

Humanity 1901

Chapter 1901 - Sudden Mutation

The Black Cloud fleet was trapped in a pincer attack with no escape, severely weakened during its escape. Various galactic pirate groups swarmed over it like a pack of wolves smelling blood.

A fierce battle broke out.

By the time the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group arrived late, the vast battlefield was already a chaotic mess. Although each galactic pirate group came from different backgrounds, with the Lightning fleet coordinating them, there weren't too many issues.

Additionally, their overall strength surpassed that of the Black Cloud fleet, so as soon as the battle started, the Black Cloud side fell into a disadvantage, and the outer battleships were destroyed. The cultivators hiding within were not spared from a brutal and bloody fate.

"Leader, give the order!" Yeh Hua walked up to Lu Ye, his face full of fighting spirit, followed closely by a group of galactic pirate group cultivators, all ready for action.

Lu Ye withdrew his gaze from the battlefield and looked at him leisurely: "Wait a bit!"

Yeh Hua was taken aback and hurriedly tried to persuade him: "But Leader, the Lightning fleet has repeatedly sent messages to us, and our group hasn't responded. Now the Lightning fleet is watching from the sidelines; if our group doesn't exert effort, the Lightning side definitely won't agree!"

"What if they disagree?"

Yeh Hua was anxious: "Lightning fleet is always ruthless in their actions. Now they are quite dissatisfied with our group. If we defy them, they're likely to deal with us first."

"Do they have the guts?" Lu Ye squinted slightly.

Yeh Hua gritted his teeth and said, "Leader, open your eyes and see clearly. The Lightning fleet has already formed an attack formation against our group. If you persist, our group might fall even before Black Cloud is destroyed."

"Impudent!" A stern shout rang out, not from Lu Ye, but from Zi Xiao, the third in command of Nine Heavens, a Moon Jade cultivator. "Second in command, how dare you speak to the Leader like that? The Leader has his considerations."

The Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group had only three Moon Jade cultivators. Lu Ye was the strongest, Yeh Hua was at the Moon Jade mid-stage, and Zi Xiao was at the Moon Jade early stage.

As Zi Xiao finished speaking, Yeh Hua suddenly sneered: "Consideration? I don't know what the Leader is considering. I only know the Leader has been hesitant lately, lacking the decisiveness of the past, especially in the recent action against Black Cloud, missing numerous opportunities!" Turning to Lu Ye, he said, "You are no longer suitable to be the Leader; Nine Heavens needs a new path."

With this said, many cultivators inside the battleship changed their expressions, and Zi Xiao's face darkened: "Second in command, what nonsense are you talking about? In such a major battle, do you want internal strife?"

Yeh Hua disdainfully chuckled: "Internal strife? You're underestimating me." As he finished speaking, his mana surged violently, energy and blood swirling around him, he stepped forward and punched towards Lu Ye seated in the chair.

Zi Xiao's face instantly changed, exclaiming: "Moon Jade Late Stage?"

Yeh Hua had unknowingly advanced to the late-stage, uncertainly concealed from everyone, always assumed to be mid-stage.

Judging by Yeh Hua's effort to hide his cultivation level from fellow galactic pirate group members, he clearly had ill intentions.

He was about to warn Lu Ye to be cautious when he caught a glimpse of a shocking scene out of the corner of his eye. Qin Ru, who had been standing behind Lu Ye servilely, suddenly brandished a longsword, stabbing towards Lu Ye's neck.

Moreover, Qin Qin, who was bowing at Lu Ye's knees, suddenly exerted her strength, clasp onto Lu Ye's leg, restricting his movement while attempting to bite down.

These unforeseen changes happened simultaneously in an instant, and Zi Xiao quickly realized Yeh Hua had prepared well for this, and that it was indeed a plotted move with firm resolve.

This guy had planned to seize power for long, even colluding with Qin Ru and her daughter, otherwise, they wouldn't have reacted this way. They had been behaving docilely ever since being captured.

The Leader's resistance to the Lightning fleet's coordination only accelerated this process; even without today, this would inevitably happen in the near future.

In the blink of an eye, the sound of metal clashing erupted, accompanied by Qin Ru's shocked scream as Yeh Hua, leaping at Lu Ye, stiffened in place.

Violent shockwaves swept in all directions, leaving the Central Hub of the battleship in disarray. Within this limited space, the mana's intense fluctuations caused many Constellation cultivators to reel, unable to stand steadily.

Zi Xiao, after all, was a Moon Jade cultivator, the first to recover from these changes, immediately thinking to rescue Lu Ye. But just as he took a step, he froze.

Because in his imagination, the scene of the Leader being severely injured by a sneak attack hadn't appeared. Facing Yeh Hua's long-planned strike, the Leader merely dispelled it with a punch as he sat calmly there.

Qin Ru's sneak attack seemed totally ineffective, even repelled by the surging mana, she was flung away, still holding her longsword, yet the sword bore no trace of blood.

Qin Qin still clung to Lu Ye's thigh, but no matter how viciously she bit, she couldn't penetrate Lu Ye's protective magic.

The difference in cultivation level was simply too great.

"You..." Just inches away, Yeh Hua's pupils constricted suddenly, filled with disbelief. In his scheme, if his punch couldn't kill Lu Ye, it should at least severely injure him.

But in fact, it wasn't like that at all. The leader blocked his attack with just one fist, which left him quite confused.

He knew the leader was strong, but he didn't expect him to be this powerful.

Moreover, the leader's body showed no signs of unstable mana! That was the most incredible part.

"Are you curious why I wasn't poisoned?" Lu Ye looked at Yeh Hua and suddenly spoke. Mana was still surging, forcing Yeh Hua not to retreat, otherwise the fierce mana would immediately engulf him.

Struggling to resist, Yeh Hua's expression was astonished, "You realized it earlier?"

Lu Ye lifted the leg held by Qin Qin, casually flinging her away. The woman crashed into the side of the battleship, letting out a miserable cry as she fell. She then hurriedly rushed to help her mother up.

The mother and daughter glared at Lu Ye, who was still sitting there, their beautiful eyes filled with accusations of blood and tears.

"The pool was poisoned, of course I knew." Lu Ye glanced at the mother and daughter. He had noticed the poison when he first bathed in the pool half a month ago, but it was very subtle, and the toxicity wasn't strong. He was injured at the time, entering the pool would allow the poison to seep into his body.

This wasn't surprising, considering Lu Ye was a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator. If the poison wasn't subtle enough, it would definitely be detected by him.

In fact, he didn't notice anything, but the Talent Tree reacted a bit.

At that time, he thought it was Qin Ru and her daughter holding a grudge against him, as he had done terrible things to them as the leader of the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group. It was only natural for them to hold a grudge, but he later slowly realized things weren't that simple.

Qin Ru and her daughter alone didn't have the capability. Until Yeh Hua suddenly attacked today, the truth became clear.

Yeh Hua was undoubtedly the one who instructed Qin Ru and her daughter to poison him. Without someone significant backing them, the mother and daughter wouldn't have the courage or capability.

Additionally, the scent on Qin Ru and her daughter was different from usual today. Standing next to Lu Ye, the Talent Tree reacted again.

So, Lu Ye speculated that the poison in the pool needed another poison to trigger it, which was what Qin Ru and her daughter applied today. As for what effect the poison would have, he could not guess.

But since Yeh Hua dared to take action, he must have been confident, especially as he hid his cultivation level. A sudden attack could easily catch a typical Moon Jade Late Stage off guard.

Lu Ye's heart tightened. Honestly, if it weren't for the Talent Tree, he would probably have suffered a loss this time.

This was his first test at the Asura Field, wasn't it supposed to not be very difficult at first? This didn't match the information he got from Chen Xuanhai and Gui Yi.

As these thoughts flashed through his mind, his mana suddenly surged more powerfully.

Yeh Hua exclaimed, his whole body flying backward. Losing in such a direct mana confrontation caused his blood Qi to fluctuate, mana unstable. As he flew out, he hurried to adjust, but there was no chance.

A ringing sound echoed, and the Boulder Mountain Saber was drawn.

Lu Ye followed like a shadow, a barghest's fang already slashed out.

The dazzling saber light filled the battleship's central hub, with faint beast roars echoing.

When everyone came to their senses, Lu Ye had already sheathed his saber. Not far in front of him, Yeh Hua, who had just been so aggressive, was now lying on the ground, blood flowing underneath, eyes wide open, life extinguished.

The galactic pirates who had followed Yeh Hua felt chills over every inch of their bodies. They believed Yeh Hua's nonsense and followed him blindly, only to find out now that their leader's power was terrifying. Even though Yeh Hua had just advanced to Moon Jade Late Stage, he was still a Moon Jade Late Stage. Yet he ended up being slain by the leader in a single strike!

On the other side, Qin Ru and her daughter looked deathly pale, staring at Lu Ye standing there like he was an insurmountable mountain, their hearts filled with despair.

Lu Ye's gaze shifted to them, and the mother and daughter shivered uncontrollably, realizing what awaited them would be a thousand times more savage torment!

Clenching her teeth, Qin Ru brandished her sword and rushed at Lu Ye, shouting, "I'll kill you!"

A buzzing suddenly sounded, and the battleship shook violently, making everyone unstable, causing Qin Ru, who charged with her sword, to fall to the ground.

An urgent voice rang out, "Leader, the Lightning fleet is attacking us!"

Lu Ye turned to look and indeed saw the Lightning fleet, which had previously assumed an aggressive stance, no longer hiding its fangs, launching an assault on the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group's battleship.

All along, the Nine Heavens' side had ignored the Lightning fleet's commands, which had long enraged them. Now that the situation was set, and as soon as Black Cloud was destroyed, it was time to divide the spoils. Losing one galactic pirate group wouldn't mean much, and it would even allow them to divide more spoils, so naturally, the Lightning fleet showed no mercy.

Chapter 1902 - Monster from Another Era

The sudden attack by Lightning Galactic Pirates Group caught Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group completely off guard. The pirates here never expected their enemies would act so decisively. On the periphery of the battleship, two Tiger Shark battleships had already been blasted apart, and the cultivators inside had met a tragic end.

The main battleship of the Galactic Pirates Group was under attack, and against an opponent like Lightning, Nine Heavens stood no chance of resisting.

All pirates were anxious and uneasy.

"Zi Xiao!" Lu Ye called out in a low voice.

"Present!" The third-in-command, Zi Xiao, immediately responded.

"Take over the fleet, try to break through!" The survival of these pirates by his side was related to the rewards he would ultimately receive.

Simply put, as the leader of the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group, it was his duty to protect the lives of the pirates under his command. The more pirates that survived, the greater the benefits he would receive upon completing this training. Lu Ye certainly did not want his Galactic Pirates Group underlings to suffer heavy casualties.

"And what about you, boss?" Zi Xiao asked.

Lu Ye glanced toward the direction of the Lightning Galactic Pirates Group's main battleship, his expression indifferent: "Capture the leader to break the band!"

With those words, he swept outward, exiting the battleship and rushing straight towards the Lightning main battleship.

At this moment, at the central hub of the Lightning main battleship, a cultivator with sharp features resembling a figure carved out of stone stood brazenly, his entire body gleaming with a grayish luster, exuding a fierce and ruthless aura.

He was the leader of the Lightning Galactic Pirates Group, Sky Inkstone.

Uniting all major Galactic Pirate Groups to raid the Black Cloud Continent had been his plan, and everything had gone smoothly so far. Now, they were finally about to reap their rewards.

"Boss, Nine Heavens is attempting to break through!" a voice suddenly alerted.

Sky Inkstone snorted coldly: "Break through? Kill them all for me, dreaming of surviving without obeying orders, a fool's paradise!"

"Boss, someone from Nine Heavens is charging over, looks like their leader Lu Ye." another shouted.

"Take him down!" Sky Inkstone did not regard the opponent at all.

At his command, a dozen Tiger Shark battleships advanced to intercept Lu Ye.

