

Humanity 1981

Chapter 1981: Defecting at the Last Moment

The Blood Race member brought up was evidently subjected to some torture, with a withered aura and a pale complexion.

The Insect and Blood Races are shunned and attacked across the stellar space. On ordinary days, they stay hidden, but in this situation, he knows he's certain to die. Thus, his face is set in a deathly resolve, with no thoughts or intentions of resistance. The All Phenomena Ocean spared his life for obvious reasons; later, he just needs a little cooperation to earn a swift death.

In the presence of everyone, Yuan Cheng pointed at the Blood Race member, smiling as he explained, "This barghest has been hiding in All Phenomena Ocean for years, harboring malicious intentions. Just a few days ago, Lord Governor noticed some clues and captured him..."

In reality, this Blood Race member was caught by Black Cloud from a Blood Race domain, but outsiders are unaware, so Yuan Cheng's narration is taken as truth.

"Upon Lord Governor's inquiry, it was revealed that our All Phenomena Ocean isn't harboring just one Blood Race member, but several more. However, these Blood Race members excel at concealment and transformation, making it hard for ordinary people to detect them."

Many nodded silently in agreement; this was known yet unsurprising.

With a stern expression, Yuan Cheng stated, "In the chaos of the stellar space, the Insect and Blood Races are the worst. The All Phenomena Ocean, being a convergence point of star systems and the center of stellar space, will not tolerate the Blood Race's chaotic behavior here! Unfortunately, ordinary methods can't find these hidden Blood Race members, but... just because ordinary methods can't find them, doesn't mean the Blood Race themselves can't be found!"

At this, he turned to look at the Blood Race member with cold eyes, "Isn't that right?"

The Blood Race member, caught by his gaze, understood it was time to cooperate, so he offered no resistance, replying in a wooden tone, "Correct, our race has a secret technique called Blood Resonance Technique, which allows one to sense the presence of nearby kin when performed!"

Now, he only sought a swift death with no other thoughts, so he was willing to cooperate with Yuan Du's side. In the end, he would point out individuals as agreed; their death would be of a human race individual, causing no harm to him or the Blood Race. In fact, he was quite pleased to see such internal strife within the human race, feeling that dragging someone down with him meant he wouldn't die in vain.

There was an uproar among the cultivators around.

Yuan Du's group arrived mightily at the Three Worlds Island, having brought a Blood Race member who confessed such information, intensifying the speculations and suspicions.

This recently rising-in-fame Three Worlds Island, could it really be...

"Island Master Lu." Yuan Cheng smiled at Lu Ye, "I wonder if Island Master Lu has anything to say?"

Lu Ye remained calm, "What do you want me to say?"

Yuan Cheng was slightly disappointed; he had expected to see Lu Ye panicked, but never imagined his demeanor to be so composed, even at this point, still so calm.

At this point, the purpose of Yuan Du bringing a Blood Race member was clear — to accuse Lu Ye of being a Blood Race member! But both Yuan Du and Yuan Cheng knew this was an obvious accusation. Yet, even so, what could be done? As long as the Blood Race member pointed out Lu Ye, they had a pretext to act. At that time, the Three Worlds Island wouldn't compromise. If the Three Worlds Island dared to resist, it would prove their guilt, allowing Yuan Du to act without opposition.

This was an open conspiracy, one impossible to counter due to the absolute power gap.

Sun Blaze's governor indeed wouldn't intervene in disputes between the Spirit Islands, but eliminating Blood Race members would not be an issue.

Thus, Yuan Du schemed to remove Jiu Yan; as long as she remained on the Three Worlds Island, the plan couldn't unfold. If it came to that, and Jiu Yan personally confronted him, how would he craft an argument?

Jiu Yan had quite a temper, and might even resort to fighting him into submission if things didn't go her way.

With Jiu Yan absent and no other governors stepping in, Yuan Du stood unrivaled on the All Phenomena Ocean!

"Since Island Master Lu has nothing to say, I'll speak then." Yuan Cheng continued smiling, "I've seen Island Master Lu from a distance using his skills. I'm curious about one thing: Island Master Lu hails from combat cultivation, so how did you master such exquisite Blood Path Techniques?"

Not giving Lu Ye a chance to speak, he raised his voice, "Whether it was against Baiyue or the attack on Zixuan years back, Island Master Lu's Blood Sea Technique was astonishing. That level of Blood Sea Technique doesn't resemble typical Blood Path Secret Techniques and shouldn't be achievable by a combat cultivator!"

If he hadn't mentioned it, it might have been fine, but as soon as he did, many onlookers frowned in thought.

Many had witnessed the battles against Baiyue and Zixuan, and Lu Ye's Blood Sea Technique indeed left a deep impression. Thinking back, something didn't add up.

Lu Yiye of Three Worlds Island, acclaimed as the top under the Sun Blaze, had fought his way up with combat cultivation skills. A person's energy is finite; those who specifically cultivate Blood Path Secret Techniques may not be able to exhibit such a level of Blood Sea Technique, yet a combat cultivator managed it, which indeed was abnormal.

Lu Ye blinked, "Yes, I come from combat cultivation, but I also cultivate in magic, physique, sword... Is there a problem?"

Yuan Cheng was at a loss, "Who knew Fellow Daoist was so shameless!"

"No more chatter!" Yuan Du impatiently urged. If he didn't need to uphold a righteous stance, he wouldn't bother with these trivial matters. However, if Sun Blaze's governor personally acted, it had to be justified, so some procedures had to be followed.

Quickly composing himself, Yuan Cheng glared at Lu Ye, "You are a combat cultivator, yet can use Blood Path Secret Techniques of such caliber; there's only one true reason! Island Master Lu, do we have to be explicit?"

Lu Ye replied, "If you can make it explicit, go ahead, I'm all ears!"

While arguing with Yuan Cheng, Lu Ye's Mental Consciousness was also stirring.

Within the Three Worlds Island, at the pill-making room, his Second Senior Sister had already blown the green sea conch, prompting the Three Worlds Island cultivators to retreat towards the merfolk territory.

Since a few days ago, when Lu Ye felt uneasy, he sensed something would occur, and thus made arrangements early on.

Currently, the most precious asset of the Three Worlds Island was its local island cultivators. As long as they were evacuated, losing the island itself would not be a significant loss.

Yuan Du's visit clearly won't end peacefully. Lu Ye, whose fists aren't bigger than others', doesn't intend to confront him head-on, waiting for this turmoil to pass, and Jiu Yan to return, then requesting her to take the lead in solving the trouble.

Yuan Cheng babbled on the side, and Lu Ye was happy to stall for time.

Yuan Cheng looked deeply at him, "Then as you wish!" Then, he turned to the Blood Race cultivator nearby and ordered, "Find your kin!"

Without a word, the Blood Race cultivator immediately activated the Blood Resonance Technique.

The genuine Blood Resonance Technique, when activated, is actually silent, and the practitioner can easily sense the presence of their kin nearby.

However, before coming here, Yuan Du had given instructions, so the Blood Resonance Technique activated now was rather unusual.

Under the gazes of everyone, the Blood Race cultivator's blood Qi surged, and soon, a bloodline extended from his body, twisting and wriggling like a living thing, slowly stretching towards Lu Ye.

This bloodline is completely useless; it's mainly for outsiders to observe, directly allowing them to identify Lu Ye as a member of the Blood Race.

As the bloodline pointed straight at Lu Ye, the ignorant cultivators watching around suddenly exclaimed.

Yuan Cheng's face showed an expression of triumph.

After today, there will be no more Three Worlds Island and no more Lu Yiye in All Phenomena Ocean!

According to the plan, the next scene would be the Blood Race identifying Lu Ye.

But just when Yuan Cheng was looking forward to it, the Blood Race cultivator suddenly showed an extremely astonished expression, staring blankly at Lu Ye, then turned to Ma Shangsi beside Lu Ye...

He indeed followed Yuan Du's previous instructions, using a despicable method to frame this young man in front of him, but he also quietly activated the genuine Blood Resonance Technique.

To his astonishment, he found that this young man he planned to frame was indeed one of his own kind, possessing the Blood Race bloodline, seemingly quite pure!

Not only him, but the other person standing behind him too...

Furthermore, inside the island, there seemed to be traces of a third Blood Race presence!

Could this Three Worlds Island be a Spirit Island occupied by strong members of this race?

The captured Blood Race cultivator's heart quivered, never expecting such an improbable event to occur.

He met Lu Ye's eyes, and the other person's gaze was leisurely, as if hiding deep meaning.

The captured Blood Race cultivator's mind raced with thoughts... Their race had endured hardship like the Insect Race, vilified throughout the stellar space. Amidst the vast and bustling All Phenomena Ocean, any race could vie for a share, except for the Insect and Blood Races.

Even if the Blood Race did come, they had to find ways to conceal themselves, hiding their true selves in the shadows.

Who would have thought that here a top-class Spirit Island had been seized by powerful members of their race!

If his actions led to exposing the others, wouldn't he become the traitor of his entire race? He was prepared to die, death was inconsequential, but he couldn't harm his kin.

Given that their race now occupied a top-class Spirit Island in All Phenomena Ocean, there would be opportunities to spark a far-reaching blaze!

Thus, he decisively caused the bloodline originally meant to extend towards Lu Ye to make a sharp turn in front of Lu Ye, landing directly on the expectant and triumphant Yuan Cheng.

Yuan Cheng was stunned, turning to the captured Blood Race cultivator.

The Blood Race cultivator wore an excited expression, shouting, "So Yuan Cheng, Fellow Daoist, is actually one of our kin. You've hidden well!"

Cultivators around erupted in awe, exclamations rising continuously.

Yuan Cheng was dumbfounded, staring incredulously at the captured Blood Race cultivator, "What nonsense are you spouting?"

The situation shouldn't have developed this way, according to the original plan, this should have been the stage where the Blood Race identifies Lu Ye, and he steps forward to question.

And once the Blood Race identifies, whether Lu Ye admits it or not, it wouldn't matter.

But what is the Blood Race cultivator doing now, spouting nonsense, even turning against him!

Whether he is of the Blood Race, he knows himself, and he couldn't possibly be of the Blood Race, right?

And clearly, it was all agreed upon before...

Inside the protective array, Lu Ye watched the farce unfold before him, his heart stirred; so this is the true meaning of irony? Indeed, it was a scare with no danger, no big deal.

Chapter 1982: Trumped-Up Charges

Seeing that Yuan Du brought a member of the Blood Race over, Lu Ye immediately realized what kind of devious plan was brewing.

The Blood Race's last-minute switch caught him off guard, but he could guess the general reason. It was clear that the other party had truly activated the Blood Resonance Technique and sensed the bloodline connection between himself and Ma Shangsi.

From this Blood Race member's point of view, he certainly wouldn't harm his own kin, thus leading to the accusations against Yuan Cheng.

This led to the current absurd and awkward situation.

Yuan Cheng looked innocent and indignant, loudly chastising the Blood Race member, who was fearless. After all, he was doomed to die, and before his death, he could help a few clan members better conceal themselves, which he considered a gain.

Yuan Du frowned deeply, looking intently at the Blood Race member. If his original plan was to use this Blood Race member to falsely incriminate Lu Ye, suspicions now arose.

The Blood Race's performance was undeniably an act of concealment. What was he hiding? Why didn't he act according to instructions?

It couldn't be that Lu Ye of Three Worlds Island was truly...

At this thought, Yuan Du's heart stirred as if he had just discovered an earth-shattering secret. But he quickly realized that if the Blood Race member did not point out Lu Ye, what purpose would his trip serve?

As the Sun Blaze governor, without evidence, he couldn't act against Three Worlds Island; otherwise, it violated the rules. Especially this time, to create momentum and demonstrate his impartiality, he had deliberately brought so many cultivators to witness.

This situation was like shooting himself in the foot, and for the first time, Yuan Du felt his governor position was a restriction.

Suddenly, a violent surge of mana erupted, shocking Yuan Du, who quickly turned and shouted, "No!"

However, the one who unleashed the mana ignored him. As a figure launched forth, a punch blasted through the void, obliterating the Blood Race member who was entangled with Yuan Cheng, leaving no remains. The residual force of the punch did not diminish, crashing directly onto the protective array of Three Worlds Island.

Visible shockwaves rippled from the point of impact, shaking the entire island violently.

"I told you long ago to take direct action, but you insisted on unnecessary tactics, wasting time!"

Within the protective array, Lu Ye stared incredulously at the figure that suddenly appeared: "Black Cloud?"

Wasn't he dead? A year ago, he had been surrounded and killed by several Sun Blaze cultivators on Mount Fangcun in Nine Provinces. How could he be standing here?

