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Chapter 331: Rest

In the air above the northern square.

Countless students raised their heads to look at the gradually dissipating gigantic light screen. Remnants of excitement and a myriad of emotions replayed in their minds as they stared at it. The fight between Mu Chen and Gu Tianyan had truly made people gasp in amazement.

In fact, the final result was something that everyone still found hard to imagine. With a status as a Freshman, unexpectedly, Mu Chen was able to achieve a victory, which directly resulted in the quick ending of the final battles.

Countless people were still sighing in admiration over this. For the past few years, it could be said that there were quite a few talents that had come out from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. However, there were extremely few people who were able to get a result similar to Mu Chen's. Achieving such dazzling results with the status of a Freshman made everyone sigh in admiration. There was one thing that they knew; from now, Mu Chen's prestige in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy might not be any weaker to Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong.

By relying on a single fight to reach the position of a peak influential figure, perhaps there might be no one that would dare to have a single shred of doubt against him anymore.

Swish! Swish!

While countless students were still sighing in admiration, the space in the sky suddenly distorted, before countless figures hid the skies and covered the earth as they shot out from within. They were covered by a thick layer of light, which was radiating with rather astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations.

Whoosh!

As those figures appeared, not the slightest hint of stopping was discovered on them as they shot across the horizon akin to streaks of light, and flew in every direction. As of now, all of them needed to find a place to train, and absorb all of the vigorous Spiritual Energy that had flooded their bodies due to the Spiritual Light Empowerment.

Upon completing this stage, their strength would have greatly increased.

Envious gazes came shooting over towards the locust swarm-like figures from the many students present on the northern square. Naturally, everyone knew after these people had to completely refine the Spiritual Energy granted to them by the Spiritual Light Empowerment, so that their strength would have a substantial increase.

At this point, the total strength of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy might rise to a new level.

As figures continued to blot the skies as they shot out of the distorted space, four figures shot out without any rush or hurry. Stopping in the air, they immediately attracted the gazes of countless people.

"It's Mu Chen, Shen Cangsheng and the rest!"

“Huh? Why aren’t they covered by the Spiritual Light Empowerment?” Someone voiced out in doubt, as Mu Chen and the other three didn’t have any light radiating from their bodies, and their internal Spiritual Energy levels weren’t overly boundless.

“Are you stupid? The four of them are the most outstanding people in this hunt. How could they just obtain some normal Spiritual Light Empowerment?”

“There are Grades for the Spiritual Light Empowerment?” asked a Freshman in doubt.

“That’s for sure! Normal Spiritual Light Empowerment would happen the instant one leaves the Spiritual Light World. The Spiritual Light that one obtains would automatically transform into Spiritual Energy and enter their body. Although this kind of Spiritual Energy is pure, a large portion of it would be lost during the absorption process. In the end, isn’t the amount that would be refined and absorb be more than 50 to 60%?”

“However, the Spiritual Light Empowerment Mu Chen and the other three are going to receive is different. It’s said that the Elders of the academy would assist in their empowerment. This kind of treatment isn’t something a normal Spiritual Light Empowerment would be able to compare with.”

“I see...”

As he appeared in midair, Mu Chen looked towards the sea of humans that filled the sky. Upon seeing the northern square, he took another breath of relief. Truly, the air of the outside world made people feel more relaxed. Although the Spiritual Energy within the Spiritual Light Word was more vigorous, Mu Chen had truly felt that there was just something missing.

“The four of you should head back and rest. After three days, come to the Punishment Hall for your Spiritual Light Empowerment.” Also appearing in the sky, the two Elders turned towards Mu Chen and the other three before speaking out instructions.

“Yes.” Hearing those instructions, Mu Chen and the other three nodded their heads in acknowledgement.

“Mu Chen, you’re the only one that had a tough battle. Go take a rest before meeting up at the Punishment Hall three days from now,” said Shen Cangsheng while sending a smile towards Mu Chen. The latter’s fight had truly exceeded the expectations of the people. Originally, he had assumed that he and Li Xuanton would need to engage in an intense fight. However, who would have thought that the one that suffered the most was Mu Chen? As for the both of them, they had ended their fights by simply revealing their faces.

Replying to Shen Cangsheng, Mu Chen could only present a smile. As of now, his face was extremely pale, and he was truly exceptionally weak and frail. The acute pain radiating from within his body caused even difficulty for him to speak. Right now, his strongest wish was to head back and immediately take a rest.

“I’ll bring him back first.” Seeing Mu Chen’s miserable state, Luo Li felt some pain in her heart. Carrying Mu Chen, she said a soft word or two towards Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton, before rapidly streaking away in a ray of light.

Looking at the figures of the two as they head towards the distance, Li Xuantong fell somewhat into a daze with a complication expression displayed on his face.

"So, you like her, huh?" Beside him, Shen Cangsheng's eyes had become slits as he grinned, while asking Li Xuantong. He was able to see that Li Xuantong was paying a lot of attention to Luo Li.

In response, Li Xuantong only gave a bitter laugh.

"However, from the lovey-dovey actions of those two, I think that you don't stand a chance," said Shen Cangsheng with a little sympathy. The girl by the name of Luo Li truly was very outstanding. However, her eyes had always been focused on Mu Chen. Even the two of them were able to see that Mu Chen and Luo Li had already fallen into the webs of love.

Li Xuantong shot a cold glare at Shen Cangsheng. *This fellow, he just likes to do stuff that pours salt into other people's wounds.*

"Forget about it. Why bother hanging oneself to death on a tree? After receiving our Spiritual Light Empowerment, let's give the bounty of killing Mo Longzi a try. This time, let's collaborate and settle things with that guy once and for all."

Shen Cangsheng patted on Li Xuantong's shoulder, before a cold glint flashed within his eyes as he said, "I'm afraid that the number of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy students that have died while going out for Outworld Training in the past two years by Mo Longzi's hands has already reached the triple digits."

Hearing his words, Li Xuantong's forehead started to wrinkle. A cold glint also flashed within his eyes as he said in a soft voice, "It's said that the Demonic Dragon Palace is getting more rampant in the Northern Heavens Continent..."

"Let the Deans and Elders care about those headache-inducing matters. Soldiers should be faced against soldiers. The Old Dog of the Demonic Dragon Palace should naturally be stared at by the higher levels of our academy. However, as for that thing called Mo Longzi, he should be dealt with by us. If not, people might say that we Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy students are useless," replied Shen Cangsheng casually.

"How do we go about it? Form a team and hunt him?"

Muttering to himself, Li Xuantong faintly nodded his head and said, "Let's collaborate for this time. That Mo Longzi should be killed..."

"Haha, that's good."

With a loud chuckle, Shen Cangsheng patted Li Xuantong's shoulder. Without saying anything else, his figure shot towards the depths of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Upon seeing this, Li Xuantong started to head towards the mountain peak that he lived on.

As the crowd of people in the sky started to scatter, the countless students at the northern square started to leave with somewhat dissatisfied hearts. Looking towards the direction of the Heavenly Rankings, all of them knew that in a short couple of days, there might be a earth-shattering upheaval displayed on it.

At this time, Mu Chen and Luo Li had already reached their small building in the Freshman Area. Upon entering the house, Mu Chen's already pale face grew even more white, while a mouth of blood spewed uncontrollably out of his mouth.

In this fight, the true injuries weren't caused by Gu Tianyan, but the Divine Black Lightning's overly terrifying energy wreaking havoc within his body. This kind of energy was something that Mu Chen's current body was simply unable to control and leash.

Fortunately, he had learnt and practised the Lightning God's Physique, causing his fleshly body to become stronger. If not, he might have had to deal with an exceedingly high cost to his life upon his usage of the Divine Black Lightning.

Looking at the seriousness of Mu Chen's injuries, Luo Li's beautiful face started to faintly change, as she hurriedly carried him into the room. Resting on the bed, Mu Chen weakly gestured to her.

"It's alright. The energy's already simmered down. I just have to rest and I will be alright."

"You really pushed your luck too much," said Luo Li, while getting slightly angry. To her, Mu Chen had simply caused all of these troubles for himself. The Divine Black Lightning was something that would bring dread to even a strong Spiritual Beast like the Nine Netherbird. She never expected that Mu Chen would actually dare to cause it to erupt within his body.

This kind of action was something that would instantly cause one's death, without a doubt. It was still not convenient to say it while they were outside. However, after they returned, she was finally unable to control her concern and anger.

"Even without the Spiritual Light Empowerment, I won't lose anything. Furthermore, I've not come all those thousands of miles to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy just to see you compensate me," said Luo Li while biting her lip.

Looking at the girl who was truly feeling a little angry, Mu Chen could not help lowering his head. Extending his hand, he attempted to grab hold of Luo Li's slender and jade-like hands. However, his hand was evaded by the girl, whose eyes had now turned slightly red.

With a smile, Mu Chen sent his palm out to grab again, and tightly held onto the girl's little hand, without letting her go. With a pull, he sent the girl lunging into his bosom.

Faintly struggling in Mu Chen's bosom, the gorgeous girl tried to get out. Unable to do so, she gave a soft snort, before tilting her lovable face away, indicating her intent of not wanting to easily forgive Mu Chen's nonsensical behaviour.

With a grin, Mu Chen looked towards the gorgeously beautiful face that was now filled with a little anger and indignation. As Luo Li lowered her head amidst the panic she felt, without waiting for the girl to put up any resistance, her red lips were already in contact with his.

The girl used her little hands to gently pound on Mu Chen's chest, before her lovable body finally turned soft like spring water. As she did so, her silvery hair spread out, covering the entire bed.

After kissing for a long time...

Mu Chen was still someone not willing to let go of those tender red lips. As he lowered his head to look at the blushing-red face of the girl, he said in a gentle voice with a faint smile, "I'm sorry for making you worry..."

"Yah, I'm not trying to compensate you in any way. I just feel that, if I'm unable to even clear this obstacle on my own, in the future... how should I protect you?"

A faint tremor shook through Luo Li's body as she looked at Mu Chen's eyes, which were brimming with gentle emotions for her, causing her emotions to slowly turn relaxed.

"I've risked my life to win back the Spiritual Light Empowerment, and you're still angry with me. Shouldn't you give me some kind of compensation?" asked Mu Chen with a grin.

"What kind of compensation?" noticing Mu Chen's gaze, Luo Li felt somewhat unsafe, and wriggled her lower body.

With a smirk Mu Chen's palm quietly slid down, passing through her soft clothing, touching the tender and delicate skin that was cool and akin to jade.

Luo Li's lovable body instantly turned stiff as her beautiful face turned even redder. Shock and fuster akin to a skitter of a little deer could be seen within her clear and limpid eyes.

As Mu Chen's hands slipped into Luo Li's blouse, they grasped hold of that little waist. Unable to bear it anymore, Luo Li was about to shove him away; however, she discovered that Mu Chen's actions had stopped. Faintly tilting her head over, she realised that Mu Chen had unknowingly pressed lightly on her body. As of now, his eyes were tightly closed, while his breathing was weak and feeble.

He had unexpectedly fallen asleep at this moment due to the stress and tiredness he had sustained earlier.

This made Luo Li feel like crying and smiling at the same time. After hesitating awhile, she extended her jade-like arms and wrapped Mu Chen into her embrace. Gentling kissing the youth's lips, gentle feelings flooded her eyes as she looked at the youth's handsome face.

While gentling rubbing Mu Chen's forehead with her little hands, she muttered, "Mu Chen, rest assured. I won't let anyone hurt you...I'll protect you, too."

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Chapter 332: New Rank 3 of the Heavenly Rankings

The next day, as Mu Chen woke up from his sleep, he instantly felt that all of the tiredness within his body had disappeared into thin air. The acute pain radiating from within his body had dissipated by quite a bit, compared to yesterday.

Within his meridians, Spiritual Energy was, once again, coursing through, gently healing the many injuries that his meridians had suffered from the Divine Black Lightning.

As Mu Chen swept his senses throughout his body, he discovered that there were some meridians that were stained with a burnt-black colour. Obviously, the injuries that they had sustained were not light. However, on the bright side, the Thunder God Physique that he had practised had become somewhat stronger. If not, there would've been some trouble if those meridians cracked and shattered.

"I should be able to recover from all of these injuries after resting for the next two to three days."

After muttering to himself, as he turned his body over, he felt a gentle and soft feeling coming from within his bosom. Lowering his head to look, he saw Luo Li resting on his bosom, sleeping extremely soundly. Unable to bear it, a smile appeared on his face as he bent down and gave a gentle kiss on Luo Li's glistening forehead, before quietly leaving the bed and opening the door.

As he left the house, the gentle rays of the sun shone down, causing Mu Chen's eyes to narrow uncomfortably, while his tight body quietly started to relax.

Various kinds of training sounds rang out from the distance as birds flew across the clear and blue sky. Their clear chirps caused the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to be uplifted with vitality.

As Mu Chen took a slow stroll out, the Divine Soul within his consciousness started its devouring. Absorbing the Spiritual Energy eagerly in the surround sky and earth within his body, the Divine Soul proceeded to refine it before devouring it.

As this continued, the dried-up reserves of Spiritual Energy within his body started to recover, bit by bit. As the Spiritual Energy flowed along his meridians, they ceaselessly cleared and repaired the damage present within his body.

Enjoying the rare chance to be idle and laze around, Mu Chen walked along to little road that ended at the public square by the lake where the Freshmen would usually train. Right now, there was already a huge crowd formed by the Goddess Luo Association members, who were engaged in their training.

"Big Brother Mu!"

Upon seeing Mu Chen's arrival, all of the gazes seemed to have instantly locked onto him with joyful and worshipping looks erupted on the youthful and tender faces of the crowd.

Waving his hands towards them in acknowledgement, Mu Chen headed towards a stone platform, then towards one side of the public square, before taking a seat. Gently closing his eyes, he proceeded to continue absorbing the Spiritual Energy of the heavens and earth.

