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Chapter 1141: The Tremendous Momentum

Three golden light beams rose up into the sky, illuminating the land from far above. Everyone was staring at the light beams with the eyes full of shock. They had experienced how rare a Golden Dragon Disciple was, therefore, they clearly understood what it meant to be one. It indicated that the one who obtained the title would possess supreme talents, and even if they were at the Ancient Celestial Palace, whose forces had been dominating the entire Tianluo Territory, they would still be one of the top powers.

In the Tianluo Territory today, according to the public assumption, only the top four on the List of Powerhouses would be qualified to become Golden Dragon Disciples. However, what was in front of them was unbelievable, because the three persons there were like strangers.

Countless horrified voices exploded after a moment of silence. "All three of them are Golden Dragon Disciples?"

"Impossible! It isn't so easy to obtain the title of Golden Dragon Disciple. Do you think they cheated?"

"Ha... if only if we could cheat at the Dragon Entrance Gate, it wouldn't be so difficult to produce Golden Dragon Disciples."

"These three are definitely something else."

"..."

There were some doubts among the various voices, but the majority of them chose to accept the fact rationally because they been through the journey of the Dragon Entrance Gate. Therefore, they could clearly understand the power within. It would be difficult for one to find a loophole.

In the midst of the furor, the fighters from the Great Xia Dynasty were staring with their mouths agape. Moreover, Xia Hong's face turned pale. After a long while, he said to Mu Chen in a low voice, "You? By looking at your level of power, how is it possible for you to become a Golden Dragon Disciple?"

Back when Mu Chen had been battling him, Mu Chen was only a Half Ninth Grade Sovereign. Even though he had some outstanding fighting capabilities, he could only match with a Ninth Grade Sovereign. However, in order to become a Golden Dragon Disciple, one had to be at least a Ninth Grade Sovereign with extraordinary trump cards.

All the other fighters from the Great Xia Dynasty became silent. The previous arrogant momentum faded because they had no morale in front of the three of Golden Dragon Disciples, even though they outnumbered them.

"Shut up!" Xia Yu stared brutally at Xia Hong, who was yelling, and then he turned to have a look at Xiao Xiao and Lin Jing. At that moment, he realized their existence had become a threat.

Although Mu Chen seemed to be a beginner who had just attained Ninth Grade Sovereign, with Xia Yu's sensitive intuition, he felt that Mu Chen was an expert in hiding his potential.

This time... he had actually been fooled.

Xia Yu's face twisted slightly as he felt a sense of regret for not eliminating Mu Chen when they had met in the space passageway. He could have solved this trouble if he had killed him then.

Xia Yu was curious about how Mu Chen managed to find two such powerful and mysterious helpers. Against Mu Chen's lineup, he would not benefit much if a real fight broke out between them now.

The three golden dragon light beams lasted for awhile and then faded. Mu Chen and the other two apprentices put away their Golden Dragon Tokens and then looked at Xia Yu and the rest. "Do we still need to hand over our treasure to you?"

Xia Yu's eyes were gloomy at first. He then suddenly moved towards Xiao Xiao and Lin Jing with a gentle smile. "Please, allow me to ask, where did you two beautiful ladies come from? Have we ever met in Tianluo Territory in the past? I am Xia Yu, crown prince of the Great Xia Dynasty. If you could stay away from the bad blood between me and Mu Chen, I'd definitely send a decent gift to you."

Although Mu Chen was also one of the Golden Dragon Disciples who was feared, if the two mysterious ladies could stay away from their conflict, Xia Yu would still have the confidence to get rid of Mu Chen himself. Since he was also a Golden Dragon Disciple, he believed that he was capable enough to defeat Mu Chen.

Mu Chen did not stop Xia Yu from poaching. Instead, he looked at Xia Yu with a smiling face because he did not think that words from a Great Xia Dynasty leader could affect the two ladies with extraordinary backgrounds.

Mu Chen's assumption was correct. Xiao Xiao only gave Xia Yu a cold look and then turned away as if she were too lazy to even bother with his request. However, Lin Jing seemed to be thinking of something. She took out a golden scroll from her sleeve and said, "So you are the crown prince of the Great Xia Dynasty. Well, that's just nice. There was a time when your little brother lost his bet of 100,000,000 spiritual liquid drops to me, and he assured me that the Great Xia Dynasty would pay up."

Xia Hong went pale. Xia Yu, who was standing right beside him, twisted his lips, gave Xia Hong an unbelievable look, and said, "One hundred million spiritual liquid drops? That would wipe out almost the entire national treasury of the Great Xia Dynasty. Even his father would definitely be unwilling to take care of the cost."

"What now? I guess the Great Xia Dynasty is about to welch on me this time," Lin Jing said as she saw their expressions.

Xia Yu took a deep breath and said, "These numbers are too big. We can't make the decision ourselves. We suggest you talk directly to our father." He would definitely pay, but if Lin Jing were to show the bill to his father, she would certainly be eliminated immediately. There had only been a few individuals who dared to blackmail the Great Xia Dynasty throughout these past few years.

Lin Jing did not seem to realize the consequences after listening to Xia Yu's suggestion. She nodded and said, "Alright, I'll go and redeem it from your father, then."

Xia Yu and Xia Hong gaped and looked at Lin Jing as if she were an idiot. However, as they were staring at Lin Jing, they realized that Mu Chen, Nine Nether, and the rest had been looking at them all the while. Both of them were shocked and felt something was wrong with that.

Mu Chen was not interested in explaining to them about Lin Jing's true identity, but soon they would know how dumb they were. These idiots actually thought that no one would dare collect the debt from the Great Xia Dynasty. If they dared to welch on the daughter of the Martial Ancestor, she could simply summon a senior from the Martial Border to teach the Great Xia Dynasty a lesson.

Mu Chen smiled at Xia Yu and said, "Well, Mr. Xia. If there is nothing else, then I suppose we will take our leave."

He did not take the initiative to put a hand on Xia Yu and Xia Hong because they had quite a number of people with them. Once it got ugly, it would take a lot of time to fight, and the most important task now was to get to the Sky Pool for the baptism. As for Xia Yu, there would be plenty of time to get rid of him afterwards.

Xia Yu could not help but clench his fist as he saw Mu Chen smiling at him. It made him angry because an ant that he could have easily crushed was now a free man walking in front of him that he dare not touch. However, regardless of the grievances in his heart, Xia Yu could no longer say a word of provocation because he knew that if a fight started, they would not get any benefit from it.

The fighters from the Great Xia Dynasty remained silent because they dared not raise an objection in front of Xia Yu.

Between the heavens and the earth, the people who saw this scene could not help but sneer. Xia Yu's previous arrogant attitude towards Mu Chen was a joke because he thought he could easily suppress him. However, the scenario changed in the blink of an eye, which put him in an awkward situation.

Countless people were rejoicing in Xia Yu's calamity. He soon realized it, but he could only face it brazenly. On the other hand, Mu Chen only smiled as he saw that Xia Yu and the rest had gone silent. He did not want to waste his precious time arguing with them. He took a leap and charged into the distance. Xiao Xiao, Lin Jing, and Nine Nether then followed.

As the four of them left, they were watched by countless fighters. However, none of them would dare to block their way. They did not even have the guts to be jealous of Mu Chen obtaining the Dragon Island's treasure.

Three Golden Dragon Disciples were enough to shock everyone.

Xia Yu and the rest could only look on miserably as they left. None of them had the courage to speak out. Their arrogant demeanor vanished as they had been slapped in the face.

"Brother..." Xia Hong could not help but talk to Xia Yu. They thought they could play Mu Chen this time as revenge for his broken arm. However, things had gone south because Mu Chen was overpowered, and even Xia Yu could not help but stand down in front of him.

"Shut your mouth!" Xia Yu's face was pale as he gave him a ruthless look. If only this fella had not unwittingly offended Mu Chen, things would not be so complicated.

One would stress out facing Mu Chen's lineup, even if he or she was as powerful as Xia Yu. This was because even if one was confident enough to suppress Mu Chen, one would not be against the mysterious Lin Jing and Xiao Xiao.

Xia Hong went pale upon getting scolded. After a while, he clenched his teeth and said, "Are we letting it slide just like that? Father mentioned before that no one could trample the reputation of the Great Xia Dynasty, moreover a mere Half Grade Nine."

Xia Yu's expression was grim when he stared in the direction where Mu Chen had gone. A moment later, he said ruthlessly, "I will not let this incident slide just like that. Though we do not know where or how he managed to find such powerful helpers, I have my own connections, too. I think Garuda and his team would treat them with defensive hostility. When the time comes, we could make an alliance with them against these outsiders!"

At this thought, Xia Yu's expression became ruthless. "This Mu Chen... dared to offend our Great Xia Dynasty. This is ridiculous! Let us see if he stands a chance in front of us!"

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Chapter 1142: First Encounter with Garuda

Mu Chen and his team left Dragon Island. Even though quite a few people knew that Mu Chen and the rest had obtained the treasure there, due to the high prestige of the three Golden Dragon disciples, none were brave enough to track them down.

Mu Chen and the rest did not explore any further after leaving Dragon Island. Although they could possibly have acquired some other powerful treasures in the other islands, their priority right now was to get to the legendary Sky Pool.

After all, the baptism of the Sky Pool was an extremely rare opportunity for those who had yet to achieve Earthly Sovereign. Even Xiao Xiao and Lin Jing, who both had extraordinary backgrounds, would still be attracted to this opportunity, let alone Mu Chen!

After setting their course, Mu Chen and the rest hurried towards their destination. Despite travelling at full speed, it took them half a day to make it across the endless chain of suspended islands.

The four of them finally materialized on a lonely island. They scanned the horizon and realized that the sky within a hundred miles was empty, completely devoid of the groups of islands. Thus, they determined that they had arrived at the end of the chain of islands.

"We are getting closer to the depths of the Ancient Celestial Palace." Mu Chen said, as he looked into the distance.

The immensity of the spiritual energy in this space was breathtaking. It had condensed into a colorful spiritual cloud in the sky. Only the condensation of a tremendous amount of spiritual energy could form such a spectacular spiritual cloud!

In the distance, one could vaguely see a few broken stone towers standing tall on some mountain peaks, and beyond them, the outline of an ancient temple could just barely be recognized. The entire atmosphere was shrouded in an ancient silence.

