

## Overlord 1161

Chapter 1161:

In less than an hour, Shang Daocheng arrived at the transmission array set up in the southern part of the Lingxiao Sect.

The few disciples stationed here from the Lingxiao Sect saw Shang Daocheng and all bowed in salute, addressing him as Ancestor.

Shang Daocheng paid no attention to them and directly rushed into the transmission array, disappearing from sight.

At the Lingxiao Sect mountain gate, the light flashed inside the transmission array, and Shang Daocheng appeared there.

He appeared hurried, controlling his sword as he flew towards the main peak.

Inside the Purple Cloud Hall at the main peak, Jiang Yao and two other Nascent Soul elders from the Lingxiao Sect were discussing important matters when Shang Daocheng's voice came from outside: "Sect Leader Master, your disciple has urgent business and seeks an audience."

"Enter."

Jiang Yao's dignified voice came through.

Shang Daocheng slipped inside and upon seeing the two Nascent Soul masters also present, he immediately saluted and knelt, saying: "Greetings, Master, greetings to Elder Jiang and Uncle Hai."

Jiang Yao waved his hand and said: "Dispense with the formalities for now, did you bring back the divine medicine?"

Elder Jiang and Uncle Hai said nothing, merely looking at Shang Daocheng with anticipation and doubt.

Shang Daocheng reached out his hand, and two bottles of genetic liquid medicine appeared from his storage bag. He respectfully handed them towards Master Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao waved his hand, and the two bottles of genetic liquid medicine hovered steadily in the void between him and the two fellow elder brothers.

Looking at these two azure liquids, though separated by glass bottles, the three Nascent Soul stage cultivators could clearly sense the special efficacy of the medicine inside.

The man referred to as Uncle Hai is named Hai Lingfeng, he suddenly furrowed his brow, lightly waving his hand, causing one bottle of genetic liquid to fly in front of him. He waved his hand again, and the bottle cap rotated automatically, opening.

A faint medicinal smell filled the air.

Hai Lingfeng extended a hand, and a drop of azure liquid flew out from the bottle, accurately landing and hovering on his palm.

Hai Lingfeng stared at the drop of azure liquid for a moment, then gently flicked his palm, causing the azure liquid to burst into a mist that filled the void.

The other three people inside the hall quietly watched Hai Lingfeng's actions, none speaking a word.

Not only is Hai Lingfeng the strongest alchemist in the Lingxiao Sect, even in the Southern Domain's cultivation world his alchemical skills are exceptionally high, often renowned cultivators from various sects seek him out hoping he'll refine the special elixirs needed for their advancement.

"This item is indeed extraordinary." Hai Lingfeng's expression turned serious as he said, "This thing seems to assist in cultivation, capable of increasing a cultivator's cultivation speed in the short term, but in reality, its primary effect is far beyond that. It contains something special that seems able to transform human spirit root attributes."

"What?" Elder Jiang was taken aback, exclaiming: "Are these words true?"

Actually, before this, Shang Daocheng had already communicated with Jiang Yao, and during this past time Jiang Yao had already shared the situation with Jiang Jun and Hai Lingfeng.

Yet the three were quite incredulous about such news.

In the cultivation world over countless millennia, the offspring of countless powerful cultivators always lacked spirit roots, rendering them incapable of cultivating and destined to remain as mortals.

These mighty cultivators, in a bid to solve this problem, have researched rigorously, pondering almost every conceivable method.

Yet they remained unable to change this phenomenon.

Now, Shang Daocheng had informed them that in a newly spiritually revived plane mini-world, someone had created a divine medicine capable of allowing those with no spirit roots to develop spirit roots, and enhance the spirit root aptitude of those with poor spirit roots; how could they believe this?

It seems utterly fantastical!

However, now Hai Lingfeng asserts that something within this substance indeed holds a special efficacy capable of transforming spirit root aptitude?

If true, it would shock the entire cultivation world, especially the Southern Domain's cultivation world.

"Quickly find someone to experiment." Jiang Yao promptly decided and spoke.

On hearing this, Jiang Jun took a large bottle of genetic liquid medicine and swiftly left.

The other bottle was collected by Jiang Yao.

Hai Lingfeng looked towards Shang Daocheng and asked: "Is it true that Gan Qian's spirit root aptitude indeed improved?"

Shang Daocheng nodded and replied: "It's absolutely true, this matter was personally recounted by Junior Brother Huang Yuankui. When he took Gan Qian into the sect he personally assessed Gan Qian's spirit root, remembered clearly as dual spirit roots, but now Gan Qian has indeed become a single spirit root."

"About the situation on Earth where there was once detected no spirit root talent, yet resulted in manifesting spirit root talent, is this true?" Jiang Yao asked.

Shang Daocheng shook his head, saying: "This matter I have not personally witnessed, so I do not dare make presumptions, but Lu Chen and Gan Qian did indeed say so."

Hai Lingfeng stood up, addressing Jiang Yao: "Sect Leader Elder Brother, I wish to go there and see."

Shang Daocheng's expression changed slightly, he opened his mouth to offer a reminder, but ultimately said nothing.

Jiang Yao shook his head and said: "Uncle Hai, do not act hastily, this matter is of great import, if those two disciples have spoken truth, then our Lingxiao Sect's collaboration with Earth cultivators could potentially strain relations with the other five cultivation forces."

Hai Lingfeng responded: "A top-grade spirit mine mountain range, together with this divine medicine capable of altering cultivators' spirit root aptitude, and even bestowing spirit roots upon those without them, our Lingxiao Sect must seize this opportunity even at the expense of wagering its future."

Jiang Yao nodded and replied: "I understand, but precisely for this reason, we must proceed with caution and secrecy. Shang Daocheng was originally stationed at that teleportation passage entrance; the sudden return of these two disciples has likely aroused suspicion from other sects. If you appear there now, the other five great forces will undoubtedly deduce a major secret is at hand, leading their powerful figures to arrive."

Hai Lingfeng frowned upon hearing this.

Shang Daocheng hastily said: "Uncle Hai, Master is right, if you were to go now, it would certainly incite suspicion from other sects and families, moreover your presence would not change anything; the transmission passage's restrictions are too dominant, and this Earth space appears to be under special protection from the Heavenly Dao, expanding the transmission passage is unlikely to be achieved swiftly. Were it not for this, how could a mere Foundation Establishment cultivator from Earth dare be so brazen as to attempt transactions with us Lingxiao Sect?"

Hai Lingfeng's brows knitted even further, as he looked at Shang Daocheng, he said: "So it seems, our Lingxiao Sect, a distinguished two-star sect, truly has to collaborate with a mere Foundation Establishment stage cultivator?"

Shang Daocheng naturally understood Hai Lingfeng's dissatisfaction.

Not to mention this Nascent Soul stage Uncle, even as a Core Formation Master himself, he felt displeasure with the approach of the Earth young cultivator.

In the cultivation world, the weak are prey to the strong, and a mere Foundation Establishment cultivator carrying such treasures is already asking for trouble, yet dares to seek collaboration with a two-star sect, truly seeking their own downfall.

Yet ironically, the opponent hides within Earth space, while these powerful figures cannot reach him.

Meanwhile, the sect's Foundation Establishment cultivators are incapable of dealing with that young cultivator.

Even eight disciples were confronted with the opponent's killing of one, the remaining seven being forced to submit, swearing oaths by the Heavenly Dao. This represents a profound disgrace to Lingxiao Sect.

According to sect rules, these seven disciples should face severe punishment, yet they brought back such astonishing news, if Lingxiao Sect cannot forcibly conquer Earth, collaborating with the opponent must still rely on these seven disciples, thus their merits outweigh their faults!

Chapter 1162:

As the current Sect Master of the Lingxiao Sect, Jiang Yao was also uneasy about cooperating with a mere Foundation Establishment cultivator.

He frowned and pondered for a moment, then looked at Shang Daocheng and asked, "Is it really impossible to expand the transmission channel in a short time?"

Shang Daocheng shook his head, "Reporting to you, Master, the restrictions of that transmission channel are extremely oppressive. In short, even a few of us at the Core Formation Stage are threatened by terrifying realm suppression when we try to approach. We don't know what situation it would be if you or other Nascent Soul cultivators went in person."

Hai Lingfeng said, "If that's the case, then I'll go and see. That kid named Yang Fei, who is only at the Foundation Establishment Stage, dreaming of cooperating with our Lingxiao Sect, is simply foolish. Since he is the only one who has mastered the technology for the Genetic Liquid Medicine, we just need to control him and bring him here. Otherwise, if we cooperate with him, we would have to clean up his mess, and at that time we would have to fall out with the other Five Great Forces, which would not benefit our Lingxiao Sect."

Jiang Yao nodded silently and said, "What Junior Brother Hai says is true. The best approach is to capture that kid and control him while the matter of the Genetic Liquid remains unknown to other sects."

Shang Daocheng also nodded silently, but the current situation did not allow for it. Foundation Establishment disciples going would be unable to do anything to that kid. Not only that, but a few disciples of the Lingxiao Sect are still being held by that kid. If we send more people, those few from Lingxiao Sect might help the kid against us.

Therefore, for now, without a Core Formation Stage expert to go to Earth, there's no advantage for the Lingxiao Sect in turning against that kid.

