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Chapter 1281: Killing Inten

Bang!

The next instant, the fist and the palm clashed, and the immense destructive power carried by each of them instantly caused the space around them to collapse. It almost felt as if a black hole had been formed, as all of the lights in the surrounding area were swallowed up immediately.

Lion King Gu displayed a scary smile.

Boom!

As a low and sharp noise echoed out, a stunned expression could be seen on Lion King Gu's face. This was because he clearly felt an enormous power that was so overbearing break out from Mu Chen's fist. In fact, that power far surpassed even an Upper Earthly Sovereign's!

That is definitely not the power that an Upper Earthly Sovereign should have...

Dong!

The destructive shock wave broke out and spread across a thousand miles. Hills and peaks were directly razed to the ground. Cracks even started to appear in the space.

The earth filled the sky like a rising wave. Mu Chen's body was suddenly hit by a shock, sending him flying backwards. His feet took several hundreds of steps backwards, with each footprint creating a bottomless abyss.

Lion King Gu was sent flying backward more than twenty steps as well. Although he may have seemed to have an advantage at this time, his expression remained quite gloomy.

He stared at Mu Chen with a slightly horrified glare, as he never thought that Mu Chen would be able to block or withstand his attack in the previous duel. He even managed to take a direct hit from a Complete Earthly Sovereign, all with the mere strength of an Upper Earthly Sovereign!

Lion King Gu was lost in a state of disbelief for a short period. The palm strike that he had served could even incapacitate a careless Half Complete Earth Sovereign like Long Xiang, so it should have obliterated an Upper Earthly Sovereign like Mu Chen! Yet, no sign of injuries could be seen on Mu Chen, who was currently alive and well after taking his attack.

While Lion King Gu had yet to recover from his shock, Mu Chen, on the other hand, was rubbing his fists with a surprised look on his face. The Complete Earthly Sovereign was indeed strong and unmatched!

The punch that he served may have seemed ordinary, but it was actually infused with not just the spirit of the real dragon and the real phoenix, but also had the boosted spiritual energy that was converted from the Pagoda within it! Thus, it would be safe to say that not even Long Xiang withstand up such a punch.

Yet, this punch was slightly underwhelming when going up against Lion King Gu. All of this merely showed the superior strength of a Complete Earthly Sovereign.

Despite his being faced with an opponent at such a high level, Mu Chen showed no signs of fear. Instead, his gaze was filled with a burning heat that only grew stronger by the minute.

Mu Chen knew that the road to becoming a hero was indeed a path where one must constantly challenge himself by taking on a much stronger opponent. Moreover, Lion King Gu would be the first Complete Earthly Sovereign that he would ever have a duel with.

Mu Chen turned his head and waved lightly at Luo Li and Long Xiang, signaling them to join forces to stop the other Complete Earthly Sovereign. Both Luo Li and Long Xiang nodded and swiftly rose straight into the sky, locking their eyes on Evil Fish Liang.

"Hehe, you dare provoke me with just a lineup of a Half-step Complete Earthly Sovereign and a Lower Earthly Sovereign? You really must be tired of living," Evil Fish Liang said with a smug smile.

As Evil Fish Liang laughed, his figure flew straight into the sky, then headed straight towards Luo Li and Long Xiang.

"Hmph, he's just an Upper Earthly Sovereign, so killing him will be a piece of cake to me." Lion King Gu replied with a gloomy humph, as he could not accept such embarrassment.

His sullen gaze remained on Mu Chen like a poisonous snake as he spoke. A vast amount of spiritual energy rippled out of his body, as if he had transformed into a boundless mini universe. Everyone could feel that Lion King Gu had finally paid attention to the scenario and was now prepared to fight with his full might.

Feeling the tremendous pressure that was emanating from Lion King Gu, Mu Chen's gaze was sharp. In the next moment, he took a deep breath and formed a seal with lightning-fast speed.

Hum!

An endless aura erupted from Mu Chen's back, and the purple gold light converged and condensed, forming a giant Sovereign Celestial Appearance, the Immortal Golden Body!

As Mu Chen reached the level of Upper Earthly Sovereign, the Immortal Golden Body grew by ten thousand feet. Yet, it was considered a dwarf compared to the other Sovereign Celestial Bodies, which could reach up to a million feet and above!

It was strange that Lion King Gu did not shower the smaller scale Immortal Golden Body with sarcasm. Instead, his expression had gradually become serious. This was because he noticed a sense of danger emerging from that Purple Golden Celestial Appearance the moment it appeared.

"What Sovereign Celestial Body is that?" Lion King Gu wrinkled his eyebrows.

The Immortal Golden Body was so rare, not even he could verify its identity. One thing that he was sure of was that the ranking of this Immortal Golden Body must be in the top 20 on the list of Sovereign Celestial Bodies. Not even Lion King Gu could ever possess a Sovereign Celestial Body at such a level!

"Hmph, regardless of the strength of your Sovereign Celestial Body, your level must be lacking, which limits the output of power of your Sovereign Celestial Body!" He shouted, then took a fierce step forward.

As he stepped forward, an earth-shattering lion roar could be heard everywhere. The spiritual lights began to converge toward his back, and moments later, a million feet high, a giant Sovereign Appearance condensed and took form.

The Sovereign Celestial Body was covered in silvery light and looked extremely bold. More surprisingly, the head of this Sovereign Appearance was a ferocious lion! A fierce aura emerged from the Sovereign Appearance, causing the sky and earth to become ghostly cold.

Mu Chen stared at the Sovereign Appearance and whispered, "Isn't that the Sky Lion Sovereign Body, which ranked 41st in the list of 99 Sovereign Celestial Bodies?"

This Sovereign body that was owned by Lion King Gu was indeed extraordinary! As soon as the Sky Lion Appearance appeared, Lion King Gu's expression became solemn. In fact, the dangerous atmosphere that emanated from him was almost reaching its peak at this very moment.

"Mu Chen, you should be proud of your achievement, forcing me to unleash my Sovereign Appearance to a mere Upper Earthly Sovereign." Lion King Gu appeared on the shoulders of the Sky Lion Appearance. He was overlooking Mu Chen, while his flat tone resonated throughout the sky.

Lion King Gu had never unleashed his Sovereign Appearance in the past, unless he was going up against a Complete Sovereign class hero of his equal class. Yet, he had just unleashed his Sovereign Appearance without giving it a second thought after only a few clashes with Mu Chen. This clearly indicated that Mu Chen had made him feel extremely anxious.

Mu Chen, on the other hand, had totally ignored his words. He stomped and quickly formed a seal with his hands. A mysterious majestic purple golden light rune then emerged on the surface of the Immortal Golden Body. This was the Immortal God Rune!

Each Immortal God Rune looked like a giant purple golden dragon. One by one, they flew out from the golden body and hovered around Mu Chen. There were already 50 of them formed after just a few breaths!

Looking back at the final match between Mu Chen and Ling Zhanzi in the past, only 23 of these Immortal God Runes had been formed, despite his using all of his efforts. Now that Mu Chen's strength had reached the level of Upper Earthly Sovereign, the number of Immortal God Runes that he could produce had almost doubled!

The 50 Immortal God Runes hovered around Mu Chen, emanating waves of horrifying ripples, all of which began to somewhat overload the space. It was obvious that Mu Chen had every intention of going all out when he went up against a Complete Earthly Sovereign!

"Go!" As Mu Chen waved his hand, all 50 of those Immortal God Runes turned into unimaginably sharp purple golden needles, which then blasted out towards Lion King Gu at an extremely incredible speed.

Staring at the incoming Immortal God Needles with a serious look, Lion King Gu humphed and stomped on the Sky Lion Appearance that was beneath his feet. The latter immediately opened its gigantic mouth and roared.

"Roar of the Sky Lion!" Along with this roar of the ancient sky lion, a violent shockwave blasted out and swept across the region.

It was carrying a devastating power. In fact, the sonic attack was so extremely overbearing, it could bypass many kinds of defenses. For instance, corpses would be strewn everywhere after such a roar, if what stood in front of Lion King Gu were a group of Lower Earthly Sovereigns!

Bang! Bang!

Those incoming waves of Immortal God Needles were blocked and forced back by the overbearing shockwave. However, the needles did not get torn to pieces, thanks to their unique characteristics. The overbearing lion roar then swept around and aimed itself towards Mu Chen.

"That's a Complete Earthly Sovereign for you..." Mu Chen sighed and said.

It was evident that Lion King Gu was good at issuing forth shockwaves. It was very hard to fend off this type of attack, and if the sound wave managed to intrude into one's brain, it would cause the spiritual energy within one's body to resonate. If this happened to Mu Chen, it would certainly mark the end of his battle!

However, even though such a sound wave attack may have seemed difficult to counter, it hardly caused any significant effects of restraint in Mu Chen's point of view. This was because the ever-changing characteristics of the Immortal God Runes protected Mu Chen from any kind of strange offensive attack or restraints.

At the moment, Mu Chen rapidly formed a seal with his hand. In the next instant, a purple golden light blasted out from those Immortal God Needles that were forced back earlier.

"Immortal God Needles, Ever-changing, Immortal Golden Bell!"

Ding!

A gigantic Purple Golden Bell was seen emerging from the Purple Golden light. As the bell swung, an ancient, loud bell's ringing was heard. Numerous Purple Golden sound waves could be seen radiating forward and clashing with the sound wave of the lion's roar.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Layers upon layers of space were clashing and collapsing in mid-air where the two sound waves met. Seeing his sound wave being dissolved, Lion King Gu's expression became more and more gloomy.

It was clear that he did not expect for those purple golden light runes to be that special. Their ability to ever-change in form, as well as each of its forms being so well-adopted, made it seem as if it was a well-rounded super power art! This was indeed the first time he had ever seen such unique skills!

Lion King Gu's complexion was getting more and more sullen, and his eyes were filled with killing intent. The better Mu Chen was performing, the more he decided that Mu Chen must be eliminated! After all,

Mu Chen's mother still held a significantly high status in the clan and also had a number of supporters, even if they had gone into hiding.

If one day, Mu Chen was to return to the Budur Ancient Clan, he would definitely be a strong contender for the next patriarch. This was the exact thing that Lion King Gu could not allow!

"This kid must be eliminated right here and now! Even if he mustn't be killed, his Holy Pagoda must at least be destroyed!" Lion King Gu's intent to kill Mu Chen had reached its peak!

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Chapter 1282: Doomsday Heavenly Lion

Vroom.

The aftermath of the sound waves' collision gradually drifted away, but the sea around Spiritual Jade Island was still stormy, as if it were the end of the world. Lion King Gu had a gloomy face as he stood on the Heavenly Lion statue. Mu Chen's amazing fighting power had shocked him, and it stirred up a strong urge in him to kill Mu Chen.

Although Mu Chen had a powerful mother, Qing Yanjing, he had not received any cultivation resources from the Pagoda Divine Clan. However, he could still achieve this amazing level at his age. Therefore, regarding talent, Mu Chen might not be worse than Xuan Luo, whom they claimed was a rare instance among the Pagoda Divine Clan. If Mu Chen was really able to return to the Pagoda Divine Clan one day, he would inevitably become their most powerful opponent in competing for clan leader.

A thick killing intent poured out from Lion King Gu's eyes. He took a deep breath, and without hesitation, formed a seal with his hands.

Boom!

With the formation of his seal, it seemed that the heavens and the earth shook violently. The Heavenly Lion statue suddenly gave off a terrifying pressure. Under that pressure, even the heavens and the earth seemed to be shaking.

Roar! Roar!

The Heavenly Lion statue was constantly bursting out with an earth-shattering lion's roar. Each roar caused a spiritual energy windstorm between the heavens and the earth, and as the lion's roar intensified, a little black light appeared on the Heavenly Lion's forehead.

Looking at that little black light, even Mu Chen's pupils shrank slightly. He was obviously aware of the great danger. Immediately, the spiritual energy in his body was also running wildly and fully bracing itself against the attack.

Still trapped in the Cosmic Descent Star Array in the distance, Green Snake Ancestor saw this, and his face also slightly changed. He was quite familiar with Lion King Gu, and he could see what the latter was doing at this time. "This old geezer is actually using this method? Is that kid really so difficult to deal with?"

