

I Have An Infinite Cultivation Resource

Chapter 106: Han Tian's Experiment, Lu You's Arrangement

"Live or die. Remain a mortal... or rise to rule the clouds."

Looking at the drop of blood essence condensed by the Evil Eye, Han Tian did not hesitate in the slightest. He swallowed it in one gulp and immediately began refining it.

Ever since he had dared, with only Foundation Establishment cultivation, to secretly gather evidence proving that Wu Tong had committed murder, Han Tian had never feared death.

As for being controlled, he feared that even less.

If he survived, then nothing could be more terrifying than possessing evidence of the truth only to be thrown into prison because of it.

If he died, then whether he was controlled or not no longer mattered.

As for becoming Dongfang Bubai's puppet...

That depended entirely on what Dongfang Bubai intended to do. If it violated his own convictions, then Dongfang Bubai would only be able to control his corpse.

As Han Tian refined the blood essence, Lu You immediately sensed an additional connection forming within his spiritual sense.

As long as he projected his spiritual will into that connection, he could instantly seize Han Tian's body, erase Han Tian's consciousness, and take complete control of him.

Han Tian also sensed the connection.

Knowing that his life and death were now in Dongfang Bubai's hands, he unexpectedly felt relieved.

Because he had not completely lost his freedom of choice.

If Dongfang Bubai ever forced him to do something that violated his Dao Heart, he could still choose death.

Sensing Han Tian's thoughts, the three enormous heads manifested by the Blood Shadow let out hideous laughter.

"Don't think so highly of your worthless life. A hundred of you still wouldn't be worthy of this cultivation technique or these resources!"

The Evil Eye stretched out an arm and fiercely grabbed Han Tian by the throat.

"You're nothing but a cripple. What could you possibly have that's worth plotting against? Right now, you should be thanking me from the bottom of your heart. Submit to me."

"Let me see just how far your so-called justice can take you."

The Evil Eye's words finally brought Han Tian back to his senses.

Indeed...

He had considered every possibility except one:

What exactly did he possess that was worthy of Dongfang Bubai's schemes?

"It was I who misunderstood Your Excellency's intentions."

Only then did Han Tian finally realize it.

Seeing this, the Evil Eye released its grip.

Han Tian dropped back onto the ground.

Looking at the cultivation resources overflowing with spiritual energy before him, he bent down and sincerely kowtowed three times toward Lu You.

Within Lu You's spiritual sense, the connection representing Han Tian completely submitted itself to Lu You's primary consciousness.

From this moment onward, even without possessing Han Tian's body, Lu You could effortlessly search his soul, know everything he thought and did, issue commands across any distance, and even communicate with him directly through spiritual sense.

"Evil Eye, I didn't expect you to have an ability like this."

To prevent Han Tian from recognizing his real voice, Lu You had let the Evil Eye do all the talking.

He hadn't expected the Evil Eye not only to completely convince Han Tian, but also to create this kind of soul link.

The Evil Eye flashed a flattering grin.

"That's only because Boss has so many resources now. You've already been feeding me Golden Core cultivators one after another. If I didn't become stronger too, how could I still deserve to freeload off you?"

"At my current stage, I can maintain at most three of these soul connections."

"Once Boss officially reaches the Golden Core realm, that number will double."

"Then I'll be able to help you refine six puppets instead."

The Evil Eye let out a mischievous chuckle.

"If you like righteous people, I'll connect you with a few righteous ones."

"If you like evil people, I'll find you a few villains."

"And if you like female cultivators..."

"I can secretly connect a few of those too."

"I guarantee Sister-in-law will never find out."

Well...

That settled it.

The Evil Eye truly was an evil treasured artifact.

No wonder it had been sealed away.

Seeing that Dongfang Bubai had not left, Han Tian immediately realized that Dongfang Bubai was staying behind to protect him while he cultivated.

He quickly kowtowed once more before Dongfang Bubai.

Then he picked up the talisman papers on the ground and began studying the cultivation technique recorded upon them.

The Jade Toad Swallows the Moon Technique itself was not particularly complicated.

Its greatest difficulty was that very few cultivators could read the ancient script in which it was written.