But judging by his appearance and aura, this was undoubtedly the Demon Venerable Black Cloud who should be dead. In fact, he seemed even stronger than before.

Black Cloud coldly looked at Lu Ye through the protective array, his Mental Consciousness transmitting: "Boy, if you don't want Nine Provinces to fall into chaos, you'd better surrender willingly!"

Lu Ye frowned: "What have you done?"

Black Cloud snorted, "Nothing much, just at this moment, two Great Demon Venerables and eight minor Demon Venerables of this domain have allied to lead armies against Nine Provinces. They will arrive in three months."

Since his magic body fell in Nine Provinces, Black Cloud had been seeking revenge. However, he speculated that Lu Ye might have inherited the Dao Tree legacy, so while summoning the Zixuan battalion, he decided to personally capture Lu Ye at All Phenomena Ocean.

Attacking Nine Provinces was a precaution, as the Dao Tree legacy being with Lu Ye was only his guess and he couldn't be certain. The best plan was to capture Lu Ye and Three Worlds Island here, while simultaneously capturing Nine Provinces. This way, no matter where the Dao Tree legacy was, it wouldn't escape his grasp.

He knew that Nine Provinces housed powerful guardians; otherwise, his magic body wouldn't have perished. Yet, how strong could they be? With the full force of the Zixuan battalion, they couldn't possibly fail to conquer one Nine Provinces.

By his timing, the Zixuan battalion should already be en route.

After capturing Lu Ye here, he might even have time to rendezvous with the Zixuan battalion, personally leading the campaign and discovering who destroyed his magic body.

Lu Ye's expression changed. Although Mount Fangcun had several Sun Blaze cultivators guarding Nine Provinces, the might of the Zixuan forces was overwhelming. Alone, they couldn't resist unless the Southern and Western Regions also joined in support. Yet even then, they could only match Zixuan at the Sun Blaze level, and once war broke out, Nine Provinces would be plunged into chaos!

Seeing the anger in Lu Ye's eyes, Black Cloud transmitted, "Of course, if you're willing to surrender and answer a few questions, I can immediately call back the Zixuan battalion!"

Of course, this was a lie. The Zixuan battalion had already set out, and even as one of the five Great Demon Venerables, he couldn't stop their advance. He was merely trying to capture Lu Ye more easily.

He sensed that Yuan Du had his own motives, though he believed Yuan Du was targeting Three Worlds Island. His own objective was Lu Ye and the cultivators of Three Worlds Island, so their goals didn't conflict.

"You're courting death!" Lu Ye coldly stared at him.

Black Cloud chuckled, "It's been many years since anyone dared speak to me this way!"

Their Mental Consciousness exchange happened in an instant, but this sudden turn of events left all the observing cultivators astonished. No one expected a Sun Blaze to suddenly strike from behind Yuan Du.

Moreover, the aura of this Sun Blaze was remarkably unusual.

"It's the Demon Race's Demon Venerable!" Someone with sharp eyes immediately recognized the origin of Black Cloud.

"Demon Race... in this case, it should be Zixuan's Demon Venerable."

"Demon Venerable Black Cloud, right? I remember seeing him from afar once when I was young."

"A Demon Venerable acting without cause; this breaks the rules. Aren't the governors reacting?"

As the cultivators discussed, at All Phenomena Island, in front of the Governor's Palace, four figures gathered here, looking towards Three Worlds Island.

These four were precisely the other four governors besides Yuan Du.

Guk Xi of Celestial Flames World, Muh Qing of Kunyu World, Mo Wenli of Illusion God World, Chen Xuanba of Gaotian Continent, and counting Yuan Du from Yiyuan World, these big domains are basically the most powerful ones in the All Phenomena Galaxy.

"What is Senior Brother Yuan Du doing?" Muh Qing frowned.

As fellow Sun Blaze governors, they certainly knew what Yuan Du had been plotting recently. Moreover, before setting out, Yuan Du assured them faithfully that whatever he did would not break the rules of All Phenomena Ocean.

But now it seems, Yuan Du's promises are worthless.

The outsider Sun Blaze has already made a move here. If this matter isn't resolved well, it would greatly damage the authority and reputation of these Sun Blazes, possibly triggering a series of disturbances.

"Should we go and take a look?" Mo Wenli asked.

"What good would it do?" Chen Xuanba slowly shook his head, "Is it to help, or to stop it?"

If they help, the reputation accumulated by All Phenomena Ocean over the years would vanish in an instant. But if they stop it, it would only become a joke for outsiders. So whichever choice they make is wrong. They can only watch and wait for Yuan Du to handle things well enough to not severely damage the interests of All Phenomena Ocean.

"Here we are again with this Three Worlds Island, really unruly!" Guk Xi snorted coldly, hinting in his words a grievance against Three Worlds Island.

The other Sun Blazes were well aware...

Guk Xi had always looked down on Three Worlds Island, not because of a deep relationship with Yuan Du, but because Unparalleled Island was taken by Celestial Flames World behind him back then. Yet Unparalleled Island fell into decline, and Three Worlds Island rose. Guk Xi always felt that it was Three Worlds Island that seized the fortune of Unparalleled Island, leading to one Spirit Island's downfall and the other's rise.

If it weren't for Three Worlds Island, perhaps Unparalleled Island could be prosperous now, bringing huge benefits and profits to Celestial Flames World.

But today, how many people on All Phenomena Ocean still remember the once-glorious Unparalleled Island?

Yuan Du targeting Three Worlds Island, he was quite pleased to see it. Maybe once Yuan Du takes down Three Worlds Island, Unparalleled Island under the banner of Celestial Flames World might have a chance to revive?

At this moment, outside Three Worlds Island, Black Cloud ruthlessly acted, Yuan Du failed to stop him, doubts flashed through his mind, and he immediately shouted angrily: "This Blood Race chooses death over slandering and shielding, Lu Yiye, you are indeed of Blood Race origin. Reveal your true form!"

The actions of that Blood Race before were too eerie. He said Yuan Cheng was of Blood Race, which Yuan Du absolutely couldn't believe because Yuan Cheng was a junior of his in Yiyuan World. Others might not know if he's Blood Race, but how could he not know?

But the opposition clearly chose to shield despite prior agreements, undeniably culpable.

Yuan Du was eighty percent sure; this Lu Yiye was indeed Blood Race!

He had no evidence, but that didn't matter. First, putting this big hat on would occupy the moral high ground. The process might be unsatisfactory, but as long as the situation's trajectory remains under control, it worked.

"To impose a crime without proof!" Lu Ye snorted coldly, "Back then, when Insect and Blood Races suffered significant losses in the Reincarnation Tree Taichu Realm, they jointly issued a massive bounty against this Island Master. Many have heard of Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, the name. How could this Island Master be of Blood Race?"

Upon hearing this, Yuan Du suddenly froze. Yes, if Lu Ye was of Blood Race, then what's the deal with this bounty?

Others, like him, had similar doubts. Many knew about the bounty issued by the Insect and Blood Races back then, and they knew the one being bountied was Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens. But few knew that this Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens was Lu Ye of Three Worlds Island.

Now that it was said by him, it naturally became a means to prove his innocence.

Fortunately, Black Cloud was quick-witted, realizing this wasn't the time to argue with Lu Ye, but to swiftly take him down. He immediately snickered repeatedly: "Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, I've heard of naturally, but are you really from Nine Heavens?"

You clearly come from the Nine Provinces!

He was confident that Lu Ye wouldn't dare answer this question, and sure enough, Lu Ye promptly fell silent.

While the two were sparring with words, Black Cloud's subordinates didn't rest; with several punches, the entire Three Worlds Island was troubled and uneasy, the protective array accumulated over the years precarious under such an assault.

This was the might of Sun Blaze. Forget about the protective array of Three Worlds Island; even Zixuan's protective array couldn't withstand such an offensive. By comparison, Zixuan's protective array is far stronger than that of Three Worlds Island.

Chapter 1983: Ma Bin Makes His Move

When Lu Ye sensed Yuan Du's arrival, he had already pushed the island's protective array to its absolute limit. The Spiritual Energy accumulated over the years was being burned through madly. If not for that, with Black Cloud's power, the array would probably have been shattered in just two or three strikes.

Even so, the array wouldn't last much longer. Lu Ye clearly saw the light curtain of the array dimming at a speed visible to the naked eye, and faint hairline cracks flickering in and out of existence.

This was clearly the result of the array enduring an offensive that exceeded its own limits.

Lu Ye frowned, his Mental Consciousness surging as he sent an audio transmission to He Baichuan and the others beside him: "Go!"

Yuan Du and Black Cloud had come on fiercely; things had reached this point, there was no way they'd just let it go. Once the array was broken, everyone here would become meat on someone else's chopping block.

So they had to evacuate Three Worlds Island before the array was breached.

With his order given, He Baichuan and the others didn't hesitate in the slightest. They turned and shot downward, disappearing in the blink of an eye.

Over at the pill-making room, the portal leading to the Merfolk Territory stood wide open. All the cultivators of Three Worlds Island were evacuating swiftly—tense, but orderly.

But there were too many cultivators, and the portal was only so big, so the evacuation still needed a bit of time.

After a quick estimate, Lu Ye knew that before the array was broken, the local island cultivators wouldn't have enough time to all get out.

He still had to use the red talisman!

With that thought, Lu Ye no longer hesitated. Crimson light flared around him, and his aura surged upward rapidly.

"A red talisman?" Yuan Du had been keeping a constant eye on Lu Ye's movements. He'd seen He Baichuan and the others leaving just now and could roughly guess where they were headed. But he didn't care. All he wanted was to keep his eyes on Lu Ye. In other words, as long as Lu Ye was still here, everyone else was irrelevant.

Once he took Lu Ye, the whole Three Worlds Island, and even the Merfolk Territory, would be his!

But when Lu Ye activated the power of an unknown red talisman at this moment, Yuan Du was still taken aback. He knew Lu Ye seemed to have a good relationship with the Dwarf Race, but he hadn't expected it to be so good that he even possessed a red talisman.

Just as he was wondering exactly what type of red talisman this was and what kind of power it would unleash, Lu Ye suddenly gave a low shout: "Merge!"

As the word fell, that crimson radiance exploded outward, shooting into the protective array of Three Worlds Island and fusing with its structure. In an instant, the entire protective array turned blood-red. Looking from afar, the garrison area of the local island cultivators seemed to be covered by a curtain of blood.

The protective array, which had been on the verge of collapse under Black Cloud's assault, suddenly became much more solid.

"You really are kind-hearted." Yuan Du stared at Lu Ye, having already used Insight to see through the red talisman's power.

It was clearly a defensive red talisman, yet Lu Ye hadn't used it on himself; instead, he had infused it into the protective array to increase the array's strength.

Obviously, he was trying to buy time for the other cultivators to escape.

But doing this was utterly meaningless...

"What are you babbling about? Hurry up and make a move!" Black Cloud barked. From the moment he attacked until now, Yuan Du had been coldly watching from the side, even having the leisure to comment on Lu Ye's actions. Black Cloud simply couldn't understand what he was thinking.

Did he not understand that the longer the night, the more dreams there are?

The protective array here had been on the verge of being broken, but with Lu Ye's red talisman reinforcing it, it could now struggle on for a while longer.

If Yuan Du had joined him earlier, they might have already taken Lu Ye down by now. This made Black Cloud extremely dissatisfied.

As Black Cloud's words fell, Yuan Du stepped forward. Even now, he did not forget to shout loudly, "Blood Race Lu Ye, lurking in the All Phenomena Ocean and occupying Three Worlds Island, harboring ill intent—today, this Sun Blaze governor will capture you and act on Heaven's behalf!"

As his words ended, he raised a hand and pointed forward. The attack was silent and formless, yet it made the light curtain—already reinforced by the red talisman—shudder violently.

Lu Ye couldn't help but take a few steps back. With two Sun Blaze experts attacking together, this protective array probably couldn't even hold for 5 breaths.

It was time to withdraw.

He didn't run toward the pill-making room, because it was a bit far, and the portal opened by the green sea conch could only last for a limited period. There was no aura left over there now; Lu Ye didn't know if the portal had already closed.

If he rushed over and found the portal already shut, he'd have nowhere to cry about it.

So his figure flickered and he quickly arrived at the edge of a cliff, below which stretched the pitch-black All Phenomena Ocean.

Out on this All Phenomena Ocean, he had never worried too much about encountering danger, because he possessed a power no one else had—the ability to survive beneath its waters.

When he had first come to the All Phenomena Ocean, Lu Ye had imagined that if one day he encountered an enemy he could not defeat, he would just leap into the sea to escape.

