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Chapter 301: Dark Society

In the next day, due to the addition of the Wang brothers mixed into their small group, their collection had increased by a minute portion. Although they could be considered as collaborating, it was natural that the Wang brothered did not have the notion of immediately treating Mu Chen as their boss. It was only a collaboration due to mutual benefit.

Mu Chen was extremely clear about this, and that was why he did not have the extravagant thought about making the trio listen to and obey his orders. As long as they could contribute during their times of need, this collaboration could continue to persist.

Similarly, the trio was also very clear about this collaboration. Therefore, they had provided some information of gathering points along the way, while providing a helping hand in encircling and destroying them, and gained some Spiritual Lights in the process. Overall, it could be considered that everyone got what they wanted to everyone's delight and satisfaction.

Naturally, it was obvious that the trio did not report all of the information that they possessed. Occasionally, they would leave to group and head out on their own for periods of time. When they returned, they would be in a sorrowful state, but excitement would always be present in their eyes. Obviously, they had left to devour some points by themselves.

With regards to their actions, Mu Chen could only twitch his mouth, as there was nothing he could say. Their collaboration was only for the gathering point that was graded as Extremely Dangerous. Before that happened, as long as they did not hinder him, nothing could be said about their independent actions.

After all, he could not force the trio to be magnanimous and provide all the information they had obtained. If that was the case, the trio might even consider leaving the Spiritual Light World than fulfilling his wish.

Under this form of collaboration where everyone did not interfere with each other and got what they wished for, two somewhat peaceful and harmonious days passed by. The trio gradually put their grudge about being defeated by Mu Chen down. When they were together, it was even possible to have conversations going, although their relationship wasn't that intimate. However, this was naturally much better than before.

Two days had passed.

Mu Chen and the rest continued on the path towards the extremely dangerous region marked on the map. After two days, the Spiritual Light World became all the more lively. Along the way, Mu Chen and the rest would frequently meet with various large crowds of students who had formed groups to search for gathering points.

At this moment, the hunt could be said to have truly entered its exciting phase.

As everyone gradually travelled to the depths of the Spiritual Light World, various kinds of conflicts were starting to erupt. Various dark horses that had hibernated for a very long time had also started to

display their astonishing strength in succession. Within this Spiritual Light World, they had suddenly magnified their previously obscure reputation to everyone.

Within the Spiritual Light World, the standard strength of the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had rapidly risen higher. Before entering, one with the strength of a Heavenly Transformation Stage Initial Phase was able to enter the top 20 in the Heavenly Rankings. However, even if one had the strength of Heavenly Transformation Stage, it was hard to say if one might even be able to enter the top 20 at this very moment.

Even Mu Chen felt some what speechless at this development. This hunt was undoubtedly the most lively activity of the year within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Just solely on the number of dark horses that surfaced, it was more than enough to churn up huge waves within the academy.

Furthermore, it was obvious that this was just the beginning. As time continued to pass by, there would be more and more hibernating dark horses revealing themselves. As for those previously influential figures, there would be quite a few amongst them who would feel uneasy due to the surge created by those dark horses. This would depend on whether their arrogance and hot temperedness would still be present after becoming influential figures.

At a gathering point that was not considered excessively large. Mu Chen stood on the peak of a mountain. In the valley below, there was a large amount of Spiritual Lights rippling and fluctuating. However, there wasn't much vigorous spiritual fluctuations radiating from them. This place was weaker than the gathering point they had first come across.

"Those three bastards."

Helplessly twitching his mouth, Mu Chen cursed out.

This gathering point was provided by the trio. However, it was indeed hard for this gathering point grade to enter Mu Chen's eye. Therefore, he was simply too lazy to take action, and had allowed An Ran and the girls to hunt them.

Standing behind Mu Chen, Luo Li gave a faint smile and consoled him. "Although there's little meat here, all in all, it's still considered as some Spiritual Lights. At least it provides a better result than us recklessly searching."

"How much information did the trio obtain before entering the Spiritual Light World? They didn't even give me some tidbits for our collaboration, and instead provided these small gathering points to con me." replied Mu Chen as he clenched his teeth. Those three bastards would head out every time to eat their fill by themselves. Upon coming back, they would still incessantly yell and shout, as if he was forcing them to hand over their Spiritual Lights.

Although Mu Chen knew that the trio did not have any obligation to hand over all their information to him, he would feel slightly unhappy and unfair every time he saw those three fellows glowing with radiance and satisfaction when they returned.

However, regardless of whether it was fair or not, Mu Chen did not hate the trio in his heart. Although they had some grudges between them, following the interaction with them over these past two days, it

had completely dissipated. After all, if they had not provided any information over the past two days, Mu Chen and the rest would not be able to obtain these gains.

Whoosh!

Whizzing sounds rang across the valley, before a few figures shot across. An Ran and the girls descended on the mountain peak with happiness brimming on their beautiful faces. Mu Chen had a high criteria and did not hold any interest in this gathering point grade. However, for them, it was already very satisfying.

The Wang brothers had closely followed behind them. While following behind them, the trio had appeared extremely polite. Facing their solicitous behaviour, the girls replied with faint smiles. Although their relationship had gotten slightly better over the past two days, it was clear that they were still closer to Mu Chen.

“A total of 600 Spiritual Lights.” reported An Ran after sending a smile towards Mu Chen.

“You all should store them first.” replied Mu Chen while nodding his head. Spiritual Pawn grade Spiritual Lights didn't enter his eyes anymore. Furthermore, An Ran and the girls had spent quite the effort to collect all of them. Being a gentleman, he did not have the nerve to use such a shortcut to gain benefits.

“Brother Mu sure is magnanimous.” said Wang Tong instantly upon seeing Mu Chen’s reply.

Mu Chen shot a glance at him and said, “I’ll trouble you to find us a gathering point that gives more Spiritual Lights. Then, you’ll be more magnanimous than me.”

Upon hearing that, Wang Tong gave a sheepish laugh while feeling slightly embarrassed. In the past two days, they had been hoarding slightly too much food.

“Is there any fresh news?” Not caring much about it, Mu Chen turned around and asked him.

Wang Tong promptly nodded his head and smiled while replying, “We’ve previously met with a group and heard a few stories. They had said that there are many dark horses that are starting to erupt. A few of the influential figures in top ten of the Heavenly Rankings had started to fall from their ranks.”

“Oh?”

Mu Chen faintly narrowed his eyes. The influential figures in the top ten had been overtaken by some dark horses in such a short frame of time? Who were the dark horses? Are they that dark?

“Yesterday, the 9th place, Jiang Tai, was challenged by someone. After an intense battle, this influential figure of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had suffered a complete defeat.” replied Wang Tong with some graveness in his gaze.

Mu Chen faintly nodded his head. Looks like these few dark horses have finally started to reveal their hidden strength.

“In addition, half a day ago, the 7th place, Gu Yuan, was challenged by someone. After an intense ten bouts, he suffered a crushing defeat.” added Wang Tong with a more serious tone.

“Ten bouts...” muttered Mu Chen as his mouth twitched. He was faintly moved. These few dark horses were too formidable. He was unsure if a person at the extreme front like Su Xuan would meet the challenges sent by the dark horses. However Mu Chen wasn’t especially worried about her. While entering the Spiritual Light World, he had sense that Su Xuan’s strength had a dramatic increase. Furthermore she doesn’t incite a strong combative response, thinking about this, there should not be that many people specifically finding trouble with her.

As for Su Xuan, Mu Chen still had a favorable impression about her, thus he had naturally not wished for her to meet any trouble.

“The person that had challenged Jiang Tai is called Mu Fengyang. He’s also a senior of the Northern Heavens Spirit Academy, but isn’t consider famous. During the year when he had entered the academy, he was once beaten and humiliated by a student, and was beaten soundly after he tried to resist. From then on, there was no other news about him. After such a long time, he had spent all of his time on bitter training. It can be considered that he had finally erupted today.” continued Wang Tong.

“The person that challenged Gu Yuan is called Zhao Qingshan. In actual fact, he can’t be considered as an obscure and unknown person. He had always been holding onto the 51st place in the Heavenly Rankings. He had never stepped across that boundary; however, it is obvious that his strength is frightening. One would wonder exactly what step he had finally reached in this hunt.”

With a tremor in his voice, Wang Tong said, “In addition, they are all members of the ‘Dark Society’.”

“Dark Society?” asked Mu Chen while gawking. Wrinkling his brows, it was obvious that he had never heard of this kind of influence within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

“Their full name is the Society of the Dark Horses. If we’re going to truly talk about them, they might be the longest surviving student influences that exists within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. It is because they had always existed, and had never disappeared before.”

Wang Tong faintly curled his mouth and continued, “There will always be freshmen that would enter the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. At the same time, there would be quite a few existing talents. Due to various reasons, they would enter the Dark Society. As this cycle continues, the Dark Society would never disappear. Every year, during the hunt, an absolutely large majority of the dark horses that appear would be from the ‘Dark Society’.”

Mu Chen was slightly shock. He never thought that the so-called “Dark Society” would actually be able to possess such tyrannical hidden strength. If one wanted to truly judge it, perhaps only Shen Cangshen’s “Judgment Brotherhood” or Li Xuantong’s “Xuan Clan” would be able to compare with it.

“You three should also be considered as dark horses. Is it possible that you three are members of the “Dark Society”?” asked Mu Chen as he looked towards the trio.

Hearing his question, Wang Tong shook his head and replied, “They had once extended their invitation to us brothers; however, we rejected them. Although we had, indeed, suffered a defeat by Li Xuan Tong’s hands, we did not have any grudges against him. We only wanted to put our best effort into training. Of course, being able to defeat him would, naturally, be the best. However, if we can’t accomplish that, there’s no need to warp and twist ourselves.”

Hearing his reply, Mu Chen felt slightly shocked and had a feeling of a whole new level of respect for them. He never imagined that the trio would have such a level of comprehension. However, what he said was also correct. That Dark Society seemed to always gather students that were humiliated and had talent to join their ranks. Although this might be a motivational factor to training, it would, indeed, be easy to warp and twist someone.

“The goal of the challenges sent out by the Dark Society are to defeat all the influential figures in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Therefore, you have to be slightly careful. Although you’re a freshman, your fame and reputation in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy has been increasing extremely rapidly, thus you’ve no choice but to guard against them.” continued Wang Tong.

Hearing that, Mu Chen gave a faint smile. He did not wish to incite trouble. However, if those so-called ‘dark horses’ assumed that they could establish themselves by stepping on his head, Mu Chen did not mind letting them know that there was one that was darker than them!

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Chapter 302: Campgrounds

Mu Chen stood on the mountain peak and looked at the valley below, where the Spiritual Lights had thinned out. After being harvested by An Ran and the girls, there wasn’t any need to continue staying at that place. Waving his hands, he said towards the trio, “Let’s go. How far are we from the gathering point on the map?”

“According to our speed, we’ll reach it by tomorrow.”

Thinking awhile, Wang Tong continued speaking, “However, as I’ve said earlier, it’s not only us who knows about this. Everyone who got their hands on such information would try their best to keep this a secret. So, we would definitely not be only ones that are eyeing that newly born Spirit King.”

Mu Chen faintly nodded his head in approval. A big cake like this would definitely be targeted by many people; however, he did not wish for them to have such ambitions.

“According to our route, we should be able to reach a hunting campgrounds by the afternoon. There should be quite a few students stopping at that place, and there would be an abundant flow of information. We could try asking around for some information about exactly what formidable groups are present in that area. If their routes are similar to ours, we should be able to guess who our next opponents will be.” The trio’s familiarity with the Spiritual Light World was obviously much higher than Mu Chen’s. These few arrangements were extremely appropriate.

Therefore, Mu Chen did not oppose them and nodded his head. If they were able to get their hands on all of this information, they would, indeed, be quite helpful to them.

“Let’s go.”

Mu Chen did not continue procrastinating. Taking the initiative, he shot forward. Transforming into a ray of light, he swept towards the northwest direction. At his back, Luo Li, Wang Tong and the rest proceeded to closely follow him.

During the following journey, the group did not stop again, as all of them travelled at full speed. Once it was sunset, they finally saw a few gigantic camping groups on the vast, flat plains.

The area of the campgrounds wasn't small; however, they looked somewhat simple from afar, and the atmosphere within was rather fiery and lively. From a distance, there would constantly be whizzing noises ringing out, as figure after figure would sweep across before finally landing within the campgrounds.

This place could already be considered as the start of the Northern Spirit World depths. After two days into the hunt, there were more and more students entering here. Therefore, these hunting campgrounds had no lack of people and a lively atmosphere.

"There are a few hunting campgrounds within the depths of the Northern Spirit World. These places are, after all, more safe than the other places, as one wouldn't be met with wandering Spirit Pawns. When resting, one could completely feel relieved." said Wang Tong while sending a smile towards Mu Chen as they neared the gigantic campgrounds.

"In addition to allowing one to rest and organize, the hunting campgrounds still have other purposes. For example, if some of the groups did not have sufficient strength, or they wanted to recruit new members to increase their group, they could find them within the hunting campgrounds. Naturally, this is on the pretense that there is mutual agreement."

"Other than that, there are some deals and trades that could be completed here. For example, using Spiritual Value Points to change for Spiritual Lights."

"Using Spiritual Value Points to change for Spiritual Lights? Is that possible?" asked Mu Chen, somewhat astonished, after gawking.

"Ha ha, Spiritual Value Points are very important to us. This kind of exchange can be considered mutually beneficial. That's why the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would not prohibit this." replied Wang Tong with a smile.

Mu Chen nodded his head; however, he did not have much interest in these kinds of trades. He had an abundance of Spiritual Lights in his hands and did not need to trade with people. At the same time, there was no need for him to sell of the Spiritual Lights he had. The more Spiritual Lights he had, the greater the results of the Spiritual Light Empowerment. Mu Chen was still counting on the benefits of the Spiritual Light Empowerment to help him break into the Heavenly Completion Stage. Thus, naturally, he would not sell any of the Spiritual Lights in his possession.