Green Snake Ancestor blinked. He had fought with Lion King Gu, so he naturally knew the terror of the latter's surekill technique. Even if he was perfect, he did not dare to counter this method. However, Lion

King Gu used it now to deal with Mu Chen, who had just become an Upper Earthly Sovereign. It seemed to be like breaking a butterfly upon the wheel.

However, Green Snake Ancestor was also a cautious old fox. His vision was extraordinary. It appeared that Lion King Gu did not want to break the butterfly upon the wheel, but everything else had proved ineffective against Mu Chen.

"The situation seems a bit wrong," Green Snake Ancestor muttered to himself. His temperament was just like a snake's, cunning and cautious. He promised Lion King Gu he would visit only because he felt that there was nothing to be afraid of from a small Upper Earthly Sovereign. But at this moment, this so-called Upper Earthly Sovereign was not that simple.

Green Snake Ancestor looked in the other direction, and there was another terrible battle going on. Evil Fish Liang was also caught in a fierce battle, and his two opponents were surprisingly difficult. Needless to say, although Long Xiang was a half step Complete, his power was terrifying. If taken directly, even a Complete Earthly Sovereign would suffer.

As for the beautiful little girl, it was unbelievable. She had the strength of a mere Lower Earthly Sovereign, but when she was displaying the Sovereign Celestial Body, even Green Snake Ancestor was shocked. Apparently, he also recognized the Luo God Celestial Body that was famous in the Great Thousand World.

With the support of the Luo God Celestial Body, although Luo Li was only a helper, the occasional offensive was still able to trouble Evil Fish Liang a little, to the point that he could not fully defeat Long Xiang, and for a time, the battle was in a stalemate.

In this way, three Complete Earthly Sovereigns, surprisingly, had no advantage at all.

Noticing the situation, Green Snake Ancestor's face changed, and his eyes flashed. No one had any idea what he was thinking of. The moment Green Snake Ancestor changed his mind, it seemed that the black light on the Heavenly Lion's forehead in the distance became extremely thick, as if it were a small black hole.

Lion King Gu's gaze was like a viper locking onto Mu Chen. A gloomy voice rang out, "In these past years, almost all of the people who have forced me to use this trick were complete super-powerful people. This is the first time I've used it to deal with an Upper Earthly Sovereign! So, you'd better go and die!"

When the last word fell, Lion King Gu's look suddenly became ferocious, both of his hands suddenly produced numerous afterimage seals, and a violent sound resounded through the sky. "Sovereign Super Power, Domsday Heavenly Lion!"

When the violent screaming resounded, it seemed that the black hole was rotating vigorously between the Heavenly Lion's eyebrows, and the next moment, a black beam suddenly burst out. That light beam transformed into a black lion a few dozen feet long. That lion's body was covered with mysterious lines, and there was a kind of almost doomsday-like atmosphere. The black lion ran across the place, and the space collapsed as if all vitality had followed the lion.

Mu Chen looked at the black lion that came from the violent blast, and he was totally dignified. Lion King Gu was truly a Complete Earthly Sovereign, as this level of Sovereign Super Power could only be

described with the word "horror." It seemed hard for even a normal Grand Super Power to compare to this level of Sovereign Super Power.

Huu.

Mu Chen took a deep breath. He knew that this was Lion King Gu's surekill technique. If it was impossible to resist, even if he had the protection of the Immortal Golden Body, it seemed that he would be defeated without any doubt. Therefore, his feet suddenly stomped on the ground, and the endless spiritual energy in his body was like a flood, continuously flowing into the Immortal Golden Body.

Whoosh.

Thus, the Immortal God Rune, once again hovered around his body like a huge purple dragon. In just a few moments, the number of runes had reached 55! These quantities were Mu Chen's current limit.

Lion King Gu saw the 55 Immortal God Runes, but he sneered. After the previous test, he knew the power of the Immortal God Rune, but if there were only 55, it was far from enough to resist his surekill technique.

"If that is the case, you shall rot in this place!" Lion King Gu smiled ferociously. The black lion carrying the doomsday-like atmosphere accelerated suddenly, piercing the void and directly hitting the Immortal Golden Body.

The black light was getting closer in Mu Chen's eyes. He glanced at the 55 Immortal God Runes that hovered around his body, and his mouth puckered. He also knew that the 55 Immortal God Runes were not sufficient.

"If this is the case..." Mu Chen blinked slightly, and his hands formed a seal again. A moment later, there were slight spatial fluctuations around him. He saw a figure slowly appear. It was a Mu Chen in black robes!

When Lion King Gu saw the Mu Chen in black appear, disbelief showed in his eyes. He realized that the Mu Chen in black was identical to Mu Chen and was also emitting a strong spiritual energy fluctuation like the original Mu Chen. It was another Upper Earthly Sovereign!

"How is that possible?!" Lion King Gu exclaimed.

However, Mu Chen did not pay attention to it. Once the Mu Chen in black appeared, he laid both of his hands on the Immortal Golden Body. The next moment, a majestic spiritual energy burst out from his body and infused into the Immortal Golden Body. With another infusion of spiritual energy from Mu Chen, the Immortal Golden Body produced a purple gold light, and the Immortal God Runes emerged again.

In just a few moments, the Immortal God Runes around Mu Chen's body shockingly multiplied to 80! Eighty Immortal God Runes hovered around Mu Chen's body. There was a similar terrifying fluctuation spreading out, causing spatial fluctuations. Looking at the 80 Immortal God Runes, Mu Chen was slightly relieved, and after waving his sleeves, the 80 Immortal God Runes suddenly burst out.

"Immortal God Rune, Myriad of Change, Immortal Shield!"

Eighty Immortal God Runes were intertwined, and in the blink of an eye, they formed a giant purple gold shield that was about 1,000 feet in front of Mu Chen. The top of the shield was covered with an immortal atmosphere, as if it were indestructible. Such a defense might even be able to block a perfect surekill technique.

Boom!

The moment the Immortal Shield was formed, the black lion burst toward it. Its volume was much smaller than the Immortal Shield's. However, when the impact hit, Mu Chen's eyes narrowed. He realized he had underestimated the power of Lion King Gu's technique.

Boom!

The indescribably loud voice echoed between the heavens and the earth. A huge spiritual energy rainstorm tens of thousands of feet in size was formed. It erupted directly, and the madness raged and crushed the space.

The black atmosphere was entangled on the top of the Immortal Shield, and under the erosion of the doomsday-like atmosphere, even the Immortal Shield was silently cracking.

"Kid, just you wanting to block my surekill technique is simply crying for the moon!" Lion King Gu laughed.

Bang!

Amid the laughter, the Immortal Shield finally reached its limit. It exploded with a bang! The next moment, the remaining black light torrent obscured Mu Chen from view.

Lion King Gu's face displayed a cold smile. Even though the previous Immortal Shield blocked most of the power, the remaining power was still enough to hurt Mu Chen and make him completely lose his combat power.

The black light quickly dissipated, and the direction in which Mu Chen was located was quickly becoming clear. As Lion King Gu gazed towards it, his heart could not help but sink, because he saw that Mu Chen still stood unscathed on the shoulder of the Immortal Golden Body. However, by his side, the Mu Chen in black was covered all over with wounds and scars, and the spiritual light on the whole body dimmed with the loss of combat power. Obviously, before the moment of grave danger, the Mu Chen in black had absorbed all the damage and did not allow Mu Chen to be affected.

"What a cunning boy!" Lion King Gu's face was gloomy as he sneered. "It is worth it to hurt your clone. Let's see what are you going to do next."

Although it had not hurt Mu Chen, the attack was able to defeat the Mu Chen in black. Mu Chen could no longer rely on the latter's power, at least for a while. However, facing Lion King Gu's sneer, Mu Chen raised his head up and smiled strangely. "Who told you that I have only this clone?"

Lion King Gu's eyes suddenly narrowed, and in the next moment, an indescribably dangerous atmosphere shrouded his heart. He turned his body sharply, and then he saw the space behind him break open. Suddenly, a white figure flashed out. It turned out to be a Mu Chen in white robes, and he

was holding a simple and unsophisticated crystal sword. When he saw the crystal sword, Lion King Gu was stunned, because on that crystal sword, he could detect a Heavenly Sovereign-like atmosphere.

Seeing Lion King Gu's shocked gaze, the Mu Chen in white also smiled. The next moment, the crystal sword he held cut through the space in an unavoidable gesture and slashed at Lion King Gu's head.

"This is your end, old geezer."

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Chapter 1283: The Red Gourd

Swoosh!

The white robed Mu Chen, who was holding an ancient crystal sword, instantly rush through the space and directly slashed at the head of Lion King Gu. Mu Chen's ambush was like a phantom, and even with Lion King Gu's phenomenal abilities, he could not manage to dodge the attack.

At the moment, Lion King Gu could only stare at the sword as it pierced through the void. He felt the threat coming and could clearly detect that the crystal sword in the white robed Mu Chen's hand was emitting a fearful aura.

Such as aura definitely belonged to a Heavenly Sovereign. This meant that the master of the crystal sword was a true Heavenly Sovereign!

Therefore, as the sword landed, even though he was a powerful Complete Earthly Sovereign, Lion King Gu's heart was filled with intense fear. He had not expected that Mu Chen could own such a formidable and deadly weapon! That crystal sword's power level definitely bypassed the level of any High Grade Sacred Object.

As the sword's lights swiped across the sky, the sword seemed undodgeable. However, Lion King Gu was an experienced old fox, and at the final moment, he twisted himself into an eerie position and abruptly moved his forehead backwards a few inches.

Sham!

The crystal sword swiped across his ear and slashed into his shoulder. At that moment, even with his extremely strong and muscular body, Lion King Gu felt an unspeakable pain flushing up to his head.

Argh!

A heartrending cry came out of Lion King Gu's mouth, as almost half of his body below his shoulders had been chopped away by the crystal sword. Moreover, along the path that the sword travelled, there were some crystal lights that were consuming his flesh simultaneously!

Therefore, even though his healing ability was extremely strong as a Complete Earthly Sovereign, he failed to heal the wound. As such, all of the blood and exposed flesh made him a miserable site.

Bang!

The terrified Lion King Gu retreated in terror, leaving his chopped-off body parts just lying there. After he had fled a few miles away, he finally took a rest and stared at the white robed Mu Chen in the distance in fear.

"What a waste," the white robed Mu Chen mumbled, while holding the crystal sword and looking at Lion King Gu in the distance.

Mu Chen shook his head, as he sympathized with his injury. At first, he had utilized his clone as bait to catch Lion King Gu's attention. This allowed the actual Mu Chen to ambush him!

This tactic turned out to be very effective, as there was no escape for Lion King Gu. However, he had still managed to dodge directly being hit on his forehead. If he had not, he would be either dead or have lost his fighting capabilities by now.

The blood on the sword evaporated as white robed Mu Chen waved it. He took a glance at his crystal sword and could barely feel that some of its energy had faded away.

According to his estimation, the energy inside this Celestial Emperor Sword could only be unleashed two more times before it was completely exhausted. When that time came, the Celestial Emperor Sword could no longer pose a lethal threat to his opponents.

"Looking at Lion King Gu's current status, his fighting capabilities must have decreased by three or four tenths, so they should no longer be a threat." The white robed Mu Chen looked at Mu Chen and nodded.

He then quickly took a leap and charged towards Lion King Gu once again. At the same time, the crystal sword started to glow again. Lion King Gu was in his weakest state at the time, so they could not miss this chance!

On the other side, Lion King Gu quickly ran back and forth when he saw the white robed Mu Chen charging at him again. This was because he did not dare face him! He was terrified by the power of the Celestial Emperor Sword!

Buzz!

Mu Chen, who was standing on the Immortal Golden Body once again, commanded it to engage. As he did so, a few Immortal God Runes raised above the sky, simultaneously launching aggressive attacks against Lion King Gu.

Lion King Gu, who originally occupied the suppressing advantage above the sky, immediately found himself in a difficult position.

He kept running away from the white robed Mu Chen to avoid being killed, yet at the same time, he needed to be prepared for the attack from the real Mu Chen. At the moment, there were signs of danger appearing from all sides!

As Lion King Gu was facing such danger, on the other side of the battlefield, Evil Fish Liang, who was being approached by Long Xiang and Luo Li, instantly changed his expression. He could not believe that Lion King Gu had been placed in such an awful situation.

"Da*n it! I am surprised to see this kid having such high-handed measures!" Evil Fish Liang's heart started to tremble and his eyes showed his inner panic.