He had simply never run into that situation—yet unexpectedly, now, even at Moon Jade Late Stage, he was being driven to this extent.

He turned around, looking from afar at Yuan Du and Black Cloud, who were fiercely assaulting the protective array. A cold light flashed in Lu Ye's eyes.

It hadn't been easy for Three Worlds Island to reach its current state. Under the openly acknowledged rules, no one dared to provoke or offend it anymore. If nothing unexpected happened, Three Worlds Island would surely stand here for a thousand years, ten thousand years, or even longer, providing long-term and powerful support for the development of the Jade Conch Galaxy.

But rules, as it turned out, really were made to be broken.

In the end, his fists just weren't hard enough!

Back then he had lost one Unparalleled Island, and now he was about to lose Three Worlds Island as well; this made Lu Ye not only furious, but filled with a profound sense of powerlessness.

In the end, only strength that was great enough would work. If his strength were great enough, he wouldn't have to follow rules set by others—by then, he could be the one who set the rules!

"Not good!" Yuan Du met Lu Ye's gaze. Though he didn't know what Lu Ye was going to do, he instinctively sensed something bad, and the power behind his attack involuntarily surged. Under the frenzied assault from him and Black Cloud, the entire Three Worlds Island protective array became like a shattered mirror in a short span of time, countless cracks spreading across it, and the power of the red talisman being completely worn away.

A crisp crashing sound rang out in all directions.

The big array was completely broken.

The two figures almost simultaneously pounced toward Lu Ye's location to kill him, their speed astonishingly fast.

Lu Ye's expression remained calm. He only stared coldly at Black Cloud and Yuan Du, as if to etch the ugly faces of these two into the depths of his mind, and then he was about to leap off, plunging into the sea.

But just then, he suddenly turned his head to look toward the pill-making room.

From the location of the pill-making room, which had originally been devoid of any aura, there suddenly appeared a vigorous and mighty presence out of thin air.

This was...?

Lu Ye's face couldn't help but change. At this moment, the "Contrary" character the Dice of Fate had rolled out before suddenly surfaced in his mind.

This really was...

It had been more than a year since Ma Bin came to the Merfolk Territory. For this year and more, he had been recuperating by the Spirit Jade Vein here, with remarkable effects. Although he was still far from fully healed, at the very least the injury to his Dao foundation had stabilized and would no longer continue to deteriorate.

As long as he continued to nurse his wounds like this, sooner or later he would recover.

But just today, he suddenly sensed something unusual. The direction where the Divine Conch Hall was located had unexpectedly become extremely bustling, as if many Three Worlds Island cultivators had come over.

In the past, Three Worlds Island and the Merfolk Race here had often had personnel traveling back and forth, but never had so many people come at once.

At first Ma Bin didn't pay it much mind, but gradually he realized something was wrong.

With how powerful his Mental Consciousness was, a light probe was enough for him to roughly understand the situation.

The Three Worlds Island cultivators had come to seek refuge.

Disregarding the rules, that Yuan Du had personally taken the field, and joined forces with a Zixuan Demon Venerable to aggressively attack the Three Worlds Island protective array. Three Worlds Island had no strength to resist and could only temporarily avoid the sharp edge.

At that, Ma Bin could no longer sit still. He stepped out from his healing place and came to the front of the Divine Conch Hall. After some questioning, he learned that Lu Ye was still at the back of the Three Worlds Island hall, and he grew even more worried.

He Baichuan and the others spoke with absolute certainty, saying Lu Ye had already made arrangements and there was no need to worry about his safety; once everyone on Three Worlds Island had evacuated, he would naturally have a way to get out.

Ma Bin forced himself to wait at the portal...

Waiting...

But he never saw any sign of Lu Ye.

In the end, he truly couldn't wait any longer. Ignoring the attempts of the others to dissuade him, he stepped out through the portal in one stride, intending to personally go to Three Worlds Island to see the situation.

Lu Ye had taken him in here and given him hope of recovery. As a junior from the Nine Provinces whom he greatly favored, now that Lu Ye was in trouble, how could he possibly stand by and watch?

Although his condition at this moment was not ideal, leaving other things aside, if Lu Ye really faced danger over there, it would be no problem for him to step in and protect him.

The instant his foot stepped into Three Worlds Island was precisely when the protective array was broken. Lu Ye stood at the edge of the cliff, seemingly forced to the point of leaping into the sea in his desperation, while Yuan Du and Black Cloud rushed at Lu Ye like lightning, looking as though they meant to utterly wipe him out.

Ma Bin flew into a rage, the might of a Peak Sun Blaze erupting with a boom as he bellowed, "You're courting death!"

Boom!

The pill-making room shattered, and Ma Bin's entire person turned into a streak of rainbow light, slashing in front of Black Cloud and Yuan Du, his Mana surging as it wrapped the two of them within.

Both Black Cloud and Yuan Du were stunned; they had never imagined that such a powerful expert would suddenly appear on Three Worlds Island.

But very soon, Yuan Du's face changed drastically as he cried out in shock, "Green Demon King Ma Bin?"

How could this be? How could this god of slaughter be on Three Worlds Island? And to jump out at a time like this!

My life is over!

As a Sun Blaze of the local Star System, although Yuan Du had never dealt with Ma Bin personally, he knew full well how formidable he was. After all, the reason he could come to the All Phenomena Ocean to serve as a governor was actually thanks to Ma Bin. If not for a Sun Blaze being forcibly slain by Ma Bin back then, the number of Sun Blaze governors here would never have increased—and his turn would never have come.

He had set his mind on targeting Lu Ye and Three Worlds Island, thinking the situation was firmly in his grasp. Yet today, unexpected variables had appeared again and again, and the current one was the most fatal of all—even the Green Demon King Ma Bin had emerged.

This guy had been hiding on Three Worlds Island all along? But that wasn't right. Jiu Yan had been sitting in town on Three Worlds Island before. If Ma Bin had been here, how could Jiu Yan possibly have failed to notice?

The two of them couldn't possibly have any private dealings. Ma Bin had killed a Sun Blaze of the local Star System; if Jiu Yan and he ever met, Jiu Yan would definitely not let it go.

Chapter 1984: A Twist of Fate

When Yuan Du recognized Ma Bin, he deeply regretted it. Had he known Ma Bin was on Three Worlds Island earlier, he wouldn't have come to stir up trouble no matter what. Was he so tired of living?

With his mind captured, he couldn't fully unleash his strength. After just one confrontation, he was hit by Ma Bin and blasted far away. Luckily, at the critical moment, he used his magic treasure to protect himself; otherwise, this blow would have surely injured him.

No wonder it's Green Demon King Ma Bin!

Yuan Du felt a bit anxious internally and turned to look. He saw Ma Bin and Black Cloud entangled in a fierce battle, with Sun Blaze mana clashing intensely and making the surroundings unstable. For a moment, it seemed like an evenly matched standoff.

Black Cloud... is he really that strong? Yuan Du was taken aback. He knew Black Cloud was superior to him, but for Black Cloud to match Ma Bin so firmly was still surprising.

However, he quickly realized the reason. Although Ma Bin's aura was overwhelmingly powerful, every move brimming with immense might, it still seemed somewhat lacking in fluidity.

Being a Sun Blaze, Yuan Du naturally had keen eyesight. Immediately, he realized that Ma Bin was injured, enabling Black Cloud to contend with him evenly.

No matter when Ma Bin got injured or because of whom, it was ultimately good news for Yuan Du's side.

"What are you doing standing there? Quickly capture that kid!" Black Cloud's infuriated voice echoed. Ever since Zixuan suffered great losses due to Yuan Du's urging, Black Cloud knew he was unreliable. Yet he never expected him to be unreliable to such an extent.

The renowned Green Demon King Ma Bin was hiding on Three Worlds Island, and Yuan Du, being the Sun Blaze governor of All Phenomena Ocean, was utterly clueless. Even as he risked his life to deal with Ma Bin, Yuan Du was standing idly by!

Shouldn't he take advantage of this moment and capture Lu Yiye as leverage?

It was apparent Ma Bin appeared because of Lu Yiye and Three Worlds Island, so capturing them would surely give Ma Bin concern!

Yet, one had to admit, this Green Demon King was truly strong!

Although Yuan Du noticed Ma Bin was injured, how could Black Cloud, directly engaged with Ma Bin, not realize it? Even so, he was only able to hold an equal match.

If it were at Ma Bin's peak, how could anyone be his match?

After Black Cloud's shout, Yuan Du immediately sprang into action.

By the cliff, watching Yuan Du once again charging at him, Lu Ye couldn't help but sigh, his face full of helplessness and emotion.

This time, fate was indeed turbulent...

Lu Ye had laid out his plans perfectly and could completely escape by jumping into the ocean. Once submerged in All Phenomena Ocean, not even Black Cloud and Yuan Du's abilities could catch him.

But plans rarely match reality. Who would've thought at this crucial moment, Ma Bin would suddenly emerge from the portal?

This former Nine Provinces predecessor had never treated him poorly. Once he sensed Lu Ye's presence in Asura Domain, he immediately returned to confront the enemies, fighting one against four, ultimately injuring his Dao foundation, yet refusing to implicate Lu Ye.

Today, seeing Lu Ye in trouble, Ma Bin disregarded his injuries to confront the enemies.

From Ma Bin's standpoint, he did no wrong. Lu Ye was nearly forced to the brink of the ocean; how could Ma Bin not act? Naturally, he charged out to support the younger generation.

However, his actions disrupted Lu Ye's plan.

The blame lay with Yuan Du and Black Cloud arriving so unexpectedly. Lu Ye made arrangements only for local island cultivators, without anticipating notifying Ma Bin in advance.

By coincidence, the current predicament arose.

Now, as Yuan Du approached Lu Ye, Lu Ye felt no panic, for he sensed a familiar aura from the portal again.

Turning his gaze, he saw two figures boldly emerging from that side, joining forces to confront Yuan Du.

"Hmm?" Yuan Du hesitated and turned to look, only to see two beautiful women arriving, their surging auras impossible to ignore.

How... are there two more Sun Blaze cultivators?

Where did these two come from?

He completely lacked knowledge of so many forces hidden on Three Worlds Island.

Years ago, after using Soul Searching Technique on several Three Worlds Island cultivators, Yuan Du learned many secrets the island didn't want revealed. Only now did he realize his understanding was just the tip of the iceberg, that Three Worlds Island hid many, many things.

With two Sun Blaze cultivators attacking jointly, Yuan Du dared not be careless, but upon closer inspection, these two beautiful women... looked somewhat familiar.

He resented Lu Ye and Three Worlds Island, naturally keeping a close watch on them, so he quickly recognized these two as the previous island masters.

A few years ago, they were at Moon Jade Late Stage in cultivation, one from the Jade Conch World, Luan Xiao'e, and the other from the Merfolk Race, Yann Miao.

These two had apparently returned to Three Worlds Island with Ma Bin. Seeing Yuan Du about to attack Lu Ye, they naturally wouldn't sit idly by.

"Just two newly promoted Sun Blaze!" Yuan Du was furious.

Ma Bin was untouchable, but couldn't attack these newly promoted Sun Blaze cultivators, could he? Did they think his years of cultivation were wasted?

His body shook as he summoned a magic treasure to protect himself, immediately clashing with the two women.

Outside Three Worlds Island, countless cultivators were left in awe.

This year, there was indeed a lot going on in the All Phenomena Ocean, especially when it involved Three Worlds Island. Whether it was the attack on Baiyue or the major defeat of Zixuan, the battles were exceptionally fierce and thrilling.

But the cultivators never imagined that there could be an even more exciting scene to witness.

Yuan Du and Demon Venerable Black Cloud had joined forces, initially thinking that Three Worlds Island was defenseless and could only be slaughtered. Yet now, Green Demon King Ma Bin emerged to engage in an unyielding fight with Demon Venerable Black Cloud, and now two new Daylight Guardians have intercepted Governor Yuan Du, engaging in their own battle of spells.

Wasn't it said that in the All Phenomena Ocean, besides the Sun Blaze governor, no other Daylight Guardians could remain for long?

In this brief time at Three Worlds Island, three Daylight Guardians have appeared. This situation is simply outrageous, especially since Governor Yuan Du seemed unaware of this beforehand.

The Moon Jade cultivators who came with Yuan Du all wore solemn expressions.

Silently grateful, thankful that Demon Venerable Black Cloud came along, otherwise, if only Yuan Du led them to attack Three Worlds Island, they might have already been utterly defeated.

Within the crowd, Zhao Yunqi of Giant Blade Island trembled all over, feeling this was a place of trouble, not worth staying at long. Taking advantage of Yuan Du's inability to focus, he quietly left the crowd and quickly departed.

