

Humanity 2071

Chapter 2071: Man Dies for Wealth

On the Giant Red Planet, the towering Fire Giant roared, and in contrast, Lu Ye's figure seemed as insignificant as an ant.

A seemingly unremarkable sword light suddenly darted out.

Simultaneously, the Fire Giant also raised its fist, fiercely smashing down towards the position where Lu Ye stood. The force of this punch was terrifyingly powerful, causing even the nearby magma to swirl up like a dancing dragon.

In the face of such a Fire Giant, the sword light was almost like a mere embroidery needle...

However, it was this very needle-like sword light that easily pierced through the Fire Giant's fist, penetrated its entire arm, struck the center of its forehead, and then pierced through its body, hitting the formation barrier that isolated the inside and outside!

This formation was arranged personally by Ji Boyun, who, although not originally an Array cultivator, was skilled in formations due to the long life span of Sun Blaze cultivators. Once cultivators reach this level of cultivation, their power increases slowly, and many Sun Blaze practitioners take up secondary skills to pass the time. Ji Boyun had a decent talent in the Array Path, so the formations he arranged were naturally not inferior.

Especially since he also utilized the unique environment of this place, directly enhancing the formation's power by thirty percent, ensuring that enemies like the Sun Flaming Beast King could not escape within this formation.

But even such a sturdy formation couldn't hold back the sword light for even a fraction.

Almost at the instant the sword light touched the formation barrier, it pierced directly through it.

A crashing sound seemed to echo in everyone's heart, and both Jeu Se and Lie Huo, who had already taken cover, looked utterly horrified.

The Fire Giant's aggressive attack inexplicably came to a halt, and soon after, its massive form rapidly shrank, deflating like a leaking balloon. Within just three breaths, all the flames dispersed, revealing Ji Boyun's withered figure inside.

At this moment, Ji Boyun looked like a shattered porcelain vase, with cracks covering his body surface and blood water flowing, barely holding onto his last breath.

This is the downside of the possession formation; if the formation is broken, the cultivator is sure to die.

He looked terrifyingly in Lu Ye's direction, shouting loudly: "Affiliated treasure! Affiliated treasure... Who are you? Who exactly are you?"

He never expected that one day he would perish under the attack of an affiliated treasure.

With cultivation like his, he indeed ranked among the top in stellar space, seldom threatened by anyone's life, but this absolutely didn't include the affiliated treasures of the attacking kind!

No other force but an affiliated treasure could easily break his Fire Giant form and tear through his formation.

However... although the number of affiliated treasures in this world isn't minuscule, they are all accounted for and essentially held by major domains as world-stabilizing treasures, rarely used, much less carried around by a cultivator.

Moreover, a cultivator carrying an affiliated treasure turned out to be only at the Sun Blaze Early Stage!

Which domain has a cultivator with such daring ambition? Allowing such valuable treasure to be carried around publicly by a Sun Blaze Early Stage cultivator—this absurd occurrence is unheard of.

He found no answer, and after voicing these questions, he could no longer maintain his presence, his body shattering like the formation itself.

The dimmed sword light was retrieved once more by Lu Ye.

He turned his gaze to the side towards Jeu Se and Lie Huo; even though both were Sun Blaze Late Stage cultivators, experienced and knowledgeable, they were still shocked out of their wits at that moment.

From the moment Ji Boyun made his move till now, a mere ten breaths passed, and a Sun Blaze Late Stage cultivator met such a baffling death.

Ji Boyun's final cries made them incredulous, contemplating alike: which domain did Li Taibai come from, carrying an affiliated treasure while roaming freely through places? Wasn't he afraid of attracting covetous eyes?

Suddenly sensing Lu Ye's gaze, Jeu Se felt a tightening in her heart but, turning her thoughts, realized that although affiliated treasure power is strong, its consumption is enormous. Many affiliated treasures need nurturing after use; having seen the transformation in the sword light earlier, naturally knew Lu Ye couldn't unleash an attack like before again.

This was an opportunity...

An affiliated treasure!

Would she miss this chance now and never see it again?

Therefore, after a brief period of panic, Jeu Se's gaze instantly brightened, her Mental Consciousness surging as she secretly transmitted audio to Lie Huo beside her.

Her changing expression was noted by Lu Ye, who certainly knew what plans she harbored inside.

Jeu Se's life or death didn't concern Lu Ye, but Lie Huo...

After a brief consideration, he spoke: "Do you have any inquiries, you two?"

Jeu Se stepped forward, her gaze fixated firmly on Lu Ye: "Inquiries are too bold, we just want to borrow something from you, Fellow Daoist!"

"Oh?" Lu Ye glanced at her: "What does Fellow Daoist want to borrow?"

Jeu Se smiled: "Why bother asking when you already know what I want to borrow, Fellow Daoist?"

Lu Ye replied flatly: "Ji Boyun is dead, is Fellow Daoist not afraid I'll kill you too?"

Jeu Se said solemnly: "The power of affiliated treasures I indeed have no ability to withstand, but can you still summon such force, Fellow Daoist? We're strangers, no grievances nor enmity, but ah, inherently wealth stirs ambition, and missing such a good opportunity truly feels regrettable."

Lu Ye nodded, "Indeed, I can't perform an attack like that again." He then looked at Lie Huo: "What about you, Fellow Daoist, do you also want to borrow that item?"

Lie Huo shook his head: "I don't borrow, as a cultivator of the Savage Race, my own body is everything, why would I need external items!"

Lu Ye felt relieved; honestly, if possible, he didn't want any conflict with Lie Huo because from the first glance, Lu Ye recognized his identity as part of the Savage Race.

He at least had some camaraderie with Arbuluo, and this Lie Huo should be one of Arbuluo's elders. If he killed him, he wouldn't be able to explain it to Arbuluo later on.

Of course, if Lie Huo insisted on opposing him, he wouldn't show mercy.

Fortunately, nothing like that happened, easing his dilemma somewhat.

Jiu Se wasn't surprised by Lie Huo's response, it was clear from her prior audio transmission that Lie Huo had already given his answer, which matched her intentions. They only had one affiliated treasure, so if Lie Huo really wanted it, they would have to fight to decide ownership.

"Alright, no more idle talk, Fellow Daoist, please hand over the treasure." Jiu Se's gaze stayed fixed on Lu Ye.

Lu Ye turned his palm, revealing the treasure gourd, calmly gazing at Jiu Se: "Want it? Take it yourself!"

Jiu Se stared at Lu Ye, seeing he showed no sign of panic, instead appearing calm and composed as if he saw her as insignificant, she coldly snorted: "Pretending to be mysterious!"

The calmer Lu Ye was, the more Jiu Se felt he was trying to trick her.

As she spoke, she darted forward.

But the next moment her brow furrowed, because she suddenly noticed that this treasure gourd seemed slightly different from the one she saw earlier...

Admittedly, the shape and size had no difference, the surface was covered with extremely complex patterns as before, but upon closer inspection, those patterns seemed different from those seen before.

"People are so ignorant, truly humans die for wealth, birds die for food." Lu Ye sighed, turning the mouth of the gourd towards the incoming Jiu Se, a burst of fire suddenly flew out, enveloping her.

In that instant, Jiu Se finally experienced the same feelings as Ji Boyun earlier; an overwhelming horror and terror suddenly befell her, causing her psyche to tremble, as if she encountered the greatest catastrophe in the world.

She fiercely drove her Mana, attempting to evade, yet the speed of the uncanny fire was so swift that she had no chance to dodge and was hit directly.

The next instant, a terrible scream sounded, the uncanny fire erupted exceedingly, engulfing Jiu Se completely.

Standing by, Lie Huo widened his eyes in disbelief at the scene unfolding.

Jiu Se's screams were extremely shrill, like she suffered the most vicious torture. She frantically drove her Mana, throwing out magic treasures as if money was of no concern, but regardless of what means she used, she couldn't extinguish the uncanny fire on her, instead her resistance only fueled the fire more fiercely.

"Fellow Daoist, spare my life! Have mercy!" Jiu Se could no longer endure, pleading while struggling.

Lu Ye turned a deaf ear, merely watching her quietly.

There was really nothing in this world, foolish people disturb themselves, killing Ji Boyun was an unavoidable counterattack, under those circumstances, the only option was swiftly to kill the enemy.

Towards Jiu Se and Lie Huo, he actually bore no intent to kill.

However, they sought their own deaths, the situation had reached this point, Lu Ye certainly wouldn't show mercy, he could only ensure complete extermination.

"Lie Huo... save me!"

With no effect from pleading to Lu Ye, Jiu Se turned to Lie Huo, within this short moment, her vitality was dwindling rapidly, thanks to her being a fire attribute cultivator with high cultivation, which provided some resistance to the fire gourd's uncanny fire. Otherwise, she would have perished already.

Lie Huo glanced at Lu Ye, seeing his indifferent expression, helplessly sighed, raised a fist, Mana shaking, then fiercely punched in Jiu Se's direction.

With that punch, the struggling Jiu Se instantly fell silent.

He didn't plead for her, as he wasn't close enough to Jiu Se for that. Despite his casual talk of sooner or later getting Jiu Se into bed, it was merely pastime, concerning life and death, he was clear-headed, knowing his pleas would be useless, he simply gave Jiu Se a swift death.

"Fellow Daoist Lie Huo is quite kind-hearted." Lu Ye glanced at Lie Huo, with a push of the fire gourd, the remaining uncanny fire was withdrawn, leaving only a corpse burnt to char.

Of the three Sun Blaze Late Stage cultivators, two had died within a moment, leaving only Lie Huo.

Lie Huo shook his head slowly, showing no intent to converse further with Lu Ye. He was rather panicked now, realizing Lu Ye had at least two affiliated treasures on him, possibly more!

The gourd used to kill Ji Boyun earlier was clearly not the same as the one used now on Jiu Se.

For a Sun Blaze Early Stage cultivator to carry just one affiliated treasure was already astonishing, carrying two... simply unbelievable.

Having two, there might be a third...

Before Lu Ye, Lie Huo felt no sense of security, this was a place of trouble, he dared not linger. Fortunately, the Giant Red Planet was here, Lu Ye couldn't stay here cultivating forever, he would return in a few years.

Chapter 2072: The Price of Hostility

Lie Huo felt like retreating, but he didn't dare act recklessly because he couldn't figure out Lu Ye's attitude towards him now.

Even though he didn't sense any hostility, Lu Ye's earlier decisive killing clearly showed that he was not one to be easily trifled with. This kind of person, who appears calm on the surface and strikes with thunderous force, is actually the hardest to deal with, a fact Lie Huo knew all too well.

He felt a sense of pity for Ji Boyun and Jiu Se. If Ji Boyun had initially agreed to the other's proposal, he wouldn't have brought about his own death. But those two, one coveted the method to control the Sun

Flaming Beast King and the other the affiliated treasure, ended up dead, leaving Lie Huo in a difficult position.

Gritting his teeth, he spoke up, "Fellow Daoist, this matter has nothing to do with me. Fellow Daoist Ji and Jeu Se are already dead. Let's leave it at that."

Lu Ye nodded: "Indeed, it has nothing to do with you, but..." He shifted the conversation with a faint smile, "Had I not acted swiftly just now, I suspect you three would have already attacked me together, right?"

His words were quite true. When Ji Boyun acted, he had called for them. Both Jeu Se and Lie Huo were quite tempted by his proposal at the time. After all, they had come here to cultivate using the special environment. If there was a better way, no one would pass it up.

Knowing he was in the wrong, Lie Huo said in a deep voice, "Then what does Fellow Daoist plan to do? Why not just say it straightforwardly!"

The Savage Race is mostly straightforward in nature, something Lu Ye understood, as he didn't like beating around the bush either. He nodded and said, "If that's the case, then please stay here and help refine the Scorching Sun Essence. Since you've chosen to cultivate here, you should have the means to refine it."

Lie Huo was utterly surprised: "You want me to help you refine the Scorching Sun Essence?"

Lu Ye squinted at him: "In this world, any unfounded hostility comes with a cost. What do you say, Fellow Daoist?"

Lie Huo's expression turned grim, full of reluctance, but he acknowledged the truth in Lu Ye's words. If he were in Lu Ye's position, he wouldn't let it go either, since he indeed showed some hostility toward Lu Ye earlier, though it didn't become a fact because Lu Ye acted too fast.

After struggling with his expression for a while, Lie Huo sighed dejectedly: "Fine, I'll help you refine the Scorching Sun Essence, but there must be a deadline, right?"

Lu Ye said, "How about a thousand Scorching Sun Essences?"

He wasn't sure about Lie Huo's efficiency in refining the Scorching Sun Essence, but since he was in the Sun Blaze Late Stage, the refining speed shouldn't be too slow. A thousand essences might not take too long.