"Leave the matter of collecting information to us brothers. Brother Mu and the rest can just wait for our good news." Looking at the gigantic campgrounds filled with exuberant vitality, Wang Tong took charge and said to the rest.

"Thanks for the trouble." said Mu Chen with a smile. With the trio in the group, it had saved him quite a bit of trouble.

"Ha ha, this is nothing. Perhaps we might have to rely on brother Mu in the future." replied Wang Tong with a mischievous smile. The tone of his speech did not have the arrogance that he had during the last confrontation. Obviously, after crossing hands with Mu Chen, he had suppressed his arrogance and haughtiness.

Hearing his reply, Mu Chen smiled and shook his head. Although the three brothers were somewhat arrogant, and loved to sneakily hoard food, their characters were considered not bad. In the short span of two days, Mu Chen's thoughts about them had been changed by quite a bit.

The group moved closer to the gigantic campgrounds, before descending down. As they entered the grounds, sounds of clamoring and racketing that soared throughout the skies came to meet them, causing them to feel as if their ears were buzzing and ringing.

Mu Chen and the rest looked towards the bustling and lively crowd within the campgrounds and exclaimed in astonishment. Perhaps, there was already close to ten thousand students that had gathered on these campgrounds.

Entering the grounds as a group, they swept their surroundings with faint curiosity, before proceeding towards its depths. Along the way, they could see quite a few erected crystal signboards. There were even people who were putting energy into shouting out advertisements.

"We have currently 12 people in our squad and are looking for 8 members! Strength must be Heavenly Transformation Late Stage and above!"

"I'm ranked 98th on the Heavenly Ranking and I'm looking for a strong group to hunt the Spiritual Spawns!"

"Buying Spiritual Lights for 50 Spiritual Value Points per strand! Anyone interested should quickly contact me!"

As they walked along, Mu Chen looked at the myriad of advertisements all around him. Unable to bear it any longer, he started to smile. Only in a place like this would he be able to see such a marvelous scene.

It was a walk in the park for the Wang brothers. They would start a discussion with people from time to time, while secretly handing them some Spiritual Lights, and gathered various kinds of information.

The trio handled the matter nimbly, saving Mu Chen quite a bit of effort. Being free as a result, Mu Chen started to stroll leisurely across the campgrounds, feeling carefree and relaxed.

Luo Li followed beside him. Wearing a black dress, the soft clothing accentuated her slender and exquisitely beautiful body, emphasising her alluring curves. Her long hair, which was akin to silver, was hanging down from her head, look as bright and resplendent as the Milky Way. She had, undoubtedly, become a sight to see for all the eyes within the campgrounds, as quite a few people had astonishment within their eyes after seeing her. However, they had quickly recognised her; after all, Luo Li's ranking within the Heavenly Ranking was higher than Mu Chen's. Ranked fifteen, she could be considered as being rather ahead of the rest.

After recognising Luo Li, they had, naturally, recognised Mu Chen. There wasn't any student within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that did not know about this pair of absolutely astonishing young lovers. Other than Mu Chen, there might not be a second male student who was able to safely and quietly walk beside Luo Li.

Sensing the fiery and blazing gazes coming from the surroundings, a grin appeared on Mu Chen's face. Extending his hands, he grabbed onto Luo Li's small and jade-like hand. He wanted to make all of them jealous, they should go and continue being bachelors.

Luo Li could feel the thoughts of Mu Chen. Unable to help it, she unhappily shot a look at Mu Chen. However, contrary to her thoughts, her coquettish and absolutely beautiful appearance made quite a few people's gazes turn blazing hot.

Mu Chen smiled mischievously, before drawing Luo Li in and quickly walked for quite a while. Raising his head to look ahead, there were quite a few people forming a crowd in front of them. A platform stood there, where a youth was raising an object high up in the air, while shouting towards the crowd.

"Everyone, the thing in my hands isn't any ordinary item. It's said that it's known as the 'Forging God Stone'. This stone can be called a miracle stone, as it possesses a miraculous power, which is that it could forge and temper a Spiritual Artifact. Regardless of what kind of Spiritual Artifact yours is, as long as you use it to temper by absorbing the stone's godly power, your Spiritual Artifact will definitely rise to the next level!"

The item lifted high by the youth was a pitch-black stone. On the surface, it looked bumpy and full of holes and was totally unassuming. Furthermore, it did not have any appearance of being mysterious and strange. Although there was quite a number of people crowding around him, a majority of them were staring at him with look as if he was stupid. He actually dared to use a broken stone that he had picked up from god-knows-where and treated it as a treasure. Did he think that everyone here was stupid?

"If I used a High Grade Spiritual Artifact and used the item in your hand to temper it, would it turn into an Absolute Grade Spiritual Artifact?" asked someone with a mocking tone, resulting in some people breaking out into laughter. By itself, a High Grade Spiritual Artifact was worth a million Spiritual Value Points within the Spiritual Value Hall. If it was a Peerless Rank Spiritual Artifact, its value would reach a terrifying amount of tens of millions. If the item in that fellow's hand was that miraculous, why would he be willing to sell it away?

On the stone platform, the youth gave a guilty smile and replied, "Of course there is a failure rate. If it fails, there's a possibility that the Spiritual Artifact will be slightly damaged."

"%\$&@!"

Countless people in the crowd cursed a single word. A failure rate and slightly damaged? It's obvious that this fellow's words couldn't be trusted.

Even Mu Chen could not bear it and gave a laugh. With a single look he could tell that the so-called "Divine Forging Stone" did not have a trace of fluctuations emitting from it. More or less, this fellow was trying to trick people.

Shaking his head, he planned to draw Luo Li to leave. However, after a tug, he did not receive an appropriate response from her. Feeling slightly surprised, he turned his head and looked at her. What he saw was Luo Li's glass-like eyes staring closely at the black stone within the youth's hand.

"What's the matter?" asked Mu Chen in a low voice. He felt slightly surprised, as this was the first time he had seen Luo Li react like that to an item. "I need that stone. It can help me resolved a layer of the seal on the Luo Shen Sword." Moving closer to Mu Chen, Luo Li replied to him in a voice that only the two of them could hear.

“Luo Shen Sword?” muttered Mu Chen with slight shock. He proceeded to turn his gaze towards the black-coloured longsword that was always held by Luo Li, no matter where she went. Ever since the first time he had seen Luo Li, he had always saw her with that sword. Although there were a few times that Luo Li had truly drawn that mysterious sword, Mu Chen had never dared to doubt its might. This was due to the fact that there were some situations where even he would feel his life being threatened by the sensation he got from that mysterious sword.

“Yup, this is the most valuable Divine Artifact of our Luo God Clan.” replied Luo Li softly. “Grandfather had given it to me; however, due to my strength, I’m unable to control it. Therefore, grandfather had set up three seals. In the past few years I’ve still been unable to open a single seal. If I could obtain that rock, perhaps I’ll be able to achieve that goal.”

“A Divine Artifact?!” muttered Mu Chen in total shock. These simple two words represented power that could shatter the heavens and crush the earth. Mu Chen believed that even a Sovereign level expert would turn completely greedy upon hearing those two words. Who would have thought that the longsword that was carried by Luo Li was actually a genuine Divine Artifact?

Giving a faint smile, Luo Li extended her hand and passed the black longsword covered in mysterious runes over to Mu Chen. This divine object that would cause a Sovereign level expert to turn completely greedy was passed over to Mu Chen by her without any vigilance. Obviously, Mu Chen’s place within her heart was higher than this so-called ‘Divine Artifact’.

With slight curiosity, Mu Chen received it. In the instant the longsword touched his hand, he felt a stabbing pain coming from his palm. Although the sword had yet to be drawn, the sword qi that radiated out from it was capable of making Mu Chen instantly feel as if his entire arm had turned cold and numb. Furthermore, he could faintly feel the meridians within his body starting to ache.

This sword was too overbearing.

Mu Chen did not hold on to it for too long and quickly returned it to Luo Li. In the next moment, he looked towards the stone platform with his eyes slightly narrowed. Since this stone had such an important use for Luo Li, no matter what, he had to get it into his hands!

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Chapter 303: Divine Forging Stone

On the stone platform, the youth was still hurling saliva around as he presented the “Divine Forging Stone” within his hand. However, this item was comparatively too poor when compared to everything else that he had auctioned. Therefore, there were a lot of people who held suspicions in their hearts, and there was not a single person that showed much interest in it.

“What exactly is this item going for?”

While the youth was feeling somewhat crestfallen, someone finally casually asked. This caused a tremor within his mind as he replied, “It’s priced at 5,000 strands of Spiritual Pawn Spiritual Lights or 20 strands of Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights.”

Instantly, the surroundings turned quieter as the majority of the people present spat out and choked. Looking at the youth as if he was stupid, they thought, 'Had this fellow gone crazy after thinking about the Spiritual Lights?'

Seeing the majority of the people looking at him with gazes of contempt, the youth's face instantly turned slightly red. Feeling indignant, he said, "If no one's buying it, then let's forget about it."

It's obvious that he didn't have the material for being a salesperson, as he wasn't able to garner any interest for the objects he was auctioning out. Furiously snorting, he started to turn around and walk away. He thought, 'These people truly didn't have an eye for treasure. There will come a time where they will feel regret.'

"Wait."

Just as he was able to turn and leave, a voice finally rang out. Pausing his steps, he turned around with some suspicion, only to see a handsome and outstanding youth smiling towards him from under the stone platform. Standing behind the youth was a beautiful girl that would make people feel absolutely astonished.

"I'll buy that stone," said Mu Chen while smiling towards the youth.

His total harvest for the past two days was 25 strands of Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights. This had Luo Li's portion already added to it. However, since Luo Li needed that unknown stone, he would, naturally, not be stingy about it.

Whoosh!

The moment Mu Chen said those words, the various sounds of an uproar rang across the entire area. Gaze after gaze of astonishments converged on him. Spending 20 strands of Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights to buy some unknown stone. What was this fellow thinking?

"You want to buy it?" asked the youth after quite some time, while looking doubtfully at Mu Chen. 20 strands of Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights was absolutely not something that anyone could easily take out.

"Are you still selling it?" Sensing the gazes coming from the surroundings, Mu Chen faintly wrinkled his forehead and asked.

"I'm selling!" replied the youth hurriedly with a conditioned reflex. It was already so hard just to find an interested buyer. If he was to let Mu Chen go, it might be possible that he truly wouldn't think about ever selling it again.

Just as the youth shouted, he immediately tossed the black stone towards Mu Chen. From the looks of it, it seemed that he was afraid that Mu Chen might feel regret.

Giving a smile, Mu Chen extended his hands to catch it.

Whoosh!

Just as Mu Chen was able to catch the black stone, a gale suddenly rushed and erupted out, shooting directly towards Mu Chen's palm.

Feeling the incoming gale, a chilling glint flashed past Mu Chen's eyes. With a back-handed slap, pitch black Spiritual Energy burning with black flames erupted out, slapping towards the incoming gale.

Ding!

A metallic sound rang out as a dagger was sent flying by his slap. Finally, with a buzz, it smashed into a gigantic boulder, which was crushed and thoroughly shattered. At the same time, it was smashed into dust by the slap.

Due to this sudden change of events, everyone present was in shock. Hurriedly, they turned their sights towards the origin of the dagger, only to see a group of people rushing up from there. It was a group of youths wearing black robes, while the lead youth was playing with a dagger in his palm. Sparkling with a cold glint, the dagger nimbly spun around within his hand.

"What does the Dark Society's Xu Bin want?" Astonished voices rang out as people recognised the youth with a single look. It seemed that this youth had quite a reputation in this area.

"Ha ha, good skill." Clapping his hands, the youth dressed in black by the name of Xu Bin grinned as he stared at Mu Chen.

Chilling intent appeared in Mu Chen's eyes as he stared at the fellow, while an unhappy expression surfaced on his face. Facing this kind of person, who had attacked him for some unfathomable reason, Mu Chen did not have any good impression of him.

"This brother, we've taken fancy of this stone. Please make things easy and give it to us."

That Xu Qin did not care about Mu Chen's darkened face. With a faint smile, he said, "Naturally, since you all have bidden first, we'll give you suitable compensation. Is that alright?"

Although he had said 'compensation,' there wasn't a slightest amount of pity for Mu Chen in his gaze, as if what he had done was to give in to the poor.

"Alright, compensate me a thousand Spirit Knight grade Spiritual Lights." replied Mu Chen indifferently.

Hearing his reply, everyone in the surroundings instantly grinned. A thousand Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights. Even if the Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights possessed by everyone within this camping grounds were to be added together, would it even be that many as that?

Xu Qin's face twitched before replying, "Ha ha, please stop joking, little brother. I'm Xu Qin, a member of the Dark Society. Please make things easy, brother. We've been paying attention to this item for quite a long time already."

Mu Chen did not continue to care about him. Looking towards the auctioning youth, he extended his hand, signalling that he wanted to receive the black stone again.

"Ha ha, since this brother isn't willing to give it to us, the only thing we can do is to compete in the normal way. The auctioned price is 20 Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights, right? I'll offer 22 strands." upon seeing the current situation, Xu Qin started to smile again and spoke out.

Hearing that, the mind of the youth auctioning the black stone shook. Feeling the difficulty, due to being pressed between two sides, why not give it to the person that bids the highest? This way, he wouldn't be considered as offending either one of them.

"This brother..." looking slightly guilty, he spoke while looking at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen faintly frowned. He never imagined that this kind of change would occur when he wanted to buy the stone. These few fellows truly made people feel loathsome.

"25 strands." said Mu Chen indifferent.