"We will be one step closer to the Sky Pool once we pass through the region of stone islands," Mu Chen said to the three girls after checking the map.

Xiao Xiao lightly nodded, then scanned the silent space with her beautiful eyes. Although everything seemed peaceful, she somehow felt uneasy.

"Did you feel it?" Mu Chen smiled after seeing her expression.

"What was that?" Lin Jing asked, confused.

She clearly felt the same sense of unease, but was unable to pinpoint the source of the danger. Nine Nether was also scanning the space with her gorgeous gaze, but she likewise failed to find the source of the problem.

"Do you see these light beams?" Mu Chen raised his finger and pointed towards some light beams that were the size of a fist. The light beams appeared to be shooting downwards from the spiritual cloud.

After Mu Chen's reminder, Xiao Xiao, Lin Jing, and Nine Nether soon realized that there was a weird flow within the light beams. As Xiao Xiao snapped her finger, her spiritual energy rolled out, lifting a huge rock and throwing it towards one of the light beams.

The minute the rock made contact with the light beam, it was cut in half. The cut surface was as smooth as a mirror, as if it had come into contact with a very sharp knife instead a light beam. This shocked all three of the ladies.

"A spiritual array was arranged in the spiritual clouds, such that the spiritual energy inside would converge and refract to the ground, like a giant net surrounding the entire land. These light beams are extremely sharp, even a Grade Nine Sovereign would be cut in half by them," said Mu Chen nonchalantly, as he pointed towards the floating spiritual clouds in the sky.

The three ladies' expressions twisted after hearing Mu Chen's words. Had they charged across the light beams without being aware of the danger, even they would have paid the ultimate price!

"Why are there so many fatal traps in this Ancient Celestial Palace?" Nine Nether couldn't help but ask.

"These traps were the Ancient Celestial Palace's defence measures. Back then, they were triggered by the extraterritorial race's invasion of the Tianluo Territory, and they have remained active ever since." Mu Chen sighed.

He saw countless skeletons, suits of broken armor, and shattered weapons scattered across the distant land. The skeletons were translucent and emitted a faint glow.

Clearly, they had all been strong warriors prior to their deaths. It seemed there had been an extremely terrible war in the past, which had led to the deaths of many strong warriors of the Ancient Celestial Palace.

"I wonder why I haven't seen any skeletons of the extraterritorial race..." The thought struck Mu Chen suddenly, so he had to ask.

"It is because the malicious energy practiced by the extraterritorial race was incompatible with the spiritual energy of the Great Thousand World. Therefore, when they died, their bodies were gradually dissolved into nothingness by the spiritual force in the space," Lin Jing explained.

Most masters did not have much knowledge about such incidents, but Lin Jing, as the daughter of the Martial Ancestor, clearly had a better understanding of the so-called extraterritorial race. Mu Chen instantly understood after hearing her explanation.

"Let's get moving. These light beams are troublesome, but we just have to avoid them," Mu Chen told the three ladies.

He then took the lead and slowly moved forward, swerving around any light beams that he approached. Thankfully, the deadly light beams stayed still, showing no signs of chasing Mu Chen. The three ladies were relieved upon seeing Mu Chen's stable progress, and they swiftly moved to catch up with him.

The area was surrounded by the spiritual crowd, forcing Mu Chen and the rest to slow down. However, thanks to Mu Chen's reminder, they were able to get through the dangerous area smoothly.

After passing through the spiritual cloud area, the four of them sped up for an hour, then finally slowed down. The reason they slowed was because they had suddenly heard a strange sound.

Splash splash.

It was the clear sound of flowing water. As soon as the sound of water entered their ears, they could clearly feel the spiritual energy inside them boiling, as if it was being affected by some magnetic force!

The four of them quickly suppressed the boiling of their internal spiritual energy, which took them quite a while! During the whole process, their expressions showed their panicked states!

Due to the fact that just the sound of water was enough to cause such an obvious surge within their internal spiritual energies, they deduced that the water source was most likely their destination!

The Sky Pool!

As they all immediately thought of the same thing, their eyes lit up, and an unfamiliar excitement flashed across each of their faces. They then sped up, and in ten breaths, they crossed a long expanse of mountain peaks.

After passing through the high mountain peaks, their fields of view broadened infinitely. At the same time, a bright light shone on their faces, and their eyes stung slightly, despite being protected by spiritual energy. This caused each of them to squint involuntarily.

As the light lasted quite a while, they were gradually able to adapt to it. When their visions cleared, they inhaled sharply.

A borderless blue sea then appeared in front of them, set on a dark background of the galaxy. The water was crystal clear and sparkling, as if it contained the stars!

The occasional wave caused countless tiny powder-like crystals to spurt out. The crystals were formed from the extreme condensation of spiritual energy, which had been turned into sea water.

Due to the saturated spiritual energy above the sea, from afar, the spiritual cloud seemed to form the roaring figures of dragons and phoenixes. It was so wondrous, it seemed like a tiny universe! Moreover, this majestic ocean was floating in the sky!

On the edge of the ocean, the space was utterly shattered. Moreover, the entire space shook whenever the waves crashed against it. Mu Chen and the rest could clearly feel that the ocean existed in a different dimension, although it seemed as if it was right in front of them. Clearly, it had been sealed in this excavated space by an extremely powerful existence.

Mu Chen and the rest were terrified by the borderless sea, and only recovered their senses after a long while, their shocked expressions transforming into delight. They knew this sea was their long-sought destination!

The Heavenly River!

"Now that's the cornerstone from which the Ancient Celestial Palace arose and expanded!" Xiao Xiao couldn't help but exclaim.

The Sky Pool before them was definitely a work of art. It must have taken a huge amount of effort and resources for the Emperor of the Ancient Celestial Palace to build it! Even the superpowers of today's Great Thousand World would be unable to contribute such tremendous amounts of resources to such an endeavor!

Lin Jing nodded her head in agreement. These were indeed the shocking foundations of the Tianluo Territory's previous overlord.

As they were talking, Mu Chen slowly recovered his senses. Withdrawing his gaze from the Heavenly River, he was just about to speak, when something moved at the edge of his consciousness.

An unfamiliar sensation crept over him, causing him to suddenly turn his head to look at a far-off mountain peak. On top of the lone peak, a man, who was wearing a black shirt, stood with his hands behind his back. He was tall and had a huge presence. This guy was extraordinary!

Mu Chen's pupil constricted, and an indescribable sense of wariness quickly arose from within him, causing his entire body to tense immediately. He immediately entered battle mode.

Mu Chen knew the man in black's identity the moment he saw him. It was Garuda!

Just as Mu Chen was recovering from his shock, Garuda sensed his presence, his abyss-like gaze shooting towards Mu Chen from the distance.

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Chapter 1143: Resentmen

Both gazes converged in midair, and at that moment, it seemed that even space was somewhat distorted.

Garuda's gaze was as deep as the ocean. Staring at Mu Chen, his smile seemed to gradually disappear, because he felt a strange surge in the spiritual energy in his body. Even the space behind him trembled slightly, as if a beam of strong light was about to burst out.

That was the Sovereign Celestial Body he cultivated, which was suddenly triggered at this moment.

However, Garuda managed to forcibly suppress it. His eagle eyes were locked on Mu Chen. He carried a heart-shriveling, murderous intent in the extreme depths of his eyes. When that murderous intent appeared in Garuda's eyes, an extremely powerful wave of spiritual energy exploded like a volcano from his body. Instantly, the whole universe turned overcast as Garuda's figure became more and more oppressive. The 1,000-foot mountain under his feet was trembling as if it were afraid of being destroyed.

Buzz.

In response to Garuda's explosive murderous intent, golden light emanated from Mu Chen's body, and cries of the Dragon-Phoenix rang out from within his body. On his upper arm, the spirits of the Dragon-Phoenix intertwined, releasing powerful energy fluctuations. The space behind him distorted, and the Sovereign Sea loomed with majestic spiritual energy that shook the whole sky.

Just an exchange of glances between them was enough to simultaneously trigger each other's murderous intent. They had both clearly sensed each other's cultivated Sovereign Celestial Body.

Since both had cultivated the Great Solar Undying Body, in order for them to evolve their celestial bodies, they must defeat all other competitors, as the evolution method could only be obtained by one person.

Upon the eruption of Mu Chen's spiritual energy, Nine Nether had activated her spiritual energy without hesitation, and immediately, a crystal-like flame blazed within her petite body.

Xiao Xiao and Lin Jing were startled, unable to comprehend why the two had, without even exchanging a single word, gone into battle mode all of a sudden. However, their confusion only lasted for a moment before they simultaneously fixed their gazes on Garuda. The surrounding space trembled, and then astounding spiritual energy fluctuations emanated.

Compared to Mu Chen, Garuda was a mere stranger to Xiao Xiao and Lin Jing. Even though Garuda seemed intimidating, it didn't stop them from choosing to help Mu Chen out.

Therefore, behind Mu Chen, the three females released their spiritual energy. Instantly, Mu Chen's side's overwhelming power and might directly suppressed the spiritual energy unleashed from within Garuda's body, forcing it back to within 100 feet around him.

Witnessing this scene, Garuda's eyes narrowed slightly. He glanced at Xiao Xiao and Lin Jing, who seemed to be his equals, judging by the fluctuations emanating from them.

If it had been a one-on-one confrontation, he would not have been intimidated by Mu Chen. However, he understood that he would lose if he attacked now, since the opposition's lineup was strong.

Knowing an attack would be futile, Garuda gradually withdrew his murderous intent, and the powerful spiritual energy fluctuations surrounding him dissipated. Smiling at Mu Chen, he said, "I'm surprised you also cultivated the Great Solar Undying Body. Our encounter today was truly fated."

Even though the other side had more people and a stronger lineup, Garuda was still at ease. He was calm and collected, not showing even the slightest hint of fear. This attitude alone won a sigh of praise from Mu Chen. Able to cultivate the Great Solar Undying Body, Garuda was indeed marvelous.

"It is indeed fate." Mu Chen nodded, smiling brightly. Anyone who did not know the whole story might even think that the two of them possessed the kind of real kinship that was able to cross the boundaries of life and death. Only Mu Chen and Garuda knew that they were each other's greatest rivals, whom they had to eliminate.

This was not kinship. Instead, they were life enemies.