Even if he would face blame from Yuan Du afterward, he couldn't care about that now.

By the cliff, Lu Ye watched with a calm gaze.

Things had developed to this point, beyond his initial plan. After today, it would be challenging for Three Worlds Island to maintain its foothold in the All Phenomena Ocean. Not to mention anything else, just harboring Ma Bin alone would be intolerable here in the All Phenomena Galaxy.

However, it didn't matter too much; over the years, the Three Worlds Island had earned a lot here, ensuring the cultivation of the Three Worlds cultivators wouldn't be a problem for the short term.

Additionally, he always had a concern that before long, he would advance to Daylight Guardian.

By then, he would undoubtedly be unable to stay at Three Worlds Island.

And most of the island's prestige came from his reputation. If he were not to preside over Three Worlds Island, such a coveted piece would be difficult to defend with just the foundation of the Three Worlds cultivators.

Taking this opportunity for a strategic retreat might be a viable option.

With this thought in mind, Lu Ye's mood brightened somewhat.

At this moment, beneath the All Phenomena Ocean, within the Merfolk Territory, a sealed piece of amber suddenly emitted cracking sounds.

Inside the amber, Hua Ci's eyes, which had been closed for many years, slowly opened, a golden light subtly flashing within. Upon closer inspection, this golden light was astonishingly in the shape of an ancient coin.

Her lips curled into a slight smile, and she softly murmured, "The heartless one is in trouble now."

All these years, it seemed as if she was asleep, but in reality, she had never lost awareness of the outside world, so she was clear about everything happening around her.

However, her beast pet's consumption of that mysterious ancient coin led to some mutations, causing her, as its master, to also enter a peculiar state.

In this state, placed by Lu Ye in a suitable environment, both her and her beast pet's cultivation speed increased at an astonishing rate.

If this state were not interrupted, it would continue indefinitely.

But today, the excitement at the Divine Conch Hall was too much, not only alarming Ma Bin, who was healing but also awakening Hua Ci from her sealed state.

She initially intended to unseal herself after advancing to Daylight Guardian, but given Lu Ye's trouble, she could only unseal herself earlier.

During her seal, Lu Ye would often visit her, rambling on about various topics. She heard many infuriating things!

The heartless one thought she lacked perception, openly sharing many things, unaware she could hear them, merely keeping them quietly in mind...

Crack...

The amber shattered, and Hua Ci stepped out from it, her aura undergoing a dramatic transformation from before, her appearance more strikingly beautiful, and even her black hair shimmered with strands of peculiar golden light.

"Croak..." A curious sound emanated.

Hua Ci looked down at the golden toad she held in her arms. This creature, previously scaly and hideous, had now undergone a transformation with its master.

With the Pixiu bloodline, it no longer bore its previous ugly form, its whole body gleaming gold, with ancient coin-like golden markings adorning its surface, exuding nobility.

"Right, you also think it's time to teach him a lesson!" Hua Ci nodded slightly.

"Croak..."

Shortly after, at the doorway of the Divine Conch Hall, Shui Yuan gazed in surprise at the newly appeared Hua Ci, "Junior Sister, you're awake?"

On the entire Three Worlds Island, Hua Ci was closest to Shui Yuan. The two women were both from the Righteous Blood Sect, and as senior and junior sisters, both being healing cultivators, Shui Yuan was both a senior sister and a teacher to Hua Ci, having taught her many things.

Facing Shui Yuan's inquiry, Hua Ci merely glanced at her, blinked silently, and then, expressionless, walked towards the portal that was about to disappear.

Shui Yuan was briefly stunned, not knowing why Hua Ci's gaze felt so unfamiliar.

Chapter 1985: Daddy, the Time Has Come

"Senior Sister Hua Ci?" A cultivator who knew Hua Ci called out softly.

Hua Ci turned her head and glanced over indifferently. When their eyes met, that cultivator couldn't help being stunned on the spot. For no reason at all, a sense of shame and inferiority actually rose in his heart.

It wasn't just him; the vast majority of cultivators present felt the same. It was as if Hua Ci were a lofty, unattainable Goddess, while they themselves were filthy worms crawling in a muddy swamp, and just looking at her was a kind of desecration.

Many people hurriedly lowered their heads.

By the time everyone came back to their senses, Hua Ci had already vanished, and the portal dissipated completely in that very instant.

"This is bad!" Only then did someone suddenly react, "That side of this island isn't safe right now, Hua Ci, she..."

Just now everyone had been astonished by Hua Ci's transformation, and no one had expected her to step into the portal and return to Three Worlds Island at this moment. If it were before, it naturally wouldn't matter, but right now a Sun Blaze battle had erupted over there.

Yuan Du and Black Cloud, Ma Bin and Luan Xiao'e, Yann Miao—five Sun Blaze clashing. Hua Ci charging in like that, how could she possibly have any good outcome?

"Where's Yaya?" Shui Yuan discovered another thing that terrified her. Yaya, who had always been at her side, had disappeared at some unknown point, and she hadn't noticed at all.

On Three Worlds Island, the two Sun Blaze battle groups were locked in a fierce struggle. On Ma Bin and Black Cloud's side, it could be said the situation was evenly matched, but Ma Bin shouldn't be able to maintain this state for long. His Dao foundation injury had yet to heal; at a time like this it was completely unsuitable for him to engage in such intense combat. The longer it dragged on, the more disadvantageous it would be for him.

As for Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao, the two women fighting Yuan Du together, their situation wasn't good either. Although he was fighting one against two, the two had only just advanced to Sun Blaze not

long ago, while who knew how many years Yuan Du had been in Sun Blaze. In terms of pure cultivation, his was certainly deeper and more profound.

If it were only this, it would still be manageable, but the vast All Phenomena Ocean still had other Sun Blaze around.

Lu Ye lifted his eyes and gazed in the direction of All Phenomena Island. Even across such a great distance, he could clearly feel several powerful auras over there rapidly pressing toward this side; they would probably arrive at Three Worlds Island before long.

They were the other four governors of All Phenomena Ocean.

With such a huge upheaval on Three Worlds Island, and even the Green Demon King Ma Bin showing himself, how could they possibly sit back and watch? Ma Bin and the All Phenomena Star System had a grudge, so regardless of what standpoint they held, the four of them had to come over and assist Yuan Du.

Lu Ye realized something was seriously wrong.

They had to withdraw before those four Sun Blaze arrived, otherwise they might never get away.

He himself wouldn't be in much danger; at worst he could just jump into the sea. But Ma Bin, Luan Xiao'e, and Yann Miao had to leave quickly.

If they left now, there was still hope of escape. The more they delayed, the greater the risk.

How had the situation developed to this point? Lu Ye's face was full of helplessness. He lightly clenched his fist, and even had the impulse to disregard everything and break through to Sun Blaze Realm right now!

His foundation had long since accumulated enough; he could break into Sun Blaze Realm at any time. The only reason he had been delaying was to polish his Magic Source.

If he were Sun Blaze at this moment, he wouldn't be able to do nothing but watch here...

In the end he still forced down that surge of impulsiveness. To polish his Magic Source, he had paid no small price. If he gave up now, then all his previous efforts would be in vain.

Mental Consciousness surged; just as he was about to send audio transmission to Ma Bin and the other two, telling them to retreat at once, Lu Ye suddenly felt, from the corner of his eye, a familiar figure walking toward him.

He turned his head to look, and the corner of Lu Ye's eye twitched.

That small figure came hopping and skipping to stand before Lu Ye, lifting her head to look up at him, an impish expression on her adorable face.

"How did you get over here!" Lu Ye hurriedly bent down and scooped Yaya into his arms. But it was fine; with only Yaya to take along, he could still escape by jumping into the sea.

Yet for some reason, he kept feeling that Yaya today was a bit different from usual.

His neck suddenly tightened; Yaya had reached out with both arms to hug him, her little head pressed against his chest, breathing deeply as if to imprint Lu Ye's scent in her heart. Then her soft, milky voice sounded: "Daddy, the time's come. We have to part now."

"Hm?" Lu Ye was taken aback. "What..."

A tiny hand suddenly pressed against his lips, preventing him from speaking further. Yaya lifted her head and gave him a bright smile; a strange light flickered faintly in her eyes, and faint traces of a wicked charm actually surfaced on her small face. "And also, in the future, you absolutely mustn't let me catch you and beat you to death!"

"You..." Countless thoughts flashed through Lu Ye's mind.

Before he could say anything else, Yaya had already leapt out of his arms, then pounced straight toward the nearest battle group—the battlefield where Yuan Du, Luan Xiao'e, and Yann Miao were.

That small figure was so inconspicuous, yet in that moment it drew countless gazes. Mainly because the scene was just too abrupt. In a clash of Sun Blaze like this, even Moon Jade and Constellation couldn't intervene at will, and now a child suddenly rushed out...

Yuan Du also sensed Yaya approaching. In fact, he had always known of Yaya's existence. After all, he had constantly been keeping an eye on Three Worlds Island's side, but he wasn't clear on Yaya's background, merely assuming she was a junior Lu Ye had brought over from the Nine Provinces.

Now, seeing Yaya charge at him, Yuan Du was furious. Today was originally the perfect day for him to take down Lu Ye and seize Three Worlds Island, yet his supposedly foolproof plan had sprung leak after leak. As a result, not only had he failed to capture Lu Ye, he was instead being besieged by two women.

And now some child who didn't even know where she'd popped out from actually dared to offend him.

"Scram!" Yuan Du's wide sleeve swept out, surging Mana rolling forth and instantly wrapping Yaya within it.

Yaya went out fast and came back just as fast, her small figure shooting backward like a kite with its string cut.

Lu Ye's heart clenched at the sight. Even though he knew Yaya had the foundation of a Sun Blaze, that a blow like this couldn't really harm her, he still couldn't help worrying.

As Yaya tumbled back, sudden fury flooded her little face, and she once again pounced at Yuan Du to kill.

Only this time, halfway there, she suddenly raised her two lotus-root-white tender arms high, then slammed them together in front of her.

"Shatter!" Yaya's voice rang out.

The jade bangles on her wrists suddenly shattered, turning into countless motes of light that shrouded her.

Within that radiance, her tiny figure twisted and transformed at extreme speed. By the time Yaya burst out from the veil of light, her whole person was already completely different.

The little girl who looked only seven or eight years old was now tall and slender, her figure graceful, her features coldly stunning to the extreme. A cascade of black hair fell like a waterfall, every strand writhing and dancing like a living thing, and the clothes on her body had turned into a seven-colored dress, dazzling with brilliance.

Clearly blessed with beauty that could topple cities, yet her aura was as savage as an ancient ferocious beast, intimidating all directions.

The abrupt change left everyone who saw this scene momentarily stunned; even Ma Bin and Black Cloud, who were battling in the distance, couldn't help but simultaneously turn their heads to look.

"Another Sun Blaze!" The watching cultivators were numb.

What kind of Dragon Pond and tiger's den was this Three Worlds Island, that one, two, three Sun Blaze powerhouses weren't enough, and there was actually a fourth, appearing in such an inconceivable manner.

Thinking further, Three Worlds Island had actually concealed four Sun Blaze experts here—what were they trying to do?

Over here in the All Phenomena Ocean, foreign Sun Blaze cultivators were never allowed to linger for long...

On that cliff edge of Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye frowned as he watched Yaya's transformation. Though he still hadn't figured out why Yaya had said those things before, he could feel one thing clearly: he was about to lose Yaya.

This "cheap daughter" he'd picked up from within the Mist Dragon had brought him plenty of warmth, and had helped him several times to resolve life-and-death crises.

But Yaya ultimately had her own origins, and when he'd found her, her psyche had been wounded and she'd been unconscious, leading to memory loss. A dignified Sun Blaze had behaved like a little child.

After so many years, Lu Ye had vaguely sensed that Yaya was slowly recovering.

And those two jade bangles of hers were also things that belonged to her, recovered from within the Mist Dragon. The bangles shattered, and Yaya returned to her original form.

From this, the two jade bangles should be some sort of seal, one that sealed Yaya's cultivation and even her memories. Now that the bangles were broken, she had reclaimed everything!

Lu Ye had no idea what kind of method this was, but at this moment his chest felt stifled.

While his thoughts churned, Yaya had already charged fearlessly into the battle circle where Yuan Du was. Surging Mana rose and fell; with figures crossing in a blur, even though Lu Ye pushed his Ocular Power to the limit, he still couldn't clearly see the details of the fight for a moment.

He only heard a muffled grunt, and then a figure fell like a Meteorite from the sky, plunging into the All Phenomena Ocean.

Sea water exploded in all directions!