If Lion King Gu was defeated, he would not have a good ending. Hence, he had to figure out a way to help Lion King Gu!

"At this moment, you better take care of yourself first!" A grim voice was suddenly heard as Long Xiang appeared in front of them like a phantom.

As he raised his punch, the cries of a dragon elephant were suddenly heard. The punch was so powerful, it seemed to contain limitless dragon elephant energy. He then dropped the heavy punch right onto the spiritual energy screen.

Bang!

The sturdy spiritual energy screen burst open. At the same time, Evil Fish Liang was blown away by the force of the punch.

He looked pale, as it took him some effort to suppress the raging spiritual energy inside his body. However, looking at Long Xiang, who had just rushed forward like a phantom, he could only scream in anger and converge his mind to concentrate on dealing with Long Xiang and Luo Li.

When Evil Fish Liang was entangled by the both of them, Green Snake ancestor, who was trapped in the week-and-day star descent array, was looking at Lion King Gu amid his dangerous situation. Every time he glanced at the Celestial Emperor Sword in the white robed Mu Chen's hand, fear and terror would fill his mind.

After all, Green Snake Ancestor had just seen how the white robed Mu Chen had almost killed Lion King Gu using the Celestial Emperor Sword.

This kid is so weird. Although he is an Upper Earthly Sovereign, he owns two manifestations as strong as himself! That sword definitely belongs to a Heavenly Sovereign!

Could it be that a Heavenly Sovereign is supporting him?

When he thought of this, Green Snake Ancestor's heart went cold for a second. This was because he was all on his own. He did not have any strong background support like the the Budur Ancient Clan.

So, if Mu Chen decided to unleash the Heavenly Sovereign behind him, he could make some troubles with him as a Complete Earthly Sovereign, especially if he could not disturb the Budur Ancient Clan. After all, Lion King Gu and the others had the protection of the Budur Ancient Clan, but Green Snake Ancestor had no one!

Da*n old man! How dare you drag me into this kind of trouble? This kid here, does he look like he has no impressive background or support?

The Green Snake Ancestor kept on cursing in his mind because the situation in front of him was nothing close to what Lion King Gu had told him it would be.

"I can't stay here for long. This feud is between the kid and the Budur Ancient Clan. As such, there is no reason for me to get into it." The Green Snake Ancestor clenched his teeth and held his fist tight.

A yellow talisman suddenly appeared in his hand. Above the talisman, there was a spatial fluctuation.

This was an ancient teleportation talisman that had been acquired from the Ancient Celestial Palace Relics. It could help him escape from any trap or dangerous situation. At first, he had not wanted to use it, but if the Heavenly Sovereign that was behind Mu Chen decided to come out, he would have no choice but to use it.

The Green Snake Ancestor did not hesitate anymore, but snapped his finger, causing the ancient talisman in his hand to start to burn. Suddenly, a strong spatial fluctuation burst open. The next second, it turned into a space whirlpool, breaking the seal of the week-and-day star descendant array.

"Green Snake Ancestor! What are you trying to do?" Lion King Gu shouted immediately, as he could feel the great burst of spatial fluctuation.

However, Green Snake Ancestor did not pay attention to his words. Instead, he stepped into the whirlpool and disappeared, not even looking back.

"Ba*tard!" Lion King Gu flew into a rage when he saw Green Snake Ancestor running away.

Without the suppressing force by Green Snake Ancestor, Ling Xi would manipulate the week-and-day star descendant array to fight against them. Facing such a powerful array, Lion King Gu would be placed even closer to death, and he was already in imminent danger!

Buzzzzz...

Right after Green Snake Ancestor escaped, the entire week-and-day star descendant array started shaking. Thereafter, countless starlights fell from the sky, all of them heading towards him, trying to trap him.

As he was looking at the falling stars, Lion King Gu's head was tingling. This huge array originally could resist a Complete Earthly Sovereign. If he was at his best, then that would not be a problem.

However, he was not only heavily injured, but he was also being simultaneously intercepted by Mu Chen. Two more slashes from Mu Chen with that horrible sword would surely be the end of him!

Thinking of death, Lion King Gu's heart was filled with boundless fear. The next moment, he bit his teeth and yelled, "You little beast! This is what you asked for!"

He then held his fist and a jaden scroll appeared in his hand. He then quickly smashed the jaden scroll and broke it into pieces.

Bang!

The jaden scroll broke and turned into endless spiritual lights that rose above the sky and eventually formed a giant space whirlpool. Inside the whirlpool, there was a terrible fluctuation coming out from the space.

Mu Chen's expression twisted when he saw the scene, as that spiritual energy fluctuation was fathomless! One could even feel a sense of despair emanating from it.

"It's a Heavenly Sovereign!" Mu Chen's pupils contracted. He could not believe that Lion King Gu had managed to summon a Heavenly Sovereign from the Budur Ancient Clan!

Mu Chen seemed worried. A stone rune flashed and appeared between his palm. If the Budur Ancient Clan really wanted to release the Heavenly Sovereign, he would have no choice but to use up his last favor to summon the Martial Ancestor.

With such a movement, the battlefield at Luo Li's side was interrupted. Evil Fish Liang flashed and teleported to the side of Lion King Gu instantly.

Upon his arrival, he stared at the giant whirlpool and asked, "Old man, didn't you hear what the Great Elder said? Do not allow the Heavenly Sovereign to put a hand on this loser!"

"I don't care about that anymore!" Lion King spat out the words. "Hei Guang is one of our people. If you could keep this as a secret, the Great Elder would not have to know about it."

Evil Fish Liang nodded when he heard his words.

"Destroy that spatial whirlpool!" Mu Chen yelled to the sky. If he could destroy the spatial whirlpool, it would stop the arrival of the Heavenly Sovereign.

As his roar fell, the week-and-day star descendant array released countless starlights that blasted towards the whirlpool like meteors. Mu Chen then invoked the Immortal Golden Body, and a few Immortal God Runes rose to the sky and blasted towards the whirlpool.

Long Xiang, Luo Li, and the others were all trying to destroy the whirlpool. However, looking at their actions, Lion King Gu gave out a grim laugh.

He could see that the borderless whirlpool had expanded in a phenomenal speed. Just when the numerous attacks were about to land, a thundering voice of an old man, which was filled with suppressing force, pierced through the space far away, then spread out...

"Ba*tard! How dare you be so wild and arrogant in front of me?"

Boom!

At that moment, a giant spiritual energy hand came out directly from the spatial whirlpool. With only a clap from it, all of the attacks were obliterated. This was no surprise, as that giant hand was so big, it could cover up the entire island!

Long Xiang's face turned pale. Facing the dignified Heavenly Sovereign, they had no chance.

Mu Chen became even more worried. He stared at the giant hand that was coming out of the whirlpool. However, the space in front of them suddenly broke at the moment, and a red gourd hopped out from the broken space.

"Hey old man! Hahaha!" When the red gourd hopped out, a loud, sardonic laugh could be heard coming from around Mu Chen.

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Chapter 1284: Scarlet Flame Deity

Boom!

A massive palm that covered the sun fell from the sky as if it were the hand of the gods. It was filled with majestic power, as if one could not resist it. However, as the massive palm was about to descend, the space before Mu Chen and the others suddenly shattered, and a red gourd sprang out of it in a strange motion.

As soon as the red gourd appeared, endless red light spurted from its top. From a distance, those red lights seemed ablaze as if they were the source of a volcano. It seemed like every red light contained a sea of magma. The temperature between heaven and earth rose instantly, and even the surrounding sea gradually boiled.

Boom!

Endless red light rose into the sky, clashing harshly with the massive Hands of God that were enveloping the space. At the moment of impact, the world seemed to tremble, and countless clouds were ablaze with a terrible heat.

Bong!

Under the red light that contained terrible heat, the giant hand quickly dried up. Cracks spread, and in the next moment, the red light petrified the hand.

Rumble!

The giant hand shattered, and stone shards rained down from the sky, setting off tumultuous waves in the sea.

In the sky, Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang saw the massive hand being petrified and shattering. A thick haze of horror surfaced in their gazes, and their faces were full of fear. It was obvious that the sight frightened them.

The man who struck was a true Heavenly Sovereign. Such a horrifying attack was easily countered, so how formidable was the person who dealt that blow? In the presence of such a powerful Sovereign, Complete Earthly Sovereigns like them were nothing more than ants.

Puff.

After shattering the Heavenly Sovereign's massive palm, the red gourd flew backwards and landed nearby. Everyone stared, dumbfounded. At this point, they discovered an old man clad in cloth robes. He held a crutch, and no one knew when he had appeared.

The old man smiled and reached for the red gourd, drinking a gulp of liquid out of it. In that instant, they could see the liquid, scarlet like magma, flowing into the old man's mouth. The magmatic liquid caused them to feel a terrible heat, even though they were not in contact with it. This told them that the magmatic liquid the old man was drinking like wine was definitely something they could not withstand...

Mu Chen and Luo Li looked at each other with a touch of surprise in their eyes. The old man before them was too mysterious, but from his previous actions, he was certainly a true Heavenly Sovereign. However, they clearly did not know this Heavenly Sovereign, so why would he help them?

To their surprise, the old man did not pay attention to them. After he had taken a sip from the gourd, he looked up at the whirlpool of space leading to the unknown behind Lion King Gu. He smiled and said, "You are a reputable figure in the Budur Ancient Clan. Why would you disgrace your status and attack the younger generation?"

Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang kept silent like cicadas in winter and did not dare to speak. Behind them, the space whirlpool was silent. Then an ancient voice rang out, "So it is the Scarlet Flame Deity of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan. My Budur Ancient Clan and your Great Spirit Ancient Clan have never interfered with each other. Why do you want to interfere with the affairs of our people today?"

The old man in cloth, known as the Scarlet Flame Deity, shook his head with a smile and said, "But here is a young talent whom I have been looking for for many years. How can I let the child be destroyed by your Budur Ancient Clan?"

In the space whirlpool, a furious voice rumbled, causing the space to shake. "Hmph, he is a perpetrator against my clan. If you take him away, I'm afraid even with your power, you can't bear the consequences!"

The Scarlet Flame Deity rolled his eyes and pointed at Luo Li, then pointed at Mu Chen. "The young talent I was talking about is her, not him."

Mu Chen was slightly embarrassed. He could only shrug his shoulders helplessly.

In the whirlpool of space, the shred of mind power seemed to be relieved, and then the voice declared gravely, "In that case, you may take her away, but the perpetrator must stay."

Upon hearing this, Luo Li immediately said, "If Mu Chen stays here, I will never leave!"

As soon as she finished speaking, she looked at the Scarlet Flame Deity again and whispered, "Thank you, Elder, for thinking highly of me. I'm very grateful for the honor."

After hearing the words, he nodded with a smile. He then smiled at the whirlpool of space and said, "It looks like I can't let this boy stay. In that case, if you don't want to release him, I can only come and learn for myself how powerful the Pagoda of the Budur Ancient Clan is..."

The Scarlet Flame Deity's red gourd gradually emanated a red light. A terrible temperature rose between heaven and earth.

Seeing the Scarlet Flame Deity's determination, there was a silence in the whirlpool of space. The Heavenly Sovereign of the Budur Ancient Clan was obviously rather enraged, but today he had executed his attacks privately. It was inevitable that there would be some trouble once the clan found out about it.

In particular, if the matter got back to Qing Yanjing, with her personality, once she exploded with fury, even an elder could not suppress it. At that time, he would be in deep trouble.

As the space whirlpool remained silent, the Scarlet Flame Deity turned to appraise Mu Chen, as surprise colored his gaze. He then sighed. "This young man is also a talent, and the Budur Ancient Clan doesn't know that you have a blessing. If you nurture such a talent, he will be a Heavenly Sovereign in the future. But you actually condemn him as a perpetrator. I don't know what you are doing."

When they heard the Scarlet Flame Deity's evaluation of Mu Chen, there was a hum in the space whirlpool, but in the end, he did not justify his actions. Instead, he harrumphed. "Since you insist on meddling in this matter, it is up to you. I just hope you can afford to pay the price in the future."

The Scarlet Flame Deity smiled as he retorted, "That's my business, and it has nothing to do with you."

