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Chapter 2011: Nurturing the Sword Gourd

Later, as Lu Ye's strength improved, he also repeatedly used this treasure. The most recent usage should have been when he was in the Constellation Realm, slaying a star beast in the All Phenomena Ocean, because in such an environment, only the sword gourd's power remained unaffected.

But after advancing to Moon Jade, it seemed as though Lu Ye hadn't used the sword gourd. In recent years, his strength improved rapidly, relying more on his own skills, no longer depending on these external forces.

If it weren't for the present dire situation, the sword gourd would continue to remain unused.

But now, Lu Ye urgently needed a significant treasure as his ace in the hole, and the sword gourd was undoubtedly the best choice.

The Zixuan battalion would besiege Jade Conch within two and a half months, so he must return to Jade Conch beforehand to hasten his deployment.

Luan Xiao'e must definitely return; it's a matter concerning the home galaxy, and she couldn't stay out of it.

Ma Bin was severely injured and shouldn't move recklessly; naturally, he needed to stay here to heal.

Little Fella couldn't be taken away; with Little Fella here, the All Phenomena Ocean could remain stable, especially in these sensitive times. Hua Ci must guard the Three Worlds Island with Little Fella to prevent any mishap.

Moreover, Little Fella could only exert its endless power in the special environment of the All Phenomena Ocean; taking it away would only allow it to emit two beams of imprisonment golden light.

Apart from that, Lu Ye could rely on the Sun Blaze cultivators of Mount Fangcun; among the three divisions of Mount Fangcun, there were more than ten Sun Blaze, making the numbers not inferior to

the Zixuan demon cultivators. However, without an overwhelming posture, if a battle broke out, neither side would have it easy.

Black Cloud learned about the Nine Provinces, coveting the Dao Tree legacy; perhaps other Demon Venerables of Zixuan also knew, and in the future, more people might know and set their sights on the Nine Provinces.

Therefore, facing Zixuan in this battle, they must be struck hard and crippled!

Only then could they deter all sides, let the world know that Jade Conch is not a soft persimmon to be squeezed casually, and let those coveting the Dao Tree legacy and the Nine Provinces know what the consequences of invading Jade Conch and the Nine Provinces would be.

Lu Ye always knew the sword Qi derived from the sword gourd was powerful, but it wasn't until he witnessed the confrontation between Shang Chengyue and Yuan Se that he realized his understanding of the sword gourd was somewhat superficial.

That day, Yuan Se activated the fire gourd, and Shang Chengyue countered with the Tianxuan Sword's sword Qi. The power of these affiliated treasures was unmatched, a means beyond the capabilities of ordinary Sun Blaze.

The Tianxuan Sword's sword Qi aside, both the fire gourd and the sword gourd were affiliated treasures born from the Creation Vine. If the fire gourd could unleash such power, the sword gourd would undoubtedly be just as impressive!

As a trump card, it was most fitting.

In the attic, Lu Ye held the sword gourd; Mana and Mental Consciousness surged, permeating into the sword gourd.

When Lu Ye first obtained this sword gourd, he attempted to refine it, only to find that he lacked the strength. Thus, its potential wasn't fully realized; the power it could exhibit was only a mere portion.

Now, as a Sun Blaze, he should be capable of fully refining the sword gourd and completely manifesting its power.

Inside the sword gourd, layers of sealed restrictions lay stacked. These restrictions were remarkably intricate, born naturally when the sword gourd was created, not forged by human hands.

Not only the sword gourd was like this; the pill gourd was the same. With the Second Senior Sister who controlled the pill gourd gradually improving in cultivation, the pill gourd's efficacy also increased exponentially.

Time passed as Lu Ye refined layer after layer of restriction.

Completely refining an affiliated treasure wasn't an easy task, especially a slaying-type treasure like the sword gourd. It consumed a great deal of both Mana and Soul Power.

Fortunately, Lu Ye had easy access to supplements; if his Mana ran dry, he could take a trip to the All Phenomena Ocean, and he had supreme-grade psyche refinement pills on standby for his Soul Power.

But even so, it took Lu Ye a full ten days to completely refine all the restrictions within the sword gourd. During this process, he entered the All Phenomena Ocean three times and consumed more than five bottles of supreme-grade psyche refinement pills.

During this continuous cycle of consumption and replenishment, Lu Ye found that his Sun Blaze realm was significantly stabilized, an unexpected little windfall.

After refining, Lu Ye held the sword gourd and could clearly feel a much closer connection with this affiliated treasure, almost as if it had become a part of his body.

With a slight movement of his mind, he could clearly sense a fluctuating, sealed sword Qi within the sword gourd.

Originally, there was more than one sword Qi; there used to be many, but now, inexplicably, only one remained. Sensorily, this sword Qi felt like a tiny flame, one easily extinguished by the wind, yet he knew

this was merely an illusion. If he released this sword Qi, the destruction it could unleash would not fall short of the full power attack of a mid-stage Moon Jade.

Blinking, Lu Ye found an unused magic treasure from his storage ring and aimed the gourd mouth at it, urging his Mana.

The space distorted slightly, and the magic treasure vanished, evidently swallowed by the sword gourd.

With careful perception, Lu Ye could vaguely sense something marvelous had been added inside the sword gourd, indescribable, this marvel was devoured by that sword Qi resembling a small flame, and then... nothing happened. The sword Qi stored inside the sword gourd seemingly hadn't changed much.

One magic treasure was obviously not enough!

Immediately, Lu Ye took out more magic treasures.

In this chaotic episode in the All Phenomena Ocean, six Sun Blaze beings alone died by his hand; their legacies naturally became his spoils of war. The number of useless magic treasures was indeed plentiful.

At this moment, he took them all out, letting the sword gourd devour them.

In the past, he had also let the sword gourd devour some spirit treasures and magic treasures, but the quantity was very small. Moreover, after the sword gourd devoured them, it would transform into numerous Sword Qi, which Lu Ye could use freely to slay enemies.

Completely different from today's performance.

Lu Ye speculated that this was related to his complete refinement of the sword gourd, which was the correct reaction after the sword gourd devoured magic treasures.

The inheritance of the Sun Blaze was very generous, and each piece of magic treasure was of considerable value. If others were to see Lu Ye's actions at the moment, they would surely exclaim him

to be a prodigal son, as the total value of the magic treasures Lu Ye had put into the sword gourd in a short time was at least tens of millions of spirit jade.

Yet he showed not the slightest heartache, as the ancient Tai from Yellow Dragon World had said, to unleash the power of affiliated treasures, either a huge price had to be paid or adequate preparation was needed.

Therefore, no matter how much was spent at this moment, it was all preparation to showcase the power of the sword gourd. If the power of the sword gourd could be used to resolve this battle with the Jade Conch, then the expense would be meaningful.

Moreover, since these were spoils of war, he wasn't really distressed to use them.

A short half-day later, Lu Ye had the sword gourd devour all the unused magic treasures he had on him, with the value of the consumed treasures being at least hundreds of millions of spirit jade.

Looking again at this moment, the Sword Qi within the sword gourd had clearly stabilized and solidified considerably, and the Sword Qi no longer looked merely like Sword Qi, but more like a broken sword blade.

It was as if it were a longsword that had followed its master in battle, had been damaged, and had become tattered...

Lu Ye felt a stirring in his heart, vaguely realizing that when this sword blade was fully restored, the power of this Sword Qi would be nurtured to its peak.

Even at this moment, this incomplete Sword Qi gave Lu Ye a sense of Sharpness, and if someone were to unleash such Sword Qi against him, it would certainly pose a considerable threat to him.

If incomplete Sword Qi could be like this, what about a complete one?

He immediately took out an audio talisman and sent a message outside.

After a while, Tang Jun arrived with reddened eyes, bringing a large pile of storage rings and tossing them in front of Lu Ye, curious: "What do you need so many magic treasures for?"

Recently, he was busy to the point where he was running around like mad with so many resources needing coordination, recording, sorting, and classification. Moreover, the handover of resources from various Spirit Islands was all managed by him, and he hadn't rested for almost a month.

Besides that, he also had various messages needing his attention...

He was originally the foreign affairs manager for Three Worlds Island's complex external connections. Now, with Three Worlds Island rapidly rising, his status had also risen significantly, with countless cultivators wanting to invite him to banquets and more eager to build relationships with him.

Old Tang was both fortunate and troubled...

Upon receiving Lu Ye's message just now, he immediately brought over these storage rings filled with abundant magic treasures.

Suddenly, he caught sight of the sword gourd in Lu Ye's hand, twitched his mouth: "Is Fa Wuzun going to be seen again?"

Back in the day, Lu Ye had disguised himself as Fa Wuzun, parading with this gourd around the market, and poor Old Tang had also been deceived.

Such gourd-like magic treasures were quite common, so he hadn't thought much of it.

Then he saw an utterly incredible scene.

Lu Ye took out numerous magic treasures from a storage ring, arranged them in front to form a small mountain, and with a shake of the gourd, the treasure mountain disappeared.

Tang Jun was initially stunned, then his expression turned grave: "Lu Ye, what's the quality of this gourd!"

He instantly noticed something was off, as although those treasures were mixed, some had very high quality, how could they suddenly be taken by a gourd?

Upon closer inspection, the complex patterns on the gourd's surface gave him a deep and profound feeling.

"Is it the fire gourd from Yiyuan World?" Tang Jun was immensely shocked, "How did this thing end up in your hands, when did you go to Yiyuan World?"

When Yuan Se wielded the fire gourd, Old Tang was still in the Merfolk Territory, so naturally, he didn't get to see it.

But even if he hadn't seen it, there were many who had witnessed it firsthand, and he had heard about it later. So at that moment, he immediately made the connection, mistakenly thinking that Lu Ye had silently ventured to Yiyuan World, slain Yuan Se, and snatched the treasure... That was something Lu Ye could have done!

"It's not the fire gourd." Lu Ye replied casually while observing the changes in the Sword Qi: "It's the sword gourd."

Old Tang was taken aback: "Is this thing related to the fire gourd from Yiyuan World..."

"Consider them brothers!"

Brothers...

Tang Jun was stunned, originally feeling unsure about Three Worlds Island suddenly producing a supreme treasure that commanded respect. Now he came to know that not only did this island have a supreme treasure but also other affiliated treasures.

The fire gourd nurtures uncanny fire, doesn't the sword gourd nurture Sword Qi? This is on the level of a world-stabilizing treasure, a valuable treasure that could guard a domain in any domain.

Chapter 2012: Jiu Yan's Return

"Sword gourd, pill gourd..." Tang Jun looked utterly dumbfounded. "Just how many treasures do you have?"

The existence of the pill gourd counted as a secret on Three Worlds Island, known only to a handful of people, Tang Jun being one of them.

But the pill gourd was ultimately only used for Alchemy, not suited for combat, so in some respects its value was far less than the fire gourd of Yiyuan World.

He had never expected that Lu Ye would suddenly pull out another sword gourd out of nowhere.

Looking at it now, this thing had been in Lu Ye's hands for a long time; he himself had simply been blind to its true face.

