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Chapter 201: Breakthrough

Mu Chen sat at the bottom of the lake for half a day as he waited for the audience to disperse. Then, he quietly emerged and glanced around. Once he'd confirmed that Su Ling'Er had departed, he was relieved.

"It seems that I can't remain here any longer."

Mu Chen shook his head helplessly. Although he'd managed to deal with Su Ling'Er today, he'd completely angered her. Once she recovered, she'd probably go on a rampage. When that happened, he'd be in trouble once she appeared again.

Moreover, Mu Chen had already completed his Spirit Energy Fusion cultivation. There wasn't any meaning to him cultivating at the bottom of this lake. Therefore, he needed to find another cultivation location, and prepare himself as he broke through to the Heavenly Fusion Stage!

As he'd fought constantly against powerful opponents, Mu Chen was aware of just how large of a gap there was between the Spirit Stage and the Heavenly Fusion Stage. If it wasn't for the fact that he possessed various techniques, he wouldn't have been able to defeat all those enemies.

But even so, he could still faintly feel the powerlessness within him. Therefore, he needed to breakthrough to the Heavenly Fusion Stage as well. When that happened, it would be a lot easier for him to deal with an opponent at the Heavenly Fusion Stage.

If Mu Chen was at the Heavenly Fusion Stage, there would be no need for him to use the sort of means to deal with the situation that he had today. Although it might not be easy to defeat Su Ling'Er, the latter wouldn't be able to obtain the upper-hand against him, even if she were to use a Middle Rank Spiritual Artifact.

Therefore, it was necessary for him to advance to the Heavenly Fusion Stage.

As he thought about this, Mu Chen decided not to hesitate, and directly burst out from the lake. He then headed further into the depths of the Spirit Convergence Array. He needed to find another place to cultivate in peace.

Because Su Ling'Er had come searching for him earlier, he must've left a few trails previously. Therefore, after the previous incident, Mu Chen was quite careful, and did his best to avoid other individuals. He focused specifically on moving throughout the calm mountains and forests.

After approximately half an hour, Mu Chen had finally decided on the place where he'd cultivate. It was the summit of a hidden mountain. The summit wasn't quite visible, and was covered with trees.

Mu Chen's figure descended and landed on the isolated summit. This place was relatively close to the depths of the Spirit Convergence Array. Therefore, the Spiritual Aura of the world was exceptionally dense. Spiritual Mist would emerge from time to time, and was quite a refreshing sight.

Mu Chen glanced around the isolated peak, before he drilled a cave into the edge of a steep cliff. He cleared up the place slightly, before he sat down cross-legged.

Once he sat down cross-legged, his expression gradually became dignified. He knew that it wasn't easy to breakthrough to the Heavenly Fusion Stage, even if he'd made preparations for it.

A clump of white gas was slowly exhaled from Mu Chen. He closed his eyes, and the Spiritual Energy fluctuations that were emitted from his body retracted slightly.

Mu Chen didn't attempt to breakthrough to the Heavenly Fusion Stage immediately. This was because he knew that it was completely meaningless. He'd reached the peak of the Spirit Stage a while ago, and only needed an opportunity to breakthrough. But sometimes, it was this opportunity that stopped individuals from passing through the door to the Heavenly Fusion Stage.

He slowly cleared his mind of the thoughts of a breakthrough, and allowed his state of his mind to become calm. At the same time, he began to circulate the Great Pagoda Art, and to absorb the dense Spiritual Aura within the world.

At this moment, the Spirit that was sitting above Mu Chen's Spiritual Energy light wheel had also sat down cross-legged. It formed a few cultivation seals with its hands. The so-called Heavenly Fusion Stage was for one to fuse with both heaven and earth. However, the fusion wasn't using one's own body, but their Spirit.

Only by allowing one's Spirit to breakthrough the shackles of the body, and by fusing with the heavens and earth, would one be able to manipulate the Spiritual Aura within the world and become a genuine Heavenly Fusion Stage powerhouse.

Mu Chen's Spirit gradually calmed down and entered a state of selflessness. His consciousness drifted around within his body, yet whenever it attempted to break through his body, it was hampered.

However, Mu Chen wasn't anxious about this obstruction. He maintained a peaceful state of mind, and allowed his consciousness to drift around. He didn't deliberately try to find a feeling to break through the restraints of his body.

He knew that he would only be able to break through the restraints of his body when that feeling emerged. Otherwise, it would be useless no matter how much he struggled.

Right now, there was no need for him to be anxious. He only had to wait quietly.

Just as Mu Chen was immersing himself in his cultivation, and was searching for the mysterious feeling needed to breakthrough the shackles of his body, Su Ling'Er had returned to the island located at the center of the lake grumpily. She pushed open the door and ignored the gentle girl who was staring at her in surprise. She stomped up the stairs angrily, and rushed into her own room. Then, her petite body rolled around as she hammered her bed.

"Bastard! Bastard! Bastard!"

Su Ling'Er's face was completely red under her blanket. She grit her teeth as she cursed constantly. She still felt an occasional pain from her butt, causing her to feel slightly embarrassed.

She never expected that Mu Chen would actually do such an act!

"Bastard, I won't forgive you!

Su Ling'Er gritted her teeth. At this moment, she seemed like a tiny wolf, and she couldn't wait to tear Mu Chen into pieces.

"Who can't you forgive?"

A gentle laugh resounded out. Su Ling'Er hurriedly threw her blanket aside, and noticed Su Xuan chuckling nearby as she stared at her.

"N...Nothing." Su Ling'Er's face was bright red as she quickly responded. She didn't dare mention that she was spanked by Mu Chen. It was far too embarrassing!

"Didn't you say earlier that you would search for that freshman called Mu Chen? How is it? Did you find him?" Su Xuan smiled.

"N...No, I didn't find him." Su Ling'Er shook her head. Although she gnashed her teeth to the point where they were about to shatter, she had to save herself a little bit of face.

Su Xuan stared at Su Ling'Er for a moment. This was a bit strange. Just earlier, she'd been constantly muttering about how to trouble Mu Chen. Yet, right now, she'd acted quite honest.

"What happened to you?" Su Xuan noticed that Su Ling'Er's posture was strange, and that she'd tilted her body. Her clothes revealed her graceful curves, but it all seemed somewhat unnatural.

Su Ling'Er hurriedly sat up. However, once her butt made contact with the bed, a stinging pain emerged. Tears filled her eyes. However, she endured the pain as she cursed Mu Chen.

"If there's any problems, feel free to find your sister." Su Xuan felt that Su Ling'Er's actions were quite bizarre. However, she didn't think much about it, and rubbed her sister's head. Towards this sister of hers, she was always quite protective.

"I know. Hurry and leave. I can deal with my own matters. Isn't that what you said, sister?" Su Ling'Er pouted. She would only say such words at this sort of moment.

Su Xuan shook her head as she left the room.

Once Su Xuan had left, Su Ling'Er buried her face into her pillow and rolled around. An angry voice rang out from her clenched teeth.

"Mu Chen, I won't forgive you!"

Although Su Ling'Er was filled with rage, she recovered on the following day. She immediately rushed back into the Spirit Convergence Array, and headed towards the lake. But once she'd arrived, she noticed that Mu Chen had already disappeared, and not even a trace of him could be found.

"Bastard! Bastard!"

In the sky, Su Ling'Er stomped down with her foot. She was fully prepared today, and had brought another valuable Middle Rank Spiritual Artifact, as well as the scarlet whip with her. She planned on capturing Mu Chen and getting her revenge, yet, she'd never imagined that the cunning fellow would actually run away from this place.

"AHHHHH! I don't believe that you can hide from me forever!"

Su Ling'Er swung her hands around angrily, and caused massive waves to form on the surface of the lake. The students, who were dizzy from the waves, had emerged from the lake. Once they saw that it was Su Ling'Er however, they suddenly shrank back, and didn't dare to say anything.

Su Ling'Er ignored them and glanced around. Then, she rushed off in another direction. From her appearance, it seemed that she wouldn't stop until she'd managed to capture Mu Chen.

While Su Ling'Er was searching for Mu Chen angrily, the latter had been cultivating quietly and calmly within a cave. At this moment, Mu Chen's body was completely motionless, and even his breathing was quite weak. It was as if he was gravely injured and was about to die. However, if one were to sense carefully, they would notice that hidden underneath his current facade, was a burning and youthful vitality.

Mu Chen was currently experiencing the wonders of breaking through the shackles of the body. Everything in the outside world seemed to be blocked off by him. At this moment, he was completely immersed in his cultivation.

Time passed while Mu Chen continued this peaceful cultivation. In a blink of an eye, almost a month had passed.

During this month, Mu Chen had basically cultivated the entire time. He would utilize his Spirit to sense the world as he attempted to let it break through his body's shackles.

And under his calm state of mind as he cultivated, results had gradually emerged. His consciousness would drift around his body, yet it would occasionally break through his body's shackles. When it occurred, a mysterious, yet memorable feeling emerged within Mu Chen's heart...

After experiencing this feeling to a certain extent, Mu Chen finally opened his eyes. A profound feeling flashed through his black eyes.

He gently brushed aside the thin layer of dust on his clothes. At this moment, a faint Spiritual Mist had emerged atop his head. And within this Spiritual Mist, there was a palm-sized Spirit that slowly appeared. Then, it slowly sat down on Mu Chen's head.

In the instant that this Spirit had emerged, Mu Chen's body had trembled. The world in front of him seemed to have changed — as if it had changed from being quite unfamiliar, to being quite close to him...

Bang!

All of a sudden, countless Spiritual Auras within the world swarmed over towards him. It was as if there was a stream of Spiritual Aura that had entered this cave. In the end, it entered Mu Chen's body as he sat quietly.

In that instant, the Spiritual Energy fluctuations emitted from him soared! Compared to before, it was many times stronger!

This was a completely different level!

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Chapter 202: Heavenly Fusion Stage

A powerful gale suddenly emerged above the mountain. The dense Spiritual Aura of the world seemed to be attracted by something and gathered at the summit. In the end, it rushed into cave like a flood and entered Mu Chen's body.

Buzz.

With the infusion of dense Spiritual Aura, fluctuations emerged near Mu Chen's body. A faint jade color actually emerged on his body and it seemed quite mysterious.

On Mu Chen's head, the Spirit also formed a seal. At that moment, the Spirit had a mesmerizing expression. It had sensed the heavens and earth and its body was slowly being fused into it.

It was a completely different realm than the Spirit Stage.

Mu Chen felt that as if his soul had suddenly become quite vast. At the previous stage, he was bound to his body, and it couldn't compare with the vast world outside.

But right now, every single one of his actions could fuse with the world and he could mobilize the dense Spiritual Aura within the world.

Mu Chen's Spirit also gradually turned clear. Moreover, it did not have an illusory form anymore and seemed like it was real.

Furthermore, a powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuation emanated out from the tiny Spirit.

A clump of white air was slowly exhaled out from Mu Chen's mouth. Then, he immediately changed seals. At that instant, the Spirit on his head slowly entered his body and returned to the aura sea.

When the Spirit returned to his aura sea, a mysterious and violent fluctuation emerged from the depths of his body. The Great Pagoda Art had also circulated by itself.

Sensing this change, Mu Chen was surprised. However, he did not obstruct it and instead watched quietly. He could feel that this change was caused by the sealed Spiritual Pulse within his body.

Accompanied by the increase of his strength, the mysterious Spiritual Pulse that was sealed by his mother had slowly revealed its true form.

Zzzt!

When the fluctuation emerged, Mu Chen noticed that the mysterious black lights had emerged within the depths of his body again. The lights emitted out beams of light which had gathered at his Spirit's hand.

When the strange black lights had converged at his Spirit's hand, it gradually twisted around and condensed into a tiny black tower.

The tiny black tower was held by his Spirit and ancient and obscure, dark-golden engravings were on the surface of the tower. A majestic feeling emerged out, which would make one be in awe in front of it.

"This is..."

Mu Chen was shocked as he stared at the tiny black tower within his Spirit's hand. He was aware that the tiny black tower was quite peculiar. It did not seem to be an illusory item that was formed by Spiritual Energy. Instead, it was closer to being a Spiritual Artifact. But if he had to compare them, this item was different to a Spiritual Artifact.

In that instant, even Mu Chen wasn't able to understand exactly what this tiny black tower was.

