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#### Chapter 621: Silvery hair turning back

Boom!

Earth-shattering blood light tyrannically charged into the region that was covered with sacred and golden light. The Demonic Blood Beast that was emitting a violent and vicious aura also appeared behind the golden light formed from the Sacred Golden Phoenix like a demon.

The sudden change made everyone feel startled.

They wouldn't imagine why that big fellow would burst onto the Battle Stage that didn't belong to him...

"He... what is he trying to do?!" Some people had uncontrollably widened their eyes as they muttered.

Roar!

Just when everyone was absent-minded, the Demonic Blood Beast issued a ferocious roar, clenching its fist with blood light gushing out and ruthlessly shot it forth. It was like a red shooting star, heavily slamming against the Sacred Golden Phoenix at lightning speed.

That fist was exceptionally ferocious.

"Despicable!"

"Simply a bunch of assholes! Two against one!"

"Bullying girls!"

"..."

When Xue Tianhe's intentions were completely revealed, the multitude of students reacted in an instant as all sorts of curses covered the skies. They were filled with indignation as their eyes showed disdain.

No matter what the rules were, this battle was a one-on-one, fighting with their true ability. No matter what the results were, the victor would be well-respected by others. However, Xue Tianhe's actions had clearly broken the fairness when he resorted to such means.

Furthermore, the main point was that it was an absolutely gorgeous girl. Anyone would inwardly smack their lips if they saw two guys bullying a girl.

The curses from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy were the loudest, with their faces ashened. Although they couldn't find any other vulgar and harsh words, their voices were filled with rage. Even the students of the Saint Spiritual Academy were a little strange as they exchanged looks, but they did not dare to refute, in case they attracted everyone's rage.

Boom!

Xue Tianhe's attack was too sudden and was also out of Wen Qingxuan's expectations. Thus, when she felt the fluctuations coming from her back, the expression on her beautiful face uncontrollably changed as well.

However, Wen Qingxuan was someone whose fame could rival Ji Xuan's. Clearly, it wasn't fully due to her charming looks, since she was someone that possessed both strength and talent, someone that even Ji Xuan wouldn't dare to belittle.

Thus, at such a dangerous moment, she could still maintain her calm. At this moment, she clenched her teeth as the wings of the Sacred Golden Phoenix unfolded from behind, forming a huge golden shield.

Boom!

The blood-red fist heavily slammed against the golden shield that was formed from the golden wings. In an instant, a dreadful impact wreaked havoc, causing the space to be a little distorted as well.

On the golden wings, the feathers shattered, turning into screens of golden sparkles.

Wen Qingxuan's face instantly turned pale, since her defence was too hurried; thus, even though she had managed to block Xue Tianhe's attacks, she had suffered injuries as well.

Boom!

Just as Wen Qingxuan was dividing her attention to blocking Xue Tianhe's attacks, Ji Xuan gave a faint smile in front of her as the sacred light illusion that showed signs of dispersing a moment ago suddenly turned radiant. Shortly after, sacred light gathered on its illusionary hand and formed into a huge light spear with the size of a thousand feet.

"Great Sacred Light Art - Descent of the Sacred Spear!"

Ji Xuan pointed his finger out as a sacred spear in the hand of the light illusion whistled down. In an instant, it appeared above the Sacred Golden Phoenix. The fluctuations coming from it seemed like it could penetrate through the heavens and earth.

"Demonic Blood Seal!"

When Ji Xuan unleashed his attack, Xue Tianhe, who was standing on the shoulder of the Demonic Blood Beast, revealed a vicious smile as well. In an instant, he formed seals with his hand, and along with the changes of his seals, the huge Demonic Blood Beast was also forming similar seals.

A bloody light soared into the air, and a small and big seal that looked as if they were converged from blood shot out and swiftly merged together in midair. It expanded to the size of a few hundred feet as it pressed down towards Wen Qingxuan and the Sacred Golden Phoenix, along with a tidal wave of a blood-reeking aura.

The attacks of the two were so powerful that it made any expert that had gone through the Third Grade Spirit Disaster's heart to tremble. The level of those attacks was already approaching to that of a Sovereign Realm expert!

As the colossal pressure shroud over, Wen Qingxuan firmly gripped her long spear. Even in such a dangerous situation, her gorgeous eyes were still filled with pride, without any fear.

She was like the prideful Sacred Golden Phoenix.

Wen Qingxuan heavily stomped her golden warspear as a radiant golden light gushed from the Sacred Golden Phoenix in all directions. The golden light was extremely viscous, as if it became a golden-coloured liquid. Furthermore, the golden liquid was solidifying at a rapid speed. In just a few breath's time, it had formed into a huge golden sphere that enveloped the Sacred Golden Phoenix.

That golden sphere was flickering with radiant lustre, perfectly round without any flaws. There also was a drawing of a golden phoenix soaring on the surface of it. The firmness it gave off seemed like it could withstand the most fearsome attack in this world.

“Golden Protection!”

As the golden sphere was formed, Wen Qingxuan's cold bark resonated between the heavens and earth.

Facing both Ji Xuan and Xue Tianhe's attacks, even if Wen Qingxuan had utilised the power of the Sacred Golden Phoenix's Soul Essence, she could only resort to using the most powerful defence that she possessed.

Boom!

When the golden sphere was formed, the shocking attacks of Ji Xuan and Xue Tianhe reached her at the same time and slammed against the golden sphere under the countless nervous gazes.

Boom!

In the instant of impact, an earth-shattering sound rang out as a visible golden blast wave exploded. The clouds in the sky were instantly torn to shreds.

Both Ji Xuan and Xue Tianhe flew away from the terrifying impact. The light illusion shattered and the chest of the Demonic Blood Beast had also sunk by a huge patch, issuing a howling roar.

However, everyone's gazes were staring at the region covered in golden light. The golden sphere was still intact.

Crack.

However, the silence only lasted for an instant, before everyone's faces underwent drastic changes as cracks appeared on the golden sphere and were spreading at a terrifying speed.

Boom!

In a few breath's time, cracks already covered the entire golden sphere. Clearly, the golden sphere had already reached its limit and exploded.

The golden sphere exploded along with a mournful phoenix cry. The Sacred Golden Phoenix's colossal figure was actually rapidly fading away as a slender silhouette was sent flying away from the impact.

Poof.

The slender silhouette stood in midair as a mouthful of blood gushed from her mouth, her gorgeous face was pale as well. Be it Ji Xuan or Xue Tianhe, both of them possessed the ability to be evenly matched with her, and now that the two of them allied, it was naturally hard for Wen Qingxuan to rival them.

“Bastards!”

Innumerable students once again started to curse with indignation in this region.

Up in midair, the Five Great Deans did not speak upon witnessing the scene, only Dean Tang Qiu of the Myriad Phoenix Academy was exceptionally unsightly at this moment. However, she did not speak as this was within the rules for the Battle of the Champion. No matter what means the participants resorted to, the last one standing would be the Champion.

However, no one had expected for Xue Tianhe to suddenly attack Wen Qingxuan. Looks like that fellow knows that it is impossible for him to fight with Luo Li alone; thus, he decided to help Ji Xuan defeat Wen Qingxuan first, before the both of them work together to defeat Luo Li.

Up in the sky, Xue Tianhe’s expression was indifferent as he looked at the heavily injured Wen Qingxuan. He exchanged a glance with Ji Xuan as a smear of chill flashed across his eyes. The both of them were well-aware of Wen Qingxuan’s strength, and now that they had the opportunity, then they would definitely have to heavily injure her to the point that she could no longer fight and they couldn’t give her any time to recover.

Thus, facing the curses that rang out in this region, they both shot a palm out once again. Two majestic Spiritual Energies swept out as they ruthlessly shot towards Wen Qingxuan, whose Spiritual Energy was in a total mess.

Seeing their actions, the curses of rage became even more intense.

Wen Qingxuan stood in midair as she had also sensed the ruthless attacks of those two. Although she wanted to defend herself, the Spiritual Energy in her body was in a mess, and it was hard for her to control it at the moment. Thus, she sighed and closed her eyes.

When the girls of the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy witnessed the scene, those whose personalities were a little frail had their eyes reddened.

Boom!

However, just when everyone was sighing in pity, a piercing Sword Intent instantly soared into the sky. Everyone looked up and a huge sword tyrannically slashed the vast blood sea apart.

The blood sea vanished, and a figure swiftly burst forth and was behind Wen Qingxuan in an instant as she held the latter by the waist and the Luo God Sword in her hand suddenly swept out. The sword light wreaked havoc as it tore the two Spiritual Energies apart.

Rustle!

The sudden change attracted gasps of surprise from the innumerable students once again. A burst of cheers that trembled the heavens and earth rang out, and the girls of the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy were a little stunned as they looked at the gorgeous girl that was carrying Wen Qingxuan by her waist at the moment. In the next instant, their eyes flickered with stars as they were carried away and screamed.

“Waaa! It’s that girl called Luo Li!”

“How formidable!”

“She’s so cool, I like her so much!”

“...”

Countless screams were being yelled out from the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy, which instantly made the eyes of the male students from the various other academies in the surroundings blacken. Their faces were filled with resentment as they nearly fainted.

Under the yells, Luo Li loosened her grip on Wen Qingxuan’s waist as she looked at Ji Xuan and Xue Tianhe, who were before her, with a cold gaze. Her pupils were filled with cold killing intent.

“Are you alright?” Luo Li turned around as she looked at the pale Wen Qingxuan.

“I’m alright, the two of us can go together.” Wen Qingxuan clenched her teeth as she struggled a little in an attempt to fight again. However, the chaotic Spiritual Energy in her body wasn’t under her control, which made her sway left and right.

“Your injuries are too grievous. Take a little rest, I’ll block them.” Luo Li spoke slowly.

“No!” Wen Qingxuan anxiously said, since she knew how powerful Ji Xuan and Xue Tianhe were if they were to join hands.

Luo Li did not speak anything else as she held onto the Luo God Sword and slowly strode forth. Her tranquil expression that she originally wore was filled with killing intent as a piercing Sword Intent filled the heavens and earth.

Wen Qingxuan looked at Luo Li and shockingly realised that the latter’s silvery long hair was actually turning black.

The silvery hair was turning black.

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#### **Chapter 622: Luo River's Spirit**

Luo Li casually strode forth with lotus-like steps. Along with every step, her default silvery long hair was turning black.

In a few breath’s time, her radiant and cold hair had become as black as ink.

Naturally, the changes were not only limit to her hair, but even her temperament was also changing along with it. If she was usually serene like a lotus in a deep valley with outstanding independent charm, the current her was emitting a cold chill. Her crystal-clear eyes were filled with chill, as if she was a queen that overlooked everyone like ants before her throne.

Up in the sky, Ji Xuan and Xue Tianhe blinked their eyes as they looked at Luo Li’s current state with heavy gazes. Clearly, they had a strange, dangerous feeling.

However, they did not speak as they knew that Luo Li naturally had her own trump cards. However, they also weren’t people that were easy to mess with; and, right now, with the both of them joining hands, it

would definitely not be an easy task for Luo Li to face the two of them, even if she possessed a powerful trump card.

“Haha, looks like you’re planning to face the two of us?” Xue Tianhe spoke with an eerie gaze and a weird laughter.

Luo Li indifferently looked at him without replying to his words. She lightly placed both of her hands together and formed an ancient seal as her soft voice resounded.

“Luo River.”

Boom!

When the two words rang out, a tornado abruptly formed in this region. The Spiritual Energy existing between the heavens and earth was also going berserk.

Intense fluctuations appeared behind Luo Li; and, after that, under countless startled gazes, a vast river appeared, and the end of the river couldn’t be seen.

