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Chapter 401: The Trembling of the Mysterious Black Paper

What appeared before them was a desolated, yet extremely endless stretch of a mountain range. At this moment, this ancient and tranquil land had turned into an endless howl of clamoring noises from the locust swarm-like crowd of figures shooting over it.

Swish! Swish!

Countless glowing figures hid the skies and covered the earth as they shoot over the mountain range, before landing on the large stretch of earth. With greedy gazes of insatiable lust, everyone glared at the endless stretch of the mountain range before them. This Divine Spiritual Mountain range was said to be formed by a Heavenly Sovereign passing away in a sitting position on it. Although the "Divine Spiritual Baptism" was undoubtedly the most valuable thing in here, there were many other natural-born treasures and remnants from the ancient times that were left behind. To them, if they were able to obtain those items, it would be a heavenly-gifted matter.

At this moment, Mu Chen and Xia Youran had landed on the ground, with him looking curiously at his surroundings. This endless mountain range was too vast and expansive! Before it, they were just like ants. Gigantic trees that reached to the skies stood planted beside them. Every single one of them was a thousand feet wide, appearing like pillars that supported the heavens, with storms and hurricanes not even being able to shake them one single bit.

Raising his head, Mu Chen discovered that the skies above him were, unexpected, a jet-black colour. That wasn't the night sky, but the shattered space they had passed through to get here. This dark blackness swirled about, like a black hole. Anything that came into contact with it would be devoured by the blackness, causing people to feel terror and dread towards it.

A gigantic clump of light hung in the sky, radiating with brilliance, illuminating the entirely endless mountain range. Rather terrifying fluctuations seemed to radiate from within the clump of light. Clearly, that should be the place where the legendary Heavenly Sovereign had sat and passed away. With their strength, they were simply unable to get close to it.

"That's the Divine Spiritual Mountain range?"

Mu Chen gasped out in shock, since he was able to feel the uniqueness of the Spiritual Aura within this world, which contained a mysterious essence in them. If one was to absorb and refine it, one would have a feeling of thirst radiating from their entire body, as if they couldn't endure absorbing all of the Spiritual Aura of the world.

"The Spiritual Aura of this world is said to be mixed with the blood and flesh of the Heavenly Sovereign who had passed away here, and is extremely beneficial to the refinement of one's fleshly body," said Xia Youran with a smile.

"No wonder," replied Mu Chen, smacking his lips, while shock appeared within his mind. That Heavenly Sovereign had passed away since god-knows forever. However, just some remnants of blood and flesh

from him was able to change the Spiritual Energy of the world by this much. Such power truly was heaven-defying.

“However, it’s a pity that the time the Divine Spiritual Mountain range opens each time is extremely short, being only a few days of time. If not, remaining here and training would have an enormous benefit to one’s cultivation,” replied Xia Youran with some pity. Although their Nine Summers Chamber of Commerce had an extremely strong power-base, they weren’t able to obtain the Spiritual Energy from the blood and flesh of a Heavenly Sovereign to offer to people for cultivation.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen nodded his head. If he could stay here and train for a period of time, he might be able to achieve quite a huge breakthrough in his Lightning God’s Physique.

“The land here also seems different,” said Mu Chen after lowering his head to look at the earth below. The earth here appeared to be a faint dark-red colour. Circulating his Spiritual Energy, he gave a hard stomp with his feet. Despite that huge force, only a few unassuming cracks appeared on the ground, causing his eyelids to twitch uncontrollably for a few times. If this was the outside world, with this step, even a mountain peak would tremble by the force of it. However, in this place, he was unexpectedly only able to achieve such a small bit of effect.

“That’s due to the Heavenly Sovereign sitting and passing away here. Some of his blood and flesh has fused with the Divine Spiritual Mountain range. Thus, everything here will appear different from the outside,” explained Xia Youran with a covered up smile.

“So, that’s the reason,” replied Mu Chen as a flash of understanding went through him.

“Furthermore, due to the Heavenly Sovereign sitting and passing away here, by relying on his strength, there are some wonderful heaven-born Spiritual Treasures appearing within this Divine Spiritual Mountain range. These Spiritual Treasures are extremely valuable. Due to them absorbing large amounts of Spiritual Energy mixed with the blood and flesh of a Heavenly Sovereign as they grew up, they have an extremely strong benefit towards the tempering of one’s fleshly body.”

With a smile, Xia Youran continued speaking, “In fact, there are many people who have entered the Divine Spiritual Mountainous range without the aim of obtaining the Divine Spiritual Baptism. Although it truly is the most valuable thing here, the difficulty of obtaining it is too hard, after all. Therefore, why not search for some natural-born Spiritual Treasures, and strengthen one’s fleshly body to prepare for one’s Fleshly Body Tribulation, right?”

Nodding his head, Mu Chen truly was somewhat enticed by such a prospect. However, he was able to judge the importance between matters. His goal here was the Divine Spiritual Baptism, and he truly didn’t have any time left to go out and search for those heaven-born Spiritual Treasures that were hidden in extremely deep places.

“Let’s go. We’ll head straight towards the baptism area in the centre of the Divine Spiritual Mountain range. At the same time, let’s see if we can conveniently chance upon some heaven-born Spiritual Treasures along the way there,” said Xia Youran with a smile.

The two of them shot through the skies at a low attitude, not daring to reach the high altitudes due to the increasing danger if they headed higher up. If one’s unlucky enough to be swept into the shattered space, one might be instantly smashed into nihility by the incomparably frightening spatial currents.

As they headed deeper into the vast and expansive Divine Spiritual Mountain range, an endless number of figures shot past them in their surroundings. They rushed towards the mountain range like a swarm of locusts, before leaving no stone unturned in their search for heaven-born Spiritual Treasures hidden within this world. This method of carpet bombing-style of searching truly had some results, since within a short span of time, that was less than half an hour, Mu Chen and Xia Youran had discovered some Spiritual Lights shooting towards the skies. Clearly, some heaven-born Spiritual Treasures have already been discovered.

Standing on the top of a hillside, Mu Chen and Xia Youran looked towards those Spiritual Lights shooting towards the skies in the far distance. Turning to shoot a look at each other, both of them had unexpectedly shook their heads.

Although those Spiritual Lights should have come from heaven-born Spiritual Treasures, from the strength and intensity of those Spiritual Lights, both of them could tell that the Spiritual Aura contained within those Spiritual Treasures weren't especially strong. Furthermore, the number of people attracted by them were truly too many. Therefore, Mu Chen and Xia Youran didn't want to waste their time and effort on them.

Giving up decisively against getting part of the action and share of those Spiritual Treasures, Mu Chen and Xia Youran increased their speed to the maximum, shooting towards their goal with explosive speed.

As Mu Chen and Xia Youran rushed towards the baptism area, they bumped into quite a few people with similar goals along the way. As their gazes intersected, the expressions on the faces of those people turned into ones of ill-intents. However, in the end, there was no one that took action towards the two of them. From the looks of it, they might have recognised Xia Youran, and knew that the big Young Mistress of the Nine Summers Chamber of Commerce wasn't a good target to provoke.

Relying on the reputation of Xia Youran, there was no one that dared to take action against Mu Chen too, even though his strength at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase appeared extremely average in a place like this.

"Careful." while shooting swiftly in the air, Xia Youran suddenly extended her jade-like hand and grabbed Mu Chen. Looking solemnly at their forward direction with her beautiful eyes, she said, "The spatial gales are coming."

Raising his head, Mu Chen noticed that the land in the far distance had seemingly turned somewhat dark and dim. Hurricanes could be faintly discerned, hiding the skies and covering the earth as they swept over. Furthermore, one could seemingly observe black ripples surfacing within those hurricanes. Clearly, those were wind blades formed by the rampaging spatial fluctuations.

Chi. Chi.

As those spatial gales howled over, those thousand foot tall giant trees that were akin to pillars that supported the heavens were chopped and mowed down, while the sliced areas appeared as smooth as a mirror. This caused shock and astonishment to quietly surface within Mu Chen's heart. *Looks like those spatial gales truly are formidable.*

"Let's hide for a while."

Grabbing onto Mu Chen, Xia Youran quickly descended, landing into a depression within the mountain. With a wave of her jade-like hand, boundless Spiritual Energy howled out, transforming into a glowing Spiritual Energy film, covering this small depression.

Hu! Hu!

As Xia Youran completed her preparation with familiarity, the sky had already turned completely dim and dark. As the black gales that hid the skies and covered the earth swept over, the deep grooves were sliced into the ground by the spatial blades mixed within the gale, displaying their rather frightening destructive capabilities.

Creak. Groan.

They were able to feel the effects from the spatial gale within the small depression they were holed in. The glowing Spiritual Energy film continuously shook about, while the black spatial blades caused the glowing film to titter on the brink of collapse.

Seeing this, Mu Chen's expression turned solemn as he circulated his Spiritual Energy, getting ready to take action at any moment.

However, it was fortunate that the matter that made him worry the most didn't happen in the end. Although the glowing Spiritual Energy film continuously shook about, it didn't break in the end, causing Mu Chen to quietly breathe a sigh of relief.

Ah!

As Mu Chen started to relax, a miserable shriek suddenly rang out from the distance. Turning his gaze over, he noticed the Spiritual Energy defenses of a dozen people being ripped apart by the spatial gales. Before they could take action, the black-coloured spatial blades had already shot over without the slightest bit of mercy, slicing their bodies into bits that blotted the skies.

Looking at the blood and flesh blotting the skies, scattering about in the wind, Mu Chen's eyelids started twitching uncontrollably. From the looks of it, those fellows appeared to possess an outward strength similar to his own, at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase. However, under those spatial gales, they were unable to put up the slightest bit of resistance.

"Don't know how many unlucky fellas are out there in this wave of spatial gales," said Xia Youran as she smacked her lips. Nevertheless, no pity was shown on her face. Since those people wanted to come to a place like this, they would naturally need to have the preparation to pay the worse price that could happen to them in here.

"We'll head along after this wave of spatial gales have past."

Hearing her words, Mu Chen nodded his head, before planning to take a rest. However, just as he had taken a seat, something tingled his senses. He turned his head to look towards the mountain range in the far distance, only to notice that the spatial gales were also howling at that place. Furthermore, they appeared to be more erratic than the situation Mu Chen was facing. At that, there was even a gigantic tornado wreaking havoc. Spatial blades that hid the skies and covered the earth howled out from it, slashing apart everything that came into contact with them.

As Mu Chen stared at the tornado, his eyes uncontrollably narrowed. That's because he seemed to notice a clump of dazzlingly bright Spiritual Light within the tornado.

Whoosh!

Furthermore, upon noticing that clump of dazzlingly bright Spiritual Light, the latter erupted with intense brilliance. This brilliance caused even the dimly lit world to light up.

Relying on that brief instant of illumination, Mu Chen seemed to notice a lustrous white thing within the clump of brilliance that appeared slightly like a bone...

"What is that...?"

Mu Chen mumbled, before his expression suddenly changed, while he placed his palms uncontrollably on his chest. He could feel a tremor suddenly radiating from his aurasea. As he traced back to the origin of the tremor, his heart started to intensively beat.

That's because, the origin was, unexpectedly, the piece of incomparably mysterious black paper within his aurasea!

Furthermore, this tremor was much more intense than any of the times before!

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Chapter 402: Seizing the Treasure in the Tornado

Hum. Hum.

Mu Chen could feel that the mysterious black paper was starting to grow increasingly impatient. At this moment, the expression displayed on his face grew increasingly solemn. Over these past few years, this was the first time he had seen such activity from the mysterious black paper. And, it should be related to the thing located within the tornado in the far distance.

Xia Youran had also sensed the brief instance of brilliance that had just occurred. Casting her beautiful eyes over, she looked towards the clump of light located within the tornado, while shock and astonishment instantly appeared on her lovable face. After pondering for a slight instant, she spoke out, "That should be some kind of heaven-born Spiritual Treasure. Never imagined that one would actually be located within that tornado, huh?"

As she said those words, some pity was extruded within her voice. From the look of the situation before, wanting to obtain that heaven-born Spiritual Treasure before their eyes wasn't going to be easily. However, it was also a pity that such an item was hidden within that tornado. Going close to it in the current situation was clearly an extremely dangerous thing to do. After all, once one gets blown to high altitudes by the storm created by the tornado, and sucked into the spatial currents present there, one would truly be hard to escape the disaster that had befallen on them.

Staring tightly towards the storm before him, Mu Chen proceeded to furiously stand up.

Seeing that, Xia Youran was instantly scared by Mu Chen's actions. Looking straight at his face, she instantly exclaimed, "Don't be impulsive, Mu Chen. It's too dangerous over there. That kind of heaven-born Spiritual Treasure isn't easy to harvest."

Hearing her words, Mu Chen gave a bitter laugh. Naturally, he had also understood the dangers if he got close to that place. Nevertheless, the mysterious black paper within his body was held in extreme regard by him. This thing was even able to suppress the Great Meru Demonic Pillar, clearly showing how extraordinary it was. Although, till now, Mu Chen still wasn't able to have an exact grasp of its origins, there was always a feeling within that this mysterious black paper might be rather formidable and powerful.

For the sake of getting a better understanding of the mystery behind that black paper, there were some dangers that Mu Chen felt he needed to risk and undergo.

Therefore, faced with Xia Youran's reminder, he could only shake his head gently and reply, "Senior Sister Xia, the Spiritual Treasure before us is rather important to me. I have to see if I can get it into my hands."

Looking at Mu Chen and seeing that he had already made up his mind, Xia Youran couldn't help stomping her feet in indignation. *This fella's really acting too recklessly!*

"Haha. Please relax, Senior Sister Xia. I know my limits. If I'm unable to obtain it, I'll immediately fall back. Just wait here for me." Mu Chen spoke out with a smile, before preparing to move his body.

