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Chapter 851: Whetstones (Part I)

Han Fei walked to the edge of the Empyrean Waterfall. When he passed You Ye's place, he found that the girl was whistling and gardening.

You Ye put on a brilliant smile and greeted Han Fei. "How did it go? Did you concede?"

Han Fei was lost for words. "What do you mean by concede? Hey... Do you know who wields a rod best at the Empyrean Waterfall?"

You Ye smiled casually. "Old Du, undoubtedly. He lives right behind Yue Shier's place. Huh? Are you going to challenge him?"

Han Fei smiled. "Yes! My hands are itching after the recent breakthrough."

You Ye suddenly asked, "I'm told that your Phantom Glass Wings are pretty. Are they?"

Han Fei's lips twitched. "I'm not a Big Yellow Fish. Don't just look at me. Hey..."

After chit chatting with You Ye for a while, Han Fei went straight to Wuming who was sitting on a rock.

Seeing Han Fei, Wuming opened his eyes and looked at him casually. "Congratulations."

Han Fei smiled and said, "Can I interest you with another battle?"

Wuming's eyes shined. "Of course!"

Ning Jingyao, who was still far away, suddenly shouted, "Hey, hey, hey! Han Fei, you already fought Wuming once. Shouldn't it be our turn?"

Han Fei turned his head back. "Don't be hasty. One at a time."

"Hiss!"

A lot of people secretly gasped. Was Han Fei implying that he would challenge each and every one of them?

Someone was delighted. "I like his personality! Should a man really stay home without fighting? I love battle and hot blood..."

Immediately, someone left the house and leaned against the wall.

Someone sat on the roof, and some squatted on the road like the rogues from the countryside. Some people simply scanned the battlefield with their senses.

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Han Fei's plan was to find out the most suitable technique for him as a Hidden Fisher through battles.

Or rather, Han Fei was going to comprehend every battle technique he knew. It would be great even if he could only fully grasp one move in every technique.

Han Fei stepped into the 300-meter-radius domain of swords without hesitation.

Wuming laid his hands on his sword. Instantly, a storm of swords was moving towards him.

At some point, Han Fei had taken out a kitchen knife.

Clink! Clink! Clink! Clink!

Inside the domain of swords, Han Fei moved and slashed fast against the swords. His terrifying movement technique was best revealed when he twisted his body in an inhuman way.

However, it was impossible for Han Fei to dodge the infinite swords no matter how fast he was.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Starting from the tenth second, after Han Fei pressed for a hundred meters, he was hit by more than ten swords every second.

However, Wuming's eyes slightly contracted when the first sword hit Han Fei. He mumbled, "What a hard body..."

Han Fei was still cutting the swords and moving forward slowly but surely. When he was a hundred meters away from Wuming, he unleashed dozens of blurry shadows and dashed at a dazzling speed.

At that moment, many people who were watching the show with a smile dropped their smile.

Ning Jingyao became solemn. "He's not practicing. He's improving his movement technique. On the other hand, he wants to find out his limits through Wuming."

Li Luoluo had dashed close too and sat on Ning Jingyao's rooftop. She pouted her cheeks. "Does he think we're whetstones?"

Someone smiled casually. "It isn't our turn yet! But I think it's his plan. However, Wuming benefits from the battle too. If he does encounter someone as hard and fast as Han Fei in his domain of swords..."

Someone shook his head. "If he does, Wuming would've attacked immediately instead of waiting for so long. This is the consequence of him having Han Fei's food last time. He found it inappropriate to attack Han Fei so quickly. But this isn't bad. We can see Han Fei's potential."

Han Fei's body was moving. He began to use all the footstep techniques based on the 64-Dimensional Fish Dragon Dance.

Although he couldn't completely avoid or resist the swords, he wasn't really anxious. He knew that Wuming wasn't worried either, because the domain of swords was only attacking automatically and he actually hadn't taken any action yet.

"64 Dimensions?"

Han Fei knew that it was possible to simulate all kinds of body movement techniques with the 64-Dimensional Fish Dragon Dance. However, he forgot that the 64-Dimensional Fish Dragon Dance had 64 unconventional changes by itself, and if they were all carried out...

"Puchi!"

Han Fei blurry shadows appeared in the sword domain one after another, only to be shattered by the swords.

However, there were more and more blurry shadows, until the swords couldn't attack them simultaneously.

"Huh?"

Someone asked in surprise, "Han Fei's blurry shadows are dodging the swords too!"

Someone was confused. "Wait, those blurry shadows can be easily recognized. Is it really necessary to let them dodge the swords?"

Suddenly, someone said, "No, Han Fei is trying to switch among the blurry shadows."

You Ye mumbled, "He's moved another fifty meters forward. There's only a dozen or fewer swords that hit him each second."

About five minutes later, Wuming suddenly said, "I'm running out of spiritual energy. Take this."

Then, Wuming drew his sword, and a dazzling cold light flashed like a lightning bolt.

When the sword came to him, Han Fei quickly retreated and slashed it 23 times in a row with the Blood-Drinking Knife.

Eventually, Han Fei put on a smile and used the Draw Technique to collapse Wuming's attack.

Wuming was slightly surprised. "You found a flaw in my attack?"

Han Fei put away the Blood-Drinking Knife and pointed his finger, filling spiritual energy into Wuming's body. "More or less! Your attack was very powerful, but it was too fast."

Wuming frowned. "Isn't speed always the greatest weapon?"

Han Fei thought for a moment and explained, "Yes, and no! You'll surely win if you fight those slower than you. But to those faster than you, your sword does not have enough supportive power because it's too fast. As long as the sword light at the outer layer is destroyed, your attack won't be a threat at all."

Wuming slightly nodded. "Not bad. You can come again."

Han Fei turned his head and looked up at Ning Jingyao. "You want to play with your knife?"

Ning Jingyao grinned. "Of course!"

Li Luoluo exclaimed and said, "Ning Jingyao, fight in the sky, not here."

Someone added, "Yes, go to the sky. Don't fight down here."

Han Fei: "???"

Someone said, "Ning Jingyao is too destructive! If he fights on the ground, we're going to have to repair the roads later."

Han Fei slightly narrowed his eyes. *Is the guy really so powerful?*

Ning Jingyao chuckled. "You're just exaggerating! I'm a calm and reliable man!"

"You're reliable? Just go up there!"

Without further explanation, Ning Jingyao opened his wings and soared to the sky until he was at an altitude of 500 meters.

"Hula!"

Han Fei grinned and unfolded the Phantom Glass Wings. He flapped them and rose to the sky too.

Someone asked in surprise, "Are they the Phantom Glass Wings?"

You Ye smiled. "They're so beautiful, even more beautiful than my flowers."

Li Luoluo lay on the rooftop and looked at the sky. "They're indeed beautiful. However, since Han Fei is practicing, he probably won't use the Phantom Glass Wings' abilities. What a shame."

Yue Shier looked up at the sky enviously with a bowl in his hand.

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In the sky, Ning Jingyao smiled and said, "The technique I practice is called Star Demon Saber. In fact, it's best if you come to me at night, but it doesn't mean I'm weak during the day."

Han Fei thought for a moment. "I have the Draw Technique and the Ten Thousand Knives in One."

Then, Han Fei extended his hand towards the Emyrean Waterfall.

The Emyrean Waterfall was shrouded in mist and wasn't short of water. Han Fei could use the water as his blade.

He intended to abandon the Million Knife Art, which cost him too many weapons. It was unrealistic for him to develop a million knives. Even if he could, it would still be a serious problem to maintain and upgrade those blades.

So, it wasn't a bad thing to just give it up immediately.

He reached for the mist and gathered a water blade simply in order to cover up the Infinity Water. To some extent, the blade that Han Fei transformed from the Infinity Water was as powerful as an ultra-quality spiritual weapon with a sealed spirit.

It was evident that the Infinity Water could unleash the power above that of a Semi-Divine weapon or even a Divine weapon in the future.

Ning Jingyao didn't care. Whoever his opponent was, he would crush them with one attack. If one attack didn't work, then two. If two didn't, three.

"My hands reach for the sun, the moon, and the stars."

Ning Jingyao's vice quickly changed, and the illusion of a long saber gathered around him.

He held the long saber with both hands and rose, and a crazy wind was blowing with dazzling and terrifying brilliance. Then, the long saber was stabbed right at Han Fei.

“Shoot! Is this guy insane?”

Han Fei was stunned. He had never seen anyone who would launch a hundred-meter-long saber at the beginning of a battle. The attack was almost as powerful as the one Wuming just launched.

“Magnificent, weird and horrifying...”

Unlike the swordsmen, those who use sabers were usually tough and straightforward. This straight slash, for example, stirred everybody’s mind.

Han Fei gave up the Ten Thousand Knives in One and drew out the Blood-Drinking Knife instantly. He focused his mind and spirit on the weapon and slashed upwards.

Clang!

The collision raised echoes under the waterfall. Each of the echoes carried a wave of air.

Circles of light flashed in the sky.

The Empyrean Waterfall was twisted.

On the top of the Empyrean Waterfall, in the middle of the raging water, Qing Chen looked at the collision that was as brilliant as the sun and mumbled in shock, “These two guys are truly brutal!”

Chapter 852: Whetstones (Part II)

Han Fei realized that he underestimated the people at the Empyrean Waterfall.

At this moment, he also realized that those people who had been exiled here to watch over the big turtle were all expected to become Law Enforcers.

How could anyone who had the potential to become a Law Enforcer be weak?

Wuming, for one, could launch infinite swords while standing still.

Ning Jingyao was also very brutal, his saber could slash the air and the waterfall apart.

Of course, everybody knew Ning Jingyao’s expertise and had witnessed it before.

However, nobody had seen Han Fei’s unrestrained performance before. He fully carried out the Art of Invincibility and the Draw Technique.

In the end, the saber unleashed a dazzling golden aura, and the three-meter-long saber stopped three meters before Han Fei.

The Draw Technique landed on the long saber from the head to the end.

Ning Jingyao grinned. “The starlight is infinite.”

As Ning Jingyao roared, starlight was flashing all around him, and one saber was condensed after another. They chopped Han Fei crazily.

There were as many sabers as the stars in the sky. Han Fei felt that his blood was freezing.

Wuming was quite grave. “Ning Jingyao is getting the hang of this move.”

Du Jiangliu looked up at the sky with a rod in hand. "He's a lunatic."

Yue Shier subconsciously sipped the fish soup and said, "Those two guys are both so awesome. I envy them."

Li Luoluo looked at a shadow far away. "I don't think the Dark Hunter Legion stands a chance. If he can fight Ning Jingyao without losing, it's only natural that he beat the Dark Hunter Legion."

The man didn't reply, but he slightly nodded.

Han Fei saw that Ning Jingyao's face was full of madness. He finally realized why other people didn't allow the guy to fight on the ground, because the guy could've easily razed all the houses in the area.

Looking at the swords in the sky, Han Fei stepped in the air and pointed his finger. "Ten Thousand Knives in One!"

"Huala!"

Tides seemed to be surging from the sky, and countless water blades burst out.

In the blink of an eye, starlight and tides were raging above the Empyrean Waterfall, and thousands of weapons collided.

"The saber aura is coming from the altitude of five hundred meters to the ground!"

You Ye was the first to change her expression. She rose and released a swirling net.

She shouted at the sky, "You two, fight at a higher altitude!"

You Ye looked down at the flowers in her yard, feeling lucky that she didn't go too far away, or there might have been dire consequences.

The two men moved higher and higher.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Hundreds of ripples were spread out in the sky, and the two men fought heatedly.

Someone dashed close from far away, only to discover that it was just a practice between two natives of the Empyrean Waterfall. He was rendered speechless, as the blast of the practice had spread hundreds of kilometers away...

