

Leveling 451

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After those who surrendered passed the test that Yi Tianyun gave, they were immediately imprisoned for the moment, while those who didn't pass Yi Tianyun's test were immediately killed by the Heavenly Clouds Mansion's people!

There was no merit in keeping these people alive as Yi Tianyun's test was to see whether they would still kill the innocent after they were freed or what they'd change their ways in the future.

The purge was finally over. Netherworld Empire's influence officially disappeared that day!

'DING!'

'Successfully completed the Main Quest [Destroy the Netherworld Empire from the face of the Earth!].'

'Reward: 500.000.000 Exp, 5.000.000 Cps, 500.000 Mastery Point (Could be distributed as the player likes), 500.000 Sps, Title [The Punisher of the Wicked and The Destroyer of Evil!].'

'DING!'

'Congratulation to Player [Yi Tianyun] for successfully breakthrough to 4th Layer Void Spirit Stage!'

'DING!'

'Successfully took over a new Main Quest [Build the Heavenly Clouds Empire!].'

'Reward on Completion: 2.000.000.000 Exp, 20.000.000 Cps, 2.000.000 Mastery points, 2.000.000 Sps, Title [The Great Emperor!].'

'Completion Condition: Void Spirit Expert: 2/10, Core Transformation Expert: 8/50, Spirit Core Expert: 37/500. Build 1 Imperial City. Note: Only cultivators with 200 Favourability points or above will be included in the tally, and pets aren't included!'

Finally, a new main quest! The difficulty was far too hard for Yi Tianyun now. He would have a hard time to find or cultivate another 8 Void Spirit Expert, not to mention his sect must at least have 50 Core Transformation Experts!

If he waited for the people from his mansion to reach that cultivation level, it will take much time and a lot of resources that he couldn't afford now.

If he could merge with the Heavenly Dragon Empire, the difficulty of this main quest would be reduced by half, but it would still be a challenge even if he managed to do so! After all, raising the new people's favourability up to 200 was tough!

He had no choice but to put this Main Quest aside for now, but he knew that he would have a harder time to level up after this! Yi Tianyun then looked at the new Title that he just got to see what bonus it would give.

[Punisher of the Wicked and the Destroyer of Evil!] title: Prestige Point increased by 500!

The effect was straightforward! But at least it was better than the [Empire's God Protector] title that he got after defending the Heavenly Dragon Imperial City! The [Empire's God Protector] title only gave 5x defense power if he was inside the Heavenly Dragon Imperial City. If he left, the effect was also gone!

After everything was resolved, an assembly was once again held, and this time the disciple was also included. This assembly would be a report about the spoils of war they got in Netherworld Empire's City.

"War Wolf team got 30 Soul Tool, 50 Medicinal Pills, 10 Earth Level Martial Arts, 20 Human-Level ..." the War Wolf team leader said loudly.

"Sirius Team got 27 Soul Tool, 58 Medicinal Pills, 8 Earth Level Martial Arts, 17 Human-Level ..." Sirius Team Leader said loudly.

One after another, the team leader reported their finding to be recorded by the mansion's treasurer for future use. This team was also formed to make things more convenient for them in the time that they roamed the Netherworld Empire to purge the Netherworld Empire's influence.

Each team had a Core Transformation Stage expert as their leader. Thus, they didn't have to be afraid to encounter any opponent at the Core Transformation stage.

In the meantime, Yi Tianyun kept listening to the resources that the teams got in their runs. These resources were quite helpful as it was impossible for him to fill the quota for everyone's cultivation resources alone.

After all, teams were done with their report. They looked expectantly to Yi Tianyun as they waited for Yi Tianyun to speak. After all, Yi Tianyun was the Mansion Lord of the Heavenly Clouds Mansion.

"You have done well! Now, these loots that you have reported would be yours. I hope that you could use that to become stronger in the future!" Yi Tianyun said solemnly.

"Thank you very much, Mansion Lord!" They all said simultaneously in an excited manner.

Yi Tianyun knew that they had worked hard in purging the Netherworld Empire's influence, and some of them even got seriously injured! This reward that Yi Tianyun gave for them would hopefully raise their morale.

Naturally, now that Yi Tianyun was a Mansion Lord, he needed to know when to give the rewards and the punishment!

But as soon as the excitement calmed down a little bit, an elder quickly voiced himself.

"Now that we have overthrown the Netherworld Empire, how about we build the Heavenly Clouds Empire? Our Mansion Lord's strength is even beyond Emperor Ren's power. I believe that we can build an empire based on this fact!" the elder said confidently.

Everyone became excited once again as they found the elder's word made sense. After all, Yi Tianyun's power was strong enough to overthrow an Empire by himself! This time, everyone's eyes looked over to Yi Tianyun once more. It was all depending on Yi Tianyun's approval.

"It wouldn't be easy! Many alliances will target us for announcing our step up into an Empire stage!" Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face.

"We know, but the Netherworld Empire was the second most powerful Empire, and we have destroyed them! We still have to carefully plan everything, but we will succeed!" one elder said passionately.

"I agree with the elder! With Spirit King's influences and power, we have enough power to become the next Empire!" Spirit Race Old Ancestor said as he stepped forward.

Everyone's eyes showed the look of excitement, and Yi Tianyun himself couldn't help but get excited as his main quest was to upgrade this faction into an empire!

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Everyone waited for Yi Tianyun's decision expectantly. If Yi Tianyun said that they shouldn't think about it, for the time being, they would immediately put the thought behind and focused on their own job. Everyone would gladly follow all of Yi Tianyun's decision!

But no one knew that Yi Tianyun has already thought about becoming an Emperor himself! Making the Heavenly Clouds Mansion to Heavenly Clouds Empire was his Main Quest.

Therefore, he has already thought about the pros of becoming one.

He knew that three strong influences were enough to become an empire, and Ren Long from the Heavenly Dragon Empire would back him up!

He knew that the Heavenly Dragon Empire wouldn't mind if Heavenly Clouds Mansion wanted to become an Empire.

The first thing he needed would be the establishment of the Imperial City, and then the establishment of other cities to provide support for the Imperial City and division around the continent, forming a large-

scale network inside the continent that the empire was in! This required a huge amount of cultivators. Otherwise, it wouldn't be manageable!

