

## Humanity 2041

### Chapter 2041: Just Consider It a Favor Owed by Your Senior Sister

As his thoughts raced, Lu Ye asked, "Who told you to wait here?"

"It was me!" A voice reached Lu Ye's ears, followed by a figure swiftly approaching from the direction of the Yiyuan World, sensing Lu Ye's presence.

Lu Ye took a glance and understood, "So it's Senior Sister Jiu Yan!"

He wasn't surprised to see Jiu Yan here. The earlier events were so significant that even Su Yuqing had heard about them; there was no way Jiu Yan wouldn't have. However, her emerging from the Yiyuan World at this moment made Lu Ye feel uneasy.

"Does Senior Sister intend to stop me?" Lu Ye looked at her and asked.

Jiu Yan sighed, "In the end, I am Sun Blaze of All Phenomena!" If possible, she wouldn't want to get involved in this matter. But her identity as Sun Blaze of All Phenomena was right here, and she couldn't just ignore it. Being caught in the middle like this was truly stifling.

She could sense the hidden killing intent in Lu Ye's eyes, clearly a result of his previous encounter that had enraged him. Were she in his shoes, Jiu Yan felt she wouldn't let it go either.

Although she didn't know the details, Lu Ye, a newly ascended Sun Blaze being ambushed by such a formidable senior brother, surviving by luck must have cost him greatly—almost a brush with death. For any cultivator, this was an unpardonable grudge.

Now, that senior brother had fled, leaving Lu Ye no choice but to vent his anger on others, which is why he came to the Yiyuan World.

Jiu Yan wasn't worried about herself becoming collateral damage because she knew Lu Ye was someone who repaid kindness. Back in the day, she had shown favor to Lu Ye and the Three Worlds Island. After gaining control of the All Phenomena Ocean, Lu Ye entrusted her with managing the All Phenomena Island, a gesture of reciprocation.

However, she wasn't sure if her influence was enough to help her home galaxy weather this calamity.

Of course, she knew that standing here would put Lu Ye in a difficult position, but she couldn't not stand up, even though her relationship with the few Sun Blazes of the Yiyuan World wasn't that deep. It was a stance determined by her origin.

Lu Ye stared directly at Jiu Yan for a long time before finally speaking, "Was it Charng Feng?"

Jiu Yan nodded, "Yes, Senior Brother Charng Feng!"

Inwardly, Lu Ye thought it must be this old guy; he felt that elder looked somewhat familiar, as if he had seen him somewhere before.

Previously, when visiting Ma Bin and chatting with him, Ma Bin had mentioned Charng Feng. The environment of the All Phenomena Galaxy was extraordinarily favorable, and over the years, more Sun Blazes had emerged than just those he had encountered. Some of them were traveling abroad, and most had not been heard from for years. Even on the All Phenomena side, it wasn't certain if they were still alive, and if alive, where they might be.

Only Charng Feng occasionally sent some news back because he had been at the Asura Field for some time. Ma Bin was directly connected to Charng Feng regarding his injury. It was Charng Feng who led several Sun Blazes to attack Ma Bin after the Asura Field was closed, injuring Ma Bin's Dao foundation at a great cost.

Lu Ye had indeed seen Charng Feng before because when he was with Nan Lian, Charng Feng came over to chat with Nan Lian for a bit and then left.

However, when fleeing, Lu Ye was entirely focused on survival and had no time to ponder deeply; it was only later that he gradually realized.

Ma Bin had specifically reminded Lu Ye to be careful of Charng Feng because, in terms of cultivation, he and Ma Bin were comparable, both at the Peak Sun Blaze level. But cultivation was one thing, and in a real fight, he was not Ma Bin's match.

After hearing the news of the changes in the All Phenomena Ocean, Charng Feng became aware and returned to the All Phenomena Galaxy to investigate the situation. A few days ago, Jiu Yan received news of Charng Feng's return and invited him to the All Phenomena Island, but on the way, he incidentally encountered Lu Ye fiercely battling his doppelganger, which moved him to launch a sneak attack.

"I was at fault for inviting Senior Brother Charng Feng to the All Phenomena Island in the first place, Junior Brother Lu. The responsibility for this incident lies with me..."

Lu Ye raised his hand to interrupt, "Charng Feng is Charng Feng, it's unrelated to Senior Sister."

Jiu Yan sighed, "Can't you spare them? These people have been behaving recently, and this time it was Senior Brother Charng Feng's impulsive act; they were completely unaware."

Lu Ye responded calmly, "They behave because they know they lack the strength to resist. If one day they have hope of resisting, would they still behave? Back then, I spared them for the sake of Senior Sister, but this time... please, Senior Sister, don't stop me!"

This time, it indeed had nothing to do with those from the Yiyuan World. However, Charng Feng had fled; the initiator didn't care about their lives, so why should he?

Su Yuqing, standing beside Lu Ye, had remained silent all this time. But now, her Soul Power was activated, her beautiful eyes fixed on Jiu Yan, and the meaning was clear: if Lu Ye made a move and Jiu Yan tried to stop him, she would face her.

Jiu Yan clearly sensed this, and said in a deep voice, "Aren't you looking for the fire gourd, Junior Brother? I can make the decision to have Yuan Se hand over the fire gourd!"

Lu Ye had mentioned this matter to her before, which she obviously remembered. Trading a world-stabilizing treasure of affiliated treasure quality for the lives of several Sun Blazes was undoubtedly a fitting exchange, and by calculation, Lu Ye certainly wouldn't be at a loss.

Given the current situation, even if Yuan Se wasn't willing to hand over the fire gourd, it was now impossible.

Lu Ye, however, remained unmoved, "By dealing with those few people, the fire gourd will still be mine." Before Jiu Yan could speak further, Lu Ye continued, "Senior Sister, I understand your intention, but this time... it's different!"

Charng Feng was not only the culprit behind Ma Bin's Dao foundation injury but also harbored ill intentions against him. Now that Charng Feng had fled, Lu Ye needed to at least let him know the consequences of such an escape.

Feeling Lu Ye's resolute attitude, Jiu Yan was filled with helplessness. Lu Ye always respected her, but now her words were ineffective. The few staying in Yiyuan World were feared to be doomed.

As for the others, it doesn't matter, but Muh Qing and her had some connections after all.

After a moment of silence, Jiu Yan seemed to make some sort of decision, lifted her eyelids, and gazed at Lu Ye: "Let's consider this a favor from your Senior Sister..."

As her voice fell, the hazy glow that had always enveloped her face gradually faded, and a flower-like, jade-like visage appeared in Lu Ye's view.

All along, Lu Ye had never seen Jiu Yan's true appearance. Whether it was in the past with Constellation and Moon Jade or now after she advanced to Sun Blaze, every time Jiu Yan met him, there was always a layer of hazy glow covering her face, obscuring her real appearance.

Lu Ye never understood why, even speculating that perhaps Jiu Yan's appearance was marred, hence the concealment.

Until this moment, he suddenly realized.

Looking at that face he once saw, yet had arduously sought for years without success, despite enduring many storms, Lu Ye was momentarily stunned: "You..."

He quite simply could hardly believe his eyes. Never did he imagine that hidden beneath the hazy glow was this face.

His heart trembled, and for a moment, he didn't know what to say.

Su Yuqing gave him a startled glance, not understanding why his mood suddenly had such great fluctuations. It was clear that he encountered something extremely surprising. Looking at Jiu Yan again, this famous All Phenomena Sun Blaze even had a slightly reddened face and her gaze slightly averted from Lu Ye's.

This bashful yet embarrassed expression... something's off!

Su Yuqing narrowed her phoenix eyes slightly, discreetly lifted a hand to pinch Lu Ye.

Jiu Yan saw this small gesture and her expression turned to amazement, unable to resist sizing up Su Yuqing.

She knew of the good relations between Lu Ye and the Dwarf Race. Su Yuqing was the Dwarf Race's Sun Blaze, and upon hearing the news, she immediately left All Phenomena Ocean to find Lu Ye, indicating that there must be a deep friendship between them.

But now, it seems their friendship is not just deep; this intimate gesture... there's definitely something there! If it were just a regular friendship, how could such a gesture occur?

The two Peak Sun Blazes suddenly exchanged glances, and in that instant of eye contact, they each understood the deep meanings within each other's eyes.

Originally stunned by seeing Jiu Yan's true appearance, Lu Ye suddenly shivered, inexplicably feeling a chill down his spine. Somehow, he was secretly thankful Hua Ci wasn't here; if she were, this spooky place would truly become an Asura Field.

In a fleeting thought, cold sweat drenched his back...

The killing intent in his chest, shown by Jiu Yan's true appearance, vanished without a trace, leaving only endless confusion. If Su Yuqing weren't present, he would surely have many questions to ask, but with Su Yuqing by his side, he could not speak freely.

The atmosphere suddenly became strange.

Su Yuqing gently spoke: "Lu Ye, did you hear Jiu Yan, Fellow Daoist's words? Give a response, Jiu Yan is waiting."

Lu Ye couldn't help but glance at Jiu Yan again, confirming he hadn't seen wrong. That face he couldn't ever forget. Suppressing the many questions in his heart, he said: "Since Senior Sister has spoken to this extent, those few people's lives will be noted for now. As for the fire gourd..."

Jiu Yan said, "Brother Chang Feng caused trouble. Yuan Se also knows he can't keep this affiliated treasure; he will make the right choice."

Lu Ye nodded: "Then I'll trouble Senior Sister!"

After taking a deep look at Jiu Yan, Lu Ye beckoned to Su Yuqing: "Let's go."

Today's events were chaotic, causing Lu Ye's head to spin. He needs to return to Three Worlds Island to settle his mind.

He swiftly flew away with Su Yuqing, and only until long after they left, Jiu Yan let out a sigh and turned back to Yiyuan World. If possible, she would never reveal her true appearance in front of Lu Ye. Due to some mistakes years ago, she couldn't face Lu Ye, which is why she never let him see her true face until today, when Lu Ye was unyielding, leaving her no choice but to adopt this last resort. Fortunately, it preserved those few Sun Blazes within the home galaxy.

From now on... Jiu Yan thought with a headache, feeling sorry for Chu Shen.

In the stellar space, Lu Ye and Su Yuqing walked side by side. He was already mentally prepared for Su Yuqing to ask some questions. With her kind of character, what happened earlier couldn't escape her notice, and Lu Ye wasn't planning to hide anything either.

But to Lu Ye's surprise, Su Yuqing didn't ask anything about Jiu Yan along the way; she even maintained silence.

This, instead, made Lu Ye feel guilty.

#### Chapter 2042: Big Brother and Little Brother

Upon entering the All Phenomena Ocean, Su Yuqing parted ways with Lu Ye. She needed to return to Fangcun Island, which was not in the same direction as Lu Ye.

From start to finish, she didn't ask anything, only gently snuggled beside Lu Ye.

Back at Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye immediately met with many concerned gazes.

"It's fine now," Lu Ye said briefly, then returned Little Fella to Hua Ci and went to see Ma Bin, telling him about the matter.

Ma Bin felt a chill upon hearing it; it was indeed Lu Ye. If it had been a typical new Peak Sun Blaze cultivator facing a top-tier expert like Charng Feng, there would have been no room for resistance. It's hard to imagine the consequences if Lu Ye had been captured by Charng Feng.

"That old dog is always so treacherous, with no boundaries to his actions. I probably know where he might go. Once I recover from my injuries, I'll get his dog head for you!" Ma Bin said.

Lu Ye hurriedly advised, "Don't overthink this, senior. I escaped danger unharmed this time. It's more important for you to recover well first."

"Hmm." Ma Bin responded sullenly, but Lu Ye sensed that he'd developed a killing intent this time. Last time, when he was besieged by Charng Feng and others, even though his Dao foundation was damaged, he didn't take much hatred to heart. Cultivators face risks in combat, and Ma Bin has long understood this.

But Charng Feng's attack on Lu Ye was something Ma Bin could not tolerate.

It can be expected that once he recovers, he will undoubtedly seek revenge on Charng Feng.

Lu Ye immediately regretted coming to tell Ma Bin about the matter. His original intention was to gather more intel on Charng Feng from Ma Bin to prepare for the next possible encounter.

Leaving the Spirit Jade Vein, Lu Ye sent a message to Tang Jun, instructing him on certain matters, and then returned to his own short-stay palace.

With his cultivation now at the Sun Blaze level and being the master of the All Phenomena Ocean, the originally constructed small bamboo building no longer suited his status. Therefore, Three Worlds Island had built a short-stay palace for him.

This time, having suffered a setback, Lu Ye planned to first cultivate the Sword Qi of the sword gourd. If the Sword Qi had been at Perfection beforehand, his response to Charng Feng's ambush wouldn't have been so difficult. The sword gourd is ultimately his strongest trump card. As a newly ascended Peak Sun Blaze cultivator, there are still many powerful experts in this stellar space whose strength surpasses his. Having such a trump card for protection surely adds an extra layer of security.