The moment his words appeared, it attracted quite a few whispers from the surroundings. After all, it wasn't easy to obtain Spiritual Lights at a Spirit Knight's level. 25 strands, that means that one had to kill 25 Spirit Knight at the Heavenly Transformation Stage. That wasn't an easy task to accomplish.

With Mu Chen being able to bring out 25 Spirit Knight's Spiritual Lights in one setting, it was obvious that he was not someone that was easy to deal with.

"30 strands." A trace of darkness finally flashed past Xu Qin's eyes as he spoke his bid. 30 Spirit Knight's Spiritual Lights. This could be considered over half of what they had obtained over the past two days.

"Forget about it, I don't want it." said Luo Li while gently tugging at Mu Chen's sleeve. She knew about their bottom line. 25 Spirit Knight's Spiritual Lights was already their limit.

A sliver of fury flashed past Mu Chen's eyes. Within his heart, he did not have the slight traces of a favorable impression for the Dark Society.

"Xu Qin, after so long, you still have the temper that makes people loathe you." While a dangerous glint flashed past Mu Chen's eyes, a mocking voice rang from behind him. He turned around, only to see Wang Tong, An Ran and the rest appearing, unknowingly behind him. As for the one who said those words, it was Wang Tong.

"Wang Tong?"

Looking at the Wang brothers, Xu Qin started to frown. It was obvious that he knew them. Proceeding to twitch his mouth, he replied, "What? You wish to insert your foot into the bid?"

"However, don't blame me for not reminding you. It is not I who has his eyes on this 'Divine Forging Stone'. It's big brother Mu Fengyang. If you feel that you have the adequate guts, you can give it a try." Sending a meaningful glance at Mu Chen and Wang Tong, Xu Qin continued to speak with a mocking tone.

"Mu Fengyang? That dark horse that defeated the ninth-placed Jiang Tai?" hearing the name, the faces of the trio slightly changed.

"Hehe, although we don't have any interest in sticking our necks into this, we have a debt to Mu Chen from some time ago." replied the trio. They seemed to have some previous grievances with this Xu Qin. However they also dreaded that Mu Fengyang and did not dare to overly provoke him. With a move of his eyes and a clench of his hand, a crystal ball that seemed to be ignited with a blazing fire appeared in Wang Tong's hand. An astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuation started to radiate from within it, looking rather substantial.

The interior of this crystal ball was obviously filled with Spiritual Lights. Furthermore, it was all at the Spirit Knight's level!

"There's a total of 30 Spirit Knight Spiritual Lights within it. I'll lend it to you, for now. Remember that this is a loan and you'll to return them to us!" said Wang Tong in a low voice, feeling somewhat painful. This was the complete harvest of the brothers.

Being together with Mu Chen for the past two days, they had, naturally, known that due to them hoarding all of the food, Mu Chen and the girls harvest wasn't especially large. If they had wanted to participate in the bidding, it was obvious that they would not be able to compete with the other party.

"Thanks, it can be consider that I owe you guys a favor."

Mu Chen gawked slightly before smiling. In his heart, his favorable impression towards the trio had grown greater to some level. Patting the shoulder of Wang Tong, he said those words.

"That Mu Fengyang might be here, as well. Be careful." Sweeping every direction with his gaze, Wang Tong replied with dread brimming in his eyes.

Mu Chen faintly nodded his head. He already did not have a single shred of favorable impression towards this Dark Society. Today, he wanted to see exactly who would dare to prevent them from getting his hands on this "Divine Forging Stone".

"35 strands." Tossing and catching the blazing crystal ball in his hand, Mu Chen said towards Xu Qin with a single trace of warmth in his gaze.

"You!"

Xu Qin finally turned furious. He never thought that after saying Mu Fengyang's name, Mu Chen and his group would actually dare to continue to interfere with his bid. 35 strands of Spiritual Lights. This had, similarly, exceeded their limit.

Although the "Divine Forging Stone" was indeed somewhat miraculous, it did not have that high of a value.

See that Xu Qin was no longer contesting, with a flick of his fingers Mu Chen sent 35 Spirit Knight's Spiritual Lights towards the auctioning youth. The latter hurriedly received it. Carefully shooting a glance at both parties, he threw the black stone over to Mu Chen.

Both parties weren't people he could provoke. Taking the Spiritual Lights, he quickly ran away in fear of being engulfed in their fury.

Receiving the black "Divine Forging Stone", he turned around and handed it to Luo Li. The girl gave a shallow smile. That touchingly beautiful appearance made quite a few people stare fixedly at her.

"Mu Chen, are you truly going to make things difficult for us?" Looking at the object landing in Luo Li's hands, Xu Qin instantaneously threatened Mu Chen with fury.

"I dared to smash the headquarters of the Demon's Gate in the face of He Yao. Therefore, you better shut your mouth for this kind of threat."

Staring emotionlessly at Xu Qin, Mu Chen said in a cold and severe voice, "Do not provoke me, or there will be consequences you are unable to pay."

Xu Qin gritted and clenched his teeth. The Dark Society's gazes turned sinister, as vigorous Spiritual Energy erupted from their bodies.

Seeing this change, Wang Tong and the rest stood beside Mu Chen. Circulating their Spiritual Energies, they focused their gazes on Xu Qin and his group.

Due to both parties, the atmosphere instantly turned into a state of mutual hostility.

Seeing the change, the surrounding crowd hurriedly retreated in fear of being implicated.

However, just as the hostile atmosphere was about to ignite, a gentle clapping sound suddenly rang out. At the same time, a soft laughing voice followed and rang out.

"Ha ha, you're truly, with a doubt, the most outstanding person within this batch of freshmen. However, I would like to know about what price would Xu Qin be unable to pay, and what price I, Mu Fengyang, can't pay?"

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Chapter 304: Mu Fengyang

When the soft laughing voice rang out in the region that was in a state of mutual hostility, the taut atmosphere instantly turned stiff. Exultation instantly erupted from the eyes of Xu Bin and the rest of the group, before sending provocative looks towards the Wang brothers, whose expressions had some change.

Mu Chen slowly raised his head. His sight leaped across the crowd of people toward a place not far from here. At the high ground, there stood a stone pavilion; within which stood a slender and tall youth dressed in black. With calm eyes, he stared towards Mu Chen.

Even though he was still some distance away, everyone could feel the strong Spiritual Energy radiating from his body. Pressure formed from the condensation of his Spiritual Energy as it started to spread out.

That degree, he had already truly reached Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase!

"It's Mu Fengyang!" shouted someone with eyes brimming with dread. The Mu Fengyang of the past might not be very famous. However, after he had defeated the 9th place on the Heavenly Rankings, Jiang Tai, his reputation had been rising rapidly in a straight line. Everyone knew that this dark horse would rise towards the heavens in this hunt.

Mu Chen continued raising his head, his black pupils locked onto the high-spirited youth in black within the stone pavilion. The latter's imposing aura was, indeed, not weak. No wonder he could defeat Jiang Tai.

The expressions on the Wang brothers' faces turned grave. The three brothers had the strength of Heavenly Transformation Stage Middle Phase. However, if they were to truly take action, it would still be hard to contend against that Mu Fengyang. In addition, there was still Xu Qin and that group, who were glaring at them covetously, like watching prey.

“Ha ha. I’ve long heard about your name, Mu Chen. You’re the most outstanding person within the freshmen. I’ve even heard about the grudge and grievances between Li Xuanton and He Yao. Our Dark Society really approves of you. If you would join us, I think that they would not dare to do anything to you in the future.” unexpectedly, Mu Fengyang did not immediately take action. Instead, he stared at Mu Chen and offered him an invitation.

His voice was filled with an extremely thick intent of recruiting Mu Chen.

“Your association is too big and noble. I’m afraid that I won’t get accustomed to it.” replied Mu Chen with a smile. He did not have much of a favorable impression of the association of dark horses. Although they had believed in concealing their strengths to bide time before shocking people in one go, Mu Chen had always felt that this was a little distorted. Due to some humiliation, they had firmly suppressed their emotions. Even though being able to bear it patiently was good, there were times that one cannot be to excessive.

From the temper that these few people had displayed, it might be difficult for them to maintain that painstaking training state of mind after shocking people in one day. These kinds of people were destined to be unable to become genuine experts.

Therefore, they were also destined to never truly exceed Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton.

“You really don’t know how to appreciate kindness!” seeing that Mu Chen had unexpectedly rejected Mu Fengyang’s invitation, Xu Bin and the group instantly flared up in a fury. From what they could see, although Mu Chen had some fame within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, it was clear that he still could not be considered as an influential figure. The current Mu Fengyang had his name rocking the entire hunting grounds.

Towards them, Mu Chen was too lazy to bother. Staring at Mu Fengyang, the latter was indeed not a weak fighter. If they were to start fighting, he had to put in quite a bit of work.

Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase. That Bai Xuan was also at this stage. However at that time, Mu Chen had to draw support from the demonic strength left in him by the “Big Scared Demonic Pillar” before being able to kill Bai Xuan. However the current him, whose strength had increased by a huge factor, obviously, did not need to rely on that method.

“Haha. That seems somewhat regretful.”

Mu Fengyang treated Mu Chen’s rejection with a calm and ordinary expression, with only his eyes gradually turning sharp and incisive. Staring at Mu Chen, he slowly said, “However, that ‘Divine Forging Stone’ has quite a bit of use for me, is there any possibility of forsaking it?”

“Senior Mu is currently an influential figure amongst the top 10 in the Heavenly Rankings. How could such a low-graded item enter your eyes?” replied Mu Chen cynically.

“What if I say that I truly want it?” said Mu Fengyang slowly.

A surge of Spiritual Energy erupted from his body akin to a tidal wave. It seemed to stir the skies and the weather, bring about an astonishing feeling of oppression.

The vast and expansive campgrounds seemed to have quietened down by quite a bit at this instant. Innumerable gazes turned and faced the origin of this commotion. The might and threat brought by a Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase expert had made the atmosphere of this campgrounds much more stifling.

Contrary to everyone, Mu Chen seemed to not discover that sort of pressure. Only frowning slightly, he shot a look towards Mu Fengyang before turning around. "If you fancy it, I have to trouble to find a second one."

His voice was clear and indifferent; however, there wasn't much attempt to cover the impolite tone within those words. With regards of the people of the Dark Society, he could be considered as having completely lost all interest in them.

Seeing that Mu Chen had turned around to leave, Luo Li immediately followed. Wang Tong, An Ran and the rest looked at each other in the eyes before hurriedly following him.

Seeing the figure of Mu Chen turning around and leaving, a cold and fierce smile suddenly appeared on the corner of Mu Fengyang's mouth. In the depths of his eyes, a cold glint followed his boundless Spiritual Energy as it suddenly erupted.

Bang!

With his Spiritual Energy surging, Mu Fengyang's figure dashed forward explosively, akin to lightning. Standing high in the sky, without any hesitation, he sent out a palm slap. Spiritual Energy surged below the palm, akin to a raging tide, before transforming into a gigantic Spiritual Energy palm print. Without any mercy, it furiously patted down at the back figures of Mu Chen and the group.

Just as Mu Fengyang launched his attack, Mu Chen's footsteps suddenly stopped. Clenching his hand tightly, he formed a fist. Black-flaming Spiritual Energy started burning around it that was akin to smoke as it rolled and rushed towards the clouds.

Roar!

A stretch of starry sky seemingly appeared behind Mu Chen. A white tiger stood on the stars, facing the heavens and gave a loud roar. As its hind legs stepped out of the stars, it carried a murderous aura that blotted the skies. Transforming into a white streak of light, it smashed head-on against the gigantic Spiritual Energy palm print in an extremely stiff and hard stance.

Bang!

Wild and violent Spiritual Energy fluctuations rippled throughout the skies, creating hurricanes as it travelled through this stretch of space. Even the clouds were ripped and torn apart.

The Spiritual Energy impact lasted for quite a while before slowly subsiding. The skies started to clear before the two fierce and violent attacks slowly disappeared.

Seeing this play out before their eyes, quite a few people felt slightly shocked in their hearts as their gazes turned somewhat strange as they stared at Mu Chen. Mu Fengyang possessed the strength of a Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase. That palm he sent out was able to instantly defeat a Heavenly Transformation Stage Middle Phase expert. However, Mu Chen was able to counter this

without a slightest trace of being in a disadvantage. His move had obviously become much stronger since the Pact of Three Moves he had with Li Xuantong.

Up in the air, when Mu Fengyang saw that his attack was blocked head-on by Mu Chen, his eyes faintly narrowed. The latter's Spiritual Energy fluctuation was only at the level of a Quasi-Heavenly Transformation Stage. He hadn't even completely stepped into the Heavenly Transformation Stage. However, Mu Chen was still able to receive his attack.

"You are undoubtedly the number one person among the freshmen." said Mu Fengyang with a faint smile.

"Mu Fengyang, if you want to shock the world with a single feat, go find those that are placed in the front on the Heavenly Rankings. There's no need to find a freshman like me. If, by any chance, you suffer a defeat here, it would not be easy to re-accumulate that fame and reputation, and the only thing you would do is to become my stepping stone." said Mu Chen with a frown as he looked towards Mu Fengyang.

"Dissolence!" Xu Qin and his group instantly shouted furiously. This freshman was too arrogant.

Contrary to them, Mu Fengyang only gave a gentle smile. A cold glint flowed within his eyes; however, he did not let it show. Gently smiling, he replied, "Looks like you truly have confidence in yourself."

"You better stop wanting this Divine Forging Stone. If you truly can't resist the urge, feel free to find and attack me. Regardless of what move you use, I'll just receive it." said Mu Chen with a laugh as his black pupils shot a deep look at Mu Fengyang. Without any pause, he waved his hand and Luo Li and the rest gradually disappeared into the distance.

This time, Mu Fengyang did not launch an attack. However, some darkness faintly appeared on his face. In the next moment, he descended from mid-air.