Yet moments later, accompanied by exclamations of shock, another voice sounded: "Boss, we can't stop him, all intercepting Tiger Sharks have been annihilated."

Sky Inkstone was greatly surprised by this and quickly withdrew his gaze from observing the main battlefield. He indeed saw a figure like a fleeting rainbow rushing toward him. Along the way, individual

Tiger Sharks tried to intercept, but the opponent either easily evaded or blasted them apart with a single blow.

Sky Inkstone was slightly startled; the strength of a Tiger Shark battleship was roughly equivalent to a newly-advanced Moon Jade cultivator's physique. Being able to effortlessly blast apart a Tiger Shark battleship showed that Lu Ye indeed had some strength.

Where did this fierce character come from? According to the intelligence he possessed, although the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group was decent, its leader's strength should not have been this formidable.

But such is the nature of training in the Asura Field. Within this stellar space supreme treasure, countless shadows of formidable talents from ancient to modern times have gathered, and one might unexpectedly encounter one.

Sky Inkstone vaguely suspected that this Lu Ye might be a shadow left by a cultivator from another era, because if the opponent were from this era participating in the training, with such strength, he should have heard of him.

This round of training seemed somewhat too easy. Despite the rather difficult process, the overall training intensity felt off.

The problem evidently lay with the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group. Viewing it this way, the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group was indeed the biggest challenge of this training.

"Second-in-command, block him!" Sky Inkstone issued an order while pondering.

The second-in-command under him was quite formidable. By his judgment, even if he participated in the Moon Jade combat field challenge, this second-in-command could rank within the top thousand positions. Moreover, being from the Insect Race, his physique was extremely robust, not inferior even to himself.

The second-in-command received the command and advanced toward Lu Ye.

What shocked Sky Inkstone even more was a scene he witnessed—his second-in-command and Lu Ye met in combat, and inexplicably fell into a disadvantage. Amidst flashing saber lights, the second-in-command's formidable physique suddenly shattered into pieces, dissolving into sparkles of light and disappearing.

The confrontation lasted but three breaths, and Lu Ye hadn't even broken a sweat.

Sky Inkstone's eyes twitched, unable to resist silently cursing in his heart. Just what kind of monstrous genius from another era had left such a formidable shadow in the Asura Field? This strength was simply overwhelming!

Sparks of light suddenly illuminated the scene, and Sky Inkstone saw clearly that with Lu Ye's charge, an enormous sabre shadow abruptly appeared. What terrified everyone was that this sabre shadow grew increasingly daunting as the distance closed.

In comparison to this immense sabre shadow, Lu Ye's figure appeared as insignificant as an ant, yet he wielded this enormous sabre shadow as if it were weightless.

An indescribable sense of oppression enveloped all the pirates' minds and souls, prompting Sky Inkstone to shout urgently: "Defend!"

At his command, the defensive magic array of the Lightning main battleship was activated to its maximum, shrouding the entire battleship in a layer of hazy halo.

The colossal saber shadow had been raised high, its end barely discernible amid the figure.

Lu Ye's body was intensely writhing, his gaze fixed on the battleship ahead. As his arm swung down, the massive saber shadow slashed down as well.

Giant Blade Slash!

Throughout these years of traveling and cultivating beneath the All Phenomena Ocean, Lu Ye had either been refining his own treasure blood, probing into the legacies left by ancestors on the Talent Tree, or spending time in the azure great hall inside the Barghest Saber.

The saber inheritance he had gained from the Barghest had far surpassed what he previously had.

This Giant Blade Slash was among those inheritances, from an ancestor of the Shanyue Race. However, according to the information Lu Ye had gathered, this race was very small and had gone extinct long ago.

The only remnants of this race existed in the inheritances within the Barghest, leaving traces of its existence.

Against targets like battleships with activated protective arrays, the Giant Blade Slash was undoubtedly an excellent method. This strike concentrated half of Lu Ye's mana!

Compared to the Drawn Saber Slash, this strike was equally powerful. However, the time it took to gather power was slightly longer, making it less suitable for cultivators' direct confrontations. It was more apt for the current scenario.

With one hit, the protective aura enveloping the battleship dimmed significantly. The battleship trembled incessantly, countless arrays crumbling at that moment, causing the battleship to drift a thousand miles off course under the enormous power impact.

Inside the battleship, numerous cultivators were thrown into disarray, while Tianyan's eyelids twitched violently.

To his relief, the battleship's protection withstood the strike and did not shatter. However, before he could celebrate, he saw Lu Ye suddenly spin horizontally, his long blade pointing directly at the battleship as he spun rapidly. With the spin, firelight spread out, transforming him and his blade into a Fire Dragon Drill in an instant.

Tianyan knew precisely what Lu Ye intended by this — clearly to break the battleship's protection while the iron was hot. Witnessing Lu Ye's terrifying power firsthand, how could Tianyan allow his wish?

Channeling his mana, he immediately took control of the battleship, aiming to evade the ensuing strike.

But this main battleship was enormous, not easily maneuverable at will. Despite Tianyan's best efforts, he failed. He could only watch as the spinning Fire Dragon Drill viciously collided with the battleship's protection.

This particular inheritance came from an ancestor of the Thunderbolt Race. However, the ancestor of the Thunderbolt Race used the Thunder Dragon Drill, which was slightly different from what Lu Ye displayed.

But there was no other choice. Lu Ye's mana was of the fire element, so his display was naturally the Fire Dragon Drill.

With this strike, the battleship's protection was finally breached. Unstoppable, Lu Ye, along with his blade, directly drilled through the Lightning main battleship, only for the firelight to retract, revealing his figure.

Inside the ruined main battleship, wails and screams erupted. After the battleship's protection was breached, numerous unfortunate souls were affected by the Fire Dragon Drill's might, either dead or injured.

Tianyan's heart sank to the bottom. Single-handedly breaking the protection of his main battleship and almost rendering it useless...

Is this even something a human could do?

Even the top two on the current Moon Jade Ranking couldn't achieve this, could they?

What kind of monster from which era is this? Had he known the opponent was this formidable, he would never have ordered an attack on the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group. Inviting them with good food and hospitality would not have been too much.

But it's too late now.

Despite realizing the overwhelming strength of the Nine Heavens leader, Tianyan didn't retreat. This expedition had cost him considerable time and effort. A retreat now would waste all prior investments. He was confident that even if the opponent was a monster, such techniques consumed significant energy.

He might not be without a chance to fight!

Almost without hesitation, Tianyan leapt from the battleship. At his command, several Moon Jade cultivators from the Lightning side quickly followed.

Turning his gaze, his eyes found the leader of the Nine Heavens.

The sight that greeted Tianyan filled him with joy; the man was taking elixir pills!

He indeed had significant consumption. Otherwise, he wouldn't be taking elixir pills at this moment, especially in such large quantities.

Battling spirit surged in Tianyan's heart. Instantly, he led his Moon Jade cultivators toward Lu Ye, leaving him no time to rest.

Lu Ye remained calm, standing stationary as he chewed on the elixir pills, his cheeks bulging. Swallowing them whole, the power of the Talent Tree activated, allowing the pills' effects to quickly replenish his consumed mana.

His gaze locked on Tianyan, recognizing him as of Stone Race origin. Whether he was a shadow or not, Lu Ye wasn't sure.

If the opponent was a shadow, there were no qualms about killing. But if not, taking his life was out of the question. Whatever the case, he did have some ties with the Stone Race. On the All Phenomena Ocean side, Mang Dang had assisted him quite a bit.

Even if the opposing stances were due to different assigned identities during the Asura Field training, killing someone from the Stone Race here wouldn't be justified.

Chapter 1903 - Sky Inkstone's Escape

Beside the damaged battleship, Sky Inkstone led several Moon Jade under his command to charge at Lu Ye. As galactic pirates, they were battle-hardened and naturally wouldn't foolishly swarm together. During their advance, they dispersed, forming a semi-encirclement as if casting a large net toward Lu Ye.

The distance between them quickly closed.

Suddenly, the figure of a Moon Jade disappeared, and the power of magic began to unfold. Moreover, a cultivator summoned a magic treasure to strike at Lu Ye overhead.

Even though Lu Ye had previously demonstrated extremely terrifying prowess, facing many with few, the Moon Jades under Lightning's command felt little fear.

In an instant, the powers of magic and the treasure enveloped Lu Ye's figure, submerging him instantly.

Yet at this moment, Sky Inkstone suddenly cried out: "Be careful!"

When he turned to look, Lu Ye, who should have been in the distance, mysteriously appeared beside one of their Moon Jades, the black long saber slashing across with no hint of animosity or aura.

The targeted Moon Jade was precisely the magic cultivator who had just cast magic, initially thinking he had succeeded, his mind relaxed, and the momentary negligence quickly turned into a fatal crisis.

In a panic, he attempted to retreat but found it was too late. Hastily, he could only activate the power of his magic treasure to protect himself.

His surroundings suddenly shone brightly, followed by the light shattering. He stiffened as if struck by lightning, his face writhed with terror, never expecting that the protective magic treasure he had placed so much hope in couldn't even withstand a single blow from the opponent.

Although the grade of this magic treasure wasn't very high, only 5-star, it was at least meant for protection; it shouldn't have been broken through so easily.

He couldn't understand, and there was no time for further thought because after the protective magic treasure was broken, another swift slash fell, directly cleaving his form apart.

After the Boulder Mountain Saber upgraded to a magic treasure, besides becoming sharper, it had a remarkable suppression against protective magic treasures. Normally, even if Lu Ye wielded a 7-star or 8-star long saber, it wouldn't cut through the opponent's defense in one strike, but the Boulder Mountain Saber could.

No blood flowed out; as the opponent's body was slashed apart, this Moon Jade shattered into pieces of dim light.

This undoubtedly indicated that the opponent was just a shadow, left behind by some cultivator from an unknown era.

Almost at the same instant that Lu Ye succeeded, multiple attacks mercilessly bombarded from all directions. These galactic pirates showed no concern for their comrades' lives, demonstrating their brutality. To them, if this round of combined assault could take out Lu Ye along with their comrade, it would be profitable.

Lu Ye floated away, reappearing beside another Moon Jade in an instant.

Sky Inkstone's eyes widened in fury, not much distressed over the deaths of the Moon Jades under his command. After all, he wasn't truly the leader of Lightning; this was merely his identity for the training exercise, lacking substantial ties with the Moon Jades. However, if too many of these Moon Jades died or got injured, it would impede the plan he intended to execute next and affect the rewards for this training session's completion.

"How dare you!" he roared, charging at Lu Ye, attempting to save the targeted Moon Jade, but how could he possibly keep up? Just as he made his move, the targeted Moon Jade turned into specks of light under the saber's glow and dissipated.

First was the second, after the second was the third...

Sky Inkstone sorrowfully realized that the Moon Jades under his command couldn't even touch the enemy's clothing. This Nine Heavens leader was unknown for cultivating what kind of secret technique, darting here and there like a specter, impossible to grasp any pattern at all.

That alone would have been one thing, but this individual's long saber wielded terrifying destructive power; even the second-in-command ranked in the top thousand of the combat leaderboard wasn't an opponent to him for more than three breaths, let alone the other Moon Jades?

The only one able to fight him here was himself!

Yet the opponent refused to engage him directly, merely hopping around annoyingly. His Stone Race physique was robust enough, but in terms of speed and agility, he fell far short.

Knowing that if this continued, the Moon Jades under his command would likely be slaughtered clean, he made a decisive call, shouting angrily: "Fall back!"

He intended to personally resolve this Nine Heavens leader! The opponent's reluctance to confront him head-on was clearly due to sensing that he wasn't easy to provoke.

The Moon Jades who survived by chance were already terrified of Lu Ye, and upon hearing Sky Inkstone's command, they hesitated not even for a moment. They scattered like birds and beasts, each with lingering fear.

Yet even so, Lu Ye still pursued and killed another one.