Someone secretly hoped that the lunatics of the Empyrean Waterfall could be all driven out of the Scattered Stars Island for fighting and causing trouble all the time.

When the water and the light cut each other, Han Fei and Ning Jingyao already collided.

In the head-on clash, Ning Jingyao's disadvantage was revealed. He didn't have fancy movement techniques as Han Fei did, so he was cut multiple times.

Han Fei actually had disadvantages too. His movement was instantly fast, but Ning Jingyao could create sabers anywhere as long as there was light with his technique. So, he too was cut again and again.

At this moment, Han Fei's other advantage was revealed: his skin was too thick for him to be hurt.

Ning Jingyao was rendered speechless. How could he win the battle in such a case?

“Enough, I’m done fighting you...”

Ning Jingyao cried out in depression, and the starlight and the tides in the sky finally disappeared.

By the time they landed, their clothes had all been ruined...

Ning Jingyao was lost for words. “How did you develop such a hard body? I can’t break you with the power of a junior Hidden Fisher at all. How can I beat you?”

Han Fei chuckled. “I couldn’t hurt you either!”

Ning Jingyao pulled his ragged sleeves and revealed his arm that was full of blood marks. “You didn’t hurt me? I would’ve been killed by you if my level weren’t much higher than yours.”

Li Luoluo nodded. “That’s right! So, Han Fei actually won the battle, because his body is harder.”

Ning Jingyao wasn’t bothered. He laughed and said, “It doesn’t matter! Would there be any fun if you don’t have any true opponents?”

Immediately, someone sneered. “Ning Jingyao, do you feel that you’re invincible? Should we practice with each other?”

The man who talked had a grim face. He watched the drama at Yue Shier’s place, and his house was destroyed by the aftermath of the battle by chance. He couldn’t have felt worse.

Ning Jingyao glanced at the collapsed house and chuckled. “Hey, Old Wu, your house was dilapidated in the first place. This is a great chance to rebuild it. Let’s cut off that tree together!”

“Humph!”

Han Fei stretched out his arms and glanced at a tall and strong man, who was waiting for him excitedly with a rod in his hand.

Han Fei stared at him. “Should we practice?”

The man nodded. “Spirit gatherers do have abundant spiritual energy. You’re still capable of fighting after two consecutive battles...”

Someone said quickly, “Wait, you should practice in the sky too.”

You Ye suddenly said, “Du Jiangliu, don’t use the Fiery Polar Stick.”

The man chuckled. “Don’t worry. I won’t hurt your precious flowers... I’ll just use the Shadowless Lightning.”

Han Fei quickly stopped him. “Hey, wait a minute... As a matter of fact, I’m not good with sticks. We can practice anywhere.”

“No!”

A lot of people shouted at the same time. You can practice anywhere? Do you think we don’t have to rebuild houses if they’re collapsed?

Ning Jingyao asked in surprise, “Han Fei, you’re going to use a stick? Do you know any stick techniques?”

Han Fei thought that he certainly had to learn a stick technique for the Needle, the Sea Quelling Bizarre Treasure that he possessed.

In fact, he didn’t want to challenge the man at all. He planned to go back and deduce a few stick techniques first before he fought Du Jiangliu. However, Du Jiangliu had focused attention on him for a long time. If he backed off, the man would think that he was scared.

A moment later...

In the sky...

BAM! BAM! BAM!

Crack...

Thunder was rumbling, and Han Fei was whipped so hard that he felt his head was dizzy.

“Enough, enough... I have to go back and train more.”

Du Jiangliu shook his head speechlessly. “What’s your stick technique? It’s no better than a demon-level technique.”

Han Fei landed and recalled the Phantom Glass Wings. “I simply wanted to taste how awesome your stick technique was. Don’t worry. I’ll come back to you a few days later. I was too tired to carry out my full strength against you today.”

“Puchi!”

Someone was amused, and Li Luoluo said, “Han Fei, are you only fighting the soul warriors? Do you not consider the hunters, Sister You Ye’s methods of manipulation, and Yue Shier’s armor?”

Han Fei chuckled. “Not today. I’m honing my battle techniques. I don’t have time for anything else.”

Someone shook their head. Seeing that there was no more drama to watch, they all went home.

They already had enough fun. They acknowledged Han Fei’s capabilities. A man who could enter Xiao Jiu’s yard, obtain the Phantom Glass Wings, enter the domain of swords, and clash with Ning Jingyao could definitely be regarded as an insane monster!

As for Han Fei’s horrible stick technique, it was automatically ignored by everybody.

When Han Fei returned home, he found that Jiuyin Ling was smiling at him at the door.

Han Fei felt nervous and speechless. “Why are you smiling here instead of shopping?”

Jiuyin Ling blushed because of what Han Fei said. “I’m just here to check on you.”

Han Fei shook his head with a sigh. “I’m fine, but there’s still a lot of things to do. I have to practice more on stick and body techniques... It seems that there’s still a long way to go before I can be called a Heavenly Talent!”

Jiuyin Ling: “...”

Big Yellow walked to them and squinted at Han Fei. "I hate braggers the most... You're scaring off my fish."

Han Fei threw a big, twenty-meter-long fish that was full of tusks to the ground. "Pick and eat it! I'm exhausted."

Meow!

In fact, Han Fei had treated the cat extra nicely, because it was the first cat he had seen in this world. In fact, he had never seen any other land animals except the cat.

So, Han Fei somehow sympathized with the cat after meeting it, as if he had met a good friend in a different place.

Changing his clothes, he rose to the sky and flew to the west city.

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On a hill not far away from the Path of Giants, the sun was shining over the golden beach underneath the hill. Occasionally, unknown creatures craned their heads on the surface and then dove into the water.

Zhang Xuanyu was seated at the edge of the hill next to a young girl. They were appreciating the sea.

Zhang Xuanyu was talking elaborately. "When I was a fishing master and my family was crushed by my enemies, I had to leave my hometown. I remember the brilliant sun I saw above the sea. At that time, I hoped that I could find someone who could soothe me with her warm arms. After I met you, I remembered my feelings again..."

The girl shyly turned her head aside. "R-Really?"

"Of course. My heart is as warm and passionate as the sun... Huh, don't move. There's something on your eyelashes. Let me clean it for you..."

"Zhang Xuanyu! Zhang Xuanyu!"

When they were very close to each other, someone shouted from the sky, and the girl jumped off the hill and ran far away covering her face.

Zhang Xuanyu quickly shouted, "Hey, don't go! There's really something on your eyelashes..."

However, the girl had already run away.

Zhang Xuanyu burst into fury. "Han Fei, you son of a bi*ch, how many times have you ruined my business?"

Han Fei landed from the sky and glanced at the girl who was running away. "You are a fraud. What can you do except trick the gullible girls?"

Zhang Xuanyu snorted angrily. "That was a critical moment. Couldn't you have waited for a moment? Never mind... Huh? Didn't you go to catch a Wind Sky Wing? Why are you back already?"

Chapter 853: Central City

“Stick technique?”

After Han Fei told him why he was here, Zhang Xuanyu looked at him weirdly and asked, “Why are you suddenly studying a stick technique? Han Fei, don’t you think you’re studying too many techniques? You should focus.”

Han Fei replied with a smile, “Don’t worry. I know what I’m doing. If everything goes as I plan, I may create my own battle technique someday.”

Zhang Xuanyu’s eyes glittered. “You’ve thought it through? That is the right approach!”

In fact, Han Fei had this feeling when he made a breakthrough to be a Hidden Fisher. To be a Hidden Fisher meant to find a path. So, no matter how many techniques he practiced, none of them would be what he really depended on.

In such a case, he was free to learn anything. It was even possible that secondary battle techniques could offer him inspiration.

Han Fei said casually, “Just tell me what’s suitable for me... I don’t have too many demands, except that the techniques have to be tough, with a powerful outburst...”

Zhang Xuanyu looked at Han Fei speechlessly. “If you want my Moment Technique, you could’ve just told me!”

Han Fei laughed. “Why would I want your Moment Technique? I want a legitimate stick technique that can be used both in offense and defense with a lot of variations. Your Moment Technique obviously doesn’t meet my requirements.”

Zhang Xuanyu thought for a moment and said, “What about the Nine-Layered Waves in the Furious Sea? Forget it. It doesn’t meet your requirements either. Let me see...”

Pondering for a moment, Zhang Xuanyu suddenly became frustrated. “I’m done thinking! I’ll just give all of them to you!”

Then, Zhang Xuanyu sat on the ground and took out a hundred stick techniques.

To Han Fei’s shock, the guy picked the techniques and started commenting.

“Well, this one is Asura Demon Stick. It’s demon-level, high-quality, with a lot of weird and unpredictable variations.

“This is the Sky Upholding Stick. It’s heaven-level, low-quality. It’s more focused on offense than defense.

“This is the Horizontal Sky Stick Technique. It’s heaven-level, low-quality. It’s extremely swift, but it’s not aggressive enough.

“This one is the Glittering Lock Stick. It’s also heaven-level, low-quality. It’s great except for its lack of power.”

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Han Fei was dazzled when Zhang Xuanyu picked out a dozen techniques.

Han Fei was about to turn him down, when he remembered that he could synthesize them, so he said straightly, "I'll take all of them. You can keep talking to your girl..."

"Wait a minute... Who am I going to talk to now that you've scared her away?"

Zhang Xuanyu glanced at Han Fei and said, "Did you really get your wings from a level-63 Wind Sky Wing Soul King?"

Han Fei patted Zhang Xuanyu's shoulder. "Where else do you think they came from?"

Zhang Xuanyu was lost for words. "Never mind. I'll just wait for a few more days. Aren't you going to the Sea of Pearls? Do you want to wait for us to go with you? Although Le Renkuang just became a peak-level Hanging Fisher, he has a great foundation and needs another trip. Xiaobai is free. I intend to get some credit points on the sea to be promoted to six stars."

Han Fei suddenly said, "Hey, wait, don't you only have five stars? How can you set sail?"

Zhang Xuanyu snorted. "I can lead a team to go out! I can lead a team of ten people with five stars, but I can't go further than three thousand kilometers."

Han Fei asked, "What about me? I'm already a six-star Slaughterer. Can I take you out?"

Knowing that he had to see Jiuyin Ling if he returned to the Emyrean Waterfall, Han Fei didn't want to go back anymore.

Laying his hand on Han Fei's shoulder, Zhang Xuanyu said, "Nevermind, we won't go with you. When Le Renkuang and I become Hidden Fishers, let's go to the Sea of Pearls together! Don't you need to practice these stick techniques? You can do that while Le Renkuang and I are out."

Han Fei knew that nothing could possibly stop them in a range of three thousand kilometers, so he became relaxed too.

"Okay, be safe. I'm going to the central city."

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Han Fei had never been to the central city before. He only knew that the best stuff and the strongest people were all gathered in the central city.

The cities in the four cardinal directions all seemed prosperous, but the items in those places were generally for those who had six or fewer stars.

However, the central city had a smaller population, who all had more than six stars. To gain six stars, they had to be at least peak-level Hanging Fishers, if not Hidden Fishers.

Anybody from the central city could be nominated as main characters on the defensive lines.

They could even serve as deputy commanders.

Boats weren't allowed to fly above the central city.

There were four gates to the central city. Han Fei had come from the west part of the city, so he came through the western gate.

The city wall wasn't too tall, and was made of black undersea rocks. The arched gate looked no different from the city gates that Han Fei remembered.

Nobody was watching over the city gate.

Through the magnificent passage underneath the gate, Han Fei had just entered the city, when he noticed that two old men were playing Fish Dragon Cards in a corner.

