

## Overlord 981

### Chapter 981: Comprehending the First Ancient Rune

Yang Fei followed the steps from last time to open the Six Changes Wooden Box, rearranging the six rune symbols in sequence and placing them in their respective positions.

After dragging the last rune over, a golden light flashed across the box, and it opened.

However, the Fusang Wood inside had already been removed, leaving the box empty.

Tong Yunshu fell into a contemplative state, seemingly trying to recall Yang Fei's previous actions and ponder why these runes had to be arranged in this order.

Yang Fei said, "Yun Shu, have you noticed that each of these six rune symbols has its own power attribute?"

Tong Yunshu was startled and looked at Yang Fei in confusion, "Power attribute? What do you mean?"

Yang Fei said, "Take this rune for example, it represents the Water Attribute. When I dragged it, I could clearly feel the surrounding spiritual energy being predominantly water-based."

Tong Yunshu looked at Yang Fei in surprise and asked, "Water attribute?"

"Yes, the Water Attribute. Didn't you feel the humidity in the air increase significantly when I illuminated this rune? That's the reason the Power Elements are transformed into the Water Attribute," Yang Fei explained.

Tong Yunshu felt a sense of enlightenment and pointed at one of the runes, asking, "What about this one?"

Yang Fei captured the ancient rune with strong telekinesis and tapped on it. The rune came to life as if called by some force, and could be dragged freely within the array formed inside the Six Changes Wooden Box.



Yang Fei did not drag it, merely kept it activated, maintaining this state.

Tong Yunshu soon felt the surrounding air become dry and said, "Is this rune representing the Fire Attribute?"

Yang Fei nodded.

Yang Fei tapped each of the remaining three runes in sequence.

"The Power Elements seem to come from underground, this is the Earth Attribute?"

"The air is filled with vitality, as if this box is about to come alive. This represents the Wood Attribute, the element of life?"

"This aura is the hardest to perceive, it seems metallic, yet it might be stirring the Power of thunder and lightning. Is this the Gold Attribute rune?"

Tong Yunshu, with Yang Fei's guidance, sensed each of the five ancient runes that could condense the Five Elements Attributes.

She was both surprised and delighted, pointing to the final rune, "And this one? What does it represent?"

Yang Fei tapped the sixth rune, the power elements in the void calmed down, and nothing happened.

Tong Yunshu frowned and said, "It seems useless."

Yang Fei smiled and said, "Indeed, it appears useless, but the box needs all five elements' runes to merge in a unique sequence to open. So it must be useful, with the greatest effect, yet we haven't discovered its secret."



Tong Yunshu nodded silently, "Since it's an ancient rune, it must have great efficacy."

Yang Fei said, "You should keep this and study it well. Once you comprehend these runes, your talisman capabilities will soar."

Tong Yunshu blushed, "It's not that easy. You always say I'm a Talisman Dao genius, but despite my prolonged research, I feel like there's little progress."

Yang Fei said speechlessly, "You've been dedicated to studying the Talisman Dao for just a few months and even managed to perform instant teleportation, yet you say there's no progress? Cultivation or Talisman Arrays, neither are achieved overnight."

Tong Yunshu nodded, "I know, don't worry. My cultivation talent isn't like Qin Yanyang's; Talisman Dao and Arrays are where I can surpass her, and I won't give up."

Yang Fei clicked his tongue.

Talking about this has become a comparison.

But perhaps this is the powerful motivation for Tong Yunshu to study Talisman Dao and Arrays diligently, Yang Fei did not try to persuade her otherwise.

In the following days, countries around the world continued closely monitoring the ghost ship from the outer domain.

The ghost ship was flying at a slow pace in the air, sometimes hovering at different locations for a period, with people from the ship coming down, seemingly searching for something.

The strange thing was that these people seemed tireless over the days, the ship consistently functioning, and it was unknown what energy was driving it.



In any case, the peculiar ship seemed to slowly probe Earth.

Although humans on Earth feared the ship would negatively impact Earth after gathering information, no country or power dared to act rashly.

Earth's various forces seemed to have reached a tacit agreement not to provoke the other side actively.

Of course, the major powers and forces quietly prepared to fight the ship if it threatened Earth's civilization.

If the ship posed any threat to Earth, the major powers were poised to act decisively, exerting maximum effort to suppress and destroy it.

During these few days, people from other countries attempted to make contact with the ship, but the people aboard seemed too arrogant to acknowledge humans on Earth, showing no interest in communicating.

Since the ghost ship arrived on Earth, a month had passed.

The ghost ship had reached the Arctic Iceberg Area.

Here, the ghost ship's speed reduced significantly, and the people on the ship spent more time disembarked, looking for things in the icebergs.

They seemed to have discovered something.

Divine Continent, Yunwu Mountain's Base.

This evening, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang were cultivating in the room when both suddenly sensed Tong Yunshu approaching.



After stopping cultivation, Yang Fei opened the door.

Tong Yunshu excitedly ran over, loudly saying, "Yang Fei, I finally can write that rune."

Yang Fei rejoiced, "Really? Hahaha, I knew you could do it."

Tong Yunshu delightedly said, "Yes, the greatest effect of this rune is enhancing perception in the Talisman Dao Domain. Additionally, it has a significant auxiliary effect, strengthening other rune capabilities."

Qin Yanyang was a bit baffled and asked, "What do you mean?"

Tong Yunshu explained, "Essentially, after an array is generated, this rune can enhance the overall power of the array, providing a boosting effect."

Qin Yanyang's eyes flashed brightly, saying, "In that case, won't the Cloud Mist Mountain Array gain enhanced effects?"

Tong Yunshu had clearly anticipated this, hence her excitement, nodding, "Exactly."

Yang Fei exclaimed, "Yes, if your rune truly has the effect of enhancing array power, then our Cloud Mist Mountain Array's strength can improve." He eagerly looked at Tong Yunshu and asked, "What needs to be done?"

Tong Yunshu said, "I've thought it through. We just need to attach this rune to the array foundation."

Yang Fei impatiently said, "Let's go, try it out."

Yet, Tong Yunshu hesitated a bit and cautiously said, "This is only my conjecture. Maybe we should test with a small array first, lest it affects the Cloud Mist Mountain Array. Everyone here is diligently cultivating."



She worried that failure would weaken the Cloud Mist Mountain Array's effects, incurring displeasure from those cultivating here.

Yang Fei said, "We don't have much time for testing; we just need to try enhancing one part of the array foundation with the rune. Even if it breaks, we can fix it immediately."

Qin Yanyang decisively said, "That's right, let's do it."

"Okay then," Tong Yunshu said eagerly.

She believed that once successful, her contribution to the entire Cloud Mist Mountain Array would be immense. And with this rune, she could establish a closer connection with the array, for Heaven-Human interaction. In this way, even if Yang Fei weren't here, she'd have confidence to hold the fort for Yang Fei, keeping the home safe.

Chapter 982: Has the Lingxiao Sect Found the Spirit Vein?

Let's get to work right away.

However, Yang Fei dared not let Tong Yunshu directly test the effect of this ancient rune on the Array Eye where the Fusang Wood was located, so they headed to the perimeter of the array.

After digging up a jade talisman buried underground as part of the array, Yang Fei temporarily disconnected it from the array under his control.

The array clearly experienced a wave of fluctuations, causing a group of cultivators within the array to be greatly shocked and assume an attack was occurring.

Yang Fei quickly released his Divine Thought to calm them, saying he was enhancing the array and telling everyone not to panic.

Upon hearing that the array could be improved and strengthened, everyone was curious and came to see how the array was constructed.



Under everyone's gaze, Tong Yunshu felt somewhat nervous.

However, both Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang encouraged her to be confident, and she quickly adjusted her mindset.

Her cultivation realm had now also stepped into the Innate Realm, with abundant True Qi, making it easy to inscribe runes on jade with it.

The only pressure was that although she could write this ancient rune she saw on the Ghost Ship in the air, she had not yet truly driven True Qi to inscribe it on jade.

Moreover, this wasn't ordinary jade but a talisman inscribed with various runes, serving as a cornerstone for the Cloud Mist Mountain Array.

She had to complete it in one go without stopping.

Throughout the entire process, she mustn't damage other pre-inscribed runes, otherwise it would destroy the foundation of the array.

After carefully selecting a suitable position, Tong Yunshu closed her eyes.

After a dozen or so breaths, she suddenly opened her eyes and began inscribing the talisman on the jade.

Her movements were fluid like flowing water, without any hesitation.

As she began writing the rune, even those who knew nothing of Rune Tao could clearly sense a mysterious aura emanating from her, enveloping her, making her look outstanding and adding a layer of mystique.