That river was extremely radiant. It was wriggling as if it was an ancient dragon, leaving others stunned by it. Although this river was just an illusion, the vastness that it gave off left countless others in a daze.

It was so much so that even the Deans of the various Spiritual Academies had slightly changed, startled expressions on their faces. The Five Great Deans blinked with graveness as they looked at the ancient river.

Rustle.

Vaguely, there was a clear sound of flowing water, and within that sound, something appeared as if it harboured a peculiar energy that was intoxicated by it.

Luo Li still maintained a calm expression as she formed seals with one hand before her chest.

Boom!

Within the wriggling ancient river, a torrential war pillar instantly soared into the sky as everyone’s expressions changed while witnessing the river take the form of a colossal pair of wings that unfolded.

The Spiritual Energy between the heavens and earth instantly turned violent.

The pillar of water turned into mist as it descended, revealing a light image that was roughly a hundred feet high. The fighter was slim and graceful as it hovered above the ancient river and her appearance was somewhat similar to Luo Li, but at the same time, it wasn’t. She lightly flapped her wings as an indescribable beauty was being emitted. Everyone in this world lost colour in comparison to her.

She was like the embodiment of beauty.

Also, everyone could sense a gush of powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations around her.

They were all dumbfounded as they watched the scene.

Up in the sky, the faces of Ji Xuan and Xue Tianhe couldn't help changing. The former had his brows tightly locked together, while the latter seemed to have figured something out as a smear of astonishment flashed across his eyes, before he cried, "That's the... Luo River's Spirit?"

"Luo River's Spirit?"

Ji Xuan's heart was also startled as his pupils shrank, "The most mysterious Spiritual Beast that was Rank 5 of the Myriad Beast Records' Earth Ranking?"

In the Great Thousand World, the Myriad Beast Records was divided into two rankings, and the Earth Ranking was a category of Spiritual Beasts; thus, it was sometimes known as the Spiritual Beast Records. Within the Spiritual Beast Records, there was a type of Spiritual Beast that was Ranked 5th, the Luo River's Spirit.

From a certain angle, the Luo River's Spirit was the most mysterious type of existence in the Spiritual Beast Records, since it wasn't born through a bloodline, but a mysterious type of existence that used the Luo River as the mother's body.

In the primordial times of the Great Thousand World, there was a mysterious river known as the Luo River. That river seemed to have existed from the primordial times, being extremely ancient and the power contained within it was endless and profound. However, it was destroyed in a dreadful tribulation from a foreign invasion. After that, it was extremely rare for the Luo River's Spirit to appear.

The Luo River's Spirit required a harsh condition to be born. Not only did it require the Luo River to act as a mother's body, but it also required someone to be perfectly compatible with it to fuse with when it was still in the infant stage within the mother's body. Otherwise, the instant a Luo River's Spirit was born, it would disappear into nothingness and fade away into the Luo River.

The fusion was extremely bizarre as well. Not only would it not cause any harm to the main body, it would complement both parties on the path of cultivation. Thus, it was known as something that cultivators would drool at.

In the primordial times, before the Luo River was destroyed, there was a group of experts that was extremely compatible with the Luo River's Spirit, and this particular group was a powerful force that played a huge role in protecting the Great Thousand World from that tribulation.

But now that the Luo River was destroyed, it was clearly impossible for that group to return to glory like it had in the past. Thus, the Luo River's Spirit gradually became the most mysterious Spiritual Beast within the Spiritual Beast Records.

The four upper rankings of the Spiritual Beast Records were the Four Great Spirits: the Azure Dragon, the White Tiger, the Vermilion Bird and the Black Tortoise. However, they were only symbolic as the bloodlines possessed by those four were impossible to be restricted to the Spiritual Beast Records. Not only did they possess high rankings within the Spiritual Beast Records, it was even more fearsome in the Myriad Beast Records' Heavenly Rankings, which was also commonly known as the Divine Beast Records, in which their rankings were also at the top ranks. The sole reason why those four occupied the top four rankings of the Spiritual Beast Records was that they were required to get through their infant stages before becoming a genuine Divine Beasts.

Thus, speaking from a certain angle, the first rankings of the Spiritual Beast Records could be considered the Luo River's Spirit, which was at the fifth ranking...

Furthermore, the Luo River's Spirit also possessed the ability to evolve. Although it wasn't bound by bloodlines, it was extremely dreadful when it evolved, the Luo River's Spirit would become the Luo River's God. The strength it possessed could only be rivalled by those Sovereign Divine Beasts that had been cultivating for countless years.

This was why the Luo River's Spirit was extremely rare at this time, which was the reason why Xue Tianhe and Ji Xuan's faces were so unsightly when they saw Luo Li summon that image.

"She's actually the host of a Luo River's Spirit, how is that possible...?" Ji Xuan muttered with his brows knitted.

"Although the Luo River has already been destroyed, there are still remnants of it, and within the Luo God Clan, there is a hidden Luo River. However, I never expected that that puny remnant of the Luo River could actually give birth to a Luo River's Spirit, really... what good fortune!" Xue Tianhe's face was ashen as he spoke with his teeth gritting.

"So that's the case." Ji Xuan nodded his head from his explanation.

"Hmph, but there's nothing to fear. That Luo River's Spirit is still at its infant stage. It hasn't fully grown up yet!" Xue Tianhe spoke with a cold snort.

Ji Xuan's gaze flickered as it returned back to indifference.

"Then, I'll take a look, and see just what you can do to me." Xue Tianhe's gaze was eerie. Now that Wen Qingxuan had been defeated, it wasn't possible for Luo Li to stand alone. Even if she revealed such an astonishing trump card of hers, he, Xue Tianhe also wasn't trash that could be dealt with so easily.

He made an eerie smile towards Luo Li as he issued a deep roar. His arms, which were hideous and scarlet-red in colour to begin with, were inserted into the head of the Demonic Blood Beast. After that, everyone witnessed his arms violently wriggling, as if a fresh blood-red being was constantly being injected into the Demonic Blood Beast.

As blood surged in, the hideous Demonic Blood Beast grew even redder in colour. The spikes that were protruding from its back were slowly extending as it became even more sinister and dreadful.

Roar!

The Demonic Blood Beast faced the sky as it roared, the soaring ominous aura instantly made the colour of the heavens and earth change.

"Demonic Blood Bell!"

When Xue Tianhe's roar resonated, a bloody light suddenly shot out from the Demonic Blood Beast's mouth as it expanded and transformed into a colossal bloody bell.

The colossal bloody bell looked as if it was made from blood. Even at this moment, blood was still dripping off it. On the surface of the bell, countless hideous faces were issuing screams that resounded between the heavens and earth.



Furthermore, those screams seemed like they had the power to affect the heart of a person as countless students around the Battle Stage felt the Spiritual Energy in their bodies going slightly out of control, even their blood showed signs of boiling.

Boom!

The Demonic Blood Beast brandished its fist as it heavily slammed against the Demonic Blood Bell. In an instant, torrential ominous aura engulfed the heavens and earth as a hundred foot bloody light gushed forth. It was like a roaring dragon that ran along the bizarre sound waves that shot towards Luo Li.

Luo Li raised her eyes. There weren't any ripples on her gorgeous face. She only raised her jade-like hand, and the huge image in possession of absolute beauty also lifted her hand.

Boom!

A surging stream that looked gentle charged and gently clashed with the bloody light.

Creak! Creak!

In that moment of collision, there weren't any Spiritual Energy impacts spreading out. However, the bloody light instantly broke down as it was dissolved by that clear and gentle stream of water.

The Primordial Luo River originally possessed the ability to dissolve all things in the world.

Smashing Xue Tianhe's attack with a move, Luo Li did not provide him any time to recover as she formed seals with her hand and the clear stream of water converged into torrential waves. In a flash, it was already above the Demonic Blood Bell as it engulfed it.

Creak! Creak!

There was a series of creaking sounds, before the Demonic Blood Bell was dissolved into nothingness upon being engulfed by the waves.

Xue Tianhe's face instantly changed.

However, before he could unleash another wave of attacks, he felt the surrounding space being chaotic. After that, he blinked his eyes as he saw the surrounding space being torn apart. Torrential clear water rushed out as it turned into a lake, trapping him within.

That attack that looked gentle made Xue Tianhe feel fatal danger.

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### **Chapter 623: The True Trump Card**

Crash!

The clear flowing sound of water was lingering in the sky, and because of that crisp noise, many students felt their scalps numbing. Clearly, they sensed the dreadful power contained within that gentle flowing water.

The clear and gentle water flow changed from a huge stream into a lake as it engulfed Xue Tianhe, as well as the Demonic Blood Beast, within.

Xue Tianhe's face was extremely unsightly as he looked at the clear flowing water that surrounded him. However, he wasn't someone that would sit still and wait for death. His eyes turned dark as his seals changed, the Demonic Blood Beast roared as it widened its hideous mouth. A huge ray of bloody light shot out as rampant Spiritual Energy ripples swept out.

Poof!

It wasn't very effective when the ferocious bloody light slammed against the wall of water, and under the scour of the water flow, it was rapidly dissipating.

The lake that looked gentle was an impenetrable prison, at this moment, that had Xue Tianhe imprisoned within.

Luo Li stood in midair as she looked at Xue Tianhe, who was intensely struggling. Shortly after, she extended her hand as she lightly pointed down.

Boom!

The gentle lake suddenly turned violent and vaguely, a savage face started to appear. The water flows shrunk as torrential waves ruthlessly slammed against the colossal figure of the Demonic Blood Beast, along with a peculiar ripple.

Creak! Creak!

Howling shrieks rang out from the impact of the waves. Mist rose from the colossal figure of the Demonic Blood Beast as large patches of blood and flesh were being dissolved. Naturally, the Demonic Blood Beast was not a corporeal body, it was just the form of a soul. What was dissolved weren't the genuine flesh and blood, but pure Spiritual Energy and Soul Essences.

Thus, faced with the constant scouring of the vast lake, everyone clearly witnessed the scene of the Demonic Blood Beast's colossal figure rapidly shrinking, and clearly, the reason was due to the Spiritual Energy being constantly exhausted.

Xue Tianhe's face was pale as he stood on the shoulder of the Demonic Blood Beast, his gaze was overwhelmed with shock. No matter how he tried to resist, there was no way he could defend against the gentle and clear-looking lake. Thus, he could only stare as the Demonic Blood Beast was being dissolved by the torrential lake.

In less than ten breath's time, the Demonic Blood Beast that was trapped in the torrential lake already shrunk to half of its original size, even the violent Spiritual Energy ripples started to wither.

"Serpent of the Luo River."

Luo Li's gorgeous face still maintained her calm look as she formed seals with one hand.

Hiss!

A piercing hiss resounded from the lake and with a rustle, the lake was torn apart as a dozen water pythons scuttled forth, swinging their tails as they twined onto the Demonic Blood Beast. That dreadful energy instantly restricted the movement of the Demonic Blood Beast, the power behind it seemed to be trying to crush the Demonic Blood Beast to shreds.

Xue Tianhe's face was hideous as he planted both of his arms into the Demonic Blood Beast as the blood essence in his body gushed out. But despite his efforts, he could only barely defend. Also, he felt that as the pressure was getting stronger, his defence was gradually withering away.

This dissolving ability of the Luo River was simply too overbearing!

When innumerable students around the Battle Stage witnessed that scene, they could not help exclaiming as no one had thought that Luo Li's trump cards would be so powerful when she revealed them. The instant she moved, she managed to thoroughly suppress Xue Tianhe.

"Senior Sister Luo Li go for it!"

Many students in the direction of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy had excited expressions as they yelled their cheers. Although they lost their strongest participant, Mu Chen, Luo Li's performance made them feel startled as well. Although the Champion of this Great Spiritual Academy Tournament had yet to emerge, no one could deny that the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was the brightest.