"Brother Mu, are you going to let that brat off just like that?" Xu Qin and his group had already crowded over before asking this question, somewhat unwillingly. Never had they imagined that even the personal appearance of Mu Fengyang was unable to restrain and prevent Mu Chen from leaving.

Mu Fengyang shot a glance at them and replied, "That Mu Chen isn't easy to deal with. Although his strength is at the Quasi-Heavenly Transformation Stage. Even I would have to spent quite a bit of effort to deal with him. We can reach that region tomorrow, so there's no need to consume our energy now."

"That brat is too rampant. He didn't even give any face to you, Brother Mu." said Xu Qing hatefully. Being treated like that by a freshman, their hearts were filled with unjust. They thought about their freshmen time, when they were always cowering. Where would there be such impoliteness towards their seniors? However, this fellow was that rampant and yet he was still able to mix that well with others.

"Relax. The things that I, Mu Fengyang, had taken fancy of would not be given to people in vain."

Mu Fengyang gave a faint smile, before looking at the direction that Mu Chen and his group had left in with a slightly cold gaze. "The direction that they are headed to is, more or less, toward that region. Therefore, we should be able to see them again. At that time, we'll wait and meet up with Qingshan. After converging with him, would that brat still have any chance to hop and jump?"

“Brother Zhao is also coming.” said Xu Qin and the rest hurriedly with great joy.

Mu Fengyang nodded his head and replied, “ Although that Spirit King is newly born, it’s still not something that we can deal with. With him, we should have some level of assurance.”

“Ha ha, if our Dark Society is able to kill that Spirit King, we’ll become the only power that is able to hunt and kill a Spirit King in these last few years. In the future, our fame in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would be sufficient to press the Judgment Brotherhood, as well as the Xuan Clan!”

The faces of Xu Qin and the rest were brimming with excitement. Looking at the direction where Mu Chen and his group had left in, he said, “At that time, that brat will definitely feel regret for refusing to enter our Dark Society!”

Mu Fengyang laughed as he also looked towards the same direction with slightly narrowed eyes.

Mu Chen, I hope that you possess strength that is compatible with your arrogance. If not, I’ll completely step on and destroy that arrogance of yours!

Mu Chen and his group did not stop at the campgrounds. Heading out of the campgrounds, they continued on their way, once again.

During the journey, Mu Chen threw the crystal ball, which had five less Spirit Knight’s Spiritual Lights back to Wang Tong. Smiling at him, Mu Chen said, “I’ve borrowed your Spiritual Lights. Afterwards, when I’ve killed enough, I’ll return them to you three.”

“There’s no hurry. With you, we’re not scared of you reneging.” replied Wang Tong with a smile. The gaze that he sent towards Mu Chen was filled with some astonishment, as well as a sliver of respect. The unfrightened and fearless attitude that Mu Chen had used to face Mu Fengyang had made them feel slight respect for him. After all, the trio rather dreaded that Mu Fengyang, and did not dare to casually offend him.

“You three have to lead us to more reliable gathering points on the way.” said Mu Chen in a jokingly scolding manner.

The trio gave off an awkward laugh, before nodding their heads. Looks like they have to hoard less of the food in the future.

Mu Chen looked at Luo Li behind him once again. The girl was playing with the black stone, while her exquisite little face faintly revealed some joy.

“Is that Divine Forging Stone that formidable?” asked Mu Chen with some doubt. He had heard of a Divine Forging Stone before. Even though it could be considered an uncommon object, it was not of that level of rarity.

“An ordinary Divine Forging Stone, naturally, does not have much use.” replied Luo Li with a brilliant smile. Raising the black stone, she continued, “However this isn’t an ordinary one.”

“Oh?”

Mu Chen felt some amazement. Could this Divine Forging Stone be extraordinary?

Luo Li grasped the black-coloured Luo Shen Sword in her jade-like hand. Tossing the Divine Forging Stone in the air, a sword glow whistled before chopping down on the surface of the black stone without the slightest hesitation.

Chi!

After the sword glow had passed through, the incomparably hard black stone was, unexpectedly, slightly split open. Following the crack on the black stone, Mu Chen could instantly see a bit of sparkle and luster gently radiating out from within.

This Divine Forging Stone was indeed extraordinary!

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Chapter 305: Arrival

The black stone started to split apart, inch by inch, as the sword glow flashed past. Under its black colour, a sparkling glow started to radiate out, becoming extremely dazzling.

This mysterious change had attracted the vision of Wang Tong, An Ran and the rest. They looked in amazement at the scene before them. Not a single one of them had any idea that there would actually be another world within this seemingly unremarkable “Divine Forging Stone”.

Luo Li extended her small hand and gently peeled away those broken stone shards. As the stone shards fell off, a crystal, with the approximate size of a thumb, revealed itself to Mu Chen and the rest.

There wasn't anything special looking at this sparkling crystal. It looked like a well cut diamond. However, there seemed to be fluid revolving within it, making it look extremely mysterious.

Although this crystal was extremely tiny, Mu Chen and the rest could feel the enormous energies contained within it.

“What is that?” asked Wang Tong and the rest dumbfoundedly.

“This is a Forging God Crystal.” replied Luo Li with a faint smile. “A necessary material that is required when forging Divine Weapons. They are extremely rare. It can be assumed that you can't even buy it from the Spiritual Values Hall in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.”

The expressions of Mu Chen and the rest simultaneously changed. A necessary material for forging Divine Weapons? Divine Weapons...this was something that even Sovereigns would be greedy about. They have never seen one before, and they don't even know if the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy has any of them.

“However, this Divine Forging Stone is too small and is far from enough for forging Divine Weapons. If not, its value would be extremely frightening.” said Luo Li in a soft voice.

Mu Chen nodded his head. A material that could aid in the forging of Divine Weapons. With regards to many experts, it would be a fatal attraction if they ever caught wind of it.

“This time, we've picked up a bargain.” said Mu Chen with a smile. If not for Luo Li, even he would have missed out on this “Forging God Crystal”. Relying on his strength, it was simply impossible for him to

discover the crystal hidden deep within the stone. Naturally, other than Luo Li, there should be no one else within the students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that had the ability to detect it.

Luo Li gave a soft laugh before storing that Divine Forging Stone away. She needed to find time to undo the first seal on the Luo Shen Sword. That way, she would possess an extremely frightening trump card.

“Let’s go. We’ve to seize the moment to find more gathering points. The current us are penniless, and we also have a debt to pay.” said Mu Chen with a grin.

Feeling somewhat guilty, Luo Li looked at Mu Chen. She naturally knew that Mu Chen had took out all of his spiritual lights to buy the Divine Forging Stone. Their two full days worth of harvests was basically spent on it.

“If you show me this expression again, don’t blame me for punishing you.” said Mu Chen with a frown. He did not like seeing Luo Li being so calculative with him.

Luo Li responded with a sweet smile. That perfect smile caused even An Ran and the girls to feel a little dazzled.

“Wang Tong. I’ll have to trouble you three about the matter of finding gathering points. We’ll split them evenly.” said Mu Chen while looking at him. Their information was extremely abundant. If they were able to provide some of them, their harvests would be extremely large.

“This region should have a Dangerous grade gathering point. I don’t know if there will be any Spiritual Knights at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase there. However, there should be quite a few Spiritual Knights at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Middle Phase. It might be a little troublesome to eat it.” muttered Wang Tong after hesitating.

“Dangerous Grade...” murmured Mu Chen as his eyes faintly narrowed. Before he could reply, a faint laugh rang out from Luo Li as she said, “Then, let’s go there.”

Mu Chen shot a slightly curious look at Luo Li, before proceeding to laugh, unable to control it. “Why? Our Goddess Luo can no longer bear it and wants to take action?”

Since entering the hunting grounds, Luo Li had always been following quietly behind Mu Chen and seemed to be rather content in doing so. So much so that the circumstances that required her to take action were extremely little. However, from what Mu Chen could see, she seemed to want to take the initiative.

“You’ve owed a debt due to me. Naturally, I cannot be lazy.” replied Luo Li with a charming smile, her clear glassy pupils were gently staring at Mu Chen.

“Okay, let’s head straight there!” exclaimed Mu Chen with a loud laugh. Ever since they had entered the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Luo Li had rarely revealed her true power. However, he knew that if she was to truly take action, even he might not be able to defeat her.

Seeing this, Wang Tong looked at Luo Li with slight amazement. They did not understand much about Luo Li’s true strength. However, from Mu Chen’s words, it seemed that she was extremely formidable...

Some doubt flashed past their eyes; however, they didn’t say anything in the end and immediately proceeded to lead the way. For such matters, Mu Chen would not be joking about it...

This doubt of theirs finally turned completely into smoke and disappeared into thin air hours later. At that time, the gazes they sent towards Luo Li were overwhelmed with shock and respect.

It was a gigantic valley. At this time, Luo Li's black sword slowly entered its sheath, causing the world-shaking sword qi to completely vanish. In front of her was a deep fissure that extended a thousand feet. The fissure was as glossy as a mirror, and it extended to a mountain peak, before splitting it into two.

This was all caused by a single slash from Luo Li.

There were even five Spiritual Knights at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Middle Phase that were cut apart by that slash.

They seemed to put up not a single trace of resistance before being sliced apart by that black comet-like sword aura.

That single slash was so swift and fierce that it was simply impossible to defend against it.

While Luo Li was sheathing her sword, at another direction, a white tiger was roaring towards the heavens. A black pagoda was suppressing something that caused the earth to quake and mountains to shake. The four Spiritual Knights at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Middle Phase were directly shaken and exploded.

From there stood an outstandingly handsome youth slowly descending to the ground.

"A terrifying pair of lovers..."

Wang Tong and the rest looked dumbfoundedly at the accomplishment of the two. They couldn't help letting out a long sigh. Nine Spiritual Knights at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Middle Phase were completely suppressed by these two.

If these two were to direct their attacks towards the trio, they might be ousted to a sorrowful state and have to scuttle away.

At this time, they realised how stupid they were, as they had actually tried to snatch Luo Li away some time ago... If Luo Li had taken action then...looking at the gigantic fissure on the ground, a cold shiver instantly travelled up their spines.

"It's a pity that we didn't meet any Spiritual Knight at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phases." said Luo Li with some regret as she shook her head. This gathering point, in reality, could be considered as having a pretty good lineup. However, it was a pity that the Spiritual Knights were clearly unable to defend against the attacks that were simultaneously launched by her and Mu Chen.

"Not bad. Adding all of them together, this gathering point had almost ten Spiritual Knights at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Middle Phase. This lineup could be considered as a Dangerous grade gathering point. This time, Wang Tong gave us a reasonable one." said Mu Chen with slight satisfaction. Compared to the small gathering points that the trio had brought them to previous, where he was too lazy to even move, the current one could already be considered as a very big harvest.

The trio laughed guiltily before hurriedly saying, "Rest assured, when we reach that region tomorrow, you guys will understand why it's called an Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point. If everything goes smoothly, our harvest will cause everyone's eyes to turn red!"

Mu Chen turned his vision towards the northwest direction with some anticipation within his eyes. Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point...From there, would there be the existence of a Spiritual King?

A Spiritual King at the Heavenly Completion Stage.

He really wished to experience exactly how formidable it was.

A blaze seemed to have ignited within Mu Chen's eyes, filled with fighting intent, as well as curiosity.

Next day

In the early morning, Mu Chen and the group stopped for a rest before rushing at their utmost speed towards the northwest direction. At their current speed, they would get close to the Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point they had been searching for since two days ago.

As Mu Chen and the group rushed towards the region, they were able to discover that there were some Spiritual Energy fluctuations faintly spreading out from the far distance.

They looked at each other in the eyes as they thought that it was not only them who were rushing to that region. However, they did not know exactly how many strong groups were locked onto that place.

Looks like this region would be extremely lively.

Mu Chen and the rest started to increase their speed. After approximately an hour, their speed started to slowly decrease as a crater appeared on the flat plains they were travelling on. That was a crater formed by an abyss whose bottom could not be seen. Beyond that crater, lied a radiant world.

The radiance over there seemingly overshadowed the colours of the sky and earth. That was the radiance formed from the convergence of light. Looking from afar, it looked like a sea of spiritual lights, and one simply couldn't see its end.

Mu Chen and the rest were floating in the sky as they stared dumbfoundedly at the sea of spiritual lights with an ending that could not be seen. Faintly, they could feel the countless Spiritual Pawns pacing back and forth.

That entire place seemed to be a country of Spiritual Pawns!

Mu Chen stared at the depths of the abyss. Although his line-of sight-wasn't able to reach the end of it, he could faintly detect some fluctuations that made even his heart slightly palpitate.

Looks like this region wasn't simple. No wonder it was able to be graded as an Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point.

"Such a terrifying gathering point..." Wang Tong and the rest were shocked to the point that words could not form in their mouths. However, they subsequently became feverish. If they were able to collect all of the Spiritual Lights here, how great would the effect from the Spiritual Light Empowerment be?

Perhaps they might even be able to rush into the Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase!

Mu Chen gradually recovered his clarity. His line-of-sight turned towards another direction, where there were some rushing whizzing sounds resounding from there. From a distance, he was able to make out a few figures standing in midair.

More and more people were coming to this place, and a great majority of them were not easy to deal with. After all, people who don't have any skills would not dare to come to a place like this Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point.

Mu Chen and Luo Li shot a glance at each other. Seems like it would not be an easy matter to hunt the Spiritual King. This place truly become lively.

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Chapter 306: Gather

At the furthest end of the Spiritual Light army, whose borders can't be seen, stood Mu Chen and his party in midair. They gazed into the bright and resplendent army; however, they did not directly rush into it.

The number of Spiritual Pawns had reached a terrifying amount. If they were to charge in by themselves, they might be instantly submerged within the sea of Spiritual Pawns. Under that frightening amount, even a Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase expert would end up in a sorrowful state.