Everyone was greatly astonished, but no one dared to make a sound.



Zhu Tianshou was especially vigilant standing by her side, deeply afraid that someone might disturb his granddaughter.

To the onlookers, Tong Yunshu completed the rune inscription swiftly.

Yet everyone felt an intense sense.

It seemed to them that Tong Yunshu had exhausted a great deal of her spirit to inscribe this strange and complex rune on the jade talisman.

Buzz!

Once the entire rune was fully inscribed, the jade talisman began to emit a faint golden glow.

"Such strong charm talisman!" Zhuge Cang exclaimed.

Yang Fei was equally shocked, saying, "Indeed, such strong charm talisman, this... this foundation jade talisman seems to have been given life, it's come alive."

He was the one who originally inscribed it and knew it best.

A single jade talisman alone couldn't bring any effect, but now, with Tong Yunshu's rune inscribed, the single foundation jade talisman faintly exudes an energy absorption effect.

He took a deep breath and quickly buried the jade talisman back into its original position, reconnecting it with the entire array.

With the completion of the array activation, the entire Cloud Mist Mountain Array regained its strong Gathering Spirit effect.



"Everyone, feel it, what's different from before?" Qin Yanyang immediately said.

Hearing this, everyone focused on feeling the change.

Yang Fei smiled and said, "No need to feel it, this location's spirit gathering effect is much stronger than the other areas."

People were a bit dazed.

Yang Fei laughed heartily, holding Tong Yunshu and spinning around with excitement, "Hahaha, that's fantastic, Yun Shu, you're truly my lucky star. With the addition of this rune, the power of the entire Cloud Mist Mountain Array can be multiplied several times, not to mention that the array's lifespan will be extended by tens of times, this rune is incredible."

"Hmph!"

Qin Yanyang coldly snorted upon seeing Yang Fei getting carried away and holding Tong Yunshu in his arms in front of everyone.

I'm still here.

Tong Yunshu was originally a bit shy with Yang Fei's public display of affection, her face turning red, trying to push away Yang Fei, but hearing Qin Yanyang's snort, she hesitated and didn't immediately push Yang Fei away.

Although everyone now knew she was one of Yang Fei's women, it was the first time for such a public display of affection.

Especially in front of Qin Yanyang.

Tong Yunshu felt her position was further secured.



Yang Fei also heard Qin Yanyang's snort and felt a chill down his spine.

He was overjoyed and got complacent.

He decisively grabbed Qin Yanyang's hand, pulling her in to his embrace, "With you two as my virtuous helpers, it would be difficult for me not to be invincible."

Qin Yanyang did not expect Yang Fei to be so bold, her face turned red as she fiercely pushed him away.

As she glanced around, she found that everyone was looking away, yet each with a knowing smile, and she noticed many have eyes showing deep envy for Yang Fei.

Bah!

Men are indeed all the same, not good at all.

She felt both anger and annoyance towards Yang Fei, both love and hate.

She thought she could leave this scumbag, but every time he shamelessly clung to her, she couldn't help but relent.

She knew she couldn't leave him.

The relationship between the three was clear to everyone at Yunwu Mountain's Base, so why bother being calculative anymore.

Tong Yunshu, seeing Qin Yanyang push Yang Fei away, also felt embarrassed, hurriedly broke free from his embrace.



"Ahem, everyone disperse, Brother Yang has worked hard to create a better cultivation environment for us, we must strive to cultivate, and not squander his good intentions," Hu Lizhong coughed and waved to disperse the crowd.

Everyone laughed and scattered.

To the older folks, the romantic entanglement between Yang Fei, Qin Yanyang, and Tong Yunshu was just amusing, something to watch.

But one thing they acknowledged was that Yang Fei had indeed provided them with an excellent cultivation environment.

Now, with Tong Yunshu joining in, her achievements in Rune Tao directly reflected in the Cloud Mist Mountain Array, benefiting everyone, so she gained their gratitude.

Of course, everyone deeply respected Qin Yanyang.

Yang Fei really is so lucky to have two excellent women supporting him, his future is boundless.

No one present doubted that Yang Fei would reach the top on Earth.

In fact, everyone had a prediction:

The spaceship from the Outer Domain is no friendly visitor, it's only a matter of time before conflict arises between Earth humans and these Outer Domain cultivators.

Whether Earth's civilization can triumph and go further, Yang Fei, Qin Yanyang, and Tong Yunshu will undoubtedly play a critical role.

Meanwhile, at the Arctic Glacier, the Land of Extreme Cold.



All eight disciples from the Lingxiao Sect disembarked from the spaceship, each holding a sapphire jade talisman, carefully searching below the thick glacier for something.

Suddenly, the blue jade talisman in Linglong's hand emitted a powerful glow. She was delighted and transmitted to her fellow senior brothers, "It's here."

Chapter 983: Defective Spirit Vein?

Arctic, Land of Extreme Night.

With Linglong's transmission, members of the Lingxiao Sect gathered toward her location.

Seeing the jade token in Linglong's hand emitting a strong blue light, everyone was delighted. The senior brother excitedly said from a distance, "Did we find the spirit vein?"

Linglong replied, "It seems so. The spirit testing plate is reacting strongly here."

The senior brother quickly arrived beside Linglong, glanced at the blue jade token in her hand, and nodded, "It should be here. Even through the thick ice layer, the spirit testing plate reacts so strongly, indicating a strong spiritual energy leak beneath this ice layer."

At this moment, Yun Zong also flew over and said, "Senior brother's analysis is correct. Based on our observations during this period, the spiritual energy on this planet is too scarce. The spirit testing plate's strong reaction indicates that beneath the ground here, it is definitely the planet's spirit vein."

The other sect disciples arrived one after another, each holding a spirit testing plate emitting strong light, all filled with joy.

"Senior Brother Wu Ya, what should we do?" A young disciple asked the senior brother.

The senior brother, named Ye Wuya, saw everyone looking at him and pondered for a moment before saying, "The treasured talisman given to us by the sect can only be used once, so don't use it lightly. We should ensure that this is the main vein of the planet's spirit vein before taking action."



Yun Zong nodded, "Senior Brother Wu Ya is right; we must prioritize caution. Although the ground here is filled with spiritual energy, it doesn't necessarily mean it's the main vein of the spirit vein. It might just be a place where spiritual energy has dispersed."

"Break through the ice layer first and make sure," Linglong suggested.

Everyone nodded in agreement.

"Little junior sister, step aside and let senior brother handle it." A burly, slightly chubby young man said.

Although he appeared young, his deep eyes and aged appearance indicated his actual age wasn't small. He probably was quite old when establishing the foundation, and his body returned to youthful vigor after that.

Linglong smiled at him, "Then I'll trouble Senior Brother Du to take action."

Everyone backed away, leaving Du Hui alone there.

Once everyone was far enough, Du Hui smiled slightly, formed a spell with his hands, and chanted, "Qiankun Borrowing Technique, Heavenly Hammer, break!"

He raised his right hand high over his head and slammed it down onto the ice layer below.

Invisibly, a grand and majestic force condensed from the void, resembling a massive iron hammer, smashed down onto the thick ice layer in front of Du Hui.

Boom!

A loud explosion.



The thick ice layer instantly cracked.

Centered around where Du Hui stood, cracks rapidly spider-webbed in all directions.

From a high vantage point, one could see clearly that after Du Hui's strike, a vast area of the ice the size of a football field suddenly split open.

Du Hui suddenly squatted down, touched the ice layer with his right hand, and breathed, "Golden Crow Technique, melt ice!"

A dazzling golden light spread from his palm in all directions. Upon closer inspection, terrifying flames seemed to be frantically dancing within that golden light.

As the golden light spread, the cracked ice layer melted at an astounding speed.

Like carrying a terrifying searing temperature, the golden light melted millennia-old ice instantly.

Splash!!!

The seawater previously compressed under the thick ice burst forth under immense pressure as the entire ice layer melted.

At that moment, the vast area of the football field-sized region burst into dozens of fountains, with columns of water shooting skyward.

Du Hui stood on the water's surface, his body surrounded by an invisible layer of Gang Qi, immune to water and fire, not sinking.

He slowly stood up, but sweat covered his forehead, and his expression showed some fatigue.

Ye Wuya, Yun Zong, Linglong, and others quickly rushed over.



Seeing the huge ice layer around them split open in an instant, everyone showed some admiration on their faces.

Linglong sincerely said, "Senior Brother Du is incredible, this Golden Crow Technique has improved a lot."

"Senior Brother Du is naturally gifted with a Fire Spirit Root. Even barely entering the Golden Crow Technique can produce such power, truly enviable."