"Your recovery speed truly something. You're already capable of jumping around after a day." A voice containing gentle laughter suddenly rang out beside him, causing Mu Chen to open his eyes, only to see Ye Qingling smiling while standing next him.

"So you wish to see me lying down?" Mu Chen asked with a smile.

Taking a seat, Ye Qingling replied with a smile, "Congratulations. You're now a peak influential figure in our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Even He Yao has been beaten down by you. Do you know that after the end of the hunt, the people of the Demonic Gate seem have been avoiding us the moment they see us? There isn't any of the previous arrogance present in them now."

"As of now, you're the most famous person within our academy. When compared to Shen Cangsheng, you're not the slightest bit behind."

"And yet, I want to find some peace and quiet," feeling helpless, Mu Chen said with a smile.

"If it's peace and quiet, that's something very difficult to find."

With a sweet smile, Ye Qingling gripped her jade-like hand, causing a scroll of lambskin to appear in a flash. Handing it over to Mu Chen, she said, "Ever since the end of the hunt, the Heavenly Rankings have momentarily changed. As for you, you're already the 3rd Rank on the Heavenly Rankings, second to only Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong..."

Receiving the lambskin, Mu Chen unfurled it, only to see a stone rubbing of the Heavenly Rankings. At the 3rd Rank, sure enough, he had spotted his name.

As for the 4th Rank, it had changed to He Yao, with Su Xuan being the 5th. Zhao Qingshan was 6th, while Xu Huang had dropped from the 5th to the 7th... other than the top two in the previous Top Ten in the Heavenly Rankings, all the rest had truly changed. Below the Top Ten places, there were even more foreign-looking names. Obviously, they should be the dark horses that had appeared within this hunt.

As for the 10th Rank, Mu Chen was surprised to unexpectedly see that it had been assigned to Luo Li. Although that lass had made her move for an exceedingly little number of times, the matter of her collaborating with him to kill that Spiritual King seemed to be enough to cause her to jump up a few places in the rankings.

"Rank 3 of the Heavenly Rankings."

While he gave a smile, Mu Chen's expression still remained exceedingly calm, without feeling overly joyous or surprised.

"Sigh. We've entered the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy at the same time. And now, you've become an influential figure, ranked 3rd on the Heavenly Rankings, while the rest of us are slowing crawling up." said Ye Qingling, while somewhat sighing in lamentation. When she had first met Mu Chen, wasn't the latter's strength not even at the level of Spirit Stage? However, after a period of time that hadn't even reached a year, the latter had already become an expert that stood at the 3rd Rank of the Heavenly Rankings...

When people were compared to people, it sure caused people to feel extreme indignation and inferiority.

Mu Chen smiled at her. Not wanting to engage in a conversation about this topic any longer with her, he asked, "Where's Sun'er? It seems that I've not seen her for some time already."

"That little lass' luck is quite good. After wandering around the academy, she met an Elder of the Northern Spiritual Academy. That Elder primarily trains in Spiritual Arrays, and is reportedly a Spiritual Array Grandmaster. After seeing Sun'er's extremely good talent, she took her under her wing to train in Spiritual Arrays." Ye Qingling replied.

"Spiritual Array Grandmaster?" upon hearing those words, Mu Chen's eyes instantly contracted. For Spiritual Array Masters, the initial stages were ranked one to nine. However, strictly speaking, Spiritual Array Masters ranked one to five can only reluctantly be considered as entering this inner room of the Dao of Spiritual Arrays. As for those that had stepped past the threshold of 5th Grade and became a 6th Grade, that would be a completely different story. Spiritual Array Masters that reached this stage were worthy enough to be called Spiritual Array Grandmasters.

Only Spiritual Array Grandmasters were considered to have touched the true mysteries and workings of Spiritual Arrays.

The 5th Grade to the 6th Grade were akin to the frightening gap between the Heavenly Completion Stage and the Sovereign Stage.

Mu Chen's talent in Spiritual Arrays was extremely high. From being a 1st Grade to a 4th Grade Spiritual Array Master, it was basically smooth without any hitches. However, even though that was the case, he did not dare to say that he could easily step past the threshold and become a genuine Spiritual Array Grandmaster.

As for this kind of Spiritual Array Grandmaster, Mu Chen dared to bet that there might not be more than a few people with such capabilities even in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Being able to be mysteriously taken under a wing of such an Elder, this was an opportunity that Sun'er had gotten that had made even Mu Chen feel his eyes turning slightly red.

Sun'er truly did have a rather high talent on the aspect of Spiritual Arrays, and her being spotted was something that Mu Chen didn't feel strange about. However, his talent in Spiritual Arrays wasn't any weaker than hers. But he didn't see any Elders showing a particular fancy towards him. Looks like having a cute appearance does have many uses.

"Haha. According to Sun'er, this Elder's temper is extremely strange and peculiar. She doesn't only look at one's talent, she also doesn't have any biasness. Even if your talent is much higher than others, she might not care the slightest bit about you," looking at Mu Chen's current appearance, Ye Qingling couldn't help laughing while commenting.

In response, Mu Chen gave a bitter laugh. As of now, he was already a 4th Grade Spiritual Array Master. However, in reality, his speed of improvement had started to slow down. Furthermore, he was still not clear of the many states of mind towards the Spiritual Arrays, and did not know exactly what way he needed to go to increase his familiarity and comprehension of them.

After all, currently, he had just managed to come in contact with the "Heart's Eye" state. As a 4th Grade Spiritual Array Master, he should not be able to arrange a 5th Grade Spiritual Array. However, relying on the mysteriousness of the "Heart's Eye" state, he was able to compensate for the disparity of his achievements.

But, the problem was that Mu Chen's attainments in the "Heart's Eye" state was only the preliminary contact, and was inconsistent whenever he used it. If he were to meet with an off-chance of it failing while in a life-or-death situation, that would result in him losing his life.

However, if he was able to receive the guidance of a Spiritual Array Grandmaster, perhaps, he might be able to increase his familiarity and control over the "Heart's Eye" state...But, how could such an opportunity be easy to find?

The few Spiritual Array Grandmasters have extremely high statuses in the Northern Heavens Academy. If they didn't want to teach you, no amount of Spiritual Value Points would matter to them.

"I'll have a chat with Sun'er later to see if she could mention you to that Elder. Your talent in Spiritual Arrays is higher than Sun'er. I think that the Elder should not reject your request." Upon seeing the

fluctuation of emotions on Mu Chen's face, Ye Qingling did not dare to continue teasing him as she spoke her suggestion earnestly.

"That would be much appreciated," replied Mu Chen while nodding his head. As of now, what he really needed was training in the aspect of Spiritual Arrays. After all, it wasn't like training one's Spiritual Energy. There was too many overly complicated information and intricacies in this aspect. Without the guidance of others, there would always be a lot of winding paths in a solitary person's pursuit along this road.

Gesturing towards Mu Chen, Ye Qingling noticed that there was a faint trace of paleness still present on Mu Chen's face. Not wanting to continue disturbing him, after a short word or two, she turned around and left.

Looking at Ye Qingling's figure as she headed towards the distance, Mu Chen temporarily put the issue of his Spiritual Array mastery aside. As of now, the most important thing he needed to do was to recover from his injuries, before heading to the Punishment Hall within three days to receive his Spiritual Light Empowerment.

Over the next two days, although the news of Mu Chen rising to the 3rd Rank of the Heavenly Rankings was trending rather fervently, he did not give a single care about it. Not taking even half a step out of the Freshman Area, he had put an end to all of the disturbances coming from the outside world.

Under the peaceful and quiet rehabilitation, the injuries present within Mu Chen's body gradually recovered. Although there were still some slightly hidden injuries within his meridians, these could only be ridden through time, and was something that couldn't be rushed.

With the arrival of the third day, Mu Chen's complexion had almost completely recovered. All the paleness on his face was completely gone, while vigorous Spiritual Energy coursed throughout his body with faint traces of some improvement to them.

Standing on top of the house, Mu Chen did a lazy stretch, causing crackling sounds to rattle off from all the joints in his body akin to firecrackers. This extremely comfortable feeling caused Mu Chen to let out an uncontrollable groan.

"Looks like you've recovered quite well." Luo Li's satisfied voice rang out from behind him. As of now, Mu Chen was truly back to becoming vigorous and lively like a rising dragon. Three days ago, after becoming that frail and weak, it had caused quite a bit of pain to Luo Li's heart.

"Basically more or so."

Mu Chen replied while nodding his head. Looking towards the inner part of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he said, "Let's go. We should head towards the Punishment Hall. After risking my life to obtain the Spiritual Light Empowerment, we should at least enjoy what it's worth, right?"

Luo Li gently nodded her small head in approval. With regards to the Spiritual Light Empowerment, truthfully, she was also somewhat curious.

Extending his hand out, under Luo Li's blushing face, Mu Chen grasped her lovable little hand with his. With a light squeeze and he grin, he lead her along and floated into the air. In the next moment, the two transform into streaks of light, shooting towards the Punishment Hall within the academy.

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Chapter 333: Punishment Hall

The Punishment Hall sat within the inner region of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Within the entire academy, it held an extremely high status, as well as power, as the absolutely large question of the safety and guarding of the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was under its control.

The majority of the Punishment Hall members were students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that had already graduated, but chose to stay behind. With each successive batch, they provided a unceasing supply of fresh blood into the Punishment Hall.

Naturally, once one entered the Punishment Hall, one could no longer be called a student, and could no longer participate in the various competitions between students. Therefore, most students would generally find it extremely difficult to see the members of the Punishment Hall on most occasions within the academy.

Similarly, once one became a member of the Punishment Hall, the tasks one was sent out on would have a higher increase of danger. This place wasn't some ivory tower, as the various rules and regulations implemented here were obviously even more strict and severe. After all, the Punishment Hall was constructed for the sake of the protection of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. The enemies they faced were no longer the students and seniors that were comparing notes, but the various evil powers that were clearly presented or hidden in obscurity within the Northern Heavens Continent.

Compared to the gentle academy, the interior of the Punishment Hall clearly had an extra iron-blooded taste with a cold and strict feeling.

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There wasn't any of the luscious and vibrant atmosphere of vitality of the outside present within the inner region of the academy. Even the sky appeared to be darker and more overcast. A giant hall that looked different from the rest of the surroundings stood erect on top of a mountain peak. Within the air, there would be groups of people in armor darting in and out, from time to time. As they moved along, fluctuations of killing intent could be felt within the air.

This kind of imposing aura was absolutely not something that the students within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy could compare with.

Upon seeing this with their eyes, both Mu Chen and Luo Li felt somewhat shocked and startled. This was the strength that truly protected the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Although the academy was considered to be a leviathan in the Northern Heavens Continent, it did not mean that there wasn't any power or influence that had the qualifications to challenge it within the Northern Heavens Continent. Within the great continent, where experts were akin to the numerous clouds in the sky, there were still some strong powers that were observing and eyeing it from the darkness.

And this Punishment Hall was here to scare and keep all those eyeing powers at bay.

Upon arrival to this inner region, Mu Chen and Luo Li did not encounter any obstructions. Clearly, the Punishment Hall had already received the news about their impending arrival. The two of them went through some detailed screening before descending on the giant peak that shot through the distant sky.

An incomparably giant hall sat quietly on the top of the giant peak, akin to a ferocious and cold-blooded beast that was quietly stalking its prey, while a heart-palpitating, ferocious aura radiated from it.

Before the giant hall stood a black stone square with the jet-black colour of it sparkling with traces of cold light.

As Mu Chen and Luo Li descended onto the black stone square, they noticed Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton, who had arrived earlier than them, standing in the centre. The ones in front of them were Lin Zheng, Zhou Qingshan and Gu Tianyan.

As Mu Chen's gaze swept past them, it rested on a space in front of them. There stood a black-clothed middle-aged man with his hands behind his back. This person's face was cold and fierce. As Mu Chen's gaze crossed paths with him, an ice-cold air permeated from him, causing the air to freeze up.

While he was standing there, not a single word came from him. Instead, an invisible pressure enveloped over them. Under this pressure, even wild and arrogant people like Shen Cangsheng became docile and meek.

Feeling this pressure, Mu Chen shot a startled look at the black-clothed middle-aged man. From the looks of it, this man's strength was rather terrifying.

"We're sorry for arriving late." Leading Luo Li and walking forward, Mu Chen cupped his hands and said to the group.

"Don't fret about it. It hasn't started yet." With a smile, Lin Zheng gestured with his hand. Turning and pointing towards the black-clothed middle-aged man in front of him, he said, "This is the Hall Master of our Punishment Hall, Hall Master Mo You. At the same time, he's also one of the Elders on the Heavenly Seats within our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy."

Hearing Lin Zheng's introduction, Mu Chen felt slightly shocked. As of now, he had somewhat of an understanding towards the higher levels within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Within the entire academy, there were five seats within the Heavenly Seated Elders. Before, during the Great Freshman Banquet, there was an Elder by the name of Zhu Tian that seemed to be a Heavenly Seated Elder. The person in front of him... was, unexpectedly, another one of the five Heavenly Seated Elders. So he was considered one of the peak combat forces of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

"Mu Chen pays respects to Hall Master Mo You." Bowing, Mu Chen cupped his hands and greeted Mo You.

"So, you're the Freshman Mu Chen that defeated Gu Tianyan?" A dark light filled the eyes of Hall Master Mo You as he stared at Mu Chen. The gaze coming from him was exceedingly sharp and piercing, as if he was trying to see right through Mu Chen.

"It was only due to Senior Brother Gu Tianyan giving way to me. If we continued fighting, I wouldn't have had any strength left to fight." Mu Chen replied while shaking his head. Those words by him were the truth. If he were to continue fighting with Gu Tianyan, Mu Chen would only be able to achieve a draw, at the very most. Wanting to obtain a victory was, more than likely, an impossibility. Regardless of how numerous his hidden cards were, there was still a huge disparity from Heavenly Transformation Stage to Heavenly Completion Stage.