Creak!

Under the torrential yells, Xue Tianhe's face grew even paler as creaking noises came from the body of the colossal Demonic Blood Beast. It was a sign that it had reached its limits. If this went on, the Demonic Blood Beast would certainly be destroyed and at that time, Xue Tianhe would also suffer heavy injuries and wouldn't have any power to fight Luo Li.

Lii!

Just when Xue Tianhe was about to reach his limits, an ancient hawk cry rang out between the heavens and earth. Everyone's eyelids twitched as they saw the illusion of a hawk descending from the sky. That illusion looked as if it had torn through space and entered the lake to strike Xue Tianhe's body.

Boom! Boom!

That image flashed as numerous pythons were being destroyed.

Boom!

Sensing that the restraint had weakened, Xue Tianhe immediately controlled the Demonic Blood Beast to soar into the horizon, escaping from the engulfment of the lake, before he stopped his tracks in midair, looking miserable. A smear of palpitation flashed across his eyes. He never expected that after Luo Li unveiled her trump card of the Luo River's Spirit, she would become so powerful that he nearly carelessly lost his life.

Seeing Xue Tianhe escape from the imprisonment, Luo Li slightly knitted her brows as she raised her head, looking at another direction as she spoke with a calm tone, "You finally summoned the Primordial Skydragon Hawk?"

Countless gazes rose as they saw Ji Xuan standing not far away with vast Spiritual Energy fluctuations behind him. Amongst the Spiritual Energy fluctuations, everyone could see the gradual appearance of a colossal hawk light illusion.

That colossal hawk unfolded wings that could even cover mountains. It was dark purple in colour and on the head region, it wasn't the head of a hawk, but a ferocious dragon. Its sharp claws were the claws of a dragon. It was a creature that wasn't a dragon or a hawk. The Primordial Skydragon Hawk, Rank 8 of the Spiritual Beast Records.

The Primordial Skydragon Hawk was a pretty violent supreme Spiritual Beast. Although this Spiritual Beast possessed a slight bloodline of a mixed dragon, it was precisely the fusion of this bloodline that created a variant. Thus, allowing the Primordial Skydragon Hawk to surpass it. Rumour had it that when this Spiritual Beast had cultivated to the end, it could even feast on dragons. Naturally... the dragons were only those powerful Spiritual Beasts that possessed a strand of a dragon's bloodline. However, this wasn't a reason to belittle it, since it proved the ferocity of the Primordial Skydragon Hawk.

"Primordial Skydragon Hawk... although its ranking is pretty high, you can't be thinking that you can contend against the Luo River's Spirit with it, right?" Luo Li's pupils were staring at the colossal Primordial Skydragon Hawk as her voice resounded without any ripples.

"Haha, the Luo River's Spirit is famed as the Numero Uno of the Spiritual Beast Records. Naturally, it's not possible for me to fight it based on the Soul Essence of the Primordial Skydragon Hawk." Ji Xuan made a slight smile as he looked at Luo Li and continued his speech, "After utilising the Luo River's Spirit, your strength must be endlessly close to the Sovereign Realm, right?"

The moment his voice resounded, it made countless students astonished in their hearts as they looked at the gorgeous silhouette with reverence. The Sovereign Realm... it was a divider that was nearly similar to shredding one's mortal body and bones. Only by entering into the Sovereign Realm, can they be called experts. Although the Sovereign Realm and Spirit Disaster were only a level apart, the gap between those two wasn't something that could be complemented with ordinary means.

Right now, Luo Li was endlessly close to the Sovereign Realm, which also meant that she was basically invincible beneath the Sovereign Realm. This sort of strength could make one an Elder of some Spiritual Academies.

Xue Tianhe was startled in his heart as well. No wonder I was suppressed. Luo Li's strength is so powerful to such an extent. Although they had also gone through the Third Grade Spiritual Disaster, Luo Li surpassed them by a huge gap.

"Originally, I wanted to leave you to Mu Chen to deal with. But now, I feel that you're not even qualified to be his opponent." Luo Li said with a faint tone.

The smile on Ji Xuan's face seemed to freeze a little at this moment as the corner of his lips twitched. His charming face also turned ferocious as he stared at Luo Li, as if he wanted to devour her. Clearly, the latter's words had given him a huge impact to the point that he could not maintain his poker face.

"You're saying that I'm not qualified to be that loser's opponent, who had lost to me time and time again?"

Ji Xuan deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as his face distorted. An eerie laughter seeped from his mouth as he slightly shook his head. "Deceiving others and deceiving oneself isn't a good feeling. If he is that capable, then he should be the one saying that, but it's a pity that... he doesn't have that qualification."

Luo Li wasn't enraged from his words, but had a smile instead. That smile of hers startled innumerable people as she slowly lifted the Luo God Sword in her hand. "It's not up to you to decide if he has that qualification. Bring out your true ability, if your trump card is only the Soul Essence of the Primordial Skydragon Hawk, then I'll be a little too disappointed."

Ji Xuan's distorted face gradually calmed down as he took a deep glance at Luo Li and slowly shut his eyes. He slowly spread his arms as an indifferent voice resonated in the sky.

"Since you are asking for it, then... let me fulfil your request."

"I will show you which one of us isn't qualified to become the other party's opponent."

Boom!

When Ji Xuan finished his last word, everyone could sense a dreadful power that surpassed the boundary of Spirit Disaster sweep from Ji Xuan's body like a hurricane.

That instant, everyone's faces changed.

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#### **Chapter 624: Sovereign Sea**

Boom!

The Spiritual Energy between the heavens and earth turned violent as everyone looked up at the sky in astonishment. Ji Xuan was standing in midair as he placed both of his hands behind him, looking as if he was in control of everyone. The space behind him constantly twisted and fluctuated and showed signs of rupturing.

In the distorted space, a vast ocean could be faintly seen. The sea looked exceptionally radiant as it was filled with divine light Spiritual Energy. The vastness of it could even crush mountains.

A peculiar pressure was emitted from the illusionary ocean. It was that pressure that changed the faces of countless students with shock in their eyes. That pressure wasn't something a Spirit Disaster expert could possess, it was a distinct pressure belonging to Sovereign experts!

"That's the Sovereign Sea?"

Looking at the faintly distinctive ocean in the shattered space, someone muttered, since he couldn't help inhaling a mouthful of air.

A genuine Sovereign expert possessed two unique traits, the Sovereign Celestial Body and the Sovereign Sea. Upon reaching this level of cultivation and successfully ascending to the Sovereign Realm, the Aura Sea within a person would shatter and be replaced with the Sovereign Sea!

Shattering the Aura Sea and forming the Sovereign Sea!

Everyone knew that the Aura Sea was the converging point of Spiritual Energy in the human body. If other means were excluded, their strength could be measured based on the size of Spiritual Energy in their body.

Naturally, upon reaching the Sovereign Realm, the Aura Sea would shatter and be replaced with the Sovereign Sea as it was more complete and robust compared to the Aura Sea.

Although the Aura Sea existed in the body, it was essential to cultivators, but speaking from a particular angle, it was also the weakest. The moment the Aura Sea was destroyed, then their path in cultivation would come to an end, and all their hard work in cultivation would be for nought.

As for the Sovereign Sea, it was incredibly profound. Not only did it purely exist in the human body, it also formed a profound small world. The small world was concealed in the body; thus, compared to the Aura Sea, it was more mysterious, more significant and more powerful. The toughness of it was something that the Aura Sea could never be compared to.

Furthermore, the most critical point was that the instant the Sovereign Sea was formed, it could be concealed in the cultivator's Spirit. Thus, even if their physical body was destroyed, as long as their Spirit and Sovereign Sea still existed, it was just a matter of time before they could refine another physical body.

Thus, the Sovereign Sea and Sovereign Celestial Body were the distinct traits of a Sovereign expert. One could preserve their life, while the other could increase their fighting power. This was also the reason why everyone was drooling for this realm.

But, right now, the illusionary ocean behind Ji Xuan was the Sovereign Sea!

Since Ji Xuan had formed his Sovereign Sea, didn't that imply that he had ascended to the Sovereign Realm?!

Countless people were exchanging looks as they quietly gulped a mouthful of saliva. Their eyes filled with astonishment.

Ji Xuan had concealed his strength a little far too deep. Now that things have come to this, what's the point of this competition? The Sovereign Realm wasn't something that students of their level could contend with.

In the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy region, Ye Qingling, Yu Xi and Su Ling'er's faces were pale. Before a genuine Sovereign, all means were useless.

"His Sovereign Sea is not complete yet." Ling Xi, who had been staring at the Battle Stage spoke out.

When Ye Qingling and the rest heard her comment, they all instantly directed their gazes at her.

"This Ji Xuan is indeed very talented to touch to foothold of the Sovereign Realm at such a young age. However, a genuine Sovereign Sea is way more perfect. Right now, the edge of that space shows signs of shattering. Clearly, he is only barely able to form the Sovereign Sea, and the Spiritual Energy in it is a little too thin. I'm afraid that he used an external force to accomplish that." Ling Xi was, after all, an Elder of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Thus, her eyesight wasn't something that Ye Qingling and the rest could compare to so, naturally, she had seen the flaws of Ji Xuan's Sovereign Sea.

However, when she complemented Ji Xuan's talent, she neglected the fact that her age wasn't much different from his. If he was very talented, then she was a monster amongst monsters. Naturally, the more significant reason was that she had followed Mu Chen's mother for some time.

Nurtured by an expert compatible with a Heavenly Sovereign, this was a rare honour that not many people could experience in the Great Thousand World.

“Is that so...”

Ye Qingling and the rest felt relieved from her words.

“But don’t be too optimistic. Even if it isn’t a complete Sovereign Sea, the power in it far surpasses Spirit Disaster. Although Luo Li possesses the Luo River’s Spirit, it is a Growth-type Spiritual Beast. And at this stage, the power it can aid her isn’t as big as you guys imagine.” Ling Xi lightly shook her head as she poured a pail of cold water onto them.

Ye Qingling and the rest bitterly smiled as they nodded their heads. At the current situation, there was nothing they could do to help Luo Li but to pray for her victory.

Ling Xi slightly raised her head as her pair of charming eyes pierced through the Battle Stage to the Mirror of Judgement that hovered in midair as she went silent for a moment before muttering to herself, “Are you going to give up in this way...?”

The Spiritual Energy between the heavens and earth violently whistled as Ji Xuan proudly stood in the air. Under the vast ocean that was faintly visible from the shattered space, his temperament seemed to be slightly overlooking all heroes in disdain.

“Luo Li, do you still feel that he is qualified to be my opponent?” Ji Xuan sneered as he slowly spoke while looking at Luo Li.

Facing Ji Xuan’s sneer, Luo Li did not bother to dispute with him and revealed a faint smile. However, it was this expression of hers that made Ji Xuan’s face a little hideous as he sensed the meaning behind that gentle smile of hers.

She was in disdain to dispute with him as she had an unshakable answer in her heart.

“I’ll see how long you can last. No matter what you think, at least others will understand that he is only a loser!”

Ji Xuan’s gaze turned eerie as he took a step forth. A chill surged in his eyes as he flipped his palm over and abruptly pushed out.

Boom!

The Spiritual Energy between the heavens and earth turned violent at this moment as an astonishing gush of Spiritual Energy swept out from the vast ocean, forming into a corporeal palm of divine light as it slammed down.

Rumble!

The firm golden ground cracked. Ji Xuan did not execute any technique as he only used pure and vast Spiritual Energy. But precisely so, the power of this attack was indescribable.

Luo Li's eyes flashed cold as she tightened her grip on the Luo God Sword. The Luo River's Spirit within the ancient wriggling Luo River behind her also made a grasping gesture as lake water gushed forth, forming into a large longsword and the both of them slashed down.