Ye Wuya also approvingly said, "Among our generation in the Lingxiao Sect, only Junior Brother Du can unleash the power of the Golden Crow Technique to this level."

Du Hui inwardly felt proud but displayed a humble expression, modestly saying, "The seniors overpraise me; my meager cultivation means little."

Ye Wuya laughed heartily, "Junior Brother Du, no need to be modest with us."

After a few light-hearted exchanges, Yun Zong, observing the blue light remaining intense in his hand without becoming more radiant due to the large ice being broken, frowned, "Everyone, something seems off."

Everyone snapped back to reality, looking at their spirit testing plates.

Linglong frowned, "It doesn't seem much stronger. Did we find the wrong place?"

Ye Wuya said, "Could it be just a worthless lower ninth-grade spirit vein?"

This statement caused a deep disappointment on everyone's faces.



Yun Zong said, "The senior brother's guess might be right. According to our observations, even though this planet's spiritual energy is recovering, the total spiritual energy covering the planet is still extremely weak. Most likely, the planet's main spirit vein is a defective product too."

Another person said, "Even if it's defective, if we find it, we can at least harvest a lot of spirit stones. Our trip wouldn't be for nothing. The worst part is, what if there aren't even any spirit stones?"

Everyone's hearts sank.

In the cultivation world, cultivation resources are the most important.

Spiritual energy is the foundation of cultivation, but relying solely on spiritual energy, reaching only the Foundation Establishment Stage is the limit.

Beyond that, without plenty of spirit stones and heavenly materials and treasures for assistance, it is challenging to reach a higher realm.

Therefore, for any cultivator, sect, or aristocratic family, cultivation resources are the most important thing.

Since discovering this suddenly appearing interstellar portal, the Lingxiao Sect has been ecstatic.

Because, based on past experiences, this is a portal to some star system. If they go through, they can obtain many cultivation resources on another planet.

As Foundation Establishment disciples of the Lingxiao Sect, they originally were not qualified to come. However, after several tests, they discovered that this portal seemed to exist before, but somehow the connection with the Central Great World was severed, now reopening. The space law within the portal was extremely unstable, only allowing Foundation Establishment cultivators to enter.

This discovery brought both surprise and joy to the Lingxiao Sect.



According to past experiences, such a situation means that the newly discovered world was once connected with the Central Great World, but was claimed by a great power as a private Cave Heaven Blessed Land, breaking the connection between the two worlds.

Usually, when these places reopen, it indicates that the great power has fallen, and the barriers between the two worlds dissolve.

These places, favored by a great power, must have something special, often places where heavenly materials and treasures gather.

At the very least, it would be a location of a top-grade spiritual vein.

Thus this time, the disciples from the Lingxiao Sect came with high expectations from their sect.

They aimed to bring back a top-grade spiritual vein, a large amount of cultivation resources for their sect.

Such rewards could not only benefit them, but they might also gain a legacy left by a great power, which is crucial on the path of cultivation.

However, after searching for over a month, they failed to find a place rich in spiritual energy.

The place they discovered now, although the spiritual energy concentration was decent, remained too weak compared to the Central Great World.

The most critical point was that beneath the thick ice layer lay unfathomable seawater, and the spiritual energy leaking was not as dense as they had hoped.

Based on experience, it was clear there might be a spirit vein beneath the water, but the grade of the vein was likely so low that even these Foundation Establishment cultivators had little interest in mining it.



Linglong, after a brief moment of disappointment, gritted her teeth and said, "Senior brothers, please wait, I will go take a look."

She discovered this place, and everyone being disappointed made her uncomfortable. Hence, she decided to explore the seabed herself.

Having said that, she plunged into the cold, dark depths of the sea.

#### Chapter 984: White Jade City Beneath the Sea

"Junior Sister, don't be in such a rush!"

Ye Wuya shouted urgently, but he couldn't stop Linglong.

Yun Zong laughed and said, "Senior Brother, don't worry. Although Junior Sister joined the sect the latest and is the youngest, she has exceptional talent. This time she also brought a Spiritual Treasure bestowed by Uncle Master Yue, so nothing will happen to her."

Ye Wuya breathed a sigh of relief and said, "Yes, nothing should happen. But you all know that Uncle Master Yue dotes on her immensely. He specifically reminded us before we left, ensuring that Junior Sister Linglong doesn't get hurt. Otherwise, we won't be spared when we return. How can such a difficult task be entrusted to her?"

Du Hui said, "Yes, yes, if Uncle Master Yue finds out, he will surely scold us."

"But she's already gone down, we should just let her be."

"How about we go down and take a look too?"

"If you want to go, you go. I've been staying in this Land of Extreme Cold for too long, and I can't take it much longer."

"Yes, it's too cold. Let's hide on the Divine Wind Treasure Ship."



Although Foundation Establishment Cultivators have gone through a form of rebirth and are said to be impervious to cold and heat, they have not truly attained Physical Body Vajra. Staying in such an extremely cold place for too long is unbearable and consumes a lot of True Yuan.

Although Ye Wuya was concerned about Linglong, he was the leader of this trip and needed to also take care of the safety of the other junior brothers. He said to the two junior brothers whose cultivation seemed lower and who appeared unable to endure, "You two go back to the treasure ship and recover. If there's any discovery, I'll notify you."

"Thank you, Senior Brother."

The two were overjoyed, clasped their fists in salute, then flew away back to the Divine Wind Treasure Ship, which was hovering high in the sky.

Yun Zong glanced at the backs of the two, snorted softly, and said, "Sneaky opportunists."

Ye Wuya quickly said, "Junior Brother Yun Zong, don't speak like that. Everyone's mindset is different and cannot be forced."

"Yes." Yun Zong still held great respect for the senior brother, and immediately shut his mouth.

The few of them looked towards the pitch-black seabed below, releasing strong Divine Thoughts, but had already lost track of Linglong's figure.

Ye Wuya thought for a moment and said, "Junior brothers, guard here. I'll go take a look."

Yun Zong said, "Senior Brother, why don't I go instead?"

The senior brother thought for a moment, then nodded, "Alright. This planet doesn't seem like it has Great Cultivators, and no Fierce Beasts or Strange Creatures have been seen, but you must still be cautious."



Yun Zong smiled and said, "Rest assured, Senior Brother, I will be careful."

As he spoke, he leaped and dove into the deep sea below.

This place was originally an area of eternal night in the polar region, where darkness engulfed the world.

On the surface of the ice, there was still a weak reflection of light, but beneath the seawater, it was completely pitch black, with nothing visible even with an outstretched hand.

Although Yun Zong was a Foundation Establishment Cultivator with night vision capability, in this extremely dark deep sea, his sight could only cover a range of three to five meters.

Fortunately, his Divine Soul was strong, and by releasing Divine Thought, he could sense everything hundreds of meters ahead.

Not knowing how deep the sea was, Yun Zong controlled his body weight, using his profound Cultivation to dive deeper rapidly.

As he went deeper and deeper, he felt an immense pressure. Although the Foundation Establishment body's functions were powerful and could sustain breathing for a long time, under such enormous burden, he still felt a bit worried.

How deep could it possibly be?

Moreover, Junior Sister Linglong had only dived into the sea just before me; how come I haven't caught up with her yet?

Could her Cultivation Realm be higher than mine?

Yun Zong was somewhat unconvinced.



Although she was a cultivation genius who had only joined less than ten years ago and was adored by the sect's seniors, he wasn't bad either. He successfully achieved Foundation Establishment after thirty-seven years of cultivation and had reached it more than forty years before her. How could he possibly lose to her in the realm?

It must be Uncle Master Yue who gave her some Magic Treasure that enabled rapid underwater movement.

With this thought, he continued to dive for a full five minutes.

Yun Zong only felt slightly suffocated.

The pressure was too great.

Although he could still hold on, he was beginning to feel a bit afraid.

This sea is too deep, isn't it? At my diving speed, even if it's not a thousand meters, it should at least be eight hundred by now.

But probing with Divine Thought, I still can't detect the bottom.

Wait...

Suddenly, Yun Zong sensed something unusual.

He carefully perceived and his eyes lit up.

Yes, it's Spiritual Energy.



The Spiritual Power in this seawater is much denser than before.

Are we getting close?

Yun Zong's heart swelled with joy at the thought. If Linglong had dove down, it wouldn't do him any good to return without seeing her. He couldn't lose face in front of the junior brothers.

Besides, there must be a Spirit Vein down there. Even if it's a low-quality one, there should be many Spirit Stones. After coming all this way to the Outer Domain, I must fill my storage bag.

With determination, Yun Zong continued to dive.

A few minutes later, his eyes suddenly brightened as his Divine Thought detected a solid place.

Finally reached the bottom.

He quickened his pace.