Gently clenching her teeth, Xia Youran extended her jade-like arm to bar his movement, while replying, "I'm scared for you. Let's go together. There's only one way about this. If something happens to you here, how am I going to explain to Elder Sister Ling Xi?"

Feeling touched by her words, Mu Chen didn't obstruct her. Instead, he only replied in a soft voice, "Thank you very much, Senior Sister Xia."

Heroically waving her jade-like hand, Xia Youran extended her arm, before a dragon eye-sized green-coloured pearl appeared before their eyes. The surface of the green pearl was covered with mysterious patterns, while powerful fluctuations could be faintly discerned radiating from it. Mu Chen was able to sense that when the green pearl had appeared, the windy noises from the surroundings had instantly quietened down.

Looking curiously at the green pearl, Mu Chen could clearly sense that this item shouldn't be any ordinary Spiritual Artifact.

"This is a Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl. Although it's a High-grade Spiritual Artifact, its offensive attributes aren't especially strong. However, it has an extremely strong effect against wind attacks. With it, we'll be able to get close to the region occupied by those spatial gales." Grasping the green pearl in her hand, Xia Youran started to explain with a grin.

Hearing that, elation instantly surfaced within Mu Chen's heart, while a mouth of praise rang uncontrollably out of his mouth. Truly worthy of the big Young Mistress of the Nine Summers Chambers of Commerce. Such a difference in family and status. Such a special High-grade Spiritual Artifact that was countless times stronger than what he could find, and yet she was able to bring it here just like that.

Having trained and cultivated for so many years, Mu Chen had yet to even obtain a single one of those extremely rare High-grade Spiritual Artifacts. Although the Great Meru Demonic Pillar was formidable, he wasn't able to use it with ease. Therefore, compared to Xia Youran, he truly was extremely poor.

Raising her jade-like hand, Xia Youran dispelled her glowing Spiritual Energy film that had covered the little hillside depression.

Bang!

When the glowing spiritual film was dispelled, the spatial gales that hid the skies and covered the earth came howling over. Nevertheless, when they were within a few feet of Mu Chen and Xia Youran, they abruptly turned weaker. With such a reduction in destructiveness, they were no longer able to break the Spiritual Energy defenses that covered their bodies.

The feeling he got was as if there was an invisible barrier protecting their entire bodies, giving him an extremely weird sensation.

“Let’s go.”

Looking at this, Xia Youran gave a smile, before shoot swiftly into the air. This time, they clearly didn’t dare to fly too high into the sky. Even with a treasure like the Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl with them, it was still wise to be careful about matters like that.

Mu Chen followed closely behind Xia Youran by a step, while the two of them shot towards the rampaging spatial gales akin to two minute glowing figures. As they did so, some gazes coming from the hillside concealments along the way discovered the two of them piercing through the spatial gales. Upon spotting them, their gazes turned somewhat vacant. At such a time, people should be avoiding those spatial gales. And yet, those two fellows had actually dared to travel with such fanfare in such destructive winds. They truly were extremely reckless and daring.

However, Mu Chen and Xia Youran didn’t give a care about those gazes coming from the darkness. Increasing their speed, they shot straight towards the area devastated by the tornado.

Relying on the protection of the Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl, the two of them were able to travel through the rampaging spatial gales with extreme ease. Shooting up a high cliff, they raised their heads, looking towards the rampaging tornado not far in the distance. At this moment, the storm appeared in a jet-black colour, with spatial blades that hid the skies and covered the earth as they swept out of it, slicing hundreds and thousands of holes and gashes into the earth.

Within the depths of the storm, the clump of light grew increasingly bright and radiant.

Looking at the clump of brilliance, Mu Chen’s eyes grew increasingly red-hot. As he got closer, he could feel the increasingly impatient tremors coming from the mysterious black paper within his body.

Taking a step out, he couldn’t resist anymore, wanting to get it into his hands.

“Wait,” said Xia Youran as she grabbed his hand, her beautiful eyes looking at a dark place not far away from them. There, she could faintly discern some figures present. At this moment, those people were also stared at the tornado. Clearly, they had also discovered the Spiritual Treasure faintly hidden within the tornado.

“Looks like there’s quite a few people staring at that thing,” said Xia Youran while a slight frown appeared on her forehead. Being able to arrive at this place under the spatial gales to harvest the

Spiritual Treasure clearly showed that they weren't just any random ordinary figures. From the looks of it now, it wouldn't be easy to obtain this Spiritual Treasure today.

Nevertheless, not much unexpected feelings appeared within Mu Chen's eyes. The Spiritual Treasure within the tornado shouldn't be ordinary, so being able to attract some people to try to obtain it wasn't something that was unexpected. However, the current situation appeared quite pressing.

"If they wish to obtain it, let them take the lead and try, while we take a back seat and observe them," said Mu Chen in a soft voice.

Hearing his words, Xia Youran breathed a sigh of relief. She was somewhat afraid of Mu Chen being unable to endure the lure of the Spiritual Treasure and rushing to take action. At that time, not only would they have to endure the attacks coming from the spatial gales, they might also lure quite a few hidden blades and arrows along the way. At this moment, one must absolutely not lose their calm and cool.

When the both of them came, they had clearly attracted the attention of some people. Instantly, some of them could not endure any longer. The amount of people that was attracted by the Spiritual Treasure were increasing in numbers as time past. If they were to wait any longer, the chances they that would have would probably be less and less.

Swish!

In the darkness, the eyes of some people sparkled, before furiously clenching their teeth and explosively shooting forward. Boundless Spiritual Energy erupted out, causing the spatial gales to be smashed apart in an instant as dozens of figures shot straight towards the tornado, all in their attempts to snatch and obtain the Spiritual Treasure located within the tornado.

Chi! Chi!

However, just as they neared the tornado, gales that blotted the skies howled over, with countless black spatial wind blades hiding the skies and covering the earth as they shot over. With such a number, they would truly be rather terrifying for anyone.

Ah! Ah!

As the black spatial wind blades howled past, miserable shrieks instantly rang out, while the boundless Spiritual Energy surrounding those people were unexpectedly sliced apart by those spatial wind blades. As their bodies were cut into pieces, blood and flesh started to spurt throughout the skies.

The only fellows with a protective Spiritual Weapon was able to miserably retreat at the instant when using them to block those spatial wind blades. However, they had still paid a rather terrible price. After landing in an appalling fashion on the ground, their blood-soaked figures appeared extremely miserable and hideous.

In the darkness, quite a few people sucked in a breath of cold air at the scene that had unfolded before them as they thought, *Those spatial gales are truly terrifying*. The people that had just taken action all had strength on the level of Heavenly Completion Stage, with one of them even reaching Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, but was still sent flying back in a miserable fashion. However, compared to the unfortunate fellows who were cut and sliced apart, they were already extremely lucky.

Seeing the first batch of people paying such a miserably heavy price, those people that had turned bloodshot by the Spiritual Treasure started to gradually calm down. Their foreheads brimming with cold sweat, they didn't dare to recklessly take action again.

While they did so, the spatial gales were still rampaging and wreaking about havoc. Like an incomparably large black-coloured giant dragon, the tornado twisted and turned about, exhibiting its astonishing power.

"When do we take action?" asked Xia Youran as she looked towards Mu Chen. "I suggest that we wait till this tornado weakens before taking action. Would that be alright?"

An expression of pondering flashed within Mu Chen's head. With a shake of his head, he replied, "Senior Sister Xia. Right now, everyone else also has the same line of thought as you. That's why, once the tornado truly weakens, I'm afraid that everyone would also take action at the same time as us. Under that chaos, wanting to obtain that Spiritual Treasure might be even more difficult than now."

"So, what's your plan?" asked Xia Youran with a slight frown appearing on her forehead.

"Senior Sister Xia, could you possibly lend me your Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl for a moment?"

"You want to head in there alone?" Xia Youran was shocked, while a faint change of expression appeared on her lovable face. Even a Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase person would be quite hard-pressed to resist against those spatial gales. With Mu Chen's strength at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase, everything pointed to disaster for him if he was to head into the tornado.

With a smile, Mu Chen replied, "Senior Sister Xia. There're still a few people eyeing covetously at that Spiritual Treasure. I can feel a few fierce and rather formidable fluctuations coming from around us. Look's like there's some difficult characters in this area. Therefore, I hope that you can help me obstruct them at this place. As for the matter about obtaining that Spiritual Treasure, you can leave it to me."

Hearing his reply, Xia Youran's frown persisted, appearing as if she wanting to advise against such action. However, in the end, she was stopped by the smile hanging on the face of the youth in front of her. Sighing in helplessness, she gently nodded her head in acknowledgement.

While Mu Chen was discussing with Xia Youran in a soft voice, there were two figures shooting cold and detached gazes towards them from a mountain crevice not far away from them. Their appearances were the Young Masters of the Umbra and Heavenly Yuan Chambers of Commerce, Liu Ying and Dong Yuan.

"Haha. This truly is the inevitable clash between enemies," said Dong Yuan as he looked towards the male and female not far away from him. With a smile, he continued speaking, "Looks like they have their eyes on that Spiritual Treasure, too. Any thoughts?"

Pressing his palm against the hard mountain wall, his five fingers appeared like knives, carving five deep grooves into the rock. Patting his hands together with indifference, he stared towards Mu Chen's figure, while shadows of darkness flashed within his eyes.

"Relax, that brat doesn't have the luck and fortune to enjoy such a Spiritual Treasure."

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Chapter 403: Wu Dong

Wu! Wu!

As the black tornado wreaked havoc across the world, low and deep sounds, akin to the roars of a giant dragon, rang out, causing the earth to vibrate and tremble under the destruction caused by the tornado.

After observing the miserable endings to the first batch of people, the people hiding in the various spots of darkness didn't dare to recklessly take action and head out. Eyes sparkling, they quietly waited for the weakening of the spatial gales, since that would be the only time that they could safely take action.

As everyone hid and waited for that opportune moment, Mu Chen had already obtained the Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl from Xia Youran. Placing it within his sleeve, he raised his head, looking straight at the rampaging tornado that's wreaking havoc everywhere. Taking a deep breath, he said, "I'm moving out now. Senior Sis Xia. If I'm able to obtain it, you should make a move first, before meeting up again later."

If he was truly able to obtain that Spiritual Treasure, he would immediately become the common enemy of everyone here. At that time, he might bring some trouble for Xia Youran, if she was to stay with him. Although she might not mind, Mu Chen didn't want to bring about trouble for others, due to his actions.

Hearing his words, Xia Youran had understood Mu Chen's intent. However, she was also extremely clear that although the age of the youth in front of her was less than her own, he had extremely strong personal opinions. Therefore, not saying anything more about it, she nodded her head, before warning him again, "Be careful, alright?"

With a smile, Mu Chen nodded his head. Without any more hesitation, Spiritual Energy burning with black flames rose from him, enveloping his entire body. Under his skin, black lightning seemed to arc and spark about. Faced against those frightening spatial gales, Mu Chen clearly didn't have the guts to hold any of his strength back, and activated all of the defenses he could muster.

Whoosh!

After doing that, a fierce glint gradually appeared within Mu Chen's eyes. With a shift, he shot out akin to a black bolt of lightning, and explosively headed towards the tornado.

Due to the earlier scene that unfolded, there was already no one that dared to recklessly take action. However, the sudden movement of Mu Chen immediately attracted all of the gazes over.

"There's other people that are taking action!"

"Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase? Where did this pile of waste come from? He's simply seeking his own death."

"He truly doesn't know the immensity of the heavens. Only those that are blessed would have the fortune to enjoy such a Spiritual Treasure."

Various whispering voices rang out from the darkness, with the majority of them being ones of mockery or contempt. Even for experts at the Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, the tornado formed by the

spatial gales was extremely difficult to be dealt with. Seemingly all of the people at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase were unable to even escape from it.

Standing within the crevice in the mountain, Liu Ying and Dong Yuan were currently staring at the figure shooting across the skies with slightly narrowed eyes, with doubt and suspicion flickering within their gazes.

“He actually dared to snatch the treasure all by himself?” Dong Yuan exclaimed with a slight bit of shock. He had assumed that Xia Youran would accompany Mu Chen as he advanced towards the tornado. However, he never imagined that that fellow would have the nerve to attempt it by himself. Nevertheless, with the latter’s strength, would he be able to pierce into that tornado?

A cold sneer appeared on the face of Liu Ying as he stared at the figure quickly shooting across the sky, while saying, “That’s truly interesting. I really wanna see, exactly, what capability that recently famous brat has.”

However, although he had said those words, he had also sent a signal towards a certain direction, where a black figure seemed to be present. He was radiating with a chilling aura, which caused the experts in its vicinity to immediately run far away, their eyes filled with dread and terror.

“Oh? It’s that fellow,” said Dong Yuan, after narrowing his eyes to take a look. With a smile, he said, “Look’s like you don’t play to personally take action, huh?”

“Wu Dong’s the City Lord of the Heavenly Python City, and has some fame within the Northern Heavens Continent. He owes me a favor, and today’s just the right day to return it...regardless of how many tricks he has up his sleeves, a Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase brat isn’t worthy of me to personally take action,” replied Liu Ying with an indifferent snort, one which contained unconcealable arrogance.

Shrugging his shoulders, Dong Yuan thought, *This fella’s truly cautious.*

As the two people continued chatting, Mu Chen’s figure explosively shot across the sky. On the contrary to people’s expectations, the fierce rampaging spatial gales were unexpectedly unable to deal much obstruction to him. With Spiritual Energy burning with black flames surrounding his body, the occasional swipe of the black spatial wind blades were simply unable to pierce through his Spiritual Energy defenses.

