

## Humanity 2081

### Chapter 2081: Unlucky Charng Feng

The cultivator who suddenly appeared in the Spectral Sedan Chair looked to be around thirty or forty years old, but his aura was exceptionally pure, not something common among Sun Blaze rank cultivators.

He clearly misunderstood, thinking that he was ambushed by Lu Ye and Jiu Yan.

Lu Ye raised his hand and said, "Fellow Daoist, you've misunderstood. It wasn't my senior sister and I who ambushed you!"

The man's brows furrowed, "There's only the two of you here, if it wasn't you who ambushed me, then who was it?"

Lu Ye said, "To be honest, we're also trapped here..."

He slowly explained the situation. The other party listened with partial skepticism, but neither Lu Ye nor Jiu Yan showed any hostility, and he also sensed one thing: he absolutely couldn't make a move here. If he did, something bad would likely happen.

Lu Ye was deeply aware of this...

"As Fellow Daoist said, is this the internal space of the Spectral Sedan Chair?"

After a brief exchange, Lu Ye learned that the person's name was Chen Li, and he was also unfortunate. He was cultivating peacefully in his cave residence when a red ribbon appeared out of nowhere, and after a moment of dizziness, he found himself here.

It's important to know that when he was in closed-door cultivation, his cave residence was surrounded by numerous Formations. He was confident that no one in the world could ambush him without alerting him.

Yet he still fell into the trap.

Moreover, he hadn't even seen what the Spectral Sedan Chair looked like. Compared to Lu Ye and Jiu Yan's experience, he was simply unlucky.

At least Lu Ye and Jiu Yan knew the general situation.

"This is indeed the interior of the Spectral Sedan Chair, and at the moment, we are all trapped here," Lu Ye nodded.

Chen Li frowned, "How long have you two been trapped?"

"Almost half a month."

"Don't you have a way to escape?"

"If we did, we wouldn't still be here."

Chen Li was clearly unwilling to accept this and spent the next few hours searching for a way out, but unfortunately, the space here was enclosed, with no way out.

While he was busy, Lu Ye and Jiu Yan were also communicating in secret.

Their original thought was that the Spectral Sedan Chair would probably return them to the Star Abyss, but now an unexpected addition like Chen Li clearly showed he was also swept up.

This undoubtedly indicated that neither Jiu Yan nor Lu Ye was anything special; Chen Li also met the criteria for capture by the Spectral Sedan Chair, which is why he appeared here while in closed-door cultivation.

And from Lu Ye's observation, Chen Li's strength might not be much different from Jiu Yan's.

As for his Star System of origin, Lu Ye hadn't heard of it. It's clearly not connected to the All Phenomena Ocean, which isn't surprising given the vastness of the stellar space, even though the All Phenomena Ocean is the central place, very few Star Systems communicate with it.

With the addition of another person in the Spectral Sedan Chair, the interaction between Lu Ye and Jiu Yan finally became less awkward.

A few more days passed, and the same kind of commotion happened again.

Lu Ye immediately opened his eyes, exchanging a glance with Jiu Yan beside him, both showing a significant reaction.

Seeing Chen Li, Lu Ye had already guessed that the Spectral Sedan Chair might capture other people, and now it seemed that was indeed the case.

I wonder which unfortunate soul will suffer this time!

Chen Li quickly got up and dashed toward the position of the sedan door.

He had already found out from Lu Ye that the sedan door was always in a closed state, only opening for a moment when a newcomer was captured, then immediately closing again. So, if one wanted to leave, they had to seize that fleeting moment of opportunity!

Lu Ye turned his head to look at him, having the same idea but always feeling things weren't so simple.

He hinted at this with Jiu Yan before, but Jiu Yan didn't want to leave the Spectral Sedan Chair just yet. If the previous speculation was correct, the Spectral Sedan Chair would take her to the Star Abyss, an opportunity she was unwilling to forgo.

Any cultivator who had reached her level of cultivation with ambition wouldn't want to miss out, even if the path ahead was unknown; one needed to explore it to understand.

Meanwhile, in the outer Star System, two figures, one pursuing and the other escaping, moved at extreme speed.

The person fleeing in front shouted while running, "Ma Bin, don't push me too far!"

If Lu Ye were here, he would surely recognize that the person running away was none other than Charng Feng!

The day he failed to ambush Lu Ye, knowing he couldn't stay in the All Phenomena Galaxy any longer, he fled immediately. Lu Ye, along with Little Fella, chased him for several days without success, which really enraged him.

After leaving the All Phenomena Ocean, Charng Feng wandered in stellar space, not expecting Ma Bin to suddenly find him and pursue him vigorously.

Alone, how could he be a match for Ma Bin? He could only flee, and along the way he exhausted many of his magic treasures, leaving him in a very poor state.

He felt he was about to reach his limit; this journey would likely be his end.

Ma Bin's robust voice came from behind, "Injuring my Dao foundation, ambushing my junior, all these acts will be settled with you today!"

In truth, Ma Bin wasn't too concerned about the injury to his Dao foundation; in the struggle among cultivators, casualties were inevitable. Over the millennia, countless enemies had met their end at his hands, and he was already prepared for the possibility of being slain. What truly sparked his killing intent was Charng Feng's ambush on Lu Ye.

So, after leaving the Nine Provinces that day, he came all this way to settle the score. He had earlier told Lu Ye that he had a rough idea of where Charng Feng might hide, and indeed he hadn't been wrong.

As he spoke, he sent a punch flying from afar.

Charng Feng sensed something awry, barely managing to defend himself, but he was still shaken to the core, spewing blood from his mouth.

In terms of cultivation, the two were similar, but one had established a Dao foundation while the other had not, making their strength worlds apart. Without the protection and escape techniques offered by many magic treasures, Charng Feng would have been dead long ago.

"The time has come..." Charng Feng sighed internally, aware that there was no way he could escape this time. His heart instead calmed, and a resolute expression appeared on his face.

At that moment, he suddenly turned to look in a direction. Somehow, a bridal sedan chair had appeared there, and as he saw it, a red ribbon extended from the sedan chair's door, curling toward him.

Charng Feng was shocked and hurriedly tried to dodge!

But how could he escape? The red ribbon easily wrapped around him, swiftly retracting to pull him into the sedan chair.

Ma Bin, who was pursuing, saw this and was furious. He suddenly erupted with an intense light, transforming into a glowing ball that charged at the bridal sedan chair.

However, it hit nothing but air. When he steadied himself again, the mysterious bridal sedan chair had vanished without a trace, along with Charng Feng.

Ma Bin frowned, spreading his powerful mental consciousness to probe in all directions, but found nothing.

In the Spectral Sedan Chair, as soon as the door opened, Chen Li dashed out. To his surprise, he actually escaped. Amidst an unseen presence, laughter rang out: "Such a small Spectral Sedan Chair, and you think you can trap Chen? Utterly delusional!"

Lu Ye watched with interest, wondering if it was truly possible.

However, just as the thought crossed his mind, he saw Chen Li, who had just managed to escape, reappear at the sedan chair's door. Somehow, a red ribbon had wrapped around him, and with a flick of the ribbon, he was thrown back like an arrow departing the string.

With a slap, he was stuck against the wall facing the door in a large-character position, slowly sliding down.

Lu Ye's eye twitched; apparently, escaping here wasn't so easy.

Another red ribbon rolled in, and Lu Ye quickly averted his gaze, curious to see who the unfortunate one was this time.

Just like the first time Chen Li appeared, this unfortunate soul rolled a few times on the ground, hurriedly getting up to cautiously scan the surroundings.

"Brother Charng Feng?" Jiu Yan looked at the bedraggled figure in amazement, not expecting that the unfortunate one swept in this time would be Charng Feng.

Lu Ye's expression, once amused, gradually turned cold and sharp.

He hadn't forgotten how Charng Feng had ambushed him that day. If it hadn't been for his numerous methods, he likely would have faced disaster.

Unexpectedly, today, the Spectral Sedan Chair had actually brought Charng Feng in. What a twist of fate!

"Jiu Yan?" Charng Feng was also surprised, then he saw the familiar figure standing beside Jiu Yan and felt a chill: "Lu Yiye!"

An intent to kill surged within him. Reflecting on being chased by Ma Bin with no escape, nearly at a dead end, and now narrowly escaping only to see Lu Ye here!

"Hahaha!" He couldn't help but laugh, though the laughter pulled at his injuries, causing him to cough violently. After calming a bit, he pinched his fingers, a spark of spirit light dazzling at his fingertips, and coldly gazed at Lu Ye: "I'll let you repay Ma Bin's debt."

Lu Ye raised his brow: "Ma Bin inflicted this injury on you?"

Charng Feng's injuries were apparent, clearly just after a fierce fight, which made Lu Ye curious about how he got so heavily injured. Now, hearing him say it, Lu Ye understood.

Ma Bin... such efficiency.

It was just bad luck. Clearly, Charng Feng was caught in the Spectral Sedan Chair, narrowly avoiding disaster.

Wait... Lu Ye suddenly remembered something. If the standard for the Spectral Sedan Chair's capture was the strongest cultivator in the area, shouldn't it have been Ma Bin who got pulled in, not Charng Feng!

He had previously discussed this with Chen Li, learning that in the star system where Chen Li was, he was indeed the strongest and most cultivated.

Combining with Jiu Yan being selected in the All Phenomena Ocean, Lu Ye had this guess.

But Charng Feng's appearance overturned this idea.

Why was it Charng Feng and not Ma Bin?

Charng Feng clearly didn't want to answer that question, feeling it embarrassing enough to be injured in such a way. How could he pester salt on his own wounds?

He just stared murderously at Lu Ye, not actually attacking.

Because he suddenly sensed an inexplicable malevolence enveloping him, a malevolence he couldn't possibly resist!

Lu Ye, on the other hand, looked at him provocatively, while Jiu Yan frowned, unsure of what to do.

She couldn't possibly allow Charng Feng to strike at Lu Ye, but the grudge between Charng Feng and Lu Ye wasn't something she could resolve.

"Is there a grudge?"

As the atmosphere began to grow tense, Chen Li's voice came forward.

He sat in the corner, wiping the blood that had flowed from his nose from the collision just now.

He asked Lu Ye, as even though they didn't have a close relationship, they had been together for a few days, barely getting familiar.

"A big one!" Lu Ye sneered, looking at Charng Feng: "Still not going to make a move?"

If he dared to act, he wouldn't end well, and Lu Ye was confident he could withstand a blow from Charng Feng in his current condition.

Chapter 2082: The Death of Charng Feng

In the Spectral Sedan Chair space, Charng Feng's expression shifted several times, but he never dared to truly act. His powerful Mental Consciousness probed in all directions, trying to uncover the source of the ominous malicious intent, yet found nothing.

He was completely clueless about where this place was, and even more so why Jiu Yan and Lu Ye were here as well.

He only knew that he was swept into this space by a peculiar Bridal Sedan Chair, luckily escaping Ma Bin's pursuit.



"Since you won't make a move, then don't blame me for being discourteous!" Lu Ye's eyelids fell slightly, his tone cold as frost.

The Spectral Sedan Chair trapped Charng Feng, a development he hadn't anticipated at all. The two harbored deep-seated animosity; Charng Feng's murderous intent toward him was evident, and he had no intention of sharing the Spectral Sedan Chair with such a person.

Only by dealing with him could he rest easy.

At this moment, Charng Feng was gravely injured, undoubtedly the perfect opportunity.

Lu Ye flicked his fingers, and three drops of treasure blood flew out, forming the shape of a triangle, swiftly moving toward Charng Feng. As they flew, the treasure blood twisted rapidly, transforming into three doppelgangers.

"How dare you!" Charng Feng was taken aback, surprised by Lu Ye's decisiveness in taking action. Because if he hadn't misjudged it, this place prohibited random acts, and the terrifying malicious intent was no illusion; taking action would inevitably lead to dire consequences.

He couldn't believe that Lu Ye hadn't noticed this fact.

Yet Lu Ye took action regardless!

Did he overlook something? Lu Ye arrived here earlier and perhaps discovered a way to circumvent the restrictions?

No time for further speculation, as he was already familiar with the might of Lu Ye's Treasure Blood Avatar explosions from the prior pursuit — the very tactic Lu Ye used to escape.

Upon sensing intently, he indeed detected the wild, explosive aura of the three doppelgangers charging at him, ready to detonate at any moment!

