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Chapter 1891 Sky Asura World

Gui Yi wasn't the sort of woman with a particularly strong curiosity. She just asked that one casual question and then fell silent.

At the same time, tiny motes of light suddenly appeared in front of Lu Ye, then gathered and condensed. After only three breaths, they formed into a triangular, pitch-black wooden plaque.

Lu Ye reached out and grabbed it; it felt warm and smooth in his hand, like jade.

"This is an Asura Authority Token. Only those who hold this token truly have the qualification to reside in the Asura Field." As Gui Yi explained, she also picked up her own Asura Authority Token.

This was without a doubt the reward the two of them had obtained for passing the trial just now.

"The Asura Authority Token has many uses within the Asura Field. The Asura Seals you gain from all kinds of tempering you undergo here will be recorded within it and used to exchange for resources. Don't lose it. If you do, you'll be immediately expelled from the Asura Field and barred from entering again for ten years."

Lu Ye nodded. "Got it."

"Sink your mind into it and leave your place of origin and your name in the Asura Authority Token," Gui Yi added.

Lu Ye followed her instructions at once, and very soon a few large characters appeared on the smooth token—on one face was engraved Nine Heavens World, on the other the two characters for Lu Ye.

This time he didn't use an alias. Although he completely could have, and the Asura Field did not forbid such things, there was simply no need.

In the past he had done that mainly because his strength wasn't enough. Now that he'd reached Moon Jade Late Stage, he counted as a not-too-small, not-too-large figure even in the stellar space; there was no need to keep hiding himself.

Over on Gui Yi's side, she likewise engraved her own origin and name onto her Asura Authority Token. It was clear this wasn't her first time entering the Asura Field; she had probably experienced this sort of situation many times already.

All of a sudden, a rushing, crackling sound rang out. Lu Ye turned his head to look around and saw the surrounding scene suddenly shatter like a broken mirror, countless fissures spreading out, then collapsing apart.

The world shifted once more. When Lu Ye came back to his senses, he had already returned to the stellar space.

Below him was a vast domain, and its dense domain aura rushed up to meet him.

Gui Yi was standing right beside him, conscientiously explaining, "This is the Sky Asura World. It's said to be the ancestral land of the Sky

Asura clan and the place where they rose to power. At present, however, it's the gathering place for all the cultivators who come to venture into the Asura Field. Virtually all cultivators who enter the Asura Field will gather here. There are Constellation cultivators, Moon Jade cultivators, and even Sun Blaze cultivators. But you don't have to worry about safety—the rules of the Asura Field mean no one dares stir up conflict within the Sky Asura World."

Lu Ye couldn't help asking, "What would be the consequence?"

Gui Yi turned her head and shot him a glance. "Direct annihilation—unless you have the strength to withstand the power of the stellar space supreme treasure."

Never mind Lu Ye, a mere Moon Jade; even those Sun Blaze cultivators probably didn't have that kind of strength. So although the Sky Asura World gathered countless cultivators from all over the stellar space

and of many different cultivation realms, the entire domain was peaceful. Cultivators here really didn't have to worry about encountering any danger.

Besides, regardless of their realm, when cultivators come to the Asura Field, most of their energy is invested in those various trials. Who would have the mood to stir up storms in such a gathering place?

Lu Ye suddenly noticed cultivators flying out from within the domain, and there was more than one. But without exception, every cultivator who left the Sky Asura World mysteriously disappeared at a certain point.

Gui Yi explained from the side, "If you leave the Sky Asura World, you'll enter a training scenario according to fate. As for what kind of scenario, no one knows. It might be a very simple one-on-one fight, or it might be some special setting where you have to accomplish certain tasks. If you can meet the requirements, you obtain Asura Seals."

Lu Ye nodded. Chen Xuanhai had already told him this, so he naturally understood.

Nor was this sort of thing unfamiliar to him. Back in the Nine Provinces in earlier years, he had experienced similar situations more than once. The various secret realms within the Nine Provinces weren't all that different from the Asura Field here.

The only real difference was that, compared to back then, the present tempering scenarios were being governed by the Asura Field, this stellar space supreme treasure. In fact, one could regard these scenarios as a series of special secret realms.

"Let's go in." Gui Yi took the lead and descended toward the Sky Asura World.

Lu Ye closely followed.

"Every cultivator who first comes to the Asura Field will be given a cave residence of their own. You can sense the precise location of your cave residence with your Asura Authority Token. Try it."

Lu Ye was already doing just that. Following the token's guidance, he led Gui Yi as they flew off in one direction.

He had to admit, the sheer size of the Sky Asura World was the greatest he had ever seen in his life. By his rough estimate, the Sky Asura World was probably as large as several dozen Nine Provinces put together.

That wasn't strange. This place was, after all, one of the central hubs of the stellar space, where who knew how many cultivators converged. Every single one of them had their own cave residence; if the place were too small, there would be no way to accommodate them all.

As they traveled, Lu Ye asked curiously, "How many cultivators are gathered in the Sky Asura World altogether?"

Gui Yi said, "There's no way to calculate it. Some people come in, some people leave, others die in battle. But a Sun Blaze senior from this world did say that the Sky Asura World basically maintains a minimum population of five hundred thousand cultivators. That's the lowest. As for how many at most, there's no fixed number."

Five million, and all of them above Constellation, with even a great number of Sun Blaze gathered here—it was hard to imagine how immense this power was.

Of course, this wasn't a force that anyone could just command. If so many cultivators belonged to a single faction, unifying the stellar space might not be impossible.

"I don't think I've seen that many people?" Lu Ye asked again.

Five million cultivators above Constellation gathered within this one domain—no matter how vast this domain was, it ought to be bustling.

Yet in truth, Lu Ye really hadn't seen many traces of cultivators coming and going. Although the number of people passing by wasn't small, compared to that base number of five million, it still wasn't much.

"When cultivators return to the Sky

Asura World, they're generally in their own cave residence meditating and recuperating, preparing for their next trial. Unless they're visiting relatives or friends, they rarely go out. The truly lively place is actually the Asura Treasure Vault."

At the mention of the Asura Treasure Vault, Lu Ye couldn't help but raise his brows. That was exactly his destination this time; there were definitely all sorts of treasures inside that he wanted.

He couldn't help asking, "I heard there's an affiliated treasure of the Asura Field inside the Asura Treasure Vault, considered a Pseudo-Supreme Treasure?"

Gui Yi couldn't help but glance at him. "You're interested in that?"

"A little." Lu Ye nodded.

Gui Yi said calmly, "I'll take you to have a look later."

"Then I'll trouble you."

They flew along chatting idly. Gui Yi showed no hint of impatience, and was able to answer all of Lu Ye's various questions.

This made him sigh inwardly that the five hundred thousand spirit jade had been well spent. As Chen Xuanhai had said, after so many years of change, many of the rules in the Asura Field had undergone subtle shifts. If Lu Ye really acted strictly according to Chen Xuanhai's experience, he might very well suffer losses at some point.

Gui Yi was different. She hailed from the Rain Flower Star Cluster and would come to the Asura Field from time to time. She knew every change here like the back of her hand. With the intelligence and experience she provided, and cross-checking it against Chen Xuanhai's pointers, Lu Ye would undoubtedly avoid many detours.

Over half a day later, atop a towering snow-covered peak, Lu Ye led Gui Yi down.

According to the guidance of the Asura Authority Token, his cave residence was here.

Looking up, he saw a heavy stone door set into the rock face ahead. As he walked closer, he noticed a groove on the door that matched the shape of the Asura Authority Token.

"No need to set it in. Just lightly channel your Mana to activate the Asura Authority Token and you can open the cave residence," Gui Yi instructed him patiently.

Lu Ye immediately channeled his Mana and gave the Asura Authority Token a shake toward the stone door. Sure enough, as a streak of mystic light shot out, the cave residence portal opened.

The opening of the portal wasn't the door swinging wide, but the stone door turning transparent, like a sheet of water.

Lu Ye stepped forward, easily passing through the door that had turned into a water curtain without any obstruction. Only when he sensed that Gui Yi hadn't followed did he look back at her.

Gui Yi said, "Without the owner's permission, no one can intrude into another person's cave residence. I need your invitation to come in." Before Lu Ye could speak, she continued, "There are two ways to invite a guest into your cave residence. One is to inscribe the guest's origin and name into the Asura Authority Token and have the guest imprint it with their Mental Consciousness. That way, the guest can freely enter and leave your cave residence at any time, with no limit on the number of times. Inside your cave residence they're basically half a host. The other way is for you to activate the Asura Authority Token and mark me with a ray of light. Then I'll have a one-time right to enter your cave residence."

Lu Ye understood, and immediately activated the Asura Authority Token, shooting a streak of mystic light at Gui Yi. The light did not disperse, wrapping around her, but as she stepped inside, the glow vanished.

"With your level of cultivation, there are some things I don't need to spell out. Don't casually give anyone unrestricted access to your cave residence," Gui Yi reminded.

Lu Ye nodded. He naturally understood this. Although there wasn't anything valuable inside the cave residence, if he were disturbed at a critical moment of cultivation or healing, it would still be bad.

The two of them walked deeper into the cave residence and, in a short while, entered a fairly spacious area.

Lu Ye took a few peculiar stones used for illumination out of his storage ring and placed them around. The gentle light immediately dispelled the darkness.

Who knew how many owners this cave residence had changed hands through. Every owner would take their belongings when they left, so naturally there was nothing of value left behind.

Gui Yi's voice sounded, "Nothing inside the cave residence can be altered at will. If you intend to expand your cave residence, you need to submit a request to the Asura Field. Depending on your needs, you'll have to spend a different number of Asura Seals. Of course, even if you spend the Asura Seals, the Asura Field won't help you with the expansion—you still have to do it yourself."

Lu Ye glanced around. His cave residence wasn't very large, but he had no need to expand it, so he said, "No need to expand it. This is fine."

Then, with some excitement, he added, "I want to go take a look at the Asura Treasure Vault."

Chapter 1892: Asura Treasure Vault

The method to enter the Asura Treasure Vault is quite simple. Any cultivator, as long as they're within their own cave residence, just needs to hold the Asura Authority Token and mentally recite the words "enter treasury" or something similar.

Lu Ye did such a thing, and the Asura Authority Token in his hand immediately emitted a glow. Shortly after, the light gathered in front of him like flowing water to form a portal.

He stepped in first, with Gui Yi following closely behind.

The view brightened, and he found himself standing in a vast plaza. Cultivators were continually appearing around him, obviously having entered from their respective cave residences just like he did. However, strangely, the figures of these cultivators disappeared shortly after appearing.

Gui Yi's voice sounded beside him, "All cultivators who enter the Asura Treasure Vault will appear here, but everyone's needs are different. So once inside, you just need to mentally recite your need, and you'll be immediately teleported to the corresponding area. For instance, if you desire a magic treasure, just think of a magic treasure, and you'll be instantly transported to the area where magic treasures are stored."

Lu Ye nodded in understanding.

The cultivators that appeared and suddenly disappeared clearly went to the areas where the items they needed were located, so they wouldn't linger here for long.

Being new here, Lu Ye naturally wanted to walk around and get more familiar with this place.

The plaza was vast, and not all cultivators were immediately teleported away. In one area of the plaza, Lu Ye saw the figures of many gathered cultivators.

"Is that a marketplace over there?" Lu Ye asked.

Gui Yi turned to look and nodded, "Yes, it's true that the Asura Treasure Vault offers almost everything, and cultivators can practically exchange for anything they need within the vault. But ultimately, it requires Asura Seals, which are the most valuable things here. So cultivators spontaneously gather to form a trading marketplace where you can also buy most of the things you need. However, the prices might be a bit higher than outside. Of course, there are also barbers, depending on what the stall owner needs."