Sky Inkstone had already charged over, his entire body shining brightly like a stone sculpture. His whole body expanded into a small giant, with blazing light erupting from his eye sockets.

One hand formed a fist, ferociously throwing a punch, bellowing: "Die!"

Just having dealt with a Moon Jade from Lightning, Lu Ye abruptly turned, and as the Boulder Mountain Saber glowed, the Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes were already reinforcing it, meeting the enormous fist head-on.

In the instant when fist met blade, the savage collision of mana transformed into visibly spreading shockwaves, enveloping a vast section of stellar space.

The overwhelming fury in Sky Inkstone's eyes turned into shock, and his gigantic form was sent flying backward, his view flipping as he felt a face full of bewilderment and helplessness.

Even though he knew before the fight that this Nine Heavens leader was very powerful, it was only after the actual clash that he realized the opponent's strength was far beyond his imagination!

The terrifying force released along with the saber's slash made even him feel inadequate in comparison.

Is this the human race?

Among the various races in the stellar space, few can match the Stone Race in physical strength at the same level of cultivation, and the human race is certainly not one of them.

Where did the terrifying power the other side suddenly unleashed come from?

What frightened Sky Inkstone even more was that he distinctly felt a crack appearing on his fist after the other party's blade strike!

This was an incredible thing because, in terms of physical resilience, the Stone Race could rank among the top three in the entire stellar space. Their powerful physique has always been their foundation and innate advantage. Even compared to even magical treasures of the same grade, they surpass, yet now, it was actually broken by a single slash.

He originally thought that the leader of Nine Heavens avoided him because he feared his strength. But after this exchange, he realized it wasn't the case at all.

On the other side, Lu Ye stabilized after sliding more than ten miles. It must be said that the power of the Stone Race in the Moon Jade Late Stage is indeed exaggerated. If he hadn't reached the pinnacle of the Constellation Realm and experienced huge growth after entering Moon Jade, he wouldn't necessarily be a match for the opponent in terms of strength alone.

Without any pause, Lu Ye dragged his saber and charged forward.

Sky Inkstone had just managed to steady himself when he felt an extremely fierce aura rushing towards him. He roared in defiance and charged at Lu Ye.

It must have been that he didn't perform well just now!

The two figures, one large and one small, collided. Fist shadows struck the void, blade light blossomed wildly, and mana clashed fiercely without rest.

Shortly after, Sky Inkstone turned and ran.

He can't fight this!

This leader of Nine Heavens is too agile, he's always a step slow, the opponent's strength is even greater, and their mana seems more pure and surging. What made him feel utterly despairing was the opponent's long knife, terrifyingly sharp, which his lifetime-tempered physique couldn't resist strike after strike.

In just a moment, Sky Inkstone was covered with injuries all over, and he clearly felt that each wound had a strange power lingering within, hindering healing.

He still had some strength left to protect himself, but he was sure that if he continued, he would surely die!

While he still had some strength left, he should run as far as he could. As for the reward for this training... if his life were at risk, what use would that reward be?

Failing in training isn't a first for Sky Inkstone. He's long accustomed and naturally knows when to make the right decisions.

He was relieved that Nine Heavens' leader didn't intend to pursue him, merely watched him flee into the depths of stellar space.

But... how suffocating, clearly just one step away from success. Sky Inkstone deeply imprinted the name Lu Ye of Nine Heavens in his mind, knowing that during future training, he might encounter this shadow again, and by then, he must not provoke him.

The leader escaped! Heavy casualties at the Moon Jade level.

The Lightning Galactic Pirates Group panicked instantly. Originally, when Lu Ye was contending against Sky Inkstone and those Moon Jade, the Lightning battleships were still besieging the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group aggressively. However, once Lu Ye returned, the Lightning pirates scattered in a rush.

Lu Ye returned to his flagship, and after the round of fierce combat just now, this flagship was battered and tattered, and his subordinate Tiger Shark battleships suffered many losses.

"Leader!" Zi Xiao led a group of pirates forward, wearing expressions of worship.

Although they were fleeing earlier, they witnessed their own leader's invincible bravery. For pirates who've long been scraping by on the edge of life and death, having such a leader is undoubtedly a stabilizing force, bringing peace of mind.

"How are the casualties?" Lu Ye asked.

Zi Xiao quickly replied, "About thirty percent losses." This was because Lu Ye resolved it swiftly; otherwise, the casualties would have been more.

Lu Ye nodded. Thirty percent was still within acceptable limits.

"What should we do next?" Zi Xiao asked.

The recent incidents were indeed unexpected. Nine Heavens originally cooperated with Lightning to hunt down the Black Cloud fleet. Now, their leader chased Lightning to a rout and drove them off.

As humorous as it seemed, from Zi Xiao's perspective, the leader wasn't to blame. Lightning struck first; how could such a strong leader not retaliate?

Who knew Lightning was so vulnerable, chased off by the leader with a few strikes? In all his years following the leader, Zi Xiao never knew he was so formidable.

Lu Ye turned to look at the battlefield.

The battle situation was clear. Under Lightning's strategic coordination, the other galactic pirate groups dominated against the Black Cloud fleet. The fleeing Black Cloud fleet was now surrounded by the pirates, with no escape.

Chapter 1904 - A Ray of Hope

Even though Lightning, who was previously responsible for overall coordination, is gone, and the various galactic pirate groups have become a band of disorganized rabble, given the situation, Black Cloud's hope of turning the tables is still slim.

If left unchecked, Black Cloud will surely be killed to the last man here.

Therefore, Lu Ye only considered briefly before speaking: "Join with me in battle to escort Black Cloud off the field!"

Zi Xiao was immediately shocked: "What?"

Many of the galactic pirates behind him also looked at Lu Ye with incredulity, each one harboring a huge question in their hearts: Aren't we galactic pirates?

Escorting Black Cloud off the field... what does that mean?

However, in the next moment, Zi Xiao showed a look of understanding, and his expression became increasingly admiring as he looked at Lu Ye: "I understand, I swear to follow the leader until death!"

A group of galactic pirates followed suit with high cries: "We swear to follow the leader until death!"

Where else could you find such a powerful leader? So no matter what difficult-to-understand decisions the leader made, they would not harbor any heart of disobedience.

Lu Ye couldn't help but glance at Zi Xiao: "What have you understood?"

Zi Xiao exclaimed excitedly: "Doesn't the leader want to claim all the benefits for himself? We will first escort Black Cloud off the field, and then..." He gestured with a hand-chopping movement.

This is undoubtedly the mindset of an old galactic pirate. So many galactic pirate groups joining hands, even if they managed to capture Black Cloud, how much benefit could be divided?

But if one claims all the benefits for themselves, that's different; they would surely become fattened with riches! The leader truly lives up to his name, with great skill and courage!

Lu Ye's eyes flickered, but he did not explain.

He certainly didn't intend to keep all the benefits for himself!

Indeed, the mission this time given by the Asura Field was to join forces with other galactic pirate groups in pursuit of the Black Cloud fleet and eliminate all Black Cloud cultivators.

Such a practice fight was indeed not considered difficult for him; viewing its various trials, the biggest difficulty was his own second-in-command colluding with Qin Ru's mother and daughter's scheming, which, had it not been for his Talent Tree, might have really caught him off guard.

This also matched the information he learned from Chen Xuanhai; cultivators on their first practice fight wouldn't encounter tasks that were too difficult.

But even if it's just a practice fight, Lu Ye does not wish to commit evil acts.

He had been contemplating throughout the journey on how to act.

Until Lightning made the first move, and he retaliated...

Now that he has driven Lightning away and killed many galactic pirates, he simply sees it through to the end.

Punish the wicked and support the weak and helpless, such is the cultivator's duty without question!

As for the second-in-command's misunderstanding, let him be mistaken; it doesn't affect anything.

After watching the situation for some time, the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group finally entered the battlefield. Outside of their damaged main battleship, numerous Tiger Sharks circle around, advancing towards the direction of the battlefield.

The conflict between Lightning and Nine Heavens was actually not noticed by the galactic pirate groups because they had been besieging the Black Cloud fleet, without time to consider other matters.

But Lightning fled, and with no new orders coming in, the various galactic pirate groups became puzzled, wanting to contact Lightning, yet unable to reach him.

This led to Nine Heavens' entrance being extraordinarily simple, as the galactic pirate groups did not treat Nine Heavens as outsiders, and willingly opened a gap in their encirclement, allowing Nine Heavens' battleships to smoothly slip in.

Urgently, an unforeseen change erupted suddenly without any warning; battleships from the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group began to launch ferocious attacks outward in all directions, catching nearby galactic pirate ships oblivious and unprepared, falling victim to their misfortune.

Lu Ye led his own pirate group forward at the front, crushing everything in its path, tearing a massive opening in the chaotic battlefield.

At the center of the encirclement, on the deck of a gigantic battleship, a charmingly beautiful woman stood by the ship rail, her eyes anxiously scanning the battle surrounding her.

She felt like she had the worst luck for eight lifetimes, being only at the Constellation Realm yet tossed into such a practice fight scenario, with her identity being Black Cloud Sect's successor!

The task of this practice fight requires being escorted by Black Cloud cultivators to escape to a neighboring Star System.

Normally, the practice fight in Asura Field matches your cultivation level with the appropriate scene; her cultivation at the Constellation level would normally enter scenes that are manageable by a Constellation.

She had heard before that some unfortunate individuals could be put into scenes they couldn't handle.

But she never expected herself to become such an unfortunate person one day! Because the probability of such occurrences is extremely low.

Viewed across this vast battlefield, what can a mere Constellation do? She could only daze idly here, completely powerless to alter her fate.

Panic-stricken inside, because since the start of the escape, Black Cloud fleet's power has been gradually weakened, and at this moment, they are surrounded here, unable to advance.

Each of the galactic pirate groups was like sharks smelling blood, attacking from every direction, suppressing her spirits.

Even so, she was searching for that ray of hope.

Because she knew, Asura Field couldn't assign her a dead end; the scenarios of Asura Field are meant for practice, and if they're certain death, it would lose the essence of what practice is truly about.

She still held some hope, perhaps for cultivators from adjacent star systems to receive the news and come to her aid, or perhaps for the secret instructions the Black Cloud Sect Master had given her before his death to be verified.

This time, her identity for training was as the successor of the Black Cloud Sect, and the deceased Black Cloud Sect Master was her father in name. A father's earnest instructions to his daughter before his death are naturally trustworthy and worth anticipating.

But she had never seen that sliver of light.

Until now, an unusual commotion suddenly emerged in the noisy battlefield. She hurriedly turned her head to look in that direction, but unfortunately, due to her lack of strength and the overwhelming chaos of the battlefield, she couldn't see clearly. She could only ask, "Elder Lan, what's happening over there?"

Behind her stood a valiant woman holding a sword, wearing a half-mask that covered half of her face. She was Elder Lan in the bewitching woman's words and the second strongest individual on Black Cloud Continent, who had stayed by the bewitching woman's side without leaving since the start of their escape.

Elder Lan also noticed the commotion over there, focused her eyes to have a look, and frowned, "There seems to be infighting within the galactic pirate group; one group is attacking their own companions and moving towards us!"

The bewitching woman's beautiful eyes brightened at the news: "Which galactic pirate group?"

Elder Lan looked again and then said, "It seems to be the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group."

The host battleship of the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group had the two large words 'Nine Heavens' engraved on it, which she naturally recognized.

"Nine Heavens..." The bewitching woman felt it sounded familiar, as if she had heard of it somewhere, but she had no time to ponder deeply and quickly said, "Quickly let them come over."

Elder Lan was stunned: "Young Sect Master, they are galactic pirates!"

The destruction of Black Cloud and their endless escape were caused by these pirates, and Elder Lan hated them profoundly. How could she let them approach voluntarily?

The bewitching woman pondered slightly; her Mental Consciousness surged as she quietly said something to Elder Lan.