A moment later, his Divine Thought detected Linglong's position.

Linglong also noticed him, and the two communicated through Divine Thought, with Linglong saying, "Senior Brother Yun Zong, why are you here too?"

"I'm worried about you, so I came to check," Yun Zong replied.

Linglong gratefully said, "Thank you, Senior Brother Yun Zong, for your concern. I'm fine. Come over here. This place must have been a sacred place of cultivation a long time ago."

"Oh?" Yun Zong was intrigued and quickly searched in her direction.



To think there could be a sacred place of cultivation hidden in the deep sea?

Could it be that many years ago, this place wasn't underwater but on land?

Feeling astonished, Yun Zong soon found Linglong.

Within three meters, in the extreme darkness, they could actually see each other.

Linglong was standing in front of a massive stone gate.

Above the stone gate were three ancient characters inscribed: White Jade City.

Yun Zong's expression changed, "White Jade City?"

Linglong said, "Yes. Isn't it strange, Senior Brother Yun Zong, that we can actually recognize these characters?"

Yun Zong took a deep breath and said, "But we don't recognize the current characters on this planet. Does it mean the former inhabitants were from the Central Great World?"

Linglong's expression shifted slightly.

This is highly possible.

According to what the seniors said when Lingxiao Sect discovered this passage, it was once connected to the Central Great World, but it was cut off for unknown reasons later.

Does this mean that when it was connected before, predecessors from the Cultivation Realm might have come here, which is why we could recognize the characters inscribed here?



Thinking of this, Linglong asked, "Senior Brother Yun Zong, with your broad knowledge, have you ever heard of White Jade City?"

Yun Zong shook his head and said, "Never heard of it. It seems like a sect's name. But among the numerous sects in the Central Great World, I may not remember them all. If a sect like White Jade City existed, I should have some memory of it, but I don't."

Linglong was slightly disappointed but quickly adjusted her emotions, transmitting, "Senior Brother, I observed earlier that this is the peak of a high mountain under the sea. If White Jade City is a sect, it must have been behind this stone gate."

Yun Zong perceived and said joyfully, "The Spiritual Energy is also emanating from behind this stone gate. Let's go in and have a look."

Linglong nodded and said, "Alright."

"Junior Sister, stand back, and I'll break open this gate," Yun Zong said, drawing out his life-bound Magic Sword and slashing it toward the stone gate.

#### Chapter 985: Breaking Through the Gate

Even in the undersea world, where the water pressure and resistance are immense, Yun Zong's sword strike was still awe-inspiring.

A dull thud echoed.

The entire sea floor seemed to tremble slightly.

The two of them felt a ringing in their ears.

In their line of sight, that stone door didn't budge at all.

Yun Zong's expression changed, astonished, "How can a mere stone door be so sturdy?"



Linglong said, "Let me try."

She wielded her magic sword and slashed fiercely at the stone door.

Boom!

In the muffled sound, the sea floor trembled lightly again, yet countless specks of dust spilled from around the stone door, turning the surroundings murky.

However, as the two waved away the murkiness, the stone door remained motionless.

But it did bear two deep sword marks.

The two exchanged a glance, seeing shock in each other's eyes.

With their cultivation, using their life-bound magic swords, a sword strike's power could not split a mountain, but any stone should be shattered.

Even the strongest stone in the Central Great World should crack under a strike from them.

Yet this rather ordinary-looking bluestone gate was so solid that both could only leave faint sword marks with their strikes.

"Did you sense any formations or defenses here?" Linglong asked.

Yun Zong thought carefully and shook his head, "No, if there were Rune Tao power on this stone door, it should have reacted when it was attacked, but I didn't feel it."



Linglong said, "When Senior Brother struck earlier, I also didn't sense any rune or formation fluctuations."

"That's strange; how can such a hard bluestone exist on this small, low-level planet?"

Yun Zong said this with an unsatisfied expression and slashed again three times.

Yet, the bluestone gate still didn't move; no matter how thick and heavy it was, it withstood strikes that even the Divine Continent Fighter couldn't handle, leaving only five more marks.

"Junior Sister, do you have any powerful Spiritual Treasures given by Uncle Master Yue?" Yun Zong asked.

Linglong's eyes flickered, and she shook her head, "My Master's Spiritual Treasure is for self-preservation, it has no special effect on breaking this door, it would be a waste to use it."

Yun Zong chuckled bitterly and transmitted, "Then we'll have to go back to the other senior brothers and come up with another plan."

Linglong said, "After Senior Brother Du recovers, let him come down. His Golden Crow Technique will definitely have a carbonizing and calcifying effect on the bluestone, and with the seawater soaking, the stone door will surely be damaged."

Yun Zong's eyes brightened, "Junior Sister, you're indeed smart, that's a good idea."

The two of them had stayed in the deep sea for too long and could hardly take it anymore; they needed to breathe, so they both floated to the surface.

Outside, Ye Wuya and the others had waited for a full half hour before the two returned, letting out a sigh of relief.

"Junior Brother and Sister, are you all right?" Ye Wuya asked with concern.



Especially looking at Linglong, as if anything happened to this little junior sister, he wouldn't have a good time back home.

Linglong shook her head, "I'm fine."

The two only moved slightly and then recovered greatly.

Yun Zong told them what they had discovered below the sea, "That stone door, Linglong and I can't break it; we might need Junior Brother Du's help."

Du Hui nodded, "I'll take a look."

Ye Wuya quickly held him back, "No rush, let Yun Zong and Linglong rest a bit, and we can go down together."

"Yun Zong Senior Brother, is there really a sect down there?" someone asked curiously.

Yun Zong replied, "It seems there was once a Cultivation Sect here. Linglong and I recognize the words 'White Jade City,' there's no mistake, and the words have been there for a very long time."

Du Hui was surprised, "So, this planet once had cultivators?"

Yun Zong said, "There should be cultivators now, just at a low realm. It's just unknown how strong White Jade City was before."

Linglong added, "Perhaps White Jade City was a sect, or maybe it was a Cave Heaven Blessed Land excavated by a senior from the Central Great World."

Everyone nodded.



In their bones, they carried an inexplicable pride from the Central Great World.

In their understanding, the Central Great World is the strongest cultivation world; for thousands of years, no newly discovered galaxy has had cultivators stronger than the Great World.

So, even if this planet called Earth once had powerful cultivators, they must have come from the Central Great World.

However, in the long history of the cultivation world, this cultivation senior has long since fallen, and this place—whether it's the name of a cave or a sect—White Jade City, is unknown to the Central Great World.

Du Hui, Linglong, and Yun Zong each took a Replenishing Essence Pill and recuperated for a while, restoring their peak condition.

Ye Wuya said, "Yun Zong, you lead the way."

Saying this, he used Divine Thought to notify the two junior brothers on the Divine Wind Treasure Ship to guard outside just in case.

After those two arrived, the six of them proceeded in single file, jumping into the deep sea.

Ten minutes later, the six of them arrived in front of the White Jade City stone door.

Seeing such a door appearing in an undersea world with their own eyes, Ye Wuya and the others, although experienced, were slightly astonished.

Du Hui approached the stone door, reaching out to touch it, silently reciting a spell, a dazzling golden light burst from his palm and instantly covered the massive bluestone gate.

With the naked eye, the bluestone gate's surface instantly turned red-hot, birthing a plume of white smoke with a continuous bubbling sound.



Everyone inhaled a strong scent of burning in their noses.

BAM BAM BAM!!!

The sound of explosions echoed from the bluestone gate.

Just like a boulder that has been burned for a long time thrown into icy water, it couldn't withstand the alternation of heat and cold, shattering directly.

With the continuous sound of explosions, huge chunks of the bluestone layers on the gate cracked and fell away.

Even though they had known of Du Hui's technique, witnessing the scene, including Ye Wuya, all Lingxiao Sect disciples were shocked, gasping inwardly.

What a domineering cultivation technique.

No wonder it's the most domineering fire attribute cultivation technique of the Lingxiao Sect, the Golden Crow Technique.

It's hard to imagine, if Du Hui's move hit their bodies, the flesh would likely be scorched in an instant.

The body of a Foundation Establishment Cultivator could not withstand such a domineering attack.

Moments later, the dust settled.

As they looked on, their expressions changed drastically.

The massive bluestone gate still stood in their way.



Though its surface had been stripped of a large layer, it still existed.

Ye Wuya transmitted, "Du Junior Brother, let me try."

Du Hui, having depleted quite a bit with the move, hurriedly stepped aside upon hearing this.

Ye Wuya dashed into place in front of the bluestone gate and struck it with his right palm.

Mountain Opening Palm!

With a rumble, as the palm force landed on the bluestone gate, a loud crash rang out, and rocks shattered and scattered.