"Just a few pieces." Lu Ye replied casually.

The sword gourd, pill gourd, Small Constellation Palace, and Dice of Fate were all affiliated treasures, and the Asura Field back in the Nine Provinces was as well.

Tang Jun stared at him in a daze, not knowing what to say for a moment.

A short while later, Old Tang left, and Lu Ye continued urging the sword gourd to devour the many magic treasures. Within the space inside the gourd, that sword body was becoming more and more solid and complete.

Only after it successively devoured quite a few more magic treasures did the sword body suddenly flash with radiance, and the entire blade turned from solid into transparent.

At that instant, a certain feeling stirred in Lu Ye's heart.

He vaguely sensed that the Sword Qi inside the sword gourd had already been nurtured to its peak; the slightest attempt at perception gave him a feeling of stabbing pain in his psyche.

Lu Ye himself didn't know what kind of power this Sword Qi could unleash if he fired it out, but judging from the fire gourd's performance before, the lethality of this Sword Qi was anything but ordinary.

There were still some magic treasures in front of him. After thinking a bit, Lu Ye pointed the mouth of the gourd at those treasures and slightly activated the might of the sword gourd.

He discovered that the sword gourd could no longer devour additional magic treasures. This undoubtedly confirmed his earlier speculation: after the sword gourd devoured magic treasures, some inner profundity would rapidly refine them, turning them into capital to strengthen that Sword Qi.

Now that the Sword Qi had been nurtured to its peak, there was naturally no need to devour more magic treasures.

Lu Ye roughly estimated that the total value of the magic treasures consumed to nurture this Sword Qi was around five hundred million spirit jade.

This expenditure was anything but small; only now that Three Worlds Island was wealthy enough to rival a nation could it bear such a cost. If it were an ordinary domain, even if it obtained such an affiliated treasure, it would be hard-pressed to bring out its full power.

The sword gourd was like this; the fire gourd should be about the same. He just didn't know how Yuan Se was nurturing the uncanny fire inside the fire gourd—there should be some special method involved.

As for other offensive-type affiliated treasures, most of them weren't without price when activated.

No wonder such things were rarely seen under normal circumstances and were usually treated by major domains as world-stabilizing treasures; there really were compelling reasons for that.

By comparison, Little Fella activating the might of the Three Treasure Wishing Coins was practically too convenient. With so much seawater in the All Phenomena Ocean, no matter how much it devoured, it was impossible for it to run dry.

Picking up the sword gourd, Lu Ye walked out of his pavilion and soon arrived beside Three Worlds Island, then plunged straight into the sea, diving all the way down.

He wanted to test the power of this Sword Qi. Right now, on the surface of the All Phenomena Ocean, there was nothing suitable to test it on, so he could only search beneath the sea.

The number of star beasts living in the depths of the All Phenomena Ocean was not small, but they mostly moved about in the deep sea, so ordinary people never saw them.

Lu Ye spent a full day before finally discovering traces of a Sun Blaze Realm star beast. This star beast wasn't weak in strength, but acted purely on instinct. After sensing Lu Ye's presence, it swam toward him without the slightest hesitation; from its posture, it was clear it came with ill intent.

Lu Ye stood where he was without moving a muscle. Only when the star beast drew within a thousand zhang of him did he suddenly circulate Mana and trigger the might of the sword gourd.

The sword gourd in his hand gave a slight tremor, and a streak of white light surged out of the mouth. Its speed was astonishing; the instant it appeared, it was already a thousand li away. The deep waters of the All Phenomena Ocean seemed to offer it no resistance at all.

The Sun Blaze star beast, which had been swimming toward him, suddenly split open with a huge gash on its belly. Blood gushed out, and through that opening, faintly visible organs twitched within.

It wasn't dead.

It wasn't that the sword gourd's Sword Qi lacked power; it was that the Sword Qi was too fast, and Lu Ye couldn't completely control it for the moment, causing his aim to be somewhat off.

A strange beastly roar echoed out. Though the star beast's spiritual intelligence wasn't high, it still knew how to avoid harm and seek benefit. Sensing that something was wrong, how could it dare remain? It immediately turned around, intending to flee.

But it was already too late. The white Sword Qi a thousand li away swept back once more, piercing precisely through its body and stabbing a large hole through its massive frame.

Lu Ye raised his hand and grabbed, catching the returning Sword Qi in his palm. In an instant, his hand was drenched in blood.

His powerful physique actually couldn't withstand the spread of that Sword Qi's might, and at such close range, even his psyche throbbed with pain.

The Sword Qi in his hand carried a wild, unruly air. It twisted slightly; around the white light, fine rays darted about. Lu Ye felt as though what he was holding wasn't a strand of Sword Qi, but a Thunderbolt that could explode at any time.

His expression changed slightly, and he hurriedly sent the Sword Qi back into the sword gourd.

Looking down, he saw that the wounds on his hand were not healing immediately, because remnants of the Sword Qi's power still lingered on his flesh, constantly tearing at his blood and meat.

This thing... must not be touched!

That thought sprang up in Lu Ye's mind at once. Fortunately, the Talent Tree reacted, and as the Raging Flames of the Talent Tree burned, the remnants of Sword Qi power on his hand gradually showed signs of dissipating.

Only then did he let out a breath of relief.

Looking up again, he saw that Sun Blaze star beast had already gone silent; under the raging aftershock of the Sword Qi, its enormous corpse dissolved into a mist of blood, not even bones left behind.

The power of the sword gourd was this terrifying!

Delighted, Lu Ye's figure flickered as he followed the way he had come and returned.

This trial of the sword gourd's might had undoubtedly left him very satisfied, but after returning to Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye discovered another problem.

Namely, the Sword Qi being nurtured within the sword gourd had clearly suffered no small loss, because the sword gourd could once again continue to devour magic treasures...

Looked at this way, this strand of Sword Qi only had its greatest might when it was first unleashed, but every activation incurred loss; converted into the value of magic treasures, each activation cost roughly a hundred million spirit jades!

If he activated it many more times, this Sword Qi's power would undoubtedly be greatly diminished.

Using the sword gourd against an enemy was basically just burning money.

But compared to how formidable the sword gourd was, this price seemed not entirely unacceptable; it just meant he had to carry more magic treasures on him for the sword gourd to devour.

This wasn't hard to handle; of the magic treasures Tang Jun had delivered before, there were still many unused, all of them stuffed by Lu Ye into the Small Flower World.

The matter of the sword gourd came to a temporary close.

Next he had to resolve the issue of that black fruit on the Talent Tree.

This was something that brooked no delay; he couldn't end up in a big fight with someone and accidentally lose control and devour them. That would be walking further and further down Chao Nian's path.

He had already formed some ideas about this earlier; now what he needed to do was put those ideas into actual practice.

According to his previous attempts, condensing a Talent Tree Avatar could siphon off a portion of the black fruit.

But the Talent Tree could not be discarded and would ultimately have to be reintegrated, so such division was meaningless.

Since a Talent Tree Avatar wouldn't work, then what about a Treasure Blood Avatar?

The Talent Tree Avatar indeed could not be abandoned; a Treasure Blood Avatar posed no such problem.

What Lu Ye had to do now was attempt, while condensing a Treasure Blood Avatar, to split off a portion of the black fruit into the avatar. As long as this idea worked, then by abandoning Treasure Blood Avatars, he could continuously weaken the black fruit, thereby ultimately achieving the goal of completely plucking this black fruit.

Time flicked by; half a month passed.

During this recent period, Three Worlds Island had been exceptionally lively; the entire All Phenomena Ocean was slowly recovering its former prosperity. One might even say that because of the prior great battle, the All Phenomena Ocean now had far fewer disturbances, which was actually a good sign.

In the bamboo building, Lu Ye sat silently with eyes closed. All of a sudden, he opened his eyes and gazed in a certain direction.

The next moment, he rose to his full height, flashed outside, rose to travel through air, exited the protective array, and stood outside Three Worlds Island.

Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao both sensed something and were about to hurry over to him, but he intercepted them with an audio transmission.

Only one person flew to his side—it was Chu Shen.

"Big Brother." Chu Shen, full of worry, followed Lu Ye's gaze. Vaguely, he could see a streak of flowing light rapidly approaching from that direction, and from within that light came an aura extremely familiar to him. "Mother seems very angry. Big Brother, please be a bit more tolerant."

Jiu Yan was back!

Chu Shen had been worrying all along about what it would be like when his mother and Lu Ye met again after this upheaval in the All Phenomena Ocean. But no matter how much he worried, this was something he could not prevent.

At this moment, feeling his mother's awe-inspiring Sun Blaze aura, his heart was full of trepidation.

Lu Ye smiled. "It's fine."

He let out a long breath in his heart; by the looks of it, things were not that bad.

For Jiu Yan to come over in such an aboveboard way meant she intended to talk with him, which was precisely what Lu Ye hoped for.

In the entire All Phenomena Galaxy, everyone else he could afford not to take seriously—Jiu Yan alone was an exception. From the bottom of his heart, he did not wish to become enemies with Jiu Yan. This was not only because of Chu Shen; even more so, it was because Jiu Yan herself had treated him quite well. Yet as a cultivator of the All Phenomena Galaxy, Jiu Yan simply could not step out of the whirlpool of resentment between Three Worlds Island and All Phenomena.

This time All Phenomena had lost several Sun Blaze experts and suffered such huge losses; there was no way Jiu Yan could sit idly by. If that led them into opposition, it was not what Lu Ye wished.

The flowing light drew ever closer. A moment later, the radiance gathered away, revealing Jiu Yan's plump figure.

Lu Ye pushed his Ocular Power to the limit and looked toward her face, yet still could not make out her features. As always, a layer of spirit light covered and concealed her face.

She had been like this back when she was in Moon Jade; now Lu Ye was already in the Sun Blaze Realm, and he had thought that even if he still couldn't pierce this spirit light, he would at least make some progress.

But in truth, whether Moon Jade or Sun Blaze, his Ocular Power could not penetrate this layer of spirit light.

Lu Ye understood inwardly: Jiu Yan's strength was indeed formidable, far from comparable to the other Sun Blaze cultivators of the All Phenomena Galaxy.

"Lu Ye pays his respects to Senior. Welcome back, Senior." Lu Ye gathered his thoughts and gave a polite bow.

Chapter 2013: Come Help Out

Outside of the Three Worlds Island, after more than a month, Jiu Yan returned.

Lu Ye personally stepped forward to welcome her, accompanied by Chu Shen, feeling anxious.

In mid-air, Jiu Yan stood quietly, her expression somewhat complex, but more than anything, she was furious.

She wasn't angry with Lu Ye. She had already understood the causes and consequences of the previous turmoil clearly. What Lu Ye did was indeed a forced rebellion; anyone in his position would not stand idly by and let others dictate their fate.

She was angry with Yuan Du.

Yuan Du went to great lengths to transfer her away from the Three Worlds Island, finally fulfilling his wish. Moreover, Yuan Du actually allied with Zixuan's Demon Venerable, completely disregarding the rules set by their home galaxy, bullying the small with the big.