The two old men didn't even bother to look at Han Fei. There were two plates of snacks on the stone table.

Han Fei couldn't tell how strong the two old men were, but he knew that they were definitely stronger than him.

Since they ignored him, there was no need for him to greet them, so he simply went to the Logistics Division in the city.

After Han Fei left, one of the old men asked, "Is he Han Fei who acquired the Wind God Pearl? He doesn't look bad."

The other old man picked a dried fish and put it into his mouth. "Well, I was told that Jiuyin Ling became a Law Enforcer because of him. He's a capable young man, except that he's also reckless and disobedient."

The first old man suddenly took out four identical cards. "Boom! Give me your money..."

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The central city was in the same style as the other cities, although there were many passers-by on the street.

Han Fei only found nine counters in the Logistics Division. There couldn't have been more than two hundred people who were looking for resources.

Two hundred wasn't a small number at all, as all the two hundred people were Hidden Fishers and stronger. Counting the passers-by on the street and the people in other shops, Han Fei had seen more than a thousand Hidden Fishers.

No wonder the Ten Thousand Demon Valley never dared to wage a total war! The thousands of Hidden Fishers can totally turn the sea around the Scattered Stars Island upside down!

When Han Fei walked into the Logistics Division, many people who were chatting stopped and glanced at Han Fei.

As if he didn't sense them, Han Fei walked straight to a counter and said, "I would like a seal technique."

In fact, there would be a lot of stick techniques available here, but Han Fei didn't want to waste his money on those.

After all, the techniques wouldn't be as good as Zhang Xuanyu's, who had bought those techniques to create one of his own, so he had definitely picked the best techniques.

Instead of spending the money here, he might as well go to Zhang Xuanyu and talk to him.

The girl who received Han Fei was only a peak-level Hanging Fisher. One of her arms was gone. She must've been specially admitted to the central city because of the heavy wound in battle.

She said with a smile, "Please show your waist tag."

A moment later, the girl quickly gathered a manual of items and gave it to Han Fei. "You can choose the items here, or in the lobby where you can find chairs."

Han Fei nodded slightly. "Okay."

He sat down in the lobby with the manual and opened it, only to find that it had thirty pages, with introductions to eight seal techniques on each page.

Han Fei simply ignored the seal techniques underneath the demon level.

Unparalleled Soul Seal (Demon-Level, Mid-Quality)

Introduction: This is a seal technique that attacks the soul. It's extremely hard to cultivate, so it's lowered to demon-level, mid-quality. It can shake the enemy's soul and stun them.

Price: 120,000 credit points

White Cloud Divine Seal (Demon-Level, High-Quality)

Introduction: It contains the power of clouds and water and is suitable for battles in the sky. You can carry out the power beyond the seal technique with the power of clouds.

Price: 250,000 credit points

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Han Fei browsed through the manual and saw 48 seal techniques from the demon level to the heaven level.

He was attracted to a seal technique named Triple Palace Heavy Seal.

The description of the technique was quite tempting.

Triple Palace Heavy Seal (Heaven-Level, Low-Quality) (Incomplete)

Introduction: This is a heavy-seal technique. When you lay the seal, it will be like moving a mountain. You can make use of the power of tides and press the seal through the void.

Background: It's acquired from the remains of an unknown palace near the Scattered Stars Island. Because most parts of the technique are missing, it's only listed as a heaven-level, low-quality technique.

Price: 420,000 credit points

Han Fei put on a smile. Incomplete battle techniques were the last thing he was scared of. Instead, the more incomplete a technique was, the more he would like it, because it would be a huge bargain if he deduced it.

“Han Fei, what are you reading?”

Clang...

Han Fei lost balance and fell to the ground, knocking over the chair!

Immediately, he raised all the customer’s attention.

Han Fei raised his head, only to discover that it was none other than Jiuyin Ling, who was like a haunting ghost.

Han Fei was lost for words. “Didn’t you go shopping? How did you end up here?”

Jiuyin Ling was going to give Han Fei a hand, when Han Fei rose to his feet voluntarily and looked at her weirdly. He never thought that he could be so popular...

Jiuyin Ling stuck out her tongue. “I was shopping when I saw you here, so I came over.”

Han Fei bulged his eyes. “Wait, you’re shopping here? Do you even know what shopping means?”

Before Jiuyin Ling could reply, Han Fei simply said, “Wait for me at the door. I’ll come out soon.”

Sensing that the other guys were looking at him murderously, Han Fei quickly ran to the counter, only to find that the receptionist was also looking at him weirdly.

Han Fei said grimly, “I’d like this Triple Palace Heavy Seal. Here’s my credit card... no, waist tag.”

While the receptionist stared at him weirdly, Han Fei accepted the jade slip that contained the Triple Palace Heavy Seal and rushed out in a panic.

He found Jiuyin Ling waiting for him with a smile.

Seeing that all the passers-by were looking at them in surprise, Han Fei quickly led Jiuyin Ling to an empty corner. “Why do I feel like they all know you?”

Jiuyin Ling pursed her lips. “Most people in the central city have met each other before. They know who I am...”

Han Fei didn’t know what to say. “Sister, why don’t you change first before you go shopping? If you keep wearing this white dress, I think someone will kill me when they see you talking to me again.”

Jiuyin Ling asked in confusion, “Why should I change?”

Han Fei said solemnly, “Look, you’re supposed to observe the joys and sorrows in the human world. But if you walk around in your pretty white dress, everybody will recognize you as Jiuyin Ling the Law Enforcer. Then, you’ll only see things that they want you to see...”

So, Han Fei said, “Let’s go! I’ll teach you how to go shopping, but next time, you have to do it alone!”

Chapter 854: Goddess, Welcome to Earth

In Han Fei's home at the Empyrean Waterfall.

With Han Fei's help, Jiuyin Ling was transformed from a pretty girl into a handsome young man... Well, not exactly a handsome one. She got an average-looking face and wore clean clothes.

Jiuyin Ling loved the color white, but Han Fei didn't make white clothes for her. After all, she could be quite eye-catching no matter how she looked as long as she wore white clothes.

Han Fei said solemnly, "You must know how important disguise techniques are. With a brilliant disguise technique, you can pretend to be anyone."

Jiuyin Ling looked at herself with a basin of water as a mirror and said pitifully, "I don't look pretty at all..."

Han Fei was amused. "Of course not. Why do you want to look pretty? Do you want everybody to recognize you to be Jiuyin Ling? You're going to experience ordinary people's lives and observe them. You're not going to a beauty pageant. Just follow my instructions!"

"What's a beauty pageant?"

Han Fei waved his hand and said, "Not important. The important thing is that you should be dressed like this when you go out later. You can buy a few more sets of male clothes... It'll be better if you keep a mustache. You look like a pretty boy right now."

Jiuyin Ling: "..."

It was certainly impossible for Han Fei and Jiuyin Ling to sneak away from the Empyrean Waterfall without anybody else knowing.

So, Han Fei didn't try to keep it a secret at all. He simply hoped that Jiuyin Ling could understand the trick of shopping.

On the ground, Ning Jingyao was confused and mumbled, "Didn't he claim he disliked her? Then why is he taking her out?"

Looking at the flashing boat in the sky, You Ye slightly shook her head and continued whistling and tending to her flowers.

Han Fei didn't think anyone could identify him after he put on his disguise. After reaching the city, he took Jiuyin Ling to the sea creature market which had the greatest number of customers.

The market was even busier than the departure ports in towns. Not only were people selling things in their shops, but some were even making deals and bartering on the street.

They exchanged things with each other on blankets on the road.

"Shoppers, you can't miss these! More than twenty kinds of materials are available! The Scorching Fire Wings are on sale!"

"Freshly-caught Hopping Tails, only ten high-quality pearls a piece!"

"I just explored an undersea treasure trove. I'm selling all the items I found!"

“A rarely-seen mysterious technique. It’s worth a look for nothing but the word ‘mysterious’! You won’t be charged for looking!”

...

Few people were selling food at the Scattered Stars Island, but Han Fei managed to buy two skewers of roasted squid tentacles and gave one of them to Jiuyin Ling. “See how it tastes. This is what life should be like on the Scattered Stars Island. It’s no different from the towns and villages. But of course, I’ve never been to the Thousand Star City. I don’t know the life there.”

Suddenly, Han Fei’s eyes glittered. He saw that someone just squatted, laid a blanket, and placed a piece of Trivariant Golden Ginseng on the blanket.

Immediately, Han Fei ran to him. “What’s the price of the Trivariant Golden Ginseng?”

The man glanced at Han Fei, obviously not expecting to meet a client so quickly. “Hey, bro! Trivariant Golden Ginseng is getting more and more expensive these days. It’s not easy to catch them. You’re my first client today, so I’ll give you a special offer of 5,000 high-quality pearls.”

Han Fei chuckled. “Bro, I just came out of the Refining Hall, where I bought one for 3,100 high-quality pearls. Isn’t it outrageous that you’re selling one for 5,000 thousand?”

Jiuyin Ling asked telepathically, *But we never went to the Refining Hall!*

Han Fei glanced at her. *I’m just bargaining with him! Quiet!*

The man smiled. “Bro, you know that good stuff is always costly. You can always pay five hundred pearls for a spiritual fruit, but it’s not nearly as effective as the Trivariant Golden Ginseng, is it?”

Han Fei chuckled. “3,500! If you don’t sell it, then I’m leaving. Since there are so many people here, I’m sure that you can wait for someone to buy it...”

“Hey, hey, hey, bro, that’s a cut of 1,500 pearls! That’s too much! Please give me some more. It’s really not easy to catch the Trivariant Golden Ginseng. Look, I was ambushed by a sea demon and hurt in the shoulder when I got this.”

The man took off his clothes and showed his wound to Han Fei.

Han Fei grinned. “That’s not my business. This thing is quite nutritional, but I might not have time to use it at all in battle! How about this? I’ll give you another hundred...”

A moment later, Han Fei said proudly, “See? I got a Trivariant Golden Ginseng easily for 3,600 pearls. It’s not a high price for such a rare item.”

Jiuyin Ling blinked her eyes. “I don’t think his life is easy.”

Han Fei was choked. “Do you think my life is easy?”

Jiuyin Ling nodded quickly.

Han Fei: “...”

When they walked another thousand meters, they saw two men holding two snakes as thick as wrists.

The two men had bitten the snakes' tails and were drinking their blood crazily. Their clothes were stained by the blood.

"Burp! This feels great!"

They even high-fived with a smile on their faces.

Jiuyin Ling's eyes were widened, and Han Fei said casually, "These are highly nutritious! You can increase your strength by eating this."

"But can you really have the blood just like that?"

Han Fei snorted. "This is why you have to go shopping and observe ordinary people in order to gain more experience."

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On that day, Han Fei took Jiuyin Ling to buy clothes, watch street fights, and go to the casinos...

Jiuyin Ling was dumbfounded the whole time.

She had never been to any of these places, especially the casino, where Han Fei lost 3,000 high-quality pearls. His face turned entirely red after all the losses.

At this moment, in a club on the club street.

Han Fei pointed at the club and said, "Ordinary people will have a drink here if they're tired or anxious. Come on, let's have a drink."

Jiuyin Ling frowned. "Something smells terrible in there."

Han Fei caught her arm and dragged her into the club. "What's terrible? Anything worldly can be dirty... Ordinary people's lives are just as filthy as this."

They came to the counter, and Han Fei bellowed, "Boss, I'd like ten cups of Fire Fox Wine first."

"All right!"

The boss opened an iron can and snatched it, and liquor as red as fire flowed into the cups. The dark red Fire Fox Wine was not as delicious as the strong distilled spirit that Han Fei brewed, but it did have a special taste and Zhang Xuanyu ordered it every time.