The matter entrusted to Tang Jun was to deliver a large number of magic treasures. Lu Ye still had some left from last time, not yet fully absorbed, but likely insufficient.

After all, nurturing a Sword Qi to its fullest requires the cost equivalent to magic treasures worth five billion spirit jade.

"Big brother!" A familiar voice suddenly called out. Lu Ye looked up to see Chu Shen rushing in, his eyes full of concern: "Big brother, are you alright? I heard you got ambushed. I just returned to the island and hurried over to check. Are you feeling uncomfortable anywhere? Is there any place where I can help? Just let me know, and I'll do it without hesitation!"

Listening to his repeated calls of big brother and little brother, Lu Ye's eyelids twitched.

Previously, he didn't find any issues with Chu Shen's way of calling him, not even after he ascended to Peak Sun Blaze, and Jiu Yan wanted to treat him as an equal; the brotherly relationship between the two remained unchanged.

After all, Jiu Yan isn't like a direct mentor or master to him, so everyone could maintain their duties respectively.

But today, after seeing Jiu Yan's true appearance, something changed.

He opened his mouth, wanting to tell Chu Shen not to call him big brother anymore...

Yet not knowing how to start.

"Big brother, what's wrong?" Chu Shen asked in alarm.

"It's nothing!" Lu Ye shook his head, firmly staring at Chu Shen. He wondered what would happen if Chu Shen found out about him and Jiu Yan.

"Why is big brother looking at me like this?" Chu Shen was puzzled, feeling that Lu Ye's gaze today seemed odd.

Lu Ye smiled, "You look even more handsome today."

"Really?" Chu Shen touched his face, chuckling: "It must be because my cultivation has advanced. Oh, by the way, big brother, I heard that the incident even alerted my mother. Is there anything going on there?"

"Didn't you send a message to ask her?" Lu Ye inquired.

Chu Shen shook his head, "I heard she went to Yiyuan World. The distance is too far for audio talisman messages to reach."

Lu Ye then remembered this to be the case and said, "Nothing's wrong. She should be back soon."

"That's good then." Chu Shen felt relieved and made a decision: "Then I'll wait for her at All Phenomena Island."

Saying this, he hurried away.

Across today's All Phenomena Ocean, the cultivators of Three Worlds Island are undoubtedly the most respected. Even ordinary Constellation cultivators can become centers of attention wherever they go, receive preferential treatment, and no one dares to do anything to Three Worlds Island cultivators over the All Phenomena Ocean.

And Chu Shen, being a cultivator of Three Worlds Island and the descendant of Jiu Yan, also calling Lu Ye his brother, is now albeit only at the Moon Jade level, even the outside Peak Sun Blaze cultivators wouldn't dare to look down on him; he is one of the most untouchable cultivators on the All Phenomena Ocean.

It's fair to say that Chu Shen can walk unimpeded on the All Phenomena Ocean, yet fortunately, Jiu Yan has always educated him well, and he hasn't adopted any spoiled behavior typically associated with privileged individuals.

Once Chu Shen left, Lu Ye took out the sword gourd, and then brought out the remaining magic treasures, allowing the sword gourd to absorb them, cultivating Sword Qi.

Not long after, Old Tang delivered an abundant amount of magic treasures.

Lu Ye, while urging the sword gourd to devour the treasures, contemplated what to say when he met Jiu Yan in the future.

He actually hadn't figured out some things.

Back then, he and Ban Ci went to a secret location, a place beneficial for Ban Ci's advance to Moon Jade, where they unexpectedly encountered the Great Lust Demon Spider, leading to some unforeseen events.

During that process, Ban Ci revealed her true appearance, and only then did Lu Ye realize that the face he had seen was just a disguise.

Lu Ye never understood why Ban Ci showed her true face at the last moment, but that appearance stayed with him, and since then, Ban Ci disappeared without returning to Unparalleled Island.

Over the years, Lu Ye investigated many times and only found a little girl named Ban Xia in Cheling World, suspected to be the child he and Ban Ci rescued in a domain years ago.

Ban Ci and Ban Xia were evidently connected, especially since Chu Shen mentioned that Ban Xia is the child of the domain—after a domain's destruction, she became the last bearer of its fortune, increasingly confirming to Lu Ye that she was indeed the rescued child.

But he never found any trace of Ban Ci in Cheling World, and Chu Shen never saw her either.

It was only today he understood that Ban Ci was Jiu Yan, explaining why Ban Xia appeared in Cheling World.

This brought forward a problem: if the person with him at the secret location indeed was Jiu Yan, how could she, with the cultivation of Peak Sun Blaze, struggle with a Great Lust Demon Spider?

This was precisely what Lu Ye couldn't figure out.

It couldn't be that she deliberately feigned weakness; it made no sense, no woman would act that way in such a situation, implying that Ban Ci then possessed only Peak Constellation cultivation.

Not understanding... meant he had to ask face-to-face, but regrettably, Su Yuqing was present, preventing Lu Ye from speaking.

A short moment later, Lu Ye suddenly lifted his head, faintly sensing Jiu Yan's presence coming to Three Worlds Island, but moments later, she swiftly left.

Lu Ye waited with furrowed brows.

After a moment, Luan Xiao'e entered with a treasure gourd: "Junior brother, this is from Sister Jiu Yan. She said it was what she promised earlier."

Lu Ye took the treasure gourd, and upon probing, he confirmed it was unmistakably the fire gourd, the domain-stabilizing artifact from Yiyuan World he had seen that day.

"Sister Jiu Yan left?" Lu Ye inquired.

"Yes, she said there's something urgent on All Phenomena Island, so she hurried back," Luan Xiao'e replied.

"Understood." Lu Ye nodded, realizing Jiu Yan must have been unsure about how to face him, explaining her haste.

Ultimately, there was still Chu Shen between them, with Chu Shen and Brother Ye being well-known associates in All Phenomena Ocean, the most awkward part.

But some matters must be clarified.

After pondering, Lu Ye stood up, intending to visit All Phenomena Island, knowing that understanding could not be avoided—Jiu Yan was still too naive.

Just as he stepped out of the short-stay palace, he heard a soft voice by his ear, "Heading out?"

Lu Ye turned to see Hua Ci smiling gently on the side, looking at him.

"Ah... yes," Lu Ye replied instinctively.

"Perfect timing, I need to head out too. Take me with you," Hua Ci approached, wrapping her arm around Lu Ye's, her soft body pressing against him.

"Where are you going?" Lu Ye was stunned.

"To All Phenomena Island, where are you headed?" Hua Ci countered, her breath like orchids in Lu Ye's ears.

With Hua Ci making him feel ticklish, a tremor ran through Lu Ye's heart: "What are you going to do on All Phenomena Island?"

For some reason, Lu Ye suddenly felt uneasy.

"Just sightseeing. All Phenomena Island is the largest top-class Spirit Island here, I haven't seen it yet." Hua Ci blinked her long eyelashes, "Let's go."

With that, she activated her Mana, flying out with Lu Ye.

Along the way, Hua Ci chatted happily, seemingly excited about All Phenomena Island, while her faint fragrance constantly drifted into Lu Ye's nose, yet brought him discomfort rather than ease.

For Hua Ci's occasional glances seemed off!

"Did someone tell you something?" Lu Ye gritted his teeth and asked.

Hua Ci has never been one for crowds, calling into question her aimless venture to All Phenomena Island, and lingering outside his short-stay palace was problematic!

Hua Ci smiled gracefully, "Who could tell me anything? I'm merely a little Moon Jade. What's wrong? Did you do something shady?"

Lu Ye's forehead sweated profusely, "Have you been to Fangcun Island these past two months?"

Hua Ci's smile widened, "Oh, Fangcun Island... that's a delightful place, Sister Yuqing is so gentle, beautiful, and kind. I'm well taken care of there."

Disaster!

Lu Ye's expression darkened. How did Su Yuqing and Hua Ci, this crazy woman, become friends? He had been in retreat for merely two months, and now they were calling each other sister.

Chapter 2043: Husband...

Indeed, Hua Ci wasn't waiting outside the short-stay palace without reason. It was clear she had received a message from Su Yuqing, intentionally keeping an eye on him here.

The previous anomaly between him and Jiu Yan likely caught Su Yuqing's attention, and since it was inappropriate for her to intervene personally, she could only pass the message to Hua Ci.

Seeing this, the relationship between these two women seemed to be quite good. They apparently stood on the same side concerning certain matters.

Walking along the way, Lu Ye was ill at ease, while Hua Ci was gentle and kind.

Finally, they arrived at All Phenomena Island.

Due to Lu Ye's unique status today, he resorted to some disguises on the way. Otherwise, if recognized, it would surely cause some turmoil.

Yet, even so, shortly after entering All Phenomena Island, someone came forward to greet him.

It was Lhing Yue from Cheling World, known as Aunt Yue who stayed by Jiu Yan's side.

Appearance might be disguised, but Lu Ye's aura couldn't be hidden. Jiu Yan clearly perceived his arrival and purposely sent Lhing Yue to greet him.

"Greetings, Fellow Daoist Lu." Lhing Yue gracefully bowed, her gaze complex as she looked at Lu Ye. Back when she first saw this young man, he possessed only Constellation cultivation, yet over the years, he had already reached Sun Blaze, now presiding over All Phenomena Ocean, holding high status and authority.

In contrast, her own cultivation had progressed slowly over these years, remaining merely at Moon Jade.

"Fellow Daoist Yue!" Lu Ye slightly nodded.

"I wonder what instructions Fellow Daoist Lu has upon coming to All Phenomena Island? The World Lord, since returning from Yiyuan World, has been meditating in seclusion. If you have any instructions, please feel free to let me know, and Lhing Yue will ensure they are arranged properly." She had hurriedly rushed over upon receiving Jiu Yan's message earlier. As for the World Lord meditating, that was completely fabricated, and Lhing Yue had the feeling that the World Lord was intentionally avoiding this young man, yet she couldn't grasp the reason.

Speaking, she glanced at Hua Ci.

Lu Ye's Dao companion, the real owner of the stellar space supreme treasure, Lhing Yue had certainly heard about her. Seeing Hua Ci now, she was indeed a beauty of national grace and noble temperament. Although her cultivation was lower, the stellar space supreme treasure compensated for that deficiency.

These two standing together truly made a match made in heaven, a perfect couple.

Lu Ye said, "No significant matters, just came to stroll around, Fellow Daoist need not bother, please take care of your own affairs."

He originally planned to inquire Jiu Yan about some things; now that Hua Ci had followed, certainly it would be difficult to ask, so he decided to drop it for now and wait for another opportunity.

"Is that so..." Lhing Yue did not doubt him, "Should Fellow Daoist require anything, feel free to convey it to me. The World Lord is in seclusion, and I am currently managing All Phenomena Island."

"Then I'll thank Fellow Daoist Yue in advance."

After Lhing Yue left, Lu Ye stood in place pondering for a moment before turning to Hua Ci, "Where do you want to go?"

"Just stroll around." Hua Ci smiled gently, her eyes forming crescent moons, affectionately grabbing Lu Ye's arm, heading towards the interior of All Phenomena Island. Lu Ye knew refusal was pointless, and could only let her lead.

Soon, in front of a shop, Hua Ci seemed to have seen something novel, her beautiful eyes lit up and she walked over. Moments later, she called out to Lu Ye behind her, "Husband, come quickly."

Lu Ye, walking leisurely over to that side, stiffened, almost doubting his ears.

Despite knowing each other for so many years, Hua Ci had never addressed him so intimately; she had always called him by name.

This sudden affection made Lu Ye shiver, realizing he might be in grave trouble...

Forcing himself forward, he saw Hua Ci taking a hairpin and inserting it into her hair. The hairpin had a butterfly design, and as Hua Ci moved, the butterfly gently spread its wings, seeming alive, not to mention the light and shadow floating around the hairpin, with illusory butterfly shadows appearing and disappearing. Such accessories on a beauty like Hua Ci indeed added to her allure, causing many passing cultivators to gaze in admiration.

"Husband, does it look good?" Hua Ci looked at Lu Ye with an expectant expression.

"It looks good." Lu Ye nodded.

The shop owner beside them smiled and said, "Madam truly has a good eye. This 'Fluttering Butterflies' is the store's prized treasure. Not only is it visually beautiful, but it is also a 6th-grade protective magic treasure that can provide tremendous protective power when infused with mana. Madam's dignified temperament matches it perfectly, truly tailor-made for her, a piece not to be missed."

He praised extravagantly, well-versed in the art of commerce.

Hua Ci, however, picked up another piece and wore it on her head, its design more radiant than the previous, further enhancing Hua Ci's stunning appearance.

"Does this look good?"