And what was the result? The result was that he ended up dead, and his home galaxy's strength suffered a great loss, his prestige was in ruins!

Being from the same galaxy as such a person, Jiu Yan felt suffocated.

When she first received the news, she found it hard to believe. She hurried back and confirmed with Yuan Se and others that the rumors she heard were indeed true.

Within less than two months of her departure from her home galaxy, the whole All Phenomena Ocean changed drastically, and the home galaxy completely lost its dominion over the All Phenomena Ocean.

Recalling how Yuan Se and others had earnestly tried to persuade her before she came here, she now found it amusing.

Now, the news that Lu Ye holds a stellar space supreme treasure is spreading everywhere, leaving Yuan Se and others in constant fear, worried that Lu Ye would come with the treasure's power to attack their domain. If so, they would be unable to resist. Previously, Yuan Se almost died at Lu Ye's hands, and he was deeply concerned about this.

Therefore, recently, they have all gathered in the Yiyuan World, seeking warmth from each other.

Those people no longer hope to regain dominion over the All Phenomena Ocean; they just wish that the enmity with the Three Worlds Island ends here. In the future, they will dwell peacefully in their domain, and the Three Worlds Island will hopefully not come looking for trouble.

Jiu Yan came here for two reasons: firstly, because Three Worlds Island nominally paid respects to her, and such a significant change in the All Phenomena Ocean requires her appearance; secondly, Yuan Se and others hoped she could come as a mediator.

"Now that you've become Sun Blaze, you need not address me as a senior. We can interact as peers," Jiu Yan spoke slowly, suppressing her inner thoughts.

Thinking back, she even considered taking Lu Ye under her wing for guidance, but who would have thought he has already progressed this far.

The speed is truly astonishing.

Lu Ye blinked and amicably responded: "Senior Sis must be weary from your journey, please come inside for a chat." As he said this, he gestured invitingly.

Jiu Yan nodded slightly and walked forward.

Upon entering the Three Worlds Island, she inadvertently glanced in the direction of the Spirit Jade Vein, where Ma Bin was recuperating.

Since the battle, he had stayed at the Three Worlds Island and hadn't returned to the Merfolk Territory. It didn't matter to him where he healed; previously inconvenient, now it didn't matter anymore.

After a while, in the visitors hall, the host and guests took their seats.

Jiu Yan glanced at Chu Shen: "You, go out. I have something to discuss with your brother."

Chu Shen twitched slightly at the corner of his eyes, feeling a whirlwind of emotions. Lu Ye was his big brother, the speaker was his mother, and the mother wanted to interact with his brother as peers—it was confusing.

Yet, with Jiu Yan's command, he dared not disobey. Plus, he realized that his mother didn't seem to want to trouble his brother, felt much relieved, paid his respects, and winked at Lu Ye before retreating.

The hall fell into a brief silence.

After a good while, Jiu Yan suddenly spoke: "You have quite the nerve; without the supreme treasure here, aren't you afraid I might strike and kill you?"

"Would Senior Sis do such a thing?" Lu Ye looked at Jiu Yan.

"Do you think I wouldn't?"

Lu Ye smiled, "If Senior Sis harbored murder, she wouldn't have come so openly. Moreover, what good would killing me do? To be honest, the supreme treasure doesn't belong to me. So even if someone kills me, the treasure will still guard the Three Worlds Island."

Jiu Yan was somewhat surprised: "The treasure is not yours?"

Lu Ye shook his head, "It belongs to...one of my relatives' beast pet. I only borrowed it temporarily."

"Relative..." Observing his expression and tone, Jiu Yan suddenly spoke with a hint of sarcasm, "Isn't it more likely your woman?"

"We're not married, not married yet." Lu Ye felt a little embarrassed.

"Hmph." Jiu Yan snorted softly, "I was wondering why I never encountered a supreme treasure back on Three Worlds Island, so that's how it is."

"Senior should know of the Merfolk Race; she had an accident in the past and has been in secluded cultivation over there. It was only during this turmoil that she emerged."

The cultivators of Cheling World stationed on Three Worlds Island have also been to the Merfolk Territory. Some of them even benefited from the Divine Conch Hall, so Jiu Yan isn't entirely ignorant about the Merfolk Race.

Jiu Yan clearly didn't want to dwell on this matter and instead asked, "Now that your Three Worlds Island rules the All Phenomena Ocean, what plans do you have for the future?"

Lu Ye followed her lead and asked, "Do you have any good suggestions, Senior Sister?"

Jiu Yan's tone was inexplicable: "Don't push your luck. I'm the All Phenomena Sun Blaze! This turmoil caused the greatest loss to this home galaxy. I'm not opposing you because of Shen'er, and here you are asking for my opinion? Do you really think you can manipulate All Phenomena as you please?"

Lu Ye's expression was bitter: "Please don't blame me, Senior Sister. I've suddenly ascended to a high position and feel lost. You know that the cultivators of our Three Worlds Island come from remote places, places where not even a Sun Blaze has been born. This time, we were fortunate to gain the recognition of many fellow Daoists and were able to govern the treasure of All Phenomena Ocean. However, our Three Worlds Island lacks heritage. As of now, we barely have three Sun Blazes who have just ascended and lack experience with significant events. So when you ask about my plans, I genuinely don't know what to say."

He appeared miserable, and if someone unaware of the truth heard this, they might even believe him.

But upon careful thought, there was nothing wrong with each of his statements, yet combined, they felt somewhat odd.

"Isn't Ma Bin still there?" Jiu Yan slowly spoke, and when she mentioned Ma Bin, she suddenly became angry, snorting coldly: "The Green Demon King's fame is renowned across the stellar space. With such a mainstay, what are you worried about?"

She had previously been on Three Worlds Island without realizing its connection to Ma Bin, even hiding him within the Merfolk Territory.

"Senior Ma Bin's injuries have not healed; he is recuperating now. Also, the Green Demon King is infamous. Having him kill is fine, but managing a treasure like All Phenomena Ocean is not suitable." Lu Ye appeared troubled but suddenly had a thought and looked up at Jiu Yan: "Senior Sister, why not help me?"

Jiu Yan was stunned, staring fixedly at Lu Ye for a long time before saying, "Do you hear yourself?"

She had come this time partly to see the changes in All Phenomena Ocean firsthand and also because she was entrusted by Yuan Se and others. After all, she was a Sun Blaze of this star system and couldn't ignore their requests, even though she was very reluctant.

Never did she expect Lu Ye to make such a proposal!

Her identity as an All Phenomena Sun Blaze was well established, and she was unlikely to have any close ties with Three Worlds Island in the future, let alone help Lu Ye manage All Phenomena Ocean.

Lu Ye's proposal seemed utterly unrealistic to her.

Yet Lu Ye acted oblivious, taking a sip from his teacup before slowly saying, "All Phenomena Ocean's largest top-class Spirit Island is All Phenomena Island, also its hallmark. After the previous battle, All Phenomena Island was devastated, now in disrepair — a loss for All Phenomena Ocean and the entire stellar space. Although there are a few commercial Spirit Islands like our Three Worlds Island on All Phenomena Ocean, without All Phenomena Island, the circulation of many resources is sluggish, hindering All Phenomena Ocean's development. Should Senior Sister be willing, I could entrust All Phenomena Island to you. With your status, you could completely rebuild the All Phenomena Merchants Guild."

"Rebuilding the All Phenomena Merchants Guild?" Jiu Yan seemed intrigued.

"Yes." Lu Ye nodded, "The All Phenomena Merchants Guild has existed for so many years and has many unique channels and connections that no other force can match. Because of previous events, the Merchants Guild is nominally defunct, but if Senior Sister steps forward now, given your background and strength, the Merchants Guild can be easily rebuilt."

Jiu Yan fell silent in contemplation; Lu Ye's proposal was indeed tempting.

For someone as powerful as her, mundane possessions held little interest, nor did she care about a merchant guild's survival, but reclaiming All Phenomena Island would benefit her.

First, All Phenomena Island has the largest Spirit Jade Vein in the entire All Phenomena Ocean, where she can cultivate.

Secondly, reclaiming All Phenomena Island would somewhat restore the All Phenomena Star System's reputation. Though they lost control over the entire All Phenomena Ocean, at least they could still hold All Phenomena Island.

Thirdly, the Merchants Guild brought substantial annual profits, crucial for the future development of this home galaxy's cultivators.

This turmoil indeed cost the Merchants Guild significant resources and personnel, yet its foundation remained. As long as her message spread, this home galaxy's major domains would undoubtedly support the Merchants Guild's reconstruction without any hassle.

This was her unique advantage; it wouldn't work for anyone else.

Looking at Lu Ye, recalling his earlier act, Jiu Yan suddenly realized: "You planned this all along?"

Lu Ye looked solemn: "Senior Sister misunderstands me. This was a spur-of-the-moment idea."

"Heh..." Jiu Yan chuckled lightly, obviously not believing his nonsense.

How could something like this be a spur-of-the-moment decision? Surely, he had this in mind all along, maybe even waiting for her arrival.

"Are you willing?" Jiu Yan looked at Lu Ye and asked.

That was All Phenomena Island, the hallmark of All Phenomena Ocean. It was incredible that Lu Ye would be willing to entrust it to her.

Lu Ye spoke up: "All Phenomena Island is indeed valuable, but it depends on whose hands it is in. If it's in our Three Worlds Island's hands, it's just a top-class Spirit Island, nothing more. But in Senior Sister's hands, it becomes the symbol of All Phenomena Ocean."

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Chapter 2014: But I'm Your Older Sister!

In the great upheaval of the All Phenomena Ocean, the one who benefited the most was undoubtedly Three Worlds Island. Now that it had gained the recognition of the Sun Blaze cultivators of the major Star Systems, it was, in name, the ruler of the All Phenomena Ocean, the rightful master of this treasured land.

Not only that, but the three top-class Spirit Islands—All Phenomena Island, Zixuan Island, and Winged Heaven Island—had all fallen into the hands of Three Worlds Island.

A single power, simultaneously holding sway over four top-class Spirit Islands—looking through the history of the All Phenomena Ocean, this had never happened before.

But given the foundation of the Three Worlds cultivators, there was simply no way they could digest so much territory.

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And once Jiu Yan was pulled into the fold, the remaining Sun Blaze cultivators of the All Phenomena Galaxy would no longer be a threat worth worrying about.

It was exactly because of these considerations that Lu Ye had been waiting for Jiu Yan's return over this recent period.

Lu Ye's proposal had indeed taken Jiu Yan by surprise, yet she had no way to refuse it!

If she were a lone ranger, she naturally wouldn't need to think about so much—but she ultimately wasn't.

After a brief silence, Jiu Yan suddenly spoke: "And the terms? What conditions do you have?"

Lu Ye was willing to hand All Phenomena Island to her; there was no way it could be for free. After all, he wasn't a lone ranger either—there was a power standing behind him as well!

Their conversation at this moment, though based on personal friendship, was in truth a negotiation between two major powers, so some things still had to be spelled out clearly.