Even if the Lingxiao Sect doesn't cooperate with that kid, several previous disciples of the Lingxiao Sect have already colluded with him, slaughtering the Foundation Establishment cultivators of other sects and families. In this matter, the Lingxiao Sect has already lost the moral high ground.

He coughed lightly and reminded, "Master, Uncle, the restrictions of the transmission channel are there. We cannot go over to capture that kid. So if our Lingxiao Sect wants to monopolize the secret of the Genetic Liquid Medicine, we must cooperate with him. Otherwise, once he senses our unusual behavior, he will certainly find a way to let other forces know the secret of the Genetic Liquid, at which point the initiative will not be with our Lingxiao Sect."

Jiang Yao and Hai Lingfeng's expressions changed slightly.

Indeed, once that kid lets other cultivation forces in the Southern Domain know about the Genetic Liquid Medicine, the initiative will not be with the Lingxiao Sect anymore.

Jiang Yao said, "So you're saying our Lingxiao Sect should cooperate with that kid?"

Shang Daocheng quickly replied, "The matter is serious, and I dare not speak rashly."

Jiang Yao said, "Just offering an opinion, it's fine."

Hai Lingfeng also said, "Indeed, you are also an elder of the Lingxiao Sect and have the right to speak."

Shang Daocheng pondered slightly and said, "I believe that now the Earth cultivation world is weak and in crisis. If our Lingxiao Sect gives them certain help and benefits, it would be an act of grace. When they've developed and grown stronger in the future, they will remember this grace from our Lingxiao Sect.

On the contrary, if we, like the other sects, continue to target Earth cultivators, then when they grow up, they will see us as their number one enemy."

Jiang Yao frowned, "A world that has just undergone Spiritual Energy Revival, to fully develop is not easy, so this is not something that needs to be considered."

Hai Lingfeng also nodded, "Indeed, under the suppression of our Southern Domain forces, this Earth cultivation world could not possibly develop."

Shang Daocheng also found it reasonable, so he nodded, "If that's the case, then there is another issue."

"What issue?" Hai Lingfeng asked.

Shang Daocheng said, "The question is whether the Genetic Liquid Medicine is truly a divine item. If it is, and our Lingxiao Sect doesn't have an exclusive cooperation with Earth cultivators, other forces will soon know this secret, and by then, our Lingxiao Sect won't be able to stand out."

Jiang Yao and Hai Lingfeng nodded.

This was precisely their greatest concern.

If the Genetic Liquid Medicine indeed had the powerful and magical effects that Lu Chen and Gan Qian described, then having exclusive control over it, the Lingxiao Sect could rise quickly with this item, with hopes of becoming a one-star sect.

If the other major forces also learned this secret, then the Lingxiao Sect would not be able to emerge distinctly among the various forces in the Southern Domain.

The Southern Domain is only so big, with limited resources. With the resources of the Earth Space, it's possible to give birth to one one-star sect, but definitely not two or even three one-star sects.

So the current situation is, for the Lingxiao Sect to maximize benefits, it seems that cooperation with that Foundation Establishment Stage cultivator from Earth is necessary.

Shang Daocheng continued, "But if we are to cooperate with Earth cultivators, we will face pressure from the Flame Moon Sect, Great Dao Sect, and the three families."

Jiang Yao and Hai Lingfeng both frowned.



Though the Lingxiao Sect is strong, if it provokes all five major cultivation forces simultaneously, there will be no easy days ahead.

Shang Daocheng gave them a glance and said, "I have a thought. Please, hear it, Master and Uncle, and see if it's appropriate."

Jiang Yao nodded approvingly, "Speak up, in the sect, you are always the most level-headed; in all major matters, you always provide good opinions."

Hai Lingfeng also gave Shang Daocheng an approving look, nodding, "Indeed, just speak your mind."

Shang Daocheng said, "Here's what I think. Right now, Earth cultivators have only killed some Foundation Establishment cultivators from the Flame Moon Sect and Great Dao Sect, and our Lingxiao Sect's disciples have also died by his hand. Generally speaking, the enmity is not deep. Our Lingxiao Sect can act as a peacemaker, letting both sides cease hostilities and not hold grudges."

Seeing the two elders frown, Shang Daocheng hurriedly said, "The secret of the Genetic Liquid must be kept exclusive to us, the Lingxiao Sect, but the matter of the Top-grade Spirit Mine can be disclosed to other forces because, after all, this secret cannot be hidden."

Jiang Yao and Hai Lingfeng nodded silently.

Although Lu Chen and Gan Qian have temporarily concealed the Top-grade Spirit Mine matter, once other Foundation Establishment disciples from major forces go to Earth, they will certainly uncover the truth there, and it cannot be kept hidden.

"But as for the Genetic Liquid, currently only our Lingxiao Sect knows about it. So the purpose of our cooperation with Yang Fei is singular: to obtain the exclusive agency rights for the Genetic Liquid Medicine in the Central Great World and to assist in easing the relationship between Earth cultivators and the other major forces. As long as the other factions get their supply of top-grade spiritual ore, losing a few Foundation Establishment cultivators is trivial. After all, the goal of sending disciples there was to acquire abundant cultivation resources, wasn't it?"

The faces of Jiang Yao and Hai Lingfeng showed delight, but soon Hai Lingfeng said, "Earth cultivators are resisting our side's invasion with such tenacity, simply because they don't want that Top-grade Spirit Mine Mountain Range to be occupied by us. Do you think the Earth cultivation world would accept this demand?"

Shang Daocheng smiled and said, "They will agree, otherwise they wouldn't have sent Lu Chen and Gan Qian back to discuss cooperation with us."

"Oh? Why is that?" Hai Lingfeng asked.

Shang Daocheng smiled, saying, "Because there are too few Foundation Establishment cultivators in the Earth cultivation world, and they know that we have a large number of Foundation Establishment in our several cultivation forces. They cannot withstand our continuous reinforcements. The most important thing is that if they want to develop and cultivate, besides spirit stones, they also need a large amount of Elixirs and other auxiliary resources. So when we Southern Domain forces obtain spirit stones from Earth, it is not plundering but an equivalent exchange. We can provide them with other materials needed for cultivation."

Jiang Yao laughed heartily and said, "Indeed, this matter can definitely succeed."

With that, he stood up and said, "It seems I need to meet with the Sect Masters of the Flame Moon Sect and Great Dao Sect."

He promptly made a decision, saying, "Daocheng, do as you suggested, quickly inform Lu Chen and Gan Qian to tell Yang Fei that we agree to cooperate."

"Yes, Master."

Chapter 1163:

When Shang Daocheng returned near the teleportation passage entrance, the reinforcements from the Great Dao Sect, Flame Moon Sect, and the Feng, Zhong, and He families had not yet arrived.

Ying Wujiu, Chu Kuangge, Li Yang, Zhong Wei, Feng Changgong, He Huan, and others saw Shang Daocheng come and go in a hurry and couldn't help but gather around the three Core Formation masters of Lingxiao Sect.

Chu Kuangge asked, "Brother Shang, you came and went so hastily; is there something important you're hiding from us?"

Shang Daocheng smiled slightly and nodded, saying, "Indeed, I have kept some matters from all of you."

Chu Kuangge and the others were taken aback, not expecting Shang Daocheng to answer so straightforwardly.

Li Yang frowned and asked, "What do you mean by this?"

Shang Daocheng sighed and said, "Li Yang, please be patient. There were indeed some things said by our two disciples regarding Earth that were not entirely truthful, but it was due to the circumstances. I had no choice. After consulting with elders of our sect and being reprimanded by our sect master for concealing things from you, I hurried back to apologize to all of you."

Everyone was even more intrigued.

What exactly did these Lingxiao Sect members hide from us?

Li Yang coldly swept his gaze over Lu Chen and Gan Qian. They felt a chill on their necks and involuntarily shrank back.

Situ Yao and Huang Yuankui hurriedly protected them from behind.

Li Yang snorted coldly, "I have already mentioned that hiding things from us about Earth is pointless. Once our other Foundation Establishment disciples arrive, they will quickly relay the news back. Can Lingxiao Sect really cover everything up about Earth?"

Shang Daocheng smiled bitterly and said, "Li Yang, you are right. However, the disciples we sent to Earth from Lingxiao Sect were pretty useless, disgracing the sect and wronging the cultivation forces of the Southern Domain. Initially, I couldn't make decisions about their actions and had to hide things from all of you. After consulting my master and sect elders and receiving a scolding, I rushed back to apologize to all of you."

This statement not only changed the expressions of the people from the other five major cultivation forces but also those of Situ Yao, Huang Yuankui, Lu Chen, and Gan Qian.

Situ Yao and Huang Yuankui, eager to protect their disciples, gravely asked Shang Daocheng, "Senior Brother, what do the sect elders mean?"

"Yes, weren't we supposed to let these disciples make amends?"

Lu Chen and Gan Qian were trembling, sweat forming on their foreheads.

What does Senior Uncle mean by this?

Is the sect very dissatisfied with us for submitting to Yang Fei and targeting the Foundation Establishment disciples of the five major cultivation forces, unwilling to offend these forces, thus deciding to abandon us?

Also, does the sect not want to collaborate with Yang Fei?

If that's the case, we're in trouble.