Lu Ye nodded like a pecking chick, "Looks good!"

Hua Ci smiled and picked up the third piece, wearing it on her head, "And this one?"

"Looks good, looks good." Lu Ye nodded again.

The shop owner beside them beamed, Hua Ci's chosen items ranked among their most valuable, and if all were sold, they would profit enormously. He bobbed his head and bent over, enthusiastically introducing the advantages of his store's goods next to Hua Ci.

Having operated here for years, he naturally developed sharp insight, realizing that Lu Ye and Hua Ci were evidently wealthy, deserving his attentive service.

"All look good?" Hua Ci, however, ignored him, casting a sideways glance at Lu Ye, a hint of amusement on her lips, "Turns out husband is fond of new and neglecting the old..."

Lu Ye's expression froze, suddenly realizing why Hua Ci was suddenly interested in purchasing hairpieces; she came to point this out about him. He hurriedly said, "They look good on you because you wear them, otherwise on someone else, they wouldn't have the same effect."

"Hmph!" Hua Ci huffed lightly, took off a few hairpins, put them back in place, and turned to leave.

The shopkeeper was dumbfounded, unable to understand how a perfectly good deal suddenly fell through.

Lu Ye urged, "What are you standing there for, hurry up and pack them up."

The shopkeeper was stunned, only responding then, quickly packed up the three hairpins, Lu Ye paid the spirit jade, and turned to chase after Hua Ci.

When he found her, she was already holding something that looked like a sugar figurine, took a bite, and immediately frowned, "So sour...here, you take it."

Casually handed the unfinished sugar figurine to Lu Ye.

Lu Ye blinked and took it, contemplating finding a place to toss it. After all, for him, the dignified Lord of All Phenomena Ocean, a Sun Blaze sovereign, to be seen eating sugar figurines in public, what a lack of decorum?

But Hua Ci said, "You paid for it, can't throw it away. Hurry up and eat it!"

"...Fine, I'll eat it!" Lu Ye accepted it with a resigned expression.

Hua Ci never caused trouble for no reason. This time, deliberately coming with him to All Phenomena Island, causing such a fuss, was obviously intentional. Lu Ye was well aware but couldn't expose it, so he had to cooperatively play along.

For the next half-day, the two strolled around like a typical couple, with Hua Ci occasionally buying things, often taking only a bite before handing the rest to Lu Ye. If Lu Ye were a regular person, his stomach might have burst by now.

They walked until they reached the All Phenomena Merchants Guild.

"I'm tired!" Hua Ci suddenly stopped and said.

"Then let's head back." Lu Ye, feeling relieved, thought that out of all the times he had been to All Phenomena Island over the years, none had been as torturous as this. Now it was finally over.

Hua Ci leaned in close and whispered in his ear, "I've heard that above the third floor of the All Phenomena Merchants Guild, there are rooms where one can stay and rest?"

Lu Ye was startled and quickly persuaded, "Isn't it more comfortable to rest back home? They say, 'There's no place like home, no matter how luxurious.'"

Hua Ci smiled without saying a word, but she took Lu Ye's hand, pulling him into the Merchants Guild, and directly found a manager to book the most luxurious guest room!

Moments later, in front of the guest room on the top floor of the All Phenomena Merchants Guild, Lu Ye stood at the door with a serious expression.

Hua Ci had already taken a turn inside, obviously satisfied with the environment, before poking her head out from the inner room, beckoning Lu Ye over, "Come in, husband!"

Lu Ye knew he couldn't escape this fate. He could only take a deep breath and stride forward, no matter how many obstacles lay ahead!

He just couldn't believe it, a little Hua Ci, and he couldn't handle her?

Even someone like Su Yuqing, a Peak Sun Blaze, was defeated by him. How could a Hua Ci act so arrogantly? It's time to show her his strength!

One can't keep falling in the same place; there will always be a day when they stand up!

In the blink of an eye, several days passed.

Outside All Phenomena Island, a starboat shaped like a flower basket flew out, with Lu Ye sitting cross-legged inside, eyes closed, nurturing his spirit.

The starboat was being piloted by Hua Ci, her face glowing with a rosy hue. Suddenly feeling something, she turned and glanced back.

Simultaneously, within All Phenomena Island, at the Spirit Jade Vein, Jiu Yan's gaze was directed towards this direction.

Hua Ci's lips curled slightly as she turned away, as if she had won a victory and was returning triumphantly...

Back at Three Worlds Island, Hua Ci put away the starboat and kindly said, "Husband must be exhausted this time. Go back and rest early. Don't wander about unnecessarily. There's nothing fun on All Phenomena Island that we don't have at Three Worlds Island. Whatever you want, just tell me, and I'll arrange it for you."

Lu Ye, weakly, "Don't call me husband, I'm not!"

He slowly made his way towards the pill-making room.

Hua Ci held back her laughter behind him, "Walk slowly and don't trip."

Lu Ye immediately straightened his back and walked briskly!

Hua Ci laughed even louder.

This darned woman, a gentleman's revenge is never too late, whether ten years or a hundred years... just wait! Lu Ye vowed in his heart.

At the pill-making room, he found Yiyi and Amber, who were with Second Senior Sister. Lu Ye called out, "Let's go!"

Yiyi, puzzled, "Where to?"

"Back to Nine Provinces, to the ancestral land!" Lu Ye said concisely.

"We're heading back already." Yiyi was visibly reluctant, but thinking about it, they're bound to return eventually. Getting back earlier means returning to cultivation earlier. Once her strength grows, she can continue to assist Lu Ye, and with that thought, she quickly decided.

There's nothing much to pack, and in a moment, Lu Ye piloted his starboat, taking Yiyi and Amber towards the direction of the Insect Path.

Chapter 2044: Changes in the Talent Tree

On the starboat, Lu Ye toyed with the fire gourd. This thing was the world-stabilizing treasure of the Yiyuan World, and ever since he first saw it, Lu Ye had been intrigued by it.

According to feedback from the Asura Field, seven treasure gourds had grown on the Creation Vine. If these seven treasure gourds could be gathered, the wonders of creation could be reenacted.

Lu Ye didn't know what kind of wonders these were, nor did he plan to collect all seven treasure gourds due to the difficulty. Currently, he had the pill gourd, sword gourd, and fire gourd, and there were clues to the wind gourd. As for the remaining three, their whereabouts were completely unknown—who knew where they were, and there were no leads to find them.

If it hadn't been for Charng Feng's misdeeds, Lu Ye wouldn't have obtained the fire gourd so easily.

On the whole, although he lost one incomplete sword gourd Sword Qi and eight Treasure Blood Avatars from Charng Feng's ambush, other than that, he hadn't lost anything substantial. Gaining the fire gourd, he didn't come out on the losing end!

Upon careful inspection, he indeed sensed an exceptionally fierce bizarre fire within the fire gourd. On that day, Yuan Se used this treasure to contend with Shang Chengyue of the Animitta Palace, creating a grand spectacle. Had Shang Chengyue not preemptively wielded a Tianxuan Sword Qi, he might have met his end.

When Yuan Se unleashed the power of the fire gourd, Lu Ye could feel some reaction in the Talent Tree, clearly indicating the high quality of the bizarre fire within. If the Talent Tree could devour it, there would certainly be benefits.

Carefully observing now, Lu Ye found that the uncanny fire nurtured within the fire gourd was indeed extraordinary. Such a fierce flame was not something the average Sun Blaze could withstand.

Even for him, under such a bizarre fire, his own skills wouldn't offer much resistance.

Lu Ye couldn't help but feel a pang of melancholy.

For a cultivator, the path of cultivation is long and arduous. After painstaking effort to ascend to Sun Blaze, one might think they are above the cultivation world, but in reality, they can't even resist the power of an affiliated treasure. It's undeniably a sorrow.

Fortunately, although there are quite a few affiliated treasures in the world, as Ma Bin had said, they are mostly held by major forces as world-stabilizing treasures and are not easily used.

The example of Shern Yun roaming around with the indestructible Heavenly Net Umbrella is rare, largely because Shern Yun was too arrogant. Who would've expected to encounter a true stellar space supreme treasure, leading directly to its ruin.

Now, that broken Heavenly Net Umbrella is in Hua Ci's hands, placed by Little Fella's side for nurturing. Whether it can be restored remains unknown.

The uncanny fire may be fierce, but that's only for cultivators. For the Talent Tree, it's a highly nourishing substance.

Without hesitation, Lu Ye slightly activated the power of the Talent Tree, allowing its invisible roots to immediately extend into the mouth of the gourd. In the next instant, Lu Ye felt the wonderful, scorching fire being ravenously devoured by the Talent Tree.

While the uncanny fire within the fire gourd was formidable, he already had the sword gourd as his trump card. Whether or not he used this uncanny fire made little difference. If an opponent couldn't be dealt with using a peak strike from the sword gourd, then the fire gourd might also prove useless.

He quietly observed the changes in the Talent Tree, soon showing a puzzled expression.

For he didn't feel any increase in the Talent Tree's fuel reserves...

This was clearly abnormal. All along, whenever the Talent Tree devoured any fire attribute power, it would augment its fuel reserves for Lu Ye's use later on.

Since the Talent Tree's first transformation, Lu Ye could easily sense its fuel reserves, so he knew whether they were increasing or decreasing.

But this time, after the Talent Tree devoured the uncanny fire, its fuel reserves indeed showed no improvement.

On the contrary, it seemed something mysterious had happened to the Talent Tree itself—a change so subtle that, if Lu Ye weren't so intimately familiar with the condition of the Talent Tree, he wouldn't have noticed it at all.

Lu Ye focused his mind and continued his investigation.

In the span of one incense stick's time, the uncanny fire within the fire gourd had been entirely consumed by the Talent Tree.

Upon inspection, Lu Ye noted a slight thickening of the glow on the Talent Tree...

This change was... Lu Ye was first startled, then delighted.

For he had experienced this type of change several times before; it was a sign that the Talent Tree was about to transform!

Up till now, since he first obtained the Talent Tree, it had undergone three transformations.

Initially, when Lu Ye got the Talent Tree, it could only assist in refining and absorbing the elixir pills he consumed, thereby accelerating his cultivation speed.

But after the first transformation, the Talent Tree's power clearly increased, gaining the ability to extend its roots outside. Through these roots, Lu Ye could devour and refine Spiritual Energy and Spirit Stones outside his body, dramatically accelerating his cultivation speed and also gaining a Talent Tree Avatar.

During the second transformation, the Talent Tree acquired the ability to manifest spirit runes, making various spirit runes much easier to utilize, and Lu Ye could engrave new spirit runes on its leaves.

By the third transformation, through fuel consumption, the Talent Tree could expedite the evolution of spirit runes, and its innate power became gentler, allowing use on others.

Without this change, Lu Ye wouldn't have been able to help the Merfolk Race dissolve the Bloodline Curse Poison back then. Under the Talent Tree's power, it might have burned the Merfolk Race cultivators to ashes instead.

Many years have passed since the Talent Tree's three transformations.

Lu Ye could always feel that the three transformations weren't the Talent Tree's limit, and he had been waiting for the Talent Tree's fourth transformation. He wanted to know what changes it would undergo and what new arcane mysteries would be born after the next transformation.

Regrettably, over the years, regardless of how many fire-type treasures Lu Ye devoured, the Talent Tree showed no signs of another transformation—not even the slightest hint.

Until today!

When the Talent Tree devoured the uncanny fire within the fire gourd, this sign emerged.

The surprise came so suddenly that Lu Ye was momentarily at a loss for words. After several confirmations, it was indeed a sign that the Talent Tree was about to transform.

Of course, right now it's just a hint, and it will still be a while before the Talent Tree undergoes a transformation. Once it transforms, it will turn into a fire seed and be nurtured anew.

But... why is this happening?

That ball of uncanny fire took the Talent Tree one incense stick's time to devour, and realistically, it wasn't much in quantity. Even if you calculate by devouring speed, the increase in fuel for the Talent Tree from such a short time of devouring is not significant.

But the current situation is that there is no change in the fuel reserves, yet the Talent Tree itself has changed.

After thinking for a moment, Lu Ye vaguely felt that this might be related to quality!

The Talent Tree's fourth transformation requires devouring fire-type treasures with not only quantitative sufficiency but, more importantly, a guarantee of quality!

This is completely different from the first three times, where the transformation naturally happened as long as the quantity devoured was sufficient.

Previously, the fire-type treasures Lu Ye devoured may have had decent quality but fell far short of what the Talent Tree required, so even if he devoured them, it merely boosted the fuel reserves.

This time is different; the uncanny fire nurtured within the fire gourd is of extremely high quality throughout the entire stellar space, which is why it triggered a change in the Talent Tree.

Thus, when Yuan Se summoned the uncanny fire from the fire gourd, the Talent Tree reacted because it aids in the Tree's transformation.

