in hindsight, if they really treated him as an outsider, Jiu Yan wouldn't have shown up on All Phenomena Island that day, and Aunt Yue wouldn't have made a special trip to Three Worlds Island.

"Where is my mother?" Chu Shen didn't see Jiu Yan and asked.

"Inside," Aunt Yue responded with a faint smile.

"Mother!" Chu Shen exclaimed and rushed into the grand hall, much like a daughter-in-law returning to her mother's home.

"Island Master Lu, please enter," Aunt Yue gestured invitingly.

"Thank you for the trouble," Lu Ye responded, falling in step behind Aunt Yue as they entered the grand hall.

Once inside, Lu Ye immediately saw a woman sitting at the head position, with Chu Shen standing beside her, smiling and talking.

Lu Ye concentrated his gaze on Jiu Yan's face, and to his shock, he still couldn't see her features clearly. Just like outside All Phenomena Island that day, Jiu Yan's face was covered with a nebulous glow.

Judging by Chu Shen's reaction, what he was seeing was apparently different, so Lu Ye vaguely felt that Jiu Yan seemed to have used some means to conceal her appearance from him.

But why would she do this? Lu Ye was quite puzzled.

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Though he did not understand, Lu Ye still couldn't forget his manners. He immediately straightened his expression, cupped his hands, and bowed slightly: "Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island, greets Senior Jiu Yan!"

The hall was silent, Chu Shen stopped speaking, Aunt Yue stood quietly nearby, and Jiu Yan did not respond.

However, Lu Ye could sense a gaze locked on him. Strangely, it made him feel slightly uncomfortable, as if someone hostile toward him was staring coldly.

This made him frown slightly.

Jiu Yan's hostility towards him? That seemed unlikely. Until recently, he had only met Jiu Yan once outside All Phenomena Island. Where could this hostility come from? It couldn't be because of Chu Shen, yet it didn't seem like an illusion either.

While he was mulling over this, Jiu Yan's voice came from ahead: "No need for formalities."

The unsettling feeling suddenly vanished without a trace.

"Sit." Jiu Yan continued.

Lu Ye quietly took a seat to the side. A female cultivator entered from outside and served tea. Lu Ye took a sip, set down the cup, and then turned to Jiu Yan, speaking, "Senior, I came here unexpectedly, mainly to express my gratitude to you. A few days ago, outside All Phenomena Island..."

Before Lu Ye could finish, Jiu Yan interrupted him: "The incident outside All Phenomena Island was just a coincidence. I was visiting an old friend at the time and happened to pass by when I was about to leave."

The "old friend" she referred to was undoubtedly Muh Qing. However, on that day, Lu Ye observed no deep friendship between Jiu Yan and Muh Qing.

But since she said so, Lu Ye couldn't bring it up further.

Jiu Yan is a Sun Blaze from the All Phenomena Galaxy, as is Yuan Du. In the end, Lu Ye is just an outsider. Jiu Yan helping Lu Ye against Yuan Du means a local Sun Blaze is opposing one of their own for an outsider. Some things can be better unspoken.

Lu Ye, of course, understood this reasoning.

Jiu Yan shifted the topic: "Since Shen'er calls you brother, I won't treat you as an outsider. Both you and Shen'er are young and fiery, and your way of handling things can be reckless. Although it's late to say now, you honestly shouldn't have killed Hu Xue that day. You should have been aware of Hu Xue's relationship with Yuan Du. With your strength, even if Hu Xue could dominate the combat arena, you

should have been able to keep yourself unscathed. You could have forced her to recognize the difference in power and made her willingly release the constraints of the combat arena."

"You are right, Senior." Lu Ye nodded. "Truthfully, when trapped in the combat arena that day, I had no intention of killing her. However, her actions forced me to strike."

"What did she do?" Aunt Yue curiously asked from the side.

Lu Ye thought for a moment, believing there was no harm in saying it, and explained: "In the combat arena, Hu Xue was no match for me. I compelled her to release it. In the end, she tore off all her clothing. In such a situation, if she suddenly lifted the arena's restrictions, with Yuan Du at the side, I wouldn't have been able to clear my name no matter what. Hence, I had to kill her and destroy the evidence."

"That dramatic?" Chu Shen listened with widened eyes, imagining that in a moment of life-and-death struggle, the other party suddenly bares herself completely — it was indeed a bizarre scenario.

Aunt Yue frowned, unable to help but scold: "Shameless!"

Jiu Yan, though silent, clearly shared this sentiment, nodding: "If that's the case, then killing her was indeed the best course of action." Switching gears, "But I heard Hu Xue was extraordinarily beautiful, and even Yuan Du favored her greatly. When her life was at your mercy, she surely pleaded in all manners; didn't your heart waver even a little?"

Lu Ye lowered his eyes: "In combat, with blades drawn, it's either the enemy dies or I perish. Whether in beauty or in ugliness, to me, there is no difference."

Jiu Yan nodded slightly, turning to Chu Shen: "Learn from your brother. You have a long path ahead, and you will eventually encounter enticements of beauty. Never ruin yourself due to pity or compassion."

"Yes." Chu Shen immediately replied, turning to Lu Ye with an expression full of admiration and respect.

Jiu Yan continued to ask: "How do you plan to deal with Zixuan?"