Whoosh!

A sword light of a thousand feet brandished down, along with absolute piercing Sword Intent that soared into the skies.

Boom!

The sword light and divine light violently clashed. The blast wave swept out, wreaking havoc as it swept up a hurricane.

"I'll see how long you can last under my attacks!"

Ji Xuan eerily smiled as he tapped the sole of his feet and his figure soared into the sky. In that instant, he lifted both of his hands. Everyone felt the heavens and earth jolt as the Sovereign Sea concealed in the space was flipping with waves. Countless rays of divine light soared into the sky and rapidly converged into huge palms.

That scene made innumerable people feel their scalps numbing. Such a powerful attack was incredibly exhausting for the Spiritual Energy, and right now, Ji Xuan was doing it so casually.

The heavens and earth darkened. The countless palms of divine light were like meteors as they tore through the heavens and earth as they descended towards Luo Li.

Luo Li's face was heavy as she deeply inhaled a mouthful of air and lifted her hand. The Luo River swept out as it protected her within, it was wriggling like a water dragon as it coiled around.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Countless palms were slamming against the Luo River from multiple directions, even the Golden Battle Stage showed signs of being incapable of withstanding it from the impacts as huge cracks were continually spreading out.

Everyone lifted their heads at this scene.

They could see that the Luo River protecting Luo Li was rapidly dimming from the dreadful attacks of the palms made of divine light.

Countless students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy tightly clenched their teeth and fists.

Anyone could tell that the force of Ji Xuan's Spiritual Energy had reached a degree that even Luo Li couldn't withstand.

Boom! Boom!

Luo Li started to sway and had finally reached her limits. Along with a crisp sound, the Luo River turned into sparkles of light in the sky and exploded, the Luo River's Spirit had also dissipated at this moment as it turned into a ray of light and entered Luo Li's body.



Luo Li issued a faint groan as her slender figure was sent flying back.

“Watch out!”

When Luo Li’s defence was broken, Wen Qingxuan’s face abruptly changed as she saw a torrential bloody light at the rear of Luo Li. Xue Tianhe appeared with a hideous expression on his face as he launched a punch towards the fatal point behind Luo Li.

Wen Qingxuan clenched her teeth as she tapped her feet and pushed the remnant Spiritual Energy in her body as she swiftly appeared behind Luo Li. She was actually going to help Luo Li withstand Xue Tianhe’s attack.

“Senior Sister!”

In the area of the Myriad Phoenix Spiritual Academy, the faces of innumerable girls changed.

“Xue Tianhe, you bastard!” In the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, many students were cursing in rage as well. Clearly, that despicable move from Xue Tianhe had attracted their anger.

“Hmph!”

Xue Tianhe’s face was eerie when he faced the curses. Not only did he not pull back his punch, he even utilised all the Spiritual Energy in his body and threw a heavy punch towards Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li. He was apparently going to be ruthless and ruin the flowers.

The situation was perilous.

“Go die!” Xue Tianhe roared with sinister laughter as his punch landed, showing no quarter.

Rumble!

However, just when Xue Tianhe’s fist was about to hit Wen Qingxuan, an extremely violent thunder roared.

Up in the sky, the Deans of the various Spiritual Academies, as well as the Five Great Deans, blinkered their eyes as they swiftly looked at the Mirror of Judgement.

Ripples appeared on the surface of the Mirror of Judgement, and after that, an eye-piercing radiance shot out. The speed of that lightning was neck-breaking, and it took merely an instant for it to appear above Wen Qingxuan. After that, everyone saw a fist that looked to have been made from lightning pierce through space and heavily slammed against Xue Tianhe’s body.

Boom!

Xue Tianhe’s figure was instantly shot down and became deeply embedded in the Golden Battle Stage. His upper body was already severely mangled up from the attack.

Thus, the curses that were initially filling this region instantly came to a halt.

Innumerable people were stunned for a moment, before quickly raising their heads to see a slender silhouette walking out of the lightning. He made an embrace with his arms as he held onto Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan’s slim waists. After that, his figure flashed and appeared above the Golden Battle Stage.

Lightning gradually weakened, and a slender and towering silhouette slowly emerged before everyone's eyes.

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### **Chapter 625: Mu Chen Appears**

Lightning flickered on the Golden Batta Stage. Along with the dissipation of lightning, a familiar silhouette gradually appeared under the countless astonished gazes.

When they clearly saw the appearance of that silhouette, innumerable people instantly blinked their eyes so much so that there were even some were blinking their eyes with fear written on their faces, as if they had seen a ghost.

"That's... Mu Chen?!"

"Wasn't he trapped in the Mirror of Judgement? Why is he here?"

"How is that possible... could he have possibly escaped from the Mirror of Judgement?"

"That's way too frightening..."

"..."

A commotion rang out between the heaven and earth. Almost everyone had their eyes widened in disbelief. Clearly, the shock this scene brought them wasn't inferior to Ji Xuan bringing out his Sovereign Sea...

The students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy were also startled as they watched this scene. However, they swiftly recovered from their shock as ecstasy surged in their eyes, followed by deafening cheers.

"Woah, Brother Mu has appeared!"

"Haha, no wonder he's the Overlord of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's Heavenly Ranking!"

"Brother Mu, deal with those two bastards!"

Every single student of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy revealed an excited expression. Although Luo Li possessed surprising strength as well, she had been too low profile in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, whereas Mu Chen had charged forth with appalling speed ever since he entered and became the brightest star of the academy.

Moreover, as he surpassed his limits time and time again, he started to receive the genuine acknowledgement from everyone in the academy, even when he replaced Shen Cangsheng as the Overlord of the Heavenly Ranking. No one was unconvinced by it, since they knew that he did possess that sort of qualification.

Unknowingly, in the hearts of every student, Mu Chen had become the benchmark of their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, which also became a sort of conviction.

Thus, when they saw the appearance of Mu Chen, the excitement in their hearts could not be concealed and leaked out.

"This fellow..." Su Ling'er's eyes flickered with radiance as she looked at the slender silhouette in the Golden Battle Stage. She bit her rosy lips as her hands became tightly clenched from the excitement.

"Big Brother Mu Chen finally appeared, I knew he wouldn't let us disappointed!" Yu Xi's face was filled with reverence.

Ye Qingling also took a breath of relief as she looked at the sudden burst of splendour in the eyes of Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy's students. Initially, they were a little dejected, but at this moment, they seemed to have been injected with unbounded confidence as their faces were filled with excitement. It appears that they have always believed that as long as Mu Chen appeared, he would be able to turn the situation around.

Because ever since Mu Chen entered the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he had never let anyone feel disappointed in his actions.

That youth gave others an irresistible faith that came from his self-confidence.

No matter how powerful his opponent was, he never retreated and was overflowing with fighting intent.

"Showing off to save beauties the moment he appears, really..." Ling Xi lightly smiled as her tensed figure also gradually loosened up. A smile hung on the corner of her lips as Mu Chen's performance had not disappointed her.

And under the earth-shattering commotion, Mu Chen lowered his head as he glanced at the two girls in his embrace on the Golden Battle Stage as he spoke, "Are the two of you alright?"

Luo Li's gaze was filled with pleasant surprise as she looked at the familiar face with a smile and shook her head shortly after. When Wen Qingxuan saw Mu Chen's face, she was also stunned, before being woken up by the commotion and realised that Mu Chen was embracing her waist. In an instant, her face flushed red as she immediately struggled in Mu Chen's arm as she stared at him with hatred.

"You're trying to take advantage of me?"

Looking at the raging girl, Mu Chen spoke with helplessness, "Look at the situation, I'm saving you, okay?"

"Hmph, does it feel good to embrace one in each hand?" Wen Qingxuan was unconvinced as she snorted, "Furthermore, your demeanour is a little too bad to let two girls fight for so long!"

Mu Chen scratched his head as he looked at Ji Xuan, who was in midair. His black pupils flashed with eerie light as he showed a faint smile. "Sorry about that, I'll be taking over the battle."

"Can you do it? That fellow even established his Sovereign Sea. Although he isn't a genuine Sovereign Realm expert, he is still an existence that we can't hold a candle to." Despite glancing at him with doubt, there was a hint of worry in the depth of Wen Qingxuan's eyes.

"Let me help you. I can still fight. Although he has established his Sovereign Sea, if I were to fight, I might not lose to him." Luo Li also spoke out in a soft tone.

Mu Chen smiled as he lightly shook his head. "I have been waiting a long time for this battle."

Luo Li went into silence as she did not speak any longer. Furthermore, she knew that this battle before her eyes belonged to Mu Chen.

“Be cautious.”

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan exchanged a glance as they both slowly backed off and shifted their cold gazes towards Xue Tianhe, who was gravely injured and embedded in the Battle Stage by Mu Chen. Although he had already lost all of his fighting strength, the two girls clearly despised of all his despicable actions earlier; thus, they would definitely not let him off so easily.

Mu Chen wasn't bothered by Xue Tianhe's situation as he slowly rose into the air, before standing right in front of Ji Xuan as they faced each other.

Ji Xuan's gaze was cold. Ever since Mu Chen appeared, his gaze was fixed on him as chill and killing intent intertwined in the depth of his eyes. In the end, he outlined a savage smile and slightly leaned his head as he stared at Mu Chen, “I never thought that you'd be able to escape. What a surprise.”

“This is only the beginning of your surprise.” Mu Chen smiled. However, there wasn't any warmth in his smile as cold killing intent was also present in his eyes as he felt the disorder of Spiritual Energy around Luo Li. Clearly, she was injured from her earlier battle with Ji Xuan.

Ji Xuan lightly shook his head as he answered, “It doesn't matter now since you're able to escape. It merely fits my intention. I wonder, if I thoroughly defeat you here, will those students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy still revere and have confidence in you?”

He clearly saw the splendour burst out from the innumerable students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. If he defeated Mu Chen now, those eyes would only be lit for a moment, before dimming down. Which would be a wonderful thrill for him.

Mu Chen smiled, but he did not reply to his words. He slowly clenched his fists as boundless Spiritual Energy became like a volcano as it erupted.

Boom!

A gush of powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuated around Mu Chen. The robust even surpassed before.

“Mhm? Third Grade Spirit Disaster?”

Ji Xuan's brows twitched as he sensed that Spiritual Energy fluctuation as a smear of mockery was revealed from the corner of his lips. “Looks like you benefitted quite a bit in the Mirror of Judgement.”

Before entering the Mirror of Judgement, Mu Chen's strength was only at First Grade Spirit Disaster and right now, his power had reached the Third Grade Spirit Disaster. Evidently, this showed that Mu Chen had broken through Second Grade Spirit Disaster in the Mirror of Judgement...

“However, this level of Spiritual Energy doesn't have the slightest threat to me right now.” Ji Xuan smiled as his face instantly turned cold. His finger pointed out as a sizeable divine light gushed forth from the Sovereign Sea behind him. It turned into a corporeal form, shuttling through space and shot towards Mu Chen.

With a casual point of his finger, the Spiritual Energy fluctuation had far surpassed the experts of Third Grade Spirit Disaster.

Boom!

Yet when the astonishing Spiritual Energy ripples of divine light shot over, Mu Chen still maintained a calm expression as brilliant lightning burst forth from his body. Those lightning bolts were like starch as they coiled around Mu Chen and swiftly integrated into his body.

Tsk! Tsk!

Mu Chen's skin turned utterly radiant like silver from the flickering of lightning as numerous lightning runes appeared with flickers on his chest.

One rune... five runes... seven runes... eight runes... nine runes!

Right now, Mu Chen's Lightning God's Physique had actually reached the height of Nona Lightning Physique!