The seven Foundation Establishment disciples of Lingxiao Sect who submitted to Yang Fei are caught between a rock and a hard place and will undoubtedly face the most severe punishment from the sect.

They couldn't help but regret returning.

Had they known, they would have held their ground with Yang Fei and others at White Jade City. As long as the teleportation passage here couldn't be expanded and the Core Formation stage couldn't reach Earth's world, they would have been safe on Earth.

Now, they can't even escape to Earth to hide.

Lu Chen and Gan Qian exchanged glances, seeing the worry in each other's eyes.

Opposite them, the people from the Flame Moon Sect, Great Dao Sect, and the three major cultivation families were extremely curious about what the Lingxiao Sect members said.

Li Yang, impatient, asked, "What exactly are you hiding from us?"

Shang Daocheng said, "The spirit ore discovered in Earth Space belongs to a top-grade spiritual ore mountain range, and it's very large."

"What?"

"Top-grade spiritual ore mountain range?"

"Truly?"

The expressions of the Core Formation masters changed dramatically, greatly shocked.

Top-grade spiritual ore resources are enough to attract all cultivation forces below a two-star sect, not to mention a top-grade spirit ore.

A vein that can be called top-grade spiritual ore is usually large, and the hidden spirit stone resources can certainly enhance the overall strength of a two-star sect, upgrading the entire sect into the ranks of a one-star sect.

In the five star domains of the Central Great World, any top-grade spiritual ore is typically controlled by a powerful force like a one-star sect.

Moreover, many were jointly mined and divided by several major one-star sects or aristocratic families.

The southern part of the Southern Domain contains two top-grade spirit ores and several lower and inferior spiritual ore mountain ranges, enough to breed three major two-star sects and three major cultivation families.

Previously, when Lu Chen and Gan Qian returned, they reported discovering an upper-grade spiritual ore mountain range on Earth, exciting everyone, thinking that this time the six major cultivation forces would make a fortune.

They didn't expect the Lingxiao Sect members to have hidden the fact; Earth indeed had the best top-grade spirit ore.

"Absolutely true." Shang Daocheng nodded.

Apart from the Lingxiao Sect members, everyone else revealed excited expressions.

But soon, Ying Wujiu focused on Shang Daocheng and said, "Hiding such a thing from us was useless. Once our people go there, they'll discover it."

Li Yang nodded, "Indeed, hiding from us is definitely not just for this reason."

Shang Daocheng's face showed bitterness, and he sighed, "Alas, regarding this matter, Lingxiao Sect truly feels ashamed."

Situ Yao and Huang Yuankui's hearts sank, and the latter reminded him, "Senior Brother, you..."

Shang Daocheng waved his hand, interrupting Huang Yuankui, and apologized to the people opposite, "The truth is like this. Our Lingxiao Sect's eight disciples who first infiltrated Earth let us down terribly. Besides bringing shame to the sect, they helped Earth's cultivators against your disciples..."

Immediately, he related everything those eight Lingxiao Sect disciples did upon reaching Earth, except for the matter of the genetic liquid medicine.

"Outrageous! I always wondered how Earth, after just waking up spiritually and having only a handful of Foundation Establishment disciples, could cause so many of our excellent disciples to fail. It turns out your Lingxiao Sect people helped them against us!" Li Yang exclaimed.

Everyone else was also furious, scornfully criticizing Lingxiao Sect's offenses.

There were even demands to detain Lu Chen and Gan Qian first, requiring the Lingxiao Sect disciples to atone for their deceased disciples.

Lu Chen and Gan Qian shook terribly.

They felt their world had collapsed.

Despite promises of collaboration with Yang Fei, and even achieving supposed merits, why had everything changed?

Such a large top-grade spiritual ore mountain range and a gene medicine potent enough to cause major disruption in the Cultivation World couldn't sway the Lingxiao Sect leaders to collaborate with Earth's cultivation world?

Or, perhaps the matter has become too significant, and Lingxiao Sect fears they can't handle such a treasure alone, thus needs to share it with other Southern Domain cultivation forces?

Chapter 1164:

Just as Lu Chen and Gan Qian felt utterly hopeless and were trembling, they heard Shang Daocheng say, "Everyone, please calm down and listen to me."

Though the experts of the Five Great Forces were angry, they did not immediately take action against the disciples of the Lingxiao Sect over such a matter.

After all, the Lingxiao Sect had three Core Formation Masters present, and strictly speaking, this place genuinely belonged to the Lingxiao Sect's territory. Taking action against the Lingxiao Sect's people here would be tantamount to declaring war on behalf of their sect or family against the Lingxiao Sect.

No one could bear that responsibility.

Moreover, after Shang Daocheng returned, he confessed this matter to them, indicating that the high ranks of the Lingxiao Sect were reasonable and would surely give them a satisfactory explanation.

"Go ahead," said Ying Wujiu.

Shang Daocheng nodded and said, "My Master has personally gone to the Flame Moon Sect and the Great Dao Sect to discuss cooperation matters with the Sect Masters of your two sects. My Master asked me to tell you that if we, the Southern Domain Cultivation World, want to obtain the cultivation resources of Earth, we must cooperate with the Earth's Cultivation World; we cannot act recklessly."

"Nonsense! What qualifications does a small Plane World have to cooperate with our two-star sects?"

"Right, hasn't Earth just experienced Spiritual Energy Revival with only a few Foundation Establishment Cultivators? Let's not talk about the six cultivation forces in the southern part of our Southern Domain; even our Fengtai Feng Family alone has enough strength to crush them."

"Right, there's no possibility of cooperation with them; they are not qualified."

"Our people can't die for nothing. Once the other Foundation Establishment disciples arrive, let them bring enough magic treasures and weapons. Then we will sweep across the whole Earth's Cultivation World and completely control it. By then, the resources over there will be ours to mine and extract."

All of a sudden, everyone started speaking, unanimously.



Shang Daocheng had already anticipated their response, smiled faintly, and said, "I understand everyone's feelings, but have you thought about us, including the eight disciples from my Lingxiao Sect? Initially, we dispatched a total of twenty-eight Foundation Establishment disciples. Among these twenty-eight, there were several late-stage Foundation Establishment elite disciples, especially Xiang Yuncong and Bai Yu, who brought several top-grade treasures of Master Li Yang. Yet, none of them gained any advantage; don't you realize the problem here?"

Everyone felt a slight chill in their hearts.

They hadn't really counted it carefully before.

Were there really as many as twenty-eight Foundation Establishment disciples sent to Earth?

Moreover, Xiang Yuncong and Bai Yu did indeed take Master Li Yang's top-grade treasures with them.

But even so, one has perished and the other had their soul captured, leaving their body imprisoned.

Other large forces' Foundation Establishment disciples left on Earth were repeatedly hunted and chased by the opponent, utterly embarrassed, with no ability to directly contend with that Yang Fei.

"Humph, isn't it because of a few worthless trash from your Lingxiao Sect?" Li Yang snorted angrily.

The others nodded one after another.

Right, they almost forgot about that.

Chu Kuangge said, "Had your Lingxiao Sect's people not helped the Earth Cultivators, which made our people careless and unprepared, would our people be so passive? This sin must be blamed on your Lingxiao Sect's disciples."

"Yes, the Lingxiao Sect must bear responsibility for our deceased disciples," Ying Wujiu followed up.

The Fake Pill experts of the three great families also joined in solidarity with the Flame Moon Sect and the Great Dao Sect.

Shang Daocheng snorted and said, "If you insist on saying this, then let me ask you, where is this place?"

Their expressions changed slightly.

Strictly speaking, this territory belonged to the management range of the Lingxiao Sect.

So, Shang Daocheng's meaning was very clear: Since the transfer channel is within the Lingxiao Sect's territory, then strictly speaking, the newly discovered Plane World of Earth is owned by the Lingxiao Sect.

However, since this place is near the borders of the Lingxiao Sect's southern side with the Great Dao Sect and the Flame Moon Sect, upon learning the news, the Flame Moon Sect and Great Dao Sect brought members of the three great cultivation families here, forcing the Lingxiao Sect to allow them to proceed.

Shang Daocheng coldly said, "On our Lingxiao Sect's territory, our disciples went there first. They did not want your disciples to seize and possess Earth's cultivation resources, resulting in conflict with your people, which is reasonable and understandable, so why should there be any blame?"

"Humph, sophistry. You said it before, that your Lingxiao Sect's disciples brought disgrace to your sect, yielding to the Earth's Cultivators," Chu Kuangge retorted angrily.

"Indeed, at the end of the day, it's your Lingxiao Sect's disciples who lacked backbone, willing to submit to mere Earth Cultivators and ruthlessly attack our people, absolutely deserving death!" Ying Wujiu immediately added.

The others chimed in agreement.

Everybody insisted on the same stance; otherwise, they couldn't get a share of the rich spirit ore resources on Earth.

Shang Daocheng calmly said, "Everyone, if you must cling to this issue, then there's nothing more to discuss."

Ying Wujiu's eyes turned, and he said, "Didn't you say your Master has already gone to meet our Great Dao Sect and Flame Moon Sect's sect masters? Disputing here is pointless. We should wait for the final decision of the sect masters."

Chu Kuangge and Li Yang nodded as well.

The people from the three great cultivation families felt somewhat helpless.