Lu Ye nodded. The marketplace was bustling, but there was no rush to visit it. He thought he could go later when he had more time.

Extending his vision beyond the plaza, there were countless large and small pillars standing on the ground, stretching endlessly as far as the eye could see. This was the scene no matter which direction one looked.

On each of those pillars, items were displayed. In the gaps between the pillars, one could occasionally see the figures of cultivators coming and going, obviously searching for the items they wanted.

"Look behind you." Lu Ye was still observing the distance when Gui Yi raised her hand and pointed behind him.

Lu Ye immediately turned around and saw a pillar not far from him, with an object placed on top of it. Square-shaped and unassuming at first glance, it appeared as an ancient vessel made of baked clay, palm-sized, in an austere gray color, with an aura of antiquity flowing around it.

But when Lu Ye focused his gaze on this square object, his eyes widened involuntarily.

Because a piece of information mysteriously emerged in his mind.

Asura Field: A subordinate treasure of the stellar space supreme treasure Asura Field, possessing some of the mysterious properties of the supreme treasure.

This pseudo-supreme treasure was one of his targets in coming to the Asura Field, along with treasures that could improve the quality of Magic Source. He initially thought such treasures would be placed in very cautious positions, yet surprisingly they were right here in the plaza.

It's also the only treasure placed here, visible to any cultivator upon turning around.

The sudden influx of information into his mind was undoubtedly the mysterious power of the Asura Field. Moreover, Lu Ye was able to discern the characteristics of this treasure and even knew the amount of Asura Seals needed for exchange.

He silently counted them, tens, hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands, millions...

Stunned, he exclaimed, "This treasure requires ten billion Asura Seals?"

Though newly arrived, he hadn't personally experienced just how precious the Asura Seals were, but he had gathered some intelligence on this topic during chats with Chen Xuanhai.

Every cultivator entering the Asura Field for the first time has one opportunity to exchange spirit jade for Asura Seals. In other words, they can offer spirit jade to the Asura Treasure Vault and receive the corresponding amount of Asura Seals in return. However, this exchange has a limitation.

The maximum for each cultivator is ten thousand Asura Seals, for which they would need to pay a hundred thousand spirit jade.

In other words, in terms of pure value, the ratio between spirit jade and Asura Seals is ten to one. Exchanges for other treasures within the vault mostly maintain this ratio.

For example, if a certain treasure could be sold for a million spirit jade in the All Phenomena Ocean, then in this Asura Treasure Vault, it should require about one hundred thousand Asura Seals to exchange, maybe a bit more or a bit less, but the fluctuations wouldn't be too substantial.

It can be said that the value of Asura Seals is basically equal to that of spirit crystals, because the exchange ratio between spirit jade and spirit crystals is also eleven. However, very few people exchange like that.

Lu Ye knew the value of this affiliated treasure of the Asura Field would be high, but he didn't expect it to be this high.

One hundred billion Asura Seals, when would he be able to accumulate that much?

Even if converted to spirit jade, it's still a hundred billion in quantity, not to mention the value of Asura Seals cannot be compared to spirit jade at all.

He soon frowned again, "Throughout history, so many cultivators have entered the Asura Field. Among them are not few of the Sun Blaze level. As long as enough challenges are experienced in the Asura

Field, one hundred billion Asura Seals, although not a small number, should be able to be gathered. Has no one exchanged this affiliated treasure out?"

Gui Yi said lightly, "What would you exchange it for? While it's true that it's an affiliated treasure of a supreme treasure, in reality, it has no great use. Even if someone really accumulated one hundred billion Asura Seals and exchanged it back, it would still require effort to manage, create various scenarios for cultivators to train, and based on their performance during the training, provide appropriate rewards. Which Sun Blaze has that kind of leisure? Moreover, it is not a real Asura Field; the scenarios it creates cannot support cultivators of too high a cultivation, at most supporting the Constellation level as the limit. Each domain's cultivators have their own growth methods; it's not as if they can't do without it. Besides, a hundred billion Asura Seals, even for Sun Blaze, might take a few hundred years to accumulate. Wouldn't it be better to exchange them for something more useful?"

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye suddenly realized why no one paid attention to this affiliated treasure.

Indeed, while everyone generally knew what use this affiliated treasure had, for the vast majority of cultivators, its use was too trivial.

Firstly, it required a cultivator to preside over and operate it to be effective. Secondly, its limit was not high, supporting at best only the level of Constellation, meaning it wouldn't receive much attention. So even if someone truly saved up that many Asura Seals, this affiliated treasure wouldn't be in their consideration.

But the Nine Provinces are different. The Nine Provinces have only recently ascended to a large domain. The growth system within the domain is not yet perfect. Once the Corpse Race in the Unparalleled World is completely eradicated, what path should the cultivators above True Lake take in the future? And the Divine Sea? Certainly, the two major factions can't continue their confrontation.

The affiliated treasure of the Asura Field is very suitable for cultivators of the Nine Provinces.

And the Nine Provinces have Number Nine, who is a natural candidate to preside over and operate this affiliated treasure, requiring no concern from Lu Ye at all.

Except for these hundred billion Asura Seals... which were causing Lu Ye much frustration.

It can basically be determined that he has no fate with this affiliated treasure. Although he is not yet very clear on his own speed of gaining Asura Seals, the number of a hundred billion is truly too great, so much that it leads to despair.

Sighing inwardly, Lu Ye withdrew his gaze, "Let's go look at something else."

Gui Yi nodded, leading him in one direction without asking what he wanted to see. For a newcomer like Lu Ye to the Asura Treasure Vault, of course, he needed to wander around and take a look.

The two left the plaza and entered the area where numerous orbs stood. Each orb showcased treasures; cultivators only needed to view them to know their general characteristics, uses, and the Asura Seals required for exchange.

The treasures in the vault were dazzlingly abundant; basically, anything a cultivator wanted could be found here. After all, this was a heritage left behind by a once-strong race that enslaved hundreds of star systems before its demise. So, even though countless years had passed, treasures in the vault still hadn't been fully taken.

Moreover, the treasures in the Asura Treasure Vault are not only one-way out.

The training in the Asura Field is risky. Every year, a large number of cultivators die undergoing various trials. After their death, the wealth they carried naturally becomes new treasures in the vault.

As they traversed the vault, after half a day, Lu Ye curiously asked, "Why are there so many elixir pills here?"

This was undoubtedly the area for storing elixir pills. Various qualities and types of elixir pills were available here, and many even Lu Ye had never heard of.

This made him feel very strange. Logically, given that the treasures in the Asura Treasure Vault had been around for so many years, it was understandable that magic treasures remained, but for elixir pills to still be preserved, it seemed unreasonable.

Gui Yi explained, "These elixir pills were not left by the Sky Asura tribe; they were brought in by cultivators and also made by healing cultivators."

Through her explanation, Lu Ye slowly understood.

The means of obtaining Asura Seals in the Asura Field are not limited to just participating in trials. For example, healing cultivators skilled in alchemy can take on tasks of refining elixir pills at certain places. The Asura Field provides corresponding raw materials and conditions for alchemy, and healing cultivators can refine them to be rewarded with a certain amount of Asura Seals depending on the quality of the product.

Compared to normal training, this method is undoubtedly much safer, as there's no need to engage in combat. However, there's still risk involved because there's a chance of failure during alchemy, and each healing cultivator can only fail a limited number of times within a certain period. Exceeding that would result in deductions of Asura Seals as punishment.

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye couldn't help but show a look of regret. Had he known earlier, he would have brought the pill gourd with him. With the pill gourd in hand, what elixir pills couldn't he refine? Moreover, the products of the pill gourd, unless restricted, were all supreme-grade elixir pills. How easy it would be to earn Asura Seals with them?

Chapter 1893: Everyone Wants It

Earlier, although Chen Xuanhai had advised Lu Ye on many matters, Chen Xuanhai didn't understand Alchemy, so he hadn't mentioned it because he himself wasn't familiar with this area.

But soon Lu Ye stopped feeling frustrated, because Gui Yi said that this method of earning Asura Stamps also had many restrictions, not those of the Asura Field, but due to the insufficient number of tasks. Too many healing cultivators wanted to use this method to earn Asura Stamps, so they needed to queue up to receive tasks, and might get a chance only after a long while.

In this way, even if he brought the pill gourd over, it wouldn't be very effective.

Helping the Asura Field to refine elixir pills is one way for healing cultivators to earn Asura Stamps, and there are many other ways that don't involve combat, like unlocking the restriction lock on a storage ring.

After a cultivator dies, the storage ring left behind generally has a restriction lock, which the Asura Field can't unlock themselves, so they have to invite cultivators to do it. If successful, there are Asura Stamps to be earned.

Inside a cultivator's storage ring, elixir pills are essential items, so even after countless years, the treasure vault is still inexhaustible in elixir pills.

In the Asura Field, there are many opportunities to earn Asura Stamps with little risk, more than just these two methods.

There's even an Asura Hall, where cultivators independently post bounties, like hunting down a certain cultivator or inviting cultivators with special abilities to participate in a specific exploration scenario. The Asura Field evaluates the difficulty of these bounties, and if someone completes them, they can naturally obtain corresponding benefits.

Of course, in these methods, the Asura Stamps the cultivators earn aren't provided by the Asura Field, but by the cultivator who posted the bounty. The amount of Asura Stamps as a reward is also determined by the Asura Field, not given arbitrarily; the only autonomy the cultivators have is posting the bounty.

This is the only way for Asura Stamps to circulate between cultivators; aside from this, no cultivator can exchange their Asura Stamps.

The two continued talking while moving forward, when suddenly, they heard loud, hearty laughter coming from nearby.

Lu Ye turned to look and saw a large group of cultivators gathered together, and one of them, looking unkempt with sunken eyes and red eyeballs, was laughing nonstop: "This overwhelming fortune has finally come to me, hahahaha!"

The other cultivators beside him looked at him with eyes full of envy.

Lu Ye couldn't help but curiously watch the scene.

Gui Yi hesitated briefly, then finally advised: "Try to visit this area as little as possible in the future."

"Why?" Lu Ye asked, puzzled, as someone there was clearly experiencing something good.

Gui Yi sighed and said: "This is a place to gamble on fortune. Haven't you noticed that all placed here are storage rings?"

Lu Ye looked around and found it to be true, and the columns here were undoubtedly smaller and thinner than in other areas, arranged very densely, only allowing one or two cultivators to pass through them.

And on each of those columns was a storage ring.

Lu Ye glanced at one of the storage rings and quickly gained Insight.

Storage Ring: Origin unknown, value unknown.

The Asura Stamps required to redeem this storage ring weren't much, only thirteen thousand Asura Stamps, if using spirit jade for a simple conversion, it would be one hundred thirty thousand spirit jade.

"When cultivators die during exploration, some storage rings are collected by the Asura Field and assigned as tasks. If someone successfully unlocks the restriction lock, the treasures inside the storage ring enrich the treasure vault. Others are directly placed here for redemption."

Lu Ye instantly understood.

In this Asura Field, there are millions of cultivators, including Constellations, Moon Jades, and Sun Blazes. No matter what kind of cultivator they are, they all risk their lives to explore here, even Sun Blazes face risks of falling.

Thus, the value of these storage rings is unpredictable. If someone spends Asura Stamps to redeem a storage ring belonging to a Sun Blaze, it would be undoubtedly valuable, but if it's a Constellation Realm storage ring, then who knows what the result would be.

The crazily laughing cultivator's cultivation wasn't low, obviously a Moon Jade cultivator, so him being so excited clearly meant he redeemed something good.