When the ninth lightning rune appeared, Mu Chen's black pupils looked to have been forged from lightning. With lightning flickered within them, it was like a world of lightning.

He strode forth and threw a punch out.

Rumble!

Despite his fist looking slow, it only took an instant for it to slam against the divine light. Lightning gushed out as it tore the divine light apart in an overbearing manner with just a fist!

"You're trying to contend against a Sovereign with the strength of your physique? What a ludicrous dream!" Seeing the starch of lightning around Mu Chen's body, Ji Xuan's gaze was grave as he sneered. Although he felt that Mu Chen's current physical body was compelling, it was too naïve for Mu Chen to think that he could contend against him.

"You're considered a Sovereign Realm expert?"

Mu Chen smiled as he focused his gaze onto the vast Sovereign Sea behind Ji Xuan. He lifted the corner of his lips and slowly said, "It's just an incomplete Sovereign Sea. Did you really think that... only you have it?"

Hearing Mu Chen's words, Ji Xuan abruptly shrunk his eyes.

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### **Chapter 626: Mu Chens Sovereign Sea**

Up in the sky, Ji Xuan was looking at Mu Chen, who was covered in lightning, with a cold gaze. He was reading with his eyes. The words Mu Chen previously said made him blink his eyes; but soon, a mocking smile lifted from the corner of his lips. "Oh? Really?"

Clearly, he didn't believe that Mu Chen could possess a Sovereign Sea. After all, no matter what sort of luck he encountered, it was impossible for a Third Grade Spirit Disaster to establish his Sovereign Sea in such a short amount of time.

However, Mu Chen did not reply to Ji Xuan's mocking laughter and only responded with a smile. Shortly after, a cold arc lifted on his face as his pupils that were filled with lightning grew even colder as he suddenly formed seals with his hands!

Whoosh!

A scarlet pillar of light soared into the horizon from Mu Chen's head and at the same time, a palpitating Baleful Aura spread out between the heavens and earth. It was like an ominous primordial beast being born.

Everyone raised their heads as they looked.

Within the scarlet pillar of light stood a sizeable demonic pillar. The surface of the demonic pillar had traces of age. The cause for some of the ferocious-looking traces could not be determined. However, anyone could figure out that this Great Meru Demonic Pillar had experienced a bitter and astonishing battle.

Bizarre runes could be vaguely seen on the demonic pillar. Those runes were like chains as they coiled around the pillar. From the looks of it, they seemed to be restricting the Great Meru Demonic Pillar.

Those runes were naturally seals done by Mu Chen using that mysterious Immortal Page in his body.

After all, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar was too ominous, and it was impossible for the past Mu Chen to control it. Thus it could only be sealed.

However, the seals... it's time to remove them.

Cold light flashed across Mu Chen's eyes as his figure moved. He appeared before the Great Meru Demonic Pillar as he formed hand seals with one hand and slapped the demonic pillar.

Buzz.

A ripple spread from Mu Chen's palm mark as the Immortal Page hidden in his Aura Sea burst forth with faint a buzzing sound. Dark purple lights were emitted and gushed from Mu Chen's palm.

"Remove seal!"

A faint voice resounded from Mu Chen's heart.

Tsk! Tsk!

The dark purple seal on the surface of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar was swiftly dissolving.

Boom!

As the seal dissolved, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar intensely trembled since the hundred foot demonic pillar was no longer subjected to Mu Chen's control and swiftly expanded. Looking from far away, it was like a towering pillar that pierced the sky. Along with the Baleful Aura emitting from the demonic pillar, it was expanding at a rapid speed, instantly dying the entire region in red.

That Baleful Aura made the hearts of others palpitate.

It was so much so that even those Deans of the various academies in midair had their facial expressions slightly changed from the dreadful Baleful Aura.

Dean Tai Cang was also watching this scene with narrowed eyes narrowed. A smear of astonishment flashed across his eyes as he muttered, "Trying to unseal the Great Meru Demonic Pillar? Such a Primordial Ominous Artifact is not something that can be so easily controlled..."

The Great Meru Demonic Pillar was the most important treasure of the Demonic Dragon Palace. Thus Dean Tai Cang had some knowledge about it. He was also well-aware of its power. Back when they battled the Demonic Dragon Palace, if they had fully restored this Great Meru Demonic Pillar, it wouldn't be easy for them to obtain victory, even with the help of the Northern Sea Dragon.

And right now, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar was in Mu Chen's hands, but with his current strength, can he control it? If he failed to control this Ominous Artifact, he might be devoured by it instead.

Everyone in this region was looking at the demonic pillar, with its torrential Baleful Aura, that was in the sky.

Mu Chen had also raised his head as he looked at the sizeable demonic pillar before him. After unsealing it, red cracks were appearing on the surface of the demonic pillar. Those cracks were like the mouths of demons as they continuously spurt out startling a Baleful Aura, revealing the most sinister look of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar.

Mu Chen's figure moved, and he appeared above the Great Meru Demonic Pillar.

Boom!

The instant he landed on it, the demonic pillar jolted as a surge of Baleful Aura turned into a blood light that engulfed him. It was impossible for such an Ominous Artifact to be tamed so easily. Its origin wasn't simple. It was natural for such a powerful Ominous Artifact to possess spirituality. In the past, when it was sealed by Mu Chen, it could only stay latent, and now that it was unsealed, it was naturally no longer willing to be controlled by Mu Chen.

"Hmph." Facing the devouring nature of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar, Mu Chen issued a cold snort, since he had long expected this. He heavily stomped his foot as dark purple runes swiftly spread out from his feet, and as the runes spread out, the Baleful Aura withered down like waves.

Although the Great Meru Demonic Pillar was overbearing and violent, he possessed the Immortal Page in his body that could restrain its power.

After suffering the attack from Mu Chen, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar finally behaved and no longer tried to devour Mu Chen.

"Since you're behaving now, then unleash your power and lend it to me!"

Mu Chen felt the silent Great Meru Demonic Pillar as he smiled. Shortly after, he sat down on the demonic pillar and lifted both of his hands. Scarlet-red Baleful Aura soared towards the horizon as it formed a corporeal red pillar of light that engulfed Mu Chen.

Tsk! Tsk!

An endless supply of Baleful Aura was pouring into Mu Chen's body. It was like a ferocious dragon that charged into Mu Chen's aura sea.

After the seal was undone, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar was several folds more violent compared to before. The thickness of the Baleful Aura was far greater than in the past.

Violent and vast Baleful Aura continuously poured into his aura sea and started to dye it in red. Gradually, the accommodation of his aura sea reached the limit as an intense pain surged.

However, Mu Chen did not move in the slightest from the intense pain, he still poured the Baleful Aura from the Great Meru Demonic Pillar into his aura sea without concern.

Tsk. Tsk.

The intense pain continued to surge, and when his aura sea could not contain anymore Baleful Aura, the centre of his aura sea was gradually twisting, and when the distortion reached the limit, a tiny black spot suddenly appeared. That black spot was tiny, but a peculiar ripple was being emitted. It was as if a bizarre space was being hidden in the black spot.

The instant the black spot appeared, a terrifying suction force burst out, which made the Baleful Aura in his aura sea to whistle in a moment and was devoured by that tiny black spot.

In just a few moments, his aura sea was emptied once again without the slightest Spiritual Energy present.

At the peak of the demonic pillar, Mu Chen's body finely trembled as he raised his head and smiled at Ji Xuan, who was in midair, far away. He stood up and slowly opened his hands.

Boom!

Space suddenly distorted behind Mu Chen as a blood-red ocean slowly appeared. It was a similarly vast Spiritual Energy ocean, except that it was dyed in red, almost like converging blood; looking extremely bloody.

No one paid attention to how bloody it was, but all of them were looking at the blood-red ocean in the distorted space behind Mu Chen, some of them were even overwhelmed with shock.

Sovereign Sea!

Mu Chen has actually established a Sovereign Sea as well?!

"Big Brother Mu Chen established a Sovereign Sea as well?" Yu Xi was pleasantly surprised when she witnessed that scene.

Ye Qingling and the rest also had a strange expression on their faces. After all, before he entered the Mirror of Judgement, Mu Chen's strength was only at the First Grade Spirit Disaster, but now, he had actually established a Sovereign Sea in just a step, wasn't that a little too fearsome?

"That's not the Sovereign Sea established by Mu Chen."

Ling Xi lightly shook her head as she continued, "He only established a 'Sovereign Source' and filled it up with the Baleful Aura of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. However, this strength doesn't belong to it, so it



can't grow without end. This Sovereign Sea can only exist for a short period of time and will disappear, which is precisely his aim."

The so-called Sovereign Source was the primary form of the Sovereign Sea. However, it required one to perfect it with their own Spiritual Energy to form a genuine Sovereign Sea. But, right now, Mu Chen didn't have that luxury of time, so he had to use another method. By borrowing the power of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to fill up the Sovereign Source, he made a fake Sovereign Sea.

But, at this point of time, it wasn't part of his concern if the Sovereign Sea was real or fake, he just needed its strength.

After he possessed a Sovereign Sea, Ji Xuan's advantage would be non-existent.

With the Nona Lightning Rune Physique and the Sovereign Sea, Mu Chen was genuinely invincible beneath the Sovereign Realm.

The scarlet-red Sovereign Sea was rolling the distorted space. Mu Chen slowly lifted his head as he looked at Ji Xuan, whose expression was dark at the moment. The smear of a cold arc rose on the corner of Mu Chen's lip as he extended his hand out and bent his fingers; making a provoking gesture.

The youth was standing on top of the sizeable demonic pillar with one scarlet-red eye and another one with flickering lightning, along with black lightning coiling around his body.

An indescribable pressure slowly spreads out and compared to Ji Xuan, it was even more powerful!

Right now, Mu Chen was like a killing god as he intimidated the entire field.

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### **Chapter 627: Punch of a Sovereign**

Mu Chen stood on the Great Meru Demonic Pillar as the Baleful Aura swept out in this region. The pressure from the moment it burst made everyone hold their breath.

Everyone had their heads raised up as they looked at the towering slender silhouette. His face was filled with coldness and killing intent, coldly staring at Ji Xuan from far away with a scarlet-red eye and the other one flickering with lightning as he calmly said, "There wasn't a result back then, let us put an end to things now."

Ji Xuan's gaze was dark as he slowly replied, "Looks like I did a little extra in the Mirror of Judgement, which gave you a fortune."

Judging from the current situation, Mu Chen clearly obtained a considerable fortune when he was trapped in the Spiritual Energy vortex. Thus, giving leaps and bounds to his strength, reaching Third Grade Spirit Disaster and even established his own Sovereign Sea at this moment, and standing on the same level as him right now.

When Mu Chen gave no comment to his speech, the chill in his eyes grew colder.

"But fortunately, you have not disappointed me. Otherwise, my fear for you would've been a joke." Ji Xuan slowly grasped his hand, and divine light gathered, forming into a beautiful, divine long spear in a

flash. The shape of this spear was very unusual as there was a pair of wings unfolding on the body of the spear. Those wings looked similar to that of an angel's.

Vigorous and blazing divine light spread out in circles with formidable ripples being emitted from it.

"Angel Spear..." Dean Tai Cang blinked his eyes when he saw the long spear in Ji Xuan's hand that was emitting powerful ripples and spoke with a faint tone, "What a huge hand from the Saint Spiritual Academy, even giving the Low Rank Divine Artifact of the academy to Ji Xuan."

"Haha, Ji Xuan displayed an outstanding performance in the academy and with contributions. Thus, we gave him the Angel Spear." Dean Tiansheng of the Saint Spiritual Academy responded with a slight smile, "But even though this Angel Spear is indeed formidable, compared to that demonic pillar of Mu Chen's, it's still a little inferior. Looks like the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy spent a great amount of effort as well."