But with the Evil Eye present, all of those seemingly unintelligible ancient characters had already been translated.

All Han Tian needed to do was absorb every cultivation resource before him according to the technique's instructions.

There were four sections of the Jade Toad Swallows the Moon Technique:

- Spirit Refining Chapter, which Green Little Goose had cultivated.
- Bone Refining Chapter, obtained by Lu You in the secret realm.
- Human Refining Chapter, seized from Huo Chuan.
- Essence Refining Chapter, given to Lu You by the Evil Eye within the inheritance tomb.

When Han Tian reached the Human Refining Chapter, his eyes widened.

"My lord... then Elder Huo Chuan and those other Golden Core cultivators inside the secret realm..."

The Evil Eye smiled wickedly.

Its three manifested heads nodded in unison.

"Thank you, my lord, for avenging the disciples of the Verdant Cloud Sect."

Gripping the Bone Refining Chapter tightly, Han Tian said through clenched teeth,

"The Deep Literary Pavilion actually used the lives of its own disciples to cultivate such an evil technique. One day, I'll make the mastermind behind all this experience the taste of this wicked technique for himself."

At that moment, Han Tian's fighting spirit was reignited.

He began with the Spirit Refining Chapter, absorbing every drop of spirit liquid from the bottle. Not only did it replenish his spiritual energy, but it also improved the quality of his spiritual roots.

Next, he cultivated the Bone Refining Chapter, fusing the powdered Bone of Hell into his body.

Finally, using the Essence Refining Chapter, he absorbed all the life force contained within the serpent egg.

Slowly, the wound on Han Tian's dantian healed.

Spiritual energy once again flowed freely through his meridians.

His cultivation also shattered its previous bottleneck, no longer restrained by any realm barrier. It climbed steadily until it reached the Peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

When the powdered Bone of Hell had been completely absorbed, a golden halo appeared behind Han Tian.

The halo gradually condensed into a Golden Core before merging into his body.

The Bone of Hell and the Bone Refining Chapter proved to be an almost perfect match.

Even after Lu You had crushed it into powder, it still enabled Han Tian to break through into the Golden Core Realm in a single attempt.

Lu You couldn't help but suck in a breath.

Such an astonishing rate of advancement was enough to tempt even him.

But the faster the cultivation progressed, the more obvious it became that the cultivation techniques recorded on the ancient map were anything but normal.

Suppressing the envy in his heart, Lu You remained calm.

Turning Han Tian into a puppet—and even giving him the ancient-map cultivation techniques and all those resources—had merely been one of Lu You's experiments.

His first objective was to discover whether collecting all of the cultivation techniques in a single person would trigger some kind of special change.

If it did...

Lu You could use the soul connection to instantly kill Han Tian, completely destroying whatever conspiracy lay behind the ancient map.

His second objective was to have Han Tian throw the Verdant Cloud Sect into even greater chaos.

The more chaotic the sect became, the easier it would be for Lu You to fish in troubled waters while diverting the Nascent Soul experts' attention.

The Cauldron of Cornucopia could only duplicate items.

Within the already well-established system of the Verdant Cloud Sect, it was far easier for Lu You to obtain new resources and opportunities if it's a little chaotic.

Moreover, Huo Chuan's words—

"Below the Nascent Soul Realm, all are ants."

—had left a profound impression on him.

Unless he first tested the strength of Nascent Soul cultivators for himself, Lu You absolutely would not recklessly leave the Verdant Cloud Sect.

"You only need to cultivate diligently in prison."

"It won't be long before you once again see the light of day."

Having witnessed the effects of the ancient-map cultivation technique, Lu You no longer lingered.

Wrapped in a cloud of blood mist, he vanished from the prison.

Passing the prison entrance, he glanced at the two Foundation Establishment cultivators who remained trapped inside the illusion.

After a brief moment of thought, he assigned each of them a new mission.

Lu You then dispersed the Hell Avatar, put away the jade key, returned to his room, and sat at his desk, pretending to draw talismans.

Four hours passed.

By the time he finished, forty-eight Thunder Technique Talismans were neatly arranged across the table.

He then projected his consciousness into the two Foundation Establishment cultivators.