Yi Tianyun knew that if cities were built and became prosperous, the cultivator would come by themselves eventually, there would be no need to search for one, but still, for Yi Tianyun's main quest to be completed, he needed the cultivator to have 200 favourability points!

Yi Tianyun knew that he had to expand the Heavenly Clouds Mansion so everyone would recognize him as the same powerful man that the Heavenly Clouds Mansion now recognized. He knew that cultivator's respect was all based on the amount of power that they had!

"Okay, we would try to create our own empire! We would take this Netherworld Continent for ourselves, and from now on, this continent wouldn't be called Netherworld Continent, but instead, it would be called Heavenly Clouds Continent!" Yi Tianyun said imposingly.

He was excited deep down as with this, his progress through his Main Quest would be going smoothly.

Many Elders were surprised that Yi Tianyun accepted their words and announced even the name of the continent!

They immediately stood up from their seat and started to chant 'Great Emperor Yi Tianyun!' as they became more excited than ever.

"We were truly blessed to crown you as our Spirit King!" Spirit Race Old Ancestor said as he laughed excitedly on the side.

At the same time, they've already occupied one continent, and that would do their job to organize the continent easier, as this continent was already purged from the influence of the Netherworld Empire!

"Okay, now listen, you can't call me The Great Emperor just yet. we have to manage the change first and make sure that the continent was ready for the new empire, and I hope all of you can work together to manage this shift from the Mansion status to empire since I never handled this kind of thing before!" Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face.

“Don’t worry, Mansion Lord! Let us take care of such things! we couldn’t help you in a fight, but we can help you out in things like this properly.” Yi Yuwei said at the side as she immediately stood up with Ye Qingxuan beside her.

“And we too aren’t good at fighting, but we could do something for the protection of the Empire!” Yang Yu said as he stood up along with Xu Fei.

“Thank you, everyone! You really make my position as a Mansion Lord that much easier.” Yi Tianyun said as he felt delighted inside.

“No, Mansion Lord! This is all because of you! Without your help, we wouldn’t be able to come this far!” everyone said as they began to show their gratitude for Yi Tianyun.

They admired Yi Tianyun’s fortitude, as they were saved at some point in their life by Yi Tianyun’s action. Yi Tianyun smiled at them all without saying anything else. He knew that he trusted the right people.

Soon they were immediately splitting up as the assembly was done, and now, they had a work to build the Netherworld Imperial City to become their Heavenly Clouds Imperial City.

“Little Brother Yi, you train outstanding people here. They were loyal to you.” Ren Long said enviously.

“That is because they all put their belief in me.” Yi Tianyun said with a smile to Ren Long.

“Don’t worry, Little Brother! Heavenly Dragon Empire would always become your greatest ally. We will help you if you need anything!” Ren Long said with a smile on his face.

But he immediately looked around, and once he saw that there was no one else around, he whispered, “You could also take over our Heavenly Dragon Empire and merge it together with the Heavenly Clouds Mansion.” Ren Long whispered casually.

“Are you sure? If your father ever returns, you will be skinned alive, no?” Yi Tianyun asked worriedly.

“Well, it turns out Prime Minister Long was a traitor, and if it weren’t for you, Heavenly Dragon Empire would’ve already long gone! Their return wouldn’t change anything!” Ren Long said coldly as he remembered his parent left him without so much an explanation.

“We should talk about it later!” Yi Tianyun said as he knew that he must talk about this carefully.

“Okay, we could also bring little sister to this conversation later. Don’t worry too much. It should be easy for you to manage an empire with this loyal group of people you are having.” Ren Long said with a smile on his face as he walked away from Yi Tianyun.

“Thank you very much, Big Brother Ren! I will see you later!” Yi Tianyun said as he smiled at Ren Long and waved him goodbye.

His thought immediately changed. He immediately left towards the Heavenly Clouds Palace to find an empty room and thought about his next move to obtain Exp. In the pressure of Divine Nation, he couldn’t waste his time!

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Yi Tianyun immediately headed towards the old Netherworld Palace, to be precise, the Netherworld’s Fire natural resource. When he arrived there, he was welcomed by some guards that were tasked to guard the palace.

Although the city has been cleared out, the Netherworld Imperial City was still usable and fortunately only suffer minor damage to the buildings, and so Yi Tianyun’s Heavenly Clouds Empire could still use this city.

As he went down on the passage behind the throne, he noticed that the Netherworld’s Fire inside was still the same as he left it earlier.

But something was different this time, as Yi Tianyun entered the room with the Netherworld’s Fire, the Little Phoenix that was entrusted to him earlier flew out from his pet bar without Yi Tianyun’s consent!

Then without asking for Yi Tianyun’s permission, it started to consume the Netherworld’s Fire with a satisfied expression.

“I don’t know that you liked this kind of fire, Little Phoenix.” Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face. Although the Little Phoenix was inside his pet bar earlier, Yi Tianyun knew that this Little Phoenix wasn’t his pet.

He never used his taming ability to the Little Phoenix as he was only entrusted to take care of the Little Phoenix until he arrived at the phoenix nest!

This is also the reason that the Little Phoenix couldn’t level up as fast as Yi Tianyun’s dragon.

The Little Phoenix didn’t pay any attention to Yi Tianyun as it knew that Yi Tianyun wouldn’t harm it, and it continued to indulge in eating the Netherworld’s Fire like it was starving, but this made sense as Yi Tianyun never gave it any food, to begin with.

“Eat slowly, little one! I will also join you on gathering this Netherworld’s Fire.” Yi Tianyun said as he immediately sat beside the Little Phoenix and pulled out his Netherworld Treasure Pearl.

Yi Tianyun then absorbed the Netherworld’s Fire into the Netherworld Treasure Pearl with a speed that was faster than the Little Phoenix could eat the flame, but Yi Tianyun still left some Netherworld’s Fire for the Little Phoenix to consume.

The Little Phoenix started squawking in annoyance as it realized that Yi Tianyun could absorb all the Netherworld’s Fire eventually and left it with nothing. And so, he rushed towards Yi Tianyun and squawked out of control, as if protesting for Yi Tianyun taking its food away.

“Hey, Stop that! I am not using the Netherworld’s Fire as I am only storing it to this Netherworld Treasure Pearl! I can take out the fire if you want to eat it later!” Yi Tianyun said as he tried to calm the Little Phoenix down.