Mu Chen's heart was filled with surprise. Just what exactly is the sealed Spiritual Pulse within his body? It could actually condense and turn into such a form. This was the first time he had ever heard of it.

He immediately focused and the Spirit waved the black tower in its hand slightly. A brilliant beam of black light burst out from it at this moment and an ancient bell sound resounded out.

A fluctuation that could seal all things slowly emitted out from it.

Mu Chen stared at the tiny black tower and investigated it for a while. However, this did not bear much results and could only shake his head as he withdrew from his aura sea.

In the cave, Mu Chen opened his eyes and his body trembled slightly. The dust that had landed on his body was instantly blown away. Then, he stood up slowly and a creaking noise resounded out from his body.

Mu Chen gripped his hand tightly and sensed the dense Spiritual Energy fluctuation within his body. Delight instantly filled his eyes. After painstaking effort, he had finally advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage!

He stood at the entrance of the cave and stared out to the lush forest. At this moment, the world seemed to become much brighter in his eyes. He was also able to perceive the Spiritual Aura fluctuations within the world more accurately.

His gestures could mobilize the nearby Spiritual Aura within the world and this feeling wasn't something that a Spirit Stage could compare with.

"As expected of the Heavenly Fusion Stage..."

Mu Chen could not help but let out a praise. No wonder he had to use up various means while dealing with Yang Hong's attacks. So the difference between the two stages were so large.

"I wonder if Dad managed to break through to the Heavenly Fusion Stage yet."

Mu Chen suddenly smiled. With his current strength, he could definitely become the overlord of the Northern Spiritual Realm. But within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he was still quite unworthy. This made him sigh. The Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy wasn't something that the Northern Spiritual Realm could compare with.

Mu Chen stretched his waist for a moment and took a deep breath of the fresh air within the forest. Then, he rushed into the sky and headed towards the exterior of the forest. This time, he had entered the Spirit Convergence Array for approximately one month and a half. He had spent nearly 200,000 Spiritual Values. Fortunately, his Spiritual Values Card possessed around 500,000 Spiritual Values before entering the Spirit Convergence Array. Otherwise, he would have been kicked out of the Rank 6 Spirit Convergence Array halfway through his cultivation.

Although he had consumed a large amount of Spiritual Values, the results of his secluded cultivation were great. Not only did Mu Chen succeed in the Spiritual Energy Fusion, he also managed to break through the Spirit Stage and advance to the Heavenly Fusion Stage that he had dreamed of.

Compared to these results, the 200,000 Spiritual Values was only a minor thing.

Mu Chen smiled. In ten minutes, he had exited the forest. He looked around, then, he headed towards the exit of the Spirit Convergence Array. However, a hint of surprise emerged in his eyes after he flew for a few minutes.

This is because he noticed that there were countless individuals heading in the opposite direction instead. Every one of these individuals had a burning gaze as if there was a treasure in the depths of the Spirit Convergence Array.

"What happened?"

Mu Chen was stunned and he gradually slowed down. His gaze turned towards the depths of the Spirit Convergence Array and he could vaguely sense that the Spiritual Aura within the world was fluctuating violently at that location.

Mu Chen hesitated for a moment and immediately obstructed a student that was charging towards the depth of the Spirit Convergence Array. He smiled: "Senior, may I ask where all of you are heading to?"

The student that was obstructed by Mu Chen had an annoyed expression. He glared at Mu Chen for a moment and planned to rush past him.

Mu Chen flicked his fingers and his Spiritual Values Card emerged. 5,000 Spiritual Values turned into a beam of light as it headed towards that student.

At this moment, the latter's eyes instantly brightened up. He hurriedly placed away the 5,000 Spiritual Values and turned to look at Mu Chen. His eyes quickly warmed up and he replied: "Judging from your appearance, could you be a freshman? So you didn't even know about the Spirit Tide within the Spirit Convergence Array?

"Spirit Tide?" Mu Chen was stunned and was quite confused.

"Generally speaking, in a highly rank Spirit Convergence Array like this, extremely dense Spiritual Aura of the world would be accumulated over the years. It would then form what is known as the Spirit Tide." The student explained.

"Then why are so many people heading towards the so-called Spirit Tide?"

"That isn't true. The Spirit Tide is considerably violent and it could be quite dangerous if one was sucked in. Normally speaking, it is best to avoid a Spirit Tide if possible." The student snickered. Then, he responded with his eyes blazing: "However, within the Spirit Tide, a worldly treasure known as the "Celestial Spirit Lotus" would be formed due to the accumulated Spiritual Aura."

"Celestial Spirit Lotus?" Mu Chen narrowed his eyes.

"Every time a Spirit Tide occurs, there would be one single Celestial Spirit Lotus that appears. The Celestial Spirit Lotus itself isn't much use. However, the Spirit Lotus Seeds on the Celestial Spirit Lotus

are considered a rare worldly treasure. It possesses the miraculous effects of stabilizing Spiritual Energy as well as solidifying your foundations.

"Oh?" A trace of surprise appeared within Mu Chen's eyes. While cultivating Spiritual Energy, the foundations were exceptionally important. If the foundations were weak, it would be difficult to improve no matter how long one would cultivate. Therefore, a worldly treasure that could stabilize Spiritual Energy and solidifying foundations was considerably rare. He never imagined that the "Spirit Lotus Seeds" would possess these effects.

"A single Spirit Lotus Seed is worth at least 200,000 Spiritual Values within the Spiritual Values Hall. Moreover, there is no stock of them. Therefore, who wouldn't try to seize one since the Spirit Tide had appeared?" The student smacked his lips and said disappointedly: "However, there is only one Celestial Spirit Lotus and the Spirit Lotus Seeds are limited. It would definitely be difficult to obtain one with so many people eyeing on it."

"Okay, buddy. If you're interested, you should hurry over. Otherwise, you wouldn't be able to see anything at all. I'm heading over first."

Seeing that he had pretty much explained everything, the student waved his hand and he charged towards the depths of the Spirit Convergence Array.

Mu Chen stood in the sky and stared at the figures that were rushing towards the depth of the Spirit Convergence Array. He pondered slightly before he rushed out in the same directions as the other individuals.

Since he had just advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage, he felt that the Spiritual Energy within his body was slightly superficial even though he had attempted to compress it. If he successfully obtained a Spirit Lotus Seed, he would be able to resolve this situation and he wouldn't need to spend time on stabilizing his Spiritual Energy.

A treasure like this wasn't something that you could wish for. Since it had appeared in front of him, he naturally would have to join in the fun as well. After all, it would be a pity if he just gave up on it.

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Chapter 203: Huo Feng

In the deepest part of the Spirit Convergence Array, the sky was filled with brilliant colors. If one was to look forward, the sky would seem as magnificent as the ocean. A dense Spiritual Aura was converging and forming into many tidal waves. At the same time, rumbling sounds resounded out, causing it to seem like actual tidal waves.

On the ground outside of the deepest part of the Spirit Convergence Array, countless figures were already waiting patiently. Every single one of them were looking at the Spiritual Aura Ocean eagerly. At that location, the Spiritual Aura was surging out like actual tidal waves and a terrifying Spiritual Energy pressure emanated out into the world.

Against this terrifying Spiritual Energy pressure, even a Heavenly Fusion Stage would seem quite miniscule and wouldn't dare to face the tidal waves directly.

In front of the crowd of students, there were a few individuals that were entirely different than the rest. These individuals were all well-known students within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Furthermore, they were all quite powerful and were considerably frightening by just standing there.

When Mu Chen arrived at this location, he noticed this lively scene. Then, he too, landed on a mountain peak in the front. His gaze swept across the terrifying Spiritual Aura Tidal Waves in the distance. From the Spiritual Energy pressure that he sensed, his breathing stopped for a moment.

"As expected from a Rank 6 Spirit Convergence Array."

Seeing this magnificent scene, Mu Chen couldn't help but let out a praise. Only a Spirit Convergence Array of this level could actually cause such an amazing Spirit Tide.

Mu Chen looked at the Spirit Tide in the distance before he turned his gaze towards the individuals that were in the front. Then, he noticed a familiar silhouette amongst these individuals.

It was Su Ling'Er.

When he noticed the girl's elegant figure, Mu Chen could not help but rub his nose. His body instinctively shrank back slightly. After all, he had never imagined that Su Ling'Er was currently still within the Spirit Convergence Array.

However, Su Ling'Er didn't seem to notice Mu Chen at all. She crossed her arms as her beautiful face stared coldly out into the sky to her right. From that direction, there was another group of individuals approaching.

The number of individuals weren't small and the one leading was also a beautiful girl. Her appearance was quite pretty and had slightly thin lips. An unconcealable hint of arrogance and superiority could be seen within her eyes.

Although the two girls' beauty was at a similar level, Mu Chen felt that Su Ling'Er made him feel slightly more comfortable.

"Keke, Su Ling'Er. You sure have arrived quite early. The Celestial Spirit Lotus hasn't even appeared and yet you've already arrived." Just as Mu Chen glanced at the two of them, the tall and beautiful girl that was leading the group chuckled as she stared at Su Ling'Er.

"Xu Qingqing. This Spirit Convergence Array does not belong to you. Do I have to report to you, whenever I come here?" It seemed that Su Ling'Er did not possess any pleasant feelings towards this girl and she quickly responded rudely.

"Hmph. How sharp-tongued." The girl called Xu Qingqing snorted before replying mockingly: "I heard that you've tried to cause trouble for the freshman known as Mu Chen earlier. However, it seemed that you've embarrassed yourself instead? Su Ling'Er. Your sister is quite famous among the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, yet how could you, her sister, fail to teach a lesson to a mere freshman?"

"From what I see, why don't you ask me to help you teach a lesson to that freshman?"

"You're not qualified to intervene with my own affairs," Su Ling'Er said coldly.

"Ohoho, is that it? However, I must obtain the Spirit Lotus Seed today. If you want to steal it from me, then don't blame me for acting quite rude. Others might be afraid of your sister, but I'm not afraid of her." Xu Qingqing curled her lips.

"Then, let's see you try taking it."

Su Ling'Er continued to oppose Xu Qingqing and did not take a step backwards. The confrontation between these two girls also attracted the attention of many individuals. However, many of them were not surprised. After all, everyone within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy knew that Su Ling'Er and Xu Qingqing had a terrible relationship with each other.

Su Ling'Er's sister is Su Xuan, who was ranked third on the Heavenly Ranking. However, Xu Qingqing's brother was also Xu Huang, who was ranked fifth on the Heavenly Ranking. Both of them had a powerful background and not many would dare offend either of them. Therefore, many individuals would stay away from these two girls.

Mu Chen curled his lips as he watched the confrontation between these two girls. Just earlier, Xu Qingqing had dragged him into their conversation. The tone as she talked about him made him quite unhappy. Therefore, he did not like her that much.

It was evident that Mu Chen was not interested in entering their quarrels. Therefore, he stood quietly as he watched the Spirit Tide in the distance. He waited for the moment when the so-called "Celestial Spirit Lotus" would appear.

"Eh?"

But while Mu Chen was waiting, he suddenly felt a gaze filled with hatred suddenly focusing on him. He immediately frowned and turned around as he stared towards the source of this gaze. When he located the source, he was slightly surprised.

This was because the owner of this gaze was Mo Lun, who Mu Chen had defeated previously.

Ever since that guy had been defeated by him, he had vanished without a trace. Mu Chen had originally thought that he would perform some sort of measures against him, yet he never imagined that Mo Lun would have calmed down. This saved him from a bit of trouble. However, judging from Mo Lun's appearance, it seemed that he had not given up on revenge.

Mu Chen glanced at Mo Lun before focusing on the people beside him. At that location, there were three other individuals. Mu Chen's gaze swept across these three individuals and stopped at the one in the front. His eyes instantly became serious.

It was a somewhat burly boy. He had a dull appearance, yet he had a slightly pointed nose. At the same time, he gave off a cold feeling and judging from the Spiritual Energy fluctuations emitted from his body, he was many times stronger than Mo Lun.

This person actually possessed the strength of a Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase.

This made Mu Chen somewhat surprised. In general, a person with such strength would be ranked in the top 100s of the Heavenly Ranking. It was impossible for him to be a nobody within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Mo Lun stared darkly at Mu Chen before the corners of his lips rose up coldly. Then, he approached the burly boy in front and whispered a few words to him. At the same time, he pointed over towards Mu Chen.