These are merely Lu Ye's speculations, but they are likely not wrong.

To verify whether this hypothesis is accurate, the method is simple: just devour another piece of uncanny fire of the same quality, and it can be judged.

With this thought, Lu Ye quickly began to refine the fire gourd.

The birth and nurturing of the uncanny fire within the fire gourd are akin to the nurturing of Sword Qi within the sword gourd, both requiring substantial investment.

Except nurturing Sword Qi requires various magic treasures, whereas nurturing uncanny fire requires a large amount of fire-type energy.

Therefore, Lu Ye must first refine the fire gourd before he can begin nurturing the uncanny fire; without refining it, he even lacks the qualification to activate the power of the fire gourd, so how could he nurture the uncanny fire?

Yuan Se was rather sensible, as he had erased all his imprints on the fire gourd when handing it over, undoubtedly simplifying Lu Ye's refining process.

"Lu Ye, we've reached the Insect Path." Yiyi's voice reached his ears. It hadn't taken long on this journey, and she noticed Lu Ye was busy, so she refrained from disturbing him.

Upon hearing the voice, Lu Ye opened his eyes, stood up, and retracted the starboat.

In front of the Insect Path entrance, a Moon Jade-class Central Hub battleship was stationed, while the Jade Conch Moon Jade stationed here came forward to meet him. After some simple inquiries from Lu Ye, learning that all was peaceful, he proceeded with Yiyi and Amber into the Insect Path.

At present, this Insect Path is indeed not stable; only Sun Blaze can easily traverse it physically. Others wishing to pass must rely on the battleship's protection to have a chance.

Thus, even though many have heard that this Insect Path connects to the Jade Conch Galaxy, no one dares to venture blindly.

Perhaps once the Insect Path stabilizes in the future, people will travel through to visit the Jade Conch, but certainly not now.

Traversing the Insect Path, when his vision cleared, Lu Ye found himself back in the Jade Conch Galaxy, encountering another Moon Jade-class battleship stationed here.

He felt a moment of sentiment, remembering the difficulties of returning to the Nine Provinces from the All Phenomena Ocean back then, going through considerable hassles even when using the Soul Race ancestral land.

It is much more convenient now.

Upon Lu Ye's appearance, nearby cultivators immediately turned their attention, approaching one by one to pay their respects.

Looking around, he noticed quite a number of Three Worlds cultivators gathered here, evidently planning to enter the All Phenomena Galaxy through the Insect Path.

However, since passage utilizes battleship protection, this can only happen once a month, and it's not the time yet, so the cultivators are waiting.

Once the battleship sails to the other side, it will return here. While troublesome and a great spirit jade expenditure, it is the only way to ensure enough safety.

Lu Ye didn't linger too long, continuing with Yiyi and Amber towards the entrance of the ancestral land.

It's undeniable that the Three Worlds cultivators are better off now than in his day, residing in the Jade Conch Galaxy, able to temper themselves in the Asura Field in the Nine Provinces; if bored, they can embark on the monthly battleship voyage to tour the All Phenomena Ocean, ensuring not idleness.

Jade Conch Galaxy in its current state clearly shows signs of prosperity, and once accumulated to a certain extent, an explosive growth in overall strength is inevitable; Lu Ye eagerly anticipates that day's arrival.

#### Chapter 2045: Choosing the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique

The passage to enter the ancestral land is close to the Nine Provinces, so Lu Ye made a detour back to the Nine Provinces for a look and chatted briefly with Number Nine.

The last time Lu Ye decided on the matter of World-Merging with Old Tang and Wu Zhuo, and recently, the news has spread. A large number of Heaven's Augury Pillars have been installed within the Qingli Dao World, opening paths leading to the Nine Provinces. The entire Qingli Dao World is now undergoing a mass migration. Once the migration is mostly complete, the Heaven's Augury Pillars will guide the Qingli Dao World to converge on the Nine Provinces. Finally, the true World-Merging will occur, and by then, the Qingli Dao World will fully merge into the Nine Provinces, indistinguishable from one another, greatly enhancing the foundation of the Nine Provinces.

This matter is mainly handled by Wu Zhuo, with Number Nine assisting from the shadows, and everything is going smoothly.

Without lingering too much, Lu Ye continued forward with Yiyi and Amber, arriving at the location of the entrance. Using the guidance of the seven-color Divine Lotus, he opened the passage and entered the Soul Race ancestral land.

Yiyi and Amber naturally returned to Lih Shang's Lotus Land for cultivation, while Lu Ye headed directly to the stellar space pond.

Shortly after, he met Xuyuan again.

The main purpose of Lu Ye's trip to the Soul Race ancestral land was to cultivate his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique. Previously, he had suffered too many losses; when competing with those veteran Sun Blaze Realm cultivators, he was often at a disadvantage in soul power confrontation. This was not solely because his psyche cultivation was inferior to others; the main reason was that he hadn't had the chance to cultivate his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

If soul power is likened to a person's strength, then when competing with those veteran Sun Blaze cultivators, Lu Ye was barehanded while others wielded their own weapons; those weapons were their Soul Suppressing Secret Techniques, naturally putting Lu Ye at a disadvantage.

This is a path any Sun Blaze cultivator must tread, and it involves meticulous effort. One can say that the cultivation journey for a Sun Blaze consists almost entirely of refining one's Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

The advancement of the Sun Blaze Realm is not only about accumulating mana; more importantly, it involves the deepening of the psyche, since this realm is about the cultivation of Essence Qi.

Lu Ye knows quite a bit about the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, having consulted Ma Bin, and discussed it with Su Yuqing.

But across the stellar space, the most authoritative in terms of psyche undoubtedly remains the Soul Race. No matter how strong anyone else is, they ultimately fall short compared to the Soul Race. Soul power cultivation is the foundation of the Soul Race.

Having spent several days with Xuyuan, listening to his profound yet straightforward explanations of the various mysteries of the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, Lu Ye has benefited greatly.

The first challenge when attempting to cultivate the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique is making a choice.

Everyone's Soul Suppressing Secret Technique is different, and only by finding the most suitable one can they achieve success more efficiently. If a particular Soul Suppressing Secret Technique is not suitable for oneself, forcing cultivation will naturally hinder growth.

Lu Ye is now facing this choice...

He is perplexed.

His perplexity isn't due to a lack of choices, but rather, having too many options.

Under normal circumstances, the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique chosen by Sun Blaze cultivators is typically their most skilled soul skill.

When cultivators reach the Divine Sea Realm, they develop a psyche, nurturing their own soul body. Regardless of the cultivator's school of thought, most will cultivate some soul skill as a means of confronting adversaries.

Building a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique based on one's most skilled soul skill is undoubtedly the best and most suitable choice.

So what is Lu Ye's most skilled soul skill?

In introspection, Lu Ye observes the complex patterns on the burning leaves of the Talent Tree and falls into thought...

These spirit runes on the Talent Tree, when activated with mana, are spirit runes; but when activated with soul power, they become divine runes!

For example, Divine Sharp Edge can be activated with mana and enhanced the Boulder Mountain Saber's lethality. It can also be constructed with soul power to form a psyche offensive, attacking the enemy's Divine Sea.

It could be said that most spirit runes also serve as divine runes, and for him, each divine rune is a soul skill.

This poses a dilemma, as he finds no difficulty in constructing these divine runes; none seems particularly skilled, yet all seem highly skilled.

Observing Lu Ye deep in thought, Xuyuan smiled slightly from the side: "Choosing a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique shouldn't be rushed; such matters always require careful consideration."

"It's not that I don't have a suitable option..." Lu Ye returned to his senses, and with a thought, his soul power surged, "Elder, please take a look at this."

Xuyuan immediately focused his ocular power to observe. Soul power, typically invisible and intangible unless overly concentrated, is not visible to most people. However, the Soul Race is different; even the weakest Soul Race members can clearly see the flow of soul power. This ethereal force is clearly visible to them.

At this moment, in Xuyuan's vision, he sees Lu Ye's soul power pouring out, rapidly spreading, and the extremely fine lines interconnect, with a blink, forming an elliptical orb in front of him.

Xuyuan looked stunned...

Having interacted with Lu Ye so many times, he never knew Lu Ye was also a spirit runes master!

He could clearly see Lu Ye was currently constructing a divine rune, but the speed was simply astonishing. The countless Yin-Yang Dual Origins appeared instantaneously, perfectly integrating, without a single mistake. Even a Sun Blaze cultivator shouldn't possess such speed.

He couldn't understand how Lu Ye achieved this.

The only thing that puzzled him was that the divine rune Lu Ye was constructing... why did it look like an egg?

This wasn't over, because Xuyuan could sense that the egg he was watching was just an outer shell, and inside more Yin-Yang Dual Origins were continuously evolving and integrating, creating even more wondrous transformations.

Crack... a gentle sound echoed, and the eggshell shattered like a real object, and a giant figure emerged from within.

It spread its wings, gently flapping, and hovered above Lu Ye's head, crying out, its powerful soul power surged across the area as if it was truly alive!

An ethereal, golden shadowy substance flowed over its body, resembling burning flames.

"Fire Phoenix!" Xuyuan immediately recognized it, the winged creature soaring into view was undeniably one of the Four Auspicious Beasts, the Fire Phoenix.

"Elder, can this technique be considered a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique?" Lu Ye asked, having constructed such a soul skill in an instant seemed to barely consume him.

Xuyuan's eye twitched, uncertain how to respond.

What do you mean, can or cannot? This is absolutely possible!

A Four Auspicious Fire Phoenix used as a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, the power from this alone could easily defeat opponents who are difficult to resist!

But...

After a brief contemplation, Xuyuan said, "This technique is extremely intricate, and should you truly treat it as a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, the mental and physical expenditure for its cultivation would be significant."

In cultivating a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, the more complex the soul skill based on its foundation, the greater the costs of cultivation, and the slower the progress.

This is naturally expected.

Lu Ye's Talent Tree has plenty of spirit runes, and quite a few can become divine runes. However, simpler spirit runes, like Divine Sharp Edge or Sacred Guard, aren't suitable to use as the foundation for a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, because they're too straightforward and monotonous. If Lu Ye truly picked these, the cultivation would be quick but may not have much impact in combat with adversaries.

So, while it seems Lu Ye has many options, he actually doesn't have that many. The Fire Phoenix Divine Runes is the best choice, as it's far more complex than normal divine runes. Using it as a base makes cultivation tougher and slower, yet, once mastered, its contribution in battle can outperform the likes of Divine Sharp Edge or Sacred Guard.

"Plus, this soul skill is all offense and no defense, which is somewhat extreme. You must understand, for a technique to be dubbed as Soul Suppressing, its core purpose is to safeguard the psyche. Most Sun Blaze Soul Suppressing techniques focus on defense because no one can predict encountering foes stronger than themselves. By firmly guarding your psyche, you can better perform in combat." Xuyuan added.

Lu Ye nodded, "That's true." He suddenly asked, "What did Elder choose as the foundation for your Soul Suppressing Secret Technique?"

Xuyuan smiled slightly and replied, "We Soul Race cultivate differently from humans, all Soul Race post-Sun Blaze use themselves as the foundation for Soul Suppressing Secret Techniques. There are no other options."

"Using oneself as the foundation?" Lu Ye was slightly surprised.

Xuyuan explained, "Soul Race lacks physical flesh, our soul bodies are our form, so this is our sole option."

Lu Ye couldn't help but recall his battle with Zixuan earlier. Right before Bi Chen's death, he activated his own Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, which Xuyuan casually blocked. At the time, Lu Ye hadn't seen any evidence of Xuyuan deploying any techniques, and now he understood why.

For the Soul Race Sun Blaze, the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique resides within themselves, negating the need for any additional techniques.

Lu Ye could consider this, using his own soul body as the foundation for a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, but by doing so, in a soul battle others could employ their Soul Suppressing techniques, and he would only have his unprotected soul body to confront them. The risk is considerably higher, conclusively not worthwhile.

Seeing Lu Ye deep in thought, Xuyuan smiled slightly, "You should visit the Hero Souls Forest. Over there, you might find some surprises."

"Hero Souls Forest?" Lu Ye showed a curious expression; although he had multiple visits to the Soul Race ancestral land, he hadn't heard of the Hero Souls Forest before.

"It's where the deceased Soul Race Sun Blaze rest. Upon death, their bodies dissipate, but the numerous soul skills they cultivated persist and remain. There, you can witness a variety of soul skills, and perhaps find one suitable for yourself." Xuyuan elaborated, "Every Soul Race Sun Blaze heads there before forging their Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, a rite of passage signifying the Soul Race's land of legacy."

This is clearly an exclusive area for Soul Race Sun Blaze, ordinary members aren't allowed entry. Though Lu Ye is human, the Soul Race never treated him as an outsider.