If he were at his peak, such a scenario wouldn't pose too much of a crisis; his protective magic treasure would ensure safety. But under Ma Bin's pursuit, every one of his magic treasures was depleted, leaving him severely wounded, without extra means of protection.

"Want me dead? Let me kill you first!" Charng Feng's expression turned fierce, aware that his only chance of survival lay in killing Lu Ye's true form.

"Stop!" Jiu Yan's delicate shout echoed as she dashed toward Lu Ye...

Lu Ye and Charng Feng's confrontation erupted too suddenly, leaving her no time to react. Her movement was purely instinctual, aiming to shield Lu Ye from Charng Feng's assault.

But it was too late, within such proximity, Charng Feng's attack arrived in an instant, Lu Ye let out a muffled groan as a burst of blood flower exploded from his body, shooting backward, crashing into the wall, then falling down.

Charng Feng didn't feel any sense of triumph, rather, his gaze trembled violently, staring at the three Treasure Blood Avatars beside him, their wild aura seemingly on the brink of self-destruction, yet eerily halted in place. Only one thought crossed his mind.

He'd been tricked!

All of Lu Ye's ruthlessness and determination were mere illusions; he never intended to detonate the doppelgangers, constructing a false scenario, forcing Charng Feng to act!

Facing such a predicament, he had no choice; any newcomer would react the same, driven by the instinctive response of a cultivator facing mortal danger.

The terrifying malicious intent turned overwhelmingly thick the instant Lu Ye was struck, Charng Feng even felt as though a shapeless gaze was fixed on him from behind.

"You... did well!" Charng Feng gazed at Lu Ye, sitting haggardly in a corner with Chen Li, his face filled with unwillingness.

Then his entire being started to melt like a candle burning downward, disappearing in the span of two to three breaths, everything about him vanishing, as if Charng Feng's trace of existence was completely erased.

The confined space fell into silence.

Lu Ye looked in the direction where Charng Feng vanished, his eyes twitching uncontrollably, filled with fear.

He'd sensed earlier that random actions here were inadvisable, lest something terrible occur, yet he hadn't expected it to be so severe.

Targeting and pressing Charng Feng served dual purposes: their existing enmity and a curiosity to see what consequence actions might provoke here through Charng Feng's hand.

Thus, he took Charng Feng's blow without letting the Treasure Blood Avatar explode.

Now he witnessed the outcome...

Even gravely wounded, Charng Feng wasn't easy to kill, yet he was silenced so quietly, without leaving a trace.

Charng Feng's death gave him great satisfaction, but the concerning observations from the entire episode left him burdened.

This Spectral Sedan Chair... might truly be of stellar space supreme treasure grade?

"This..." Chen Li beside him was evidently frightened, speechless for a long while.

"Alas!" Jiu Yan sighed, although she didn't have close ties with Charng Feng, they had a few frictions. After all, she was forced to leave the All Phenomena Galaxy and struggle outside due to Charng Feng.

Regardless, she was born of the All Phenomena lineage, a tag that can't be erased.

It was because of this connection she intervened in the past, pleading for Yuan Se and others before Lu Ye.

She wished to avoid conflict between Lu Ye and Charng Feng today.

Yet, the matter escalated...

"How are you?" Jiu Yan looked at Lu Ye, having taken Charng Feng's strike, Lu Ye purposefully didn't counter much, sustaining considerable injury.

As they spoke, Jiu Yan was about to go over and check the situation.

"Don't come over!" Lu Ye shouted lowly, raising his eyes to look at her, slowly shaking his head, his expression grave.

Jiu Yan immediately sensed something, her expression in disarray.

"It's okay..." Lu Ye reassured, "It should be fine."

Just then, after Charng Feng died, that terrifying malevolence suddenly shifted onto him, pressing down on him, causing his heart and soul to tremble...

In the matter just now, although Charng Feng struck and wounded him, it was him who first took action by condensing the Treasure Blood Avatar, which resulted in Charng Feng's death. Naturally, he couldn't possibly be unscathed.

However, under the shroud of that malevolence, Lu Ye did not feel a sense of lethal threat, which was somewhat reassuring.

In the nervy wait that followed, that malevolence slowly dissipated.

Lu Ye let out a long breath, meeting Jiu Yan's concerned and worried eyes: "It's over."

Jiu Yan nodded and returned to sit down.

Lu Ye retrieved his Treasure Blood Avatar and took out the healing elixir pill to swallow, then immersed his mind to investigate the Root Spiritual Orifice.

Just now, under the shroud of malevolence and boundless threat, he clearly felt the Talent Tree's fire seed was a bit abnormal, but with the situation being urgent and his life at risk, he had no time to investigate.

Upon viewing it now, the Talent Tree's fire seed indeed exhibited quite some changes; it had become significantly brighter, and a small sapling could be vaguely seen forming within the fire seed.

Was this a blessing in disguise?

The Talent Tree's transformation this time was extremely arduous. After turning into a fire seed, it had been three months, yet the transformation was still not complete, and there hadn't been much change before. But this time, there was significant progress.

Lu Ye didn't know why there was such change, but it was evidently related to the malevolence that the Spectral Sedan Chair cast upon him.

He even considered triggering that malevolence several more times, as this would presumably expedite the Talent Tree's transformation, but thinking of Charng Feng's outcome, he refrained.

The Spectral Sedan Chair definitely had its own will, and that malevolence was the manifestation of its will!

This implies that the people captured by the Spectral Sedan Chair were consciously chosen by it, selecting Jiu Yan from within the All Phenomena Ocean, then Chen Li, and afterwards Charng Feng...

Except for himself, who entered by exception.

Moreover, according to Charng Feng, he had previously been chased by Ma Bin, so why did the Spectral Sedan Chair choose Charng Feng and not Ma Bin?

Ma Bin's strength was clearly superior to Charng Feng's.

Unfortunately for Charng Feng, escaping Ma Bin's pursuit through a fluke only to end up dead in the Spectral Sedan Chair, one could say this grievance ended here.

While healing, Lu Ye discovered something that embarrassed him, that he was confined to his spot by an inexplicable force!

He could cultivate, heal, and make small movements, yet he couldn't stand, unable to leave his current location.

This was evidently the Spectral Sedan Chair's punishment for his previous actions.

Lu Ye was utterly speechless.

He quietly transmitted this through audio transmission to Jiu Yan, who immediately looked at him with a face full of sympathy.

In the subsequent days, at intervals, another unlucky person would be captured into the Spectral Sedan Chair.

The internal space of the Spectral Sedan Chair gradually became lively.

And these captives, when viewed against the stellar space, were almost all renowned figures, without exception the top-tier powerhouses in their respective Star Systems.

Jiu Yan, being well-informed, recognized several of them, and although she didn't know the rest, she had heard of them.

Since Lu Ye was confined in place, unable to move while people gradually increased, Jiu Yan simply sat beside him. Thanks to her, Lu Ye learned a bit about the origins of these powerhouses.

Also, since he and Jiu Yan knew the circumstances the best, every newcomer approached them to inquire about the situation. The two did not conceal anything, telling them everything they knew, including the events that occurred previously at the All Phenomena Ocean.

Among the numerous powerhouses, there was only one person Lu Ye cared about.

This was a slender figure with long purple hair, exuding an extremely eerie aura, and appeared to be only in his early twenties.

But this seemingly young individual was a powerhouse that no one present could ignore.

Zixuan Demon Planet's first Great Demon Venerable, Zi Ji!

The enmity between Lu Ye and Zixuan exceeded that with Charng Feng. In the Jade Conch Galaxy, the Zixuan battalion was decimated, over ten Demon Venerable level powerhouses fell, gravely injuring Zixuan.

After that battle, it was heard that Zixuan's side was probing for intelligence about the Nine Provinces, evidently not planning to let it go, but hesitated to act recklessly due to the previous performance of the Nine Provinces.

Zi Ji was also clearly aware of Lu Ye's identity but showed no peculiar behavior. Since being captively brought in, he simply sat quietly in one place, silently conserving his strength.

His calmness only made Lu Ye more vigilant.

#### Chapter 2083: Water Fairy of the Boundless World

In the secluded space of the Spectral Sedan Chair, various figures sat quietly, some alone and some in groups of three or four, with their Mental Consciousness surging and secretly communicating.

Including Lu Ye, there were nine individuals, each with distinct auras.

Among them were two women, six men, and one whose gender was indiscernible. This figure, a strong Bewitchment Shadow from the Specter Race, appeared as a swirling phantom like flowing water, not only indistinguishable in gender by form but also by voice.

However, through Jiu Yan's introduction, Lu Ye knew that this Bewitchment Shadow was indeed the current Clan Leader of the Specter Race!

And among these nine, only Lu Ye was at Sun Blaze Early Stage, appearing quite unique among such a group of strong figures.

Since there were only two women, aside from Jiu Yan, the other female cultivator named Su Wan naturally became close with Jiu Yan.

This Su Wan was the fifth to be captured into the Spectral Sedan Chair; she gave off a very clean demeanor with quite outstanding beauty and a curvaceous figure.

But unlike her pure aura, she seemed shrouded in layers of mystery because, among so many strong figures present, not one knew of her origins. Such a top-tier Sun Blaze should not be unknown, yet she seemed to have suddenly appeared from some obscure corner.

Jiu Yan also secretly audio-transmitted to warn Lu Ye to be cautious of this Su Wan, clearly feeling that she was not simple.



One day, Lu Ye, having nothing else to do, was chatting idly with one of the strong figures, mainly because this strong figure came from Five Colors Territory, a strong figure of the Stone Race named Chong Yue.

On the All Phenomena Ocean, Three Worlds Island maintained friendly relations with Five Colors Island, and personal friendship between Lu Ye and Mang Dang was no secret. Over the years, the Five Colors Merchants Guild made great profits on the All Phenomena Ocean, with a share of Three Worlds Island's credit within.

The strong figures of Five Colors Territory had naturally heard of Lu Ye, the master of All Phenomena Ocean, and some Sun Blaze cultivators from Five Colors Territory even visited Lu Ye specifically to express gratitude.

With such inherent relations in place, Lu Ye and Chong Yue naturally could chat freely.

While they were talking, Chong Yue suddenly turned his head toward the door of the Spectral Sedan Chair, raising his eyebrows: "Oh? Is there another newcomer?"

He was the seventh to be captured into the Spectral Sedan Chair, and naturally knew what the opening of the door signified, having witnessed such a scene twice.

Initially, he also wanted to use this opportunity to leave the Spectral Sedan Chair, but after learning of Chen Li's experience, he gave up.

Since the Spectral Sedan Chair captured them, it was clear it wouldn't let them leave easily.

The others also noticed the anomaly at the door, turning to look, only to see a red silk ribbon appear out of thin air, retracting back, pulling a figure into the interior of the sedan, rolling awkwardly on the ground before hastily standing and cautiously surveying the surroundings.

Then the person froze...

This was the awkward situation nearly all newcomers faced; the interior of the sedan was already not spacious. Suddenly gathering so many strong figures, the newly arrived ones, subjected to so many powerful gazes, would undoubtedly be startled and anxious, fearing they had fallen into some perilous situation.

"Ah! Finally, a new sister has arrived." An excited voice sounded out; it was the enigmatic Su Wan, sitting not far from Jiu Yan, waving enthusiastically at the newcomer: "Sister, come over here, no need to be afraid, there's no way to fight here."

The newcomer was a female cultivator with an extremely delicate demeanor, akin to a flower battered by a storm, evoking inevitable compassion from anyone who saw her.

Feeling Su Wan's enthusiasm, she glanced around and realized that although there were many strong figures, none showed malice towards her, confirming Su Wan wasn't lying.

She was about to move toward Su Wan when a voice came from the corner: "Is the newcomer the Water Fairy from Boundless World?"

The speaker was Sacred Eldest One, whose demeanor clearly indicated recognition of the newcomer named Water Fairy.

Following the voice, Water Fairy's face lit up with joy: "Fellow Daoist Sacred Eldest One?" Quickly stepping toward that side, suddenly appearing in such a place, anyone would feel lost, and encountering a known person naturally led her to inquire about the situation.

Soon, Water Fairy reached Sacred Eldest One, as the two engaged in a Mental Consciousness exchange.

"Such a pity," Su Wan smiled and shook her head. The female cultivators here were already scarce; having a newcomer, she wanted to grow closer.

Lu Ye, however, showed a shift in expression.

Boundless World Water Fairy...

If not mistaken, isn't this Su Yuqing's close friend?