Lu Ye answered honestly: "While several factions have contacted us, seeking to occupy Zixuan, our island has no intention of agreeing as yet. Zixuan remains unattended, and nobody dares to take it lightly."

"Just wait; it won't be long before someone approaches you," Jiu Yan said.

Lu Ye raised his eyebrows: "Senior, are you referring to Zixuan Demon Planet?"

Jiu Yan nodded: "And very likely, a Sun Blaze will come to handle this matter personally."

Though Lu Ye anticipated this, hearing Jiu Yan also affirm it made him slightly uneasy: "If a Sun Blaze arrives, our Three Worlds Island doesn't qualify to converse equally. If they attempt force..."

Aunt Yue snorted from the side: "In this vast All Phenomena Ocean, even a dragon must coil for us. If a Sun Blaze arrives, engage in a proper discussion. Unless they dare to break the rules, they must act within them. There's nothing to fear."

Lu Ye understood.

This trip to Cheling World was to express thanks and discuss this matter. According to his prediction, Zixuan Demon Planet would undoubtedly send a formidable strongman to handle affairs on Zixuan Island.

Since Lion Heart can no longer be relied upon, the entire Moon Jade echelon cannot either, suggesting Zixuan Demon Planet will very likely dispatch a Sun Blaze!

How to secure the greatest benefits in front of a Sun Blaze is what Lu Ye needs to deliberate on.

The attitude of Cheling World undoubtedly reassured him. Aunt Yue's words clearly told him that regardless of whether the person arriving is a Sun Blaze, the Three Worlds Island will handle things as they intend.

Although Zixuan holds a deep grudge against Three Worlds Island, if they want to reclaim Zixuan Island, they must adhere to the rules of the All Phenomena Ocean. If any outside Sun Blaze dares to act recklessly in the All Phenomena Ocean, then this All Phenomena Ocean will certainly not tolerate it.

"I know what to do now." Lu Ye nodded.

"That's best." Senior Jiu Yan was clearly very pleased with his performance. There are many smart people in this world, but being both smart and cautious is undoubtedly a very good quality, and people like this generally don't meet untimely ends. "Cheling World isn't large, but its scenery isn't bad. If you're not in a hurry to leave, you can linger here a bit, and Shen'er can host you."

As Jiu Yan was about to leave, Lu Ye quickly said, "Senior, I have another matter to seek your advice on."

"What is it?"

"Is there a female cultivator named Ban Ci in this world?" Lu Ye asked.

"There has never been." Jiu Yan shook his head, then asked, "Why are you looking for her?"

Lu Ye also didn't know why he wanted to find her. Speaking of it, his interaction with Ban Ci wasn't much, they just teamed up to visit a certain secret location, but something happened there, and since then Ban Ci had vanished without a trace.

It would be nothing if it were just that. If a woman left after such an incident, Lu Ye didn't want any unclear entanglement with her. The key point was that the last time he came to Cheling World, he saw a little girl called Ban Xia, whose eyebrows and eyes very much resembled those of the little girl he saved in a ruined domain years ago.

Afterward, he learned from Chu Shen that Ban Xia was the child of the domain, carrying the fortune of the world, so if there was no mistake, Ban Xia should be the little girl he saved back then.

Moreover, Ban Xia and Ban Ci... it's really suggestive. In fact, when Ban Xia was rescued back then, it was Ban Ci who took her into a miniature world.

Now Ban Xia is in Cheling World, which makes Lu Ye feel very puzzled.

"It's nothing." Lu Ye replied sullenly.

Jiu Yan seemed to be intrigued and asked, "Could it be you did something that wronged the person, or betrayed her?"

"No, no." Lu Ye quickly denied.

Under the misty halo, Jiu Yan looked deeply at Lu Ye: "As a man, you must have responsibility. Being heartless and indifferent is most despised. Take care of yourself."

With these words, she rose and left.

Lu Ye followed suit, standing up to bow farewell, feeling speechless. To be honest, there was nothing about responsibility or lack of emotion between him and Ban Ci, mainly because he hadn't seen Ban Ci since that day.

If he had the chance to see her, Lu Ye actually wanted to ask her what she meant.

The purpose of this visit had been achieved, so Lu Ye naturally wouldn't stay long in Cheling World.

Chu Shen planned to stay here for a few more days before returning to Three Worlds Island. The brothers parted ways for now, and Lu Ye didn't let him see him off, leaving on his own.

Returning from Cheling World to Three Worlds Island, entering the All Phenomena Ocean, he happened to pass by Zixuan.

Lu Ye, having nothing else to do, took some time to look around Zixuan and found that the vast Zixuan was now overcrowded. Countless homeless cultivators had gathered here, forming groups of three or five.

For most cultivators, aside from All Phenomena Island, they're unlikely to ever enter the other top-class Spirit Islands in their lifetime. Now, with Zixuan in a lordless state, they are naturally happy to come and watch the spectacle.

Especially the Spirit Jade vein, which is the biggest attraction. This is an invaluable opportunity to broaden one's horizons.

As for cultivating here... that's absolutely impossible. Not to mention that the number of cultivators gathered here is too large, without a protective array to gather energy, the energy escaped from the All Phenomena Ocean cannot linger on Zixuan Island, so even cultivating here has no effect.