However, despite knowing that Garuda was his biggest obstacle in his own pursuit of the evolution of the Great Solar Undying Body, Mu Chen had not thought of utilizing the power of Xiao Xiao and the rest to eliminate him at this time, because he knew that even if they joined forces, Garuda would probably be able to retreat, so Mu Chen needn't make his move yet. The most important thing at present was to get the Heavenly River baptism to strengthen himself.

Of course, even though he had no intention of striking at the moment, Mu Chen still looked Garuda in the eye, his gaze filled with warning.

"Oh, I understand."

Meeting Mu Chen's gaze, Garuda simply chuckled nonchalantly and moved backwards, temporarily retreating.

"This guy's a little difficult to deal with, so we cannot let our guard down. How did you get involved with this guy?" Xiao Xiao raised her eyebrows, glancing at Garuda's decisive retreat. That guy was very powerful and was flexible enough to know when to yield. He was definitely not an easy opponent. She had met this guy once before. Though they had not interacted, she was still able to sense that the latter was out of the ordinary.

"This is the first time we've met. I've never provoked him." Mu Chen shrugged and said, "But of the two of us, only one can survive."

As a practitioner of the Great Solar Undying Body, in a way the resentment between Mu Chen and Garuda was even deeper than the one between him and Xia Yu. Mu Chen well knew that even if he were to retreat, Garuda would still kill him by any means necessary, so one of them must die.

"Then kill him." Lin Jing patted Mu Chen's shoulders in encouragement. "That guy is not an easy opponent, but you'll definitely get the last laugh."

"So much faith in me..." Mu Chen was a little taken aback.

Lin Jing curled her lips and said, "My mom spoke very highly of you. If you can't even take care of this fellow, that would be embarrassing."

Mu Chen could only roll his eyes.

Nine Nether pursed her lips to hide her grin and immediately teased, "Now that I think of it, you don't seem to be on friendly terms with the top four on the List of Powerhouses of Tianluo Continent."

Mu Chen did not care about this. He looked at Xiao Xiao and Lin Jing, and said, smiling, "I am not without friends to support me."

The four of them gathered together made for a really strong lineup. Even Zhu Yan would have no choice but to retreat if faced with the four of them.

Hearing these words, the three females could not help but roll their eyes.

"What do we do now? The Heavenly River is in front of us, but it seems we can't get in." Xiao Xiao quickly changed the topic, looking at the Heavenly River with her beautiful eyes.

Mu Chen squinted and assessed the situation for a moment, then nodded and said, "This Heavenly River should be sealed. The seal was likely to be arranged by the Heavenly Emperor, and it's impossible to force our way inside."

"Then what should we do?" Lin Jing asked. Their destination was right in front of them, but it was inaccessible, which was really frustrating.

"Don't worry about it. When the people who have obtained the pledges of the masters of the nine mansions are gathered, the seal of the Heavenly River will naturally be activated, and that'll be our opportunity," said Mu Chen nonchalantly.

Long before entering the Ancient Celestial Palace, he had found this out from Mandela.

Upon hearing his words, Xiao Xiao and the rest breathed a sigh of relief, then sat down on the mountain peak and started conversing quietly while waiting for the people who had received the other pledges to come.

They did not have to wait long. At the far side of the sky, there was a whoosh, and a flaming glow swept across the sky. After several breaths, it appeared outside the Heavenly River.

"Hey, this guy got out that fast?" Lin Jing was surprised to see the flaming glow.

Raising his eyebrows in shock, Mu Chen saw that the person was Zhu Yan, whom they had previously trapped in the Wind Mansion.

Up above the sky, Zhu Yan was standing among the clouds. His body seemed to be flowing with magma. He had obviously sensed Mu Chen's presence immediately. When his gaze shot towards them, he said, "I didn't expect you to keep your promise."

His words were directed towards Mu Chen. He had initially thought that Mu Chen would manipulate the spiritual array that trapped him, but he did not expect the latter to adjust the spiritual array as promised so that he was released after being trapped for a certain period of time. Even if Mu Chen had not done so, he also had the means to escape, but Mu Chen's trustworthiness was rather unexpected.

Mu Chen smiled at Zhu Yan and said, "You were quicker than I thought."

"Although I am surprised by your trustworthiness, I don't plan on forgiving you so easily," said Zhu Yan lightly.

"You're welcome." Mu Chen nodded. Since he had chosen to strike, he naturally did not expect to be treated with kindness.

"You are of the Flame Spirit Clan?" Behind Mu Chen, Xiao Xiao suddenly stared at Zhu Yan with curiosity. Her charming face held a hint of a smile.

Zhu Yan furrowed his brows after glancing at Xiao Xiao. He sensed a dangerous aura emanating from her, and he wondered where that mysterious female came from. He had not seen her by Mu Chen's side before.

Xiao Xiao smiled, and the colorful little snake once again climbed onto her fragrant shoulder and flicked its tongue out at Zhu Yan.

Staring at the colorful snake, Zhu Yan's eyes narrowed instantly and his face changed. "Sky-Devouring Python? You are of the Endless Fire Territory? Who is the Flame Emperor to you?"

The Flame Emperor had previously won a bet against the Flame Spirit Clan and won their clan's Divine Fire. Even their sleeping ancestor was awakened, but they could not keep the Flame Emperor from leaving. It was an insult to the Flame Spirit Clan. Over the years, the Flame Spirit Clan had rebelled against the Endless Fire Territory but were suppressed every time, and countless masters of the Flame Spirit Clan had since tried to regain the Divine Fire to no avail.

As they were mortal enemies, the Flame Spirit Clan had a good understanding of the Endless Fire Territory, and naturally they knew that the Sky-Devouring Python belonged to the queen of the Endless Fire Territory. Xiao Xiao actually owned a Sky-Devouring Python, meaning she must have an intimate relationship with the queen.

"He's my father." Xiao Xiao smiled lightly, not hiding the truth.

Zhu Yan's eyes seemed to be lit from within by the flame spirit, and molten lava flowed from his body. Taking a deep breath, he locked his gaze on Xiao Xiao. At that moment, he couldn't care less about his previous grudge against Mu Chen. His sole focus was on Xiao Xiao.

"If that's the case, please come with me to the Flame Spirit Clan and get your father to give us our clan's Divine Fire in exchange for you."

The smoldering flame spirit burst out from Zhu Yan's body, and even the sky was set ablaze.

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Chapter 1144: The Opening of the Heavenly River

As the fire continued to rage, blazing flames swept across the universe and a terrible heat filled the air. Zhu Yan stood aloof in the sky, exuding an extremely horrible sense of domination.

Zhu Yan's strike had revealed his powerful strength, and the oppression he released seemed to be even stronger than Garuda's. He was undoubtedly number one on the List of Powerhouses.

However, even in the face of such power, Xiao Xiao's expression didn't change. Instead, she teasingly looked Zhu Yan up and down, then nonchalantly asked, "Are you sure you can bear the consequences, if my father actually went after the Flame Spirit Clan?"

Back when the Flame Emperor wandered the Great Thousand World, the Flame Spirit Clan was tormented so badly, they eventually had no choice but to wake their slumbering Ancestor. Even then, they still failed to capture the Flame Emperor.

So, they had been forced to watch helplessly, while he took their Divine Fire away. If the Flame Emperor was already so powerful back then, he must be even more powerful now!

If the Flame Emperor returned, even if the Ancestor was awakened again, he would be no match for the Flame Emperor. Moreover, back then, the Flame Emperor had no powers, but since that time, he established the horrible supreme power, the Endless Fire Territory!

Although the Flame Spirit Clan was also a supreme power of the Great Thousand World, having ancient roots, and far surpassed the Endless Fire Territory in terms of age and inheritance, in a battle between the two, the Flame Spirit Clan would most likely be extinguished from the Great Thousand World for good!

Zhu Yan understood this fact, so he let the spiritual flames that were filling the sky stagnate for a while. Although he was reluctant to admit it, he knew very well that the Flame Spirit Clan would not be able to bear the consequences of provoking the Flame Emperor's anger.

Although the Flame Emperor was indeed a formidable force, Zhu Yan was equally extraordinary. After taking a deep breath, Zhu Yan said, "I am inviting you to be the Flame Spirit Clan's guest. No harm will befall you."

Zhu Yan knew that he could not actually harm Xiao Xiao, but if he could defeat her and bring her back to the Flame Spirit Clan, he would really become the Young Clan Leader!

"I'm afraid you're not qualified enough for me to follow you back to the Flame Spirit Clan," said Xiao Xiao, while smiling.

Even though she was facing the number one person on the Tianluo Continent's List of Powerhouses, Xiao Xiao showed no fear. After all, her father was able to suppress the Flame Spirit Clan, so as his daughter, although she had yet to reach his level, she was at least capable of suppressing the supreme talent among the younger generation of the Flame Spirit Clan.

Zhu Yan's expression became serious upon seeing Xiao Xiao's calm demeanor. Knowing Xiao Xiao's identity, he would be a real idiot if he thought she would be easy to deal with. Facing her, even a strong opponent like Zhu Yan would be extremely wary.

"I challenge you to a fight in this Ancient Celestial Palace," said Zhu Yan in a low voice.

"As you wish," Xiao Xiao said indolently, not at all worried by Zhu Yan's challenge.

Eyeing Xiao Xiao, Zhu Yan didn't say anything more, but took the initiative to retreat, landing on a nearby mountain.

"Don't worry about him, I can handle this fellow! And I promise that he won't have time to give you any trouble," Xiao Xiao said to Mu Chen.

She could tell there was conflict between Mu Chen and Zhu Yan. Since Zhu Yan had challenged her, she could just deal with him. That way, Zhu Yan would not have time to trouble Mu Chen and the rest of the group.

Mu Chen and the rest could hear the unshakable confidence in Xiao Xiao's nonchalant words. As a daughter of the Flame Emperor, she naturally had great pride.

The Flame Spirit Clan knew they could not avenge their shame by challenging her father, so they had challenged her instead. As such, she was ready to teach them a lesson!

Mu Chen and the rest nodded and smiled at Xiao Xiao's words. Zhu Yan was strong indeed, but they had faith in the unpredictable Xiao Xiao.

After this interlude, they resumed waiting quietly. After an hour, another figure arrived hurriedly. The familiar figure was Su Qingyin, who Mu Chen and the rest had met once before at the Dragon Entrance Gate.