"Very simple." Lu Ye set down his teacup. "From now on, half of the net profits of the All Phenomena Merchants Guild will go to Three Worlds Island! The other half will be at Senior Sister's own disposal."

Even if it was only half of the net profits, it would still far surpass the previous total income of Three Worlds Island. This was the advantage accumulated by the All Phenomena Merchants Guild over countless years; it wasn't something a newly risen force like Three Worlds Island could casually replace.

"Reasonable enough." Jiu Yan nodded. She was clearly not surprised by this condition. One could even say that the terms Lu Ye put forward were quite generous.

"In addition..." Lu Ye changed the topic. "I want Yuan Se's fire gourd. As long as he's willing to hand the fire gourd over to me, all previous grudges can be written off!"

The instigator, Yuan Du, was already dead. Lu Ye had no great conflicts or clashes with the other Sun Blaze cultivators of the All Phenomena Galaxy, and he didn't intend to exterminate them all.

But Yuan Se and Yuan Du were ultimately related, and the day Animitta Palace withdrew, Yuan Se had even tried to make a move against him. That account naturally had to be settled.

The uncanny fire nurtured within the fire gourd was something even the Talent Tree was interested in. If it could be devoured, it would surely provide the Talent Tree with a huge reserve of fuel. Moreover, the fire gourd itself was an affiliated treasure.

"The fire gourd..." Jiu Yan murmured, "That is the world-stabilizing treasure of Yiyuan World. It's more important to him than his own life. If you want that treasure, Yuan Se likely won't compromise."

Lu Ye raised a brow. "Is he not afraid I'll slaughter my way to Yiyuan World?"

"That's exactly why they have all gathered in Yiyuan World now, huddling together for warmth, to guard against you. After your supreme treasure expends its power, it must devour the seawater of the All Phenomena Ocean to replenish itself. Once you leave the All Phenomena Ocean, the power it can bring to bear is greatly diminished. That is no longer any secret."

Hearing this, Lu Ye pondered slightly before saying, "Then forget it. Let's set this matter aside for now."

The fire gourd was something he was determined to obtain. The uncanny fire nurtured within it was useful to the Talent Tree, and Lu Ye also wanted to know what benefits there would be when all seven treasure gourds were gathered.

Since Jiu Yan said Yuan Se would not compromise, he wouldn't startle the snake for now. When the opportunity arose in the future, he'd personally take a trip to Yiyuan World and have a good talk with Yuan Se.

Jiu Yan gave him a long, deep look, clearly having seen through what he had in mind. She wanted to advise him a bit, but in the end she only sighed and held her tongue.

"When does Senior Sister plan to start on the rebuilding of the All Phenomena Merchants Guild?" Lu Ye asked.

"I'll do it as soon as possible." Jiu Yan rose to her feet and headed outside.

Lu Ye hurriedly stood as well to see her off. When they reached the hall entrance, Jiu Yan suddenly turned her head to glance at him. "In that previous battle, Yuan Du, Guk Xi, and Chen Xuanba were all slain by Animitta Palace cultivators. Our All Phenomena Galaxy and Animitta Palace now share an irreconcilable blood feud. If you obtain any leads on Animitta Palace in the future, remember to tell me."

Lu Ye blinked and nodded. "I will."

"No need to see me out." As her words fell, Jiu Yan had already soared into the sky.

Lu Ye watched her figure disappear from his sight, feeling a twinge of emotion. She truly was an old-brand Sun Blaze—just a single sentence had magnified and then minimized the grudges between his side and All Phenomena.

No one had seen whose hands Yuan Du, Guk Xi, and Chen Xuanba had died under, because when Lu Ye killed them, it was all carried out within the Blood Sea, and that was right at the very beginning of Animitta Palace's invasion, when the entire All Phenomena Ocean was in chaos.

Although no one had witnessed it with their own eyes, the few Sun Blaze cultivators of All Phenomena all knew very well whose hands those three had died by.

Knowing was one thing; whether they had the ability to avenge them was another matter entirely.

With a single phrase, Jiu Yan had pinned the deaths of those Sun Blaze cultivators on Animitta Palace, clearly striving to downplay the grudge between Lu Ye and All Phenomena. After all, she had already agreed to take over All Phenomena Island. If these grudges remained out in the open, awkward situations would inevitably arise in the future.

But it was different once the deaths of those three Sun Blaze cultivators were framed on Animitta Palace. Once this news spread, Yuan Se and the others would definitely not step out to refute it; they would only do their utmost to help cover it up.

For the All Phenomena Galaxy as it stood now, they had indeed lost their rule over the All Phenomena Ocean, but they could at least still obtain half of the profits from All Phenomena Island. Even though Jiu Yan might have to share out a portion of that half, as the side that had lost in this struggle, such a result was barely acceptable.

The matter of the All Phenomena Ocean could be considered properly settled...

It was time to return to the Nine Provinces.

The ten Demon Venerable-level powerhouses from Zixuan were leading an army to the Nine Provinces. Counting the time, they probably hadn't arrived yet, but neither the Nine Provinces nor Jade Conch had ever experienced a war on this level. They were bound to need some preparation time.

So he had to hurry back in advance to make arrangements.

But before that...

With a soft "bang", Lu Ye braced one hand against the wall, forcing Hua Ci into the corner of the room.

He was half a head taller than Hua Ci; in such a posture, they were close enough to share breath, and he was looming over her from above.

Hua Ci crossed both arms in front of her chest. In her bright eyes faint golden light flickered; her bearing was pure and austere, yet her face was a mess of panic and confusion.

"What are you doing, I'm your big sister!" Ever since the day they exchanged a few words, she had been insisting on this big-sister identity these past days.

"Alright, alright, so this is how you want to play it now?" Lu Ye raised his other hand and lightly hooked a finger under her smooth chin. Their eyes met; their breaths mingled.

Hua Ci hurriedly turned her head aside, panting roughly, her face full of rejection. "You can't..."

"Interesting!" Lu Ye laughed heartily. Something restless stirred deep in his chest. The Hua Ci before him was like a spirit fruit he had never seen before, exuding an enticing fragrance that made him want to swallow her in one bite.

Especially after this recent retreat, Hua Ci's temperament had changed a great deal. The old her had been gentle and soft; the current her gave off a noble, inviolable, sacred aura.

That unique temperament, placed in this kind of posture, created an extremely sharp visual contrast, giving Lu Ye a very novel feeling.

He could be sure of one thing: Hua Ci had definitely not lost her memories...

This was actually easy to verify. If anyone in this world knew Hua Ci best, it was him. No matter how good her act was, there were always some tiny details she couldn't cover up.

"There's nothing you can't do, so stop resisting!" Lu Ye pinched her chin, forcibly turning her head back. Under Hua Ci's watery gaze, he slowly leaned down toward her.

This wicked woman dared to toy with him. He hadn't had the time earlier, but now that he was free, of course he had to give her a good lesson and let her know what it meant for the husband to be the head of the wife!

The distance between them grew smaller and smaller. Hua Ci's eyes went wide; tears even welled up in her eye sockets. Her whole expression was that of someone about to suffer humiliation yet unable to resist.

Lu Ye was shouting "this is so satisfying" in his heart.

"Ribbit..." A frog's croak suddenly sounded beside them.

Lu Ye's movements halted. The next instant, he caught a flash of golden light out of the corner of his eye.

"Crap..." He had just opened his mouth, hadn't even had time to dodge, when the golden light struck him squarely. In an instant, his Mana was imprisoned and his whole body went rigid.

Right in front of him, at arm's length, the about-to-cry Hua Ci's eyes turned, and all that previous frailty vanished. The corners of her eyes curved, her gaze slitted in a smile. She raised a finger and poked Lu Ye's chest, lightly biting her red lips. "Having fun, are we? Little! Bro! ther!"

Her other hand twisted hard at Lu Ye's waist.

Lu Ye could only look at her helplessly and sent an audio transmission: "Weren't you the one who's been playing me for so many days?"

Having personally experienced the terrifying might of the Three Treasure Wishing Coins, Lu Ye finally realized just how unsolvable this supreme treasure was. Right now, aside from still being able to stir his Psyche Force, he couldn't even speak.

"Because I feel like it!" Hua Ci lifted her chin, giving him a sideways look.

"Just tell me already—how exactly did I offend you, that you have to torment me like this?" Lu Ye sighed.

These past days, he had occasionally tried to figure out just where he'd offended Hua Ci, but no matter how he thought about it, he couldn't find any clue.

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With her being this sarcastic, Lu Ye became even more certain that he had indeed offended her somehow. A terrifying thought surged in his heart, and his expression grew a bit guilty.

Hua Ci was still talking about her hardships when Lu Ye suddenly cut her off with an audio transmission: "I'm going back to the Nine Provinces!"

Hua Ci's voice stopped abruptly. She lifted her eyes to look at him, a faint smile blossoming. "We've only been apart for such a short while, and you're already missing your Yuqing?"

Bad! So it really was that.

Lu Ye almost wanted to slap himself.

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Tang Jun nodded and went to handle it.

Lu Ye then looked at Luan Xiao'e: "Senior Sister, come with me to check the Insect Path, if everything is fine, we'll directly return to Nine Provinces through it!"

Luan Xiao'e nodded: "Alright! But Junior Brother, wait a moment, there are others who want to go with us."

"Who?"

Luan Xiao'e smiled: "You'll find out soon enough."

Lu Ye was puzzled since this trip was to return to the Jade Conch Galaxy, bringing Luan Xiao'e back was right, as she's a Sun Blaze, capable of play a significant role, as for others, Lu Ye hadn't planned to bring them.

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Soon, figures gathered from all directions.

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Looking at these familiar faces, Lu Ye didn't know what to say.

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Li Baxian looked at the profound demeanor of this old senior and felt inadequate.

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After a moment of contemplation, Lu Ye turned to Tang Jun: "Give those Constellation cultivators some spirit jade and Spiritual Artifacts, don't be stingy, provide ample amounts."

Tang Jun said: "I've contacted them before, they seem to want to join our Three Worlds Island, what do you think..."

"Decide for yourself." Lu Ye was unconcerned with such trivial matters, back in the day, Three Worlds Island wouldn't accept cultivators from outside, but times have changed, here on the All Phenomena Ocean, Three Worlds Island stands alone, with fewer scruples than before, just a few Constellation cultivators.

Tang Jun nodded and went to handle it.

Lu Ye then looked at Luan Xiao'e: "Senior Sister, come with me to check the Insect Path, if everything is fine, we'll directly return to Nine Provinces through it!"

Luan Xiao'e nodded: "Alright! But Junior Brother, wait a moment, there are others who want to go with us."

"Who?"

Luan Xiao'e smiled: "You'll find out soon enough."

Lu Ye was puzzled since this trip was to return to the Jade Conch Galaxy, bringing Luan Xiao'e back was right, as she's a Sun Blaze, capable of play a significant role, as for others, Lu Ye hadn't planned to bring them.

But Luan Xiao'e didn't explain much, only sending out some messages.

Soon, figures gathered from all directions.

The first to arrive were a group of Moon Jade cultivators who had ascended on the All Phenomena Ocean in recent years, all originating from the Jade Conch World.