This spectacle immediately caused quite a ruckus from the surrounding crowd, with quite a few people having shock and doubt on their faces. They were somewhat unable to believe that those incomparably ferocious spatial wind blades appeared to be as light as feathers, striking Mu Chen’s body without too much strength at all.

“There’s a possibility that the brat’s got a Spiritual Artifact that defends against wind storms,” said Dong Yuan with a slight frown. Being the Young Master of the Heavenly Yuan Chamber of Commerce, his eyesight wasn’t ordinary, since he was able to spot the underlying reason with a single look. Mu Chen should have some special Spiritual Artifact to protect his body, if not, he would not be able to travel in such an unimpeded fashion within the spatial gales.

“It should’ve been given to him by Xia Youran,” replied Liu Ying within an increasingly dark expression. , Xia Youran truly did put in some effort for the sake of protecting that Mu Chen!

Whoosh!

As Mu Chen's figure shot explosively across the horizon, he reached the vicinity of the gigantic tornado within the short span of a dozen breaths. As he did so, his entire body grew increasingly tense, since he knew that he was now in a truly dangerous region. The previous batch of people had all been utterly massacred at this place, suffering disastrous losses.

Humm! Humm!

Just as Mu Chen was getting vigilant, the tornado seemed to have discovered his presence nearby, instantly sending humming sounds ringing out. Black-coloured spatial wind blades that hid the skies and covered the earth swept out, appearing akin to a wind dragon covered in blades, and were heading straight towards Mu Chen.

With a swift wave of his hand, a green-coloured halo expanded from the Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl within his palm.

Chi! Chi!

The wind dragon composed of spatial wind blades rushed towards the halo, causing its fierce brilliance to instantly turn dim by quite a bit. As this happened, the degree of sharpness of the wind dragon was reduced. Nevertheless, this attack was too strong. Even after being greatly weakened by the Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl, it didn't scatter apart, and the spatial wind blades violently struck against Mu Chen's body, one after another.

Cold sneers over the impending misfortune instantly rang out from below. *This brat is going to suffer death by a thousand cuts...*

Heh...

However, as the cold sneers rang out, all of a sudden, the eyes of a few people furiously sprang apart. In the sky, after being struck by numerous spatial wind blades, Mu Chen had actually been knocked back by a dozen metres. As he stabilised himself, not a single drop of blood was present on his body,

This fellow has actually endured all of the spatial wind blades that struck him!

This caused the expressions of those Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase experts to turn solemn. If they were to place themselves in Mu Chen's shoes, they might not be able to escape unscathed from that many spatial wind blades. The youth in front of their eyes clearly had some abilities.

Travelling through the sky, Mu Chen didn't bother about the gazes coming from below. Lowering his head to look at his body, he noticed that his clothes had already been shredded apart. White scratches covered his skin, faintly throbbing within pain. Nevertheless, such a bit of pain was completely ignored by Mu Chen.

Hu.

Mu Chen quietly breathed a sigh of relief, feeling fortunate for the great rise in his strength. Coupled with the Lightning God's Physique, as well as the assistance from the Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl, those spatial wind blades weren't able to do much harm to him.

Since this is the case, let's rush straight into the tornado!

With a grin on his face, Mu Chen headed forward, planning to rush straight into the tornado to obtain the Spiritual Treasure within.

Within the mountain crevice, Liu Ying darkly stared towards the figure piercing through the obstruction of the spatial wind blades as though they were pieces of paper. Looking towards the black figure not far away from him, he gently nodded his head, then extended his hand to make a slicing action across his neck.

Kill him.

Bang!

Within the darkness, the figure shrouded with a chilling aura gave a smile, revealing his pearly-white teeth. With a shift of his body, cracks appeared below his feet as his figure shot towards the sky like a vicious eagle.

Immediately, the figure that had suddenly rushed towards the sky attracted the attention of everyone in the vicinity. The expressions of some people slightly changed as they cried out, "That's...the City Lord of the Heavenly Python City, Wu Dong?"

"That fellow...has already been at the Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase for a long time. I don't know if he has crossed the Human Body Disaster as of now..."

"It's said that Wu Dong once tried to cross the Human Body Disaster, but failed. This fella's also formidable, being fortunate enough to survive with his life. However, his current strength has exceeded a normal Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase, and is simply not someone that the other fellow can match."

"Since he has taken action, I'm afraid that misfortune's heading that brat's way."

As whispers rang about from the surroundings, the figure that had explosively dashed up grew increasingly clear within people's view. The figure wore a green armor, with a faint green glow sparkling around it. Clearly, this was also a defensive Spiritual Artifact. As the surrounding spatial wind blades slashed against the armor, they left behind lines of scratch marks, but were unable to penetrate through it.

Clearly, this Wu Dong had come prepared.

On the lower ground, Xia Youran had also spotted Wu Dong, who was heading towards Mu Chen, causing her lovable face to slightly sink. With a cold snort, she sent a flick out with a finger, sending boundless Spiritual Energy shooting out. Like a whip, she swung it straight towards the latter.

Sensing the swift and fierce attack heading towards him, Wu Dong didn't slow down the slightest bit, with no signs of showing any care for it too.

However, as the Spiritual Energy whip shot straight towards Wu Dong, suddenly, a grey-coloured streak of light explosively shot out from below. Smashing into the Spiritual Energy whip, it obstructed it from its intended target.

A slightly frosty expression appeared on Xia Youran's face as she turned her head over, only to see a figure faintly smiling from the mountain crevice, it was Liu Ying.

"Liu Ying! What are you doing?!" A frosty roar rang out from Xia Youran. *It's this loathsome fellow again!*

With a faint smile, a cold and indifferent voice rang out like the wind from Liu Ying.

"Heaven-born Spiritual Treasures are for the capable to obtain, Youran. There's no need to obstruct other people. If that brat's powerless, he should just obediently return to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to train. This Spiritual Treasure isn't something that he should lay his finger on."

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Chapter 404: Poisonous Finger

Looking coldly at the faintly smiling Liu Ying standing not too far from her, powerful Spiritual Energy started to swell around Xia Youran's body, causing creaking sounds to ring out in the air. She had always been extremely irked by that Liu Ying, ever since the projects that their Chambers of Commerce had collaborated on. Although the two of them were tied together through an engagement, that was just for show, a beneficial agreement, and was known to everyone. However, who would have thought that this fellow would unexpectedly treat it as something real, and view her as something that was forbidden to be contacted by anyone, with any friend of the opposite sex that came close to her suffering his wrath and retribution?

Although it wasn't good for Xia Youran to break all pretense with Liu Ying, due to the strength of the Umbra Chamber of Commerce. However, she felt extreme ire towards him, one that was growing increasingly deep as of now.

As of today, that fellow had suddenly targeted Mu Chen. Clearly, it was because of him getting close to her.

"Do you really think that I don't dare to deal with you, Liu Ying?!" An ice-cold voice rang out of Xia Youran as her lovable face turned frosty.

Shrugging his shoulders, Liu Ying replied with a smile, "I only want for you to calm down for a bit, Youran. That brat's ambition's too big. Suffering a setback's good thing for him."

As he spoke, he sent a faint smile towards Xia Youran. "Furthermore, I didn't personally take action against that brat, Youran, and that's due to you. Therefore, you shouldn't take action again, and just quietly sit back and enjoy the nice show. Isn't that much better?"

With a sneer, Xia Youran replied, "Do you think you can obstruct me? Also, can that Wu Dong really deal with Mu Chen?"

"Haha. I know that Mo Longzi was defeated by that Mu Chen. However, Wu Dong isn't Mo Longzi. Although he has failed his Human Body Disaster, within the Heavenly Completion Stage, I'm afraid that there aren't many people that are his match," replied Liu Ying with a faint smile.

Hearing his reply, Xia Youran slightly clenched her teeth. Nevertheless, although she was worried about Mu Chen, she naturally couldn't reveal that thought on her face. With a cold snort, she cried out, "Let's look and see!"

The Liu Ying before her was clearly staring right back at her, not letting her take action. Although Xia Youran wasn't afraid of Liu Ying, she might get tied down by the latter, if they were to cross hands. In that way, it wouldn't help Mu Chen in any way.

"Then, I'll wait and see."

Seeing the anger and fury present on Xia Youran's beautiful face, the smile at the corner of his mouth appeared much richer. Crossing his hands behind his back, he turned to look towards the sky with a grin.

Swish!

In the sky, Wu Dong's speed increased to an extremely fast level, appearing like a streak of light, piercing through the spatial wind blades that blotted the skies. Fiercely staring at Mu Chen, who was also travelling through the spatial wind blades, he sent a furious pat out. The boundless winds that brought along boundless Spiritual Energy rushed out from his palm, piercing through the spatial wind blades, violently smashing towards Mu Chen's figure.

When Wu Dong rushed towards the sky, Mu Chen had already discovered him. As of now, when the former had sent his attack out, a slightly chilly glint appeared within Mu Chen's eyes. In the next instant, a dragon shadow surfaced around his body as he retreated a dozen steps back. Evading the incoming attack, he slightly turned his body, looking towards the figure shooting towards him.

"You're called Mu Chen, right?" Looking towards Mu Chen, an indifferent smile appeared on Wu Dong's face as he said, "Go down. This Spiritual Treasure isn't something that you should put your fingers on."

"Who are you?" asked Mu Chen with a frown. The man before him appeared to be roughly thirty years old in age, with the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from his body being even stronger than Mo Longzi during their fight.

"Heavenly Python City's Lord, Wu Dong," replied Wu Dong with the same indifferent tone. Nevertheless, a sliver of unconcealable arrogance could be heard from his voice.

Frowning as he pondered, Mu Chen replied with an emotionless voice, "Never heard of you before."

Wu Dong's expression immediately turned sluggish. He could be considered to have some reputation within the Northern Heavens Continent. After all, he had become a Lord of a city within a continent brimming with experts at such an age, which was considered an extraordinary achievement by itself. Therefore, Mu Chen's response caused his eyes to faintly narrow, before sneering as he said, "The students taught by the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy are truly getting more and more rampant by the batch. No wonder why their prestige is dropping more and more as the years go by. Look's like they really can no longer endure it, since they summoned up the guts to send someone like you to participate in the Divine Spiritual Mountain. However, I'm afraid that they'll not be able to earn any reputation back, since they will throw their face away once again."

"A small Heavenly Python City Lord dares to speak such rampant words, huh? Destroying you would just be a matter of a wave for the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy," replied Mu Chen with a frown, not showing a single shred of face for the so-called 'Heavenly Python City Lord'.

“You damnable thing!” A roar rang out from Wu Dong, with his face finally turning dark. With a shift of his body, he explosively shot forward. Shadow fists howled out, bringing along boundless Spiritual Energy as heavy as mountains, enveloping all over Mu Chen.

Seeing this, Mu Chen didn’t engage into a head-on confrontation with him, and a dragon shadow rose from his body. While a dragon’s roar rang out, his speed explosively increased, while he rushed straight towards the inner region of the tornado.

“Are you able to run away today?” Seeing Mu Chen rushing into the tornado that’s wreaking havoc all around, the eyes of Wu Dong slightly narrowed. With a cold sneer, dazzling brilliance erupted from his armor, enveloping his entire body. Transforming into a glowing streak of light, he followed suit, rushing straight at the tornado.

As he dashed towards the tornado, Mu Chen could feel how formidable those spatial wind blades were. Even with the protection of the Wind Resistance Spiritual Pearl, the spatial wind blades that hid the skies and covered the earth caused red welts to appear on Mu Chen’s skin as they brought about their rotational energies, slashing furiously down on him.

Rotating his Spiritual Energy, lightning arcs sparked across the surface of his body as he forcefully endured the attacks that hid the skies and covered the earth, while flying rapidly towards the inner region of the tornado.

Not far behind him, green light sparkled as Wu Dong closely pursued him from behind. With the green armor protecting his body, causing the spatial wind blades shooting at his direction to completely disappear, he looked towards Mu Chen’s figure present in front of him. With a furious clench of his arm, a long halberd appeared in a flash. A shiver went through his arms as he sent an incomparably fierce wind blade sweeping out. Completely smashing apart all the spatial wind blades in its path, it moved forward, heading towards its intended victim.

“Don’t think about obtaining the treasure from under my nose today! That’ll be simply the ravings of a lunatic!”

Sensing the boundless wind blade shooting towards him from behind, a chilling glint flashed within Mu Chen’s eyes as he came to an abrupt halt. In the next instant, turning around, he sent a fist rumbling out. Spiritual Energy burning with black flames spewed out, completely smashing the incoming Spiritual Energy halberd shadow apart.

Swish!

As his fist smashed the incoming Spiritual Energy halberd shadow apart, Mu Chen didn’t proceed forward once again; instead, he turned around, and dashed towards Wu Dong.

“You finally can’t endure anymore, huh? I thought that you’d be like a rabbit, continuing to run and flee away!” Seeing Mu Chen taking the initiative to rush towards him, a sneer instantly surfaced on the corner of Wu Dong’s mouth. *This brat’s truly a greenhorn! Just like that, and he’s unable to endure any more! Did he think that I’m Mo Longzi?*

Roar!

As Mu Chen shot over, a frosty expression was present on his face. A seal formation appeared from his hands, before boundless Spiritual Energy rushed towards the skies. As the starry skies appeared, three gigantic bestial shadows appeared. In the next instant, bringing about astonishing might, they split space apart, smashing all of the incomparably berserk spatial gales in the surroundings apart.

“A bit of ability, huh?”