Furthermore, other than the innumerable Spiritual Pawns, there were obviously quite a few Spiritual Knights hidden within them. All of the gathering points they had seen on the way combined were in fact still slightly less than the number present here.

The Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point truly deserved its reputation.

Wang Tong and the rest looked in shock at the scene before them. No wonder why there were so few people who dared to show fancy for such a grade of a gathering point in the past few years. Even without the Spiritual King, just based on this lineup was enough to make people halt in their tracks.

"When do we take action?" asked Wang Tong as he looked towards Mu Chen. He was somewhat eager to give it a try, as what's present before his eyes was a genuine treasure trove. As long as they were able to get a portion of it, their hunt this time could be considered as have a full harvest. This harvest would be enough to allow for them to obtain a Spiritual Light Empowerment of the highest level.

"Wait." replied Mu Chen with a gentle smile. "We're too weak. If we rashly burst in, we simply might not be able to even meet the Spiritual King before we consume all of the Spiritual Energy within ourselves.

Hearing that, Wang Tong and the rest nodded their heads. Indeed, they had previously underestimated this grade of a gathering point. Only after seeing it with their own eyes did they realise that charging into a place like this without any accompaniment would only lead to their deaths.

Mu Chen raised his head and looked at his surroundings. At a distance, an innumerable amount of figures ceaselessly whizzed over, before forming a crowd floating in the sky. All of their eyes were feverishly looking at the Spiritual Light army in front of them.

Within a short half an hour, the surrounding skies were brimming with figures looking around in curiosity. There were at least a thousand of them. This scale can be considered as quite a bit.

“Shhhhu!”

Just as Mu Chen was observing the surrounding situation, a rushing whoosh suddenly rang out from the distance. He looked over, only to see a large number of figures swifiting dashing over, before finally floating in the air.

“It’s Mu Fengyang and his party.” After seeing those figures, the faces of Wang Tong and the rest slightly changed. That’s due to the person in front of the group, which was the person that they had some conflict with yesterday, Mu Fengyang.

When Mu Chen and the group pointed out Mu Fengyang and his party, they clearly discovered that Mu Fengyang had narrowed his eyes and sent a faint smile towards Mu Chen. He seemed he wasn’t surprised about their appearance here.

Standing behind Mu Fengyang, Xu Qin and the group stared at Mu Chen, and the group had faces brimming with ill intent, with their eyes filled with provocation.

“Hmph, what’s there to be rampant about...?” muttered Wang Tong, feeling somewhat unhappy. Suddenly, his expression changed as he saw a green streak of light sweeping towards here from a great distance, before finally descending in front of Xu Qin and his party.

As the green light scattered, it reveal a figure wearing a green robe. Although his face was ordinary, his pair of eyes were extremely bright, making people not dare to cross eyes with him. When he appeared, everyone felt a somewhat oppressive Spiritual Energy fluctuation radiating from him. This caused quite a few people from the surroundings to look over, before their expressions slightly changed.

Mu Chen’s eyes had also faintly narrowed at this instant. He had felt danger coming from the guy dressed in green.

“That’s Zhao Qingshan...” whispered Wang Tong and the rest in a low dreadful voice.

“The Zhao Qingshan that had defeated the seventh place on the Heavenly Rankings, Gu Yuan in ten moves?” asked Mu Chen as his eyes flashed. No wonder he had possessed such an imposing aura.

Seeing the appearance of Zhao Qingshan, Mu Fengyang was instantly surprised before laughing loudly and saying, “You’ve arrived at last.”

Zhao Qingshan gave a faint smile and replied, “I’ve met with a little trouble en route.”

As he replied, he looked over towards the Spiritual Light army in the distance. A strange expression flashed within his eyes as he said, “Is that the Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point? Indeed, its extraordinary.”

After saying that, he continued to survey his surroundings. Although there were quite a few people around, a large majority of them were glanced over by him. When his vision swept to where Mu Chen and Luo Li stood, his gaze finally rested on them.

“That’s Mu Chen. I’ve invited him to join our Dark Society yesterday; however, he rejected my invitation.” said Mu Fengyang indifferently.

“Brother Zhao, this brat is too untactful. He had not even paid attention to brother Mu’s personal invitation. From the looks of it, it seems that he really looks down on our Dark Society.” said Xu Qin, adding fuel to the fire.

“People with ability will naturally be arrogant.” said Zhao Qingshan as his eyes faintly narrowed. No one could tell if he was happy or angry. Shortly after, he shifted his gaze towards Mu Fengyang, he enquired, “Did you cross hands with him?”

Mu Fengyang faintly nodded his head and replied, “He’s able to contend against a single move by me with his Quasi-Heavenly Transformation Stage strength. Although it’s due to him having learnt a Deity Tier Spiritual Art, he still can be considered as formidable.”

Zhao Qingshan smiled and said, “If you have the chance, you should use your full strength to test his abilities.”

Mu Fengyang nodded his head again. Just as he was about to speak, his expression suddenly changed. Looking at another direction, he pointed at a group of figures sweeping towards this region before standing in midair.

At the front of this group of people stood a male with his hands crossed behind his back. His facial expression was indifferent; however, the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from his body made even Mu Fengyang and his party narrow their eyes.

“That’s Xu Huang...”

Zhao Qingshan gave a slight smile, while his eyes seemingly became even more bright, as his vision was locked onto that figure. The current him was already consider to be at the 7th Rank on the Heavenly Rankings. If he could defeat Xu Huang, his name would truly shake the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, and he would be comparable to those peak influential figures, like Li Xuanton and He Yao.

“This fellow had also come.” said Mu Chen with slight astonishment as he looked at Xu Huang. He never thought that Xu Huang would be attracted to this place. Looks like this place was getting more and more lively.

Xu Huang was a true and genuine influential figure within the Northern Spiritual Heavens Academy. His appearance naturally attracted numerous gazes. Some of the people’s gazes were slightly weird as they continuously revolved past Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang. The favourite thing the people of the Dark Society wanted to do was to find influential figures that ranked in the front of the Heavenly Rankings like Xu Huang and utilize their fame to show a brilliant feat that would stun the world, allowing them to mount the heavens in a single step.

Currently, it's said that Zhao Qingshan had already defeated the 7th Rank on the Heavenly Ranking, Gu Yuan. The 5th Rank on the Heavenly Rankings, Xu Huang, would obviously be his next target.

If these two men were to fight, who would emerge victorious?

Facing the numerous stares coming from the surroundings, Xu Huang’s face remained indifferent, with his gaze giving a faint sweep before retracting.

Xu Qingqing had also followed by his side. Her beautiful eyes gave the surroundings a sweep before spotting Mu Chen not far in the distance, which made her bite her lip. However, she knew that the current Mu Chen was no longer simple; therefore, she did not dare to be as rampant as before.

Not long after Xu Huang had arrived, a few of those outstanding students, whose reputation were not weak in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, appeared in succession. Although their reputation could not compare to that of Xu Huang, they were not considered weak.

As the people that congregated here grew larger and larger, the lineup of students here clearly became increasingly tyrannical.

Although this number was still unable to compete with the Spiritual Light army, they had possessed intellect, while those Spiritual Knights were devoid of it, and could only rely on instinct to launch their attacks.

“When preparing to attack later, make sure to take more care. An Ran, if we head in too deep, you girls should retreat first.” said Mu Chen as he looked at the surroundings. Countless people were eager to give it a go, and from the looks of it, they were starting to prepare to invade the Spiritual Light army.

“Okay.” replied the girls as they nodded their heads. Within this group, their strength was obviously the weakest. Heading in too deep was indeed very dangerous. After all, within this Extremely Dangerous grade gathering point, the number of Heavenly Transformation Stage Spiritual Knights should not be little.

Just as Mu Chen had finished his orders, the atmosphere of this region had completely turned fiery and erupted. There were people who were unable to resist any longer as they shouted in loud voices, “Take action! Snatch those Spiritual Lights, and our Spiritual Light Empowerment this time will be perfect!”

“Charge!”

The eyes of quite a few people turned fiery at this moment, before figure after figure explosively dashed forward, shooting towards that vast and expansive Spiritual Light army in an earth-shaking manner.

They might not possess the qualifications of taking fancy in that Spiritual King; however, the Spiritual Lights present here were dozens of times more than other places. As long as they were able to obtain a portion of them, it was a sufficient reward for them.

“Let’s take action, too. Remember, our goal is that Spiritual King. Let’s kill as many as we can along the way.” Zhao Qingshan looked at the movements of the people in the region. His originally bright eyes had a bit of flames burning within them. However, his gaze was focused on the depths of the Spiritual Light army. Ordinary Spiritual Lights did not enter his eye, the Spiritual Light at a Spiritual King level being his only goal. If he could get his hands on it and experience the Spiritual Light Empowerment again, he might have the qualifications to break through to Heavenly Completion Stage. At that time, he would even be happy and not dread it if he were to face against Shen Cangsheng.

Chi!

The moment his words appeared, his figure had already shot forward. Bringing along his party, Mu Fengyang immediately followed behind him.

“Let’s go.”

Xu Qing looked indifferently at the back of Zhao Qingshan and his group, before casually saying two words before shooting off.

Earth-shattering whizzing sounds rang out through the entire sky as figure after figure shot towards the vast and expansive Spiritual Light army akin to locusts.

This scene was rather spectacular.

“We should also make a move.”

Only after seeing everyone starting to move did Mu Chen nod his head. At this kind of place, it's best to let other people be the vanguard.

With a shift of his body, he shot forward, instantly shooting past the deep fissure. In the far distance. The bright and resplendent Spiritual Light army sparkled with a glow that blotted the skies. Mu Chen’s gaze focused on the depths of the army.

The Spiritual King should be at there.

Mu Chen’s eyes faintly flashed as he approached the Spiritual Light that blotted the skies. Looking at the never-ending Spiritual Knights, Mu Chen waved his hand. Taking the lead, he rushed into the Spiritual Light army.

Following the advancement of everyone, the Spiritual Light army that was originally devoid of life force, but brimming with boundless Spiritual Energy, quietly became restless at this moment.

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Bang!

Within the boundless Spiritual Light akin to an ocean, a Spiritual power streak burning with black flames swept across. Any Spiritual Pawn that came in contact with it would disintegrate seemingly in an instant, before transforming into strands of Spiritual Light, which would float up.

Shhhuuu!

An Ran and the rest immediately took action, immediately storing those Spiritual Lights.

Just when they had stored those Spiritual Lights, the earth-shattering amount of Spiritual Pawns flooded from the surroundings like a tidal wave, almost wanting to completely submerge them.

The Wang brothers had also simultaneously launched their attacks at this instant. Swift and fierce light blades swept across, creating a huge fissure within the incoming Spiritual Pawn tide, which their small group passed through without delay.

“The number of Spiritual Pawns here is too terrifying!”

When Wang Tong and the rest had just passed through the fissure, and subsequently looked at the seemingly endless waves of Spiritual Pawns, their faces could not help turning serious and grave. The number of Spiritual Pawns at this gathering point might be in the millions.

It was fortunate that these Spiritual Pawns did not have any trace of intelligence. If not, as long as one of them attacked once, even a Heavenly Completion Stage person would be smashed and turned into pulp.

Mu Chen had also nodded his head. The few of them had took turns to attack and created a fissure in the Spiritual Pawn tide to reduce the consumption of Spiritual Energy. If one were to do this alone, once one had crashed their way through the outer boundary, one might have already exhausted one's Spiritual Energy.

While he was cleaning up the Spiritual Pawns that were endlessly flooding over, he had also raised his head to look at the distance. At those places, there were several extremely wild and violent Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating out. Obviously, those places were also locked in intense battles.

The number of these fights was not small; however, it was fortunate that these fights had shared the pressure. If not, it would be many times harder for Mu Chen and his group to reach the depths.

"The Dark Society members are very quick!" Wang Tong suddenly shouted. Not far from them was a group of people who were seemingly using an unreachable speed to rush forward, crush every single Spiritual Pawn that came their way. The leaders of that group were Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang. Their lineup could be considered the strongest, with their numbers also being the most.

On the right side, falling behind the Dark Society by a sliver, was the group brought over by Xu Huang. Further into the distance were some groups who were pretty strong that were rapidly slashing apart the Spiritual Pawn flood, pushing towards the depths.

"There's no need to be anxious. Even if you reach the depths earlier, do you truly think that the Spiritual King is that easy to deal with?" Mu Chen had still maintained his calm. Other than reaching the depths a step earlier by rushing in, there was no other use. However, was there any need to be a step earlier? He did not believe that Zhao Qingshan, Mu Fengyang and his gang would be able to deal with the Spiritual King.

"Maintain our speed. Use your Spiritual Energy sparingly, as this has just started." Mu Chen reminded the rest. Up till now, only the most ordinary of Spiritual Pawns had appeared, with even the Spiritual Knights having not appeared yet.

Wang Tong and the rest nodded their heads before focusing all of their attention to the unending stream of Spiritual Pawns that were flooding over.

As they were dashing forward with rapt attention, their speed had increased by quite a bit. After a short dozen minutes, they had gradually passed through the outermost region of the gathering point.

However, as they passed through the outermost region, they finally started to gradually feel some pressure. Although the Spiritual Pawns here did not have any intelligence, their numbers were overly terrifying. Sweeping over with their surging Spiritual Energies, their attacks were not any weaker than the all-out attack of a Heavenly Transformation Stage expert. Wanting to resist that kind of attack wasn't as easy as one thought.

However, it was good that Mu Chen and his group made some mental preparations and took turns, allowing them to continue their resistance.

As time past, they got increasingly deeper into the gathering point.

Bang!

Mu Chen sent a fist rumbling out. Wild and violet Spiritual Energy streamed out akin to a rocket plume, directly shattering a dozen Spiritual Pawns that were dashing over into smithereens. A strand of Spiritual Light akin to a blaze shot out, before being caught by him.