Lie Huo also calculated silently, his eye twitched slightly, but he ultimately agreed: "Okay!"

"Then it's settled," Lu Ye said happily.

Keeping Lie Huo wasn't just about needing his Scorching Sun Essence. Any individual in the Sun Blaze Late Stage is likely to have many backgrounds. He killed Ji Boyun and Jeu Se here; if he let Lie Huo leave, this matter could potentially be exposed, causing trouble later.

He came here to cultivate and didn't want to be disturbed.

The vast Giant Red Planet originally had four cultivators, and now only two remained. Lu Ye collected the storage rings of Ji Boyun and Jeu Se and, upon a quick inspection, found that both were reasonably wealthy, making it a rewarding gain.

Lie Huo sat down not far away and began using his method to refine the Scorching Sun Essence. He had evidently accepted his fate and was also someone who reasoned well. If he had insisted on fleeing earlier, Lu Ye wouldn't really stop him.

After some consideration, Lu Ye took out the Beast Attracting Incense he had kept and lit it.

The peculiar fragrance dispersed, carried further by the solar wind.

Nearby Sun Flaming Beasts gathered around the incense, inhaling greedily and each showing a look of utter ecstasy.

The Sun Flaming Beast King occupied the best spot.

As time passed, more Sun Flaming Beasts were attracted by the incense, gradually expanding the scale and significantly increasing in number.

Previously, the Sun Flaming Beast King occasionally went out to find its kind and brought them back for Lu Ye to use, but the efficiency wasn't high. Now that the Beast Attracting Incense was lit, it was much more convenient.

By the time it had burned out, the number of Sun Flaming Beasts had more than tripled.

This likely wasn't all the Sun Flaming Beasts on the Giant Red Planet, but only a few had probably escaped notice.

With the Sun Flaming Beast King maintaining order, Lu Ye didn't need to worry too much. Each Sun Flaming Beast spread out and focused on refining the Scorching Sun Essence.

Initially, Lu Ye needed to harvest periodically, but after a few times, finding it too troublesome, he called over the Sun Flaming Beast King and gave it careful instructions.

After a while, he no longer needed to harvest them himself. Any Sun Flaming Beast that finished refining the Scorching Sun Essence would voluntarily bring it to him.

This made it much easier.

Although some Sun Flaming Beasts sneaked off and slacked, it wasn't a big issue. As long as he controlled the Sun Flaming Beast King, he could indirectly control the entire group of Sun Flaming Beasts.

Apart from the Sun Flaming Beasts contributing, Lie Huo was also adding to the Scorching Sun Essence.

Every three days, he would deliver an extremely pure Scorching Sun Essence to Lu Ye and then return to not far away to continue refining.

Lu Ye realized he had overestimated the speed at which he could refine the Scorching Sun Essence, or rather, Lie Huo had extremely high requirements for the quality of the Scorching Sun Essence he refined, otherwise as someone at the Sun Blaze Late Stage, it shouldn't take him three days to refine just one.

He could easily refine several in a day... but if he did, the quality of the Scorching Sun Essence would surely be poor.

Unlike now, where the Scorching Sun Essence refined by Lie Huo was almost indistinguishable in quality from that of the Sun Flaming Beast King, and perhaps even better.

One every three days, and he wanted a thousand... even if he refined them without rest, it would still take more than eight years. It was incredible that Lie Huo agreed to this.

But to be honest, eight years isn't much to someone at the Sun Blaze Late Stage.

Under such circumstances, the efficiency of the fire gourd nurturing uncanny fire increased dramatically, almost averaging three clusters of uncanny fire every two days, all for the Talent Tree to devour.

All Lu Ye needed to do was wait.

He wasn't idle.

While waiting, he would either refine spirit jade to enhance his cultivation or consume supreme-grade psyche refinement pills to practice the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

Although the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique had reached a minor achievement, its cultivation spanned the entire Sun Blaze realm, so he couldn't slack off.

Day after day, the continuous devouring of uncanny fire caused some changes in the Talent Tree, but Lu Ye didn't know when it would finally transform. This transformation was thousands of times more difficult than the previous three.

If not for the help of a treasure like the fire gourd, it would have been nearly impossible to achieve, as Lu Ye simply couldn't find so many fire-type resources comparable to the fire gourd's uncanny fire for the Talent Tree to devour.

One day, Lie Huo brought over another refined Scorching Sun Essence, watched as Lu Ye activated the fire gourd to absorb it, and hesitated to speak, holding back repeatedly...

Even though he had agreed to Lu Ye's previous request out of a sense of guilt, anyone would have some resentment in their heart in such a situation. So these days, he hadn't exchanged a word with Lu Ye, quietly doing what was expected of him like a laborer under Lu Ye.

But he was curious...

Seeing his demeanor, Lu Ye couldn't help but chuckle, "Does Fellow Daoist Huo have something to ask? Feel free to speak up, since it's just the two of us here on the Giant Red Planet. I might not stay long, and once I leave, you'll be all alone with no one to talk to."

Hearing this, Lie Huo thought the same, so he let go of his restraint, sat down in front of Lu Ye, and looked at the fire gourd, "If I'm not mistaken, this is Yiyuan World's world-stabilizing treasure, right?"

When Jeu Se died, Lie Huo had already suspected as much, and observing for so many days, he was even more convinced that this was the affiliated treasure.

"You have a keen eye, Fellow Daoist," Lu Ye nodded, "This is indeed Yiyuan World's world-stabilizing treasure."

"Then Fellow Daoist is from Yiyuan World?" Lie Huo asked curiously, as he hadn't heard of such a figure from Yiyuan World before.

Lu Ye shook his head slowly and, instead of answering, asked a question of his own, "How long have you been cultivating here, Fellow Daoist?"

"Quite a while," Lie Huo calculated slightly, "About twenty years."

That explained it. By the looks of it, Lie Huo was obviously unaware of the changes in the outside world. He probably didn't realize that the All Phenomena Ocean had already undergone a regime change, and the All Phenomena Galaxy had lost its control over the All Phenomena Ocean.

If he knew about these things, he should be able to guess Lu Ye's identity since the fact that Yiyuan World's fire gourd ended up in Lu Ye's hands was no secret.

The Three Worlds Island wouldn't announce it, and neither would Jiu Yan want to spread it around, but the news still leaked out, clearly a rumor released by Yiyuan World.

Lie Huo continued, "The treasure gourd you used to kill Ji Boyun looks very similar to this. Could that treasure also be one of the affiliated treasures of the Creation Vine?"

Lu Ye smiled and said nothing, and Lie Huo did not pursue the matter further.

He wasn't slow by nature; he stayed silent because he was frustrated. Now that the conversation was started, in the following days, the two would occasionally have idle chats, passing some of the boring time that way.

Lu Ye never mentioned Arbuluo, as it was irrelevant; he hadn't harmed Lie Huo back then out of respect for Arbuluo. If Lu Ye hadn't identified Lie Huo's Savage Race identity early on, he might have eradicated him completely.

"By the way, when do you plan to leave, Fellow Daoist? You mentioned you wouldn't stay long," Lie Huo suddenly asked after some time.

Lu Ye focused his mind, checked the progress of the Talent Tree, and slowly shook his head, "I don't know."

When he would leave depended on the changes of the Talent Tree, but despite devouring so much uncanny fire, the changes in the Talent Tree had yet to reach a transformative stage, making it hard for Lu Ye to judge at the moment.

Lie Huo said, "Before you leave, could you teach me how to control the Sun Flaming Beast King? Rest assured, I will definitely offer compensation that would satisfy you!"

Over the days, he had seen numerous Sun Flaming Beasts bring refined Scorching Sun Essence to Lu Ye, which made him extremely envious. If he had such skills, he wouldn't have needed to waste so much time here; he would have achieved great success long ago.

Chapter 2073: Fire Seed

During this period, Lie Huo got along with Lu Ye and discovered that he was actually quite approachable, naturally making plans to harness the Sun Flaming Beast King.

If successful, this would definitely bring him tremendous benefits.

Lu Ye, however, shook his head with a smile: "This is beyond my capabilities."

Upon hearing this, Lie Huo felt a pang of regret but said no more. He thought Lu Ye's ability to control the Sun Blaze Beast King was a skill in Beast Taming, a skill that others can't simply teach and learn.

But in truth, Lu Ye controlled the Sun Blaze Beast King by relying on the barghest's power. The wounds on the Beast King's body had never healed, and the Sun Flaming Beast King was actually quite cunning. Without the barghest's power, it would have fled at the first opportunity, not allowing Lu Ye to command it at will.

Time passed...

Lu Ye initially thought in such a unique environment as the Giant Red Planet, achieving his desires wouldn't take too long. But even with the entire Sun Flaming Beast horde as help, and with Lie Huo's assistance, the entire process took a full three years before he truly saw hope!

One can imagine, without the Sun Flaming Beast horde, and relying solely on the fire gourd to absorb the heat to nurture the uncanny fire, it might take decades, if not at least a hundred years.

The spirit jade, spirit crystals, and supreme-grade psyche refinement pills he brought from the All Phenomena Ocean were almost entirely consumed, exchanged for a slight improvement in his own cultivation and the Soul Suppressing Secret Technique.

On a certain day three years after arriving at the Giant Red Planet, Lu Ye sat cross-legged on the surface, his expression neutral, neither happy nor sad.

Even so, Lie Huo, next to him, detected something, looking at Lu Ye with curiosity: "Fellow Daoist, have you encountered something good?"

Lu Ye nodded slightly: "Some insights!"

Before him, rows of Sun Flaming Beasts lined up, delivering the refined Scorching Sun Essence, which was devoured by the fire gourd.

A cluster of uncanny fire was slowly being nurtured.

Half a day later, the uncanny fire was finally complete, and Lu Ye immediately activated the power of the Talent Tree. Invisible roots delved into the fire gourd, and in an instant, the uncanny fire was completely devoured.

In the next moment, Lu Ye felt a slight tremor within, as if some wondrous change was taking place.

The Talent Tree, blazing within him, suddenly burst into bright flames like a newborn sun. Then, the light quickly gathered at the location of the Root Spiritual Orifice.

At that instant, Lu Ye felt the connection between himself and the Talent Tree weaken to the extreme, yet his expression was joyful and excited.

Through inner vision, the Talent Tree was no longer visible, only a spark of fire burned within the Root Spiritual Orifice, like a fire seed!

Calmly sensing, there was an indescribable, mysterious change unfolding within the fire seed...

Among the several transformations of the Talent Tree, this process gave Lu Ye the most novel feeling. He immediately knew he wasn't wrong; the cost of this transformation was incomparable to the previous ones, suggesting the Talent Tree might undergo a tremendous change.

He wasn't sure of the exact nature of this change, what new power the Talent Tree might develop, and could only wait until the fire seed breaks open, and the Talent Tree reemerges to explore further.

This would take some time...

However, regardless, the purpose of his visit here had been achieved. The long wait was, at this moment, rewarded. Lu Ye felt greatly relieved and exhaled gently.

Lie Huo beside him was puzzled.

Lu Ye didn't hurry to leave the Giant Red Planet. Now was a rare opportunity to easily acquire Scorching Sun Essence, and naturally, he wanted to stockpile some. Both the fuel reserve for the Talent Tree and the uncanny fire nurtured by the fire gourd would need it.

He stayed on the Giant Red Planet for another month, collecting a large amount of Scorching Sun Essence for reserve, all stored in the Small Flower World.

With so much Scorching Sun Essence, it's enough for the fire gourd to nurture dozens of uncanny fires, sufficient for a while.

Moreover, since the Giant Red Planet is right here, traveling from the All Phenomena Ocean is not troublesome, so it's easy to come back if needed.

"Fellow Daoist Lie Huo," Lu Ye turned to look at Lie Huo beside him, "I must take my leave."

Lie Huo was a bit surprised: "Leaving already? What about our previous agreement..."

"Consider it fulfilled, Fellow Daoist." Lu Ye nodded. In three years, Lie Huo certainly hadn't refined a thousand Scorching Sun Essences.

Lie Huo sighed: "I'm really the only one left now."

Nearly three years ago, Lu Ye had mentioned he wouldn't stay long, but Lie Huo didn't expect Lu Ye to leave so suddenly, without any warning.

And over these past days, even with their association, he didn't know what Lu Ye was truly working on. All the Scorching Sun Essence was devoured by the fire gourd. Ordinarily, even if the fire gourd was an affiliated treasure, it shouldn't consume so much.

Lu Ye stood up, drew the Boulder Mountain Saber, and gave it a slight shake.

Below the magma, the Sun Flaming Beast King, which had diligently worked for Lu Ye for several years, felt a sensation and then darted into the depths of the Giant Red Planet without looking back.