Next came the Constellation cultivators, with Three Worlds cultivators present, led by a group from Nine Provinces.

The sect master, Master Yun Xuechu, Elder Brother Feng Wujiang, Giant Armor, Third Brother Li Baxian, Nian Yuexian, Lady Moon, Mong Jie, Jian Guhong...

Looking at these familiar faces, Lu Ye didn't know what to say.

Thang Yifeng stepped forward to pat Lu Ye's shoulder: "The matter of our homeland isn't just yours alone. We've been peacefully cultivating on the All Phenomena Ocean and fought many battles with you at the forefront. We can't always let you bear the burden alone; we're also capable of fighting and waging war."

Feng Wujiang also smiled at Lu Ye: "Little Junior Brother, look forward and into the distance, but don't forget those behind you."

Jian Guhong touched his sword with a low voice: "The sword cries, it hasn't tasted blood for a long time, hoping this time it sees a joyful battle!"

Li Baxian looked at the profound demeanor of this old senior and felt inadequate.

Seeing these many familiar faces and the light in their eyes, Lu Ye realized he couldn't refuse this trip.

And he knew, Nine Provinces cultivators have never been flowers nurtured in a greenhouse; each has braved life-and-death ordeals many times to reach today's status.

If they choose to follow Lu Ye back to their homeland, it means they have disregarded life and death.

"I understand!" Lu Ye nodded, "Please join me in returning to our homeland, fight the foreign foes, and those who dare invade our galaxy will surely meet no return!"

"That's right!" Thang Yifeng felt a surge of satisfaction.

Chapter 2017: Reunion with an Old Friend

"No way!" Qiu Wu quickly waved his hand to refuse. In terms of cultivation, Su Yiming was stronger than Han Dong by a significant margin, but even he fell into the Insect Path. If Han Dong were to enter, it would likely not end well for him, and Qiu Wu couldn't let Han Dong take such a risk.

Yet they couldn't just ignore Su Yiming. In this situation, Su Yiming must have encountered some trouble within the Insect Path.

After much deliberation, Qiu Wu steadied his mind: "I'll go in personally!"

His words were barely out when several Moon Jades quickly tried to dissuade him. Qiu Wu was the World Lord and the most esteemed person in the entire Jade Conch World; he shouldn't have to step in for such matters.

Everyone proactively volunteered.

"No need to say more." However, Qiu Wu's expression was firm, "I've made up my mind, and I have my own methods. Compared to you, I have a better chance of getting out alive. That's that; you all stay outside."

Saying this, he flashed and dashed toward the Insect Path.

The few Moon Jades from Jade Conch didn't have time to stop him and could only watch with anxious trepidation as he rushed into the Insect Path, with Han Dong particularly frantically pacing.

However, in the next moment, Qiu Wu, who had entered the Insect Path, swiftly flew back.

The group hurried to meet him, but before they could speak, they stared in shock at the figure behind Qiu Wu.

"Fellow Daoist Lu?" Han Dong recognized Lu Ye at a glance. Among the cultivators of Jade Conch, he had spent the most time with Lu Ye and shared the deepest bond.

For a moment, he thought he was seeing things. Otherwise, why would Lu Ye be here?

"Fellow Daoists, it's been a while." Lu Ye greeted the crowd with a wide smile. The smooth passage through the Insect Path had put him in a good mood, and it undoubtedly represented a stable passage between All Phenomena and Jade Conch from now on.

If the cultivators of the home galaxy want to go to All Phenomena again, they won't have to wait for him to return to escort them.

This matter could be left to Luan Xiao'e to handle. The Void Beast Core also needed to be handed over to her. With its assistance, it would be simple for her to lead people through the Insect Path.

An Insect Path connects the home star system with the fundamental hub of the All Phenomena Ocean, which is greatly beneficial for future developments.

"Is it really Fellow Daoist Lu?" Han Dong asked in great astonishment, "How did you..."

Qiu Wu quickly said, "Idle talk later; let's make way first!" As he spoke, he urged his mana, whisking the group backward.

A group of people was confused, seeing Qiu Wu's actions as avoiding something, but soon they knew what it was.

At the rotating, whirlpool-like entrance to the Insect Path, a corner suddenly revealed itself, like a ferocious dragon poking its head from its cave, followed by a colossal figure...

A few Moon Jades from Jade Conch stared dumbstruck.

No one had ever witnessed such enormous, awe-inspiring battleship. As the battleship slowly sailed out from the Insect Path, anyone who saw it first would inevitably feel a chilling sensation; the entire vessel was infused with an aura of destruction, making one's psyche tremble.

Imagine if such a giant battleship suddenly descended upon Jade Conch World... who could resist?

Seeing their expressions, Lu Ye explained gently, "This is our battleship!"

"Our own..." A few Moon Jades were lost in thought. Though they knew the Three Worlds cultivators were doing well on the other side in the All Phenomena Ocean, specifically how they were progressing, nobody was certain.

After all, for many years, Lu Ye was the only cultivator to leave the home galaxy and return, and he seldom talked about specifics.

Now they realized that the home galaxy indeed developed well in the All Phenomena Ocean, possessing such a battleship.

Even if they hadn't seen much of the world and didn't grasp what tier such a ship belonged to, a mere glance showed that this battleship wasn't one that ordinary forces could possess.

Even more surprising was yet to come; a familiar aura rose from inside the battleship, followed by someone darting out, swiftly landing before them.

"Greetings, Senior Brothers and Junior Brothers!"

Qiu Wu gazed intently, revealing a joyful expression: "Junior Sister Luan..." His voice suddenly cut off, with a look of uncertainty: "Your cultivation..."

There was something off about Luan Xiao'e's aura, far deeper and more profound compared to when she left!

Qiu Wu's eyes widened, an irrepressible thought emerged.

Could it be...

Luan Xiao'e glanced at Lu Ye: "With Junior Brother Lu's full support, I advanced to Sun Blaze more than a year ago!"

"Sun Blaze!" Each Moon Jade from Jade Conch, one by one, was utterly shaken by this news.

The Sun Blaze was a realm that had been pursued for countless years within the world, yet eluded all. Now, someone had genuinely reached this height!

"Good, good, good!" Qiu Wu was overjoyed, looking at Luan Xiao'e with gratitude, eyes slightly moist: "Our world finally has a Sun Blaze!"

With the first, the second will surely follow.

Not until this moment did he suddenly realize and look at Lu Ye, "Fellow Daoist, you've also reached the Sun Blaze Realm, haven't you?"

Just as he had entered the Insect Path, he ran into Lu Ye head-on, and at that moment he had no time to ask too many questions, nor did he pay much attention to the change in Lu Ye's aura.

It wasn't until this moment of comparison that he suddenly became aware.

Lu Ye nodded, "I ascended not long ago."

"Fellow Daoist, you're remarkable." Qiu Wu sighed. Luan Xiao'e's ascension to Sun Blaze was the culmination of many years of cultivation, yet Lu Ye, being so young, had already surpassed her. In comparison, those of them who had been cultivating for years but were stuck in the Moon Jade were hardly worth mentioning.

As they spoke, another Sun Blaze aura emerged, slowly approaching.

Qiu Wu looked uncertainly at Yan Miao standing beside Luan Xiao'e, "Who might this be..."

"This is the Great Elder Yan Miao of the Merfolk Race," Luan Xiao'e proactively introduced. She and Yan Miao had a good relationship, and their successive ascensions to Sun Blaze were due to years of exploration and exchange. It could be said that over the years, the two women had become as close as sisters.

The likes of the Merfolk Race, Qiu Wu, and others had naturally never heard of, but faced with a Sun Blaze, no one dared to show disrespect, and they all paid their respects.

After a few pleasantries, Han Dong stepped forward and said, "Fellow Daoist Lu, does your return from the Insect Path mean it is now passable?"

Lu Ye nodded, "Barely passable, but there are considerable risks. We'll discuss this in detail later. By the way, Fellow Daoist Su Yiming is safe for now, so there's no need for you all to worry. He got injured while passing through the Insect Path and is now recuperating over at the All Phenomena Ocean."

Upon hearing this, everyone was relieved.

They had gathered here because Su Yiming had an incident. Now learning that he was recovering at the All Phenomena Ocean, there was naturally no need to worry.

"Fellow Daoist Lu, why did you return with so many people this time?" Qiu Wu keenly noticed that a large number of cultivators were gathering on the Central Hub battleship, "Has something happened at the All Phenomena Ocean?"

Lu Ye responded, "The trouble at the All Phenomena Ocean isn't significant, and it's already been resolved. Currently, it is our Jade Conch Star System that is facing trouble!"

Qiu Wu was puzzled, "What kind of trouble?" He vaguely sensed that this trouble might be substantial, otherwise, Lu Ye and the others wouldn't have returned with such a grand display.

Lu Ye thought for a moment and said, "To be frank, the Nine Heavens isn't actually called the Nine Heavens World; it's actually the Nine Provinces! It's just that because the Nine Provinces are tied to a grievance from ten thousand years ago, we had to disguise ourselves as the Nine Heavens for

outsiders... Now, a force known as the Zixuan Demon Planet has discovered information about our Nine Provinces. They have Ten Great Sun Blaze leaders and a demon cultivator army on their way to invade!"

The name of the Nine Provinces has yet to spread widely, but the Zixuan Demon Planet certainly already knows. Therefore, there is no need to hide the grievances from the cultivators of our home galaxy. At the very least, they have the right to know the origin and cause of these grievances.

"We, the Three Worlds Island, had a conflict with Zixuan over the All Phenomena Ocean, and Zixuan suffered significant losses. Hence, they are coming with ill intentions, and I learned of this through a particular channel, which is why I brought people back to provide support."

Only then did Qiu Wu and the others understand why Lu Ye had returned with such a large battleship and many cultivators.

However...

"Ten Great Sun Blaze?" Qiu Wu's heart was shaken, and his previous excitement over Luan Xiao'e's ascension to Sun Blaze instantly dissipated.

Among those present, there were three Sun Blaze, but their opponents have ten. How are they supposed to fight this?

"Zixuan Demon Planet... are they really that strong?" someone asked.

Lu Ye nodded, "Extremely strong. In the stellar space, Zixuan Demon Planet holds a position as one of the top-tier forces and is renowned across the stars. In comparison, our Jade Conch is hardly significant."

The expressions of everyone grew increasingly grave.

Luan Xiao'e said, "Zixuan is indeed formidable, but there's no need to be too tense. During the incident at the All Phenomena Ocean, Junior Brother Lu on his own killed six or seven Sun Blaze of theirs. Since we've returned now, we certainly have a way to resolve this."

As she spoke, she surreptitiously gave Lu Ye a sidelong glance, signaling him not to frighten their inexperienced senior brothers and junior brothers.

"Killed six or seven Sun Blaze..." Han Dong's eyes almost bulged out, "Fellow Daoist Lu, didn't you just say you only recently ascended?"

To have just ascended and already be so fierce?