Elder Lan's eyes widened with astonishment, looking at the bewitching woman with disbelief: "Little Yaorao, this matter cannot be a joke."

The bewitching woman said, "Father personally told me before his death, how could I joke about it? Elder Lan, whether we can break through this time depends on this single opportunity!"

The sliver of light she had been painstakingly waiting for had finally arrived! Indeed, the training in the Asura Field wasn't a dead end.

When Elder Lan heard it was the old Sect Master's last words, she finally nodded and took out an audio talisman to transmit the order.

In the direction of the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group, Lu Ye was making his way over, initially thinking it would be difficult to approach the Black Cloud fleet. But to his surprise, as Nine Heavens approached, the Black Cloud side actually seemed to have the intention of accepting him.

This puzzled him, leaving him unsure of Black Cloud's intentions.

But in any case, this was favorable for him, so he continued to advance swiftly until he saw a gigantic battleship and then flashed his way over.

Since he intended to cooperate with Black Cloud to escort them in a breakout, Lu Ye naturally had to find the person in charge here to state his stance. The fact that he took the initiative to kill the star pirate just now was a demonstration of his sincerity, and Black Cloud must have noticed it; otherwise, they wouldn't proactively accept him.

Landing on the spacious deck, Lu Ye immediately sensed several Moon Jade auras and Mental Consciousness locking onto him.

He glanced around and saw a masked woman holding a sword. Her aura was strong, undoubtedly at the Moon Jade Late Stage level.

This female sword cultivator wore a guarded expression. Although she hadn't personally exchanged blows with Lu Ye, she could tell just from his powerful and invincible stance earlier that Lu Ye's strength was undoubtedly on par with hers.

Their eyes met, and Lu Ye nodded slightly, just as he was about to ask her identity when he heard someone behind the female sword cultivator make a sound of surprise.

Lu Ye looked over, and upon seeing that charismatic face, he was startled.

Because he realized he knew this woman, and they had once cooperated before.

Yet, after all these years, there had been no contact between them, and he hadn't expected to meet her here, what a twist of fate.

Compared to back then, the woman hadn't changed much except for a noticeable increase in her cultivation.

If they were outside, they would naturally recognize each other immediately, but here, in the training scene of the Asura Field, it was better to refrain from actions that didn't fit their current identities.

So Lu Ye merely nodded to her slightly and said calmly, "Lu Ye of Nine Heavens, who here is in charge?"

The bewitching woman stepped out from behind Elder Lan, a smile on her face: "Black Cloud's Young Sect Master, Yuk Yaorao."

"Young Sect Master, be careful!" Elder Lan still maintained her vigilance, raising her hand to hold Yuk Yaorao back.

Yuk Yaorao slowly shook her head, full of confidence: "It's okay, he... won't harm me."

Elder Lan's eyes flickered, remembering the words Yuk Yaorao had transmitted to her just now, and she understood the situation in her heart.

Lu Ye felt somewhat amused and relieved. Seeing Yuk Yaorao, he had his suspicions; who would have thought she truly was the successor of Black Cloud?

He secretly felt grateful that he had chosen to switch sides; otherwise, if he had fought all the way here and saw Yuk Yaorao, would he attack or not?

Attacking was out of the question; they knew each other, and back on the Reincarnation Tree, Yuk Yaorao had helped him quite a bit.

But if he didn't attack, all his previous efforts would have been in vain.

Now, there was no such worry.

Chapter 1905 - Breakout

On the deck of the Black Cloud main battleship, Yuk Yaorao gracefully saluted Lu Ye: "Little Yaorao greets Second Uncle."

Lu Ye was taken aback for a moment, not understanding why the other person called him Second Uncle, but soon saw Yuk Yaorao blink at him and immediately understood that Yuk Yaorao had given him an identity that matched the previous actions.

With a turn of thought, he followed the conversation: "Many years have passed, and Little Yaorao has grown so much." Then he changed the topic: "Less idle talk, I'll escort you in breaking through."

Yuk Yaorao hurriedly asked, "How does Second Uncle plan to do it?"

Lu Ye turned to look ahead: "I'll pave the way, you follow up!"

With those words, he sprang forward, rushing towards the galactic pirate group's battleship in that direction.

Yuk Yaorao was startled and quickly gave an order: "Quickly follow up!" At the same time, she worriedly glanced in Lu Ye's direction.

Back when they first met, both were at the Divine Sea level, and at that time, she was even one minor realm higher in cultivation than Lu Ye. But now, she was only at the Constellation level, while Lu Ye had reached Moon Jade, a whole major realm ahead.

Yuk Yaorao completely didn't know how Lu Ye cultivated to improve his cultivation so terrifyingly.

But having a high cultivation is one thing; whether one possesses the corresponding strength is another. Although the galactic pirate group seemed like a scattered bunch, there were too many of them. Charging in alone like this, without enough powerful strength, would not have a good outcome.

Worriedly, she caught sight of a scene that shook her heart.

That swipe of sword light sliced through, and the Tiger Shark battleships blocking the way had no resistance, being blown apart and turning into a burst of brilliant flames.

In just a few dozen breaths, the originally impenetrable encirclement was cleared into a path.

The Black Cloud fleet immediately proceeded along this path.

Seeing Black Cloud showing signs of escaping, the galactic pirate group's attack from all directions became increasingly fierce, colorful beams came from all sides, turning the vast battlefield like a fireworks gala blooming in splendor, under which countless lives faded away.

The cultivators on this side of Black Cloud were undoubtedly highly loyal, with countless cultivators piloting Tiger Sharks or small battleships, surrounding the Black Cloud main battleship where Yuk Yaorao was, desperately resisting the attacks from the galactic pirate group, and using themselves as a shield for the main battleship.

The Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group, who followed Lu Ye, also joined in. Third Head Zi Xiao was frightened, terrified, although he admired their own leader's decision to take all the spoils, only when he took this step did he realize achieving this goal wasn't easy.

Originally they were part of the galactic pirate group, now turned into the target of assault, their stance reversed entirely.

Suddenly, in front of Lu Ye, a main battleship loomed in the stellar space, unknowingly from which galactic pirate group, seeing him charge so valiantly, the main battleship's arrays buzzed, assembling bright beams into a powerful attack, blasting towards him.

Lu Ye easily dodged, although the battleship's attack was strong, the charge time made it unsuitable for against cultivators, because it could be easily evaded.

The mighty sword shadow was again summoned, and as Lu Ye charged, the aura and the sword shadow rose simultaneously, soon slashing fiercely on that main battleship.

Compared with the lightning main battleship, this battleship was undeniably inferior, coupled with this galactic pirate group failing to timely adjust defenses, under this strike, the massive main battleship was split in two in mid-air, the cut smooth as a mirror.

Countless galactic pirates died under this strike, and the survivors fled in terror.

Yuk Yaorao watched this scene from afar, her heart stirred immensely, recalling back in the Taichu Realm when Lu Ye seemed invincible, dealing massive damage everywhere, so even then, she didn't qualify for the top hundred, but thanks to Lu Ye's protection, she stayed safe until the end, eventually gaining spirit light from the Taichu Realm, advancing her cultivation to Constellation.

After many years, that sense of security once again enveloped her heart, as if with this man standing before, all worries and concerns could evaporate.

"Amazing!" Beside her, Elder Lan couldn't help but exclaim.

Yuk Yaorao asked, "How does Elder Lan compare to Second Uncle?"

Elder Lan shook her head: "I am far inferior!"

Yuk Yaorao's red lips curled slightly; she knew Elder Lan was prideful, as a sword cultivator, and the strongest in Black Cloud, ordinary Moon Jade couldn't catch her eye, yet Lu Ye made her admit her inferiority...

As thoughts turned in her mind, several figures suddenly charged towards Lu Ye from all directions, Yuk Yaorao's Mental Consciousness surged, sending an audio transmission: "Be careful!"

She discerned that those figures were all Moon Jade.

Though Lu Ye had already exhibited terrifying personal strength, mowing down many Tiger Sharks, even destroying a main battleship, these Moon Jade grabbed a perfect timing, clearly thinking Lu Ye was exhausted from destroying the main battleship, striking now was opportune!

"I'll assist him!" Elder Lan quickly commented, her longsword issuing a clear sword chant, merging with the sword light and rushing into the battlefield ahead.

Before she arrived, Lu Ye had already swung his blade, easily cutting down the closest fierce charging Moon Jade!

Simply achieving this wouldn't matter, crucially, the one he slew was a Moon Jade Late Stage! The defenses the opponent deployed sensing danger were as frail as paper.

Elder Lan couldn't help but squint his eyes, secretly relieved that this person belonged to the Black Cloud. If he were truly a galactic pirate, then this trip would undoubtedly be disastrous for Black Cloud.

Killing one person first, Lu Ye immediately charged towards the second Moon Jade.

The opponent, seeing Lu Ye's relentless viciousness, dared not approach and hastily turned to flee, only to be blocked by Elder Lan, who had merged with his sword at that moment, cutting off his escape route.

Seeing this, Lu Ye promptly switched targets.

Ten breaths later, all the attacking Moon Jade were either dead or had fled, and the scene had become clear.

It's not surprising that those Moon Jade were fearful of death; their companions had died too swiftly. Even if any Moon Jade could entangle Lu Ye briefly, they might see a glimmer of hope for victory, but even the Moon Jade Late Stage couldn't withstand three strikes from Lu Ye. Who would dare act recklessly?

Galactic pirates are the most profit-driven and self-preserving group; they rarely get up without profit, swarm in when there's benefit, but flee faster than anyone else when there's risk.

If the lightning were still around, with its coordination and commands, it wouldn't be easy to deal with the galactic pirate group joining forces. But the lightning had been shattered by Lu Ye long ago, and even the head of the lightning had fled far away.

Though there were many galactic pirate groups, they were so scattered that it was difficult to achieve anything.

The tightly-knit encirclement was completely shattered, and when the battered Black Cloud fleet fled through the breach, it marked the end of this pursuit.

The Black Cloud fleet gradually disappeared into the distance, as various sizes of galactic pirate groups gathered together, with Lu Ye standing sternly between them.

One person blocked the stellar space, yet no galactic pirate dared act rashly. That dark long blade seemed like a bottomless black hole, swallowing countless lives of galactic pirates in this battle.

Until the unwilling but powerless galactic pirate groups dispersed, Lu Ye then turned to pursue the fleeing Black Cloud.

When he caught up to the escaping Black Cloud fleet, he strangely found that its size had become considerably larger.

The fleet had clearly acquired many new battleships.

On the Black Cloud main battleship, Yuk Yaorao was waving at him.

Lu Ye swiftly approached and found some unfamiliar faces here, currently scrutinizing him.

Seeing his confusion, Yuk Yaorao proactively began explaining.

Only then did Lu Ye understand that fleets and cultivators from a neighboring Star System had dispatched to meet them, but due to the long journey, they arrived slightly late and only after the intense battle had concluded.

Introduced by Yuk Yaorao, everyone exchanged greetings.

It was evident that Yuk Yaorao was very happy, as her mission had basically come to an end here without much danger. Participating in such training with her Constellation status would naturally earn her decent rewards.

After chatting for a while, Lu Ye took his leave. As the head of the galactic pirates here, it was not appropriate for him to follow them to the neighboring Star System. The few arriving Moon Jade looked at him with clear apprehension, evidently having heard of his astounding battle achievements.

Saying farewell to Yuk Yaorao, Lu Ye took his leave.

The Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group's battleship was waiting in the distance.

"Second Uncle!" Yuk Yaorao's voice came from behind. Lu Ye turned around, only to see her swiftly flying over.

Lu Ye stood still.

As she approached, Yuk Yaorao suddenly flipped her hand, revealing an object in her palm.

Lu Ye looked closely and immediately recognized it as the artifact he saw upon entering this training, a round sphere, entirely emerald green, that had triggered Black Cloud's downfall.

His training task this time had been to seize this artifact and eradicate the Black Cloud cultivators.