Back in the day, when departing from Mount Fangcun to Asura Field, Su Yuqing had given him a jade tablet, claiming it was the Water Fairy's from Boundless World, instructing him if he encountered trouble at Asura Field, he could ask Water Fairy for help.

But during that trip to Asura Field, Lu Ye never met Water Fairy, nor knew how to contact her, so he let it pass.

Could this Water Fairy be the one?

Lu Ye felt doubtful; logically speaking, there should be only one Water Fairy from Boundless World, not many bearing the same name, especially with such cultivation.

Thinking about it, he rummaged in his storage ring and quickly found the jade tablet given by Su Yuqing.

Just as Water Fairy, speaking with Sacred Eldest One, suddenly turned her head to look at him.

The Sacred Eldest One also spoke, "The two over there, one is Lu Yiye, the master of the All Phenomena Ocean, and the other is Jiu Yan, the ruler of the All Phenomena Island. You may have heard of them; they understand the mysteries of the Spectral Sedan Chair the best, for the matter originated in the All Phenomena Ocean, and they were the first to arrive here. If you wish to know more, you might as well ask them."

"Thank you for the guidance, Fellow Daoist." The Water Fairy stood up and bowed gracefully, "I will go and inquire."

"Go ahead." The Sacred Eldest One nodded.

The Water Fairy walked straight towards Lu Ye.

As she approached, the Water Fairy first bowed, her gentle voice emerged, "Greetings, Fellow Daoist Lu."

Lu Ye nodded in acknowledgment. By this time, he had already confirmed that the Water Fairy in front of him was Su Yuqing's friend, as the aura from her matched perfectly with the residual aura left on the jade tablet.

The Water Fairy looked at the jade tablet in his hand and understood in her heart, "Was this given to you by Sister Yuqing?"

She had only given this jade tablet to Su Yuqing, and now it appeared in Lu Ye's hand, the situation was naturally clear.

"Yes, I once went to the Asura Field, and before setting out, Senior Sister Su gave this to me and told me that if anything happened, I could ask for your attention!"

The Water Fairy asked, "May I ask, what is your relationship with Sister Yuqing?"

If they were not close, Su Yuqing wouldn't have given her jade tablet to anyone else. But it had been many years since she last met Su Yuqing, and she hadn't heard Su Yuqing mention Lu Ye.

Lu Ye blinked, "Dao companion."

This matter was no secret on the All Phenomena Ocean.

Jiu Yan, who had been curiously observing the Water Fairy, immediately gave Lu Ye a scrutinizing look when she heard this.

Su Wan noticed something, glanced at Jiu Yan, then at Lu Ye, and seemed to discover something amusing, her eyes brightened considerably.

"Ah?" The Water Fairy couldn't help covering her red lips, "Sister actually found a Dao companion?"

She couldn't help but look Lu Ye up and down, trying to see what was so special about him that could win Su Yuqing's affection, but despite looking left and right, she couldn't find much, and inevitably remembered the introduction by the Sacred Eldest One just now.

The master of the All Phenomena Ocean, this weighs quite heavily! She had been in secluded cultivation in the Boundless World for many years and really knew nothing about the changes in the All Phenomena Ocean. No one had ever mentioned it to her because the Boundless World didn't have convenient interactions with the All Phenomena Ocean and lacked significant direct benefits.

"Just as genuine." Lu Ye nodded slightly, "Sister Water Fairy, please excuse me, I was punished by the Spectral Sedan Chair and cannot rise, many apologies."

Only then did the Water Fairy realize, wondering why Lu Ye had been sitting so comfortably there; it turned out there was a reason.

"The Spectral Sedan Chair... is it that strange bridal sedan chair?" the Water Fairy asked. She must have seen the Spectral Sedan Chair before being captured.

"Exactly." Lu Ye nodded.

The Water Fairy frowned for a while and then simply sat cross-legged in front of Lu Ye, "The matter this time is too bizarre, I have many things I do not understand, could you, Junior Brother, clarify a bit?" Her temperament was so soft; with a slight frown, infinite compassion arose, not to mention Lu Ye, even Su Wan, the female cultivator, felt a tremor in her heart.

"Of course."

Moments later, the Water Fairy understood various things.

"So, you all speculate that the Spectral Sedan Chair will ultimately take us to a place called the Star Abyss, and in that place, we'll have the means to forge our own Dao foundation?" the Water Fairy asked.

Lu Ye hadn't finished speaking before Su Wan chimed in, "That's it, otherwise, what do you think everyone is quietly waiting here for? Now that Sister Water Fairy is here, we now have three female cultivators, let's get closer in the future."

The Water Fairy gave her a friendly smile and looked at Lu Ye again, "This conjecture has some logic, but seems to lack solid evidence."

When others asked, Lu Ye usually wouldn't say much, but since the Water Fairy was a friend of Su Yuqing, it was no harm to explain a bit more.

"If at first, indeed, there was no basis, then now, there is."

"How do you mean?"

"Those taken by the Spectral Sedan Chair are all Peak Sun Blaze, the strongest in their respective areas." Seeing the Water Fairy looking at him in confusion, Lu Ye explained, "Except for myself, I don't count among them."

Beside, Jiu Yan sighed, although she didn't see it with her own eyes, she could confirm that after being captured by the Spectral Sedan Chair, Lu Ye had certainly done something, hence he was taken in together. Speaking of which, it was she who implicated Lu Ye.

"In fact, after Fellow Daoist Chen Li, there was another called Charng Feng who was also captured. At that time, he was being pursued by another stronger individual, but the Spectral Sedan Chair only captured him and ignored the stronger one."

"Why is that?" the Water Fairy asked skeptically, "According to Junior Brother, shouldn't the Spectral Sedan Chair capture the stronger ones?"

"It should be so." Lu Ye nodded, "But why not, if that stronger person had already forged their own Dao foundation? This may be the only explanation for why the Spectral Sedan Chair did not choose them."

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In the secluded space of the Spectral Sedan Chair, various figures sat quietly, some alone and some in groups of three or four, with their Mental Consciousness surging and secretly communicating.

Including Lu Ye, there were nine individuals, each with distinct auras.

Among them were two women, six men, and one whose gender was indiscernible. This figure, a strong Bewitchment Shadow from the Specter Race, appeared as a swirling phantom like flowing water, not only indistinguishable in gender by form but also by voice.

However, through Jiu Yan's introduction, Lu Ye knew that this Bewitchment Shadow was indeed the current Clan Leader of the Specter Race!

And among these nine, only Lu Ye was at Sun Blaze Early Stage, appearing quite unique among such a group of strong figures.

Since there were only two women, aside from Jiu Yan, the other female cultivator named Su Wan naturally became close with Jiu Yan.

This Su Wan was the fifth to be captured into the Spectral Sedan Chair; she gave off a very clean demeanor with quite outstanding beauty and a curvaceous figure.

But unlike her pure aura, she seemed shrouded in layers of mystery because, among so many strong figures present, not one knew of her origins. Such a top-tier Sun Blaze should not be unknown, yet she seemed to have suddenly appeared from some obscure corner.

Jiu Yan also secretly audio-transmitted to warn Lu Ye to be cautious of this Su Wan, clearly feeling that she was not simple.

One day, Lu Ye, having nothing else to do, was chatting idly with one of the strong figures, mainly because this strong figure came from Five Colors Territory, a strong figure of the Stone Race named Chong Yue.

On the All Phenomena Ocean, Three Worlds Island maintained friendly relations with Five Colors Island, and personal friendship between Lu Ye and Mang Dang was no secret. Over the years, the Five Colors Merchants Guild made great profits on the All Phenomena Ocean, with a share of Three Worlds Island's credit within.

The strong figures of Five Colors Territory had naturally heard of Lu Ye, the master of All Phenomena Ocean, and some Sun Blaze cultivators from Five Colors Territory even visited Lu Ye specifically to express gratitude.

With such inherent relations in place, Lu Ye and Chong Yue naturally could chat freely.

While they were talking, Chong Yue suddenly turned his head toward the door of the Spectral Sedan Chair, raising his eyebrows: "Oh? Is there another newcomer?"

He was the seventh to be captured into the Spectral Sedan Chair, and naturally knew what the opening of the door signified, having witnessed such a scene twice.

Initially, he also wanted to use this opportunity to leave the Spectral Sedan Chair, but after learning of Chen Li's experience, he gave up.

Since the Spectral Sedan Chair captured them, it was clear it wouldn't let them leave easily.

The others also noticed the anomaly at the door, turning to look, only to see a red silk ribbon appear out of thin air, retracting back, pulling a figure into the interior of the sedan, rolling awkwardly on the ground before hastily standing and cautiously surveying the surroundings.

Then the person froze...

This was the awkward situation nearly all newcomers faced; the interior of the sedan was already not spacious. Suddenly gathering so many strong figures, the newly arrived ones, subjected to so many powerful gazes, would undoubtedly be startled and anxious, fearing they had fallen into some perilous situation.



"Ah! Finally, a new sister has arrived." An excited voice sounded out; it was the enigmatic Su Wan, sitting not far from Jiu Yan, waving enthusiastically at the newcomer: "Sister, come over here, no need to be afraid, there's no way to fight here."

The newcomer was a female cultivator with an extremely delicate demeanor, akin to a flower battered by a storm, evoking inevitable compassion from anyone who saw her.

Feeling Su Wan's enthusiasm, she glanced around and realized that although there were many strong figures, none showed malice towards her, confirming Su Wan wasn't lying.

She was about to move toward Su Wan when a voice came from the corner: "Is the newcomer the Water Fairy from Boundless World?"

The speaker was Sacred Eldest One, whose demeanor clearly indicated recognition of the newcomer named Water Fairy.

Following the voice, Water Fairy's face lit up with joy: "Fellow Daoist Sacred Eldest One?" Quickly stepping toward that side, suddenly appearing in such a place, anyone would feel lost, and encountering a known person naturally led her to inquire about the situation.

Soon, Water Fairy reached Sacred Eldest One, as the two engaged in a Mental Consciousness exchange.

"Such a pity," Su Wan smiled and shook her head. The female cultivators here were already scarce; having a newcomer, she wanted to grow closer.

Lu Ye, however, showed a shift in expression.

Boundless World Water Fairy...

If not mistaken, isn't this Su Yuqing's close friend?

Back in the day, when departing from Mount Fangcun to Asura Field, Su Yuqing had given him a jade tablet, claiming it was the Water Fairy's from Boundless World, instructing him if he encountered trouble at Asura Field, he could ask Water Fairy for help.

But during that trip to Asura Field, Lu Ye never met Water Fairy, nor knew how to contact her, so he let it pass.

Could this Water Fairy be the one?

Lu Ye felt doubtful; logically speaking, there should be only one Water Fairy from Boundless World, not many bearing the same name, especially with such cultivation.

Thinking about it, he rummaged in his storage ring and quickly found the jade tablet given by Su Yuqing.

Just as Water Fairy, speaking with Sacred Eldest One, suddenly turned her head to look at him.

The Sacred Eldest One also spoke, "The two over there, one is Lu Yiye, the master of the All Phenomena Ocean, and the other is Jiu Yan, the ruler of the All Phenomena Island. You may have heard of them; they understand the mysteries of the Spectral Sedan Chair the best, for the matter originated in the All Phenomena Ocean, and they were the first to arrive here. If you wish to know more, you might as well ask them."

"Thank you for the guidance, Fellow Daoist." The Water Fairy stood up and bowed gracefully, "I will go and inquire."

"Go ahead." The Sacred Eldest One nodded.

The Water Fairy walked straight towards Lu Ye.

As she approached, the Water Fairy first bowed, her gentle voice emerged, "Greetings, Fellow Daoist Lu."

Lu Ye nodded in acknowledgment. By this time, he had already confirmed that the Water Fairy in front of him was Su Yuqing's friend, as the aura from her matched perfectly with the residual aura left on the jade tablet.

The Water Fairy looked at the jade tablet in his hand and understood in her heart, "Was this given to you by Sister Yuqing?"

She had only given this jade tablet to Su Yuqing, and now it appeared in Lu Ye's hand, the situation was naturally clear.

"Yes, I once went to the Asura Field, and before setting out, Senior Sister Su gave this to me and told me that if anything happened, I could ask for your attention!"

The Water Fairy asked, "May I ask, what is your relationship with Sister Yuqing?"

If they were not close, Su Yuqing wouldn't have given her jade tablet to anyone else. But it had been many years since she last met Su Yuqing, and she hadn't heard Su Yuqing mention Lu Ye.