Cries of shock erupted all around.

The waters of the All Phenomena Ocean—what a terrifying thing they represented. Though everyone knew the sea water of the All Phenomena Ocean was the condensation of stellar space spirit energy, its corrosiveness was too strong, so strong that even Sun Blaze experts didn't dare casually dive into it. As for those below the Sun Blaze Realm, once they fell into the sea, it was certainly a ten-deaths-no-life situation.

So when cultivators fought over the All Phenomena Ocean, the first thing they had to watch out for was not being knocked into the sea by the enemy.

This was something everyone did their utmost to avoid.

But no one had expected that something which even Moon Jade and Constellation cultivators could mostly avoid, a Sun Blaze would actually fail to evade.

Everyone saw clearly that the one who fell into the sea was no one else but Yuan Du, who had come in so aggressively before!

He was, after all, a veteran Sun Blaze. Just now, he had fought two opponents at once and still held the upper hand. Yet now, with a third Sun Blaze joining the battlefield, in just a few breaths he'd been knocked into the sea. It was obvious how overwhelmingly strong this third Sun Blaze was.

At the battle site, Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao were somewhat dumbfounded, staring blankly at the peerless beauty standing to the side.

"Yaya?" Luan Xiao'e called softly.

In the woman's features, one could vaguely see traces of Yaya's looks, as if this was what Yaya would look like after growing up. She had clearly seen with her own eyes how this woman had transformed from Yaya into this form.

But the situation before her eyes still somewhat exceeded her understanding.

Chapter 1986: Saintess

Luan Xiao'e knew that Yaya was a Sun Blaze, but she had never known that after Yaya's recovery, her power would be so formidable.

The observing cultivators couldn't see the fight that had just occurred, but she and Yann Miao were in the midst of it and knew clearly.

The power Yaya unleashed in that instant was not something that she and Yann Miao, as newly minted Sun Blazes, could compare to. Let alone that Yuan Du had already been restrained by the two of them; even in a one-on-one fight, Luan Xiao'e estimated that Yuan Du couldn't last even ten breaths under Yaya's hands before being knocked into the sea, which was unavoidable.

Previously, when Yaya was playing around on Three Worlds Island, Luan Xiao'e often took care of her, because Lu Ye was seldom on Three Worlds Island, and Shui Yuan was always stationed at the pill-making room, paying little attention to Yaya. Instead, it was she, the former First Island Master, who spent quite some time with Yaya.

She always liked this little girl and had thought that if she ever found someone she was fond of, perhaps she could have a child like this.

Previously, Yaya was quite close to her.

But at this moment, Luan Xiao'e felt an aura of danger emanating from Yaya, which made her stop in her tracks.

Yaya turned again, looking in the direction where Lu Ye was. Their eyes met, and she snorted coldly, her Mental Consciousness surging, sending an audio transmission: "Live well; don't you dare die before I catch you!"

Then she quickly darted away, appearing as though she was in a hurry.

Lu Ye frowned.

In just the span of ten or so breaths, Yaya's transformation was like a different person. Clearly, before unsealing, she had specially come to hug him, expressing reluctance, but after unsealing, Lu Ye felt a ferocity in Yaya's eyes, a shame and anger from a past that couldn't be looked back upon!

Recalling what Yaya said before...

Does she really intend to catch and beat him to death?

He sighed deeply; the worries he had long ago had come true. Yaya, once restored to her Sun Blaze form, indeed cared a lot about past events. When she was a child, influenced by that state, her nature was innocent and pure.

But once she recovered, it was entirely different. Understandably so, whichever Sun Blaze had experienced Yaya's circumstances would find it hard to accept—that was a stain on their life; and a stain naturally begs to be erased!

Yet on second thought, if Yaya was deeply concerned about this stain, she wouldn't have gone after Yuan Du after unsealing but instead dealt with him first. However, she did resolve the situation with Yuan Du...

It seemed Yaya had a tough exterior but a soft heart, or perhaps there was an inner conflict.

However, one thing puzzled Lu Ye: why did Yaya run so fast? Judging by her stance, it seemed like she was avoiding something.

As he was pondering this, intense energy fluctuations suddenly emerged in the sky, and bright lines appeared, quickly overlaying and sketching out into an extremely complex pattern.

Lu Ye frowned, staring intently, and immediately recognized traces of Void Spirit Runes within the intricate pattern.

This is...

A Teleportation Array constructed using Void Spirit Runes as its foundation? Although it differed greatly from the arrays he had set up, Lu Ye could sense that this array was very exquisite.

Who set this up?

And whether by coincidence or not, the array appeared precisely where Yaya had shown her true form after unsealing, with her aura still lingering there!

This array appeared very abruptly, and it was so gigantic and conspicuous that Lu Ye saw it, and naturally, others did too. They were puzzled and thought it might be a means arranged by Three Worlds Island.

In the next instant, a bloodless, skeletal hand suddenly reached out from within the array. Although it was just a large hand, it exuded an overwhelming arrogance, warping the space around it. Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao, who were near the array, quickly dodged aside.

The skeletal hand twisted and struggled, the array surging, followed by a faint figure attempting to cross through the array.

"Roar!" An angry roar echoed, and the array suddenly expanded. Within the distorted void, a massive figure appeared out of thin air over the All Phenomena Ocean.

It was a skeletal frame with not a trace of flesh or blood, only two dim flames burning within its eyes, its powerful aura clearly reaching the Sun Blaze level, and not just any ordinary Sun Blaze.

This was a strong figure from the Bone Race.

Another Sun Blaze!

The onlooking cultivators were stunned. Ordinarily, Sun Blazes were rare to behold, but today, somehow, they kept appearing one after another as if they were of no concern.

Was this also a Sun Blaze hidden by Three Worlds Island? Many felt puzzled.

Yet at that moment, another figure soon followed the Bone Race Sun Blaze from the array. This figure wasn't part of the Bone Race; it seemed to be a Demon Race, with two black, curved horns on its head, clad in a black robe.

Yet another Sun Blaze! And both the Bone Race figure and this Demon Race figure exhibited an aura as powerful as Ma Bin and Black Cloud, no more no less, indicating they were both at Black Cloud's level.

This Demon Race figure, upon manifesting, began swearing: "Long-distance teleportation is truly an unbearable experience!"

There were numerous scars on his face and the exposed parts of his skin, clearly caused by the forced transmission, but due to his formidable strength, these scars vanished without a trace in the blink of an eye.

Scanning with his Mental Consciousness, this Demon Race raised an eyebrow: "Is this... the All Phenomena Ocean?" He glanced around again, nodding slightly: "It's really bustling."

Then, with a nonchalant smile around him: "Don't be nervous, we're just passing by, you can continue on."

After speaking, he casually reached out to the side, seemingly grasping at something, bringing it to his nose for a gentle sniff, murmuring: "Let me see, which way did our Saintess flee!"

His eyes closed and opened again, he immediately looked in the direction Yaya had fled: "Over there!"

"Roar!" The Bone Race's Sun Blaze let out a furious roar and transformed into a stream of light, flying forward, followed closely by the Demon Race's Sun Blaze, with both figures vanishing in an instant.

Quietly watching this scene, Lu Ye's expression shifted.

Finally understanding why Yaya hurriedly left.

She was clearly trying to avoid these two Sun Blazes who had suddenly appeared.

Saintess? Lu Ye recalled what the Demon Race had just said, confusion arising in his heart, wondering what kind of power Yaya belonged to. Since she was the Saintess of this power, why was she avoiding their own Sun Blazes?

Lu Ye could only deduce that this power must be very strong, because such ultra long-distance transmission is not something just anyone can perform, it definitely requires the support of an entire organization behind it.

As for why this Teleportation Array appeared here... Lu Ye vaguely speculated it had something to do with Yaya's unsealing.

Before her unsealing, this powerful force couldn't detect her presence, but once she was forced to unseal today, her trail was exposed, leading them to quickly construct an ultra long-distance Teleportation Array based on the remnants of her aura.

If Yaya hadn't run fast, she would've faced these two bizarre Sun Blazes, and the outcome would be uncertain.

Seeing it this way, Yaya could have restored her own power long ago, but she didn't, maintaining the appearance of a child on the Three Worlds Island to better hide.

Not until today, sensing danger around, did she unseal and lend a hand.

But that's as much as she could do. After dealing with Yuan Du, she immediately fled!

Realizing this, Lu Ye knew it was time to retreat.

The All Phenomena Ocean is in chaos now, with the ultra long-distance Teleportation Array still existing, who knows if more powerful beings might arrive; this is a place of trouble and shouldn't be lingered in.

Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao's side needn't worry too much, Yann Miao has a golden sea conch that can somewhat isolate the ocean water of All Phenomena Ocean. Previously, Lu Ye and Yann Miao had

traveled from the Merfolk Territory all the way out of the All Phenomena Ocean, thanks to this conch's isolation, so she can take Luan Xiao'e and escape by sea.

Then there was Ma Bin's side, which wasn't difficult since Black Cloud and he were evenly matched; if Ma Bin insisted on jumping into the sea, Black Cloud wouldn't be able to stop him.

When the time comes, he could catch up with Ma Bin underwater, meet up with Yann Miao, and return to the Merfolk Territory under the sea. As for Ma Bin being eroded by the ocean water of All Phenomena Ocean, he could help resolve that.

As Lu Ye was making these plans, a sudden change occurred again.

With a crashing sound, a figure leaped out from under the All Phenomena Ocean, none other than Yuan Du, who had been knocked into the ocean before.

At this moment, a black mist surrounded him, as if he'd been poisoned, and his previously clear Mana was now murky, his aura severely diminished...

With a look of utter venom, he ignored everyone else upon appearing and ferociously charged towards Lu Ye's position.

He despised Lu Ye...

Everything had been planned well, yet now he found himself constrained at every turn. Despite surviving after being knocked into the ocean, the ocean water of All Phenomena Ocean had eroded him in that short time, and this level of erosion he would never be able to resolve in his lifetime.

In other words, not only did he have no room for advancement from now on, but even his original cultivation couldn't be maintained, likely falling from the Sun Blaze level as time went on.

Therefore, he had only one thought, to kill Lu Ye, to quench the hatred in his heart!

If not for Lu Ye, how would he have lost face back then, and if not for Lu Ye, why would he have continuously targeted Three Worlds Island, leading to today's misfortune, so all of this was the fault of Three Worlds Island's Lu Ye!

As Yuan Du charged, Lu Ye didn't move, simply watching him expressionlessly.

Compared to before, Yuan Du's Sun Blaze Mana was terribly muddled, and his strike's power was less than thirty percent of what it had been; Lu Ye even felt like he could barely handle Yuan Du in this state.

However, he didn't need to make a move himself, as Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao had already teamed up and attacked, overwhelming Mana shaking the area. Yuan Du was immediately covered in blood and thrown down to a part of the Three Worlds Island, barely alive.

He lay there, pitifully battered, with a big dent in his chest and another in his head. If not for the vitality of a Sun Blaze, he would likely be dead from such injuries.

Chapter 1987: Endless Troubles

Yuan Du is not dead, but he first fell into the All Phenomena Ocean, defiled by its waters, and now gravely injured, he is close to death unless treated promptly; otherwise, he might still have a chance to survive.

Almost simultaneously as Yuan Du was injured, a voice full of grief and anger suddenly echoed: "Brother Yuan Du!"

Immediately, several auras of Sun Blaze descended upon Three Worlds Island, precisely due to sensing something amiss here, the other four Sun Blaze governors rushed over.

It took some time to arrive from All Phenomena Island to here, yet they still managed to reach in time, showing how swift they were.

The four evidently had discussed beforehand, and upon reaching the battlefield, one instantly separated to join the fray between Ma Bin and Black Cloud.

Regarding Ma Bin, on All Phenomena Ocean's side, they detest him to the bone, now with a rare opportunity to capture him, they naturally wouldn't want to miss it.

Ma Bin and Black Cloud were originally evenly matched, any intervention by External Force could disrupt this balance.

The remaining three swooped towards Yuan Du, no doubt to check his condition, while the other two kept moving towards Lu Ye's direction.

They understood the whole story very well, today's incident was stirred up by Yuan Du's selfish motives to target Three Worlds Island along with Black Cloud, initially, they didn't give much attention.

As long as Yuan Du's side was swiftly resolved, the situation cleaned up, it wouldn't stir too much trouble, the only concern left being Jiu Yan's questioning afterwards, but since Yuan Du had decided to act, he surely was prepared.

But the situation developed beyond everyone's expectation; who would have thought that such a humble Three Worlds Island hid so many Sun Blaze, even harbored the Green Demon King Ma Bin, revealing their wolfish ambition.