This really was a place to gamble on fortune, if you're lucky, getting rich overnight isn't out of the question, but if unlucky, all the Asura Stamps you've painstakingly acquired could go down the drain.

Turning to look at Lu Ye, Gui Yi earnestly advised: "Although some people get benefits here, many become bankrupt, so try to visit this area less often."

She was paid for her services, so she just advised Lu Ye without saying too much.

Lu Ye nodded; his luck had never been great, and he didn't have any intention of getting rich this way, so he wasn't very interested in this place.

Gui Yi led him around for a while longer, but Lu Ye stopped himself: "Fellow Daoist, let's end here."

The treasure vault was large, and if he continued to explore it, even months might not be enough to finish. Although he paid five hundred thousand spirit jade, Gui Yi was diligent in her duties, so there was no need to waste her time.

Now that he was mostly familiar with this place, if he wanted to go somewhere, he could do it himself.

Gui Yi stopped and nodded, saying, "Alright." Saying this, she took out a jade slip and handed it over, "This is what we agreed upon earlier, it's some intelligence about the Asura Field that I compiled myself. I hope it can help you."

"Thank you." Lu Ye received it and planned to read it thoroughly when he had time.

Gui Yi then handed over her Asura Authority Token to Lu Ye, "Let's exchange marks. If there's anything in the future, feel free to ask me anytime."

Lu Ye was eager for this.

In the outside world, cultivators mainly use audio talismans for communication, as long as the distance between each other is not too far, they can generally communicate.

Audio talismans can also be used in the Asura Field, but it's better to use Asura Authority Tokens for contact, because sometimes one party might be in a particular training scenario, and if the other party uses an audio talisman, they can't be reached.

Using Asura Authority Tokens for contact does not have this restriction. As long as both parties are still within the Asura Field, they can communicate with each other regardless of whether they're in the same training scenario or not. Therefore, in the Asura Field, cultivators generally exchange marks from their Asura Authority Tokens, rather than audio talismans.

After exchanging marks, Gui Yi nodded, "I'll be leaving now."

"Thank you, Fellow Daoist."

Gui Yi turned around, ready to leave when she suddenly remembered something, looked back at Lu Ye, and said, "By the way, when you're training, if there are suitable methods for healing cultivators, don't hold back. The Asura Field seems to have given healing cultivators some special preferential treatment in recent years. If you can heal and save lives, you'll receive more Asura Seals."

Lu Ye understood, this was something Chen Xuanhai hadn't mentioned to him, it was evidently a change in recent years. As for the reason, Lu Ye couldn't speculate.

However, he was not skilled in healing and saving lives; killing was more his forte.

Gui Yi left, she had her own things to do on this visit, even if Lu Ye didn't mention it, she couldn't stay to idle with him.

After Gui Yi left, Lu Ye wandered around for a while, only to be dazzled. Although the All Phenomena Ocean is all-inclusive, containing any material imaginable, besides the Asura Treasure Vault, there's really no other place in the world that directly displays countless treasures for cultivators to observe and examine.

Lu Ye was only glad he was a combat cultivator, having a Boulder Mountain Saber was enough. If a magic cultivator came here for the first time, they would probably see many desirable items.

An hour later, Lu Ye stood still, holding the Asura Authority Token, murmuring a phrase, and abruptly disappeared from where he stood.

Reappearing, he found himself in another area of the treasure vault.

The layout of the entire Asura Treasure Vault is basically similar, except that each type of resource is concentrated in specific areas.

This area is dedicated to resources that can enhance the quality of a cultivator's Magic Source!

There are quite a few cultivators moving around here, and upon Lu Ye's observation, these cultivators are undoubtedly mostly Moon Jade cultivators, because only Moon Jade cultivators possess Magic Sources, while Constellations do not and naturally wouldn't come here.

Lu Ye even saw a plump person who seemed to be a Sun Blaze cultivator... Although the person exhibited no oppressive aura or mana fluctuation, Lu Ye had dealt with numerous Sun Blaze cultivators before, and naturally had some ability to discern.

Turning his gaze to the closest pillar, he immediately saw a green fruit, resembling an unripe apple.

Green Moon Spirit Marrow: Consuming or using it in Alchemy can slightly enhance the quality of Magic Source, 228,000 Asura Seals.

Looking to another side.

Infant Soul Flower: Consuming it can slightly enhance the quality of Magic Source, 354,000 Asura Seals.

And there's also the Taiyi Xuan Ginseng, Green Moon Spirit Marrow... all are rare treasures in the outside world, causing Lu Ye's eyes to shine, feeling this place is truly a wonderful place, he wanted all these treasures.

The number of treasures that can enhance the quality of Magic Source here is not just a thousand types, there are probably thousands. Not to mention too many, if he could exchange just one-tenth of them, the problem with his Magic Source would no longer be an issue. The ultimate Moon Jade Realm would certainly have hope of being achieved.

But one-tenth of the resources requires an enormous number of Asura Seals.

Although it's not actually a lot when converted into spirit jade, in the Asura Treasure Vault, even if a cultivator has a large amount of spirit jade, there's no place to spend it.

Most of the cultivators scattered in this area are like him, walking around and looking, needless to say, they're just indulging their eyes without sufficient capital to exchange.

Moreover, other cultivators have different circumstances from his. Other people may have some demand for these treasures, but not as large and urgent as his.

Gradually, Lu Ye discovered a pattern, that is in the annotations of the Asura Field, treasures marked with the term "slight" generally are valued below 500,000 Asura Seals, but if lacking the term "slight," they're priced above 500,000.

If a certain treasure is said to "significantly" enhance the quality of Magic Source, the price has to be at least a million Asura Seals. For instance, that piece of Zixia ice crystal is worth over 1.6 million Asura Seals, making it the most valuable resource Lu Ye saw in this area.

There's also the White Moon Crystal he once refined, also valued at over a million Asura Seals.

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Wandering around this area for a while, Lu Ye grew increasingly agitated; there were so many treasures, but unfortunately, he lacked enough Asura Seals to exchange for them!

Resolutely, he gritted his teeth and left, deciding it was better not to see. He would come back to splurge once he had gathered enough Asura Seals in the future.

A moment later, Lu Ye went to the large plaza, wandered around the marketplace where cultivators gathered. There were many good things here, too; the advantage was that transactions here didn't require Asura Seals. The downside was that all the items here were priced higher than outside, especially the elixir pills used for healing and recovery.

After wandering for a while, Lu Ye lost interest. In this Asura Treasure Vault, there was no chance of finding cheap deals. Even if a cultivator obtained an unfamiliar treasure, they only needed to spend a little time to find its counterpart in the vault and then evaluate its value.

Returning to his own cave residence, he took out the jade slip Gui Yi had given him before leaving, and began to inspect it carefully.

This was the intelligence Gui Yi herself had compiled regarding various aspects of the Asura Field, including many crisis management strategies she encountered during her training, making it highly valuable for reference.

Lu Ye had great confidence in his own strength, but being cautious wouldn't hurt. In this vast cultivation world, haven't there been numerous instances where a moment of carelessness led to downfall?

The information recorded in the jade slip was abundant; however, Lu Ye read through it quickly and finished in just half an hour.

There was nothing else he needed to prepare. Since he was at the Asura Field, earning Asura Seals was the priority. The affiliated treasures of the Asura Field couldn't be relied upon, but those items that enhanced the quality of his Magic Source were not to be missed. This was Lu Ye's main goal for this trip.

Lu Ye first spent a hundred thousand spirit jade to exchange for ten thousand Asura Seals.

This was a benefit bestowed upon every cultivator entering the Asura Field for the first time. Although ten thousand Asura Seals weren't much, a little was better than none.

The method of exchange was simple; it could be completed within his cave residence. Channeling mana into the Asura Seal, he focused on his intention, and a ray of white light appeared before him. After tossing the hundred thousand spirit jade in, the white light vanished.

Soon after, Lu Ye examined his Asura Authority Token again and indeed saw the information indicating an additional ten thousand Asura Seals in reserve.

Lu Ye activated his Asura Authority Token once more, murmuring, "Combat field!"

Another ray of white light suddenly appeared in front of him, transforming into an oval portal that allowed one person to pass through. Without hesitation, Lu Ye stepped inside.

Chen Xuanhai had specially instructed him that upon entering the Asura Field, the first thing to do was not to rush into training, but to strive for the ranking in the combat field. This was one of the ways cultivators could earn Asura Seals, and it also had special benefits that couldn't be obtained through training.

The Asura Field accommodated millions of cultivators, categorized into the three realms of Constellation, Moon Jade, and Sun Blaze. Naturally, the lower the cultivation level, the greater the proportion of cultivators. It was estimated that ninety percent of the Asura Field consisted of Constellation, with only a small portion of the remaining ten percent being Sun Blaze, and the rest being Moon Jade.

Differences in realm meant vast disparities in power, so the combat field of the Asura Field was divided into three tiers. Cultivators of the upper three realms competed within their respective realms.

If one could rank high in the combat field, they would gain not just fame, but also tangible benefits.

The combat field's ranking was settled every two months, with cultivators gaining corresponding amounts of Asura Seals as rewards based on their rankings. The higher one ranked, the more Asura Seals they would be rewarded.

Take the Moon Jade realm's combat field as an example; those who rank within the top ten can earn at least thirty thousand Asura Seals during settlement, while the first place holder could get as much as two hundred thousand, enough to exchange for a bodhi fungus with some extra.

Moreover, the combat field adhered to a special rule: participants in this competition would not die, ensuring cultivators had no worries, thereby greatly stimulating their enthusiasm to compete.

This place was likely where the Sky Asura clan trained their members' combat experiences, hence the special protective rule.

It was said that while some cultivators visiting the Asura Field might avoid training, fearing for their lives, they would never miss the combat field.

An additional rule stated that if someone could consistently maintain the first rank, accumulating a certain number of times, they could enjoy discounts on resource exchanges in the Asura Treasure Vault. Compared to the rewards of Asura Seals, this reward was undoubtedly harder to obtain.

Such a competitive model was naturally familiar to Lu Ye, even intimately so.

Because back in the Spirit Stream battlefield of the Nine Provinces, he had experienced similar events.

This was no surprise; surely it was when the ancestors of the Nine Provinces created the Heaven's Augury Compass, they borrowed numerous rules from the Asura Field, just like many exotic treasures within the Nine Provinces had correspondence with prototypes found in stellar space.

The difference was that his power then versus now was worlds apart.

As his figure passed through the portal, Lu Ye's vision shifted, yet he didn't immediately appear in the combat field. Instead, the sounds of intense competition echoed in his ears, mixed with various blasts, which filled him with fervor, conjuring up scenes of two armies clashing in his mind.

Soon, a loud voice rang in his ears: "Who will be the king of ironclad horses? Who will stand out among the flowing ships? The path of combat stretches from ancient times to present, we cultivators will never back down, battle! Battle! Battle!"

Accompanying the voice, the pounding of war drums and the humming of horns resonated.

The sounds gradually faded away, then disappeared, and Lu Ye's vision returned to clarity. He found himself in an enclosed environment.

The corner of his eye couldn't help but twitch slightly. That sound must have been created by the Asura Field, seemingly having some effect of beguiling the mind. Anyone who came here and experienced this would probably be filled with fighting spirit.

This was a dilapidated city, as if ravaged by fierce warfare, with ruins of walls everywhere. At the edge of the broken city was a visible light screen, undoubtedly the boundary of the combat battlefield.

He appeared at one side of this battlefield, and dozens of miles away, a faint silhouette stood, undoubtedly today's opponent.

Just as Lu Ye was about to examine it, he saw his opponent's figure flicker and bizarrely disappear.

He immediately understood that this time the opponent was a ghost cultivator, who used a secret technique to conceal his figure, and it was unknown where he was hiding.