"See if this is truly the artifact." Yuk Yaorao handed it over, "I received information that this artifact is linked to the secret of cultivators' ascension to Sun Blaze."

This was precisely the reason it attracted so many galactic pirate groups' covetousness; a normal artifact wouldn't bring such disaster upon Black Cloud.

Lu Ye raised an eyebrow, picked up the sphere, and attempted to channel Mana into it, but no reaction ensued. He also probed with his Mental Consciousness and found nothing, then shook his head saying, "It probably isn't."

Some artifacts appearing in training scenarios are genuine, meaning they can be taken out and used, but others are fake, like this sphere before him. It's merely a prop in the training scenario, purportedly hiding the secret of ascension to Sun Blaze, but in reality, it is nothing.

"That's unfortunate." Yuk Yaorao said, somewhat regretful, because if this artifact truly hid the secret of ascension to Sun Blaze, its value would be boundless. Especially since Lu Ye was currently at Moon Jade Late Stage, the artifact should have been beneficial to him.

Chapter 1906 - There Really Is a Second Uncle

Lu Ye handed the so-called treasure back to Yu Yaorao, but she smiled coyly: "It's for you."

This thing, whether it's truly a treasure, giving it to Lu Ye would affect her final reward because it was part of her training task to take this treasure away.

However, without Lu Ye's help during this trip, she might have lost her life, and thanks to Lu Ye, she was able to complete the training. So giving it away didn't matter.

Lu Ye didn't refuse upon hearing her words.

Immediately, the two exchanged Shura Authority Token marks, then Yu Yaorao playfully winked at him: "Uncle, see you later!"

She turned and left.

Lu Ye watched her, and soon the replenished Black Cloud fleet headed into the distance until it disappeared at the edge of his vision.

As Lu Ye was about to return to the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group, he suddenly found himself unable to move, as if some invisible force was restraining him.

He didn't panic, because he had a good idea of what was happening.

The scenery around him suddenly shattered, followed by the collapse of the world. Points of spirit light gathered from all directions and poured into his Shura Authority Token.

His vision suddenly cleared.

When Lu Ye came to his senses, he was no longer in the vast stellar space, but engulfed in dense domain aura, surrounded by traces of cultivators suddenly appearing or disappearing.

The first training session was over, and he had returned to the Sky Asura World.

Looking around and sensing his cave residence location with the Shura Authority Token, Lu Ye found himself back at the exact spot he entered for training, as if nothing had changed.

But at the next moment, Lu Ye looked surprised as he glanced at his right hand.

Because he found that he had brought back something, the "treasure" Yu Yaorao had given him at the end.

Was it really a treasure? Lu Ye was astonished. When he got this treasure, he had examined it carefully and found nothing, so he naturally thought this item was just a prop in the training scene.

If that were the case, this treasure couldn't possibly have been brought out from the training scene. Only in the final settlement, because the treasure was in his hands, would he earn some extra Shura Seal as a reward.

Being able to take it out meant this thing wasn't a useless prop, it really was a treasure!

Lu Ye was amazed, could it be... this treasure truly held the secret to cultivators' promotion to Sun Blaze?

He examined it again, still finding nothing, and attempted to put it in the storage ring, only to discover it wouldn't fit.

He was incredibly surprised.

There are three possibilities for items that can't be stored in a storage ring: one is being too large to fit, another is having a self-contained space conflicting with the storage ring's space, and the last is being a living creature.

This spherical object wasn't large and thus didn't exceed the storage ring's capacity, and it wasn't a living creature, leaving only one explanation.

The object had a self-contained space inside!

This was unexpected for Lu Ye.

Without probing further, Lu Ye first returned to his cave residence and then took out the Shura Authority Token to examine.

The training was over, and of course, he wanted to check his rewards, as the main purpose of coming to the Asura Field was to earn Shura Seal, honing himself was just a bonus.

Upon examination, Lu Ye lifted his brows, for the rewards from this training exceeded his expectations.

At the moment, the Shura Seal stored in the Shura Authority Token numbered over fifteen thousand.

Among them, one thousand Shura Seal was what he exchanged for using spirit jade, meaning he earned over fourteen thousand Shura Seal in this training!

Calculating time, it took less than twenty days.

All cultivators know that when participating in training, there is a basic reward of Shura Seal for every day spent in the training scene.

The Moon Jade level is two thousand Shura Seal, which means Lu Ye, upon entering the training scene, could earn two thousand Shura Seal a day regardless of what he did, even if he hid and didn't participate in any conflicts. Of course, doing so carried great risk and might trigger crises suddenly descending upon him.

Constellation level seems to be about eight hundred, while Sun Blaze is five thousand.

Twenty days of basic rewards is forty thousand Shura Seal, which means the extra was undoubtedly given as a reward based on Lu Ye's performance this time.

Not bad... Lu Ye was quite satisfied with this haul, as he had expected a much lower number, given he hadn't followed the Asura Field's directions during this trip but instead acted according to his nature.

He vaguely guessed that in the end, Yu Yaorao's gifting of the treasure to him largely boosted his rewards, since his mission was to seize this treasure, no matter how it came into his hands, it ended up with him.

No wonder the Asura Field attracts cultivators so eagerly; earning fourteen thousand Shura Seal in twenty days translates to one million four hundred thousand spirit jade!

In other places, where could a cultivator earn spirit jade with such efficiency?

Of course, the risk of training in the Asura Field is significant, so it's not surprising to have such gains. Not to mention, even a Sun Blaze coming here must be prepared for the possibility of falling.

Fifteen thousand Asura Seals are quite a lot, but compared to the resources he was going to exchange for, it's nothing.

In the Asura Treasure Vault, even the cheapest bodhi fungus costs nearly twenty-three thousand Asura Seals, and the White Moon Crystal he once refined is as high as one hundred and ten thousand...

The Asura Authority Token suddenly vibrated. Lu Ye checked it and found it was Yuk Yaorao messaging, asking about the location of his cave residence.

Lu Ye truthfully informed her.

Less than an hour passed, the Asura Authority Token was active again; checking it revealed another message from Yuk Yaorao, consisting of just two simple words.

Open the door!

Lu Ye opened the cave residence. Upon looking intently, he indeed saw Yuk Yaorao standing outside, her laughter like flowers, with her charming face and voluptuous figure, truly a feast for the eyes.

"How did you arrive so quickly?" Lu Ye was bewildered. The Sky Asura World is vast, yet Yuk Yaorao took only half an hour to arrive, which was quite puzzling.

Yuk Yaorao said: "My cave residence is quite nearby."

Lu Ye understood.

"Second Uncle, aren't you going to let me in?" Yuk Yaorao blinked at him.

"Don't be cheeky!" Lu Ye replied, casting a mystic light at her through the Asura Authority Token. Being called "Second Uncle" was amusing, and he was sure that in terms of age, Yuk Yaorao was definitely older than him.

Yuk Yaorao giggled, carried her hands on her back, and bounced into the cave residence.

She glanced around: "Your cave residence is so shabby, you should tidy it up a bit."

Lu Ye didn't respond; Gui Yi had once told him that cave residences could be expanded, but it needed to be reported to the Asura Field first and required a certain amount of Asura Seals.

Lu Ye didn't have the inclination to do this; this place was merely a temporary shelter for him, having a stable environment was enough.

Inside the cave residence, there were only a few simple pieces of furniture, all carried by Lu Ye himself. Yuk Yaorao casually found a spot to sit.

The small cave residence instantly filled with a faint fragrance, intoxicating to the senses.

Lu Ye thought about it, and since she was a guest, he took out his tea set and began brewing tea, engaging in a casual chat with Yuk Yaorao.

He was quite surprised that she was in the Asura Field; upon inquiry, he learned that Yuk Yaorao's origin was from the Jiuxuan Star Cluster, located similarly to Gui Yi's Rain Flower Star Cluster, both adjacent to the Asura stellar territory. Therefore, cultivators from the Jiuxuan Star Cluster generally came to train in the Asura Field once their cultivation reached a certain level, giving them a significant advantage in this aspect.

One could say that whether Rain Flower Star Cluster or Jiuxuan Star Cluster, cultivators might not have visited the All Phenomena Ocean, but would definitely have entered the Asura Field.

Yuk Yaorao once obtained mystic light in the Taichu Realm, ascending in rank to Constellation, future prospects are limitless, Jiuxuan naturally invested heavily in her, providing every possible cultivation resource, allowing her cultivation to enhance rapidly.

During the Constellation Mid-Stage, she came to the Asura Field, and compared to Lu Ye, who was newly arrived, she had seasoned herself here for much longer.

She encountered many crises but eventually managed to turn peril into safety.

This time was the most thrilling because she, a Constellation, was thrown into the training scene intended for Sun Blaze individuals, throughout the training she could only be a spectator, entirely unable to influence her fate.

Recalling the training she just underwent, Yuk Yaorao had a look of lingering fear and said, holding a teacup: "Fortunately, during the crisis, you emerged, otherwise this trip could've ended poorly." As she mentioned this, she suddenly glared at Lu Ye, pouting: "I waited for you for so long; your timing was too late."

Lu Ye blinked: "You were waiting for me? Did you know I was in the same training scene as you?"

Yuk Yaorao said: "I didn't know Second Uncle was you until you suddenly appeared."

Lu Ye froze for a moment, gradually realizing: "So, this 'Second Uncle' isn't a casual call? There really is a 'Second Uncle'?"

Yuk Yaorao was puzzled, staring at Lu Ye: "Aren't you from Black Cloud?"

Lu Ye said: "I am the leader of the Nine Heavens Galactic Pirates Group!"

Four eyes met for a moment, Yuk Yaorao could not help but laugh and cry: "Then where is my Second Uncle?"

Lu Ye didn't know where the Second Uncle was either.

But only now did he understand, Yuk Yaorao's Second Uncle indeed wasn't a casual term, and there actually was such a person.

He hailed from the Black Cloud Continent, lurking within a certain galactic pirate group, scheming, never revealing himself until the end because the time never came.

Yuk Yaorao awaited Second Uncle simply because the old Sect Master of the Black Cloud Sect, before his death, secretly advised her, informing her that there was an insider in the galactic pirate group, which served as her slim chance of survival.

In fact, they had a token to verify Second Uncle's true identity, but Yuk Yaorao naturally mistook Lu Ye for Second Uncle at first sight, never unveiling this supposed token.

Upon discovering these reasons, Lu Ye was also quite intrigued.

His decision to move into the light was driven by his true self. It was also a logical move after the lightning counterattack, but it accidentally created such a fortuitous misunderstanding; yet, regardless, the outcome was positive.

Chapter 1907 - Dice of Fate

After half a day, Yuk Yaorao left, and before departing, she told Lu Ye the approximate location of her cave residence, asking him to visit her whenever he had the time. Lu Ye readily agreed.

After seeing Yaorao off, Lu Ye calculated the time, realizing that there were only about ten days left until the combat ranking was settled. This short period seemed insufficient for him to engage in another training, unless it was the simplest kind of human duel.

Moreover, the Asura Field had a rule that after a cultivator completed one training session, they couldn't engage in another for a short while. The duration varied, and cultivators could sense when they could start the next session through their Asura Authority Token.

Since he couldn't join any training, Lu Ye decided to challenge the combat field at the Moon Jade level. Currently ranked seventh, he wasn't satisfied; his goal was to top the Moon Jade Ranking!

However, before the challenge, he contacted Walnut since they had an agreement that she would bet on him every time he participated in the combat field and share half the profits with him.

It wasn't long after he sent the message that he received a response.

"You're going to challenge now? Can you wait for two days? I'm almost done with my training; wait for me to return before you challenge, okay?"

Lu Ye didn't expect Walnut to be in a training scenario as well. Not knowing what hardships she was enduring, he could only reply, "Don't die!"

If Walnut suddenly perished, all his previous earnings would be lost. Only if she returned alive could he receive his benefits.