Lu Ye blinked, "Dao companion."

This matter was no secret on the All Phenomena Ocean.

Jiu Yan, who had been curiously observing the Water Fairy, immediately gave Lu Ye a scrutinizing look when she heard this.

Su Wan noticed something, glanced at Jiu Yan, then at Lu Ye, and seemed to discover something amusing, her eyes brightened considerably.

"Ah?" The Water Fairy couldn't help covering her red lips, "Sister actually found a Dao companion?"

She couldn't help but look Lu Ye up and down, trying to see what was so special about him that could win Su Yuqing's affection, but despite looking left and right, she couldn't find much, and inevitably remembered the introduction by the Sacred Eldest One just now.

The master of the All Phenomena Ocean, this weighs quite heavily! She had been in secluded cultivation in the Boundless World for many years and really knew nothing about the changes in the All Phenomena Ocean. No one had ever mentioned it to her because the Boundless World didn't have convenient interactions with the All Phenomena Ocean and lacked significant direct benefits.

"Just as genuine." Lu Ye nodded slightly, "Sister Water Fairy, please excuse me, I was punished by the Spectral Sedan Chair and cannot rise, many apologies."

Only then did the Water Fairy realize, wondering why Lu Ye had been sitting so comfortably there; it turned out there was a reason.

"The Spectral Sedan Chair... is it that strange bridal sedan chair?" the Water Fairy asked. She must have seen the Spectral Sedan Chair before being captured.

"Exactly." Lu Ye nodded.

The Water Fairy frowned for a while and then simply sat cross-legged in front of Lu Ye, "The matter this time is too bizarre, I have many things I do not understand, could you, Junior Brother, clarify a bit?" Her temperament was so soft; with a slight frown, infinite compassion arose, not to mention Lu Ye, even Su Wan, the female cultivator, felt a tremor in her heart.

"Of course."

Moments later, the Water Fairy understood various things.

"So, you all speculate that the Spectral Sedan Chair will ultimately take us to a place called the Star Abyss, and in that place, we'll have the means to forge our own Dao foundation?" the Water Fairy asked.

Lu Ye hadn't finished speaking before Su Wan chimed in, "That's it, otherwise, what do you think everyone is quietly waiting here for? Now that Sister Water Fairy is here, we now have three female cultivators, let's get closer in the future."

The Water Fairy gave her a friendly smile and looked at Lu Ye again, "This conjecture has some logic, but seems to lack solid evidence."

When others asked, Lu Ye usually wouldn't say much, but since the Water Fairy was a friend of Su Yuqing, it was no harm to explain a bit more.

"If at first, indeed, there was no basis, then now, there is."

"How do you mean?"

"Those taken by the Spectral Sedan Chair are all Peak Sun Blaze, the strongest in their respective areas." Seeing the Water Fairy looking at him in confusion, Lu Ye explained, "Except for myself, I don't count among them."

Beside, Jiu Yan sighed, although she didn't see it with her own eyes, she could confirm that after being captured by the Spectral Sedan Chair, Lu Ye had certainly done something, hence he was taken in together. Speaking of which, it was she who implicated Lu Ye.

"In fact, after Fellow Daoist Chen Li, there was another called Charng Feng who was also captured. At that time, he was being pursued by another stronger individual, but the Spectral Sedan Chair only captured him and ignored the stronger one."

"Why is that?" the Water Fairy asked skeptically, "According to Junior Brother, shouldn't the Spectral Sedan Chair capture the stronger ones?"

"It should be so." Lu Ye nodded, "But why not, if that stronger person had already forged their own Dao foundation? This may be the only explanation for why the Spectral Sedan Chair did not choose them."

Chapter 2085: Unknown Star System

We can leave!

This is definitely the best news everyone has heard in recent times.

"Is this the Star Abyss?" someone asked softly.

According to Lu Ye's previous speculation, if the Spectral Sedan Chair was to take them into the Star Abyss, then this place should be it, but looking out through the sedan chair door, there seemed to be nothing particularly distinctive.

Of course, this might be because the exploration was not thorough enough. If they leave here and investigate carefully, perhaps they might discover something unusual?

In front of the open sedan chair door, ten figures stood silently, yet no one moved.

If this truly is the Star Abyss, then powerful beings like the ox demon that appear in the All Phenomena Ocean would certainly be in abundance, and whoever walks out first might encounter danger.

Everyone was aware of this, so even though eager to confirm, no one dared to act, all being mighty beings with centuries behind them, possessing patience.

"Since everyone is so considerate, let me take the lead," Chong Yue moved his muscles and bones, stepping out from the rear.

He wasn't intentionally trying to be the leader, but compared to others, the Stone Race's physique is undeniably the strongest and most suitable for this event. He knew he couldn't avoid it, so he proactively proposed, taking the opportunity to make a favor.

The others naturally had no objections.

Yet before Chong Yue could step out, a huge repelling force suddenly surged from within the sedan chair, and in the next instant, all ten Sun Blaze cultivators, without exception, were uncontrollably propelled towards the sedan chair door.

This sudden change left everyone bewildered, giving the impression that the Spectral Sedan Chair was somewhat impatient with them, thus ejecting them.

In hasty defense, the figures steadied themselves swiftly, expanding their powerful Mental Consciousness throughout.

Lu Ye was naturally alongside Jiu Yan.

Looking around, they found themselves in a profound starry space, surrounded by scattered stars, and in the distance, a big sun shone brightly. Sensing the surroundings, the stellar space energy was not particularly active.

Lu Ye immediately furrowed his brows; the situation was not as he expected.

The others evidently noticed as well, with expressions filled with doubt and suspicions.

"The Spectral Sedan Chair has vanished," Wuchen suddenly remarked.

Only then did a group of Sun Blaze cultivators realize the Spectral Sedan Chair that brought them here had disappeared without a trace. If not for Wuchen's reminder, no one would have noticed.

"What do you think, Fellow Daoist Zi Ji?" Sacred Eldest One turned to Great Demon Venerable Zi Ji and asked.

Zi Ji slowly shook his head: "Although I don't know which Star System this is, it is definitely not the Star Abyss!"

Sacred Eldest One was silent, obviously agreeing with Zi Ji's statement. Not only he, but everyone thought the same, because if this truly were the Star Abyss, there would surely be a distinct feeling, yet as everyone sensed the surrounding, they detected nothing unusual.

Lu Ye's previous speculation was obviously incorrect!

This matter became perplexing as the Spectral Sedan Chair spent months capturing ten strong cultivators from various places and then delivered them to this Star System before disappearing.

Lu Ye also couldn't understand.

The Spectral Sedan Chair definitely came from the Star Abyss, because the ox demon recognized the Spectral Sedan Chair. If so, why did it deliver them here?

Does this Star System have any special characteristics?

"I'll take my leave first!" Zi Ji spoke as Demon Origin roared, darting in one direction.

Since this isn't the Star Abyss, there's no need to linger. As a member of the Demon Race, he doesn't have much acquaintance with the others, and he can sense Lu Ye's watchful gaze upon him, naturally unwilling to linger, preferring to return to Zixuan promptly.

"I too shall take my leave," Wuchen said, deploying an Escape Technique, choosing another direction.

Following Wuchen's departure, others also left one after another. Those who had slight acquaintance with Lu Ye during this time exchanged audio talisman markings, agreeing to meet again in All Phenomena Ocean, even Su Wan, who wasn't very familiar with Lu Ye, did so.

Soon only Lu Ye, Jiu Yan, and Water Fairy remained, with Water Fairy obviously having more to say to Lu Ye, hence stayed.

Lu Ye was just about to inquire when he suddenly felt something, turning to look beside him: "Fellow Daoist Bewitchment Shadow is still here, aren't you leaving?"

He almost forgot about this Specter Race Clan Leader, suddenly growing more vigilant.



Clearly, it wasn't his negligence but the Specter Race Clan Leader minimized his presence.

"Fellow Daoist Lu, interested in doing a business deal?" A strange voice echoed from the flowing shadows.

"What business?" Lu Ye raised his brows.

Bewitchment Shadow spoke: "I know you have enmity with Zixuan, and now is a rare opportunity. How about I help you kill Zi Ji?"

"Oh? So confident, Fellow Daoist?" Lu Ye slightly squinted his eyes as Zi Ji is the foremost Great Demon Venerable of Zixuan Demon Planet, with exceptional strength. Bewitchment Shadow claiming he can kill Zi Ji with such a casual attitude clearly indicates Bewitchment Shadow's strong confidence in himself.

However, speaking frankly, the Specter Race specializes in assassination, and Bewitchment Shadow, as the Specter Race Clan Leader, must have unparalleled expertise in this field. In direct confrontation, he might not be Zi Ji's match, but in sneaky attacks, there's probably no one in the stellar space he couldn't kill.

"What do you need from me?" Lu Ye asked.

Bewitchment Shadow chuckled: "I heard Fellow Daoist has an affiliated treasure..."

"Total rumor!" Lu Ye denied outright.

"Hehehe..." Bewitchment Shadow was not concerned, "If Fellow Daoist ever considers, you can instruct a specter to transmit to me, she knows how to find me."

While speaking, Bewitchment Shadow's already blurred figure gradually faded, then completely vanished.

Lu Ye probed with his Mental Consciousness but couldn't find many traces.

"He's gone!" Jiu Yan spoke from the side.

Lu Ye nodded and then looked at Water Fairy who was staying nearby: "Senior Sister, is there anything else?"

Water Fairy said, "I just wanted to ask how Sister Yuqing is doing now."

Compared to others who had stayed in the Spectral Sedan Chair for a while, Water Fairy was undoubtedly the unluckiest. She had just been captured and was sent here immediately.

She hadn't had time to inquire about Su Yuqing's situation.

Lu Ye immediately informed her of Su Yuqing's current status. Water Fairy said happily, "I see, so if I want to find Sister Yuqing, I can go to the All Phenomena Ocean in the future, right?"

"Yes, there's a direct connection between the All Phenomena Ocean and the Nine Provinces via the Insect Path. Whether Yuqing stays at Mount Fangcun or resides at Fangcun Island, it will be convenient for you to find her, Fellow Daoist."

"That's good." Water Fairy stood there quietly, twirling a lock of hair with her fingers, her face slightly flushed, suddenly transmitting, "Please don't let Sister Yuqing know about the previous events, even though it's not right to hide them from her, but some things..."

Lu Ye understood and winked at her, looking puzzled, "Did something happen before?"

Water Fairy smiled, gave a slight bow, "Then, I take my leave!"

Water Fairy departed, and Lu Ye looked at Jiu Yan, "Let's go too."

Jiu Yan didn't speak, just nodded.

"Senior Sister, do you know which domain this star system belongs to?" Lu Ye asked.

"Not sure, we need to inquire." Jiu Yan, although having wandered through many star systems, hadn't been here. Judging by the surrounding astral symbols, this was an unfamiliar place.

Regardless of which domain, as long as the location is clarified, returning to the All Phenomena Ocean wouldn't be a problem.

The two randomly chose a direction, and Lu Ye deployed his starboat to travel onward.

A little more than half a day later, while piloting the starboat, Lu Ye suddenly felt Jiu Yan tugging at his clothes.

"Look over there!"

Lu Ye followed the voice and looked, his brow slightly furrowing, and immediately turned direction towards there.

Soon, they arrived at the location.

Looking around, this vast stellar space was full of remnants from a battle, and there were even large and small floating lands drifting around.

This was clearly a battlefield, and of massive scale. There might be a domain here, but due to this great battle, even the domain shattered, leaving only these floating lands.

Lu Ye and Jiu Yan exchanged glances, both looking surprised.

Stellar space warfare isn't unheard of; it's actually quite common, but such large-scale battlefields are rare.

A fight capable of shattering a domain, its intensity must be beyond imagination.

The battlefield not only had domain wreckage but also numerous battleship remnants, judging solely from those wreckage, many were surprisingly Sun Blaze class battleships!

Remember, these battleships are extremely expensive to manufacture. When the Zixuan battalion attacked the Nine Provinces years ago, such battleships were dispatched, but it was just one.

Aside from this, the battlefield was mostly filled with another type of peculiar wreckage. These wreckages were beast-like or human-like, most of them towering.

Lu Ye stared at a giant wolf-like wreckage floating past him, brows furrowed.

If he wasn't mistaken, this was cover armor!

Moreover, the quality of this cover armor was high, but who knows what kind of battle it experienced; the entire cover armor was tattered, with a large patch of blood inside.