“So, this brat knows modesty, huh?” Mo You muttered. Smirking, he shot a look at Gu Tianyan, who had a somewhat unnatural look on his face and said, “This brat’s usually very arrogant. Being able to obstruct his haughty spirit shows that you have some ability.”

Hearing those words, Mu Chen could only give an awkward laugh.

“Regardless of that, you truly are quite good, since you’re able to reach this step with the status of a Freshman. After the past few years, you can be considered as the first one to do so. Even Shen Cangsheng wasn’t able to do so during his Freshman years.” Looking at Mu Chen, not the slightest hint of restraint was left with regards to his praise for the latter.

Hearing that praise, Shen Cangsheng started to smile. During his Freshman year, he had only buried his head and bitterly trained. He had also not participated in the Hunting War during that year, let alone achieving such results in a fight.

“So, you’re Luo Li, right?” Mo You’s gaze suddenly turned towards Luo Li, who had been standing beside Mu Chen the whole time. In the next instant, his gaze turned from the former to the Luo Shen Sword that was tightly gripped in her jade-like hand.

“Yes.” Luo Li replied while slightly nodding her head. Upon noticing that, Mo You’s gaze was focused on the Luo Shen Sword in her hand, and Luo Li’s eyebrows started to faintly knit together.

“Haha, I’ve seen before that sword in your father’s hands...” Mo You replied as a slightly complicated look appeared on his face.

Upon hearing his reply, everyone was blankly staring in confusion, while Luo Li felt somewhat startled. This Mo You actually met with her father before? Looks like the latter also understood her status.

Mu Chen also felt slightly startled. However, it was not something especially unexpected. Mo You was a Heavenly Seated Elder of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, and should have some understanding towards Luo Li’s status. However, he never guessed that the former had met Luo Li’s father before.

“During my training years, I’ve met your father once, by chance. Speaking of which, I also owe him my life. It’s a pity that I didn’t get the chance to return the favor.” Feeling somewhat sad, Mo You replied to quell the confusion.

Hearing his explanation, Luo Li’s expression also turned dim. Naturally, there was nothing that she did not know about the matters that had happened.

As the atmosphere turned slightly dark, this became the first time that Lin Zheng and the rest had seen such an expression on Mo You’s face, causing them to be unable to muster any nice words to say.

Fortunately, Mo You quickly recovered his usual expression. Gesturing with his hand, he said, “Okay. Since you guys have all arrived. Let’s prepare to carry on with the Spiritual Light Empowerment.”

With a wave of his hand, three old men walked out from within the great hall. These three people were Elders of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. However, it was obvious that their status’ weren’t as high as Mo You’s.

“For the three of you, these three Elders will personally help with your Spiritual Light Empowerment.”

Looking towards Luo Li, Mo You said, "Lass, I'll personally help you with your Spiritual Light Empowerment."

Upon hearing those words, Lin Zheng and the rest involuntarily uttered a sound from their shocked reactions. Mo You was actually going to personally take action to help a student with her Spiritual Light Empowerment? This was truly the first time in these past few years.

On the matter of the Spiritual Light Empowerment, the stronger the helping person was, the greater the benefits the recipient would get. Mo You was one of the five Heavenly Seated Elders in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Within the entire academy, clearly, there were not that many who were stronger than him.

Luo Li hesitated awhile. Only upon seeing Mu Chen nod his head did she gently nod hers while saying, "Then, I'll have to trouble Hall Master Mo You."

Gesturing with his hand, Mo You replied while sighing, "This can reluctantly be considered as returning a small bit of the favor. Although, this is the only thing I can do."

Upon saying those words, he continued to say his order, "You three will follow the three Elders inside."

Mu Chen and the other two nodded their heads. Just as they were about to move, a dispirited and ancient-sounding voice suddenly slowly resounded within everyone's ears.

"Wait."

The sudden voice made everyone gawk. Raising their heads, they noticed the figure of an old man sitting on a stone pillar before the giant black hall.

Tattered clothing covered the old man's body, while his head was bald, without a single strand of hair, and his eyes always looked dispirited as they drooped down. This made him look as though he had never had a full meal.

Upon noticing this bald-headed old man, Mu Chen instantly felt some astonishment. *Isn't this old fellow the person I met in the Lightning Territory?* The Lightning God Physique he had trained in was given to him by this bald-headed old man.

Besides him, both Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton had faces brimming with shock, as they had similarly previously met with this bald-headed old man while in the Lightning Territory.

As he noticed the bald-headed old man, shock had also instantly appeared on Mo You's face. Hurriedly, he greeted respectfully, "Lord Northern Sea."

The attitude that Mo You displayed caused everyone to feel further shock. There was actually someone within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that could make Mo You show that much respect? What exactly was the origins of the bald-headed old man in front of them?

"Lord Northern Sea?"

Shen Cangsheng, and Lin Zheng, as well and the rest, frowned in thought, before a sudden change happened to their faces. Overwhelmed with shock, they spoke out in a low voice, "Could this be the Divine Beast Protector of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, the Northern Sea Dragon?"

Within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, other than Dean Tai Cang, the only person that could make Mo You to show so much respect would be the mysterious and seemingly wisp-like Northern Sea Dragon?

A tremor went through Mu Chen's mind as he heard those words. He was somewhat in disbelief as he looked at the bald-headed old man, who always seemed so dispirited, and was simply unable to picture the latter as the Divine Beast that was capable of intimidating the Heavens and earth.

On the stone pillar, the bald-headed old man waved his hand. In the next instant, he had already appeared in front of Mu Chen and the rest. The seemingly instantaneous movement speed caused the eyes of Mu Chen and the rest to twitch.

The bald-headed old man waved his hand towards Mo You, before sweeping his gaze towards Mu Chen and the rest, finally resting on the latter.

"Senior..."

Seeing that he was being stared at by the old man, Mu Chen instantly felt somewhat unnatural.

Ignoring Mu Chen's change in expression, the bald-headed old man shot a slightly weird gaze at him. Only after a while did he slowly spit out some words. "From what I've heard, is it true that you've gathered some Divine Black Lightning?"

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Chapter 334: Lightning Poison

"From what I've heard, is it true that you've gathered some Divine Black Lightning?"

Upon hearing those words, Mu Chen clearly gawked awhile. After hesitating awhile, he nodded his head while replying, "It's by a fluke that I've managed refine a single strand of Divine Black Lightning into a lightning bead and absorbed it within my body...during the Hunting War, for the sake of fighting with Senior Brother Gu, I shattered that Divine Black Lightning bead."

In a flash, Gu Tianyan finally understood why Mu Chen was able to erupt with such terrifying power while relying on his Heavenly Transformation Stage Initial Phase strength. However, he still proceeded to shoot a weird look at Mu Chen as he thought, *This fellow truly is a freak. He had actually absorbed the Divine Black Lightning into his body. That is something that even Sovereign experts would stay clear of!*

What's more, after shattering the Divine Black Lightning bead, unexpectedly, Mu Chen was able to survive. This made them feel all the more strange. Wasn't this fellow's willpower to live that overly tenacious?

A ray of light flashed within the murky eyes of the bald-headed old man. Extending his withered palm, he lifted Mu Chen's sleeve. In the next instant, a black ray of light seemed to have shot up the latter's arm.

Chi. Chi.

As the black light shot up, black lines started to instantly surface on Mu Chen's arm. Those black lines started to squirm and wriggle under his skin, while radiating with fluctuations that caused slight unease to people.

“What’s that?” Mu Chen exclaimed in shock as the expression on his face changed.

“Lightning Poison.” said the bald old man indifferently, “The Divine Black Lightning is the tribulation that a Spirit Beast needs to experience for it to promote into a Divine Beast. Not only is it destructive, it also contains a mysterious Lightning Poison, which people are simply unable to discover. However, as time elapses, the Lightning Poison will gradually turn corrosive. That is to say, if the Lightning Poison doesn’t erupt. If it erupts, a crack will suddenly ring out from your entire body, and you’ll become a pile of ashes...”

Mu Chen’s face instantly turned ugly as a cold sweat started to appear on his forehead. Beside him, a panic-stricken expression appeared within Luo Li’s clear eyes as she looked towards Mu Chen with anxiety.

At this time, the expressions on the faces of Mo You, Shen Cangsheng and the rest also changed. They never expected that there would be a such a huge impending disaster hidden within Mu Chen’s body.

“Senior, please help him.” Luo Li could no longer maintain her usual silence as she hurriedly spoke out. Her frantic appearance, however, caused a slightly complicated expression to appear within Li Xuanton’s eyes as he faintly tilted his head away.

“Why should I help him? This is something that he had brought about to himself. Is the Divine Black Lightning something that he can bear? Moreover, he had even shattered it within his body. He’s already lucky to not die as a result of doing so.” the bald old man’s temper appeared to be somewhat strange, since he slowly said his reply while withdrawing his withered palm.

Biting her lip, Luo Li said, “If you help him get rid of the Lightning Poison, I’ll compensate you.”

Sizing Luo Li up, the bald old man replied in a lazy manner, “On your entire body, the only thing that’s of interest to me, would be the sword in your hand.”

“If Senior likes it, I’ll gift this sword as compensation.” Still biting her lip, Luo Li gave her reply.

Upon hearing her words, the expression on Li Xuanton’s face changed. Seeing this, Shen Cangsheng walked over and said in a low voice, “You don’t stand even an ounce of chance.”

Luo Li’s words had also made the bald old man startled. The sword in her hands would cause even the hearts of Sovereign experts to move. However, unexpectedly, Luo Li was willing to use it as compensation, which created some surprise within him. This was due to him being able to see that Luo Li was very clear about the true value of the sword in her hand.

“Lord Northern Sea.” Unable to bear it any longer, Mo You spoke out. After all, he had some connections to Luo Li’s father, and would naturally help, if possible.

Extending his palm out and holding onto Luo Li, Mu Chen shook his head faintly towards her. With a faint smile, he said, “Senior, you’re highly respected and worshipped in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Playing a joke like this on a girl isn’t something suitable.”

“Do you think I’m joking?” Faintly urling his mouth, the bald old man asked.

“Senior’s usually somewhere hidden. So, your sudden appearance today should have some connection to me, am I right? Perhaps, it should be connected to the matter of me absorbing the Divine Black Lightning, am I right?” Mu Chen replied with a smile.

Hearing his words, the bald old man stared at Mu Chen. Only after a long while did he smile while saying, “You’re tremendously astute, brat.”

Only upon seeing the bald old man reveal a smile did everyone quietly breathe a sigh of relief. The Northern Sea Dragon had an extremely high status in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Furthermore, he had a weird temperament. If he really did not wish to help, it would truly become something troublesome.

“Indeed, I’ve come seeking you due to some matters. Perhaps, you’ll have to help me with a little problem. Of course, to compensate you, I’ll help you deal with the Divine Black Lightning within your body,” replied the bald old man.

Hearing his words, everyone felt somewhat shocked. What kind of strength did the Northern Sea Dragon possess? Within the entire Northern Heavenly Continent, you might not even find a person that could contend with him! However, from the looks of it, unexpectedly, he had needed the help of Mu Chen, a student at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Initial Phase?

“May I know what Senior needs me to do? With my little bit of strength...” Mu Chen asked while slightly wrinkling his brows. If it was a problem that even the Northern Sea Dragon was unable to deal with, what could he offer?

“Just follow me first. At that time I’ll give you a rundown about it. Relax, I won’t let you do something that would make you lose your life.”

Feeling helpless, Mu Chen replied, “ However, I’m currently about to receive my Spiritual Light Empowerment...”

“I’ll help with your Empowerment!” shouted the bald old man as he shot a glare at Mu Chen; he was able to see this brat’s intentions with a single look.

Only when he heard those words did Mu Chen start to faintly smile. With regards to the Spiritual Light Empowerment, the stronger the person in charge, the greater the effect. Within the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, the bald old man in front of him was obviously the best person possible for the job.

Originally, Mu Chen did not have such hopes. However, who would have known that he would actually appear at this moment? This kind of opportunity doesn’t come knocking on one’s door twice. One would be too stupid to forsake such an idea.

Beside him, Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuantong, and even Lin Zheng and the rest were casting somewhat envious looks towards Mu Chen. Being able to let the Northern Sea Dragon personally help one with their Spiritual Light Empowerment; within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Mu Chen could be considered to be the first.

“Since Mu Chen has such an opportunity, let him follow Lord Northern Sea.” Mo You said with a smile. This Mu Chen truly was a lucky fellow. He’s even able to meet up with such a good opportunity.

Luo Li released Mu Chen's hand, while the anxiousness in her eyes dissipated, bit by bit. With a smile on her absolutely gorgeous face, she stared at Mu Chen, who had just obtain such good fortune.

"Then, I'll go first." said Mu Chen as he waved towards Luo Li. However, without waiting for him to say anymore words, the bald old man had already dragged him away. With a fluttering of space, the two of them instantly disappeared within the distortion.

Looking at the place where Mu Chen had disappeared into, Shen Cangsheng and the rest were still sighing with envy. Why doesn't good fortune befall onto them?

"Stop sighing, this sort of good luck seems to be tied to not dying after absorbing and shattering the Divine Black Lightning in one's body. If you guys want it, you can give it a try." Mo You said indifferently.

Hearing his words, the expressions on Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuanton's faces faintly changed. He had to be joking. The number of peak-level Spiritual Beasts killed by the Divine Black Lightning while trying to promote to become a Divine Beast was uncountable. What's more, shattering it within one's body. Even thinking about it would cause a person's scalp to crawl. Only a freak like Mu Chen would do such an absurd thing.

Seeing the two becoming scared stiff, Mo You smirked, before turning around and heading into the great hall, with Luo Li rapidly following behind him.

"Sigh. Give it up. Seems like the both of us don't have such a life. Don't feel too bad about it."

Helplessly patting Li Xuanton's shoulder, Shen Cangsheng headed into the great hall. Looking at the back figure of Luo Li, Li Xuanton made a dejected sigh before following suit.