With Xuyuan's kind invitation, Lu Ye naturally couldn't refuse, although he knew whatever he gains from the Hero Souls Forest, his eventual choice of Soul Suppressing Secret Technique would still be one from his own Talent Tree. But if it's just for broadened horizons, then surely it's acceptable.

#### Chapter 2046: Hero Souls Forest

When choosing a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, in the end you have to consider an issue of proficiency, because once you choose a certain soul skill as the foundation, your future cultivation is nothing but constantly reenacting that soul skill, casting it again and again, stacking it endlessly, so that the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique grows stronger and stronger.

If you're not proficient enough, if just using a single soul skill takes a long time and might even fail, then there's naturally no point talking about cultivation efficiency.

Just from this reason alone, Lu Ye could only choose the divine runes on the Talent Tree, because he could construct those divine runes in a single thought, which would be of enormous help to cultivating the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

But Xuyuan kindly suggested he take a trip to the Hero Souls Forest; he certainly couldn't refuse, and just treated it as going to broaden his horizons.

He had only just agreed when Xuyuan suddenly flashed to stand in front of him, raised a finger and tapped toward his forehead, while his voice sounded by Lu Ye's ear: "Don't move!"

Lu Ye stayed perfectly still.

With that tap, Lu Ye suddenly felt his whole being float, retreating a few steps backward; when he lifted his eyes again, he saw in front of him a figure sitting cross-legged, dressed in a way that looked extremely familiar, with a familiar long saber hanging at its waist.

That was actually his own physical body.

Only now did Lu Ye belatedly realize that his psyche had already left his body; the one standing here was his soul body.

"The Hero Souls Forest can only be entered by the soul body; a body of flesh and blood cannot enter." Xuyuan added an explanation, then reminded him: "You've just advanced to Sun Blaze, so outside you mustn't casually let your psyche leave your body."

"I understand." Lu Ye nodded. He certainly knew this taboo. He had never tried letting his psyche leave his body before, because it was far too risky: during that time, his body would have no protection at all, and the soul body itself might encounter various dangers.

Compared to the physical body, the soul body was incomparably fragile in many situations.

But this was the Soul Race ancestral land, so there was no problem.

Moreover, at this moment, perceiving the surrounding environment purely with his soul body, Lu Ye even felt like a fish in water; by comparison, the sensations from his physical body earlier now felt like taking a bath in water while still wearing clothes.

Lu Ye really had never noticed these differences before...

Xuyuan raised his hand and pointed again; a wisp of spirit light appeared and floated off into the distance. "Follow it, go."

Lu Ye glanced at it and hurriedly chased after.

The spirit light was very fast, shuttling through the ancestral land space, passing one Lotus Land after another. Not until half a day later did a vast area of towering stone pillars appear ahead.

Those stone pillars of varying heights clustered together to form a massive stone forest. When the spirit light reached this place, it suddenly vanished. Lu Ye understood in his heart that this should be the Hero Souls Forest, the burial ground of the Soul Race Sun Blaze cultivators.

Lu Ye didn't hesitate and dove straight in.

The Hero Souls Forest was shrouded in extremely dense Mist. Entering it was like falling into a thick cloud layer. The Mist wasn't real Mist, but condensed, pure Soul Power that Lu Ye could easily absorb and refine.

This place was truly a holy land for cultivating the psyche, far better than the environment of an ordinary Lotus Land. Even the seven-color Lotus Land where the stellar space pond was located was far inferior.

Lu Ye curiously looked around, when a sudden change occurred. Not far away, light flashed and a surge of Soul Power erupted, vast and overwhelming.

Lu Ye hastily turned his head to look, only to see a huge hammer appear out of thin air over there, smashing straight down at him.

This caught him completely off guard. Lu Ye hurriedly tried to dodge, but as that great hammer descended, it actually had the effect of sealing his psyche. His entire soul body felt like it had encountered its nemesis and couldn't move at all.

Lu Ye was greatly shocked. Feeling the power of this blow, he knew he couldn't resist it, and in his haste he tried to construct Sacred Guard to protect himself, yet not only was his Soul Power circulating extremely sluggishly, he couldn't construct the Sacred Guard Spirit Runes at all.

His face darkened as he belatedly realized that he had come here with his soul body, while his physical body was still back with Xuyuan. The Talent Tree hadn't come along, so how could he construct any Sacred Guard?

Watching helplessly as that huge hammer slammed down, Lu Ye's head immediately spun and his vision went dark.

It took quite a while before he recovered, and to his surprise, after that blow he actually hadn't suffered much damage. His psyche hurt somewhat, but his soul body was already refining the surrounding Mist to mend itself; it wouldn't take long to fully recover.

Xuyuan... hadn't told him everything!

The power of that hammer just now was entirely a strike from a Peak Sun Blaze expert. A blow like that was something he absolutely couldn't withstand. Taking it head-on should at least have left his psyche heavily wounded, if not shattered his soul body outright.

Yet now it was only a minor injury...

Lu Ye slowly caught on. The soul skills preserved in this Hero Souls Forest wouldn't truly kill the Soul Race juniors, otherwise every new Sun Blaze of the Soul Race who came here would die one after another.

The Soul Race Sun Blaze who had passed away had left the soul skills they cultivated here to benefit their juniors, not to create a slaughter.

Once he understood this, Lu Ye's heart settled slightly, and he turned to look to the side.

Not far away there was a point of light, floating up and down in the Mist. The hammer-like soul skill from just now had burst forth from that light point.

And after taking that hit, Lu Ye even had a faint realization, sensing some of the subtleties of that soul skill. He even had a feeling that if he could come into direct contact with that light point, he should be able to grasp the cultivation technique of this soul skill through Insight!

Just as he was thinking this, the light point flickered slightly. Soul Power surged, and an identical huge hammer once again smashed down on his head!

Again?

Lu Ye was startled. This time he had been on guard and finally felt he had some room to dodge—that was how it felt to him, but in reality he still couldn't avoid it.

His soul body was injured once more, pain coursing through him. Lu Ye bared his teeth in a grimace and quickly distanced himself from that light point. That hammer-like soul skill was powerful, but it wasn't suitable for him.

He had barely gone far when, in the Mist to the side, another speck of light appeared.

Lu Ye suddenly felt something was wrong.

Sure enough, almost the instant he noticed this light point, a soul skill erupted from within it, turning into a gigantic spear-like arrow that tore through the void, shot into Lu Ye's soul body, then flew back again.

This strike was in no way weaker than the hammer from before; it was fully capable of piercing straight through Lu Ye's soul body. Yet it merely wounded him...

That same feeling from before rose again in Lu Ye's heart: if he could touch that light point, he could glimpse the cultivation secrets of this soul skill.

Time passed as Lu Ye roamed ceaselessly through this Hero Souls Forest, his soul body cycling between injury and recovery.

He'd discovered a pattern: as long as he stood atop a stone pillar, those light points would not erupt with soul skills to attack him; but once he left the pillar, if there was a light point nearby, he would inevitably be attacked.

In just half a day, Lu Ye's horizons were broadened. He finally witnessed what kind of treasures the Soul Race forebears of all past generations had left behind in this Hero Souls Forest.

Those myriad wondrous soul skills were all the proud masterpieces of each departed Sun Blaze. Most of the attacks were ones Lu Ye simply could not withstand—this was clearly a gap in cultivation. A small portion he could barely block, but in the end he still couldn't avoid being knocked back.

Any one soul skill erupting in this entire Hero Souls Forest possessed unimaginable might.

After suffering quite a bit, Lu Ye examined himself to see if there was any power he could borrow. Relying solely on his current attainments in psyche cultivation, touching these light points would be extremely difficult.

Right now his soul body had entered this Hero Souls Forest, so the Talent Tree could not be used. What he could rely on was only his own psyche and things related to his psyche.

In the previous battle, the Soul Suppressing Pagoda had shattered, and the Soul-calming Bell had been damaged. Aside from these two soul treasures, what he could rely on was the seven-color Divine Lotus.

When the psyche leaves the body, everything in the Divine Sea merges into the soul body, and the seven-color Divine Lotus was no exception.

But the seven-color Divine Lotus didn't seem to be of much help in the current situation—or rather, its help was passive. The reason those soul skills only caused him minor injuries instead of killing him was precisely because of the protection of the seven-color Divine Lotus. The soul skills left behind by the Soul Race forebears sensed the aura of the seven-color Divine Lotus and judged him to be a descendant of the Soul Race.

Other than that, there seemed to be nothing else...

No, that's not right!

Lu Ye suddenly remembered something he had long forgotten. Because that thing usually did not show itself and only existed as a mark within his Divine Sea, Lu Ye had almost forgotten about it.

It wasn't until he carefully examined his soul body at this moment that he suddenly discovered it.

The Ghost Ship's imprint!

This was the benefit he had obtained back when he had just entered Constellation, when he explored the Ghost Ship and passed the Ghost Ship's trial, and it had played a crucial role several times.

But ever since he obtained the seven-color Divine Lotus to guard his psyche, this imprint had gradually faded from his sight, because when it came to protecting his psyche, the radiance of the seven-color Divine Lotus seemed far more powerful.

It was indeed an imprint, but strictly speaking, it was also a soul skill, a soul skill the Ghost Ship had bestowed upon him.

Realizing this, Lu Ye's expression began to change.

With his current breadth of knowledge and experience, he was far from the ignorant youth he had been back then. He certainly understood now how terrifying the Ghost Ship was; if he had known the Ghost Ship's true nature at the time, he would never have barged into it so rashly.

Because that thing is a stellar space supreme treasure!

An imprint bestowed by a stellar space supreme treasure was, in a sense, an affiliated treasure. It's just that this affiliated treasure was somewhat different from ordinary ones: the strength it could display was directly tied to Lu Ye's psyche cultivation.

If he were to... take the Ghost Ship's imprint as the foundation and forge his own Soul Suppressing Secret Technique?

There weren't many options on the Talent Tree. The Fire Phoenix Divine Runes was the best choice, but it was purely offensive and lacked defense—that was its one flaw.

But the Ghost Ship was different; that thing was both offense and defense in one. Back when he first met Lih Shang, in order to break free of his control, Lih Shang had launched a soul battle against him, only to be ruthlessly taught a lesson when Lu Ye drove the Ghost Ship.

Lu Ye remembered that vividly...

As for its cultivation difficulty, although the Ghost Ship's imprint wasn't a spirit runes from the Talent Tree, Lu Ye didn't find it hard to activate this soul skill—it merely required a huge expenditure of Soul Power.

But once he succeeded in cultivating it, this would definitely be the most top-tier Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

Lu Ye's eyes gradually brightened. He finally knew what choice he should make.

Chapter 2047: Two Years

Lu Ye checked his soul body, originally intending to find a method to counter the eruption of those soul skills, but unexpectedly found an unexpected surprise.

It's not so much an unexpected surprise, considering the imprint of the Ghost Ship has always been here, though he had forgotten it for a long time.

Considering the gains and losses, Lu Ye made a decision.

Indeed, choosing the Ghost Ship's imprint as the foundation for his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique would make future cultivation extremely difficult, even more so than choosing the Fire Phoenix, due to the greater complexity of the Ghost Ship compared to the Fire Phoenix. However, if he succeeds in cultivation, this Soul Suppressing Secret Technique would undoubtedly be among the most top-tier.

Compared to the final reward, what does the early investment amount to?

With a decision made, Lu Ye brushed away his previous confusion and indecision, his mood clear and bright.

He swiftly landed on a stone pillar, then activated his soul power and infused it into the imprint of the Ghost Ship.

Since obtaining this imprint, he had activated it several times. The process required him to do not much else but supply ample soul power to the imprint.

As the soul body gently quivered, soul power continuously drained away, causing the imprint inside the soul body to mildly vibrate, conjuring a phantom before Lu Ye.

It appeared to be the phantom of a large ship, not like those starboats among the stellar space, but a real ship cutting through waves on the ocean.

The main body of the ship appeared first, followed by many details. In just moments, the Ghost Ship reappeared before Lu Ye.

But it was not over yet.

With the continuous flow of Lu Ye's soul power, silhouettes gradually appeared on the empty deck, clearly the crew members of the Ghost Ship.

First Mate Qin Zong, Second Mate Xiao Jianming, Array Master Zhou Xing, Ship Doctor Xu Qingwei, and so on...

The number was small, amounting to just around a dozen.

They were not living beings, nor even soul bodies, merely part of the Ghost Ship, as when Lu Ye obtained the Ghost Ship imprint years ago, these crew members also left their own imprints within it.

In the process of Lu Ye re-manifesting the Ghost Ship, they also reappeared; all of this was condensed by Lu Ye's soul power.

The crew members each performed their duties, the Ghost Ship was fully ready to embark, prepared to set sail at any time. Even if ahead lay the Dragon Pond and Tiger's Den, one command from Lu Ye and they would charge unhesitatingly.