With Walnut unavailable, Lu Ye lost interest in continuing the challenge. Besides, given his current timing, he might not succeed because the cultivators ranked above him might not have returned to the Sky Asura World yet.

If that's the case, he decided to wait until three days before settlement.

Having nothing else to do, he took out the treasure that looked like a ball and examined it carefully, trying to uncover its mysteries. However, no matter what Lu Ye did, he couldn't find anything special about it.

Thinking for a moment, Lu Ye slapped the ball lightly with his palm.

He only slapped it gently without using much force, yet the ball shattered instantly.

Lu Ye was stunned. If it was so easily destroyed, it clearly wasn't a treasure. But the fact that it couldn't be put into a storage ring was perplexing.

Soon enough, Lu Ye found something strange among the fragments—something square, about the size of a baby's fist, seemingly made from crystal. It resembled an enlarged dice but was perfectly smooth without any markings.

Lu Ye picked it up and examined it closely but couldn't discern much about it. He tried to put it into his storage ring but was unsuccessful.

Immediately, he understood that the ball-like object was not the treasure; the treasure was this hidden dice.

Yet Lu Ye really had no idea what this object was for. He tried infusing it with Mana but received no response; his Mental Consciousness probe also found nothing unusual.

Suddenly, he had a thought: since this item came from a training scenario, perhaps he could get answers in the Asura Treasure Vault!

The Asura Treasure Vault had a place for recycling strange treasures, providing a certain number of Asura Seals based on the treasure's value as a reward.

Typically, when cultivators found unknown treasures, they would go there not just to recycle but to have the Asura Treasure Vault identify them.

This was common knowledge.

Therefore, it was challenging for cultivators to find rare treasures in the marketplace of the Asura Treasure Vault because they could understand any treasure's purpose and value with the help of the Asura Field.

He took out his Asura Authority Token and opened a portal, entering the treasure vault.

With a thought, he arrived in an area filled with empty pillars. Cultivators could place their uncertain treasures on these pillars to receive information and a valuation.

Many cultivators were lingering here, apparently harboring the same intentions as Lu Ye. Some were ecstatic, having discovered a valuable item, while others shook their heads in disappointment upon learning their hoped-for treasure was just worthless.

Lu Ye found a secluded spot and placed the dice onto the pillar in front of him. Next moment, a layer of dim light suddenly enveloped the dice.

Simultaneously, some information inexplicably appeared in Lu Ye's mind, clearly an infusion from the Asura Field.

Dice of Fate: Affiliated treasure of a supreme treasure, it helps in seeking fortune while avoiding disaster, altering destiny—all in a single roll.

Lu Ye's brow twitched, and without any hesitation, he grabbed the dice in his hand, looking around to ensure no one was paying attention.

An affiliated treasure of a supreme treasure!

This strange dice was the affiliated treasure of a supreme treasure!

This truly was a great stroke of luck. Indeed, I, Lu, have always been kind and just, love helping the weak, drawing my sword to aid those in distress. This opportunity is well-deserved.

Calculating it, he now had two affiliated treasures of a supreme treasure. The pill gourd was incredibly useful, allowing him to refine elixir pills effortlessly, while the Small Constellation Palace could easily create a top-class Spirit Island in a place like the All Phenomena Ocean.

The affiliated treasure of the Dice of Fate surely couldn't be any worse.

Suppressing his excitement, Lu Ye began examining the dice. Thanks to the Asura Field, he now understood what it was. As for why it appeared in the Asura Field, that wasn't difficult to comprehend either.

The vast Asura Field, from ancient times to the present, countless cultivators have come and gone, some have reaped rich rewards, and naturally, some have died inexplicably. The Asura Field holds countless treasures, including supreme treasures brought in by cultivators that are lost after their death. It is also understandable that the Sky Asura clan invested a large amount of treasures into the Asura Field before their extinction.

But how exactly is this thing supposed to be used?

Avoiding misfortune and turning destiny around, it sounds mysterious and unparalleled.

After pondering, since it's a dice, perhaps it should...

Lu Ye squatted down and tossed the dice onto the vacant space in front of him.

Gululu... The dice rolled a few times, flipped over several sides, and then stopped. Immediately, Lu Ye clearly saw that on the side facing upwards, light suddenly surrounded it, revealing a large character.

Auspicious!

Lu Ye raised an eyebrow, contemplating the meaning of this auspicious sign, hoping it was good, when the character suddenly transformed into a beam of light that shot towards him.

Caught off guard, Lu Ye had no time to dodge; the light hit directly on his forehead.

His expression changed, and he hurriedly activated his strength to examine himself, only to find no feeling whatsoever, not even a reaction from the Talent Tree within his body.

Yet, what felt strange was that at this moment, he clearly experienced an inexplicably strong sense of confidence, as if no matter what difficulty lay ahead, he could easily resolve it.

Anything he desired, he could effortlessly seize!

This feeling was too peculiar, and Lu Ye found himself somewhat unaccustomed to it at first.

However... What is its use? It seems there's no pressing difficulty before him right now. He desires the affiliated treasure of the Asura Field, but where could he obtain those hundred billion Asura Seals?

The Asura Field certainly wouldn't give it to him for free; that would be completely unreasonable.

Suddenly, Lu Ye thought of a good place, perfect for verifying whether the Dice of Fate truly has any usefulness.

With a thought, his vision shifted, and he found himself in another area of the treasure vault.

Here, storage rings were displayed on columns, in precisely the area Gui Yi had previously advised him against frequenting. It's also where cultivators like to gamble on luck.

Many cultivators linger here, examining each storage ring, trying to glean which ring is worth the gamble, but more often than not, they lose utterly.

Lu Ye was not particularly interested in this place; though there have been instances of becoming rich overnight, not just once, where there's victory, there's defeat, and gamblers ultimately go bankrupt.

He came merely to test the Dice of Fate's usefulness, and he indeed felt a strong surge of confidence at that time that he could gamble on a valuable storage ring.

While he was looking around, a voice suddenly came from nearby: "Fellow Daoist, choose this one!"

Lu Ye turned his head, seeing the speaker was an elderly man who looked somewhat familiar at first glance. Thinking carefully, he immediately recalled that this elder was the one who had exclaimed, "It's finally my turn to be impossibly wealthy!" the first time he came around.

He seemed to have struck it lucky that time.

Clearly experienced, Lu Ye humbly inquired: "Why?"

The elder, with an enigmatic air, stroked his beard and said: "Observe the quality, consider the color. Gambling on luck has many techniques; it's hard to explain quickly. But if you believe the old man, pick

this one because, according to my observations, this storage ring is most likely left by Sun Blaze. It won't disappoint you. I seek nothing else; if you gain from it, just share a little with me."

Lu Ye blinked, indifferent to the situation, and reached out to grasp that storage ring.

The elder's eyes brimmed with expectation.

Yet just as Lu Ye was about to grab the storage ring, he hesitated, feeling something unsettling about destiny, and withdrew his hand.

"Fellow Daoist, don't hesitate when you're sure. This storage ring has an undeniable quality." The elder persuaded again.

Lu Ye slowly shook his head, still sensing something off about choosing this storage ring.

Before the elder could persuade further, another person suddenly appeared, snatching that storage ring away.

The elder immediately pounded his chest in regret: "Fellow Daoist, hesitation merely wastes opportunities. If I hadn't run out of Asura Seals, I would have taken it, preventing it from benefiting others. Young man, not listening to an elder's advice leads to immediate losses."

As he finished speaking, a sudden bang echoed beside him, drawing Lu Ye's attention. The cultivator who had redeemed that storage ring stood bewildered, and the ring he exchanged had already shattered into dust.

After a while, the cultivator cursed aloud: "Damn your ancestors!"

Lu Ye turned to look at the elder, whose expression was unchanged: "Some storage rings have aged too long, and without careful handling during unlocking, this can happen. But that was definitely left by Sun Blaze. What a pity! Had I redeemed it, I surely would have succeeded in unlocking the restriction lock."

Chapter 1908 - Ominous

The elder was still being stubborn, so the cultivator who had just exchanged for a storage ring began to curse at him, "Old fool, stop embarrassing yourself here! That storage ring is way too old, it's no longer something that can be unlocked. A little mana fluctuation will make it blow up! I actually believed your nonsense and chose this cursed thing!"

The reason he chose that storage ring was undoubtedly because he overheard the elder's persuasion to Lu Ye. As a result, he lost everything. Thirteen thousand Asura Seals may not be much, but it's not something to be wasted casually.

The elder snorted coldly, "I didn't make you choose it; you wanted to snatch it yourself. Who can you blame?"

The two of them immediately started arguing.

Lu Ye didn't bother with them, stepped aside, and casually exchanged for a storage ring from a pillar, picking it up with a look of astonishment.

Because he found that this storage ring actually didn't have a restriction lock...

Without a restriction lock, it means there's no need to unlock it, and the contents of the ring can be taken out freely.

Upon closer inspection, the ring contained quite a lot of things. Just the pile of spirit jade and spirit crystal was huge, roughly estimated to be around ten to twenty million.

There were also several well-kept magic treasures.

Without taking them out for a closer look, since this wasn't the place for detailed inspection, Lu Ye roughly estimated that the contents of this storage ring were worth about thirty million spirit jade.

Exchanging one for thirteen thousand Asura Seals to get thirty million spirit jade was undoubtedly a massive profit!

Could the Dice of Fate really be effective?

But he quickly discovered something; as he exchanged for this storage ring, the strong sense of confidence he had just now vanished without a trace, which undoubtedly indicated that the mystical luck provided by the Dice of Fate had been exhausted as he exchanged for that storage ring.

With some thought, he moved swiftly out of the area, found a secluded corner, and took out the Dice of Fate once more, tossing it in front of him.

Despite the previous test, which almost confirmed the Dice of Fate's effect, he decided more attempts were needed for a definitive answer.

Watching intently, the dice rolled a few times. As before, a character quickly formed amidst the ghostly glow on the upward face.

Lu Ye's eyes twitched.

Because there it was—the character for "Misfortune"!

He had just gotten a "Fortune," and now it suddenly turned to misfortune; the reversal of luck seemed somewhat excessive.

The misfortune character transformed into light and shot towards him. Lu Ye was prepared and dodged, but it was unavoidable. The light curved with a sentient precision and struck him on the forehead.

Lu Ye, as if struck by lightning, stood there, his expression shifting unpredictably.

For in that moment, he suddenly felt a profound unease, as if something terrible was about to happen.

Just then, a figure rushed towards him from a distance, radiating a fierce and surging mana wave, clearly a Late Stage Moon Jade cultivator.

However, at this moment, the cultivator's expression was panic-stricken, for reasons unknown.

Upon seeing Lu Ye standing there, the person charged straight at him, reaching out to grab him.

Lu Ye frowned, completely unprepared for this unfortunate encounter, because within this Sky Asura World, conflict was prohibited no matter where cultivators found themselves, which was why this grand gathering of Constellation, Moon Jade, and Sun Blaze cultivators from all over the stellar space was possible.

These were the rules of the Asura Field, and any cultivator with sense would not violate them.

Lu Ye initially thought this person might be out of their mind to dare attack him here, but quickly dismissed the idea, seeing the panic and terror on their face without any sign of madness.

He raised his hand and gripped the Boulder Mountain Saber's handle!

However, before he could draw his saber, a mystic light descended from the sky, enveloping the cultivator within.

The rushing cultivator's figure suddenly stiffened, as if struck by an immobilization curse, the panic on their face almost becoming corporeal.

In a terrifying scene, enveloped in mystic light, the entire cultivator melted away like a heated candle, along with their clothing and storage ring.

In merely three breaths, an active Late Stage Moon Jade disappeared bizarrely in front of Lu Ye, leaving not a trace behind.

Lu Ye remained in a stance gripping his saber, looking down to see a piece of his robe missing—undoubtedly grazed by the mystic light.

He blinked, quickly bent down to pick up the Dice of Fate from the ground, and with a thought, returned to his cave residence!