Looking at the three gigantic bestial shadows shooting his way, and sensing the Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from them, caused Wu Dong’s eyes to faintly narrow. This attack had truly reached a level comparable to Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. *Look’s like this Mu Chen didn’t rely completely on luck to defeat that Mo Longzi.*

“Just that little bit of ability isn’t anything in front of me!”

With a furious shake of the halberd in his hand, Wu Dong thrust it straight out like a spear. Powerful Spiritual Energy swept out as the halberd’s shadow transformed into an incomparably gigantic python. As the gigantic python howled out, it merged with the body of the halberd, piercing straight towards the three gigantic bestial shadows.

Bang!

Rampaging Spiritual Energy fluctuations rushed out, unexpectedly creating a hundred foot sphere of free space around them. At this moment, the spatial gales wreaking havoc in their surroundings were unable to intrude in this space.

On the ground below, various experts had raised their heads to look at the two figures intensely crossing hands within the devastated space in the gigantic tornado. This caused quite a few people to quietly click their tongues in admiration. Those two fellows truly had guts bigger than everyone else. The tornado was brimming with spatial gales, with one requiring to pay an extremely miserable price with just a lapse of judgement.

There were also quite a few people feeling shock and astonishment towards Mu Chen’s performance. Everyone present knew the level of Wu Dong’s strength. Although he had failed to cross his Human Body Disaster, he was absolutely stronger than an ordinary Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase. Nevertheless, Mu Chen had actually dared to engage in a head-on confrontation against him, and wasn’t even in much of a disadvantageous position. This caused quite a few people to gasp in admiration; after all, his strength was only at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase.

Swish!

As rampaging Spiritual Energy swept out, Mu Chen’s figure shoot forward, while looking towards the halberd-wielding Wu Dong standing in the distance. At this moment, the frosty glint within his eyes grew increasingly thick, since he could feel that the spatial gales within the tornado gradually getting weaker. If he wasn’t able to deal with this Wu Dong soon, once the spatial gales scattered, the countless experts staring from below with bloodshot eyes might take action then. At that moment, wanting to snatch the treasure from that group of wolves would truly be extremely difficult. After all, Mu Chen knew that he wasn’t able to achieve victory over everyone by himself.

Therefore, he needed to get rid of the fellow in front of him in the fastest possible time!

As Mu Chen's eyes narrowed, he transformed into a streak of light, shooting towards Wu Dong in a straight line. As he did so, black lightning arcs sparked across his body, while a powerful strength started to radiate out from within.

"You've cultivated a Body-Refining Divine Art?"

A poisonous glare shot out from Wu Dong's eyes, since he could tell with one look how extraordinary Mu Chen was, while his sneer grew increasingly wide. *Did this waste truly think that he would be very formidable after cultivating a Body-Refining Divine Art?* Although he had fail his Human Body Disaster, he had still become extremely powerful. Even people who had cultivated in a Body-Refining Divine Art would be hard to compare to him.

"A brat that doesn't know how high the heavens are! I'll deal with you in a single move!"

A fierce and sinister glint flashed within Wu Dong's eyes as a lustrous white light unexpectedly erupted from his body. At this moment, all the blood and flesh within his body seemed to flare up as an extremely powerful strength started to surge within his limbs and bones.

As he stomped on the air, his figure explosively shot forward. In a span of a few breaths, he had made contact within Mu Chen, with body of the other being able to feel the chilling intent erupting from each other's eyes.

Pointing his fingers like spears, Mu Chen sent them piercing out, shattering all of the surrounding spatial gales apart in an abnormally swift and fierce manner.

"Scram!"

With a sinister smile, Wu Dong clenched his hands into fists, while lustrous white light sparkled from them, causing them to appear akin to jade, hard and indestructible. This fist was more than sufficient to cause severe injuries to a Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase expert!

Nevertheless, faced against such an attack, Mu Chen, unexpectedly, did not dodge or evade. Piercing his two fingers forward, he smashed them towards Wu Dong's wind fists.

At the instant of contact, Wu Dong seemed to see a cold and sinister smile slowly creeping up from the corner of Mu Chen's mouth.

At the same time, one of Mu Chen's fingers instantly turned incomparably jet-black.

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Chapter 405: Severed Arm

At the very instant when Mu Chen's finger had turned jet-black, Wu Dong seemed to have also discovered it, causing a unconcealable chill to suddenly flood through his mind. As cold sweat erupted from him, drenching his entire body, the senses that he had honed for all the years of training and cultivation had caused him to feel a sensation of life-threatening unease at this moment.

Therefore, he had halted the punch he was about to send out seemingly at that instant. The strong gales caused by his sudden reversal caused the Spiritual Energy in his body to churn and slosh around. Nevertheless, not caring a damn about this, he forced himself to retreat as fast as he could.

“Isn’t it a bit too late to walk away now?”

However, the instant when he had stepped back, Mu Chen’s cold and frosty voice rang out like maggots in one’s tarsus. The handsome face of the youth was now engulfed in chilling intent. Taking a step out, a giant dragon shadow seemed to surface at the bottom of his feet. Carrying him on its back, his step forward caused him to appear as if he was piercing through space.

Like a spectre, he appeared right before the retreating Wu Dong, that black fingertip shooting towards the throat of the latter at lightning speed.

That jet-black finger appeared akin to the sickle of the grim reaper, radiating with a dense aura of death.

His speed was too quick, too the point that Wu Dong was unable to react in time, only managing to send a rebounding arm to shield in front of his body, while erupting his Spiritual Energy out in defense.

Chi!

The jet-black finger pierced through. As the boundless Spiritual Energy defense came into contact with the jet-black finger, crackling sounds immediately erupted from it, before started to dissolve away. Like an incomparably sharp dagger, Mu Chen’s fingertip pierced straight into Wu Dong’s arm like a bolt of lightning.

As the fingertip pierced through, it brought along a spray of fresh blood.

As Wu Dong’s figure miserably retreated back, he was incomparably shocked to see his arm turning jet black at an astonishing speed. At this moment, a black colour started to crazily extending across his body.

This was a frightening poison!

Overwhelmed with shock, Wu Dong hastily tried to circulate his Spiritual Energy in an attempt to force the poison out from his body. However, as his Spiritual Energy made contact with the black poison, Wu Dong discovered, to his horror, that the Spiritual Energy in his body was unexpected being corroded by the poison at a rapid pace! That Spiritual Energy had unexpectedly turned into a highly toxic poison at this moment!

He was completely unable to force it out!

Such overbearing poison!

At this moment, Wu Dong’s face turned deathly pale as he thought, What kind of poison is this? ! It’s actually so overbearing! Even Spiritual Energy will get contaminated by it!

As the black-coloured poison lines started to rapidly extend, Wu Dong’s eyes turned bloodshot. In the next moment, with a furious clench of his teeth, he turned his hand into a blade. As Spiritual Energy surged out, he gave a vicious chop down at the base of his arm, violently slashing down.

“AAHHH!”

A fierce shriek rang out of Wu Dong’s mouth as the arm, having already turned jet-black, detached from his body and flew down from the sky, spurting out blood that had already turned jet-black. As it left his

body, the cut off arm rapidly rotted away, turning into black-coloured ashes in a short span of a few breaths, before scattering apart.

Retreating in an extremely miserable fashion, Wu Dong's face appeared deathly-pale, with his forehead dripping with sweat. At this moment, the gaze shooting towards Mu Chen had turned into one of incomparable dread and terror. *That poison's too terrifying!*

Seeing this, a slight frown appeared on Mu Chen's forehead. It was extremely hard for him to grasp the opportunity to display his "Black Lightning Poison Finger". He never imagined that Wu Dong would be that decisive to actually chop his arm off upon discovering the inability to dispel the overbearing poisonous aura.

"One more time!"

With a cold and detached smile on his face, Mu Chen's figure shot out once again. Seeing this, Wu Dong was terror-stricken, turning stiff with fear, no longer daring to take action against Mu Chen anymore. Turning around, he became an extremely sorry figure as he fled away. A roar filled with fury and anger rang out along with the spatial gales in the sky, "For the enmity of my arm, I'll definitely take my revenge, Mu Chen!"

Looking at the figure of Wu Dong fleeing in horror, a faint smile appeared on Mu Chen's face, before the jet-black finger started to slowly regain its original colour. With every use, that "Black Lightning Poison Finger" would decrease in toxicity. Therefore, he couldn't just use it in any normal occasion, and left it as a hidden ace. If he didn't need to chase that Wu Dong away as fast as possible, he wouldn't have used it at all. However, he never imagined that this "Black Lightning Poison Finger" would actually be that overbearing. Just a single touch was enough to waste away an entire arm of Wu Dong's.

He never proceeded to chase after the fleeing Wu Dong. Although he had completely trashed the latter, the current him had a more important matter to attend to.

Turning his body around, he looked towards the depths of the tornado. In the next moment, his figure explosively shot towards it. Now, he needed to grasp the best timing to obtain that Spiritual Treasure!

As Wu Dong fled away, the various experts below could faintly hear the furious roars of the former ringing out from the tornado. Hearing those angry roars, their expressions slightly changed.

Nevertheless, due to the obstruction of the storm, they were able to determine exactly what had appeared during that moment.

The faint smile originally present on Liu Ying's face started to slowly turn dark. Clearly, he had felt that something was not quite right.

Whoosh!

As everyone was guessing about what had happened, a glowing figure suddenly shot out from the tornado storm in an extremely miserable fashion, immediately drawing all of their gazes.

And there, Wu Dong was fleeing in terror, a deathly-pale shadow present on his face, body drenched in cold sweat. He appeared as miserable as a stray dog on the streets, completely different from the arrogant aura of a City Lord that he had shown at the very beginning.

As their gazes shot over to Wu Dong, before finally resting on his missing arm, the eyes of quite a few people furiously narrowed, while thick feelings of terror and dread erupted within their minds.

That Wu Dong had actually lost an arm in such a short span of time?!

That Mu Chen's unexpectedly that formidable? Relying on his strength at Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase, he not only forced Wu Dong to retreat, he even caused him to lose an arm?! How is this possible?!

The hearts of every expert tremored in shock as their expressions continued to fluctuate.

At this moment, Liu Ying had also seen the current state of Wu Dong. Therefore, the dark shadow originally present on his face became even darker to the point of being able to frighten people. Clenching his hands as tightly as he could, his handsome face had started to slowly warp and distort. *That waste Wu Dong! He had actually been injured into such a state?!*

While fury exploded within Liu Ying's heart, Xia Youran was also baffled by the scene unfurling before her, with her beautiful eyes brimming with shock and astonishment. She knew that Mu Chen being able to represent the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy meant that that he definitely possessed some redeeming qualities to warrant so. However, she never imagined that the latter would actually be able to injure Wu Dong to such a degree in such a short span of time.

Regardless of anything, that Wu Dong's a person that had experienced the Human Body Disaster. Although he had failed to pass through it, he was still much stronger than any other normal Heavenly Completion Stage. However, it seems as if she had still underestimated that little fellow Mu Chen.

Gently crossing her jade-like arms in front of her ample bosom, Xia Youran breathed a sigh of relief, while the chilling intent originally present on her lovable face completely faded away. Staring amusingly at Liu Ying, whose handsome face had slightly warped, she said, "Look's like your wish didn't come true, after all."

Hearing her words, Liu Ying's gaze turned dark as fury and anger rushed out of his heart. With a dark voice, he replied, "It's too early to be happy. Since Wu Dong's useless, let me personally test how much he's worth!"

As his voice rang out, Liu Ying stomped his foot, sending himself rocketing straight into the sky. In an instant, an extremely powerful wave of Spiritual Energy swept out from him like a giant sphere. Unexpectedly, it caused the spatial gales wreaking havoc in this region to be completely unable to reach within a range of a few hundred feet of him!

This scene instantly caused the crowd of experts to feel shocked as dreadful expressions appeared on their faces as they looked towards the figure radiating with a terrifying aura. Tremors shook through their shocked hearts as they thought, *Is this the highest level of the younger generation in the Northern Heavens Continent? From the looks of it, that Liu Ying might have already passed through the first of the Three Sovereign Disasters, the Human Body Disaster, right?*

"This Liu Ying wants to personally take action!" Some people exclaimed out in shock, before their gazes turned scorching hot. Generally speaking, a person on the level of Liu Ying would only personally take

action at the area of the baptism. No one ever imagined that he would actually be forced to take action by Mu Chen, whose strength was only at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase.

“You dare, Liu Ying?!”

Frowning deeply, with a move of her alluring body, Xia Youran shot forward like a bolt of lightning, appearing right before Liu Ying. Spiritual Energy that blotted the skies immediately swept out from her, causing her exquisitely voluptuous and alluring body to glow with luster. This caused her skin to appear as white as snow, resulting in her looking incomparably alluring and soul-stirring.

“Xia Youran!”

A deep roar of fury rang out from Liu Ying. Sending a dark gaze towards Xia Youran, who had obstructed his path, a fierce roar rang out, “Step aside!”

“I advise you not to go too overboard, Liu Ying!” replied Xia Youran. At this moment, her lovable face had turned ice-cold as wave-like Spiritual Energy that blotted the skies swept out from behind her, appearing like a giant sea. Faced against Liu Ying, who was radiating a terrifying aura, not a single hint of fear nor dread was present on her, as her ice-cold voice rang out through the sky.

“With me here, I’ll absolutely not let you touch a single bit of him!”

Hearing her reply, Liu Ying’s face grew even more cold and dark. Seeing Xia Youran wanting to protect Mu Chen to such lengths caused the flames within his heart to flare to greater heights. Unable to contain his impulsion to rip the latter into thousands of pieces, he took a step forward. Waves of pressure formed by Spiritual Energy that blotted the skies enveloped Xia Youran as an explosive roar rang out, “Then, I’ll see if you’ve any ability to prevent me from touching single bit of him!”