Su Qingyin was riding on a ferocious Four Winged Beetle at a very fast speed. Upon reaching the outside of the Heavenly River, she saw that Mu Chen and the rest had already arrived, which had surprised her.

"Oh, I didn't expect you guys to be so fast!" Su Qingyin smiled and looked at Mu Chen, then swept her gaze over Lin Jing and Xiao Xiao, whom she had never seen before. The latter particularly made her heart tremble, as she sensed a dangerous aura emanating from her.

"Where did this guy recruit such a mysterious master?" Su Qingyin wondered. Lin Jing and Xiao Xiao were obviously not from the Tianluo Continent. Otherwise, they would be familiar to her.

Mu Chen merely greeted Su Qingyin with a calm nod. Although she had only become the disciple of the Azure Dragon back at the Dragon Entrance Gate, Mu Chen knew that, in a true life and death fight, this girl was a formidable opponent! Moreover, she was very temperamental, so Mu Chen did not intend to get any closer to her for fear of attracting trouble!

Su Qingyin noticed Mu Chen's hesitant attitude, so she followed his lead. Pursing her lips, she also determined to not get any closer, then turned towards the mighty Heavenly River, her eyes sparkling.

Soon, another wave of people arrived. They were the people of the Great Xia Dynasty, who Mu Chen and the rest had confronted previously at the Dragon Island. The people seemed battered and exhausted, and their numbers had obviously decreased.

When Xia Yu appeared, he gave Mu Chen a malicious look, but the latter did not pay him any mind, his eyes remaining slightly closed all the while. Seeing Mu Chen's apathetic response, Xia Yu snorted and glanced at Garuda, Zhu Yan, and the others, his eyes flashing slightly.

After Xia Yu's arrival, a whooshing sound came from faraway. More and more figures had just arrived outside the Heavenly River.

These figures were all capable, as even the weakest among them had already entered the peak of the Grade Nine Sovereign. Moreover, many of them were masters, who had been fostered by the top forces of the Tianluo Continent. There were some unfamiliar faces as well, likely to have come from powers outside of the Tianluo Continent.

In two hours, the originally quiet area outside of the Heavenly River had started to become lively, with countless massive spiritual energy fluctuations rising high above the sky, indicating that the people who had just showed up here were no ordinary figures!

Splash splash splash.

With the gathering of more and more figures, the majestic Heavenly River seemed to have been drawn in, and gradually, the sound of water became clearer. The flowing sound of water made everyone's internal spiritual energies vibrate. This phenomenon was an extreme longing of everyone's spiritual energies to enter the Heavenly River to obtain purification and refinement.

Buzz buzz...

Just as the sound of water became clearer, Mu Chen suddenly felt the pledge from the Wind Mansion on the back of his hand gradually become hotter. It then turned into a beam of light, rising to the sky!

Whoop! Whoop!

In other places, beams of light also shot out from those who had obtained the pledges, and the light beams finally gathered at the outside of the Heavenly River to form a huge rune. Witnessing this scene, Mu Chen's gaze revealed his utter joy. It seemed that all of the pledges of the Nine Mansion had been reunited!

As the ancient runes circulated, a beam of light was projected onto the seal outside the Heavenly River. The seal shook, and with a great churning of the spiritual energy between the heavens and the earth, the seal was gradually torn apart.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The slight crack in the seal was followed by a noise like a thunderstorm. Then, a mighty and shocking spiritual energy swept out, directly igniting the spiritual energy of the whole universe.

"Such pure spiritual energy!" Xiao Xiao and the rest were moved by the vast spiritual power that swept forth from the crack in the seal.

At this moment, they were all clearly sensing their spiritual energy, flesh and blood, and even the Sovereign Celestial Body that they fostered, releasing longing and eagerness. If one could get baptized in this river, one would be born again from the inside out, including their Sovereign Celestial Body!

Mu Chen involuntarily licked his lips, his eyes blazing. In the Daluo Territory, there was a Daluo Golden Pool. When he had first arrived in the Daluo Territory, his Sovereign Celestial Body had been strengthened by the Daluo Golden Pool. However, the Daluo Golden Pool paled in comparison to the Heavenly River that was in front of him now!

"If you can successfully get baptized, you will be able to lay a solid foundation for your promotion to a higher sovereign status." Mu Chen said, as he looked at Xiao Xiao.

In the next millisecond, they simultaneously shot towards the crack in the seal. With the Heavenly River right in front of them, no one wanted to give up on this golden opportunity!

Boom!

The actions of Mu Chen and the rest spurred on the other masters present, who had been waiting for an opening. Instantly, an overwhelming whooshing sound was heard as they all rushed towards the crack in the seal!

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Chapter 1145: Spirit of the Heavenly River

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sound of the wind shook loudly as countless light rays emerged at the side of the Heavenly River. All of it seemed to be directed at the cracks in the Heavenly River's seal.

When the curse was broken, anyone could feel the vast and unlimited power coming from the Heavenly River, and most people who came there were not ordinary. They all knew the importance of this Heavenly River in their journey to the Ancient Celestial Palace. Even in that era, only a few disciples of the Ancient Celestial Palace wished to enter the Heavenly River.

However, as of today, the Ancient Celestial Palace had collapsed, and only the Heavenly River remained. If this opportunity was rightfully seized, it would bring great advantage in future cultivation. There could even be some who were so lucky that they could achieve instant success in their cultivation, and they would become envied among all the new generation. Hence, in this very moment, no one could stay rational, and everyone just rushed into the Heavenly River.

According to the Ancient Celestial Palace rules, only those who obtained all nine mansions' items could enter the Heavenly River. However, there was no longer a protector of the Heavenly River, thus when the seal was broken, those who were empty-handed seized the opportunity to break into the Heavenly River.

Mu Chen did not hesitate to rush to the Heavenly River with the crowd. When they arrived at the seal, they looked in each other's eyes and then rushed straight into it.

Woo!

When their feet stepped through the cracked seal, they directly entered into all dimensions of the Heavenly River. A wave of ancient wind blew in their faces, leaving them slightly disoriented. An ancient scene slowly emerged in front of their very eyes. One by one, powerful figures rushed into heaven, and light rays shined from their bodies, covering them. Then, they started to chase the stars.

The scene quickly disappeared. Mu Chen and his party awoke from the situation. They nodded and then gazed at the vast Heavenly River. The river was crystal clear, and it was as though unlimited power was concentrated in it. Every time the river flowed, a wave crashed, and even the dimension was distorted. Every droplet of water from the river seemed to weigh 1,000 pounds.

Behind them, the crowd of people never stopped rushing in. When they looked at the river, their faces filled with covetousness.

Swoosh!

There were some who could not resist the temptation, and they rushed directly into the Heavenly River, falling into the raging waters.

Ah!

However, the moment they went in, cries and screams followed. Only the wave in the Heavenly River could be seen. One wave was enough to crush the powerful individuals who were Peak Grade Nine Sovereigns into a pool of blood.

The screams echoed, and the powerful individuals who had just rushed into the space of the Heavenly River suddenly changed their emotion. They retreated and looked at the Heavenly River with horror.

No one could ever have thought that this Heavenly River would be so dangerous!

"What happened?" Lin Jing asked, as she was also shocked by the scene. If she had jumped down blindly just now, she, too, would have had to bear serious consequences.

"This Heavenly River contains extremely dangerous powers. It is suicide to jump in without taking any precautions," Mu Chen explained calmly. It seemed that he had expected the situation.

"What should we do?" Xiao Xiao asked Mu Chen.

Mu Chen smiled, made a fist with his hand, and the Golden Dragon Disciple Amulet Token appeared in his hands. He dropped the Golden Dragon Token into the Heavenly River. Suddenly, a golden light shined brightly, and the token quickly expanded. It seemed to have formed a canoe shrouded in golden light.

Mu Chen moved lightly and stepped on the token as though as he were riding a canoe. He moved freely on the Heavenly River.

Many powerful individuals saw the scene. "I never knew that the identity token had this effect." Suddenly, their eyes lit up, and they imitated Mu Chen by dropping the identity token. Without failure, their token quickly enlarged. While the token was shrouded in light, it took the form of canoe.

However, the other canoes were different due to different levels of token. They presented a variety of colors. From the point of view of protection, they were obviously far inferior compared to the boat of the Golden Dragon Token.

This Heavenly River contained extremely dangerous power. If bare flesh came in contact with it, one would inevitably die. Only with the protection of identity tokens could they move freely, but the identity token also had different strength levels. The higher the level, the deeper it was able venture into the Heavenly River and withstand the Heavenly River's strong pressure.

Mu Chen stepped on the token, followed by Xiao Xiao, Lin Jing, and Nine Nether. They were obviously very curious about the canoe under their feet, especially the lively Lin Jing, who constantly poked the cover of light with her beautiful fingers.

"What are we going to do next?" Lin Jing asked with excitement.

"As long as you enter the Heavenly River without doing anything but merely cultivating, it is of great advantage to you," Mu Chen answered and smiled. As long as he cultivated here with the vast spiritual power in the Heavenly River, the effect of one day's cultivation was worth one month's outside of the Heavenly River.

However, they obviously were not satisfied given their expressions. After that, Mu Chen continued, "If you want to get more benefits, you must go deep into the river."

"What about the baptism of the Heavenly River?" Xiao Xiao asked. In her eyes, it was natural that she did not value the usual benefits. Only the Heavenly River's baptism attracted her.

"According to the rules of the Heavenly River, if you want to attain the Heavenly River's baptism, you have to collect the spirit of the Heavenly River. Only when you get enough Heavenly River spirit can you then have a perfect level of Heavenly River baptism to change yourself utterly," Mu Chen answered with a smile.

"The Spirit of the Heavenly River? What is that?" Lin Jing was a little troubled. She did not expect this Heavenly River baptism to be so troublesome.

Mu Chen raised his fingers and pointed to the depths of the Heavenly River. A cluster of light that looked like a star would float through once in a while. Even though it was separated from them by a far distance, they were still able to feel the strong power emitting from the stars.

"That is the spirit of the Heavenly River. Every one of them contains the power of pure and unparalleled energy. It is the source of strength for the baptism of the Heavenly River. The baptism of the Heavenly River is also divided into low-level baptism, advanced baptism, and perfect baptism. Perfect baptism requires the power of 100 Heavenly River spirits to succeed," Mu Chen said.