Indeed, it was very ominous! No further verification was needed. It wasn't a suitable time to wander outside; staying in his cave dwelling seemed safer.

However, he also realized something—that cultivator had unquestionably violated some rule and was mercilessly erased by the Asura Field, perhaps due to not adhering to an Asura Pact with someone or for some other reason.

Yet their ill fate brought them to his presence, inexplicably attacking him—likely unwilling and seeking to drag someone down with them before dying.

But none of this concerned him, and moreover, he didn't make a move just now, merely posed a defensive stance, which doesn't count as violating the Asura Field's rules, so that kind of obliteration naturally wouldn't befall him.

Sitting cross-legged, Lu Ye immersed his mind to investigate.

The Talent Tree was burning fiercely, a large cloud of gray mist arose, something intangible was being incinerated!

Lu Ye speculated that it should be the Mysterious Power bestowed by the Dice of Fate on him.

The first time the Talent Tree didn't react was because the first bestowal was beneficial to him, hence the Talent Tree showed no signs.

However, the second bestowal was malefic, so the Talent Tree responded.

The chains formed by the Asura Pact last time were incinerated by the Talent Tree, but it took several days. Lu Ye estimated this time it wouldn't be quickly accomplished either.

Compared to before, the Asura Pact is a hint of the supreme treasure's power, whereas his Dice of Fate is merely the affiliated treasure of the supreme treasure, undoubtedly inferior in many aspects, so the time required shouldn't be longer than last time.

Lu Ye secretly decided that before the Talent Tree incinerates the power of the Dice of Fate, he definitely wouldn't leave his little hideout.

Time flew by, three days later, Walnut sent a message, informing Lu Ye he has finished his training and returned to the Sky Asura World, and he can start the challenge anytime.

Lu Ye told her to wait because the power of the Dice of Fate hasn't been thoroughly burnt out. If he participates in the combat field's contention in such a state, who knows what bad things might happen.

During this period, Yuk Yaorao came to find him again, but was refused at the door by Lu Ye, leaving Yuk Yaorao rather unhappy, pouting and mumbling outside for a long time before leaving.

Several days later, Lu Ye confirmed that his body was already fine, that bad feeling had vanished without a trace, and only then did he send a message to Walnut.

Regarding the Dice of Fate... it should still be used less in the future. Although it's the affiliated treasure of a supreme treasure, there are too many uncontrollable factors.

What makes Lu Ye speechless the most is that this thing can't even be stored in the storage ring, not even the Small Flower World can fit it. Helplessly, Lu Ye could only find a rope, wrap it tightly, and hang it on his waist as a pendant.

Today is exactly the third day before the combat field rankings are settled. Those cultivators who aspire to secure a ranking have returned early to the Sky Asura World, because if they don't come back now, if challenged, they would automatically lose.

Cultivators ranked lower don't care as much, the ranking upgrade is minor, and the rewards during settlement won't change much, but those ranked higher will certainly return.

Lu Ye checked his ranking and was shocked to find he actually climbed to fifth place!

Before this, the names of the two ranked above him had vanished without a trace.

This undoubtedly means either they died or left the Asura Field.

Lu Ye couldn't help but recall the time he encountered someone obliterated by the Asura Field in the treasure vault... that person was precisely at the Moon Jade Late Stage cultivation.

Could it be that one of them was that person?

No matter if they were, it doesn't concern him anyway; Lu Ye directly issued a challenge to the fourth place.

To his surprise, not long after issuing the challenge, his ranking jumped up a position, seemingly indicating that the opponent hadn't returned from their training scenario yet.

These occurrences are common, they were probably delayed by training, but as long as the opponent returns before the settlement deadline, there's still a chance to reclaim their ranking.

Helplessly, he could only challenge the third-ranked person.

Meanwhile, in a cave residence within the Sky Asura World, a member of the Stone Race lay on a bed, another Stone Race member beside him was urging power to heal the wounds, judging by the fluctuation of the person's mana, they were indeed a Sun Blaze.

The Stone Race isn't adept in medical skills, constrained by their physical constitution, but the wounds on this Stone Race member on the bed are extremely peculiar, not something simple medical skills can resolve; it requires strong power to suppress and remove.

The Sun Blaze Stone Race member has been staying here for ten days now, nearly resolving the issue.

Just then, the Stone Race member lying on the bed spoke up, "Elder, someone challenged me."

The Sun Blaze Stone Race member heard this and restrained his mana, nodding, "Then go ahead, but don't exert too much force; the peculiar power lingering on your wound, though mostly resolved, could worsen if you continue to exert force."

The Stone Race member on the bed rose, nodding with a rumbling voice, "I understand, Elder, don't worry, it won't take long, I'll be back soon." He wanted to see which dim-witted fool dared to challenge him, something he hadn't encountered in a long time.

If it were under normal circumstances, he'd definitely be interested, but now being interrupted at a crucial healing moment undoubtedly left him a bit agitated, secretly resolving to teach the challenger a lesson.

He stands with the title of the eternal third in the Moon Jade level combat field!

The vast combat field, tens of thousands in the Moon Jade level, being able to consistently occupy the third place is proof enough of his formidable strength.

Chapter 1909 - Impossible to Fight

In the combat field stands, Walnut and her master followed the information sent by Lu Ye and came here, immediately spotting Lu Ye below as he prepared for battle.

Turning to look at Lu Ye's opponent this time, Walnut couldn't help but be startled: "Why is he challenging the third rank?"

Based on the information she previously had, Lu Ye's ranking on the Moon Jade combat list was only seventh, so he should be challenging the sixth rank this time.

Yet somehow he had crossed such a large gap, skipping several ranks.

She investigated the intelligence on the third rank again and immediately recalled: "It's Sky Inkstone of the Stone Race."

She hadn't seen Sky Inkstone before but had heard his name often, because in the Moon Jade domain, he had the title of 'eternal third'. This meant his rank in the Moon Jade combat field remained third for many years, neither rising nor falling.

All cultivators who challenged him were defeated, yet he couldn't surpass the two ahead of him, keeping him steadfast at the third rank.

"Master, which side should we bet on?" Walnut was somewhat conflicted. Based on previous combat results, she was optimistic about Lu Ye, but Sky Inkstone was not someone the average Moon Jade could compare to. Without true ability, he couldn't maintain the title of 'eternal third'.

Walnut was uncertain whether Lu Ye could contend with Sky Inkstone. If the bet was wrong, a significant amount of Asura Seals could turn to nothing.

She had to be cautious.

The woman responded, "If you're going to bet, place it all on Lu Ye."

Walnut felt doubtful: "But Master..."

"No buts!" The woman interrupted decisively, "Little Walnut, although I've taught you for many years, you still don't understand. The essence of betting is in the process, don't worry about the outcome. Overthinking ruins the fun of betting."

Walnut complained internally, thinking that's why you often gamble away everything.

But she knew her master's temperament; since she decided to bet on Lu Ye, it meant even her master wasn't too optimistic about him, so they could thoroughly enjoy the tense anticipation.

Should she bet on Sky Inkstone then? That way, no matter who wins, they as master and pupil will have something to gain.

While contemplating this, she suddenly noticed Sky Inkstone's peculiar expression down at the combat field.

At the moment, within the closed combat field, Lu Ye stood nonchalantly, glancing around and spotting Walnut and her master, nodding slightly at them.

Across from him, Sky Inkstone's state was odd; he stared wide-eyed at Lu Ye, appearing suspicious, then surprised, next scared, and finally displaying an expression as if he had stepped in something crude...

Because he recognized Lu Ye as the one who made him flee in a panic during previous training scenarios!

He couldn't believe his eyes, for according to his analysis, Lu Ye of Nine Heavens must have been a shadow left by some prodigious figure of an era; in the whole Asura Field, beyond those two, there was no one else in Moon Jade that surpassed him in strength, which had consistently suppressed him over the years, so it was impossible for another to suddenly emerge.

Now he realized that, unexpectedly, one truly emerged out of nowhere!

Compared to those two, this Lu Ye of Nine Heavens gave him just as much pressure!

If it were just that, he wouldn't care. Sky Inkstone's strength was notable, and in the combat field, the protection rules prevent death. Even if he wasn't a match, he wouldn't retreat; he must put all his effort into battle, to showcase the Stone Race's might.

However... Lu Ye's strength was formidable but his methods were vile! Previously, the wounds he inflicted during training constantly lingered with strange powers; even as a member of the Stone Race, he couldn't heal them autonomously, ultimately needing a Sun Blaze elder from his clan to help suppress and remove them, which took ten days.

In a duel, if struck again, would he need to go through recovery all over?

He had been severely disturbed lately; his injuries were almost healed and he didn't want to experience such distress again.

Moreover, Sun Blaze's time was so valuable; how could he impose on his clan elder for continual healing?

This battle... couldn't be fought!

The thirty moments of preparation quickly passed, and Lu Ye finally turned to look at his opponent, sprinting forward the moment his form regained freedom.

Suddenly feeling curious, he wondered why his opponent seemed familiar?

Before he could get a clearer look, his opponent's figure abruptly vanished.

Lu Ye instinctively thought the opponent was a Ghost Cultivator, using techniques to hide their form, but immediately sensed something was amiss because suddenly his view blurred and he found himself back at his cave residence.

Lu Ye was stunned.

In the combat field, countless cultivators eagerly anticipated the battle, which barely began before it ended. Walnut, tense and apprehensive, hesitated for a moment before quickly checking her Asura Authority Token, and upon seeing the abundant Asura Seal numbers suddenly increase, she couldn't help but leap up: "We won!"

In the last moment, she placed her bet on Lu Ye upon noticing Sky Inkstone's subtle expression, making a bold and determined choice on Lu Ye.

This time, they made quite a profit.

Because throughout the entire combat field, apart from the master and her apprentice, only a very small number of people placed their bets on Lu Ye; most placed their bets on the more famous Sky Inkstone.

According to the rule of winners sharing the bets of losers, the earnings from this round were undoubtedly considerable, especially since she had staked her entire fortune, far exceeding others in proportion.

The woman furrowed her brow; although winning the bet pleased her, the fact that Sky Inkstone conceded without a fight was rather odd.

In the combat field, there was no threat to one's life. If Sky Inkstone had no intention to fight, he could completely reject Lu Ye's challenge. The ranking would directly change, so why accept the challenge and then concede?

Though the woman, being a Sun Blaze, was shrewd, she couldn't comprehend why Sky Inkstone did this.

The entire combat field was in an uproar, countless cultivators cursing words like "black box" and "underhanded dealings," appealing to the Asura Field to uphold justice.

The cultivators who had bet on Sky Inkstone felt they lost unfairly, as such a retreat without fighting was unprecedented in the combat field, especially involving someone ranked third like Sky Inkstone.

This raised suspicions that Sky Inkstone and Lu Ye might have some secret dealings, manipulating the duel results for profit.

If such a matter truly existed, the Asura Field would certainly not ignore it, and would thoroughly investigate following any appeals.

But, disappointingly, no matter how loud their protests, Lu Ye and Sky Inkstone's positions on the ranking board remained, unremoved.

In Sky Inkstone's cave residence, he suddenly returned.

The Sun Blaze Stone Race nodded, "Did you win?"

For Sky Inkstone to win was unsurprising; in the Moon Jade level of the Asura Field, aside from two individuals, no one was stronger than Sky Inkstone, leaving one to wonder who impudently challenged him this time.

Sky Inkstone, looking embarrassed, scratched his face and said, "Lost."

"Hmm?" Sun Blaze Stone Race was shocked, "How could it be?"

Moreover, to defeat Sky Inkstone so quickly, not even those two individuals could manage that. Judging by the time, Sky Inkstone entered the combat field and was defeated in a few moves — who possesses such formidable strength?

"Elder, it was that guy who challenged me!" Sky Inkstone looked utterly dejected.

The Sun Blaze Stone Race, in disbelief, said, "The one who injured you before?"