The uncanny force entwined around its wound vanished without a trace! It had been waiting for this moment, so how could there be any hesitation?

And without its suppression, the Sun Flaming Beasts gathered here quickly scattered like birds and beasts.

Lu Ye sensed this, and although he had long guessed this would be the situation, he was still left speechless.

"Wishing Fellow Daoist Huo an early achievement. When your divine skill reaches its zenith, you can find me on the Three Worlds Island in the All Phenomena Ocean." Lu Ye glanced at Lie Huo, then leaped away, swiftly flying out of the Giant Red Planet.

"Three Worlds Island?" Lie Huo stood there pondering. He hadn't heard of this Spirit Island, and since when were Spirit Islands in the All Phenomena Ocean allowing Sun Blaze to reside?

He didn't bother thinking too much about it. Lu Ye left satisfied, but he still had to keep striving.

Leaving the Giant Red Planet, Lu Ye retraced his original route, occasionally encountering cultivators who came here to cultivate or refine Scorching Sun Essence, and the further out they were, the lower their cultivation was.

Passing the places he had previously gone, he deliberately checked and didn't see the couple Fey Zhuang and Hong Yan.

This place, the further you are outside, the more fluid the cultivators are. Some leave with gains, others meet with unexpected incidents during conflicts, and in three years, anything could happen.

On the other hand, strong figures like Lie Huo, stayed on the Giant Red Planet for over twenty years.

Initially, Lu Ye intended to give Fey Zhuang and Hong Yan some gratitude gifts, as a token of appreciation for their previous guidance, but since he didn't meet them, he let it go.

Flying towards the Insect Path, when Lu Ye returned to the Three Worlds Island, it was already more than half a month later.

Noticing his return, Tang Jun and He Baichuan hurried over, ready to report the situation in the All Phenomena Ocean in recent years.

During the years Lu Ye was away, the All Phenomena Ocean saw quite a few novel changes.

In the short-stay palace, Lu Ye was astonished as he looked at Tang Jun: "Old Tang, did you really advance?"

Tang Jun chuckled: "Achieving Moon Jade Late Stage was nothing difficult. I just wasn't trying. If I had wanted, I would've advanced to Sun Blaze long ago, leaving you young fellows no chance to stand out."

Indeed, Old Tang had advanced to Moon Jade Late Stage. This could be observed from the mana fluctuations he intentionally displayed, and after advancing, Old Tang looked much more spirited, appearing somewhat younger than before.

He Baichuan chimed in from the side: "Yes, yes, your esteemed self is extremely talented, Moon Jade Late Stage, you only failed three or five times, nothing too serious."

"Three or five times?" Lu Ye gaped.

Old Tang waved his hand: "Past events are like smoke, best not mentioned!"

It was apparent that Old Tang's advancement to Moon Jade Late Stage wasn't easy. Last time when Lu Ye returned, he heard that Old Tang was in seclusion but didn't succeed, seemingly attempting several times over the years before finally advancing.

"Good news!" Lu Ye responded joyfully. Among the Three Worlds cultivators, aside from those from the Nine Provinces, he had the deepest connection with Old Tang, as the two had supported each other when they were stranded there in the past.

"There's more good news," He Baichuan chuckled, "On this island, over a hundred people have newly advanced to Moon Jade over the years, and even Brother Qiu Wu, the Merfolk Race Elder Yoo Xi, and Junior Sister Hua Ci have had realizations and are now in seclusion, striving for Sun Blaze!"

"Oh?" Lu Ye's eyes lit up, "It's expected for Brother Qiu Wu and Elder Yoo Xi, but Hua Ci is also striving for Sun Blaze?"

Qiu Wu was the former World Lord of the Jade Conch World. Although only nominally, he indeed had the highest cultivation in the entire Jade Conch World. Luan Xiao'e managed to advance to Sun Blaze earlier due to her cultivation in the All Phenomena Ocean and receiving guidance.

If Luan Xiao'e could advance to Sun Blaze, Qiu Wu always had that potential.

Elder Yoo Xi was the second elder of the Merfolk Race, second only to Yann Miao in cultivation.

Lu Ye wasn't surprised by their attempt to advance to Sun Blaze, but Hua Ci being in seclusion was unexpected.

This was probably related to Little Fella.

Little Fella was a stellar space supreme treasure, and it was Hua Ci's natal beast pet. Having a stellar space supreme treasure as a natal beast pet, any dazzling performance by Hua Ci was expected.

Tang Jun said, "Not just on this island, but across the All Phenomena Ocean, the fundamental strength of all major Spirit Islands has undergone an explosive increase. Many cultivators stuck in bottlenecks for years have found them loosening, making the advancement to Moon Jade and Sun Blaze much simpler than before."

Lu Ye understood this was likely related to the great force descending. It now seemed that the closer the great force's arrival, the more apparent the changes in the stellar space.

And these changes manifested in the cultivators, making cultivation simpler.

"And the Spirit Islands!" He Baichuan added, "More and more desolate islands have become active, and many Spirit Islands have improved in their original grade. In recent years, the All Phenomena Ocean has gained two more top-class Spirit Islands."

The biggest difference between a top-class Spirit Island and a high-class Spirit Island is the creation of its own Spirit Jade Vein, which is fantastic news for any faction.

"What about Sifang Island? What's the situation there?" Lu Ye asked, recalling that He Baichuan mentioned Sifang Island had some good changes the last time.

He Baichuan replied, "Sifang Island is still a high-class Spirit Island, but it shows signs of qualitative change. Information from Sifang Island indicates that there's a sign of the birth of a Spirit Jade Vein, and it might transform into a top-class Spirit Island in the future!"

Chapter 2074: The Jade Sword Island Incident

In the years Lu Ye was absent, the All Phenomena Ocean underwent considerable changes, but with the deterrence of the stellar space supreme treasure, nothing too significant happened overall. All factions were quite willing to adhere to the rules set by Lu Ye previously, without any transgressions.

After chatting with He Baichuan and Tang Jun for a while, Lu Ye finally left the short-stay palace.

When he arrived at a large hall, a cultivator on duty immediately approached: "Island Master!"

Lu Ye nodded and gave an order: "To Fangcun Island."

Speaking of it, since the Dwarf Race established themselves in the All Phenomena Ocean, he had never visited Fangcun Island. This time he intended to take a look and also visit Su Yuqing.

"Yes!" The guard cultivator responded and quickly began adjusting the Teleportation Array set up there.

Moments later, the Array buzzed, light enveloped, and Lu Ye's figure disappeared.

The few top-class Spirit Islands controlled in this realm now all had Teleportation Arrays connected, making travel much more convenient than before.

To Lu Ye's surprise, Su Yuqing was not on Fangcun Island. It was Woo Qimo stationed there; after some conversation, he learned that over a year ago, Su Yuqing had already returned to Mount Fangcun, and Woo Qimo had come over to take charge.

Having made the trip in vain, Lu Ye felt rather helpless. However, Woo Qimo was extremely hospitable, keeping him for a round of old liquor, getting Lu Ye quite drunk.

Returning from Fangcun Island to Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye gave an order, and half a day later, he led a group of Peak Constellation cultivators to the Merfolk Territory.

In recent years, whenever Lu Ye had spare time, he would take the Constellations from Three Worlds Island to the Constellation Palace to advance to Moon Jade. Advancing within the Constellation Palace improved the quality of the Magic Source, promising the cultivators a better future and faster cultivation speed after advancing to Moon Jade.

Traveling effortlessly from the Merfolk Territory to the Constellation Palace, pushing open the dust-laden gates, allowing the Constellations to find their own places to advance, he himself went to a corner of the Constellation Palace and picked up an item.

It was a tattered, small umbrella-like object, clearly the Heavenly Net Umbrella affiliated treasure once owned by Shern Yun.

This artifact had been broken by a beam of gold light from the Little Fella, and Lu Ye originally thought it was useless. Later on, he learned that an affiliated treasure like this could be repaired, but not by human hands. If placed within a Spirit Jade Vein, it could slowly recover; however, this recovery period was lengthy.

In addition, placing it with other supreme treasures, if their natures were compatible, the warmth of the supreme treasure could also aid in the restoration of the damaged affiliated treasure.

Initially, Lu Ye handed the broken Heavenly Net Umbrella to Hua Ci, hoping that the Little Fella's power might repair it, but it had no such effect. It was clearly due to the incompatibility between the Three Treasure Wishing Coins and the Heavenly Net Umbrella. Naturally, the Three Treasure Wishing Coins had strong imprisonment powers, while the Heavenly Net Umbrella was defensive. There was obviously no connection between them.

Noticing this, Hua Ci returned the Heavenly Net Umbrella to Lu Ye. Later, when Lu Ye visited this place once again, he left the Heavenly Net Umbrella here.

That was several years ago.

Currently, there were still no signs of repair on the Heavenly Net Umbrella, indicating that even the Constellation Palace, this piece of stellar space supreme treasure, was of no help.

Therefore, it would have to be placed into a Spirit Jade Vein...

This was the most reliable method, but the waiting period could be very long.

A few days later, most of the Constellations that came here with Lu Ye had advanced to Moon Jade, with only a few failing to do so.

Lu Ye wasn't surprised, since not every Constellation could advance to Moon Jade. Despite the gradually improving cultivation environment, everyone still had their limits.

Moreover, failing this time didn't mean there wouldn't be another opportunity, as long as their potential wasn't exhausted.

Returning to the Merfolk Territory with the group, Lu Ye looked at Hua Ci from a distance.

Hua Ci was in seclusion here, her whole body immersed in seawater, with even the Little Fella beside her, eyes closed, showing a mysterious resonance on the pair.

He refrained from disturbing, as impacting Sun Blaze was not a time for interference.

Returning from the Merfolk Territory to Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye was in constant wait.

Waiting for the Talent Tree's transformation, but this transformation was particularly different from previous ones, demanding far more energy and cost, with even the rebirth of the fire seed not yet clear.

Two months swiftly passed. During this time, Lu Ye remained on Three Worlds Island since without the completion of the Talent Tree's transformation, cultivation was challenging, but honing his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique wasn't an issue.

He seldom had such leisurely times, albeit these calm moments were destined not to last.

Upon the tranquil All Phenomena Ocean, a starboat swiftly glided past, with a pale-faced middle-aged man standing silently upon it. Behind him were two figures, all clad in large robes with hoods, obscuring their faces.

Despite their peculiar attire, it was not uncommon in the all-embracing All Phenomena Ocean.

The middle-aged man at the forefront scanned around sharply, instilling instinctual dread in passing cultivators who inadvertently glanced at him, quickly averting their eyes.

Soon, a Spirit Island appeared ahead.

A soft voice emanated from the middle-aged man's mouth: "Let's choose here!"

This Spirit Island isn't very large, not a top-class Spirit Island, or even a high-class Spirit Island, merely a mid-class Spirit Island, yet it has gathered quite a few cultivators. Not sure which faction they belong to, but it fits their needs perfectly.

The starboat came to a halt.

The middle-aged man turned to the two people behind him: "Are you ready, elders?"

The faces concealed under the hoods slowly lifted, revealing two aged and withered visages, one of whom spoke feebly: "Hehe, no preparation needed, to sacrifice for the future of our clan before death is an honor for us old folks."

Though the other didn't speak, he also nodded solemnly.

The middle-aged man was filled with respect. Despite their little remaining life, the fact that these two elders came here so resolutely was admirable.

After a brief pause, he spoke: "Actually, there's something I don't understand..."

The elder who had spoken earlier said: "You want to ask why we chose this place, right?"

"Yes." The middle-aged man nodded, "Indeed, the All Phenomena Ocean is one of the centers of stellar space, but it's filled with powerful figures. I've heard the Lord of All Phenomena Ocean possesses a stellar space supreme treasure; it doesn't seem like the best place for this."

Choosing such a location is doomed not to yield a good outcome.

The elder said, "Don't ask me, I don't know why either, but since this order came from the High Priest, he naturally has his reasons!"

The other elder, who had been silent, spoke up at this moment: "I recall the High Priest once casually mentioning that there's a weak spot in the All Phenomena Ocean, so we had to choose here. Today's event is merely laying the groundwork for a larger future scheme."

"Weak spot, groundwork?" The middle-aged man was puzzled, "What does that mean?"

The second elder slowly shook his head, evidently not knowing the answer. Within the clan, only the High Priest, who controls the tribal artifact, can perceive such mysteries. Regardless of how strong other clansmen are, they lack this ability.

But over so many years, everything within the clan has proven the High Priest's foresight and boundless wisdom.

"This is Jade Sword Island territory. What do you want? If it's nothing urgent, please leave quickly!" A voice came from afar.