They had been happy for Luan Xiao'e being the first Sun Blaze in the Jade Conch, but now, in comparison to Lu Ye's accomplishments, what was it worth?

Qiu Wu steadied his mind and looked towards Lu Ye, "Fellow Daoist, with the Zixuan invasion, do we have any assurance of dealing with them?"

Lu Ye nodded, full of confidence, "I assure you, they will come in vain and never return!"

Seeing him so confident, everyone finally relaxed.

Qiu Wu said, "In our home galaxy's Three Worlds, the loss of one affects all, and the glory of one benefits all. If there is a need for our Jade Conch to contribute in this battle, feel free to let us know, and the entire Jade Conch will give no excuses!"

Lu Ye did not stand on ceremony, "In that case, please have the World Lord immediately summon all the able fighters from the Jade Conch World. This battle will be one that will make our home galaxy renowned across the stars. I want to conquer Zixuan in this fight, ensuring that after this battle, no one dares to invade our galaxy again!"

Even though Lu Ye previously mentioned that Zixuan is a top-tier force, without stepping outside the home galaxy, it is hard to feel the weight of a top-tier force. Despite this, everyone was stirred with fervor by Lu Ye's words.

Qiu Wu immediately agreed, "I will go make the arrangements at once. Where should we gather? Nine Heavens... Nine Provinces?"

"No..." Lu Ye shook his head and looked toward a certain direction, "Qingli Dao World!"

Chapter 2018: Preparing for Battle

It's not that Lu Ye wants to place the battlefield in the Qingli Dao World, but if he follows the previous route to enter the Jade Conch Galaxy, the first to bear the brunt is the Qingli Dao World.

This realm is not far from the geomagnetic turbulence zone. Although Zixuan's target is the Nine Provinces, if they break out of the geomagnetic turbulence zone and discover the Qingli Dao World, just a random move from a Sun Blaze cultivator would lead to devastation for all living beings.

Of course, if they don't discover it, or even if they do but don't care, there naturally won't be any risk for the Qingli Dao World.

But no one can guarantee such things.

Therefore, the battlefield must be chosen at a location before Zixuan's battalion reaches the Qingli Dao World, preferably blocking them at the exit of the geomagnetic turbulence zone.

Qiu Wu left with several Moon Jade cultivators from the Jade Conch World, preparing to follow Lu Ye's instructions and return to his world to gather cultivators able to fight.

After a moment, the Central Hub battleship changed direction, flying towards the Qingli Dao World.

Lu Ye set out alone on the journey back to the Nine Provinces.

This place is very close to the original Unparalleled Continent, and not far from the Nine Provinces either. With his current Sun Blaze speed, he crossed the distance in merely half a day.

Recalling the past, when he had a Constellation cultivation, traveling from the Nine Provinces to this place would take months.

More than half a day later, Lu Ye stood in the vast stellar space, his expression uncertain and puzzled.

He looked ahead, frowning deeply.

Where are the Nine Provinces? Where did such a large Nine Provinces go?

And the Blood Refinement World?

And Mount Fangcun!

All have vanished without a trace.

Knowing the path among the stars is a survival skill every cultivator must possess, especially since the Jade Conch Galaxy is his birth galaxy. He could tell with closed eyes how many stars are nearby and their arrangement.

But the original position of the Nine Provinces is now empty, not only the Nine Provinces, Blood Refinement World, and Mount Fangcun have all disappeared.

Lu Ye couldn't help but wonder momentarily if he was on the wrong path.

But upon careful consideration, it seemed unlikely, and instead, he thought of another possibility!

He immersed his mind, lifted his hand to press on his battlefield marking, and transmitted the audio: "Number Nine, stop messing around!"

"Hehe, you found out, huh?" Number Nine's voice immediately transmitted to his ears, evidently quite smug.

"I knew it was this." Lu Ye realized his guess was right.

Back then, the vast Asura Domain, under the concealment of the mysterious power of the supreme treasure Asura Field, had remained hidden for countless millennium, and anyone entering the Asura Domain would directly appear in the Sky Asura World after passing the test.

Only when the Asura Field closed did the true Asura Domain get exposed.

Now Number Nine has acquired the Asura Field Treasure, and Lu Ye guessed it could exhibit similar abilities.

Sure enough, he didn't see the Nine Provinces not because he took the wrong path, but because this piece of stellar space was concealed with the power of the Asura Field by Number Nine.

What he saw was all an illusion; the real stellar space was hidden amidst this illusion without any flaw.

The power of the treasure can't compare to the supreme treasure; the mysterious power of the Asura Field can conceal the entire Asura Domain, which is a vast space composed of countless galaxies.

Number Nine can't conceal even the entire Jade Conch Galaxy, but concealing just a region near the Nine Provinces is still possible.

"Close your eyes!" Number Nine's voice transmitted again.

Lu Ye, helpless, closed his eyes.

"Open your eyes!" Number Nine instructed once more.

At the same time, Lu Ye clearly felt a mysterious power descending upon him from nowhere, and when he reopened his eyes, the scene before him had changed dramatically, the Nine Provinces reappeared in his view, and Blood Refinement World stretched beside it.

"Fun, isn't it?" Number Nine gleefully remarked, "From now on, without my permission, no one can enter the Nine Provinces."

If Number Nine had acquired this method earlier, Black Cloud couldn't have found the Nine Provinces back then, but it was indeed unfortunate as Lu Ye returned with the Asura Field Treasure, and Black Cloud had already entered the Nine Provinces.

Even now, it's not too late; nowadays, the Nine Provinces are enveloped and concealed by the power of the Asura Field Treasure, and it will be difficult to face too much danger in the future.

Unfortunately, he can't guarantee that Zixuan's battalion would head straight for the Nine Provinces without causing trouble for the Qingli Dao World. If such assurance existed, the battlefield could completely shift to the Nine Provinces.

Imagine if it really happened, Zixuan's battalion following Black Cloud's given route trek arrives, yet can't find the Nine Provinces at all - the scene would certainly be absurd.

And with the power of the Asura Field Treasure, Number Nine can definitely split the battlefield into various separate spaces. It might lack support for the Sun Blaze level, but below Sun Blaze, it can create geographical advantages for the cultivators of the Three Worlds, drastically reducing their risks.

Suppressing this notion in his mind, Lu Ye spoke, "Number Nine, in my name, summon the Nine Provinces' Constellations that can fight!"

"What's wrong?" Number Nine was startled.

"Ready for battle!"

Though Lu Ye spoke casually, Number Nine still sensed that this confrontation would be anything but ordinary.

Tasked with assembling the Constellations of the Nine Provinces, Lu Ye didn't return to the Nine Provinces but went straight to Mount Fangcun.

Soon, on the Immortal Spirit Peak, four figures gathered.

Su Yuqing, Chen Xuanhai, and Woo Qimo from the Eastern Region, gathered here. Upon confirming Lu Ye had risen to Sun Blaze, they all voiced their congratulations.

After a brief exchange of pleasantries, Lu Ye stated his purpose.

Chen Xuanhai understood: "The top ten Zixuan Demon Venerables are coming. Are you seeking assistance from the South and West?"

"Indeed!" Lu Ye nodded, "Including myself, there are only three Sun Blaze on Three Worlds Island, and we're all newly promoted. Facing the Zixuan Demon Venerables might be beyond our strength. Thus, I must ask for the support of the senior brothers and sisters of Mount Fangcun."

Chen Xuanhai laughed: "No problem, now that you are the master of Mount Fangcun, with your word, the Eastern Region will support you fully, and the Southern and Western Regions won't refuse."

"I'm counting on you, Senior Brother Chen."

"Leave it to me!" Chen Xuanhai nodded.

In the past, the Dwarf Race rarely got involved in conflicts of other races, tending not to provoke enmity with any group, their sole enemy being the Blood Race.

But now things were different; Lu Ye had refined the core of Mount Fangcun, becoming its master, sharing the mountain's fortunes and woes.

Furthermore, Lu Ye was also a successor of the Dao Tree, with vast potential, having quickly risen to Sun Blaze, naturally deserving of allegiance.

He also shared the relationship of Dao companions with Su Yuqing!

In essence, Lu Ye's concerns were Mount Fangcun's concerns.

Thus, when Lu Ye asked, Chen Xuanhai agreed without hesitation.

"Thanks, Senior Brother Chen." Lu Ye expressed his gratitude and then recalled another matter: "By the way, wasn't Zixuan Black Cloud killed previously by us? How come he reappeared at the All Phenomena Ocean stronger than before? Do the three of you know why?"

"Out-Of-Body Incarnation Method!" Su Yuqing spoke slowly, "But this is not an ordinary incarnation; it should be a magic body. What we killed before was the magic body, and what you encountered at All Phenomena Ocean should be the true form, hence stronger."

"Out-Of-Body Incarnation Method..." Lu Ye felt he'd seen this information somewhere but couldn't recall for a moment.

Seeing his puzzlement, Su Yuqing hesitated, then explained: "On the cultivation path, Sun Blaze reigns supreme. Once at Peak Sun Blaze, progress halts, but the inherent pursuit of breakthroughs prevails. So, some Sun Blaze individuals, to prepare ahead of time, employ special tactics—the magic body being one of them. Black Cloud's ability to form a magic body undoubtedly labels him as a Peak Sun Blaze individual."

Following his explanation, Lu Ye suddenly recalled where he'd read about the Out-Of-Body Incarnation Method.

It was in Haichuan Tower of the Sky Asura Race, recorded within a damaged jade slip, similar to Su Yuqing's explanation: something about untimely opportunity not addressing the core issue, the incarnation and such...

"Besides, is there anything like the Inner Core Technique?" Lu Ye asked.

This was the information recorded in the jade slip.

"Yes." Su Yuqing nodded, suddenly blushing a bit, "I used the Inner Core Technique."

Lu Ye blinked and abruptly recalled when Su Yuqing once gave him a seemingly inner core item to nurture, enabling him to participate in the Dwarf Race's Black Abyss Martial Arts Meet; in the end, the inner core entered his stomach, refined by the Talent Tree, significantly boosting his strength shortly.

Su Yuqing realized and attempted to retrieve her inner core, leading to their skin-to-skin contact!

Sound of a sword's hum interrupted, breaking Lu Ye's train of thought. He turned to see Chen Xuanhai had summoned his talisman sword: "My method is this! Junior Brother Lu, with your remarkable aptitude, you will undeniably reach this point. Regardless of the method, it essentially reserves one's cultivation that can no longer progress."

Lu Ye instantly comprehended, be it a magic body, inner core, or Chen Xuanhai's talisman sword, all are measures Sun Blaze adopts at peak, when cultivation stagnates—a reserve of their own cultivation.

With such thoughts, he turned to Woo Qimo, curious about this Senior Brother Woo's approach.

Woo Qimo frowned: "I haven't reached that point yet. Once I do, I'll let you know!"

Lu Ye understood, realizing Su Yuqing and Chen Xuanhai had reached their limits in cultivation, surpassing Woo Qimo in strength.

Refraining from further questions, he had long been aware of such matters. With a certain height, it naturally becomes evident.