Clearly, he didn't feel that the Great Meru Demonic Pillar was obtained by Mu Chen himself and was bestowed upon by the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Dean Tai Cang sneered and wasn't bothered to explain much as he shifted his gaze onto the two in midair. The atmosphere in that area was increasingly hostile.

Everyone looked at the sky with gazes of excitement and expectations. The two before them probably stood at the highest peak amongst all the Spiritual Academies of their generation. Their confrontation would definitely be the fight for the Championship and would also be the brightest fight in this tournament.

Buzz!

Under the countless stares, Ji Xuan gripped his longspear tighter, and in the next instant, his gaze grew abruptly cold. His body trembled, disappearing from his spot.

Boom!

But in the next instant he disappeared, Mu Chen threw out a fist without any hesitation towards the space before him.

Rumble!

Black lightning frantically surged as lightning mixed into the vast Spiritual Energy. It was like an enraged dragon roaring. The offensive power behind that fist could even cause a Third Grade Spirit Disaster to suffer grave injuries.

In the empty space, an extremely sharp longspear tore its way out with divine light surging. The overbearing blaze even caused distortions in the area. The longspear swept across, before the piercing speartip swiftly clashed against the fist enveloped in lightning.

Boom!

A metallic collision rang out.

A dreadful gale swept out from the fist and spear, spreading out visible layers of fluctuations.

Mu Chen's body did not move in the slightest as he looked up ahead. The space was a little distorted, and Ji Xuan's silhouette was nowhere in sight, only a longspear had pierced through space.

"Meaningless probing, is there still any meaning for it?"

Mu Chen maintained indifference as he threw another punch forth. That punch was similar to lightning as it streaked across the horizon and swiftly bombarded the empty space with an indescribable speed.

Rumble!

Lightning exploded in the emptiness, and a figure was sent flying away. The figure was pushed back a dozen of steps in the air, before he could stabilise himself. Everyone directed their gazes over and saw Ji Xuan, who was wearing a dark expression, wielding that longspear.

"Hmph."

Ji Xuan snorted with a cold gaze as the look in his eyes turned heavy, before he formed hand seals with both hands. The space behind him distorted as myriads of light exploded from the Sovereign Sea that was filled with divine light. Shortly after, the Sovereign Sea violently whistled, and many rays of divine light shot out.

"Sacred Light Art - Prison of the Angels!"

Along with Ji Xuan's cold bark resounding, countless rays of divine light converged into hundreds of divine light humanoid figures. The appearance of those humanoid figures wasn't clear, but they all had a pair of wings flapping behind them. Every single one of those divine light figures was emitting powerful Spiritual Energy ripples that weren't inferior to Spirit Disaster experts.

Innumerable people inwardly smacked their lips around the Golden Battle Stage. Ji Xuan was indeed formidable to have cultivated such a profound Divine Art. What he did was basically no different to scattering seeds into soldiers. Just this move alone revealed the difference between the Sovereign Realm and Spirit Disaster. It wasn't something an ordinary method could compete against. If Mu Chen hadn't established his own Sovereign Sea at this point in time, he might not even be able to fight with Ji Xuan.

"Kill!"

Ji Xuan's gaze was cold as the longspear in his hand trembled, and those light figures immediately charged out, whistling in the air. They formed into a formation and engulfed Mu Chen.

Rustle! Rustle!

Those divine angels wielded longspears made of divine light as they shot towards Mu Chen.

"Scram!"

Mu Chen's gaze grew cold as well as he stomped his feet, countless scarlet rays of light swept out from the scarlet Sovereign Sea and shot towards those approaching angels.

However, the instant the two forces clashed, a cold arc rose on the corner of Ji Xuan's lips as he changed his hand seals, "Angel's Burial!"

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Earth-shattering explosions resounded as the angels suddenly exploded, forming into a terrible divine light hurricane that enveloped Mu Chen. The hurricane was approximately a thousand feet in size, creating large cracks on the Golden Battle Stage underneath.

That terrifying commotion made innumerable people lose colour on their faces. It was scarce for a confrontation of such a level to occur in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

The divine light hurricane violently wreaked havoc as everyone had their eyes fixed on it. Under such a fearsome attack, even Mu Chen would have a hard time dealing with it, right?

The divine light hurricane gradually dispersed as numerous gazes were staring at it without blinking and, shortly after, suppressed trembling commotions rang out. Even Ji Xuan slightly narrowed his eyes in the sky.

The hurricane faded away and up in the sky, there was still a silhouette standing in the air, it was Mu Chen.

His clothes were torn apart with lightning flowing on the surface of his body and nine lightning runes flickering on his chest, the roaring of thunder constantly rang out from him. Aside from having his clothing shattered, there weren't any injuries on Mu Chen. It was as if the offensive attack from before did no harm to him.

"What a fearsome physical body..." Someone exclaimed in astonishment and gulped a mouthful of saliva.

Up in midair, the youth was naked on his upper body, his skin was radiating like silver. Although his slender figure wasn't robust or masculine, it was this frail body of his that made others feel as if he couldn't be rocked by the falling of the sky or rending of the earth.

Both of Mu Chen's eyes were radiating at this moment, even the powerful Baleful Aura in his body could not control the violent lightning. Both of his fists were tightly clenched as his eyes that were flickering with lightning stared at Ji Xuan with indifference. It was like a deity looking at an ant from high above.

"If your attack is only at this level, then it's my turn."

Although Mu Chen's speech was slow, it was accompanied by the roaring of lightning as it fell along with every single one of his words. The rumbling noise resonating in this region shook even the Spiritual Energy between the heavens and earth.

Rumble!

When Mu Chen finished his last word, someone detected that the sky had darkened and abruptly raised his head. Overwhelmed with shock, that person saw layers of thunderclouds in the air that had appeared who knows when. Those thunderclouds engulfed an area of a few thousand feet in radius. No one dared to breathe too heavily from the pitch-black thunderclouds.

Silver lightning was flickering in the thunderclouds, like lightning dragons wriggling as they emitted great pressure.

Boom!

The thunderclouds moved. A massive bolt of lightning tore through the layers of clouds as it dived down. However, the direction of the lightning wasn't Ji Xuan, it going to heavily strike Mu Chen.

Boom!

The vast lightning profoundly struck Mu Chen, but there wasn't any lightning that flowed out as it was all absorbed into Mu Chen's physical body.

Tsk! Tsk!

The black lightning started to solidify on the surface of Mu Chen's body and in just a few breaths' time, a layer of black lightning armour was formed. It had a ferocious appearance when it appeared on Mu Chen's body. Under the lightning armour, Mu Chen's figure seemed to have swollen up by several folds, becoming a lightning giant.

The fluctuations emitted from his body was extremely dreadful.

"One move is all I need to deal with you."

Under the amour, a pair of eyes flickering with lightning fixed onto Ji Xuan as a rumbling noise resonated between the heavens and earth. Mu Chen strode forth, and in the next instant, he had already mysteriously appeared above Ji Xuan and threw a punch forth. That punch wasn't fancy, but it contained pure violent power.

At this instant, the lightning in the thunderclouds danced along with the torrential Spiritual Energy that was gushing out from the scarlet Sovereign Sea and poured into Mu Chen's arm.

The Nona Rune Lightning Physique and the power of his Sovereign Sea were converged into a single point as he threw a simple punch forth.

Boom!

Space shattered with that punch.

That punch made Ji Xuan's expression instantly change, even the Deans of the various academies had exceptionally solemn expressions on their faces, since this punch of Mu Chen's actually possessed the might of a genuine Sovereign Realm expert!

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### **Chapter 628: Ji Xuans Final Trump Card**

Boom!

The heavens and earth seemed to have trembled at this instant. The might of this fist from Mu Chen, who he had been brewing about for so long, reached a level that even he had not expected himself. This was the perfect fusion of his physique and Spiritual Energy. The two surges of energy complemented one another that it might've been sufficient to slaughter any opponent beneath the cultivation of Sovereign Realm.

Facing this punch from Mu Chen, even Ji Xuan's expression drastically changed with a smear of horror in his eyes.

Boom!

Fine cracks appeared in the space under Mu Chen's fist, looking like glass that had been shattered.

The fist that was flickering with dreadful lightning swiftly expanded before Ji Xuan's eyes. He clenched his teeth as he formed seals with both of his hands. A myriad of divine light burst forth from his Sovereign Sea and swiftly converged before him. In just a few breaths' time, a hundred foot wide divine shield was formed.

"Angel's Divine Shield!"

The divine shield was exceptionally simple and unadorned with a pair of angelic wings unfolding on top of it, giving off a strong feeling from it, as if it could withstand the most substantial impact in this world.

Faced with that close to perfect punch of Mu Chen's, Ji Xuan had also executed his strongest defence.

Boom!

When the divine shield was formed, Mu Chen's graceful punch came and heavily slammed against the shield without the slightest hesitation.

Both sides clashed together, it was like a meteorite crashing onto the ground. In that instant, the heavens and earth seemed to have frozen for a moment, followed by a startling explosion that resounded, resonating in this space. Fluctuation waves that could be seen with the naked-eye swept out. The shock wave swept out a few thousand feet as it flipped the sky and earth.

Lightning and divine light swept out from the point of collision.

Innumerable students had their eyes narrowed as they felt a stinging pain from the intense light. However, they did not shift their eyes as they were fixed onto the collision point.

Such a confrontation could only be considered as earth-shattering.

Boom!

Under the gazes of everyone, the devastating lightning and divine light suddenly exploded and the dreadful impact swept out. After that, everyone blinked their eyes and saw a figure flying down in a miserable state onto the Golden Battle Stage.

Boom!

The Golden Battle Stage crumbled with a few hundred foot hole in it as cracks steadily spreading out. In just a few breaths, the solid Golden Battle Stage had fully collapsed as huge rocks tumbled into the vast hole, burying it.

Hiss.

Many people sucked in cold air, since they were startled by the scene. After all, in the past years of Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, no one had heard of a single exchange that could crumble the particular Battle Stage to such an extent before.

“Who was beaten down?”

But swiftly, everyone directed their attention onto the confrontation, and judging from the current situation, the one that was beaten down was naturally the one in an absolute disadvantage. This might probably be the result of this pinnacle battle.

Up in midair, Spiritual Energy ripples still wreaked havoc that lasted for few minutes, before the lightning and divine light gradually faded away.

Rustle!

Everyone directed their gazes over.

The sky cleared up once again, and a silhouette gradually appeared before everyone.

That silhouette was donned in black lightning armour, except that the majority of the ferocious lightning armour had shattered, pieces of the powerful armour fell.

“It’s Mu Chen!”

Many people widened their eyes, although that silhouette was still covered in lightning armour, everyone recognised that familiar appearance with a glance.

Excited cheers rang out in the area that the students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy resided on. Every single student had their faces flushed red from the excitement as they looked at the silhouette in the sky with reverent filling their eyes.

“Big Brother Mu Chen won!” Yu Xi was exceptionally excited as she pulled Su Ling’er’s arm and spoke excitedly.

“That fellow is indeed formidable.” Su Ling’er nodded with a flushed face as well. Her gorgeous pair of eyes was flickering with splendour.

In the corner of the Battle Stage, Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan raised their heads, looking at that figure as well. They felt as if they were relieved from a burden. The former’s gaze was filled with joy and pride, it was a mood that wouldn’t appear even if she had defeated Ji Xuan by herself. The latter’s gaze was a little complicated, it had a little admiration and unyielding stubbornness in it.

Up in the air, when the Deans of the various academies witnessed this scene from high up, although they did not speak, they all had a different expression.

The Five Great Deans maintained silence as they quietly watched, only Dean Tiansheng had his fist uncontrollably clenched in his sleeve. The smile that hung on his face faded by a lot.