Looking at the red fluids where flames were burning, Jiuyin Ling felt like her teeth were chattering. She frowned hard.

"Gudu!"

"Ahhhhh!"

Han Fei grabbed a cup and filled his mouth. "You're not drinking it?"

"No!"

Jiuyin Ling couldn't do it anymore. She could put up with the shopping during the day. At least, she didn't have to do anything or drink blood.

But was the Fire Fox Wine any different from blood?

With a smile, Han Fei said, "How can you gain social experience if you can't drink this? Let me tell you, cultivation is not built on nothingness. Everybody on the Scattered Stars Island used to be a Heavenly Talent in places they came from, but they're all drinking the Fire Fox Wine right now. So am I."

Han Fei specifically stressed the last sentence and looked at Jiuyin Ling.

Jiuyin Ling was almost shedding tears.

Under Han Fei's watch, Jiuyin Ling finally picked up a cup and looked at Han Fei.

Han Fei urged her, "Drink, drink! A goddess can only stay in the heavens. To be a human girl, you have to walk on the ground. Drink it."

Jiuyin Ling seemed to have made a major decision. She closed her eyes and opened her mouth, before she suddenly poured the wine in.

"Cough, cough, cough..."

Han Fei scratched his head, as she had choked herself.

Han Fei said, "Let's not be hasty. You're drinking too fast."

Then, Han Fei poured a glass of Fire Fox Wine into his mouth. He saw that a pretty girl was walking to him.

In the next moment, the woman lay between Han Fei and Jiuyin Ling and said with a sexy posture, "Can I have one cup?"

Han Fei shrugged. "Of course. Girls always have privileges."

Jiuyin Ling, however, frowned. "No, go away."

The girl giggled. "Hey, you have quite a temper! Sir, you must be new to the Scattered Stars Island. You look pretty and clean, not an alcoholic. Do you want your sister to show you around?"

Jiuyin Ling asked Han Fei telepathically, *What do I do? She barely wears any clothes, and I don't know her.*

Han Fei chuckled and replied, *Goddess, welcome to Earth.*

Jiuyin Ling frowned. Seeing that Han Fei wasn't helping, she instantly grew panicked.

BAM!

To Han Fei's surprise, she waved her hand and slapped the girl away.

Han Fei's mouth widened. *Did you really do that?*

Lost for words, Han Fei grabbed Jiuyin Ling's arm and said, "Let's run..."

“Huh... Son of a bi*ch, why did you hit me? Did I do anything wrong?”

The woman seemed to have a lot of friends here. Many tall and strong soul warriors and armorists stood up.

Someone sneered. “Brother, it’s against the rules to beat someone without a good reason, isn’t it?”

Someone grunted. “Damn it, you slapped Ms. Hong away. You want to die, don’t you?”

Someone had already grabbed a giant axe. “You may have six stars, but so what? I have six stars too. If you don’t give me an explanation, you’re not walking out of this club.”

Jiuyin Ling was about to extend her hand and “seal” the guy, when Han Fei stopped her and said, “This is our fault. We should just run.”

Pa!

A whip appeared in Ms. Hong’s hand. She smacked it on the floor. “I knew you were stupid, but I didn’t know you were that stupid! 5,000 high-quality pearls, or you can’t get away with this!”

Han Fei grinned. “We shouldn’t have hit you, but your extortion is outrageous. I’m walking out. Let’s see who can stop me.”

“Are you still being cocky? Take him down!”

Han Fei punched and knocked away two armorists that ran towards him. They were thrown into the big river outside.

“Son of a bi*ch, you really dare to fight us? Brothers, let’s go!”

BAM! BAM! BAM!

Boom!

A moment later, Han Fei disappeared into the crowd with Jiuyin Ling and zigzagged to an empty corner. Then, he created Breath Concealing Arrays and Stealth Arrays to cover them up.

Jiuyin Ling blinked her eyes and asked, “I shouldn’t have attacked, right?”

Seeing how pitiful she looked, Han Fei heaved a long sigh and said, “Never mind, let’s just go back! Anyways, congratulations on witnessing an ordinary life today...”

Chapter 855: Momentary Time

“Well...”

Han Fei lay on his bed, wondering if it was a wrong decision to take Jiuyin Ling out. Anyways, he had to keep her busy with something.

Everything would be great if she stopped tailing him everyday.

Han Fei heaved a long sigh and mumbled, “The Infinite Ocean, and Sea Establishment.”

He remembered that Mrs. Yin mentioned that there were no Kings in the Thousand Star City, which implied that there were Venerables there. The Venerables were three major levels higher than himself.

Never mind. I should cultivate to be a peak-level Hidden Fisher first.

Without further thinking, Han Fei sat straight. He had acquired so many stick techniques from Zhang Xuanyu. He could probably fuse them into an excellent technique!

“Fuse!”

A lot of spiritual energy was disappearing. It was not until a hundred seconds later that a battle technique named True Interpretation of Stick Techniques popped up in his head.

“A battle technique?”

Han Fei was quite surprised. The name didn’t sound impressive at all.

True Interpretation of Stick Techniques

<Introduction> A mixture of thirteen stick techniques that contains their essence. If you comprehend this book, you can understand the nature of rod sticks.

Deduced Art: Unknown

Deduction Cost: 0/60,000,000

Note: Different people may perceive different things from this art.

Han Fei didn’t study the True Interpretation of Stick Techniques immediately, as the essence of the techniques couldn’t be grasped easily.

Also, Han Fei was not in a hurry at all. He couldn’t play with the Needle for now anyway.

He was more interested in the Triple Palace Heavy Seal, which he could use immediately after he grasped it.

A moment later...

Han Fei’s spiritual energy storage had dropped to sixty million, and a seal technique named Nine Mansions Dragon Deal appeared in his head.

Nine Mansions Dragon Seal (Heaven-Level, Divine-Quality)

<Introduction> You may make use of the Nine Mansions in the sky and press the seal through the void. This is a technique for heavy seals. When the seal falls, it will be like the fall of a mountain, and its roar can shake the soul.

Deduced Art: Unknown

Deduction Cost: 0/60,000,000

Note: A heavy seal is required. The heavier, the better.

Han Fei's eyes glittered. This technique was great and related to arrays. The seal would be able to travel through the void and smash the enemy as a tide, mountain or boulder.

"This will definitely be fierce..."

Han Fei couldn't help but remark. He wondered if it would be possible to attack an enemy from their back with this seal technique. In any case, if it could shake the soul, it could probably knock the enemy out.

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The next morning, Han Fei saw Jiuyin Ling at the door the moment he canceled the cloud array.

Han Fei felt a strong headache. Holding himself back, he asked, "What now?"

Jiuyin Ling said solemnly, "I've given it a lot of thought. You're right that I have to experience ordinary people's lives. I intend to leave the Scattered Stars Island and live in a village for a year before I come back."

Han Fei was so delighted that he couldn't stop smiling. "That's great, Xiao Jiu! You're very smart! Let me tell you, only after you see all the vicissitudes of life can you really understand what it means to be a human. Congratulations on your new epiphany!"

Jiuyin Ling glared at Han Fei. "What's the name of your village?"

Han Fei suddenly had a bad feeling. "The Heavenly Water Village... Why?"

Jiuyin Ling said solemnly, "Okay, I'm going to the Heavenly Water Village."

"Cough, cough, cough..."

Han Fei swallowed and asked, "Why are you going to the Heavenly Water Village? Let me tell you, it isn't exactly the best village. There are tons of better villages out there."

Cleverness flashed in Jiuyin Ling's eyes. "All the more reason why I should go to the Heavenly Water Village. The worse the village is, the better my experience will be."

Han Fei took a deep breath.

However, on second thought, Han Fei decided that she could go anywhere she wanted as long as she didn't haunt him. He was no longer in the Heavenly Water Village anyway.

Taking a deep breath, Jiuyin Ling said, "Wait for me to come back."

Han Fei nodded quickly. "Okay, no problem: no problem at all!"

Jiuyin Ling looked at her own yard and then Han Fei. Finally, she controlled the boat to rise and fly away.

"Phew!"

Han Fei took a long breath. The girl was finally gone!

Han Fei stared at the sky and remarked casually, "I hope you won't be bound by worldly emotions again after you reach the next level..."

Suddenly, Han Fei noticed something yellow on his wall. He turned around, only to find that Big Yellow was staring at him with widened eyes.

Big Yellow asked curiously, "Did you piss her away?"

Han Fei said angrily, "What are you talking about? I simply directed her to understand the true meaning of life... Hey, are all cats eavesdroppers?"

Big Yellow looked at Han Fei in disdain. "Are you making breakfast?"

Han Fei felt strength all over his body now that Jiuyin Ling wasn't around. He said, "Yes, I am."

Hardly had Han Fei said that when someone craned his head at the door. It was none other than Qing Chen.

He was the kind of guy who could emerge from anywhere when he heard food mentioned.

After breakfast.

Big Yellow asked, "Are you going fishing?"

Han Fei shook his head. "No, I'm going to fight someone."

"Then I won't go fishing either."

Han Fei was lost for words. "Can't you fish alone?"

Big Yellow looked at Han Fei in disdain. "The fish are scared off every time you fight. How can I catch them?"

Han Fei: "..."

A moment later...

Han Fei called out, "Old Du, Old Du... I'm here to challenge you!"

Du Jiangliu walked out of the house unhurriedly. "Are you sure? The stick technique that you practiced overnight can't be anything good."

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Half a month passed.

In the sky...

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Two men were colliding fiercely in the sky. The sticks that they were holding were barely visible. Clouds and mists were surging as they fought.

Down below, someone remarked in confusion while having dried fish, "Han Fei has persisted for a hundred seconds. Can he still endure?"

Someone shook his head. "He must be addicted to fighting. He has really made fast progress in stick techniques! It's not easy for anyone to endure a hundred clashes with Old Du."

Ning Jingyao was lost for words. "Why is he not practicing with me anymore?"

Someone smiled. "Why would he? He's as good at saber techniques as you are."

Wuming cut in, "He wants to learn sword techniques."

Ning Jingyao glanced at Wuming. "Enough! Just because he tried the domain of swords several times doesn't mean he wants to learn sword techniques from you. He was simply practicing movement techniques."

"Hoooooo!"

All of a sudden, a stick appeared in the air, and then Han Fei pierced it into the void. The other end of the stick extended out a hundred meters away.

Du Jiangliu was quite delighted. "What a great move!"

Du Jiangliu rose like a bird and stuck his shoulder against the stick. Then, he waved his own long stick and slapped Han Fei's stick back.

Han Fei caught his breath and said, "That's enough for the day."

Han Fei and Du Jiangliu stopped and looked at the boat that was approaching from the sky at a distance.

On the boat, Zhang Xuanyu looked at Han Fei in shock and then glanced at Du Jiangliu.

Zhang Xuanyu was slightly surprised. "Han Fei, when did you learn my Instant Mystic Spear? But your performance is too lousy. Let me."

As he talked, Zhang Xuanyu leaped out and unfolded his white wings. He grabbed one long stick and said to Du Jiangliu, "Han Fei's performance of that move is terrible! Let me!"

Du Jiangliu grinned. "Okay! I didn't know that Han Fei's move was actually from someone else's battle technique."

Han Fei asked in surprise, "Didn't you lead a team to the sea? When did you go to the Wind Sky Canyon and acquire wings?"

Le Renkuang and Luo Xiaobai arrived, and Le Renkuang snorted. "To the sea? We were out for only three days."

Zhang Xuanyu said with a smile, "I couldn't get a Wind God Pearl anyway. Those wings with a wingspan of thirteen meters are good enough."

Han Fei was surprised. "Why didn't you come to me? I could've helped you!"