Seeing the not-so-large Ghost Ship in front of him, Lu Ye reviewed his consumption of soul power and nodded to himself. Although the consumption was considerable, it was still within acceptable limits.

Furthermore, he keenly noticed one fact: With his Sun Blaze cultivation today, the Ghost Ship he re-manifested was undoubtedly more solid than when he was in Constellation, clearly related to his own realm.

Though he could activate this soul skill with the Ghost Ship imprint during Constellation, the final result was entirely different.

However...still not enough!

Because it was clear to him, although the soul skill was indeed cast, everywhere it appeared coarse, much like a child's random doodle. For ordinary soul skills, this level was sufficient, whether for offense or defense it had good effects, but as a Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, it had many deficiencies.

It was expected, as the cultivation process of the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique involves constant refining.

The next step is to transform the Ghost Ship into his own Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

Lu Ye slowly closed his eyes, shortly thereafter showing a pained expression on his face, his soul body began to tremble violently.

Moments later, a speck of radiance suddenly appeared on his forehead, which soon flew out from within, resembling a firefly.

Soul Spirit!

This is the essence only Sun Blaze cultivators can condense from their soul bodies. If a soul spirit is lost, the cultivator would immediately suffer immense damage and may even turn into an idiot.

At this moment, Lu Ye suddenly opened his eyes. Upon a slight mental command, the firefly-like soul spirit plummeted onto the Ghost Ship, akin to a snowflake landing on earth, its radiance integrated into it.

Combining this speck of soul spirit with the soul skill marks the selection process of the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique!

Once selected, it becomes difficult to alter it.

With the integration of his own soul spirit, Lu Ye clearly sensed a more intimate connection between the Ghost Ship before him and himself; his control over the soul skill was also more adept, and even the faces of the mindless crew members gained a touch of vitality.

This step completed the establishment of the tone for the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

What follows is the continuous cultivation and refinement.

No matter which Sun Blaze cultivator selects what soul skill as the basis for their Soul Suppressing Secret Technique, initially it's just a framework; Sun Blaze cultivators need to continuously enhance this framework over long years, filling it with richer, fuller content, thus allowing the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique to grow stronger.

This is one of the most important cultivation processes accompanying the entire realm of Sun Blaze, because it's much like painting, hence it's also called "soul painting."

Take the Ghost Ship for example, for cultivators below Sun Blaze to observe it here, they would certainly find this soul skill remarkably realistic, yet in Lu Ye's eyes, it's immensely coarse; the deck is only rudimentary, lacking textures, the mast is merely a shape, hollow inside, and even each crew member has only a shell.

The task before Lu Ye was to continuously supplement the various details of the Ghost Ship. Only when this Ghost Ship, under his enhancement, became akin to a real vessel, flawless both externally and in the slightest internal details, would this Soul Suppressing Secret Technique truly achieve Perfection.

This is likely related to the refinement of the Divine Flower.

Undoubtedly, this is an endeavor that greatly tests patience and perseverance. Therefore, every Sun Blaze Realm's cultivation of the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique is a painstaking effort.

The initial choice also impacts the ease of future cultivation.

The primary reason Lu Ye wanted to choose the spirit runes from the Talent Tree earlier was because they were easy for him to execute and could significantly enhance cultivation efficiency.

Now having chosen the Ghost Ship, it's not a bad choice either, as the presence of the mark makes the execution of this soul skill less difficult.

Calming his mind, Lu Ye began to hone his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

Such a secret technique, merely maintaining it, consumes a considerable amount of Soul Power, let alone filling in the details.

If not for being in the Hero Souls Forest, Lu Ye would definitely not be able to persist for long.

But in this place, the Hero Souls Forest's Soul Power is incredibly rich, and the pervasive Mist is the condensation of pure Soul Power, which Lu Ye can fully absorb to replenish himself.

Therefore, even if the consumption and recovery couldn't maintain a balanced state, Lu Ye just needed to take breaks occasionally to continue training.

Such a unique training environment also made Lu Ye's cultivation efficiency far surpass that of regular Sun Blaze cultivators. Even though other Sun Blaze might use elixir pills to replenish their Soul Power consumption, it would never be as convenient and swift.

Day after day...

This kind of cultivation was tedious and dull, even more so than when Lu Ye increased his realm under the All Phenomena Ocean, but he found pleasure in it.

On the path to becoming stronger, if one can't endure this bit of loneliness, how can one stand above all souls?

Two years later.

In the Hero Souls Forest, Lu Ye navigated his Ghost Ship through the Mist. Compared to two years ago, the external appearance of the Ghost Ship had not changed much, but only Lu Ye knew the transformation within.

Two years of almost non-stop cultivation finally brought some qualitative change to his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique. Now the Ghost Ship far surpasses its state from two years ago in terms of details, which, according to Xuyuan's previous explanations, signifies the Secret Technique has reached Final Achievement.

A regular Sun Blaze would typically reach this level by the mid-stage of Sun Blaze.

After Final Achievement comes Perfection, which corresponds to Sun Blaze Late Stage and Peak Sun Blaze!

Progress in the Sun Blaze Realm requires not only Mana but also spiritual advancement. Only when both are met is there a breakthrough in the realm.

Some Sun Blaze are called Peak because their Soul Suppressing Secret Technique has reached Perfection, while those who haven't reached the standard, even if their Mana cultivation is extreme, remain in the Late Stage.

Reaching Perfection in the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique is very challenging, which depends on the initial choice.

Some Sun Blaze chose weaker Soul Suppressing Secret Techniques, making early-stage cultivation simpler, but ultimately, no matter how they cultivate, they can't reach the Peak Sun Blaze.

This is essentially a trade-off. Every Sun Blaze who makes a choice is aware of the pros and cons in advance. However, some may feel regret after realizing there's no progress in the later stages, but by then, it's usually too late.

Thus, across the entire stellar space, any cultivator who ascends to Sun Blaze, given enough time, can generally elevate their cultivation to the Sun Blaze Late Stage. Being able to ascend to Sun Blaze indicates decent talent, but reaching Peak Sun Blaze isn't easy.

Having achieved Final Achievement, Lu Ye was naturally eager to test the power of this secret technique.

At this moment, within a chaotic storm, the Ghost Ship was tossing and turning, with Lu Ye's soul body standing on it, moving up and down with the ship.

The violent storm was an eruption of a soul skill, extremely formidable.

If it were Lu Ye from two years ago, first arriving here, he would certainly have been spun around, not knowing which way was which. But now, under the protection of the Ghost Ship, although there was turbulence, he was unharmed.

Outside the Ghost Ship, a light shield enveloped it — clearly the ship's protective array. Crewmembers scurried about, busy continuously, as if they were truly navigating the wide, mighty ocean...

After one incense stick's time, Lu Ye maneuvered the Ghost Ship out of the storm's center.

He couldn't stay any longer, as his Soul Power was severely depleted. Staying any longer would surely lead to exhaustion.

Finding a stone pillar to recover himself, Lu Ye, once fully recuperated, ventured back into the Hero Souls Forest.

After several tries, Lu Ye roughly assessed the standard of his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique and was satisfied, knowing this would prevent him from being at a disadvantage when facing veteran Sun Blaze cultivators. Provided he could avoid spiritual disturbances, in combat, he could unleash his full power.

With the power of the sword gourd in his hand, just one strike of Sword Qi could eliminate any enemies in the Sun Blaze realm unless their strength was extraordinarily formidable. Who couldn't he kill?

This journey of cultivation truly compensated for his greatest current shortcoming.

Chapter 2048: Jade Conch Also Seeks World-Merging

The mastery of the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique brought another benefit to Lu Ye, elevating his psyche cultivation to the Sun Blaze Mid-Stage!

Yet his mana is still only at the Sun Blaze Early Stage...

This is quite amusing.

Because throughout the stellar space, in the cultivation of the Sun Blaze realms, the enhancement of psyche cultivation is always much more challenging than mana enhancement. Sun Blaze cultivators typically meet the mana requirements first, then look for ways to enhance their psyche.

But for Lu Ye, the situation is reversed.

This undoubtedly owes to the uniqueness of the Hero Souls Forest.

Now, all Lu Ye needs is to elevate his mana, and he would be assuredly at the Sun Blaze Mid-Stage. This is not a difficult task for someone with a Talent Tree. With his Magic Source reaching Perfection, his cultivation efficiency has greatly increased. He only needs to store enough fuel in his Talent Tree and dive into the All Phenomena Ocean.

Moments later, Lu Ye returned.

Two years have passed; his physical body remains sitting here, motionless.

If it were an ordinary person, such prolonged separation of body and soul would likely lead to issues, but for a Sun Blaze cultivator like Lu Ye, it's not a problem.

He merged back into his physical body, rising slowly.

Beside him, Xuyuan noticed something and looked up: "How was it?"

"Thanks to Elder's guidance, I've gained a lot..." Lu Ye replied, feeling a slight lack of coordination in his body and his speech seemed somewhat slurred, likely due to the prolonged separation of body and soul, but this discomfort soon faded away.

"That's good." Xuyuan smiled slightly, not inquiring about which Soul Suppressing Secret Technique Lu Ye chose. Everyone has their own convictions and choices; since he had guided Lu Ye, the decision was Lu Ye's own.

"Elder, now that the matter here is settled, I'll return to the Nine Provinces for now and visit again another day." Lu Ye said.

Having been here for two years without leaving, he naturally needs to go back and take a look.

Xuyuan seemed unsurprised, nodding: "Go ahead."

Lu Ye promptly headed towards the stellar space pond, glancing down when suddenly taken aback, for the stellar space pond before him seemed somewhat different from his memory.

He focused his gaze and gradually noticed: "Elder, how come there are more large domains popping up in the stellar space in recent years?"

The stellar space pond reflected the circumstances of the entire stellar space, with domains and dead stars all mirrored in it, any external changes being manifested in the stellar space pond.

Just like those domains, the representation of ordinary domains versus large domains is different. Large domains appear much brighter in the stellar space pond, while ordinary domains are somewhat dimmer.

Lu Ye had entered and exited the stellar space pond multiple times, and even without specifically observing it, changes too noticeable could still be seen.

Xuyuan smiled slightly: "In recent years, for some unknown reason, the stellar space spirit energy has become much more active, leading to the elevation of many domains into large domains."

"Stellar space spirit energy..." Lu Ye suddenly recalled Number Nine mentioning this previously, where the spirit energy near the Nine Provinces had become active, a good development for the Nine Provinces, for it has always been absorbing the nearby stellar space spirit energy to enhance its foundation.

However, Lu Ye did not expect this change to extend beyond the Nine Provinces; from the feedback of the stellar space pond now, this change seems to be affecting the entire stellar space.

"Elder, has there been such an occurrence before?" Lu Ye asked.

Xuyuan thought for a moment: "Since I've been stationed here, I haven't encountered it."

"Then does Elder think this is a good thing or a bad thing?"

Xuyuan pondered: "Good or bad, who can say for sure? Sometimes good things can turn bad, and sometimes the opposite happens..."

Lu Ye looked at Xuyuan blankly, as Elder's way of speaking was different from before.

Xuyuan chuckled: "Don't overthink it. Regardless of external changes, enhancing oneself is the true path as a cultivator."

"Indeed, that's true." Lu Ye nodded, merging into the stellar space pond.

After Lu Ye departed, Xuyuan's expression gradually turned serious, sighing deeply: "A great change is imminent, a great momentum descends; is it good, or bad?"

Such magnitude, not even the long-lived Soul Race has experienced it, let alone any flesh and blood creatures in the entire stellar space, as the last descent of great momentum was tens of thousands of years ago. Even powerful beings like the Sun Blaze have limited lifespan, and even the Demon Race cannot live that long.

Only the Soul Race, due to its special environment, has some records in this regard, but they're not clearly documented.

Regarding the understanding of great momentum, likely only those supreme treasures existing with the stellar space have knowledge, some of which have developed consciousness, such as the renowned Reincarnation Tree; surely, he knows something.

Widespread activation of stellar space spirit energy signals the impending descent of great momentum, a point recorded in the Soul Race ancient tomes; similar signs were present before the last descent of great momentum.

Actually, these signs have existed for years, but ordinary people couldn't detect them; the Soul Race Patriarch Hun Que has been exploring this matter externally.

Rumor has it, under the descent of great momentum, none in the stellar space are exempt, not even special spaces like the Soul Race ancestral land.

For some, the descent of great momentum is a revelry, but for most, it brings disaster.

Xuyuan didn't tell Lu Ye too many things, simply because Lu Ye's current cultivation wasn't sufficient. Knowing these details would be meaningless to him; just like he had taught Lu Ye before, there are some matters that become clear naturally when one's cultivation is sufficient, and learning them prematurely only adds unnecessary worries.

Near the Nine Provinces, Lu Ye returned.