Under the violent palm force, the heavily damaged bluestone gate, which had suffered greatly from Du Hui's Golden Crow Technique, ultimately couldn't resist the power of Ye Wuya's Mountain Opening Palm, collapsing, revealing a dark corridor ahead.

Following that, a rich and majestic wave of spiritual energy rushed over them.

Chapter 986: Undersea Spirit Ore

The group felt the rush of dense Spiritual Energy, and everyone was overjoyed.

"Such intense Spiritual Power, even if this isn't the location of a Spirit Vein, there's a large accumulation of Spirit Stones here."

"Indeed, this trip has been worthwhile, haha."

"Senior Brother, shall we go in?"



A few people urged eagerly.

Ye Wuya replied calmly, "Be patient."

Linglong added, "Yes, no need to rush."

Yun Zong said, "Safety first, be careful of any mechanisms or Arrays within, don't be careless."

Everyone nodded, becoming more serious.

After a while, Ye Wuya released his Divine Thought to explore the area. Once he felt there was no danger, he said, "Follow me inside and be careful."

Du Hui, known for his prudence, said, "Senior Brother, perhaps I should stay here just in case."

Ye Wuya felt a sense of caution and nodded, saying, "Junior Brother Du's reminder is correct. Although no powerful cultivators have been discovered on this planet so far, it's better to be cautious."

Another disciple said, "Senior Brother, I'll stay here with Senior Brother Du."

Ye Wuya said, "Alright, Cui Nian, you and Du Hui stay here, while the rest follow me inside to investigate."

"Yes."

Under Ye Wuya's leadership, the four entered single file.

Du Hui and Cui Nian stayed outside as protectors.



Behind the stone door was a spacious mountain passage, wide enough for two people to walk side by side.

However, the passage was now filled with seawater, making it difficult to traverse. Utilizing the buoyancy of the water, the group swam forward in the passage; each was a Foundation Establishment Stage expert, propelled by True Qi, they moved swiftly.

The passage zigzagged several times, and after a while, it suddenly opened up—it turned out that inside this mountain, there was a massive cave dwelling.

There were no mechanisms installed within the cave dwelling. After careful observation, many places showed signs of artificial repair, with small caves fitted with stone platforms, tables, chairs, and household decorative items like porcelain bowls and vases.

But buried under the deep sea for so long, most of these items were already damaged.

"This doesn't resemble a Cultivation Sect, more like a cultivator who has lived in seclusion here."

"Indeed, although the space is large, it couldn't accommodate the living members of a Sect."

"Perhaps the Sect is very small?"

"..."

"The Spiritual Energy is emanating from this direction, let's go have a look."

Following Ye Wuya, the group searched deeper into the mountain.

Soon, they noticed a faint light coming from below.

The sight surprised them.



How could there be a faint light inside a pitch-black underwater mountain cave dwelling?

Yun Zong said, "It should be a Spirit Stone."

"Indeed, only a large number of Spirit Stones could emit fluorescence in such darkness."

The group was delighted and rushed towards it.

There was no road here; rugged mountain protrusions blocked the narrow space. They maneuvered past these obstacles, reaching a deeper space where the fluorescence grew stronger, and the Spiritual Energy became more intense.

Soon, a hole emitting weak fluorescence appeared on the ground ahead.

Rich Spiritual Energy that invigorated the spirit emanated from there.

The group accelerated and swam over, looked down the hole, and saw another huge cave space below. In the center of that hollow space, a large millstone-sized stone was connected to the mountain, with part exposed, emitting a pure white glow, from which dense Spiritual Energy flowed.

"There's definitely a Spirit Ore here," Linglong said joyfully.

The Lingxiao Sect possessed many Spirit Ore veins, large and small, and Linglong had stayed in a large Spirit Ore while performing Sect tasks, knowing this huge stone contained many Spirit Stones.

Ye Wuya, Yun Zong, and another Lingxiao Sect disciple named Gan Qian also showed joy.

Suddenly, an angry roar pierced their ears.



The four were startled, Ye Wuya quickly shielded them and conveyed, "Be careful."

Four fierce killing intents spread out. Though Foundation Establishment Stage experts don't count for much in the power-filled Central Great World, they could be considered capable in some small Sects and aristocratic families. They remained calm in the face of crisis, each wielding their weapons.

Meanwhile, powerful Divine Thought was released to locate the source of the sound.

Soon, they locked onto a creature, fourteen or fifteen meters long, with antennae on its head, resembling a dragon.

Linglong was shocked, "A dragon?"

"No, although it looks like a dragon, it's weak, without the powerful aura of the legendary Dragon Clan," Ye Wuya immediately shook his head.

The group calmed down from their fright.

Indeed, this sea beast, resembling a dragon from legends, wasn't a dragon. It provided immense pressure, but the four Foundation Establishment Stage experts sensed it posed little threat.

"Bang!"

The dragon-shaped sea exotic beast roared and violently collided with the floor of the small cave where they crouched.

The small cave, only able to accommodate one person's body, cracked.

When Ye Wuya and the others saw this, they completely relaxed.



Such a massive exotic beast with such weak collision force confirmed their judgment—it wasn't a dragon, but a sea creature resembling a legendary Flood Dragon.

It had apparently regarded this place as its territory after growing here for many years, attacking upon seeing humans approach.

Gan Qian laughed, "If this exotic beast were more powerful, resembling a legendary Flood Dragon, I'd want to take it back to raise it. But given its weakness, it's unworthy to return to the Central Great World with us. I'll go and slay it."

No one stopped him.

Gan Qian's figure flickered as he entered through the cave entrance, and the sea creature resembling a Flood Dragon immediately opened its bloody mouth and charged at Gan Qian.

Gan Qian's longsword flew from his hand, directly entering the creature's mouth with a squelch, piercing through its back several meters away.

Blood quickly reddened the surrounding seawater.

Maybe it was fragile, or the sword had struck its vital organs, for after a fierce struggle, the sea creature eventually stopped moving, sinking into the cave ground, completely lifeless.

Gan Qian transmitted, "This thing appears fierce but is weak in combat."

Ye Wuya and the others entered one by one, glanced at the dead exotic beast, and shifted their gaze to the exposed Spirit Stone in the ore.

Linglong directly knocked off a piece, holding it to feel, and exclaimed with joy, "It's a Spirit Stone, though not top-grade Spirit Stone, it can be considered mid-grade."

The group was delighted.



The knocked-off nook glowed, showing no other impurities, indicating the high quality of the entire Spirit Stone.

If more similar Spirit Stones were found under this mountain body, their trip to Earth could compensate for the Divine Wind Spaceship's loss and yield significant profit.

Ye Wuya said gladly, "Let's excavate this giant Spirit Stone and see if more are buried underneath. If so, it's a Spirit Vein, or at least a Spirit Ore."

#### Chapter 987: Immortal Talisman

The other three people were already impatient.

As Ye Wuya finished speaking, Gan Qian began excavating with the long sword in his hand.

This big spirit stone, as large as a millstone, was embedded in the mountain. Gan Qian used his sword to dig, and the surrounding rock was easily cut open by the long sword.

After a moment, Gan Qian gently pushed with his hand, and the big spirit stone fell off the mountain.

Yun Zong laughed, "This is the first time I've seen such a big whole spirit stone. Flip it over to check for any impurities."

Gan Qian immediately flipped it over.

On the other side of this spirit stone was a protruding polyhedron, with a color like white jade, exuding abundant spiritual energy; it was indeed a genuine spirit stone.

"Although it is a mid-grade spirit stone, such a big piece is more valuable than many top-grade spirit stones." Linglong said.



The others nodded in agreement.

"Dig some more to see if there are other spirit stones, and how many there are." Ye Wuya said.

The group did not hesitate further and began using their swords to dig inside the cave.

In no time, Yun Zong said, "I've found one, the spirit stones here are very large."

People looked and saw Yun Zong's sword flick, picking out a soccer-sized white spirit stone from underground.

"Still mid-grade spirit stone quality, but so large, it contains more spiritual energy than a top-grade spirit stone. Hahaha, senior brother, we've struck gold this time, this spirit vein is very rich." Yun Zong said excitedly.

The other three were also incredibly excited.

After a while, Linglong also excavated a spirit stone, but it was only the size of a bowl and contained more impurities, yet the overall spiritual energy content wasn't less than that of a small top-grade spirit stone.

Ye Wuya observed for a moment and laughed, "Now we can really rest assured. If all were large impurity-free mid-grade spirit stones, I would think someone deliberately buried them here. Now that junior sister has dug out this impure spirit stone, it indicates that this mountain body is a spirit stone ore vein, likely the spirit vein of this planet."