Jiu Yan, with a change in demeanor, brought the cover armor over, reaching into it and pulled out a cold corpse.

It looked like a member of the human race, with a hole in the chest, presumably the fatal wound.

"This is... Sun Blaze!"

Even though this cultivator had been dead for an unknown time, under Jiu Yan's skills, it was still clear to determine the person's background before death.

Which further proved the fierce intensity of this battlefield, even Sun Blaze met his end here.

Lu Ye summoned another broken cover armor and found a Moon Jade corpse within.

The two searched for a while but found no valuable clues left here.

"Senior Sister, have you ever heard of a star system famous for wielding cover armor?" Lu Ye asked.

Cover armor is an external discipline in stellar space; there's this faction, only it's never been powerful. So Lu Ye was puzzled why this battlefield had so many cultivators dead wearing cover armor, and even a few Sun Blaze. For Sun Blaze to wear cover armor, it must be extraordinary.

What domain is this star system?

"Never heard of it." Jiu Yan shook her head, "But the stellar space is vast, it's not strange to have some things unknown to us."

Lu Ye nodded, suddenly turning his gaze to a direction: "Someone's coming!"

Just in time, he needed to inquire for some information.

Chapter 2086: Star Abyss Rampage

A battleship has arrived, and judging by its trajectory, its destination seems to be this remnant battlefield.

Lu Ye took a glance and found that the battleship was merely a Moon Jade-class vessel, so he and Jiu Yan flew straight toward it.

Neither of them made any attempts to conceal their presence, revealing the aura of Sun Blaze without a doubt.

Inside the slowly approaching battleship, someone suddenly exclaimed, "Two strong auras are approaching, the intensity... it's God Realm!"

"Why would there be God Realm here?"

"Not good, it must be those cursed Star Abyss creatures!"

"Run!"

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"Why are they running?" Lu Ye asked in confusion, watching the battleship suddenly change direction, clearly attempting to escape.

Jiu Yan speculated, "Maybe they mistook us for enemies?"

This seemed to be the only explanation. Helplessly, Lu Ye transmitted that he bore no hostility while quickly pursued the direction in which the battleship fled.

Despite the battleship accelerating to full speed, how could it possibly evade both him and Jiu Yan? Within moments, they caught up.

However, the cultivators inside the battleship were not easily convinced by his audio transmission, continuously launching offensives as he and Jiu Yan closed in, to no avail.

Moments later, the two intercepted the battleship head-on, thinking this would force it to stop, yet unexpectedly, the battleship didn't slow down, seemingly intent on a collision with a resolve of mutual destruction with them.

Should a collision occur, he and Jiu Yan would emerge unscathed, but the battleship would undoubtedly be damaged.

"This is really troublesome!" Lu Ye sighed, dashing toward the battleship's exterior defenses, raising his hand and lightly pressing down.

Upon the surge of mana, the battleship's defenses shattered with a roar.

He descended smoothly, landing on the deck.

A sturdy figure suddenly sprang from the cabin; the figure was tall and slim, with sharp outlines, obviously a leopard-shaped cover armor.

Intense power fluctuations emanated from the cover armor, which aggressively lunged at Lu Ye as it appeared, an angry voice emanating from within, "Let's die together!"

Self-destruction! Lu Ye frowned.

All cover armors can self-destruct; it's a technique integrated by every cover armorer during the creation process, representing their last resort in battle.

The power fluctuations from this cover armor have evidently reached the Peak Moon Jade level; clearly, the opponent, knowing they were no match, intended to drag Lu Ye down with them.

But... what grudge or grievance, truly... Lu Ye was merely coming to gather some information, only to be faced with such suicidal assault.

A jade-like hand suddenly reached out from behind Lu Ye, gently pressing on the leopard's head.

Jiu Yan's mana surged like a ferocious tide, and within mere breaths, the tumultuous force within the leopard-shaped cover armor slowly dissipated.

"Kill!" Another enraged shout erupted; openings suddenly appeared across various parts of the battleship, from which figures sprang out — each a uniquely styled cover armor — rushing from all directions toward Lu Ye and Jiu Yan.

Lu Ye was immensely irritated, raising his hand on the Boulder Mountain Saber.

But upon sensing slightly, he couldn't help but furrow his brow, for although these cover armors were numerous, their strength was unremarkable.

Throughout the battleship, the strongest was the leopard-shaped cover armor already subdued by Jiu Yan; the aura from other cover armors at best reached the Constellation level, with many even at the Divine Sea level...

With this degree of cover armors, even in large numbers, he could cleave through them with a single slash.

"Stop, everyone, stop!" The leopard-shaped cover armor suddenly commanded.

He evidently held considerable influence, for at his order, all the aggressive cover armors halted their assault.

Lu Ye sighed, gazing at the leopard-shaped cover armor, "Can we talk now?"

Jiu Yan withdrew, drifting back to stand beside Lu Ye.

The leopard-shaped cover armor didn't speak, merely scrutinizing Lu Ye and Jiu Yan cautiously with its blood-red eyes. After a while, he activated mana, and amidst crackling sounds, the tall and slender cover armor swiftly collapsed into small carapace shards, folding and disappearing. In the place of the cover armor emerged the silhouette of a young man with snow-white hair and fair skin.

The young man seemed like a human race, but his fair face bore several distinct patterns resembling beast markings, and he emanated evident demon Qi, indicating he likely belonged to the Demon Race.

He slowly spoke, "Are the two of you... not from Star Abyss?"

Initially, Lu Ye was still scrutinizing him, but upon hearing this, his pupils suddenly contracted, "What did you say?"



The matters regarding Star Abyss are known to only about a dozen people thus far, so Lu Ye was utterly unprepared to hear someone mention Star Abyss here.

Jiu Yan, similarly, showed a change in expression.

The young man seemed not to hear him, just sizing him up, his Mental Consciousness flickering, before speaking after a while: "Indeed, you two are not those Xingyuan monsters, you don't have that kind of aura!"

Aura...

Lu Ye's heart stirred, suddenly recalling the three strong cultivators who emerged from the red whirlpool in the All Phenomena Ocean, indeed carried a distinctive aura, one extremely evil and violent, very unique.

He composed himself, then asked: "Where did you hear about the Star Abyss?"

"Where?" The young man hesitated for a moment before bitterly smiling: "Star Abyss monsters are rampaging across the starry sky, who doesn't know by now? That is just a remnant of the Star Abyss battlefield!"

He pointed behind Lu Ye.

Lu Ye turned to look, discovering it was exactly the battlefield he and Jiu Yan had seen earlier.

But... Star Abyss monsters rampaging across the starry sky? How did this come to be? The three Star Abyss monsters appearing in the All Phenomena Ocean should all be dead, yet from what the other indicated, this seemed like common knowledge to everyone.

Is it possible that... since he and Jiu Yan fell into the Spectral Sedan Chair, many years have passed?

But that can't be right, it's clearly just a few months.

In a few months' time, no matter how much change, it can't be this extreme.

He hesitated, while the young man seemed even more puzzled: "You two are Shenjing strong warriors, why don't you know anything about this?"

"God Realm?" Lu Ye felt even more confused, what is the God Realm? He surprisingly had never heard of it.

After a brief contemplation, he spoke: "We brother and sister have been in a secluded cultivation on a desolate planet for hundreds of years without venturing out into the world until a few days ago, so we don't understand the current situation in the starry sky, Fellow Daoist, could you enlighten us a little?"

On hearing this, the young man suddenly understood: "I see!"

Having determined that Lu Ye and Jiu Yan were not Star Abyss monsters, the other cover armorers gathered around also relaxed, and soon, inside the battleship chambers, Lu Ye and Jiu Yan were warmly received.

Two God Realm individuals are worthy of respect anywhere.

Under the young man's narration, Lu Ye and Jiu Yan slowly learned some information.

Their background, as Lu Ye had thought, was from the Demon Race, and because he was born fifth, he called himself Leopard Five.

According to him, the calamity in the starry sky began on a certain day three hundred years ago. Initially, the world only thought it was the birth of a new wormhole, no one had anticipated that the red whirlpool differing from ordinary wormholes connected to a place called Star Abyss.

After the wormhole was born, strange entities kept breaking into this starry sky, each incredibly powerful, any Star Abyss visitor possessing the ability to kill enemies above their level, they could almost be described as invincible in the same realm.

They brought great disaster to this starry sky, one domain after another ravaged with life extinguished, where they passed was endless death and slaughter.

Major forces quickly realized the severity, strong warriors from all sides linked together starting a pursuit action targeting Star Abyss visitors.

This action lasted nearly a hundred years, countless strong warriors perished, numerous treasures exhausted, only then were those intruding Star Abyss visitors completely eradicated.

But the matter wasn't over, because during the pursuit, even more Star Abyss visitors broke through the red wormhole, some top forces joined to lay a defensive line near this wormhole, to prevent further occurrences.

Meanwhile, several wormholes connecting to Star Abyss elsewhere in the star sky had been opened, now three hundred years since the first Star Abyss wormhole appeared, there are as many as a dozen wormholes in the star sky connecting Star Abyss, each location a battlefield, where countless cultivators gather to defend, for three hundred years of death and slaughter proved one thing, if these Star Abyss monsters aren't blocked within the wormhole, they bring nothing but destruction to the star sky.

"That remnant battlefield used to have a Star Abyss wormhole which later disappeared, so the cultivators stationed there have moved elsewhere. We're here mainly to collect usable wreckage, years of war have strained supplies along the defensive line."

"How did the Star Abyss wormhole disappear?" Lu Ye asked.

Leopard Five shook his head: "I don't really know, I'm only in Spirit Realm, and haven't been promoted long, such secrets perhaps only known to God Realm strong warriors."

After hearing so much, Lu Ye grasped some key points, the Spirit Realm he mentioned corresponds to his understanding of Moon Jade, while God Realm corresponds to Sun Blaze.

"Is there anything else you want to ask?"

Lu Ye said: "All Phenomena Ocean... Have you heard of it?"

Leopard Five slowly shook his head: "Never heard of it."

"And Reincarnation Tree?"

"Not at all... are you talking about the ancient Tree of Life?"

"No." Lu Ye's heart sank further, if Leopard Five hadn't heard of All Phenomena Ocean, that's still fine, though famous, it hasn't reached the extent that everyone across the star sky knows it.

But he hadn't heard of the Reincarnation Tree! That's unexpected, Leopard Five is at least in the Moon Jade realm.

Spirit Realm, God Realm, the appearance of the Star Abyss wormhole three hundred years ago, now the whole star sky in decline, as many as a dozen Star Abyss wormholes, each a battlefield, all this points unmistakably to one fact.

"Are star maps available nearby?" Lu Ye steadied his mind and asked.

"They are." Leopard Five quickly took out an item and handed it to Lu Ye, "This includes star maps of over a hundred nearby star systems."

Chapter 2087: The Truth Behind Another Yiyuan Stellar Space and the Arrival of Fate

Leopard Five's mission was to collect usable resources from the remnants of the battle nearby. The battleship had already moved to that battlefield, naturally keeping everyone busy.

Inside the cabin, Lu Ye and Jiu Yan examined the star map left by Leopard Five, not missing a single detail.

But the more they investigated, the graver their expressions became.

The star map contained hundreds of star systems, none of which they had ever heard of—all were unfamiliar galaxies!

They had never even heard of some stellar space marvels within these systems.

Exchanging glances, Lu Ye felt his throat dry.

Jiu Yan spoke with a pained expression, "Junior Brother, this might not be the stellar space we know!"

Although these thoughts had already crossed his mind, Lu Ye still found it difficult to accept.

"Can there really be many stellar spaces?" Lu Ye asked, looking at Jiu Yan.

Jiu Yan replied, "Though I don't want to admit it, this seems to be the truth." She recalled, "Someone once told me that our stellar space isn't the only one; it's just one of many. Besides ours, there are other stellar spaces."

"Who told you that?" Lu Ye asked curiously.

"A madman! So, I didn't take it seriously at the time, but now it seems his mad ravings might actually contain some truth."

"Where is that madman now?"

"Dead long ago. When he told me these things, we had just entered the Constellation stage."

Lu Ye remained silent. The words of a dead madman were not worthy of attention, yet such a thing had happened to him now.

"We were brought here by the Spectral Sedan Chair. I originally thought it would take us to the Star Abyss, but it didn't. Instead, it brought us to this stellar space. Why is that? Is it a warning?" Lu Ye was puzzled, for the Spectral Sedan Chair had its own will. But why would it do such things?