Originally, they felt sorry for the seemingly innocent Three Worlds Island under Yuan Du's targeting, but now they were relieved, as without Yuan Du's targeting, they wouldn't have uncovered the true face of Three Worlds Island, which might unexpectedly burst into bigger trouble at any time.

Now, despite the chaos, capturing Lu Ye and resolving Ma Bin would suffice.

Two Sun Blaze attacking a single Moon Jade shows their resolution to swiftly subdue Lu Ye.

"Junior brother, get going!" Luan Xiao'e shouted in a sharp voice, pairing with Yann Miao to meet the two Sun Blaze governors, immediately entangled in a skirmish, but the two women were not their match, quickly falling into a disadvantage, the situation perilous.

Lu Ye's expression was grim.

Enough is enough!

Several times he tried to signal his Sun Blaze to retreat, only to be thwarted by unexpected occurrences, and now leaving seemed nigh impossible, whether it be Ma Bin or Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao.

On his side, there's no more combat power left to wield, yet the All Phenomena Ocean side has a Sun Blaze who hasn't engaged in combat, investigating Yuan Du's injuries.

Not to mention Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao struggling, Ma Bin's condition just slightly improved, any prolonged conflict would lead to his downfall, potentially leading to Ma Bin failing.

Sun Blaze...

Indeed, only by advancing to Sun Blaze can one participate in such clashes rather than standing by helplessly.

Lu Ye gently clenched his fist, his Mana began to surge.

Though regrettable, life is often filled with disappointments, nine out of ten times, only by overcoming current adversities can one discuss the future.

Just when he decided to go all out to ascend to Sun Blaze, a formidable aura suddenly enveloped him, followed by a powerful Mental Consciousness strike crashing down from nowhere.

Lu Ye felt his head buzzing, if not for the seven-color Divine Lotus stabilizing his psyche, this alone might have shattered his mind.

Looking up, he saw that a figure had broken away from the two Sun Blaze governors fighting against Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao, rushing towards him.

Lu Ye recognized the coming figure, seemingly Guk Xi from Celestial Flames World!

The one who had just unleashed Soul Power against him was indeed this person.

Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao's strength ultimately fell short, their attempt to jointly block the two was futile; within mere moments of skirmish, Guk Xi broke free, leaving another to duel them, tightly entangling them.

Yet, the two women had to go all out regardless.

"A malignant tumor, you must not be spared!" Guk Xi gazed at Lu Ye with full murderous intent, clearly moved to kill.

Yuan Du is entwined with Lu Ye in grudges, hence he targeted Lu Ye and stirred trouble on Three Worlds Island, while Guk Xi simply couldn't stand Lu Ye and Three Worlds Island, given the chance, he naturally wouldn't hold back.

Facing Guk Xi's attack, Lu Ye couldn't remain in place, turning to escape, ready to plunge into the ocean—long prepared.

Just at this moment, somewhere on Three Worlds Island, a dazzling golden beam suddenly shot forth.

The golden beam sped rapidly, and before it fired, there was no sign; Lu Ye hadn't perceived it, even Guk Xi, a Sun Blaze, hadn't reacted.

The golden beam struck Guk Xi's body...

Lu Ye halted abruptly, utterly unexpected that at this time, someone within Three Worlds Island dared to strike Guk Xi.

Who is it?

But when he saw Gu Xi's state clearly, he couldn't help but be taken aback. At this moment, a layer of golden light inexplicably appeared on Gu Xi's body, and atop that golden light were dense imprints of ancient coins.

The shape and appearance of these ancient coins looked somewhat familiar.

At the same time, the anger and killing intent on Gu Xi's face quickly vanished, replaced by astonishment and panic. He maintained his forward-flying posture, yet his whole body was shrouded in a layer of golden light. This golden light possessed an extremely terrifying restrictive power, rendering him immobile, even unable to activate the mana within his body.

Then, under Lu Ye's puzzled gaze, Gu Xi directly fell dozens of feet in front of him, sliding with inertia and gradually stopping at a position not far in front of him.

Even after falling to the ground, he still maintained his flying posture, looking utterly ridiculous.

Lu Ye suddenly turned his head and immediately saw a familiar figure standing at the location of the pill-making room, quietly watching in this direction.

Hua Ci! Lu Ye's eyes widened.

Why is she here? And when did she return? I didn't notice at all.

Moreover, I just went to see her under the sea a few days ago, and at that time, she showed no signs of waking up, yet now she has unexpectedly returned.

At this moment, Hua Ci stood there quietly, holding a golden toad beast pet in her arms. In the hazy golden light, she exuded an aura of serene peace yet with an inviolable sacredness.

No doubt, the golden light that struck Gu Xi just now must have been her doing.

And the source of this method came from that peculiar ancient coin.

Back then, Lu Ye even used that ancient coin to trap a Sun Blaze-level star beast under the sea, demonstrating the coin's immense power. Lu Ye even suspected whether that thing could be a supreme treasure of the stellar space; otherwise, it couldn't possibly wield such incredible power.

At that time, when he set off for the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, he entrusted the ancient coin to Hua Ci, both to provide her with some protection on the All Phenomena Sea and to leave a trump card for Three Worlds Island.

As a result, one day, while playing with the ancient coin, Hua Ci's beast pet swallowed it, and since then, both the beast pet and Hua Ci, the owner, had been sealed in a piece of Amber.

Lu Ye was unaware of what changes occurred to yield such a result, but over these years, Hua Ci remained vital, and her strength seemed to keep growing...

Now, upon her reappearance, Lu Ye sensed remotely and discovered that the grandeur of Hua Ci's aura was not at all inferior to his own!

This was quite astonishing.

He was currently at a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivation, and if Hua Ci's aura wasn't inferior to his, didn't that mean she also had this level of cultivation?

His cultivation could grow so rapidly due to the aid of the Talent Tree.

As for Hua Ci... the ancient coin could also absorb the waters of the All Phenomena Sea. She and her beast pet were sealed in that Amber, placed by Lu Ye under the sea, continually absorbing the waters of the All Phenomena Sea over the years. Such growth didn't seem surprising.

The only thing that puzzled Lu Ye was the somewhat wooden and slightly aloof gaze Hua Ci directed at him.

However, given the current situation, he had no time to ponder further.

Looking down at Gu Xi, who lay not far ahead, the expression in Lu Ye's eyes changed.

He had already resolved to advance to Sun Blaze on the spot, ready to endure any consequences, because only by doing so could he join the battle and possibly alter the course of events. But what if he could advance without any regrets?

He wasn't incapable of doing so, merely hesitant due to his experiences in the Asura Field and the previous cautions from Su Yuqing and Ma Bin.

Or perhaps, he simply hadn't had the opportunity previously.

And now, the opportunity was right before him!

"Who goes there!" An angry shout interrupted Lu Ye's thoughts as a figure rose quickly, vigilantly looking toward Hua Ci's direction.

It was Chen Xuanba from the Gaotian Continent. He had hurried to check on Yuan Du immediately because, among the several Sun Blaze governors, he was the closest to Yuan Du, hence he was most concerned about Yuan Du's injuries.

His investigation left him alarmed. Although Yuan Du was not dead, his injuries were severe and shocking; he could tell at a glance that even if Yuan Du survived by some miracle, he would struggle to maintain his Sun Blaze cultivation as the erosion from the All Phenomena Sea waters was unsolvable.

The only thing he could do was have Yuan Du take a great elixir pill to temporarily keep him alive.

But then he witnessed a scene that sent chills up his spine. After a mysterious golden light struck, Gu Xi, a fellow Sun Blaze governor, was suddenly imprisoned and fell straight down.

Only upon flying into the air did he see clearly who it was.

There stood a woman appearing extremely noble and sacred within the golden light, holding a beast pet that shone like gold and resembled a toad.

As he scanned with his Mental Consciousness, Chen Xuanba frowned because, in his perception, this woman clearly only had a Moon Jade cultivation, yet how could she emit a golden light that could confine a Sun Blaze?

He thought perhaps a new Sun Blaze had emerged from Three Worlds Island!

Being not a Sun Blaze, it must be the power of some magic treasure, but what kind of magic treasure could be so terrifying?

Chapter 1988: Why Force Me!

Before Chen Xuanba could make sense of it, the golden light that he had seen earlier suddenly flickered in his vision.

He was shocked and tried to evade immediately, but it was impossible. The speed of that golden light exceeded imagination; even someone as strong as him, at the Sun Blaze level, had no room or chance to dodge.

He even felt that once the golden light appeared, it was inevitable that he would be hit, no matter how he tried to evade, it was to no avail.

Chen Xuanba was directly struck, and in the next moment, his body sank, his Mana was imprisoned, just like Guk Xi previously, he fell straight down.

All the cultivators watching were stunned.

The dispute at Three Worlds Island today, changes came one after another, it's simply dizzying and blinding.

Moreover, the hidden strength of Three Worlds Island is shocking.

Before today, anyone would think that even though Three Worlds Island is a top-class Spirit Island, as long as a Sun Blaze intervenes, it's impossible to resist, but in reality, after the All Phenomena Ocean's five Sun Blaze collectively took action, they only managed to break a protective array of Three Worlds Island, without doing any serious harm to it.

Such foundations are truly astonishing.

Even more incredible is, how could Three Worlds Island hide so much strength right under the noses of the Sun Blaze governors?

The change here undoubtedly shocked another battle group fighting near Three Worlds Island.

This was Muh Qing fighting alone against Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao's battle group. Originally, Muh Qing, relying on her own power, had Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao, two new Sun Blazes, only able to defend themselves. But noticing the encounters of Guk Xi and Chen Xuanba, she had to reserve some power to guard against the unexpected.

She even silently moved the battlefield farther away to avoid falling victim to Hua Ci!

In this way, Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao's situation suddenly improved a lot.

As for Ma Bin, Black Cloud, and Mo Wenli's battle group, they had been fighting several tens of thousands of miles away, all three sparing no effort, completely unaware of the changes over at Three Worlds Island.

Within Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye stepped forward, walking step by step to stand before Guk Xi, who lay on the ground yet still strangely maintained the posture of flight, and looked down at him with a detached expression: "Why, why force me?"

From start to finish, he never had big ambitions, seizing Three Worlds Island was merely to establish a footing on the All Phenomena Ocean, to earn enough cultivation resources for Three Worlds cultivators.

As long as he waited a few more years, once he gathered enough resources, when his Magic Source was refined to Perfection and he ascended to Sun Blaze, he would leave the All Phenomena Ocean.

Since the attack on Baiyue, to the later defeat of Zixuan, everything he did was in line with the rules of the All Phenomena Ocean, never intending to break them, even when Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao ascended to Sun Blaze, they remained honest and kept to the Merfolk Territory.

Because the All Phenomena Ocean could sustain prosperity for so many years was precisely because of such rules and orders; breaking them rashly would benefit no one.

But, while he adhered to the rules, those who set the rules were unwilling to comply! It's truly absurd.

If those who set the rules don't adhere to them, then someone else has to set the rules...

"It's truly unpredictable!" Lu Ye sighed deeply, his entire body radiating blood light, gazing at the once unattainable Sun Blaze, now lying helplessly before him, he suddenly realized that all injustices and targeting in this world ought to be fiercely resisted!

The Blood Sea surged and spread out, obscuring the figures of him and Guk Xi, outsiders no longer able to see what was happening inside.

Lu Ye reached out toward Guk Xi's head.

Guk Xi seemed to sense danger and since being imprisoned, he too had been waiting for this moment, his Psyche Force fiercely activated, a Psyche Secret Technique unfolding.

Lu Ye vaguely saw a sharp and unmatched sword light slashing towards him, but strangely, the sword light was not material; after it slashed into his body, he didn't feel any physical pain.

Slightly dazed...

At the same time, within the Divine Sea, sword light rampaged, but under the seven-color Divine Lotus's radiance washing over, that rampaging sword light quickly lost its power, swiftly disappearing.

Lu Ye then regained consciousness, a wave of pain emerged in his mind.

"Psyche Secret Technique..." Lu Ye pondered, realizing it seemed Hua Ci's inherited ancient coin ability could imprison a cultivator's Mana and body but not their psyche.

Thus, Guk Xi could deploy a Psyche Secret Technique.

If a regular Moon Jade were targeted like this, their psyche would inevitably be wounded, possibly leading to immediate death.

Fortunately, Lu Ye had the seven-color Divine Lotus to guard his Divine Sea; the psyche suffered minor damage, after all, it was a full-force strike from a Sun Blaze, but it was not severe, just needed him to recuperate, he could recover.

Guk Xi's eyes were filled with shock, unable to comprehend why his secret technique hadn't worked.