Clearly, the cultivators on Jade Sword Island issued a warning after noticing they had lingered here too long.

The middle-aged man glanced at the speaking cultivator, and the starboat dashed forward: "Where is your Island Master? We wish to pay a visit."

"Visit the Island Master? May I ask your names?" Just as they asked, they exclaimed in shock: "Stop at once; this is not the demeanor of someone visiting!" But the starboat's speed continued to increase...

On Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye was refining his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique when he suddenly felt something and quickly left his short-stay palace, hovering mid-air and looking into the distance.

From that direction, there was the movement of Sun Blaze intervention, and not just one.

His face darkened, wondering how many years it had been since someone dared to break his set rules. Clearly, Three Worlds Island's tranquility over these years had made some people bold enough to dismiss him.

Back when he controlled the All Phenomena Ocean, Lu Ye had explicitly stated that Sun Blazes could station on their top-class Spirit Islands, but they must not interfere in any form of conflict.

That direction... not far from Merfolk Island!

Thoughts flashed in Lu Ye's mind as he rushed towards the location of the Teleportation Array, entered the hall, and instructed them to adjust the formation, directly teleporting to Merfolk Island.

Although Merfolk Island is named after the Merfolk Race, the merfolk cultivators' numbers are too few, so it remains largely dominated by the human race of Nine Provinces.

Yann Miao and Luan Xiao'e were stationed here.

As Lu Ye appeared, the two women immediately sensed his presence and came to meet him.

After exchanging greetings, Lu Ye asked, "Do you know the specifics?"

Luan Xiao'e shook her head: "Not yet, it happened too suddenly."

Yann Miao said, "Judging by the location, it should be action over by Jade Sword Island, but it's just a mid-class Spirit Island without any Sun Blaze, and the aura of the acting Sun Blazes feels very unfamiliar."

Although the All Phenomena Ocean now has quite a few Sun Blazes, their numbers aren't too large. Over the years, everyone has generally interacted, and with brief sensing, you can tell strangers from acquaintances.

"Let's check it out." As Lu Ye spoke, he sped toward the source of the commotion, with Yann Miao and Luan Xiao'e following closely behind.

The conflict quickly quieted down, but from the direction of Jade Sword Island, an exceptionally discomfiting aura emerged, causing Lu Ye's heart to skip a beat, sensing that something extremely bad was about to occur.

While Lu Ye was contemplating this, a buzzing suddenly echoed, the entire All Phenomena Ocean trembled fiercely, and in an instant, waves surged.

At the same time, a faint red light emitted from Jade Sword Island, rapidly becoming intensely bright. The red light, like a blood veil, enveloped the entire Jade Sword Island, twisting and shifting like a living entity. Additionally, Lu Ye sensed that this red blood-veil-like distortion was faintly resonating with something distant.

Moments later, finally arriving at Jade Sword Island, Lu Ye harnessed his Ocular Power to glance inside, instantly consumed by killing intent: "Insect Race!"

Chapter 2075: Blood-Red Insect Path

The commotion just now was actually caused by the Insect Race, and there were three Insect Race Sun Blaze!

Their bodily features were too obvious, each with carapaces covering them, and even the middle-aged man who previously appeared no different from the human race now exhibited very apparent characteristics of the Insect Race.

On Jade Sword Island, aside from the figures of the three Insect Race Sun Blaze, no other living beings were present.

The entire Spirit Island was littered with corpses, but what's eerie was that those corpses were unnaturally pale, as if their blood had been drained.

Lu Ye finally understood what had happened earlier, it was evidently the uproar caused by these three Insect Race Sun Blaze attacking Jade Sword Island.

Jade Sword Island was just a mid-class Spirit Island, even if it had a protective array, how could it withstand the assault of three Sun Blaze? Hence it fell in such a short period, and all the cultivators were slaughtered.

At this moment, two extremely aged Insect Race Sun Blaze stood facing each other, both with expressions of agony and distorted faces, as if enduring immense torment, and between them, there was something resembling a clay pot, looking extremely ancient, it was uncertain from which era this relic came.

What shocked Lu Ye was that on the surface of this clay pot, blood-colored tendrils grew, piercing through the bodies of the two Insect Race Sun Blaze, and one could distinctly feel a terrifying devouring force emanating from within the clay pot, consuming everything of the two Sun Blaze.

Even though they were in boundless pain, they surprisingly did not struggle or resist.

He didn't know what they were doing, but Lu Ye could not sit idly by, three Insect Race Sun Blaze suddenly appearing here and committing such a heinous act, there must be some plot.

Especially since Lu Ye also knew that the mysterious High Priest of the Insect Race understood the truth of the great arrival better than anyone.

The middle-aged Insect Race guarding on the side noticed Lu Ye's approach and immediately lunged at him.

"Stop him!" Lu Ye shouted sharply, leaping past this middle-aged Insect Race, raising his hand to unleash the fire gourd, urging his Mana, the uncanny fire spewing out, enveloping the two aged Insect Race Sun Blaze.

He instinctively felt that something was amiss, so he acted without mercy.

The uncanny fire was fierce, in an instant it fell on the two Insect Race, enveloping them, yet the next moment, an unexpected change erupted, red light burst from the clay pot, as the light passed, the uncanny fire rapidly vanished.

It wasn't annihilated, but vanished, giving Lu Ye the feeling that it had been absorbed by something.

It was the first time he encountered such a strange occurrence, the fire gourd being an affiliated treasure, possessing formidable power, previously on the Giant Red Planet, it easily obliterated Jeu Se with a simple burn, but now it disappeared.

Could it be that the clay pot was also an affiliated treasure? Even if it were, it shouldn't have such wondrous power, this change was clearly unusual.

"Hahaha, the ritual is complete, you can't stop it!" A hoarse laugh sounded from the left, coming from the voice of the left elder Insect Race.

Lu Ye's expression was solemn, immediately retracting the fire gourd, and summoned the sword gourd.

But before he could act again, the two Insect Race Sun Blaze suddenly let out a scream, their two aged bodies like flowing water, sucked into the clay pot in between.

Simultaneously, the clay pot also shattered.

A huge tremor once again shook the All Phenomena Ocean, yet Lu Ye seemed unaware, merely fixating his gaze on a red vortex at the center of Jade Sword Island.

That spot was where the clay pot had been, after shattering, this red vortex appeared.

The vortex wasn't too large, about the height of three people, but the eerie aura emanating from within was something Lu Ye had never felt before.

It was an extremely bizarre aura!

Lu Ye immediately retreated, distancing himself from the vortex, having an intuition that if he got too close and got caught inside, it would certainly not be a good outcome!

Almost at the moment this vortex formed, deep within the stellar space, in the Reincarnation Tree's body, the old figure of the Reincarnation Tree suddenly raised its head, gazing in this direction, after a short moment, it muttered to itself: "The breach has been pried open, is this the direction of the All Phenomena Ocean? Fortunately, with that one suppressing, it shouldn't cause too much trouble."

It lowered its eyelids again, letting out a gentle sigh: "Reincarnation... this time might not hold, the Insect Race has jumped out, they must have sensed something, preparations should be made early."

Near Jade Sword Island, after a brief confrontation with Yann Miao and Luan Xiao'er, the middle-aged Insect Race hurriedly fled for his life.

His mission was already complete, at this time he naturally needed to leave this place of trouble, it's not that he wasn't a match for the two women.

Lu Ye immediately sensed it, quickly flashed and pursued him.

The change today was too sudden, he was now in a fog of confusion, the two old Insect Race guys were already dead, so he must capture this middle-aged Insect Race, at the very least, he must ask about the situation.

What kind of ritual was the Insect Race conducting, and what was that red vortex about? Clues could only be found from the other party.

However, the escaping Insect Race had cultivation of the Sun Blaze Late Stage, catching up wasn't that easy, fortunately, ahead of the fleeing Insect Race, a strong aura suddenly appeared, rushing head-on.

Jiu Yan!

It was obvious she also came over from Merfolk Island, probably noticing the anomaly here, much like Lu Ye, she teleported to Merfolk Island.

She intercepted right on the middle-aged Insect Race's escape route.

The Insect Race was shocked, he fled in this direction because he sensed Lu Ye and the others coming from that side, sure that there weren't any other Sun Blaze, yet unexpectedly another one suddenly appeared, and that aura was extraordinarily powerful, clearly reaching the Peak Sun Blaze.

In a panic, he hurriedly darted to the side.

Lu Ye snorted coldly, a drop of treasure blood exploded, and the Blood Escape Technique was activated. His entire speed increased dramatically, catching up with that Insect Race in just over a dozen breaths. The Blood Sea spread out, directly enveloping him within.

Three breaths later, Jiu Yan broke into the Blood Sea, and the sound of fierce combat erupted within.

After another moment, the Blood Sea receded. Lu Ye held up a middle-aged Insect Race, covered in blood and gasping for breath, his voice icy, "I ask, you answer. Dare to say no, and I'll make you wish for life that's unattainable, death that's unachievable!"

With the combined strength of him and Jiu Yan, a Sun Blaze Late Stage couldn't even stir up a splash in his Blood Sea.

The middle-aged Insect Race chuckled eerily and spat a mouthful of Blood Water at Lu Ye's face, full of rebellious spirit, "Kill me, then!"

The spat Blood Water was blocked by Lu Ye's mana, but his attitude showed that he had clearly put life and death aside.

"Very well!" Lu Ye stabbed a knife into his heart and twisted it violently. The eyes of the Insect Race's Sun Blaze widened, his body stiffened for a moment, then went limp.

He tossed the Insect Race to the hurried Yann Miao, "Take him back and watch over him, I'll deal with him later."

He didn't kill this Insect Race, only severely injured him, leaving him with a breath. When things settle here, he can use the soul battle method to probe his memories and see if he can find any useful information.

"What happened?" Jiu Yan asked in a deep voice.

Turning to glance at her, Lu Ye replied, "I don't know much..." He then narrated what he had seen before.

Since last time Jiu Yan revealed her true face to him outside Yiyuan World, the two hadn't met again. Lu Ye could feel that Jiu Yan had been deliberately avoiding him, so he didn't want to force matters.

If not for this upheaval, Jiu Yan probably wouldn't have faced him.

"Let's have a look." Hearing him finish, Jiu Yan flickered and darted towards Jade Sword Island.

Not only the two of them were heading towards Jade Sword Island, but at this moment, all the Sun Blazes in the All Phenomena Ocean were rushing there. The recent commotion was simply too big, genuinely arousing curiosity, naturally compelling them to come and investigate.

Soon they arrived at Jade Sword Island. Gazing at the three-person-high blood-colored vortex, Jiu Yan's expression shifted, "This is..."

"Does Senior Sister recognize it?" Lu Ye asked.

Jiu Yan shook her head, "I don't recognize it, but the aura coming from inside... seems useful to me."

"Useful to you?" Lu Ye was somewhat surprised. Jiu Yan was already at Peak Sun Blaze; an aura useful to her was certainly extraordinary.

"I can't say clearly." Jiu Yan appeared perplexed, clearly in a very bewildered state. She could feel that the aura emanating from the blood-colored vortex was very useful to her; if she could cultivate in such an environment for a long time, she might gain significant benefits. But this feeling was very vague, as if separated by a layer.

As they conversed, the blood-colored vortex suddenly rippled, and a silhouette faintly appeared within.

"Something's coming over!" Lu Ye immediately judged, "Is this an Insect Path?"

In fact, the moment Lu Ye saw the blood-colored vortex, he felt this thing somewhat resembled an Insect Path. But he couldn't figure out why the Insect Race would pay the price of two Sun Blazes to open something like this. What's connected on the other end of this blood-colored vortex?

Almost as soon as Lu Ye's voice fell, a silhouette forced its way out of the blood-colored vortex.

Indeed, it squeezed through as if it had exerted great effort to pass through the blood-colored vortex.

It was a being with a bull's head and a human's body, two horns on its forehead. The left horn had a truncated section, with a smooth and neat cut, though it wasn't clear what had severed it.

This is a Demon Race!

He was exceptionally tall, holding a bone club in his hands, breathing what seemed like flame from his nostrils, exuding an extremely fierce aura from his entire being.

It seemed like he had just returned from a battlefield soaked with blood and floating with carcasses.

The mana emanating from him was not weak either, reaching the level of Sun Blaze Late Stage.

After stepping out of the blood-colored vortex, the ox demon glanced around, his eyes fixed on Lu Ye and Jiu Yan, raising his bone club, gruntingly asking, "Two little bugs, where is this place?"

But before Lu Ye could answer, he abruptly sniffed around and then showed a change in expression, "No, this isn't Star Abyss! Hahaha, this is a slaughterhouse!"