If it were truly a warning, what would be the point? They've now arrived in this Yiyuan stellar space and don't know how to return.

"Looking back, the violent turbulence of the Spectral Sedan Chair was likely caused by crossing different primordial stellar spaces," Jiu Yan suddenly recalled.

Before bringing in the Water Fairy, the Spectral Sedan Chair's traversing had always been extremely smooth, as it remained within the original stellar space. Traversing large distances didn't result in turbulence. However, crossing different primordial stellar spaces was different, which resulted in the significant commotion.

After arriving here, the Spectral Sedan Chair spit out the ten of them and then disappeared.

"The Cultivation System in this Yiyuan stellar space seems somewhat different from ours. Did you notice that these cultivators' Mental Consciousness is generally more detailed?"

Not powerful, but detailed, which might be why they control cover armor more effectively.

Moreover, from the intelligence Leopard Five disclosed earlier, in this stellar space, cover armor is mainstream, the king's path, whereas all other sects are considered side paths.

Lu Ye finally understood why so many remnants of cover armor were left on that battlefield.

Cover armor falls under the category of Artifact Refining, a branch of it, suggesting that the Path of Artifact Refining in this stellar space is quite outstanding.

"What do we do now?" Jiu Yan looked at Lu Ye. Even though she was well-versed in many things, she was uncertain at this moment, primarily because the experience was too bizarre.

Lu Ye didn't know what to do either. The most important thing now was to find a way back, but traversing different primordial stellar spaces was not something they could achieve. To get back, there was only one way—to find the Spectral Sedan Chair!

But the Spectral Sedan Chair had disappeared without a trace; where should they look?

After a brief contemplation, Lu Ye said, "The Spectral Sedan Chair specially sought out so many strong individuals from our stellar space, likely not for us to save this Yiyuan stellar space, as we don't have such power. It's probably a warning, intending for us to witness what happens when a stellar space is invaded by the Star Abyss. The Star Abyss Insect Path has already emerged in the All Phenomena Ocean; it might not be long before our stellar space faces the same fate as this one..."

At this point, he suddenly had a change of expression, "So that's it!"

"What's wrong?" Jiu Yan looked at him, puzzled.

Lu Ye turned, his expression grave, "The advent of the great trend is the invasion of the Star Abyss!"

He had always been trying to gather information about the advent of the great trend, but apart from the mysterious High Priest of the Insect Race, no one seemed to know.

Until this moment, he suddenly realized.

Jiu Yan's expression also changed.

Although unwilling to admit it, there's no denying that Lu Ye's speculation is likely correct. The so-called arrival of the great force is indeed the invasion of Star Abyss upon the stellar space!

Just look at the current situation of the Yiyuan stellar space; when the great force arrives, it sweeps across the stellar space, leaving no one unharmed. This is an immense cosmic disaster, and if we can't endure it, the entire stellar space will be occupied by Star Abyss creatures, leaving no place for living beings of the stellar space to stand.

"How did the Insect Race's High Priest know about this? Logically speaking, regardless of how powerful he is, he shouldn't be able to perceive the arrival of the great force unless he has experienced it before. But he definitely doesn't have such a long lifespan."

Lu Ye recalled various things he heard in the Blood Jade World, his eyes sparkling: "The High Priest of the Insect Race indeed doesn't have such a long lifespan, nor could he have experienced such events. But what if... the Insect Race's origin was visitors from Star Abyss?"

"What do you mean, Junior Brother..." Jiu Yan's expression shifted.

Lu Ye said, "Senior Sister should have heard about the Blood Ancestor, right?"

"Of course, I've heard that several domains of the Blood Ancestor were formed from his remains after his death." She was puzzled, wondering why the conversation about the Insect Race suddenly involved the Blood Race.

"Exactly, the Blood Ancestor is the origin of the Blood Race. Without the Blood Ancestor, there wouldn't be the Blood Race as it exists today." Lu Ye nodded, "The domains formed from the Blood Ancestor's remains are vast, and the fall of Mount Fangcun of the Dwarf Race was directly related to the Blood Ancestor. I've always been curious about one thing: since the cultivation peak is Sun Blaze, how did the Blood Ancestor shatter Mount Fangcun, this supreme treasure, and how much stronger could his power be compared to Sun Blaze? Does such power truly exist in the stellar space?"

Jiu Yan grasped some insights: "Such immense power doesn't exist in the stellar space, but if it were from Star Abyss..."

Lu Ye nodded, "So, for our stellar space, the Blood Ancestor was a monster from Star Abyss, and the Insect Race also. Now, on the eve of the great force's arrival, the Insect Race must have detected something using some special means, leading to the alliance with the Blood Race."

Back when the Insect Race emissary named Shilong had mentioned, the arrival of the great force was an opportunity for the Insect and Blood Races, possibly allowing them to command the stellar space.



Because within Star Abyss, these two races have formidable forces they can draw upon—this is their native power! To thrive and survive in Star Abyss, the Insect and Blood Races must be strong.

Gradually, many things that puzzled Lu Ye became clear.

"If that's the case, has our stellar space previously experienced the arrival of a great force?" Jiu Yan's expression shifted.

Both the Insect and Blood Races are stellar space outsiders, clearly indicating the stellar space has been invaded by Star Abyss before, but that must have been a very long time ago, as nobody knows these things now.

Possibly, not only the Insect and Blood Races but other races as well came over from Star Abyss, yet countless years of existence and evolution led them to slowly integrate into the stellar space. Only the Insect and Blood Races remained stubbornly unchanged, attracting widespread resentment.

"That seems about right." Lu Ye nodded, "There's been an experience of invasion from Star Abyss, yet we managed to avert disaster..." He recalled seeing some scattered records in Haichuan Tower of the Asura Field. The intelligence contained in those records undeniably corroborates the invasion of Star Abyss.

Back then, he couldn't understand those fragmented records, but now, he understands them nearly completely.

"It seems our stellar space is much more resilient than imagined."

This is undoubtedly good news. Having successfully dealt with an invasion from Star Abyss before means this time might also be successful.

"Junior Brother, I want to go to the frontline battlefield!" Jiu Yan suddenly became resolute.

Lu Ye nodded, "That's what I'm thinking too."

No matter the purpose of the Spectral Sedan Chair bringing them here, since they have come, they must see and experience for themselves how the strong figures of the Yiyuan stellar space withstand the visitors from Star Abyss.

Moreover, if they want to find the Spectral Sedan Chair, joining the frontline, gaining fame and rank is another method. Only in this way can they more conveniently gather intelligence.

Both of them being at Sun Blaze level, possessing decisiveness, naturally, they wouldn't hesitate.

However, before leaving, Lu Ye had something to inquire about with Leopard Five.

With Mental Consciousness surging in an audio transmission, soon enough, Leopard Five, who was out searching for resources, returned to the battleship. He set down his cover armor and came before Lu Ye: "Sir, any instructions?"

"I want to ask whether during the invasion of Star Abyss, has there been any special change in our stellar space, like the stellar space spirit energy becoming more active..."

Leopard Five nodded, "Yes, I've read some records. Over three hundred years ago, there was a period when the stellar space spirit energy became increasingly active. Our cultivators' cultivation also became increasingly easy, and many rare treasures, usually unseen, began to appear."

Lu Ye realized he was correct; the Yiyuan stellar space they originated from is displaying the signs preceding the invasion from Star Abyss, as these events are occurring in the stellar space.

Leopard Five's expression turned somber, "But since the invasion of Star Abyss, things have become somewhat amiss."

"In what way?"

"The stellar space spirit energy has become increasingly dormant, making cultivation and breakthrough more difficult for cultivators. According to those of the God Realm, the foundational essence of the

stellar space is being devoured by Star Abyss. If we fail to defend successfully, sooner or later, the stellar space will become a wasteland for cultivators."

Lu Ye and Jiu Yan were both rendered speechless and shocked. They hadn't anticipated that the stellar space would undergo such changes after the invasion from Star Abyss.

Has the stellar space essence been devoured by Star Abyss? If that is truly the case, then the longer this persists, the more difficult cultivation will become, and the fewer strong figures will emerge. Continuing like this, the situation will relentlessly worsen until a critical collapse.

#### Chapter 2088: Thunderbolt Battle Fortress

Three hundred years may not be long, but it's not short either. The invasion of the Star Abyss has already caused some impact on the Yiyuan stellar space. One aspect is that the cultivation breakthroughs of cultivators have become more difficult than before. Even the nurturing of spirit jade has decreased compared to three hundred years ago.

Another impact is the birth of a large number of Insect Paths!

The number of Insect Paths now existing in the stellar space is several times more than that of three hundred years ago, and this number continues to increase.

It seems that due to the Star Abyss invasion, the entire stellar space has become scarred. Areas that were originally spatially stable have become prone to shattering, which is the root cause of the birth of Insect Paths.

Having more Insect Paths, on the other hand, is advantageous as it makes traveling for cultivators more convenient.

The nearest frontline battlefield is a few star systems away. Using the star map given by Leopard Five, Lu Ye and Jiu Yan found a nearby Insect Path. By utilizing the Insect Path, they crossed a vast distance.

Several days later, a massive floating fortress emerged into their view. From afar, Lu Ye was shaken. The artifact refining techniques of this stellar space are indeed much more advanced than those from where he originated. Such a massive fortress is practically a super battleship, and crafting it isn't easy.

According to the markings on the star map, this Thunderbolt Battle Fortress is one of the front-line battlefield strongholds, and there are hundreds of such strongholds scattered throughout the stellar space, forming a circular perimeter surrounding the entire battlefield.

The scale of the battlefield also differed from Lu Ye's original imagination. This front-line battlefield surprisingly encompasses the vast stellar region of several star systems.

Some intelligence gathered from Leopard Five made Lu Ye realize that if the Star Abyss Insect Path was not contained at its initial stage, it would cause tremendous trouble for the stellar space.

It was precisely this understanding that left him feeling deeply relieved.

After the Star Abyss Insect Path on the All Phenomena Ocean was opened, it seemed to have alerted the Constellation Palace. This supreme treasure suddenly exerted power to seal it, averting further trouble. Otherwise, the All Phenomena Ocean would be in utter chaos now, and over time, this chaos would constantly spread outward until it became uncontrollable.

Their arrival clearly drew attention from the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress side, given that they were two mysterious God Realm experts, especially Jiu Yan, who had almost reached the pinnacle of the God Realm.

In such sensitive times, the appearance of any unfamiliar God Realm presence would not be overlooked by the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress.

Thus, before the two reached the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress, a battleship had already set out from there. Powerful auras emerged from the battleship, locking onto the pair from afar. These auras were not from cultivators but from many assault magic arrays and magic treasures on the battleship. Should the two dare to act recklessly, a storm-like onslaught would ensue.

A figure stood on the deck of the battleship, vigilant and observing in their direction.

Lu Ye and Jiu Yan approached calmly and without fear, stopping a dozen miles from the battleship.

A clear perception revealed that the God Realm expert on the opposing side was scrutinizing them. She wore a beautifully designed humanoid cover armor and seemed to be a woman. The cover armor was about twice the height of a person. Holding a round ball in her hand, she waved it toward Lu Ye and Jiu Yan before looking down to examine it.

Upon seeing this, Lu Ye immediately recalled Leopard Five's previous reminders and understood that this God Realm expert was investigating the origins of himself and Jiu Yan.

Because from time to time, some Star Abyss outsiders would infiltrate various places in the stellar space to cause chaos. As such, all the strong figures in the Yiyuan stellar space were registered and recorded. This way, even if one didn't know each other, they could trace each other's origins through some means.

The round ball should be a tool of this kind.

But Lu Ye and Jiu Yan, being newcomers, had no records. Naturally, the other party would find nothing. However, upon sensing them, neither Lu Ye nor Jiu Yan had any Star Abyss aura, which puzzled her.

Star Abyss outsiders are actually easy to distinguish. The aura of the Star Abyss cannot be concealed, especially in front of God Realm experts.

Perplexed, she asked in a gentle voice, "Where are you two from?"

Following the predetermined explanation, Lu Ye stepped forward, clasping his hands from afar, "Hermit cultivators, haven't ventured out for hundreds of years, and upon hearing the calamity of the stellar space, came specifically to lend aid."

"Hermit..." the woman was taken aback. During the first hundred years of the Star Abyss invasion, indeed some hermits were forced to emerge, each possessing formidable strength. But three hundred years have passed, how could there still be hermits uninvolved in worldly matters?