In the space whirlpool, the Heavenly Sovereign of the Budur Ancient Clan saw the situation, and knew that it would be difficult to make progress that day. A spiritual storm swept out immediately that enveloped Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang in the whirlpool of space. In the vortex, the space fluctuations exploded as they gradually dissipated. With the dissipation of the space whirlpool, the terrible oppression that shrouded heaven and earth vanished. The whole world was restored to brightness again.

Mu Chen, Luo Li, and Long Xiang heaved a sigh of relief. The Heavenly Sovereign's pressure on them was too strong. That kind of existence was not someone whom they could compete with now.

"Thank you, Elder, for your help." Mu Chen turned around and respectfully clasped his fists at the Scarlet Flame Deity, expressing gratitude.

The Scarlet Flame Deity waved his hand and glanced at Mu Chen meaningfully. He smiled. "Boy, even if I hadn't helped you, I think no one would have gotten you today either way." He glanced intently at the rune stone in Mu Chen's palm. He had perceived a powerful aura that remained on it that even he was a little frightened of.

Mu Chen smiled, looked at Luo Li, and asked softly, "Elder, may I ask why you are looking for Luo Li?"

Instead of putting away the rune stone, he had intentionally let the Scarlet Flame Deity detect it. In fact, it was a subtle deterrent, because he also did not know why he was looking for Luo Li. In case it was not a good thing, Mu Chen would let him know that although they could not contend with the Heavenly Sovereign, they were not entirely helpless. In this world, knowing how to grasp the opportunity was also a kind of strength.

Luo Li glanced at the Scarlet Flame Deity with confusion. The latter saw her gaze and smiled. "The reason why I'm looking for her is simple... I just want her to become the Holy Maiden of my Great Spirit Ancient Clan."

"Holy Maiden again?!" Hearing this, Mu Chen and Luo Li's faces changed.

Seeing their wary gazes, the Scarlet Flame Deity hurriedly explained, "Hmph, do not associate the Holy Maiden of my Great Spirit Ancient Clan with the Holy Maiden of the Western Kingdom War Temple!"

Looking at this, he knew that the West Heaven War Emperor had tried to recruit Luo Li to be their Holy Maiden.

"Elder, I am now the Clan Leader of the Luo God Clan. Furthermore, I am not from the Great Spirit Ancient Clan. I thank you for your kindness, but I'm sorry I will have to decline." Luo Li shook her head gently, and refused the Scarlet Flame Deity's good will. Although the Great Spirit Ancient Clan was one of the five Ancient Clans in the Great Thousand World, she had no intention of pandering to their reputation.

Seeing Luo Li reject the offer without hesitation, the Scarlet Flame Deity was stunned. After all, with the Great Spirit Ancient Clan's reputation, everyone in the Great Thousand World wanted to be associated with it. However, Luo Li did not care about it at all.

Facing this result, the Scarlet Flame Deity's expression was downcast, and he appeared extremely distressed.

Mu Chen and Luo Li glanced at each other, shared a tacit understanding, and did not pay any more attention to him.

Mu Chen looked at the depths of Spiritual Jade Island and murmured to Luo Li, "Let's rescue Sister Ling Xi first."

Luo Li nodded and both of them left to venture into the depths of Spiritual Jade Island, leaving the frustrated Scarlet Flame Deity behind as he froze.

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At the same time, in a faraway region...

In the Budur Ancient Clan.

An old man clad in a black robe looked somberly at the shaking Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang in front of him. "You two are bold," he said coldly. "I gave you the seal, but it was not for dealing with the perpetrator!"

Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang's faces were ashen, as they dared not refute this.

Looking at the two faltering, the old man in black robes hummed, and his eyes shined. He said, "You two follow me to see the Little Lord, and report all the information about the perpetrator to him. He will then decide what to do." With a wave of his sleeve, he turned away. Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang hastened to keep up.

The trio shuttled through the ancient halls and finally came to a stone platform built on the edge of a cliff. The edge of the stone platform was obscured by clouds and mist, and a man in a green robe sat quietly there. His majestic aura was deep and unfathomable. In those slightly closed eyes, there was a crystal-like pagoda shining with 1,000 feet of light.

The old man in black robes came to the man in green and stood with his hands clasped behind his back. Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang promptly bowed down on their knees.

"We subordinates pay respect to the Little Lord!"

The man clad in green slowly opened his eyes. He looked at the sea of clouds as a faint smile appeared on his face. A leisurely and nonchalant voice rang out, "Have the two of you seen the perpetrator then?"

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Chapter 1285: Eight Budur

"Have both of you seen the perpetrator?"

Hearing his casual question, Gu Lion King and Evil Fish Liang trembled as they quickly nodded.

"Why didn't you inform me of this earlier?" the man donned in green asked in a gentle tone.

Gu Lion King and Evil Fish Liang were both pale as Gu Lion King replied bitterly, "We originally wanted to capture him first and then leave it to you, our Lord, to decide. This is a matter that we did not consider thoroughly. We will accept your punishment."

The man's long fingers tapped gently on his knees, while he glanced calmly at the two men. As sweat ran down their backs, he said slowly, "As you two have been following me for many years, I will let bygones be bygones this time. I will explain this to the elder so the both of you will escape punishment."

"Thank you my Lord!" Gu Lion King and Evil Fish Liang were overjoyed and immediately bowed respectfully, gratitude surging in their eyes.

"Also, it is rumored that the perpetrator has cultivated the Holy Pagoda. Is that correct?" the green-robed man smiled and asked.

Gu Lion King nodded and said, "Young Lord, this perpetrator is gifted, as it is only by virtue of an Upper Earthly Sovereign's power that he was able to force me into a corner. According to my estimate, he must have cultivated the Holy Pagoda. Otherwise, it would be impossible for him to be so strong!"

The green-robed man narrowed his eyes as he smiled calmly. "He really is Qing Yanjing's son. I did not expect for him to still be able to achieve this step, especially with no support or resources from the Budur Ancient Clan."

Evil Fish Liang said hatefully, "Although the perpetrator does indeed have some skills, in comparison with you, my Lord, the difference is that of a firefly and the moon."

"Of course, our Lord is a supreme talent and the pride of the Budur Ancient Clan. As such, he will be in charge in the future, and Mu Chen will be eclipsed by our Lord." Gu Lion King also nodded in agreement.

At this point, Gu Lion King paused, hesitating bit. He then said, "But, when I met the perpetrator, I found that he had the two incarnations of equal strength as his own. As it was extremely powerful, I was caught unprepared."

"Two incarnations of equal strength as his own?" Upon hearing this, the green-robed man's gaze flashed. Then, he suddenly exclaimed, "Unless... Is that one of the rumored 36 volumes of the Rare Super Power, Qi into Trinity?"

Beside him, the Heavenly Sovereign, who was wearing a black robe, nodded and said, "The normal Spiritual Energy Clone is, at best, only about 1/10 of the strength of the actual body. To have equal strength, that can only be accomplished via the rumored Qi into Trinity. However, since it's been many years since the Qi into Trinity has appeared, I didn't expect that the perpetrator would have such amazing luck."

At this point, desire flashed in the black-robed Heavenly Sovereign's eyes. After all, a Rare Super Power of that rank was extremely attractive, even to a Heavenly Sovereign like him.

"Only our Lord is worthy of such a formidable Rare Super Power. How dare the perpetrator possess it?" Gu Lion King exclaimed harshly. He was clearly trying to incite the green-robed man to fight for it.

However, the green-robed man remained calm and unmoved. He then remarked nonchalantly, "The Qi into Trinity is appealing indeed, but as of now, I cannot spare the time to find trouble with him."

The black-robed Heavenly Sovereign nodded, then said, "The Young Lord is right. The Ancient Holy Gulf is near, and the most urgent thing is to attain the most perfect performance. If our Lord can obtain the Rare Super Power of our clan, Eight Budur, that has been lost for many years, he will certainly be able to surpass the other competitors and become the next head of our clan."

Eight Budur? Upon hearing this, Gu Lion King and Evil Fish Liang were shocked.

Gu Lion King then asked, "Is that one of the legendary 36 volumes of the Rare Super Power, Eight Budur?"

The green-robed man smiled leisurely and asked, "What's so surprising about this? The Eight Budur was created by our ancestor. However, this ancestor of our clan fought fiercely with the Heaven Demon Emperor of the Extraterritorial Race in the Ancient Holy Gulf. Unfortunately, he fell."

He then added, "Thus, the methods of practicing the Eight Budur were lost. Over the years, my people have tried everything they could to rediscover these methods, yet none of them have succeeded."

The Ancient Holy Gulf was one of the places in the Primordial Times where the Great Thousand World and the Extraterritorial Race fought in a decisive battle. The environment was cruel and harsh. Even a Complete Earthly Sovereign would be annihilated if they were careless.

The black-robed Heavenly Sovereign sighed upon hearing this. "It is a pity that the repelling force of that region is so strong, as it is an important junction between the Great Thousand World and the Extraterritorial Race. Once a Heavenly Sovereign approaches it, it will lead to a turbulent flow of time and space. If one is careless, I'm afraid he would be transported into the territory of the Extraterritorial Race."

Hearing this, Gu Lion King and Evil Fish Liang both shivered. If they were transported into the Extraterritorial Race's territory, even a Heavenly Sovereign would be gradually exhausted to the point of death! Moreover, if one attracted the Demon Emperors, their situation would be even more hopeless!

"Now, all of the other Young Lords of the clans are trying to prepare for battle and enter the Ancient Holy Gulf. Obviously, their purpose is to go for the Eight Budur. If they succeed, even our Lord would be utterly defeated." At this point, the black-robed Heavenly Sovereign's face was grave, as such a situation obviously had serious consequences.

Gu Lion King and Evil Fish Liang also nodded, as they both agreed that stabilizing the Young Lord's position was much more important than dealing with the perpetrator. Thus, it was possible to put it off, even temporarily.

"While our main focus is the Ancient Holy Gulf, we also have to pay attention to the perpetrator. I am also interested in the rumored Qi into Trinity." The green-robed man smiled. "If I could get the Eight Budur and Qi into Trinity, even if I were only a Complete Earthly Sovereign that was meeting a true Heavenly Sovereign, I'd still be able to stand a chance against him."

The combat prowess of two of the legendary Rare Super Powers was absolutely beyond imagination.

"The Lord is wise, and only you are qualified to possess such a treasure. It is also a blessing for the perpetrator, who is able to provide a dowry for the Lord," Gu Lion King said immediately.

The green-robed man smiled and said in a gentle tone, "Gather some men and try to ascertain the perpetrator's whereabouts. After handling matters in the Ancient Holy Gulf, I will go to him myself. I wouldn't mind saying a few words for him in front of the elder, assuming that he would take the initiative to hand over the Qi into Trinity."

He then added, "Of course, the most important thing is whether or not we can hold this perpetrator in our hands. If so, we can use him as a bargaining chip against Qing Yanjing. If we can convince her to support me within the clan, then our strength should be sufficient."

The black-robed Heavenly Sovereign nodded, then said, "Although Qing Yanjing has been imprisoned for many years, she still has some strong supporters in the clan. These supporters cannot be underestimated. Hence, if you really can get them to support us, that will undoubtedly be good news."

The green-robed man smiled and nodded. He then raised his head and looked into the misty depths, while smiling softly. "So, this perpetrator is indeed my blessing..."

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In the dark depths of the dungeon.

As Mu Chen looked at the calm lady who was sitting quietly, he heaved a sigh of relief. He could see that Ling Xi was clearly safe.

Ling Xi also raised her face at this time, gazing at the young man in front of her. A moment later, a relieved smile appeared on her face.

In the past few years, Mu Chen had completely matured. His former shy and amateur self had been replaced by a man who possessed tenacity and a calming aura that gave people peace of mind. He was still as handsome as ever, but was now even more charming.

Looking at Mu Chen, Ling Xi's smile grew gentler. This young boy from the Northern Heaven Spiritual Academy could now truly face things on his own.

He no longer needed her protection, nor did he need Aunt Jing to constantly worry and fret over him. Moreover, judging from his fearless visit to the Spiritual Jade Island, Ling Xi now knew that Mu Chen had grown to the point where he was no longer afraid of the storm.

"Aunt Jing. Mu Chen has finally grown up, so you don't have to worry about him anymore. Also, I believe that it may not be long before the Budur Ancient Clan can no longer use Mu Chen to threaten you..."
Ling Xi said.

"Sister Ling Xi..." As Mu Chen looked at Ling Xi, a bright smile appeared on his handsome face. With a wave of his robes, he clapped his hands against the prison bars and tried to destroy them.