As if he found something amusing, upon finishing his words, the ox demon lunged forward, charging straight at Lu Ye.

"Watch out!" Jiu Yan shouted lowly, flashing to Lu Ye's front to confront the ox demon.

The moment their mana collided, Jiu Yan's figure trembled, and then she was sent flying backward.

Her eyes were filled with disbelief; in terms of cultivation, she had reached her extreme. Looking out across stellar space, even if someone were stronger, it couldn't be so easy to knock her back, but this ox demon, emerging from the blood-colored vortex, achieved this.

Chapter 2076: The Strange and Powerful Ox Demon

At the instant of collision, Jiu Yan clearly sensed the opponent's cultivation, which was evidently weaker than hers, yet she found herself at a disadvantage.

This was undoubtedly incredible.

Just as she steadied herself, she saw Lu Ye uncontrollably crashing towards her. He noticed Jiu Yan was struggling against the ox demon and rushed to assist, but was struck and sent flying by the ox demon.

Jiu Yan hurriedly steadied herself, reached forward to block, propping Lu Ye up from behind, layers of mana surging forth, helping him offset the momentum.

Lu Ye's knife-wielding right hand trembled slightly as he suppressed the blood Qi churning in his chest, and said solemnly, "Senior Sister, be careful, something's off about this guy!"

This ox demon, which suddenly emerged from the blood-colored vortex, was different from all the Sun Blaze cultivators he had seen before. In terms of cultivation, this ox demon was comparable to the captured Insect Race Sun Blaze, but its real strength was worlds apart.

There seemed to be an extremely strange power contained within the opponent's mana, making it more tenacious and destructive. Otherwise, with his current foundation, he wouldn't struggle so much against a Sun Blaze Late Stage one-on-one.

But the brief exchange just now made him realize one thing clearly: he wasn't a match for this ox demon.

Jiu Yan undoubtedly felt the same. Her Mental Consciousness surged, conveying via audio transmission, "I'll restrain him, you kill!"

Originally, Jiu Yan had many doubts, but this inexplicably appeared ox demon was evidently not someone she could communicate with. Given its formidable strength, they had to kill it first before figuring things out.

Lu Ye nodded, simultaneously raising a hand to rest upon Jiu Yan's shoulder, gently channeling mana.

Feeling something within, Jiu Yan roughly understood Lu Ye's plan, and reached out to grasp in the Void, summoning a silver spear. She brandished it lightly, the aura swirling, showcasing her gallant presence.

The ox demon leisurely stood there, beckoning Jiu Yan with a disdainful gesture, showing clearly it didn't take her seriously.

Jiu Yan, infuriated, charged with the spear. In an instant, the battle with the ox demon began.

Unleashing her magic treasure, Jiu Yan was undoubtedly going all out. In this state, few in the stellar space could be her opponent.

Spear shadows filled the sky, her secret techniques were exquisite, yet in contrast, the ox demon's moves seemed incredibly clumsy, and its speed wasn't very fast. But even so, this ox demon was somehow able to block all of Jiu Yan's explosive attacks with evident ease.

Jiu Yan's eyes trembled, partly due to the shock of the ox demon's demonstrated power, and partly because of the excitement in her heart, as she suddenly saw a glimpse of her future path from this ox demon!

Though it was just a faint glimpse, it was hope.

The hope countless Peak Sun Blaze cultivators sought throughout the ages but never attained!

What on earth is Star Abyss? She had never heard of it before.

Outside the intense battle, Lu Ye had already summoned the sword gourd. This ox demon was undoubtedly the strongest entity he had ever encountered. Even Jiu Yan, who was giving her all, was being suppressed, let alone him, at Sun Blaze Early Stage. To deal with it, he could only rely on the sword gourd's might.

Jiu Yan knew he possessed an affiliated treasure, which was why she proposed her earlier idea.

The gourd's mouth turned, sword light flickered, Lu Ye gave a low shout, "Senior Sister!"

As he spoke, a spirit rune suddenly appeared on Jiu Yan's shoulder, quickly forming a circle of light that enveloped her.

This was clearly the Void Spirit Runes Lu Ye had previously placed on her.

Simultaneously, a Void Spirit Rune appeared beside Lu Ye as well.

The sword light pierced through Jiu Yan's afterimage, heading straight for the ox demon's towering strong body!

This sudden change was clearly unexpected by the ox demon. Sensing something wrong, its whole body shook, letting out a resounding cry, "Coiling Dragon!"

A faint Dragon's Wail sounded, and a Dragon Shadow abruptly appeared on its body, coiled around its waist. The dragon's head lifted, biting towards the incoming sword light!

The invincible sword light from the gourd was actually bitten and held by this dragon's head, creating a screeching sound of metal against metal, extremely harsh. The splendid sword light grew ever brighter yet couldn't break through the dragon's maw.

Lu Ye was greatly shocked!

Since advancing to Sun Blaze, he truly understood the terror of affiliated treasures. He had easily used treasures to slay powerful foes multiple times, even strong ones like Zixuan Great Demon Venerable couldn't withstand the terror of treasures, yet this ox demon managed to!

What kind of secret technique was that? What method was this?

Lu Ye had no time to ponder deeply, he gritted his teeth, desperately driving the sword light.

Being the sword gourd's master, the sword light naturally responded to his command.

With minimal effect, before his eyes, the magnificent sword light was slowly advancing, yet was tightly held by the dragon's maw, and without breaking this restraint, it couldn't harm the ox demon's flesh.

Lu Ye could feel the stalemate rapidly draining the sword light's power!

The sword gourd's full power was only at its peak when initially unleashed. Afterward, whenever it struck enemies or encountered obstacles, its power would diminish, necessitating a recall for replenishment.

But there's no chance for Lu Ye to recuperate and replenish right now!

The ox demon used a secret technique completely unfamiliar to Lu Ye, obstructing the initial explosion of the sword light from the sword gourd. As time passed, the dazzling sword light quickly dimmed.

Within moments, accompanied by a crisp sound, the sword light shattered.

The sword light nurtured by a magic treasure worth billions of spirit jade was completely gone. To restore the power of the sword gourd, it has to be nurtured again.

And the Dragon Shadow coiling around the ox demon was clearly not as solid as before.

The ox demon glanced at the Dragon Shadow on himself, furious, his scarlet eyes glaring at Lu Ye: "Daring to damage my Dao force? Then use your affiliated treasure to compensate!"

He had painstakingly gathered this bit of Dao force. It was his capital for standing firm in Star Abyss, yet he sustained damage in a slaughterhouse!

As he finished his sentence, he enveloped in a demonic wind and charged towards Lu Ye.

"Fellow Daoist Lu, I come to assist you!" A robust voice echoed, attacking the ox demon from an oblique angle.

Lu Ye immediately recognized the voice; it was Sui Lin from Five Colors Island. Three Worlds Island and Five Colors Island have always been friendly, and Lu Ye had interacted several times with Sui Lin over the years, so they weren't unfamiliar.

Sui Lin's presence here clearly indicated he had noticed the commotion and came to investigate.

Not just him; Sun Blaze cultivators from other top-class Spirit Islands were rushing over, some already nearby, some still on their way.

"Careful!" Lu Ye quickly shouted a warning, for Sui Lin evidently wasn't aware of the ox demon's formidable strength, charging recklessly would bring dire consequences.

"Away with you!" The ox demon, in the throes of rage, casually swung a rod at Sui Lin's surprise attack.

"Big words don't... uh..." Sui Lin came fast and left fast; his solid body angled into the All Phenomena Ocean under the massive impact.

As he was about to fall into the ocean, a hand grabbed his arm and lifted him up.

A face filled with gratitude looked up: "Turns out it's Fellow Daoist Gu Tai, thank you for your help!"

Gu Tai nodded: "You're too kind, Fellow Daoist Sui Lin. What's going on with this Demon Race?"

Having just arrived himself, Gu Tai hadn't grasped the situation, but upon seeing Sui Lin in danger, he lent a hand. If Sui Lin had fallen into the All Phenomena Ocean, the seawater would corrode him. Though Sui Lin's cultivation would save him from fatal harm, the erosion would tarnish his mana, posing a big problem.

"Unclear, his strength feels odd!" Sui Lin recalled their brief encounter and how he was sent flying without the ability to resist, his sturdy physique as a Stone Race member spared him injury. A frailer body would surely have been hurt by now.

"Is this the Insect Path?" Gu Tai now focused on the red vortex at Jade Sword Island's center. It felt like an Insect Path but differed from typical ones; despite his vast experience, he struggled to verify it.

As he was inspecting the red vortex, ripples emerged, and a figure faintly appeared within!

"Someone's coming!" Gu Tai's voice lowered.

At the same time, as Lu Ye and Jiu Yan jointly battled the ox demon, they too sensed the red vortex's alterations, their expressions faltered.

Emerging from nowhere, an ox demon already posed such a threat; if another should arrive, who in the All Phenomena Ocean could withstand them?

The previous skirmish revealed that the only thing threatening such powerful enemies like the ox demon was the affiliated treasure. But his two affiliated treasures were depleted — with what could he confront the foes?

As these thoughts raced, Lu Ye's Mental Consciousness surged, transmitting audio to the surroundings: "Fellow Daoists, today's change at Jade Sword Island involves the Insect Race. The invaders are formidable and possess peculiar abilities. Please, Fellow Daoists, join forces to fend off the enemy; do not underestimate them!"

"Connected to the Insect Race!" Numerous Sun Blaze cultivators' expressions grew solemn.

A few years prior, Three Worlds Island disclosed matters concerning the Insect Race's schemes and an impending major event. Over the years, various forces sought traces but found none, aware only that this was a catastrophe poised to sweep the stellar space.

Unexpectedly, today's affair connects back to the Insect Race, likely linked to the major event arrival.

Given that, they couldn't afford to stand aside. Regardless, they must first tackle today's troubles. Perhaps through this occurrence, some clues could be uncovered.

United in thought, Gu Tai and Sui Lin exchanged glances and rushed toward the red vortex. Before coming near, a figure squeezed out from within the vortex.

"Indeed connected to the Insect Race!" Gu Tai's expression sharply turned because the newcomer was unmistakably an Insect Race member.

Once emerged, the Insect Race member sniffed the air and gazed toward Merfolk Island: "There's aura from my kin—living!"

The previous captured Insect Race Sun Blaze had been escorted back to Merfolk Island by Luan Xiao'e. He could discern traces.

Gu Tai and Sui Lin had already combined forces in attack. Against the Insect Race, they showed no mercy. Sui Lin, having suffered once, was far more cautious this time. Yet, within mere moments of battle, his heart shocked incessantly.

For despite the sudden Insect Race's cultivation being akin to his and Gu Tai's, the foe countered two with impressive ease, leaving both injured in varying degrees. Thankfully, Sun Blaze cultivators from other Spirit Islands arrived promptly, stabilizing the situation just in time.

Chapter 2077: Arrival of the Constellation Palace

The number of Sun Blaze warriors rushing to this place due to the commotion is increasing, and after the Insect Race, another enemy emerged from the red vortex. The battles around Jade Sword Island are extremely fierce.

The battlefield where Lu Ye is located has transformed into a Blood Sea, and it is not just him and Jiu Yan; there are two other mid-stage Sun Blaze cultivators who have joined the fray.

Yet, even with the advantage of the Blood Sea, the four of them working together against a single ox demon have not been able to gain any advantage.

The power of this ox demon is terrifying, far beyond imagination!

Similar situations occurred in the other two battle groups; they all involve multiple attackers targeting fewer enemies. Although there are not many Sun Blaze warriors in All Phenomena Ocean, there are at least twenty. Lu Ye's group is four against one, while in the other two battle groups, seven or eight Sun Blazes team up to attack one enemy.

Despite this, no battle group is gaining the upper hand. Instead, their Sun Blaze warriors are frequently injured, and one even suffered a severe injury and has withdrawn from the battlefield!

Lu Ye is anxious; the situation is extremely unfavorable for them. The red vortex is still present; if three strong enemies have emerged from it, there might be more. Should that happen, there are no more Sun Blaze warriors in All Phenomena Ocean to hold them back.

They must kill one first, or find a way to close that red vortex.

But the thing was opened by the Insect Race through some unknown sacrificial method, and probably no one besides the Insect Race knows how to close it.

Then they can only kill one first!

Determined, Lu Ye in a single thought moved behind the ox demon. He exhaled slowly, and channeled all his blood Qi and mana fiercely into his right arm, causing it to swell instantly.

The Boulder Mountain Saber thunderously unsheathed.

Drawn Saber Slash!

He hadn't used this move for a long time, as the affiliated treasure's power was relatively stronger and easier to use. However, he never gave up on this move, consistently nurturing the spirit runes in the sword sheath with his own mana.