After a brief contemplation, she waved her hand, "Come over and speak, you two."

Lu Ye nodded, and together with Jiu Yan, they approached and soon boarded the battleship. The woman did not remove her cover armor, and many auras on the battleship remained firmly locked on Lu Ye and Jiu Yan, clearly not fully believing Lu Ye's explanation.

This was expected. Even though she didn't sense the Star Abyss aura from Lu Ye and Jiu Yan, it didn't mean these two suddenly emerging God Realm strangers were problem-free.

"Where were you two in seclusion previously?" she asked.

Lu Ye casually mentioned the name of a star system, "Inside an unnamed desolate planet there, never left for hundreds of years, until recently felt some disturbances, hence came out to investigate, only to discover the stellar space was already in peril."

Inside the cover armor, the woman frowned slightly. What Lu Ye said couldn't be specifically verified by her. After pondering a bit, she said, "Fine, accompany me into the fortress."

If these two indeed had any issues, entering the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress would surely expose them. Even if they were indeed Star Abyss outsiders, they couldn't stir up much trouble within the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress. In the past, Star Abyss outsiders had attempted to infiltrate but all met tragic ends, regardless of their strength.

The battleship soon returned to the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress, landing in a plaza.

Lu Ye looked around and found that not many cultivators were visible within the fortress. Those few cultivators didn't seem to be very strong, leaving him bemused.

The woman wearing cover armor greeted, "Follow me, I will take you..." She paused, listening as if receiving instructions, then continued, "The fort master summons you both, follow me."

She was slightly surprised, logically, she should take Lu Ye and Jiu Yan to a special place to thoroughly verify they are not Star Abyss outsiders, if there are no issues, then register them.

Unexpectedly, the fort master had just directly transmitted audio...

Since the fort master had given orders, she must execute them unconditionally.

One incense stick's time later, the three arrived at a small courtyard, with a beautiful environment including rockeries, flowing water, and a pond, by which a sphere of flesh was seated.

The woman approached the sphere, cupping her fist respectfully, "Fort master, I've brought them."

The fort master nodded slightly, "Go about your business."

"Yes!" The woman in cover armor responded, then couldn't help but glance at Lu Ye and Jiu Yan before retreating.

"Hermit Lu Ye, and Senior Sister Jiu Yan, greet the fort master!" Lu Ye stepped forward to salute, feeling puzzled what kind of Cultivation Technique this fort master practices, to be so plump, a literal sphere of flesh with a round head upon a body, with no neck visible.

The fort master was fishing, though no fish were biting. He turned to glance at Lu Ye and Jiu Yan and kindly gestured, "Sit, no need to be reserved."

Lu Ye said solemnly, "Dare not be insolent before the fort master!"

There wasn't a place to sit, better to stand.

Beyond that, the immensely plump fort master gave him a unique feeling, within his perception, he couldn't gauge the fort master's depth. He glanced at Jiu Yan who also had a solemn expression, slowly shaking her head.

This was a strong one, extremely strong!

Otherwise Jiu Yan wouldn't show such an expression.

Lu Ye's heart stirred, thinking this fort master might have established their Dao foundation!

"Where do you come from?" The fort master asked with a friendly smile, as if making casual conversation.

Lu Ye was about to reiterate their previous story when the fort master said, "I mean, which stellar space are you from?"

Lu Ye blinked in surprise, "Fort master, what do you mean by this?"

"Hehe..." The fort master turned to earnestly observe Lu Ye and Jiu Yan. "Had I not seen it myself, I'd find it hard to believe! You don't bear the marks of this Yiyuan stellar space, you actually came from another stellar space? How did you arrive? Has your stellar space too been invaded by Star Abyss?"

He seemed full of curiosity, eager for answers.

Lu Ye's heart surged with turmoil, shocked that his and Jiu Yan's backgrounds had been seen through instantly.

Can whether they bear marks of a stellar space really be discerned?

"Do not fear," the fort master reassured perceptively, "If I harbored ill will, I wouldn't have invited you over, I'm merely... meeting cultivators from another stellar space for the first time, hence asking many questions."

Lu Ye calmed himself, finally asking, "How did the fort master discern this?"

Since their cover was blown, feigning ignorance was pointless and might insult the fort master. Better to honestly admit it, and he sensed the fort master held no malice toward him and Jiu Yan.

The fort master said, "It wasn't me who discerned it, but I was told by someone else."



Who told him? Being the fort master implies he's the strongest here; if he couldn't discern it, who could see these hidden truths?

"As for who told me, it's inconvenient to reveal," the fort master winked at Lu Ye, his eyes already small, disappearing as he did.

"Now could you share your stories?" the fort master asked.

Lu Ye pondered and realized there was no harm in sharing, with hidden secrets out, he felt relieved and began, "Indeed, we come from another Yiyuan stellar space, where the Star Abyss invasion hasn't officially begun, just showing signs..."

He then recounted their experiences.

The fort master listened attentively.

A moment later, he revealed an enlightened look, "Spectral Sedan Chair, huh? I hadn't heard of it... So the reason you reached here was due to the Spectral Sedan Chair?"

"Indeed, though after transporting us ten people here, the Spectral Sedan Chair vanished completely, leaving us unaware of how to return."

Chapter 2089: The Method to Forge the Dao Foundation

"As you said, the traces revealed by your stellar space are indeed a precursor to Star Abyss invasion. I'm afraid it won't be long before the invasion begins officially!" The fort master no longer wore a smile on his face, instead showing a hint of reminiscence. "If we can't resolve the Star Abyss Gate in the initial stage, the fate awaiting the stellar space will be gradually getting devoured."

"Star Abyss Gate..."

"It's that red vortex Insect Path; according to what you said before, you should have seen it."

Lu Ye nodded. Star Abyss Gate and Star Abyss Insect Path are the same, just different names.

"Then dare to ask the fort master, how to resolve the Star Abyss Gate?" Lu Ye hurriedly asked.

The Star Abyss Gate on the All Phenomena Ocean was sealed by the Constellation Palace, but the Star Abyss Gate is not the only one. There are already signs of Star Abyss invasion, and in the future, there will definitely be many Star Abyss Gates appearing in the stellar space. If the method can be known...

"I don't know!" The fort master shook his head. "Ridiculous, isn't it? It's been three hundred years, yet so far no one knows how to resolve the Star Abyss Gate."

"Is there no clue at all?" Lu Ye's expression was stern.

"Someone did propose a conjecture, that since during the Star Abyss invasion, the Star Abyss Gate is opened from the other side, then perhaps one can go to the other side to find a way to destroy it. And someone indeed went there, but... no news ever came back, whether alive or dead remains unknown."

Lu Ye was silent. Those who dared to fight their way from the stellar space to Star Abyss must have been the strongest tier among Yiyuan stellar space cultivators. Even so, they had no success, showing how dangerous it is over there.

In the silence, the fort master said, "Though we don't know which stellar space you come from, since you can't go back, stay here from now on. No matter what, we ultimately have the same enemy." As he spoke, he looked at Jiu Yan. "And this Fellow Daoist is in the stage of establishing a Dao foundation; this place may be an opportunity for you."

Jiu Yan hadn't spoken all along; it was Lu Ye communicating with the fort master. Until this moment, she couldn't stay silent anymore and asked, "May I ask the fort master what his current cultivation is?"

"My cultivation..." The fort master scratched his chubby face. "According to the classification on the Star Abyss side, I should have entered the Dao Realm."

"Dao Realm..." Jiu Yan murmured.

The fort master chuckled. "After entangling with Star Abyss for so many years, it's not like we've gained nothing. Although cultivators below find it increasingly difficult to break through, those at the top have progressed a lot. Dao Realm is the realm achieved after establishing a Dao foundation; these are all intelligence we've gathered from the Star Abyss side. However, Dao Realm is a general term, there are finer divisions within it, but you don't need to understand these for now; you'll naturally learn about them in due course."

Jiu Yan wore a face full of longing; the cultivation path that had been stalled for years finally saw hope at this moment.

The fort master knew her thoughts. "Before the Star Abyss invasion, the plight faced by the cultivators in this stellar space was the same as yours; after reaching the Divine Realm, there was no further advancement until the Star Abyss invasion turned the situation around." He chuckled at this point. "Back then, countless cultivators sought the path forward but found none, and in the end, got it in this manner. Pitiful, lamentable."

He waved his hand. "You may stay inside the fortress for now. I'll have someone deliver some things to you later; how to choose thereafter is entirely your decision."

"Thank you, fort master!" Lu Ye promptly expressed his gratitude.

A moment later, a tall woman walked in from outside, leading Lu Ye and Jiu Yan away.

In front of a three-story tower, the woman stopped and said, "This will be your residence. The fort master instructed that if you need anything in the future, you can communicate it to me, and I'll make appropriate arrangements."

Upon hearing her speak, Lu Ye realized that she was the stellar space cultivator previously wearing cover armor. He immediately clasped his fist and said, "Thank you, Fellow Daoist."

"Also these." The woman handed over some jade slips. "The fort master asked me to give these to you. You can take a good look; they should help you better understand the current situation."

Lu Ye thanked her again.

As the woman left, Lu Ye and Jiu Yan exchanged glances and entered the three-story Lowe.

A moment later, on the third floor, the two sat across from each other, each holding a jade slip, immersing their consciousness to explore.

The jade slip Lu Ye was looking at detailed numerous large and small significant events that took place in the stellar space during the three hundred years of the Star Abyss invasion, as well as many changes in the stellar space.

It became increasingly distressing as these records could largely correspond to the phenomena occurring in the stellar space of the All Phenomena Ocean.

After exploring one jade slip, he picked up another to explore. This jade slip documented various frontline battlefield situations, allowing Lu Ye to quickly gain a clearer understanding of battlefield dynamics.

While engrossed in reading, Jiu Yan suddenly exclaimed, "This is..."

"What's the matter?" Lu Ye quickly raised his head to look at her, seeing Jiu Yan's excited expression as if she had found a treasure, and she directly handed the jade slip to Lu Ye. "Disciple brother, take a look for yourself."

Lu Ye picked it up to explore, and was equally astonished, "This is the method to establish a Dao foundation!"

This jade slip might not be of great value in this stellar space, since it's widely circulated. Anyone with cultivation at Peak Divine Realm, eligible to establish a Dao foundation, could obtain a copy.

But if this were placed in the stellar space of the All Phenomena Ocean, its value would be immeasurable, and surely would lead major forces to battle fiercely!

What are the Peak Sun Blazes in the stellar space of the All Phenomena Ocean lacking? They lack precisely the method to establish a Dao foundation, which is why those Peak Sun Blazes can't advance further.

When Jiu Yan previously inquired about the fort master's cultivation, she considered asking him how to forge her own Dao foundation, but considering she and Lu Ye just arrived, it felt inappropriate to ask.

Unexpectedly, the fort master offered it directly.

Perhaps for the fort master, it was nothing, but for Jiu Yan, it was an unimaginable gift!

Upon a brief inspection, Lu Ye found that the method for forging the Dao foundation is called the Smelting Furnace Method, which requires considering oneself as a furnace, merging one's foundation into the furnace, placing it in death to arise anew, thereby forging the Dao foundation.

Moreover, this method has specific environmental requirements.

Normally, the stellar space does not meet the requirements for forging the Dao foundation; it must be deployed in areas covered by the Star Abyss ambience. Currently, within this stellar space, the areas enveloped by the Star Abyss ambience are the frontline battlefield!

Forging one's Dao foundation in such a perilous environment is not simple.

Additionally, the method itself is extremely dangerous, as it requires considering oneself as a furnace and merging one's foundation. If successful, it's well and good; however, if it fails, the entire foundation is incinerated, and cultivation is rendered wasted. Worse yet, the furnace shatters, resulting in death and the disappearance of one's Dao.

Jiu Yan clearly noticed the dangers of this method, her expression becoming solemn after the initial excitement.

The two stayed in the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress for several days.

The situation Lu Ye worried about finally occurred.

"Junior brother, I need to enter the frontline battlefield!"

Lu Ye knew that upon acquiring the Smelting Furnace Method, Jiu Yan could not remain indifferent. It was the pursuit of her lifetime cultivation, with hope finally in sight, so how could she ignore it?

If it were Lu Ye, he would make the same choice.

Thus, he did not dissuade her and nodded, "Together."

Jiu Yan said, "You should know why I want to enter, you..."