He sensed something was amiss immediately; the entire Nine Provinces had clearly grown larger.

The Nine Provinces is a sphere, and from stellar space, this expansion might seem insignificant, but in reality, this change greatly expanded the territory of the Nine Provinces.

Lu Ye's heart was stirred, with some vague speculations. As he flew towards the Nine Provinces, he sent Number Nine a message to inquire about the situation.

Before long, he received Number Nine's reply, confirming his speculation; in just over two years, the World-Merging with the Qingli Dao World had been completed.

All the beings from the Qingli Dao World migrated into the Nine Provinces. Not only that, but the entire Qingli Dao World had merged into the Nine Provinces.

This was the fundamental reason the Nine Provinces expanded, as the Nine Provinces now was truly two domains combined!

Lu Ye didn't know how Number Nine accomplished this, as generally, domains do not possess such abilities, but the result lay before his eyes, undoubtedly a good thing.

Upon closer observation, the entire geography of the Nine Provinces had undergone significant changes; the locations of some mountains and rivers from his memory had shifted.

Lu Ye was amazed. A simple World-Merging might be manageable in itself, but ensuring the beings living in the Nine Provinces remain stable throughout the process is not easy.

Yet Number Nine accomplished it.

The forebears of the former Nine Provinces left treasures for this era, which have continued to protect the Nine Provinces for over ten thousand years, still playing an irreplaceable role today.

Soon, Lu Ye found another peculiar area: "Number Nine, you said the World-Merging was complete, so why are there still so many people migrating? Where are they coming from?"

In his senses, Heaven's Augury Pillar portals were open all across the Nine Provinces. At this moment, through those portals, many mortals were dragging their families along, carrying large bags, and some were even bringing a lot of livestock.

"The World-Merging with the Qingli Dao World is complete, now preparing for the World-Merging with the Jade Conch World!" Number Nine replied.

"Jade Conch World?" Lu Ye was startled, "Why does the Jade Conch World also need World-Merging? What happened?"

Lu Ye could understand the Qingli Dao World's desire for merging, as there were issues with this domain; though it could nurture Constellations, those Constellations could not advance to Moon Jade, offering no prospects.

Wu Zhuo and Tang Jun could not resolve this problem. As the Nine Provinces grew stronger, merging into it was undoubtedly a good choice.

But what about the Jade Conch World's situation?

"This has nothing to do with me," Number Nine chuckled, "They came seeking it themselves."

"Who?"

"Luan Xiao'e, and also World Lord Qiu from that domain."

Lu Ye swept his Mental Consciousness across the Nine Provinces and did not find Luan Xiao'e. She likely returned to the All Phenomena Ocean, but he discovered Qiu Wu's figure at a certain place in Dingzhou.

He promptly rushed over and quickly found Qiu Wu busy there; this large area should be allocated for the sects led by Qiu Wu, with over ten Heaven's Augury Pillars upright here, forming portals from which people continually emerged.

"World Lord Qiu," Lu Ye called.

Qiu Wu turned, pleasantly surprised, "Fellow Daoist Lu, finally we meet."

"Is there something the World Lord needs from me?" Lu Ye asked.

Qiu Wu replied, "Not really anything major, but in the future, I will settle in the Nine Provinces, and I'd appreciate Fellow Daoist Lu's care."

"Sure, anytime," Lu Ye nodded, "Just, why did the Jade Conch choose to merge?"

Qiu Wu smiled, "What's wrong with that? The Nine Provinces is currently the most powerful domain in the home Star System, with boundless prospects. By merging, my Jade Conch World can also achieve better development, and since the Qingli Dao World has merged, my Jade Conch can certainly merge."

"That makes sense, but about the Qingli Dao World..."

Qiu Wu nodded, "I'm aware of the reasons, but the last time Zixuan invaded was terrifying, there are just too many powerful beings outside. My Jade Conch World, although having birthed a Sun Blaze, is still far from measuring up to top domains, even the four galaxies' domains are much greater. Should the Jade Conch face danger one day, what would we have to resist?"

Hearing his explanation, Lu Ye immediately understood his point.

The Jade Conch World did not only face one invasion from Zixuan, but earlier had also encountered the Filth Race invasion!

These foreign enemies are beyond their ability to deal with, and since they lack the means to cope, merging with the Nine Provinces is the solution. The Nine Provinces, with the internal Asura Field and Mount Fangcun outside, offers an extraordinary level of safety compared to those top-tier domains.

Qiu Wu laughed, "I know your thoughts, we discussed this for a long time before deciding. Perhaps there'll be discomfort in the short term, but after two or three generations, this issue will be irrelevant. Eventually, the Jade Conch World will cease to exist, leaving only the Nine Provinces."

He said so much, and Lu Ye, of course, could not say anything more.

Moreover, the merging of the Jade Conch World brings more benefits to the Nine Provinces.

But...with the Jade Conch World gone, the Jade Conch Galaxy fear will change to the Nine Provinces galaxy.

Chapter 2049: Changes in the All Phenomena Ocean

Though somewhat surprised that the Jade Conch World also chose to integrate realms, since it was a decision made by Qiu Wu and others, and it only benefits the Nine Provinces without any drawbacks, Lu Ye doesn't intend to interfere.

Perhaps in a few years, this vast Jade Conch Galaxy will only host one large domain, the Nine Provinces.

Leaving the Nine Provinces, Lu Ye headed towards Mount Fangcun, where he met Woo Qimo halfway.

He clearly came specifically to find Lu Ye upon hearing his return.

"Junior Brother Lu!" Woo Qimo shouted from afar, with a look of excitement and expectation on his face, "The Southern Region is about to arrive, Senior Brother Chen asked me to inform you, so arrangements can be made early."

Lu Ye nodded and said, "I have already sensed it."

As the master of Mount Fangcun, he had naturally sensed that the Southern Region Fangcun Mountain was not far away. Based on the current speed, it's likely that in two or three months, the Southern Region Mount Fangcun will reach the Jade Conch Galaxy, completing its fusion with the core and east, at which point there will only be the west left of Mount Fangcun.

It was precisely because he sensed this that he headed straight for Mount Fangcun, intending to discuss this matter with Chen Xuanhai and Woo Qimo.

A moment later, inside Mount Fangcun, within Cloud Sea Peak, Lu Ye sat with Chen Xuanhai and Woo Qimo.

Lu Ye usually frequents the Immortal Spirit Peak, which is Su Yuqing's spirit mountaintop, but currently, Su Yuqing is stationed at Fangcun Island in the All Phenomena Ocean, leaving only Chen Xuanhai and Woo Qimo, both Sun Blaze Realm cultivators, at Mount Fangcun.

Actually, if it were only the Southern Region Mount Fangcun coming over, he wouldn't need to do anything. With the core drawing the Southern Region, and when the Southern Region arrives, it will

naturally merge smoothly. The wonder of the stellar space supreme treasure is beyond the comprehension of ordinary people; even if it was split for countless years, given the opportunity, it can be restored as before.

However, accompanying the Southern Region Mount Fangcun is a Blood Termination World, which requires Lu Ye to handle matters, or some unexpected incidents might occur.

After a brief discussion, Lu Ye hurriedly left Mount Fangcun.

The Southern Region's arrival still requires two to three months, so there is no urgency. Before then, he plans to return to All Phenomena Ocean.

He was constantly thinking about the transformation of the Talent Tree. Earlier, it was temporarily shelved due to the need to cultivate the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique. Now that he has the time, he naturally wants to swiftly address this.

To achieve four transformations of the Talent Tree, it needs to consume as much high-quality uncanny fire as possible. The fire gourd is a hope; as long as it continuously breeds uncanny fire for the Talent Tree to devour, it can accelerate the transformation progress of the Talent Tree.

But the nurturing of uncanny fire in the fire gourd requires a large amount of fire-type energy.

This consumption might be many times more compared to simply providing the Talent Tree with fuel reserves.

Therefore, he needs to return to All Phenomena Ocean and extensively acquire resources that the fire gourd can devour.

Riding the starboat, he arrived at the Insect Path, where a late-stage Moon Jade greeted him. Lu Ye observed briefly and raised an eyebrow, as he noticed the Insect Path was slightly more stable than before.

During its initial operational phase, late-stage Moon Jade cultivators like Su Yiming sustained serious injuries; but now, Su Yiming could force passage at the expense of some minor injuries.

This is undoubtedly a positive sign, indicating that the Insect Path connecting this home galaxy to All Phenomena is gradually stabilizing. Eventually, it will become a passageway allowing cultivators to safely traverse. By then, travel will be more convenient, and any Constellation can freely pass through.

Through the insect path, he reaches All Phenomena Galaxy, heading straight to All Phenomena Ocean.

After half a day, Lu Ye sits in his short-stay palace, continuously allowing the fire gourd to devour various newly acquired resources.

Due to his consistent demand for fire-type resources, Three Worlds Island has maintained a long-standing reserve. But this time, Lu Ye's demand is significant, rendering the reserves insufficient. Currently, Three Worlds Island is aggressively acquiring fire-type resources through various channels.

This is not difficult; just a word to All Phenomena Island and Jiu Yan would certainly support this vigorously, and Five Colors Merchants Guild is also helping with all its strength.

In over two years, Three Worlds Island has seen little change; the incident of those years has gradually faded away, and now All Phenomena Ocean has restored its former prosperity.

The only difference is that now each top-class Spirit Island has its own Sun Blaze cultivator stationed; not only top-class islands, but even some high-class Spirit Islands frequently host Sun Blaze figures.

However, all Sun Blaze cultivators strictly abide by a rule: no matter the form or scale of conflicts in All Phenomena Ocean, they are not involved, and no Sun Blaze dares to easily intervene.

While Lu Ye utilizes the fire gourd to devour fire-type resources and nurture uncanny fire here, Tang Jun sits nearby, reporting events that occurred in All Phenomena Ocean during the past two years he was absent.

Old Tang seems to be aging, reporting endlessly...

Lu Ye lets it go in one ear and out the other, occasionally nodding in agreement to indicate he is attentively listening.

"By the way, there is one more thing," Old Tang suddenly recalls, "Recently, the stellar space spirit energy across various Spirit Islands in All Phenomena Ocean has become significantly more abundant. The cause of this change, whether good or bad, remains unknown."

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye couldn't help but look up at him, "There's a change in All Phenomena Ocean as well?"

Changes in Nine Provinces were long mentioned by Number Nine, and previous observations from the stellar space pond also showed direct alterations. Lu Ye hadn't expected changes in All Phenomena Ocean too.

"Of course, haven't you noticed that the spiritual energy on this island has become much richer than before?" Old Tang said.

Lu Ye indeed hadn't noticed this, as he typically isn't on the island for cultivation, thus not paying attention to the island's spiritual energy. Upon sensing it briefly, he realized it was indeed so.

"Additionally, over the past few years, several deserted islands in All Phenomena Ocean have begun to spring to life, happening continuously," continued Old Tang, "Though island revival in All Phenomena Ocean has been anciently known, such frequency was never seen before."

The transformation of the deserted island into a vibrant one is undoubtedly a good thing because it turns an originally valueless deserted island into one of value.

In the All Phenomena Ocean, the numerous forces, large and small, are as numerous as cattle, but actually, few forces own their own Spirit Islands. Most cultivators of these forces drift across the All Phenomena Ocean with no place to call home.

Those capable of occupying a Spirit Island, even if it's the lowest-class one, possess forces behind them that would be considered Overlord-level existence within their home galaxy.

"And many people say that cultivation seems to have become somewhat easier than before." Old Tang took a sip of tea and sighed, "Unfortunately, I've exhausted my potential and am unsure if this is true or not."

"Are many people feeling this way?" Lu Ye asked.

Tang Jun replied, "Not too many, and I don't know where the rumors are coming from. People are even saying these unusual changes are signs of a big transformation, but the rumors are quite vague."

Lu Ye nodded, "Keep an eye on these matters, and notify me immediately if there's any anomaly."

"Understood."

As they spoke, Lu Ye looked outside again, sensing many people approaching.

"I'll first take them to advance to Moon Jade." Lu Ye said, storing the fire gourd and heading outside.

Upon leaving the short-stay palace, there were quite a lot of people outside, around a hundred, led by Shui Yuan with Hua Ci accompanying her.

"Junior Brother." Shui Yuan called out.

Lu Ye glanced at her, noticing Shui Yuan's energy was brimming, clearly ready to break through the barrier and advance to Moon Jade. She was even suppressing it; otherwise, she might start advancing at any moment.

Not only was she like this, but most of the others were in similar states, though not as obvious as Shui Yuan.

"Is everyone ready?" Lu Ye inquired.

"We are ready!" The crowd replied in unison.

"Then let's go!"

Shui Yuan immediately took out the green sea conch, placed it at her lips, and blew it, opening the gate to the Merfolk Territory.