Without the affiliated treasure, this was undoubtedly his most powerful strike!

The long saber slashed at the ox demon's protective magic. As he had felt before in their previous fights, an incomparably tenacious feedback came, and despite experiencing it many times, Lu Ye still found it incredible. It was hard to imagine how this ox demon could temper his own mana to such an extent.

The power of Drawn Saber Slash was still strong. Previous attacks couldn't break through the ox demon's protective magic, but this slash brought about some effect.

The violent power, after breaking the ox demon's protective magic, left a small wound on him...

"Oh?" The ox demon showed an intrigued expression, "You actually managed to injure me. Well done!"

A palm aimed directly at Lu Ye's head, but he was prepared and swiftly slipped into the depths of the Blood Sea, showing a helpless expression on his face.

The Drawn Saber Slash failed to kill the enemy; other means might be even more useless. Moreover, the barghest's power was easily dissolved by the opponent...

Even if he only made a small wound on the ox demon earlier, the barghest's power should have wrapped around it. Strengthened alongside his advance to Sun Blaze, even a strong figure like Charnge Feng took several days to slowly dissolve it, but for this ox demon, it was as easy as flicking a finger.

Do I have to ask Hua Ci to come out of seclusion?

The affiliated treasure's power cannot kill the ox demon, but a supreme treasure definitely would not be like this.

The strongest in All Phenomena Ocean is not him, nor Jiu Yan, but Hua Ci's Little Fella.

But he had seen Hua Ci in seclusion at the Merfolk Race's territory earlier. If possible, he didn't want to disturb Hua Ci at this critical moment.

But looking at the situation now, aside from asking Hua Ci to come out, there is no other way.

As he was thinking this, a violent tremor suddenly came from below All Phenomena Ocean. Such tremor had appeared twice when the Insect Race Sun Blazes opened the red vortex, and Lu Ye still didn't know what it was about.

Unexpectedly, it appeared again now, and this time it was even more massive than the previous two times.

Accompanying the tremor, a vast, boundless aura poured out from the depths of All Phenomena Ocean. The next instant, the aura converged into a beam and descended somewhere.

In the Blood Sea, Lu Ye looked up toward where the aura descended, his ocular power pierced through his own Blood Sea to see the situation on Jade Sword Island.

"This is..." His expression changed, showing a surprised look.

"Constellation Palace!" a Sun Blaze outside exclaimed.

Because at that moment, an ancient palace appeared on Jade Sword Island. It looked exactly like the Constellation Palace, but it was obviously not the main body of the Constellation Palace, just a projection, as it appeared illusory.

The projection of the Constellation Palace completely enveloped the red vortex tightly...

In the Blood Sea, the always calm and composed ox demon, who remained unbothered even when facing four Sun Blazes attacking together, suddenly changed his expression dramatically: "There's a supreme treasure here? No!"

As if seeing something incredible, he shouted loudly and immediately dashed toward the red vortex.

Not only him, but the other two powerful enemies who emerged from the red vortex were also flying in that direction frantically, extremely panicked, like dogs that have lost their home.

It was as if they were completely different from their previous invincible and powerful selves.

Lu Ye noticed the ox demon's movement, hesitated for a moment, and didn't stop them. Instead, he dispersed the Blood Sea and let them leave.

No matter what the appearance of the Constellation Palace projection signifies, simply judging from the ox demon's reaction, it's definitely not good news for these uninvited guests.

They seem to be trying to leave through the red vortex.

Lu Ye wasn't confident in keeping them here, so letting them leave might not be a bad option.

But what Lu Ye never expected was that the three uninvited guests, who arrived just fine, couldn't return!

The three figures were all blocked outside the Constellation Palace's projection, no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't break through the blockade of the projection.

Moreover, as time passed, the projection of the Constellation Palace continued to shrink, and the red vortex also became unstable in the process!

Lu Ye's eyes lit up. He had been worrying about how to close the red vortex, but unexpectedly, the Constellation Palace took action. Judging by the situation, once the Constellation Palace's projection shrinks to a certain extent, this red vortex is bound to collapse.

The Constellation Palace... indeed has spiritual intelligence!

Back when Lu Ye first came into contact with the Constellation Palace, he had such a suspicion, because back then, the Constellation Palace pulled him in alone and assigned him a strange task. Although he didn't manage to leave his name on the Constellation List that time, he gained quite a few benefits.

Recollecting what the ox demon had just shouted... it was clear that the Constellation Palace detected this red vortex and was using its own power to destroy it!

The supreme treasure activated its power, and the three powerful enemies that gave all of All Phenomena Ocean a headache were powerless.

A moment later, the three of them clearly realized things were going wrong. They exchanged glances and fled in three different directions.

Seeing this, Lu Ye was startled and quickly shouted, "Stop them quickly, don't let them escape!"

Previously, he was willing to let these three powerful enemies leave because he didn't have the strength to deal with them, but now that the situation had changed, they absolutely couldn't be allowed to escape!

Such powerful enemies, if they escape here and reach any star system, would spell disaster.

Except for those star systems with top-tier domains, no star system in stellar space could muster All Phenomena Ocean's foundation to deal with them all at once.

They must be wiped out completely, even solving just one would be good.

Upon calling out, Lu Ye was the first to leap forward, charging at the ox demon, with Jiu Yan wielding a long spear close by his side.

Other Sun Blaze cultivators dared not delay upon seeing this and intercepted the other two enemies according to their previous formation.

The ox demon, at the late stage of Sun Blaze cultivation, was fast, but not as fast as Lu Ye exploding treasure blood to activate the Blood Escape Technique. Just in a flash, Lu Ye caught up with him, the Blood Sea unfolded, once again enveloping him within.

Jiu Yan took advantage of the situation and charged into the Blood Sea, under Lu Ye's cover, thrusting her spear towards the ox demon.

The ox demon's perception was exceptionally keen, and having sparred with Jiu Yan multiple times before, he naturally knew her prowess and didn't dare to be lax, swinging his club down.

Jiu Yan gritted her teeth and faced it head-on, a massive boom echoed, and the Blood Sea surged, but Jiu Yan wore a look of surprise, blinking her eyes.

Because this time, she wasn't knocked flying like before by the ox demon's strike, and the power transmitted from his attack was noticeably weaker than before.

Not daring to be certain, she continued to tangle with the ox demon.

Lu Ye had already taken out an audio talisman, intending to contact Three Worlds Island, to ask them to call Hua Ci out.

At this moment, Jiu Yan's voice came into his ears, "He's weakened!"

Lu Ye was stunned.

"Although I don't know why, he has indeed weakened, and he's getting weaker!" Jiu Yan, having clashed with the opponent several times by now, felt every counterattack from the ox demon distinctly. As a Peak Sun Blaze, her judgment on this aspect couldn't be wrong.

Lu Ye immediately focused on the ox demon and indeed found, as Jiu Yan said, the ox demon had weakened a lot. In just moments, he'd gone from being overwhelmingly powerful to being on par with Jiu Yan.

A thought flashed through Lu Ye's mind, and he quickly spread his Mental Consciousness to probe the situations in the other two battle groups, discovering they were just like his own.

The other two initially impervious powerful enemies had significantly weakened as well.

And this change... Lu Ye turned to glance towards the direction of Jade Sword Island, seeing the continually shrinking projection of the Constellation Palace and the teetering red vortex, his mind began to clear.

It seems, it's because the red vortex is being suppressed, which leads to the weakening of the ox demon and the other two powerful enemies. No wonder these three were so eager to return, evidently, they knew what changes would happen next.

No need to disturb Hua Ci!

Lu Ye tightened his grip on the Boulder Mountain Saber in his hand, looking towards the ox demon's direction, flashed forward, and charged fiercely.

It's our turn now! This time, the spoils appear to be huge, might even clarify a lot of previously unclear things, perhaps uncover intelligence about the onset of the grand situation!

Lu Ye had a feeling that these three inexplicably appearing enemies were closely related to the onset of the grand situation.

Chapter 2078: Spectral Sedan Chair

The Blood Sea was turbulent, with several figures weaving through it, and after the projection of the Constellation Palace suppressed the red whirlpool, the previously unbeatable ox demon weakened rapidly.

Moments later, under the assault of Lu Ye and the others, the creature lost its ability to fight back.

At this point, his display of strength matched the typical standard of a Sun Blaze Late Stage cultivator, indicating that his earlier power was abnormal.

Jiu Yan pierced him through with a spear, and two other Sun Blaze cultivators immediately swooped down, while Lu Ye took the opportunity to slash with a saber.

The battle subsided, leaving the ox demon heavily injured and unconscious. Now, it had lost the prior ability to easily counteract the barghest's power, with a mysterious force entwining its wounds, hindering their recovery.

Lu Ye collected the Blood Sea and looked towards the other two battlefields. Without exception, the other two enemies had been subdued.

Nobody killed them, as all the Sun Blaze cultivators were evidently curious about the formidable power they had exhibited earlier, naturally leaving them alive for questioning.

A group of Sun Blaze cultivators gathered around Lu Ye; being the master of the All Phenomena Ocean and the first to arrive here, everyone naturally wanted to ask about the situation.

However, before everyone could converge, a new disturbance arose from the Jade Sword Island side.

In the red whirlpool suppressed by the projection of the Constellation Palace, fierce ripples surged, with a dark shadow flickering at the other side.

"Something else is coming." Jiu Yan, evidently noticing the change, gripped the Silver Spear tightly, preparing to channel mana.

Lu Ye's expression was also solemn, having previously experienced the ox demon's might, he was naturally on high alert.

After earnest observation, he felt considerably relieved: "It probably can't come through."

Though unaware why the red whirlpool would alarm the Constellation Palace, the power of the supreme treasure now sealed it, making it impossible for any powerful entity from the other side to breach through so easily as before. This was evident from the shadow on the other side failing to solidify.

Moreover, judging by the current situation, the red whirlpool wasn't likely to sustain much longer before it shattered.

Almost the moment Lu Ye's words fell, the projection of the Constellation Palace enveloping the red whirlpool suddenly inexplicably faded...

This projection was inherently not a tangible entity, appearing ethereal and illusory; with this fading, it nearly reached an indiscernible state.

At that instant, the shadow on the other side abruptly solidified, and the red whirlpool started trembling violently.

"Not good!" Lu Ye exclaimed in shock; the situation unfolded contrary to his expectations, and he didn't know why the projection of the Constellation Palace had suddenly faded.

But it clearly gave the visitor on the opposite side a chance.

The red whirlpool wriggled, and the fourth uninvited guest of the day descended upon the All Phenomena Ocean!

Judging from the unclear shadow earlier, Lu Ye had thought some fierce enemy would break out of it, but upon seeing what actually emerged, he couldn't help but be stunned.

Jiu Yan was equally dumbfounded.

"What's that?" Jiu Yan frowned.

"A bridal sedan chair?" Lu Ye responded hesitantly.

The view before them was too wondrous; instead of any flesh-and-blood creature, it was a bridal sedan chair that had breached through the red whirlpool into the All Phenomena Ocean.

Like the kind used in mundane times to fetch a bride for marriage, adorned with vibrant red decorations all over, with two large red flowers embedded on either side, giving off a highly festive vibe.

The other Sun Blaze cultivators also witnessed this eerie scene, each with a bewildered expression, not understanding what was happening or what this sedan chair was.

One mental consciousness after another was sent to probe, and in the investigation of the many Sun Blaze cultivators, this sedan chair appeared to be an ordinary bridal sedan chair, with no mysterious qualities inside or out.

The more it seemed this way, the more vigilant the Sun Blaze cultivators became, pondering that something coming out of the red whirlpool couldn't be ordinary. If they couldn't detect it, this sedan chair's oddities must be beyond imagination.

"Uh..." A faint groan sounded, as the unconscious ox demon gradually woke. The physique of the Demon Race was indeed strong; despite suffering such grave injuries, he was awake while the other two unexpected guests remained unconscious.

Upon opening his eyes, the ox demon noticed he was restrained, glancing around until his gaze fixed on the sedan chair, exclaiming in shock, "Spectral Sedan Chair!"

Lu Ye turned to look at him, feeling a twinge of realization; the sedan chair and the ox demon likely originated from the same place, and from the ox demon's reaction, he clearly recognized this sedan chair, indicating knowledge about it.

He promptly asked, "What is it? Tell us everything you know!"

The ox demon hurriedly responded, "Alright, take me over there first. I must get on the chair; once I'm on the Spectral Sedan Chair, I'll tell you everything you want to know."

Lu Ye inquired in surprise, "What advantage does getting on that chair offer?" Otherwise, the ox demon wouldn't be so eager.

But the ox demon didn't answer directly, only urged anxiously, "Hurry, take me to the chair, or it'll be too late!"