Zhang Xuanyu smiled. "Did you not know that no Wind Sky Wings will approach you once you get wings?"

"Well..."

As he talked, Zhang Xuanyu looked at Du Jiangliu and said, "Just one round."

Du Jiangliu nodded and said unconcernedly, "Okay!"

Han Fei flew away. He was not as adept at stick techniques as Zhang Xuanyu was. That guy had practiced nothing but stick techniques his entire life.

Even the Instant Mystic Spear was a derivation of a stick technique.

Zhang Xuanyu was quite serious. Han Fei keenly noticed that eighty percent of his spiritual power was concentrated on his hands.

“Huh?”

Du Jiangliu smiled casually. The one-round clash was even more exciting than the battle against Han Fei. At this moment, he was determined to fight as he stepped his feet forward.

Shua!

Han Fei’s eyes contracted. He found that half of Zhang Xuanyu’s stick was gone when he exerted his strength.

He hurriedly looked at Du Jiangliu, only to discover that he hadn’t completed his attack yet and he just touched Zhang Xuanyu’s stick.

Du Jiangliu’s expression changed greatly, and he was instantly flung back.

Down below, Wuming quickly opened his eyes. “So fast.”

Ning Jingyao’s eyes were widened too. “What a fast move!”

Yue Shier exclaimed, “He’s so fast! I envy him!”

You Ye nodded. “So fast!”

Du Jiangliu glanced at the blood on his shoulder and looked at Zhang Xuanyu solemnly. “What’s the name of this attack?”

Zhang Xuanyu put away the stick and grinned. “Momentary Time!”

Du Jiangliu bowed solemnly to Zhang Xuanyu.

He had learned a lot from the collision.

Han Fei’s eyes flashed. *Momentary Time? Why does it sound so familiar?*

All of a sudden, he looked at Zhang Xuanyu, wondering if the man had grasped the truth of time.

Chapter 856: The Pearl Divers at the Sea of Pearls

In Han Fei’s home.

Han Fei looked at Zhang Xuanyu curiously. He had keenly sensed something wrong with the Momentary Time that Zhang Xuanyu just launched.

He had fought with Du Jiangliu for half a month and knew very well how capable Old Du was.

Han Fei had already boosted himself to the highest speed with the Air Breaking Strike and the speed of the Instant Mystic Spear.

However, he was always hit back when he was one meter from Du Jiangliu.

It suggested that Du Jiangliu had absolute control within a one-meter radius of him.

However, the control was broken by Zhang Xuanyu's stick. It was kind of like how Dragon Carps of Time reversed time earlier.

Han Fei stared at Zhang Xuanyu. "Is it related to the Abyssal Chasm?"

Zhang Xuanyu smiled casually. "I knew you would find out. It's something that I perceived recently. I found that the Abyssal Chasm might have a space and time problem. In fact, during the clash just now, I was able to slow down time within a tiny space."

Han Fei's eyelids shivered. "That's all?"

Zhang Xuanyu snorted. "What else did you expect? If I had truly mastered time, it would've been impossible for the guy to touch my stick."

Han Fei realized that it made sense. If Zhang Xuanyu could control time within a certain range, Du Jiangliu would've surely failed.

Han Fei glanced at Luo Xiaobai and Le Renkuang and asked, "Have you both finished your business?"

Luo Xiaobai nodded. "Yes! Zhang Xuanyu said that we're going to the Sea of Pearls together."

Han Fei looked at Le Renkuang. "Why do you still have five stars?"

Le Renkuang said while shaking the fat on his cheeks. "I didn't fight enough. I've gathered enough credit points. I just need to kill some sea demons to get the promotion."

Han Fei chuckled. "All three of us can lead teams. We'll just include you in our team. However, I don't think there are a lot of sea demons at the Sea of Pearls."

Luo Xiaobai said, "There are occasional conflicts. After all, the sea demons use high-quality pearls as currency as we do. They've ambushed the Sea of Pearls a lot of times. However, we're going there not because of the sea demons. It's said that an earthquake happened at the Sea of Pearls and weird flames keep popping up. Nobody knows why."

Han Fei was surprised. He didn't know that this was happening.

Han Fei's eyes glittered. "Could it be a treasure trove or a relic?"

Luo Xiaobai slightly shook her head. "I don't know, but that's the guess of a lot of people. Many people from the central city have gone to the Sea of Pearls to find out why."

Le Renkuang snorted. "If so many people can't find anything, there may be nothing at all. In my opinion, pearl divers and shells are everywhere in the Sea of Pearls. Even if there is a treasure trove, it can't be anything good."

Zhang Xuanyu interjected, "That's not necessarily true. You don't know what a treasure trove is like unless you go there. The five of us..."

Suddenly, Zhang Xuanyu shut his mouth and looked at Han Fei.

He had unconsciously mentioned the number, but then he realized it was a painful reminder to Han Fei that Xia Xiaochan wasn't here.

Luo Xiaobai and Le Renkuang looked at Han Fei, who smiled casually and said, "Why are you all looking at me? Even though one of us isn't here, we still have to explore treasure troves and look for good stuff."

Luo Xiaobai suddenly said, "I'm told that Jiuyin Ling and you..."

Luo Xiaobai looked at him rather intimidatingly.

Han Fei waved his hand. "There's nothing between me and Jiuyin Ling! I simply treated everybody at the Empyrean Waterfall to dinner, and she became a Law Enforcer after that... Is it really my fault?"

Han Fei paused for a moment. "Also, she's been fooled away and won't come back anytime soon."

"Phew!"

Zhang Xuanyu patted Han Fei's shoulder and said, "That's great! If you want girls, go to a club. People like Jiuyin Ling aren't easy to deal with."

Han Fei kicked him. "Get the hell out of here. Do you think everybody is just like you?"

Luo Xiaobai nodded. "That's good. Are we leaving right now, or at some other point?"

Suddenly, Luo Xiaobai looked at the corner of the wall and extended her vines to a yellow furry creature.

"Chila!"

The vines were torn apart, and Big Yellow glanced at Han Fei and his team proudly, not caring about the vines at all. "Han Fei, going fishing?"

Han Fei smiled. "No. I'm going to the Sea of Pearls later. You can go fishing alone!"

"Okay, then I'm going!"

Big Yellow leaped and disappeared from Han Fei's yard.

Luo Xiaobai asked in surprise, "What's that?"

Le Renkuang smacked his lips. "It can talk, but it looks quite special and meaty. Is it..."

"No!"

Han Fei looked at Le Renkuang, lost for words. Did the guy want to eat everything? He said, "Big Yellow will crush you against the ground."

Le Renkuang was astounded. "It's so strong?"

Zhang Xuanyu said, "It's actually quite cute."

Han Fei smiled. "Big Yellow is a cat, and a creature that lives on the continent. It's also as strong as a Law Enforcer."

"Hiss!"

Le Renkuang trembled. He felt lucky he didn't ask if it was edible, or he might have been eaten by the cat.

Han Fei got up. "Let's go! If we're going there, we should set off immediately, so that we can go to other places if nothing is wrong in the Sea of Pearls. The Scattered Stars Island is getting boring."

Zhang Xuanyu licked his lips and said, "I actually want to check the Transverse Mountain."

Han Fei tilted his head and looked at Zhang Xuanyu. "Do you want to be confined to the Emyrean Waterfall and forbidden from going to the sea like Senior Brother Dashuai?"

Zhang Xuanyu smiled awkwardly. "I would rather not..."

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The Sea of Pearls lay to the north of the Scattered Stars Island. The area between fifty thousand kilometers from the shoreline and three hundred thousand kilometers was the range of the Sea of Pearls.

Even when sea demons were at war with the Scattered Stars Island, they were reluctant to approach the Sea of Pearls. First of all, the creatures there were weak and the sea demons couldn't possess them.

Secondly, the Sea of Pearls was the place frequented by human experts most. There was a big ship at the center of the sea where experts were stationed day and night.

The sea demons had tried attacking the Sea of Pearls, but they suffered heavy casualties every time. It was said that in the most heated battle, a sea demon as strong as Blue Feather perished.

Also, the sea demons had found that they couldn't gain much from the Sea of Pearls. After all, they didn't know what economics meant at all. They had no desire to attack the place when they knew that human beings collected the high-quality pearls as a currency.

Also, too many men were on patrol on the Sea of Pearls day and night. They did three things altogether.

Firstly, they patrolled and looked for signs of sea demons.

Secondly, they confirmed the identity of the pearl divers by examining their waist tags.

Lastly, they checked if the temporary waist tags of those who were not pearl divers had expired.

To enter the Sea of Pearls, one had to pay five thousand high-quality pearls each day. Then, no matter what they found in the Sea of Pearls, it would belong to them.

Those high-quality pearls were submitted at the big ship in the center.

The moment Han Fei and his team entered the Sea of Pearls, they saw two boats sailing on the sea. Someone on the boats scanned them. Then, on their way, Han Fei could always see boats and sense other people's perceptions.

Luo Xiaobai said, "The surveillance of the Sea of Pearls is very strict. The boats on the sea and the pearl divers will all report to their superiors if they find anything wrong with our identity."

In Han Fei's senses, the Sea of Pearls had a depth of only a thousand meters. Coral and algae were everywhere at the bottom of the sea. The colorful and magnificent ocean scenery was best revealed.

There was little sand in this place. It was more like a gigantic forest of coral.

There were red-and-yellow coral that looked like deer horns, purple coral that looked like foam, dark yellow coral that resembled plates, green soft coral that looked like hammers, and other coral that looked like snowflakes.

Han Fei never knew that so many bizarre types of coral could grow in the same area of the sea. He had detected twenty kinds of coral that were greatly different from each other after random scanning.

All sorts of regular fish below the level of thirty lived in harmony. The food chains were complicated, but the levels of the sea creatures were generally low. It must be a result of long-time human occupation too.

There were shells several meters long in the open areas among the coral. However, some of the shells were placed horizontally and some vertically. They were opened to the top.

Han Fei saw that some pearl divers knocked the shells, and the shells opened their mouths. The pearl divers would then take out one or two pearls and clean the shells and feed them.

Le Renkuang asked in surprise, "Why are they so obedient?"

Luo Xiaobai replied, "It's an agreement between human beings and the spiritual clams. Human beings won't hurt them. We'll even clean them regularly. They'll offer their pearls in return. However, if you tap a clean, already picked clam continuously, it will still attack you."

Han Fei glanced at Luo Xiaobai. "Sounds like you've been here."

Luo Xiaobai smiled. "I've read all the information about the Sea of Pearls."

Chapter 857: Fortuitous Encounter at the Pearl Divers' Port

Even though the Wind God Boat was fast, it could only move sixty thousand kilometers in a day.

Han Fei regretted not engraving the Wind God Boat with speed arrays after he mastered the technique of arrays.

It was not really slow, but it still took everybody two and a half days to reach the big boat at the center of the Sea of Pearls.

It was more like a fortress at the center of the sea than a boat. Below it were what seemed to be indestructible mountains. They seemed to be nailed to the bottom of the sea.

Above the sea, there were stairs and corridors from about an altitude of three hundred meters. The higher up, the more complicated they were. It looked like a small city had been built on a boat-shaped mountain.

Luo Xiaobai said, "The pearl divers call this place the Pearl Divers' Port. It has already been developed into a city. Although it's not as resourceful as the Scattered Stars Island, it's still remarkable enough.

Also, because the Sea of Pearls is the source of money for the Scattered Stars Island, Thousand Star City, and the 36 towns, many magnates often stay here.”

Han Fei’s eyes glittered. “Magnates?”

Luo Xiaobai glanced at him. “Don’t try to rob them. Because a lot of wealth is kept in this place, and many rare items are auctioned frequently, there are ten Law Enforcers in the Pearl Divers’ Port at all times to prevent any accidents...”