Having that said, Mu Chen shrugged and continued, "But it is not easy to get a perfect baptism. It is said that even in the Ancient Celestial Palace, the disciples who could get the perfect baptism were quite rare."

"Then I have to try it," Xiao Xiao replied with excitement. With her pride, she naturally wanted to get the best results.

"If that's the case, then let's do it," Mu Chen replied with a smile. Then, he stepped lightly, and the Golden Dragon Amulet Token moved forward with a burst of golden light and entered directly into the deep center of the Heavenly River.

Within the Heavenly River, the spirit of the Heavenly River was also quite scattered. It was not efficient to take on this task together, so the four people decided to separate temporarily and head straight into the Heavenly River.

When they set off, there were constant sounds of footsteps. Many powerful individuals had their feet on their tokens as well. They rushed out and went straight for the star-like spirit of the Heavenly River.

Zoom!

The Golden Dragon Token at Mu Chen's feet quickly cut through the Heavenly River shrouded by the golden light cover. This golden light cover was quite peculiar. No matter how extreme the pressure of the Heavenly River was that hit it, it did not seem to even shake.

However, as he entered into the deeper levels of the Heavenly River with the protection of the golden light cover, Mu Chen gradually felt a sense of suppression, which made him secretly worried. Without this token's protection, even with his strength, it would be impossible to enter the Heavenly River.

A dazzling light ray passed by in front of Mu Chen's eyes, which left him surprised. When he looked up, he saw a star drifting, the ray of light radiating from it, and a wave of spiritual power rippling and swaying the river.

That was a spirit of the Heavenly River.

Mu Chen stared at the Heavenly River spirit appearing in front of him and approached it excitedly. At the same time, he remained vigilant. These seemingly quiet stars gave him a sense of danger.

Buzz. Buzz.

As soon as Mu Chen got closer, the quiet Heavenly River spirit seemed to be aware of his presence. It shook slightly, and then it suddenly jumped up and charged directly towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen was alerted to the situation and shocked by it. He did not dare to slow down. The golden light on his body was surging. He transformed the spiritual power on his body into a golden fist bursting through the golden light cover towards the Heavenly River spirit.

The spiritual power seemed to be unimpeded in the Heavenly River. When Mu Chen's attack penetrated the cover, it was not crushed by the pressure of the Heavenly River, but instead rushed toward the Heavenly River spirit with greater momentum.

BOOM!

The golden fist hit the Heavenly River spirit, but it seemed that such a powerful force only stopped the spirit for a while. Then, the golden fist exploded.

Swoosh!

The star-like spirit of the Heavenly River arrived with extreme force, crashing fiercely into the golden light cover.

Pang!

At this time, the entire cover was shaken vigorously, sending out ripples in a wide circle. The token took a strong hit that decreased its power.

Hiss...

Mu Chen looked at the terribly shaken golden light cover, and he couldn't help but inhale a mouthful of cold air because he felt that the Golden Dragon Token under his feet seemed to tremble at this time. Obviously, the Golden Dragon Token could not bear much more of this attack. Plus, once the token was broken, Mu Chen's Heavenly River trip would probably end.

The Heavenly River spirit's attack had power to this extent! This was almost the same power as a Completed Ninth Grade Sovereign!

Shoot!

In this very moment when Mu Chen was shocked, a star-like spirit of the Heavenly River was once again bursting towards Mu Chen.

"D*mn it!" Faced with the strong assault by the Heavenly River spirit, even Mu Chen could not help but curse. His face tightened, and only then did he understand how hard it was to attain the Heavenly River baptism.

It would be extremely difficult to get the perfect level of Heavenly River baptism.

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Chapter 1146: Capture

Buzz!

The Heavenly River Spirit, which was as vast as the stars, vibrated continuously, and the surrounding river rippled with the vibrations. Mu Chen looked at the shimmering Heavenly River Spirit, his expression growing solemn.

According to his estimate, every attack by the Heavenly River Spirit was comparable to an attack by a Complete Grade Nine. Moreover, when its owner was in the middle of the Heavenly River, the Heavenly River Spirit's power was also increased, making it even more terrifying!

After experiencing the power of the Heavenly River Spirit, Mu Chen realized how difficult it was to get a Heavenly River baptism. Even the lowest level of Heavenly River baptism required at the activation of at least 30 Heavenly River Spirits. As for the perfect level of baptism, that needed 100!

Now, as even one Heavenly River Spirit was so difficult to deal with, if he wanted to obtain 30, the difficulty was overwhelming. Although his heart lamented these difficulties, Mu Chen was not discouraged at all.

In fact, there was an unshakeable perseverance in his dark eyes. This was because, over the years, he had experienced a lot of difficulties. Therefore, no matter how difficult the Heavenly River baptism was, he would not give up easily.

Buzz!

As Mu Chen's gaze grew more determined, the Heavenly River Spirit shook again. The next moment, it erupted in a direct burst of light, like a ball of light, charging towards Mu Chen fiercely.

Its violent impact created an extremely violent ripple of force, which washed away the surrounding rivers. It was so fierce, even a Complete Grade Nine would not dare to clash with it!

"I cannot let it attack the Token Amulet's light barrier again." Mu Chen's gaze flickered, as he whispered to himself.

The Golden Dragon Amulet Token was the pillar of support for his journey through the Heavenly River. If it was destroyed, it would be hard to locate what he needed in the Heavenly River.

Boom!

At this point, a bright golden light burst out from Mu Chen's body, while the roars of a dragon and the cries of a phoenix reverberated throughout the surrounding space. Behind him, a Sovereign Sea emerged, a vast spiritual power sweeping out of it.

As Mu Chen clenched his fist, the Scarlet Dragon Battle Spear flashed out. The tip of the spear trembled, then shot out a fierce spear beam. As the red ribbon of power swept across the space, it collided with the Heavenly River Spirit.

Boom!

As the two clashed together, spiritual power spread out in a frenzy and nearby rivers were oppressed, then squeezed into a vacuum space.

Rumble!

However, this time, the Heavenly River Spirit was no longer able to easily break through Mu Chen's attack. Although the Scarlet Dragon Battle Spear buzzed and vibrated with the shock, the Heavenly River Spirit was shaken and retreated hundreds of feet.

Although he had caused the Heavenly River Spirit to retreat, there was no joy on Mu Chen's face. Instead, it grew solemn. This was because the retreating Heavenly River Spirit stormed forward again, with an even more ferocious demeanor!

This time, the rolling river roared, like a water dragon, swooping in swiftly. Within Mu Chen's body, majestic spiritual power continuously surged into the Scarlet Dragon Battle Spear. Then, the spear transformed into a crimson beam and shot out fiercely.

Meanwhile, in the middle of Mu Chen's forehead, a vertical eye emerged. In the next moment, a domineering beam roared out, and the crimson beam bombarded the Heavenly River Spirit.

With the help of two Quasi-Divine Artifacts, the Heavenly River Spirit was once again severely repelled. The bright light, which seemed to have been struck, also became much fainter.

"It's too difficult." Mu Chen frowned at the scene, as he had expected to use the power of two Quasi-Divine Artifacts to thwart the Heavenly River Spirit. However, it is too late for Mu Chen to worry about that now, as the Heavenly River Spirit turned in a frenzied manner, then charged at Mu Chen like a mad dog!

In the face of its fury, Mu Chen used his strongest counterattack. With the help of the Scarlet Dragon Battle Spear and the power of the Exterminating Eye, he was able to constantly repel it, again and again.

Boom! Boom!

Violent and unparalleled shocks continued to erupt within the Heavenly River. The river, which was heavy as mountains, raged turbulently.

This almost insane battle lasted nearly half an hour until the Heavenly River Spirit grew weaker. The Heavenly River Spirit was dimmer than it had been before, its power apparently having been consumed by this crazy attack.

The Heavenly River Spirit had exhausted itself too much, but Mu Chen did not look particularly good either. His breathing grew heavy and sweat flowed down his forehead.

Clearly, in response to the terrible attack of the Heavenly River Spirit, he had also lost a great deal of spiritual power. Fortunately, the spiritual energy in this Heavenly River was so abundant, he was able to recover himself as he was fighting. Otherwise, he may not have been able to hold on for so long.

Buzz.

The Heavenly River Spirit was constantly shaking, and it was obviously no longer as strong as it was before. Its light flickered in a puff, then it suddenly turned around and fled.

"Where do you think you are going?" Mu Chen asked.

At this point, he had prepared himself, so he clasped his palms, radiating five beams of spiritual light out from his fingertips. The beams immediately encircled the Heavenly River Spirit, causing an explosion of suction force that pulled it back fiercely.

Although the Heavenly River Spirit put up a wild struggle, with each passing moment, it was forcibly pulled back by Mu Chen. Finally, it turned into a ray of light about the size of a baby's fist, then fell into Mu Chen's hands.

As its spiritual light condensed, a clear crystal stone was formed in Mu Chen's hands. That crystal stone exuded a pure and vast fluctuation.

"Is this the real form of the Heavenly River Spirit?" Mu Chen wondered aloud, while looking at the crystal in his hand.

Mu Chen carefully put away the Heavenly River Spirit, feeling very dissatisfied with the efficiency of the collection. After all, he had only managed to collect one in these past two hours, and even that effort had exhausted him.

If this continued, even if he spent the whole day capturing Heavenly River Spirits, he could only get four or five per day. Hence, it would take five or six days to get thirty. Thus, if he wanted to get the perfect Heavenly River baptism, it would take at least half a month!

Normally, Mu Chen would not mind slowly collecting these spirits, but now that the Heavenly River was under a seal and no one knew when the open seal would be closed, he had to complete the collection as soon as possible to begin the baptism!

After a moment of contemplation, Mu Chen raised his head and looked in the distance. There, in the middle of the Heavenly River, he saw all kinds of silhouettes passing by. These were all of the strong men, who were catching the Heavenly River Spirits.

However, these strong men were all in precarious positions, as they were facing the abnormally ferocious Heavenly River Spirits. Therefore, some strong men had to join hands to encircle and suppress the spirits. But, this caused their efficiency to slow, which resulted in extremely heavy losses!

After repeated failures, some of the strong men were forced to give up and find a place to start practicing instead. Apparently, they had given up on achieving the baptism of the Heavenly River, opting to retreat to the next place, where they could cultivate their spiritual energy power.