Everyone came mainly to see the spectacle.

As for setting up a big array... this vast Zixuan is a spoil of war from Three Worlds Island. If anyone dares do that, it's a provocation to Three Worlds Island.

It's likely that once the array is set up, the next moment Three Worlds Island will launch a strong attack.

So this creates the bizarre situation of a vast top-class Spirit Island being overcrowded but in a lordless state. Such a thing has never happened in the All Phenomena Ocean, from ancient to present times.

Lu Ye did not stay long, just took a brief look and left directly.

Returning to Three Worlds Island, barely seated, Luan Xiao'e came looking for him, accompanied by Yann Miao.

"Both of you senior sisters' cheeks are flushed, is there joyful news?" Lu Ye teased.

Luan Xiao'e glared at him: "Stop speaking nonsense." Then she turned to say: "I'm going to resign as the First Island Master!"

Yann Miao beside her said: "I am too!"

Chapter 1878: The Demon Venerable Arrives

Luan Xiao'e was about to step down from her position as First Island Master, yet she came to inform Lu Ye, the Third Island Master. Such an event would be impossible on other Spirit Islands.

"What has happened to the two senior sisters?" Lu Ye asked solemnly. To be honest, ever since the Three Worlds cultivators arrived at the All Phenomena Ocean, Luan Xiao'e has been overseeing the situation quite effectively.

Today's sudden event left Lu Ye quite perplexed, especially since Yann Miao was involved too.

Luan Xiao'e looked at him and said, "I am going to enter closed-door training for a while, and the same applies to the Great Elder."

Lu Ye's heart stirred, and he suddenly understood, showing a joyful expression: "Then I must congratulate the two senior sisters."

Both Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao were at the Peak Moon Jade stage. If they intended to enter closed-door training, there was only one reason—breaking through the shackles of Moon Jade to advance to Sun Blaze!

For Three Worlds Island, this was undoubtedly a great joy.

After years of nourishment from supreme-grade psyche refinement pills, is the moment finally arriving?

If Luan Xiao'e truly takes that step, she will become the first Sun Blaze in the Jade Conch Galaxy in the truest sense!

If Yann Miao advances to Sun Blaze, the significance is equally immense. The Merfolk Race, constrained by the Bloodline Curse Poison for countless years, had hopes with only the royal bloodline. If Yann Miao succeeds, the Merfolk Race will finally have their own Sun Blaze, improving their survival conditions underwater significantly.

But breaking through from Moon Jade to Sun Blaze is no easy feat. Looking across the stellar space, among numerous galaxies, which one doesn't have its own Moon Jade? Although the number of Moon Jades in the cultivation world is not as vast as Constellations, they are still numerous, yet Sun Blazes are truly not many.

"Have the two senior sisters suddenly sensed an opportunity?" Lu Ye asked.

Luan Xiao'e shook her head and said, "Actually, two years ago, the Great Elder and I faintly sensed the opportunity. But Three Worlds Island hadn't been completely stable, and we couldn't be at ease. Now it's different; Zixuan has been broken. Presumably, no one will dare to trouble this island anymore. We can go into closed-door training without worry."

"I see," Lu Ye understood, "When do you plan to start?"

"As soon as possible," Luan Xiao'e replied, "Among the five major Moon Jades, after the Great Elder and I leave, Second Elder Yoo Xi and Fourth Elder Chong Xin from the Merfolk Race will be drafted to fill in the gaps. From now on, Three Worlds Island will require much of your attention."

Though there are newly advanced Moon Jades on this island, their cultivation and strength are insufficient to assume significant responsibilities. Therefore, it's still necessary to draw from the Merfolk Race, especially in the event of any conflicts, where no leniency can be expected if one is a newly advanced Moon Jade.

"No problem, no problem," Lu Ye kept nodding. The face of He Baichuan flashed in his mind. He could leave the affairs of Three Worlds Island for He Baichuan to handle, with Old Tang by his side for assistance, things should be fine.

After discussing some details with Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao, the two women departed.

They had to wait a few days for Yoo Xi and Cherng Xin to arrive from the Merfolk Race territory, and then go together to All Phenomena Island to update the information on the Moon Jade governors of this island.

This way, Yoo Xi and Cherng Xin would officially become the Moon Jade governors of Three Worlds Island.

As for where Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao would go into closed-door training...is there any place better than the Spirit Jade Vein for that?

Therefore, the two women would head to the Merfolk Race territory.

This way, should they successfully advance to Sun Blaze, it would not disturb anyone.

If they stayed on Three Worlds Island for closed-door training, the movement of advancing to Sun Blaze couldn't be hidden, and by then, they wouldn't be able to remain long on the All Phenomena Ocean. Even if they wished to stay, they'd still have to leave due to precedents in such matters.

Over time, several days passed, and two new individuals were appointed as Moon Jade governors of this island, and the ranking of the island masters was restructured.

Lu Ye became the undoubted First Island Master of Three Worlds Island...no matter how the other Moon Jades compared in cultivation or age, there was no dispute over this position.

Having the most prestigious and powerful individual as the First Island Master is also a deterrent externally.

Mentioning Three Worlds Island brings thoughts of the foremost figure beneath Sun Blaze.