“Come and try!”

As she roared her reply, Xia Youran had similarly taken a step forward, coming into a head-on collision with him. Two powerful Spiritual Energy pressure waves smashed violently against one another, causing thunderous explosions to ring out. As the pressure waves expanded out, the breathing of quite a few experts present below turned sluggish, with them not daring to take deep breaths of air. From the looks of it, the two characters present within the peak of the younger generation in the Northern Heavens Continent seemed to be ready to take action against one another.

The surrounding atmosphere appeared to have frozen up, with even the rampaging spatial gales being unable to blow in their vicinity.

Within the air, the two figures coldly stared at one another, with the atmosphere being of mutual hostility.

As the two people stood in confrontation, Mu Chen had already smoothly reached the deepest region of the tornado. Within its eye, the incomparably rampant spatial winds were completely absent. The calmness here and the flurry of turmoil outside formed two pictures that were at the extremities of each other.

Floating in the eye of the tornado, Mu Chen sent his blazingly-hot gaze towards his front, where a clump of light radiated with dazzling brilliance. Within the centre of the clump of brilliance was a bone that

appeared to be made of jade, quietly floating within. Indescribable fluctuations radiated from it, causing the surrounding air to slightly tremble.

This was a pressure that caused even the heavens and earth to tremble.

The pressure of a Heavenly Sovereign!

That jade bone was without a doubt left behind by a Heavenly Sovereign!

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Chapter 406: Bone of a Heavenly Sovereign

A small bone as white as jade, yet it caused the heavens and earth to shake under its prestige. Naturally, with other trembling present, there was also Mu Chen, staring with his eyes wide open.

At this moment, Mu Chen was staring tightly at the white bone, his heart pounding hard and rapidly. From the pressure radiating from it, the white bone was naturally left behind by the Heavenly Sovereign that had sat and passed away here in the ancient antiquity. If this was known by the fellows outside of the tornado they would definitely risk their lives to snatch and obtain it with their hands.

It was fortunate that he took action fast, not waiting for the spatial gales to weaken before entering the tornado. If such a treasure was revealed out in the open, god knows what kind of carnage and slaughter it would attract. At that time, Mu Chen would truly not have the confidence to obtain such a treasure in front of those bloodshot madmen who would be close to losing their minds.

Bang! Bang!

Suppressing his rapidly pounding heart, Mu Chen's face changed in the next instant as he felt the mysterious black paper within his aurasea trembling with increasing intensity. This feeling appeared as if it was about to forcefully break out from his body.

"Stop jumping about! After I've obtained that item, there's naturally a part for you!"

A bitter feeling hung within Mu Chen's mouth as he kept on repeating those words in his mind. He held the mysterious black paper within his body with extreme importance. If it was to rush out of his body, and by the off chance was unable to return, he would truly vomit blood today. He would rather not come into contact with the bone of the Heavenly Sovereign, rather than lose that mysterious black paper within his body due to one careless mistake.

As if hearing the cries of Mu Chen, the trembling of the mysterious black paper finally started to slowly weaken. This made Mu Chen wipe the cold sweat on his forehead in relief. He didn't dare to presume the possibility of any spiritual consciousness of this mysterious black paper. Nevertheless, it possessed some sentience, being able to feel the thoughts and feelings of the person it was in.

As the mysterious black paper calmed down, Mu Chen turned his gaze back towards the jade-white bone within the clump of light. After hesitating for a bit, he started to close in. As he got closer, not a single movement was observed from the jade-white bone as it floated quietly within the clump of light.

Staring at the jade-white bone calmly floating there, Mu Chen gave a ferocious clench of his teeth, while extending his hand out to grab it.

Bang!

At the very instant when Mu Chen's hand had grabbed whole of the white bone, an astonishing amount of lightning seemed to explode within his body. As his face turned red, a mouthful of blood spurted out. At this moment, his expression violently contorted as he felt an indescribably frightening pressure radiating from the white bone, completely enveloping his entire body.

At this moment, his body appeared to have been pressed under a mountain range that spanned to the heavens, causing creaking sounds to ring out from his entire body. If not for him having cultivated his Thunder God Physique, he would have been immediately crushed into bits. However, even with that, blood started to flow out from every pore of his body, while his body started to intensely tremble.

This white bone was just a small part of the bones left behind by the Heavenly Sovereign when he had passed away while sitting here. Nevertheless, the strength it possessed was not something that a person on the level of Mu Chen could come into contact with.

Clenching his teeth tightly, blood started flowing out from the corners of his mouth. Nevertheless, regardless of his life, Mu Chen didn't relax his grip on the white bone. At this moment, a stubborn and unyielding expression that would cause people to be moved was displayed on his handsome face.

Bang! Bang!

The peals of lightning exploding within his body continued to increase in frequency, with even his Spiritual Energy being shaken to the point of turning into complete turmoil. As Mu Chen's face grew increasingly red, yet another mouthful of blood spurted out from him.

The hand grabbing onto the white bone trembled as blood continued to drip and flow from it, causing the white bone to be completely soaked in blood.

However, just as Mu Chen was about to give up in helplessness, deep abstruse rays of black brilliance suddenly erupted from the mysterious black paper. Ancient words seemed to surface from within the black brilliance, before transforming into streaks of black lights, shooting out from within.

Humm!

Sounds akin to an ancient mantra rang out from Mu Chen's body. The Qi and aura churning within his body, as well as his Spiritual Energy that had erupted out, had unexpectedly become calm and tranquil in an instant. Even the terrifying peals of thunder ringing within his body had started to slowly turn quiet under the sounds of the ancient mantra.

At this moment, unconcealable ecstasy and elation erupted on Mu Chen's face.

This mysterious black paper had finally started to show movement!

As the mantra rang out, Mu Chen's arm, which was shaking intensely, had also calmed down. In the next instant, he noticed incomparably ancient words transforming into black streaks of light, rushing out from his body, before wrapping around that jade-like white bone. As the black streaks of light circled the bone, they appeared to stain it like ink, quickly suppressing the brilliance radiating from it.

Within a short span of a dozen breaths, the white bone had already transformed into one of a jet-black colour, akin to being smothered within ink. As for the frightening pressure radiating from it, it appeared to have been sealed up, with not a single hint of it remaining.

Mu Chen finally regained the freedom of his body, causing him to breath a deep sigh of relief, before casting a shocked and doubtful gaze towards the black-coloured bone, which had stopped showing any abnormal signs of activity. Why would this bone of a Heavenly Sovereign be sealed up by the mysterious black paper?

“Exactly where did this mysterious black paper come from?”

Mu Chen muttered to himself while feeling slightly shocked within his heart. This mysterious black paper could not only seal and suppress an ancient ominous weapon like the Great Meru Demonic Pillar, it also sealed something like the remnants of a Heavenly Sovereign. This thing truly was slightly frightening. Although he still wasn’t able to make an estimate of its origin, Mu Chen was absolutely sure that this mysterious black paper was extremely, extremely terrifying.

Bang!

While Mu Chen was still in a daze as he thought about the black paper, low and deep bangs rang from the outside, causing him to immediately regain his clarity. Turning around to look, he saw that the gigantic tornado and surrounding storm appeared to have started to slowly dissipate away, with the spatial gales also following suit.

“I’ve to hurry up and get away from here!”

Feeling startled by this, Mu Chen hastily stored the jet-black bone away. Although he didn’t suffer severe injuries earlier, he had suffered some due to the pressure radiating out from the white bone, which had impacted his combat capability. If anyone was to spot his less than ideal condition, he would be hardpressed to say that nothing would happen; after all, there were too many people covertly eying this place.

With a shift of his body, Spiritual Light condensed below his feet, before transforming into a gigantic shadow of a dragon. Carrying Mu Chen on it’s back, with a wave of its body, it pierced through the dissipating tornado and storms, before rapidly retreating from there.

Bang!

At the same time, on the earth below, the various experts present had also sensed the weakening spatial gales in their surroundings, causing happiness and elation to gush out from their eyes. Staring towards the weakening tornado and storms with scorching gazes, their bodies grew taut, waiting for the moment to immediately dash in to obtain the treasure at the very instant the storms dissipated away.

Within the skies, Xia Youran and Liu Ying were still in confrontation with each other, both parties shooting incomparably cold and frosty gazes towards each other, while Spiritual Energy that blotted the skies swept out from them. Although they were currently like daggers in a drawn state, they did not reveal their true strength, since both of them were extremely clear about the tyrannical strength of the opposite party. In an exchange, regular methods would definitely not work against either of them. However, if they were to use their true skills, there would definitely be prices that needed to be paid. As

of now, they have yet to arrive at the area of the baptism. If they were to go all-out now, it would be tantamount to giving a heaven-sent opportunity to other people.

Therefore, regardless of the anger and fury present within Liu Ying's heart, he didn't dare to be reckless under the watchful gaze of Xia Youran.

"Hmph! The spatial gales are about to dissipate. At that time, when everyone rushes forward, that brat won't be able to escape, even if he prays to the gods!" said Liu Ying in a dark voice.

"There's no need for you to worry about him." replied Xia Youran with a sneer.

A chilling glint flashed within Liu Ying's eyes upon hearing her reply. However, just as he was able to speak out, a dragon roar suddenly resounded across the skies. Liu Ying hastily raised his head, only to see an illusionary shadow of a dragon surface within the dissipating storms. Waving its tail, the dragon appeared in a place a thousand feet away from Liu Ying in a flash. Such speed of the dragon caused even Liu Ying to be startled.

Roar!

As the dragon roar resounded, under the amazed looks of the people below, the dragon shadow quickly disappeared into the horizon far away.

Everyone stared in amazement as the dragon shadow disappeared into the horizon, before raising their heads again, only to see that the tornado and the storms in the sky had already dissipated away. However, there was not a single presence of the Spiritual Treasure that was once present within it, as if the tornado and storms had vanished into thin air.

A moment of silence hung over all of the experts present in this stretch of the world.

"That dragon shadow earlier seems to be from that brat..."

"Fucking shit! He snatched the Spiritual Treasure away!"

"Such running speed!"

"Bastard!"

After the moment of silence, furious shouts and curses violently erupted in the skies as the faces of many experts turned green with rage. They had painstakingly waited here for more than half a day, waiting with great difficulty for the storms to dissipate. Yet, in the end, Mu Chen had already snatched the treasure and fled. The most hateful thing was that they had actually stared with open eyes as he ran away.

"Chase him! Don't let him get away!"

In the end, there were still some people who weren't willing to give up, roaring out in fury as they furiously shot towards the direction where the dragon shadow had disappeared to.

Looking towards the direction the dragon shadow had disappeared to with her beautiful eyes, Xia Youran gave a sweet laugh as she thought, *That smelly brat's truly fast at slipping away.* Nevertheless, from the looks of it, he should have gotten the treasure into his hands.

Sweeping her gaze out, she shot a look towards Liu Ying, noticing the ashen expression present on the latter's face. It could be considered that he had been taught a vicious lesson by Mu Chen today. Not only was he unable to subdue the latter, he had even allowed the latter to snatch the treasure and smoothly slip away.

"Hehe. Look's like your wish has truly gone down the drain," said Xia Youran with a grin, while the Spiritual Energy radiating from her that blotted the skies started to slowly dissipate away. Since Mu Chen had managed to successfully slip away, there was naturally no more need for her to hang around this irksome fellow anymore.

Shooting a dark look at Xia Youran, Liu Ying replied in a chilling tone, "I don't believe that brat's gonna hide just like that. As long as he dares to enter the area of the baptism, I'll naturally be able to capture him, and have him obediently hand the item over!"

As his voice rang out, Liu Ying didn't stay there any longer. With a wave of his sleeve, he brought along his heart brimming with hatred as he turned around and left. Today, he had truly thrown his face away.

Seeing the back figure of Liu Ying in the distance, Xia Youran gave a sneer. With a move of her alluring figure, she headed towards the opposite direction of him, leaving behind those on the ground staring at each other, with not a single harvest at all. After a brief moment, the experts gave a helpless sigh as they thought, *All of this for nothing.*

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Chapter 407: Blood Essence of a Heavenly Sovereign

Whoosh!

A streak of light shot across the sky at an astonishing speed, leaving behind faintly discernable dragon roars ringing out behind. That was an illusionary shadow of a dragon, with a figure present on its back. Howling as it travelled across the horizon, it shot across the skies at an astonishing speed.

Standing on the back of the dragon shadow, Mu Chen looked towards the earth that was rapidly increasing in distance from him, while an expression of sighing in admiration appeared within his eyes. The speed of the Dragon Soaring Art was truly way too fast. No wonder why the White Dragon Sovereign was able to smoothly flee from the encirclement of multiple Sovereigns from the Dragon Demonic Palace that year.

According to Mu Chen's current comprehension of the "Dragon Soaring Art", he knew that this Dragon Soaring Art was divided roughly into a few phases. The first phase was the "Dragon Shadow". The second phase was the "Dragon Soaring", with the third phase being "Dragon Evasion". As of now, with his strength breaking into the Heavenly Completion stage, having drastically improved, compared to before, Mu Chen's Dragon Soaring Art had progressed to the second phase, "Dragon Soaring". Upon reaching this phase, one's Spiritual Energy would be able to cause a giant dragon to surface from one's body. With this giant dragon, it was able to carry Mu Chen to travel across the heavens and earth, with its speed appearing as if it could chase after the stars and moon.

Mu Chen was confident that with his current speed, Heavenly Completion Stage, even those experts that have passed through the first of the Three Sovereign Disasters, the Human Body Disaster, wouldn't be able to catch up to him.