However, after killing those Spiritual Pawns, Mu Chen slightly wrinkled his brows. Now, they could already be considered as having entered the middle region of the gathering point. However, what made him feel somewhat flabbergasted was that, on the way here, he had actually not seen a single Spiritual Knight, with everything being ordinary Spiritual Pawns.

Even the Ordinary grade gathering point they had visited before had Spiritual Knights in them. However, after reaching such a depth, why was there not even a trace of them?

Mu Chen raised his head and looked towards the depths that were brimming with Spiritual Light. The Spiritual Lights there were overly bright and resplendent, with even the the skies being masked by it. He was also unable to clearly look at that place; however, he could faintly sense that something wasn't right.

Mu Chen shook his head and suppressed the feeling in his heart. Since he had reached this place, no matter what, he had to personally see the Spiritual King.

"Speed up!"

He roared in a low voice. He took the initiative he shoot forward, with Luo Li, Wang Tong and the rest immediately following behind him. They also started to utilize their Spiritual Energies, traveling forward at full speed.

However, as they continued further in, the suspicion in Mu Chen's eyes turned increasingly thick. Until now, he had not seen a single Spiritual Knight.

Those Spiritual Knights seemed to have vanished into thin air.

"Mu Chen, the situation doesn't feel right." Even Wang Tong had sensed this situation. His face was turning slightly ugly, as he said in a low voice.

"Where did all the Spiritual Knights go?"

Mu Chen raised his head and looked at the groups that were in the far distance. They had seemingly increased their speed as they rushed towards the depths. They also seemed to have discovered the situation, and, therefore, had wanted to hurry to the depths to search for exactly what had happened here.

"Let's go to the depths to take a look." Mu Chen softly muttered. With a wave of his hand, the group immediately increased their speed. Using all their strength, they smashed through the Spiritual Pawn flood that blocked their path.

Using their full strength, after approximately ten minutes, Mu Chen and his group had already passed through the seemingly endless Spiritual Pawn flood. As they did so, the pressure coming from all directions instantly disappeared.

The Spiritual Pawn flood had completely disappeared.

Mu Chen and his group stared with slight amazement at the absolutely empty depths. Hundreds of metres behind them was the Spiritual Pawn flood that they had just passed through. However, after passing through, the Spiritual Pawns had stopped their pursuit, pacing to and fro, not daring to come any closer.

Mu Chen faintly wrinkled his brows and stopped caring about those ordinary Spiritual Pawns. He swept his gaze around, only to see the extreme vastness in the depths. However, it was deserted, without a single trace of life.

Within the deepest part of the depths were the bright and resplendent Spiritual Lights that blotted the skies. Faintly, there was an extremely strong Spiritual Energy pressure that radiated from the skies, blotting out the entire depths.

Perhaps, due to that pressure, the Spiritual Pawns did not dare to come closer.

As for the person that possessed that kind of astonishing Spiritual Energy pressure, there was obviously no other existence, other than the Spiritual King.

Mu Chen's vision turned around and looked at the vast and spacious region, as dozens of groups rushed in here. They had also scanned their surroundings with slight suspicion. Finally, their gazes congregated on the deepest part of the depths, where the spiritual power pressure was radiating from.

The Spiritual King was there!

The eyes of quite a few people started to turn fiery as they proceeded to simultaneously dash forward.

Mu Chen waved his hand and followed after them. At the same time, he had increased his cautiousness. This region was graded as Extremely Dangerous. If he was not vigilant, being empty-handed would be a small thing. He was afraid of being seriously injured and thrown directly out of the Spiritual Light World.

Dozens of groups rapidly shot towards the spacious region. After quite a while, their figures started to stop one by one, before looked at the place in front of them with some astonishment.

Within the extreme depths, the bright and resplendent Spiritual Lights endlessly radiated out. Within the place where the Spiritual Light was most eye-piercing stood an approximately 300 metre tall gigantic figure. The figure was covered entirely in gems, as if a thick layer of crystal armor had enveloped it. It quietly stood there, as if it was the emperor of this entire region, looking like an anomaly.

"That's the Spiritual King?"

Mu Chen and the group looked gravely at the gigantic figure. The terrifying Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from the latter made everyone present feel fear and trepidation.

That degree was absolutely not something that a Heavenly Transformation Stage could compare with!

Obviously, within this region, other than the Spiritual King, which existence was able to possess such powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations?

“I’m finally seeing a Spiritual King. That’s what they look like.” Wang Tong and the rest muttered to themselves before bitterly laughing and said, “However, doesn’t it seem to be too strong?”

The Spiritual Energy fluctuations that radiated from it made them feel their bodies grow slightly heavier. This made them understand the huge difference between themselves and the Spiritual King.

This was the strength of a Heavenly Completion Stage?

Amongst them, there was almost no one who could be the opponent of this Spiritual King in a duel.

The dozen groups stood at a far distance, their eyes staring feverishly at the Spiritual King towering over this region. However, no one dared to rashly take the initiative and attack it, as they could sense how frightening this Spiritual King was.

“Everyone.”

The quiet atmosphere continued awhile. Zhao Qingshan turned his bright eyes towards the crowd. Cupping his fists, he said, “I think that everyone has discovered the formidability of this Spiritual King. I propose that we join hands and kill it. If not, we might return empty-handed today.”

Some people muttered to themselves and nodded their heads. Indeed, if they didn’t join hands, they would definitely be unable to deal with this Spiritual King. Their lineup here was not weak. If they were to join hands, there were some odds of success for them to deal with this recently born Spiritual King.

“How do we split the Spiritual Light of the Spiritual King?” some people shouted out. There’s only one strand of Spiritual Light from the Spiritual King; however, there were quite a few people present.

“It’s somewhat too early to talk about that. We should discuss on how to allocate after dealing with the Spiritual King.”

Zhao Qingshan gave a faint smile before turning to Xu Huang, and asked, “What do you think, brother Xu?”

Xu Huang faintly narrowed his eyes as he shot a look at the Spiritual King towering over this region. Faintly nodding his head, he replied indifferently. “Let’s join hands.”

Xu Huang was, after all, an influential figure within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Upon seeing him giving the nod of approval, everyone followed suit and nodded their heads. In a short moment, the morale started to rise. Thinking about it, with so many people joining hands, even the Spiritual King would find it difficult to resist them, right? After all, regardless of that, the Spiritual King had only strength and was devoid of intelligence.

Mu Chen looked at everyone’s rising morale. His forehead faintly wrinkled before sweeping the vast region with his gaze. Why was he unable to see even a single Spiritual Knight? Where exactly had all those Spiritual Knights run to?

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Due to Zhao Qingshan and Xu Huang saying they would join hands, the dozen groups quickly agreed on a common consensus, with each and every person nodding their heads in agreement to join hands.

Seeing this happen, Zhao Qingshan immediately gave a faint smile, before turning his vision toward Mu Chen and his group, who had yet to make a single sound. Smiling, he asked, "Mu Chen, how do you feel about this?"

Mu Chen smiled and replied indifferently, "It's enough if all the seniors have agreed on it. I'm just a freshman, and I'm not strong. It will be alright if I put in effort with everyone."

A few people shot a weird glance at Mu Chen. Although the current him had indeed the status of a freshman, his reputation within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was something that even some outstanding seniors could not compare to. Naturally, matching with his reputation and his fame was a strength of the same degree. Regardless of the three bouts with Li Xuanton or rumors about destroying the general headquarters of the Demon's Gate in front of He Yao, both were sufficient to prove the strength that he possessed.

"Haha, junior brother Mu Chen sure is modest." said Zhao Qingshan beamingly, as he continued, "Although it's said that this Spiritual King is a newborn; no matter what, it's still an existence at the Heavenly Completion Stage. Therefore, we need people who possess the strength that reaches or is comparable to a Heavenly Completion Stage to be able to stall him head-on. I believe that junior brother Mu Chen is able to attack it with us."

Mu Chen's eyebrows faintly twitched. This Zhao Qingshan is actually holding him with such high regards? From the looks of it, he wished to probe exactly how high his capabilities were.

"Hmph, although that fellow has some ability, wanting to compete with a Heavenly Completion Stage isn't that easy!" standing behind Xu Huang, Xu Qingqing snorted in a low voice. She recognized that Mu Chen was somewhat formidable; however, she did not believe that he possessed the strength that was comparable to people of Xu Huang's level.

That day, outside the Demon's Gate, only by relying on his prior preparation of many Spiritual Arrays and the various grudges and grievances with He Yao, he was able to get the upper hand.

Xu Huang's expression did not change as he said indifferently, "Don't underestimate him. This Mu Chen is getting harder and harder to see through. If he truly was to take action, even I don't have absolute faith in defeating him."

Xu Qingqing curled her lips, obviously not believing those words.

Mu Chen sent a smile towards Zhao Qingshan and did not continue speaking, only nodded his head to express his approval. There were quite a few people that had converged over here, and were obviously slightly vigilant against him too. If they were to show their strength while he hid at the back, he would obviously meet with the expulsion by everyone.

"An Ran, you girls take action and attack. Wang Tong and you two follow me and attack." said Mu Chen in a soft voice.

An Ran and the two girls obediently nodded their heads. With their Heavenly Fusion strength, they really were unable to intervene here.

“What about me?” inquired Luo Li.

Mu Chen faintly shook his head and replied, “All along, I’ve felt that this place is slightly strange. Since they did not take the initiative to say your name, you should preserve your strength as much as possible so that you can use it when an unforeseen event appears.”

Luo Li nodded her small head.

“Everyone, prepare to take action. Let us test exactly how formidable this Spiritual King is together. If we are able to kill it, we’ll be the first students that are able to kill a Spiritual King in so many years!” seeing everyone appearing to be eager to give it a try, a fire was lit within Zhao Qingshan’s eyes as he roared in a deep voice.

“Yes, let’s attack together!” replied everyone simultaneously with soaring fighting intent. In the next instant, over a hundred figures explosively shot forward as vigorous amounts of Spiritual Energy rushed towards the heavens.

This few people’s strength appeared to be at the Heavenly Transformation stage. With such a lineup, they could be considered as extremely tyrannical.

As their Spiritual Energies rushed towards the heavens, the 300 metre tall giant-like gem-encrusted Spiritual King that was towering over the vast depths suddenly opened its eyes. There wasn’t any emotional fluctuation within those eyes, only an eye-piercing Spiritual Light. It’s cold and empty gaze swept across, locking onto those numerous insignificant figures in the distance, which was akin to looking at ants.

Roar!

When it had discovered those intruding ants, it faced the heavens and roared loudly without any sense of courtesy. The roar was akin to a thunderous boom, rumbling as it resounded. Spiritual Energy fluctuations that could be seen with the naked-eye engulfed the skies as the earth seemed to simultaneously start vibrating.

Sensing this terrifying Spiritual Energy shockwave, regardless of Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and the rest, all of their expressions slightly changed, as the expression within their eyes turned extremely grave. Regardless of how much of a numerical advantage they were in or that the Spiritual King was newly-born, it truly possessed the strength of a Heavenly Completion Stage.

“Attack!”

However, those present here were, after all, rather outstanding students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Although they were shocked by the imposing aura radiating from the Spiritual King, they still did not retreat. With a fierce roar, Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan, Mu Fengyang and the rest of the Heavenly Transformation Late Stage students explosively shot forward. Completely circulating their boundless Spiritual Energies, they transformed into numerous streaks of light, rushing towards the giant-like Spiritual King in the distance at lightning speed.

Mu Chen had also followed closely behind, with the three Wang brothers also following closely with grave expressions on their faces. The massive crescent moon blades had already appeared in a flash within their hands.

Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and Mu Fengyang's speed were the fastest. Within a few breaths, they had appeared before the gigantic Spiritual King. Without any hesitation, the three of them explosively roared, releasing powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations in an explosive manner.

"Desolate God's Blade!"

"Hurricane Sword Art!"

"Rushing Thunder Palm!"

Facing an existence that's at a level like the Spiritual King, Xu Huang and the other two were not stupid enough to show any mercy. Therefore, the first attack they sent out was a powerful one.

A three hundred metre-long giant blade was formed, and furiously chopped down.

The sword's glow, akin to a hurricane, screamed out, piercing straight at the Spiritual King's throat with incomparable swiftness and ferocity.

A gigantic Spiritual Energy palm print violently pressed on the Spiritual King's chest, carrying with it the power of crazy lightning.

Xu Huang and the other two were at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase. Furthermore, they were obviously the elites amongst them. When they launched their attacks with full power, the prestige and power of those attacks caused fear and apprehension amongst the people that were watching from behind.

Facing the tyrannical attacks, there was not a single fluctuation present in the indifferent eyes of the Spiritual King that sparkled with an eye-piercing glow. Facing the full-powered attacks from three great Heavenly Transformation Stages, it only took a step forward. Leaning its body forward, it suddenly opened its mouth and roared explosively!

Roar!

The roar was akin to thunder as sound waves, visible to the naked eye, brought along earth-shattering Spiritual Energy storms that wreaked havoc along its path. The space was shaken till distortions started forming.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Regardless of the blade's glow, sword glints or the palm print, upon contact with the spiritual energy storm and the sound waves, they instantly shattered and exploded.

Xu Huang and the other two made a stifled snort as their bodies faintly trembled. The graveness within their eyes promptly grew deeper. The combined attacks of the three of them were unexpectedly broken by a single roar from the Spiritual King. The strength of a Heavenly Completion Stage was terrifying to that degree?

Shhhuuu!

However, just as the attacks of Xu Huang and the other two were destroyed, a hundred figures rose up from behind them. Ferocious Spiritual Energy attacks akin to a storm fell in torrents, smashing against the Spiritual King's body.

Ding! Ding!

The Spiritual Energy attacks exploded on the Spiritual King's body. However, not a single tremor ran throughout its body. The crystal armor sparkled, completely absorbing all of those attacks.

Bang!