When he noticed this, Mu Chen had an indifferent expression while he raised his eyebrow. It seemed that he didn't teach him a big enough lesson last time.

As Mo Lun whispered to the burly boy, that boy slowly tilted his head. Then, his cold gaze focused on Mu Chen's body.

Against this cold gaze, Mu Chen did not show any signs of retreating and instead confronted this gaze.

Before he had advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage, it might be quite difficult for him to deal with a person at the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase. But for the current him, he wasn't afraid of them anymore. If they were to fight against each other, it wouldn't be easy for his opponent to gain the upper hand.

The burly boy listened to what Mo Lun had to say. However, it was evident that the latter was currently complaining about Mu Chen's actions. After a while, the burly boy nodded and headed straight towards Mu Chen.

When Mo Lun noticed this, he hurriedly followed. A hint of cunning and pride emerged in his eyes as he stared at Mu Chen again.

"Huh, isn't that the leader of the Azure Red Community, Huo Feng? He actually came here."

When the burly boy rushed over towards Mu Chen, it had attracted a lot of gazes and it was clear that others had identified him.

"Azure Red Community's Leader, Huo Feng?" Mu Chen narrowed his eyes slightly. Since Mo Lun was part of the Azure Red Community and he was defeated by Mu Chen, it was no wonder that this boy would take action.

Moreover, from the looks of it, this leader of the Azure Red Community is planning to help Mo Lun get his revenge.

"Swish!"

Huo Feng's body quickly appeared at the mountain peak where Mu Chen was located at. He stared coldly at Mu Chen and asked: "You're the freshman known as Mu Chen, right?"

"May I ask what you want from me?" Mu Chen smiled faintly.

"Previously, I was in secluded training. Therefore, I had only heard about Mo Lun's matters a few days ago."

Huo Feng stared at Mu Chen and waved his hand. Then, he continued: "Although he had gone overboard, you've also taught him a lesson. However, I hope that you will return the Spiritual Values back to him. That was the Spiritual Values that he had accumulated for six months. If you do so, then this matter is truly over."

He had a calm tone as if he was talking about something that should naturally occur.

Mu Chen smiled and glanced at Mo Lun. Then, he replied: "He prevented so many freshmen from exiting the freshman area. People always say that you shouldn't hurt one's pride if you were to hurt someone. However, he stepped directly on so many people's pride. I've always considered that the lesson that I've taught him was quite light. But now, you actually want me to return the Spiritual Values back to him?"

"Mu Chen. You actually dare to act this arrogant in front of our leader? Do you actually believe that the Azure Red Community isn't able to deal with you?!" Mo Lun's face exchanged between a pale and red color as he sneered. From his tone, it was clear that he had made Mu Chen an enemy of the Azure Red Community.

"It seems that I was too kind last time. Against a bastard like you, there truly isn't a need to care much about it." Mu Chen directly a smile towards Mo Lun. However, this smile caused Mo Lun to shiver and retreat slightly. He had seen Mu Chen's performance at the Freshmen Competition and knew that he wasn't Mu Chen's opponent.

"To actually threaten members of the Azure Red Community in front of me, it seems that the rumors are true. This year's freshmen are quite arrogant." Huo Feng stared coldly at Mu Chen as he spoke.

This confrontation soon caused a commotion. Since many people were waiting for the appearance of the "Celestial Spirit Lotus", they casted curious gazes over here.

When they noticed the two individuals confronting each other, a hint of surprise filled their eyes. After all, Huo Feng was quite famous within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. His rank of being 91st on the Heavenly Ranking bears a bit of weight.

As for Mu Chen, his fame had started to emerge after the Freshmen Competition and was considered an emerging dark horse within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

They never imagined that these two individuals would actually confront each other.

Not far away, Su Ling'Er also noticed the commotion and turned her gaze around. Then, her pretty face instantly turned red as she noticed Mu Chen's silhouette. She gritted her teeth tightly and rage filled her eyes. This bastard had finally dared to appear in front of her?!

"Since you're a freshman and perhaps you didn't understand about the rules, I didn't want to bother you. Regarding about the matter with Mo Lun and you, it's true that Mo Lun had done something inappropriate. Therefore, I will ask you once more. Return the Spiritual Values back to him and we will consider this matter over, okay?" Huo Feng extended his hand out as he spoke in a deep voice. His eyes, as he stared at Mu Chen, was razor-sharp.

Mu Chen frowned and laughed faintly as he glanced at Huo Feng. Then, he slowly shook his head. In his eyes, a hint of coldness emerged.

"I refuse."

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Chapter 204: Confrontation

"I refuse."

When these two words left Mu Chen's mouth, everyone noticed that Huo Feng's eyes had turned slightly cold. A powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuation slowly emanated out of his body.

It was evident that the leader of the Azure Red Community, who was widely known in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, was angered by this comment.

Seeing this, Mo Lun began to gloat as he stared at Mu Chen. As long as Mu Chen angered Huo Feng, it wouldn't be easy for him to get away. After all, Huo Feng's strength was at the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase. Moreover, he was one of the individuals ranked in the top 100 of the Heavenly Ranking. Even within the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he was considered to be guite powerful.

Not far away, Su Ling'Er's eyes flashed as she witnessed this scene. She immediately hummed: "You deserve it. Huo Feng isn't an ordinary individual. Did you truly believe that you could get rid of him just by acting like a ruffian?"

Once she said these words, her petite face turned red. She bit down and stared in hatred towards Mu Chen's figure.

"So he's the freshman that was recently in the limelight? Aside from being arrogant, it seems that there is nothing special about him." Xu Qingqing also stared towards Mu Chen as she curled her red lips.

Naturally, she was aware of Huo Feng's strength. Even if she was the one that had to confront him, it would be quite troublesome. Furthermore, it seems that Mu Chen did not possess the abilities to fight against him.

As countless gazes began to focus on the mountain peak, Mu Chen stared coldly towards Huo Feng. He gently gripped his hands and dark black Spiritual Energy surged out. Within the Spiritual Energy, a black flame quietly appeared.

It was evident that it was impossible for him to return the Spiritual Values back to Mo Lun.

"I refuse...These words are something that you can say just because you want to say them."

Huo Feng's glared at Mu Chen and said faintly as he stressed each word: "Sometimes...you have to see if you're qualified to say these words!"

Against Huo Feng's aggressive tone, a hint of coldness slowly emerged within Mu Chen's black eyes. He looked towards at Huo Feng and smiled: "Whether or not I'm qualified...It isn't something that you can decide."

"Is that so?!"

Huo Feng's eyes sharpened and he rushed forward. The powerful Spiritual Energy within his body erupted out. Then, the ground underneath him cracked open and the cracks charged out like a earth dragon. Within the matchless and violent Spiritual Energy, a earth dragon's growl could be heard faintly.

Seeing Huo Feng attempt to suppress him, Mu Chen also let out a cold sneer deep down inside. He did not have the slightest intention of retreating and instead, he stomped on the ground and took a step forward.

Cracks also emerged out from underneath Mu Chen's feet. However, the boulders that these cracks passed through had melted completely. A screeching sound resounded out as it charged towards the cracks that were like violent earth dragons.

A massive sound resounded out and gravel erupted out throughout the sky. When the two cracks made contact with each other, the two violent Spiritual Energy within the cracks had erupted as it attempted to erode each other.

"Eh?"

Huo Feng looked at where the Spiritual Energy made contact and his eyes turned serious. He could sense that his Spiritual Energy was rapidly being consumed when the two Spiritual Energy confronted each other.

Although the density of his Spiritual Energy far exceeded Mu Chen's Spiritual Energy, the latter's Spiritual Energy was extremely condensed. It was quite difficult to destroy this condensed Spiritual Energy.

"This brat is quite capable. No wonder he was able to become the Number One Freshman."

Huo Feng sneered inside his heart. However, he was still an Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase powerhouse. No matter what sort of tricks Mu Chen had, it wasn't possible for them to stop him.

He did not possess any grudges with Mu Chen, but Mo Lun was considered to be his men. Since Mo Lun had came to him and complained about Mu Chen, he naturally couldn't turn a blind eye to it. Otherwise, he would lose the support of the members of the Azure Red Community.

"Tornado Palm!"

Huo Feng thought quickly and he rushed up into the sky like an eagle. Then, he struck out and rumbling Spiritual Energy erupted out as gales began to blow.

Within the gales, a blue palm of fierce winds was formed. It formed a storm as it tore through the air towards Mu Chen, who was on top of the mountain.

"Vajra Pagoda!"

Mu Chen lifted his head and his eyes sharpened. He did not retreat and smack out as well. A golden light surged out and formed into a golden palm. Within this palm, a dark black tower engraving emitted out a mysterious glow.

The two Spiritual Energy palms smashed heavily against each other in the sky. In that instant, a storm brew out. Waves of violent Spiritual Energy had emitted out from the two attacks.

The two violent Spiritual Energy attacks attempted to erode each other, but both of them gradually faded. It was evident that the two powerful attacks were evenly matched.

"Mu Chen's strength...has actually improved again!"

Seeing this result, the nearby crowd could not help but exclaim out loud. Their eyes turned serious. They could sense that Mu Chen was currently much stronger than his previous self when he was facing Yang

Hong a month ago. Otherwise, it was impossible for him to be evenly matched against Huo Feng. After all, the latter was at the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase.

"That guy...So he actually managed to advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage!"

Not far away, Su Ling'Er witnessed this scene and was surprised. No wonder Mu Chen wasn't afraid of Huo Feng...It was clear that he had advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage within this month. This is because when he had faced Su Ling'Er previously, he was still at the Spirit Stage Late Phase.

"Roar!"

Mu Chen lifted his head and stared calmly at Huo Feng, who was standing in the sky. His palms spun and dozens of Spiritual Seals emerged from his fingertips. These Spiritual Seals quickly integrated with the air and a massive golden Spiritual Array began to form. A disc with both dragon and elephant had emerged. It rushed towards Huo Feng as it issued out a roar.

"He's actually a Spiritual Array Master as well?!"

Seeing how Mu Chen easily arranged a Spiritual Array, Huo Feng's eyes turned serious. His body quickly emerged in front of the dragon and elephant disc. He immediately kicked out with his leg and caused the air to be torn apart.

Huo Feng's ferocious kick carried rumbling Spiritual Energy as it collided fiercely against the dragon and elephant disc. It had managed to forcibly destroy the disc apart.

However, just when Huo Feng had destroyed the disc with his kick, a scarlet light suddenly erupted from below. He lowered his head and noticed an even larger Spiritual Array had formed above Mu Chen's head. A Spiritual Energy fluctuation that far exceeded the previous Spiritual Array had emitted out from within the current Spiritual Array.

"Great Ifrit Array"

Mu Chen flicked his fingers with a calm expression. With his current strength, he could arrange this Great Ifrit Array in an instant.

Fierce red light burst out from the giant array. Then, a massive Ifrit erupted out from the array. Soon, it turned into a pillar of flame and charged towards Huo Feng.

"Cyclone Slash!"

Seeing the raging Ifrit charge towards him, Huo Feng hurriedly retreated dozens of steps. He gripped his hands tightly and dense Spiritual Energy surged out. It formed massive blue blade slash as it tore through the sky. With an overwhelming aura, it slashed mercilessly at the Ifrit's body.

Flames erupted into the sky. At this instant, the massive Ifrit body was cut into half by Huo Feng's slash attack.

The audiences nearby could not help but let out praises once they witnessed these two powerful offensives. These two individuals were quite capable.

Huo Feng's expression was quite calm as the blade slash cut apart the Ifrit's body. But just when the red light faded in front of his eyes, a chill appeared deep down inside. He heard subtle sounds of wind and noticed Mu Chen had actually charged towards him while the red lights were disappearing.

"You're seeking death!"

Huo Feng sneered. As a Spiritual Array Master, this Mu Chen actually did not hide far away and rely on the power of the Spiritual Array. Instead, he had actually taken the initiative to approach him. Is he truly looking down on him and his Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase strength?

"Sky Dragon Destruction Fist!"

It was evident Huo Feng did not allow Mu Chen to hesitate at all. He bent his legs slightly and clenched his hand as he fired out a punch.

Rumble!

A storm-like Spiritual Energy suddenly surged out. Then, a dragon's fist formed by the wind had gathered on the surface of Huo Feng's fist. A devastating roar had emerged. This fist carried the power to shatter mountains and it headed fiercely towards Mu Chen.