He wasn't in a hurry to search, as this was his first time entering the combat field, so the opponent he could encounter wouldn't be too strong, probably just someone at the Moon Jade Early Stage.

At leisure, he took out his Asura Seal, immersing his mind to probe it, and the recorded information had changed.

Besides the previously added ten thousand Asura Seals, there was another piece of information added.

Combat field ranking (Moon Jade): 533,572.

Lu Ye raised his eyebrows, which undoubtedly meant that there were over 530,000 Moon Jades staying alive in the Asura Field's scope now!

Because his ranking on the Moon Jade side must be the last, this number basically corresponds to the number of Moon Jades, without much difference.

It was undoubtedly an extremely shocking number; you could never see so many Moon Jades on the All Phenomena Ocean, as the local forces of the All Phenomena Ocean would never allow so many Moon Jades to remain.

Just as he stowed away the Asura Authority Token, a thread of murderous intent blossomed from the side, undoubtedly the ghost cultivator taking the opportunity to sneak up for an attack.

Lu Ye didn't move, just slightly lifted his hand, and the Boulder Mountain Saber at his waist was already unsheathed.

With the collision of mana, a startled cry resounded, blood splattering.

From the side, the frail-looking ghost cultivator at this moment clutched his neck, retreating frightfully with blood gushing out of his neck.

At that moment, he genuinely felt the arrival of death. If not for the protection rules of the combat field, he would have been decapitated.

Besides fright, there was more frustration. He hadn't been in the Asura Field for long, and this was his ninth battle. The previous ones were still manageable despite the opponent's strength; he still had room to maneuver, after all, his ghost cultivation skills were adept.

He never imagined the opponent this time being so terrifying.

He was just relieved it was the combat field; in any trial scenario, against such an opponent, no number of lives would suffice!

As his figure dimmed and he exited the combat field in the last moment, he tried hard to stare in Lu Ye's direction, to imprint this figure in his mind, for who knew when they might meet again.

The ghost cultivator's figure dissipated, and although not instantly killed due to the rules of the combat field, the injuries sustained were real, requiring time to recover.

As the ghost cultivator's figure vanished, Lu Ye also perceived a peculiar power enveloping him. The surroundings rapidly changed, and in a blink, he was back in his cave residence.

Reflecting on that instant, when he struck the opponent's neck, a sudden force stopped his Boulder Mountain Saber, preventing him from striking further.

The power of the stellar space supreme treasure was indeed extraordinary, and its protection for participating cultivators was intriguing, undoubtedly offering cultivators a more complete experience during combat, without concerns.

He wondered whether the affiliated treasure of the Asura Field had this capability. If it did, its value would be immense. If brought back to the Nine Provinces, Nine Provinces cultivators could rapidly accumulate combat experience, particularly the genuine life-and-death battle experience.

Checking his Asura Authority Token, the ranking hadn't significantly changed; previously it was 533,572, now it's 533,569, moving up only three places.

Lu Ye reflected briefly and realized why there was such a change.

It's not because he won against the ghost cultivator just now. Initial participation in the combat field fight doesn't determine your true ranking until you've completed ten battles. The pre-ten battle

rankings are not accurate; the Asura Field will assign an initial ranking based on the performance in these ten battles. The better the performance, the higher the initial ranking, which is one of the combat field's rules.

The advance of three places undoubtedly means that during that brief period, three Moon Jades left the Asura Field or died.

Chapter 1895 - I Pick the Older One

In the boundless desert with swirling sand, two figures dashed towards each other. At the moment their forms crossed, mana clashed, and the sound of metal against metal echoed.

Immediately, blood splattered, and one person burst out cursing, "Asura Field, damn your ancestors!"

It's unfair, why was he matched with such a strong opponent? Although they were both combat cultivators, the opponent's cultivation level was one rank higher, not to mention their terrifying strength. Even after exerting all his effort, he couldn't withstand the opponent's simple strike.

Even though he knew some newly arrived cultivators had unfathomable strength, experiencing it firsthand was still hard to accept.

As the words fell, the figure of the cultivator vanished.

The surrounding scenery shattered, and Lu Ye returned to his cave residence, picking up the Asura Authority Token to check.

Combat field ranking (Moon Jade): 53,621.

The recent duel was his tenth experience here. After ten matches, this ranking would be his initial position in the combat field.

The opponents he encountered were not strong, even quite weak, as none could withstand a slash from him, which was neither surprising nor gratifying to Lu Ye.

A ranking over fifty thousand wasn't low in the combat field of the Moon Jade Realm, but it certainly wasn't satisfying for him. His aim was singular: to top the Moon Jade Ranking.

Without delay, he continued engaging in battles. Though he had undergone ten duels, for him, they were not even a warm-up, not enough to stretch his muscles.

Having now obtained his ranking, there were two ways to engage in battles.

One option was to enter directly, where the combat field would randomly assign him an opponent. Depending on his performance during the duel, he might see his rank improved or reduced. However, regardless, the changes would not be drastic.

The other way was to directly challenge cultivators ranked ahead of him. This kind of challenge had its limits; he could only challenge those within a thousand places ahead. If he won, he would replace the challenged cultivator's position, while the loser would drop a place.

Lu Ye thought for a moment and chose the second method. After all, if he stuck to the former method, the rank improvement wouldn't be significant even after a victory. It was better to choose the second, more straightforward option, gaining a thousand ranks with each win.

Immersing his mind in the Asura Authority Token, Lu Ye quickly found a complete Moon Jade Ranking. Over fifty thousand names were listed there, starting with the rank, followed by the names, their domains or star systems, and finally, their performance in the combat field.

Take Lu Ye's information on the Moon Jade Ranking as an example:

53,621st, Lu Ye, Nine Heavens World, ten wins, zero losses.

Any cultivator in the Asura Field could use their Asura Authority Token to check such information. However, Lu Ye soon discovered that many names were blank, with even the domains marked as unknown.

He quickly understood that these individuals must have hidden their names and origins on the Moon Jade Ranking.

Cultivators had the right to do this, as the combat field did not prohibit it.

After considering it, he too opted to cloak his name and background.

He moved his gaze up the list to challenge the cultivator ranked one thousand places ahead, but after issuing the challenge, there was no feedback.

This clearly indicated that the challenged cultivator was not currently in the Sky Asura World; they were likely engaged in some training scenario.

This was a common occurrence, and when faced with it, Lu Ye could either wait for their return or choose another challenge target.

Naturally, he chose the latter.

He issued a challenge to the cultivator ranked 999 places ahead, but again, it didn't succeed.

He moved back one more place, and this time it finally succeeded, without having to wait long for the opponent, despite them having up to an hour to prepare as per the rules.

The combat field's portal opened once more, and Lu Ye stepped inside.

Ten breaths later, Lu Ye returned...

The cultivators ranked around fifty thousand were at about the Moon Jade Mid-Stage level of cultivation. They were not significantly stronger than those he had encountered before, making it easy to deal with them.

With one challenge, his rank improved by nearly a thousand.

Generally, once Lu Ye issued a challenge, the opponents would quickly accept, with only a few cultivators delaying, entering the combat field just as the hour-long preparation time expired, but that was of no real concern.

In just over a day, Lu Ye's ranking has jumped from fifty thousand to within ten thousand.

At this level of ranking, the rules of the challenge have changed again, where the challengeable targets have narrowed from within one thousand to within one hundred, and the preparation time for the challenged party has increased from one hour to two hours, undoubtedly allowing cultivators to perform better in the combat field.

And cultivators ranked at this level have noticeably improved their strength; within ten thousand, they are basically all Moon Jade Late Stage cultivators, and it's rare to see Moon Jade Mid-Stage ones. Those few Mid-Stage cultivators undoubtedly possess the ability to fight across stages.

Lu Ye chose his target, a contender named Cher Chi from the Tri-Sun World, with Moon Jade Late Stage cultivation and seven hundred sixty wins, boasting a win rate of around sixty percent.

The portal of the combat field opened, and Lu Ye stepped inside, appearing in the combat field.

He immediately noticed the difference from previous combats, as outside the massive enclosed combat field, there were layers of stands where scattered cultivators were sitting and watching.

He had fought dozens of battles before but never had any spectators, yet this time he did.

Lu Ye was already aware of this aspect, so he wasn't surprised. According to the information he got from Chen Xuanhai, these cultivators watching were not just there to see the excitement; they could also place bets within the combat field, not limited to using spirit jade or Asura Seal. If the side they bet on won, the betting cultivators could share the stakes of the losing side.

Gui Yi mentioned this in the jade slip he gave Lu Ye, but Gui Yi advised not to participate, as countless bloody lessons tell us that anything associated with gambling leads to no good, perhaps bringing fleeting glory, but inevitably leading to losing everything.

The end of luck in gambling is bankruptcy.

Lu Ye actually wanted to participate, because he was very confident in his own strength, but unfortunately, the rules of the combat field forbid both parties in the combat to participate in the betting.

At this moment, in a location on the eastern side of the stands, there was a voluptuous woman with radiant beauty.

Just by looking at her makeup and attire, anyone would think she had a gentle and genteel demeanor, but in fact, although she wore a gown, she sat there in a bold manner, with one hand on the arm of her chair and the other resting on her knee, her body slightly leaned forward, her eyes, with faint bloodstains, flowed between the figures of Lu Ye and Cher Chi in combat, showing an expression of contemplation, as if assessing the strengths of the two.

Beside her was a petite and adorable young woman, who at this moment was holding onto the woman's arm, her face showing a pleading expression: "Master, you can't gamble anymore, the Asura Seals you worked hard to accumulate are almost all gone!"

The woman lazily ignored her chatter, pulled her into her embrace with a tug, and held onto her. The young woman instantly felt her face covered with softness, even struggling to breathe, and couldn't help but struggle.

The woman observed for a while, and couldn't help but scratch her head, feeling quite irritated.

With a "whimper" sound, she finally remembered her disciple, quickly released her, and the petite young woman, freed from constraint, took deep breaths, her face flushed.

The woman asked: "Dear disciple, whom do you think will win between these two?"

The petite young woman felt wronged: "Master, if you can't see it, how could I? Let's go!"

"Stop nagging, haven't I taught you, that wherever you fall, you should get back up there? It's not because I can't see, it's because I'm unlucky at gambling, unrelated to anything else. This time, you choose, and I'll definitely win!"

Those sitting on the stands cannot see detailed information about the combatants in the field, nor can they break through the isolating force of the combat field, so even if this woman has Sun Blaze cultivation, before the duo below engages in combat, it's hard to judge who's stronger.

"Quickly choose, time is running out." The woman urged.

The petite young woman knew her master's nature; everything was good except for her heavy gambling tendencies, often leading to bankruptcy, she was known as the poorest under the Sun Blaze in the whole stellar space.

Seeing deterrence didn't work, the petite young woman could only accept fate, but choosing a betting target was indeed a bit difficult for her, as it concerned the master's last bit of wealth. She gritted her teeth and randomly pointed in a direction: "Choose him then!"

The woman asked: "Why?"

The petite young woman was most troubled by this point, as the master often asked her to choose the betting target and then required her to explain the reason. She never had any reason, only pointing randomly, thought for a moment and said: "This one seems younger?"

The woman glanced at her discontentedly: "Nothing good comes from being young, only young lasses like you judge by appearance. Remember, ginger gets stronger with age!"

The petite young woman, unable to laugh or cry, thought to herself; she's already hundreds of years old, yet only her master still refers to her as a young girl.

The woman had made her decision, waving her fair hand: "I'll choose the older one!"

The petite young woman was speechless, wondering what was the point of having her choose the betting target.