"Proceed!" Lu Ye ordered, and everyone flowed in like a stream.

Lu Ye was the last to enter, nodding at Hua Ci, "The rest is up to you."

Hua Ci held the green sea conch she had just received from Shui Yuan, smiling as she reassured him, "Don't worry!" Her task was to blow the green sea conch again in a few days to bring Lu Ye and the others back.

Moments later, before the Divine Conch Hall of the Royal Conch Palace, Lu Ye and the others appeared.

Bai Lu immediately came to greet them, they had already been informed of the purpose of Lu Ye's visit. She handed a golden sea conch to Lu Ye, "Left here by the Great Elder."

Lu Ye nodded as he took it and called out to everyone, "Set out," leading the way, with a group of Peak Constellations following closely, each filled with anticipation.

They had all visited the Merfolk Territory before, but this time, they were headed to a place not in the Merfolk Territory. It's said to be a stellar space supreme treasure buried beneath the All Phenomena Ocean for countless years, known as the Constellation Palace!

Every hundred years, it casts a projection to the outside world, and each occasion is a stellar event where all Constellations can participate, refine themselves, and reap benefits.

The cultivators from Three Worlds Island arrived in the All Phenomena Ocean quite late and missed the last opening of the Constellation Palace. Of course, they hadn't witnessed the grandeur of that last feast, but they had heard of it - a scene where nearly a million Constellations gathered.

It's hard to imagine how magnificent that scene was.

Although they missed the last opening of the Constellation Palace, this time Lu Ye was taking them to where the Constellation Palace itself is located, and there they would advance to Moon Jade, obtaining better Magic Sources. Everyone felt a strong sense of anticipation.

The golden sea conch was sounded by Lu Ye, transforming into a protective layer that isolated the seawater. Lu Ye, activating his mana, enveloped the group and swiftly headed towards the location of the Constellation Palace.

With his current Sun Blaze Realm, even underwater, his speed was exceptionally fast. In just half a day, he reached the site of the Constellation Palace.

From a distance, he gazed at the gigantic palace, resembling a slumbering beast lying deep in the ocean. Even before getting close, a boundless sense of oppressive pressure surged forth, every single Constellation showing a look of surprise.

Arriving at the front door, Lu Ye pushed it open, leading Shui Yuan and the others inside the Constellation Palace.

He then instructed them to seek their own spots for advancement.

Lu Ye divided part of his attention to observe Shui Yuan's situation while surveying the empty grand hall with nostalgia.

Speaking of it, since the last time he brought several Merfolk Race cultivators, led by Bai Lu, here to advance to Moon Jade, he hadn't returned until now.

Many years had passed, and now he himself had advanced to Sun Blaze.

## Chapter 2050: Return from the Southern Region

In the Constellation Palace, over a hundred Constellations sat cross-legged, their aura surging. The transformation from Constellation to Moon Jade is a qualitative process. During this, a cultivator will develop their own Magic Source, transforming all their spirit force into Mana, resulting in an explosive growth in power.

Lu Ye paid particular attention to Shui Yuan, as she was his Second Senior Sister, but he did not neglect the others. With his current strength of Mental Consciousness, he could easily monitor the state of over a hundred Constellations.

These are the future of the Three Worlds Island.

After observing for a while, Lu Ye felt relieved. True to their elite status, each of these Constellations had long reached the brink of advancement, but they all suppressed it, awaiting this opportunity.

Now, having reached this place, they could let go completely, and failure was almost impossible.

As the Constellations were breaking through, Lu Ye had the fire gourd devour fire-type resources to nurture the uncanny fire.

Several days later, Lu Ye finally felt that the uncanny fire within the fire gourd was nurtured, and he eagerly activated the Talent Tree to devour it.

The same situation as before occurred. The fuel reserves of the Talent Tree showed no change, but the Talent Tree itself exhibited some peculiar reactions...

But that was all. Lu Ye saw no sign of the Talent Tree's potential for transformation, evidently indicating that the devoured uncanny fire was far from sufficient.

After roughly estimating the cost of nurturing one uncanny fire, Lu Ye secretly clicked his tongue because the spirit jade expenditure for nurturing the uncanny fire within the fire gourd was no less than the Sword Qi within the sword gourd.

A single uncanny fire cost billions in spirit jade, and who knows how many uncanny fires the Talent Tree needs to devour to truly transform.

Thankfully, the Three Worlds Island now governs the All Phenomena Ocean; otherwise, just relying on the Three Worlds Island alone couldn't possibly sustain the two great affiliated treasures in Lu Ye's possession.

Even now, Lu Ye was unsure if they could be sustained.

Lu Ye thought he would never again worry about spirit jade, but unexpectedly, even after achieving success and fame, he still had to endure the hardships of past poverty, which seemed utterly unfair.

Yet, transforming the Talent Tree was something he was determined to achieve at any cost.

He continued to let the fire gourd devour fire-type resources, starting anew to nurture uncanny fire.

On the Three Worlds Island, ten days after Lu Ye and others left, Hua Ci followed the initial agreement and blew the green sea conch again.

When the portal opened, the silhouettes of cultivators who had previously departed with Lu Ye emerged, each exuding the aura of Moon Jade, without exception.

Just like Lu Ye before, they had just ascended, without having time to stabilize their own realm, rendering the aura of Moon Jade uncontrollable.

Next, they needed to settle themselves and stabilize their cultivation.

Lu Ye walked at the end, slightly nodded at Hua Ci, and headed straight to the short-stay palace.

This batch of Constellations had completed their ascension.

In the short-stay palace, Tang Jun, who received the news, hurriedly arrived and handed over a large handful of storage rings to Lu Ye: "All the purchasable fire-type resources in the All Phenomena Ocean are here."

Lu Ye took them, checked one by one, and shook his head, "Still not enough, continue purchasing."

"Not enough!" Tang Jun was shocked, utterly bewildered by what Lu Ye intended to do that required so many fire-type resources. He had swept through the entire All Phenomena Ocean for this purchase, and only the Three Worlds Island had enough spirit jade reserves; otherwise, there was no way to pay for so many goods.

"From now on, two-tenths of the spirit jade earnings from the Three Worlds Island, aside from necessary expenses, should be kept in reserve, and all the rest should go towards purchasing fire-type resources."

Lu Ye discovered that the transformation of the Talent Tree was like a bottomless pit. Within these days at the Constellation Palace, he had the Talent Tree devour uncanny fire twice, making it three times total if counting the previous one, but the Talent Tree had shown no significant change. Achieving a transformation of the Talent Tree with the current resources was insufficient.

"I understand." Tang Jun nodded solemnly. Even though he didn't know why Lu Ye required so many fire-type resources, since Lu Ye instructed, he would comply.

"Thank you for your hard work!" Lu Ye patted him on the shoulder and threw all the storage rings into the Small Flower World.

Old Tang smiled, "It's no trouble; I'm quite happy to still be able to contribute a bit." Without the chance for further advancement in cultivation, and unable to help much in combat, he could only assist with these trivial matters.

Now that the Qingli Dao World and Nine Provinces are unified, he and Lu Ye's fates are deeply intertwined.

With this matter entrusted to Old Tang, Lu Ye hurriedly made his way to the direction of the Insect Path; the Southern Region was approaching, and he had to return to make some preparations.

Two hours later, at the Insect Path of the Nine Provinces, Lu Ye appeared.

He did not return to the Nine Provinces nor go to Mount Fangcun, but after slightly sensing the position of the Southern Region, Lu Ye drove the starboat straight in that direction.

On the journey, he kept busy nurturing the uncanny fire.

After more than ten days, he finally saw a gigantic arm from afar.

Even from a great distance, Lu Ye could sense a strange resonance between his Blood Race bloodline and that arm.

That arm was undoubtedly the Blood Termination World of the past, but now this domain was lifeless, and its entire shape had changed.

The arm stretched across the sky, with fingers clenched into a fist, at first glance, it looked like an invisible giant delivering a fierce punch.

Lu Ye sensed another connection within the fist, distinct from Blood Race bloodlines.

Mount Fangcun in the Southern Region!

Back then, Lu Ye maneuvered the Blood Termination World, gripping Mount Fangcun in his fist, using its movement to propel the Blood Termination World.

After observing for a while, Lu Ye retracted the starboat, leapt gracefully, and with a few bounds, arrived at the Blood Termination World, slipping through a finger gap to enter Mount Fangcun in the Southern Region.

Once his aura was revealed, four instances of Sun Blaze Mental Consciousness immediately sensed him, obviously the four Sun Blazes from the Southern Region.

Recognizing his identity, a loud laugh erupted: "I told you, Junior Brother Lu would definitely come within three days, but you didn't believe it!"

It was unmistakably Wuh Ji's boisterous voice.

Lu Ye smiled slightly and swept towards the direction of Pengyu Peak, where the several Sun Blazes of the Southern Region were gathered at the moment.

Pengyu Peak is the spirit mountaintop of Yuk Qinglou, and Yuk Qinglou is the oldest and most respected Sun Blaze among the Dwarf Race here. Lu Ye had come here before when aiding the Southern Region and was, of course, familiar with it.

After a short while, on Pengyu Peak, the elderly Yuk Qinglou led three others, including Wuh Ji, to welcome him.

Lu Ye saluted first: "Greetings, Senior Brothers and Sisters!"

He glanced around; to the left of Yuk Qinglou was Wuh Ji, on the right was Xsu Pu, and further right was Xia Yingyue, all familiar faces who had helped significantly during the previous battle against Zixuan.

Yuk Qinglou looked at Lu Ye kindly and amiably: "I heard Junior Brother advanced to Sun Blaze. This old one is greatly comforted. It seems your cultivation is stable now, isn't it?"

Faced with the oldest Dwarf Race Sun Blaze, Lu Ye accompanied a touch of respect: "In response to your words, Senior Brother, the cultivation is indeed stable."

"That's good." Yuk Qinglou nodded, "Please come inside first."

"After you, Senior Brother." Lu Ye gestured.

Shortly, inside the hall, everyone took their seats, exchanged pleasantries, and then got to the main topic.

Wuh Ji spoke first: "Junior Brother Lu, regarding the upcoming merging of the Southern Region, the Blood Termination World needs to be handled in advance." If we don't first remove it, as the Southern Region approaches, there will inevitably be a situation where the Blood Termination World collides with Mount Fangcun.

Lu Ye nodded: "That's precisely why I'm here. Shortly, I will go to the Blood Termination World to investigate and prepare early."

"That's good." Wuh Ji nodded.

Back then, possessing the Moon Jade body, Lu Ye managed to maneuver the Blood Termination World. With his current Sun Blaze cultivation, it should be even easier.

On the Nine Provinces side, Mount Fangcun is currently an integration of the Eastern Region and the core. The Southern Region is about to merge with it, something eagerly awaited by the Sun Blazes. Not only them, but those on the way from the Western Region are also paying close attention to this matter.

Everyone is curious to see if any changes will occur to Mount Fangcun after this merger.

Then Yuk Qinglou asked Lu Ye about the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique. Having recently advanced to Sun Blaze, Lu Ye naturally had to start cultivating it, a universal experience among Sun Blazes. After hearing that Lu Ye had made a fruitful visit to the Soul Race, Yuk Qinglou was relieved.

The Soul Race is the authority in this domain; none in the stellar space can compare. Given Lu Ye's success with them, they need not embarrass themselves.

The conversation naturally shifted toward the Soul Race...

Though they once cooperated, Wuh Ji and the others remained curious about Lu Ye's connection with the Soul Race, which was far from ordinary. The Soul Race had dispatched eleven Sun Blazes and thousands beneath them, clearly willing to do anything for Lu Ye.

Lu Ye gave a simple explanation...

He omitted the topic of the Soul Race ancestral land's will, fearing it would be too mind-blowing, instead attributing everything to Amber, the Soul Race Sacred Beast.

They also discussed the Merfolk Race, the Flower Race, among others...

The Dwarf Race Sun Blazes clicked their tongues in wonder. In terms of age, each surpassed Lu Ye significantly, but in life experiences and opportunities, they were far inferior.

In just a few decades, Lu Ye encountered more excitement than most cultivators would in their entire lives.

A day later, Lu Ye left Mount Fangcun in the Southern Region, journeying alone to the Blood Termination World.

Despite being fairly certain, the stakes were high, and verification was necessary.

Having once refined the Blood Ancestor's treasure blood and devoured countless Sacred Blood, Lu Ye, though of the human race, possessed an immensely powerful Blood Race bloodline, unparalleled in the entire stellar space.

With this advantage, simply standing on the Blood Termination World enabled Lu Ye to sense his close connection with this domain.

This connection existed before, but now, with enhanced cultivation, it felt deeper. Lu Ye sensed he could mobilize the Blood Termination World, easier than ever before.

Moreover, he held a Blood Race ancestral artifact!