Once this fist was blasted out, countless people had solemn expressions. It was evident that they had sensed how powerful this attack was.

"Go to hell!"

At this moment, Mo Lun stared excitedly at this scene. The "Sky Dragon Destruction Fist" was one of Huo Feng's trump cards. Once it was used, it could instantly defeat any opponents below the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase. Since Mu Chen was currently rushed towards Huo Feng, it was too late for him to evade it!

The blue dragon rapidly grew larger within Mu Chen's eyes. He immediately took a deep breath and dark black Spiritual Energy emerged as he, too, fired out a punch.

Buzz! Buzz!

Four Limitless Death Seals instantly condensed on the surface of Mu Chen's fist. But when these four Limitless Death Seals emerged, Mu Chen did not stop it there. Dark black light continued to surge and another Limitless Death Seal quietly condensed on the surface of his fist.

Five Limitless Death Seals!

Since Mu Chen had advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage, the Limitless Death Seal that hadn't improved for a long time was finally strengthened.

Once these five Limitless Death Seals emerged, rumbling black light caused the surrounding air to become distorted. An overbearing and matchless fluctuation spread out from these Limitless Death Seals.

"Go!"

Mu Chen muttered. He blasted a punch and the five Limitless Death Seals soared through the sky like a black comet. They connected with each other and under countless gazes, it smashed fiercely against the blue dragon.

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Chapter 205: Celestial Spirit Lotus

Rumbling Spiritual Energy shock waves rippled through the sky. A powerful gale was formed and caused the forest below to sway. At the same time, a sandstorm emerged and caused everybody to shut their eyes.

However, a few individuals infused Spiritual Energy into their eyes in order to look at the collision of the two violent Spiritual Energy.

Boom!

In the sky, the violent Spiritual Energy storm suddenly broke out. A massive Spiritual Energy impact rushed out and caused both Mu Chen and Huo Feng to be blown away.

Bang.

Mu Chen hurriedly placed the soles of his feet on the ground and landed on the peak of a mountain. However, his clothes were torn apart. At the same time, his eyes turned slightly serious. Huo Feng's strength was indeed quite powerful. No wonder he was able to be ranked within the top 100s of the Heavenly Ranking.

From a distance, Huo Feng also landed on top of a towering tree. He, too, had torn clothes just like Mu Chen. This caused his eyes to turn solemn. He never imagined that he wouldn't be able to suppress Mu Chen with his Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase strength. The two of them were evenly matched.

After personally facing off this freshman, he knew that the latter possessed incredible strength. It was no wonder that he did not care about him and his threats.

"How could this be..."

Mo Lun's face darkened and his eyes were filled with disbelief. It was evident that he did not expect that Mu Chen would remain undefeated even when Huo Feng had personally taken action.

How could this freshman improve this quickly?!

From afar, Su Ling'Er's eyes were also filled with surprise as she witnessed this scene. Her gaze swept across Mu Chen's body. This boy was actually capable of fighting against Huo Feng to this extent...

At the same time, Xu Qingqing was astonished by Mu Chen's feat. She glanced again towards Mu Chen and curled her lips. She stopped speaking for the moment. However, the disdain within her eyes had faded slightly.

"Do you want to continue fighting?" Mu Chen directly a faint smile towards Huo Feng.

Huo Feng frowned. Just from the earlier battle, he already understood that he must use his full strength if he wanted to defeat Mu Chen. However, the Spirit Tide was about to appear. Therefore, he had to

save his strength to seize the "Celestial Spirit Lotus". This place was extremely attractive to the students and there were countless people that even he feared. If he was to consume a large amount of Spiritual Energy now, he would lose the ability to contend with them later on.

"I'll find you after this."

Huo Feng was a decisive person. Once he had made his decision, he would no longer hesitate. Therefore, he replied faintly while dispersing the Spiritual Energy fluctuation from his body.

When the audience heard these words, they understood that Huo Feng had given up on continuing his fight with Mu Chen. It seemed that the strength that Mu Chen had displayed earlier had made him slightly afraid.

Mu Chen smiled and ignored what Huo Feng had said. His strength had already made Huo Feng afraid of him. The latter naturally wouldn't be as rude as earlier. It seems that strength was essential no matter what place it was. If he didn't break through to the Heavenly Fusion Stage, he probably would have been embarrassed by Huo Feng.

Beside Huo Feng, Mo Lun's expression changed slightly. However, he did not dare to say anything, and could only grit his teeth. Right now, Mu Chen's strength had far surpassed him. He wasn't his opponent anymore.

Mu Chen also glanced calmly at Mo Lun. This gaze caused the latter to shiver and he hurriedly avoided eye contact with Mu Chen.

Huo Feng also glanced deeply at Mu Chen. Then, he turned away and headed for the depths where the Spirit Tide had become quite violent. At that place, the Spiritual Aura of the world had begun letting out rumblings sounds.

The commotion caused by the Spirit Tide was detected by countless individuals nearby as well. Their eyes were cast over towards that place and within these eyes, a hint of passion and eagerness was revealed.

The value of the Spirit Lotus Seeds was far too great. Even if they were reluctant to use it themselves, they would still be able to sell it for 200,000 Spiritual Values at the Spiritual Values Hall. This was a considerable harvest. After all, it was enough for them to cultivate within the Rank 6 Spiritual Array for a whole month.

Mu Chen also set his sights towards that direction. He, too, was quite interested in the Spirit Lotus Seeds. Since he had just advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage, the Spiritual Energy within his body was quite superficial. If he managed to obtain a Spirit Lotus Seed, it would be able to help him stabilize his state and improve the foundations of the Spiritual Aura within his body.

Bang!

Just when Mu Chen's eyes turned dignified, the Spirit Tide suddenly emitted out a devastating sound. Crashing sounds of thunder resounded out through this space.

The Spirit Tide seemed to have expanded to the limits and was about to explode.

At this moment, everybody started to circulate their Spiritual Energy and protected their bodies. Within their eyes, a hint of alertness had emerged. After all, the power released by the explosion of the Spirit Tide was considerably frightening. If they were sucked into it carelessly, they would probably be gravely injured.

Everybody within this space had became quiet. The only sound that resounded out was the endless rumbling sounds of the Spirit Tide.

Under countless gazes, the Spirit Tide continued to accumulate. Magnificent colors emitted out from it, causing this place to become a splendid sight.

"Boom!"

Finally, the overlapping Spirit Tide had reached its limits. With a massive explosion, it seemed to have suddenly disappeared for a moment. However, this situation did not occur for long as everybody was able to see the vast and endless Spirit Tides shortly afterwards.

A thunderous sound rumbled throughout the entire Spirit Convergence Array!

Boom! Boom!

The massive Spirit Tide was like a brilliant wave of Spiritual Aura as it spread out. Even mountains were crushed into pieces as the Spirit Tide passed by.

The entire earth trembled due to the Spirit Tide!

Swish! Swish!

As they witnessed the Spirit Tide rushing over, numerous people quickly left the ground and retreated towards the rear at an alarming speed. They were afraid of being swallowed by the tidal wave.

Mu Chen also followed the majority of the group and retreated backwards. However, his eyes were firmly fixed at the massive Spiritual waves. This is because the Celestial Spirit Lotus was hidden within them.

In the sky, countless figures were retreating. Yet, waves of Spiritual Energy had soon caught up with them. A number of these individuals displayed their speed and evaded them. At the same time, they stared sharply at the Spiritual Energy waves.

In that instant, Mu Chen also evaded a Spiritual Energy Wave that had descended from the sky. A few droplets of Spiritual Energy fell down onto his body. Every single one of the droplets felt like a thousand tons and caused Mu Chen's body to sink. He could not help but cluck his tongue. It was this heavy with just a few droplets of Spiritual Energy, then wouldn't he be gravely injured if he was hit by the massive wave...

It seems that it wouldn't be easy to obtain the Celestial Spirit Lotus.

Just when Mu Chen signed, a few screams resounded out from behind him. A few unlucky individuals were smashed by the waves and all of them vomited out blood. Then, they were blown back. Even their chest was slightly crushed and it was evident that it wasn't a light injury.

Hearing these screams, Mu Chen hurriedly concentrated and did not dare to be distracted by other thoughts. He circulated his Spiritual Energy and moved quickly. While he evaded the Spiritual Energy waves, his keen eyes were constantly scanning the massive waves in the sky.

However, it wasn't easy to find the Celestial Spirit Lotus within these massive waves. Mu Chen's eyes had turned slightly blurry, yet he still haven't discovered any traces of the "Celestial Spirit Lotus".

"Swish!"

Just when Mu Chen was concentrating on his search for the Celestial Spirit Lotus, a swishing sound was heard from behind. He hurriedly turned around and noticed a scarlet whip passing by his body.

Once he noticed the familiar scarlet whip, Mu Chen knew who had attacked him. He immediately curled his lips helplessly...So he was still discovered by her.

He turned his head and stared at the pretty girl, who had been glaring at him angrily. Then, he asked, "Are you finished?"

"You bastard! Pervert!" Su Ling'Er gritted her teeth as she scolded him.

Mu Chen shook his head and could not be bothered to argue with her. He turned around and flew off to another direction.

"You!"

Seeing Mu Chen ignore her, Su Ling'Er stomped down in anger. Her hand shook and the scarlet whip had charged out once again like a fiery python.

Sensing the winds from behind, Mu Chen's body turned slightly. Then, the scarlet whip passed near his body and smashed violently onto a Spiritual Energy wave.

The Spiritual Energy wave swelled slightly before it was burst apart.

Mu Chen closed an eye in response to the destroyed Spiritual Energy wave. But just when he was about to turn around, his eyes shrank. He hurriedly focused and noticed a jade glow slowly emerging from within the depths of the destroyed Spiritual Energy wave. At the same time, a pure Spiritual Energy fluctuation emanated out. As it flowed outwards, a seductive scent had emerged.

Once Mu Chen smelled this scent, delight instantly filled his eyes. It was the Celestial Spirit Lotus!

When the Celestial Spirit Lotus appeared, a jade light erupted out like a pillar as it rushed into the sky.

Swish!

At this instant, almost everyone casted their gaze towards this direction. Then, their eyes turned red as muffled sounds resounded out.

Countless individuals began to charge towards this place. The swishing sounds as they rushed over had even overshadowed the rumbling sounds from the Spirit Tide.

"Swish!"

As the others approached, Mu Chen's eyes were also glowing. He did not hesitate and he charged straight towards the Celestial Spirit Lotus.

However, just when Mu Chen had approached the Celestial Spirit Lotus, a sudden gale erupted out from behind as it charged towards his vital points from behind.

This attack was extremely vicious. If Su Ling'Er's attack earlier was only to obstruct him, then this attack was attempting to take his life.

Mu Chen's eyes immediately darkened. He blasted out a punch and the dark black Spiritual Energy with the black flame rushed out. Then, it blew away the silver sword that had approached him.

This silver sword flew backwards and finally landed onto a beautiful girl's hand.

It was Xu Qingqing.

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Chapter 206: Xu Qingqing

Mu Chen glared coldly at the beautiful girl nearby. The latter was currently holding onto a silver sword as her lips lifted up slightly. Then, she directed a smile towards Mu Chen: "Thanks for helping me find the Celestial Spirit Lotus. Next up, just leave it to me."

"It won't be easy if you want to get the Celestial Spirit Lotus!"

Su Ling'Er's beautiful eyes were also filled with a hint of coldness. She had a grudge with Xu Qingqing for a long time. It could not compare with the grudge that she had with Mu Chen. Therefore, she stopped obstructing Mu Chen and, instead, replied coldly towards Xu Qingqing.

"That's not up to you to decide."

Xu Qingqing's lips curled and she waved her hand: "Go!"

Once these words resounded out, a dozen individuals actually rushed up from behind. Every single one of them had a powerful aura. It was evident that Xu Qingqing was quite prepared in order to seize the Celestial Spirit Lotus.

"Swish!"

Xu Qingqing brought the dozen figures and rushed straight towards the location of the Celestial Spirit Lotus. Once the others noticed the menacing aura from these individuals, they hurriedly evaded them.

"Hmph!"

Su Ling'Er let out a grunt and also waved her hands. A group of individuals also emerged from behind her. Then, she brought these individuals and attempted to intercept Xu Qingqing's group.

Due to this, the two groups were entangled with each other and violent Spiritual Energy fluctuations erupted out. A brutal fight was about to begin.