"Senior Brother Chen, I must rely on you for the Southern and Western Regions' matters. I'll head out now but return within a day." Lu Ye stood.

"Do you need me to accompany you?" Su Yuqing asked.

"No need, I'm just seeking reinforcements." Lu Ye waved and soared into the sky.

"Looking for reinforcements?" Chen Xuanhai revealed a puzzled look. Where in this stellar space was there viable reinforcement? Lu Ye planned to return within a day, clearly not venturing far.

Furthermore, finding reinforcements capable of affecting the battle against the Zixuan battalion wouldn't be easy.

Based on the intelligence from Lu Ye's side, Zixuan had ten Demon Venerables coming, troop numbers unknown. These ten Demon Venerables, Mount Fangcun could handle.

Thus, with such preparation, the three Sun Blaze of Three Worlds Island could unleash their power uninhibited, halfway securing victory. If Lu Ye manages to find suitable reinforcements, Zixuan is undoubtedly doomed this time.

"Seems like our Junior Brother Lu has an ace up his sleeve." Woo Qimo rubbed his chin, speculating with curious intrigue due to Lu Ye's cryptic maneuvers.

Chapter 2019: Reinforcements

If the All Phenomena Ocean dispute was the battle that made Three Worlds Island famous, then this time, facing the Purple Swirl invasion, is the battle that will make the Jade Conch Galaxy renowned.

Although their current forces are indeed qualified to contend against the invaders, Lu Ye does not merely aim to be on par with the enemy. He wants the Purple Swirl battalion to come forth with no way to return.

To achieve this goal, there is a prerequisite—our side's strength must vastly exceed the enemy's, holding a crushing advantage!

Only then can they swiftly defeat the enemy forces, while also avoiding significant casualties on their side.

From the Mount Fangcun side, they could send out ten Sun Ascendants to face against ten of Purple Swirl's Demon Venerables, but it's still not enough.

A little over half a day later, Lu Ye's figure appeared in the Soul Race's ancestral land.

As usual, he paid a visit to Elder Xuyuan. Upon seeing each other, Xuyuan immediately discerned his background: "You've ascended to Sun Blaze?"

It wasn't surprising, as when Lu Ye last came, he was already at the Peak Moon Jade stage, seemingly on the verge of breaking through at any moment.

"Luckily advanced," Lu Ye nodded.

"Since you've ascended, has your problem been solved?" Xuyuan asked, undoubtedly referring to the matter of the Qi Flower.

"Solved," Lu Ye replied.

"That's good," Xuyuan expressed with satisfaction. Over the years, he had long regarded Lu Ye as a junior. Although Lu Ye was not originally from the Soul Race, there was truly no other Soul Race individual who had won the favor of the ancestral land's will. "After Sun Blaze is divine cultivation. What you must first do is temper a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique; future cultivation largely relies on it as the foundation. When you have time, I'll properly discuss it with you."

He undoubtedly noticed that Lu Ye had other matters for this visit and asked: "What's the purpose of this visit?"

"My homeland is in peril, and I've come to seek aid," Lu Ye explained his visit's purpose.

"What's the situation?" Xuyuan inquired.

Lu Ye promptly recounted the attack by Purple Swirl. Xuyuan understood upon hearing: "You wish for the Soul Race here to dispatch some tribesmen, correct?"

"Yes," Lu Ye nodded.

"That's not an issue," Xuyuan agreed outright. If it were someone else, the Soul Race might not heed them. This race was even less conflict-driven than the Dwarf Race, and their unique living conditions meant they rarely clashed with other races. But since Lu Ye made the request, they naturally wouldn't refuse.

The Soul Race had aided Lu Ye before; when the Filth Race invaded last time, Xuyuan had intervened.

"How many hands do you need?" Xuyuan asked.

"The more, the better!"

The known enemy situation only involved the ten Demon Venerables of Purple Swirl. As for how many demon cultivators were coming, he truly wasn't sure. However, since Black Cloud previously mentioned leading them, it indicated the number of demon cultivators wasn't small.

Xuyuan extended his hand to tap him, pondered briefly, and then said: "Currently, the Sun Blaze we can mobilize, including myself, is about ten. Is that sufficient?"

He didn't mention below Sun Blaze, but with ten Sun Blaze, the number of Soul Race below Sun Blaze wouldn't be small either.

"That's enough!" Lu Ye hadn't expected to be able to bring in so many Sun Blaze Soul Race members. In his plan, having about three to five would suffice. But now with these ten Sun Blaze Soul Race joining the fray, this battle... how could Purple Swirl possibly win?

With Purple Swirl dispatching ten Demon Venerables, it showed the importance they placed on matters regarding the Nine Provinces. Yet they probably didn't anticipate kicking a steel plate this time.

"Please wait a moment; I need to wake them, which will require some time." As Xuyuan spoke, he closed his eyes, allowing his Soul Power to ripple outwards.

During normal times, Soul Tribe members usually slumber on various Lotus Lands. The higher their strength, the more so, which is why the entire Soul Tribe space often seemed empty and quiet; only those with cultivation not very high would regularly appear and move about.

Lu Ye stood quietly by, waiting.

After a short time, strong auras began emerging from every corner of the Soul Race's ancestral land, converging towards this point.

In less than one incense stick's time, ten figures stood before Lu Ye, each exuding profound Soul Power, clearly the Sun Blaze individuals Xuyuan had mentioned earlier.

Notably, there was one more than Xuyuan had stated.

Every individual who arrived took a keen interest in Lu Ye, evidently having heard of him.

The tale of how a human had gained the ancestral land's recognition, entered its space, and acquired a seven-color Divine Lotus in the Lotus Pond had long spread. Even though many Soul Blaze had typically been slumbering, they had heard of it.

Especially since this human also brought the Sacred Beast of the Soul Race! The person himself seemed like the legendary Dao Tree successor.

The longevity of the Soul Race meant they were all knowledgeable and experienced. How could they not see that such a person had the potential to soar in the future?

Therefore, even though their status and age far exceeded Lu Ye's, given his recent advancement to Sun Blaze, they still addressed him as Fellow Daoist, each exhibiting friendly demeanor.

Lu Ye greeted each in turn, expressing sincere gratitude.

After the ten Sun Blaze had arrived, various groups of Soul Race cultivators from different Lotus Lands gathered there, with numbers rapidly increasing...

"These little rascals," Xuyuan couldn't help but chuckle as he saw his tribespeople gathering continuously: "They've been cooped up for too long and jumped at the chance to go out as soon as they heard the news."

One of the Soul Race's Sun Blaze stroked his beard, chuckling, "Let them be."

"And could we drive them back?" Xuyuan shook his head in exasperation.

He had intended to gather only a specific number of tribespeople but given the current situation, he could no longer restrain them.

The rules within the Soul Race were stringent, and members rarely had the opportunity to leave their ancestral land. Faced with such a chance, naturally, none wanted to miss out.

"Roar..." Suddenly, a tiger's roar resounded.

Lu Ye's heart stirred, he quickly looked in the direction of the sound, only to see a majestic giant White Tiger flying over from that direction.

As the White Tiger passed, all the Soul Race members simultaneously halted their movements, showing it respect and reverence, a devout expression in their eyes.

A figure sat upright on the White Tiger's back, continuously waving towards him: "Lu Ye!"

Behind the White Tiger, a large group of the Soul Race followed closely.

Lu Ye smiled and stepped forward to meet them.

The figure on the White Tiger also flew up, headed towards him, and dived into Lu Ye's embrace, holding him tightly.

"I missed you so much!" Yiyi buried her small face in Lu Ye's chest, her voice slightly muffled, as she hugged Lu Ye even tighter, as if she'd never let go.

Lu Ye wrapped his arms around her delicate body, gently patting her.

Amber's light flowed, transforming in an instant to the size of a cat, leaping onto Lu Ye's shoulder, rubbing its head against his cheek.

All around, the many members of the Soul Race watched this scene with complicated emotions...

Over the years, they've deeply felt how difficult it is to serve the Sacred Beast, and in their hearts, the tribe's Sacred Beast is a holy and inviolable symbol, never have they seen it so docile?

In the embrace, Yiyi looked up at Lu Ye: "Did you miss me?"

"I did!" Lu Ye nodded.

"You're full of crap!" Yiyi pouted, vigorously breaking free from Lu Ye's embrace, hands on her hips, showing a difficult-to-please expression, "You haven't visited us for a long time, and this time something big happened without telling us. If it wasn't for Elder Xuyuan's summon..."

"I was planning to come." Lu Ye quickly explained.

He did intend to, but considering the potential risks in this conflict with Zixuan, he dismissed the idea, not expecting Xuyuan's summon to also bring Yiyi and Amber over.

"Not listening, not listening, I won't listen!" Yiyi covered her ears with her hands, turning her back to him.

Lu Ye took a step forward, wrapped her in his arms, leaned over, and whispered something in her ear.

Yiyi's eyes twinkled, showing a face full of smugness, squinting at him: "You said it, no backing out!"

"I said it." Lu Ye nodded heavily.

Yiyi finally revealed a satisfied expression.

Lu Ye raised his head, looking forward, as two figures approached together.

"Fellow Daoist Lih Shang!" Lu Ye nodded with a smile.

The initial contact with the Soul Race started with Lih Shang, who was captured by a Sun Blaze, auctioned as an item by the All Phenomena Merchants Guild, Lu Ye spent a significant sum to buy her, gradually breaking the ice in the ensuing interactions, earning her trust.

Through contact with Lih Shang, Lu Ye initially intended to find a refuge for the Xianyuan Guard, but unexpectedly gained great benefits.

"Long time no see." Lih Shang responded with a smile.

Lu Ye looked at the figure beside Lih Shang: "City Lord, it's been a while." This was none other than Zhang Zishan, the City Lord of Xianyuan City. Back then, all the Xianyuan Guard followed Lih Shang, settled on her five-color Lotus Land.

Now under Xuyuan's summon, everyone had come along.

Lu Ye saw many familiar faces behind Zhang Zishan...

Yooi Qing, Liu Datong, Butcher, Scholar, blind fortune-teller, gambler Liu Sanbao, Hong Yue, and the delicate Xi Wanying holding a pipa...

These Xianyuan Guards all had interactions with him back then.

Back then, their cultivation levels were not high, only able to exist for long due to the uniqueness of Xianyuan City, but now, each possessed considerable Soul Power.

The ancestral land of the Soul Race nurtures! Especially Lih Shang's five-color Lotus Land of high quality, perfect for the Xianyuan Guard's survival and cultivation, over the years they've made significant progress.

Zhang Zishan smiled and said: "Our Xianyuan Guard's mission is to vow to defend the Nine Provinces to the death. Now that the Nine Provinces is in trouble, what will we do?"

He looked at Lu Ye but his words were directed at the Xianyuan Guard behind him.

"Fight to the death! Fight to the death! Fight to the death!"

Ear-splitting shouts echoed together!

Compared to the scattered and less battle-hardened Soul Race, although the Xianyuan Guard doesn't have large numbers, they are a true iron-blooded army. In the past, to protect the Nine Provinces, they voluntarily abandoned their physical bodies, showcasing their resolve and bravery, and now, it's again the moment for them to contribute their strength, which is the moment each Xianyuan Guard longs for!