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The moment he was grabbed onto by the bald old man, Mu Chen felt the scenery in front of him change so rapidly, he felt somewhat dizzy. An intense feeling of drowsiness erupted in his mind. Fortunately, this didn't last long, before it rapidly dissipated.

"Okay."

After hearing the indifferent-sounding voice of the bald old man, Mu Chen opened his eyes, before staring somewhat dumbfoundedly at the scenery before him.

This was a dim and dark place, with a profound and unfathomable black colour everywhere. Naturally, what created the most shock within Mu Chen was the unending sea of Black Lightning. Like thousands upon thousands of water pillars, Black Lightning fell from the sky into this Black Lightning sea.

Mu Chen stared at this sea as gigantic lightning bolts arced and danced around within. As deep and low rumbling sounds resounded across this world, it carried along with them the indescribable prestige of the heavens and earth.

"What is this place?" Mu Chen asked as his scalp started to crawl. The unending sea of Black Lightning in front of him was too terrifying.

"The last layer of the Lightning Territory." The bald old man casually replied.

Mu Chen sucked in a breath of cold air. This was the final level of the Lightning Territory? No wonder there's such terrifying lightning energies present here. Compared to here, even the 7th Level of the Lightning Territory would appear insignificant.

"Carefully feel it. Aren't there some slightly familiar fluctuations within there?" asked the bald old man with a grin as he pointed towards the unending Black Lightning sea.

Panning his doubtful gaze outwards, he tried to sense what the bald old man was talking about. After a long while, his face, however, started to turn slightly pale as he said, while being overwhelmed with shock, "These are... the fluctuations of Divine Black Lightning?"

Within the Black Lightning sea, Mu Chen discovered the fluctuations of Divine Black Lightning!

Unexpectedly, there's actually Divine Black Lightning hidden within the black-coloured lightning sea!

The quantity present was seemingly more terrifying than those present in the Nine Netherbird's tribulation.

Who would have thought that there would actually be so many Divine Black Lightning present in the final level of the Lightning Territory?

"As for the other levels of the Lightning Territory, their lightning energies are formed from those that have dissipated from here," explained the bald old man with a smile.

Hearing that, Mu Chen was speechless as his heart was filled with shock.

"Senior, what exactly did you call me here to do?" Unable to resist his curiosity anymore, Mu Chen asked his question with some worry. This place was too terrifying, and any casual Divine Black Lightning that descended might be capable of blasting him into bits. He truly wasn't able to think of how, exactly, he could help the Northern Sea Dragon.

Rubbing his withered palms together, a smile surfaced on the wrinkled and dried-up face of the bald old man. However, this smile only caused Mu Chen's goosebumps to instantly stand up as a feeling of unease erupted from within his body.

Extending his finger, the bald old man pointed towards the Black Lightning sea that filled the space in front of them as a laughing voice rang out.

"I want you to help me retrieve something from within the lightning sea."

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Chapter 335: Lightning God Pill

"I want you to retrieve something for me from within this lightning sea."

Upon hearing those words, the expression on Mu Chen's face clearly froze for a while. Opening his eyes wide, he stared at the bald old man in front of him, while having some doubts as to whether he had heard something incorrectly.

"You want me to enter that?" Mu Chen said as he blinked his eyes, while pointing towards the unending sea of black lightning. If he didn't hear incorrectly, it ought be that the bald old man had spoken incorrectly, right?

Nevertheless, facing his trembling gaze, the bald old man calmly nodded his head, dispelling all the hopes that Mu Chen had.

"Senior, are you joking with me?" Mu Chen felt as if his scalp was about to be fried. There's Divine Black Lightning within that black lightning sea! Even a Sovereign would not casually set foot within that place. With his strength at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Initial Phase, there might not even be ashes left of him upon him just setting foot within there.

"I'm not asking you to directly rush in like that," said the bald old man as he rolled his eyes.

Hearing those words, Mu Chen finally managed to slightly calm his nerves down. With a bitter laugh, he asked, "Exactly what thing do you want me to retrieve?"

"This Lightning Territory was created by me hundreds of years ago."

While pointing towards the mysterious space, before pointing towards the black lightning sea, the bald old man continued with his introduction, "I initially discovered something unique about this space, as it was filled with lightning energies. After noticing that, I casually took all the lightning energies out of the space and condensed them here. After racking my brains and gathering Divine Black Lightning from all over the place, I threw them all into this place and let them grow unsupervised..."

Mu Chen tugged at his mouth awhile as he thought, *As expected of the Northern Sea Dragon*. The Divine Black Lightning that even Nine Nether was afraid of was, unexpectedly, gathered by him from all over the place. Naturally, this was due to Nine Nether being too young. According to her words, she was considered as just coming-of-age within the Nine Netherbird Clan. Furthermore, being able to endure the Divine Black Lightning Tribulation while being a Nine Netherbird that had just come-of-age, her talent, as well as her abilities, was truly stronger than Mu Chen and the rest.

After all, when Nine Nether wakes up, she would have successfully completed her transformation, and become a Nine Netherworld Bird. At that time, she should have the strength to contend against Sovereigns. Added with some training in the future, there would even be the chance for her to exceed this Northern Sea Dragon...

"However, as time passed, I discovered that some things had already left my scope of control. That's because the strength of the lightning energy within was too terrifying, and condensed together to form a strange and unexpected living thing." The bald old man continued his explanation while showing his somewhat helpless dilemma.

"Living thing?" Mu Chen gawked. In the lightning sea, which was completely devoid of life, it could condense to form an unexpected living thing?

"I name it as 'Lightning Spirit'. This entire lightning sea can be considered its body."

Mu Chen sucked in a breath of cold air as he looked towards the unending sea of lighting, while being overwhelmed with shock. Isn't this so called "Lightning Spirit" too terrifying? No wonder even the

Northern Sea Dragon was unable to deal with it. The myriad of living things in this world were truly incomparably mysterious and marvelous.

"It's fortunate that this Lightning Spirit's intelligence isn't too high. However, if I were to get close to it, I'd have to endure its most violent and intense attacks," said the bald old man as he tugged at his mouth. Staring at the black lightning sea, a chilling glint flashed within his murky eyes as he continued, "If I were to use my strength and take action, I'd be able to destroy it. However, I'd also destroy the thing I want."

"What does Senior want to retrieve?" slightly curious, Mu Chen asked the bald old man. The Northern Sea Dragon had prepared this space for hundreds of years, and even created this terrifying lightning sea. In the end, he had even created the Lightning Spirit. What exactly did he want to obtain from this?

As the murky eyes of the Northern Sea Dragon converged on the black lightning sea, he said in an indifferent tone, "Lightning God Pill."

"Lightning God Pill?" Mu Chen blankly repeated those words, while a vacant expression filled his face. Obviously, he had never heard of that before.

"Although it's called a pill, it isn't something that people can refine. It's something created by the heavens and earth," explained the bald old man slowly, "Only when lightning energies are boundless enough to reach such a terrifying level would there be some chance for a Lightning God Pill to form. I've been searching and accumulating countless Divine Black Lightning for the past hundreds of years, all for the sake of a Lightning God Pill to be formed."

"Fortunately, my luck's not bad. However, I never knew that when the Lightning God Pill was born, it would also give birth to a Lightning Spirit that has been preventing me from acquiring the pill this whole time."

"What use does that Lightning God Pill have?"

"With that Lightning God Pill, I'll be able to rely on it to make a breakthrough and step into the realm of Earth Sovereign," replied the bald old man.

"Earth Sovereign." A shock went through Mu Chen's mind. If that's the case, the bald old man in front of him should be at the level of a 9th-Grade Sovereign? That's truly terrifying! He was already considered to have reached the apex of the Sovereign Realm. One more step, and he would reach the legendary Earth Sovereign Realm. Even considering the entire Great Thousand World, an expert of that level would absolutely be sufficient to be called First Class.

With that kind of strength, even within those super strong clans, one would be able to be comparable to their clan leaders.

"Senior, why don't you find Dean Tai Cang and the other Elders? If Dean Tai Cang were to help you, shouldn't it be much more easier?" Mu Chen asked doubtfully. Within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, with the Northern Sea Dragon's status, if he needed help, who would dare to not give their utmost to help?

"It's no use. This Lightning Spirit's very cautious. I've already spoke of this to Tai Cang. When he had just entered the other day, it caused the lightning sea to erupt. If the two of us were to appear at the same

time, the Lightning Spirit would feel threatened. What if it felt that it was in a life-or-death struggle and destroyed the Lightning God Pill? Won't that waste my hundreds of years of hard work?" replied the bald old man helplessly.

Hearing his explanation, Mu Chen gave a bitter laugh and looked at the black lightning sea. At this moment, there weren't too many fluctuations radiating from it. However, under this unchanging peace, Mu Chen was able to feel his heart palpitate. "However...Senior, you should know that my strength's inadequate..."

"Relax, I've already said that I won't let you lose your life for nothing."

The bald old man waved his hands and stared at Mu Chen while saying, "I've called for your help due to you absorbing a bolt of Divine Black Lightning before. Furthermore, you've let it erupt within your body. Although the strength of the Divine Black Lightning within your body have been completely used up, there's still some remnants left..."

A sparkle flashed within Mu Chen's eyes as he said, "Is Senior talking about the... Divine Black Lightning Poison?"

The bald old man nodded his head and replied, "The Divine Black Lightning Poison truly is a very frightening thing. However, from another perspective, it can be said to be a valuable treasure..."

Mu Chen's forehead wrinkled up.

"The Divine Black Lightning Poison is something that even Sovereign Realm experts dare not to casually come into contact with. If you are able to control the Divine Black Lightning Poison, to you, it would become an extremely formidable trump card."

"Control the Divine Black Lightning Poison?" Mu Chen replied with a dry laugh. He didn't even have the ability to discover the Divine Black Lightning Poison that was hidden within his body, let alone control it.

"It isn't difficult for you to sense the Divine Black Lightning. As long as I pass the complete version of the Lightning God Physique to you, you'll naturally be able to sense them. Relying on the Lightning God Physique, you should be able to even control the Divine Black Lightning," said the bald old man with a smile.

"The complete version of the Lightning God Physique?" Mu Chen repeated those words as his heart palpitated in eagerness. He had already seen how overbearing the Lightning God Physique was. If he didn't learn this body-refining Divine Art, the eruption from the Divine Black Lightning's strength would have ended very miserably for him. Furthermore, that was only the incomplete version of it. If he was able to learn the complete version of the Lightning God Physique, to what degree would his fleshly body become?

"How about it?" The bald old man asked with a grin. He believed that with this condition, Mu Chen would be unable to resist it. After knowing the formidability of the Lightning God Physique, Mu Chen would definitely not forsake it.

As expected, in an instant, Mu Chen fiercely nodded his head. Searching for riches and power through risks. For the sake of obtaining the complete version of the Lightning God Physique, Mu Chen dared to take the risk of running through extreme danger. Furthermore, he was, after all, a student of the

Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, and the Northern Sea Dragon won't send him to his death for nothing.

Seeing Mu Chen's reacting, the smile on the bald old man's wrinkled and dried-up face instantly grew thicker. Extending his withered palm to pat on the former's shoulder, he said, "Since that's the case, then let us do some necessary preparations."

"Preparations?" Mu Chen gawked, before staring blankly at the bald old man? Was there anything else that needed to be prepared?

"Cough."

With a dry cough, the bald old man replied, "It's like this. Although your body has some Divine Black Lightning Poison, it's still too weak and sparse. That level isn't enough to mask the fluctuations of your life force. If you were to enter the lightning sea like that, you'll definitely be discovered by the Lightning Spirit."

"Therefore?" Mu Chen suddenly felt thick uneasiness.

"Therefore... you need to get zapped by the Divine Black Lightning a few times. This would increase the density of the Divine Black Lightning Poison within your body to some extent, to the point that it can mask your life force," replied the bald old man with a dry laugh.

Hearing those words, Mu Chen tugged at his mouth slightly as he thought, *This damnable bald freak! Indeed, he didn't have any good intentions! He had actually wanted him to get close to the Divine Black Lightning on his own initiative...During the previous time, it was fortunate that he was able to endure it. That was completely due to the Divine Black Lightning being only a remnant left behind by the Lightning Tribulation, with some luck added in. Only then was he able to endure it.*

However, if this was to occur a few more times, could it be that he would have to always rely on his good luck?

Looking at Mu Chen's progressively darkening face, the bald old man gave another dry laugh. Touching his bald head with his withered palm, he said, "Relax, I'll reduce the Divine Black Lightning to a level that you're able to endure. I'll definitely make sure that nothing will befall you!"

Mu Chen's expression wavered indecisively. Although he had a super powerful existence of a 9th-Grade Sovereign guarding his side, the Divine Black Lightning was truly too ferocious. If there were any unfortunate circumstances, even *he* might not be able to provide any aid in time.

This matter was obviously filled with danger.

Looking at the struggle Mu Chen was having, the bald old man hurriedly incited the former, "When this thing is complete, I'll personally aid you in your Spiritual Light Empowerment, and will definitely give it my all. I dare to say that there's absolutely no one in the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that can exceed the results that I can help you achieve."

Mu Chen was still stuck within his struggles.

"Hey, little fellow. Just treat it as me owing you a favor...I've also helped that little Nine Nether that has a bloodline bond with you successfully cross the Divine Black Lightning Tribulation. Not only did I give

her some protection, I even stole a bolt of Divine Black Lightning. If not, that little Nine Nether would have already turned to ash during the Lightning Tribulation..." The bald old man hurriedly played the sympathetic guilty card, since he was afraid of Mu Chen retreating from this matter.

"There's such a case?" Mu Chen was shocked and somewhat startled. This was something that even he did not know.

"Hehe. Although collecting the Divine Black Lightning was also my goal, it could be considered as me helping you. Furthermore, if not for the feather plume that I'd given that little Nine Nether, she would've been unable to grasp the time to recover." The bald old man replied awkwardly.