In such circumstances, joining in on the leftovers is good enough; the main part would surely first be claimed by the three two-star sects.

Shang Daocheng nodded and said, "Alright then, let the three sect masters discuss the specifics before making a decision. However, before I came back, my Master instructed me to have our people on Earth send word to Yang Fei that our Lingxiao Sect is willing to cooperate."

As he spoke, with a wave of his hand, a Spirit Boat appeared beside Lu Chen and Gan Qian. Addressing the two, he said, "Lu Chen, Gan Qian, head to Earth and tell Yang Fei that our Lingxiao Sect is willing to cooperate with him."

Lu Chen and Gan Qian were overjoyed upon hearing this.

The two had thought they were in trouble, only for an unexpected turn of events, as the sect decided to cooperate with Yang Fei after all.

Though excited, Lu Chen did not act immediately but asked Shang Daocheng, "Master Uncle, how should we reply to Yang Fei after returning?"

Shang Daocheng glanced at the people from the Five Great Forces and said, "The specific cooperation details can be discussed later. You only need to tell him that our Southern Domain's major forces are willing to exchange top-grade elixirs needed for advancement for their top-grade spiritual ore. We can provide them with all the Cultivation Resources they require, but they must be purchased with top-grade or even superior Spirit Stones."

The people from the Five Great Forces also nodded slightly, remaining silent.

With this statement, Shang Daocheng included them as potential cooperation partners as well.

Lu Chen quickly said, "Understood, I've got it."

Saying so, he prepared to head to Earth with Gan Qian.

But then he heard Li Yang call out, "Hold on."

"Tell that Yang Fei to have my belongings immediately returned by the disciples of the Flame Moon Sect, or the cooperation will be discussed face-to-face," Li Yang said.

The corner of Lu Chen's mouth twitched, knowing that Yang Fei would likely never relinquish any hard-won gains.

He dared not say this directly, though, so he nodded, saying, "I'll convey the message to him."

With that, he exchanged a glance with Gan Qian, and the two leapt aboard Shang Daocheng's Spirit Boat, heading towards the teleportation channel.

Chapter 1165:

Earth, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang waited outside the transmission channel aboard the spaceship.

After this spaceship was activated, it consumed three top-grade spirit stones every hour. For the Cultivation World, not to mention the ordinary Foundation Establishment Cultivator, even some Core Formation Masters could not afford to maintain such a spirit ship.

Especially during long journeys.

In one day and night, such a spaceship would consume as many as thirty-six top-grade spirit stones, a burden few Core Formation Masters in the Southern Domain's Cultivation World could afford.

Due to the resources of the White Jade City's top-grade spirit ore, Yang Fei didn't have much concept of spirit stones, so after activating this spirit boat, he didn't consider the consumption of spirit stones.

After all, they had brought a large amount of spirit stones when they left, and the spirit stones in his and Qin Yanyang's storage bags were enough to drive the spirit ship to hover in the void for one or two months, besides their regular cultivation.

Since Lu Chen and Gan Qian left, the couple worried that the Southern Domain would send more Foundation Establishment Cultivators. If the number of enemy Foundation Establishment cultivators became too large, it would be difficult to defend the territory on Earth, so the couple decided to stay here and deal with each one as they came.

The two had planned to stay here for ten days to half a month, but only after three hours, there were violent fluctuations in the transmission channel.

The two suddenly opened their eyes during cultivation, coming to the deck of the spaceship, nervously looking toward the sky.

On the firmament, a silver-white light flashed in the huge opening, and then a spirit boat appeared.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang with their excellent eye power immediately recognized Lu Chen and Gan Qian on the spirit boat.

"Friend Yang, Friend Qin, have you been waiting here all the time?" Lu Chen spoke first.

Yang Fei responded, "Yes, did you go back? How did you return so quickly?"

Lu Chen said, "How long did we take in total?"

They had no concept of time while traversing through the transmission channel, so they wanted to ask how long it had been this time.

Yang Fei said, "About three hours."

Gan Qian was surprised, "So fast?"

They didn't know how much time was spent in the transmission channel, but after returning to the Southern Domain, they spent a long time discussing with those Core Formation Masters, and during that period, Master Uncle Shang Daocheng returned to the sect once, which took about three hours.

Lu Chen said, "It seems that the time needed to traverse this transmission channel is very short. This is indeed a powerful transmission formation."

Gan Qian nodded and said, "That's right, similar to the transmission array of our sect, which can instantly transport to a fixed point."

After Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang understood the time taken to traverse two worlds, they both nodded, but what they were more concerned about was the final attitude of the Lingxiao Sect.

"How is the situation?" Yang Fei asked eagerly.

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Brother Yang, you are truly insightful. You were right before. After finding out about the powerful effects of the Gene Elixir, our Master Uncle Shang Daocheng took it very seriously, personally returned to the sect, and brought back a reply from our Sect Master, saying that the Lingxiao Sect is willing to cooperate with Earth's Cultivation World."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang were overjoyed, and both let out a sigh of relief.

Cooperation is good.

Otherwise, under such a prolonged standoff and conflict, it would be hard for Earth's cultivators to have peaceful days. Moreover, without the auxiliary Elixirs needed for advancement, Earth's cultivators could hardly grow quickly.

Qin Yanyang asked, "Your Lingxiao Sect's Sect Master personally said he was willing to cooperate?"

Lu Chen nodded and said, "This is what Master Uncle Shang Daocheng said, but we haven't seen the Sect Master ourselves, so we don't know the details. But Master Uncle Shang Daocheng is the chief disciple of Sect Master Jiang Yao, he wouldn't falsely convey such information."

Qin Yanyang continued to ask, "Is it only Lingxiao Sect cooperating with us?"

Lu Chen thought for a moment, and said, "Master Uncle said that the Southern Domain Cultivation World is willing to cooperate with Earth's Cultivation World. The Southern Domain can provide Earth's Cultivation World with the needed elixirs, weapons, and other cultivation resources, but the premise is that Earth must provide a sufficient amount of top-grade spirit stones for purchase or exchange."

"What about the Gene Elixir?" Qin Yanyang asked.

Lu Chen shook his head and said, "Master Uncle didn't mention this point. I guess our Lingxiao Sect's higher-ups probably want to privately control the Gene Elixir's influence in the Southern Domain Cultivation World, and in exchange, Lingxiao Sect would take care of mediating and resolving the conflicts between Earth and other cultivation forces."

Qin Yanyang frowned.

Yang Fei was also disappointed, opened his mouth and finally couldn't hold back: "In other words, your Master Uncle just let you bring back a word, saying that cooperation is possible, but didn't say anything specific about how to cooperate?"

Lu Chen and Gan Qian smiled wryly, both nodding, and Gan Qian said, "Yes. Before we left, Senior Brother Lu Chen specifically asked Master Uncle how to reply to you, and Master Uncle said the details would be discussed later, just telling us to come back as soon as possible to inform you."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang exchanged a glance, the latter couldn't help but worry, "Could this be their delaying tactic?"

Lu Chen and Gan Qian also felt a chill in their hearts.

Indeed, this possibility was not small.

But soon they both dismissed this possibility.

Lu Chen shook his head and said, "It shouldn't be. Not to mention spirit ore resources, just the significance of the Gene Elixir is very special. After the Lingxiao Sect higher-ups learned its uses, they would definitely find a way to obtain it, unlikely to take unnecessary risks lightly."

Gan Qian also said, "That's right. We had pre-informed Master Uncle and others before, as per your instructions, that if the Southern Domain Cultivation World tried to forcibly attack Earth, you are the type to rather break the jade than keep the whole tile, and would completely destroy the Gene Elixir, even the top-grade Spirit Mine, so that the Southern Domain Cultivation World would get nothing. So the higher-ups should understand the stakes and won't risk it lightly."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang felt much more relaxed, Yang Fei laughed and said, "Let's stop worrying about their motives. Since your Master Uncle had you come to inform us of this news, someone responsible for discussing the cooperation details should come soon. We just need to wait."

Qin Yanyang nodded, reminded, "Then we must be prepared for both outcomes."

Lu Chen and Gan Qian also nodded silently, agreeing that Qin Yanyang's suggestion was reasonable.



Yang Fei pondered slightly and said, "We don't know when they'll come from the Southern Domain. If we return to White Jade City to call for people, it might be too late, and there would be even fewer of us left here. Let's take it step by step. The four of us here, plus this spirit ship, if many people come to fight, we should be able to escape even if we can't win."

Qin Yanyang considered and nodded, saying, "You're right, let's do as you say and see what their plan is."

While Lu Chen and Gan Qian brought this reply back to Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, Lingxiao Sect's Sect Master Jiang Yao left the mountain gate to personally visit the Sect Masters of the Flame Moon Sect and the Great Dao Sect.

Transmission arrays were set up between the three major two-star sects in the Southern Domain, and as Jiang Yao was a Nascent Soul Stage expert, it took only about two days for the three Sect Masters to successfully meet and engage in close discussions regarding cooperation with Earth's Cultivation World, reaching a consensus.

On the third day, the three Sect Masters arrived together, appearing at the entrance of the transmission channel.

Chapter 1166:

"Sect Master!"

"Master!"

"Greetings to the Sect Master!"