Due to this very reason, Mu Chen dared to snatch the treasure in front of the eyes of so many experts who were covertly eying it, since he had the confidence to safely leave after snatching the treasure.

"I don't know how long it'll take before I can reach the third phase, 'Dragon Evasion'..." muttered Mu Chen to himself. It's said that if one was able to cultivate the Dragon Soaring Art to the phase of "Dragon Evasion", one could transform one's body into that of a giant dragon. At that time, one would be able to pierce through space, causing even normal Sovereigns to bite one's dust.

A moment of yearn for that hung within Mu Chen's mind, before he regained his thoughts about his current position. Looking towards the far distance behind him, he was able to faintly discern some Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from there. *Looks like there're some fellows that aren't willing to give up on attempting to snatch the treasure from me, huh?*

"I've to first find a place to recover and recuperate."

Mu Chen muttered to himself. Furthermore, he was burning with impatience to see exactly what uses that bone of a Heavenly Sovereign had.

As this thought flashed within his mind, Mu Chen immediately reacted, causing the giant dragon below his feet to explosively increase in speed. In a flash, he and the dragon disappeared across the horizon. After some time, he appeared within a range of towering mountainous ridges. Waving his sleeve, the giant dragon shadow below him dissipated away, while he rushed down, descending within a small concealed mountain valley.

Within the depths of the mountain valley, Mu Chen found a mountain crevice to drill himself into, before sitting down with crossed legs. Before he started to look at the bone, he withdrew all of his Spiritual Energy aura, turning to something akin to a rock, masking himself within the mountain's crevice.

Not long after withdrawing his Spiritual Energy fluctuations, whooshing sounds started to ring out in the sky as figures shot across in succession. As they scanned their vicinity to no avail, unwilling curses and shouts rang out from them before they started to head off towards the distance.

Within the mountain, Mu Chen's faintly shut eyes started to slowly open, while an amused smile curled up from the corner of his mouth. In the next moment, his expression turned extremely serious as his hands carefully retrieved the jet-black Heavenly Sovereign's bone that had turned abnormally quiet.

At this moment, remaining abnormally quiet, the Heavenly Sovereign's bone didn't radiate with any of the past pressure that it possessed before, appearing incomparably common and ordinary-looking.

Playing around with it in his hands for a while, a frown started to appear on his forehead. After a while, he twitched his mouth in helplessness, since he discovered that no matter what he did, not a single reaction was garnered from the jet-black bone. He had attempted to circulate Spiritual Energy into it, but to no avail, since Spiritual Energy would just get unreasonably shaken off upon contact with the black bone.

Clearly, after sealing the Heavenly Sovereign's bone, the mysterious black paper had isolated all ways that people could use to search for the bone.

Holding onto the black bone, Mu Chen gave a bitter laugh. *Looks like the only way is to get the mysterious black paper to take action.* With his little bit of strength, it was simply impossible for him to dip his finger into this treasure.

You're the best, you're the boss. I leave it up to you.

Mu Chen muttered in his heart.

Just as his voice rang out within his heart, the mysterious black paper within his aurasea erupted with rays of black brilliance. Rays of brilliance surfaced on the the thin piece of black paper like the most ancient of writings, recording about the mysteries of the world, appearing none the more mysterious.

Whoosh!

A ray of brilliance shot out from the mysterious black paper, before gushing out from Mu Chen's palm, aiming straight at that tiny black bone.

Chi! Chi!

The black colour on the bone quickly withdrew, turning back into its sparkling and lustrous form in the short span of a few breaths, appearing exceedingly perfect, like a piece of pure jade. Furthermore, this time, there wasn't any of the previous intense reaction that came from the Heavenly Sovereign's bone, like in the past, as it quietly sat within Mu Chen's palm.

Converging his mind over, Mu Chen observed the abnormal glossiness on the surface of the jade-like bone, with not a single trace of blemish present, akin to a perfect piece of artwork. Furthermore, due to the sparkling and lustrous appearance of the jade-like bone, Mu Chen was even able to see a drop of what it seemed to be golden-coloured blood slowly circulating within.

There's actually the blood essence of the Heavenly Sovereign within this jade-like bone?!

Looking at the golden blood essence within the bone, Mu Chen's hearted started to rapidly pound. That's the blood essence of a Heavenly Sovereign! Although it was only just a little bit present, even Sovereign stage experts would turn bloodshot when faced with such a thing. Although it was said that there was a Heavenly Sovereign that had passed away in the ancient antiquity while sitting within the Divine Spiritual Mountain range, after the passing of time, everything of the Heavenly Sovereign should have been washed away by the sands of time. Even powerful blood essence should have gradually faded away during such a long length of time. However, who would have imagined that there would actually be a few drops of it remaining within this jade-like bone.

This was truly a treasure!

Mu Chen could feel his breath turning exceedingly rough and loud.

Humm.

Although Mu Chen was ecstatic about the golden blood essence before his eyes, humming sounds started to ring out from the mysterious black paper in his aurasea once again.

As that happened, the jade-like bone started to slowly float up from Mu Chen's palm. In the next moment, Mu Chen observed rays of brilliance radiating out from it. As for the few drops of golden blood

essence, they had unexpectedly started to slowly spread out from within the jade-like bone, before floating quietly in front of Mu Chen.

Pale rays of golden light radiated from them, causing the entire crevice to be illuminated in a golden hue. Mu Chen tightly stared at the few drops of golden blood essence. Although he wasn't able to feel overly astonishing Spiritual Energy fluctuations radiating from them, he was able to faintly discern the terrifying energy contained within those few drops of blood essence.

Even a Sovereign would be met with exceedingly astonishing and face-changing shock.

Furthermore, there appeared to be low and deep peals of thunder ringing out from within the golden blood essence. From the looks of it, when the Heavenly Sovereign was still alive, he or she might have cultivated in some kind of special martial art that possessed a Lightning attribute. Only then would his or her blood essence possess such frightening powers of lightning.

Whoosh!

All of a sudden, those few drops of golden blood essence transformed into a golden rays of light, shooting straight towards Mu Chen. In the next instant, in front of his incomparably astonished gaze, it drilled straight into his body.

This unforeseen turn of events caused inconsolable terror to instant erupt within Mu Chen's heart. Indeed, his eyes were watering due to the blood essence of the Heavenly Sovereign. However, with his current level of strength, he was simply unable to enjoy such a thing. Even a single drop of it would cause his body to explode apart!

Chi!

Without giving the slightest bit of care about the wishes of Mu Chen, the golden blood essence rushed straight into his body, piercing through his blood, flesh and meridians. With an astonishing speed, it proceeded to dissipate within Mu Chen's body, causing a him to feel as if a drop of ink has been dipped into a vat of water.

Bang! Bang!

Frightening clashes of thunder started to resound within Mu Chen's body once again, causing his face to turn deathly-pale. At this moment, he could feel a terrifying amount of energy suddenly erupting from within his body, seemingly wanting to explode his body apart.

This energy's too frightening, and he was completely unable to endure it!

However, just as Mu Chen was about to fall into despair, not stopping for long within his blood and flesh, the golden blood essence rushed straight into the depths of his body. Drilling straight into his aurasea, it finally sank right into the mysterious black paper.

Chi! Chi!

As the golden blood essence drilled into the mysterious black paper, the latter started trembling for a moment as golden runic patterns seemed to appear on its surface, one after another. Those runic patterns seemed to consist of ancient writings from the depths of the mysterious black paper, radiating with endless mystery and a feeling of being immeasurable.

The thing concealed within the mysterious black paper appeared to have been activated by the blood essence of the Heavenly Sovereign!

Although Mu Chen was extremely interested to know exactly what background the mysterious black paper had, he could not afford to have the slightest bit of stray thoughts at this moment. Although the golden blood essence has been completely absorbed by the latter, slight traces of the golden blood essence had stuck to Mu Chen's blood and flesh when it had pierced through his body.

Just this tiny little trace of remnants was still exceedingly frightening to Mu Chen.

Therefore, Mu Chen's entire body had transformed into something like a furnace at this moment, with all the blood and flesh in his body needing to burn.

Golden arcing rays carried along golden-coloured lightning brilliance, piercing and weaving about in Mu Chen's blood and flesh. Intense pain started to wrack out from Mu Chen's entire body, causing green veins to bulge and swell at his temples, making him appear exceedingly fierce and malevolent.

Fuck his mother! He was already unable to endure it anymore! Nevertheless, the mysterious black paper had already sank into a state of transformation, completely unable to provide the slightest bit of help to him.

Now, he could only rely on himself!

Clenching his teeth tightly, with a wave of his sleeve, a lotus flower congealed from black-coloured lightning liquid appeared in a flash. This was the Lightning God's Lotus that he had obtained after previously helping the Northern Sea Dragon. This Lightning God's Lotus had an extremely beneficial effect towards the tempering of one's physique. After obtaining it, Mu Chen had been relying on the energy of the Lightning God's Lotus to cultivate his Thunder God Physique ever since.

As of now, his situation was exceedingly dangerous! The remnants of the Heavenly Sovereign's blood essence was too frightening, almost causing his body to explode under its might! Now, he needed to promote his already tyrannical physique up a notch! If not, it would be extremely hard for him to escape from this life-threatening disaster.

Sitting on the Lightning God's Lotus, Mu Chen forcefully suppressed his body, which seemed to want to ignite and burst into flames. Bringing his hands together to form a seal, he started to circulate the cultivation method of the Thunder God Physique. Although he was in extreme danger at this moment, it could also be said that he had an extreme stroke of luck. If he was able to absorb and refine the energy contained within the Heavenly Sovereign's blood essence remnants, his Thunder God Physique might be able to achieve a breakthrough, yet again!

If he was able to successfully breakthrough, Mu Chen's strength would be heavily promoted! However, if he failed to breakthrough, it would be extremely hard for him to keep his little life past today!

Mu Chen clenched his teeth. At this moment, the only thing he could do was to fight with all he had!

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Chapter 408: Sovereign Celestial Body

Bang!

Frantic peals of lightning erratically resounded within Mu Chen's body, while a golden-coloured splendor was seemingly present throughout his internals. Even his flesh, blood and even bones were stained by this golden colour, appearing as if they were casted from gold.

This golden colour continued to crazily corrode away Mu Chen's internals. Within the golden colour was minute spots of golden-coloured lightning sparks. Those golden-coloured lightning sparks were extremely minute; however, they contained extremely frightening energies within them. Any place that they travelled past would cause a state of destruction within Mu Chen's body, as if that area would explode apart.

Intense pain continued to crazily wrack throughout his body.

For his Thunder God's Physique to grow stronger, Mu Chen would need to endure extremely intense pain and suffering for it to progress. However, upon every successful progression, he would possess a strength that would cause people to feel drunk. This was something that would cause countless people to love and envy him, since other people would be unable to abandon anything just for the sake of the pursuit of power.

Similarly, Mu Chen was unable to abandon his pursuit of strength. Therefore, he could only go all-out and crazily activate his Thunder God's Physique. Within his body, black lightning sparks surfaced within his flesh and blood, continuously enveloping the golden light in an attempt to refine it.

However, although the black lightning contained a portion of the Divine Black Lightning's strength, the golden lightning sparks were clearly more frightening. Even with something as strong as the Divine Black Lightning appeared somewhat weak in front of them. Thinking about it, the Divine Black Lightning was, after all, the Lightning Tribulation that Spiritual Beasts would have to pass when they break through to become Divine Beasts. That kind of tribulation was somewhat similar to the "Three Sovereign Disasters" that the humans would have to pass through to breakthrough into the Sovereign realm. Contrary to that, those golden lightning sparks had originated from a Heavenly Sovereign. In front of an existence like that, the Black Divine Lightning would appear akin to ordinary lightning with a slight increase in power.

Fortunately, what was corroding Mu Chen's flesh and blood was, after all, the remnant blood essence of the Heavenly Sovereign. Although it was strong, its followup wasn't strong, which allowed him to endure, before slowly refining and absorbing it at the end!

Therefore, Mu Chen furiously activated his Thunder God's Physique to its utmost limit, and slivers of black lightning sparks pierced through his flesh and blood, rushing forth towards the golden sparks wave after wave. Although they had surged forth time and time again, they were corroded and assimilated by the golden lightning sparks. However, during that process, there would also be minute bits of the golden light breaking apart and dissipate away, before being greedily absorbed by Mu Chen's flesh and blood.

As they absorbed those broken up flecks of golden light, a pale golden colour started to faintly appear on Mu Chen's flesh and blood, while an indescribable tyrannical and overpowering feeling started to faintly radiate from him.

After enduring the bout of intense pain and suffering, Mu Chen started to gradually adapt to it, before proceeding to focus his mind and spirit. Using this long drawn-out method, he slowly continued to break

the incomparably golden lightning sparks apart, bit by bit. After absorbing the outer parts, the lightning liquid, which formed the Lightning God's Lotus Mu Chen was sitting on, started to crackle with black lightning sparks as strands of Divine Black Lightning continued to unceasingly pour into Mu Chen's body, helping him consume the energies of the golden lightning sparks.

Under this attack from the inside and outside, the painful expression present on Mu Chen's face started to gradually fade away, while the intense battle raging within his body started to shift towards his control.

Time quickly elapsed, with a day's worth of time gradually ticking past.

Within this day, Mu Chen sat within the Lightning God's Lotus, not moving a single inch. As the sparks of black lightning continued to radiate from the lotus, it seemingly engulfed the entirety of Mu Chen's body. As the rays of brilliance radiated from the lightning sparks slowly squirmed about, astonishing energy fluctuations radiated from them.

Humm!