After hearing Yi Tianyun’s word, it calmed down and immediately started eating the Netherworld’s Fire, once again ignoring Yi Tianyun. Yi Tianyun let the phoenix eat for now and started to absorb the Netherworld’s Fire again.

He noticed that this place was like a storage room for the Netherworld’s Fire so that the Netherworld Emperor could easily cultivate with the help of his Netherworld Great Array.

But Yi Tianyun also noticed that the Netherworld Treasure Pearl was far more advanced than the Netherworld Great Array. He was thankful that Ming Chen didn't give control over the Divine Treasure to the Netherworld Emperor earlier!

But Yi Tianyun's curious mind began to wonder as to why the Netherworld's Fire could continue to erupt from the hole in the middle of the room. Yi Tianyun wondered and inspected the hole as it piqued his curiosity.

But he quickly lost interest and instead back to absorbing the Netherworld's Fire to the Netherworld Treasure Pearl. But the speed of the absorption annoyed Yi Tianyun as the Netherworld Treasure Pearl couldn't absorb the Netherworld's Fire as fast as he wanted it to be.

Yi Tianyun quickly activated his Heaven Swallowing Secret art so that he could also absorb the Netherworld's Fire to upgrade it from the Middle-Grade Earth Level Fire.

The Netherworld's Fire was the same as his Immortal Fire. If he could get a bunch of it, he could use it to further increase its mastery! After all, he still had a lot of time in his hands, and there was no enemy!

As time passed, Yi Tianyun was shocked as he heard a little girl's voice behind him.

"I am hungry!" The little girl said as she was sprawling on the floor behind Yi Tianyun without any coverage hiding her body.

"What? Who are you, and what are you doing here?" Yi Tianyun asked with a surprised tone on his voice.

"I am hungry, give me food!" the little girl said as she stood up and scratched Yi Tianyun's hand.

"This claw marks! You are that Little Phoenix!" Yi Tianyun said as he was surprised to see the claw mark.

"Why didn't you recognize me? That aside, I am hungry! I want that fire immediately!" The little girl said as she pointed her finger towards the Netherworld's Fire.

Yi Tianyun looked closely at the little girl's arm, and he finally noticed phoenix feathers covered the back of her arms, confirming that the little girl was indeed the Little Phoenix.

Besides, how could a little girl enter the Netherworld's Palace without Yi Tianyun noticing!

Yi Tianyun pulled out a nice casual suit for the little girl to wear as she was bare naked right now.

"I don't want to wear this suit! It's uncomfortable!" The little girl said annoyedly.

"Wear it. Otherwise, I will not give you the Netherworld's Fire!" Yi Tianyun said threateningly.

"Okay, okay! I will wear it, now give me food!" The little girl said as she puffed her cheeks in annoyance.

"Here, eat it until you're full!" Yi Tianyun said as he set aside a bunch of Netherworld's Fire for the Little Phoenix to eat. After seeing the Little Phoenix became a human, Yi Tianyun was worried as he kept thinking about how to return the Little Phoenix inside his pet bar!

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Not taking too long after Yi Tianyun gave the Netherworld's Fire for the Little Phoenix to eat, she began to pester Yi Tianyun once again as the fire earlier was already gone. "Hey, I want more food!" said the little girl.

"You're already finished? You are quite fast!" Yi Tianyun said as he was startled to see that the Little Phoenix has finished her share of Netherworld's Fire.

"Eat it from there, but be careful! Don't eat too much!" Yi Tianyun said as he pointed his finger towards the middle of the room where the Netherworld's Fire was erupting.

"Yay, thank you!" the Little Phoenix said as he immediately rushed towards the center of the room and feasted on the Netherworld's Fire from its source!

Yi Tianyun knew that the Phoenix Clan had a strong resistance toward the fire. But he never knew that they also grew by consuming the fire. He noticed this fact as he realized that the Little Phoenix's cultivation was already at Core Condensation Stage now while she was still Spirit Refinement stage a while ago!

Yi Tianyun knows that if he himself was under-leveled, this Netherworld's Fire could obviously boost his level quickly, and that was what happened to the Little Phoenix!

Yi Tianyun stopped looking at the Little Phoenix and quickly absorbed the Netherworld's Fire himself! Eventually, the Netherworld's Fire from that hole depleted as it couldn't keep up with these two!

Yi Tianyun was the first one to notice that the fire has dwindled and so he slowed down his absorption speed to let the source discharge more fire.

"Hey, the fire is gone!" The Little Phoenix said as she was sad to see her food source dwindled.

"Well, let's see what is happening below. Maybe the fire was far more powerful down there." Yi Tianyun said to the little girl as he reached to grab the little girl's hands. He then hugged the little girl closely and flew down the hole that provided the Netherworld's Fire.

Yi Tianyun continued to absorb the excess fire that appeared around him to his Netherworld Treasure Pearl while still hugging the little girl. But they immediately arrived at the bottom of the hole, and there was a big open space underneath!

"Don't move your head! Whatever happens, don't look over!" Yi Tianyun said to the little girl as he was shocked upon what he saw on the open space on the bottom of the hole, there was a mountain of bones! Human bones!

Yi Tianyun was still holding the Netherworld Treasure Pearl with one hand to continue absorbing the Netherworld's Fire, but he wasn't as excited as he was before! He finally knew that the Netherworld's Fire was formed by piling corpses, like a ghost leaving its body behind!

This was undoubtedly Netherworld Emperor's doing, he constantly captured people, and those rebelling against him would be thrown here, while the rest worked for him inside the mines on the Netherworld Prison!

Yi Tianyun was embarrassed that this kind of Empire even existed! An Empire built on top of a pile of corpses, there was nothing more disgusting and pitiful as this!

Yi Tianyun also noticed that the Netherworld's fire production speed also slowed down, meaning that this place hasn't received any fresh corpses recently. It was understandable that the resources wouldn't be permanent!

"Rest in peace, everyone. I will make sure this place will no longer be usable from now on!" Yi Tianyun said as he summoned his own phantom shadow and ordered it to start smashing the wall on the cave to collapse it, burying every bone in the place.

Yi Tianyun immediately took a deep breath as he knew that burying this place down wouldn't be easy as the place was big. He didn't even care about what Treasure that may await him below the pile of bones.

He wasn't interested in any of it after seeing this heinous place! He didn't even know whether he would use the Netherworld's Fire ever again or not!