As this was taking place, the whole Heavenly River became unusually lively. After watching the scene for a while, Mu Chen finally glanced away and murmured, "I must think of another way."

If he had used the same method as he had previously to gather up thirty Heavenly River Spirits, he was afraid that he would be exhausted. However, in order to capture the Heavenly River Spirits, he had to exhaust them first! There was simply no other way.

This would clearly be a headache, but Mu Chen was determined to not be impatient. So, he sat down on the Amulet Token, then moved forward slowly, his eyes remaining fixed on the occasional Heavenly River Spirits that would appear. He was not in a hurry to act, but simply observed quietly.

These Heavenly River Spirits were no ordinary forms of energy, as they were born from the Heavenly River. They possessed some simple spiritual intelligence, which meant that they must have some laws to follow.

Under Mu Chen's quiet observation, half a day's time passed. After which, Mu Chen's gaze grew solemn.

He clenched his fist, causing a light to emerge from it, which was accompanied by surprised smirk on his face.

He waved his sleeve robes, rose from the Token Amulet, and murmured, "I sure hope this works."

For the first time, a smile appeared on Mu Chen's face. If his observations were correct, it would not be impossible for him to gather 30 Heavenly River Spirits!

Moreover, if all went well, he might even be able to challenge the higher levels of the Heavenly River baptism!

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Chapter 1147: A Bountiful Harves

Mu Chen stood on the Golden Dragon Token Amulet as he looked at the lively Heavenly River. However, he did not remain in place, but directly controlled the Golden Dragon Token Amulet and went deeper into the Heavenly River. He was going to try to see if the idea in his mind was feasible.

The Heavenly River, due to its vast spiritual power, was full of terrible spiritual power oppression, and the deeper one ventured, the greater the spiritual oppression was. An ordinary Disciple Token Amulet would not be able to explore further, but fortunately, Mu Chen had the highest-ranking Golden Dragon Token Amulet, which allowed him to swim freely in the Heavenly River.

As Mu Chen went deeper into the Heavenly River, the people around him became increasingly scarce, and he stopped after selecting a quiet spot. He sat down on the Golden Dragon Token Amulet again, then wiggled his fingers gently. Suddenly, a trail of spiritual seals emerged from his fingertips and surged out, melting quickly into the void.

In a few moments, a spiritual array appeared in front of Mu Chen. This spiritual array did not have any lethal power because it was just a Spirit Convergence Array. This was Mu Chen's bait, and the fish, naturally, were the Heavenly River Spirits.

In his previous observations, Mu Chen had found that every Heavenly River Spirit appeared where the spiritual energy of the Heavenly River gathered. Thus, it was obvious that the Heavenly River Spirits instinctively went to these places full of spiritual energy. They were driven to constantly absorb spiritual energy to strengthen themselves.

In that case, Mu Chen no longer had to struggle to find the Heavenly River Spirits. He could build a place full of spiritual energy and then lure the Heavenly River Spirits to come automatically. Of course, where there was bait, there must also be a net.

Mu Chen looked at the Spirit Convergence Array and smiled. Spiritual seals condensed on his fingertips again and then shot into the array, fusing quickly into it. A continuous stream of spiritual seals shot out as the spiritual array rapidly took form. However, Mu Chen did not activate it, but instead, hid it, and then continued to cultivate spiritual seals, laying out layer after layer outside the Spirit Convergence Array.

These spiritual arrays were just heaven-level, so Mu Chen had to achieve his goal by using a massive quantity of them. Of course, it was not enough to deal with the Heavenly River Spirits, which were comparable to Complete Grade Nines. Thus, after laying out more than a dozen layers of heaven-level spiritual arrays, Mu Chen took a deep breath, and his face grew grave.

Countless spiritual seals surged out from his hands like flying butterflies, melting into the void. They gradually built up outside the peripheral layers of the spiritual arrays. The process of setting up spiritual arrays took a lot of time, because this was an incomplete Ancestral Master rank spiritual array, the Nine Dragon Devouring Fairy Array.

When the last spiritual seal melted into the void, and they began to connect to each other, Mu Chen breathed a sigh of relief. His palm fell, he looked ahead, and a smile appeared at the corners of his mouth. Although it seemed calm there, only he knew that it had been built into a perilous arena. Even if a Complete Grade Nine entered it, they would face inevitable death.

Now, let's see if this works. A look of anticipation flashed in Mu Chen's eyes as he flicked his finger. This activated the Spirit Convergence Array at the innermost circle, and as light bloomed, a suction force erupted.

Whoosh.

The surrounding waters of the Heavenly River rippled as spiritual energy visible to the eye poured in and rapidly converged towards the Spirit Convergence Array.

Due to the vastness of the spiritual energy in the Heavenly River, the effect of this spiritual array was surprisingly good. However, in just a few moments, the river water in the Spirit Convergence Array had started to show signs of condensing into crystal shards of spiritual energy. Traces of spiritual clouds were also emitted. The spiritual energy in it was obviously more pure and powerful than the rest of the Heavenly River.

Mu Chen looked at the scene and nodded slightly. The bait had been successfully arranged, and all that was left now was to see if the fish would take the bait. If not, he could only choose the most primitive but inefficient way of achieving his goal.

Mu Chen sat quietly on the Golden Dragon Token Amulet with his eyes closed. He set up a spiritual array that hid his spiritual fluctuations from being detected by the Heavenly River Spirits.

Deep in the Heavenly River, there was silence, but there were also occasional waves. Time passed slowly, but there was still no movement around him. Mu Chen frowned as his brows knit together. Has my plan failed?

I should wait a while more. Mu Chen suppressed his impatience and was ready to continue to wait.

He waited about ten minutes more, but there was still no movement in his surroundings. He was gradually disappointed, and just as he was considering giving up, there was a ripple of movement in the river in front of him. He suddenly looked up.

Whoosh.

The river rippled as a ray of light appeared in the distance and then quickly floated over. Joy emerged in Mu Chen's eyes, for that ray of light was a Heavenly River Spirit.

The Heavenly River Spirit came rapidly with its light flickering unsteadily, as if it were in a hurry. It came straight to the Spirit Convergence Array, which was its apparent goal.

Glee surfaced in his heart as his speculation had been right, indeed. The Heavenly River Spirit swayed as it quickly appeared at the outermost spiritual array layer. It slowed down suddenly, as if it had noticed something. Mu Chen's heart jumped as the Heavenly River Spirit seemed to detect strange fluctuations in the surrounding river.

The Heavenly River Spirit lingered outside the spiritual array, hesitating somewhat. To it, the mighty power that emanated from the spiritual array was like the most delicious food that it longed for.

The Heavenly River Spirit wandered for a while, but its simple spiritual intelligence was such that it could not give up the temptation before it, and it rushed head first into the Spirit Convergence Array.

Buzz.

It perched on the Spirit Convergence Array, devouring the insanely powerful spiritual energy within as it buzzed and shook cheerfully. As the Heavenly River Spirit devoured the spiritual energy with gusto, a smile emerged on Mu Chen's face. Now that the fish was finally hooked, it was time to reel it in!

Boom!

As Mu Chen was thinking this, layer upon layer of hidden spiritual arrays suddenly exploded outside the Spirit Convergence Array. Spiritual array runes appeared, transformed into layers of spiritual arrays, and enveloped the Spirit Convergence Array. The sudden burst of spiritual energy fluctuations shocked the Heavenly River Spirit as it immediately shot out into a stream of light and tried to escape.

At this point, however, it was obviously too late.

The Heavenly River Spirit hit the first level of the spiritual array, and the heaven-level spiritual arrays were almost instantly broken. It then hit the second layer and the third layer in quick succession.

Mu Chen was gobsmacked upon seeing this. Thank goodness he was well prepared, or he would not have been able to trap the Heavenly River Spirit.

Boom! Boom!

Layers of spiritual arrays continued to shatter under the violent impact of the Heavenly River Spirit. However, its speed also gradually slowed down as the heaven-level spiritual arrays wore it down.

In a mere minute, the heaven-level spiritual arrays had shattered completely. However, Mu Chen was not worried, because his killing move was the Nine Dragon Devouring Fairy Array at the outermost layer.

Roar!

When the Heavenly River Spirit rushed to the outermost level, the power of the Nine Dragon Devouring Fairy Array began to erupt. The vast spiritual power turned directly into a massive dragon that materialized and violently collided with the Heavenly River Spirit.

Crash!

The strong collision set off a huge wave as it rolled and spread. The Heavenly River Spirit met obstruction for the first time as it was brutally pushed back. The bright light surrounding it dimmed significantly. Clearly, this Nine Dragon Devouring Fairy Array was much more powerful than the spiritual arrays before it.

Mu Chen heaved a sigh of relief as his heart also settled down. The Heavenly River Spirit was already trapped, and it was impossible for it to escape.

Boom! Boom!

For the rest of the day, the Heavenly River Spirit was still in a frenzy as it continued its frantic collision, but it was still unable to compete with the Nine Dragon Devouring Fairy Array. Its light grew dimmer as it was knocked back again and again. By the time the last impact was completed, the Heavenly River Spirit had shrunk in size by half.

Mu Chen also stood up at this time and appeared above the Heavenly River Spirit. With a blow of his palm, magnificent spiritual strength swept out, wrapping around the Heavenly River Spirit layer by layer. With the clench of his palm, the Heavenly River Spirit shrank rapidly and finally turned into a clear crystal stone as the river flowed in it.

The Heavenly River Spirit Crystal rose up and fell into Mu Chen's hands. He grasped it lightly and smiled contentedly as countless spiritual seals swept out of his sleeve. The spiritual arrays that had been destroyed by the Heavenly River Spirit before were set up again, for he had sensed that in the distance, there was also a Heavenly River Spirit rapidly approaching.

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In the next hour, the area where Mu Chen was began to become extremely lively. One after another, the Heavenly River Spirits came from the depths of the Heavenly River and at last were like hungry wolves pouncing on their food, charging into the Spirit Convergence Array that was full of traps.

In the face of the multitude of traps laid out by Mu Chen, these unintelligent Heavenly River Spirits were all captured. Thus, in just an hour, Mu Chen had acquired up to 13 Heavenly River Spirit Crystals!