The Core Formation Masters from the Flame Moon Sect, Great Dao Sect, and Lingxiao Sect all bowed and saluted upon seeing their respective Sect Masters appear.

Zhong Wei, Feng Changgong, and He Huan, after learning from Shang Daocheng that Jiang Yao had gone to meet with the Sect Masters of the Great Dao Sect and Flame Moon Sect, and that the Southern Domain Cultivation World was going to collaborate with the Earth Cultivation World, each sent messages to inform the heads of their respective families.

Now seeing the Sect Masters from the three major sects arrive in person while their own Family Heads had yet to arrive made them slightly anxious, yet the three still greeted the Sect Masters respectfully.

In the Cultivation World, strength is revered. Regardless of the seniority of these three Sect Masters from the two-star sects, the mere fact that all three are at the Nascent Soul Stage is enough to make all Core Formation Masters present bow in respect.

The Lingxiao Sect Master Jiang Yao, Great Dao Sect Master Yan Wuji, and Flame Moon Sect Master Ling Shuanghua nodded calmly at the crowd, their gazes simultaneously falling on the portal opening.

As Nascent Soul Stage Cultivators, the trio had a profound understanding of the Heaven and Earth Laws. Although separated by several hundred meters from the portal, they could clearly sense the terrifying pressure emanating from it.

"With such a powerful realm suppression, I fear with our abilities we cannot possibly expand this transmission portal, nor can we modify the Power Law within it," the Flame Moon Sect Master Ling Shuanghua said decisively.

Jiang Yao and Yan Wuji also nodded in astonishment.

"The realm restriction of this portal is indeed too formidable. The predecessor who set this portal must be at least a Mahayana or even a Transcendence Tribulation Stage powerhouse," Jiang Yao couldn't help but say.

"Quite so. At this distance, we three can still feel the terrifying realm pressure. If we approach, I'm afraid the portal would instantly produce annihilation means," Yan Wuji added.

The crowd was moved by the words of the three Nascent Soul Stage experts.

Previously, although several Core Formation Masters had experienced the realm pressure of this portal, they only thought it had a significant deterrent effect on themselves as Core Formation Masters.

Now that the three Nascent Soul Cultivators have spoken, it appears that the realm restriction pressure of this portal varies greatly for cultivators of different realms.

Li Yang, the most concerned about this matter, couldn't help asking the Flame Moon Sect Master Ling Shuanghua, "Sect Master, does this mean it's impossible for us to travel through this portal to Earth?"

Ling Shuanghua glanced at her and nodded, "Correct, at least for now, cultivators above the Foundation Establishment Stage have no chance of entering this portal."

Li Yang's heart tightened, unwillingly asking, "What if we invite the Ancestors to come?"

Ling Shuanghua frowned slightly.

She had already heard about Li Yang sending disciples with the Glazed Soul-Seizing Banner and the Mixed Element Bell, two top-grade treasures, to Earth, and losing them was quite unsettling. Seeing Li Yang so anxious, she understood yet inwardly blamed Li Yang for being too reckless.

Such important treasures were sent by disciples to an uncharted Plane World, wasn't this sheer lunacy?

Now, things were lost, and they knew to be anxious?

But after all, Li Yang was a Core Formation Master of her own sect, so Ling Shuanghua patiently explained, "If this portal was left by a Mahayana powerhouse, perhaps with all three Divinity Transformation Ancestors working together and taking some time, the passage could be expanded to allow Core Formation Stage Cultivators to pass through. However, if it was left by a Transcendence Tribulation Stage powerhouse, even the three Divinity Transformation Ancestors would have no way."

Jiang Yao and Yan Wuji nodded silently, agreeing with Ling Shuanghua's explanation.

Li Yang's face grew more anxious, saying, "The Earth plane is said to possess a super top-grade Spirit Ore. Such abundant cultivation resources must be claimed by our major forces in the Southern Domain. Yet, a Foundation Establishment brat over there has been targeting our Foundation Establishment Cultivators. Our people can't immediately subjugate and suppress the Human Clan on the Earth Plane. I

believe we should ask the Ancestors to come out of seclusion to expand this portal quickly. I am willing to be the first to travel to Earth to secure resources for the Southern Domain Cultivation World."

Ling Shuanghua frowned and said, "Li Yang, I understand your feelings, but for this matter, disturbing the cultivations of the Ancestors is a responsibility we cannot bear. As for Earth's abundant cultivation resources, we Sect Masters have already discussed and will squeeze it dry through cooperation."

Li Yang was concerned about her two treasures and wanted to say more, but upon seeing Ling Shuanghua's cold hum, she immediately felt a chill and chose to shut her mouth promptly.

Ling Shuanghua addressed Jiang Yao and Yan Wuji, "Fellow Daoists, since this portal cannot be expanded in the short term, let's proceed as we discussed earlier."

Yan Wuji nodded and looked toward Jiang Yao, "Yes, let's follow Fellow Daoist Jiang's suggestion, first cooperate with them and take it one step at a time."

Upon hearing this, there was no change in the Lingxiao Sect, but the Great Dao Sect, Flame Moon Sect, and the three major cultivation families' members showed visible reactions.

Ying Wujiu couldn't help but say, "Sect Master, the Earth plane has just experienced Spiritual Energy Revival and discovered a top-grade Spirit Ore resource. Surely, the cultivation resources within that Plane World must be extremely abundant. We should find a way to directly seize it instead of collaborating with the cultivators over there?"

Chu Kuangge followed, "Indeed, simply send a large number of Foundation Establishment disciples to suppress them directly. Why bother with unnecessary complications and collaboration?"

Li Yang nodded further, "Those Earth cultivators have already harmed many of our Southern Domain's Foundation Establishment Cultivators. How can this enmity be resolved so easily? If we can endure this and even consider cooperation, it would only make the Earth cultivators laugh at our Southern Domain Cultivation World's lack of resolve!"

Feng Changgong, Zhong Wei, and He Huan agreed with Ying Wujiu and Li Yang's opinions, but noticing the unusual expressions of Jiang Yao, Yan Wuji, and Ling Shuanghua, who had clearly made this decision after thorough discussion, they wisely chose to remain silent.

Sure enough, Yan Wuji frowned at Ying Wujiu, scolding, "Say no more. The three of us Sect Masters have discussed this and believe that for now, cooperating with the Earth Cultivation World is the most prudent and cost-effective decision."

Ying Wujiu opened his mouth, quickly lowered his head, and complied, "Yes, disciple acknowledges the mistake."

Yan Wuji no longer paid attention to him.

Ling Shuanghua then said to Jiang Yao, "Sect Master Jiang, since your Lingxiao Sect is taking the lead on this cooperation, please send disciples over to discuss the detailed cooperation terms. Since we are already here, we don't mind staying a bit longer to see the quality of the first batch of Spirit Ore brought from the other side and whether it meets your so-called top grade."

Jiang Yao nodded, "Alright."

He then instructed Shang Daocheng, "Quickly notify the sect, send over two Foundation Establishment disciples."

"Understood." Shang Daocheng went to make arrangements immediately.

Jiang Yao said to Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua, "Since we are collaborating, and we from the Southern Domain Cultivation Forces are part of a major upper world sect, we ought to demonstrate the boldness of a major sect. Once our Lingxiao Sect's Foundation Establishment disciples arrive, let them also bring some elixirs needed for advancement to express our sincerity to those Earth cultivators and see what price they can offer, how about it?"

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua contemplated for a moment, exchanged a glance, and simultaneously nodded, "Agreed!"

Chapter 1167:

After waiting for about two hours, a Spirit Boat sped rapidly towards them.

"Greetings, Uncle Master Hai," Shang Daocheng, Situ Yao, and Huang Yuankui hurriedly bowed in respect upon seeing the newcomer.

At the forefront of the Spirit Boat stood none other than Hai Lingfeng, with two young cultivators from the Lingxiao Sect standing behind him.

These two were only at the Foundation Establishment Early Stage, but both were handsome and exceptionally charismatic. One was Hai Lingfeng's son, Hai Mo, and the other was Yan Wei, the son of a Core Formation Master from the Lingxiao Sect.

As the Spirit Boat came to a halt, Hai Mo and Yan Wei quickly bowed to Jiang Yao and the three Core Formation Masters.

Jiang Yao looked at Hai Lingfeng and asked, "Junior Brother Hai, are you sending Hai Mo personally this time?"

Hai Lingfeng nodded and replied, "He's spent most of his life within the sect and rarely ventures out. This trip will be a good opportunity for him to gain some experience."

Though Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua had never seen Hai Mo before, they could immediately tell he was related to Hai Lingfeng just by looking at him.

Was it really safe for a Nascent Soul Stage powerhouse to send his offspring or descendant to negotiate with Yang Fei on the Earth World?

It seemed the Lingxiao Sect placed a lot of trust in Yang Fei, as they seemed keen on fostering this collaborative effort.

Both glanced at Jiang Yao again, feeling a tinge of curiosity.

After contacting them, Jiang Yao had proposed creating a transmission passage within the territory of the Lingxiao Sect, where the Flame Moon Sect, Great Dao Sect, and the three great cultivation families lacked the qualification to explore.