At this moment, the silver sword that contained a sharp Spiritual Energy fluctuation flew straight like a lightning towards the scarlet whip. Then, Xu Qingqing's sword twitched slightly and a sword beam flew passed the long whip. It headed straight towards Su Ling'Er's chest.

Seeing this vicious attack from Xu Qingqing, Su Ling'Er's eyes were filled with rage. Her slender finger poked the air slightly and a fiery red Spiritual Energy burst out and stopped the sword beam.

"Xu Qingqing. Our strength are quite similar to each other. It won't be easy if you want to break pass me to obtain the Celestial Spirit Lotus!" Su Ling'Er said coldly. She had always hated Xu Qingqing. Therefore, even if she, herself, failed to obtain the Celestial Spirit Lotus, she would not let it end up in Xu Qingqing's hands.

"Is it?"

Hearing this, Xu Qingqing let out a strange smile. Her eyes suddenly turned cold and she gripped her silver sword tightly. At the same time, a powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuation emitted out from her body.

The intensity of the Spiritual Energy had reached the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase!

"You advanced?!" Seeing this, Su Ling'Er's expression changed slightly. Just previously, she and Xu Qingqing were extremely close to reaching the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase. However, she had not yet managed to advance. She never imagined that Xu Qingqing would actually make the breakthrough before her.

"Hmph. Since I knew that you would obstruct me, shouldn't I be prepared to deal with you?" Xu Qingqing smiled tenderly, yet, her eyes remained cold. Then, she waved her hand and the silver sword emitted out a dazzling light. The silver sword expanded exponentially as the wind surged and formed into a massive silver sword. A fierce sword aura rushed through the sky towards her.

"Breeze Blade!"

Xu Qingqing shouted out loudly. In response, the massive silver sword shuddered for a moment before it charged through the sky towards Su Ling'Er.

Seeing this, Su Ling'Er did not dare to act slowly. Her hands trembled and the scarlet whip erupted out overwhelming red light. A massive flame python seemed to emerge on the whip and formed a powerful defence.

A powerful blast erupted out when the massive sword slashed down onto the scarlet whip. However, Su Ling'Er's face instantly turned pale. Her scarlet whip also turned slightly dim and it was clear that it had been damaged.

At this moment, Su Ling'Er gritted her teeth and quickly placed away the scarlet whip as she quickly retreated.

Noticing Su Ling'Er retreat, a sneer emerged on Xu Qingqing's face.

A massive wave of Spiritual Energy suddenly emerged from behind Su Ling'Er. Its massive shadow instantly enveloped Su Ling'Er, who had a pale expression.

Considering the size of this Spiritual Energy wave, even Su Ling'Er would be gravely injured if she was struck by it.

However, the Spiritual Energy wave was far too wide. It was impossible for Su Ling'Er to evade it. Her face turned pale as she understood that Xu Qingqing had been cornering her in this direction.

"That wicked girl!"

Su Ling'Er gritted her teeth and cursed within her heart. She could only utilize her Spiritual Energy to protect her body as she watched helplessly as the Spiritual Energy wave enveloped her.

But just when Su Ling'Er watched in despair at the Spiritual Energy wave, a swishing sound resounded out and a figure rushed over. This individual extended his hands out and held onto the girl's waist as he forced her into his arms. At the same time, a dark-black Spiritual Energy erupted out. On the surface of the Spiritual Energy, a black flame suddenly emerged.

This sudden change of events instantly surprised Su Ling'Er. She turned her eyes quickly and noticed Mu Chen's handsome face. Then, she instinctively struggled violently against him.

"If you don't want to die, then stop moving!" Mu Chen shouted out.

Although things weren't great between Mu Chen and Su Ling'Er, he couldn't just watch as she was enveloped by the massive Spiritual Energy wave. Moreover, Su Ling'Er wasn't as nasty and cold-hearted as Xu Qingqing. At the very least, she wouldn't be as vicious as Xu Qingqing.

Only then, Su Ling'Er recovered and reacted accordingly. She watched as the Spiritual Energy wave rushed over and enveloped them. At the same time, she held onto Mu Chen's neck as her body snuggled up into Mu Chen's arms.

The heavy wave surged over and Mu Chen's body was struck by a heavy blow. However, he gritted his teeth and the black flames emerged as it evaporated the Spiritual Energy wave that approached his body. Then, with a muffled cry, his body turned into a black light that was ignited with black flames and he charged straight through the massive wave.

The dark-black Spiritual Energy gradually faded away. However, Mu Chen frowned even more tightly. After all, the impact of the Spiritual Energy wave was far too heavy. Even though he possessed the Nine Netherflame and burned most of the Spiritual Energy that smashed into him, it had still made his blood tremble within his body. Waves of pain also emerged from the surface of his body.

However, Mu Chen's expression remained calm as she released the girl from his arms. Then, he said: "I've helped you this time. So consider that I've settled the matter earlier."

"You!"

Su Ling'Er frowned. She wanted to say how could that matter be settled this easily, but once she noticed bruises on Mu Chen, she swallowed back these words down. She knew how heavy the Spiritual Energy wave was. Since she was protected earlier, she didn't have any injuries. But for Mu Chen, he had endured a heavy blow.

"Are you alright?" Su Ling'Er hesitated for a moment before she lowered her voice and asked.

Mu Chen shook his head. However, his gaze remained fixed at the Celestial Spirit Lotus that had gradually emerged from the massive wave. At this moment, countless individuals were rushing over from all directions. But whenever one approached the Celestial Spirit Lotus, they were obstructed by the others. This place was currently quite chaotic and from time to time, a few unlucky people would be blown away while vomiting blood.

"Let's cooperate." Mu Chen looked at Su Ling'Er and said: "I'll help you obstruct Xu Qingqing. You will go seize the Celestial Spirit Lotus. Then, we will split the loot later on, okay?"

His goal was obviously not small. If he were to attempt to seize the Celestial Spirit Lotus, it was likely that he would become a target by everyone nearby. However, Su Ling'Er was different. She had a powerful background. Moreover, she was quite beautiful. Towards such a beautiful girl, most of the people would have an attitude of protecting her. Therefore, this would give Su Ling'Er an opportunity to seize the Celestial Spirit Lotus.

Coupled with the fact that Su Ling'Er had a few helpers, it would help prevent a few troubles for her.

Hearing this, Su Ling'Er hesitated for a moment. In the end, she nodded. Since Xu Qingqing had advanced to the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase, her strength was beyond her own. Therefore, it wouldn't be easy for her to obstruct Xu Qingqing.

"Keke, a hero saving a beauty. Su Ling'Er, you're truly quite charismatic and charming!" From nearby, Xu Qingqing witnessed Mu Chen saving Su Ling'Er and her expression instantly turned cold. She gritted her teeth and sneered at Su Ling'Er.

"Also, the guy called Mu Chen. I would advise you to stop getting involved with our own affairs. A mere freshman does not have the right to act like a hero!" Xu Qingqing shouted out mockingly towards Mu Chen.

"There's no need for you to be bothered by it." Mu Chen replied faintly. He immediately waved his hand towards Su Ling'Er. Once the latter noticed this, she immediately nodded her hand and rushed towards the Celestial Spirit Lotus.

Seeing this, Xu Qingqing's expression froze. She immediately rushed over, but after taking a few steps, Mu Chen had appeared in front of her.

"A freshman at the Heavenly Fusion Stage Initial Phase actually dared to obstruct me. Who do you think you are?!" Seeing Mu Chen appear in front of her, Xu Qingqing's face was filled with rage and arrogance.

While she spoke meanly towards Mu Chen, her attacks, too, were quite vicious. The silver sword within her hand instantly erupted out numerous sword beams as it burst out to Mu Chen's vital areas.

In response, dark-black Spiritual Energy surged out from Mu Chen's body. He flicked his fingers and several Spiritual Energy with black flames burst out and dispersed the sword beams.

Mu Chen's expression remained indifferent as he dealt with the sword beams. Then, he stared at Xu Qingqing's face that was filled with rage. However, his expression caused the latter to become completely angered. This indifferent expression was obviously displaying how Mu Chen had looked down upon her.

A mere freshman actually dared to look down upon her, Xu Qingqing?!

"I'll kill you!"

She gritted her teeth and the Spiritual Energy within her body surged out without reservation. At the same time, her body flew up high into the air. Then, she placed her hands together and the silver sword emanated a dazzling light.

A sharp and frosty sword aura erupted out.

At that instant, Su Ling'Er, who was heading towards the Celestial Spirit Lotus, noticed this powerful fluctuation and instantly turned her head around. Her face immediately changed. That crazy girl is trying to kill Mu Chen?

"Nine Heavens Spirit Sword, Spirit Termination!"

In the sky, Xu Qingqing's cold eyes stared down towards Mu Chen. Her hand swung down and a cold cry resounded out. In that instant, countless individuals noticed a massive sword light tore through the sky as it slashed down in anger.

Under this slash, even the Spiritual Energy waves were torn apart!

A murderous intent surged within this sword light.

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Chapter 207: Nine

Rumble!

The majestic sword beam were like milky way as they fell from the horizon. They brought a chilling cold aura, carrying a momentum of splitting a mountain as they tore the horizon and hack down towards Mu Chen.

Xu Qingqing clearly didn't have the slightest restraint in her attack. If Mu Chen couldn't defend against it, he would probably be heavily injured, at the very least.

When the gazes from the surrounding groups saw this, their complexions slightly changed. When this woman becomes fierce, she's simply unable to be reasoned with. Mu Chen doesn't seem to have any grudge with her, but she was actually so merciless with her attacks.

Close by, Su Ling'er's pretty face also displayed some anxiety. However, it's too late for her to save Mu Chen. Therefore, she could only pray that he doesn't get hacked to death by Xu Qingqing.

Under everyone's gaze, Mu Chen also raised his head. His pitch-black eyes stared at the boundless sword beam as a cold light emerged from his eyes.

He slowly raised his hand and on his palm, black light gathered and turned into a small black-colored pagoda. From the looks of it, that small pagoda appeared extremely ancient, but there wasn't any excessively boundless fluctuations coming from it.

Someone saw the small black pagoda appearing on Mu Chen's hand, and his eyes concentrated on it, while murmuring, "Is that a Spiritual Artifact? With such weak fluctuation of Spiritual Aura, it's probably

a Low Rank Spiritual Artifact. Relying on that, it's probably not possible to block that fierce attack from Xu Qingqing!"

Mu Chen did not pay much attention to those whispers. The Spiritual Energy within his body was injected into the small black pagoda. Thereafter, he gave a flick of his finger and the small black pagoda flew out.

Boom!

The small pagoda flew out and instantly, the wind was dramatically raised. In an instant, it turned into a black coloured huge pagoda with approximately dozens of Zhang [1. A chinese unit of measurement. 1 Zhang is around 3.3m.]. The huge pagoda floated up in the sky and on the pagoda, countless profound dark-gold veined patterns could be vaguely seen.

Wooosh!

Boundless beam of light were whistling as it fell down. Thereafter, it struck the black pagoda. The two collided and, instantly, shocking metallic sounds were resounding as surging waves of aura dispersed.

Countless lines-of-sights gazed at that direction. Even after the black pagoda suffered a strike from Xu Qingqing, it didn't split open. Black flashes rippled and the sword strike was blocked.

This scene instantly caused shock to show from their eyes. That black pagoda was actually so powerful?

"How can this be?" Xu Qingqing's face changed upon the sight of this. That strike of hers earlier was sufficient to defeat any Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase. How could it be blocked by that small black pagoda from Mu Chen?

Xu Qingqing wasn't the only one who was shocked. Even Mu Chen was shocked. This small black pagoda was the one that appeared within his body previously. In fact, towards this mysterious small pagoda, he didn't have much knowledge about it. He only knew that it might be related to that mysterious Spiritual Pulse that was sealed within his body. As for it's might, he knows nothing about it.

However seeing it now, it seems like it possessed powerful defensive ability...

"However, could it be that this black pagoda could only be used as a shield?" Mu Chen mumbled to himself. He could feel that this small black pagoda wasn't that simple. It shouldn't only possess such simple usage to it, right?

"Xiuu!"

Just when Mu Chen was mumbling to himself, the black pagoda suddenly emitted several black lusters. One of which streaked through the sky and shot towards Mu Chen.