He only absorbed the Netherworld's Fire once he realized where it came from as he didn't want the Netherworld's Fire from these people was used again somehow in the future, and so he depleted all of them!

Yi Tianyun and his Phantom Shadow kept hitting the wall in order to destroy the place and buried all these bones. It was a hard task to do. However, with Yi Tianyun's tremendous power, it still collapsed like he originally intended it to be.

Once it started to cave in, Yi Tianyun immediately flew up towards the room earlier, and he also slammed the wall on the hole to make it collapse and blocked the way towards the burial place that he made earlier.

Now Yi Tianyun was satisfied as he thought that the place was clearly covered, and no one else would be able to use this heinous place to cultivate as the Netherworld Emperor did!

When he left the room towards the Netherworld Throne Room, the guards were waiting for him. They were worried as they felt the earthquake from beneath their feet as the result of Yi Tianyun collapsing the room below earlier.

They asked Yi Tianyun about what happened below and also the identity of the girl in Yi Tianyun's arm. They remembered that Yi Tianyun didn't bring anyone earlier.

So they were curious about the girl, but Yi Tianyun didn't answer them, but he let go of the little girl and pulled out a stone tablet instead.

'Tomb of the Innocent!'

'Rest in Peace! Netherworld Empire has been destroyed!'

Yi Tianyun wrote on the stone tablet and showed his respect for the last time.

'DING!'

'Congratulation to Player [Yi Tianyun] for successfully unlock the achievement [Super Soul!]

'Reward: Title [Transcendent!]

The system notices immediately appeared as Yi Tianyun finished showing his respect!

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The system appeared before Yi Tianyun, the Tombstone that Yi Tianyun placed on the top of the staircase, was also shining because of Yi Tianyun's achievement. The light from the Tombstone shot out to the sky with a radiating light!

The guards on the scene were surprised by the event. It looked like a heavenly light! After a while, the light disappeared, and everything was back to normal.

Truth be told, Yi Tianyun was the most surprised of the situation earlier, he never expected to get a title for something simple like giving a tombstone to a massacre spot!

Transcendent: a title obtained by appeasing the resentment in a big area. The user now could dispel evil, as the evil of the world would be easily overtaken, and the user could also see the spirit of people around him.

‘DING!’

‘Successfully obtained skill [Soul Guide]’

Soul Guide: Can guide the player to a place shown on Quest or Treasure Map, but can only be used once!

“This is amazing! This skill would allow me to find anything that I want!” Yi Tianyun said as he checked his item list, and sure enough, he saw the Ghost World Treasure Maps that Ming Chen left behind. But he noticed that the Soul Guide can only be used once for now.

He wondered what the first thing he needed, for now, he was particularly torn on the option of clearing the Phoenix’s side quest or completing the Ghost World Treasure Map!

But Yi Tianyun decided to clear the Phoenix’s side quest first, as he thought that if he successfully got the support from the Phoenix Clan, his empire would become more stable. The only reason that Yi Tianyun didn’t try to complete that side quest yet was that he didn’t know where to go.

“Hey, what was the light just now all about? It looks so beautiful!” Little Phoenix said with glimmering eyes.

“That was the light from all the souls that were trapped down there!” Yi Tianyun said relaxedly. He knew that he made the right decision to destroy the cave down so that no one would ever get to use it again.

But the guards were more interested in the little girl beside Yi Tianyun as they saw that she spoke casually with Yi Tianyun. They began to wonder if the girl was Yi Tianyun's daughter. If so, then Yi Tianyun must have got her at an early age!

Yi Tianyun ignored all the stare that the guards threw at him as he didn't want to explain anything, and so he took the Little Phoenix and flew toward the Heavenly Clouds Palace.

"Mansion Lord, Spirit Race Old Ancestor, entrusted me with a message; he wants to see you immediately if you returned!" The guard of the palace said politely as Yi Tianyun and the Little Phoenix arrived at the gate.

"Okay, thank you." Yi Tianyun said as he walked inside with the Little Phoenix.

Yi Tianyun took the Little Phoenix's hand as he walked, raising many more questions among the surrounding guards and the disciple that walked in and out of the palace. They knew that Yi Tianyun always brought people back with him, but this time it was only a little girl!

"Where is this? this place looks beautiful!" Little Phoenix said as she looked around curiously. She has stayed in Yi Tianyun's pet bar for so long. So, she didn't know what happened in the outside world.

"This is my place, I live here, and you can too if you want!" Yi Tianyun said as he smiled on the Little Phoenix.

"Mansion, Lord! Who is this Little Girl? She is so cute! Can I hug her?" Yi Yuwei said as she saw Yi Tianyun coming.

"No! I only want to be hugged by him!" the Little Phoenix said as she hid behind Yi Tianyun's leg.

"What? Are you Mansion Lord's daughter?" Yi Yuwei asked curiously.

"Yes, I am!" The Little Phoenix said graciously.

“Wow, Mansion Lord! I always thought that you are single up until now! I never expected that you’ve already had a daughter outside!” Yi Yuwei said in shock.

“Don’t mind her, that wasn’t the case! I don’t want to talk about it for now!” Yi Tianyun said annoyedly.

At the same time, Shi Xueyun walked out and saw Yi Tianyun with a little girl, which piqued her curiosity.

“Yi Tianyun, where did you find this cute girl? Usually, you’d bring some scary or beautiful cultivator with you.” Shi Xueyun said curiously.

But when the Little Phoenix saw Shi Xueyun, she suddenly became excited and immediately jumped towards her while shouting ‘Mother!’

Shi Xueyun was surprised, and so was everyone else! They thought that the Little Girl was Yi Tianyun’s, but after thinking for it a little bit, they knew that Yi Tianyun was too young to have one on his own. Besides, the little girl looked a lot like Shi Xueyun more.

“What are you talking about, child?” Shi Xueyun said as she blushed from embarrassment.

“This is definitely my mother’s smell! I am sure of it! I can smell you in my father’s clothes too!” The Little Phoenix said confidently while pointing her finger at Yi Tianyun.

Yi Tianyun was embarrassed by the entire situation. He never expected the Little Phoenix would make these kinds of claims. Is it possible that her memories were confused between Shi Xueyun and the mother phoenix?

But the damage has been done! Many people were surprised and shocked at the same time. They knew that Yi Tianyun and Shi Xueyun were close, but they never expected for them to have this kind of relationship!