With this kind of harvest, even with Mu Chen's composed personality, he could not help but smile. According to this efficiency, obtaining 30 Heavenly River Spirits should not be difficult.

However, when Mu Chen was harvesting the Heavenly River Spirits, the spiritual energy fluctuations were also spreading, which attracted the attention of some powerful people.

When they saw Mu Chen easily capture those difficult Heavenly River Spirits with the help of spiritual arrays, their eyes widened because of amazement, and desire appeared in their gazes.

However, although they coveted Mu Chen's catch, they did not lose their rationality completely. They clearly felt the power of the layers of spiritual arrays, and even the Heavenly River Spirits, which were comparable to Complete Grade Nines, could not escape, not to mention those onlookers. Thus, even if they were jealous, they would only look in the distance and not dare to approach.

However, not everyone was so reluctant.

Boom!

Mu Chen struck and captured another exhausted Heavenly River Spirit. He waved his sleeves and put it away, but he did not continue to strike. Instead, he stood up and stared coldly into the distance. A golden light cut through the river as it appeared before him in the next moment.

The Token Amulet at the person's feet radiated golden light as golden dragons emerged. Obviously, this was a Golden Dragon Token Amulet. A familiar figure stood above the Golden Dragon Token Amulet with his hands behind his back.

It was Xia Yu.

Xia Yu stood on the Golden Dragon Token Amulet and looked at Mu Chen with a smile. He gently clapped and praised Mu Chen saying, "I did not expect you to think of this way to capture the Heavenly River Spirit. How eye-opening."

Mu Chen stared at Xia Yu expressionlessly and did not respond.

Seeing the situation, Xia Yu was not angry, but he said with a slight smile, "Share half of the Heavenly River Spirit Crystals you got with me, otherwise, I will act and destroy your spiritual arrays so that you can no longer continue."

Upon hearing this, a smile bloomed on Mu Chen's emotionless face, and then he raised his finger and pointed into the distance.

"Scram."

In the face of Xia Yu's threat, he gave the simplest and rudest answer!

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Chapter 1148: Battling Xia Yu

"Scram!"

Mu Chen growled coldly. He was wrapped within the majestic spiritual energy, which spread like waves.

In the distance, the strong men hurriedly avoided the waves, then looked at Mu Chen with rather startled stares.

They obviously had not expected that, in the face of such a figure as Xia Yu, Mu Chen would actually give such a simple and rude answer! In fact, he had shown no respect to Xia Yu at all, and Xia Yu was the Crown Prince of Great Xia Dynasty, who was a top figure and ranked fourth in the List of Powerhouses!

Among the young generation of the Tianluo Continent, few people could surpass Xia Yu. Moreover, Xia Yu's reputation was not based on his status, but on his impressive battle experience. In the face of such figures, even Garuda and Su Qingyin would be cautious!

"This Mu Chen is too overbearing..." one of the strong people murmured in a low voice.

Although Mu Chen's fame had grown recently, compared to Xia Yu, who was a renowned supreme talent, Mu Chen was clearly still lacking. More and more people started commented on Mu Chen as well...

"Yes, but it's not easy to get there at such a young age. Mu Chen is still impressive."

"Haha, since Mu Chen was able to obtain the identity of Disciple of the Golden Dragon, he must indeed be impressive. If this Xia Yu really wants to start a fight, I think his victory or defeat would be difficult to predict."

"What a joke! How can this Mu Chen compare with Xia Yu? I think he found a flaw in the Dragon Entrance Gate and he got by on his good luck."

As the murmurs spread in the distance, Xia Yu crossed his arms in front his chest and stood on the Golden Dragon Token Amulet. He stared at Mu Chen, the smile on his face disappearing little by little.

"It's been a long time since I met a young man who dared to make such an arrogant fuss in front of me." Xia Yu looked down at him and said nonchalantly.

"Well, now you have!" Mu Chen retorted uncaringly.

Xia Yu had picked on him with vicious means every time he had the opportunity. In fact, had he not wanted to get the baptism of the Heavenly River as soon as possible, he would have attacked him already. Now that this guy was trying to snatch the Heavenly River Spirit Crystals, Mu Chen had decided to no longer take this lying down!

A chilling glint flashed in Xia Yu's eyes, as he nodded and said, "Oh well, since you are determined to court death, I will grant your wish! Then, I will return your corpse to the Daluo Territory."

Mu Chen smiled a fearless smile, then they began to exchange barbs, neither party backing down.

"It seems that the spiritual array around you gives you great confidence." Xia Yu ridiculed him.

In his view, Mu Chen only dared to provoke him because he was surrounded by a spiritual array. Does this boy not know that, although the spiritual array is strong, someone has to step into its scope in order for it to be able to exert its power?

In the face of a spiritual array that was expertly arranged by a Spiritual Array Master, any sane person would not step into it stupidly. So, if Mu Chen wanted to goad him into entering the spiritual array, that was undoubtedly a gross miscalculation on his part!

In particular, the outermost spiritual array that had been arranged by Mu Chen caused even scared Mu Chen himself! If Xia Yu entered it, he knew that he would not have the confidence to easily break through it.

Facing Xia Yu's mocking threats, Mu Chen's mouth curved into a sarcastic smirk, "You have the courage to provoke, but yet you remain cowardly. You are a pitiful man."

Upon hearing that, Xia Yu's face turned cold. He stared at Mu Chen with a sharp knife-like glare, as if he wanted to cut him up into a thousand pieces!

However, Mu Chen did not pay any attention to him. Instead, he only smiled and said, "Since the Crown Prince of the Great Xia Dynasty is such a cowardly man, then I will suffer a few losses this time, lest others say that I bullied you with my spiritual array."

After saying this, the Golden Dragon Token Amulet floated out and Mu Chen left the scope of spiritual arrays. As such, Mu Chen voluntarily gave up the spiritual array fortress, not because he was overly arrogant, but because he knew that Xia Yu simply did not have the courage to step into it.

As such, his staying would only drag out the time. As time was precious at the moment, Mu Chen decided that he must go and scramble to capture the Heavenly River Spirits in a race against the clock!

Moreover, it was indeed impossible for him to hold the spiritual arrays any longer. After all, if Xia Yu was to be backed into a corner, he might resort to using shady and ruthless means to deliberately tempt some Heavenly River Spirits to collide with the spiritual arrays, causing Mu Chen to face danger in the future. Instead of letting this happen, Mu Chen decided to take the initiative and put the spiritual array fortress in the rear to be on the lookout, thus preventing any changes in future circumstances.

"Tsk tsk, Mu Chen actually gave up the spiritual arrays! What confidence." In the distance, one of the strong men saw this scene and exclaimed. After all, giving up his best means to face the enemy really required courage and self-confidence.

"Now, it seems that Xia Yu is being cowardly. As the Crown Prince of the Great Xia Dynasty, he is so hesitant! No wonder he cannot match up to Garuda and the rest." someone in the crowd of onlookers shook his head and said.

Mu Chen's actions had won him praise, as the crowd now despised Xia Yu. While Xia Yu was hearing the disparaging words from afar, his face turned green with rage. He had not realized that Mu Chen's taking a step out could put him in such a low position!

If he had won the battle, people would be saying that he had won unfairly, and if he had lost, he would have been only a stepping-stone for Mu Chen. So, no matter what the outcome was, he seemed to have been doomed before the battle ever properly begun!

"How manipulative!" Xia Yu uttered, his face grim.

He was frustrated that he had fallen into Mu Chen's manipulation. This boy was young, but cunning as a fox! It was no wonder that even Xia Hong had lost to this little punk!

Mu Chen smiled in response, as he could sense his opponent's frustration. If you want me to give up a great mean of attack, you will have to pay a price in exchange!

However, although public opinion of him was unfavorable, Xia Yu was still an extraordinary person. He took a deep breath and suppressed the anger in his heart, then looked at Mu Chen expressionlessly. In his eyes, there was a strong aura of murderous intent.

Xia Yu slowly dropped his arms, causing the vast spiritual power to suddenly burst out of his body like a volcano. At that moment, a domineering spiritual oppression spread throughout the entire space.

In the distance, many strong people could feel this spiritual pressure. This was the power of a true Complete Grade Nine! This Xia Yu clearly had the capability to aim for a breakthrough to become an Earthly Sovereign, so it looked like Mu Chen was in grave danger this time!

"I will show you that, in the face of absolute power, your attempts at manipulation are ridiculous!" Xia Yu's face was cold, as he swung a vicious blow towards Mu Chen with his palm.

Rumble!

At the moment his palm landed, a vast spiritual power gathered and transformed into a dragon. An air of nobility radiated out from its massive body, as if it could dominate tens of thousands of people!

"Great Xia Dynasty, Imperial Ruler Divine Palm!" Xia Yu yelled, then dealt the blow, as his palm gathered the dragon aura of the Great Xia Dynasty.

Boom!

The massive dragon then transformed into a palm of the dragon seal, as it shattered the space and descended upon Mu Chen. The aura of the Imperial Ruler that converged upon it was both noble and domineering.

Mu Chen raised his head to see that Xia Yu's palm seems understated, so he commented, saying, "A mere tiny Dynasty dares to call himself the Imperial Ruler..."

Mu Chen's face was calm as he spoke the words. He saw the Great Xia Dynasty as being just a dominion force, whose aura was still lacking.

Mu Chen clasped his palms together gently, causing a bright golden light to erupt from within his body, then surge outward. Everybody could see a real dragon's and phoenix's silhouettes appear behind Mu Chen, both soaring high and emitting impenetrable airs of majesty.

This was the majesty of the real dragon and phoenix, the kings of the Dragon and the Phoenix Clans! They were rulers of the Great Thousand World and were superior beings. Thus, their auras were much more majestic than the Great Xia Dynasty's.

Within Mu Chen's eyes, the real dragon and phoenix circled. Then, with a single blow, the spirit of the real dragon and phoenix roared and entangled around his palm, immediately transforming into golden light and charging out.

Rumble!

Two huge punches pierced the void, each emitting a noble majesty, then finally colliding with each other. As the two terrible forces clashed with each other, the spirit of the real dragon and phoenix surged out, locked in a violent battle with the Dragon of Imperial Ruler.

Boom boom boom!