Han Fei and the others all gasped and looked at Luo Xiaobai. “Then where are we going?”

Luo Xiaobai said, “To pay for our passes. We can’t pick the pearls without permission. There’s nothing interesting in the Pearl Divers’ Port except for those buildings in different styles. The other facilities are just similar to those on the Scattered Stars Island.”

Han Fei asked, “What about the auctions? When are they held?”

Luo Xiaobai said, “I don’t know that. The files I read said that there isn’t a fixed schedule. However, there will be notices at the front desk if an auction is to be held.”

A moment later...

Everybody was led to a departure port by Luo Xiaobai.

In fact, Han Fei and the others didn’t have to search very hard.

As long as they came to the main passage of the port, they could easily see the building that had a pointy head three thousand meters away. The other buildings were much lower.

Luo Xiaobai explained, “The registration office has two functions. They accept the pearls that the pearl divers pick up, and release temporary permission slips. Recently, everybody knows that something happened on the Sea of Pearls. A lot of people are coming to explore.”

Han Fei and the others walked to the registration office, and Han Fei asked, “What if the temporary permission slip expires? Wouldn’t it be troublesome if we have to renew it here?”

Luo Xiaobai said, “The temporary permission slip is a white badge, which will turn black once it expires. Someone will come to you if you’re still on the Sea of Pearls, and you can pay up front.”

Han Fei nodded. “How convenient! But five thousand high-quality pearls a day seems rather expensive.”

Le Renkuang quickly nodded. “Yes, that’s too expensive! We should catch more sea creatures and send them back...”

Luo Xiaobai said, “No! The Sea of Pearls is full of low-level creatures that the spiritual clams can easily catch, which makes it easier for them to make high-quality pearls. You’ll have to pay fines if you’re caught hunting these sea creatures.”

Han Fei and the others were quite surprised. They weren’t aware of such a rule at all.

Han Fei thought for a moment. “Never mind. If the temporary permission slip expires, we’ll be informed immediately? They can also locate us?”

Luo Xiaobai nodded. "Yes. The Sea of Pearls is a fairly large place. We'll stay here for twenty days. If we can't find anything in twenty days, we'll leave."

Han Fei nodded. "I agree."

Le Renkuang remarked with mixed feelings, "Do we really have to pay 400,000 high-quality pearls?"

Zhang Xuanyu said lazily, "Whatever caught the attention of so many people must be worth more than 400,000 high-quality pearls. However, I wonder if they started the rumor just to fool more people into coming to this place."

Luo Xiaobai shook her head with a casual smile. "I don't think so."

A moment later...

On his way to the registration office, Han Fei found that most of the people in the crowd were just Hanging Fishers.

Many of them were crippled. Some had lost an arm, some walked with a limp, and some wore masks.

In fact, while severed limbs couldn't be regrown, most wounds could be healed by spirit gatherers.

Luo Xiaobai said, "They were mostly mutilated on the battlefield. It means that even spirit gatherers couldn't heal their wounds. They couldn't afford hiring better spirit gatherers or alchemists to treat them, so they work as pearl divers to make money. Most of them won't work here anymore after they're healed."

Finally reaching the registration office, Han Fei looked up at the wall and found no notice of an auction. Finally, he walked into the registration office.

The office was lively and noisy.

Some of the counters were for pearl divers, which could be easily recognized by their disabilities.

Han Fei walked to the counter. "Hello. I'd like four temporary permits for twenty days."

The receptionist said, "Please pay 400,000 high-quality pearls."

Han Fei caught a lot of attention when he paid the money, mostly because Luo Xiaobai and the others were too eye-catching.

Someone from the team of pearl divers asked in surprise, "Are they here to find the secret behind the earthquake again?"

Someone slightly shook his head. "How many people have come here? They're still not giving up? Those fireballs are nothing interesting."

Someone said, "Idiot, do you see their waist tags? All of them are six-star Slaughterers except for one. They can easily kill you with one slap."

The man said with a smile, "What are you scared of? This is the Pearl Divers' Port. Nothing has happened here."

Han Fei overheard their conversation. He turned around and looked at them. "Brothers, do the fireballs you mention appear frequently?"

When Han Fei asked them, they trembled, and one of them replied, "My lord, the fireballs aren't frequent. They sometimes appear when we pick pearls, but they'll soon disappear."

Han Fei hummed and asked again, "What do the fireballs look like?"

The pearl diver added, "They're like the flying plate coral, except that they're fatter. A couple of them appear together all the time. They move in a row in water and can be seen from far away."

The other person added, "A lot of people have seen their blue and purple flames. Someone has even observed them closely and touched them! But they're actually cold."

Han Fei asked in surprise, "So, you've all seen them?"

The two of them nodded. "In the Sea of Pearls, almost all the pearl divers saw them after the earthquake, but their number dwindled gradually. They're hard to come by nowadays. However, the mysterious flames aren't the center of attention these days."

Han Fei asked with a smile, "Oh? Then what is?"

The man looked at Han Fei and said in a low voice, "My lord, that's a secret."

Han Fei nodded at the door, and the two men smiled at each other. Soon, they followed Han Fei to the door.

Han Fei smirked. "Let's see how much your intelligence is worth."

One of the men chuckled. "My lord, the Pearl Divers' Port never announced it, but some pearl divers went missing recently."

Zhang Xuanyu's eyes flashed. "That makes more sense. I didn't think that anybody would've been so interested in a few flames."

Luo Xiaobai glanced at them. "Each of you will get a hundred high-quality pearls."

They didn't complain but accepted the money with a smile.

The intelligence was already well-known. They were quite happy that they earned two hundred high-quality pearls from a few words.

Han Fei looked at Luo Xiaobai and the others. "There's indeed a secret, but I think we may be late!"

It suddenly occurred to Han Fei that Luo Xiaobai mentioned something about that when he just left the Scattered Stars Island, but Luo Xiaobai was quite casual back then so Han Fei didn't consider it a big deal.

Some secrets seemed to be really buried in the Sea of Pearls!

While walking out, Luo Xiaobai said, "Although we're late and someone must've investigated it, we may still have a chance if Little White can track down the target."

Zhang Xuanyu and Le Renkuang quickly nodded. They were quite confident in Little White.

Han Fei chuckled. "Then let's try our luck. If we can't find anything, we'll just consider the trip a vacation. We've been working separately since we came to the Scattered Stars Island and haven't really hung out together. Let's just consider this an adventure."

Zhang Xuanyu and Le Renkuang both looked at Han Fei.

Zhang Xuanyu said, "Hey, it's only because you've been occupied, alright? You were busy refining and... Then you stayed outside for so long!"

Han Fei chuckled. "It's not too late to make up for it! There's still two years to go until we leave the Scattered Stars Island! The time is enough for us to explore many places..."

Suddenly, Han Fei's eyelids shivered, as he found an acquaintance, Jiang Tong.

When Han Fei saw Jiang Tong, Jiang Tong saw him too.

Jiang Tong was a man without much influence, but he was of great help when Han Fei swindled people out of money in the Wind Thunder Town.

Han Fei had seen him too in the great battle on the sea after he just came to the Scattered Stars Island.

He had never seen the guy again. At this moment, he found that Jiang Tong was already a Hidden Fisher with a six-star waist tag.

Han Fei suddenly realized that the man wasn't simple at all. The man had obtained six stars even faster than Le Renkuang did! Also, few people recognized him, which made Han Fei rather curious.

When Jiang Tong saw Han Fei, he withdrew his gaze and moved to the registration office.

Han Fei instantly shouted, "Why are you running? Come on. Shouldn't we catch up as old friends?"

Jiang Tong turned his head back grimly. He didn't expect to meet Han Fei at all!

Jiang Tong smiled. "Hey! What a coincidence! Are you here to pick pearls?"

Han Fei replied with a feigned smile, "Do we look like pearl divers to you?"

Jiang Tong glanced at him and said, "No."

Chapter 858: Purple Fire at the Bottom of the Sea

At the busy square in the Pearl Divers' Port, Han Fei and his teammates all smiled at Jiang Tong, which crept him out.

"Gudu!"

Jiang Tong swallowed and said, "Well, I'm actually here for an auction."

Han Fei was about to talk, when Luo Xiaobai said, "Okay! Han Fei, we're in the middle of something. You two can catch up later, alright?"

Han Fei was slightly surprised, and so were Le Renkuang and Zhang Xuanyu. It wasn't Luo Xiaobai's style at all.

Hearing what Luo Xiaobai said, Jiang Tong followed, "Well, Brother Han, let's catch up later. Haha..."

Han Fei patted his shoulder and said, "Fine! We're too busy to talk. Let's meet later."

A moment later, Jiang Tong was finally relieved to see Han Fei fly away on his boat. He turned around and didn't go to the registration office at all.

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On a regular boat on the surface of the sea...

Han Fei and Le Renkuang almost asked at the same time, "What did you see?"

Zhang Xuanyu asked, "Was there something wrong with that guy? I remember seeing him from somewhere."

Le Renkuang scratched his belly. "I don't remember anything."

At this moment, Han Fei slightly changed his expression too. "Something is wrong with that guy. I first met him in the Undersea City in the level-three fishery. He was mediocre back then and could barely be called a Heavenly Talent. Then, I met him again in Wind Thunder Town, and he was reasonably good back then... The third time I met him, it was in the Heavenly Human Canyon."

Luo Xiaobai nodded. "Yes, I saw him in the battle in the canyon. It shouldn't have been surprising that he became a Hidden Fisher, but I just felt threatened by him."

Zhang Xuanyu and Le Renkuang were slightly surprised, as Jiang Tong couldn't have threatened Luo Xiaobai unless he was hiding his strength.

Han Fei didn't detect any threat, but he had just performed a divination, hoping to predict if he would meet Jiang Tong again. However, the divination had no results at all.

Something must be seriously wrong. How could he have not been able to predict something as simple as that?

Zhang Xuanyu clapped his hands. "All in all, something is definitely wrong with that guy. Besides, as we all saw, there's no auctions at all right now!"

Le Renkuang quickly nodded. "Yes. We should take precautions against him. What if his purpose is the same as ours?"

Luo Xiaobai said casually, "Although the Pearl Divers' Port is a small place, block transactions are often conducted here. Maybe he's here for something else..."

Han Fei said with a smile, "It doesn't matter. We have twenty days anyway. Little White remembered his smell before, and her memory was jogged when I patted his shoulder just now."

As he spoke, Han Fei's eyebrows flashed, and he said to Little White, "Sniff and track down that guy. Once he's a hundred kilometers away, we'll chase after him."

Le Renkuang suddenly suggested, "If we're waiting for him, should we prepare a hotpot?"

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Half a day passed.

Luo Xiaobai frowned, as it was already the hundredth time that someone had scanned them.

It did seem rather unbelievable that the four of them had come such a long way and paid 400,000 high-quality pearls just to have hotpot on their boat.

Le Renkuang was the only person who was enjoying the food. He sucked a large piece of fish meat and said, "Are you all full?"

Zhang Xuanyu said unhappily, "Just keep eating, fatty!"

Luo Xiaobai scoffed. "I've had enough food! I don't usually eat so much these days."

Han Fei picked up a large piece of meat and performed divinations once in a while.

Suddenly, Little White craned its head from the water and swam in a certain direction.

Zhang Xuanyu's eyes flashed. "I'll control the boat."

Luo Xiaobai said, "He's finally out on the sea after only three hours. It means whatever he's up to, his target is on the sea."

Han Fei smiled. "Don't bother with what he's up to. If his business relates to treasure troves, then we'll be lucky. If he's up to nothing, we won't lose anything."