“Stop imagining things! This is all just a big misunderstanding!” Yi Tianyun shouted while still feeling embarrassed about the situation.

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All of them were too shocked to even listen to Yi Tianyun, as they began to wonder when did Shi Xueyun have the time to conceive the child.

They knew that the Heavenly Jade Sect originally had a term that said the Palace Lord must take a vow of chastity, and so maybe Shi Xueyun and Yi Tianyun hid their true relationship from everyone!

They didn't know what to say; they knew that the Heavenly Jade was now a part of Heavenly Clouds Mansion, meaning the rules that burdened the people inside the Heavenly Jade and two other sects was abolished, but still, this news was too much!

"Stop with the stares! This is all a misunderstanding!" Yi Tianyun said bitterly as he looked over to everyone on the scene.

"Yi Tianyun, what is going on? I have to explain it to them too!" Shi Xueyun said as she was more confused than shocked!

"It's a long story! I will talk about it after the situation here has resolved." Yi Tianyun said as he gathered everyone who saw the misunderstanding in the nearest conference room. Inside, he immediately revealed that the little girl was a phoenix from the Phoenix Clan.

After knowing the fact that the little girl was a phoenix, the people inside were still shocked! Phoenix was rarer than Dragons in this part of the world after all. But it was obvious that the misunderstanding about Yi Tianyun and Shi Xueyun was already resolved!

Yi Tianyun then showed the beautiful feathers behind the little girl's arm. This was proof that all that he said was true!

"I found her when she was still a little bird, but after I let her eat the Netherworld's Fire under the Netherworld Palace, she becomes like this! After I got out of that place, she began to call me father!" Yi Tianyun said solemnly.

The people nodded their heads as they began to see where the misunderstanding started.

“Yan’er! You can call me father, but don’t call Shi Xueyun Mother, okay?” Yi Tianyun said with a reprimanding tone. He called the little girl little phoenix until now, but he knew that the phoenix’s name was Yan’er.

“No! She was too cute! I don’t mind if she wants to call me mother, I don’t see any problem with that!” Shi Xueyun said as she held Yan’er dearly.

Yi Tianyun was surprised by Shi Xueyun’s answer. He didn’t know what to say to that, and so he showed an awkward smile. If this continued, people will talk, and it would become a problem, but if this was what Shi Xueyun wanted, Yi Tianyun could only show support!

“So, I’d like to keep Yan’er’s identity as a phoenix hidden for now! I want everyone in this room to keep this information to themselves! If anybody asks, just say that she is my adopted daughter!” Yi Tianyun said solemnly.

Shi Xueyun’s expression suddenly lightened, and she smiled brightly as she was happy for Yan’er. Everyone else also nodded their head knowingly. They knew that if a Phoenix was found here, many greedy people would try to steal her!

After everyone left the conference room, Shi Xueyun was left behind with Yi Tianyun and Yan’er.

“If you want a child, we could have one later, okay!” Yi Tianyun whispered to Shi Xueyun’s ear.

“What are you saying! I will take Yan’er to play now!” Shi Xueyun said as she blushed and walked away from Yi Tianyun with a beaming Yan’er in her hands.

Yi Tianyun smirked as he observed Shi Xueyun walks away with Yan’er. He already knew that both belonged to him! after all, Shi Xueyun was the first woman in his life that could make his heartbeat irregularly!

After he was done with this Divine Nation problem, he promised himself that he would make Shi Xueyun his Dao Companion! After all, they didn’t share the same blood, so there would be no problem with that decision!

After all that, he immediately walked deeper into the palace to meet with the Old Ancestor.

“Come, Spirit King! I’ve already chosen several suitable places to become our new Imperial City! I need to hear what you think about them.” Old Ancestor said as Yi Tianyun walked inside the strategy room.

Yi Tianyun looked over to the point that Old Ancestor has made on the newly acquired Heavenly Clouds Continent, and after thinking for a while, he pointed to the middle of the map.

“I think this place would be good. We will make the Imperial City in the center of the Continent!” Yi Tianyun said confidently.

“I agree, Spirit King. That place has the Spiritual Vein flows under it, we can make use of it to make our own Great Array!” Spirit Race Old Ancestor said excitedly.

“Then, it’s settled! The new Heavenly Clouds Imperial City would be built on that location, and I will leave the process to you as I didn’t really understand what needs to be built there!” Yi Tianyun said confidently, he immediately observed the map one more time, and something else caught his attention.

“Is this the Netherworld passage?” Yi Tianyun asked the Spirit Race Old Ancestor.

“Yes, that is the Netherworld Passage, the Netherworld Continent’s Dangerous Area, but now it was already part of Heavenly Clouds Continent. Would you like to change this place’s name, Spirit King? This place has the same status as the Coiling Dragon Cave from the Heavenly Dragon Empire!” Spirit Race Old Ancestor said casually.

“No, no! I just thought of something else!” Yi Tianyun said as he began to wonder about the two items that he got from Prime Minister Long and Ming Chen.

Netherworld Passage Chart: Details about the Netherworld Passage!

Ghost World Treasure Map: A map containing info about the Ghost World’s Treasure!

These two items were recommended for Void Spirit Stage Cultivator. So, this place must have a valuable treasure in it! “Does this Netherworld Passage lead to the Ghost World?” Yi Tianyun asked the Old Ancestor again.

“As far as the rumor says, yes, but I have never heard anyone coming back after entering the Netherworld Passage. I think this place was more dangerous than the Coiling Dragon Cave.” Spirit Race Old Ancestor said honestly. “Why did you ask about this matter, Spirit King? Did you plan on entering the site?” Spirit Race Old Ancestor asked curiously.

“Yeah, I have that plan on my mind.” Yi Tianyun said as he kept wondering when he should go to the Netherworld Passage.

“Spirit King, I know that your current cultivation was very strong, but please be careful! This Dangerous Zone is full of the unexpected. If you encountered some trouble in there and failed to get out, our empire would be paralyzed!” Spirit Race Old Ancestor said nervously.

“Yeah, that is true, but I have to become stronger fast! I still wouldn’t be able to handle the Divine Nation if they attack now!” Yi Tianyun said solemnly.

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Yi Tianyun has already decided his next step, and Spirit Race Old Ancestor knew that anything he said to deter Yi Tianyun would be pointless anyway, so he just sighed and let Yi Tianyun have his way.