He Baichuan became the Second Island Master, followed by Ma Shangsi, Yoo Xi, and Cherng Xin.

Perhaps due to the great reputation earned from the previous battle against Zixuan, Three Worlds Island became increasingly bustling in recent days. The flow of visitors more than doubled compared to before, leading many shopkeepers to feel grateful for choosing to set up their shops here.

Still, there was some concern about whether this might lead to increased rental prices.

Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao went to the Merfolk Race territory for closed-door training, while Lu Ye also began his own.

He planned to break through to Moon Jade Late Stage for quite some time, but always faced interruptions due to various matters.

With the triumphant victory over Zixuan, surely no one will cause trouble now?

Leaving a Talent Tree Avatar to guard this island, he submerged himself into the sea, activating the Talent Tree's power, opening himself to refine the seawater.

Time passed.

Two months quietly slipped by.

That day, on the bustling and lively Three Worlds Island, a dignified young man walked down the broad street, looking around with keen interest.

Soon, the young man arrived at a location.

This is the boundary between the trading district of Three Worlds Island and the area where local island cultivators reside. Ahead lies the residence area of the local island cultivators.

In general, cultivators who come to Three Worlds Island for trade don't walk this far. The area is also guarded by Three Worlds Island cultivators.

Seeing that the young man did not change direction and continued straight ahead, a Three Worlds Island cultivator immediately stepped out to block his path, raising his hand to signal, "Stay where you are. The area ahead is not open to outsiders. If you wish to trade, please turn back."

The young man, with his hands clasped behind his back, smiled calmly and said, "I'm not here to buy anything. I'm here to see your First Island Master."

The cultivator blocking the way asked, "May I ask who you are and what business you have with the First Island Master?"

"Indeed, there are some matters I wish to discuss with him." The young man did not answer directly but instead took out a jade tablet and flicked it with his finger. "Please deliver this item to your First Island Master; he will understand."

The Three Worlds Island cultivator took the jade tablet, glanced at it, but couldn't understand its significance. He couldn't help but look closely at the young man opposite him and was surprised to find he couldn't gauge his depth at all.

This undoubtedly indicated that the other party was very likely a Moon Jade.

And although the young man looked young, his demeanor was extremely composed, giving the first impression that he was someone of notable background.

With Three Worlds Island's reputation established, many people would naturally come to visit. However, most cultivators came looking for Tang Jun. It was well-known that Tang Jun was the spokesperson for Three Worlds Island, so if anyone really wanted to collaborate, he was the one to approach.

There were those who sought Lu Ye before, but after being refused several times, they stopped coming to face a closed door.

"Please wait." The Three Worlds Island cultivator said this and quickly turned away.

Not long after, in Lu Ye's bamboo building, the Talent Tree Avatar carefully examined the jade tablet, raising his brow. "The visitor is young?"

The cultivator who came nodded, "Very young."

Of course, in the cultivation world, a young appearance does not necessarily mean one is actually young; it could very well be an old monster. This visitor was undoubtedly such an old monster!

Moreover, a genuine old monster, as there was a wisp of extremely faint yet highly refined demon Qi lingering on the jade tablet!

The background of the young man, Lu Ye roughly understood.

"Let him in," Lu Ye instructed.

"Yes!"

A moment later, in front of the bamboo building, while the Talent Tree Avatar waited, he saw the young man walk in alongside the disciple who had led him, and his expression became serious.

Since returning from the Cheling World, Lu Ye had been anticipating this day. He had speculated on how Zixuan's Sun Blaze might arrange a meeting regarding Zixuan Island.

It was highly likely they would have someone pass a message and then arrange to meet at a certain location.

But Lu Ye never expected the person himself to come over!

For a Sun Blaze, this was undoubtedly a bit of a humble move.

What shocked Lu Ye even more was that the other party came quietly, leaving no trace and even using a method of requesting an audience.

It wasn't that a Sun Blaze couldn't come to Three Worlds Island. With the status of a Sun Blaze, descending forcefully and showcasing supreme authority as a deterrent would be the normal method.

After all, given their deep-seated enmity, there was no need for such courteous formality.

This Demon Race... is not easy to deal with! This was Lu Ye's first impression upon seeing him. With such a significant upheaval on Zixuan, it seemed not to have touched his psyche at all. Throughout his journey, no emotion or discontent was shown, yet he gazed around with interest.

"First Island Master." The Three Worlds Island cultivator who escorted the path came forward and cupped his fist in salute.

Lu Ye nodded, gestured for him to leave, and turned his eyes to the young man who followed.

The young man also looked over at that moment, and their eyes met. The young man's clear gaze seemed like a deep pool, profound and bottomless. Lu Ye was slightly puzzled, feeling as though he had seen this guy somewhere before!

But he couldn't quite recall for the moment.

"Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye!" Lu Ye greeted first.

"Black Cloud." The other nodded slightly, stating his name.

Lu Ye couldn't hold back his curiosity and asked directly, "Dare I ask, Demon Venerable, have we met somewhere before?"

On Zixuan Demon Planet, Moon Jade is king, and Sun Blaze is respected. Demon Kings like Lion Heart and Hu Guang, and others in the Demon Race, are at the Demon King level. This Black Cloud in front of

him was a Demon Venerable—not a rank defined by power but rather a classification within the Demon Race's identity system.