In the combat field, Lu Ye waited quietly, also observing his opponent. At this ranking level, entering the combat field doesn't immediately start the combat but involves a wait of around thirty breaths, probably for those watching to place their bets.

Only after thirty breaths can the combat participants freely move.

Soon, thirty breaths had passed, and upon feeling the restricting force lift from him, Lu Ye immediately rushed forward.

Chapter 1896 - Ranking Challenge

As Lu Ye made his move, his opponent reacted simultaneously. Amidst the undulating mana, three rounds of the big sun suddenly appeared behind him, illuminating the combat field brightly.

Under the scorching sun, Cher Chi's aura surged to its peak. With a raise of his hand, the fire sea engulfed the sky, and massive fireballs emerged magnificently under the cover of the fire sea.

This display demonstrated the difference from those opponents Lu Ye had encountered before. After all, Cher Chi, ranked within the top 10,000 cultivators, had some abilities.

On the stands, a woman who had placed a bet laughed loudly. She pulled her disciple closer and kissed her smooth cheek, saying happily, "I just knew this guy is from the Tri-Sun World!"

Though she couldn't discern much from the stands, Cher Chi's attire revealed some clues. Tri-Sun World wasn't a top-tier domain but was still quite famous, surrounded by three rounds of the big sun, hence the name.

Most cultivators in this domain practiced fire attributes, and due to the advantaged environment, their individual strength was quite impressive.

This was why she bet on him, not because of youth or old age.

Both were in Moon Jade Late Stage, but one from a domain like Tri-Sun World, and if the other wasn't from a top-tier domain, there was basically no chance of winning.

Moreover, one was a combat cultivator and the other a magic cultivator. In such a spacious combat space, a combat cultivator would expend much energy just to get close to a magic cultivator.

At this moment, the entire combat field was overrun by a sea of fire, with no pure land left, and ferocious magic spells were charging toward Lu Ye. Not only did the woman think Cher Chi's victory was assured, but almost all watching cultivators thought so too.

But soon, the smile on the woman's face froze. Her beautiful eyes widened as she exclaimed, "Why?"

Under such ferocious magic coverage, the young combat cultivator remained unaffected, which was entirely unreasonable.

However, the woman quickly realized, "This guy's mana is also fire-attributed!" She noticed traces of Lu Ye channeling his mana, although not conspicuous amidst the bright magic light, she still saw it clearly.

Yet something seemed off. Even if this young combat cultivator was also fire-attributed, it shouldn't be so easy to handle.

Does he possess some treasure that restrains fire attributes? The woman fell into contemplation.

With a flash of blade light, the huge fireball suddenly shattered, and in the combat field, the young combat cultivator's figure shot like an arrow, splitting waves, with Cher Chi's exquisite magic spells barely hindering him.

The distance between them rapidly closed, causing a wave of exclamations from the stands.

Everyone knew what happens when a magic cultivator gets close to a combat cultivator.

Cher Chi sensed danger. He had fought in countless battles on this combat field, encountering strong and weak opponents, and his combat experience was extremely rich, but never had he felt such a strong sense of oppression.

The opponent hadn't even gotten close yet, and it felt like this. If he really did, what then?

In a flash, Cher Chi kept his magic going, flipped his palm, and already released a copper ring-like magic treasure. As he fiercely channeled his mana, the copper ring immediately transformed into a ring of fire, heading forward to intercept Lu Ye.

After the fire ring was sent out, it divided into two, then four, and eight, within a few breaths, most of the combat field was covered by these densely packed fire rings.

No matter which direction Lu Ye dashed from, he couldn't avoid the harassment of these fire rings.

Cher Chi originally hoped this magic treasure could slightly hinder his opponent, but the result greatly disappointed him. The opponent was like an unreasonable ancient ferocious beast, fixed on the target without making any changes.

Continuous booming sounds echoed; those were the exploding fire rings mixed with the humming of magic spells. The powerful impacts swept all directions but couldn't hinder the opponent's advance.

Where Lu Ye moved, the combat battlefield was left in shambles.

In an instant, Lu Ye was already rushing up front of Cher Chi.

Cher Chi had tried hard to dodge, but in terms of speed, he was no match for his opponent. His evasive actions seemed clumsy.

Bright blade light flashed across his vision, making Cher Chi's hair stand on end. Without thinking, he summoned a protective magic treasure to guard himself.

But in the next instant, his face changed dramatically because he clearly felt the protective magic treasure's power greatly reduced under the opponent's saber strike, with signs of breaking.

This saber... How terrifying?

Tremendous force hit, even if he forcibly channeled mana to stabilize his figure, he was still like a kite, flying high. It was certain that if he hadn't summoned the protective magic treasure at the critical moment, he would've been defeated by the opponent's saber strike.

From the corner of his vision, he noticed his opponent following closely like a shadow, with that long saber seemingly raised again.

"I surrender!" Cher Chi didn't hesitate anymore and quickly shouted.

Although such fierce combat wouldn't lead to life-threatening harm, the combat field would ensure his life. But if the opponent's saber fell, his protective magic treasure would surely break.

Knowing defeat, he certainly didn't want to lose a magic treasure. Voluntarily surrendering and retreating was the correct response.

As his words fell, Cher Chi's figure disappeared, and Lu Ye's saber stopped from slashing down further.

The sky full of firelight receded and disappeared, and along with it, Lu Ye vanished as well.

In the stands, the previously excited woman slumped in her chair, her eyes lost their sparkle, as if she had experienced a thousand humiliations.

"Master..." the petite woman gently called out to her.

The woman did not respond, like a dead fish.

"Alas." The petite woman sighed, knowing this was the outcome, a scene she had witnessed many times before.

Patiently waiting, after a while, the woman finally said weakly, "Let's go back."

"Oh." The petite woman replied, reaching out to support her master's arm. With a thought, they returned to their cave residence together, laying the seemingly soulless, zombie-like master on the jade bed beside her.

Having experienced this countless times, the petite woman wasn't too worried about her master's condition. She knew it wouldn't be long before her master would get back on her feet, participate in the Asura Field training, earn Asura Seals, and then return to the Combat Battlefield or the treasure vault to gamble on her luck!

Then, after losing the bet, she would become like this again... over and over.

Suddenly, the woman jumped up from the bed, cursing, "How did that wretched combat cultivator win? Why did he win?"

She cursed again, "I better not find out who he is, or I will kill him!"

"Yes, yes." The petite woman nodded beside her. The list of people her master wanted to kill had grown by one more person... Over the years, the list had at least a thousand names, maybe eight hundred, but her master was just saying it; she had never really gone to trouble anyone.

Firstly, her master wasn't that kind of person, and secondly, the Asura Field wouldn't allow Sun Blaze to bully the weak.

"But speaking of which, Master, that combat cultivator is very strong!" The petite woman said, "That is definitely not his real ranking."

The woman nodded, "I could see that. That wretched combat cultivator should be new to the Asura Field, here to climb the rankings."

Cher Chi, ranked within the top ten thousand, was so easily defeated. Clearly, that combat cultivator hadn't used his full strength. If he had, who knows how strong he would be.

As the master and disciple were talking, the petite woman suddenly picked up her Asura Authority Token and said, "Master, someone is challenging me."

"Go ahead." The woman collapsed back on the bed, laying in a large starfish position, silently heartbroken over the lost wager.

The petite woman responded and didn't prepare much, entering the Combat Battlefield directly.

In the enclosed Combat Battlefield space, she gradually appeared, immediately looking towards her opponent's direction. Although she didn't know exactly who was challenging her or their strength, perhaps the thirty-breath waiting period could reveal something to her.

As she glanced around, her eyes widened, and she let out a soft "hmm" of surprise.

Because the opponent challenging her looked extremely familiar, with a very young face, wearing a tight suit with a black and red trench coat, a long knife at his waist, looking very capable.

Isn't this... the combat cultivator who caused her master to lose the bet?

The petite woman never expected such a coincidence to happen, that this person would challenge her next.

However, upon careful thought, it's not surprising. Cher Chi from the Tri-Sun World was a few hundred ranks behind her. According to the rule of challenging within a hundred ranks each time, after defeating Cher Chi, this combat cultivator only needed a few more victories to challenge her ranking.

Having witnessed how he defeated Cher Chi, she knew she stood no chance against him because her strength wasn't much different from Cher Chi's, so this battle she would undoubtedly lose.

Even so, she had no thoughts of retreating. She was just planning to give her all in this fight when her master's appearance after losing the bet surfaced in her mind again.

Poor Master...

Meanwhile, Lu Ye was also observing his opponent this time.

The opponent was called Walnut, not sure if it was a real or fake name, from the Youfu World, and like him, had a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivation.

Lu Ye didn't know much about the Youfu World, but there was a Youfu Island on the All Phenomena Ocean, which had some trade relations with Three Worlds Island, and was a high-class Spirit Island, quite nice.

Thus, the foundation of the Youfu World shouldn't be too weak.

Even though the opponent was a woman, Lu Ye didn't have any special considerations. Once in the Combat Battlefield, every fight needed to be given one's all; there was no such thing as going easy just because the opponent was a woman.

The thirty breaths of waiting time quickly passed, and the moment he gained his freedom, Lu Ye, as usual, charged towards his opponent.

The opponent, Walnut, had no extraneous items on her, revealing no affiliations, leaving Lu Ye wondering as her expression appeared conflicted, as if she was hesitating about something.

It wasn't until Lu Ye was within three miles of her that Walnut suddenly raised her hand and called out, "Fellow Daoist, hold on."

Chapter 1897 - Walnut

Lu Ye had gone through countless battles of all sizes, so he naturally wouldn't let an opponent's words disrupt his own rhythm. Who knew if this was some kind of ploy from the enemy? So even though he heard Walnut's voice, his offensive didn't change in the slightest.

Seeing this, Walnut grew a little anxious and spoke extremely fast: "Fellow Daoist, I'll withdraw myself from this fight. I just want to make friends with you."

Even though she knew she wouldn't be in life-and-death danger here, watching that combat cultivator ahead charge in with a surging, sky-piercing aura still filled Walnut with terror. She finally understood why that Cher Chi had lost so fast. This kind of horrifying pressure was something she had never experienced before.

Almost the instant her voice fell, her neck felt a slight chill. By the time she reacted, her opponent was already standing at her side, that long blade resting against her neck.

Lu Ye didn't bring the blade down with that strike, because the opponent truly seemed to have no intention of resisting.

Lu Ye frowned and asked, "You know me?"

He had just arrived here; in this Asura Field he only knew one person, Gui Yi. Yet the other side suddenly wanted to make friends with him, which made Lu Ye suspect this Walnut might also be someone who had come from the All Phenomena Ocean and had seen him before.

Walnut was stunned for a moment, then quickly shook her head. "We've never met before."

"Then why do you want to be friends with me?" Lu Ye asked.

"Could we talk about that later? This isn't a good place for conversation." Walnut asked carefully. "If Fellow Daoist is willing, could we exchange marks?"

Lu Ye thought it over. He was indeed somewhat curious, and it was just exchanging marks anyway—nothing too serious. So he sheathed his blade at once and took out his Asura Authority Token.

Seeing this, Walnut let out a breath of relief and also produced her own Asura Authority Token.

Then, under the dumbstruck gaze of countless cultivators in the stands, the two of them exchanged marks, and Walnut's figure dissipated.

She had voluntarily conceded and left, so Lu Ye naturally won this round, and his ranking on the combat field rose by nearly a hundred places again.

There had been quite a few spectators who had bet on Walnut in this bout, and this was how it ended, which instantly made a crowd burst into curses, shouting about black-box operations and the like.

But all they could do was curse a few times. In the combat field, whatever choices a cultivator made were beyond outside interference. Walnut had voluntarily conceded and withdrawn, causing them to lose their bets; they could only blame it on bad luck.