“No matter what you do, Spirit King, I will support you. I will make sure everything is done while you are gone!” Spirit Race Old Ancestor said politely. Yi Tianyun smiled in response to Old Ancestor’s word. He has gotten something that Ren Long has yet to obtain, a complete trust from his people!

Yi Tianyun then left Spirit Race Old Ancestor alone and went to an empty cultivation room to draw from the super-enhanced Lucky Draw that he got earlier. He was curious about what he would get from this one.

Once he was alone inside the Cultivation Room, he immediately opened the Super Enhanced Lucky Draw and immediately activated his Lucky Aura and activated the Lucky Draw!

With this much luck on his side, Yi Tianyun believed that he would get a Divine Ability out of this draw for sure! Even though he had so many Divine Ability now, there was no harm in acquiring more Divine Ability as it was necessary to fight against stronger enemies!

Yi Tianyun prayed for the gods above that his draw would land on a Divine Ability on this one! His prestige point was high enough to enhance his luck further, but Yi Tianyun had to be disappointed for this one, as it landed on Special Item!

“How can I still fail to get a Divine Ability with this much Luck!” Yi Tianyun said as he grumbled annoyedly. But he knew that a Special Item was the second-best thing that he could get from the Lucky Draw and so he immediately took the box that was dropped in front of him.

‘DING!’

‘Congratulation to Player [Yi Tianyun] for successfully obtaining a rare item, Phantom Cloak!’

‘Phantom Cloak: Resist any attack by Spirit King Stage cultivator or lower. Cooldown: 1 hour.’

“This item is good!” Yi Tianyun shouted as he read the description of the item that he got. This Phantom Cloak was an upgrade of his Shadow Cloak, as the Shadow Cloak only allowed him to resist an attack from the Core Transformation cultivators and below.

He was thankful that he got this Special Item instead of Consumables, he knew that Consumables were good too, but this Phantom Cloak was a lifesaver! Yi Tianyun believed that with this item, he would be a lot safer as he walked into the Netherworld Passage!

As Yi Tianyun didn’t have anything else to do inside the cultivation room, he immediately walked out, and he immediately heard Shi Xueyun’s voice and Yan’er not too far from there.

Yi Tianyun looked around and noticed that Shi Xueyun has bought Yan’er a sweet and were currently dancing around the room happily like a mother and her daughter would be.

Yi Tianyun suddenly felt reluctant to return Yan'er to the Phoenix Nest as he saw the scene in front of him right now! He didn't want to take Shi Xueyun's happiness away!

But he knew that completing his quest was better in the long run, and so he was determined to take Yan'er back to Phoenix Nest first before he went to Netherworld Passage to clear the Ghost World Treasure Map!

Yi Tianyun immediately walked towards Shi Xueyun and Yan'er to inform Shi Xueyun of Yan'er's status.

"Aunt! I am sorry to say this but, I've already promised Yan'er's mother that I would return her safely to the Phoenix Nest when once I have the time to do that!" Yi Tianyun said sadly.

"What? Did you have to do that?" Shi Xueyun said as she was saddened by the thought of Yan'er leaving.

"I am afraid so, Aunt. Yan'er's mother has entrusted me with that task, so I have to fulfill it!" Yi Tianyun said determinedly.

He knew that a promise is sacred, so even if it was not a quest, he still must return Yan'er to Phoenix Nest safely. After all, the Phoenix Nest would have the best environment for Yan'er to grow!

"Well then, I see that you have already made up your mind. But did you know where this Phoenix Nest is?" Shi Xueyun asked curiously.

"I don't know just yet, but I would find out about it soon!" Yi Tianyun said confidently. He has the Soul Guide, and with it, he believed that he would be able to get to the Phoenix Nest eventually! If he didn't have the Soul Guide, he might be having a hard time finding this well-hidden Phoenix Nest!

Yi Tianyun then called Yan'er over and told her that they would be leaving soon.

"Where are we going?" Yan'er asked innocently as she kept stuffing her mouth with more sweets.

“I would return you back home!” Yi Tianyun said as he smiled at Yan’er.

“Home?” Yan’er said as she tried to remember what it looked like, but failed to think of anything. Every Divine Beast would usually be infused with certain memories by their parents.

And it would gradually integrate with their own memories at a certain age, so Yi Tianyun knew that the word Home must’ve triggered some memories on Yan’er’s mind, but it may come a little late.

After checking on everything else on the Heavenly Clouds Empire’s agenda, Yi Tianyun immediately left with Yan’er. He didn’t have any information about the Divine Nation that Ming Chen belonged to, so he must hurry up and become even stronger!

But, as a precaution, Yi Tianyun has left every pet that he had on the Heavenly Clouds Palace while giving them the order to protect everyone there.

After flying quite far from the Heavenly Clouds Palace, Yi Tianyun immediately activated the Soul Guide.

“Help me find a way to Phoenix Nest!” Yi Tianyun shouted as he activated the Soul Guide. A blinding light immediately appeared, and Yi Tianyun immediately felt traction that was constantly pulling him towards a certain direction.

He immediately followed the lights, and after a while, he arrived at a gloomy path that was surrounded by a dark forest.

Yi Tianyun was a little bit confused about why would the Phoenix Clan chose this kind of place as their nest, but as he went even further, a realization hits him!

“No way! This is the Ghost World Passage!” Yi Tianyun said, entirely surprised!

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Yi Tianyun was just thinking about going to this place after taking Yan’er back to the Phoenix Nest. He didn’t expect that the Phoenix Nest would be inside the Ghost World Passage!

Yi Tianyun quickly pulled out the Netherworld Passage Chart that he got from Prime Minister Long to see what was recorded on it.

Yi Tianyun noticed that the Netherworld Passage layout was fairly simple. It only had one main road with no intersection!

But Yi Tianyun also noticed that along the way, there was some indication that the place was dangerous! From traps to a deadly demon beast!

There was no other explanation about anything that could help Yi Tianyun to travel this path safely, but at least he knew where the danger was!

“Well, two birds with one stone, I guess!” Yi Tianyun said as he shook his head and kept advancing forward. Yi Tianyun quickly noticed that the place has become darker than before. Furthermore, he could see black energy coming from the ground, further dyed the place in black.

The Black Energy slowly came towards Yi Tianyun, but as it reached Yi Tianyun, it didn't do anything to him. Yi Tianyun didn't know whether it was because he was too strong or it really didn't do anything!