"It was him!" Sky Inkstone nodded heavily, "I originally thought he was a remnant shadow from a past era, but he isn't, he's from this era, so I didn't fight and conceded."

The Sun Blaze Stone Race nodded, "A wise decision."

It's not shameful to lose. Cultivators honing themselves in the combat field are not afraid of wins and losses. The crucial point is the injury inflicted by the opponent's long blade was too vile, which is why Sky Inkstone withdrew.

"How can there be such a guy?" Sky Inkstone was utterly perplexed.

The Sun Blaze Stone Race said, "Being sheltered in a corner, one can only see the sky above; experiencing setbacks on the path to growth isn't a bad thing; your path ahead is long, a single bout doesn't signify anything."

"I understand, Elder." Sky Inkstone was not one to avoid losses; with thoughts racing, he said, "I'd never heard of this guy before; he must have come to the Asura Field recently. I see his momentum, probably aiming for the top spot, and he certainly has to challenge those two as well. Elder, I wish to spectate; can the healing be postponed?"

"Of course," Sun Blaze Stone Race consented.

"Thank you, Elder!"

In Lu Ye's cave residence, he checked his ranking and found he had reached the third position; only two were ahead of him. Focusing his mind, he probed information about these two.

The top spot was held by a cultivator named Gu Sheng from the Yellow Dragon World, below him was a cultivator named Arbuluo, originating from the Ancient Savages World.

Lu Ye's thoughts stirred; the name Yellow Dragon World, truly lives up to its reputation, echoing wherever one goes. There's Yellow Dragon Island on the All Phenomena Ocean, renowned and prestigious, and the top-ranked cultivator in this combat field also hails from Yellow Dragon World.

It's indeed one of the paramount domains in the stellar space, brimming with talent.

The Ancient Savages World he knew slightly; it's a quite peculiar domain. Usually, domains in the stellar space, regardless of size, are influenced by overall environmental changes, undergoing some alteration; perhaps the change is minuscule, unnoticed by people, but over long spans, this accumulated change becomes significant.

This also explains why the cultivation environment today is entirely different from the era of ancient wilderness.

Only ancient stellar marvels maintain traits from those ancient eras.

The peculiarity of the Ancient Savages World lies in its possession of such stellar marvel traits; it seems unaffected by environmental changes, its entire domain maintaining the visage and environment of ancient times.

Chapter 1910 - Must Be Sky Inkstone's Itchy Hide

The unique environment of the Ancient Savages World ensures that cultivators here have always maintained the most ancient methods of cultivation.

And there is only one race in this domain, the Savage Race!

Lu Ye had never seen a real Savage; from what he knew, the Savages didn't look very different from humans in appearance, but on the whole, they were much larger in size. Moreover, they were very adept in the Rune Tattoo Path, a combat method passed down since ancient times.

If the Savages didn't have difficulty reproducing and weren't so few in number, they would undoubtedly be a race whose fame echoed throughout the stellar space. Furthermore, their lifespan seemed to be generally much shorter than cultivators of other races, possibly due to the influence of the Ancient Savages World's environment, and even if a Savage reached the Sun Blaze stage in cultivation, they couldn't change this.

Currently, he was ranked third. According to the rules, there was only one target he could challenge, Arbuluo, unless Arbuluo wasn't in the Sky Asura World.

Just as he was about to issue a direct challenge, his Asura Authority Token registered some activity, and he immediately checked it.

He thought it was a message from Walnut, but it turned out to be information from Yuk Yaorao, with surprised tone: "Did you defeat Sky Inkstone?"

Lu Ye thought the news traveled really fast. He had just won a combat, and Yuk Yaorao already knew about it. Could it be that she happened to be watching at the combat field just now?

But after some inquiry, he realized that wasn't the case. Yuk Yaorao had just been checking the Moon Jade combat ranking and found that Lu Ye's name had replaced Sky Inkstone's, prompting the question.

"Well done!" Yuk Yaorao seemed to have some grievances against Sky Inkstone. "During the previous trial, those galactic pirate groups were formed by him."

Lu Ye was suddenly enlightened, finally understanding why Sky Inkstone seemed familiar: "He was the leader of the lightning group?"

Mainly, Sky Inkstone escaped too quickly for him to take a good look; otherwise, he definitely would have recognized him.

It made sense now why the third-ranked in Moon Jade would retreat without a fight. They had already crossed paths before.

"That's him!" Yuk Yaorao gritted her teeth, "He scared me to death!"

Just as Lu Ye was about to reply, another message came through, this time from Walnut. She clearly knew that Lu Ye wouldn't stop at third and would soon challenge Arbuluo and perhaps Gu Sheng, so she sent Lu Ye some information about these two individuals.

Right after reading Walnut's message, a third message came, this time from Gui Yi, also containing information about Arbuluo and Gu Sheng.

As she was also in Moon Jade, she was undoubtedly busy fighting for ranking in the three days preceding the combat ranking settlement, and noting the change in Lu Ye's ranking was not surprising.

Moreover, considering she was the one who brought Lu Ye into the Asura Field, she was certainly aware of Lu Ye's lack of information on the top two of the Moon Jade ranking and initiated contact to help ensure he wouldn't suffer losses in combat.

Lu Ye felt very busy...

He first thanked Gui Yi, then sent a reply to Walnut, and only then had the time to deal with Yuk Yaorao.

"If you want to continue challenging, you should be a bit careful. I've heard that the top two in the Moon Jade ranking are absurdly strong, and Sky Inkstone has been challenging them all along, yet never succeeded."

"I have some understanding," replied Lu Ye, as the information from both Walnut and Gui Yi indirectly confirmed the strength of these two.

It was only now that Lu Ye understood something; that is, why Gu Sheng and Arbuluo's win rates weren't very high. He found it strange before when he analyzed their information.

This seemed atypical for the top-ranked Moon Jade powerhouses, and now he knew that all their defeats were handed to each other.

There is a rumor in the Moon Jade combat field that Gu Sheng and Arbuluo are on the same level, with Sky Inkstone on the second tier, and the rest belong to the third tier.

Since Gu Sheng and Arbuluo held the top two positions, no one has ever shaken their rankings. Only they can change each other's ranking.

This directly resulted in Sky Inkstone's long-standing reputation as the eternal third!

Every settlement period for the Moon Jade combat rankings, Gu Sheng and Arbuluo would fight a match, with victories shared between them. This time, Lu Ye saw Gu Sheng ranked first, whereas the previous time it was Arbuluo, and the time before that perhaps Gu Sheng...

So every time three days before the Moon Jade ranking settlement, the Moon Jade combat field would be extremely lively, with an unknown number of cultivators entering the combat field to watch the battle between these two. Every clash between them left spectators dazzled and in awe.

As always, many cultivators were currently waiting for the start of their battle!

While Lu Ye was busy exchanging messages with the others, outside a cave residence in the Sky Asura World, a burly figure clad in a beast hide cloak stood like an iron tower. The man bared his chest, which bore a vividly carved roaring tiger rune tattoo. His head was shaved except for a patch of long hair at the back, braided into a small plait.

He raised his fan-like palm and heavily slapped the door of the cave, causing a loud banging. He shouted, "Gu Sheng, open up!"

Immediately, an annoyed voice came from within, "No one's home!"

The iron tower-like man grinned, "Cut the crap, open up quick, Grandpa's here to see you." He continued to pound on the door, making it rattle loudly.

The cave residence owner was utterly helpless, knowing that if he didn't let this brute in, he would just keep jabbering on. He opened the cave residence door, looking at him with an expression full of disdain, "What do you want?"

The owner of the cave residence appeared quite young, with fair skin and exquisite features; if you disregarded his speech and his lack of typical female traits, anyone who saw him would mistake him for a rare beauty.

In fact, considering looks alone, he far surpassed most so-called beauties in appearance.

However, those who knew him would never have any fantasies about his appearance, because he was indeed one of the top-tier cultivators renowned in the Asura Field, on the Moon Jade level, originating from the Yellow Dragon World, named Gu Sheng.

The burly man looking for him was none other than Arbuluo from the Ancient Savages World.

In the Asura Field, many people only knew that they fought fiercely every two months, seemingly having an irreconcilable life-and-death hatred, but few knew that they were very close in private.

Gu Sheng, in front of Arbuluo, barely reached his chest and for some reason, Gu Sheng's complexion was extremely pale, devoid of any color, carrying a kind of sickly beauty.

From afar, the scene had a peculiar feeling of a fierce tiger sniffing a rose.

"Gramps came to see if you're dead." Arbuluo looked Gu Sheng up and down, "What's going on, little bro? Heard you got seriously injured during training?"

"What's so strange about that?" Gu Sheng snorted coldly; getting injured during training was a commonplace affair, except this time he took quite a fall, almost not making it back alive, "Finished looking? Then scram."

Saying this, he was about to close the cave residence door when Arbuluo quickly said, "Since I'm here, won't you invite me in to sit?"

Gu Sheng replied, "No wine, no dishes at home, not suitable for guests!"

Arbuluo flipped his hand, holding a wine bottle, grinning, "I brought my own!"

Gu Sheng looked at him, full of helplessness, gritting his teeth, "You brute..."

Unable to resist, because even if rejected, Arbuluo wouldn't let it go, Gu Sheng could only take out the Asura Authority Token, shooting a mystic light at him, allowing him inside.

Clearly, this wasn't Arbuluo's first time here, for although the residence was large, he knew his way around, first heading to the bedroom area, then pointing at the jade bed beside him, "Take off your clothes and lie down!"

Gu Sheng's face twitched, becoming even paler, standing firm, alert, "What are you up to?"

Arbuluo turned to look at him, patting the wine jar he brought, "You think I'm really here just to drink with you? This is a specially made medicinal wine from the Savage Race, aided by our unique healing

secret technique, ensuring your injuries are healed within three days! Hurry up and recover so you can fight me; I won't let anyone say I won unfairly!"

"No need!" Gu Sheng's face changed drastically; no matter how dire the crisis he faced during training before, it wasn't as frantic as now. Although he also knew the Savage Race's special healing secret technique combined with their specially made medicinal wine was indeed effective, he had tried before and was traumatized by the memory.

"What nonsense!" Arbuluo slapped Gu Sheng's shoulder, making him hunch, grabbing and tossing him onto the bed, swiftly pulling off his outer clothes.

"I'll do it myself!" Seeing Arbuluo stepping towards him, with fierce light in his eyes, Gu Sheng knew he couldn't refuse, hurriedly shouting.

Soon, Gu Sheng, in his shorts, lay on the bed, with Arbuluo's two large hands like heated branding irons, transforming into afterimages striking Gu Sheng's body, with rhythmical slapping sounds.

Gu Sheng's face was flushed red, showing a struggle worse than death.

Nothing else, as Arbuluo urged the Savage Race's unique healing secret technique, his blood Qi surged with each strike, utterly beyond his control, extremely uncomfortable.

Arbuluo, however, spoke with interest, "You probably chose the wrong body, having a figure and skin better than any woman I've seen."

Gu Sheng's face turned even redder, filled with humiliation, cursing, "Are you sick?"

Just as the words left his mouth, he spat out a mouthful of blood, which was pitch black.

Arbuluo chuckled, "See, I told you, don't talk while healing, karma strikes fast!"

Gu Sheng immediately went silent, pretending he was already dead.

Suddenly, Arbuluo paused and said with surprise, "Someone's challenging me?"

After speaking, he continued to strike, muttering, "Never mind, let them wait a bit. Probably Sky Inkstone itching for a beating again."

The only one who could challenge him now was Sky Inkstone. Although Sky Inkstone was not as strong as him or Gu Sheng, he showed incredible tenacity, repeatedly challenging despite defeats, and despite losses beneath both his and Gu Sheng's hands, whenever given a chance, he would initiate another challenge.

What a cultivator needs most is this kind of indomitable spirit, so Arbuluo didn't look down on Sky Inkstone for not being his match.