All of a sudden, faint golden rays of brilliance slowly shone from the black lightning sparks surrounding Mu Chen's body. Under the golden glow, those black rays of brilliance appeared to be like snow that had clashed against lava, rapidly melting into it.

As this happened, Mu Chen's body surfaced from under the black lightning sparks. However, at this moment, a faint golden glow covered the entirety of his body, appearing akin to a layer of gold from afar, looking similar to the golden bodies of those buddhas. Furthermore, Mu Chen's body had become much stronger than the day before!

After persisting awhile, the golden glow started to gradually disperse away, revealing the black rays of brilliance radiating from the lightning arcs that had condensed on Mu Chen's chest. As the lightning arcs extended out, they started to transform into a lightning rune!

Diplo Rune Lightning Physique!

After refining and absorbing that remnant blood essence, Mu Chen's Thunder God's Physique had finally progressed, reaching the level of Diplo Rune Lightning Physique!

Mu Chen's tightly shut eyes started to slowly open at this moment. As he did so, golden brilliance seemed to flash within those black pupils of his, appearing extremely sharp and penetrative.

Lowering his head, he took a look at the lightning rune imprinted on his chest that was gradually dissipating away, while a look of satisfaction surfaced within his eyes. It was already hard to cultivate a Body Refining Divine Art, with the Thunder God's Physique adding another notch of difficulty on top of that. After starting to cultivate the complete version of the Thunder God's Physique, Mu Chen had not once stopped in cultivating and training it. However, as of now, just by relying on that sliver of blood essence from the Heavenly Sovereign, he had genuinely reach the level of Diplo Rune Lightning Physique.

Stepping off from the Lightning God's Lotus, Mu Chen waved his sleeve, keeping the lotus back. Clenching his fingers, he could feel the tyrannical power surging to near the point of eruption within his body, causing him to grin uncontrollably in happiness. Compared the Mono Rune Lightning Physique,

the Diplo Rune Lightning Physique was truly more much tyrannical. According to his estimates, even an expert who had pass through their Human Body Disaster would truly not be able to compete with him on the aspect of brute strength! The Thunder God's Physique still possessed its formidable aspects.

After adapting to the surging energy within his body, Mu Chen turned his gaze towards the jade bone that was still floating before him. At this moment, the blood essence within it had already been completely absorbed by the mysterious black paper, leaving it empty. However, even after losing the blood essence, this jade bone still possessed immense energies within it.

Staring at the jade bone, Mu Chen scratched his head; after all, this jade bone was something that came from the Heavenly Sovereign, and contained immense energies. However, at his current cultivation realm, he was clearly unable to refine those energies. Therefore, the only thing he could do was to store it away, since such a treasure would definitely have some use in the future.

Carefully holding the jade bone, Mu Chen proceeded to properly store it away.

“That’s right! The mysterious black paper!”

Only at this moment did Mu Chen remember the thing that was most important, causing him to hastily sink his consciousness into his aurasea. In there, he spotted the mysterious black paper once again, quietly floating within. However, at this moment, there was a gigantic transformation compared to its previous appearance. There was no longer a deep, black darkness on its surface; there were golden-coloured runic patterns extended across it. Those runic patterns gave Mu Chen a feeling of the ancient antiquity from an extremely old age, while appearing to have recorded the mysteries of the heavens and earth.

With a thought, Mu Chen’s Divine Soul that was sitting within his aurasea stood up, before approaching the black paper with golden runic patterns with caution. After slightly hesitating, it extended its small hand to gently touch the surface of the black paper.

Humm!

At the instant when Mu Chen’s Divine Soul made contact with the mysterious black paper, the latter immediately erupted with rays of golden light. Transforming into a glowing screen, with ancient texts appearing to slowly flow and move about on its surface. As Mu Chen’s Divine Soul blankly stared at those incomparably profound and abstruse ancient texts, a drunk and stupefied feeling washed over Mu Chen, even though he was clearly unable to read or understand those texts.

A ancient voice started to ring and reverberate within his mind, causing his blank and vacant state to feel a sensation of comprehension, while a cryptic message from the ancient antiquity started to flow through his mind.

“The Great Solar Undying Body...”

A tremor shook through Mu Chen’s mind, causing him to abruptly sober up, before fiercely sucking in a breath of cold air. His eyes trembling, Mu Chen stared at the ancient golden text before him. The Great Solar Undying Body! This was actually a Divine Art to cultivate one’s Sovereign Celestial Body!

Furthermore, it was a rather terrifying Sovereign Celestial Body!

One's Sovereign Celestial Body was a mark of recognition to one's promotion into the Sovereign realm. Only a genuine Sovereign would be able to congeal a Sovereign's Celestial Body, and control the heavens and earth. Any single wave of its arm possessed power that could decimate the heavens and sunder the earth. Mu Chen had seen the Sovereign's Celestial Body belonging to the Black Dragon Sovereign and Dean Tai Cang before. Those were powers that could cause the whole world to shake and tremble.

That kind of power couldn't be substituted by any kind of method!

However, in the Great Thousand World, being the mark of recognition of a Sovereign level existence, the Sovereign Celestial Body could also be classified into different rankings. According to what Mu Chen knew, as of now, there were a total of 99 different Sovereign's Celestial Bodies that could be ranked!

Every single one of those 99 Sovereign's Celestial Bodies were extremely frightening. Furthermore, their methods of cultivation were all secrets that were withheld and not circulated by the various powers and clans. Only their core members would possess the criteria to cultivate them. Naturally, there were Sovereign Celestial Bodies that were not ranked within those 99. However, compared to those 99, the others all appeared rather normal and ordinary in face of them. Most of them were created from the condensation of one's own Spiritual Energy without any special capabilities. Therefore, they didn't possess the qualifications to enter the top 99 rankings.

If one were to ask what was the most attractive thing to Sovereign realm experts, it would most likely be the cultivation techniques for the Sovereign's Celestial Bodies within the top 99 rankings.

For the sake of those cultivation techniques, there would be some Sovereign realm experts willing to offer their services to powerful clans and influences. From this, one could tell the importance of those cultivation techniques to them!

At this moment, a rather frightening Sovereign's Celestial Body cultivation technique had appeared before Mu Chen's eyes.

The Great Solar Undying Body.

According to the knowledge privy to Mu Chen, there seemed to not be such a Celestial Body within the top 99 Sovereign's Celestial Bodies. However, he had gotten a piece of soul shuddering news from the mysterious black paper...

This Great Solar Undying Body was, unexpectedly, just an incomplete part of a cultivation technique.

The complete version of this cultivation method would lead to a Sovereign's Celestial Body known as the The Primordial Immortal Body!

Mu Chen's eyes snapped wide open, while a blank expression hung on his face. He could faintly remember that among the top 99 Sovereign's Celestial Bodies that shook the Great Thousand World, the Sovereign's Celestial Body that was ranked 4th was The Primordial Immortal Body!

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Chapter 409: The Primordial Immortal Body

The Primordial Immortal Body, ranked 4th among the top 99 Sovereign's Celestial Bodies in all of the worlds and realms!

Mu Chen stood there, stupefied, with his hands trembling, while an incomprehensible message gushed out and filled his mind and heart. He was completely unable to imagine that this mysterious black paper would actually harbor such a frightening thing within it...

The Sovereign's Celestial Body ranked 4th in all of the worlds and realms. If this news was to be spread out, Mu Chen was 100% sure that even the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy wouldn't be able to protect him!

That was because the enticement of this thing was far too great! Countless Sovereign realm experts would turn into mad men to try to snatch and obtain this! Furthermore, they would do so, no matter what the price was!

Although he had only obtained an incomplete version of it, named to the "Great Solar Undying Body", and not the "Primordial Immortal Body", as long as he was able to successfully cultivate this Sovereign Celestial Body, he would possess the qualifications to pursue that "Primordial Immortal Body"! And if he was able to successfully cultivate that in the future, Mu Chen was confident that he would possess the means to charge anywhere, regardless of the Luo God Clan or the mysterious clan his mother was from!

Faced against such enticement, even with Mu Chen's staunch and firm character, his eyes could not help turning bloodshot, while his breathing turned laborious.

Hu.

Continuing to take deep breaths, it took Mu Chen a while to regain his clarity of mind. Feeling slightly absent-minded, he sat straight down on the floor, licking his lips whilst falling down. Intense flames surged and blazed within the depths of his black eyes. This was the pursuit of strength present within everyone. As long as he possessed ample strength, he would be able to protect the people he wanted to protection. At that time, he would truly be able to stand in front of Luo Li, and brave and weather all storms for the girl he loved!

He could also rush into the mysterious clan his mother was at and bring her out and back to his father without the slightest bit of scruples! He could let his family reunite once again!

"Primordial Immortal Body..."

Slowly clenching his hands, the flames within Mu Chen's eyes gushed forth, while a deep roar resounded within his heart. *I want it!*

As of now, what he needed was more information!

Mu Chen sank once again into his aurasea, sensing the ancient message contained within the mysterious black paper floating there. This time, there was yet another cryptic and complicated message that appeared within his mind.

"Immortal Catalog..."

"Divine Law of the Ancient Antiquity..."

Faintly closing his eyes, some comprehension of the earlier message rose within his mind. Indeed, with his expectations, the mysterious black paper within his auras was an incomplete thing. According to some of the ancient messages recorded on its surface, the mysterious black paper should be part of the so-called "Immortal Catalog". That was one of the true Divine Laws of the Ancient Antiquity.

"So, the mysterious black paper was one part of the Immortal Catalog...that means to say that there should be a total of four similar mysterious black papers like the one within my body..." muttered Mu Chen as he pondered about it. That also meant that there were still three more volumes of the "Immortal Pages" circulating within all the worlds and realms.

The other three Immortal Pages should also contain cultivation methods for Sovereign Celestial Bodies that were similar to the "Great Solar Undying Body".

If he could successfully cultivate all four Sovereign Celestial Bodies, the "Primordial Immortal Body" of legend would appear once again in the world!

It's said that a Sovereign's Celestial Body of this degree would be immortal for eternity, unkillable and undying. Even ghosts and gods would dread such strength.

"Unkillable and undying..." Mu Chen muttered. This truly was too frightening. Were there truly heaven-defying existences in this world?

"However...wanting to search and obtain the other three Immortal Pages...what degree of difficulty would that be, huh?" Mu Chen muttered while a hopeless smile appeared on his face. From the previous messages he had gotten from the mysterious black paper, he already knew that there was something else other than the cultivation method for the "Primordial Immortal Body" recorded in the Immortal Catalog. Other than that, there was also other ancient sacred objects of world-shaking proportions that possessed the terrifying power of being able to destroy an entire realm contained within.

As of now, the Immortal Catalog had already been split into four volumes, forming four Immortal Pages. However, these four Immortal Pages weren't simple, as they inherited part of the power of the Immortal Catalog, possessing their own unique, yet strong, powers. Even some Divine Weapons weren't able to compare to them.

As for what special powers the other three Immortal Pages possessed, that was something that was not yet known to Mu Chen. However, the Immortal Page within his body was seemingly named the "Sealing Volume", and possessed the powers of sealing. This was why, regardless of Nine Nether in the past, or the Great Meru Demonic Pillar as of now, were able to be suppressed and sealed within his body.

This also meant that if Mu Chen was truly able to obtain all four of the Immortal Pages, he would not only possess the cultivation technique for the "Primordial Immortal Body", he would also possess the sacred object that came from the ancient antiquity!

Although, at this moment, Mu Chen wasn't able to get too clear of a mental concept of what an item of this degree would do and be like, he was faintly able to perceive the world-shaking proportions of this so-called "Sacred Object".

"If this volume of the Immortal Catalog's been activated by the blood essence of the Heavenly Sovereign, wouldn't that mean that I might be able to activate some of its power in the future?"

Thinking about that, Mu Chen licked his lips. After so many years, he had finally uncovered the secret behind that mysterious black paper. However, he never imagined that this activated Immortal Page would have such a severe requirement to the point of actually needing the blood essence of a Heavenly Sovereign. Such a figure was a super existence that ruled over a region of the world. How would ordinary people dare to even think about obtaining the blood essence of such a person?

If not for his stroke of luck and hitting the jackpot, it would be extremely difficult for him to uncover the secrets behind the mysterious black paper, even after many years.

As his thoughts headed down this path, Mu Chen was unable to control a silly smile from appearing on his face. He never imagined that he would obtain such heaven-defying luck before even reaching the area of the baptism in his trip to the Divine Spiritual Mountain. *Looks like it truly was the right decision to head over here.*

Feeling free and relaxed, Mu Chen stood up. The cultivation technique for a Sovereign's Celestial Body like the "Great Solar Undying Body" required one to be a genuine Sovereign, before it could be cultivated. As of now, what he needed to do was to guard this treasure and quietly wait for that time to come. There was no need for him to get impatient, since no one could take it away from within his body.

Now, Mu Chen held great anticipation for the day he would breakthrough into the Sovereign Realm. Although this "Great Solar Undying Body" didn't appear within the top 99 rankings of Sovereign Celestial Bodies, being the prerequisite Sovereign Celestial Body before the cultivation of the "Primordial Immortal Body", if anyone were to say it was weak, even if he was beaten to death, Mu Chen would still not believe it.

"I should head out now."

Muttered Mu Chen with a smile. It had been a day since he started cultivating at this location. Thinking about it, the majority of the people would have already rushed and reached the area of the baptism; therefore, he should hurry up. The current journey had already been rewarding for him. Even if he wasn't able to obtain the Divine Spiritual Baptism, it was something that he could endure. However, he was, after all, representing the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. If he was to give no show within this place, it wouldn't be good for the face of the academy.