In the cave residence, Lu Ye had just appeared when his Asura Authority Token reacted. After checking it, as expected, it was a message from Walnut.

"Fellow Daoist, don't rush into the combat field just yet. I have something I want to discuss with you."

Lu Ye replied with one line: "What is it?"

At the same time, in Walnut's cave residence, she hurriedly came to her master's side, speaking excitedly: "Master, that combat cultivator challenged me just now."

The woman who'd been lying spread-eagled there instantly snapped to attention when she heard this. She bounced up from the jade bed, grabbed her disciple's shoulders with both hands, eyes shining. "Good Disciple, did you take him down and vent your master's anger?"

Walnut could only smile wryly. "No, I conceded and withdrew."

The woman thought about it and realized that made sense. She knew exactly what level her Disciple's strength was at. That bastard combat cultivator had cut down Cher Chi like slaughtering a chick—how could her disciple possibly be his match? She immediately lost interest a little. "Then what's the point of telling me this?"

Walnut held up her Asura Authority Token. "I exchanged marks with him!"

The woman's eyes immediately turned bright. "Really?"

Walnut said, "Of course I wouldn't lie to you. I'm talking with him right now."

The woman urged her at once: "Quick, quick, quick, ask him which combat field he enters for his next combat bout. Your master's going to place a bet. That combat cultivator's strength is excellent; there'll definitely be a spot for him within the top five hundred."

She had misjudged earlier and bet on Cher Chi, only to lose miserably. But she had seen Lu Ye's strength with her own eyes and was certain that his current rank didn't reflect his true ability, so in the coming combats he would absolutely be on a triumphant advance.

If she could follow him into bout after bout and always place her bets on him, even if she didn't end up raking in a fortune, she'd definitely recover the losses from this recent stretch.

This was exactly why Walnut had wanted to exchange Asura Authority Token marks with Lu Ye—because she felt her master was just too pitiful. Nine losses out of ten gambles; the hard-earned Asura Seals she saved up always got wiped out in one go.

"But Master, you already lost all your Asura Seals just now. What will you use to bet?" Walnut asked.

The woman said proudly, "Who told you I was betting Asura Seals just now?"

Walnut was puzzled. "Then Master, you..."

"I bet spirit jade just now! The spirit jade's gone, but the Asura Seals are still here." The woman smiled, like a thousand pear trees bursting into bloom, though her expression was unavoidably a bit smug.

"I'll talk to him." Walnut said, and quickly sent another message over.

On the other side, after Walnut's explanation, Lu Ye finally understood what she wanted to do. He had to admit this woman was quite clever. Just by watching a single one of his combats, she'd realized this could be turned into a money-making scheme.

Plenty of people had probably realized the same thing; it was just that Walnut's luck was good—he happened to challenge her, and she happened to make contact with him. As for the other cultivators who'd figured this out, even if they wanted to reach him, they simply had no way.

Lu Ye couldn't help feeling a bit concerned. "Doing this won't be going against any Asura Field rules, will it?"

Walnut said, "Of course not. This kind of thing is actually very common. And the win-or-loss after placing a bet isn't 'bet how much, win how much'; the winning side just splits the losing side's stakes. Strictly speaking, this is only gambling between the spectators, the Asura Field doesn't actually lose anything."

Lu Ye understood, and asked again, "Then how do we make sure you can enter my combat field to place bets?"

Walnut said, "Every combat field has a number. After you go in, look up and you'll see it. Then send me a message, and I'll be able to follow the number in."

This was something Lu Ye had really never paid attention to. He'd fought so many matches and every time he only watched his opponent; he had never actually looked up at the sky.

"Last question, what's in it for me?"

Letting Walnut bet on him, Lu Ye could ensure that she would win, but that was only the benefit on her side. He worked his tail off fighting in the arena, and if all the profit went to someone else, he naturally wouldn't be happy.

Walnut had clearly anticipated this long ago, and answered without thinking, "Thirty-seventy split. Of all the stakes I win, you and I split them thirty-seventy."

"The Asura Seal can't be traded. How are you going to split with me?" Lu Ye asked.

"The Asura Seal can't be traded, sure, but I can go to the Asura Treasure Vault and exchange resources for you."

Lu Ye understood. That really was a way!

Then he asked again, "I get seventy?"

"I get seventy!"

In the cave residence, Lu Ye blinked and replied, "At least fifty-fifty, or forget it."

He had thought she would haggle with him, but Walnut agreed very quickly instead, "Alright, then fifty-fifty!"

This actually made Lu Ye a bit unsure. "How do I make sure that after you win the bets, you'll be willing to give me my share?" If Walnut played dirty, all he could do on his side was stare helplessly.

"Fellow Daoist, if you have time, could you come to the great square by the Treasure Vault? We'll sign an Asura Pact. With a pact in place, neither side can go back on their word."

Lu Ye had no reason to refuse; in fact, he had originally planned to sign an Asura Pact with her first. The binding force this thing had inside the Asura Field was equivalent to the Heaven's Augury Pact of the early years in the Nine Provinces.

A short while later, at the great square by the Treasure Vault, Lu Ye saw Walnut again.

She had already drafted the Asura Pact. Lu Ye picked it up and examined it, and after confirming that there were no issues and all the clauses matched what they had discussed before, he straightforwardly branded his own mark on it.

Walnut did the same. With two marks stamped, the Asura Pact vanished into thin air. At the same time, Lu Ye clearly felt some mysterious power surge into his body.

But in the next instant, the Talent Tree in his body stirred. His expression froze, and he hastily turned his senses inward to observe himself.

Under the gaze of his mind, he saw the Talent Tree blazing furiously, except that, at this very moment, there was a golden chain-like foreign object outside the Talent Tree, coiled around it like a long snake.

With the burning of the flames, that snake-like chain quivered nonstop.

Thick gray mist rose in great billows.

This scene astonished Lu Ye, because nothing like this had ever happened before.

After thinking it over a bit, he realized that the snake-like chain should be the profound power of the Asura Pact. Strictly speaking, the Asura Pact was an extension of the Asura Field's power. Even if it was insignificant, it was still the power of a supreme treasure.

Yet right now, the Talent Tree was burning it away the same way it dealt with External Force that invaded his body!

The Talent Tree could actually resist the power of a supreme treasure? The rate of incineration was slow, true, but just from that huge amount of gray mist rising, it was clear that the chain was indeed being burned away.

If this went on, sooner or later the chain would be completely incinerated.

And once this chain was burned away, the Asura Pact would no longer exert any binding force on him.

This was undoubtedly an unexpected discovery, and it made Lu Ye can't help but suspect: could the Talent Tree also be a stellar space supreme treasure?

He had considered this before, but all the stellar space supreme treasures he had encountered possessed wondrous and mighty abilities that didn't quite match the Talent Tree's behavior, so he had ruled that out. The Talent Tree's performance was more like a kind of inheritance.

But this unexpected development now made him once again harbor such thoughts.

Because as far as he knew, only a supreme treasure could oppose the power of a supreme treasure.

Perhaps the Talent Tree really was a stellar space supreme treasure; it was just that this treasure was not quite the same as those he knew. It might be a supreme treasure that could continuously transform as a cultivator's cultivation grew!

He had no way to stop the Talent Tree from burning that chain, and even if he could, he wouldn't want to, because he wanted to know whether the Talent Tree could actually incinerate this chain.

If it could, then within this Asura Field, no form of Asura Pact would be able to bind him.

The one Walnut had signed with him really posed no harm to him, but there was no guarantee that he wouldn't encounter harmful ones in the future. The Talent Tree having such an ability would undoubtedly give him one more hidden trump card in this place.

Chapter 1898 - Winning Like Crazy

Speaking of which, back in the Nine Provinces, Lu Ye had also signed Heaven's Augury Pacts with others. Although it wasn't frequent, such things never happened.

After a brief contemplation, he roughly understood.

The manifestation of the Heaven's Augury Pact is different from the Asura Pact. Once the Heaven's Augury Pact is signed, Number Nine will secretly monitor both parties to the pact. If anyone violates it, Number Nine will mete out punishment.

However, the power of the Asura Pact directly enters the cultivator's body, naturally triggering a reaction from the Talent Tree.

"Fellow Daoist?" Seeing Lu Ye a bit lost in thought, Walnut couldn't help but call out, comforting him, "You don't need to worry, Fellow Daoist. Once you leave the Asura Field, the power of the Asura Pact will naturally dissipate."

Lu Ye nodded. He was indeed not worried. Now, he was merely curious about how long the power of the Asura Pact would last within him.

"When does Fellow Daoist plan to continue competing in the combat field?" Walnut asked again.

"Now!" Lu Ye replied.

Walnut cheerfully said, "Then I await good news from you, Fellow Daoist!"

Both of them returned to their cave residences, and Lu Ye immediately began his challenge, entering the combat field. Looking up, he indeed saw a number within the enclosed space of the combat field. He took out the Asura Authority Token and sent a message to Walnut, only putting away the token after receiving Walnut's response.

A moment later, he turned his head and immediately saw Walnut's figure in that direction. When their eyes met, Walnut even waved at him.

However, what left Lu Ye astonished was the presence of a very dignified-looking woman sitting by Walnut's side...

Blinking, Lu Ye chuckled, realizing why Walnut had readily agreed to a fifty-fifty split; it turned out she wasn't betting on him alone. The fifty-fifty split was just between him and Walnut, but it didn't include that woman.

Thirty breaths passed quickly, the battle started, and then finished swiftly!

As his figure dispersed, Lu Ye saw the woman beside Walnut stand up, seemingly very pleased...

For several days thereafter, Lu Ye shuttled back and forth within the combat field. With every challenge, his ranking rose by roughly a hundred places, and his interaction with Walnut became more frequent.

Every victory in combat brought benefits to Walnut and her master; initially, since their capital wasn't much, their winnings weren't significant either.

But as their capital gradually accumulated, their earnings grew larger. They always bet all their Asura Seals on Lu Ye, unlike others who didn't have the same courage.

As a result, their share of the bets far exceeded other cultivators. After Lu Ye's victories, the benefits they gained were even greater.

Like a snowball effect, in just a few days, their Asura Seals multiplied several dozen times over!

During this period, Lu Ye also contemplated whether to find more people to sign Asura Pacts in this manner, but after much thought, he decided against it.

Mainly because he didn't know anyone here, and the others didn't trust him.

During this time, he even contacted Gui Yi, hoping she could profit a bit. Unfortunately, Gui Yi was always averse to gambling fortunes; not only did she refrain from betting, but she also advised Lu Ye to disengage from such matters.

Days later, Lu Ye's rank within the combat field had already entered the top five hundred.

The column of recorded achievements, boasting a 152 wins-0 losses record, was exceptionally striking, often exerting immense psychological pressure on his opponents. Any cultivator with a bit of sense knew what such a terrifying record implied.

After another match concluded, Lu Ye returned to his cave residence for a brief rest. There was no denying that as his ranking increased, the opponents he faced indeed grew increasingly formidable, especially those within the top thousand of cultivators, who were almost without exceptions.

Lu Ye also changed his initial goal. His original purpose for participating in the combat field competition was to climb to the top of the rankings and strive for the Asura Seal rewards during the settlement.

But after so many battles, his goal had evolved beyond that.

He found this place was a rare opportunity to broaden his horizons. In the All Phenomena Ocean, although he had clashed with Moon Jade, his opportunities were not many.

Here, however, it was different; every opponent he encountered now was at the Moon Jade Late Stage, without exception, and their backgrounds varied, with diverse heritages and races.

Engaging with different opponents often brought about many wonderful insights while also allowing him to examine his deficiencies.