Yun Zong, Gan Qian, and Linglong nodded happily.

Linglong said, "Let's inform the other four senior brothers and take this spirit vein away."

Ye Wuya nodded and said, "Yes, Yun Zong, go notify them to bring the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman."



"Yes, senior brother."

Yun Zong obeyed and went.

The three continued excavating and discovered many large spirit stones, excitedly.

After about half an hour, Du Hui and the other four disciples of the Lingxiao Sect arrived.

Seeing the seven or eight large spirit stones excavated, Du Hui and the others were also extremely excited.

Having been on this planet for a month, they had finally made a discovery.

Du Hui said, "These spirit stones of such quality are so large individually, it is likely a top-grade spirit vein, possibly containing numerous spirit crystals. We will make great contributions this time."

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Spirit veins not only contain a large amount of spirit stone ores, but also over time, these spirit stones can transform in quality, with some directly upgrading to spirit crystals, and these spirit crystals can also develop various Five Elements attributes, becoming resources desperately needed by cultivators with related Spirit Roots.

Besides the spirit stones and spirit crystals different from those for Physical Body Realm cultivation, such a spirit vein can possibly produce Innate Spiritual Treasures that help powerful cultivators enhance their soul power.

In the cultivation realm, every spirit vein is a treasure contested by sects and aristocratic families, and if a family or sect could independently own a low-grade spirit vein, it could dominate a region, nurturing multiple Foundation Establishment cultivators and possibly even a Core Formation powerhouse.



While a mid-grade spirit ore vein can nurture a Nascent Soul Great Power.

Of course, spirit veins above mid-grade are generally possessed or jointly owned by two-star sects and aristocratic families, in such sects, Core Formation powerhouses and Nascent Soul Great Powers are numerous, and even stronger Divinity Transformation ancestors preside.

Thus, owning a spirit ore vein independently, even the lowest, is extremely challenging for cultivation forces.

The Lingxiao Sect, in the Central Great World, is merely a two-star sect, although it independently possesses several mid-grade spirit veins and jointly owns the mining rights to a top-grade spirit vein with three other two-star sects and aristocratic families, having one more mid-grade spirit vein would definitely significantly enhance the sect's power.

Hence, discovering a mid-grade spirit vein here, and even though the spirit stones produced are only mid-grade, each stone is so large and superior to many top-grade spirit stones, their inner joy is beyond words.

Such remarkable achievement, if not for only Foundation Establishment cultivators being able to traverse the space tunnel this time, it would not be their turn.

"Where is the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman?" Ye Wuya asked.

A slightly overweight man stepped forward, carefully took out an immortal talisman from his bosom.

This immortal talisman was made from special talisman paper, engraved with a uniquely powerful array.

Once activated, it can imprison and extract a spirit vein containing abundant spirit stone ores, sealing it temporarily in the talisman for transfer.

Such talisman crafting is extremely difficult, said to be achievable only by super-powerful Mahayana realm cultivators skilled in Rune Tao.



Although Lingxiao Sect is a two-star sect, the strongest ancestor within is merely at the Divinity Transformation stage, this Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman was acquired at great expense from a one-star sect.

For a one-star sect, a Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman is unnecessary, as they have Mahayana realm powers presiding, who can personally extract and bring back the spirit vein upon discovery.

However, for forces below one-star sect and aristocratic family, the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman is very useful.

Upon discovering a spirit vein, it can be discreetly claimed, preventing joint mining with similarly strong sects or aristocratic families due to inability to move the spirit vein.

When this newly discovered special planet was approached, a senior from the sect instructed them to bring this Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman, should a spirit vein be discovered, they could bring it back to the Lingxiao Sect, if not found, it would not be used, no loss.

This man's name is Lu Chen, the most skilled in Rune Tao among the eight, navigating the Divine Wind Treasure Ship for this trip, and thus tasked with keeping the immortal talisman.

Even though Lu Chen knows how to use a Mahayana realm power-crafted talisman, he was still somewhat nervous, looking at Ye Wuya asked, "Senior brother, should we really use it?"

Ye Wuya looked at his fellow brothers.

Everyone nodded.

Because, according to their observations, there is a great likelihood of a spirit vein here.

The spirit testing plates in their hands were almost bursting with light, if this was wrong, it would be unbelievable.



Seeing unanimous agreement, Ye Wuya said, "Use it."

Lu Chen said, "Alright. I alone cannot activate this talisman, I need assistance from several senior brothers. Before departing, the third senior uncle told me that activating the talisman is impossible at Foundation Establishment stage, we must use the Six Harmonies Qi Gathering Formation, six people working together to activate it."

Ye Wuya decisively said, "Everyone follow brother Lu Chen's directions."

"Yes."

Everyone responded affirmatively.

Lu Chen then instructed Linglong and Du Hui, "Junior sister Linglong, senior brother Du Hui, both of you have considerable True Yuan depletion, just stand by and give support, the rest of the senior and junior brothers, let us initiate the Six Harmonies Qi Gathering Formation."

At once, six people followed Lu Chen's guidance, each standing at the Six Harmonies positions to set up the formation.

Everyone linked their palms, forming a circle, as the formation activated, True Qi was entirely led by Lu Chen.

He focused intently, throwing the immortal talisman into the void, then bit his right forefinger, causing a drop of essence blood to condense without dispersing, shooting onto the talisman.

"Open!"

Hum!

In the deep sea, a thunderous humming sound roared.



Then, a golden light burst from the talisman.

Ye Wuya, Gan Qian, Yun Zong, and others' faces changed dramatically, feeling their True Qi flowing outward uncontrollably like a river bursting its banks, continuously injecting into the talisman.

#### Chapter 988: The Opportunity Is Mine

"Everyone, brothers, hold on." Lu Chen sensed the panic among everyone and hurriedly sent a voice transmission to appease them: "Only by working together can we activate this Immortal Talisman."

Ye Wuya and the others were extremely shocked, silently cursing Lu Chen for his shamelessness, for not telling everyone earlier.

Unexpectedly, activating this Immortal Talisman would actually drain a large amount of their True Yuan.

However, seeing that Lu Chen's own True Yuan was also being drained, the group calmed down.

Although Lu Chen was skilled in Talisman Arrays, he would not harm them.

Moreover, Du Hui and Linglong were beside him.

The golden light emitted from the Immortal Talisman became increasingly strong.

Gradually, a talisman array pattern emerged on it, growing larger under the golden light, rapidly covering the ground.

The originally dark underwater world was instantly illuminated clearly.

Linglong and Du Hui looked up, instantly showing a look of amazement.



It turned out the group was inside a mountain cave deep in the sea. As the golden light from the Immortal Talisman illuminated the entire cave, scenes around the cave came into view, with crystal reflections on many parts of the cave walls.

Du Hui exclaimed in surprise, "This cave is full of Spirit Ore. How come we didn't notice it before?"

Linglong hurriedly nodded, "Yeah, we couldn't see it before. This... is the effect of the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman."

Du Hui suddenly understood.

The two looked at the Immortal Talisman in shock, but saw the light from the talisman growing stronger, the totem on the talisman becoming larger, until finally with a hum, it broke free from the talisman and spread wildly around.

In an instant, in everyone's sight, the entire underwater cave reflected a fluorescent light.

Especially from underground.

In many places, purple fluorescence could even be seen flashing.

Du Hui exclaimed with joy, "Purple Spirit Crystal? There's actually Purple Spirit Crystal here?"

Linglong was shocked and said, "So, this is a top-grade Spirit Vein?"

Du Hui nodded, "It should be. Hahaha, who would've thought this small planet would hide a top-grade Spirit Vein!"

"Yes, this planet clearly develops technology, so why does it have such abundant Spirit Ore resources? Strange." Linglong's small face turned red, excited yet puzzled.



Du Hui also showed a puzzled expression, and after thinking, said, "The Spiritual Energy on this planet is very sparse, although there's a renewal of Spiritual Energy, it used to have little to no Spiritual Energy. This Spirit Vein buried deep in the sea and sealed by the Bluestone Gate, prevented much Spiritual Energy from leaking out, and due to its location, humans on this planet couldn't explore it, hence it wasn't discovered or exploited. I speculate that this planet once had a powerful cultivation civilization, but it declined, then evolved into a technological civilization. But the planet holds rich Spirit Vein, eventually waiting for Spiritual Energy renewal. Just as it's renewing, we've discovered it."

Linglong nodded, "Senior Brother Du's analysis is very reasonable. It's a pity, cultivators on this planet could have enjoyed a grand cultivation feast."

Du Hui laughed, "In the Cultivation World, the weak are prey to the strong. Since we found this Spirit Vein, it means the humans on this planet have no connection to cultivation. The opportunity belongs to our Lingxiao Sect."