Black Cloud chuckled and hinted, "Reincarnation Tree, Taichu Realm!"

Lu Ye suddenly realized, finally remembering where he had seen this man before.

Years ago, when Yang Qing took him to the Reincarnation Tree to participate in the Divine Sea contention, he had seen many powerful figures from various domains in that hall. Black Cloud, hailing from Zixuan Demon Planet, had also brought a rising star from Zixuan back then.

Chapter 1879: Two Conditions

"I've always found the name Lu Ye somewhat familiar; it's only now I realize you are that Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens from back then." Black Cloud said with a slight smile, his gaze somewhat scrutinizing, "Your cultivation has progressed remarkably fast. You were only at Divine Sea back then, but now you are at Moon Jade Mid-Stage, and even Lion Heart is no match for you."

"Just a stroke of luck," Lu Ye responded, signaling with his hand, "Please, Demon Venerable!"

Black Cloud nodded, still with his hands behind his back, and stepped onto the bamboo building.

Shortly thereafter, host and guest seated themselves. Black Cloud continued to glance around, seemingly curious about everything. However, Lu Ye's bamboo building was rather simple, with nothing more than a few pieces of furniture, so Black Cloud couldn't discern much from his surroundings.

Since the visitor was a guest, and furthermore, since the visitor was a Sun Blaze who came through a formal request for an audience, Lu Ye certainly could not neglect etiquette. He took out a tea set from his storage ring and slowly began to brew the tea.

As the fragrance of the tea spread, Black Cloud suddenly spoke, "I've always been curious about something, Island Master Lu. Could you enlighten me?"

"What is it the Demon Venerable wishes to know?"

"During that Divine Sea clash in the Taichu Realm, how did you manage to wipe out all those Blood Race individuals? Did you have some means to precisely locate them?"

"More or less." Lu Ye nodded. To be honest, he picked up the Blood Resonance Technique on the fly from a Blood Race member back then, otherwise he wouldn't have been able to find the other Blood Race members.

"Being able to find them and then eradicate them is a power rarely seen within the Divine Sea. During that time in the Taichu Realm, the Blood Race could easily congregate using their unique bloodline. That means even then, you possessed the ability to be unrivaled at your level, able to take on many at once. Now, having reached Moon Jade and retained that ability, the talent of the human race is truly terrifying and enviable."

"I wouldn't dare call myself unrivaled; the Demon Venerable flatters me." Lu Ye responded cautiously. The one across from him was ultimately a Sun Blaze, and no matter how amicable and harmless the person appeared, Lu Ye dared not let his guard down.

Even though he was there as the Talent Tree Avatar, so that even if something happened, it wouldn't affect the true self, caution is never misplaced.

"There's one more thing that puzzles me." This time, Black Cloud didn't seek Lu Ye's input but directly asked, "What means did you use to break through the protective array of Zixuan Island?"

More than two months have passed since Three Worlds Island captured Zixuan. Black Cloud arrived upon receiving the news and naturally learned the entire account from Lion Heart.

Setting aside the powerful personal strength Lu Ye demonstrated from start to finish, what really baffled Black Cloud was why, at that critical moment, Zixuan's protective array failed, giving Lu Ye an opening.

Was it merely a coincidence? That seems too much of a coincidence.

But if not a coincidence, there doesn't seem to be another explanation available.

If Zixuan's protective array hadn't failed, even given a hundred years, Three Worlds Island wouldn't have breached it! The sudden collapse of the protective array was the fundamental reason for Zixuan's downfall.

All the cultivators observing that battle at All Phenomena Ocean regarded it as a coincidence, but Black Cloud sensed something amiss.

"Zixuan's protective array had issues; it wasn't me who breached it. I was merely at the right place at the right time." Lu Ye certainly wouldn't admit to anything specific; if the secret of the Small Constellation Palace were revealed, there would be no place for him in the entire All Phenomena Ocean.

Today he could use the Small Constellation Palace to break Zixuan; tomorrow, could he breach All Phenomena Island?

How then could the defenses of other top-class Spirit Islands be considered impregnable?

"Please have some tea, Demon Venerable." Lu Ye offered Black Cloud a cup of tea.

Black Cloud nodded, was about to speak further, but was directly interrupted by Lu Ye.

"If the Demon Venerable wishes to reclaim Zixuan Island, Three Worlds Island has no objections. However, the local island has two conditions!"

No matter even if the other party was a Sun Blaze, Lu Ye couldn't let them hold the initiative in the conversation.

The question of Zixuan's ownership was his trump card; having raised this topic, Black Cloud had no choice but to respond, unless he didn't want Zixuan Island anymore.

Black Cloud clearly realized how tough Lu Ye was; the effort to keep things light-hearted and easy-going was shattered the moment those words were spoken.

Taking up the teacup, he sipped lightly, smiling slightly, "Go on."

Staring at him solemnly, Lu Ye said, "The first condition is that Three Worlds Island demands Zixuan to compensate a hundred billion spirit jades or resources of equivalent value!"