The numerous Spiritual Energy attacks were annihilated. A glow flashed past the Spiritual King's eyes as it sent a palm rumbling out. Instantly shattering space, it furiously patted down on the bodies of numerous figures who were unable to evade in time with lightning speed.

Bang!

Those figures shot out, landing at a faraway place. Turning deathly pale, they spurted a mouthful of fresh blood, their auras turning weak and faint. Ray after ray of light descended from the skies, enveloping them. As the rays of light disappeared, their figures had also vanished.

These people had been sent directly out of the Spiritual Light World due to serious injuries.

The scene that played before them caused quite a few people to feel goosebumps rise on their skin. Just a single palm was enough to make those unlucky fellows lose the qualifications to continue staying in the Spiritual Light World. This Spiritual King's attack, isn't it too frightening?

Mu Chen's eyes turned grave as he looked at the scene before him. Was this the exact strength of a Heavenly Completion Stage? As it was born not too long ago, the Spiritual King had not completely stabilized its power in the Heavenly Competition Stage. However, its strength was already at such a terrifying level.

"Dammit! This fellow's defensive strength is too strong! We simply can't hurt it!" exclaimed the three Wang brothers as their faces turned slightly pale. Their swift and fierce blade glints that they had utilized all of their strength to unleash on the Spiritual King's body only left white scars. There was not even the slightest trace of them causing any effective damage to it.

Mu Chen stared closely at the gigantic body of the Spiritual King. At this time, everyone had already gone all-out and executed their attacks. Streaks of Spiritual Energy bombarded the Spiritual King's body in endless streams.

However, facing their attacks, the Spiritual King never even flinched a bit. Yet, every time it launched its attack, a gigantic palm print would shatter space apart, causing serious injuries to numerous figures as it patted down. Shrieking and screaming, they would be sent out of the Spiritual Light World.

Within a few short minutes, they had lost tens of people. This made everyone feel slight fear and trepidation and became all the more careful, fearing that they would be slapped out of the Spiritual Light World. If that happened, they would have to say a premature goodbye to this hunt.

Mu Chen floated in the sky, having yet to launch any attacks as he continued to stare at the Spiritual King. Following his observation, he discovered that every time an attack was about to land on the back

of its head, it would raise and block it with his hand. As for the attacks that landed on its body, it seemed to not give a single hint of care.

Mu Chen eyes faintly narrowed as his vision shifted towards the head of the Spiritual King. Its head was also sparkling with eye-piercing light, and those hollow and indifferent eyes had not a trace of emotion within them, making people's hair stand.

As his vision moved higher, Mu Chen saw that the brightness at a position on his forehead that was clearly more eye-piercing by a bit. Faintly, there seemed to be a special fluctuation radiating out from there.

Mu Chen's eyes faintly narrowed. Waving his sleeve, a streak of Spiritual Energy burning with black flames explosively shot out, directly striking the eye piercing glow on the Spiritual King's forehead.

Bang!

However, just as Mu Chen's streak of Spiritual Energy closed in, a glow flashed past the Spiritual King's eyes. A palm slapped out, smashing the streak of Spiritual Energy into bits.

Mu Chen's eyes sparkled.

Bang!

The gigantic Spiritual King suddenly lowered its head and locked onto Mu Chen floating in the air. Clenching its large hand, a fist akin to a small mountain pounded towards Mu Chen, carrying along its frightening power.

The air was shattered by this fist, as the earth below it started to cave in.

"Careful!" Seeing this, the beautiful faces of An Ran and the girls standing not far instantly changed and hurriedly screamed out. Luo Li's pupils turned stiff as her jade-like hand gripped her sword sheath tightly.

Roar!

Mu Chen looked towards the incoming fist that had the pressure akin to a mountain. A glow surfaced in front of his body, while a sound akin to a dragon's roar resounded out. Within the glow, a dragon's shade surfaced, having the appearance akin to flying into the skies.

The dragon shade unfurled as Mu Chen's figure mysteriously vanished from his original position. The incomparably violent fist had completely struck air.

Discovering the same thing, the gazes of Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and the rest faintly sparkled, before their eyes turned stiff. A shade surfaced on the gigantic arm of the Spiritual King, before shooting up the arm with an extremely astonishing speed.

"Such a fast speed!"

Their hearts faintly trembled. Mu Chen's speed was fast to the point that they could only see a blurry shade of him.

Chi!

While their hearts were in shock, Mu Chen's figure had already appeared on the gigantic forehead of the Spiritual King in lightning speed. A fist rumbled out from him as a white tiger formed behind him. While roaring, it carried a murderous aura as it rumbled towards the Spiritual King's forehead.

Bang!

The fist rumbled out solidly, as violent and explosive Spiritual Energy fluctuations erupted out of the Spiritual King's forehead. The gigantic figure that had not moved a single inch unexpectedly started to tremble at this instant, before its large feet retreated a number of steps. The entire earth quaked and the mountains shook as it trampled backwards.

Upon seeing Mu Chen's fist smashing back the Spiritual King, the pupils of Zhao Qingshan, and Xu Huang fiercely narrowed. A few people even sucked in a breath of cold air. The Spiritual King that they were unable to stir even after joining hands was actually forced to retreat by Mu Chen's fist?

This fellow, he was that tyrannical?

One gaze after another stared at the lanky figure in the air, eyes sparkling indefinitely.

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Chapter 309: Underground

Floating in midair, Mu Chen discovered those gazes aiming towards him, sparkling with suspicion. Unable to help it, he faintly curled his lips and said, "The weakness of this Spiritual King is clearly on its forehead. Your messy attacks, even if you attack it for a day, might not even be able to cause damage to it."

Only upon hearing this did everyone gawk, before hurriedly turning their vision towards the Spiritual King. At this time, the eye-piercing glow on the latter's forehead was somewhat restrained. Faintly, one could seemingly see that on the position of its forehead was a gemstone that seemed to be the approximate size of a human head. That gemstone was sparkling with an eye-piercing glow, while frightening Spiritual Energy fluctuations continuously radiated from within it.

Everyone stared at the eye-piercing gemstone before realising in a flash. So that was the weak spot of the Spiritual King. This was why Mu Chen's strike was able to force it back.

From Zhao Qingshan's and Mu Fengyang's faces, one could clearly notice that they had taken a slight breath of relief. If Mu Chen truly possessed the strength to force the Spiritual King back head-on, exactly how frightening was the strength he possessed?

If Mu Chen truly possessed such strength, who was able to snatch the Spiritual King Spiritual Light from him?

Roar!

While they were in the process of realisation, the gigantic body of the Spiritual King started to erupt in a bright and resplendent glow once again. The attack it had received to the gemstone on its forehead had seeming enraged it. While it roared, a gigantic streak of Spiritual Energy descended from the skies, akin to a light beam, violently rumbling towards Mu Chen.

Chi!

Having made ample preparation, Mu Chen immediately exhibited the [Soaring Dragon Technique]. As the dragon shade rolled and unfurled, his figure had already appeared a thousand metres behind the Spiritual King, evading the light beam.

Rumble!

The light beam descended on the ground, smashing the earth apart, creating a gigantic pit. Faintly, there seemed to be some sparkling light.

Mu Chen shot a look at the gigantic pit, while slightly gawking. However, before he could process it clearly, a gigantic shadow had already enveloped him. The Spiritual King's gigantic hand and already ferociously patted over.

Space exploded as Mu Chen hurriedly exhibited the [Dragon Soaring Art], evading the gigantic palm the moment it made contact with him.

Mu Chen showed himself again, a grave expression all over his face, as his heartbeat sped up by a bit. The attack if this Spiritual King was too terrifying. He should definitely not let it near him. If not, the injury he would receive would not be light.

“Attack the gemstone on its forehead together!”

Fortunately, the other people had sobered up at this moment. With explosive roars, they shot and flashed over. Swift and fierce attacks started to rumble and shoot towards the gemstone on the Spiritual King's forehead that was sparkling with eye-piercing brilliance one after another.

Facing the group of attacks heading towards its weak point, the Spiritual King did not directly receive the attacks this time. Raising its gigantic hands, it completely blocked the incoming attacks.

However, the combined attacks of everyone had some crafty ones mixed in. Even though the Spiritual King had tried to block, there were still numerous attacks that violently smashed against the gemstone. The gigantic body of the Spiritual King was, once again, forced back.

However, as its body retreated, it, once again, resisted the many incoming attacks and stood back at its original position.

Bang!

Enormous Spiritual Energies gushed out from its palm in the form of light beams, smashing a few unfortunate fellows till they vomited blood and were shot away. Their auras were instantly depressing, before a ray of light descended from the sky, sending them away.

Facing this kind of loss, everyone only shot a glance before violently attacking with rapt attention again. Blade lights and sword glints blotted the skies, screaming as they violently chopped and hacked at the eye-piercing gemstone on the Spiritual King's forehead.

This Spiritual King had indeed only been born not that long ago. Although it still possessed quite terrifying strength, it appeared rather sluggish, as if it had not yet reached the degree of fullness and smoothness.

Due to this, Zhao Qingshan and the rest dared to focus their attention to its forehead. If the Spiritual King had passed through this newly-born phase, its strength would violently increase. At that time, even they might not be able to escape through the gap of its teeth.

Everyone continued in their assault. At the same time, their losses had also continued. The original number of hundreds had now been left with only half of that. The rest had already been sent out of the Spiritual Light World with a pat from the Spiritual King.

This level of loss could be called disastrous.

However, although their losses were disastrous, the Spiritual King was forced to consume quite a bit of its energy. Its attacks were already not as wild and violent as the initial ones, with it only focusing tenaciously to defend the gemstone on its forehead.

“Haha, everyone increase your power! This Spiritual King is indeed a newborn! Its strength isn’t as powerful as we’ve imagined! As long as we can evade its attacks, it’s all good!” Floating in midair, Mu Fengyang looked towards that Spiritual King, whose attacks were gradually weakening, before shouting out with a big chuckle.

Upon hearing this, a shock went through everyone’s mind as they sped up their assault.

Mu Chen had also sent a streak of Spiritual Energy rumbling out. However, his eyes were continuously sparkling. This Spiritual King’s strength was, indeed, not as strong as he had expected. Was it truly due to it being just born?

Mu Chen’s vision swept past the place where the Spiritual King stood as his brows faintly wrinkled. There was a huge pit on the ground that was caused by its step. However, regardless of how everyone attacked, the Spiritual King did not even leave that boundary.

“Exactly what’s up?” murmured Mu Chen as he stared at the patch of ground, frowning faintly.

Bang!

While Mu Chen was muttering to himself, the Spiritual King extended his gigantic hand. Ten thousand rays of light erupted out, violently smashing straight at Mu Fengyang, who was trying to boost everyone’s morale.

Seeing that the Spiritual King had locked onto him, the face of Mu Fengyang faintly changed. Just as he had evaded the rays of light, his eyes caught a glimpse of Mu Chen, who was not far behind him. At this moment, a faint flash sparkled within his eyes.

Chi!

His body suddenly flew sideways, appeared coincidentally in front of Mu Chen. At the same time, the Spiritual King’s gigantic hand had already ferociously covered over them, enveloping the two of them.

Under the envelope of its shadow, Mu Chen sobered up from his slightly absentminded state. After seeing what’s in front of him, his expression immediately changed.

“HeHe.”

A smile with ill intent surfaced from the corner of Mu Fengyang's mouth. Spiritual Light erupted from his body, as a thick suit of deep yellow Spiritual armor appeared on his body, tightly enveloping him within it.

This Spiritual armor was obviously a pretty good defensive Spiritual Artifact.

"Bye-bye." A cold laugh rang out as the Spiritual Armor enveloped Mu Fengyang's body within it.

Mu Chen's eyes turned frosty as he thought, 'This fellow is actually trying to lure trouble to me.' He wanted to take advantage of the Spiritual King's strength to shove Mu Chen out of the Spiritual Light World. However, this Mu Fengyang was too naive. Did he think that by doing this, he would be able to bind Mu Chen's hands such that he would be unable to do anything about the incoming attack?

A black light gushed forth in front of Mu Chen's body as a black pagoda surfaced, before enveloping Mu Chen within it.

The Nine-layered Pagoda possessed extremely strong defensive capabilities, and was considered the strongest defense Mu Chen had. If its defensive capabilities were genuinely discussed, even Mu Fengyang's Spiritual Armor would be inferior to it.

Bang!

As the Nine-layered Pagoda enveloped Mu Chen within it, the Spiritual King's gigantic palm had violently patted down. A metallic sound rang out, as the two of them were immediately patted into the ground, violently piercing through the earth. A deep and gigantic pit was formed from their impact.

Spurt!

In a sorrowful state, Mu Fengyang crawled out from the gigantic pit. Spitting out a mouthful of fresh blood, he lowered his head to look at the Spiritual armor on his body. There were some cracks on its surface. This filled his heart with pain. Turning his head, he proceeded to look at the deep pit not far from him. Dust and smoke had filled the air there. Under that sudden attack, it looked like that fellow had definitely suffered serious injuries.

"Let's see how you're gonna snatch the Spiritual Lights from us." sneered Mu Fengyang coldly. Suppressing the injuries within his body, he rushed towards the horizon once again.

The attack from the Spiritual King towards the two of them was seen by everyone. When Xu Huang and the rest saw only Mu Fengyang flying towards them, they felt slightly shocked. Looks like Mu Chen had suffered injuries that were not light this time.

The actions that Mu Fengyang made were ambiguous, and no one had imagined that he would actually lure trouble towards Mu Chen.

"Mu Chen!" the facial expression of the three Wang brothers changed. They proceeded to shoot a suspicious look at the innocent-looking Mu Fengyang. However, since they did not have any evidence, it would not be good to speak up now.

Everyone shook their heads in regret. However, the present situation did not allow for them to be distracted. Therefore, they had quickly refocused their minds on launching their assault on the gradually weakening Spiritual King.