Buzz.

However, when his palm fell upon the bars, they remained motionless.

Mu Chen gazed at the prison bars with some astonishment, soon discovering that the prison itself was composed of a spiritual array. Its rank did not seem to be any weaker than the Great Protection Array of Spiritual Jade Island.

This made him a little embarrassed as he scratched his head. Looks like this attempt at acting cool totally failed...

Giggle.

Behind him, Luo Li could not help but giggle. Ling Xi also smiled, and while she conjured a simple seal, a spiritual fluctuation soon emanated throughout the space. Instantly, the dark prison turned illusory, then disappeared completely!

"Ling Xi, you've already taken control of the spiritual array!" Long Xiang could not help but be shocked.

"All of the spiritual arrays here are arranged by Aunt Jing. So, when I was here for three years, I naturally learned how to control all of them. So, even if you didn't come, Gu Lion King wouldn't be able to do anything to me!" Ling Xi smiled.

The three looked at each other and laughed, each of them thinking to themselves, So, we did all of this in vain!

As they were speechless, Ling Xi laughed gently and said, "Of course, the fact that you came to save me makes me extremely happy..." Her smile was clear and moving, and they could tell that it came from the bottom of her heart.

"But... It is an extras special blessing that you came here, Mu Chen." Ling Xi looked at Mu Chen's bewilderment as she stretched out her tiny, jade-like hand.

She then gently laid her fingertips on the smooth, mirror-like black stone ground, which shimmered like a sea of stars. Her next words made Mu Chen widen his eyes even more.

She glanced at him and said, "That is because here... Lies a present from Aunt Jing."

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Chapter 1286: Reunion of Mother and Son

"My mother left me a present?" A glint flashed in Mu Chen's eyes as surprise colored his gaze. He looked at Ling Xi. Obviously, she had piqued his interest.

Ling Xi smiled, and with a wave of her hand, the smooth and mirror-like black stone ground suddenly lit up with a faint glow in the area where she sat. It was as if it had formed a bright starry sky on the ground. In that starry sky, a path of light like the stars emerged.

Mu Chen gazed closely at the starry sky above the black stone. He looked at the star tracks, but vaguely sensed that there was a mysterious wave slowly emanating from them.

"At that time, Aunt Jing had been practicing on Spiritual Jade Island. In this piece of Black Spiritual Mirror, there are many insights and experiences about the spiritual array she left behind. It was something left behind by a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master, and for any Spiritual Array Master, they are indescribable treasures," she said.

Ling Xi also looked at this starry sky with an unfocused gaze. She whispered, "These three years, I have been here, trying to understand, and finally, two months ago, I broke through the realm of my own spiritual array to Advance Spiritual Array Ancestral Master."

"Sister Ling Xi, you are already an Advance Spiritual Array Ancestral Master?" Upon hearing this, Mu Chen was shocked. When he was separated from Ling Xi, she seemed to have just been a Spiritual Array Grandmaster, but now it was only three years later, and she had reached the point of being an Advance Spiritual Array Ancestral Master?! Such an ascent was incredible.

Ling Xi smiled and explained, "Before I lost my memory, my spiritual array attainment was close to that of Ancestral Master. Over the years, when I recovered my memory, I was naturally restored to the same level as before. Coupled with these years of quiet cultivation and acceptance of Aunt Jing's reflections, I have been able to make such rapid progress."

It was only then that Mu Chen accepted the news, for Ling Xi had already possessed a remarkable gift in spiritual arrays. She had followed his mother for such a long time, and with his mother's influence and Ling Xi's own talent, she had already surpassed others in terms of a starting point. Coupled with these years of cultivation and what his mother left behind, it was not too unimaginable that she would achieve such progress.

Most importantly, Ling Xi specialized in spiritual arrays. Mu Chen not only practiced spiritual arrays, but also battle arrays, in addition to concentrating on enhancing his own spiritual energy. So it was only natural that Ling Xi could surpass him in spiritual array attainment.

Ling Xi nodded gently and smiled as she said, "In this period of time, you will stay here and cultivate meticulously. I think it should be a great help to you. As to whether you will be able to break through to Advance Spiritual Array Ancestral Master, it depends on your own talent and luck."

Mu Chen licked his lips, and his eyes were full of passion. Over the years since he had been separated from Ling Xi, he had explored cultivating the spiritual array on his own. So, although he was now a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master, he would not be as good as Ling Xi when it came to the details of the spiritual array. Now his mother had left a lot of spiritual practice and experience, which was undoubtedly very precious to Mu Chen.

With these insights, he was likely to make further progress in the spiritual array realm, and if he succeeded, he would step into the level of Advance Spiritual Array Ancestral Master. By then, if he encountered Lion King Gu again, he would be able to subdue him, even without using the Celestial Emperor Sword.

Looking at Mu Chen's eager eyes, Ling Xi smiled and rose elegantly. "From now on, this is your place."

Mu Chen nodded and did not hesitate to step forward. He then sat down directly on the smooth black stone floor. His gaze met Luo Li's for a moment, and finally, his eyes gradually closed.

"Let's go. Let him practice down here for a while." Seeing Mu Chen go into the practice state, Ling Xi smiled at Luo Li, pulled her little hand, and retreated from the dungeon.

As they left, the dungeon fell back into silence.

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Mu Chen's heart gradually calmed in the silence, like a bottomless pool without any ripples.

Drip!

The silence lasted for some time. It was as if there were drops of water falling on the pool's surface, causing ripples to spread in that calm state of mind. Mu Chen didn't realize it at first, but then he was aware that his surrounding environment began to quietly change.

He seemed to be sitting in a starry sky, and a path of stars soared before him, gorgeous as a picture.

Suddenly, starlight fell from the sky and landed in front of Mu Chen. As the starlight condensed, a shadow slowly emerged. Her hair was flowing, and there was a gentle smile on her lips. She had a demure face and elegant demeanor. Mu Chen stared, stunned.

"...Mom?"

Mu Chen looked at that figure, but even with his composure, he could only stare wide-eyed and gape. He obviously had not expected to see his mother there. The present figure was only her Spiritual Clone, but Mu Chen had not seen his mother since they had been on the Northern Heavens Continent.

"My child..."

As Mu Chen was dumbfounded, Qing Yanjing stared at Mu Chen intently. A moment later, she stepped forward with tears in her eyes, her arms trembling slightly as she gently held Mu Chen. Although she was only a Spiritual Clone now, she was still connected with the emotions of her actual body.

While she was holding Mu Chen, his head, which had always been calm, became a little stiff at this time. When he was young, he had yearned for the warmth of his mother's arms for many years. However, for just that simple request, it was as if she were untouchable. At this moment, Mu Chen felt an indescribably warm feeling pouring into his heart. Even with the stoicism he had cultivated over the years, could not help but tear up.

"Mu Chen, you have really grown up..." After a long period of time, she gradually let go of Mu Chen. She carefully scrutinized him, not neglecting any part, and then a gentle smile bloomed on her face.

Mu Chen scratched his head and laughed sheepishly.

"If you can see my Spiritual Clone, I suppose you went to Spiritual Jade Island." Qing Yanjing ruffled Mu Chen's hair and smiled softly.

Mu Chen nodded and said, "Sister Ling Xi said you left me a gift."

"Only you and Ling Xi can enter here," Qing Yanjing said with a smile. "So I have left a spiritual array reflection that only the two of you can accept." She glanced at Mu Chen and said, "Set up your most powerful spiritual array and let me see it."

Seeing that they had returned to the main subject, Mu Chen perked up. Without hesitation, he waved his sleeve. Suddenly, countless spiritual seals quickly melted into the space like butterflies. As the spiritual seal melted into the space, a giant spiritual array formation began to take shape, and the sound of dragons roaring reverberated in the starry sky. This spiritual array was, of course, Mu Chen's strongest array, the Nine Dragon Devouring Fairy Array.

Qing Yanjing took a look at the Nine Dragon Devouring Fairy Array and nodded. "This is a little interesting. I didn't realize that your spiritual array attainment had reached the point of being an Intermediate Ancestral Master." There was pride and relief in her voice. After all, by relying on oneself, a spiritual array attainment of this extent was, in fact, a talent.

"Such a spiritual array attainment is considered proficient."

Mu Chen could not help but be astonished hearing that Qing Yanjing evaluated even an Intermediate Ancestral Master as only "proficient." If it were on Tianluo Continent, it would probably be enough for one to set up their own sect.

However, when he thought of his mother's status as a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master, he knew that in her eyes, a so-called Ancestral Master might have just passed the threshold.

"Now your spiritual array attainment is accomplished to a certain extent, but perhaps the future path will be strange to you..."

Hearing this, Mu Chen was thoughtful as he gently nodded. He knew Qing Yanjing was most likely referring to Spiritual Array Ancestral Master as his future path. That realm was something the present Mu Chen indeed had no clue about.

"All spiritual arrays, in the beginning, communicate with heaven and earth, leaning upon their power to summon storms... As you are now, it is also at this stage. Being a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master, however, is not communicating with heaven and earth, but creating heaven and earth. A spiritual array is a part of the world. Anyone who enters into it is an enemy of that world." Qing Yanjing smiled and clenched her fist. A delicate-looking, palm-sized spiritual array appeared in her hand. The spiritual array was exquisite, but when Mu Chen looked at it, his scalp went numb, for he could feel the tiny spiritual array's terrible power.

If he was caught in it, he would die!

Is this the legendary realm of the Spiritual Array Ancestral Master? To create a world with a spiritual array... Once fallen into it, one has to counterbalance one side of the world with one's own strength.

Mu Chen's gaze was of obsession and infatuation. It was as if Qing Yanjing's words had opened a door he had never imagined before. It turned out, the higher level of the spiritual array was so mysterious and incredible. No wonder stepping into the realm of the Spiritual Array Ancestral Master was enough to counter a Heavenly Sovereign!

Qing Yanjing looked at the intoxicated Mu Chen and smiled gently. She extended a slender finger and placed it on his forehead. Suddenly, a majestic sea of information poured into Mu Chen's mind. It was many of her insights and experiences of her journey in spiritual arrays.

If Mu Chen studied and digested it well, then his spiritual array attainments would be greatly improved. It would be a good foundation in his journey to become a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master.

The light gradually covered Mu Chen. His body was motionless, as if he had fallen into the deepest sleep.

In the distant Budur Ancient Clan.

In a dark space, Qing Yanjing's body shivered where she sat quietly. She slowly opened her eyes and looked at the nothingness as a gentle smile pulled at the corners of her lips.

"Mu Chen. Mother is waiting for the day you become a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master..."

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Chapter 1287: Secrets of the Holy Gulf

In the blink of an eye, a month had already passed on the Spiritual Jade Island. In a bamboo pavilion that was on the island, Luo Li and Ling Xi sat opposite each other.

A chessboard had been placed on the stone table for recreation purposes. Occasional smiles bloomed on the player's faces, causing the Spiritual Jade Bamboo Forest's lush greenery to fade in comparison. Apparently, these people were planning to wait on the island while Mu Chen was cultivating.

Whoosh.

As the two ladies were chatting, a wizened figure appeared like a specter in the bamboo pavilion. The Scarlet Flame Deity's expression was downcast as he stared at Luo Li and asked, "Little girl, are you really unwilling to be the Holy Maiden of my Great Spirit Ancient Clan?"

Within this last month, the Scarlet Flame Deity had asked this same question numerous times, but was always refused by Luo Li, who would just shake her head. This time, Luo Li helplessly sighed and said apologetically, "Elder, I am now the queen of the Luo God Clan, so how could I abandon them to become the Holy Maiden of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan? What's more, my lineage is not of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan."

The Scarlet Flame Deity scratched his head and replied, "The Great Spirit Ancient Clan is not like the other clans, who are stubborn and pedantic. We are the most tolerant, so we do not mind the difference between bloodlines. Even if one's blood lineage is weak, as long as one's talent and character are up to our standards, one can still be a Holy Maiden. None of us would reject such a thing."

He then added, "Throughout the history of our clan, there have been many amazing talents and well-recognized non-native Holy Maidens."

At this point, even Luo Li was a little surprised to have come across such a tolerant clan for the first time. She could barely believe that this clan was willing to let a person without the unique bloodline become their queen!