As Black Cloud opened his mouth to speak, Lu Ye interrupted him again, "Let me explain to the Demon Venerable why this compensation is necessary. The other day, I received an invitation from Zixuan and went to attend a banquet. During the fever-pitched feast, the demon cultivators of your island intended to conduct a Blood Food sacrifice, and the sacrifice offered was a newly promoted Moon Jade from Three Worlds Island! To protect his life, I negotiated with Hu Guang and arranged for a ransom of ten billion spirit jades. Hu Guang agreed, promising that once the ten billion spirit jades were handed over, we could safely leave with the local island cultivator. The Demon Venerable can have this verified—many people witnessed it that day. I immediately had someone gather assets worth ten billion spirit jades and sent them over to Zixuan Island. Hu Guang received them but turned around and reneged, embezzling those assets. This loss needs to be borne by Zixuan. Does the Demon Venerable see any issues with that?"

Black Cloud smirked, just about to speak when Lu Ye added, "A hundred billion may be a lot, but I believe Zixuan can come up with it. Demon Venerable, there's no need to haggle. The conditions I've laid out are the bottom line of Three Worlds Island. This is merely asking Zixuan to repay tenfold. If I truly wanted to give the Demon Venerable room to negotiate, I could easily open with two hundred billion, three hundred billion, or even more."

Black Cloud frowned. For the first time since meeting Lu Ye, he had lost his usual air of nonchalance.

A hundred billion spirit jade or equivalent resources is no small amount, even for Zixuan.

He raised his eyes to Lu Ye and said, "But as far as I know, after you conquered Zixuan, you should have recovered that amount of spirit jade. Not only that, but there should be more to surrender from the treasure vault."

Lu Ye replied calmly, "As you said, Demon Venerable, that was war spoils! Our Three Worlds Island deployed troops, and cultivators fought. Do we not need to expend resources? If Demon Venerable mixes the spoils with the previously paid ransom, that's entirely unreasonable." His tone was serious, "Only when the first condition is met can we continue the discussion!"

Black Cloud stared at Lu Ye for a long time before saying, "You're quite rude, young man. After all, I am a Sun Blaze!" implying that Lu Ye was not showing the due respect of Moon Jade to Sun Blaze.

Lu Ye appeared unfazed, "Demon Venerable, we're negotiating, not chatting. I believe you came prepared for this."

Black Cloud snorted lightly. He was prepared, but he didn't expect Lu Ye to dare make such outrageous demands.

After pondering for a while, Black Cloud finally said, "I agree to the first condition. Tell me the second one!"

Having lost the Spirit Island battle and Zixuan Island, regaining it requires Three Worlds Island's cooperation. Therefore, if Three Worlds Island insists, he has no choice but to agree to this condition.

Lu Ye's eyes flickered with killing intent, "I want Lion Heart's life!" Lion Heart had escaped into All Phenomena Island, a thorn in his heart that he must remove.

Initially, Lu Ye considered selling Zixuan back not just because they could offer a high price. If it were purely for spirit jade, he didn't need to sell it back to Zixuan. Even if other factions offered less, Lu Ye could accept it.

Killing Lion Heart was the primary reason.

Lion Heart escaped into All Phenomena Island. As long as he stays there, Lu Ye would never have the chance to kill him.

Of course, Lion Heart couldn't hide in All Phenomena Island forever, but neither could Lu Ye watch him forever. To kill Lion Heart, he needed an external plan.

Black Cloud's voice was stern, "Don't be too presumptuous, young man!"

Lu Ye leisurely responded, "Let me tell you why I want Lion Heart's life, Demon Venerable."

Black Cloud found these words familiar....

"On that day, Hu Guang refused to admit receiving the ransom from our Three Worlds Island. Then Lion Heart, without a word, swallowed our newly promoted Moon Jade, Wey Po, alive. A life for a life, blood for blood — is that not right?"

Black Cloud said, "You lost a Wey Po at Three Worlds Island, but Zixuan's losses were far greater than yours. How do you explain that?"

"If it hadn't been for Lion Heart swallowing Wey Po, there wouldn't have been subsequent conflicts. Zixuan's losses were the result of the war and entirely self-inflicted. How can that be compared to Wey Po's death?" Lu Ye argued reasonably.

"Fine!" Black Cloud also became stubborn, "Ignoring the casualties from battles, as I understand, Zixuan captured that Wey Po because he first attacked and killed a Zixuan demon cultivator."

Lu Ye couldn't help but sneer, "Demon Venerable, do you believe that? Zixuan, with such great reputation, surely knew who to provoke and who not to. Even if he did pass near Zixuan, he'd likely avoid it from afar. How could he possibly kill a Zixuan demon cultivator nearby? You could ask Lion Heart about the situation. If you're pretending ignorance, we don't need to continue. I believe you know better than anyone why my junior brother Wey Po was captured. Zixuan Island served as someone's pawn targeting our Three Worlds Island. Can they blame anyone for their situation? It's a pity for my junior brother Wey Po, newly advanced to Moon Jade, with a bright future, turned into a pawn in Zixuan's game against our island. What fault did Wey Po have?"

"You're being outrageous!" Black Cloud could no longer hold back, "Do you really think because your doppelganger is here, I won't act against you?"

Lu Ye blinked, "I may have an avatar, but since meeting the Demon Venerable, I wouldn't act irresponsibly. If the Demon Venerable wishes to strike, then go ahead."