Earth-shattering commotions rang out, and the silhouette up in the sky trembled as the lightning armour started to peel off. In the end, Mu Chen’s figure reappeared, as expected. His eyes returned back to pitch-black as he lowered his head, looking at his fist. The surface of his fist was bloody as Ji

Xuan's last defence was startling powerful. Also, it returned back some of the force. If it weren't for Mu Chen's physique reaching Nona Rune Lightning Physique, just that dreadful counter alone would have shatter his arm into pieces.

He wasn't bothered by the clamours that resounded in the sky and stared at the collapsed Battle Stage. That fist earlier had already heavily injured Ji Xuan, but he could not understand why he felt a little unease in his heart.

The cheers in the sky lasted for a long while, before it died down as everyone shifted their gazes onto the crumbled Golden Battle Stage. If Ji Xuan did not appear, it would mark an end to the Battle of the Champion.

This region finally returned peace.

Mu Chen stood in the air as his gaze lightly flickered and suddenly grasped his hand. The Great Meru Demonic Pillar soared towards the horizon, along with the torrential Baleful Aura and suppressed the collapsed region of the Golden Battle Stage in an intimidating manner.

Boom!

The Battle Stage what was already crumbled shattered once again, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar descended without the slightest leniency and heavily smashed into the hole.

Boom!

Fragments of the Golden Battle Stage were reduced to dust as the crack rapidly expanded.

Mu Chen's decisive and ruthless move made the eyelids of many twitched, he was beating a drowning dog.

However, Mu Chen wasn't bothered by the thoughts of others. After the Great Meru Demonic Pillar suppressed down, his pupils suddenly narrowed, and his expression became exceptionally solemn as well. The dissipating Spiritual Energy fluctuations around him surged forth once again, and lightning flickered on the surface of his body.

Mu Chen's sudden actions of arming himself to the teeth made everyone startled, but they quickly recovered from the shock and looked at the collapsed Golden Battle Stage with fear in their eyes. Could it be that Ji Xuan can still fight?

Boom!

A massive sound came from the crumbled Golden Battle Stage, even the Great Meru Demonic Pillar that stood towering before it suddenly jolted.

Boom! Boom!

The vibrations became increasingly intense, and after that, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar trembled and soared into the horizon as it shot towards Mu Chen.



Mu Chen's gaze grew cold as he tapped his feet and appeared above the Great Meru Demonic Pillar in a flash, stomping his feet as he stabilised the pillar. His pair of black pupils were looking into the deep hole with alert.

Everyone's gaze gathered over, and they held their breaths, their hearts lifted to their throats.

In the bottomless pit, a faint purple light appeared as it started to spread out. After that, everyone witnessed a figure gradually floating up and lightly landed on a huge stone.

When that figure appeared, sounds of inhaling cold air rang out in this region.

Judging from that silhouette, it was naturally Ji Xuan, but the current him was different from before, the surface of his body was flashing with faint purple light, and the surface of his face also had a mysterious purple light rune. Both of his eyes turned dark purple, sharp and cold, as if these eyes were mixed with endless ferocity.

He had a pair of purple hawk wings that were slowly flapping, causing the nearby space to distort along with it as well.

Ji Xuan wore an indifferent expression with his hands folded before his chest as he raised his head, looking at Mu Chen with splendour in his eyes, similar to looking at an ant.

Mu Chen narrowed his eyes as he looked at Ji Xuan, who brought him a little unfamiliar sensation. Compared to the Ji Xuan from before, it was different; furthermore, Mu Chen could feel a mortal danger coming from Ji Xuan that made him feel stinging pain on his skin.

Wen Qingxuan and Luo Li were looking at Ji Xuan, their expressions changed a little as they felt something wasn't right as well.

Up in the sky, the expressions of the Deans involuntarily changed a little as they looked at Ji Xuan in astonishment.

Aside from Dean Tiansheng, the gazes of the Four Great Deans were slightly flickering.

"There's something wrong with this Ji Xuan." Ling Xi looked at Ji Xuan with a heavy expression as she suddenly spoke out.

"Big Sister Ling Xi, what's wrong with that guy? He suddenly feels so terrifying." Sun'er spoke shyly, her senses were exceptionally keen, and thus, she vaguely felt that Ji Xuan had become even more terrifying than before.

Ling Xi did not respond as she stared at Ji Xuan with a cold gaze.

Under the attention of everyone, the corner of Ji Xuan's lips slowly lifted a ruthless smile. After that, he lightly stomped his feet as ripples spread out. Under the shocking gazes, everyone witnessed as the Golden Battle Stage was reduced to dust in an instant.

Liiii!

A sharp ear-piercing hawk cry resonated in this region, and everyone witnessed a thousand foot purple hawk gradually appearing behind Ji Xuan. That creature had a body of a hawk, while the head of a

dragon and a terrifying gush of fluctuations swept out from its body as it wreaked havoc between the heavens and earth.

Everyone's eyes were surging with fright as they could feel that the large hawk behind Ji Xuan wasn't an illusion, it had a corporeal form!

What Ji Xuan possessed wasn't the Soul Essence of a Primordial Skydragon Hawk but the real body of it!

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### **Chapter 629: Nine Nether Reappears**

Kuk!

The sharp cry of an eagle resounded in the heavens and the earth. The ear-piercing sound became real, and multiple deep scratches were seen on the ground. A terrifying oppression covered the place. Everyone, including the Chiefs of the Academies, turned pale under the oppression.

A few Chiefs looked gravely at the huge eagle and said, "Is this the actual body of the Ancient Dragonhawk?"

"It is in fact the actual body and not the Soul Essence... but why has the Ancient Dragonhawk hidden itself in Ji Xuan's body? Given his power, he would not be able to tame it," some of the Chiefs said with curiosity.

The Ancient Dragonhawk was ranked number eight in the Spiritual Beasts Ranking Chart. The Spiritual Beasts in this level would have matured, and their power was comparable to the Sovereign-level. Ji Xuan had just managed to open up the Sovereign Sea. Strictly speaking, he had not reached the Sovereign-level, thus he could not have the ability to tame the Ancient Dragonhawk and control it.

Some of the Chiefs looked at one another and were baffled as well.

"The strength of this Ancient Dragonhawk has reached Grade Four Sovereign... it seems like the outcome is obvious. There is no need to continue with the fight," one of the Chiefs shook his head and said helplessly.

In the Academy, those at Grade Four Sovereign could become an elder. The elders of the Five Great Academies were extremely powerful. Their level was a level beyond the reach of the disciples.

"Ha, Chief Tian Sheng, your Academy is cheating. The Ancient Dragonhawk does not belong to Ji Xuan. He has borrowed it. This is against the rules!" Chief Tai Cang said in a deep voice and looked coldly at the huge Ancient Dragonhawk.

Upon hearing this, Chief Tian Sheng smiled and said, "Chief Tai Cang, what you have said is not right. This Ancient Dragonhawk has nothing to do with our Academy. This is Ji Xuan's own doing. The Ancient Dragonhawk is lodging in him, and Ji Xuan has paid a great price to possess such a great power."

"Lodging?"

The Chiefs of the other three Great Academies were shocked. Lodging was extremely dangerous. When the Ancient Dragonhawk was present in the human body, it could attempt to take over the person's mind and replace it with its own. Likewise, the lodger could attempt to refine its power and control it.

This was betting one's life on it. The one who had been defeated had to pay a great price for it.

Generally speaking, very few people and Spiritual Beasts would go for this method. No man would want to put a time bomb in his body. To a Spiritual Beast, it was too dangerous. They would not want to be placed in such a situation.

Lodging was thus rarely seen.

"The Ancient Dragonhawk is eyeing Ji Xuan's physique and it is trying to take over. Ji Xuan, on the other hand, is eyeing the Ancient Dragonhawk's power. They have thus formed a lodging. Ji Xuan has not borrowed the power, so he has not violated the rules," Chief Tian Sheng said and smiled.

The Chiefs of the other three Great Academies were silent. Ji Xuan was not powerful. The Ancient Dragonhawk could defeat Ji Xuan if it had wanted to, given its power. However, Ji Xuan was ruthless and cunning. He must be well prepared, or else he would not have done such a dangerous thing.

Chief Tai Cang remained gloomy and was dumbfounded. Although Ji Xuan had taken a shortcut to gain such a great power, he had bet on it with his life. Chief Tai Cang lifted his head and looked up at the youth in the air. He let out a sigh. Mu Chen had fared well, but no one had expected Ji Xuan to hide such a great power within.

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"This fella... has an Ancient Dragonhawk hidden in his body!" Wen Qingxuan gritted her teeth as she looked at the Ancient Dragonhawk. She said with a wry smile, "It seems like we have underestimated Ji Xuan."

Luo Li clenched her fists and looked at Mu Chen. He looked calm and was expressionless. However, he must have been taken aback.

"Later, you back off first," Luo Li said softly.

"What about you?" Wen Qingxuan asked.

"Mu Chen will not give up. I will stay by him to the end," Luo Li said firmly and smiled.

"The power of the Ancient Dragonhawk is comparable to Grade Four Sovereign. Even if you join forces with Mu Chen, it is impossible for you to defeat it." Wen Qingxuan said anxiously, "Just forget it. This is just a competition. Everyone knows that Ji Xuan is trying to cheat. This power is not cultivated by him.

"He would have been defeated by Mu Chen if they fought based only on their abilities!"

Luo Li shook her head and said with a smile, "Do you think Mu Chen will back out?"

Wen Qingxuan was at a loss for words. She knew about the feud between Mu Chen and Ji Xuan. Although Mu Chen looked mild, he was extremely stubborn. Even if he knew that he would lose to Ji Xuan, he would not admit defeat.

"Silly guy." Wen Qingxuan sighed. However, she must admit that Mu Chen had character when he was stubborn.

Wen Qingxuan gritted her teeth and said, "Let's do it together then!" She had recuperated and regained much of her strength.

Luo Li was shocked and looked at Wen Qingxuan. She had not expected Wen Qingxuan to join them in this fight, in which they did not have much confidence in winning.

Wen Qingxuan blushed when Luo Li looked at her. She quickly said, "Mu Chen has helped me earlier. I am not an ungrateful person."

Luo Li smiled and looked thoughtfully at her. However, she did not say another word and just nodded.

There was not much uproar. The disciples were shocked by the Ancient Dragonhawk and their mouths hung wide open. The degree of oppression had surpassed their limits. They knew that this level was something beyond their ability, at least for the moment.

The people from the Northern Heaven Spiritual Academy were silent as well. Many of them looked pale and lost the joy they had earlier.

As the people looked at the sky in shock, Ji Xuan turned his neck lazily. Crackling sounds were heard. He lifted up his face and stared at Mu Chen, and said with a smile, "Are you disappointed?"

Mu Chen was expressionless. He slowly clenched his fists.

The Ancient Dragonhawk that was behind Ji Xuan looked at Mu Chen with hostility. It was not bothered by Mu Chen's strength. It shifted its gaze to Ji Xuan and said coldly, "Is it because of this fella that you have summoned me? Ji Xuan, do you know that the more you use me, the more I can eat you up?"

Upon hearing this, Ji Xuan smiled and said, "I hope that you can take over my physique before I surpass you.

"But, before that, we are bound together for good or ill. So, please help me finish off this guy."

"I will grant you your wish." The Ancient Dragonhawk looked ferocious. Its eyes were glittering and it laughed creepily. As it flapped its wings, it turned into a streamer and dashed into Ji Xuan's body.

Swish! Swish!

The wings behind Ji Xuan instantly expanded to about 100 feet. His hands became sharp and the purple nails were like daggers. A horrifying spiritual energy windstorm whizzed in the surroundings, and tore the heavens and earth apart. The degree of the spiritual energy fluctuation had reached the Sovereign-level.