He greatly enjoyed these fierce competitions, where every opponent spared no effort, fighting desperately to defeat him!

In Walnut's cave residence, Walnut looked at the woman, "Master, he has already reached the top five hundred. Can he continue onward?"

The reason for such a question was naturally tied to the woman's initial judgment that the top five hundred had a place for Lu Ye.

In just a few short days, that judgment had already materialized, so before the top five hundred, Walnut had full confidence in Lu Ye, wagering on him without hesitation before each battle. But now, she was uncertain.

The woman appeared pensive, "That kid probably hasn't used his full strength!"

Her insight was ultimately beyond Walnut's. Although in recent matches, Lu Ye each time had to battle his opponents fiercely for victory, appearing to narrowly win several times, the woman always felt Lu Ye's strength was more than that. Those fierce battles and narrow victories seemed more like deliberate grinding and honing.

Walnut was astonished: "Already in the top five hundred, and yet not using full strength?"

This ranking was something she could only dream of achieving in her lifetime. Her best accomplishment had been breaking into the top five thousand; the gap to the top five hundred was like a chasm.

"Did he message you anything?" the woman asked again.

Walnut shook her head.

"Then that's right," the woman nodded, "He'll definitely have a place in the top one hundred!"

Walnut hesitated, "What about the next combat..."

"It doesn't change, bet everything on him!" the woman said decisively.

Walnut was secretly speechless. Neither she nor her master had ever experienced such wealth, having amassed a huge fortune in just a few days. But if they bet wrong later, all their accumulation would go down the drain.

Walnut dared not believe her master's judgment, because her master's luck in gambling was really poor.

To be safe, she couldn't help but message Lu Ye, "Can you still win?"

"No problem!" Lu Ye quickly replied, simultaneously sending a combat field number.

Walnut was shocked, "Aren't you going to rest a bit more?" She had never seen anyone like him. The last competition had clearly exhausted him severely, and now, so soon, he was starting again.

She hurriedly informed her master of the number, and together they entered the combat field. Looking up, Lu Ye was already standing in the arena, showing not a trace of weariness, instead looking energetic and vigorous.

For other cultivators, perhaps after a fierce battle, a period of recovery would be necessary, but Lu Ye had his Talent Tree, allowing the depleted mana to be quickly replenished. As long as his physical strength kept pace, no lengthy recovery was needed.

Another fierce battle ensued. At this level of combat, there were more cultivators in the stands, unlike when Lu Ye had just broken into the top ten thousand and the stands were sparsely populated, now they were almost packed to capacity.

With more spectators, naturally, more cultivators would wager, which in turn allowed Walnut and her master to gain even greater benefits.

The only thing that dissatisfied the woman was that now it wasn't just the two of them watching Lu Ye; many had already noticed this rising star.

Although those people couldn't contact Lu Ye and follow him into specific Asura Fields, some of them were lucky enough to enter the place where Lu Ye was and naturally would bet on him without hesitation.

As a result, this indirectly reduced the earnings for Walnut and her master.

Victory after victory.

Walnut felt she was winning big. She never imagined that obtaining Asura Seals in the Asura Field could be so easy and effortless, somewhat experiencing the joy her master found in this endeavor.

After several more victories, Lu Ye's ranking had already broken into the top one hundred!

The rise of a new star, word spread, and many in the Asura Field knew that an extraordinary newcomer had arrived, undefeated through one to two hundred battles.

Unfortunately, no one knew where this new star came from or their name, because on the combat field rankings, this newcomer's information was hidden. Currently, it was only known that he was a human race sword-wielding combat cultivator.

Ranking in the top hundred, the rules changed again; he could no longer challenge opponents ranked in the top hundred. Lu Ye could only challenge cultivators ranked within ten places above him.

In other words, he would need to win at least nine more battles to reach the top ten, although considering some cultivators were not currently in the Sky Asura World, the actual number of battles would be more than nine.

For Lu Ye, this was not an issue.

The strength of cultivators within the top hundred compared to those within five hundred showed marked changes. Even someone like Lu Ye had to respond carefully, as some cultivators often employed peculiar techniques, and carelessness could lead to unexpected defeat.

Walnut was utterly stunned because she hadn't anticipated that within the top hundred, Lu Ye could still march triumphantly.

Initially, her master had judged that Lu Ye had a place within the top five hundred, then within the top hundred, yet presently this wasn't the limit.

After more than ten battles, Lu Ye succeeded in reaching the top ten.

The cultivators in the Asura Field all knew that in this combat field, the top ten were in a different league compared to those below them.

Though entering the top ten didn't guarantee advancement to Sun Blaze, the strength of top ten cultivators always dominated an entire realm.

In every combat, Walnut watched from beginning to end, holding her breath the whole time since Lu Ye's wins and losses were crucial to her entire fortune.

Gradually, she noticed a strange phenomenon; whether it was within the top five hundred, the top hundred, or the current top ten, Lu Ye's performance had remained unchanged. It seemed as though he exerted all his strength yet struggled to secure victory.

If it were just one or two occasions, it would be understandable, but consistently as such made one suspect something else—perhaps even in the top ten battles, Lu Ye wasn't actually using all his strength, because his capabilities allowed him to control the dynamics of the combat.

Chapter 1899 - I'm Actually the Villain

Inside the cave residence, Lu Ye held the Asura Authority Token, examining his ranking in the combat field.

Seventh place, Lu Ye, Nine Heavens World, two hundred and thirty-two wins, zero losses.

Challenges within the top ten can only be carried out sequentially according to the rules, meaning Lu Ye can presently challenge only one opponent, the one ranked sixth.

Unless this opponent is currently not in the Sky Asura Domain, Lu Ye will only then be able to skip him to challenge the fifth rank.

After a brief rest and recovery, Lu Ye continued to challenge.

However, this time he didn't succeed, indicating that the sixth-ranked opponent is undoubtedly not in the Sky Asura Domain.

Lu Ye has encountered this situation many times before, so it's not unfamiliar to him. He felt a bit regretful because this way, he missed a chance to spar with a top Moon Jade.

He redirected his focus to challenge the fifth rank.

Again, no success, but Lu Ye was unfazed and continued to challenge the fourth, third, second... and first rank.

A moment later, Lu Ye frowned and fell into contemplation.

It seems those ranked ahead of him are quite busy and are currently not in the Sky Asura Domain, probably engaged in training.

This inevitably left him somewhat unsatisfied, and his plan to push to the top of the rankings was thus thwarted.

However, this is not a big issue. As advised by Chen Xuanhai, Lu Ye knows that three days before the combat field's final rankings are settled, all cultivators wishing to maintain their rankings typically return to the Sky Asura Domain, especially the top-ranked ones, who would certainly not miss this timing.

Because if they fail to return in time and are challenged, they would be directly judged as defeated.

Unlike now, where Lu Ye's challenge didn't succeed, and their rankings remain unaffected.

Unable to challenge anyone momentarily, Lu Ye could only give up and checked the next combat field's settlement time, finding that it would be about a month later.

Thinking for a bit, he sent a message to Walnut, informing her of this situation.

Walnut quickly messaged back: "Fellow Daoist, please come to the treasure vault's main square. I'll exchange the Asura Seal you were allocated for the resources you need."

"No need, keep it for now; I'll decide after this combat field settlement,"

On the other side, Walnut was briefly stunned, and when she sent another message back, she received no response.

On the jade bed beside, a woman lay sprawled out, clutching her Asura Authority Token as if holding the most precious treasure in the world, a blissful, simple smile on her face.

Suddenly she sat up, looking at Walnut: "Which combat field to enter?"

Walnut stared blankly at her master: "The top six ranked ones are all not in the Sky Asura Domain; he can't challenge them right now."

Upon hearing this, the woman couldn't help but show a disappointed look: "What a pity! This boy, now with a hundred victories and utterly dominant, has a great chance of winning even if he continues to challenge." With a sigh, she continued, "No choice if he can't challenge; then let's split the gains with him."

Walnut said, "He said not to for now, waiting until after the combat field settlement."

The woman blinked, immediately realizing: "Interesting... This boy obviously plans to continue challenging in the three days before the settlement! Does he really have that much confidence?" If he weren't determined to keep challenging, why especially wait to split after settlement?

Honestly, she has watched quite a few of Lu Ye's battles, but until now, she still can't quite gauge the depth of Lu Ye's capabilities. After all, the combat field isolates the inside from the outside, and from the viewing stand, many things are unclear, making it hard to perceive accurately, even for her, an expert at Sun Blaze level, sometimes misjudging.

"Master, what should we do?" Walnut asked.

The woman thought for a moment, feeling excited, and said, "If he intends to keep challenging, then we'll keep betting on him!"

Walnut felt anxious: "But Master, the challenges will surely get harder and harder, and if he loses one of those bouts..."

Winning for so long, once there's a loss, everything gained until now would turn to smoke.

The woman winked at her, deep excitement in her eyes: "This is the thrill of gambling, my dear disciple, all that involves immense risk and uncertainty is what makes it truly worth chasing."

"Ugh!" Walnut sighed deeply, feeling her master is beyond saving; whenever gambling is involved, she inevitably becomes fascinated.

The woman's eyes glimmered with anticipation for the arrival of three days before the settlement.

Within Lu Ye's cave residence, concluding the communication with Walnut, he directly stepped outside.

There was still almost a month left until the settlement day, and he obviously couldn't wait here indefinitely. Although he couldn't participate in the combat field, there was no issue with joining the Asura Field practice.

This was one of his purposes for coming to the Asura Field. Only by earning enough Asura Seals could he exchange them for the resources he needed from the treasure vault.

Leaving his cave residence, Lu Ye leaped into the sky.

Looking around, he could clearly see many cultivators nearby also soaring upwards, much like the scene he witnessed when he had first entered the Sky Asura World with Gui Yi. These cultivators were clearly on their way to practice as well.

In a flash, his figure rose higher until, at a certain moment, Lu Ye suddenly felt as if he had collided with a soft, invisible membrane.

His vision drastically darkened, and even his powerful perceptive abilities vanished without a trace at that instant.

He remained unfazed, although it was his first time participating in this practice, he had gathered sufficient information on it and knew it was a process every cultivator must go through.

His current state was peculiar; he knew he still existed, yet he couldn't feel it, as if he had transformed entirely into a separate consciousness.

In the vast darkness, an ancient and desolate voice echoed by his ear.

"The Black Cloud Continent, with its deep foundations, vast domain, and abundant resources, produced numerous talents in the cultivation world. The domain flourished until one day when a cultivator brought back a treasure from stellar space."

Suddenly, a light appeared in the darkness, and an object manifested before Lu Ye. It was a sphere about the size of a human head, entirely green. Though its nature was unclear, Lu Ye knew this must be the treasure mentioned by the desolate voice.

The light dissipated, and his vision was once again shrouded in darkness.

"News leaked, attracting countless elites to compete for it, leading to a great war. The Black Cloud shattered. The remaining cultivators escorted the Black Cloud Sect's heir into stellar space, seeking refuge in the neighboring star system."

Again, a light appeared, and Lu Ye saw a broken fleet navigating through the bright stellar space. The light flickered, casting shadows over the damaged battleships as if they could face annihilation at any moment.

Lu Ye raised his eyebrow, thinking this practice likely involved escorting the so-called Black Cloud Sect heir, needing only to ensure this broken fleet reached the neighboring star system to complete the trial.

This task didn't seem too difficult.

Based on the information he had, the difficulty of a cultivator's first entry into the Asura Field practice was generally not too high, usually manageable with the self-capability of the cultivators. This could be considered a benefit provided by the Asura Field, allowing cultivators to familiarize themselves firsthand with the practice process.