Lu Ye was about to ask why it was too late, when suddenly, the Spectral Sedan Chair, which had been silent, began to move. Immediately, a strange force emanated from within the sedan. It felt like Mental Consciousness, yet different—something Lu Ye had never experienced before.

This force, vast like an ocean, swept across the entire All Phenomena Ocean in an instant, then radiated into the All Phenomena Galaxy.

Suddenly, it retracted and focused on Jiu Yan.

Jiu Yan instinctively sensed something was wrong.

The sedan door of the Spectral Sedan Chair suddenly opened, and a large red ribbon floated out, wrapping toward Jiu Yan with such speed that even a strong individual like her had no time to react.

The red ribbon wrapped around her, and with a sudden tug, Jiu Yan's expression showed surprise as she was pulled into the sedan, disappearing in an instant.

After capturing Jiu Yan, the Spectral Sedan Chair began to fly away into the distance.

"Trying to leave?" Lu Ye was furious. He dashed after the Spectral Sedan Chair. If it were anyone else captured by the sedan, he might have let it go, but Jiu Yan...

The ox demon shouted, "Take me with you!" fearing Lu Ye would abandon him.

Lu Ye initially didn't want to deal with him but figured since this guy knew something about the Spectral Sedan Chair, he might be useful. So he grabbed him, casting the Blood Escape Technique, transforming into a streak of blood-red light.

As he moved, other Sun Blazes also began their pursuit. Though they came from different star systems and belonged to different factions, they had all spent years in the All Phenomena Ocean. Many had connections with Jiu Yan and wouldn't stand by idly.

The Spectral Sedan Chair initially wasn't fast, but it clearly started accelerating at an alarming rate.

Despite Lu Ye's best efforts using the Blood Escape Technique, the sedan was getting further away. He gritted his teeth, raised the Boulder Mountain Saber, and with his mana surging, a huge saber light slashed down upon the Spectral Sedan Chair from afar.

The strike hit the sedan dead-on, but the Giant Blade Slash remarkably didn't harm it at all.

Instead, in response to the strike, another large red ribbon floated out from the sedan and lashed toward Lu Ye!

Unlike Jiu Yan's encounter, the red ribbon, which only wrapped around her, now whipped at Lu Ye, as if the strike had triggered a retaliatory response from the sedan.

Almost instantly upon seeing the red ribbon, Lu Ye's vision was covered in a blood-red haze.

He vaguely heard something shatter, his entire body turning sticky. Soon, he felt dizzy. His protective magic shattered in an instant, with a series of cracks sounding from within his body, his bones shattering one after another.

It was then he realized with shock that, under the sedan's strike, the ox demon he held was silently reduced to a blood mist, and he himself was gravely wounded!

His surroundings tightened, as if something had wrapped around him, and he uncontrollably sped in a particular direction, his consciousness becoming blurry.

The numerous Sun Blazes pursued for a moment, but the Spectral Sedan Chair vanished from their sight, as if it had slipped into the depths of Mingming, disappearing without a trace, leaving them clueless about where to continue the chase.

"This is bad!" Woo Qimo's face turned ashen.

He wasn't concerned about Jiu Yan's fate, as they weren't close, but Lu Ye was another matter. Not only was Lu Ye Su Yuqing's Dao companion, but he was also the master of Mount Fangcun. If something happened to him, it would be no small problem.

"Fellow Daoist Woo, there's no need to worry. Fellow Daoist Lu should be fine; the sedan didn't seem to intend to kill him," Sui Lin comforted Woo Qimo, standing by his side.

Lu Ye himself, being gravely injured and dazed, had no idea what was happening, but the others saw it clearly.

His Giant Blade Slash prompted the Spectral Sedan Chair's counterattack. Under that strike, the ox demon was obliterated without a trace. By logic, Lu Ye wouldn't have been spared, but in reality, the moment the red ribbon touched Lu Ye, it switched from lashing to wrapping, pulling him inside the sedan as well.

From what they'd observed, the eerie sedan seemed originally intent on capturing only Jiu Yan, but for some reason, it ended up taking Lu Ye too.

As for why they captured Jiu Yan, no one knew. It couldn't be just because she was a woman—there were other female Sun Blazes present besides her.

If that's the case, it might only be because of her cultivation; Jiu Yan's cultivation was the highest among the present Sun Blazes. Of course, this was just speculation; no one knew for sure.

"Earlier, that ox demon called the sedan a Spectral Sedan Chair and even wanted to board it!" commented one of the Sun Blazes, who had previously collaborated with Lu Ye, having heard the ox demon's words. "With this in mind, there might be some benefit within the sedan."

"Whether there's a benefit or not, we can find out by asking," Sui Lin turned, looking over at the two enemies who had been unconscious all along.

The knowledge the ox demon had, they probably knew as well.

It's not just about the Spectral Sedan Chair; the Sun Blazes wanted to know more!

On Jade Sword Island, the projection of the Constellation Palace had disappeared, along with the red vortex. The chaos thus ended, but it resulted in the disappearance of the Island Master of All Phenomena Island and the Island Master of Three Worlds Island.

And after interrogating those two intruders, the various Sun Blazes finally uncovered some unknown secrets, and finally understood what the impending great event entailed!

Following this battle, centered on the All Phenomena Ocean, various forces strived to accumulate their resources to prepare for the coming great event. For a while, large-scale and high-level conflicts became much less frequent across the stellar space.

Chapter 2079: Should We Take Revenge?

In the dimly lit enclosed environment, the glow of candlelight illuminated the surroundings. As Lu Ye slowly awoke, he felt pain all over his body.

A long-familiar fragrance lingered around his nostrils, and beneath his head, he felt a warm, soft cushion. There was also a hand placed over his heart, from which gentle mana was emanating, clearly aiding his healing.

Lu Ye did not move.

He slowly recalled what had happened before.

While pursuing the Spectral Sedan Chair, he provoked a counterattack with a single strike and almost died on the spot. He survived, but the ox demon that accompanied him perished, leaving not even a trace behind.

Much from before was unclear, and although he had some vague suspicions, he couldn't confirm them.

"Your injuries aren't too severe; a few more days of rest and you'll be fine." In the tranquil environment, Jiu Yan's voice sounded, somewhat relieved.

Seeing Lu Ye not responding, Jiu Yan frowned slightly, "Are you going to just lie there like this?"

Lu Ye immediately put on a pained expression, "Dizzy, my psyche is a bit unsettled..."

He used his psyche as an excuse, one Jiu Yan couldn't verify, as she could only examine his physical state. She had no way to know if there was anything wrong within his Divine Sea.

Recalling when Lu Ye, covered in blood, was thrown in here, her heart had nearly skipped a beat, almost thinking Lu Ye was dead. She anxiously checked and discovered that the miserable state on him wasn't his own but was stained with someone else's blood after their death.

"Then continue resting." Jiu Yan sighed, somewhat at a loss.

Ever since the last time, she had been avoiding Lu Ye, trying to have as little contact with him as possible. Several years had passed just like that, yet she never imagined some things couldn't be avoided merely by wanting to avoid them.

It was as if fate was teasing her, trapping her and Lu Ye in this completely enclosed environment, where they had to spend each day together, making her feel uneasy.

Lu Ye settled down comfortably and only then noticed he was lying on Jiu Yan's lap, obviously having been cared for by her during his unconscious state.

A moment of silence ensued.

Lu Ye was still pondering past events, while countless thoughts churned in Jiu Yan's mind.

Everything that happened before couldn't simply be forgotten or ignored, and this time, with an uncertain future, nobody knew if they would be trapped here perpetually, unable to escape, and if so, they could indeed depend only on each other.

Since avoidance wasn't possible, they could only have a meaningful conversation. After all, living in such an awkward atmosphere wasn't sustainable; they were both cultivators, and some things shouldn't matter so much.

Having reached this thought, Jiu Yan made a decision in her heart.

"I'll speak, you listen. Don't ask too many questions, don't talk." She suddenly spoke up.

"Hmm?" Lu Ye's thoughts were interrupted, meeting Jiu Yan's gaze directly, close enough because he was lying on her lap.

Jiu Yan's eyes flickered slightly and then avoided his gaze.

"Speak!" Only then did Lu Ye respond.

Jiu Yan took a deep breath. Although she had made a decision, it was still difficult for her to speak when it came down to it. Baring her teeth, she spoke, "You are now Sun Blaze level, somewhat familiar with the Out-Of-Body Incarnation Method. Ban Ci..." Her voice trembled slightly, forcing herself to stay calm, "is one of my incarnations! When Shen'er controlled Unparalleled Island, I wasn't reassured and sent an incarnation to aid him. Shen'er knew nothing of this; he never met my incarnation."

Lu Ye thought to himself it was indeed so.

Previously he had his suspicions along these lines because if Ban Ci truly was Jiu Yan's true self, many things couldn't be explained. After all, how could someone as top-tier Sun Blaze as Jiu Yan be affected by the Great Lust Demon Spider?

Therefore, Ban Ci's cultivation to Constellation at the time was genuine, as she was just an incarnation.

Seeing Lu Ye react like this, Jiu Yan asked in surprise, "You knew already?"

Lu Ye only looked at her steadily, blinking as Jiu Yan, puzzled, asked, "What's wrong?"

Lu Ye raised his hand, pinching at his own lips, clearly indicating that she had just told him not to speak...

Jiu Yan, annoyed, lightly patted him on the chest, "You can speak now!" She had summoned all her courage to discuss this matter with Lu Ye, and he pulled this!

Immediately following her light pat, Lu Ye, whose chest had a few fractures, groaned softly.

Jiu Yan's expression became flustered, her face reddened; the gesture had indeed been somewhat affectionate, and she couldn't comprehend her own actions.

She quickly, gently rubbed his chest to soothe him, but after a couple of rubs, she realized it was inappropriate, and froze...

"I'm fine, don't worry about it." Lu Ye waved his hand and continued, "I did have such suspicions, but only confirmed it after you spoke."

Jiu Yan tried to make herself relax, but didn't know what to say.

Seeing her expression, Lu Ye inquired, "Then where is Ban Ci now?"

Jiu Yan looked at him with a lingering gaze, "Dead!"

"How did she die?" Lu Ye exclaimed in shock.

"I killed her!" Jiu Yan said nonchalantly, "What, are you feeling heartbroken?"

Lu Ye was at a loss for words, and after a long while, he said, "Why did you kill her?"

Jiu Yan snorted coldly, "My doppelganger cultivation technique is unique, requiring a Primordial Yin Body. After what you did to her, she could no longer cultivate. What was the point of keeping her?"

"But..." Lu Ye opened his mouth, unsure of what to say. No wonder he hadn't seen Ban Ci since then; this was the reason.

Ban Ci was killed by Jiu Yan, but Ban Ci was Jiu Yan's doppelganger. Should he seek revenge? How could he seek revenge?

He couldn't possibly take revenge on Jiu Yan; that would be unreasonable.

His mind was in turmoil, the truth he had sought for years was suddenly in front of him, yet Lu Ye found the result wasn't what he wanted.

Suddenly, he furrowed his brows, "No, that's not right!"

Jiu Yan blinked, "What's not right?"

Lu Ye looked at her, "Senior Sister, have you forgotten that I also cultivate secret techniques related to doppelgangers?" If he hadn't had the Treasure Blood Avatar, he really would have been deceived by Jiu Yan, but upon reflection, some things didn't add up.

Jiu Yan pursed her red lips and said nothing, while Lu Ye continued, "If you really killed her, how could you know so much about what she experienced? So, you didn't kill her; you reabsorbed her!"

Just as he would reabsorb his own Treasure Blood Avatar, after reabsorption, everything the Treasure Blood Avatar experienced could be clearly perceived by the original.

"Does it make any difference?" Jiu Yan stubbornly looked at him, "The fact remains that there's no more Ban Ci in this world!"

"It does make a difference." Lu Ye replied earnestly. If Ban Ci had really been directly killed by Jiu Yan, everything would have disappeared completely. But since she was reabsorbed, it's different. Ban Ci had become a part of Jiu Yan, or rather, she was a part of Jiu Yan all along, it was only brought forward because of that incident.

Jiu Yan suddenly became exasperated, "I told you all this to let you know that Ban Ci's matter has nothing to do with me, and I have already been married for a long time."

"Senior Sister has already been married?" Lu Ye was utterly shocked; he had not heard of this before.

Jiu Yan said, "If I wasn't married, where would Shen'er come from?"

Lu Ye blinked, "Didn't you pick up Chu Shen?"

"Even this... I'm surprised you look well, it seems you're almost healed, you should finish your recovery yourself!"

Saying this, Jiu Yan somewhat irritably pushed Lu Ye aside, retreating into a shadow, her heart full of helplessness.