In the next instant, Lu Ye's palm struck his head, the roots of the Talent Tree quickly spread and extended, the power activated, Lu Ye's voice resonated beside his ear: "Die!"

Guk Xi's eyes suddenly widened, pupils nearly bursting, filled with bloodshot lines momentarily, because when Lu Ye moved, an indescribable pain swept his entire being, he vividly felt his blood Qi, Mana, even psyche being frantically devoured by an unknown force.

In stark contrast, Lu Ye's face was lit with joy, his eyes shut tightly, and his body trembled uncontrollably.

During a previous trial in the Asura Field, Lu Ye had devoured numerous shadows and experienced what it felt like to use his Talent Tree to consume a living being.

But only now did he realize the difference between devouring shadows and consuming real life forms; the deadly satisfaction of the latter was many times greater than the former.

Especially since Guk Xi was a Sun Blaze!

He almost succumbed to it instantly, unable to extricate himself.

Fortunately, he had prepared for this in advance. His tongue was bitten off, and the intense pain brought him back to consciousness slightly, his mouth filled with the scent of blood.

His strong physique allowed his injured tongue to swiftly heal, only to be bitten off again...

And so it continued in cycles.

Lu Ye's expression was ferocious and frightening, blood flowing from his mouth, resembling a fearsome ghost.

Guk Xi's presence swiftly weakened, from Sun Blaze to Moon Jade, then to Constellation...

His vitality dimmed, his breath waned; in just a moment, his whole body withered, his eyes glaring in anger, completely devoid of life.

The Blood Sea surged and roared, sweeping Guk Xi's corpse, turning it directly into powder, leaving only several storage rings!

"Not enough!" Lu Ye felt his own being, his blood Qi raging fiercely, his Mana overflowing, and his damaged psyche had already recovered, but his Magic Source hadn't reached perfection!

In the Blood Sea, he turned his gaze to another direction, where Yuan Du and Chen Xuanba were located.

"Since I've chosen this path, even if it's wrong, I must continue down it!"

Resolving in his heart, his figure moved, the Blood Sea rolling, soon engulfing where Yuan Du and Chen Xuanba were.

The two Sun Blazes, one clinging to life with the effects of a great elixir pill, barely surviving, the other trapped by the golden glow of a treasure coin, unable to move just like Guk Xi before, suddenly entrapped by the Blood Sea, both were shocked.

They hadn't yet realized Guk Xi's demise.

"It's that Lu Yiye, he truly is of the Blood Race!" Yuan Du coughed lightly, his face pale, instantly understanding whose methods these were.

Initially, he had planned to use the Blood Race to frame Lu Ye, thus giving him a reason to strike against the Three Worlds Island. But the Blood Race, pre-arranged, suddenly betrayed, making him realize his framing might be true; otherwise, he couldn't explain why the Blood Race acted that way; the Blood Race's betrayal was undoubtedly shielding their kin.

"Truly vile." A voice carried over, Yuan Du's expression changed, turning to look, only to find Lu Ye had somehow already stood next to him.

"You..." Yuan Du was furious and immediately tried to strike, but as soon as he activated his Mana, he was wracked with pain, unable to muster any strength.

"Why target my Three Worlds Island? We are but a group of outsiders, struggling for survival in the All Phenomena Ocean." Lu Ye looked at Yuan Du, "The entirety of All Phenomena Ocean is like this; you Sun Blazes, high on your thrones, can you not see it?"

Yuan Du snorted coldly, "Those lacking virtue don't deserve high positions. Boy, with this day's events on your Three Worlds Island, there will be no future for you. And that you dared to harbor Ma Bin, once this spreads, even Jiu Yan won't tolerate you. If you're wise, you'll willingly kneel and be struck, then hand over the treasure that opens the Merfolk Territory, perhaps sparing your Three Worlds Island's sect disciples."

"Lacking virtue..." Lu Ye's gaze flickered before he suddenly swiped a slap.

Yuan Du was sent flying from the force of the slap, his face swollen and half his face pounded. Not for nothing was he of Sun Blaze flesh, where a Moon Jade would have their head explode with such a hit, he merely sustained minor injury.

Landing heavily, Yuan Du gazed incredulously at Lu Ye, who stepped toward him, unable to fathom one day he'd suffer such humiliation at the hands of a Moon Jade.

Beset by vengeful wrath, a mouthful of blood was spewed, worsening his injuries.

"What virtue do you have to discuss?" Lu Ye stepped forward, grabbing Yuan Du's neck, pulling him up, glaring coldly into his face: "What are you even worth?"

Yuan Du fought desperately, but soon his face twisted in terror, crying out in pain.

He felt something inside him, and his Essence Qi was being devoured furiously, his Sun Blaze essence rapidly dissipating, Lu Ye's voice ringing in his ears.

"Tell me, why won't you speak? Why target my Three Worlds Island? Initially, we held no grievance against you, we even wished to seek your favor, remember, Old Tang visited your short-stay palace and was turned away! Old Tang returned seething in anger."

"Targeting my Three Worlds Island was joyous? Now that it's reached this point, it's hard to conclude, what's this, self-made ruin?"

"Speak! You! Why! Aren't! You! Speaking!"

Lu Ye shook the corpse in his hand like a dried-out noodle, blinking, only then realizing Yuan Du was already dead!

"Still not enough!"

Lu Ye tossed the corpse aside, then glanced over where Chen Xuanba was terrifiedly staring at him, smiled gently, "Don't be afraid!"

Chapter 1989: Devouring Everything

Outside the Three Worlds Island, over a hundred Moon Jades gathered with expressions of shock and doubt. They were summoned by Yuan Du, consisting partly of Moon Jades from Yiyuan World and mainly of Moon Jade governors from various Spirit Islands.

However, since they were willing to accept Yuan Du's summons, they were more or less related to him.

The hundred Moon Jades were led by Yuan Cheng.

Yuan Du brought these people with the intention of using their power to break open the protective array of Three Worlds Island. After all, as a Sun Blaze, dealing with array destruction was a mundane task that didn't require his personal intervention.

Unexpectedly, during this, the Blood Race turned coat, and Black Cloud boldly took action, forcing Yuan Du to cooperate and swiftly break the big array of Three Worlds Island.

Afterwards, one Sun Blaze after another took the stage, rendering the hundred Moon Jades completely ineffective.

However, they did not leave and remained outside Three Worlds Island, observing the situation.

The current situation was treacherous. Ma Bin was resisting the combined attack of Black Cloud and Mo Wenli; Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao were fighting Muh Qing together. Yuan Du was severely injured, with his condition unknown. Chen Xuanba and Guk Xi disappeared into the Blood Sea after being struck by a mysterious golden light, nowhere to be found.

Yuan Cheng looked at the rolling, writhing Blood Sea, filled with fear deep within his heart, even feeling an unrest to flee immediately.

He vaguely felt that this matter had escalated far beyond Yuan Du's previous expectations.

But ultimately, he was a descendant of Yuan Du. If he fled now, he would have no place in the All Phenomena Ocean in the future.

So, after hesitating for a moment, he clenched his teeth and shouted, "Fellow Daoists, join me in attack, kill Lu Ye, save the governor!"

Once the words fell, he was the first to charge towards the Blood Sea.

Most of the hundred Moon Jades only hesitated slightly before following suit. Some were indeed doubtful, but given the current situation, they had no choice.

The name of Three Worlds Island's Lu Ye was indeed prominent. Now, he was showcasing such a massive Blood Sea Secret Technique, yet he was merely a Moon Jade, just one person. With over a hundred of them teaming up, wouldn't they be able to take him down?

Moreover, there were three Sun Blaze within that Blood Sea. They did not believe these three would entirely lose their ability to resist. Even if bound by that mysterious golden light, killing Sun Blaze was not simple for Moon Jades. Perhaps Lu Ye of Three Worlds Island had already been captured by one of the Sun Blaze, and all they needed now was to put on a show to earn the friendship of the Sun Blaze governors in the future.

Hundreds of silhouettes rushed into the Blood Sea one after another, like stones sinking into the sea, without a ripple of blood.

Within the Blood Sea, Lu Ye raised his hand, gripping Chen Xuanba's body. This once arrogant Sun Blaze warrior now resembled a dried fish, with his Essence Qi completely consumed, life dissipating, following in the footsteps of Guk Xi and Yuan Du.

It wasn't easy for Moon Jades to kill Sun Blaze, not to mention the formidable physique of Sun Blaze. Lu Ye had struggled greatly when facing Lion Heart back then, precisely because of his strong physique. Yuan Du and the others had achieved Sun Blaze for many years, and their physical strength was exponentially greater than Lion Heart.

Even if they were bound without the power to resist, Lu Ye wielding the Boulder Mountain Saber would need to utilize the Drawn Saber Slash or Great Windmill Secret Technique for a chance.

But the Talent Tree's devouring was unreasonable; a strong physique couldn't stop the roots of the Talent Tree.

At this moment, Lu Ye's eyes were shut tight because after consecutively devouring three Sun Blaze, he vaguely sensed some anomalies within himself.

Upon examination, he revealed a look of surprise.

On the Talent Tree, at a certain bifurcation of the trunk, a flower unexpectedly blossomed, though the flower was about to wither, with a small black fruit beginning to form at the base.

For some unknown reason, seeing this black fruit caused an inexplicable unease in Lu Ye's heart.

Without any reason, he could feel that once this black fruit matures completely, something very bad would happen to him.

He thought of Chao Nian, the former Dao Tree successor.

It seemed that Chao Nian must have gone through this stage; his significant personality shift should be related to this black fruit.

The Dao Tree can refine all things in the world, but the seven emotions and desires of living beings cannot be refined. These irredeemable aspects gather on the Talent Tree, bloom into flowers, bear fruit, and when matured, will completely alter a person's disposition.

Even now, the newly forming black fruit, far from maturity, was causing a subtle change in Lu Ye's temperament, making him seem more irate and violent.

Previously, during his training in the Asura Field, he tried this, devouring numerous shadows.

But that bout of training hadn't caused him significant lasting effects, and Lu Ye had always thought the rumors were exaggerated or inaccurate.

Only today did he realize that devouring shadows and devouring real living beings were entirely different matters.

This made him slightly vigilant.

Withdrawing his mind, sensing his own Magic Source, it wasn't yet perfect, but close. The essence of three Sun Blaze greatly enhanced the quality of the Magic Source.

At this pace, if he could devour two more Sun Blaze...

This idea arose, almost uncontrollable.

At this moment, Lu Ye suddenly felt a surge of vitality break into his Blood Sea.

The Blood Sea was an extension of his own blood Qi, and no subtle change within it could escape his examination. So, after a brief moment of pondering, Lu Ye understood what had happened.

"This is really..." Lu Ye shook off Chen Xuanba's corpse, took a step forward, and disappeared from the spot.

Heaven has a path, yet you choose not to walk it; hell has no gate, yet you barge in!

"Ancestor! Ancestor, where are you?" Within the Blood Sea, Yuan Cheng continuously shouted, his face filled with panic and unease.

He had brought a hundred Moon Jade cultivators in, but now he couldn't see a single person around him. The viscous Blood Sea hampered his movement, and even the flow of his mana became much more obscure.

But it didn't matter; he believed Yuan Du was still alive and should be somewhere around. As long as he could join forces with Yuan Du, he could ensure his own safety.

Additionally, the two Sun Blaze governors, Guk Xi and Chen Xuanba, were also in this Blood Sea. That Lu Ye from Three Worlds Island only had one Moon Jade cultivator; there was no way he could kill the three Sun Blaze cultivators.

The golden light that confined the Sun Blaze cultivators was unknown, but the Sun Blaze governors could certainly free themselves quickly. By then, they could easily break the Blood Sea and let this world see the sky again.

As he searched around, his foot suddenly stepped on something, and he quickly looked down.

At a glance, his expression turned from astonishment to terror, because on the ground was a corpse, a dried corpse at that, and its face vaguely resembled Chen Xuanba, even wearing the same clothes he had worn before.

"No! Impossible!" Yuan Cheng staggered back a few steps, unwilling to believe the scene before him. That Chen Xuanba was a Sun Blaze, how could he die so silently?

Suddenly, he bumped into something and turned his head, only to see a figure standing silently behind him in the Blood Sea, gazing at him with blood-red eyes.

That gaze... it was like a ravenous wolf seeing a delicious meal.

"Lu Yiye!" Yuan Cheng was shocked, immediately trying to activate his mana. However, the figure before him flashed, and he felt a sudden pain throughout his body, his consciousness becoming hazy.

He had only recently advanced to Moon Jade, so how could he possibly be a match for Lu Ye?