Thinking about this point, Mu Chen didn't continue hesitating. After arranging himself for a bit, he shot out from the mountain's crevice. Stopping in midair, he surveyed his surroundings. After finding his bearings, he turned and shot off towards the deepest region of the Divine Spiritual Mountain range.

After carrying on his journey, Mu Chen didn't make anymore detours along the way, regardless of the appearance of Spiritual Treasures, since they weren't able to cause any stir within his heart. Increasing his speed, he rushed towards the area of the baptism. After the day of cultivation in the mountain's crevice, there might already be quite a few experts at the area of the baptism, since there's only one area for the baptism within this entire Divine Spiritual Mountain range. Within the eyes of the participants, this was the true and genuine treasure here.

Due to quite a few people having the same destination as him, he was able to obtain some news as he travelled along the way. Although it had only been a day since the opening of the Divine Spiritual Mountain range, the overall situation within this place had already turned into a hotpot of fiery

explosiveness, with people and experts from various places having fought for god-know's how many times. At this moment, one could only imagine the sky-high number of experts that had been buried within this endless mountain range.

From the reports he had obtained, Mu Chen managed to hear about some news with regards to himself. They were actually related to him obtaining the treasure the day before, due to him causing Wu Dong to lose an arm in the process of obtaining the treasure. This had made his name resound across the entire Divine Spiritual Mountain range, causing quite a few people to restrain their initial disdain and contempt towards himself. Regardless of what methods Mu Chen had used, his strength was only at the realm of Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase. Compared to him, that Wu Dong was a famous person that had experienced a Human Body Disaster. Although the latter had failed to pass through his tribulation, ordinary people at the Heavenly Completion Stage Late Phase would absolutely not have the guts to boast around in front of him.

Despite that, even Wu Dong had lost an arm to Mu Chen. Other than the handful of top figures within the younger generation of the Northern Heavens Continent, who would dare to belittle him anymore?

Nevertheless, Mu Chen couldn't care less about this new fame and reputation that was attached to him. On the contrary, he would rather have people look down and underestimate him more. That way, if he was to truly take action, his victim would naturally have to pay an extremely high price then.

Other than the news related to him, Mu Chen managed to obtain news that all of the experts within the Divine Spiritual Mountain range had already gathered towards the area of the baptism. For the sake of climbing up the "Nine Heavenly Steps" within the area of the baptism, countless experts had unleashed wave after wave of blood-filled slaughter and massacre.

Raising his head, Mu Chen looked towards the far distance in front of him, a frown appeared on his forehead. He wondered, *How's Senior Sister Xia fairing? With her strength, there shouldn't be anything that could happen to her, right?*

Mu Chen clearly had extremely favorable views towards his Senior Sister Xia Youran, due the latter offering her help time and time again. Thus, he naturally hoped that nothing would happen to her.

Whoosh!

Taking a deep breath of air, an illusionary dragon shadow surfaced below Mu Chen's feet. With a long roar, his speed rapidly increased, reaching an astonishing level. Shooting across the horizon, he quickly flew towards the deepest region of the Divine Spiritual Mountain range.

Since he had already entered this place, he would absolutely not give up the Divine Spiritual Baptism!

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Chapter 410: Nine Heavenly Steps

The most central region of the Divine Spiritual Mountain range.

This was the most central region within the Divine Spiritual Mountain range. At this very moment, it was filled with a sea of humans, while erratic Spiritual Energies rushed towards the skies. In the skies, on the earth, battles between figures raged on everywhere. As countless Spiritual Energies rushed out and

converged together, they caused the heavens and earth within this region to appear exceedingly gorgeous and magnificent.

This was the end point of the Divine Spiritual Mountain, and also the terminus of all of the massive battles that raged everywhere.

Experts from various parts of the Northern Heavens Continent would all converge at this place. If one wanted to distinguish oneself and rise above the rest, one would need to display one's true strength to obtain the qualifications to climb the "Nine Heavenly Steps". In this place, the only way to get one's message across was by showing true strength. If not, regardless of having a powerful background, the various experts whose eyes had already turned bloodshot by the enticement of the Divine Spiritual Baptism wouldn't bat a single eyelid to kill anyone. Since this was the case, one should just kill, since this was the rule in this place. That year, even the participants from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy were buried at his place. Compared to them, what would other people amount to?

Without strength, one could only obediently cower and hide!

Within this chaotic region in the centermost position of this area stood a majestic mountain. Dazzling brilliance radiated from the air above its peak. If one was to take a closer look, one would see a set of incomparably massive cloudy steps present within the rays of brilliance. There was a total of nine cloudy steps, with each step containing a dozen stone platforms. The number of stone platforms progressively reduced the higher the step was. At the very top, there seemed to be only five to six platforms present.

Those were the "Nine Heavenly Steps"!

That was the place within the Divine Spiritual Mountain that caused the eyes of countless experts to turn bloodshot. That's because, that was the only place where one could receive the "Divine Spiritual Baptism"!

However, if one wanted to stand on the Nine Heavenly Steps, one would need to possess absolute strength, since there would be countless people with bloodshot eyes battling out like mad men for the opportunity to stand there. If one's strength wasn't sufficient, there would only be one ending! Being killed and sent away from the Nine Heavenly Steps!

Only the true experts would be able to stand on top of the Nine Heavenly Steps. Overlooking the countless others battling it out below, like gods looking down on ants, they would receive the greatest honor and glory the Divine Spiritual Mountain could give, the Divine Spiritual Baptism!

At this moment, there were already a few figures standing proud at the bottommost few steps of the Nine Heavenly Steps, while combatants continuously battled to rush up from below. On the top three steps, however, there was an entirely different scene present there.

On the top three steps, there weren't as many people as below, with the total number not even exceeding thirty. As for the top two steps, there were less than ten people present there...

At this moment, those few figures had occupied the most perfect positions on the top of the Nine Heavenly without the slightest bit of restraint. Standing proudly like valiant heroes, there was not a single person that dared to change and vie for their supremacy.

On the third step from the top, few experts were staring towards the figures positioned on the second step with complicated expressions present in their gazes. Being able to stand at those positions whilst the bloodbath below continued were clear indications of that they weren't ordinary people. Nevertheless, they were still unable to make the step up, since the place above them wasn't somewhere that they could squeeze themselves in.

That was the place where only the most elite of the geniuses from the young generation of the Northern Heavens Continent would be qualified to contend for.

At this moment, although appearing as if everything was calm and tranquil, a rather peculiar atmosphere was present within the second highest step of the Nine Heavenly Steps, which had captured all of the attention of the countless experts below. Seven figures, with each taking a corner of their own, were present there. Although not a single one had sent their Spiritual Energy or aura bursting out, the atmosphere resulting from their presence alone was enough to cause people to be stifled to the point of gasping for air.

An ordinary-looking male dressed in hemp clothing stood at the front-most position with his hands slightly hanging down by his sides. Appearing as if none of the peculiar atmosphere within this step was felt by him, his eyes were even faintly shut, as if he was resting and recuperating his strength. Despite that, however, the gazes sent by the other six people present were brimming with dread as they looked towards him.

That was Mo Xingtian.

Currently the genuine number one figure within the younger generation of the Northern Heavens Continent.

Standing in a corner platform, a solemn expression hung on Xia Youran's face as she stared at Mo Xingtian. Turning her head around, she shot a look at the ground below, where the fires of war and bloodshed were so ever present. Countless people continued to fight and battle, with figures dropping left, right, and centre. Nevertheless, she still wasn't able to spot the figure that she had wished to see.

"Exactly where...did that fellow, Mu Chen, run off to?"

Xia Youran muttered to herself, a shadow of worry appeared on her lovable face. She and Mu Chen had originally planned to meet up together as soon as possible. However, in the end, she had waited at this place for a day's worth of time, with Mu Chen's figure yet to be seen. Therefore, the only thing she could do was to take the lead and head up here. She never imagined that not a single presence of him could be found since he left her the day before, causing worry to surface within her heart. Could it be that Mu Chen had met with some unfortunate circumstances?

"Haha. Are you still waiting for that brat to appear?" A sneer rang out from a place not far from her, causing her to look over, only to see a sinister smile that had blossomed on the face of the speaker, Liu Ying. After noticing that it was him, she gave a sneer in response, being too lazy to care about him.

"It has been a very long time since that fellow was present. There's only two reasons that can explain this. Firstly, he'd been killed by someone. Secondly, he was sufficiently satisfied after obtaining that small Spiritual Treasure and didn't dare to show up here, then immediately ran off the mountain," said Liu Ying, his smile growing deeper, while contempt and disdain were shining within his eyes. "However,

he's truly smart for knowing to not come here. If not, it won't be so simple to just leave this place like that."

"Shut up!" Xia Youran gave a cold roar in reply.

Hearing her roar, a chilling glint flashed within his eyes, before replying with an indifferent smile, "You don't believe what I've said? Alright then, let's wait and see. If he truly dares to show up here, please be at ease, for I'll properly give him a welcome, before asking him to hand over the Spiritual Treasure. After that, I make sure he obediently leaves this place!"

Hearing his taunts, Xia Youran gave a furious clench of her teeth, while her loathe towards Liu Ying rose to the extreme of her limits. However, due to the current unclear situation, rashly taking action wasn't a rational choice. Therefore, the only thing she could do was to sneer back at him. "What's the use of you feeling satisfied, huh? You've started cultivating much earlier than Mu Chen, and even swallowed all of the resources of your Umbra Chamber of Commerce just to reach this level of cultivation. If you wait one or two more years, I'm afraid that you might not even have the qualifications to hoot in front of him!"

Liu Ying's face instantly turned dark as he heard her ridiculing words, before sending a sinister smile back as he replied, "Oh? It seems that you've actually held that little brat with such high regard. Since he's such a menace, I'll wait for him to appear and kill him. That way, everything will be okay, right?"

As he spoke till here, the ridicule appeared even more prominent in Liu Ying's eyes as he continued speaking, "Naturally...we'll have to see if that brat will even dare to appear in this place. From what I can see..."

Roar!

However, just as Liu Ying was about to finish his sentence, a ferocious dragon roar resounded across the horizon. Everyone turned around, only to see rays of brilliance sparkling from the distance, with what seemed like the shadow of a giant dragon soaring through the air, with a slender figure standing tall on its back.

"Mu Chen!" Spotting that familiar figure, elation and happiness gushed out from Xia Youran's beautiful eyes.

"He really does have the courage..." muttered Liu Ying as his gaze grew increasingly dark, while a sinister smile appeared on his face. *This brat actually has the guts to show up here. Since that's the case, don't blame me for being merciless!*

At this moment, Mo Xingtian slowly opened his eyes, his deadpan eyes, looking at the giant dragon shadow with an indifferent gaze, muttering, "Dragon Soaring Technique? He'd actually cultivated to the "Dragon Soaring" phase. This truly is unexpected..."

Roar!

Standing on the back of the giant dragon shadow, Mu Chen looked towards the earth filled with chaos and disorder, before turning his sight towards the Nine Heavenly Steps at the peak of the mountain.

"That's the place to accept the Divine Spiritual Baptism?"

Looking over there, Mu Chen gave a stomp, causing an astonishing dragon roar to erupt from the the giant dragon shadow, while its speed furiously increased. Rushing straight across the battle-strewn skies, he shot up towards to the skies, heading straight towards the Nine Heavenly Steps.

“That’s the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy’s Mu Chen?”

Mu Chen’s actions immediately attracted the attention of everyone present. Noticing his attempt to scale the Nine Heavenly Steps, the faces of a few experts slightly changed, wanting to take action to stop him. However, upon remembering the news about Mu Chen causing Wu Dong to lose an arm, hesitation momentarily filled their hearts. Although Mu Chen appeared to possess only the strength at the Heavenly Completion Stage Initial Phase, there was no one present that dared to belittle him. If they were to take action without care, they might have to pay quite a high price for that.

As those experts were hesitating, the giant dragon shadow carrying Mu Chen had already rushed up the mountain peak. With a stomp of his feet, he transformed into a bolt of lightning, rushing up the Nine Heavenly Step, rushing up step after step of the stone platforms at lightning speed. In front of the attention of all those experts, he rushed straight towards the highest step!

The gazes of the numerous experts present started to fluctuate, while their Spiritual Energies rushing out in their attempts of wanting to take action. However, they finally restrained their urges in force, sending their gazes aiming straight at Mu Chen’s figure. All of them wanted to see exactly how many steps that man could rush to!

Whoosh!

Shooting up at an extremely fast speed, Mu Chen had crossed multiple steps, already reaching the fourth highest step. Akin to a legendary roc spreading its wings as it flew, Mu Chen proceeded to head up towards the higher steps.

On the second highest step, the seven figures present were all staring at him; however, the feelings present within their gazes were different.

Whoosh!

Landing on a stone platform at the third highest step, presently there were a dozen figures. All of them were clad in powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations, with not one of them actually appearing weaker than Wu Dong.

Despite that, Mu Chen only spared them a glance, without showing the slightest sign of coming to a stop. Moving, his figure Mu Chen headed straight towards Xia Youran, aiming towards the second highest step where Mo Xingtian and the rest were present.

However, just as Mu Chen had shot across the third highest step, an explosive roar rang out akin to a clap of lightning, resounding across skies.

A long-haired male in green robes had a cold and fierce expression on his face, while boundless Spiritual Energy erupted from him. Shooting out, he appeared akin to a falcon lunging towards its prey. In the next instant, a suffocating shadow enveloped across the entirety of Mu Chen.

“Remain here for me!”

Finally, there was an expert who was unable to endure Mu Chen's straight-line rush! Attempting to take action, he wanted to knock Mu Chen down from the Nine Heavenly Steps!