Even those Sun Blaze Soul Race members witnessing this scene couldn't help but be moved.

The shouts still echoed in his ears, and Lu Ye was overwhelmed with emotions, looking at each Xianyuan Guard, he bowed deeply: "The Nine Provinces is lucky to have you, it's a blessing for all creatures living in the Nine Provinces!"

Zhang Zishan returned the salute: "The Nine Provinces is most fortunate to have you!"

Xuyuan interrupted them from the side: "It's time to go, if we don't leave now, more and more people will gather!"

He hadn't expected his summon would cause such an uproar in the Soul Race ancestral land, if this gathering continues, the battle could easily be won by the Soul Race alone.

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A moment later, at the Jade Conch Galaxy, at the location that connects to the Soul Race ancestral land, silhouettes suddenly appeared out of thin air.

These were indeed the reinforcements rushing over from the Soul Race side.

Lu Ye led the way, receiving the incoming Soul Race members, while Xuyuan and the other Sun Blaze cultivators stayed behind to cover the rear.

The number of people increased...

After one incense stick's time, when Xuyuan and the others appeared, no new Soul Race members came over, and the ones still wanting to come were stopped by Xuyuan.

Lu Ye roughly counted, and there were eleven Sun Blaze cultivators alone from the Soul Race this time, over a hundred Moon Jades, and thousands of Constellations...

Compared to the overall heritage of the Soul Race, this force was naturally insignificant, but just to deal with the war against Zixuan, it was more than sufficient.

"Where to now?" Xuyuan came to Lu Ye's side and asked.

"Everyone, please follow me." Lu Ye called out and led the way.

Yiyi rode over on Amber, waved at Lu Ye, and Lu Ye leaped onto Amber, took Yiyi into his arms, chatting and laughing with her.

Xuyuan and the other Sun Blaze cultivators mobilized their mana, sweeping the entire Soul Race army along, without slowing down in the slightest.

Half a day later, they arrived at Mount Fangcun.

After Lu Ye's explanation, Xuyuan and the others realized that this unremarkable object, resembling a meteorite commonly seen in stellar space, was actually the renowned Mount Fangcun!

They were astonished.

Even with Xuyuan's long lifespan, he had never had contact with Mount Fangcun, yet unexpectedly, he had such an opportunity this time.

He was curious about what kind of relationship Lu Ye had with Mount Fangcun.

The Soul Race army quickly entered Mount Fangcun, and noticing the commotion, Chen Xuanhai and the other three hurried over to welcome them. Seeing Lu Ye actually summon so many reinforcements, each of them was shocked.

Moreover, these reinforcements turned out to be the legendary Soul Race!

Whether it was the Mount Fangcun Dwarf Race or the Soul Race, both were renowned races in stellar space. The Mount Fangcun Dwarf Race was better known, with the previous three Mount Fangcun drifting in stellar space, others had some opportunities for contact, but the Soul Race was different. Many strong cultivators knew the Soul Race had an ancestral land, but where it was and how to enter, no one knew.

Seeing a single Soul Race member was a rare sight, let alone an entire Soul Race army.

Chen Xuanhai and the others didn't dare to neglect them, personally entertaining Xuyuan and the others.

There was a lot to discuss among them.

Meanwhile, Lu Ye had already arrived at the foot of Immortal Spirit Peak, where a group of cultivators had gathered, led by his three Blood Servants.

Previously, he had instructed Number Nine to issue orders in his name to gather the Nine Provinces' capable fighters. The efficiency on Number Nine's end was impeccable, and in just under a day, except for some who were injured or had difficulty moving and stayed to guard their domain, all other Nine Provinces Constellations were here.

Everyone was on high alert.

They only knew that the Nine Provinces was about to face a very powerful threat, with life and death at stake, and a great battle imminent. Those who could participate did so without hesitation, almost as if the entire province had mobilized.

This courage and determination gratified Lu Ye, for with such a spirited Nine Provinces, why fear not becoming strong in the future?

Lu Ye didn't linger long, instructing them to wait in place for orders, then left again.

Returning to the top of Immortal Spirit Peak, the three Sun Blaze Dwarves were having a lively conversation with the Sun Blaze of the Soul Race. Seeing him return, they all turned to look at him.

Xuyuan asked, "When will the battle begin?"

Lu Ye replied, "Some preparations are still needed." He looked toward Chen Xuanhai, "Have the Southern Region and Western Region been informed?"

Chen Xuanhai nodded, "I have already informed them, and there are no issues with the two regions. You just need to tell them how many people specifically, and the Array is ready. As the master of Mount Fangcun, activating the Array will be much more time-efficient and labor-saving for you."

Su Yuqing stood up, "Come with me."

Lu Ye hurriedly followed.

After the two left, a Soul Race Sun Blaze slowly came to his senses and looked at Chen Xuanhai, asking, "Fellow Daoist, who did you just say is the master of Mount Fangcun?"

The speaker doubted they had heard correctly.

Since ancient times, Mount Fangcun has always been associated with the Dwarf Race. When one mentions Mount Fangcun, what comes to mind is the Dwarf Race. Why did it just sound like something incredible was mentioned?

Chen Xuanhai smiled and said, "Didn't Junior Brother Lu tell you? A few years ago, he helped our race recover the core of Mount Fangcun and has since refined that core. So now, he is the rightful master of Mount Fangcun."

"There's such a thing?" The Sun Blaze looked amazed, deeply shaken inside.

On careful calculation, Lu Ye is the Dao Tree successor, esteemed by the consciousness of the Soul Race ancestral land, and now unexpectedly the master of Mount Fangcun...

Any one of these would be enough for a mediocre person to soar to great heights. With all three combined, Xuyuan found it hard to imagine what kind of accomplishments Lu Ye would achieve in the future.

It's important to know that Mount Fangcun is truly the stellar space supreme treasure. Although it has been divided into three parts, now with the core retrieved, the day of its reintegration is inevitable.

Once that time comes, it undoubtedly means that Lu Ye will have in his grasp a supreme treasure integrating both offense and defense. Across this stellar space, who can stand against him?

Only Xuyuan remained indifferent, for years ago Lu Ye had used the core of Mount Fangcun to traverse the Soul Race ancestral land, which he witnessed firsthand.

Lu Ye had now followed Su Yuqing to the pre-arranged Array, and under Su Yuqing's guidance, he sat cross-legged on the Array and immersed his mind.

The next moment, a highly peculiar feeling arose: as if he had transformed into Mount Fangcun, from afar in two directions across the stellar space, two identical origins were drawing near — one being near, the other far.

Lu Ye understood in his heart that they were the Southern Region and Western Region of Mount Fangcun, converging towards this place under the core's pull. The nearer one is the Southern Region, the farther one is the Western Region.

As the master of Mount Fangcun, he could now freely deploy its essence to activate the Array, effortlessly linking the other two parts.

Before too long, he established contact with the other two parts through the Array and confirmed the number of cultivators coming over to assist.

The Southern and Western Regions were quite eager, each preparing a large army, ranging from the Constellation to Sun Blaze levels.

However, considering the current force for this battle was already sufficient, Lu Ye only requested Sun Blaze and Moon Jade from the two parts to come for support, as the Constellations were not needed. The decisive factor on the battlefield was the Sun Blaze level of both enemies and allies.

Moreover, such transport also demanded significant consumption, not only of Lu Ye's power but more so of Mount Fangcun's essence. Bringing fewer Constellations would also reduce the consumption of Mount Fangcun's essence.

After a while, figures flickered on the Array, as Sun Blaze and Moon Jades from the Southern and Western Regions began to appear.

The three parts of Mount Fangcun had varying numbers of Sun Blaze, with the Eastern Region having the fewest, just three.

Southern Region had four, led by the eldest Yuk Qinlou.

The Western Region had the most, totaling six. Back then Zhang Kun, from the Western Region, escorted Lu Ye to the stellar marvel of the Illusory Blood Devil's Eye.

The whole Dwarf Race tallied thirteen Sun Blaze, which was already considerable. This was the result after Mount Fangcun had split; if it hadn't, the number of Sun Blaze born should have been even greater.

This time when Lu Ye called for aid, the Southern Region sent all but Yuk Qinlou to the Eastern Region.

The Western Region did the same, sending five Sun Blaze immediately.

Counting the three from the Eastern Region, the Dwarf Race alone had eleven Sun Blaze, equaling the number of Soul Race's Sun Blaze.

Additionally, each part sent around fifty Moon Jade, totaling a hundred or so.

It's enough!

Zixuan dispatched an unknown number of troops this time, but Lu Ye believed with the forces he had gathered now, they could crush the enemy, as they held a substantial advantage over the Sun Blaze level!

As usual, they convened at Immortal Spirit Peak, gathering all the Sun Blaze in the hall.

Counting them, there were as many as twenty-two. It's quite rare to see so many Sun Blaze together anywhere. The only other time Lu Ye had seen such a gathering was recently when he hosted experts from various galaxies on the Three Worlds Island.

Yet the situation now was different from back then.

"Junior Brother Lu, everyone's here. Go ahead with the arrangement," Chen Xuanhai looked at Lu Ye.

Lu Ye stood up and ceremoniously said, "Lu, representing the three domains of this home galaxy and billions of beings, thanks all my brothers and sisters for their support. With all of you backing me, the Zixuan battalion will surely have come without returning."

Everyone smiled silently, but in truth, the only one in this world who could call upon the full support of the Soul Race and Dwarf Race was Lu Ye.

These two races, which normally would have no interaction, gathered here because of Lu Ye.

"Based on the intelligence I've acquired, the Zixuan battalion will follow a route to breach our Jade Conch Galaxy, with the Nine Provinces as their destination. However, along the way, they'll pass through Qingli Dao World, so my plan is to intercept them before they reach Qingli Dao World to prevent them from causing chaos there."

Everyone nodded at this. It was a very thorough consideration and something necessary to guard against.

Across the stellar space, although the reputation of the Zixuan Demon Planet was not overly bad, it wasn't particularly good either. One Qingli Dao World couldn't stop them.

Lu Ye looked at the numerous Sun Blaze from the Dwarf Race. "Right now, with the Nine Provinces, Dwarf Race, and Soul Race armies assembled at Mount Fangcun, fast travel would surely consume significant time. Over at Qingli Dao World, another group of three thousand cultivators awaits. So my plan is to drive Mount Fangcun over there to merge directly with them. This would save time for the army's journey, and with Mount Fangcun as the safeguard, during the battle, if there are any injured, they could retreat into Mount Fangcun to heal, reducing casualties."

Lu Ye had already considered this situation. Currently, inside Mount Fangcun, the cultivator armies of the Nine Provinces human race, Soul Race, and Dwarf Race add up to nearly ten thousand people,

though slightly less. Such a force was something even the previous Central Hub battleship couldn't accommodate. To take them to Qingli Dao World would require considerable time, but driving Mount Fangcun directly there would change everything, saving time and effort.