The sudden unforeseen ability caused Mu Chen to be shocked. Before he could evade in time, he was shot by that black luster. Thereafter, he felt that there was some profound intent flowing out from his heart.

"This is ...!"

Mu Chen received some mysterious information. A brief moment later, a smear of shock rushed into his eyes. This seems to be some of the controlling methods of the black pagoda.

"Nine-layered Pagoda."

Mu Chen stared at that black pagoda as a strange name appeared in his heart. Shortly after, he let a mouthful of breath out and both of his hands suddenly formed an extremely ancient seal.

Just when Mu Chen formed the seals, the Spiritual Energy within his body seemed to be disappearing with frightening speed.

At the same time the Spiritual Energy was disappearing, the black pagoda in the sky exploded with brilliant beams of light. At the most bottom layer of the black pagoda, the gloomy black colour gradually turned into a bright golden colour.

Ancient golden patterns occupied that layer of the pagoda. The gold patterns wiggled as a golden dragon soared. It soared into the sky with extremely shocking energy. The sky was filled with Spiritual Aura and emitted a huge ripple.

"Pagoda Suppression!"

Mu Chen's hand seals changed and the Nine-layered Pagoda fiercely soared into the sky. Black light swept and at the first layer of the pagoda, overflowing golden luster swept out. The gold dragon roared as it dragged along with matchless immense shadow, as well as Spiritual Energy ripples and went to suppress Xu Qingqing, who had shock on her face.

His sudden burst of this astonishing attack made everyone's expressions change. Xu Qingqing hastily retreated, but realised that she wasn't able to retreat through the envelop of the Nine-layered Pagoda. She immediately mobilised her Spiritual Energy and the silvery long sword in her hands burst out like a silver python, along with silvery sword flashes and stabs towards the suppressing Nine-layered Pagoda.

Boom!

The sword flash clashed with the Nine-layered Pagoda. Those sharp sword flashes rapidly turned dull with shocking speed as fine cracks appeared on the sword.

Puff!

The Spiritual Artifact suffered heavy damage. Xu Qingqing's face abruptly paled and a mouthful of blood was spurt from her mouth as she was sent flying back in a sorry state.

Wuuum!

It was as though that silvery long sword had issued a wail as her Spiritual Energy turned dull and flew back into Xu Qingqing's hand. On the sword blade, fine cracks extended. It was a Middle Rank Spiritual Artifact, but was turned into scrap by the Nine-layered Pagoda!

The entire area was in silence. Every eye that gazed in this direction was filled with shock. Especially Huo Feng, who had exchanged blows with Mu Chen earlier, his face was especially grave. He obviously didn't expect that Mu Chen would have such shocking cards up his sleeve. That suppression from the black pagoda earlier on, even if it was him receiving such an attack, even he would be in a sorry state.

Mu Chen looked at Xu Qingqing, who was sent flying. With a wave of his hand, the Nine-layered Pagoda shot back and landed on his palm, before disappearing.

He was also filled with shock in his heart. The formidability of this Nine-layered Pagoda had far surpassed his imagination. Furthermore, from the information that he had received earlier, this Nine-layered Pagoda had nine floors. Earlier on, he had only managed to mobilise the first layer. If he could mobilize all nine layers one day, wouldn't that kind of might be heaven defying?

Furthermore, it seemed that this Nine-layered Pagoda possessed a weird ability. Like earlier, it had directly laid a Middle Rank Spiritual Artifact to waste. If it was an ordinary clash, it's impossible to accomplish such a feat.

The Nine-layered Pagoda seemed to be the weakness of Spiritual Artifacts. It can simply be said as a Spiritual Artifact killer.

"My Silver Dragon Sword..."

Xu Qingqing held the dull silvery long sword in her hands as her eyes turned dull. Soon after, her pretty face turned extremely cold. Her eyes were fixed on Mu Chen as she spoke in a stern voice, "Mu Chen, I'll shred you to pieces!"

"Lu Long, Liu Xiao, kill him!" She yelled shrewdly. Her pretty face was twisted from her anger.

Close by, two figures flew over as their eyes gloomily stared at Mu Chen. Both of them were Heavenly Fusion State Late Phase experts. Although they weren't within the top hundredth of the Heavenly Ranking, they're still powerful characters.

Seeing the sight of this, Mu Chen's brows were also slightly frowned. This Xu Qingqing was indeed ignorant, this kind of woman was the most annoying.

"Xiuu!"

However, when those two were about to take action, there was a sudden burst of Spiritual Energy coming from behind. An overflowing green light soared into the sky and everyone turned their attention towards it. In the huge wave, the Celestial Spirit Lotus was gradually blooming.

When the Celestial Spirit Lotus had fully bloomed, a heavy fragrance filled the air. After a whiff, the agitated Spiritual Energy within one's body felt as though it had calmed down.

Someone issued a cry, "The Celestial Spirit Lotus is about to bloom!"

Mu Chen concentrated and looked over at it. Within that "Celestial Spirit Lotus", there were lotus seeds that were flickering with dazzling luster. From the looks of them, they appeared to be as smooth and round as gems.

At this moment, with the blooming of that "Celestial Spirit Lotus", those lotus seeds also had signs of erupting. That Celestial Spirit Lotus had actually matured to the point where it would erupt automatically.

The countless gazes from the surrounding groups were boiling. Once the Celestial Spirit Lotus erupts, the situation would definitely be in chaos. At that time, they would have to depend on their luck to obtain those seeds.

"Get ready to snatch the lotus seeds!"

At the sight of this, Xu Qingqing could only clench her teeth as she glanced at Mu Chen ferociously. If she were to attack Mu Chen right now, she would lose her chance to snatch the the lotus seeds.

Mu Chen paid no attention to her as he had also directed his gaze at that dazzling Celestial Spirit Lotus.

Practically everyone had their gazes gathered over there.

Those gazes slowly turned blazing.

Boom!

The Celestial Spirit Lotus had blossomed to its limit and, soon after, dark green light beams had fiercely erupted into the sky. The sky looked like it was decorated with jade. At the same time, that Celestial Spirit Lotus had completely exploded.

A surge of frightening Spiritual Energy storms swept forth and scattered the Spiritual Energy waves. In that storm, pearls of jadeite luster shot throughout the surrounding area at an astonishing speed.

Doooon!

The heavens and earth surged violently. Those countless shadows longingly pounced towards those jadeite pearls.

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Chapter 208: Seizing of the lotus seed

Boom!

The entire heaven and earth looked as though they're rumbling at this moment. The dark green rays of light shot throughout the surroundings at an astonishing speed. Countless people had charged at those rays of light with their eyes dyed scarlet red as they attempted to snatch them.

Bang! Bang!

However, these people had evidently underestimated the explosive power produced by the Celestial Spiritual Lotus. Under the impact, those Spiritual Lotus Seeds were like arrows that filled the skies. Some fellas who had ran out of luck ran made a head-on impact with them and before their hands could grab one, that splendid green luster had penetrated their palms and were spraying fresh blood.

Arghhh!

Mournful shrieks resounded incessantly in the ear. That bad luck fella grabbed onto his palm that's flowing with fresh blood as he issued a sharp howl.

Seeing that bad luck fella's situation, those people then cleared their heads a little and no longer dared to reach for the seeds. Instead, they circulated their Spiritual Energy, and control their Spiritual Energy into forms of hands before they tried to grab them.

Pffft! Pffffft!

Even with the obstruction of those Spiritual Energy covered hands, some of the green lusters were like hot knives through butter as they pierced through. Thereafter, they'd streaked across the horizon and after several blinks, they had disappeared to the border of the horizon.

Evidently, these Spiritual Lotus Seeds weren't so easily taken.

Mu Chen looked at the chaotic scene and was also a little shocked at the destructive energy of those Spiritual Lotus Seeds. It seems like these things weren't that easy to obtain.

Wooosh!

Just when Mu Chen was astonished, a surge of rapid wind came over. Raising his head, he saw a green luster. It had already broke through the blockade of everyone and flew straight to him.

Seeing it, Mu Chen flicked his finger and Spiritual Energy that contained black flames shot out and heavily clashed with that green luster.

Bang!

A spiritual aura exploded from the impact, but that green light still managed to pierce through. Its speed wasn't any slower compared to before as it was shot out.

"I'll see where can you still run to!"

Mu Chen smiled. He clenched his fists and that Nine-layered Pagoda had, once again, appeared. He waved his sleeve and that black pagoda flew out. It had appeared before that green luster. With the pagoda aiming for that green luster, its black lights surged and had devoured it.

Bang!

That green luster had charged into the Nine-layered Pagoda. The body of the pagoda trembled and flew over several hundred zhang away. Thereafter, the black pagoda stabilised. With a flash of light, it flew back towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen extended his palm and the black pagoda landed on his palm. Black light was rushing out, before it dispersed. A green luster appeared on his palm. The light then dispersed again and turned into a thumb-sized green lotus seed. That lotus seed was a jade-green, smooth and round. A fragrance was followed by a surge of pure Spiritual Energy ripples that constantly spread out.

"This is the Spiritual Lotus Seed?"

Mu Chen looked at the green-coloured lotus seed in his palm. By just holding it in his hand, he sensed that the Spiritual Energy within his body felt as though it had settled down a lot more. It was to the point that even his blood and qi that was disrupted by that Spiritual Energy had also calmed down a lot more.

"Indeed, a wonderful item!" Joy flashed through Mu Chen's eyes as he exclaimed in admiration. It seems like this Spiritual Lotus Seed does have the effect of solidifying Spiritual Energy.

At this moment, many people in the surrounding area have also seen Mu Chen obtaining the Spiritual Lotus Seed. Jealousy was in their eyes, but no one was covetous to the point of taking actions against him. Previously, when Mu Chen and Xu Qingqing fought, the strength that he revealed made them understand that this newcomer that had just come to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy for a few months wasn't any pushover.

The chaos in this zone still continued. However, after Mu Cheng, there were several people that experienced a burst in their luck. Taking advantage of that moment, they managed to stop several Spiritual Lotus Seeds, which attracted the attention of countless scarlet eyes.

Mu Chen kept that Spiritual Lotus Seed and shifted his gaze to another direction. His eyes were burning. With such an opportunity, he definitely can't let such a chance go.

The Nine-layered Pagoda in his hand was capable of taking these Spiritual Lotus Seeds. Relying on its special characteristic, he doesn't have to worry about the Spiritual Lotus Seed's frightening impact.

Thinking about it here, he didn't have the slightest hesitation. With a flash of his figure, he exploded and flew to another direction. With a flick of his palm, the Nine-layered Pagoda appeared once again. Black light bubbled and all of a sudden, it was abstruse and mysterious.

Mu Chen carefully searched for his targets. He didn't go snatch for those Spiritual Lotus Seeds that were eyed by others. But had directed his target towards those Spiritual Lotus Seeds that had managed to charge out the blockage of others.

Very quickly, he searched for his targets once again. The Nine-layered Pagoda flew out and the wind sharply increased. It turned into a huge pagoda and was heading towards a green luster.

Dong!! Dong!!

That green light was covered by the Nine-layered Pagoda. The body of the pagoda intensely trembled but very quickly, that powerful resisting force disappeared, bit by bit.

Mu Chen's palm waved and that Nine-layered Pagoda flew back to his hand, along with the Spiritual Lotus Seed.

Another Spiritual Lotus Seed had fallen into his hands.

The gazes of those in the surrounding area all had their eyes turning red. Many of them couldn't even stop a Spiritual Lotus Seed even with so many of them combined. However, Mu Chen was able to obtain it so easily.

There were only ten Spiritual Lotus Seeds in that Celestial Spiritual Lotus and that fella had gotten two of it on his own!

Mu Chen did not bother about those gazes. Those Spiritual Lotus Seeds were extremely rare and were priced at 200,000 Spiritual Value points each. Having this kind of opportunity, how could he miss it?

Thereafter, he kept the Spiritual Lotus Seed with a flip of his hand. Sweeping his eyes, he's already searching for new targets.

"Xiuuush!"

Just when he was about to act, several gales violently brushed over as they headed towards the vital parts of his body.

The sudden attack caused Mu Chen's eyes to turn cold. The Nine-layered Pagoda in his hands flew backwards as it expanded and shielded him from behind.

Daaang! Daaang!

Metallic sounds resounded and the Nine-layered Pagoda was jolted back some distance. However, those gales from the sneak attacks were all obstructed.