Linglong was open-minded and immediately realized, laughing, "Indeed, cultivation is all about opportunity. The people on this planet have no opportunity for cultivation, destined to be ordinary."

As the two were talking, they suddenly heard Lu Chen say, "Go."

They saw the senior brother and the other six had already separated.

As Lu Chen's voice spread, everyone quickly headed outside the cave.

Linglong and Du Hui were puzzled, but immediately followed.

Just as they exited the small cave, everyone felt a violent tremor coming from the seabed.

Considering the function and effect of the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman, everyone's expression changed, and they sprinted towards the surface of the sea.

Boom!



Rumble!!!

A violent tremor formed at the bottom of the deep sea.

Sea creatures feeling the impending doom rushed away madly.

The eight members of the Lingxiao Sect burst out of the mountain tunnel engraved with the words White Jade City, only to see the remaining underwater mountain trembling madly.

They couldn't resist looking back, only to see the originally dark massive underwater mountain resembling a giant tree draped with colorful ribbons, the massive mountain shimmering with a faint glow everywhere.

Magnificent colors.

The golden light emitted from the Immortal Talisman was constantly refracted by the cave walls and transmitted outward.

"What a big mountain range!" Linglong was astonished.

At that moment, they were above the highest peak of the mountain, looking down. Although it was the highest peak, the mountain stretched far away, roughly estimating it spanned hundreds of miles, with some relatively lower peaks around it.

But from their experience, it was evident that these comparatively lower peaks were still very high.

However, this vast mountain range was buried under the deep sea, undiscovered by anyone.

"Top-grade Spirit Vein!" Ye Wuya exclaimed with joy.

"There are Spirit Crystals of various colors, this might be a Spirit Crystal Mine."



"We've struck it rich."

"With such a Spirit Ore, our Lingxiao Sect could become a One-star Sect."

"Hahaha... this was worth the trip, who would've thought this small technological planet would have such a top-grade spiritual ore."

Everyone was unspeakably excited, communicating with Divine Thought.

Rumble!!!

A tremor akin to an earthquake occurred at the seabed.

The seemingly minor tremor, after accumulating several times, formed a powerful energy at the seabed. As the seawater surged, the eight were instantly scattered, forming a huge thrust pushing towards the sea surface.

Though the eight were Foundation Establishment Stage experts, they still sensed great danger in the face of such mighty natural force.

Especially the six who activated the Immortal Talisman, whose True Qi was greatly depleted. It would have been fine to escape the seabed, but now, with the seabed world triggering a tsunami, they couldn't precisely control their movement direction, directly scattering and moving towards more distant seas.

The tremors became more intense.

On the sea surface, the piercing crunch and grind of colliding icebergs constantly spread.

If anyone were to look from above, they would witness a breathtaking scene.



Thick glaciers stretched over dozens of kilometers undergoing cataclysmic changes, with intact ice surfaces suddenly shattering under the push of huge waves from the seabed. The fractured ice layers buckled and broke, crashing into each other, squeezing, grinding, and emitting ear-piercing shrieks.

Gigantic waves, as tall as a hundred feet, soared from the places where the ice layers fractured, splashing towards the sky.

Massive tremors emerged continuously at the seabed, and the once-calm seawater shook violently as if a giant were shaking the Earth intensely.

The dreadful destructive force was spreading worldwide at an astonishing speed...

The inhabitants of the habitable Earth were unaware that an unprecedented catastrophe was quietly approaching.

#### Chapter 989: The Mountain Peak Emerging from the Deep Sea

After the eight Lingxiao Sect members were scattered by the massive undercurrent at the sea bottom, they relied on their formidable cultivation realms to avoid harm and were eventually propelled out to the sea surface.

In the darkness, there was a Divine Wind Treasure Ship hovering in the void to guide them, and the eight quickly regrouped.

Ye Wuya showed concern, "Are all my fellow junior brothers and sisters alright?"

"No harm done."

"When we burst out from the sea, we hit thick ice layers that nearly cracked our heads open."

"Me too, but fortunately, the giant waves lifted it away, otherwise we'd need considerable effort to shatter it."



Seeing that everyone was unharmed, Ye Wuya felt assured and looked down; surging tides below and faint enormous shocks from the sea bed were quite frightening.

Even adept cultivators in the Foundation Establishment Stage felt awe facing such terrifying natural forces.

"Junior Brother Lu Chen, this Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman should be able to extract this spirit vein, right?" Ye Wuya contemplated and asked with concern.

The others all turned their gaze towards Lu Chen.

After all, everyone saw when leaving, this mountain range was indeed too large. Though born in the Cultivation World, they've heard of many mysterious magic treasures, this was the first time they used or saw an immortal talisman capable of extracting a massive spirit vein.

Lu Chen said, "It shouldn't be a problem. After all, this is an immortal talisman personally crafted by a Rune Tao master in the Mahayana Realm, proven effective in extracting spirit veins."

This reassured everyone considerably.

If such a gigantic spirit vein cannot be claimed by Lingxiao Sect, it would truly be a pity.

Although only Lingxiao Sect discovered this place for now, it's believed the commotion will soon spread to other sects, and even beyond the Southern Domain, reaching the other four domains of the Central Great World.

Once other sects also arrive here, they will surely discover this top-grade spirit vein, then this place becomes a shared or contested resource.

As they were talking, suddenly a loud rumble echoed from the sea bed.

Soon after, a terrifying shockwave spread.



On the sea surface, thick ice layers were sent flying skyward by the undercurrent from the sea bed.

The Lingxiao Sect members' expressions changed drastically, and they all soared into the sky.

Under the night sky, the few clearly witnessed the seawater violently tumbling, with water columns shooting towards the heavens like furious roars.

"Return to the Divine Wind Treasure Ship," Ye Wuya commanded sternly.

Everyone hurried towards the Divine Wind Treasure Ship.

Under Lu Chen's control, the treasure ship ascended high into the air, moving away from the sea surface.

As the treasure ship climbed, the few stood on the deck and looked down; the expansive sea surface lost its previous tranquility, now violently churning.

Furious winds howling, the sea surface trembling.

Countless shallow-sea creatures were hurled out, smashing apart on the fractured ice blocks.

Simultaneously, a word formed in the minds of the Lingxiao Sect members.

Destruction!

This felt like the end of the world; even these Foundation Establishment Stage experts could only distance themselves, let alone ordinary creatures?



The Central Great World also had seas, they knew such a vast disturbance would surely radiate far and wide, human settlements on this planet would inevitably face an unprecedented, destructive disaster.

The most terrifying part was that the shock from the sea bed continued, and was intensifying.

No one knew how long it would last or what level of destruction it would unleash.

Perhaps it wasn't just a disaster, but an obliteration of entire civilizations.

Though they were cultivators, adhering to the law of the jungle since childhood, ultimately their insight was limited, and the thought of possibly destroying all life on the planet couldn't help but evoke a profound sensation within them.

Especially Linglong.

She, scarcely over twenty years old, felt guilty witnessing such catastrophic destruction, believing that if they hadn't come here, if they hadn't activated the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman, the planet wouldn't face this ruinous calamity.

Nonetheless, even if she now wanted to intervene and save it, she was powerless.

Such a level of disaster, even the sect's strongest ancestor in the Divinity Transformation Realm might be unable to suppress.

Her eyes reddened, anxiously looking at Lu Chen, "Senior Brother Lu Chen, if... if this disaster spreads, the humans here will face total ruin, you... you—"

Lu Chen's face also showed deep guilt; he understood Junior Sister Linglong's point, bitterly shook his head, "Junior Sister, you're overestimating me, concerning such a powerful disaster, even I... am powerless."

Ye Wuya sighed, "That's fate."



"Indeed, perhaps this is the tribulation they're meant to face."

"We're merely acting on orders, striving to take this spirit vein, not intending to massacre this planet's beings."

"But... ultimately our arrival led to this disaster."

The group fell into silence.

They remained merely Foundation Establishment Stage cultivators, unable to truly detach themselves from this event.

Gan Qian was the boldest, took a deep breath and urged loudly, "Everyone, don't let your Dao Heart falter, otherwise this matter will surely become a demon during your tribulation crossing."

Everyone's hearts shuddered.

Even Linglong recalled her master's constant teachings, and her gaze gradually turned cold.

In the Cultivation World, the principle of survival of the fittest ruled.

Since this disaster was doomed to remain, it was indeed a harsh test for the life on this planet.

Gradually, the heartsets of these eight Lingxiao Sect members regained tranquility.

Though some lingering reluctance remained, a greater sense of calm and indifference prevailed.