However, Jiang Yao showed great tolerance, saying that since they all belonged to the Southern Domain's southern cultivation forces, it was only right to support each other and progress together. He offered to share the resources from the Earth Plane World with other sects, with the condition that all sects put aside grievances with the Earth's Cultivation World and give the leading authority to the Lingxiao Sect.

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua, aware that this transmission passage belonged to the Lingxiao Sect's territory, wanted a share but feared rejection, so they joined forces with the three great families.

Now, with Jiang Yao主动 making concessions and willing to share the Earth Plane's cultivation resources with them, they agreed readily, leaving everything in the Lingxiao Sect's control.

Nonetheless, they couldn't help but feel skeptical about how seriously the Lingxiao Sect regarded its cooperation with Earth.

Could it be that, besides a top-grade spiritual ore resource, the Earth Plane held other valuable treasures?

"Junior Brother Hai, what about the items you brought?" Jiang Yao inquired.

With a wave of his hand, Hai Lingfeng made three porcelain bottles float in the air before him.

"This bottle contains subpar Foundation Establishment Pills, five in total. In our Southern Domain Cultivation World, each of these can sell for three to five thousand low-grade Spirit Stones."

"This bottle contains True Essence Pills, suitable for both Foundation Establishment Early and Mid-Stage cultivators, aiding in cultivation speed."

"And this bottle contains Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills."

Explaining each, Hai Lingfeng said, "These three bottles hold five subpar Foundation Establishment Pills, three genuine True Essence Pills, and eight Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills. Based on our Southern Domain market prices, they should be worth at least between fifteen to twenty thousand low-grade Spirit Stones."

The group nodded upon hearing this, acknowledging the fairness of the price.

Hai Lingfeng smiled slightly and instructed Hai Mo and Yan Wei, "After you go over, exchange these three kinds of Elixirs for ten thousand Mid-grade Spirit Stones."

"Huh?"

Hai Mo was taken aback, looking at his father in surprise.

Hai Lingfeng glared, "What 'huh'? Since Elixirs are the most scarce cultivation resource for the Earth's Cultivation World, isn't it normal for us to charge a bit more?"

Hai Mo swallowed.

This is called charging a bit more?

Exchanging twenty thousand low-grade Spirit Stones would usually only fetch you two thousand Mid-grade Spirit Stones if you were lucky.

Besides, people with Mid-grade Spirit Stones are usually reluctant to exchange them for low-grade ones.

Yet here you are, marking it up by five times! Is this how you do a markup?

Only in certain auctions has he heard of more extravagant markups than this.



But now, with the Lingxiao Sect and the Earth's Cultivation World on equal footing in terms of cooperation, isn't he afraid of burning bridges doing business like this in the future?

But since his father instructed so, he'd comply. He quickly stored the three bottles in his storage bag and respectfully said, "Yes, I've got it."

Jiang Yao turned to Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua, "Do either of you have any items that you don't currently need but could exchange for Spirit Stones?"

Yan Wuji shook his head, "All my items are useful, and for cultivators below the Foundation Establishment Stage, they aren't of much use."

Ling Shuanghua also said, "It's the same for me."

However, she immediately looked at Li Yang and Chu Kuangge, asking, "Do either of you have any Elixirs like Foundation Establishment Pills?"

Li Yang shook his head.

Chu Kuangge pulled out a porcelain bottle and said, "I do have one genuine Foundation Establishment Pill and two subpar Foundation Establishment Pills."

With a sweep of her hand, Ling Shuanghua instructed, "Hand them over to the two young members from the Lingxiao Sect and let them exchange for some Mid-grade Spirit Stones on Earth. By the way, I've heard they also have top-grade Spirit Stones and even top-grade Purple Spirit Crystals. If possible, exchange for some of those too."

Jiang Yao nodded, turning to Hai Mo and Yan Wei, "It's as the Sect Master said, aim to get as many top-grade Spirit Stones, or even Purple Spirit Crystals, as possible."

Hai Mo nodded, "Yes, I've got it. And in terms of pricing, should it follow a similar markup rate?"

Jiang Yao chuckled, "Follow the rate your father mentioned. If the Earth's Cultivation World desperately needs our Elixirs for cultivation, charging a bit more isn't unreasonable. After all, these advancement Elixirs are quite precious in our Southern Domain's Cultivation World. People from smaller sects and cultivation families often have to bid for them at auction workshops, where the markups are even higher than ours."

Yan Wuji remarked, "Indeed, discuss the price as being over five times its worth. We've shown our sincerity; it's up to Earth's side to show theirs for collaboration. If they're not equally sincere, our Southern Domain's Cultivation World might just gather a large number of Foundation Establishment disciples and forcefully enter the Earth World, even if it means a bit more sacrifice."

Li Yang couldn't help but mutter, "We don't actually need to cooperate with Earth's Cultivation World. We could invade directly and take what we need, so why bother with the hassle?"

Ling Shuanghua cast a glance at her, knowing what concerned her most, and prompted Hai Mo, "Nephew Hai Mo, when you meet that Earth cultivator named Yang Fei, remind him that keeping things not belonging to him won't end well. He should return them to avoid unnecessary trouble."

Hai Mo was unaware of the two top-grade treasures Li Yang lost, but it didn't matter. He remembered Ling Shuanghua's advice and nodded, "Yes, I'll make sure to relay the message."

Hai Lingfeng waved his hand, "Go on."

Hai Mo and Yan Wei, under everyone's watchful eyes, boarded the Spirit Boat. The Spirit Boat's Defense Array activated as they piloted it into the transmission channel.

Chapter 1168:

Earth, on the spirit ship.

Yang Fei, Qin Yanyang, Lu Chen, and Gan Qian were quietly waiting on the spirit ship.

Suddenly, there was a stir from the teleportation portal not far above.

"They've arrived!" Lu Chen said.

The group looked up at the sky, and a spirit boat emerged.

"It's Junior Brothers Hai Mo and Yan Wei," Lu Chen exclaimed in surprise.

Gan Qian was also surprised: "It's actually those two."

In the Lingxiao Sect, Hai Mo and Yan Wei were genuine second-generation. Hai Mo's father was Hai Lingfeng, one of the three Nascent Soul Stage peaks of the sect, and Yan Wei's father was a Core Formation master.

These two rarely participated in dangerous sect missions within the Lingxiao Sect, and yet they showed up in Earth's world now.

It seemed that the sect was really valuing the cooperation with Earth by sending these two over, to reassure Yang Fei and the others and demonstrate Lingxiao Sect's sincerity in collaboration.

After Hai Mo and Yan Wei shuttled over, they immediately saw the spirit ship hovering nearby and Lu Chen and Gan Qian on board.

The spirit boat quickly approached this direction.

After greeting each other, Lu Chen invited, "Junior brothers, Yang and Qin invite you to come on board the spirit ship to talk."

Although Hai Mo and Yan Wei were a bit worried that the two Earth cultivators might act recklessly, they were tasked with coming to do business with them, and given their backgrounds, they figured the other side wouldn't act rashly. So they put away the spirit boat and flew onto the spirit ship.

"Brother Yang, Taoist Qin, allow me to introduce you. This is Junior Brother Hai Mo, the son of Uncle Master Hai, one of the three Nascent Soul Stage peak masters of our Lingxiao Sect. And this is Yan Wei, his father is our sect's Core Formation elder."

Lu Chen then addressed Hai Mo and Yan Wei: "Junior brothers, this is Yang Fei, a Taoist friend from Earth, and this is his companion, Taoist Qin Yanyang."

The four introduced assessed each other, nodded, and smiled.

Lu Chen looked at Hai Mo and Yan Wei, eagerly asking, "Junior brothers, have you come to discuss the details of cooperation with Brother Yang?"

Hai Mo and Yan Wei were slightly taken aback, exchanging confused glances.

It seemed like their sect elders didn't mention any details about cooperation when they sent them over.

Yan Wei coughed and said, "Senior Brother Lu Chen, when we came over, the sect only asked us to bring some elixirs, saying that we should use them for trade with the Earth cultivators to establish a cooperative friendship through this exchange."

Upon hearing this, Yang Fei's eyes lit up and he said, "Oh? Did you bring elixirs necessary for cultivation?"

Hai Mo nodded and said, "Yes. We heard that your Earth's cultivation world lacks elixirs necessary for upgrading, so our Sect Master asked us to bring some."

"What kind of elixirs?" Yang Fei asked.

"There are Foundation Establishment Pills, True Essence Pills, and Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills, all of which are urgently needed upgrading elixirs for your Earth's cultivation world," Hai Mo replied.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang were secretly delighted. Qin Yanyang couldn't help asking, "How many are there?"

Hai Mo wasn't afraid they might try to seize them.

If the other party really intended to do so, they would forcefully take it even if he didn't hand them over.

But he didn't think Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang would do that.

Since the Earth cultivators had voluntarily sought cooperation with the Lingxiao Sect and the Southern Domain cultivation world, it was aimed at peaceful coexistence between the two realms. They wouldn't act recklessly knowing their backgrounds.

Thus, he took out four bottles of elixirs from his storage bag and introduced them one by one.

Lu Chen and Gan Qian were both moved.

"Eight Foundation Establishment Pills, including one genuine one? In addition, three True Essence Pills and eight Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills?" Lu Chen couldn't help but ask.

Hai Mo nodded, "Yes."