Mu Chen shot a look at the bald old man. He actually did see a feather plume going to work when Nine Nether was undergoing the Tribulation. The energy that radiated from the feather plume had obviously not originated from Nine Nether.

"So, what's your decision?" The bald old man hurriedly asked.

With a smile, the struggle within Mu Chen's eyes slowly dissipated, bit by bit. He had always lived by the rule: An Eye for An Eye, A Tooth for A Tooth. Regardless of what motive the bald old man had, he truly did help Nine Nether a great deal. Furthermore, with the bloodline bond, by helping Nine Nether, it can be considered that he had also helped him.

Since that was the case, he would naturally not have any reason to reject this task.

Looking towards the bald old man, Mu Chen took a deep breath, before nodding his head.

"Alright, I accept."

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Chapter 336: Complete Version of the Lightning God Physique

"You accept?"

The bald old man appeared slightly surprised as he looked at Mu Chen. Previously, when he gave many lures and enticement, Mu Chen had always been hesitant and was struggling within his mind. He never thought that his final statements would actually make Mu Chen agree so straightforwardly.

Giving only a faint smile, Mu Chen did not say anything more.

"Truly an interesting little fellow." At this moment, upon looking at Mu Chen's eyes, the bald old man understood his intent, causing an additional sliver of admiration to grow towards the former. People that were able to differentiate gratitude and grudges were truly able to make people fond of them.

Looks like this little fellow treasures a thing like friendship very strongly.

"What time do we start?" Since he agreed, Mu Chen would naturally not have any more hesitation and immediately asked about the specifics.

"Let's do it now."

The bald old man said, "If you're able to endure the Divine Black Lightning, I'll pass you the complete version of the Lightning God Physique."

Patting Mu Chen's shoulder, he continued talking, "Relax, I won't let you go in there just to be cannon fodder. Once there's a problem, I'll immediately take action. After waiting for hundreds of years, waiting for just a little longer isn't much."

"I'll try my best." Mu Chen replied while nodding his head.

With a nod, the bald old man shifted his body and shot straight at the black lightning sea that occupied the mysterious space. However, he didn't get too close, and stopped when he was around ten miles from the edge.

"Go over there."

The bald old man pointed at a space not far from where he was, where a black stone platform stood floating in the air.

Nodding his head, Mu Chen swept over and descended onto the stone platform. Upon sitting down, he felt a cold sensation radiating from it. A cold and refreshing aura seemed to coarse throughout his body, and under it, the hidden wounds that were left in Mu Chen's body by the strength of the Divine Black Lightning started to gradually disappear.

"This stone platform was cast using Lightning Refining Stones, and has some dispelling effects towards the strength of lightning. While you're on it, it'll help you reduce some of the pain," the bald old man explained.

Mu Chen nodded his head, before panning around and stared at the bald old man.

Seeing that Mu Chen had already completed his preparations, the bald old man raised his head to look at the unending sea of black lightning. In the next moment, he extended his withered finger, and gave the space a tap.

Humm!

As the bald old man's finger descended onto the space, it instantly started to intensely warp and distort. Spatial lines started to ripple out, before transforming into something akin of spatial chains. Directly passing through space, they went straight into the lightning sea.

Bang! Rumble!

Familiar low and deep rumbling sounds that caused people's heart to tremble resounded. Turning his head around, Mu Chen saw a black lightning bolt, approximately ten metres long, being tangled up by the spatial chains, like a giant python, before being dragged out from within the lightning sea.

The black lightning bolt struggled intensely, causing destructive lightning energies to continuously gush out from it. However, it was still unable to cause the slightest movement towards the seemingly weak spatial chains.

Looking at this spectacle, Mu Chen quietly smacked his lips. The Northern Sea Dragon was undeniably a super strong existence of the 9th-Grade Sovereign level. Within his hands, the Divine Black Lightning was akin to a baby, unable to put up even an ounce of resistance.

As the bald old man dragged the Divine Black Lightning out from the lightning sea, with a clench of his palm, the spatial chains wrapping around the Divine Black Lightning violently contracted. Instantly, sparking sounds erupted out as the size of the Divine Black Lightning unexpectedly started to rapidly shrink. At the same time, the destructive energies present within it also started to rapidly grow weaker.

After a short span of a few breaths, the Divine Black Lightning was now only about ten centimetres thick. Obviously it had been weakened by quite a bit.

“That should be enough.” said the bald old man as he looked towards Mu Chen and said, “Are you ready?”

Mu Chen shot a look at the Divine Black Lightning. The destructive energies contained within it seemed to be around the same as the one that he had endured during Nine Nether’s tribulation. Thinking about it, he should be able to endure this bolt.

“Yes.” Taking a deep breath, Mu Chen nodded his head.

Bang!

Without continuing to be polite, with a wave of his palm, the Divine Black Lightning shot forward. Carrying along its destructive energies, it violently descended onto Mu Chen.

On Mu Chen’s body, Spiritual Energy burning with black flames instantly erupted as a faint silvery colour surfaced onto his skin. Obviously, he had also activated his Lightning God Physique without restraint.

Bang!

Just as he had completed activating his defenses, the Divine Black Lightning heavily stuck against the body of Mu Chen with a loud bang.

Bang!

At the instant of being struck, Mu Chen suffered something similar to a heavy blow, and he almost seemed to fly backwards. Despite that, clenching his teeth, he stuck firmly to the stone platform. As this happened, the Spiritual Energy that was burning in black flames was rapidly being compressed and dissolved.

In a short span of two breaths, Mu Chen’s Spiritual Energy was forced back into his body. Following suit, carrying along its destructive energies, the Divine Black Lightning crazily gushed into his body.

Chi! Chi!

As the black lightning arced across the surface of Mu Chen’s body, intense pain that would make people faint spread, once again, across his body.

As Mu Chen tightly clenched his teeth and tremors faintly shook his body, Spiritual Energy crazily erupted from his body, trying its best to resist the surge of the Divine Black Lightning energy.

However, it was clear that his little bit of Spiritual Energy was unable to be of much use, since it quickly became completely submerged, and the black lightning liquid started to wreak havoc within Mu Chen’s

body. His meridians started to distort under the impact, while horrifying cracking noises started to erupt from his muscles and bones.

As the intense pain continued to spread out, blood started to spurt out of his mouth, while a wave of dizziness rushed through his mind, in an attempt to make him faint. However, he understood that once he fainted, he would lose all control, allowing the havoc-causing Divine Black Lightning energy to cause a whole load of destruction within his body.

The black lightning light enveloped Mu Chen, sparkling as it arc around malevolently.

Upon seeing this, the bald old man started to get slightly anxious. If Mu Chen was unable to endure the Divine Black Lightning, his hopes on this matter of his would seemingly be dashed.

“Endure it,” said the bald old man in a low voice.

Dizziness continuously surged through him. However, just as he was feeling somewhat difficult to endure the intense pain, a cold and refreshing aura suddenly erupted within his body. As this surge within his body grew, the intense pain with Mu Chen’s body had suddenly been dispelled by quite a bit. As of now, the devastating black divine lighting that was wreaking havoc was now lacking a sliver of craziness.

This was the Lighting Refining Platform at work.

Sighing a breath of relief, Mu Chen clenched his teeth and continued to endure. Only after approximately half an hour, did he slowly open his eyes. At this time, the Divine Black Lightning around his entire body had already completely dissipated, with a large majority having scattered within his body.

Mu Chen’s face was pale, and every slight movement would cause pain akin to his flesh being split apart, causing incomparable pain.

“You’ve succeeded!” said the bald old man in gratification as he descended.

With a bitter laugh, Mu Chen did not say anything, opting to close his eyes while observing the injuries within his body.

As the bald old man waved his hand, boundless and majestic Spiritual Energy erupted out and gushed into Mu Chen’s body, helping him rapidly treat his wounds, while allowing him to completely recover from the injuries left behind by the Divine Black Lightning.

Under the help of the bald old man, within tens of minutes, Mu Chen’s injuries were completely healed.

“Again?” Seeing that Mu Chen had already recovered, the bald old man instantly asked with a grin.

A cold shiver shook through Mu Chen. However, no tears came out from his eyes as he nodded his head.

Bang! Bang!

Crackles of thunder resounded once again.

As time slowly ticked by into the late afternoon, Mu Chen had suffered the feeling of his flesh and skin being split apart time and time again, while hovering between life and death. He could even smell the burnt flavor coming from his body. As of now, his entire body was akin to a piece of immovable wood.

On the Lightning Refining Platform.

As the eighteenth bolt of Divine Black Lightning gradually dissipated, Mu Chen was finally unable to endure the pain. Collapsing on the stone platform, his face was deathly pale, while he continuously gasped for air. Currently, his body felt as if it had already shattered.

As the bald old man descended onto the Lightning Refining Platform, his palm pressed against Mu Chen, while Spiritual Energy erupted out. After checking the injuries in Mu Chen's body, he removed his palm.

With some difficulty, Mu Chen recovered some of his strength. However, he felt extremely tired, not even having the wish to move his fingers. Although he was tired, Mu Chen was able to feel that his Lightning God Physique had seemingly become stronger. This kind of self-torture truly had some benefits.

Bringing about a black glow, the bald old man's withered palm swept across Mu Chen's body. In the next moment, Mu Chen saw black spots appearing on his body. Akin to a liquid, they circulated around, while radiating with fluctuations that made people feel unease.

This was the Divine Black Lightning Poison. However, it was obvious that the lightning poison present within Mu Chen's body was much thicker than before.

Staring at those black spots, Mu Chen felt his scalp turn numb. After all, no one would feel comfortable to have such life-threatening things within their body.

"There's already enough lightning poison. This should be able to mask your aura," the bald old man said while nodding his head. Those words were akin to removing a heavy load off of Mu Chen's shoulders. *Thank god, I don't need to continue being struck by lightning.*

"Next up, I'll pass the complete version of the Lightning God Physique to you. Afterwards, I'll tell you how you can control the Divine Black Lightning Poison."

Hearing those words, Mu Chen's mind instantly shook. After enduring so much pain, he could finally get some compensation.

With a smile, the bald old man extended his withered finger and gave a tap on Mu Chen's forehead. As the finger sparkled with a lightning light, a sliver of lightning light liquid followed his finger and drilled into Mu Chen's forehead.

Bang!

Just as the lightning light liquid drilled into Mu Chen's forehead, he instantly felt an astonishing peal of lightning erupting within his mind. While his body instantly gave a faint tremble, a majestic and complicated piece of information appeared like a surging tide.

Lightning God Physique, Middle Rank Deity Tier Spiritual Art of the Body-Refining category. Able to harvest the lightning energies of the heavens and earth to refine and strengthen one's body. Besides

being overbearing, one could rely on one's fleshly body to shatter space, while possessing the strength to shift mountains.

As one acquires higher accomplishments in this Divine Art, its power would be comparable to a High Rank Deity Tier Spiritual Art.

"Comparable to a High Rank Deity Tier Spiritual Art..."

While muttering those words, Mu Chen sighed in shock. Body-refining Divine Arts were rare, and he never thought that the Lightning God Physique would be that strong. When one fully mastered it, its power would be no weaker than a High Rank Deity Tier Spiritual Art! One wasn't even able to buy a Divine Art of this grade within the Spiritual Values Hall!

As for the matter of being struck by lightning. After suffering that much pain, the benefits reaped weren't little, too.

After an instant, Mu Chen withdrew the rampaging emotions within his heart. Proceeding to calm his mind down, he started to observe and emulate the entire process of learning this Divine Art.

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Chapter 337: Divine Black Lightning Poison Finger

Mu Chen's mind sank into the exceedingly complicated Lightning God Physique training method. After a long while, he slowly opened his eyes, while a shocked glint flashed within.

According to the training method, the Lightning God Physique seemed to be differentiated into nine levels, which were simultaneously called the Ennea Rune Lightning Physique. That's due the formation of a Lightning Rune every time the Lightning God Physique promoted to the next level. Once the number of Lightning Runes reaches nine, it would be considered as having a great accomplishment in it. When one reached that level, a single punch sent out purely from one's fleshly body would be able to explode an ordinary Sovereign Stage expert.

"Ennea Rune Lightning Physique..."

A scalding-hot look erupted from within Mu Chen's eyes. This Lightning God Physique was truly exceedingly extraordinary. Even within the body-refining Divine Arts category, it can be considered to be rather formidable.

"Hmm, how many runes is my Lightning God Physique at?" Mu Chen muttered to himself.

"Psh..." Unable to bear it, the bald old man snorted and sneered before saying, "As you are now, you're not even at the first rune, and you're still thinking of runes? Do you think that the Lightning God Physique is that easy to learn and master? Furthermore, as the level of your Lightning God Physique increases, the refining difficulty will also progressively increase. Once you can reach the third rune level of the Lightning God Physique, the Divine Black Lightning will possess no threat to you."

"At that time, you'll have to find a source of lightning that's even more formidable than the Divine Black Lightning. Only then would you be able to refine your fleshly body and further promote your Lightning God Physique."

“Lightning that is even more formidable than the Divine Black Lightning?” Hearing those words, Mu Chen’s expression faintly changed. As of now, just a weak bolt of Divine Black Lightning was able to send him to a near-death state. Exactly how terrifying would the lightning that’s more formidable than Divine Black Lightning be?

From the looks of it, although this Lightning God Physique was formidable, it also went along the path of being slightly oppressive to oneself. Finding terrifying lightning to get struck by, there should be quite a few people that practised the Lightning God Physique that were being split open while training, right?

“Those things are now too far from you. You should just focus on attempting to sense the Divine Black Lightning Poison within your body,” urged the bald old man while waving his hand.

Mu Chen nodded his head as his hands came together to form a mysterious seal. As the seal formed, peals of thunder could seemingly be heard as slivers of lightning bolts started sparkling out.