Ji Xuan could feel the power in his body and he enjoyed it. His eyes turned sharp like an eagle. He lifted up his head and smiled at Mu Chen. As he flapped the wings, a dark purple spiritual energy windstorm swept out and a peerless force shot toward Mu Chen.

Mu Chen looked grave. He clenched his fists and the Great Meru Demonic Pillar shot up and smashed down hard.

Dong!

The spiritual energy windstorm hit the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. It shook and was thrown back. Mu Chen threw out a blow, but the power shot back at him and caused severe pain in his arms. The web between his thumbs and forefingers tore apart and blood flowed out. He would have been killed if not for his tough physique.

"You are just like an ant to me now." Ji Xuan sneered at Mu Chen. Upon saying this, the wind shrieked behind him, but Ji Xuan did not bother to look. With a backhand, he threw out a blow and a space warp formed. Purple spiritual energy swirled out like a serpent.

Dong!

There was a hollow sound and two ladies were thrown back. They were Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan, who were trying to help Mu Chen. However, judging from the situation, they were no match for Ji Xuan.

Swoosh!

Ji Xuan flapped the wings and multiple afterimages appeared. Before Mu Chen could react, a sharp formidable blow landed on his shoulder.

Bam!

His body was thrown backward and blood was spewing out from his mouth.

"You are so slow."

Mu Chen had just managed to find his balance when a gloomy voice sounded from behind him. Following that, another blow landed on his body.

Pom!

Mu Chen landed heavily on the ground. He wiped off the blood from the corner of his mouth and looked pathetic. However, even if he was on the losing end, he did not show any sign of fear or have any intention of retreating.

"Brother Mu, forget it..." As the people of the Northern Heaven Spiritual Academy watched Mu Chen, some of the girls started to weep. Mu Chen had always been full of confidence and warmth at the Northern Heaven Spiritual Academy. They had never seen him in such a sorry state.

The disciples of the other Academies did not say a word. However, they were filled with admiration for Mu Chen. Regardless of the outcome, Mu Chen had gained their respect with his determination and perseverance.

Mu Chen stood among the rubble and looked extremely pathetic. He wiped the blood from his mouth with his shivering hand. He looked savage. Even if he were to fall, he would pull Ji Xuan along with him!

"Let's see who is more ruthless..."

Mu Chen laughed bitterly. He struggled from among the rubble and stood up. As he was about to strike, his body suddenly froze. A familiar sleepy voice sounded from his heart.

"Tsk tsk, little Mu Chen, you are useless. How can you be bashed up by the shaggy bird?"

Mu Chen was stunned upon hearing the familiar voice. He could not believe his ears and started to rub them.

The voice belonged to Nine Nether, who had been evolving!

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#### **Chapter 630: Might of the Nine Nether**

The sudden voice indolent voice made the expression on Mu Chen's face freeze, and after a brief moment, he recovered from the shock and muttered with disbelief, "You... Nine Nether? You've woken up?"

However, his question wasn't replied, which made Mu Chen's heart cold in an instant. Was he hallucinating?

"Haha, looks like you missed me a lot." However, just when Mu Chen's heart was about to thoroughly turn cold, teasing laughter rang out again.

Mu Chen's expression hung for a moment, before he helplessly rolled his eyes. However, he still felt a heavy relief. This fellow has finally woken up after being asleep for two years...

"You're finally awake." Mu Chen bitterly smiled in his heart.

"Can't help it, you're about to die, and I don't want to die together with you without even enjoying a day after evolving." Nine Nether laughed.

Mu Chen pulled his lips. His relationship with the Nine Nether was very complicated as the both of them had undergone the Bloodlink Bond. Thus, speaking to a certain extent, they both had a very close relationship. Even when the Nine Nether was in deep slumber this whole time, the relationship between the two became even closer due to the link of their bloodline.

"Looks like you've encountered quite the trouble." Nine Nether lightly smiled, although it was a conversation in the heart, Mu Chen was able to sense a scene flashing through his heart. It seems to be a broken black egg with a girl dressed in black seated on top of it. She was shaking her pair of long and slender legs as she put a fragment of the egg shield into her rosy lips and crunched on it with her silver teeth, chewing it bit by bit with an intoxicated expression on her wild and beautiful face.

"It's just a Primordial Skydragon Hawk, its strength should have reached the Fourth Grade Sovereign." Mu Chen nodded his head as he enquired with a soft voice, "Can you deal with it?"

Nine Nether had her hand on her cheeks as she spoke lazily, "It's just a mixed chicken that can never evolve, relying on its long lifespan to achieve the Sovereign Realm. But a Spiritual Beast is still a Spiritual Beast in the end, without being able to undergo evolution, its path stops here."

"Then, what grade of Sovereign are you?" Mu Chen spoke with cautiousness.

"Hmm, it should also be at the Fourth Grade." Nine Nether spoke with a sweet smile.

"Fourth Grade Sovereign?" Mu Chen inhaled a mouthful of chilled air as he was startled in his heart. The Primordial Skydragon Hawk had cultivated for a long time and was only at the Fourth Grade Sovereign,

but the Nine Nether slept for two years and had already achieved such heights. He still clearly remembered that before the Nine Nether underwent her evolution, her strength was on par with him.

“I’m the most talented in the Nine Netherbird clan in the past thousand years with the purest bloodline, don’t compare that mixed chicken with me.” Nine Nether indolently replied. As there wasn’t nothing surprising for her and instead, it should be a natural thing.

Mu Chen was speechless. If she had spoken such words, who knows how many self-proclaimed geniuses would spurt blood out.

“That fellow is also Fourth Grade... can you deal with it?” Mu Chen questioned.

“Under the same cultivation, a Divine Beast suppresses Spiritual Beasts.” Nine Nether said with indifference.

“Formidable!” Mu Chen praised.

“I will temporarily lend you my strength, but it will depend on you to see how much you can hold.” Nine Nether swallowed the last fragment of eggshell and lightly patted her hands. She formed seals with both of her hands and an earth-shattering amount of purple flames gushed out, along with dreadful Spiritual Energy ripples, and exploded.

In the collapsed Battle Stage, there wasn’t any movement on Mu Chen’s body as he froze while conversing with Nine Nether in his heart.

“Looks like he’s beginning to give up.”

Up in midair, Ji Xuan slightly slanted his head as he looked at Mu Chen, who had a miserable appearance and smiled, “Since that’s the case, then I’ll let you feel the true meaning of despair. Your so-called ‘confidence’ will cease to exist from today on.”

As he finished his speech, Ji Xuan’s gaze became savage and cruel as he strode forth. In the next instant, his figure had mysteriously appeared before Mu Chen. He had a light smile as he tore through space and pointed at Mu Chen’s heart along with unparalleled sharpness of his fingers and purple light.

One finger of malice.

Outside the Battle Stage, innumerable students couldn’t bear shifting their gazes, the expressions of the students of Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy turned pale.

“It all ends now!” Ji Xuan let out savage laughter as the purple light turned even more radiant on his two fingers, with a gale that shrouded his fingers that could tear through any obstacles.

A gale swept out as it fell towards Mu Chen’s chest at speed as swift as lightning.

Tsk!

A faint sound suddenly rang out and those that had their gazes fixed on the Battle Stage suddenly narrowed.

Ji Xuan's cruel expression underwent a drastic change as he raised his head in disbelief. He saw Mu Chen extending two fingers out that clamped onto his. Although that pincer attack looked weak, Ji Xuan's offence was unable to advance a single inch.

"How is that possible?!"

A cry of astonishment rang out.

Ji Xuan's heart trembled as he looked at the youth that was in a miserable state before him in disbelief. At this moment, the latter had also slowly raised his head as his black pupils seemed to have purple flames gushing out.

"Your complacency ends here." The corner of the youth's lips rose up along with his hoarse voice. In the next instant, he whipped his leg, it was like a heavy hammer with a speed that not even Ji Xuan could react to and heavily landed on his chest.

Boom!

A solemn sound rang out, and Ji Xuan's body was like a cannonball as he flew out, drawing large and deep marks along the floor that were a few hundred feet in length, those rocks that he slammed into along the way were reduced to dust.

The entire field went silent.

Innumerable people had their mouths widen as they froze, witnessing that scene.

Luo Li and Wen Qingxuan, who were about to attack, dazed off as well, looking at Ji Xuan instantly flying back with astonishment. They had still not recovered from the sudden change of events.

Outside the Battle Stage, Ling Xi narrowed both her eyes as she stared at Mu Chen, a smear of astonishment flashed across her face as she seems to have sensed something.

Poof!

Ji Xuan stabilised his body as he spurted a mouthful of blood, his gaze was a little dazed as he stared at Mu Chen. However, that only lasted for a brief instant, before he recovered from the daze and howled with disbelief, "How is that possible?!"

Mu Chen raised his head as he looked at Ji Xuan, whose eyes were reddened with indifference. He did not even pay any attention to him and slowly opened his arms. After that, everyone witnessed the scene of a giant purple pillar of flames gushing from his body and soared into the horizon.

The blazing temperature instantly spread out in this region, even the foothold beneath Mu Chen's feet started to melt.

The overbearing purple flames were inexpressible.

Furthermore, along with the purple flames gushing out, everyone sensed the Spiritual Energy ripples emitting from Mu Chen becoming more and more terrifying. They had already reached the Sovereign Realm level in just a few breath's time...

Innumerable students were once again overwhelmed with shock.



Up in midair, the Deans of the various academies had astonished expressions as well. Their gazes started to turn heavy as they could feel Mu Chen's Spiritual Energy ripples that were probably comparable to a Second Grade Sovereign Realm. Compared to Ji Xuan, who was barely First Grade Sovereign, it was way stronger.

"This Mu Chen had actually concealed a similar trump card." Several Deans bitterly smiled as they looked at each other. This was the peak level students of the Five Great Academies? They truly were formidable, so much so that even they felt threatened by it.

Among the Five Great Deans, Dean Tai Cang was also startled by the scene, but he soon recovered and ecstasy surged from his cold expression; whereas Dean Tiansheng, who was smiling earlier, had a dark expression on his face at this moment.

Purple flames swept, and purple wings also appeared behind Mu Chen that were slowly unfolding. His pair of black pupils had turned purple at this moment, and vaguely, there was a bright and crisp cry that resonated between the heavens and earth.

"The power of a Sovereign..."

Mu Chen slowly clenched his fist as he couldn't help being intoxicated as he sensed the fearsome energy in his body. Right now, he could probably destroy this entire land with a single wave of his hand.

This power was definitely not something that the Spirit Disaster could be compared to.

"You actually managed to hold so much power, looks like your physical body is pretty strong now." Nine Nether's astonished voice rang out in Mu Chen's heart. She initially expected that the First Grade Sovereign Realm was Mu Chen's limit, but she never thought that he would be able to hold up to the Second Grade Sovereign Realm.

"I have not spent two years doing nothing." Mu Chen smiled.

"You're indeed more powerful compared to before." Nine Nether did not disagree as, right now, Mu Chen was indeed much more powerful compared to before. At the very least, he could not follow her footsteps and not only in sight but be unattainable like before.

Mu Chen lightly laughed as he raised his head, his pupils were blazing with purple flames as he looked at the ashen Ji Xuan. Shortly after, he abruptly stomped his feet on the ground, purple flames wreaked havoc as it spread out and his figure disappeared in an instant.

When he disappeared, his indifferent voice swept out along with purple flames.

"Let's end this battle."

Ji Xuan abruptly narrowed his eyes as he hastily retreated.

Poof.

A hand shrouded in purple flames pierced through space, as if it was extending from the void and grabbed onto his neck.

The gap between them was evident!