“ Mu Chen’s been hit!” From a distance away, upon seeing this play out in front of their eyes, the beautiful faces of An Ran and the girls instantly changed.

Luo Li’s brows faintly bunched up. Her pupils shot a cold look at the floating Mu Fengyang; however, she did not overly panic. Saying in a soft voice, “ Relax, that Mu Fengyang had only received light injuries. Mu Chen isn’t that frail.”

Seeing that Luo Li had not a single trace of panic, An Ran and the girls were able to quickly calm down, before faintly nodding their heads.

As the crowd of people in the air continued to encircle and launch their assault on the Spiritual King, no one had yet discovered Mu Chen’s figure appearing beside the black pagoda within the deep, dust-filled pit. He looked up towards the intense battle, before looking at the stretch of earth with sparkling eyes. Sending his fist rumbling out, he created another deep pit and jumped within it. Next, he proceeded to continue his onslaught towards the ground.

Very quickly, a deep hole was dug up by him. Mu Chen’s figure vanished into the hole. As he vanished, the black pagoda started to revolve, covering the hole up. This way, even if the dust that filled the air had dissipated, no one would be able to discover Mu Chen’s disappearance. They would only assume that he had hid within the black pagoda to recuperate.

Bang! Bang!

Underground, Mu Chen’s body was covered with rippling black flames akin to armor as he continued to dig deeper into the ground. The thick earth and rocks were roasted and burnt away by the black flames.

From the start, he had already discovered that something was slightly not right about this gathering point. Those Spiritual Knights would not vanish for no apparent reason. Furthermore, that Spiritual King wasn’t as strong as he had expected.

Regardless of how they attack, that Spiritual King would not leave a hundred feet from its location.

From the looks of it, it seemed that it was guarding over something.

Since there was nothing above the ground for it to defend, Mu Chen had decided to search below the ground.

With a low roar, Mu Chen revolved his Spiritual Energy, increasing the speed at which he penetrated the earth. After approximately a minute or so, something flashed past his mind. The ground below his hand, unexpectedly, disappeared as his figure dropped down.

Mu Chen hurriedly stabilised his figure. Spiritual Energy enveloped his body as he peered vigilantly at this subterranean space. As his vision looked over, the expression on his face started to freeze little by little.

“This is...”

Mu Chen took a deep breath of this subterranean air that was filled with the smell of the earth as thick shock and astonishment erupted forth from his heart.

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Chapter 310: Seizing of the Spirit Crystal

What appeared before Mu Chen's eyes was an extremely vast and spacious underground world. Within this underground world was innumerable clumps of light floating around. These clumps of light were extremely eye-piercing, while astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiated from them.

"These are all Spiritual Lights?"

Mu Chen looked at those thousands upon thousands of light clumps with shock in his eyes. From the Spiritual Energy contained within those light clumps, he could tell that those were Spiritual Lights of at least Spiritual General grade. As of now, this number of Spiritual Lights were actually converged at this place.

This scene was indeed extremely spectacular.

Mu Chen's vision followed the bright and resplendent Spiritual Lights. Within the most central area of this under ground world, he saw the most eye-piercing light clump. It was gorgeous and magnificent, with a faintly discernable crystal that was approximately 3.3 metres tall floating within it.

This crystal was limpid and sparkling, and there seemed to be a thick fluid flowing within it. A bright and dim light glow, looking akin to a beating heart, seemingly possessed a mysterious life energy.

Following the brilliant sparkle of that crystal, countless strands of Spiritual Lights, with Spiritual Energy streaks of light, were pouring out before pouring into that 3.3 metre tall crystal like an endless stream. This caused it to grow all the more brighter.

Indescribable Spiritual Energy fluctuations were undulated, akin to waves, causing even Mu Chen's heart to hurriedly throb and pulse.

"No wonder, the Spiritual Knights in this Extremely Dangerous region had all turned into these Spiritual Lights."

Mu Chen finally understood in a flash as to why he wasn't able to spot a single Spiritual Knight since he entered this gathering point. They had all been turned into Spiritual Lights. These Spiritual Lights were obviously providing Spiritual Energy for that crystal.

"Could it be that this place was created by the Spiritual King?" thought Mu Chen while feeling some shock. From the look of the situation underground, it clearly wasn't man-made. That meant that it was created by the Spiritual King. He would have never thought that an existence without intelligence would actually be able to understand how to construct an underground world.

This might be due to their abilities; however, this was sufficient to explain the mystery contained within this stretch of the world.

'No wonder why this Spiritual King's strength isn't particularly strong.' thought Mu Chen as he looked with fiery eyes at the bright and resplendent crystal. 'The Spiritual Energy within is surging to an astonishing degree.'

According to Mu Chen's estimates, the scene before him might be for the sake of helping the Spiritual King cross over from its newly born and weak condition. Only when the Spiritual King absorbed this

crystal that had absorbed the Spiritual Energy from so many Spiritual Knights would the big fellow out there truly become a Spiritual King.

A faint sparkle flashed within Mu Chen's eyes, before he explosively shot out. Within a number of breaths, he had crossed over the numerous Spiritual Energies and got close to the bright and resplendent crystal. When nearing the crystal, he could see the crystal the movement of the thick spiritual liquid within. It seemed to form an illusionary shade that was faintly discernable, which looked incomparably mysterious.

Mu Chen did not immediately take action against the crystal. His gaze swept below him, where he discovered a purple clump of light closest to the position of the crystal. Within that clump of light, there was a purple Spirit Crystal; however, it was far from the previous crystal that would make people shocked. However, the Spiritual Energy fluctuations erupting from it was still much more tyrannical when compared to those Spiritual Lights that Mu Chen and the rest had seen before.

"This is a Heavenly Transformation Stage Late Phase Spiritual Knight."

A pleasantly surprised expression flashed past Mu Chen's eyes. Without a single bit of hesitation, a fist rumbled out as a violent Spiritual Energy impacted the purple clump of light. When the light clump shattered, the purple Spirit Crystal hidden within flew out, which was grabbed by Mu Chen.

As the purple Spirit Crystal landed in Mu Chen's hand, it instantly radiated an extremely astonishingly pure Spiritual Energy. Mu Chen revolved his Spiritual Energy to absorb it, and he felt the consumed Spiritual Energy within his body starting to gradually restore.

"Truly worthy of being the Spiritual Light transformed from a Spiritual Knight at the Heavenly Transformation Stage!"

Mu Chen laughed loudly. Without any trace of courtesy, he took action. Within a short span of a number of breaths, he had shattered over ten purple light clumps, gathering the purple Spirit Crystals in his hands.

These ten purple Spirit Crystals would, at the minimum, be equivalent to thousands upon thousands of normal Spiritual Pawns.

Humm. Humm.

However, as Mu Chen snatched those ten purple Spirit Crystals into his hands, the gigantic magnificent Spirit Crystal seemed to have sensed something and instantly started to hum and shake. Spiritual Energy immediately gushed out of it, transforming into Spiritual Energy waves that violent swept towards Mu Chen.

"Spiritual Energy without a single trace of attacking attribute, and you still want to cause harm to me?"

Upon seeing this, Mu Chen gave a laugh as he waved his sleeve. Spiritual Energy burning with black flames erupted out, easily resisting against the incoming Spiritual Energy waves. In the next moment, he turned his fiery gaze towards the Spirit Crystal. That was the genuine treasure!

With a clench of his hand, a long sword, sparkling with brilliance, appeared in a flash. Deep black Spiritual Energy covered it, as black flames surrounded it. With a step, he shot out, and appeared in

front of that Spirit Crystal. The Spiritual Energy within his body fully erupted out as a gigantic lustrous black sword of a hundred feet howled out from his sword edge, and furiously chopped down on the Spirit Crystal.

Ding!

A metallic sound rang out as the crystal bits flew everywhere. Acute pain radiated from Mu Chen's palm, as the web between his thumb and forefinger was torn. The hardness of this Spirit Crystal had exceeded his expectations.

Creak!

However, his full-powered slash had some effect. A crack appeared at a corner of the Spirit Crystal, causing a Spirit Crystal fragment, approximately the size of a fist, to break off, which was grabbed by Mu Chen.

Upon grabbing it, Mu Chen felt his hand sink, as if he had just grabbed a heavy rock that weighed a ton.

Astonishment flashed within Mu Chen's eyes. He knew that this was due to the condensation of Spiritual Energy to a terrifying stage that brought along this weight. Looks like the Spiritual Energy contained within this Spirit Crystal was too frightening.

However, this made the fire burning within Mu Chen's eyes to grow all the more bigger. However, he did not know that on the instant he had chopped down on the Spirit Crystal, the Spiritual King that was tangled up by Xu Huang, Zhao Qingshan and the rest had suddenly raised its head and roared furiously towards the skies.

Roar!

The roar transformed into a Spiritual Energy storm which swept across, shaking and sending the unprepared Xu Huang and the rest flying backwards.

Stabilising their bodies not far away, they looked with suspicion at the Spiritual King, which had suddenly gone crazy. At this time the latter, had not cared about them. With a tight clench of its gigantic fists, it carried along frightening Spiritual Energies as they violent smashed into the earth below it.

Bang!

The stretch of earth shook, akin to an earthquake happening, as gigantic fissures started to extend from under the Spiritual King's feet. In the next moment, it started to explosively rush into the ground beneath at an astonishing speed.

At this moment, Mu Chen, who was underground had also discovered it. The expression on his face changed. Without daring to continue his stay, his figure explosively retreated.

Bang!

Giant stones suddenly descended as sunlight illuminated the underground world from the shattered earth. The place where Mu Chen previously stood was smashed through by a frightening power, leaving behind a bottomless black hole.

This was the all-out strike of the crazy Spiritual King, which was extremely terrifying.

“What is that?!”

As the underground world was revealed under the sunlight, it was immediately discovered by Xu Huang and the rest, who were floating in the sky, causing them to cry out in surprise. Dumbfoundedly, they stared at the innumerable Spiritual Lights that were sparkling with eye-piercing brilliance.

However, very quickly, their gazes congealed on that gigantic sparkling and transparent Spirit Crystal, which was radiating a terrifying Spiritual Energy. Their gazes immediately turned sluggish, as the Spiritual Energy present was enough to cause them to gulp their saliva down.

“There is someone down there!”

There were some people with sharp eyesight, as they managed to spot Mu Chen, who was preparing to quietly sneak away. Instantly, they cried out in shock.

Swish!

Everyone’s gazes instantly turned over and stared stubbornly at Mu Chen’s figure. When they had identified the figure, all of their gazes turned slightly sluggish.

‘How can Mu Chen be there?’ thought Mu Fengyang as the corner of his mouth twitched. Hurriedly, he turned his head towards the gigantic hole. The black pagoda suddenly disappeared at this instant, revealing a bottomless hole beneath it.

Upon being spotted, Mu Chen no longer continued hiding. Shooting out of the hole, he sent a smile towards everyone while saying, “Just now, I was mysteriously smashed underground, and discovered a slightly strange thing.”

Everyone stared at him suspiciously, as they obviously did not trust him. However, this was not the time to argue about that with him, as everyone stared with fiery gazes at the innumerable eye-piercing Spiritual Lights below. There were so many there. If they were able to snatch some for themselves, it was already sufficient to be a rewarding journey.

Roar!

However, just as their greed was growing increasingly stronger, the Spiritual King started to roar, opening its big mouth as it sucked in the air. Everyone saw the innumerable Spiritual Lights immediately converging together, before completely being devoured into the Spiritual King’s body.

At the same time, the massive Spirit Crystal had also flown up. Upon seeing this, Mu Chen’s eyes sparkled as he explosively shot forward. In the next instant, his palm patted on the Spirit Crystal. His palm did not shatter the crystal. However, a black flame quietly shot into it, while Mu Chen explosively retreated away.

As for the Spirit Crystal, it shot up and was devoured by the Spiritual King into its body.

After a short span of a number of breaths, the underground world had become devoid and empty.

Everyone became stunned and stupefied.

However, when Mu Chen saw this, his heart jumped crazily. That Spiritual King had completely absorbed everything below. Would that mean that it would cross over its newborn state? Once its power dramatically increased, with their lineup, would they be able to defend against it?

He raised his head as his scalp tingled, only to see the eye-piercingly bright Spiritual King, akin to a scorching sun. The brilliance coming from it caused several people to be unable to look directly at it. In addition, its already gigantic body started to expand once again.

A strong Spiritual Energy started to radiate out, as if its entire body had summoned a storm.

“Wang Tong, quickly! Let’s go!”

Mu Chen fiercely shouted out, instantly dropping his head and shooting explosively out.

Upon seeing the entire spectacle, Wang Tong and his two brothers faintly hesitated, before clenching their teeth, and closely followed Mu Chen. Luo Li, An Ran and the other girls, who were not far away, immediately shot over and followed closely behind them.

As for Zhao Qingshan, Xu Huang and the rest, they were somewhat unwilling, their faces fluctuating indeterminately.

Roar!

Just as they were hesitating, the Spiritual King roared, creating a thousand foot wave of Spiritual Energy. It violently impacted their bodies, causing numerous figures to spurt a mouthful of blood out as their faces turned pale.

“Let’s go!”

The faces of Zhao Qingshan and their group finally had an intense change as they looked with some palpitation in their hearts at Spiritual King who had already expanded to over three hundred feet. Clenching their teeth, they explosively retreated away.

Everyone was now retreating in distress, not daring to have half an idea of fighting that Spiritual King.

As they retreated, the Spiritual King stopped expanding in size. It furiously roar as its eyes, brimming with brilliance, locked onto Mu Chen, who was shooting of into the distance.

It could discover that the missing piece of its Spirit Crystal was on his body. As long as it could obtain that Spirit Crystal, it would be able to completely cross over from its weakest, newly-born stage!

Roar!

While furiously roaring, it shook the earth and mountains as it moved, crazily chasing after him.