Within Mu Chen’s body, in his flesh and bones, little bits of black lightning seemingly started to surface. As these lightning bolts travelled back and forth within his body, they continuously refined his meridians, bones, flesh and blood.

As Mu Chen gradually sank into the slivers of numbness brought by the refinement, a slightly cold, chilling fluctuation suddenly appeared within his body.

This immediately roused Mu Chen from his training. With a sweep of his mind, he saw a drop of black liquid that silently appeared, without a sound, from an extremely well-hidden part of his body. In the next moment, it directly traveled through his blood and flesh. There were times that it even hid within his bones. However, as the black liquid passed through those places, minuscule and undetectable black imprints would be left on his blood, flesh, bones and meridians. These were the results of the corrosion caused by the lightning poison.

“This is the Divine Black Lightning Poison?”

Mu Chen felt a faint shock travelling through his mind. This thing was truly strange. If not for him practising the complete version of the Lightning God Physique, he would simply be unable to even detect its existence.

As Mu Chen discovered that drop of black liquid, several cold, chilling fluctuations started to appear at various parts of his body. These were the Divine Black Lightning Poisons that were hidden within his body.

Upon sense those lightning poisons, Mu Chen could not help feeling his head ache. These things truly made people feel extremely worried and troubled.

“Mu Chen, listen to what I say. Activate your Lightning God Physique and attract them towards the meridians in your right hand!” While Mu Chen was feeling a headache, the voice of the bald old man suddenly rang within his mind.

Hearing those words, Mu Chen slightly hesitated, before clenching his teeth and started to revolve the refining method. Activating his Lightning God Physique, peals of thunder instantly resounded within his body as a faint black lightning bolt passed through his flesh, before rushing towards the Divine Black Lightning Poison.

As the Divine Black Lightning Poison sensed the incoming black lightning bolt, it instantly tightened up, looking as if it would instantly jump up and flee.

Seeing that, Mu Chen hurriedly relaxed his control. If this lightning poison started to recklessly scuttle around his body, it might create a huge problem for him. He did not assume that he would be able to prevent the eruption of the Divine Black Lightning poison within his Lightning God Physique, which was not even to the level of the first rune.

As Mu Chen relaxed his control, the drop of Divine Black Lightning Poison started to calm down once again. In the next moment, the drop seemed to sense a slightly familiar fluctuation coming from the black lightning bolt controlled by Mu Chen. After hesitating awhile, it finally approached it, bit by bit.

At the same time, Mu Chen hurriedly controlled the sliver of black lightning bolt as it slowly retreated, bit by bit, down the meridians of his arm.

Just like that, with one retreating and one advancing, after a number of minutes, the drop of lightning poison was attracted to the meridians of Mu Chen's arm,

"Attract it to the meridian of your middle finger." The voice of the bald old man resounded out once again.

Mu Chen nodded his head, and slowly attracted the drop of lightning poison into a small meridian within his middle finger. That meridian was only one of the many small branches within his middle finger. From a certain perspective, it was a wasted meridian, as it wasn't broad and properly connected to other meridians. However, from the looks of it, it had become the best prison for locking the lightning poison up.

After attracting the lightning poison within that wasted meridian, Mu Chen proceeded to use the sliver of lightning bolt to seal off the entrance. After repeating this process laboriously for over an hour, he had attracted the lightning poisons present throughout his entire body into this wasted meridian.

Several drops of Divine Black Lightning Poison circulated within that meridian. At this moment, they seemed to have discovered that something was amiss. Suddenly erupting out, they violently surged towards the black lightning bolt that blocked the entrance of the meridian.

Sensing this, Mu Chen opened his eyes and stared gravely towards his right hand. As of now, his middle finger had already become a jet-black colour. Compared to his fair palm, it appeared exceedingly conspicuous, while giving people a mysterious and sinister feeling.

"They're about to rush out!" Mu Chen exclaimed in a deep voice as his middle finger continued to tremble.

The bald old man nodded his head indifferently in response, as his withered finger suddenly shot out a drop of dull gold blood essence. Wriggling as they appeared, it descended straight onto Mu Chen's palm, before rapidly submerging within.

A dull gold glow started to permeate from Mu Chen's right arm, before slowly retracting. bit by bit, as it transformed into a golden rune. Sweeping across his palm, it finally entered Mu Chen's middle finger. Transforming into something akin to a seal, the golden rune completely sealed the lightning poisons within Mu Chen's middle finger, causing them to be unable to struggle free again.

As this happened, the jet-black colour of Mu Chen's middle finger slowly started to recover its original colour, bit by bit. Nevertheless, he was still able to feel those Divine Black Lightning poisons hidden within his middle finger.

"That seal is able to seal up those lightning poisons. I've broken off my control over it, so you should be about to control that seal as you wish." The bald old man said with a smile, "This can be considered as your second benefit. The Divine Black Lightning is a double-edged sword. Although it's very dangerous for you, you too shouldn't underestimate its uses."

"In the future when you cross hands with others, you could secretly activate it and send your finger pointing out. Hehe, at that time, even an opponent at the Heavenly Completion Stage would instantly suffer serious injuries."

"During the Hunting War, if you had this move, you wouldn't have even needed to take such a risk in your fight with that brat, Gu Tianyan. With a single touch, your matter's settled."

Hearing those words, Mu Chen instantly felt exultation as he stared with sparkling eyes at his long and slender middle finger. He never imagined that the Divine Black Lightning Poison would have such great uses. Looks like he had truly gotten quite a bit of benefits.

"In the future, I'll call it as Divine Black Lightning Poison Finger." Mu Chen said with grin as he clenched his hand. He had casually given it the most closest and simplest name. However, even with such a simple name, it possessed a rather astonishing killing power.

"Senior, what do we do now?" After happily looking at his finger for a good while, Mu Chen finally raised his head and took the initiative to ask for the next instructions. After receiving so many benefits, he would truly feel a little guilty if he didn't offer some contributions.

"I'll take action in a while and lure the 'Lightning Spirit' out. When that happens, you'll enter the lightning sea and search for the Lightning God's Pill. Remember, with your strength, even if you've practised the complete version of the Lightning God Physique, you can only stay within the lightning sea for, at most, half an hour. Therefore, within this time limit, if you're unable to find the Lightning God's Pill, you have to immediately retreat out of there. If not, you'll instantly turn into ashes," the bald old man said solemnly.

With a grave expression on his face, Mu Chen nodded his head. Naturally, he wouldn't play around with his little life.

Seeing Mu Chen's nod, the bald old man didn't continue to say any more words and let the former rest for another half an hour. After the former had completely recovered, he started to slowly rise into the air.

As the bald old man rose into the air, Mu Chen was suddenly able to feel the space intensely erupt. Lines started to extend crazily from the space surrounding the former, leading to something akin to a spatial storm to erupt, which caused the entire stretch of space to tremble.

An extremely frightening pressure extended out. Under the envelop of the pressure, even the space started to tremble.

This was the pressure of a Sovereign!

This pressure was even stronger than the White Dragon Sovereign!

A serene expression filled the face of the bald old man as a jet-black ocean tide seemed to erupt behind him. Within the waves, a unendingly giant fish-like creature seemed to shoot out from it.

Roar!

As the roar awed and shook the heavens and earth, the giant fish-like creature split apart the endless waves, before unfurling a gigantic pair of draconic wings, which hid the skies and covered the earth. This scene, it was exceedingly terrifying.

“This is the Northern Sea Dragon?”

Mu Chen was extremely shocked, since the Northern Sea Dragon was too gigantic! It’s approximately ten thousand metres long. With a look, one would not be able to see its entire length. At the same time, the pressure radiating from it was so strong that even the space seemed to be unable to endure it.

Bang! Rumble!

Just as the Northern Sea Dragon appeared, the bald old man’s body disappeared, and extremely terrifying peals of thunder instantly erupted from within the black lightning sea.

As Mu Chen looked over, he saw countless thousand metre long black lightning pillars rushing towards the sky from within the lightning sea. After converging on the air above the lightning sea, they transformed into a indefinitely-shaped black lightning spirit. Lightning liquid transformed into lightning rivers as they dripped from it, while a pair of jet-black lightning bolts appeared, which looked akin to eyes that have formed out of black holes. As they appeared, they proceeded to stare at the Northern Sea Dragon in the far distance.

Bang!

That indefinitely-shaped black lightning spirit gave a furious roar, causing black peals of thunder to wreak havoc as they resounded, enveloping around thousands of metres wide.

Mu Chen sucked in a breath of cold air once again as shock filled his eyes.

That spirit, should be the Lightning Spirit, right?

That perverted existence was truly too frightening.

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Chapter 338: Infiltrating the Lightning Sea

Bang! Rumble!

Erratic peals of thunder rang out across the horizon as destructive energies, akin to wanting to destroy the heavens and earth, surged out, causing people to feel extreme terror upon seeing it.

Once it appeared, the Lightning Spirit had locked onto the person it was most familiar with, the Northern Sea Dragon. The boundless fluctuations radiating from the latter’s body caused it to feel extremely threatened.

Bang!

The lightning sea crazily erupted out, causing ten kilometre high giant waves to form. As the Lightning Spirit furiously roared, the ten kilometre high lightning waves condensed as the lightning immediately surged out. Hiding the sky and covering the earth, they pressed onto the Northern Sea Dragon.

However, facing the incoming attacks, a chillingly cold glint flashed within the giant eyes of the Northern Sea Dragon. Opening its big mouth, jet-black waves gushed out. Those waves contained an unlimited amount of chilling air that seemed to be able to even freeze space.

Crack! Crack!

As the waves and the lightning waves smashed against each other, the lightning waves instantly froze. As the black icy layer rapidly extended out, it rushed towards the lightning sea at lightning speed.

Bang!

Countless bolts of black lightning, akin to furious dragons, rushed out from within the lightning sea. As they violently colliding with the black icy layer, they caused it to shatter into pieces.

Mu Chen sat on the Lightning Refining Platform, his eyes filled with shock as he looked at the terrifying exchange happening before his eyes. This was genuine strength, one that could shatter space and cause the heavens and the earth to tremble by simply raising one's hands.

This was a Sovereign.

A true expert of the Great Thousand World.

Scalding hot intent erupted within Mu Chen's eyes. This was his goal in his pursuit of cultivation. One day, he would also be able to reach such heights!

Rapidly withdrawing his intentions, Mu Chen turned his gaze towards the churning black lightning sea. As of now, since the Northern Sea Dragon was already entangled the Lightning Spirit up, this was his best opportunity to enter the lightning sea.

Although the crazy and devastating black lightning bolts blotted the sky, Mu Chen did not feel much dread in his heart. Immediately after he stretched his body, he suddenly shot out, before quietly entering the lightning sea without a sound.

Upon seeing this, a glint flashed within the giant eyes of the Northern Sea Dragon, before its attacks suddenly became more erratic, forcing the Lightning Spirit to retreat, time after time. Obviously, he was trying to diverge the attention of the Lightning Spirit. If not, once Mu Chen was discovered, any casual lightning bolt it threw at the latter would cause him to immediately turn into ashes.

However, it was fortunate that Mu Chen's strength was truly too weak. The little bit of Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from Mu Chen was masked by the terrifying exchange that was caused by the clashing parties. Therefore, when Mu Chen neared the lightning sea, he still wasn't discovered by the Lightning Spirit.

Upon seeing that, Mu Chen quietly sighed in relief, before staring gravely at the unending black lightning sea before him. Standing there, he was akin to grain of sand within the ocean, completely unremarkable.

With such a large disparity between their sizes, it was extremely easy for terror and dread to surface within others.

Mu Chen tightly clenched his fists as his black pupils stared at the black lightning sea. Fiercely clenching his teeth, with a move, he transformed into a ray of light and shot straight in.

Plop.

As a big wave formed on the surface of the black lightning sea, Mu Chen's figure had already disappeared.

The instant Mu Chen entered the black lightning sea, he was able to feel the lightning energies that pervaded this ocean. Within this sea, there were even quite a few Divine Black Lightnings swimming around. Looking akin to giant black dragons in the sea, they wriggled around in a frightening manner.

As Mu Chen appeared, he had immediately attracted the attention of some Divine Black Lightning, causing them to swim over. Obviously, they had discovered energy fluctuations that were different from their own.

Seeing their reactions, Mu Chen hurriedly activated his Lightning God's Physique, causing a faint black lightning bolt to surface around his body. At the same time, his middle finger also turned jet-black. As the fluctuations of the lightning poison radiated out, it masked the fluctuations of his Spiritual Energy.

Just as Mu Chen completed his actions, the Divine Black Lightning had already shot over. Swimming around Mu Chen's body, they seemed to have detected something.

At this time, Mu Chen did not dare to make a single move. In this kind of place, as long as he was somewhat revealed to be different from the Divine Black Lightning, he would be instantaneously struck into ashes by them.

Fortunately, his luck wasn't bad to such a point. The bald old man truly didn't want him to turn into ashes. After circling around him awhile, the Divine Black Lightning proceeded to swim away. After all, they were only a part of the lightning energies, and didn't have any intelligence. Therefore, it was natural that they were unable to differentiate Mu Chen apart from themselves.

Whew. Mu Chen wiped away the cold sweat that appeared on his forehead. With a move, he shot straight through the lightning sea. Pushing apart the lightning liquid, he shot into the depths of the lightning sea that was jet-black to the point of causing people's hearts to palpitate.

This lightning sea was extremely expansive, and Mu Chen did not know which direction the Lightning God's Pill was at. However, after thinking about it, that object should be born in a place where the lightning energies were at its thickest. Therefore, it was clear that the depths were the most probable place for the Lightning God's Pill to be born.

However, saying and doing were two different things. Wanting to search for a Lightning God's Pill in such an expansive lightning sea was still not an easy task. Mu Chen diligently searched around. However, even after ten minutes passed, he still had not the slightest bit of reward.