Gan Qian swallowed hard and said, "Truly good stuff."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang were somewhat disappointed.

They had thought that at the very least, the four bottles of elixirs would have dozens of pills, but it turned out there were only nineteen in total.

Moreover, for Earth's cultivation world, the most important Foundation Establishment Pills amounted to only eight, with just one genuine one and the other seven being inferior.

Yang Fei frowned and said, "Is that all? And you really lack sincerity, using inferior Foundation Establishment Pills to make up the numbers?"

"Ahem..."

Lu Chen coughed intensely.

Yang Fei gave him an unhappy look.

Lu Chen smiled wryly and said, "Brother Yang, you might not know, but these nineteen elixirs are precious treasures that any Foundation Establishment family would exhaust their entire clan's assets to acquire."

Gan Qian chimed in, "Yes, not to mention, even an inferior Foundation Establishment Pill, though normally priced between three thousand to five thousand low-grade spirit stones, is practically unavailable for loose cultivators and some weak cultivation families and sects. They often need to pay several to ten times the normal price to buy just one inferior Foundation Establishment Pill."

The disappointment on Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang's faces lessened, and they were instead a bit moved.

Qin Yanyang said, "Is it really that precious?"

Lu Chen nodded, "Yes, at least for cultivators eager to establish their foundation, an inferior Foundation Establishment Pill is extremely precious and very difficult to acquire without connections."

Gan Qian continued, "As for the True Essence Pills and the Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills, they are very precious elixirs for Foundation Establishment cultivators. Not only can they enhance cultivation speed, but they can also help lay the groundwork for future Core Formation and increase the probability of future Core Formation success."

Yang Fei understood.

These elixirs were very valuable to those who needed them.

He immediately said, "Alright, I will take all these elixirs."

Qin Yanyang then asked Hai Mo and Yan Wei, "Is that all the Lingxiao Sect can offer? I heard you're a two-star sect; such a big sect surely doesn't have so few elixirs in reserve?"

Hai Mo said, "Of course, we have more. Most of these elixirs are just what my father carries with him. With enough materials, my father can refine endless elixirs."

Qin Yanyang nodded, "That's good. Tell your father that the Earth's cultivation world is keen to purchase Foundation Establishment Pills, True Essence Pills, and Five Elements Blood Coagulation Pills in large quantities."

Hai Mo nodded, "No problem, but the price..."

Yang Fei looked at him and smiled, "What? Aren't we trading at the normal price of your Southern Domain workshops?"

Hai Mo shook his head, "Of course not. It's not that we are inflating prices intentionally, but these elixirs are necessities for us at Lingxiao Sect. Under normal circumstances, these basic elixirs would not be sold to outsiders."

"Haha, then tell me, what price is appropriate," Yang Fei asked directly.

Thinking of his father's instructions, Hai Mo said, "A total of three hundred thousand spirit stones."

"How much?"

Yang Fei was startled.

Back in the mundane world, he was a rich man, affluent, and never intimidated by prices offered by others.

After entering the cultivation era and owning the White Jade City with top-grade spirit ore resources, he'd never been poor, thinking spirit stones were something Earth's few hundred cultivators would never run out of.

Yet the other party starting at three hundred thousand spirit stones still startled him.

Qin Yanyang also thought she'd misheard, staring at Hai Mo in surprise.

Hai Mo swallowed, forcing himself to continue, "Three hundred thousand low-grade spirit stones."

Chapter 1169:

"How much?" Yang Fei thought he had misheard and looked at Hai Mo to ask.

Hai Mo could tell from Yang Fei's tone and his shocked expression that the number he had just mentioned had frightened him.

But his father had instructed that it must be this price.

And according to the market value in the cultivation world, this price was already considered quite fair for loose cultivators and small families and sects who urgently needed these elixirs.

So Hai Mo, meeting Yang Fei's gaze, said, "Three hundred thousand spirit stones."

Yang Fei glanced at Qin Yanyang and asked, "How many spirit stones does White Jade City manage to mine in a day?"



Qin Yanyang replied, "Now, with more than two thousand people digging and mining, each averaging around thirty spirit stones, we can extract about sixty thousand spirit stones."

Hearing Qin Yanyang's words, both Hai Mo and Yan Wei couldn't help but show an expression of shock.

Although spirit stones are the most common cultivation resource in the cultivation world, even for some top-grade spirit ore, expecting each miner to successfully dig out more than thirty spirit stones a day is simply wishful thinking.

It's important to know that spirit ore doesn't mean every strike will yield a spirit stone.

The vast majority of miners often cannot extract even a decent spirit stone in a day.

Yet here was this woman claiming that their miners could extract an average of thirty spirit stones each day.

What kind of spirit ore resource was this, with such a high spirit stone content?

Lu Chen and Gan Qian had a certain understanding of this, so they weren't surprised at all.

While Hai Mo and Yan Wei were shocked, they couldn't help but look at their senior brothers, Lu Chen and Gan Qian, who both nodded, indicating that Qin Yanyang was not lying.

Lu Chen even twitched his mouth, wanting to say that the spirit stones mined from White Jade City were mostly mid-grade and top-grade spirit stones, and occasionally a top-grade purple spirit crystal could be found.

But he ultimately held back from saying it.

If he said it, what if Hai Mo and Yan Wei decided to raise the price on the spot?

What would Yang Fei think of him then?

Of course, if he didn't say it, the sect leaders might also have an opinion of him once they found out.

However, regarding this spirit mine, neither he nor Gan Qian hid anything from the sect; the sect just didn't anticipate the mine had such a rich reserve of spirit stones, so it wasn't their fault.

Moreover, he had brought back the genetic liquid medicine for them, which he felt was more beneficial for the Lingxiao Sect seniors, establishing a close cooperation with Yang Fei for a steady supply of genetic liquid medicine, far more cost-effective than earning spirit stones from Yang Fei.

Qin Yanyang knew that Yang Fei would certainly buy these elixirs. Thinking of the price Hai Mo mentioned earlier, she asked, "What do the lower-grade spirit stones you mentioned look like? Let me see them first."

Hai Mo immediately took out a few lower-grade spirit stones.

These lower-grade spirit stones were already sufficient for Qi Refining cultivators to use for cultivation, and even the majority of Foundation Establishment cultivators mostly used such spirit stones to assist in cultivation and speed up the process, so Hai Mo always carried some with him.

When Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang saw the spirit stones Hai Mo took out, they were grayish-white, and the spiritual energy emitted wasn't very intense, seeming to contain a lot of impurities, and they were especially just the size of a pinky finger, so they understood instantly.

Qin Yanyang took out a handful of spirit stones from her storage bag.

There were seven or eight in total, and each spirit stone was the size of a quail egg, with some even larger.

But compared to the spirit stones Hai Mo took out, just the color alone seemed much purer, especially the spiritual power they emitted, which was countless times stronger.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei, who came from distinguished backgrounds, had naturally seen such spirit stones before, and they both carried some of this grade with them.

Yet seeing Qin Yanyang casually reveal such a large handful of top-grade spirit stones still surprised them.

Yan Wei couldn't help but ask, "Are these spirit stones all mined from the Spiritual Ore Mountain Range?"

Qin Yanyang nodded, "Of course."

Seeing their expressions, she guessed that even these two well-connected disciples from the Lingxiao Sect were taken aback by the White Jade City spirit mine, which showed just how important White Jade City was.

"How many lower-grade spirit stones might one of my spirit stones be worth?" Qin Yanyang asked.

Hai Mo glanced at Lu Chen and Gan Qian, thinking that their Lingxiao Sect fellow apprentices likely told these Earth cultivators some basic information about the Southern Domain cultivation world, so he didn't dare speak nonsense and honestly replied, "Your spirit stone is top-grade, and each top-grade spirit stone can be exchanged for a hundred mid-grade spirit stones, and each mid-grade spirit stone can then be converted to a hundred lower-grade spirit stones. So your eight top-grade spirit stones can be used as eighty thousand lower-grade spirit stones."

Qin Yanyang smiled slightly upon hearing this.

Now it was alright.

Upon first hearing the other party mention the price of three hundred thousand spirit stones, she and Yang Fei thought they had misheard and were a bit startled.

Even though they already stored a large amount of spirit stone resources with the extraction speed of White Jade City, three hundred thousand didn't seem like a substantially large amount, but it did feel a bit expensive for just a dozen elixirs.

Now that she knew the quality of the spirit stones they held was so high, with just eight equating to the eighty thousand lower-grade spirit stones the opponent mentioned, Qin Yanyang found these elixirs not expensive at all.

Simply a steal!

Yang Fei thought the same, and he chuckled, saying to Hai Mo and Yan Wei, "Hahaha, alright, it seems the Lingxiao Sect has come with enough sincerity to cooperate with us in this trade. Fine, let's trade based on this market price from now on, and happy cooperation."

Saying this, he habitually extended his hand towards Hai Mo.

Hai Mo looked at the outstretched hand, bewildered.

Only then did Yang Fei realize the other party didn't understand the handshake gesture, so he laughed, withdrew his hand, and took out a handful of top-grade spirit stones from his storage bag.

He counted out exactly twenty-two pieces, and with the eight that Qin Yanyang took out, there were thirty in total.

Qin Yanyang placed her eight in Yang Fei's hand, and Yang Fei handed them together to Hai Mo, saying, "Count them."