However, aside from the first practice, there were no such benefits for the rest. Generally, each practice posed a risk to one's life, because only then could the practice serve its purpose.

The Sky Asura clan was so formidable back in the day because they honed themselves in the Asura Field. Survival of the fittest, those who couldn't match up were eliminated through successive practices, leaving only the elites. This laid the foundation for their dominance over hundreds of star systems.

As his thoughts shifted, the ancient and desolate voice resounded again: "You, the leader of the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group, guiding your galactic pirate group along with others, are chasing down to seize that treasure, vowing to annihilate the Black Cloud cultivators completely!"

Lu Ye couldn't help but be surprised.

Hearing the earlier part, he thought this practice was about protecting the Black Cloud Sect heir and that sphere-like treasure, then escorting them to the neighboring star system to complete the practice mission. Having cultivated thus far, he had always been kind-hearted, never shirking the duty of protecting the weak.

But unexpectedly, this time he was on the side of evil!

Lu Ye frowned, finding wrongdoing to be against his beliefs, but such is the Asura Field trial. No one knows beforehand what identity the Asura Field will assign or what kind of challenge it will present.

Moreover, the Sky Asura clan wasn't a benevolent race; otherwise, they wouldn't have enslaved so many star systems. These practices were initially designed for the Sky Asura clan, so morality didn't matter to them.

Lu Ye sighed helplessly; at this point, he had no choice but to accept it and decide how to act when the time came.

The Asura Field practice's outcome isn't rigid but highly flexible. As long as one shows excellent performance in practice, even if not acting according to the Asura Field's arrangements, they can still earn corresponding Asura Seals as rewards.

In a way, each practice serves as a real-world scenario where cultivators can make any decisions they wish.

Once more, the light appeared, and this time, a fleet of moderate scale entered Lu Ye's vision. Over a dozen Tiger Shark battleships surrounded a medium-sized battleship, with two large characters engraved on the battleship's hull: Nine Heavens!

Undoubtedly, this was his galactic pirate group, currently in pursuit of the Black Cloud fleet. However, in terms of scale, his Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group was far inferior to the Black Cloud fleet.

His vision suddenly extended forward, penetrating beyond the battleship's barrier, and Lu Ye was surprised to see a familiar figure sitting on a chair inside the ship, a long blade resting sideways beside, eyes gazing ahead with a dignified yet commanding presence.

Who else could it be but himself?

His vision abruptly merged with the figure sitting on the chair, and Lu Ye once again felt the presence of his physical body, blinking in disbelief.

Realizing he was already inside the battleship, mirroring what he had just seen, sitting right there.

Chapter 1900 - Pursuing Black Cloud

At this moment, many cultivators were bustling inside the battleship, a faint fragrance lingering at the tip of their noses, refreshing their minds.

Lu Ye couldn't help but look down, seeing a young girl crouching in front of him, holding his thighs gently with her small hands, her expression docile.

He was startled. Earlier, when he observed the interior of the battleship with that peculiar vision, he hadn't noticed this girl.

Not only that, there was another girl behind him, helping him massage his shoulders.

Someone else rushed up to him, fists folded, loudly saying something.

Lu Ye didn't catch it at first because at that moment, some inexplicable information surfaced in his mind, all about the details of this trial.

Before entering the trial, the ancient and desolate voice only recounted the general background of this trial. The newly emerged information in his mind now provided some detailed intel.

He calmed his mind, then raised his head to look at the cultivator in front of him. It was not of the human race, wrapped in demonic qi, presumably from the Demon Race.

Upon seeing the other party, Lu Ye immediately recognized them. This was the second in command of his galactic pirate group, only second in strength to him, Moon Jade, called Yeh Hua.

As for whether this person was a shadow or a cultivator participating in the trial like him, Lu Ye couldn't determine, because in the Asura Field, all shadows were extremely real, only discernible upon death.

"What's the matter?" Lu Ye asked deeply.

Having been assigned as the chief of the galactic pirate group, he naturally needed to exhibit the demeanor of a chief. This was something Chen Xuanhai sternly warned him about. In the Asura Field's

trial, the more perfectly one integrated into their assigned identity, the more Asura Seal rewards they could earn in the end.

Someone once intentionally behaved out of character, and they never met a good end. Taking the current situation—if Lu Ye didn't display the temperament of a galactic pirate leader, instead engaging in contradictory actions, his subordinates would surely become suspicious.

Yeh Hua spoke again, "Chief, Lightning sent a message urging us to speed up and bite onto the Black Cloud fleet."

Upon hearing the words "Lightning," more of the intelligence gained earlier surfaced in Lu Ye's mind. Attacking the Black Cloud Continent was a joint action of many galactic pirate groups, with the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group being just one of them. After all, the strength of a domain, even without Sun Blaze in charge, couldn't be devoured by just a single pirate group. Among these groups, the strongest was the Lightning Galactic Pirates Group, and everyone followed its allocation and coordination.

The prior battles were quite smooth, showing that this Lightning Galactic Pirates Group had some capabilities.

Hearing this, Lu Ye didn't even think before speaking, "Ignore it!"

Yeh Hua hesitated, unable to help but say, "Chief, what if Lightning sends another message over if we ignore it?"

Lu Ye replied, "Treat it like we didn't receive the information. Communication issues in stellar space are common. With so many collaborating pirate groups this time, one less from us doesn't matter."

Yeh Hua nodded, "That's true." He then stepped back.

Sitting in the chair, Lu Ye's mind shifted. Ignoring Lightning's message was mainly because he hadn't yet decided what to do.

Charging in to bite onto the Black Cloud fleet wasn't the issue. He could even rush in alone and wreak havoc. He believed no one there could stop him.

He previously could hold the Zixuan fleet alone, and now with his cultivation improved, there's no reason he couldn't restrain the Black Cloud fleet.

But doing so would truly be committing violence and evil, even if the cultivators on the Black Cloud's side were just shadows.

Balancing his conscience and earning more Asura Seals required careful planning.

"Sir, if you're tired, why not rest a bit? Your injuries aren't healed yet." The gentle voice arose beside him, from the girl massaging his shoulders.

Lu Ye thought for a while, nodded and said, "Alright."

Not seeing is best, so he got up and walked towards the cabin, with the two women serving him leading the way and following behind.

Lu Ye truly intended just to rest, but as he walked, he found himself led to a bath.

He couldn't help but be taken aback. Suddenly a fragrant aroma enveloped him, and he saw the girl who had been massaging his shoulders now undressing him.

Lu Ye stared at her.

As if sensing his gaze, the girl explained, "My master has prepared a medicinal bath for you, suited for treating your injuries."

Lu Ye looked aside, indeed seeing green light swirling within the pool, seemingly a lot of medicinal syrup was added.

As for his injuries...he sensed for a moment and indeed found injuries upon him, which surprised him somewhat since he was perfectly fine before. But the injuries weren't serious; casual recuperation would suffice for recovery.

The other woman also stepped forward to help him undress.

The two women appeared strikingly similar, their attire almost the same. Standing together, anyone would think they were sisters.

But Lu Ye recalled the information he had obtained earlier, realizing that the two weren't sisters at all.

They were mother and daughter!

One was named Qin Ru, the other Qin Qin, the daughter took her mother's surname, abducted by the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group from some domain, both holding only Constellation level cultivation.

Asura Field is quite beastly indeed! Why was the identity assigned to me so wicked?

Or perhaps, galactic pirates are meant to be like this?

Although Lu Ye has traveled far and wide for many years, he has not encountered many galactic pirates. Before advancing to Moon Jade, he only met the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group, so he really doesn't know what pirates should look like.

"No need!" Lu Ye, of course, couldn't allow this mother and daughter to truly serve him during his bath. Although they were mere shadows, he could still have the most realistic experience.

As soon as he spoke, Qin Ru raised her head in astonishment, looking at Lu Ye with a face full of fear and anxiety: "Master, did this servant do something wrong?"

That kind of fear wasn't feigned; it came deep from her heart. Lu Ye clearly saw her gaze trembling.

Qin Qin was even more startled, directly kneeling to the ground, her body trembling lightly, her face pale.

Lu Ye furrowed his brow, waved, and said: "No, step back. I have some matters to contemplate."

Qin Ru quickly retreated, lowering her head and said: "Then this servant will take leave." She couldn't help but remind, "Master, you should hurry to heal, as a battle is imminent!"

Pulling Qin Qin, the mother and daughter hurriedly left.

Watching their departing figures, Lu Ye's gaze flickered, turning to look at the medicinal syrup-filled pool beside him.

He stepped to the poolside, reaching into the pool water.

A moment later, he removed his clothes, jumped into the pool, soaking his body within, leaving only his head exposed.

To be honest, he hadn't enjoyed such a leisure for years, and since he had some free time today, indulging for a while wouldn't hurt.

After nearly half a day, when Lu Ye emerged from the pool feeling refreshed, Qin Ru was waiting outside the door. Seeing him appear, she quickly bowed: "Master, everything is prepared."

Lu Ye had no idea what she had prepared, checked the information obtained from Asura Field, finding no records on this matter, and then said: "Lead the way."

"Yes." Qin Ru replied and stepped forward.

Shortly after entering a cabin, Lu Ye followed her in, Qin Ru closed the door, but Lu Ye froze.

Because in the room, Qin Qin was tightly bound, suspended in mid-air, lightly clad, delicately beautiful, with an expression of terror and unease.

Qin Ru bit her lip, turning to pick up a long whip with spikes from the side, respectfully offered it with both hands.

Lu Ye thought the mother and daughter had some ulterior motive; he never expected to see such a scene again, looking at Qin Ru with the long whip couldn't help but furrow his brow.

"Master?" Qin Ru softly called; she felt today the leader seemed different, lacking previous ferocity, but more gentle.

Lu Ye raised his hand, grabbed the long whip, inspecting it carefully. Although cleaned thoroughly, it still had a faint scent of blood.

Casually putting the long whip away, he instructed: "Release her." Then turned and left.

Leaving the mother and daughter looking at each other in uncertainty.

Back in the battleship's Central Hub, Lu Ye returned; Lightning repeatedly sent messages asking the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group to cooperate, but they were ignored.

Although Nine Heavens did not cooperate, other pirate groups were perfectly executing Lightning's orders.

As our side continued sailing, Lu Ye clearly noticed the sound of confrontation coming from the side. Turning his head, through the crystalline wall of the battleship, he saw in that stellar space that battleships were engaging in intense battle.

Evidently, Black Cloud fleet had split a portion of its forces to intercept the pirate group's pursuit.

The deputy Yeh Hua walked over eagerly: "Leader, the opportunity has arisen."

Lu Ye said: "What opportunity?"

Yeh Hua pointed to the battlefield and said: "The battle is fierce over there; if we enter the field now, we can gain the maximum benefit at the smallest cost."

Lu Ye appeared uninterested: "Ignore it, keep pursuing!"

Yeh Hua was stunned: "But Leader, such an opportunity shouldn't be missed."

Lu Ye glanced at him: "Am I the leader, or are you the leader?"

Yeh Hua hesitated, then said fearfully: "Of course, you are the leader!"

"Then do as told!"

"Yes." Yeh Hua lowered his head and retreated.

The pirate fleet continued forward, quickly passing by the battlefield.

Onward, often encountering such confrontations, under the relentless pursuit of various pirate groups, the Black Cloud fleet had to repeatedly sacrifice parts, dividing forces to block.

Half a month swiftly passed, the vast Black Cloud fleet had become severely weakened.

Only then did Lightning suddenly unveil his trump card!

More than ten pirate groups previously unseen suddenly emerged from the front, intercepting the Black Cloud fleet's path, completely cutting off any hope of escape for the Black Cloud fleet.