"Luo Li, what this elder said is true. The Great Spirit Ancient Clan is indeed the most inclusive of the ancient clans in the Great Thousand World." Ling Xi nodded, then immediately sighed. "If only the Budur Ancient Clan could be as inclusive, Aunt Jing would not have been separated from Mu Chen for so many years."

Luo Li nodded gently, but still did not promise anything. Now, she was no longer a girl who was innocent and unfamiliar with the world.

Hence, she knew that the larger the ancient clan was, the more factions it would have as well. Just their small Luo God Clan's meager amount of factions had already caused her plenty of headaches. So, if she really went to the Great Spirit Ancient Clan to become the Holy Maiden, even if this clan had a high

tolerance and included her, there must be intense competition among the factions. This decision was obviously like jumping into a deep pool of water, and Luo Li did not plan to be embroiled into this kind of muddy water!

Seeing that Luo Li was still firmly sticking to her refusal, the Scarlet Flame Deity was somewhat gloomy and could only sigh. "This is really a pity, as I originally thought that I could catch up with the Ancient Holy Gulf this time..."

"The Ancient Holy Gulf?" He had not yet finished, when Ling Xi suddenly exclaimed. She was clearly startled.

She then asked, "Is that the notorious and perilous land of the Great Thousand World, one of the places where we had our decisive battles with the Extraterritorial Race in the ancient times?"

The Scarlet Flame Deity nodded and said, "You, little girl, are knowledgeable! That's right!"

"Yes! As the Ancient Holy Gulf is in the middle of a space windstorm, there are no traces of it to be found. Only when it wants to emerge and be found will we then have a clue as to its present whereabouts. I didn't think that it would appear this time!" Ling Xi's beautiful eyes twinkled.

"The Ancient Holy Gulf? I have heard of it vaguely, but it is said that it is extremely dangerous. The environment is also said to be extremely cruel, where even a Complete Earthly Sovereign would fall if he was careless! Why, Sister Ling Xi, are you interested in this place?" Luo Li nodded, then asked in confusion.

"It is rumored that, in the great battle of the ancient times in our Great Thousand World, nearly ten Heavenly Sovereigns fell in the Ancient Holy Gulf. Among them, there were four Divine Heavenly Sovereigns," Ling Xi said gravely.

In the Great Thousand World, even Heavenly Sovereigns were divided into ranks. These ranks were the spiritual, celestial, divine, and the Divine Heavenly Sovereigns. The Divine Heavenly Sovereigns were essentially the most powerful existences.

"Four Divine Heavenly Sovereigns?" Hearing this, even Luo Li's face changed.

After all, this was an absolutely terrible lineup! Once they fell, there would be incalculable losses for the whole world! Thus, it could be seen that, in the ancient times, in order to resist the evil Extraterritorial Race, the Great Thousand World had paid a heavy price.

"In that decisive battle, although we suffered terrible losses, so did the Extraterritorial Race. They also invested more than a dozen Demon Emperors, and in the end, there were Four Heaven Demon Emperors among the top 15 who had fallen," the Scarlet Flame Deity quickly added.

The Heaven Demon Emperors were equivalent to the Great Thousand World's Heavenly Sovereigns. To be ranked among the top 15 proved that they were extremely formidable figures among the Extraterritorial Race.

"It is precisely because a large number of powerful figures on both sides fell there that many of the Heavenly Sovereigns' legacies, Rare Super Powers, and Rare Sacred Artifacts that transcend High Grade

Sacred Objects remain there to this day. As so many treasures still exist there, the Ancient Holy Gulf is of course an extremely dangerous land," he explained.

He then added, "But, there are still countless sovereigns who are trying to enter it, and if they are lucky, they can obtain a fallen Heavenly Sovereigns' legacy and rise to the top! However, as mentioned before, the Ancient Holy Gulf is in the middle of a space windstorm. Unless one is a Heavenly Sovereign, no forces could send anyone into it."

He shook his head. "This threshold has stopped many greedy people from entering it, but even so, there are still countless people who continue to try, including the people of my Great Spirit Ancient Clan."

Speaking of this, the Scarlet Flame Deity licked his lips and a sudden passionate spark rose in his eyes. "Of the four Divine Heavenly Sovereigns who fell, one of them was the old ancestor of my Great Spirit Ancient Clan. He practiced the 'Great Spirit Heaven Piercing Light,' which is one of the 36 volumes of Rare Super Powers in the world. Its power is infinite, and even in my Great Spirit Ancient Clan, it is one of the top powers."

He paused, then continued, "Unfortunately, with the fall of this old ancestor, the method of practicing this super power was also, essentially, killed off. Thus, the remaining wish of countless people in my clan is to find this Rare Super Power. Whoever does so will be able to win the recognition and support of all of the people of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan and become the Holy Maiden!"

Hearing this, Luo Li suddenly asked, "So, the position of Holy Maiden has other competitors vying for it?" Can one truly only become a Holy Maiden if they get the 'Great Spirit Heaven Piercing Light' back?"

The fanaticism on the Scarlet Flame Deity's face instantly stiffened, as he coughed dryly and replied, "I'm just one of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan's patrol ambassadors. As such, I'm just looking for a candidate to fill the Holy Maiden role, one with the right talent and character for such a prestigious position."

Luo Li could not help but roll her eyes at him. She knew that it was not so easy to become the Holy Maiden of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan. As he had been trying to persuade her for such a long time, she knew that, in fact, she was only an alternative candidate!

Seeing Luo Li's glance, the Scarlet Flame Deity's face flushed with embarrassment and he laughed sheepishly. Then, the bamboo pavilion suddenly fell into a complete silence.

Only Ling Xi's gaze flickered, as she was pondering. She then said slowly, "In addition to the 'Great Spirit Heaven Piercing Light,' among the four fallen Divine Heavenly Sovereigns, there's also an old ancestor of the Budur Ancient Clan, right?"

The Scarlet Flame Deity nodded, then hurriedly said, "Yes, the old ancestor of the Budur Ancient Clan is also extraordinary. The 'Eight Budur' he practiced is also one of the 36 volumes of Rare Super Powers of the world. Now, among the Budur Ancient Clan, all of the Young Lords want to retrieve this Rare Super Power."

He then added, "In the rules that have passed down within their clan, it seems that whoever can retrieve the 'Eight Budur' will be the next Clan Leader."

Hearing this, there was a flash of brilliance in Ling Xi's beautiful eyes. As Luo Li looked at Ling Xi, she was not surprised by this, as she had already cleverly deciphered the latter's intention.

Obviously, she wanted Mu Chen to compete for the 'Eight Budur' too. In that case, once he was successful, perhaps Mu Chen might be able to use another way to free his mother from the Budur Ancient Clan.

As for this method, Luo Li quite agreed to it. After all, if Mu Chen were to attempt a head-on battle, that would obviously be too difficult, as the Budur Ancient Clan's power was too terrible.

Thinking of this, Luo Li was contemplative. She had no great interest in being the Holy Maiden of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan. After all, as far as inheritances went, she already had the Luo God Inheritance and Luo God Celestial Body. These were enough for her to have a great advantage, which would place her on equal footing with a Heavenly Sovereign.

However, if she was finally able to become the Holy Maiden of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan, she would then also have the support of this powerful clan behind her. Then, in the event that Mu Chen actually did clash with the Budur Ancient Clan for his mother's sake, she may be able to offer him some help.

By now, Luo Li clearly understood that the Luo God Clan's background could no longer help Mu Chen. So, if she really wanted to help Mu Chen in the future, she figured that she could perhaps borrow the power of the Great Spirit Ancient Clan.

From her own point of view, she had little interest in the Great Spirit Ancient Clan, but, if it was for Mu Chen's benefit, she would be willing to do almost anything! Having come to a decision, Luo Li pursed her mouth and looked up to meet Ling Xi's gaze.

Although no words were spoken between the two, they were aware of each other's thoughts. In Ling Xi's eyes, there was an evident sense of gratitude. After all, Luo Li would inevitably have to compete with the other female candidates in the Great Spirit Ancient Clan, which would indeed be a difficult task.

Luo Li smiled gently, thinking of the fact that Mu Chen did not hesitate to offend the West Heaven War Emperor on her behalf. Hence, she knew that he was worth her facing some competition challenges.

In a short moment, when the wordless communication between the two women was over, Luo Li turned her head and smiled at the distressed Scarlet Flame Deity. "Elder, I will consider being the Holy Maiden, but you have to promise me one condition..."

"Oh?" Upon hearing this, the dejected Scarlet Flame Deity, who had lost all hope, suddenly brightened up and waved his sleeve. "Just say it!"

As Luo Li smiled, her beauty was unparalleled. She then pointed towards the place where Mu Chen was presently cultivating and said, "I hope that Elder can send all of us into the Ancient Holy Gulf..."

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Chapter 1288: Two Diagram Array Scrolls

After another month in the dungeon, Mu Chen slowly opened his eyes. The spiritual light in his dark eyes was so deep that it seemed as if it were starry. The light in his eyes twinkled, and then after a long time, everything was back to normal.

Huff.

A white arrow made of air spewed out slowly from Mu Chen's mouth. The air arrow flew out and surprisingly, did not dissipate. Instead, it condensed in front of him, and after a few moments, gradually formed a small spiritual array.

Although this spiritual array was quite simple, it had been formed only by Mu Chen's breath. From this point, it was clear that there had been a tremendous improvement in Mu Chen's spiritual array attainment. In the past, he had never been able to create a spiritual array with one breath.

Mu Chen gazed at the white spiritual array, watching it gradually disperse. He murmured regretfully, "But what a pity... I'm still half a step away from breaking into the realm of Advance Ancestral Master," but this regret was gone in a moment.

That was because Mu Chen could sense that his spiritual array accomplishments were already amazing compared to two months ago. However, it was obviously not as easy as he thought to break through into the realm of Advance Ancestral Master. On the other hand, he had a hunch that after he understood what his mother had left him, it would only be a matter of time before he could break through.

Moreover, although there was no successful breakthrough yet, Mu Chen now had the qualifications to try for Advance Ancestral Master. However, the failure rate of setting up spiritual arrays would be slightly higher.

Overall, this cultivation was of great benefit to Mu Chen. Not only was he about to break through to becoming an Advance Ancestral Master, but he was also beginning to understand the direction of the realm of the Great Master. This would make him break through to the realm of the Ancestral Master in the future. It would save him a lot of unnecessary detours.

There were also two of the most practical things left to him by his mother, besides spiritual array understanding and experience. There were two volumes of Diagram Array Scrolls. One volume of scrolls was for the Advance Ancestral Master's Spiritual Array, "Blazing Fire Array." The second volume of Diagram Array Scrolls was even scarier, so much so that even Mu Chen was frightened. This Diagram Array Scroll was an Ancestral Master-rank spiritual array, "Great Solar World Inferno Array!"

Mu Chen found the name of this array intimidating, but he yearned for it. He was eager to know what kind of destruction this high-ranking array would unleash once laid out. After all, even a Heavenly Sovereign would be immensely wary of this level of spiritual array.

Although Mu Chen could understand the Advance Ancestral Master-rank spiritual array, he had just begun to try it. Unfortunately, after seeing the Ancestral Master-rank spiritual array once, Mu Chen was shocked. He had yet to decipher its layout at all, let alone try it. Apparently, he was too far away from such a high-ranked spiritual array.

At the end of the day, he kept the memory of the Ancestral Master-rank spiritual array deep in his mind. He was prepared to wait until the time came, then research more on it.

The most important thing at the moment was to first understand the "Blazing Fire Array." By the time he was finally able to arrange it successfully, it would be time for him to break through to Advance Ancestral Master-rank.

Many thoughts passed through Mu Chen's mind, and then he bowed his head and looked at the smooth black stone ground. He smiled and said, "Mother, rest assured, the day I break through to Ancestral Master-rank will be the day I can bring you home from the Budur Ancient Clan!" At that time, he would have the power to counter even a Heavenly Sovereign, whom he once thought was out of reach.

Mu Chen touched the ground gently, then no longer lingered. He stood up, and his figure vanished on the spot.

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On Spiritual Jade Island within the bamboo pavilion, Luo Li and Ling Xi saw Mu Chen suddenly emerge. Unconcealed joy surfaced on their faces.

"How did it go?" Ling Xi asked as she glanced at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen smiled and answered, "One step away."