But soon, the black energy was closing in on Yan'er, and this time, it seeped into her clothes! She quickly waved her hands to shake off the black energy. She even used her Phoenix Fire to do that.

“Hey, this black mist makes me uncomfortable!” Yan'er said as she pouted on Yi Tianyun's embrace.

“Relax, I will take you back to a safe place, okay?” Yi Tianyun said as he looked at Yan'er's eyes.

“Okay!” Yan'er said right away.

Yi Tianyun then tried to sense Yan'er's existence and quickly put her on his Pet Bar once more. He thought that once Yan'er has become a human, she would no longer be able to get back to Yi Tianyun's pet bar, but he was just proved wrong!

“Really? It was that easy?” Yi Tianyun said as he was quite surprised by the power of his system. But now, the situation has changed.

He would no longer need to worry about Yan’er as she was safe inside his pet bar. But Yi Tianyun knew that Yan’er would be bored eventually, alone on the empty space.

“Yan’er, please stay in there, don’t get out until I say so, okay?” Yi Tianyun said warmly.

“Okay, I know that!” Yan’er said from inside his pet bar. She felt uncomfortable inside the Netherworld Passage, and she much preferred to be in here! Yi Tianyun also let out the Netherworld’s Fire from the Netherworld Treasure Pearl for Yan’er so that she could eat it slowly over time.

After solving Yan’er’s problem, Yi Tianyun then kept advancing with the intention to find the Phoenix Nest and clear the Ghost World!

“I don’t know what the situation would be inside the Ghost World if the Netherworld Passage was already this cold!” Yi Tianyun said as he advanced further.

Yi Tianyun noticed that this Dangerous Area was quite different than the Coiling Dragon Cave in Heavenly Dragon Continent. The first thing that he noticed in this place was that there was no cultivator anywhere; the place was eerily silent!

Yi Tianyun knew that maybe the cultivator just wouldn’t risk themselves on a quest that they wouldn’t know what to expect. But maybe, there were already cultivators inside the Ghost World, freely cultivating their cultivation without any disturbance!

Yi Tianyun already heard the rumor about this dangerous area before. He knew that the area was divided into three realms, Heaven World, Ghost World, and Mortal World!

The Divine Nation’s influence was said to be on the Heaven World and Ghost World! As it should be, Ming Chen seemed to relate to this Ghost World too, where the bad thing on the Mortal World was thrown out to!

But the Phoenix Nest should be in the Heaven World, so Yi Tianyun was a little bit confused on why would the soul guide bring him to Ghost World!

In any case, Yi Tianyun must continue onwards and finish his quest!

As he trudged onward, Yi Tianyun noticed that the black energy from before getting thicker than ever. There was no way a normal cultivator would be able to come here without having their own source of fire to ward off this black energy!

After looking at the black energy with his Appraisal Eye, Yi Tianyun noticed that this Black Energy had a corrosion base effect, meaning that if anyone let this black energy invade their body, they would eventually turn into ashes!

Suddenly, the silence in that place was disturbed by the sound of thrown spikes! Yi Tianyun has already sensed this attack coming, so he quickly moved to the side, easily evading the attack.

He looked over to the source of the attack and saw that no cultivator was attacking him, but a giant tree!

Without any warning, Yi Tianyun quickly pulled out the Immortal Fire and instantly lit the giant tree that attacked him just now! The giant tree quickly twisted in pain while being engulfed in the Immortal Fire. It eventually turned into ashes as it didn't have a way to shake off the fire.

'DING!'

'Successfully killed a Demon Tree!'

'Reward: 36.000 Exp, 3.600 Cps, 100 Sps, Demon Tree Sap, Demon Tree Leaves.'

The reward notification came as the tree turned into ashes, and Yi Tianyun noticed that the reward was almost the same as killing a Spirit Core cultivator, which was not much on his current level.

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Fortunately for Yi Tianyun, even though it was startling to find a tree attacking him like that, he was still so much faster than it! If it was someone else with the same or maybe lower cultivation than he was currently at, that person might have already been stabbed by the Demon Tree spike! Now, Yi Tianyun expected things would be much worse as he kept advancing forward!

Yi Tianyun kept burning the Demon Tree that attacked him from left and right as he advanced further. Yi Tianyun didn't activate his Crazy Exp Mode for this mob as he knew that the amount of Exp he got would still be too little for it to be cost-effective.

This was also the first dangerous point that the Netherworld Passage Chart marked!

As he passed the Demon Tree territory, Yi Tianyun could see so many bones lying around on the ground. The bones have corroded and seemed like the ground was starting to swallow it! Yi Tianyun ignored this eerie scene and kept going onward! He eventually left the gloomy forest and arrived at the riverbank, where the water was as black as ink!

Yi Tianyun also noticed that several cultivators were also there, building something that looked like a boat! They were cutting trees and assembled them like a raft, Yi Tianyun instantly knew that it was for crossing this Black River!

Most of the cultivators that he saw were in the Core Transformation Stage. Some of them were even at Spirit Core Stage. It may be weird to see a group of Core Transformation Expert to build a raft to cross the river while they should have been able to fly. But Yi Tianyun knew that this place wouldn't allow flying, just like the Coiling Dragon Cave.

Yi Tianyun also noticed that the cultivator also picked up the Spirit Flower and Spirit Grass along their way.

Eventually, a group of cultivators noticed Yi Tianyun standing not too far from the gloomy forest's exit.

"Hello, brother! sorry to bother you, but are you going to Ghost World too, or are you here just to pick up the Spirit Medicine ingredient?" one of the cultivators in a group of three asked.

“I am planning on going to Ghost World!” Yi Tianyun said casually to the middle-aged man that asked him just now. This middle-aged man’s cultivation was at 3rd Layer Core Transformation Stage, but Yi Tianyun didn’t see that this man belonged to any Faction, at least he didn’t know yet.

“I see, my name is Ren Liangchen. My group and I were planning the same thing, may I ask how high is brother’s cultivation right now?” the middle-aged man asked curiously as he saw that Yi Tianyun was too young.

“I am at Core Transformation Rank.” Yi Tianyun answered, hiding his true cultivation base from these people as he didn’t know them yet.

“Big brother Ren, do you think we can trust him?” another voice came from behind Ren Liangchen.