The river shook, and Xia Yu's face turned solemn, for he saw that the Dragon of Imperial Ruler had been weakened by the bite of the real dragon and phoenix spirit! Although his Dragon of Imperial Ruler was equally overbearing, it was clear that his spiritual aura and power were weaker than those auras of the real dragon and phoenix.

"I didn't expect you to have the real spirit of the dragon and the Phoenix!" Xia Yu's eyes turned cold, his gaze containing hints of greed. If he could just get his hands on the real dragon spirit, then devour it, it would certainly increase his combat effectiveness!

"This man must die today!" Xia Yu's eyes were full of murderous intent, as he waved his sleeves and quickly withdrew the increasingly frail Dragon of Imperial Ruler. He then stamped his feet, causing the shimmering silhouette behind him to condense rapidly.

The silhouette was clothed in golden dragon robes and was wearing a crown, as if it was ruling over everyone. As such, it exuded a noble and invincible aura.

In the distance, many strong men looked at the silhouette, their pupils suddenly shrinking. One of them exclaimed in wonder...

"Is that the Imperial Ruler Celestial Body, which is on the List of 99 Sovereign Celestial Bodies?"

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Chapter 1149: Great Heavenly King Celestial Body

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Buzz!

A majestic sound swept out from the depths of the Heavenly River as the waves turned turbulent. A domineering Sovereign Celestial Body condensed behind Xia Yu, and as it huffed and puffed, rivers that carried the weight of mountains surged like water dragons.

A powerful oppression spread that caused people's heads to tingle. Strong men in the distance watched with fear in their eyes because the massive silhouette was the Great Heavenly King Celestial Body practiced by Xia Yu. This Sovereign Celestial Body was ranked 45th on the List of 99 Sovereign Celestial Bodies.

Such a highly ranked Sovereign Celestial Body, even among some of the powerful top forces, would become their key Celestial Body, and thus its power would be immense.

"Xia Yu is really worthy to be the Crown Prince of the Great Xia Dynasty. That Emperor Xia treats him so well that he gave him this!" Many strong people could not help but to be full of envy, as the value of this Sovereign Cele @@

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Chapter 1150: Intense Battle

Boom! Boom!

The Heavenly River rolled upside down and countless crown-like divine seals roared by, directing their bombardments at Xia Yu, who looked furious and grim.

"Ba*tard!" Xia Yu looked at the offensive attack, which had been rebounded, as he grit his teeth and cursed.

He was surprised that Mu Chen had used this method to easily resist his attack. And, when faced with the overbearing divine seals, Xia Yu did not dare belittle them.

Roar!

He stomped his feet, causing the Great Heavenly King Celestial Body to suddenly open its mouth and growl, emitting visible sound waves that raged like a storm.

"Heavenly King Roar!" he yelled, as the sound waves raged on madly. Even the space was torn into numerous cracks. Meanwhile, the divine seals were torn into shreds.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

In just a few moments, the divine seals were entirely swept away, while the surrounding river water rolled tumultuously forward, then gradually recovered its calm state.

In the distance, many strong men were shocked to see such destructive power. Xia Yu's ability was indeed something that ordinary, which Complete Grade Nines could not even match!

"The Sovereign Celestial Body that you have practiced is in the same vein as Garuda's!" Xia Yu glared at Mu Chen.

After previous exchanges, he saw clearly that this Sovereign Celestial Body was indeed similar to Garuda's. The way the sun rose and the power erupted from it was almost exactly the same.

However, Garuda's mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body was a bit more dark and cryptic. In contrast, the mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body that was practiced by Mu Chen was bright and magnificent.

Upon hearing this, Mu Chen was rather calm. It was clear that Xia Yu had fought against Garuda before, so he obviously had seen his Great Solar Undying Body.

"Hand over the method for cultivating your mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body to me. I will not only be able to give you a satisfactory price for it, but you will also be able to gain the Great Xia Dynasty as an ally." Xia Yu looked at Mu Chen with bright eyes.

At the beginning, the main reason why he had been defeated by Garuda was that the mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body practiced by Garuda was even more powerful than his Great Heavenly King Celestial Body. Thus, according to his estimate, this mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body would rank within the top 30 on the List of 99 Sovereign Celestial Bodies!

This was definitely a terrifying ranking, as even their Great Xia Dynasty's highest level of Sovereign Celestial Body was just at number 40. This was the Imperial Ruler Celestial Body that was practiced by his father.

If he could acquire the mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body that Mu Chen practiced, he would have enough confidence to surpass Garuda, or even Zhu Yan, thus having the chance to become the true first person of the young generation in the Tianluo Continent!

Moreover, the power of the Sovereign Celestial Body was only truly revealed when one crossed the Sovereign-stage. As such, the more powerful the Sovereign Celestial Body, the more terrifying it would become! Thus, he must obtain this mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body!

"How is it that, as long as you open your mouth, the Great Xia Dynasty is willing to pay any price?" Xia Yu stared at Mu Chen.

However, in the face of his greedy eyes, Mu Chen did not say a word. He just stomped his feet expressionlessly, causing a golden light to float on the Great Solar Undying Body's palm. The light then turned into a huge gold rod in the blink of an eye!

"Seven Suns Severing Sky Staff!" Mu Chen shouted, as he flicked his fingers, causing the golden staff to burst through the space, like a golden storm.

As fast as lightning, the golden staff made its way towards Xia Yu and the Great Heavenly King Celestial Body. Clearly, this was his answer.

"You are indeed stubborn! In that case, just wait until I torture it out of you!" A ferocious expression emerged on Xia Yu's face.

Boom!

His hands conjured up seals at lightning speed, while the Sovereign Sea behind him surfaced and a constant flow of spiritual power surged madly into the Great Heavenly King Celestial Body.

"Sovereign Super Power, Heavenly King Staff!" he yelled, as the mighty spiritual energy burst out, causing innumerable light beams to burst out of the Great Heavenly King Celestial Body.

The light beams then transformed into a light staff that belonged to the king. Then, the light staff shot out wildly. At this same time, the Heavenly River, as if it were torn apart at this time, send forth two waves of powerful offensive attacks.

Rumble! Rumble!

At the moment of bombardment, it was as if there were numerous raging thunderstorms, raging with wild and unparalleled power, causing the river water to roar turbulently.

Many of the strong men in the distance looked at the raging impact. All of them were astonished, especially when they found out that Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body was still golden and did not show any signs of decline, even in the midst of this ferocious bombardment!

"Mu Chen can actually fight Xia Yu to this extent?!" an audience member in the crowd exclaimed.

After all, Xia Yu had displayed all of his combat prowess, even using his Sovereign Superpower. Even so, the results were still unremarkable.

"His Sovereign Celestial Body must be extraordinary!" However, there were still some strong people with keen eyes, who could see at first glance that the real reason why Mu Chen was able to hold his own was because of the mysterious Sovereign Celestial Body.

"If this goes on, I'm afraid he really can't do anything about Mu Chen." A strong man sighed, as he glanced at Mu Chen in astonishment. After all, Mu Chen was able to take on Xia Yu with the strength of a new Ninth Rank Sovereign, which was enough to show how tough he was.

"After this battle, Mu Chen will definitely be ranked 5th on the List of Powerhouses."

While Mu Chen and Xia Yu were engaged in a fierce battle, a golden light tore through the river in the distance, then headed straight towards the battle. Garuda stood on the Golden Dragon Token Amulet. He held a bronze mirror in his hand, which showed the scene of the fierce battle between Mu Chen and Xia Yu.

"The Great Solar Undying Body that he practices is different from mine. It seems that the Great Solar Undying Body is mysterious indeed." Garuda looked at the Great Solar Undying Body in the bronze mirror, his gaze flickering.

"In the present circumstances, if Xia Yu wants to get rid of Mu Chen, he needs to wait for this boy's spiritual energy to be exhausted, then let me end him." Garuda smiled. He did not intend to defeat Mu Chen fairly. Instead, he intended to kill him with a thunderbolt when he was at his weakest!

As to whether outsiders would say that he had won the battle unfairly using unscrupulous means, Garuda did not care! In this world, only the last man standing wins!

With this thought in mind, Garuda urged the Golden Dragon Token Amulet forward to rush to the battlefield before Xia Yu defeated Mu Chen.

Whoosh!

However, at this time, Garuda's gaze suddenly turned sharp, and he pointed his fingers at the space ahead, where suddenly, there was a sword piercing through the void. Moreover, the sword was filled with a startling chill!

Clang!

His fingertips landed on the cold, ice sword, as it shattered into countless ice shards. At the same time, a ghostly figure emerged from the space.

"Spiritual Doll!" Garuda looked at the figure and frowned slightly. He then turned his eyes towards the distance, where the river was rippling, only to see a slender silhouette with a golden glow at its feet, who appeared in front of him a moment later.

At the sight of the figure, Garuda raised his eyebrows. He immediately recognized that the figure was the mysterious girl called Lin Jing, who had been following Mu Chen.

"Hey, why don't you collect your Heavenly River Spirits in an honest way, instead of running around sneakily?" Lin Jing gently tossed a black bead up and down, which seemed to be engraved with ancient and complicated runes. She had spoken at Garuda in a crisp and scolding voice.

Garuda narrowed his eyes at Lin Jing, his gaze landing on the black bead that she was tossing up and down. He could sense a dangerous aura radiating from it.

That black bead is actually a Sacred Artifact! Who the heck is this girl, that she would actually toss around a Sacred Artifact so casually?

Garuda's eyes flashed, then he pressed the Golden Dragon Token Amulet and smiled, saying, "Even if you stop me, he will still die."

Lin Jing refused to be fearful, so she grinned, then asked, "Shall we make a bet?"

Garuda smiled, but he did not answer her question. Obviously, he had no interest in the bet.

"Although you have stopped me for now, I'm afraid your men can't help him. Xia Yu has found an ally." Garuda looked into the distance as he spoke.

Meanwhile, at two other locations along the Heavenly River...

Zhu Yan appeared in front of Xiao Xiao. He did not strike, but was able to stop her from trying to get to the area where Mu Chen was located. Nine Nether also glanced coldly at Su Qingyin, who appeared in front of her, then said, "Xia Yu paid a big price and asked me to stop you. I don't want to be ruthless, so just be still, okay?"

A chilling glint flashed in Nine Nether's eyes, but she did not strike. Instead she stared at Su Qingyin, while enunciating her words slowly and clearly, "Xia. Yu. Will. Die!"