For a Foundation Establishment cultivator, merely scanning with divine sense was enough to confirm the thirty spirit stones.

As he took these thirty spirit stones, Hai Mo suddenly felt a bit of regret.

He realized those two Earth cultivators extracted and handed over their spirit stones with such carefree nonchalance.

It was as if they hadn't taken out top-grade spirit stones, but the most rubbish spiritual sand or the lowest-level cultivation resources.

He glanced at Yan Wei, and Yan Wei glanced back at him.

A thought simultaneously crossed both their minds.

The price was too low.

But with the other party already having paid, asking for a price increase wasn't something he could voice.

Hai Mo silently took a deep breath, put away the thirty top-grade spirit stones, and then, with a grand gesture, pushed the bottles of medicine toward Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang.

Yang Fei took the four bottles of medicine and asked, "What are the names and effects of these elixirs? Aren't you going to introduce them?"

Hai Mo promptly introduced each one.

Yang Fei sniffed each type of elixir, noting their names and effects in his mind.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei's task was to facilitate the first cooperation between the two parties, and with the transaction complete, Hai Mo said, "Since the trade is complete, we shall take our leave."

Yang Fei was taken aback and hurriedly called out, "Wait."

Hai Mo and Yan Wei tensed, nervously looking at Yang Fei and asking, "What do you want?"

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"Don't be nervous, I mean no harm." Seeing the two of them on edge and wary of him, Yang Fei couldn't help but twitch his mouth and hurriedly explained.

Then, he directly pulled out a large handful of top-grade spirit stones from his storage bag.

Without even counting, he tossed them directly to Hai Mo and Yan Wei and said, "Based on the price of these top-grade spirit stones, I'm preordering some Foundation Establishment Pills and similar elixirs. Oh, and do try to bring more elixirs next time. Also, aim for finished or even top-grade elixirs, and less of the subpar ones. I assure you, I'll offer a fair price; you won't be treated unfairly."

After saying that, he swiftly stuffed five top-grade spirit stones into the hands of both Hai Mo and Yan Wei, winked, and clasped his hands in salute, "Gentlemen, when you return, please speak favorably of us. The cultivation community on Earth is very sincere in establishing a long-term cooperative relationship with the Lingxiao Sect."

Though Hai Mo and Yan Wei were second-generation immortals and considerably wealthier than most Foundation Establishment cultivators, the value of five top-grade spirit stones was still significant enough to leave a favorable impression of Yang Fei on them.

Plus, given the sect's stance, they both provided Yang Fei a small favor in return. Yan Wei said, "Don't worry, Yang, as long as you continue using spirit stones of this quality for transactions, not only will our Lingxiao Sect cooperate with you, but other cultivation forces in the Southern Domain would also be inclined to collaborate as well."

Hai Mo added, "We came this time to test the waters and show both parties' willingness to cooperate. As for any future transactions and how to resolve the matter of the Flame Moon Sect, Great Dao Sect, and the three prominent cultivation families not pursuing the grievances of their disciples being killed by the Earth cultivation community, that still needs to be discussed slowly between your upper management and ours."

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang furrowed their brows slightly.

Indeed, the cultivation world of the Southern Domain intends to settle old scores regarding their disciples who were killed.

After all, lives were indeed taken, and the other party, being a formidable cultivation force, rightfully seeks accountability, otherwise, they can't explain it to their sects.

It all depends on how they intend to pursue it.

If it's life for a life, then there's nothing to discuss.

But Yang Fei believed they wouldn't be that forceful. Since they opted to trade with the cultivation community on Earth, they must value Earth's cultivation resources more. As long as the interests are significant enough, grievances and hostilities can be forgotten.

Currently, the Earth cultivation community requires ample time to develop and needs a steady supply of elixir resources from the cultivation world. Thus, ensuring sufficient peace is crucial for discreet growth.

Therefore, yielding a bit, taking a loss is something unavoidable.

As long as those sects' demands aren't excessive, Yang Fei plans to choose to endure temporarily.

He said, "Alright, we'll wait here. I hope your sect's upper management makes a decision soon and discusses it with other cultivation forces. I certainly won't shirk any compensations that need to be made."

Seeing him say this, both Hai Mo and Yan Wei breathed a sigh of relief.

It appeared this young man truly desires to cooperate with the Southern Domain cultivation forces, showing full sincerity.

"Alright, I'll report everything truthfully." Hai Mo said.

Yang Fei clasped his hands in salute.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei jumped onto the spirit ship, preparing to return to the Southern Domain.

At this moment, Yan Wei softly reminded Hai Mo, "You haven't mentioned what Sect Master Ling instructed yet."

Hai Mo slapped his forehead, "Oh, look at my memory."

He hurriedly turned back and, with a complex expression, looked at Yang Fei and said, "By the way, Yang, when we came over, Sect Master Ling Shuanghua from the Flame Moon Sect asked me to relay a message to you."

Yang Fei's heart skipped a beat.

He had killed numerous disciples of the Flame Moon Sect and seized several treasures belonging to a Core Formation Master of the sect. Now, the sect master had sent a message, which likely wasn't good news.

"Go ahead." Yang Fei said.

Hai Mo conveyed Ling Shuanghua's message verbatim.

Yang Fei chuckled, pulling out the Glazed Soul-Seizing Banner and Mixed Element Bell, "The Flame Moon Sect's Sect Master wants these two magic treasures returned?"

Hai Mo and Yan Wei both nodded. Yan Wei, finding Yang Fei reasonable, gently reminded, "These two treasures are very famous in the Southern Domain cultivation world, highly valued by the Flame Moon Sect. They wouldn't let them go easily."

Yang Fei was quite fond of these two magic treasures too.



The Glazed Soul-Seizing Banner was redundant with the Soul Binding Rope in hand, but the Mixed Element Bell, a defensive treasure, was very satisfactory to him, and he was reluctant to return it.

But he also knew that the Southern Domain had three two-star sects, and the Flame Moon Sect was one of them.

He killed the most disciples from the Flame Moon Sect and took two of their top-grade treasures. If he didn't give an explanation or express a stance on this issue, the sect executives couldn't save face, and the sect wouldn't let Earth rest, which would lead to endless attacks and harassment, hindering cultivation and growth.

But asking him to willingly return what was in hand was impossible.

The killings were justified; those people attacked Earth first, which in the cultivation world is the root of survival of the fittest, the victors write history, and no one can blame another.

Yet the other party is still a disciple of a two-star sect with significant background, and reputation is hugely important.

Therefore, after pondering for a moment, Yang Fei said, "Please inform the Flame Moon Sect's sect master, since these two treasures are so important to them, they should offer a comparable amount of elixirs and magic swords in exchange."

Initially, Hai Mo and Yan Wei assumed Yang Fei would yield to the Flame Moon Sect's prestige and, wanting to cooperate with the cultivation community in the Southern Domain, would hand over the treasures. They were surprised by his response.

Both couldn't help but admire this Foundation Establishment cultivator.

Even in an overwhelmingly weaker position, he dared to negotiate terms with the Flame Moon Sect—truly a hard nut from Earth.

"Rest assured, Yang, I will relay your words accurately." Hai Mo said.

"Farewell," Yan Wei clasped his hands.

"Farewell!"

After bidding farewell, Hai Mo and Yan Wei controlled their spirit ship to enter the teleportation channel, disappearing in the blink of an eye.

In the Southern Domain, the sect masters of the three two-star sects were still waiting there.

Seeing Hai Mo and Yan Wei return so quickly, everyone was slightly startled and hurriedly gathered around.

Hai Lingfeng, seeing his son return safely, secretly breathed a sigh of relief and with concern asked, "Why did you return so soon? How is the situation?"

Hai Mo recounted the situation and took out those thirty top-grade spirit stones from his storage bag.

Hai Lingfeng waved his hand, and the top-grade spirit stones fell into his hand. He divided some among Jiang Yao, Yan Wuji, and Ling Shuanghua, and several Nascent Soul Stage experts began examining these top-grade spirit stones closely.

Moments later, the group exchanged glances and nodded in agreement.

"Indeed, these are newly extracted top-grade spirit stones, and compared to most in the Southern Domain, they are even superior, making them exemplary among top-grade spirit stones." Yan Wuji nodded.

Ling Shuanghua's eyes flickered with a keen light, "Everyone, according to what that boy said, their two thousand people extract tens of thousands of spirit stones daily. Given that boy's conduct, quite a few of those extracted should be these top-grade spirit stones."

This statement caused everyone to be moved.

Hai Mo and Yan Wei suddenly realized this startling possibility.

Indeed, based on Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang's reactions, such a possibility was incredibly high.

Hisses echoed...

A lot of people on site drew sharp breaths.

If this truly were the case, then the top-grade spiritual ore vein on Earth would undoubtedly be a treasure trove. If the Southern Domain cultivation forces could secure such a mineral resource, it could very well propel the three two-star sects into the ranks of the one-star sects in the future.

Yan Wuji and Ling Shuanghua's eyes flickered with determination.

Jiang Yao and Hai Lingfeng felt their hearts sink, secretly worried.

Possessing treasures can lead to downfall!

The exposed wealth of Earth is enormous, making it hard to resist these people's greed.