Trying to split his attention between two bodies simultaneously, the two cultivators exchanged an eerie glance.

Then, with stiff, mechanical movements, they began walking toward the residences of the Golden Core elders.

Gradually, their movements became smoother.

Before long, both were striding naturally.

One headed toward Elder Ma Yuan's residence, while the other made his way toward Elder Wen's estate.

"Elder Ma!"

The first cultivator kicked open Ma Yuan's front gate with a loud bang, startling the elder, who had been treating his injuries.

After examining the intruder and seeing that he was merely a Foundation Establishment cultivator, Ma Yuan frowned in confusion.

"Has Venerable Bai issued some new order?"

Venerable Bai?

Lu You's mind turned quickly.

He immediately realized that this had to be Bai Zihua's grandfather.

Bursts of laughter followed.

"If not for Venerable Bai's command, would I dare behave so brazenly?"

Casting a contemptuous glance at Ma Yuan, Lu You suddenly drew his sword.

"By the order of Venerable Bai, I am to cripple Ma Yuan's cultivation and escort him to the great prison!"

The moment he finished speaking, the Foundation Establishment cultivator under Lu You's control pulled out an entire handful of eavesdropping artifacts from his storage ring and hurled them all at Ma Yuan.

Then, gripping his sword, he lunged straight toward Ma Yuan's throat.

"This isn't arresting me—you're clearly here to kill me!"

Ma Yuan roared in anger.

With a casual wave of his hand, he knocked aside the sword and effortlessly subdued the Foundation Establishment cultivator.

He then picked up one of the eavesdropping artifacts, activated it with his spiritual energy, and immediately heard Han Tian's recording from inside the secret realm.

"No way..."

"So Huo Chuan actually did something like this inside the secret realm? And it even involves Wu Tong and Venerable Wu Hao!"

Ma Yuan instinctively thought of the ancient map he had lost.

The evil cultivation technique Huo Chuan had been practicing was most likely the one recorded on that ancient map.

The item he had lost was precisely something of immense importance to Venerable Wu Hao.

But...

Why had the Law Enforcement Hall been targeting him all this time?

Suddenly, realization dawned on Ma Yuan.

He immediately helped the subdued cultivator back to his feet.

"Listen to me. That ancient map truly was stolen by someone else. I have no idea what was recorded on it, nor did I secretly keep it or cultivate its techniques."

"I imagine Venerable Bai didn't send you here to arrest me."

"He merely wanted you to test me."

"You can go back and tell Venerable Bai that I, Ma Yuan, will cooperate fully with his investigation."

"Hey... hey..."

"Did you hear me?"

Ma Yuan shook the cultivator vigorously.

Then he suddenly cried out,

"Y-you... how did you die?!"

At that moment, Ma Yuan was completely dumbfounded.

His courtyard was littered with eavesdropping artifacts.

Every single one contained evidence of the Deep Literary Pavilion's crimes.

And in his own hands lay the corpse of a Foundation Establishment cultivator supposedly dispatched by Venerable Bai.

Now...

Even if he jumped into the Yellow River, he would never be able to wash away the suspicion.

Meanwhile, the other controlled cultivator had already arrived outside Elder Wen's residence.

After entering the room, the cultivator respectfully presented the eavesdropping artifact.

Once Elder Wen had listened to its contents, the cultivator smiled sinisterly.

"I wonder what Elder Wen thinks of the cultivation technique recorded on the ancient map."

"Have you mastered it yet?"

Elder Wen's expression instantly turned cold.

His spiritual sense swept through the surroundings.

After confirming that only this single cultivator was present, he relaxed slightly.

"What exactly do you mean by that?"

"No need to play dumb with me, Elder Wen."

"I represent the Law Enforcement Hall."

Standing ramrod straight under Lu You's control, the cultivator took out even more eavesdropping artifacts and tossed them onto the floor before Elder Wen.

"Nothing that happens within the Deep Literary Pavilion escapes the eyes of the Law Enforcement Hall."

"Nor does anything escape Venerable Bai's control."

"Whether it was you stealing Ma Yuan's ancient map, or cultivators within the Deep Literary Pavilion practicing evil techniques, Venerable Bai has known everything for a long time."