Upon hearing that, Ling Xi was not disappointed. She smiled and nodded. She had been immersed in spiritual array training for many years. Naturally, she knew how difficult it was to break through to Advance Ancestral Master. Even though she had received many of the reflections and experiences left by Aunt Jing, none of those things could be completely digested and accepted in just two months.

Looking at Mu Chen now, it was clear that his harvest was not small. He seemed to have enough confidence to accomplish a real breakthrough in the next period of time.

"We shouldn't stay here for long. We'd better leave as soon as possible," Mu Chen said, glancing at Luo Li and Ling Xi.

After all, this was the Budur Ancient Clan's territory. Although Lion King Gu and Evil Fish Liang had escaped, they would certainly send other strong people to come and capture them if they knew about it. If they stayed here for too long, they would inevitably fall into a passive position.

Although he was becoming more powerful now, Mu Chen was not arrogant. He knew that it would be stupid to face a giant like the Budur Ancient Clan head-on.

When Luo Li heard his words, she looked at Ling Xi and then whispered, "We are going to go to the Ancient Holy Gulf."

"Ancient Holy Gulf?" Mu Chen was surprised, as this was quite unfamiliar to him.

Luo Li smiled, then informed Mu Chen as much as possible about the Ancient Holy Gulf, and how she agreed to the Scarlet Flame Deity's request to become an alternative candidate for the Great Spirit Ancient Clan's Holy Maiden.

After listening to what Luo Li said, Mu Chen could not help but be astonished and ask anxiously, "You promised him you would run for the Great Spirit Ancient Clan's Holy Maiden?" He was well aware of how many fierce struggles it took to become the Great Spirit Ancient Clan's Holy Maiden.

Seeing Mu Chen's concern for her, Luo Li's heart swelled with sweet happiness. She smiled and said, "The Great Spirit Ancient Clan has a strong foundation, and if I can become their Holy Maiden, it will be a great opportunity for me."

Although she said so, Mu Chen knew her very well. In a way, Luo Li was as independent and confident as he was, and she had her own pride. Even on her own, she was also able to strive towards the Heavenly Sovereign-stage and did not need to rely on external forces. Thus, she chose this for a greater reason, perhaps to be able to help him more in the future.

He could only look at Luo Li with a rather complicated expression. She smiled and gently grabbed his hand. Apparently, she had already made a decision.

Mu Chen was not a pretentious person. He naturally would remember whatever Luo Li did for him. At present, he did not say anything. If Luo Li had decided on it, then he would try his best to help her.

"However, I did not expect that the 'Eight Budur' and 'Great Spirit Heaven Piercing Light' would be in the Ancient Holy Gulf. These are two world-shaking Rare Super Powers of the Great Thousand World..."

Mu Chen turned his attention to the two Rare Super Powers and was astonished. He cultivated the Qi into Trinity, which was one of the 36 volumes of Rare Super Powers. Naturally, he was very clear about the terrible power such Rare Super Powers possessed. They were essentially the Great Thousand World's top 36 Super Power Arts.

In the face of this level of power, even Heavenly Sovereigns would be tempted, let alone him. Otherwise, the Budur Ancient Clan and Great Spirit Ancient Clan would not put in so many years of painstaking effort to recover the two Rare Super Powers.

"If I can obtain the 'Eight Budur' after I become a Complete Earthly Sovereign, I would be able to counter even a Heavenly Sovereign." Mu Chen's eyes twinkled. The gap between a Complete Earthly Sovereign and Heavenly Sovereign was difficult to cross, but the 36 volumes of Rare Super Powers should be able to fill this gap.

"Hehheh, how ambitious. All the Young Lords of the Budur Ancient Clan are eyeing the 'Eight Budur,' and you want to eat from their mouths. I'm afraid it's not that easy." Beside them, the Scarlet Flame Deity could see through Mu Chen's intentions at a glance and immediately laughed.

The present Mu Chen was also considered to be gifted, but after all, he lacked the Budur Ancient Clan's support and resources. Compared to the Budur Ancient Clan's Young Lords who enjoyed the resources to cultivate, there was still a bit of a gap.

However, Mu Chen smiled calmly at the Scarlet Flame Deity's doubtful comments. "Who knows what will happen if we don't try. No one knows who will have the last laugh."

Seeing Mu Chen's composure, the Scarlet Flame Deity was also a little surprised. He apparently did not expect the young Mu Chen to have such a calm state of mind without fear or anger.

The Scarlet Flame Deity stroked his beard and said, "You're not bad, boy. If you didn't have the Budur Ancient Clan's bloodline, I would want to recommend you to my Great Spirit Ancient Clan."

From a certain point, it would not have been possible for the Young Lords of the Budur Ancient Clan to be able to practice to this state at this age independently.

"Oh, I really want to see what kind of wonderful expression the stubborn old people of the Budur Ancient Clan will have when you become a Heavenly Sovereign. Haha, these old people always say that

my Great Spirit Ancient Clan is not obeying the ancient precepts, and that we are tainting our noble bloodline. How very pedantic."

Seeing the Scarlet Flame Deity chuckle gloatingly, Mu Chen was exasperated as he clasped his fists. "Elder Scarlet Flame, we will have to trouble you this time as we head to the Ancient Holy Gulf."

The Scarlet Flame Deity waved his hand and said, "This is what I have promised Luo Li, so I will do it, of course. I can only send you in, but it's up to you to as to whether or not you will eventually get the 'Eight Budur' and 'Great Spirit Heaven Piercing Light.'"

Mu Chen nodded and said, "Then when shall we start?"

"Well, what better time than now!" The Scarlet Flame Deity acted immediately and without any nonsense, waved his sleeve. The scarlet gourd at his waist expanded greatly to 100 feet as he leapt agilely onto the gourd.

Mu Chen, Luo Li, Ling Xi, and Long Xiang quickly caught up and landed on the gourd as well.

"Let's go!" The Scarlet Flame Deity laughed as the scarlet gourd shook fiercely. The space in front of them twisted and formed a space whirlpool. The gourd leapt into it, and they shuttled through space.

Mu Chen sat cross-legged on the gourd. He saw it flicker as it shuttled through space. He looked into the distance as an inexplicable hint of emotion colored his gaze.

"The Young Lord of the Budur Ancient Clan, is it... No matter what, I'm not going to hand the 'Eight Budur' over to you."

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Chapter 1289: Holy Gulf Continen

The Holy Gulf Continent was located in the far west of the Great Thousand World. In a sense, it was not a continent, but a unique space in the Lower Plane that connected it to the rest of the world.

In those ancient times, this Holy Gulf Continent was one of the critical battle areas between the Great Thousand World and the Extraterritorial Race. Therefore, in this Holy Gulf Continent, there were countless Sovereigns who had fallen there.

Even those Heavenly Sovereigns that fell there exceeded the number of fingers on both hands. Countless inheritances, Super Powers, and Sacred Artifacts had also been lost there for thousands of years.

There were just a handful of lucky people, who had managed to spirit away some of the inheritances. They then took these priceless items and used them to transform themselves from relative unknowns to reputable figures. Due to these successes, more and more powerful sovereigns were flocking to the area, hoping to be the next lucky ones to discover such a wealth of spoils!

However, although the Holy Gulf Continent contained many benefits and adventures, its perils were beyond imagination. The decisive battle of the ancient age had led to the space being extremely unstable, as within it, there existed all kinds of cruel and unexpected circumstances.

Even Complete Earthly Sovereigns would face devastating fates if they were careless. What was most dangerous was that, in this Holy Gulf Continent, the Extraterritorial Race would often emerge!

In the ancient times, the Holy Gulf Continent was occupied by the Extraterritorial Race. Therefore, they naturally held some space passageways and could enter the place at will.

Their purpose of entering into the Holy Gulf Continent was the same as that of many sovereigns in the Great Thousand World. And likewise, due to the decisive battle, many of their people had fallen here, too.

Therefore, the powerful beings of the Extraterritorial Race who broke into the Holy Gulf Continent were also trying to find the most powerful ones among their race who had fallen there. After which, they could obtain those inheritances and strengthen themselves.

Due to these many reasons, the Holy Gulf Continent instantly became a point of convergence between the Great Thousand World and the Extraterritorial Race. Once the formidable figures of both sides met in it, it would be a true life and death struggle! In a sense, the Holy Gulf Continent was now one of the front lines of the Great Thousand World and the Extraterritorial Race.

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It took two months for Mu Chen and his party to get to the Holy Gulf Continent. The large amount of time that this distant journey had taken came as quite a shock to them all, even Mu Chen.

After all, the Scarlet Flame Deity had shuttled through space in his journey to this place! But, although Mu Chen's party's speed was not as fast as that of the Transfer Spiritual Array, it was more convenient, as they didn't need to search for the array.

"This is the Holy Gulf Continent?" Mu Chen asked, while he overlooked the place from his perch above a barren mountain.

Where his sight reached, the sky was dim, and the whole world seemed to be under some kind of extreme oppression. Between the heavens and the earth, the spiritual power had become somewhat obscure and was not as active as it was in the Great Thousand World. In such a place, it was clearly several times more difficult to absorb spiritual power from the heavens and the earth than in the Great Thousand World.

From time to time, in the distant world, there was a flicker of red thunder, which caused a crackling destruction of the earth to occur. The ferocious fluctuations contained in those crimson thunderstorms startled even the Earthly Sovereigns. The continent, as if it was in an extreme rage, was filled with crises.

"Once upon a time, this Holy Gulf Continent was actually a treasured place of practice, but after being occupied by the Extraterritorial Race, it was polluted by evil energy. Even though it had been purified many times by the Great Thousand World, it was still difficult for it to recover to its former peak." Beside them, the Scarlet Flame Deity spoke with regret.

Mu Chen, Luo Li, Ling Xi and the others also sighed. That Extraterritorial Race was indeed an irrevocable mortal enemy of their vast Great Thousand World.

Their way of doing things was too overbearing, and when evil energy invaded them, it polluted even their spiritual energy. If this same pattern was to continue, the spiritual energy practitioners of the Great Thousand World would be completely cut off!

"Elder, is the Ancient Holy Gulf in the middle of this continent?" Mu Chen turned to him and asked.

The Scarlet Flame Deity nodded and said, "This is just the outer part of the Holy Gulf Continent, but in the most central part of the continent, the space has been shattered and covered by space windstorms. So, we have to wait until the storms abate before I can send you in."

When talking about the space windstorms, even a character like the Scarlet Flame Deity became instantly somber. Upon hearing that, Mu Chen and his party were astonished. They were shocked at how terrifying the space windstorms of the Holy Gulf Continent were!

"The destructive power of the space windstorms is a secondary concern, however, as the most troubling thing is that once one is caught in it, one would likely be randomly transmitted to the Extraterritorial Race's territory!" Looking at their faces, the Scarlet Flame Deity shook his head exasperatedly, then tried to explain further.

He said, "This Holy Gulf Continent connects the Great Thousand World and the Extraterritorial Race. If one falls into the Extraterritorial Race, even a Heavenly Sovereign would face great danger. This happened many times in the past."

Mu Chen and the rest then understood why the Scarlet Flame Deity was so cautious. After all, even as powerful as a Heavenly Sovereign was, once they fell into the Extraterritorial Race's territory, if they were targeted by the Demon Emperor, they would suffer a fate worse than death!

"Let's head to Holy Gulf City first, as it is the largest city in the Holy Gulf Continent." As soon as he finished speaking, the Scarlet Flame Deity waved his sleeve and spiritual light enveloped Mu Chen and the other three, then transformed into a beam of light, soaring across the sky and passing the region with scarlet thunderstorms.

Although this Holy Gulf Continent was dangerous, as long as they did not encounter the space windstorms, with the Scarlet Flame Deity's strength, they could still charge forward.

After an hour of following the Scarlet Flame Deity's lead, Mu Chen could see a large city outline at the end of his line of sight. When seen from a distance in the darkened world, the city was like an ancient beast that was crouching on the earth, and it was emitting an indescribable aura of oppression.

As they approached the city, Mu Chen found that, above the it, there was an indescribably large light barrier that was radiating an extremely terrifying spiritual energy fluctuation.

"It's actually an Ancestral Master-rank Spiritual Array!" Mu Chen exclaimed, while looked at the light barrier in shock.

As he was a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master, he saw at a glance that the light barrier was an Ancestral Master-rank Spiritual Array. Moreover, this spiritual array's rank was no lower than most, even amid the Ancestral Master-rank Spiritual Arrays!