About an hour later, Han Fei detected something in his senses.

"Stop!"

Han Fei suddenly shouted to stop, because he found that Jiang Tong was not alone, but accompanied by two other pearl divers in the water.

Also, to Han Fei's surprise, he saw four purple-and-blue flames in the water.

"Is it a coincidence?"

Luo Xiaobai looked at Han Fei curiously. "What's up? I didn't sense anything."

Han Fei replied, "He's fifty kilometers away."

Zhang Xuanyu exclaimed, "Han Fei, your perception range has been expanded to fifty kilometers?"

Han Fei thought that he would rather not reveal the truth lest Zhang Xuanyu was frightened.

He said casually, "I spotted the purple-and-blue flames."

Luo Xiaobai asked in surprise, "Simple as that?"

She was stunned for a moment. "Is it a coincidence? Wait, what else did you see?"

Han Fei put on a smile. "Jiang Tong, and another two pearl divers."

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Liu Ye and Wang Qian used to belong to the Guild of Fishers. They often fished near the sea, but they ran into the raid of Inferior Man-Fish one time, and they were the only two left of their ten-man team.

They were heavily wounded even if they could return alive. Liu Ye lost one of his arms, and half of Wang Qian's foot was severed.

Liu Ye said telepathically, *Old Wang, I've picked eight hundred pearls. We would've already picked a thousand pearls if it were before, right?*

Wang Qian smiled. *That's right! I've only collected two hundred high-quality pearls, and two hundred low-quality ones. I'm still short by fifty. Let's go have a drink after I gather eight hundred pearls too.*

Liu Ye was delighted. *That's exactly my plan.*

After they just said that, something bubbled. They thought that some bubbles were surfacing.

But Liu Ye raised his head and exclaimed, "Hey, Old Wang, it's purple fire! Purple fire!"

Wang Qian quickly crossed over a few reefs and found four flames floating a hundred meters away. Liu Ye watched them at the same time.

Wang Qian remarked in surprise, "The earthquake was a long time ago. Why are there still purple flames?"

Liu Ye smiled. "I don't know! But see how neat they are? Where are they going?"

Wang Qian snorted and said, "Let's just follow them while we pick the pearls. They'll probably disappear in a minute."

Liu Ye collected another two high-quality pearls and said, "Okay, let's just follow them."

About ten minutes later, Wang Qian said, "I've gathered five thousand pearls. I don't want to work anymore. Let's go have a drink!"

Liu Ye asked curiously, "Old Wang, why do you think the purple flames are not gone yet?"

Wang Qian swam to the flames. "Why are you here? I can easily put them out with one slap."

Then, Wang Qian slapped the purple flame. Then, he seemed to be frozen, and his eyes were stunned.

Liu Ye laughed. "Just keep pretending... You're acting like nobody ever touched one before. I even extended my hands into the fire once!"

As he talked, Liu swam to the flames too and pushed Wang Qian with a smile. But in the next second, he saw a purple fire in his eyes.

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Han Fei saw what happened to them clearly at a distance.

In the next moment, he saw that the purple flames died out, and Jiang Tong jumped off from the boat and swam to them.

When Jiang Tong reached them, he showed a pearl to them, and the two of them instantly woke up.

As for Jiang Tong, he returned to the boat and controlled it to fly away.

Luo Xiaobai asked, "What's going on here? Should we chase them?"

Han Fei suddenly said, "Jiang Tong is running."

Zhang Xuanyu turned around and was going to chase after the target.

Han Fei said quickly, "No, wait... I think I found something."

Luo Xiaobai looked at Han Fei in confusion. "What's wrong?"

Han Fei thought for a moment. "Let's go to the sea. I'll cover you with Breath Concealing Arrays and Stealth Arrays. We'll chase the pearl divers instead of Jiang Tong."

"The pearl divers?"

Luo Xiaobai was stunned for a moment. Then, she nodded her head. Han Fei certainly had a good reason to chase the pearl divers.

There were patrolmen on the Sea of Pearls, but they weren't very strong. They would sound alarms when they found dangerous targets. However, Han Fei's team's permits hadn't expired yet, and they were hiding themselves, so few noticed them.

Besides, the strong experts were at the edge of the Sea of Pearls.

Few of them would waste their time on the Sea of Pearls.

A moment later, when Han Fei was only several hundred kilometers away from the pearl divers, Luo Xiaobai asked in surprise, "Is there anything wrong with them?"

Le Renkuang was also confused. "They look like normal pearl divers!"

Zhang Xuanyu said lazily, "Han Fei, I believe you. Something is definitely wrong with them."

Han Fei tilted his head and asked him, "Why are you so sure?"

Zhang Xuanyu nodded. "Because I trust my brother."

Han Fei rolled his eyes, but still informed his teammates of what he saw.

After hearing him out, Zhang Xuanyu was slightly surprised. "Didn't they say that the flames are harmless?"

Han Fei sneered. "They are indeed harmless, but they're also hallucinatory."

Luo Xiaobai shook her head. "Wait, if the purple flames can make people hallucinate, why did Jiang Tong show them the pearl?"

Han Fei suggested, "That's exactly the reason why I tailed them instead of Jiang Tong. I believe that the effects of the purple flames are temporary. Some people may be lost, but they'll recover soon, so they think that the purple flames are fine. But what if they're completely lost?"

Han Fei suddenly looked at Zhang Xuanyu. "Do you remember the blue tiny fish in the Abyssal Chasm?"

Zhang Xuanyu's eyelids twitched, and he asked solemnly, "Do you think the pearl in Jiang Tong's hand can make someone completely lost?"

Luo Xiaobai added, "Is it possible that Jiang Tong is lost too?"

Chapter 859: Missing Pearl Divers

Han Fei's curiosity was piqued by Luo Xiaobai's question.

That's right!

The two people must've been charmed... They were still collecting pearls, not as fast as before, but definitely not suspicious in any way.

However, Han Fei had overheard their conversation about having a drink before, so he suspected them.

At this moment, Han Fei said, "You keep tailing them. I'll just greet them using someone else's face."

Han Fei thought that he was quite lucky to run into an old acquaintance the moment he came to the Pearl Divers' Port.

As it happened, something was wrong with this acquaintance.

Then, coincidentally, the source of the guy's problem was related to the purpose of this trip.

A moment later...

Han Fei changed his clothes and face and stood in Wang Qian and Liu Ye's way, as if he were searching for something.

Soon, the two guys met Han Fei while they picked pearls on their way. They were stunned first and then were about to get out of the way. After all, they were nervous around a Slaughterer.

Han Fei put on a smile after seeing them. *Those two guys didn't use their senses. Why not?*

If they had detected him earlier, they could've gone around him without being surprised by him at such a close distance.

Han Fei asked them telepathically, *Hey, you two, have you ever heard of anyone collecting black pearls nearby?*

Liu Ye replied, *My lord, I haven't.*

Wang Qian was stunned for a moment. Then, he shook his head and said, *No!*

Han Fei feigned a hum and ignored them, swimming in another direction.

After Han Fei swam thirty kilometers away, Liu Ye and Wang Qian moved faster.

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A moment later...

Han Fei returned to Luo Xiaobai and said confidently, "Those two people are bewildered. If they had activated their senses, I would've thought that they were possessed."

Luo Xiaobai was shocked. "Are you so sure?"

Han Fei smiled. "I'm quite positive. They're not possessed, but they're being manipulated, probably by Jiang Tong."

Le Renkuang suggested, "Then we can just catch Jiang Tong and interrogate him. Why don't we follow them?"

Zhang Xuanyu chuckled. "Idiot. Jiang Tong is not a fool. Would he just confess everything to you? Do you have any brains?"

Luo Xiaobai frowned and said, "Something isn't right. How can we be so lucky? We met Jiang Tong the moment we came to the Pearl Divers' Port. You happened to know him and he happened to be related to the purple flames?"

Han Fei scratched his head. "I've thought about the problem too, but I haven't come up with anything else."

Luo Xiaobai said, "Anyways, we must be careful. I feel that something isn't right..."

Le Renkuang asked, "Then should we go back?"

Zhang Xuanyu smiled casually and said, "Why would we? If we can't even beat Jiang Tong, we might as well quit looking for the secret of the Sea of Pearls' earthquake."

Han Fei agreed. "Whether or not they're fine, let's just follow them. There are too many treasure troves and villains out there. If we waver every time, we won't explore anything."

They discussed for a moment and then chased their targets.

Dozens of people scanned Liu Ye and Wang Qian in the meantime, but they were simple pearl divers at this moment, and nobody found them special.

Han Fei and his team, however, had to be extra careful. Whenever Han Fei detected other people, he would pause the pursuit and wait for the others to go away first.

Han Fei couldn't have missed the Hexagon Starfish more. If it were here, he would've been able to follow his targets easily.

After they followed them for almost five hours, when the sky was strewn with brilliant stars, most pearl divers had returned to the port.

Liu Ye and Wang Qian suddenly stopped and sat down on the coral reefs.

"Wait a minute..."

A soft rhythm began to echo in the dark waters.

Han Fei looked at everybody. "Did you hear anything?"

Zhang Xuanyu asked in surprise, "Are you hallucinating?"

Le Renkuang shook his head. "No! It's so quiet that I can't hear anything."

Luo Xiaobai looked at Han Fei in confusion. "I don't hear anything, but those two guys have stopped."

Chila!

Bam! Bam! Bam!

All of a sudden, thousands of purple flames appeared out of nowhere.

Han Fei's expression changed greatly. "Not good! It's an ambush!"

Luo Xiaobai clutched everybody's waist with vines the moment the purple flames appeared in case of an accident. They were ready for battle.

The purple flames disappeared in the blink of an eye, and Han Fei's team was surrounded by an invisible barrier.

By the time the purple flames completely vanished, they found themselves in a place unknown away from the Sea of Pearls.

Why were they certain of that? Because they were in the middle of a gigantic cavern. Blue and silver stars were all over as if they had reached a nest of butterflies.

The cavern was quite moist, with puddles of water on the ground. The air was breathable.

Han Fei found the scene so dreamy that he felt like he was seeing the countless glittering seaweeds in the Ten Thousand Demon Valley again.

However, blue was the only color in this place.

It was astoundingly beautiful in the darkness.

Han Fei asked grimly, "Do you know how we got here?"

Luo Xiaobai shook her head. "No, it's like some sort of teleportation array. Also, senses can be spread out here. I think we've found the secret of the Sea of Pearls."

Zhang Xuanyu remarked, "It's indeed impossible to detect things far away, but the view here is not bad."

Han Fei sneered. "The more beautiful something looks, the more likely that a great horror is lying underneath it. Also, our trip here was too smooth. It feels like someone directed us here."

Le Renkuang said with his cheeks shivering, "Wasn't it Jiang Tong? You recognized him."

Luo Xiaobai's eyes were cold. "The blue spots of light are pupas. Don't alarm them. Let's go ahead along the road. The two pearl divers were enshrouded by purple flames too, but we haven't seen them."

Le Renkuang trembled and said, "I hate insects the most..."

Han Fei said, "Don't be hasty. The insects aren't the problem here; the secret is. This is probably how the pearl divers went missing. If we hadn't noticed Jiang Tong's anomaly, we wouldn't have suspected the two charmed pearl divers at all even if we met them."

The zigzagging cavern was quite large. After walking three thousand meters, Han Fei and his team all gasped at a turn.

“Hiss!”

“Gudu!”

Le Renkuang took a deep breath. “I don’t think I can use the Sky Swallowing Technique here.”

Han Fei felt that his blood was freezing, as thousands of bodies were hanging from the top of the cavern. Seeing the missing limbs from the bodies, he knew that they were all pearl divers.