"Heh."

"Huo Chuan openly devours fellow disciples inside the secret realm whenever he pleases."

"Meanwhile, Elder Wen can only secretly steal opportunities from others."

"It seems your life in the Deep Literary Pavilion isn't going very well."

Lu You pointed toward the pile of eavesdropping artifacts.

"Previously, the time wasn't right."

"But now the evidence is irrefutable."

"The Law Enforcement Hall is about to wipe out the Deep Literary Pavilion in one stroke."

"The only thing still lacking is an opportunity to drag even the Nascent Soul Venerable into this."

"If Elder Wen is willing to cooperate, once the Law Enforcement Hall brings down Venerable Wu Hao, we certainly won't hoard the benefits the way Wu Hao does."

"Not only will we share the ancient map's cultivation technique with you, we'll even allow you to use the Law Enforcement Hall's prison."

"You should know that there are always prisoners inside."

"Using prisoners for cultivation is far safer than Huo Chuan's crude methods."

"What nonsense are you talking about?"

"I don't understand a single word."

Although cold sweat had already soaked Elder Wen's back, he continued pretending to know nothing.

In truth, he completely understood what the Law Enforcement Hall was implying.

The evidence contained in the eavesdropping artifacts could currently prove only that Huo Chuan and Wu Tong possessed an evil secret technique.

It was still insufficient to bring down Venerable Wu Hao in one blow.

The Law Enforcement Hall's true objective was obvious:

They wanted to turn him into an informant.

At the decisive moment, they expected him to testify against Wu Hao as a cooperating witness, delivering the final blow that would completely destroy the Deep Literary Pavilion.

So that's it...

So that's what this has all been about!

Elder Wen cried inwardly.

He had long suspected that something was unusual about Bai Zihua and Lu You.

Behind them, he could always sense the influence of a Nascent Soul Venerable.

Even Dongfang Bubai's appearance had been utterly inexplicable.

Why would such a powerful figure secretly infiltrate the Deep Literary Pavilion?

Now, the truth has finally been revealed.

Everything had been a carefully orchestrated scheme by the Law Enforcement Hall against the Deep Literary Pavilion.

Venerable Bai Yongzheng intended to seize Venerable Wu Hao's power and authority.

"Elder Wen is exceptionally wise. Pretending to be ignorant like this is rather meaningless."

Controlling the cultivator, Lu You drew his sword and said solemnly,

"Our Law Enforcement Hall respects Elder Wen's intelligence. That is why we've come to persuade you to join us."

"The choice is yours to make."

"As a gesture of our sincerity, today's secret will remain known only to you and Venerable Bai."

"There will never be a second person who learns of it."

"What do you mean by that?"

This time, Elder Wen truly wasn't pretending to be confused.

The next moment, the cultivator gave a sinister grin.

He raised his sword and, with a single slash, cut off his own head.

Hiss—

So this is what he meant by "only Venerable Bai and you will know the secret."

A death warrior!

The Law Enforcement Hall actually sent a suicide agent to recruit me!

Looking at the headless corpse on the floor, Elder Wen shivered.

If he chose the wrong side in the coming upheaval, the body lying before him might very well become his own fate.

But...

Did the Law Enforcement Hall truly possess the ability to overthrow Venerable Wu Hao?

Countless thoughts raced through Elder Wen's mind.

For a moment, he simply could not decide.

After disposing of the two puppet bodies, Lu You withdrew his consciousness.

He then took out a huge number of Teleportation Talismans and eavesdropping artifacts from the Cauldron of Cornucopia.

"All right."

"It's time to add a little more fuel to this grand performance."

He attached teleportation talismans to the listening artifacts.

Some received only a single talisman.

Others had more than a dozen attached.

Some others were stacked with several hundred.

He carefully ensured that every teleportation talisman would send its artifact to a different location within the Verdant Cloud Sect, while also producing enough copies so that virtually every disciple in the sect would be able to pick one up.

"Go!"

Lu You activated them with his spiritual energy.

In an instant, the roomful of teleportation talismans and eavesdropping artifacts vanished simultaneously.