It's possible Black Cloud could see through the Treasure Blood Avatar, but the Talent Tree Avatar was here. Lu Ye was confident that even Black Cloud wouldn't see through its facade. Those words were merely a test under the guise of anger.

He wished Black Cloud would really attack. If that happened, at worst, he'd lose a Talent Tree Avatar. Later, he'd only need to collect the roots split off from the Talent Tree and would be back in form.

But if Black Cloud really did take action here, in this vast All Phenomena Ocean, there would be no place for Zixuan Demon Planet to stand.

Chapter 1880: Your Mouth Is Poisonous

Inside the pavilion, Black Cloud gazed deeply at him, unsure of what he was thinking, but ultimately, he did not make a move. Instead, he pointed at Lu Ye with his finger and said, "You should be grateful it's me this time. If it had been any of my fellow seniors, you might not have survived after saying those things."

Lu Ye replied, "The Demon Venerable should also be glad it was you who came."

Black Cloud couldn't argue. In fact, when the situation at Zixuan Island was reported back to the Zixuan Demon Planet, many Demon Venerables were furious. It was only through Black Cloud's strenuous persuasion that they were pacified, and he came personally to handle the matter.

He understood those Demon Venerables well; they had a hot temper and would only make matters worse if they were sent to deal with it.

So Lu Ye's statement was entirely accurate.

He knew well what consequences would follow if Zixuan Sun Blaze acted and killed Lu Ye here.

Lu Ye sipped his tea calmly and said lightly, "There's no need for the Demon Venerable to feel wronged. This is a pretty good deal."

Black Cloud sneered repeatedly, "What's so good about it?"

Setting aside the hundred billion spirit jades, which Zixuan can afford, the key issue was Lionheart's life. This demand was something he absolutely could not agree upon. As Zixuan Sun Blaze, if he agreed to this condition, how would he justify it to the others on Zixuan Demon Planet when he returned?

The Lionheart tribe holds significant power on Zixuan Demon Planet.

Lu Ye said, "A top-class Spirit Island, a Spirit Jade Vein that yields thirty million spirit jades annually—if the Demon Venerable thinks this is not advantageous enough, then what value does your domain's reputation hold? The Demon Venerable should realize it's not just Zixuan Island at stake, but the face of a top-tier domain. A hundred billion spirit jades and the life of one Moon Jade to reclaim these— isn't that worth it?"

Black Cloud was rendered speechless. Indeed, in comparison to reclaiming Zixuan Island itself, the reputation of Zixuan Demon Planet was the primary concern. Reclaiming Zixuan Island would regain lost face; failing to do so would forever mark Zixuan Demon Planet as the first top-tier power to lose an island on All Phenomena Ocean, and this would be talked about for tens of thousands of years, if not longer.

Who could bear such a burden?

Black Cloud felt exhausted. Although he anticipated before coming that their side was at an absolute disadvantage in this negotiation, he didn't expect Lu Ye to be so hard to deal with.

"I demand Lionheart's life to give the local island cultivators an explanation. I also understand why the Demon Venerable is unwilling—it's all about reputation."

The fact that Lionheart sought refuge on All Phenomena Island was no secret. If Zixuan handed over Lionheart, it would damage their reputation, making it seem to the world that Zixuan feared Three Worlds Island, thus abandoning Lionheart. This was something Zixuan Demon Planet could never accept.

"Since you understand, you should realize that this second condition is impossible for me to agree to," Black Cloud said with a stern face.

Lu Ye said calmly, "Lionheart had already sacrificed his demonic pill in a desperate gamble. Although he miraculously survived, the pill is surely damaged. As far as I know, he had no hope of reaching Sun Blaze and could only hone his skills at the Moon Jade Realm. Now, with his demonic pill damaged, his future looks even bleaker. There are many Moon Jades in your domain, so why cling to just one Lionheart?"

Black Cloud replied, "Then why did Three Worlds Island raise a war over just one Wey Po?"

Lu Ye blinked, unwilling to get entangled in this matter with him. He shifted the topic: "Your domain's reputation issue can indeed be resolved; it all depends on whether the Demon Venerable is willing. I only want Lionheart's life, not to kill him in front of everyone."

He paused and then added, "Taking a step back, Lionheart, as Zixuan Island Lord, lost the foundation that Zixuan Demon Planet's ancestors had worked thousands of years to build. I believe Zixuan must be very angry about this. Wouldn't they hold him accountable afterward? For his grave mistake, Lionheart can hardly escape the guilt of a thousand deaths!"

Black Cloud stared into Lu Ye's eyes for a long moment before pointing at him, "Your mouth... must be poisonous!"

Lu Ye did not respond.

After pondering for a while, Black Cloud raised his hand and flicked an audio talisman towards Lu Ye.

Lu Ye understood Black Cloud's intention, handing his own audio talisman to Black Cloud so they could exchange audio talisman markings.

Without a word, Black Cloud stood up.

Lu Ye respectfully saw him off.

A moment later, Black Cloud soared into the sky, disappearing quickly, while Lu Ye stood there watching him leave.

Even though Black Cloud never gave a definitive answer until the end, his willingness to exchange audio talisman markings was a promising start.

Perhaps Black Cloud was still hesitating, or maybe he had already made up his mind; either way, it was not for Lu Ye to speculate.