"This spiritual array was arranged by a Heavenly Array Elder from the ancient times. Haha, this Heavenly Array Elder was clearly a Divine Ancestral Master and was one of the most powerful Sovereigns back then. As such, even I cannot destroy this array, even with my full strength!" the Scarlet Flame Deity smiled.

Divine Ancestral Master? Hearing this, the four of them were moved, especially Mu Chen and Ling Xi. As Spiritual Array Masters, they knew how terrifying a Divine Ancestral Master was!

The Ancestral Master realm was the same as the Heavenly Sovereign realm, and it was also divided by spiritual, celestial, and divine, with a Divine Ancestral Master being equivalent to a Divine Heavenly Sovereign. That was the pinnacle of the Great Thousand World!

"No wonder I felt like I couldn't figure it out just by taking one look at it. If we attempted to do things forcefully, we would be exhausted." Ling Xi sighed.

As an Advance Ancestral Master, she could decipher the flaws of an ordinary spiritual array at a glance. However, if she had attempted to do it forcefully in this circumstance, she would have suffered an intense backlash.

"The Holy Gulf Continent is one of the places that is connected to the Extraterritorial Race. As this Holy Gulf City has the responsibilities of surveillance and deterrence, it naturally needs the best protection." Luo Li nodded, expressing understanding.

"Let's go." the Scarlet Flame Deity also nodded, then quickly approached the vast city with the four. Finally, they approached the light barrier that was emanating terrifying fluctuations. Then, they quickly passed through it.

As he passed through the light, Mu Chen could clearly feel a subtle wave that scanned his body from the inside out. Under that scan, it was as if any secret of his was instantly revealed. He knew that this must be the test of this large array, and if an existence from the Extraterritorial Race was detected by it, destruction would certainly be its fate!

When they landed in the city, they found that it was unexpectedly prosperous, with many well-to-do people coming and going on the streets. The noise of the city's hustle and bustle soared into the sky.

What they found quite shocking was that almost half of the people in the city had powerful spiritual fluctuations, and apparently, many of them had reached the rank of Earthly Sovereign!

But then again, how would people who dared to come to Holy Gulf Continent be weak?

After they surveyed their surroundings, in the next moment, they all happened to look to the city's most central spot. There, a massive ancient stone tablet sat quietly.

An extremely powerful spiritual energy fluctuation radiated out from the stone tablet. At the top of the tablet, three glowing blood-red words flickered. They were eye-catching, and they radiated a chilling aura. The words were as follows:

Demon Slayer Ranking.

Next to the three words was a list, with a line of golden words that revealed an indescribable aura of majesty...

Great Thousand Palace.

"Great Thousand Palace?" Mu Chen's gaze flashed as he murmured the words from the tablet. "They actually named themselves after the Great Thousand World? What force is this exactly? It's so overbearing!"

Beside him, the Scarlet Flame Deity grinned with a strange smile. He stared at the three words, then said, "Of course it's overbearing! That's because this is the force that is beyond any supreme power! It is the existence of the ancient clans... The true top force of the Great Thousand World..."

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Chapter 1290: Great Thousand Palace, Demon Slayer King

"The top force of the Great Thousand World?" Hearing the Scarlet Flame Deity's words, Mu Chen, Luo Li, and the others were shocked and looked at each other. It seemed that they had never heard of this force. Was it even stronger than the five ancient clans and the famous supreme forces in the world?

Mu Chen could not help but ask, "Who exactly is the Palace Master of Great Thousand Palace?" If this figure can create such a terrible force, was its master also bound to be the top existence in the Great Thousand World?

The Scarlet Flame Deity shook his head and answered, "There is no Palace Master of Great Thousand Palace now. There was one in the ancient times, the top Sovereign in the ancient age, the Immortal Emperor."

"Immortal Emperor?!" Upon hearing this name, Mu Chen's pupils shrank slightly. He had heard about him from the Heavenly Emperor, and knew that the Immortal Emperor was the last practitioner of the Primordial Immortal Body. However, he didn't think that he had even created such a powerful force as the Great Thousand Palace.

Ling Xi, however, felt something was amiss and asked, "But why do we hear so little about the number one force in the Great Thousand World?"

The Scarlet Flame Deity chuckled. "Because this force will truly exist only when the Extraterritorial Race launches an aggressive attack again. In times of peace, the Great Thousand Palace is just a symbol."

Understanding dawned on the four. So this Great Thousand Palace was established specially to resist the Extraterritorial Race. However, how could it become the top force in Great Thousand World then?

"According to the rules passed down from the ancient times, basically, in the Great Thousand World, the vast majority of Heavenly Sovereigns will be recorded in the Great Thousand Palace's records. After examination, they will become officials of the palace.

"Those Heavenly Sovereigns who stepped into the Divine Rank will be elders of the Great Thousand Palace, but if the world is not facing a crisis, these officials and elders need not contribute to the Great Thousand Palace.

"Tell me, the Great Thousand Palace who has this line-up, are they considered the top force of the Great Thousand World?" The Scarlet Flame Deity looked at them playfully.

The corners of Mu Chen's mouth twitched. So this was how the top force had originated. However, if he thought about it, he could also feel the horror of the Great Thousand Palace, because in a certain sense, it was more like a Sovereigns alliance of the Great Thousand World. When the world was facing a crisis, it integrated all the forces of the world against foreign enemies.

At any time, the strength of unity was the most powerful.

In the face of such a powerful threat like the Extraterritorial Race, the Great Thousand World must gather all its forces in order to be able to counter it. From this point of view, the Immortal Emperor who founded the Great Thousand Palace was indeed far-sighted.

"Although it is symbolic now, you should not underestimate it. Its strength is still beyond your imagination, but the Great Thousand Palace will not expose it. What's more, the Great Thousand Palace's status is incredibly esteemed in the world. Even the five ancient clans are very polite to it. Journeying in this world, you will encounter some supreme powers. The title of Great Thousand Palace Official is more respectable than that of an Elder of the Five Ancient Clans." When it came to speaking about officials, the Scarlet Flame Deity was a little smug. Obviously, he should also be one of the Great Thousand Palace officials.

Speaking of this, the Scarlet Flame Deity glanced at Mu Chen and said, "If you were a Great Thousand Palace official, even the Budur Ancient Clan would not be arrogant towards you."

Hearing this, Mu Chen shook his head in exasperation. If he wanted to become a Great Thousand Palace official, he would have to be a Heavenly Sovereign. If I really had a Heavenly Sovereign's power, would I still have to be fearful of the Budur Ancient Clan?

The Scarlet Flame Deity seemed to know what Mu Chen was thinking as he smiled and said, "To become a Great Thousand Palace official, one does not necessarily have to be a Heavenly Sovereign..."

"Oh?" Mu Chen was rather surprised. Was there another way? The Great Thousand Palace had a transcendental position in the world, and it would be beneficial if he could become one of its officials without restraint.

The Scarlet Flame Deity pointed to the Demon Slayer Ranking. Mu Chen looked in the direction he was pointing. He had been stunned by the Great Thousand Palace before, but now, spiritual light flickered on the stone tablet, forming many names.

The first striking name was at the top of the rankings, where there was a purple-gold colored name. Under the sunlight, it emitted a chilling aura.

Demon Slayer King, Qin Tian.

The name was like a king at the top of this Demon Slayers Ranking. Throughout the city, countless people looked at it with admiration in their eyes. Under the Demon Slayer King, Qin Tian, there was a myriad of sparkling words. If one looked carefully, one could see a lot of names.

High Rank Demon Slayer, Liu Difeng.

High Rank Demon Slayer, Lyu Shan.

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Middle Rank Demon Slayer, Lu Lingyu.

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Low Rank Demon Slayer, Lu Shu.

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Countless names were engraved on the Demon Slayers Ranking as spiritual light occasionally flickered. More names appeared constantly as the ranks before their names changed.

Mu Chen gazed at this Demon Slayers Ranking for a long time, then looked at the Scarlet Flame Deity, as he did not seem to understand its role.

"Those who come to the Holy Gulf Continent are all able to obtain a Demon Slayer Token in the Great Thousand Palace. For every member of the Extraterritorial Race slain, they are able to obtain a certain number of Demons-Slayed points, which can be exchanged for many treasures in Great Thousand Palace. As long as you obtain enough Demons-Slayed points, you can even obtain Rare Super Powers and top 20 Sovereign Celestial Bodies!"

"You can even exchange for Rare Super Powers?" Mu Chen couldn't help but be moved. He knew that these Rare Super Powers would not be one of those 36 volumes of Rare Super Powers. However, even an ordinary Rare Super Power was powerful enough. Most Heavenly Sovereigns might not even possess them. Now, the Great Thousand Palace allowed them to exchange their Demons-Slayed points for such treasures. How would this not tempt others?

There were also the top 20 Sovereign Celestial Bodies, which were even more incredible. After all, this level of supreme Sovereign Celestial Bodies was too rare.

"According to the rules of the Great Thousand Palace, as long as you have 1,000 Demons-Slayed points, you will be able to upgrade from a Low Rank Demon Slayer to a Middle Rank. Three thousand points would be a High Rank. Even if you are not a Heavenly Sovereign, you will still be given a title of Great Thousand World Official."

Hearing this, realization then dawned on Mu Chen. So this is what the Scarlet Flame Deity meant earlier. As long as one had enough Demons-Slayed points, they could still become a Great Thousand World Official.

However, it seemed that it was not easy to get 3,000 points. There were no more than 20 people on the stone tablet who had reached High Rank Demon Slayer.

"According to the rules, killing an Extraterritorial Sovereign who is a Lower Earthly Sovereign gets you 50 points. An Upper Earthly Sovereign gets you 100 points, while a Complete Earthly Sovereign is 200 points.

"It's 3,000 points for a Demon Emperor, and 5,000 for a Demon Emperor with a Celestial Heavenly Sovereign's power. Killing a Heavenly Demon Emperor would get you 10,000 Demons-Slayed points."

When they heard the Scarlet Flame Deity's casual words, the four of them were stunned. They knew that it was not easy to get the Demons-Slayed points, but they still didn't think it would be difficult to this extent...

According to this calculation, if one wanted to upgrade from Low Rank Demon Slayer to Middle Rank, they would have to kill 20 Extraterritorial Lower Earthly Sovereigns or ten Extraterritorial Upper Earthly Sovereigns. To become a High Rank Demon Slayer, they would have to annihilate 15 Extraterritorial Complete Earthly Sovereigns...

Extraterritorial Sovereigns of this rank were no weaklings with zero resistance. How could they kill them easily?

From this, one could see how difficult it was to upgrade. No wonder there were only 20 people on the stone tablet, and it was not clear how long it had taken them to achieve this level.

Mu Chen wiped the cold sweat on his forehead and asked, "How many Demons-Slayed points do you need to get to the level of Demon Slayer King?"

"Demon Slayer King..." The Scarlet Flame Deity sighed and replied, "It's simple, just 10,000 Demons-Slayed points. You can get that by killing a Heavenly Demon Emperor."

Mu Chen and the three could feel their scalps growing numb. Killing a Heavenly Demon Emperor? To put it simply, that level of existence was basically at the pinnacle. Losing one, no matter whether it was the Great Thousand World or the Extraterritorial Race, was probably not a small blow.

Luo Li could not help but ask, "Did Elder Qin Tian kill a Heavenly Demon Emperor then?"

"Qin Tian..." Just speaking this name, the Scarlet Flame Deity's tone held admiration. "Many years ago, when Qin Tian was just as young as you, he brought a team to the Holy Gulf Continent. However, they encountered the Extraterritorial Race. His entire team was annihilated. Only he managed to escape.

"After that, this guy stayed in the Holy Gulf Continent for 200 years, and during that time, whenever there was any news of the Extraterritorial Race, he went mad and charged over.

"During these 200 years, he broke through and became a Heavenly Sovereign. However, he was tragically transported by space windstorms to the Extraterritorial Race's territory. When everyone thought he would not be able to return, this guy miraculously came back. He even brought back the remains of a Demon Emperor..."

"After that, he became the first Demon Slayer King of the Great Thousand Palace since ancient times. So far no one has surpassed him." When the Scarlet Flame Deity finished speaking, the four people were utterly stunned. A long time later, they couldn't help but look at each other, with shock and disbelief surging in their eyes.

Such illustrious battle results. This Demon Slayer King... was incredibly ruthless, indeed!