Yi Tianyun looked too young to be reliable. They know that age sometimes didn’t determine individual cultivation level, but trust did! A teenager will easily betray them once they were blinded by greed!

Yi Tianyun noticed that every cultivator in this area was mostly in their 30s, there was one or two in their late 20s, but they seemed to be the weakest around here.

“I would like to invite you to join my group as we travel toward the Ghost World. But if you don’t want to join us, that would be fine too. Totally your choice.” A man from another group said as he stepped forward.

“Liu Long! What are you doing! I was the first one to spot him!” Ren Liangchen said as he frowned that Liu Long beat him to invite Yi Tianyun.

“Well, you take too long, brother! We have things to do!” Liu Long said to Ren Liangchen. “Now come on, little brother. We welcome you to our group!” Liu Long said as he smiled warmly to Yi Tianyun.

“I am just asking Brother Ren on his input, why couldn’t I ask him that?” The man asked coldly as he kept staring at Yi Tianyun.

“Leng Hu! You are too rude to our recruit! Calm down a little bit!” Liu Long said coldly to the man that kept questioning Yi Tianyun.

Yi Tianyun was confused. He didn’t know that recruiting people was a must here, but it made sense, as this place was dangerous, so the more cultivator they had on their group, the safer the trip would be.

“I am sorry, brother, but I have to turn you down for now.” Yi Tianyun said to Liu Long.

“Well, I wish you all the best!” Liu Long said as he lost interest and walked away from Yi Tianyun.

“Welcome brother, what should I call you, brother?” Ren Liangchen asked as he smiled excitedly at Yi Tianyun.

“My name is Yi Yun.” Yi Tianyun said, shortening his name to hide his identity.

“Okay, welcome to my group Brother Yi, we were still building a boat, but we will be done and ready to set off soon!” Ren Liangchen said excitedly as he led Yi Tianyun towards his team.

Yi Tianyun glanced at Liu Long and Leng Hu again. He felt something was off from them both! Maybe it was the fake smile that Liu Long kept showing, but Yi Tianyun couldn’t trust them!

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Yi Tianyun’s appearance didn’t particularly strike most people’s interest in that place. They just looked at Yi Tianyun briefly and returned to their own activities. The only group that invited Yi Tianyun was Ren Liangcheng and Liu Long’s.

“So, what do I need to do to help?” Yi Tianyun said casually. He didn’t like to stand around doing anything while others were working.

“Just stay here; you will eventually have something to do. Take a rest for a while, the place we’re heading to is very troubling, so if you aren’t prepared, that place could be your grave.” Ren Liangchen said in a stern voice.

Yi Tianyun then looked over to Leng Hu, who was still gathering some woods for the boat.

“That guy is not so talkative, I see.” Yi Tianyun said to Ren Liangchen.

“Leng Hu knows that this place is dangerous, and he had to do what he needed to survive. He was the one who usually voiced his opinion if he saw an untrustworthy companion, sometimes it leads to resentment but, he actually meant well for the safety of the party!” Ren Liangchen said as he smiled.

“That’s true. I don’t like backstabbers! So, I hope you aren’t one and that you would be actually useful later!” Leng Hu said as he walked over to Yi Tianyun.

“Now, take this Detoxification Pill. This Netherworld River is highly toxic. This pill should help you counter the toxic water!” Leng Hu said as he threw one Detoxification Pill toward Yi Tianyun.

Yi Tianyun took the pill and stared at Leng Hu disbelievingly. He never expected someone with a sharp tongue like Leng Hu would care about someone else. “Thank you very much, Brother Leng. I will use it efficiently.” Yi Tianyun said as he showed his gratitude.

“You are lucky that you didn’t accept Liu Long’s invitation earlier, Brother Yi. He was known to sacrifice his party members if the situation went south. The party that he was with earlier were people who were tempted on his words and new to this place!” Ren Liangchen said as he sounded cold as he remembered what Liu Long has done.

“Thank you for inviting me to your party too, Brother Ren. But I still have some questions that I need to ask!” Yi Tianyun said to Ren Liangchen solemnly.

“And what is it?” Ren Liangchen said curiously.

“Is this Ghost World a restrictive place? Did it have its own faction inside? If it does, what grade is the faction inside?” Yi Tianyun asked solemnly.

“Oh, I thought you have something more serious to ask about. I don’t really know about the faction that governed the Ghost World, but I know that there is one in there. People who come to this Netherworld

Passage were usually trying to find a rare medicinal pill and treasures, but there are some who went to Ghost World to hide from whatever problem that they had caused on the world outside.” Ren Liangchen said as he explained what he knew to Yi Tianyun.

“Big Brother Ren is right, for example, the three of us were rogue cultivators who didn’t like to be tied with any faction as we know that there is so much darkness in each faction. We were here to see what luck could bring us, we hope to find some sort of treasure so that we could live like nobles, but yeah, there are also criminals who wanted to hide from the real world. I believe some of the previous cultivators from Netherworld Empire ran into the Ghost World to save themselves!” Yang Zhiwen said as he walked towards Ren Liangchen and Yi Tianyun.

Yang Zhiwen was the last member of their party!

Yi Tianyun nodded as he understood what Ren Liangchen and Yang Zhiwen said. This was also why the cultivators in this place would rather stick with the people they knew to form a party of their own. There was so much thing that could go wrong if you trusted a wrong person.

“Brother Yi, aren’t you also a rogue cultivator?” Yang Zhiwen asked curiously. Ren Liangchen and Leng Hu also looked over to Yi Tianyun as they were curious about Yi Tianyun’s answer.

“I am not a rogue cultivator. I still have a faction outside. I am here to gather information about this place.” Yi Tianyun said as he smiled towards the three of them.

They looked at each other and shrugged their shoulders and immediately talked about some other topic. They knew that the last question was a little bit private, so they didn’t bother to go any further.

Finally, after quite a while, Ren Liangchen’s party completed several boats. While they would only use one, they still had to build a spare one if something bad happened to the one they were using. They store the spare boats with other utensils that they used to create the boats on their Storage Ring.

“Brother Yi, we are good to go! Are you ready?” Ren Liangchen said solemnly.

“Yeah, I am ready. Let’s go!” Yi Tianyun said as he nodded and walked towards the boat that was already on the water.

“Good, set sail!” Ren Liangchen said as he jumped towards the boat and sailed across the Netherworld River.