As he searched deeper and deeper into the depths of the lightning sea, the Divine Black Lightning bolts that he met grew increasingly terrifying. Their sizes were approximately hundreds and thousands of metres long. Looking from a great distance, they were akin to icy-cold black dragons sitting at the bottom of the ocean, causing people's blood to run cold.

As time ticked by, Mu Chen couldn't help getting somewhat anxious and impatient. Although he was relying on his Lightning God's Physique, as well as the lightning poison to conceal himself, this was only a temporary measure. Also, it was clear that this state couldn't last long. Once half an hour of time was reached, he would be unable to resist the corrosion caused by the lightning energies in the lightning sea. At that time, he might be instantly turned into ashes.

"I can't continue staying in this blind state, if I do, there would simply be not enough time."

Thoughts rapidly floated into Mu Chen's mind as his eyes sparkled. Only after quite a long while later did clarity reappear within his eyes. While deeply pondering, he muttered, "Although the lightning energies within this lightning sea are frightening, the lightning sea is full of them. Some of them should definitely contain some information. Since the Lightning God's Pill is the object that represents the source of the lightning sea, the lightning energies rippling within the lightning sea will definitely have some response!"

This idea of Mu Chen's was rather gutsy. Within this lightning sea, his strength was obviously too weak. The slightest mistake would cause him to be destroyed hundreds and thousands of times. Originally, he should be avoiding the lightning energies that filled this lightning sea. However, as of now, he planned to take the initiative and acquire the information he wanted from them.

This was an extremely dangerous plan. However, Mu Chen seemed to never lack such guts.

After muttering to himself, Mu Chen finally made his decision. If something unfortunate truly popped up, he would immediately turn around and leave. Relying on the concealment provided by his Lightning God's Physique and the lightning poison, he should be able to smoothly leave this place. However, if that happened, it would be considered that he had failed this task...

However, at this time, Mu Chen also had no other road left to walk on. Therefore, he could only take such a risk.

After making his decision, Mu Chen did not hesitate anymore. With a thought, the black lightning bolt around his body grew slightly dimmer. He did not dare to completely let it go, with the only thing he could do was to attract the attention of the lightning energies in this lightning sea, little by little, and search using such a method.

As the black lightning bolt around Mu Chen's body gradually became dimmer, he instantly felt the tranquil lightning energies immediately starting to churn and surge. In fact, even the gigantic Divine Black Lightning in the far distance seemed to have sensed this change.

As a bolt of lightning energy came into contact with his body and went straight through him, Mu Chen immediately activated his Lightning God's Physique. The lightning bolt blossomed, enveloping his entire body once again.

The Divine Black Lightning that had sensed the changes came to a stop once again, before slowly swimming around and becoming tranquil.

Enveloped by the lightning bolt, Mu Chen's body vigorously trembled. The lightning energy that entered his body obviously contained the power of black lightning, causing it to be extremely formidable. However, it was fortunate that he had already endured the strikes of several bolts of Divine Black Lightning; therefore, creating a little bit of resistance. After wasting some time, the lightning energy within his body was finally absorbed and refined by him.

After refining the lightning energy, a black lightning bolt flashed within Mu Chen's eyes. Lowering his head, he looked towards a certain place within the jet-black lightning sea, while joy surfaced within his eyes.

Indeed, from that lightning energy, he was able to sense some unique fluctuations. The origin of those fluctuations were at the place he was looking at.

The Lightning God's Pill was definitely at that place!

With a move, Mu Chen traveled through the lightning sea like a fish, increasing his speed as he swept towards that location.

Because of his increased speed, within a short span of a few minutes, Mu Chen had arrived at the deepest part of the lightning sea. There, the colour of the lightning sea was an increasingly mysterious black colour. The jet-blackness was akin to ink, while feeling slightly vicious.

Lightning arced within the liquid of the sea, radiating with destructive fluctuations. This caused Mu Chen's scalp to slightly turn numb. A place like this was truly not somewhere that he, a little Heavenly Transformation Stage, should come to.

A lightning bolt erupted within Mu Chen's eyes as he continuously scanned his surroundings. Piercing through the jet-black lightning liquid, he continued his search for his target.

At this time, less than half of the time he had remained. If Mu Chen did not increase his speed, he might not be able to continue and would have to escape from this lightning sea.

Cold sweat dripped from his face as Mu Chen's heart rate increased. As of now, a sliver of anxiousness and impatience appeared within his eyes.

"Hmm?!"

While his heart was as impatient as a roaring fire, suddenly, his eyes violently contracted. Rapidly shooting forward and traveling through the lightning liquid, his palm seemingly touched a membranous-like substance.

With a thought, a black lightning bolt erupted from his palm and enveloped his body as he slowly penetrated that surface.

Upon passing through it, he could immediately feel that the black lightning liquid, which contained destructive energies, had completely disappeared. At that moment, even the surrounding lightning sea had also disappeared.

“This is...”

As Mu Chen curiously looked around, he understood that he was in an isolated space that was independent from the surrounding depths of the lightning sea.

Obviously, this place... would only be used to hide the most precious of objects.

Mu Chen’s heart pumped increasingly fast before he looked at the centre-most position of this isolated space. Immediately, his breathing suddenly froze at this instant, while unconcealable joy and happiness erupted from his face.

At a distance within his sight, a metre wide black lotus stood floating in the dark space. The lotus seemed to be made of liquid that was continuously circulated within itself. Within the centre-most position of the lotus was a black pearl, approximately the size of an infant’s head, that was slowly rotating around.

Indescribable fluctuations radiated from within the pearl, as if it was the origin of the lightning energies of the heavens and earth.

Flames erupted from within Mu Chen’s eyes.

He had finally found the Lightning God’s Pill.

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Chapter 339: Got It

Within this isolated space, Mu Chen looked at the circular pearl, whose jet-blackness was akin to a black hole, with incomparable joy. From the latter’s fluctuations, Mu Chen knew that he had definitely found his target.

The Lightning God’s Pill!

“I’ve finally found it.”

Mu Chen suppressed the joy and happiness surging from within his heart, and continued to maintain his vigilance. Rapidly shooting forward, he neared the black floating lotus that seemed to be made of black liquid.

As he near it, Mu Chen was able to discover that the black lotus was seemingly created from black lightning liquid. However, even though it looked like a liquid, it gave people a mysterious feeling that it was something that can’t be destroyed. Furthermore, Mu Chen was unable to discover a single trace of destructive fluctuations coming from this black lotus that was formed from the lightning liquid.

This was entirely different from the erratic lightning energies found in the lightning sea that seemed to want to destroy the heavens and wreak the earth.

After staring at the lightning liquid-like black lotus awhile, Mu Chen turned his attention to the Lightning God's Pill. This thing was his primary objective, and he needed to immediately acquire it, since the time he had left was getting shorter.

Extending his hand out, traces of black lightning bolts erupted from the centre of his palm. With a flick of his finger, those lightning bolts shot out, and wrapped around the Lightning God's Pill like a silkworm's cocoon.

Since Mu Chen's Lightning God Physique had absorbed some energies from the Divine Black Lightning, the Lightning God's Pill did not develop the slightest resistance against the energy of the same origin as itself. Thus, it would be acquired and stored by Mu Chen in an extremely easy fashion.

Seeing everything going so smoothly, Mu Chen sighed a breath of relief. A suction force erupted from his palm, and the Lightning God's Pill, wrapped in the lightning bolt, landed in his hand.

Bang!

However, just as the Lightning God's Pill descended onto his hand, the isolated space instantly started to intensely shake. As the space distorted and warped, signs of it shattering started to appear.

Seeing this spectacle, the expression on Mu Chen's face instantly changed. Instantly, he stored the Lightning God's Pill and was about to leave. However, as his gaze swept across the black liquid lotus floating in the centre, a slight thought entered his mind.

Although he didn't exactly know what use this lightning liquid lotus had, for it to be born in the same place as the Lightning God's Pill, it was definitely not an ordinary object. Since it had appeared before his eyes, why not just conveniently take it? If not, how long do he have to wait for such an opportunity to present itself again?

As Mu Chen's eyes sparkled, he extended his hand. Lightning bolts erupted from the centre of his palm again, and brought the lightning liquid lotus into Mu Chen's hand.

Chi!

After storing the lightning liquid lotus, Mu Chen did not dare to stay there a moment longer and explosively shot out from that place. Passing through the collapsing isolated space, he appeared, once again, in the mysterious depths of the lightning sea.

Chi. Chi.

A black lightning bolt enveloped Mu Chen's body. Ramping up his speed to the very extreme of his capabilities, he crazily shot out away from the depths of the lightning sea.

Bang!

However, just as he had increased his speed, an astonishingly ferocious roar erupted from the Lightning Spirit, which was being entangled by the Northern Sea Dragon in the air above the lightning sea. Seemingly turning crazy, countless black lightning bolts erupted from it, causing the black waves that were endlessly rushing towards it to explode away from it.

Seeing this sudden eruption of craziness from the Lightning Spirit, happiness filled the Northern Sea Dragon. From the looks of it, Mu Chen should have already found the Lightning God's Pill.

Bang! Bang!

As the Lightning Spirit roared, countless bolts of black lightning, akin to a giant dragons, shot out. Rumbling towards the lightning sea, they attempted to strike and kill Mu Chen, who had stolen the Lightning God's Pill.

However, the Northern Sea Dragon was obviously not going to allow it to strike and kill Mu Chen. Opening its giant mouth, cold black air that was sufficient to freeze space gushed out, causing the lightning bolts to completely freeze up.

Seeing the unending interference of the Northern Sea Dragon, the Lightning Spirit became completely furious. Its gigantic body suddenly blew up, transforming into lightning liquid that blotted the skies. With a scream, it rushed towards the lightning sea. Transforming into a gigantic black bolt of divine lightning that was approximately a mile long, it split apart the lightning sea. With an incomparable speed, it descended to a certain place within the lightning sea.

As Mu Chen was hurrying along in the lightning sea, chilling intent erupted from every pore of his body, as an indescribable aura of death enveloped his heart.

Furiously raising his head, he saw that the lightning sea was being split apart. A black bolt of divine lightning, approximately a mile long, pierced through. Akin to a heavenly punishment, it locked onto the space surrounding him. There was absolutely no way for him to evade now!

Mu Chen's face turned deathly pale. Facing an attack of such a degree, there was simply no way for him to evade or endure it.

Facing this kind of attack, the only thing he could do was to simply wait for his death.

Bang!

However, just when Mu Chen was totally helpless, the lightning sea was suddenly parted by a frightening energy. Black cold air howled and rushed through, and right before the Divine Black Lightning arrived, it enveloped Mu Chen within it.

Chi. Chi.

The black cold air transformed into an iceberg, locking Mu Chen within its depths, who was covered by layers of protection.

Boom!

As the Divine Black Lightning furiously struck the iceberg, the lightning sea instantly erupted, causing lightning liquid thousands of metres high to surge out. Gigantic cracks extended out from the iceberg. However, in the end, it had resisted the furious strike from the Lightning Spirit.

Chi!

The iceberg shot out. In a flash, it rushed through the lightning sea and appeared in the air.

The gigantic and endless body of the Northern Sea Dragon rapidly shrank, before turning into the fragile and delicate look of the bald old man. Descending before Mu Chen, he started to tightly churn lightning sea before him.

Within, the Lightning Spirit furiously roared. Sending lightning liquid thousands of metres tall, it attempted to launch an assault at the bald old man once again.

“Hmph.”

Upon seeing this, the bald old man gave a cold snort. As his hands turned illusionary, the space surrounding the lightning sea suddenly distorted, while black cold air erupt from it. Transforming into an incomparably large black icy prison, the lightning sea was locked within.

Bang! Bang!

Countless black lightning bolts struck the surface of the icy prison; however, it was still unable to shatter and break it apart. Previously, the bald old man was afraid of the Lightning Spirit destroying the Lightning God’s Pill upon sensing its doom; therefore, he had apprehension in using that much strength. Since the apprehension was gone now, the Lightning Spirit, which didn’t have much intelligence, was naturally not his opponent.

After entrapping the Lightning Spirit, the bald old man turned around and grinned at Mu Chen, while rubbing his hands together. None of the imposing aura and manners that was able to shatter the heavens and rend the earth with each action was present in his current appearance.

Mu Chen shot an unhappy glare at him. However, without dilly-dallying, a black lightning bolt appeared within the extended palm. After the lightning bolt dissipated, a Lightning God’s Pill, which was the size of a human’s head, revealed itself.

One could faintly discern a countless number of minute lightning vortices present on the surface of the Lightning God’s Pill. As it continuously rotated, low and deep peals of thunder rang out.

Upon taking the Lightning God’s Pill out, lightning bolts started to form within the surroundings, creating an extremely mysterious sight.

Upon seeing this Lightning God’s Pill, the eyes of the bald old man instantly turned red. With a grab, he took it. Even though black lightning bolts started to strike his withered palm, he did not let it move him a single inch.

“The Lightning God’s Pill...”

Emotions gushed out from the bald old man’s eyes. For the sake of this Lightning God’s Pill, he had been preparing for hundreds of years. Finally, today, he had achieved his wish.

With this Lightning God’s Pill, he would be able to take a step forward and break the threshold of 9th Rank Sovereign, and become a true Earth Stage Sovereign!

After feeling emotional for quite a while, the bald old man finally regained his calmness and stored the Lightning God’s Pill. Breaking the threshold was obviously not an easy matter. Even though he had managed to get his hands on the Lightning God’s Pill, he still needed to make lots of preparations for this attempt.

“Mu Chen, treat this as me owing you a favor,” said the bald old man as he looked towards Mu Chen.

With a laugh, Mu Chen replied, “Senior, you’re too polite. The benefits I’ve received are already enough. I’m afraid I can’t accept this favor.”

Indeed, not only did he receive the complete version of the Lightning God Physique, he also had the Divine Black Lightning Poison Finger, as well as the Spiritual Light Empowerment he was going to receive. This amount of harvest was already incomparably abundant.