Mu Chen then turned around as he coldly stared at the person that attacked him. It was Xu Qingqing, Lu Long and Liu Xiao, those three.

"Hand over the Spiritual Lotus Seeds; otherwise, I wouldn't mind offending you!" Xu Qingqing extended her jade-like hands as she made the cold demand.

Mu Chen heard what was said, but smiled instead. He shook his head as his tone carried an undisguisable amount of loathing, "Handing them over to you?"

Hearing Mu Chen's manner of speaking, Xu Qingqing's face turned ashen as she bit her teeth, "Kill him!"

Hearing what Mu Chen had said, the other two had also looked at Mu Chen with an unkind gaze. Although they wouldn't go as far as to kill him, beating Mu Chen up was still extremely easy.

Mu Chen's gaze also turned cold as he issued a cold laugh. If they wished to play, then he'll accompany them to the end.

"Xu Qingqing, what are you guys doing? You're bullying with higher numbers?!"

However, just when Mu Chen was about to take actions, a tender bark resounded from the distance. Su Ling'er was seen rapidly closing in with several people and appeared before Mu Chen.

"Su Ling'er, this has nothing to do with you. Mind your own business!" Xu Qingqing said in hatred.

"Not possible." Seeing how mad Xu Qingqing was, Su Ling'er smiled like a flower as she turned around towards Mu Chen and said, "Go and take the Spiritual Lotus Seeds. I'll block them for you."

Hearing her, Mu Chen slightly hesitated, but had nodded his head in the end. Compared to taking the Spiritual Lotus Seeds, fighting with Xu Qingqing was evidently a waste of time.

"Then, I'll have to trouble you."

Mu Chen smiled towards Su Ling'er and flew away.

"YOU!"

Seeing this, Xu Qingqing's face instantly turned ugly as she barked, "All of you, get lost!"

When she barked, her figure burst out. Behind her, Lu Long and Liu Xiao were closely following from behind. Thereafter, they were obstructed by Su Ling'er's group and a chaotic battle instantly broke out between them.

Just when Su Ling'er was obstructing Xu Qingqing and her group, Mu Chen was once again, searching for targets. Overall, the amount of Spiritual Lotus Seeds were afterall, limited. There were only a dozen or so of them. Because of that, after a round of everyone snatching them, there weren't that many targets left that Mu Chen could grab.

As a result, Mu Chen searched for more than ten minutes, before having the chance to harvest another Spiritual Lotus Seed. Thereafter, the chaotic heaven and earth was gradually restored to its original scene. All those Spiritual Lotus Seeds have all been snatched away.

Seeing as the skies have become quiet once again, Mu Chen lightly smiled. Three Spiritual Lotus Seeds is already considered a decent harvest, which can be seen from all those covetous gazes that were cast in his direction.

In both heaven and earth, that surging Spiritual Energy waves had also dissipated bit by bit. In the end, the gorgeous sky was restored to its original appearance.

Su Ling'er's battle had also stopped with the retreat of those Spiritual Energy waves. Xu Qingqing's face was ashened. She was actually unable to even get a single Spiritual Lotus Seed, she'd completely come in vain.

"That brat called Mu Chen, you've obtained three Spiritual Lotus Seeds. Give one to me and I'll forgo today's matters. Otherwise, I'll let my brother know about this and in the future, you can only dream on mingling in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy!" Xu Qingqing said as she stared at Mu Chen with her teeth tightly clenched.

"Ha! You think I'm afraid of you? Get your brother to look for my sister then." Su Ling'er coldly smiled.

Xu Qingqing viciously pierced Su Ling'er a glance. Thereafter her face was looking at Mu Chen with cold glare. The latter lightly smiled, "500,000 Spiritual Value points for one."

Many people in the surrounding were stunned. 500,000 Spiritual Value points? Is this kid insane? No matter how precious the Spiritual Lotus Seeds were, they weren't worth this amount. He's obviously trying to infuriate Xu Qingqing to death.

Looking over, Xu Qingqing's tender body was indeed trembling from the anger. After so many years in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, since when had anyone provoked her like this before?

"You wait! I, Xu Qingqing, will definitely not let this matter go!"

Xu Qingqing's ample bosom was heaving up and down. She left those words of hatred, before she waved her sleeves and left, filled with anger.

Looking at Xu Qingqing's leaving silhouette, Mu Chen lightly smiled. He truly does have a natural life of offending others.

The big brother of this Xu Qingqing should be Xu Huang, right? An existence of Heavenly Ranking's Rank 5... It seems like he has offended another powerful figure. However, there's a saying: 'When there are

too many debts, one stops to worry.' Since he's already going against Li Xuantong, there's no difference with having another Rank 5 of the Heavenly Ranking as an opponent.

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Mu Chen looked at Xu Qingqing's silhouette. Towards her threat, he dismissed it with a laugh. He then turned his head towards Su Ling'er and smiled. "Senior Sister Ling'er, thank you for this matter."

"What Senior Sister Ling'er? That sounds wrong. My age isn't that far from yours!" Su Ling'er rolled her eyes at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen smiled and didn't argue with her on this matter. Seeing how unruly and ridiculous Xu Qingqing was, this Su Ling'er before him seemed like a cute fairy.

"Oh right, this Spiritual Lotus Seed is for you, consider it my thanks." Mu Chen extended his hand and there was a round lotus seed on his palm emitting a green luster. A surge of pure spiritual energy dispersed from it.

"For me?" Su Ling'er was a little astonished. She originally did not think that Mu Chen would be this generous. After all, the Spiritual Lotus Seed was obtained by him. The reason why she had taken action earlier on was simply because of her grudge against Xu Qingqing and her actions couldn't be considered a sincere helping gesture.

"Of course, this can also be considered my apology for my actions before." Mu Chen laughed.

"You!"

Su Ling'er's face flushed red as her eyes were filled with indignation. Her tone carried urgency, "You're not allowed to talk about that matter anymore. You better forget about that, otherwise...otherwise, I will never forgive you!"

Mu Chen helplessly smiled and said nothing further to agitate her. Mu Chen passed the Spiritual Lotus Seed over to her.

Su Ling'er stared at that jade-like lotus seed and hesitated for a brief moment, before she extended her slim and jade-like fingers to take it from Mu Chen's palm.

Su Ling'er fiddled with the Spiritual Lotus Seed in her jade-like hand. Unconcealable joy appeared in her eyes, before raising her shapely brows and smiled. "Consider you knowing what's right. I'll be a person of great moral and not pursue with your offences. I'll not haggle with you anymore."

Mu Chen smiled. "Since that's the case, then I'll leave first."

He had stayed in this Convergence Array for half a month, so it's time that he leaves.

"Let's go, I'm also tired of staying here." Su Ling'er sweetly smiled.

Seeing that, Mu Chen did not refuse and nodded. He turned into a streak of light and flew towards the exit of the Convergence Array. Seeing this situation, Su Ling'er lead her group and followed behind him.

Along the way, the two of them conversed and became more familiar with one another. Without the grudge from before, they could discard the prejudice within their hearts and realised that it's indeed possible for them to be friends with one another.

Mu Chen appeared outside the Convergence Array. Looking at the familiar scenario and the streaking figures that filled the sky, he couldn't help breathing out a mouthful of air in relief. Although there were students cultivating everywhere within the Convergence Array, the feeling that it gave wasn't the same as being in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Over here, the feeling was much more comfortable.

"I'll be returning to the freshmen area. Come and play if you have some time." Mu Chen smiled as he bid Su Ling'er farewell. Right now, he had set his heart on heading home. Although it was just a month or so from not seeing Luo Li, his heart was filled with yearning.

Su Ling'er nodded and spoke nothing else as she also wanted to return home. These last few days were extremely exhausting for her.

Mu Chen cupped his hands and spoke no further. He turned around and flew towards the freshmen area. Su Ling'er glanced at his silhouette and stared at him for a brief moment, before turning her agile body and flew towards another direction.

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When Mu Chen returned to the freshmen area, evidently, it had also aroused some uproars. Many eyes from the freshmen were filled with heat.

"Brother Mu has returned from his training?"

"Seeing Brother Mu's imposing manner, it seems like his cultivation has stepped up even more. No wonder he's the number one of our freshmen class!"

"Psh, all you know is bootlicking. However, Brother Mu truly is looking more and more dashing... With him overseeing the Goddess Luo Association, we'll definitely shine in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy in the future....."

Hearing the voices from all different directions, Mu Chen couldn't help showing a smile on his face. These slapsticks made him feel warmth in his heart.

"Okay, okay. Get out of my way!"

A resonant voice resounded from the front and Zhou Ling was seen striding over. He smiled as he called everyone to disperse. Thereafter, his line of sight was shifted to Mu Chen with his eyes filled with amazement.

"You've broken through the Heavenly Fusion Stage?"

Before Mu Chen could reply, Zhou Ling smacked his lips, "Formidable."

Since Mu Chen was able to go head-on with someone of the Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase while at the Spirit Stage Late Phase, now that he had broken through into Heavenly Fusion Stage, doesn't that mean that he wouldn't fear even a Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase?

Mu Chen gazed speechlessly at Zhou Ling as he shoved him away. His gaze fell towards the plaza before him. Over there, stood a smiling black-dressed girl. Her features were exquisite, peaceful, yet elegant. Her slim figure was beautifully outlined. Her gem-like eyes carried a faint smile as she stared at him.

No matter where she was, she was so outstanding that it makes it hard for others to ignore her. At the plaza, there were many freshmen cultivating and their line of sights were also shifted over uncontrollably. Their eyes had unconcealable adoration.

Looking at her, Mu Chen's heart had calmed down, bit by bit. Together with her, even if an enormous matter had fallen, Mu Chen could still be able to maintain his calmness.

Zhou Ling looked at both of them and shrugged his shoulders. He gave up, feeling like an irksome light bulb[1. Unwanted third party.]...

Mu Chen breezed forth. He disregarded the gazes of everyone as he extended his hands and pulled Luo Li's jade-like warm delicate hand. The latter's face slightly flushed, but made no efforts to struggle.

Seeing Luo Li's slightly flushed expression, everyone couldn't help sighing in their hearts. This quiet girl that looked as though she was in her own world. She would only reveal such a girlish appearance before Mu Chen.

This made the others couldn't help but to be jealous and envious of Mu Chen, who made her reveal such a charming appearance.

"Have you met any troubles during your cultivation in the Convergence Array? Earlier on, that Su Ling'er came and was overbearingly looking for you, but was kept off by me. She should have gone looking for you." Luo Li said, lightly.

"Yeah we've met. If we didn't fight, we wouldn't be friends. Right now, we can be considered as friends."

Mu smiled before spreading out Luo Li's hand and placed a smooth and round Spiritual Lotus Seed in her hands. "I snatched this when I was in the Spirit Convergence Array, you can have it."

"This is a Spiritual Lotus Seed?" Zhou Ling moved in as his eyes were shining with light. He has been loitering in the Spiritual Value Hall recently and, naturally, he had heard of how priceless this seed was.

Mu Chen nodded, "However, I've only managed to get two of them, so there's none for you."

Hearing what was said, Zhou Ling smacked his lips in regret. "It seems like you weren't quiet in the Convergence Array. However, Luo Li hasn't been wasting her time either. Right now, she's an expert of the Heavenly Ranking."

"Heavenly Ranking?"

Mu Chen was shocked and, thereafter, shifted his gaze in astonishment towards Luo Li. Those that were able to step into the Heavenly Ranking must be those that possessed strength of Heavenly Fusion Stage Late Phase. Luo Li had actually reached that step?

Mu Chen shifted his gaze onto the distant majestic tablet. His sharp gaze swept through the tablet and saw some familiar words.

Heavenly Ranking Rank 83, Luo Li. Freshman.

"You actually thought about charging into the Heavenly Ranking?" Mu Chen was a little flabbergasted. With Luo Li's temper, she shouldn't have liked to reveal herself by charging into the Heavenly Ranking.

"Luo Li didn't have that kind of thinking, but was forced without a choice." Zhou Ling shrugged and continued, "You're well aware of how powerful Luo Li's charm is. Few days ago, when you were in your seclusion training, Luo Li met a rather hateful fly in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. The moment that fella saw Luo Li, his eyes were heated and he came around, pestering her."

"Oh?"

Mu Chen narrowed his eyes and his brows were slightly knitted together, appearing to be rather unhappy.