Why does Chu Shen tell others everything?

Moreover, Ban Ci initially appeared to Lu Ye and Chu Shen with a different face, so even if something really happened, Lu Ye shouldn't have traced it back to her. Yet, in the end, Ban Ci unveiled her true face to Lu Ye.

Ban Ci was her doppelganger; Ban Ci's actions were a manifestation of her own inner thoughts. But to this day, she hadn't understood why Ban Ci did that, resulting in today's awkward situation for her true self.

Maybe... it was dissatisfaction? Perhaps the doppelganger didn't want Lu Ye to remember a face entirely unrelated to hers.

Originally, she intended to have a good talk with Lu Ye to resolve their issues, but the discussion only made things more complicated instead of solving the problems.

On the other side, Lu Ye was grimacing in pain yet helplessly continued to lie on the ground to slowly heal.

Two days later, Lu Ye felt much better and finally got up to investigate.

For two whole days, Jiu Yan hadn't paid him any attention.

While healing, Lu Ye had already roughly examined the surroundings. This place looked like an enclosed cabin; a few candles were lit around, the light in the cabin wasn't dark, but it wasn't bright either.

Oddly enough, the candles showed no sign of being consumed, as if they could keep burning until the end of time.

There was a window on either side of the cabin, both with large red curtains falling. Straight ahead, there was an exit, tightly closed.

Wasn't I dragged in by that Spectral Sedan Chair? What is this place?

Bewildered, Lu Ye approached the tightly closed exit straight ahead, raised his hand to push it, but the door didn't budge. Even using mana, he still couldn't open it.

Lu Ye frowned, raising his hand to pull out the Boulder Mountain Saber.

Jiu Yan's voice then rang, "Don't make a move. If the repercussions of any action touch anything in here, it could lead to bad things happening."

Even without her warning, Lu Ye had sensed it. Almost at the moment he drew the Boulder Mountain Saber, an invisible malevolence enveloped him, suggesting that if he dared to strike, there definitely wouldn't be a good outcome.

Jiu Yan had obviously experienced this, which was why she warned Lu Ye.

Having started to speak, she didn't hold back and reminded Lu Ye once more, "It seems we are inside that Spectral Sedan Chair."

"Wasn't that Spectral Sedan Chair quite small?" Lu Ye asked. Observing from the All Phenomena Ocean previously, the sedan chair seemed small, barely fitting one person. Though this enclosed cabin wasn't large either, it could hardly fit only one person.

"The inside of the Spectral Sedan Chair holds its mysteries; look outside the window, and you'll understand."

Chapter 2080: Speculations

Lu Ye walked to the window, lifted the hanging red curtain, and looked outside. He saw beams of colorful light weaving and moving around, like schools of fish, with new beams continuously being created as others faded away. The outside world appeared bizarre and fascinating.

"What is this..." Lu Ye showed a look of surprise.

Jiu Yan said, "This sedan is moving at an incredibly terrifying speed..." She then shook her head, "No, it shouldn't be called moving; it should be called traversing space. What you see is merely a phenomenon caused by its spatial traversal."

"Where is it going?" Lu Ye asked.

"I don't know." Jiu Yan also wanted to understand where exactly it was heading, but up until now, she had no clues.

Lu Ye walked to the other window and observed, finding the situation identical. He felt a surge of astonishment; while inside this sedan, he couldn't feel any signs of movement. The space within was extremely stable, as if it were merely a secluded compartment.

Recalling the terrifying power the Spectral Sedan Chair suddenly unleashed earlier, Lu Ye's heart raced. Could this... perhaps be a supreme treasure?

But looking at the stellar space, the number of supreme treasures was limited. Why had he never heard of such a treasure before? Jiu Yan clearly had no knowledge of the Spectral Sedan Chair either.

But the current situation was that he and Jiu Yan were trapped here.

"The origin of this Spectral Sedan Chair should be the same as that of the ox demon; they both come from a place called Star Abyss." Jiu Yan suddenly spoke. Such a conjecture was not surprising because the ox demon recognized the Spectral Sedan Chair and actively tried to board it.

"Senior Sister, do you know of Star Abyss?" Lu Ye asked.

"I've never heard of it." Jiu Yan shook her head, "Actually, I'm more curious about the sudden appearance of the portal on Jade Sword Island."

When the incident on Jade Sword Island occurred, Lu Ye, along with Luan Xiao'e and Yann Miao, were the first to arrive, and Jiu Yan followed afterwards, so she wasn't aware of the previous events.

Lu Ye sighed, "It was related to the Insect Race. They conducted a mysterious ritual on Jade Sword Island, sacrificing two Sun Blaze level cultivators and all the island's cultivators to open that portal. They also used a clay pot-like object, which I had never seen before."

"What did it look like?" Jiu Yan asked.

Lu Ye immediately described it carefully, and Jiu Yan listened with confusion, evidently not knowing what that clay pot was.

"So, the portal was opened by the Insect Race, and two Sun Blaze lives were sacrificed as the price!"

"Make that three, because the third one was injured by me and sent back to Merfolk Island. I had planned to interrogate him thoroughly later."

Now trapped in the Spectral Sedan Chair, there was no chance to ask anything.

"The Insect Race paid such a huge price, and they specifically chose Jade Sword Island. Could this be related to the major phenomenon arriving?" Jiu Yan speculated in disbelief.

"I've thought the same. The Insect Race clearly knows something, but we currently have no way to verify. The portal they opened on Jade Sword Island should be connected to Star Abyss, and those who came from Star Abyss seemed to have a peculiar strength."

Lu Ye was unsure about the other two, but as for the ox demon, even Jiu Yan was no match for it. Such terrifying strength was almost unrivaled.

Jiu Yan said, "That ox demon must have forged a Dao foundation; that's why it's so powerful."

"Forged a Dao foundation?" Lu Ye raised his eyebrows.

In the shadow, Jiu Yan's bright eyes glanced at him, "You and Ma Bin are close. Haven't you ever asked him about Dao foundations?"

Ma Bin had forged a Dao foundation. Previously, it was damaged, and he spent several years recovering on Three Worlds Island.

"No, I haven't." Lu Ye shook his head. He had never asked Ma Bin about this aspect and was not familiar with the concept of a Dao foundation at all.

Jiu Yan sighed, "On the cultivation path, reaching the Peak Sun Blaze is the pinnacle, as it's been since ancient times. Countless cultivators have reached their limits and can go no further. While there are ancient rumors that cultivators must forge their own Dao foundation after Sun Blaze for further progress, there are no unified standards or specific cultivation techniques for forging a Dao foundation.

Hence, there are methods like the Out-Of-Body Incarnation Method, Inner Core Technique, or various other methods. These are what Sun Blaze practitioners turn to when they can advance no further."

"But Ma Bin forged his own Dao foundation?" Lu Ye asked in shock.

"Yes!" Jiu Yan nodded, "That's why he's so powerful."

"And what about you?"

"If I knew how to forge a Dao foundation, I wouldn't have cultivated incarnations; I wouldn't..." Jiu Yan shot him an annoyed glance, stopping mid-sentence, and changed the topic, "Looking at this stellar space, including Ma Bin, there are not more than three who have successfully forged their own Dao foundation, and each had unique encounters that others cannot replicate."

Lu Ye finally understood why, despite also being at Peak Sun Blaze, Ma Bin's strength surpassed others. It was because of this.

As for what unique encounter Ma Bin experienced to successfully forge his own Dao foundation, Lu Ye didn't know. This elder was from the era before the Nine Provinces, with a long life and naturally had his own unique encounters.

Immediately following this, Lu Ye realized something else, "What about Charng Feng? Does he count among the three who forged Dao foundations?"

"He naturally doesn't include Fellow Brother Charng Feng. Though his strength is great, it still falls within the limits of Sun Blaze."

"That doesn't seem right." Lu Ye showed a puzzled expression, "In comparison, doesn't that mean Senior Ma Bin's strength is inferior to that ox demon?"

Back then, Ma Bin was besieged by Charng Feng and others, resulting in damage to his Dao foundation. In contrast, when they fought the ox demon four-on-one this time, initially, they had no way to deal

with it, and even the power of the sword gourd was ineffective. The sword gourd was an affiliated treasure, yet the ox demon could take it without a scratch, such terror.

His strength seemed to be much higher than Ma Bin's.

Jiu Yan spoke, "Even among those who have built a Dao foundation, there is still a distinction in strength. That ox demon comes from the Star Abyss, and there must be something mysterious within the Star Abyss!"

Throughout the entire stellar space, including Ma Bin, there are fewer than three cultivators who have built a Dao foundation; yet, this time, three unexpected guests from the Star Abyss have appeared, all of whom have built Dao foundations, so this is obviously no coincidence.

This undoubtedly means one thing: the Star Abyss likely has a method for building a Dao foundation!

This is also why Jiu Yan, trapped here, remains calm and composed; she even harbors some anticipation because the Spectral Sedan Chair comes from the Star Abyss and is highly likely to take her to the Star Abyss. If that happens, her future path, trapped for many years, will have hope.

If this is true, then it presents an opportunity for her.

However, she did not expect Lu Ye to be involved!

Lu Ye felt Jiu Yan's thoughts and vaguely perceived her anticipation; yet currently trapped in the Spectral Sedan Chair, whether or when they can break free is still unknown!

Reflecting on earlier events, the sudden appearance of the red vortex stirred the Constellation Palace at the depths of the All Phenomena Ocean, its projection suppressed the gateway, under the cover of the supreme treasure's power; the strength of the three formidable enemies quickly weakened, thus granting the Sun Blaze of All Phenomena Ocean a chance to deal with them.

The weakening of their strength was evidently related to the suppression of the gateway; the ox demon was panicked at that time and tried to leave through the gateway, but unfortunately failed.

Since he couldn't leave, logically, nothing else should be able to come through the gateway.

But in reality, the Spectral Sedan Chair arrived...

Just before the Spectral Sedan Chair arrived, the projection of the Constellation Palace faded to an almost invisible degree, inexplicably giving the impression that the Constellation Palace deliberately allowed it to come.

Why did the Constellation Palace let the Spectral Sedan Chair come? Was it unable to resist? Or could the arrival of the Spectral Sedan Chair benefit the stellar space?

Lu Ye was unsure.

Later, the Spectral Sedan Chair took Jiu Yan away, obviously due to the strength involved; because before such a change in the Spectral Sedan Chair, it radiated its power throughout the All Phenomena Galaxy, and at that time, Jiu Yan's strength was the strongest in the All Phenomena Galaxy.

As for himself... pure accident. He sensed that the retaliation of the Spectral Sedan Chair was something he could not resist at all, but for some reason, at the instant the red ribbon touched him, the Spectral Sedan Chair didn't kill him but pulled him in.

The current situation is quite clear.

As long as nothing too drastic happens inside the Spectral Sedan Chair, it should be safe, and there is a good chance it will take them back to the Star Abyss. This can be inferred from the ox demon's previous reaction.

The Star Abyss... what kind of place is it?

Why can the cultivators from the Star Abyss easily build a Dao foundation?

Perhaps these doubts can only be clarified after truly reaching the Star Abyss.

Since they've arrived, they should stay at ease. In the coming days, Lu Ye will nurse his wounds and cultivate, while Jiu Yan silently sits in the corner, each not interfering with the other, with only occasional casual chats to pass the time.

One day, while honing his Soul Suppressing Secret Technique in meditation, Lu Ye suddenly opened his eyes because some unusual sounds emerged from the ever-silent Spectral Sedan Chair.

It was as if something was sliding, making a rustling noise.

Yet, following the sound, there was nothing to be seen.

"Come over!" Jiu Yan called out to Lu Ye.

Of course, she had noticed such an obvious movement.

Lu Ye's heart warmed.

Though Jiu Yan had tried to act indifferent since being trapped in the Spectral Sedan Chair, and seldom had useless communication with him, she still showed concern when something happened.

The Spectral Sedan Chair had been silent, but today it suddenly reacted again, which was clearly abnormal.

Lu Ye hastened to Jiu Yan's side.

Just as he stood in place, the tightly closed carriage door suddenly opened, followed by a red ribbon swiftly retracting, with a figure entwined at the ribbon's end.

That person had a baffled expression, evidently still clueless about what had happened, as the red ribbon threw him to the ground, rolling several times before stopping.

He immediately stood up, activated his Mana, and vigilantly scanned his surroundings.

With a boom... the open carriage door closed again.

In the corner of the confined space, standing beside Jiu Yan, Lu Ye made eye contact with this suddenly appearing fellow, who immediately showed a hostile face and summoned a formidable-looking magic treasure: "Fellow Daoists, without grievance or enmity, why attack sneakily?"