The dead pearl divers had pearls all over their bodies. The pearls were still emitting blue light, which made the place even more creepy.

Zhang Xuanyu said in a low voice, “So many pearl divers died here, yet nobody noticed them?”

Luo Xiaobai frowned. “Something’s not right. Some of the bodies are dry. Obviously, the pearl divers here have been accumulated for countless years.”

Le Renkuang pointed at the two pearl divers up ahead. “Look, they’re the two people we followed.”

Han Fei had naturally noticed them. They were hung at the top of the cavern by what appeared to be a spider thread. The blue and silver pupas were wriggling to them.

Han Fei said casually, “Their spiritual energy has completely dispersed. They’re dead.”

Luo Xiaobai said, “It seems that the Sea of Pearls is more dangerous than we thought. Let’s keep moving.”

Han Fei nodded and glanced at Le Renkuang. “Insects love those who are fat.”

Le Renkuang rolled his eyes at Han Fei, but was actually quite panicked. He was not afraid of battle, but he was quite scared of this horrible scene.

The place looked splendid, but when thousands of bodies were hanging on its top, nobody would find it beautiful. They would only be horrified.

Walking forward for about ten kilometers, the four of them finally passed the channel that was full of bodies.

“Phew!”

Zhang Xuanyu was relieved. “I did feel some pressure with so many bodies above my head.”

Han Fei smiled. “Now, great pressure is coming.”

Luo Xiaobai said, “Prepare to fight. The worms are coming!”

Ahead of them, the blue and silver pupas were cracking around the cavern, and drops of blue fluids were dripping out of the pupas.

Chila!

When the blue drops were falling, they turned into purple and blue flames, exactly like those in the Sea of Pearls.

Le Renkuang shrieked, "Are they worms or flames?"

Han Fei was thinking the same question. He didn't see any information when he saw the purple flames earlier.

At this moment, Han Fei said, "I'll go there and take a look. You stay here."

Luo Xiaobai said, "Be careful."

Han Fei grinned. "They're just a few flames and worms. What can they do?"

Han Fei stepped forward quickly, and seawater rose from the ground and followed him.

Han Fei turned the Metamorphosis Water into a swarm of daggers as large as hands. He would put out the purple flames if anything went wrong.

Chapter 860: Clam Girl

Han Fei strode forward and didn't stop until he was thirty meters from the purple flames. He didn't see any information in his eyes.

Han Fei realized the problem. He felt that his eyes were blurred, and that some sort of power was trying to control his mind.

Han Fei instantly waved his head and put a peppermint into his mouth.

His head instantly became clear. He was quite satisfied with the effect of the peppermint. His earlier trance had completely disappeared.

Han Fei extended his finger and darted a Void Line towards one of the purple flames.

Huh! Deng...

At that moment, Han Fei heard the pleasant song of a gentle woman loud and clear.

Han Fei instantly recalled the Void Lines and walked to the wall not far away.

Le Renkuang shouted from behind, "Han Fei, slow down! Don't get so close."

Han Fei ignored them. He didn't see any information until this moment.

<Name> Enchanting Pupae

<Introduction> The evil Clam Girls absorb natural essence, corrupt the deceased souls, and enchant the pearl divers as charming pupae. Once you're infected by the charming pupae, you'll gradually get lost.

<Note> Souls swallowed by the creatures can be recovered gradually.

"Clam Girls?"

Han Fei's pupils contracted. He quickly moved back to Luo Xiaobai and took out a handful of peppermints. "Each of you will have one of these. If you feel like you're in a trance-like state, have a few more."

Luo Xiaobai asked in confusion, "What are they?"

“The leaves of the Purple Vine Thyme. They can keep your head clear.”

Zhang Xuanyu shook his head and quickly put two leaves into his mouth. He gasped and said, “So, that was why I was distracted just now. I almost yawned.”

Le Renkuang didn't feel anything as he had been anxious the whole time, but he put the “peppermint” into his mouth too.

With a leaf in her mouth, Luo Xiaobai looked at Han Fei. “Did you say that the pupas could bewilder others?”

Zhang Xuanyu asked in surprise, “Then what do we do? More and more broken pupas are showing up. If they all jump to us, won't we all be enchanted?”

Le Renkuang swallowed and said, “Will we be hung from the top of the cavern too?”

Hula!

Han Fei unfolded the Phantom Glass Wings and flapped them, raising a strong wind that intended to blow the purple flames away.

Seeing that the purple flames were knocked further and further into the cavern, everybody was relieved.

Le Renkuang was relaxed. “So, they can be blown away. Then let's just clear a way out.”

Han Fei said, “Isn't there a simpler solution?”

Luo Xiaobai nodded. “Yes.”

Zhang Xuanyu asked eagerly, “What is it?”

Han Fei looked at Le Renkuang maliciously. “We'll let Le Renkuang swallow the purple flames and the pupas.”

“Hiss! I won't do that! There's no way I will do that...”

Le Renkuang had goosebumps. *Are you kidding? You want me to swallow such disgusting things?*

Han Fei chuckled. “Why are you panicking? Blowing them away won't solve the problem. However, if you swallow them, the purple flames will lose connection to this cavern and disperse immediately. What are you afraid of?”

Le Renkuang kept his mouth shut. “I won't eat these. I'm a picky man when it comes to food.”

Han Fei didn't say anything else. He said casually, “Keep moving. Right, do tell me if you hear a woman singing.”

Luo Xiaobai suddenly looked at Han Fei. “Did you hear something?”

Han Fei made up an excuse, “There was a voice that tried to enchant me, but I took action in time.”

Everybody else was alarmed. It was quite a terrifying technique that targeted Han Fei alone.

Luo Xiaobai instructed, "Okay, Le Renkuang, don't forget to use the Sky Swallowing Technique."

Le Renkuang became pale. He did love eating, but he wasn't crazy about worms! He shook his head so fast that his fat shivered on his face.

Han Fei and the others ignored Le Renkuang and continued walking forward. Han Fei flapped his wings every once in a while.

Even though the Phantom Glass Wings couldn't raise a strong gale, they could push out some wind.

Very soon, after they walked only a thousand meters, there were more and more purple flames and pupas that had been blown to the back of the cavern. Countless pupas cracked, filling the cavern with purple flames.

"Ah... Da..."

Zhang Xuanyu suddenly said, "I heard a voice."

Luo Xiaobai instantly bound even more vines to them.

Hula!

A strong wind rose, and the purple flames moved dozens of meters back. Then, they dashed back again like smoke that couldn't be cleared.

Han Fei's expression slightly changed. "Le Renkuang, now is the time. Swallow them!"

"I don't... I..."

While Le Renkuang was shouting, he had been pulled ahead by the vines. He exclaimed, "Noooooooo... I don't eat worms... I... Sky Swallowing Technique..."

Hum!

A huge black hole appeared, and countless purple flames and enchanting pupas were absorbed into the black hole that Le Renkuang established.

"Tsk, tsk, tsk! What a powerful exhaust hood!"

Everyone: "???"

"Da la la..."

The voice grew louder and louder, as if it were trying to bewilder Le Renkuang. Han Fei shouted, "Zhang Xuanyu, launch soul attacks towards the purple flames!"

Zhang Xuanyu grinned. "Soul Explosion!"

Hum, hum, hum...

The cavern was shivering, and the purple flames were rampant.

"Pu!"

Zhang Xuanyu's nose was bleeding, but Le Renkuang's Sky Swallowing Technique was even crazier than before. He swallowed the purple flames crazily.

"Ahhhhh!"

An ear splitting shriek burst out, and Han Fei pressed the Golden Seal through the void into the purple flames.

"Hoooooo!"

A dragon roar sounded. It was Han Fei's only means of attack to devastate the soul. Although he wasn't fluent with it, he could still block the enemy's attack with it.

Luo Xiaobai and Zhang Xuanyu quickly put a few peppermints into their mouths. Even Han Fei almost lost control of his mind too.

As for Le Renkuang, he had a soul barrier outside of his body. That was Zhang Xuanyu's method. He had deployed his soul power to protect Le Renkuang.

The purple flames didn't disappear until fifty seconds later.

"Ew!"

Le Renkuang wretched quickly after he stopped the Sky Swallowing Technique. He said, "I would've died of disgust if I had really swallowed them into my stomach..."

Han Fei spat out the peppermints in his mouth and took out another handful. "Let's each get a handful. We might have to eat them later."

Luo Xiaobai said, "The most dangerous thing is not the pupas or the purple flames, but the voice. Someone is deep inside the cavern."

Han Fei nodded. "Let's go deeper and find out."

They moved another five thousand meters, and Le Renkuang swallowed again. Then, the singer seemed to realize the purple flames were no longer useful and stopped unleashing them.

Luo Xiaobai grew weary. "The cavern is getting emptier and emptier. Let's be careful."

A moment later, Zhang Xuanyu asked in confusion, "Have we entered a gravity zone?"

Han Fei vaguely sensed that something wasn't right. He could feel that his body was heavier and heavier, but this place was definitely not a gravity zone. He felt like some invisible power was tearing him apart.

"Fuse."

Han Fei suddenly said this, raising the attention of his teammates.

Han Fei's face suddenly turned cold. With the black-and-white eyes, Han Fei saw that countless invisible threads were attached to himself and Luo Xiaobai.

"Damn it, I knew that something was wrong."

SWISH!

The Infinity Water was turned into invisible water blades that waved crazily around everybody.

When other people saw that, they instantly realized that there was something in the air that Han Fei had to cut apart.

However, to their surprise, Han Fei seemed to carry a weird power when he put on the Yin-Yang Divine Eyes. The auras that the Infinity Water unleashed seemed to be black and white too.

After the slashing of the Infinity Water, everybody felt a lot less pressure.

Han Fei said indifferently, "Let's keep going."

After another eight hundred meters, Han Fei and the others found themselves in a space that had a radius of five hundred meters. Above them was a cylindrical hollow a thousand meters high.

On the walls around, enchanting pupas were everywhere. Le Renkuang gasped hard, wondering how long it would take for him to swallow them.

At the center of the space, the most eye-catching thing was an enormous clam shell that was almost a hundred meters long. The clam shell was opened, and a gentle woman in revealing clothes was staring at Han Fei and the others with a smile.

There were all kinds of pearls inside the clam shell, including high-quality pearls, ultra-quality pearls, black pearls and colorful pearls.

Someone was standing before the shell. It was none other than Jiang Tong.

However, Jiang Tong was dazed at this moment as if he didn't know Han Fei at all.

Observing through the Yin Yang Divine Eyes, Han Fei saw that Jiang Tong was tied up with the narrow invisible lines.

"Clam Girls?"

Luo Xiaobai frowned. "There are rumors about the Clam Girls, but not many. They're said to be a gentle intelligent species in the sea. Why does this one..."

Han Fei said casually, "This one is evil. Jiang Tong is controlled by her. But that's not important. Zhang Xuanyu, you'll deal with him. Don't forget to put a leaf in your mouth. Don't be bewildered by the pearl in his hand..."

Zhang Xuanyu licked his lips and said, "Alright!"

Luo Xiaobai said, "Le Renkuang, you'll take care of the pupas."

Le Renkuang said grimly, "O-Okay!"

The woman in the clam shell said, "You have to blame yourselves for noticing his anomaly, or I wouldn't have tried to deal with you."

Han Fei sneered. "Is that why you let him lure us to this place?"

Han Fei stepped forward, and Luo Xiaobai frowned and circled Han Fei with her vines. At the same time, all kinds of veins were growing in the cavern.

Bluish flowers emerged among the vine leaves and waited to blossom.

Han Fei put on the Feather Suit of Wind and walked to the Clam Girl, while he secretly unleashed the Void Lines.