The next moment, an indescribable pain spread throughout his body, causing Yuan Cheng to cry out in agony.

A few breaths later, the sound dissipated. Lu Ye discarded Yuan Cheng's corpse and vanished into the Blood Sea, muttering in dissatisfaction, "Too weak!"

He had discovered a pattern: the stronger the cultivator, the more benefits he could gain from devouring them.

The previous three Sun Blaze cultivators had visibly enhanced his Magic Source. Still, the Moon Jades who had recently entered the Blood Sea weren't as impactful. For someone like Yuan Cheng, who had just advanced to Moon Jade, the improvement to his Magic Source was negligible. This was likely related to the quality of their Magic Source; the higher the quality of the devoured Magic Source, the greater the enhancement for Lu Ye.

Devouring Moon Jades wasn't as effective as Sun Blazes, but there were many of them.

Over a hundred Moon Jades were scattered across the Blood Sea. They couldn't find their enemy or see their companions; all they could do was continuously activate their power and blast in all directions.

This was the best way to deal with the Blood Sea. After all, the Blood Sea was a kind of secret technique, and as such, it had a limit to what it could endure. Breaking that limit would mean breaking the Blood Sea.

Initially, Lu Ye's Blood Sea did indeed become unstable under the frenzied attacks of the many Moon Jades, continuously churning and seemingly about to shatter from the outside.

But after enduring the most dangerous early stage, as time went on, the Blood Sea became increasingly stable and gradually calmed down.

Quietly and silently, streams of Moon Jade vitality vanished, as one by one, the cultivators who followed Yuan Cheng into the Blood Sea perished.

In their place, Lu Ye's Magic Source continuously approached perfection.

The continuous devouring made him lose himself completely. Initially, he still remembered to occasionally check the changes in the black fruit on the Talent Tree, constantly staying vigilant. But as his Magic Source neared perfection and the exhilaration of devouring deepened, he forgot everything.

In his mind, there was only one thought - devour everything!

He didn't know how much time had passed until there were no more living things in the Blood Sea. As Lu Ye was about to move towards the densest cluster of vitality, his body suddenly halted.

At that moment, something very strange seemed to happen within him, and it was this change that pulled at his heartstrings, interrupting his instinctive plan.

Suddenly shocked, he realized his previous state was... very wrong!

He checked the Talent Tree again, finding the original flower had disappeared, and the black fruit had grown to the size of a fist, with its blackness deepening and even gleaming.

This thing was not far from maturing!

He felt a chill in his heart, fortunate that his body's change brought him back to his senses. Otherwise, if he continued, he feared he'd follow in Chao Nian's footsteps, never returning from that forbidden path.

That was something he absolutely could not accept.

He couldn't continue devouring! He resolved silently, and finally, he had the space to investigate what exactly the change in his body was.

Chapter 1990: Advancing to Sun Blaze Today

Actually, there's no need to investigate; Lu Ye already has a premonition.

Because at this very moment, even though he hasn't actively exerted himself, his entire body's mana is crazily circulating within, at a speed never seen before.

The Root Spiritual Orifice, the Magic Source location, feels particularly hot.

The Magic Source has reached perfection!

Lu Ye felt a sense of nostalgia; this journey was not easy...

During the Moon Jade Early Stage and mid-stage, he didn't have a clear understanding since no one had guided him in this aspect. It wasn't until he realized he needed to polish the Magic Source to perfection to condense the Qi Flower, that he was already at the Moon Jade Late Stage.

It was only then that he set off for the Asura Domain, gained many benefits in the Asura Field, and returned to the All Phenomena Ocean where he acquired some, Jiu Yan gifted some...

Feeling calmly, the mana circulation speed increases, faintly, Lu Ye senses a slight heat at his brow.

Having experienced the Body Flower condensing, this abnormal change undoubtedly excites him; it's clearly a sign that the Qi Flower is about to condense!

He remains still, making no reaction, allowing the mana to circulate.

Time passes, and when the heat at his brow reaches a limit, something seems to suddenly emerge, and in the next moment, the rapidly circulating mana slowly calms down.

Only then does Lu Ye hurriedly open his eyes, flips his hand to take out a mirror-shaped magic treasure from the storage ring, and upon reflection, indeed sees a Crescent Moon mark slowly fading at his brow.

The Qi Flower has condensed, which undoubtedly means he has reached the peak of the Moon Jade Realm.

The Three Blossoms Method has already passed two stages, now it only leaves the final Divine Flower remaining, but before that...

Mana is abundant, blood Qi solidified, Constellation and Moon Jade are perfectly complete without flaw.

Today, he will advance to Sun Blaze!

Under normal circumstances, a cultivator should choose a suitable and stable environment to break through the realm, at least ensuring the process won't be disturbed by others, avoiding failure due to external force.

But Lu Ye has no choice.

To reach this point, he even resorted to devouring Sun Blaze cultivators and Moon Jades from the All Phenomena Ocean, just to avoid any regrets; now the Qi Flower is condensed, he must advance to Sun Blaze as soon as possible.

Moreover, he doesn't need any stable and suitable environment.

Long ago, he could have advanced to Sun Blaze at any time; what is a life-and-death barrier for ordinary cultivators, he can break through any time.

This is the benefit brought by his own solid foundation accumulation, and by reaching the pinnacle of previous realms.

Clearing his mind, no longer restraining or suppressing himself, blood Qi surges, mana roars, and the barrier shatters!

Lu Ye suddenly feels his entire body lighten.

Previously, continuously devouring the foundation of three Sun Blaze cultivators and hundreds of Moon Jades indeed polished his Magic Source to perfection, but what followed was a sense of fullness since those cultivators had their Magic Sources, blood Qi, mana, and even psyches devoured; everything.

Accumulating so much external force in one person, of course, brings a sense of fullness to his peak Moon Jade body.

In the meantime, he even vented excess power into his Blood Sea, which is the reason the Blood Sea could withstand the aggressive attacks of hundreds of Moon Jades.

Yet at this moment, when that barrier breaks, all sense of fullness vanishes instantly without a trace.

An exhilaration stronger than devouring life arises from within, unlike before, this joy doesn't lead to indulgence but rather clears his mind.

Lu Ye feels as though he has undergone an unspeakable baptism and sublimation from inside to outside.

In this instant, his mana becomes immensely stronger, and continues increasing steadily.

Not only mana, but blood Qi as well; Lu Ye's flesh quivers, becoming more solid and durable.

This is undoubtedly a massive change brought by the advancement in realm.

The physical strength of a Sun Blaze is so formidable, even for cultivators specializing in magic, their physical strength isn't lacking due to this baptism during advancement.

It is an inner-to-outer transformation of self from accumulated foundation over the years.

The Divine Sea expands rapidly, the waters become more solid and deep, and the psyche experiences an enormous increase in strength.

Lu Ye can sense this transformation will continue until it slowly stabilizes, only then will his Sun Blaze realm be truly solidified!

He gently clenches his fist, realizing his strength has undergone a dramatic transformation.

He doesn't know what level he is at now, having yet to face any other Sun Blaze cultivators.

He only knows he isn't comparable to just any Sun Blaze Early Stage, even though he has just advanced.

Really wants to find someone to fight! A battle where each strike hits flesh, each slash draws blood!

Thinking this in his heart, he feels a yearning he can barely restrain.

Lu Ye can't help but frown; it seems the black fruit on the Talent Tree, though not completely mature, continually influences his disposition.

This requires vigilance.

Suddenly, he feels a slight disturbance from his waist, looks down, ponders briefly, and unsheathes his saber.

"You're awake?" he asked softly.

His saber was transformed from the Boulder Mountain Saber, swallowed by the barghest of the Combat Race, which had been in slumber all this time.

This is characteristic of the Combat Race. They are an ancient race without flesh, transforming into various weapons. Upon acknowledging a master, they fall into a deep sleep.

Only when the master dies will they awaken again, awaiting the arrival of the next master.

Lu Ye hadn't activated the Boulder Mountain Saber, yet it seemed to respond, making him think the barghest had awoken.

However, upon sensing, the Boulder Mountain Saber remained unchanged, showing no signs of the barghest awakening.

If that's the case, what was the unusual movement just now?

After a brief contemplation, Lu Ye suddenly made a connection and immediately infused mana into the Boulder Mountain Saber.

The Boulder Mountain Saber began to tremble slightly, causing Lu Ye's eyebrows to rise in realization that his assumption was correct.

The Boulder Mountain Saber was about to be unsealed!

It had been unsealed once before when he ascended from Moon Jade to Star Blaze; originally, when he first got the barghest, it was at the spirit treasure level. Upon ascending to Moon Jade, it turned into a magic treasure. This was not an upgrade because the quality of the true Barghest Saber is extremely high. Once it acknowledged a master, based on Lu Ye's current strength, it planted layer upon layer of seals, which would only be unlocked as Lu Ye's strength increased.

Now that Lu Ye had reached Sun Blaze, the barghest's seals were to be unlocked once more!

This brought a faint anticipation to Lu Ye's heart. The barghest was previously at the magic treasure level. If it were to be unsealed again, could it become a supreme treasure?

Is the barghest a supreme treasure? Lu Ye didn't know, but he was about to find out.

The infusion of mana into the Boulder Mountain Saber caused some changes, but it wasn't enough...

Lu Ye quickly understood the reason: Sun Blaze cultivates the mind; merely infusing mana wasn't sufficient. With this thought, he promptly activated his Mental Consciousness to envelop the Boulder Mountain Saber.

The trembling of the blade grew increasingly pronounced; within moments, a ghostly light flickered across the Boulder Mountain Saber, an extremely sharp aura permeated from the blade, flashing briefly and then vanishing.

As Lu Ye gazed at the newly unsealed Boulder Mountain Saber, he furrowed his brows slightly.

It wasn't quite what he had imagined; the Boulder Mountain Saber didn't seem like a supreme treasure. Compared to before, the entire saber didn't display any significant change, except...

He flicked the blade with his finger, immediately causing a bloodstain as fresh blood flowed out.

The Boulder Mountain Saber seemed sharper and more resilient!

This makes it undoubtedly better suited for the skirmishes at the Sun Blaze Realm, reducing concerns about the saber being damaged in battle and offering more ease in slaying enemies.

If the previous Boulder Mountain Saber was of a lower magic treasure level, it now should be a top-tier magic treasure!

Although not a supreme treasure, it was slightly disappointing for Lu Ye, but it was still acceptable.

With a soft sigh, the Qi Flower condensed, and Sun Blaze was ascended, so it was time to wrap things up!

In an instant, the Blood Sea that enveloped him recoiled sharply, and Lu Ye's figure was revealed.

Out of the five Sun Blaze governors in the All Phenomena Ocean, three were already dead; only two remained. Counting Black Cloud with Zixuan, there were three Sun Blaze to deal with!

Earlier, only Ma Bin, Luan Xiao'e, and Yann Miao held their ground against the opposing force. Now with him joining, the battle's outcome should be different.

Oh right, there is also Hua Ci!

With her in action, no matter how many Sun Blaze arrive on this All Phenomena Ocean, it won't be enough to hold them off!

Lu Ye was about to look towards Hua Ci, but his brows furrowed as he turned to glance aside; that direction was the commerce district of Three Worlds Island.

That place should have remained undisturbed. Even Yuan Du previously attacked Three Worlds Island but had no intention to affect that area, as the industries there involved too many forces. A spread of war to that area would offend far too many people.

But at this moment, the commerce district was filled with cries of agony and chaos from the conflict.

Countless cultivators were fighting fiercely over there, with corpses strewn across the streets.

What's going on? Lu Ye was somewhat baffled.

Even though the upheaval at Three Worlds Island this time was extensive, the commerce district shouldn't have been affected. Yet reality showed it was already in a shambles. Numerous shops were smashed; Lu Ye even saw cultivators raiding resources.

Turning his gaze, cultivators originally surrounding the island were nowhere to be found, including the fighting Sun Blaze cultivators.

In the area reserved for local island cultivators, he was the only one standing alone in the air!

Where is Hua Ci?

Anxiety gripped Lu Ye's heart as he faintly realized that in the half-day he spent focused on condensing the Qi Flower and ascending to Sun Blaze, something unknown had happened here.

Otherwise, it wouldn't be this chaotic.

He looked towards the pill-making room, but Hua Ci, who should have been there, was nowhere in sight, causing Lu Ye's expression to change as he hurriedly pulled out an audio talisman, intending to contact Hua Ci.

At that moment, a sound echoed from nearby, and a familiar aura emerged.

He quickly turned to look, only to see the waters of the All Phenomena Ocean surging, a familiar figure appeared in sight – who else could it be but Hua Ci?