Lu Ye interrupted her, "Since we are here, we can't keep idling inside the fortress, and as you forge your Dao foundation, someone needs to offer some protection."

Jiu Yan pursed her red lips. Just as Lu Ye knew he couldn't persuade her, she knew she couldn't persuade Lu Ye either. After a brief silence, she said, "Thank you!"

Lu Ye shook his head. Entering the frontline battlefield was not just for Jiu Yan. Even without Jiu Yan, he would have made this choice.

Once decided, there was no hesitation.

Soon, the two flew out together.

During these days, the woman visited again, distributing communication devices to Lu Ye and Jiu Yan, and registered them.

Because ordinary communication devices are hard to function in areas covered by the Star Abyss ambience, for three hundred years, the stellar space cultivators continually explored and, based on intel gleaned from Star Abyss outsiders, refined a device similar to an audio talisman.

Though the communication range of this device within the Star Abyss ambience is limited, it is far better than ordinary audio talismans.

The cultivators of the Thunderbolt Battle Fortress face few restrictions entering the battlefield; apart from specific operations requiring leaders, for other duties, actions are based on individual willingness.

This explains why Lu Ye saw few cultivators moving about during his initial days here; most are in the battlefield, leaving the fortress as a resting and repair point.

Several hundred similar outposts in this battlefield serve the same function.

Having left the outpost, the duo advanced together; merely after two hours, Lu Ye felt as though they had entered a different world.

The surrounding scenery hadn't changed, yet the feeling was distinctly different.

He knew this marked the entry into the battlefield's edge, for here the Star Abyss ambience was present, with its peculiar suppressing nature—not affecting the cultivators' abilities, but impacting other aspects.

For instance, the perception range of Mental Consciousness and the effective communication distance of traditional audio talismans...

The battlefield is vast, with the center being the red vortex-like Star Abyss Gate!

When the Star Abyss Gate initially appeared, it wasn't promptly contained or destroyed, allowing dense Star Abyss ambience to diffuse, eroding the Yiyuan stellar space, expanding outward. Thus, causing the battlefield's dimensions to steadily increase, with this expansion persisting constantly.

Due to this reason, the closer one approaches the battlefield's center, the denser the Star Abyss ambience becomes.

And this Star Abyss ambience acts like water to fish for Star Abyss outsiders; once those weaker outsiders leave the ambience's coverage, their strength diminishes significantly.

#### Chapter 2090: Entering the Battlefield

The Star Abyss ambience has an enormous impact on the strength of Star Abyss outsiders, a piece of information emphasized in the jade slip.

Especially for those Star Abyss outsiders who haven't forged a Dao foundation, if they are outside the coverage of the Star Abyss ambience, the strength they can exhibit will quickly become indistinguishable from that of ordinary cultivators.

Lu Ye vividly remembers the formidable Star Abyss outsiders that appeared over All Phenomena Ocean, particularly that ox demon; it was bad enough that he and Jiu Yan couldn't match them together, but the opponent could even resist the power of affiliated treasures, which was simply exaggerated.

However, as the Constellation Palace projection sealed the Star Abyss Gate, the powerful strength of the ox demon and the three Star Abyss outsiders rapidly weakened... Lu Ye didn't understand what was happening at the time, but now he understands.

The three Star Abyss visitors hadn't forged a Dao foundation.

Once the Star Abyss Gate was sealed by the Constellation Palace projection, they quickly weakened.

Relatively speaking, those Star Abyss outsiders who have forged a Dao foundation and entered the Dao Realm are not as absolutely dependent on the Star Abyss ambience. Even if they leave the coverage of the Star Abyss ambience, they can remain strong for some time, not immediately weakening.

This was the fundamental reason the stellar space suffered great losses in its initial century; at that time, many Star Abyss outsiders who had entered the Dao Realm roamed freely, causing damage to various parts of the stellar space, and the cultivators of this place had to gradually wear them down using sheer numbers.



The reason Star Abyss outsiders' strength is so dependent on the Star Abyss ambience is entirely due to a mysterious power called Dao force.

This mysterious power, to the Star Abyss, is like Spiritual Energy within a domain, omnipresent. As long as the cultivation of Star Abyss cultivators reaches the Sun Blaze level, they can refine this power during cultivation and wield boundless power against enemies.

The ox demon appeared so formidable at the time because he utilized Dao force, so even though Jiu Yan's cultivation was a notch above his, she still wasn't a match.

But as the Constellation Palace exerted its power to seal the Star Abyss Gate, the ox demon lost connection with the Star Abyss, and this temporarily stored Dao force within the body became like a rootless tree, immediately reverting to its true form.

Lu Ye felt fortunate; thankfully, the ox demon hadn't entered the Dao Realm. Otherwise, even with the Constellation Palace exerting its power, the battle that day wouldn't have ended so easily.

To stellar space cultivators, entering the Dao Realm is another completely different existence. The same principle applies to Star Abyss outsiders.

All this information flashed through Lu Ye's mind, and he transmitted audibly to Jiu Yan, "Senior Sister, since this is our first time here, let's not go too deep!"

Due to the Star Abyss outsiders' dependency on the Star Abyss ambience, the further you go to the battlefield's perimeter, the weaker the enemies because the stronger Star Abyss outsiders are unwilling to stay at the outskirts where the Star Abyss ambience is thinner and they feel uncomfortable.

Although this matter isn't absolute—no one can guarantee a strong Star Abyss outsider won't suddenly appear at the edge and take a stroll—it still provides stellar space cultivators with opportunities.

Cultivators like Jiu Yan, as long as they stay where there is Star Abyss ambience, have the opportunity to forge their Dao foundation. Many cultivators in this stellar space over the past centuries have entered the Dao Realm through this method, gaining the capital to fight their enemies.

Lu Ye naturally hopes Jiu Yan can forge her Dao foundation in the safest way possible.

As for himself, although he is curious about what Dao force is, his cultivation is insufficient to have such hope.

The jade slips given by the fort master clearly state that unless a stellar space cultivator forges a Dao foundation and enters the Dao Realm, they cannot touch Dao force. This differs from Star Abyss outsiders, who can do so once their cultivation reaches the Sun Blaze level.

The reason is likely due to the fact that Star Abyss outsiders are born and grow within the Star Abyss; their physical nature differs from stellar space cultivators, allowing them to accommodate Dao force better.

Lu Ye's words were clear to Jiu Yan; she indeed is eager to forge her Dao foundation, but she's never been reckless. She immediately nodded, "Okay!"

As they continued forward, they didn't see the silhouette of other cultivators, apparently due to the vastness of the battlefield, causing the cultivators of the home galaxy to scatter.

Because both were cautious, their progress wasn't fast, but the further they moved into the battlefield, the thicker the surrounding Star Abyss ambience became.

Even though this ambience was invisible and intangible, it was still palpable; the most direct effect being that Lu Ye's Mental Consciousness coverage had greatly reduced compared to the beginning.

Ahead, a black mass suddenly appeared, and Lu Ye and Jiu Yan detected it almost at the same time.

Looking up, Jiu Yan immediately recognized it, "Star Abyss Insect Swarm!"

Lu Ye immediately pulled her, heading to a nearby piece of floating land. Shortly after reaching it, he scanned with his Mental Consciousness, found a secluded place to hide, set up a formation to conceal their bodies, and restrained their energy.

The Star Abyss Insect Swarm isn't directly related to the Insect Race; they are not spiritually intelligent beings and are more akin to star beasts.

Star Abyss Insect Swarms vary in form and strength and can be found everywhere on the Star Abyss battlefield. It seems there are many such insect swarms on the Star Abyss side.

The swarm appearing here probably isn't strong, but caution is warranted. Without thoroughly understanding the situation, Lu Ye didn't dare act rashly; if there were any that had entered the Dao Realm within the swarm, they and Jiu Yan wouldn't be able to fight back.

That brief investigation just now seemed to have caught the swarm's attention. Not long after Lu Ye and Jiu Yan hid, the swarm followed traces nearby the floating land.

Upon closer inspection, Lu Ye then realized the individual insects in the swarm resembled fist-sized mosquitoes, but they were entirely blood-red, appearing extremely bizarre.

At the swarm's center, there was a particularly large individual, almost the size of an infant. This was clearly the swarm's king.

They wandered around the area but failed to make any discovery.

This is the inferiority of the swarm. No matter how strong they are, since they lack spiritual intelligence, as long as you hide well, there's basically no problem.

Lu Ye carefully probed the area, then exchanged a glance with Jiu Yan.

In the next moment, the two of them jumped out from their hiding spot, each mobilizing their Mana, rushing to attack from both sides.

Moments later, this swarm was almost completely annihilated, leaving only one Insect King still fighting desperately.

The ambience of this Insect King was roughly at the Sun Blaze Early Stage. Such an existence, theoretically, could be easily slain by either Lu Ye or Jiu Yan.

But in reality, this Insect King withstood three fierce attacks from both of them without a scratch!

There was no doubt it possessed Dao force, and it was that peculiar Dao force that blocked the attacks from Lu Ye and Jiu Yan.

However, for an Insect King at the Sun Blaze Early Stage, the amount of Dao force in its body was not much. After three times, it seemed to reach its limit, with its Dao force exhausted. As Lu Ye's Boulder Mountain Saber fell, the once indestructible Insect King split in two as if it were made of paper.

Lu Ye sheathed his saber, raising his eyebrows, he said, "It's pretty much as recorded in the jade slip."

Jiu Yan nodded in agreement, "Indeed."

This was why the two of them had acted in sync, primarily to personally verify the accuracy of the information recorded in the jade slip.

From the looks of it now, after hundreds of years of conflict, this stellar space has developed a deep understanding of the Star Abyss outsiders.

"Let's continue." Jiu Yan said, taking the lead to delve deeper into the battlefield.

The construction of the Dao foundation, the thicker the Star Abyss ambience, the more it benefits her. However, relatively, the level of danger also increases, so she must choose a suitable location.

They continued on their way, encountering some skirmishes. Apart from a few insignificant ones, most were enemies at the Sun Blaze Early Stage.

Against such enemies, before their Dao force was exhausted, Lu Ye and Jiu Yan had no effective way to deal with them. But once their Dao force was exhausted, they could be easily slain.

Several days later, after a fierce battle ended.

Lu Ye looked down at the wound on his abdomen. It was not serious, so he then looked up at Jiu Yan beside him, "Are you okay?"

Jiu Yan slowly shook her head, simply staring at the fallen enemy in the nearby pool of blood, pondering briefly, "Let's choose this spot."

The enemy this time was at the Sun Blaze Mid-Stage, extremely fast. Otherwise, Lu Ye wouldn't have been injured; fortunately, it was only a superficial wound.

Unlike the previous Sun Blaze Early Stage opponents, this one battled with the two of them for a full incense stick's time before its Dao force was depleted.

Estimating based on this situation, combined with the records in the jade slip, the combined power of both should they encounter a Sun Blaze Late Stage foe, it's likely they wouldn't be a match. Sun Blaze Late Stage is on the level of the ox demon.

Thus, this location marks essentially the deepest they can delve at present.

Nearby was a small desolate planet, and the two of them climbed up to it, found a hidden place, where Jiu Yan sat cross-legged and entered a cultivation state.

Lu Ye didn't rest, and began setting various Formations around the area.

He was busy for a full two days before taking a break.

Not far from Jiu Yan, Lu Ye also sat down comfortably.

With the Formations on alert, there was not much need to worry. Should anything breach the Formation's range, he could detect it immediately.

While Jiu Yan was cultivating, Lu Ye found himself somewhat idle, and couldn't help but examine the Talent Tree. Ever since the Talent Tree transformed into a fire seed, it had yet to complete its metamorphosis, taking a considerable amount of time.

However, upon inspection this time, Lu Ye found that the fire seed seemed to have changed significantly, with the small sapling within the blazing flames becoming much clearer.

This was undoubtedly good news, and Lu Ye felt that the metamorphosis of the Talent Tree might not be far off.

With anticipation growing within, he calmed his mind and focus, practicing deep breathing in the ancient way, absorbing Spiritual Energy from his surroundings, and meditating for cultivation.

Even though the jade slip's information had yet to be proven wrong, he couldn't help but want to try, to see if through this method of cultivation, he could obtain that so-called Dao force!

His current cultivation aptitude was not bad; one could even say it was excellent. But since he'd always relied on the Talent Tree for cultivation, he's rarely used this method.

With his body filtering and exhaling, the sparse Spiritual Energy from his surroundings flowed into him, transformed by the Magic Source, into Mana.