"That fella can still be considered to have some fame in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. He was the former Heavenly Ranking's Rank 83. Afterwards, when Luo Li was a little frustrated with him, she took straightforward actions." Zhou Ling chuckled, appearing to be taking joy in the calamity of others. When he recalled that scene, he was really delightful.

"But who knew that he wasn't Luo Li's match? In just a few rounds, he lost to Luo Li and ran with his tail between his legs and his ranking in the Heavenly Ranking was lost due to this, and was replaced by Luo Li."

Mu Chen only then understood. The placing in the Heavenly Ranking can only be obtained by defeating someone on it. Luo Li had defeated that fellow and, therefore, was able to move into the Heavenly ranking.

"In the future, if there's a similar situation, let me handle it."

Mu Chen held onto Luo Li's hands and said, forging a grave expression. Since someone dared to prey on his corner, he'll definitely get rid of them, no matter how many came.

Luo Li ridiculously glanced at him. Her gaze however, was filled with joy. No matter what, as long as she could be by him, her heart would then be joyous.

"Let's return first."

Seeing so many people around, Mu Chen swung his arms as he pulled Luo Li into their house. Between the two of them, it's still best not to have those light bulbs around.

Returning back to their house, Mu Chen pulled Luo Li as they came to the top of the building. He then looked at that clear lake and lazily sat down. Luo Li had also sat down beside him as a sweet fragrance was being carried by the wind.

Luo Li raised her head and looked at Mu Chen's dashing cheeks. She lightly smiled and placed her head on Mu Chen's shoulder. Her slender and long eyelashes slightly blinked and slowly closed.

Sensing the lean weight coming from his shoulders, Mu Chen shifted his head and looked at those porcelain-like delicate cheeks and was slightly dazed. This simple movement had instantly softened his heart. This kind of feeling was similar to him becoming her reliance in this world.

"Luo Li, there'll be a day when I will make you feel at ease and able to release your burden. No matter what you're bearing, even if it's the heavens or earth, I'll help you lift it up." He said in a light tone.

The young girl's eyelashes slightly moved and her rosy lips were risen into a warm curve. She gave a light 'En' as acknowledgement to his words.

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Chapter 210: Training in the Deity Tier Spiritual Art

The night gradually darkened. Mu Chen sat on the bed as the ice-cold moon pierced through the window and shined on him, bringing along a slight chill.

Mu Chen lowered his head and stared at that round and smooth Spiritual Lotus Seed in his palm. The overflowing and pure Spiritual Energy ripples were constantly being emitted from it. The fragrance from the seed had also filled the entire room.

After looking at the Spiritual Lotus Seed for a brief moment, he swallowed it. When the Spiritual Lotus Seed had entered his mouth, it turned into surges of Spiritual Energy and went into his body. Although this Spiritual Energy was forceful, it was mild and pure. It did not cause the slightest inconvenience for Mu Chen. Compared to those violent treasures, the attribute was entirely different.

Surges of Spiritual Energy rippled in Mu Chen's body. He circulated the Great Pagoda Art as he constantly refined these Spiritual Energies. After all, these refined Spiritual Energies were absorbed by his Spirit, as well as the Seed of Fire. The final product was that dark-black Spiritual Energy that was also burning with black flames.

When that surge of Spiritual Energy was absorbed by Mu Chen, a peculiar ripple was being emitted. That ripple was rather mystical. Whenever it fluctuated, the originally flaring Spiritual Energy slowly calmed down. A kind of steadiness and profound intent gradually rippled out.

That steadiness made Mu Chen feel indescribably carefree. It felt like something was suddenly forming while floating in the void or like a collapsing palace suddenly gaining a steady firm pillar. Expelling all of its unsteadiness.

Haaaa

Mu Chen uncontrollably breathed a mouthful of white mist in comfort. A faint luster also emerged from his face. Only the current him as of this moment, could be considered a genuine Heavenly Fusion Stage.

Previously, he could only be considered to have just managed to step into the door of Heavenly Fusion Stage and was not even in thorough control of a phase yet. However, relying on the miraculous effects of the Spiritual Lotus Seed, Mu Chen was able to polish to that level in an instant. This kind of foundation that he possessed far surpassed ordinary Heavenly Fusion Stage.

"It's indeed worthy of being a rare treasure that even if one possesses 200,000 Spiritual Value points to purchase from the Spiritual Value Hall, there might not even be any of them for sale." Mu Chen praised. Perhaps the effects of the Spiritual Lotus Seed might not be comparable to other treasures; however, its effect of solidifying foundation was the most realistic. Only with a solid foundation can one have the possibility to dash for a higher level in cultivation.

After absorbing that Spiritual Lotus Seed, and solidified his cultivation, Mu Chen muttered to himself. With a clench of his fist, a black-coloured scroll was appeared in his hand.

That black-coloured scroll was constantly emitting a black luster. This luster formed the illusions of the four primordial beasts around the scroll. The four of them roared. It's as if their roars had pierced through time and space, coming from the ancient times.

That scroll was the Four Gods Constellation Scripture that Mu Chen had obtained from the Spiritual Arts Hall from before. Because he was in seclusion earlier on, he hadn't had the time to study it. But now, he finally had the chance to do so.

This Four Gods Constellation Scripture was a little strange. If it wasn't for that black paper summoning it, it'd definitely be impossible for Mu Chen to obtain it. This had proved how extraordinary this item was.

The grade of this Spiritual Art wasn't clear, but, at the very least, it was stronger than a Quasi-Deity Tier Spiritual Art.

As time passed, from the two months that was given by Li Xuantong, there's only ten days left. Mu Chen had a feeling that Li Xuantong wasn't joking with him. If he couldn't make a satisfying decision to Li Xuantong, the latter would definitely disregard everything and force him to leave Luo Li.

And that kind of situation was not what Mu Chen wanted to see.

Therefore, to prevent that kind of situation from happening, he had to do his best in increasing the number of cards under his sleeve. There were as many experts as clouds in the sky in this Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. On the Heavenly Ranking, all of them were formidable figures that definitely mustn't be underestimated.

After pondering this, Mu Chen cast his line of sight onto the black-coloured scroll in his hand as his eyes gradually turned grave. After a brief moment later, he slowly shut his eyes.

A faint black luster surged out from the black-coloured scroll. Thereafter, it entwined around Mu Chen's palm. At the same time, Mu Chen's body jolted as he immediately felt a vast amount of information rushing into his mind.

Boom!

When that vast amount of information had rushed into Mu Chen's mind. Intense booming pain came from his mind and in that instant, he lost his consciousness. His surrounding scenery abruptly changed.

Mu Chen swept his astonished gaze around and realised that he seemed to be in a deep starry sky, unable to see the heavens or earth. Before him was an enormous black-coloured scroll as it slowly pulled open. A black luster surged out as old ancient words flashed into his eyes.

There were four spirits at four directions. They were the Azure Dragon, White Tiger, Vermilion Bird and the Black Tortoise. The four spirits gathered, suppressing even the heavens and earth.

There wasn't excessively complicated introductions, only that simple row of words. However, it had a majestic surge that caused Mu Chen's breathing to turn sluggish.

Roar!

Suddenly, a deep roar resounded in the starry sky. Directing his line of sight over, he saw the luster appearing in the four sides of the starry sky. Vaguely, they formed huge dragon, tiger, bird and tortoise.

At this moment, the starry sky was constantly changing. Mu Chen looked at it, feeling intoxicated. The stars began to turn fuzzy. In the end, it turned into extremely cryptic primordial seals.

Those primordial seals were reflected in Mu Chen's eyes as he firmly memorise them in his mind.

The seals that were formed by stars gradually dispersed after a long time and Mu Chen had woken up. The starry sky gradually vanished and Mu Chen opened his eyes. Within his eyes were gasps of surprise, as well as astonishment.

From those primordial seals, he could sense a towering frightful power.

"This is the Deity Tier Spiritual Art?"

Mu Chen murmured to himself. Shortly after, he deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as his expression became serene. Both of his hands had come together and formed into primordial and bizarre seals.

His seals changed. Even though it was a little unfamiliar and sluggish, but the changes in the seals also carried a hint of ancient and boundless auras. It incited the Spiritual Aura in the surrounding heavens and earth to be a little boiling.

Mu Chen's seals changed an entirely ninety-nine times and when the last seal was formed, his forehead was already filled with beads of sweat. Within his body, large amounts of Spiritual Energy had also been consumed.

Ohmmm!

When he made ninety-nine changes, the Spiritual Energy within the room abruptly turned violent. Between his palms was an ascending luster that appeared like a bright sun. Within it, was the vaguely contained roars of a tiger.

A frightful ripple spread out.

Mu Chen glanced at that bright sun-like luster gathered within his palm. With a move, he flashed out of the room and appeared on the giant lake at the freshmen area. Pushing his hands out, thunder-like barking came from his throat, "Four Gods Constellation Scripture, Divine Seal of the White Tiger!"

ROOOOAR!

A world-shaking tiger roar resounded. The surrounding Spiritual Energy in the heavens and earth gathered towards him. That white luster in Mu Chen's palm expanded and in the end, a scorching sun surged forth and formed into a enormous white lustered tiger with the size of approximately a hundred feet. That white tiger issued a roar as it flew out and ferociously shot into the lake.

BOOOOM!

The enormous lake of several thousand feet in radius suddenly vibrated. Huge waves rolled and ferociously hit the surrounding shores, causing booming sounds to linger in one's ears.

Mu Chen looked down at that huge crater as the lake gradually calmed down. Lowering his head to both of his hands, Mu Chen's brows were tightly knitted together. Although the might of that attack wasn't weak... Mu Chen could feel that he had yet to unleash the true power of the Four Gods Constellation Scripture.

When he was executing it, he could feel that there was something crucial that he was lacking.

Mu Chen submerged into his thinking. Just what was he lacking?

He stood on top of the lake and raised his head, looking at the abstruse night. Caresses of breeze fluttered his clothes as he sunk into contemplation and doubt.

He recalled the forming white tiger earlier on. The Spiritual Energy was violent, but it lacked in grandeur. That was simply an ordinary white tiger form, lacking the grandeur of a genuine white tiger.

Having the shape, but lacking the soul.

Therefore, the real power of the white tiger seal couldn't be unleashed.

Mu Chen's eyes suddenly lit up but very quickly, he became helpless again. Azure Dragon, White Tiger, Vermilion Bird and Black Tortoise were reputed as the spirits of the four directions. They were also superior existences among the Divine Beasts, standing at the pinnacle. Only a few of the superior beasts could be compared to them. Wanting to study such deities was simply impossible for the current Mu Chen.

Mu Chen cast the side of his mouth down in dejection. Deity Tier Spiritual Arts are indeed extraordinary. Even if others obtained it, trying to succeed in training in it wasn't so simple.

He sighed as he shook his head. Mu Chen never thought that he would suffer such a plight when he had just started training in it. Right now, he could only grope about it slowly for the time being.

"Hmm?"

However, when Mu Chen was planning to give up for the time being, his thoughts suddenly moved. Right now, there was nothing he could do to the Four Gods Constellation Scripture. However, he wondered if that mysterious black paper could give him some aid?

Since that black paper could attract the Four Gods Constellation Scripture over, there must be some link between the two.

Mu Chen's gaze faintly flickered and his mind had immediately entered into his aurasea. His gaze was fixed on that mysterious black paper. That paper had no reaction, not even having the slightest light emitted from it. It looked normal and ordinary, like an ordinary object.

Mu Chen stared at that mysterious black paper and pondered for a brief moment. His mind moved and saw the Spirit that was seated on top of the Spiritual Energy Wheel stood up and appeared before that black piece of paper.

His Spirit stood firmly as both of his hand suddenly came together. Primordial and cryptic seals changed shakily. These seals were exactly the same as what Mu Chen had executed earlier on.

As the seals changed, there wasn't any activity from the mysterious black piece of paper. This had made Mu Chen's mind sink. When the last of the ninety-nine seals solidified, he couldn't help sighing in disappointment.

Ohmmm!

However, when Mu Chen's sigh had ended, a mysterious buzzing shook and suddenly spread out in his aurasea.

Mu Chen's Spirit suddenly rose his head and, in his eyes, a dense ecstasy surged out.

Before him, that mysterious black piece of paper that didn't have any movements had finally, at this moment, emitted faint black luster. A buzzing sound resounded in his aurasea.

There's finally a reaction from that black piece of paper!