The two conditions from Three Worlds Island had been stated. If Zixuan Demon Planet wanted to reclaim Zixuan Island, they must agree to these two conditions. Otherwise, over time, Lu Ye could consider finding another buyer for Zixuan.

If that happened, it would certainly be uncomfortable for Zixuan.

Thus, Three Worlds Island was not in a hurry for results; it was Zixuan who should be anxious.

The Talent Tree Avatar continued to hold down the fort on this island, while Lu Ye greedily cultivated beneath All Phenomena Ocean.

He Baichuan also knew that Lu Ye had always been the kind to delegate, so after Luan Xiao'e entered seclusion, he had taken full charge of all matters, big and small, on Three Worlds Island, with Tang Jun assisting him. As a result, there would hardly be any major issues on the island, and any minor ones would quickly be resolved.

After the great victory over Zixuan, many Constellations of Three Worlds Island cultivated diligently every day aside from their duties, and even the newly promoted Moon Jade cultivators were no exception.

Although being promoted to Moon Jade is not the beginning, it is also not the end. Who doesn't hope their cultivation can advance further?

In a flash, another two months passed by.

One day, the Talent Tree Avatar stationed on this island suddenly felt vibrations coming from the audio talisman.

The Avatar quickly checked it. The message within the audio talisman was simple, just one location, and upon seeing the source of the information, he immediately understood.

In the next moment, Lu Ye himself, who had been underwater for four months, slowly opened his eyes, rose, and silently emerged from the sea, heading towards a direction.

Several days later, a starboat glided leisurely through the stellar space.

This starboat is completely sealed, meaning its interior cannot be seen from the outside. Such starboat designs are quite common in the stellar space, so they do not attract much attention.

Inside the starboat were two figures, one piloting the starboat, the other sitting cross-legged at the back.

In comparison, the figure sitting at the back appeared tall and burly, though the aura seemed somewhat unstable, and his broad face was full of pallor.

Suddenly, the burly figure opened his eyes full of doubt: "Fellow Daoist, is there any commotion outside?"

The cultivator piloting the starboat replied, "There was just a fight nearby, no need to panic."

In the All Phenomena Galaxy, confrontations occur frequently. Hearing this, the burly figure slightly relaxed. In the past, within this vast All Phenomena Ocean, there was truly no one he feared. He was of noble lineage and formidable strength; without Sun Blaze, no one could match him.

However, the battle several months ago shattered his confidence. Until then, he hadn't realized that there was someone stronger than him at the Moon Jade level!

Critically, the opponent wasn't even Moon Jade Late Stage, just Moon Jade Mid-Stage.

On that day, he fled to All Phenomena Island, and if Hu Xue hadn't emerged to use the combat arena to trap that person at the crucial moment, he would have likely died!

Surviving till today, he was full of disgrace and unwillingness, yet the thought of seeking revenge never crossed his mind, only wanting to leave All Phenomena Ocean, the farther the better.

Black Cloud arranged his departure, which he naturally complied with, and the one escorting him was Yuan Cheng, a well-planned arrangement indeed.

He deeply understood the intense killing intent Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island had towards him. As long as he remained here, he'd never find peace. However, if he could return to Zixuan Demon Planet alive, he'd have nothing to fear anymore.

"Fellow Daoist, let's speed up." With thoughts swirling in his mind, he urged once.

"Alright!" Yuan Cheng, piloting the starboat, responded, outwardly calm yet inwardly fearful, knowing what would happen next.

Before setting off, Yuan Du had secretly instructed him, though he was reluctant to get involved in such matters. But looking throughout All Phenomena Island, he was indeed the only suitable person to escort Lion Heart away, and with Yuan Du's orders, he had no grounds for refusal.

The starboat gradually sailed to a remote location, places even cultivators of various star systems rarely visited, because the space here is unstable, seemingly indicating the birth of a new Insect Path.

Nobody knows when this Insect Path will emerge, but if it does and happens nearby, they could easily get sucked in.

Hence, usually, everyone stays far from these areas.

In the All Phenomena Galaxy, there are several such remote locations, all places rarely visited by people.

Upon arrival here, Yuan Cheng's heart couldn't help but race, becoming incredibly tense. This state was detected by Lion Heart behind him, no matter how he tried to cover it.

Initially, Lion Heart didn't realize, but gradually he sensed something was off; Yuan Cheng was clearly fearful of something.

After a brief contemplation, he quickly took out a star map to investigate, and upon realizing his current position, his face changed.

Because this location was not on the return path to Zixuan Demon Planet at all.

Returning to Zixuan Demon Planet from All Phenomena Ocean requires passing through an Insect Path, crossing another Star System to enter the one Zixuan Demon Planet resides in.

But now, the starboat's position was far from the correct route.

He instinctively assumed Yuan Cheng harbored ill intentions, intending to harm him, but upon further thought, it seemed unlikely since Yuan Cheng was merely Moon Jade Early Stage, and even though he himself was not in peak condition, his strength significantly reduced, Yuan Cheng still couldn't possibly be his match.

In his mind appeared all of the emphatic warnings Demon Venerable Black Cloud gave him before departing All Phenomena Island.

Lion Heart's panicked expression gradually calmed down, as he roughly understood what was happening.