“Hey, looks like the benefits that you gained are indeed quite big,” said the bald old man with an intentful smile as he shot a look at Mu Chen.

Seeing the look coming from the bald old man, Mu Chen instantly gave a guilty smile. With a wave of his sleeve, the lightning liquid lotus that he obtained from within the lightning sea appeared in front of him.

“Senior, this is something that I found at the same place as the Lightning God’s Pill. However, I don’t know what it is,” explained Mu Chen as he pointed at the lightning liquid lotus.

As the bald old man stared at the lightning liquid lotus, a ray of light flashed within his eyes as he replied with some shock, “This seems to be a Lightning God’s Lotus...an extremely rare Heavenly Treasure. Similar to the Lightning God’s Pill, there’s only an extremely small chance that it would be born within the lightning energies. I never imagined that this lightning sea would simultaneously give birth to the Lightning God’s Pill and this Lightning God’s Lotus...”

“Lightning God’s Lotus...” Only from his explanation did Mu Chen know what this lightning liquid lotus was. From the name, one can obviously tell that it was something extraordinary.

“Since this Lightning God’s Lotus was found by you, it should belong to you, too,” said the bald old man as he gestured with his hand.

Mu Chen tilted his head forward. Obviously, he had never imagined that the bald old man would be that generous. After all, this Lightning God’s Lotus was not an ordinary item.

“Although the Lightning God’s Lotus is also very rare, it doesn’t have much effect on the current me.”

With a smile, the bald old man explained, “Your luck’s quite good. This Lightning God’s Lotus will have an extremely good effect on the training of your Lightning God’s Physique. In the future, when you practice while sitting on it, you’ll be able to absorb endless amounts of lightning energies from it to temper or fleshly body. This is extremely beneficial, since it would increase the progression of your Lightning God’s Body.”

Upon hearing that, Mu Chen felt slightly happy. This Lightning God’s Lotus had such an unexpected godly effect? He was currently worrying that his Lightning God’s Physique was too hard to practice and train. He never imagined that this Lightning God’s Lotus would help solve some of his troubles.

“Then, thank you very much, Senior.” Mu Chen voiced his thanks in a sincere tone. Although it was somewhat dangerous, the benefits that he had obtained was sufficient to warrant him to undertake them. He believed that there would be countless people lunging and fighting for their lives to offer their help, should the bald old man put the word out. However, it was a pity that there weren’t many people

of this level who would dare to endure the Divine Black Lightning with their bodies and survive to tell the tale...

Thinking about it, if not for this point, the Northern Sea Dragon would not have come to find him.

Shaking his head, the bald old man gave a wave of his sleeve, grabbed Mu Chen and left the last level of the Lightning Territory to a mountain in the 9th level.

The space over there wasn't as pressurising as the previous level. Although lightning rivers were present everywhere as they floated around, it was countless times better than the last level of the Lightning Territory.

"Next up..."

The bald old man gave a faint smile as he looked towards Mu Chen.

"As with my promise, I'll help you with your Spiritual Light Empowerment."

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Chapter 340: Accepting the Spiritual Light Empowerment

"Spiritual Light Empowerment..."

Hearing those three words, a trace of excitement flashed uncontrollably within Mu Chen's heart. Although his harvest was abundant during this trip, it was clearly the Spiritual Light Empowerment that moved Mu Chen the most.

Compared to the Lightning God's Physique, which required a long time of practice and training, the Spiritual Light Empowerment was able to cause his strength to advance and progress in the shortest amount of time without any side effects.

As of now, his strength was only at the Heavenly Transformation Stage Initial Phase. Compared with Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton and the rest, who were at the Heavenly Completion Stage, this disparity was too great. Within the Hunting War, after risking his life to fight, he had only managed to achieve a reluctant victory. Furthermore, it was only due to Gu Tianyan not being the slightest bit overbearing. Otherwise, if they had truly fought till the end, Mu Chen truly did not have the confidence to achieve victory.

After all, the disparity of the Heavenly Transformation Stage to the Heavenly Completion Stage was truly too large.

However, if his strength was able to progress by some lengths, he would not need to suffer that much when faced with a Heavenly Completion Stage opponent.

"Bring out your Spiritual Light." said the bald old man with a grin. After receiving the Lightning God's Pill, the bald old man's mood was extremely good.

Nodding his head, Mu Chen flicked his finger, causing a bright and resplendent clump of light to shoot out, before transforming into a sparkling and transparent gem. Within the gem, boundless pure Spiritual Energy continuously radiated from it.

After taking this Spirit Crystal out, Mu Chen had also taken all the other Spirit Knight's Spirit Crystals out. Although their effects weren't as strong as this Spirit King's Spirit Crystal, no matter how small they were, they were still meat.

However, the bald old man did not care about those Spirit Knight's Spirit Crystals, and only extended his hand to grab the Spirit King's Spirit Crystal. Nodding his head, he said, "The Spiritual Light World is somewhat miraculous. The Spiritual Aura that it condenses appear to be extremely pure. Using this for empowerment truly can't be anymore suitable."

Although the Spiritual Aura of the heavens and the earth were boundless and majestic, they would always be contaminated by other sources of energy. If one wanted to absorb them, one would have to do so after refining them. However, the Spiritual Light World was different. Although it was not a large space, the Spiritual Energy that was condensed by it was clearly much more pure, compared to the Spiritual Aura of the outside world.

"Take the Lightning God's Lotus out. With the assistance of that thing, the results of your Spiritual Light Empowerment would improve by a notch," said the bald old man.

Hearing that, Mu Chen felt some surprise and joy. Looks like the Lightning God's Lotus truly was a treasure for training and cultivation.

With a wave of his sleeve, the Lightning God's Lotus appeared and floated in the air. Black lightning liquid slowly circulated around like water. Nevertheless, it still maintained its lotus shape.

With a move, Mu Chen sat down of the top of the Lightning God's Lotus. As he made contact with the Lightning God's Lotus, he instantly felt waves of lightning energies quietly erupting out, before finally entering his body.

The energy of Divine Black Lightning was contained within these lightning energies. However, it was far from the erratic lightning bolts that struck him before. Slowly permeating Mu Chen's body, bit by bit, they passed through his muscles, meridians, blood vessels and bones, leaving behind a feeling of numbness.

At this moment, the Lightning God's Physique within Mu Chen's body seemed to have activated on its own accord. His entire body was akin to a voracious wolf, greedily devouring those lightning energies. Relying on those energies, Mu Chen started to refine his body.

Unable to bear it, Mu Chen comfortably exhaled a clump of white qi. The white air even contained minute traces of lightning bolts sparkling around. This Lightning God's Lotus was truly a good treasure! This kind of practice was truly countless times more comfortable than being struck by the previous lightning!

With the flick of his finger, the Spirit King's Spirit Crystal instantly shot out of the bald old man's hand, before finally floating above Mu Chen's head. In the next moment, the Spiritual Lights adorned Mu Chen's body were akin to the starry sky.

A wave of boundless pure Spiritual Aura spread out. Like a faint mist, it enveloped Mu Chen within.

"Prepare to start."

With a wave of his sleeve, black chilling air erupted from within. Violently sweeping the Spiritual Lights together, rays of brilliance instantly started to grow brighter as the Spiritual Lights were completely connected to one another. Finally, they shot straight into the Spirit King's Spirit Crystal.

Bang!

Strong and powerful Spiritual Energy exploded from the Spirit Crystal. Due to its purity, they had seemingly formed drops of Spiritual Energy liquid on the surface of the Spirit Crystal, sparkling with dazzling brilliance.

Whoosh!

As the bald old man's withered finger gave a tap on space, a boundless ray of Spiritual Energy suddenly shot out. Finally, descending from the sky, it enveloped Mu Chen, who was sitting on the Lightning God's Lotus, within it.

Boundless and pure Spiritual Energy gushed into Mu Chen's body like flooded waters.

This Spiritual Energy was too pure. Absolutely not requiring any kind of refinement, it was completely sucked in by the wide open, small mouth of the Spirit sitting within Mu Chen's aurasea.

A Spiritual Energy halo appeared around the Spirit's body, while boundless Spiritual Energy rippled within every one of Mu Chen's meridians and bones. However, following the influx of more and more Spiritual Energy, Mu Chen was able to feel that quite a bit of Spiritual Energy was starting to escape from his body.

This was a very common occurrence, as no one could completely absorb all of the Spiritual Energy provided by the Spiritual Light Empowerment. Seemingly half of all the Spiritual Energy entering Mu Chen's body was escaping Mu Chen's absorption.

Regarding the escaping Spiritual Energy, although Mu Chen felt pain in his heart, there was absolutely nothing he could do about it. This was obviously not something he could manage.

Naturally, although he could do nothing, that did not mean that the bald old man could not do so.

Upon seeing the Spiritual Energy that was escaping from Mu Chen's body, the forehead of the bald old man started to wrinkle up. With him supporting Mu Chen's Spiritual Light Empowerment, that Spiritual Energy still dared to be so disobedient. If he could allow Mu Chen to enjoy only half of the Spiritual Light Empowerment, that would truly make him lose face.

"All of you, go back in for me."

Pointing his finger out, a cold black stream instantly shot towards Mu Chen's body. In the next moment, a icy-black layer extended out, wrapping Mu Chen within.

As Mu Chen was being wrapped by the icy layer, the Spiritual Energy that had attempted to escape was being forced back once again into Mu Chen's body.

This was the benefit of having stronger people to support one during one's Spiritual Light Empowerment. With the bald old man's powerful strength, he was able to easily use the most perfect

method to help Mu Chen complete his Spiritual Light Empowerment. As for the other elders, they were obviously unable to achieve such a complete impenetrability.

Since the Spiritual Energy was being forced back into his body, Mu Chen was able sense them once again, causing him to involuntarily sigh in admiration. Truly worthy of the Northern Sea Dragon. He was actually able to force the Spiritual Energy back into Mu Chen's body without harming him or losing any of the Spiritual Energy.

With the bald old man supporting his Spiritual Light Empowerment, Mu Chen was able to release all of his vigilance. Starting to focus, Mu Chen activated his Spirit, and completely absorbed all of the Spiritual Energy that was endlessly streaming in.

Upon seeing that Mu Chen, who was sitting on the Lightning God's Lotus, had completely sank into a training state, the bald old man faintly nodded his head. He did not choose a barbaric method of empowerment. That kind of empowerment would be too disadvantageous, and with his status and seniority, he would naturally not opt for that method. Furthermore, it would disappoint Mu Chen too much. The latter was able to help him retrieve the Lightning God's Pill, and this was something that still made him feel gratitude.

Therefore, the bald old man did not mind the increase in time and concentration needed from him. He had chosen to use the most perfect and most economical method; every Spiritual Energy pulse that entered Mu Chen's body would be at the exact upper limit of what the latter could absorb. Next up, when Mu Chen completely absorbed the last pulse, another pulse of pure Spiritual Energy would enter his body. This was seemingly endless and would not show the slightest feeling of sluggishness. This way, it would allow Mu Chen to gradually enter a deep state of training. With that, the results of the empowerment would be even better.

Within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, the people with the capability of achieve such a perfect control weren't many.

As for the Spiritual Light Empowerment of an ordinary student, they were the lowest end method. That method doesn't even require anybody to take action. At the instant where they left the Spiritual Light World, the Spiritual Light would automatically radiate out and enter their bodies.

Naturally, the wastage of this method could be around 60 to 70%, with that percentage dissipating away.

As the bald old man sat in the air, his eyes tightly stared at Mu Chen, who was undergoing the Spiritual Light Empowerment. The method of empowerment he had employed was extremely wasteful of time. However, anybody would neglect such a small and unremarkable problem.

"Next up, let's quietly wait for this Spiritual Light Empowerment to end."

The bald old man gave a lazy stretch. Looks like for the time being, he had to momentarily guard this area.

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Time quietly elapsed within this 9th level of the Lightning Territory. Unknowingly, an entire month had passed by.

Within this month, Mu Chen's body had seemingly entered into a completely deep sleep, without the slightest bit of movement. Even his breathing had been reduced to the bare minimum, akin to a dying person.

However, although his breaths was getting weaker and weaker, anyone would be able to sense that the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from within Mu Chen's body was getting more vigorous and overbearing, day by day.

Obviously, he had received an extremely huge benefit in this Spiritual Light Empowerment.

From the side, the bald old man was casually sitting down. Feeling bored, he gave a lazy stretch. He had been taking care of Mu Chen for an entire month. However, from the looks of it, there seems to be no sign of this ending.

"This brat..."

The bald old man muttered, before shaking his head. With a spread of his palm, the Lightning God's Pill appeared within in a flash. Grinning, he gently rubbed it around, while a drunk expression appeared on his face.

As long as he possessed this Lightning God's Pill, even this kind of boring wait would become interesting.

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As time continued to quietly lapse, it had been over a month. Due to the Spiritual Light Empowerment, Mu Chen had disappeared from within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. This caused doubt in a lot of students. After all, the past Spiritual Light Empowerments did not seem to need such a long period of time.

Naturally, the news of the Northern Sea Dragon personally helping Mu Chen with his Spiritual Light Empowerment did not spread. Therefore, this allowed for the many ordinary students a reason to be envious.

In this period of time, the shock brought along by the Hunting War gradually quietened down. The intense fluctuations that were initially brought about by the changes in the Heavenly Rankings had also started to become still. As various dark horses revealed themselves, the places on the Heavenly Rankings had also changed accordingly.

People wanting to cause a gigantic change in the Heavenly Rankings might have to wait for the next Hunting War to start. At that time, however, there might be another batch of dark horses that would appear.

However, even though the mass knew that dark horses might appear, for a dark horse like that monstrous talent, Mu Chen, to reappear, that might be rather difficult.

He had the strength of a Heavenly Transformation Stage Initial Phase, and yet he was able to defeat a Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase. From the view of many people, this was simply an inconceivable matter.

As the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy started to gradually turn peaceful, some other matters caused waves to surge within the spiritual academy once again.