As if everything before them was unrelated, merely viewing as bystanders.



Boom!

Unknown how long passed, when suddenly a reverberant explosion pierced the sea's concealment, erupting from the sea bed skyward.

Lu Chen's eyes flashed with a keen light, saying, "Here it comes!"

Everyone held their breath, focusing intensely on one direction.

After a moment, within the dark waters, faint golden light emerged.

Soon, the golden light grew brighter and expanded wider.

Even as true disciples from Two-star Sect, the eight had never seen such a grand scene.

The golden light soon surfaced, revealing countless interwoven golden lines forming a gigantic talisman pattern.

Just like the rune totem on the immortal talisman.

Lu Chen rejoiced, "It's about to complete."

Ye Wuya's pupils constricted, he fixed his gaze below the sea surface.

Beneath the rune totem, the ocean surged, bubbles gurgled out as though boiling.

Underneath, faint lights flashed intermittently.

This... is this truly uprooting a massive Spiritual Ore Mountain Range?



Whoosh!

A sudden explosive sound of massive object breaking water rang out.

Everyone quickly turned their gaze to see a peak slowly emerging from the sea.

On the peak, an entrance clearly appeared in the view of the eight.

Under the shining golden light, three ancient script characters were distinctly visible above the entrance.

White Jade City!

The giant mountain range was indeed extracted by this immortal talisman!

#### Chapter 990: Failure

Watching an enormous mountain range being extracted from the deep sea to the surface by the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman, even the disciples of the Lingxiao Sect, which hailed from the two-star sects of the Central Great World, were rendered speechless, displaying expressions of disbelief.

They had long known the effects of the Spirit Vein Cage Immortal Talisman, but this was the first time they witnessed such a scene upon its activation.

Originally, they thought the spirit veins would be drawn away in a mysterious manner, disappear, and then be entirely absorbed into the talisman. They would take the talisman back to their mountain gate, choosing a spot to release it, completing the transfer of the spirit veins.

But in this situation, is it really pulling the entire mountain range out of its original location to take it away with them?

In the midst of the shocked gazes, the mountain emerging from the sea rose higher and higher.



In the sky, the golden lines of runes emitted from the Immortal Talisman became increasingly distinct and bright, emanating a terrifying power that exuded a strong attraction towards the massive mountain below.

The gale was fierce, and the sea roared.

There was a thunderous roar in the heavens.

The world turned upside down as if the entire Earth were tilting and rotating violently.

Crash!!!

A vast amount of seawater was drawn from the mountainside continually, cascading downwards, creating massive water curtain waterfalls.

The eight disciples of Lingxiao Sect stood on the deck of the Divine Wind Treasure Ship, watching the spectacle with amazement and excitement, unwilling to blink for fear of missing any grand scenario.

Thus, the gigantic mountain rose higher and higher.

The Immortal Talisman flew high into the sky, transforming into an enormous palm, slowly reaching out to grasp and envelop the emerging mountain, as if intending to wrap the entire mountain range completely.

Once this final step is completed, the whole mountain of spirit veins will be absorbed by the Immortal Talisman.

"It's worthy of a Talisman crafted by a Mahayana Realm powerhouse; such power truly seizes the creation of heaven and earth, shaking the heavens and the earth."

"Indeed, this one Immortal Talisman alone is enough to suppress an entire planet."



"A Nascent Soul Great Power is enough to destroy this low-civilization planet, let alone an Immortal Talisman from a Mahayana Realm powerhouse?"

The disciples of Lingxiao Sect were filled with awe.

What they did not realize was.

At the instant the Immortal Talisman was activated, the entire Earth was trembling violently.

For Earth's human beings, a devastating catastrophe truly began to unfold.

From the depths of space, looking down at Earth, one could see it trembling slightly on its distinctive orbit, seemingly on the verge of veering off its current path of rotation.

Alongside this, Earth's satellite, the Moon, was shaking violently up and down.

The magnetic field between the two planets was thoroughly disrupted.

The North and South magnetic poles of the Earth were disrupted, slowly ceasing their tilting.

In the Arctic night zone, as Earth's self-suspension status adjusted, the Lingxiao Sect disciples soon saw a ray of sunlight shine upon them.

Previously, standing in the dark night sky, these Lingxiao Sect disciples found it hard to observe the movement and changes of the entire Earth, but now with sunlight falling on Earth, they quickly realized that something was amiss.

Yun Zong's expression shifted slightly, saying, "It seems the center of gravity of this planet is changing."



"Is it tilting?"

"Look, the seawater seems to be rapidly retreating."

"What's happening? Could it be that after this gigantic mountain was extracted, a vast underground gap and fissure appeared, causing the seawater to quickly vanish?"

Lu Chen scanned the surroundings, suddenly feeling a stirring in his heart.

He looked in the direction of the Immortal Talisman, then said, "Everyone, steady yourselves, let's go and see from higher up."

Ye Wuya cast a solemn look at Lu Chen and said, "Junior Brother Lu, what is it?"

Lu Chen twitched the corners of his mouth and shook his head, "I can't be certain yet; we need to observe from a higher position to see the entire planet."

Gan Qian said, "Whatever changes, it's best not to lose focus. Let's wait until the Immortal Talisman extracts the spirit veins. Once we have the spirit veins, even if this planet is about to be destroyed, it doesn't matter; we can just leave."

Everyone felt a chill in their hearts.

Although they were all cultivators, witnessing such a world-destroying event before them, they could not remain indifferent.

Yet their cultivation levels were too shallow, and in such situations, they were powerless.

But after all, it was because of their presence here that this was triggered, so even Gan Qian, who was naturally indifferent and had the most stable Dao Heart, felt an indescribable sense of guilt within his heart.



Across the globe, drastic changes suddenly occurred.

The five oceans and seven continents were all roaring and shaking.

Every large ship or small boat sailing in the deep sea encountered an unprecedented storm.

More than eighty percent of the ships did not survive this terrible disaster, sinking forever into the abyss.

The cities and towns along major coastlines suffered from unprecedented tsunami attacks.

The seawater seemed uncontrollable by Earth's gravity, madly pouring inland.

What was despairing was that the inland regions were also trembling violently.

Unlike earthquakes, but even more terrifying than earthquakes.

Some land plates suddenly wrinkled, forming enormous new mountain ranges.

Some grounds suddenly split open with gigantic chasms, splitting the entire surface into two, like a heavenly divide.

No place on earth was spared.

Disasters of all kinds unfolded in every corner.

Most severely, though, were the Antarctic and Arctic regions.

Earth's north-south magnetic fields suffered extensive damage, resulting in sweeping changes in all air currents, ocean currents, and even gravity rules.



The people of Heaven, Penglai Realm, particularly those from the Hidden Sect World witnessed these scenes, despairingly cried out about the arrival of world-ending calamity.

On the Great Divine Continent, amid the dense Primordial Forest of Yunwu Mountain Valley, intense crustal activity was also occurring.

Several high peaks collapsed in violent tremors, and small hills suddenly came under immense pressure, rising from the ground to become new towering summits.

This situation was less hazardous to mountain areas but posed enormous disasters to densely populated metropolises in nations worldwide.

The unfortunate cities saw countless skyscrapers collapse, triggering widespread electrical fires; the people in the city cried and wailed, suffering from an unparalleled cataclysm.

Some cities, however, were less impacted, and people remained relatively safe.

In general, in the face of such a global disaster, surviving relied entirely on luck.

What was horrifying was that the disaster seemed unending, continuing without pause since its onset.

At this moment, globally, regardless of how benevolent or compassionate the rulers were, they could only watch helplessly as their homelands and nations were ravaged, witnessing numerous people being swallowed by disaster.

This was an apocalyptic catastrophe never seen by Earth's humanity; in such a disaster, no one could become the savior.

The violent trembling from the entire planet continued on and on.



People clearly sensed it wasn't merely trembling, but intensely struggling, as if trying to break free from some kind of shackles.

After lasting a whole day and night, the surviving inhabitants of Earth suddenly experienced a massive sense of over or underweight.

Meanwhile, over the Arctic skies, the radiant golden light of the massive Immortal Talisman suddenly dimmed.

In the high skies, on the Divine Wind Treasure Ship, Lu Chen's pupils contracted and his expression greatly changed, "This is bad!"

Deep in their hearts, the rest of the Lingxiao Sect disciples simultaneously experienced a strong sense of foreboding.

The suspended Immortal Talisman suddenly went dim, and in the next moment, it burst into a dazzling glow.

Lu Chen immediately urged the Divine Wind Treasure Ship to flee far away.

However, the terrifying shockwave from the Immortal Talisman's explosion still followed, fiercely sweeping over the Divine Wind Treasure Ship.