#### **Great Ruler 641**

## The Great Ruler Chapter 641: Breakthrough to Sovereign

Boom!

At that instant, when his aurasea exploded, Mu Chen's figure seemed like it was struck by lightning. His body was trembling at a small frequency as cold sweat appeared on his forehead, dripping down along his face.

The indescribable pain that spread throughout his body nearly seized Mu Chen's conscious.

But, fortunately, Mu Chen had already expected it, and right on the spot, he inhaled a mouthful of air and stabilised his mind. He had started to feel that along with the explosion of his aurasea, the vast Spiritual Energy that was initially stored in his aurasea was similar wild horses that had broken free from their restraints as it violently rushed out.

Without the restraint of the aurasea, the Spiritual Energy that Mu Chen had cultivated himself was breaking free from his control.

Spiritual Energy wreaked havoc, and if he was unable to restrain it, then the meridians in his body would be broken by it and would cause a severe consequence.

That was a situation that Mu Chen was unwilling to see happen.

"Come back!"

A bark rang out from Mu Chen's heart and at the location which his aurasea exploded, there was suddenly a dot of faint flickering light. That dot of light was so small to the point that it could be disregarded. However, it was that dot that had unleashed a dominant suction force.

#### Whoosh! Whoosh!

That suction force spread out and instantly covered every single corner in Mu Chen's body.

The Spiritual Energy that was wreaking havoc in his body slowed down in an instant as it swiftly flew in the direction of the dot of light.

#### Tsk. Tsk.

That dot of light was the Sovereign Sea that Mu Chen had established back then. It was faintly flickering with light as it welcomed all the approaching Spiritual Energy. It was like an abyss as it devoured all the Spiritual Energy.

It took an hour for the Spiritual Energy devastating Mu Chen's body to disappear, and the dot of light, which represented his Sovereign Sea, hovered in his body. Compared to before, it was even more radiant at this moment.

Mu Chen's consciousness dived into the Sovereign Sea, and in an instant, what displayed before him was an endless ocean with Spiritual Energy rolling in that ocean. However, the amount paled in comparison to the energy from the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. Mu Chen's shut eyes abruptly opened at this instant.

Nine Nether, who was seated beside him, was relieved of a breath upon seeing his situation and knew that Mu Chen had successfully shattered his aurasea. Now that the Sovereign Sea had successfully replaced the aurasea, what he needed to do next was to fill it up with Spiritual Energy.

This step required a considerable amount of time as it was the most crucial part of entering the Sovereign Realm from Third Grade Spirit Disaster. Only when the Sovereign Sea reached the perfect state, can one have sufficient foundation to cultivate a Sovereign Celestial Body.

"If you can refine and absorb the Sovereign Elixir that you have obtained from the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, you should be able to ascend to the true Sovereign Realm. Furthermore, it will save you a lot of time as well," said Nine Nether.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen hesitated for a brief moment and shook his head. "I plan to depend on myself to cultivate the Sovereign Sea to a perfect state."

Nine Nether was stunned as she frowned her brows. "You do not intend to refine the Sovereign Elixir or the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid? I'm afraid it will take you a long time this way."

Filling up the Sovereign Sea required a vast amount of Spiritual Energy. If one depended on himself to cultivate, it might take quite a while. Thus, most people had already prepared Sovereign Spiritual Liquids beforehand to speed up this process.

"I have lots of time, the Sovereign Sea is the foundation of the Sovereign Realm. Thus, I feel that it will be more perfect if I rely on myself to cultivate it." Mu Chen smiled.

Nine Nether did not refute Mu Chen's words. She cast an unusual glance at Mu Chen, and smiled. "I can tell you still have this sort of opinion."

In her tone, there was a little praise in it, which was rare since she understood that the choice Mu Chen made was indeed astonishing. When many people break through to the Sovereign Realm, they would be impatient to refine Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to complete this step and experience the strength of a Sovereign. Although there weren't many side effects, the concentration of that strength would definitely be inferior to the Spiritual Energy they cultivated themselves.

Since the Sovereign Sea was the foundation of Sovereigns, the importance of it was unimaginable. So Mu Chen temporarily giving up the temptation of strength and choosing the most primal method was the most stable method and extremely hard.

"It's because my ambitions are big." Mu Chen raised his head as he looked into the sky, which was covered by spiritual mist.

"I know, supreme experts..." Nine Nether's lips rose as she looked at the youth before her. "But, this is not an easy path to walk. The number of geniuses in the Great Thousand World far exceed your expectations, and once you enter into the Great Thousand World, you will naturally realise this."

"No matter how hard this path is, I still have to walk down it."

Mu Chen revealed a brilliant smile to Nine Nether. "This is a promise that a guy has made to the girl he loves."

Looking at his smile, Nine Nether was slightly stunned, before smiling. Compared to the past, this youth before her seemed to have matured a lot.

"I'll have to trouble you for the next period of time."

Mu Chen showed a smile towards Nine Nether and shut his eyes, entering into a cultivating state without waiting for her reply.

"Damn it, you're really treating me like your bodyguard!" Nine Nether clenched her teeth as she waved her fist at Mu Chen. However, she could only glare at him with hatred and sat down next to him.

As Mu Chen submerged into his cultivating state, a dominant suction force swiftly surged from his body. In an instant, it caused the dense spiritual mist in this region to start boiling and whistle down. It was like a gale that enveloped him.

Boundless Spiritual Energy was continuously pouring into Mu Chen's body, and after refining it, it was endlessly devoured into his Sovereign Sea. Facing such a long-lasting pouring, the Sovereign Sea was like an abyss as it swallowed all of it up...

However, Mu Chen understood at this instant why Nine Nether would say that it would take a long time to fill up his Sovereign Sea to the perfect state.

He realised that after cultivating for an entire day, there wasn't an increase in his Sovereign Sea. Clearly, the amount of Spiritual Energy refined in this day was comparable to a hair on nine oxen to his Sovereign Sea.

According to this speed, it would take at least three months for him to fill up his Sovereign Sea.

"This refining speed is too slow."

Mu Chen muttered in his heart as he sunk into his thoughts. After a long while, he abruptly changed his hand seals.

Mu Chen, who was seated on the lotus platform, already had his entire body enveloped in dense spiritual mist as it gathered into a high current that was pouring into him.

At this instant, the Spiritual Energy between the heavens and earth suddenly started to violently fluctuate. Nine Nether, who wasn't far away, had also sensed it as she hastily raised her head and focused her gaze.

A large black pagoda suddenly formed outside of Mu Chen's body. The instant the pagoda appeared, it exploded forth with dreadful suction force, causing the spiritual mist within a myriad foot radius to gather together. Looking from afar, it looked like several dragons made of mist as those dragons dived into the pagoda.

## Roar!

Along with the mist dragons pouring in, golden dragons seemed to have come to life on the surface of the black pagoda, issuing dragon roars as they turned into golden flames and entered the pagoda.

Tsk! Tsk!

The endless mist dragons were rapidly being evaporated the moment they came in contact with the golden flames. They turned into fine drops of rain that fell and entered I Mu Chen's body, which was within the pagoda.

Those fine drops of rain were incomparable to Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, but they still contained extremely refined Spiritual Energy. Thus, it was purer and much easier to absorb.

"What overbearing flames."

A trace of astonishment surfaced on Nine Nether's face as she looked at the golden flames. She was a flame expert herself. In the past, she had the Nine Nether Flames, and right now, she possessed the powerful Undying Flames. However, the golden flames before her eyes didn't seem to be any ordinary flames.

After utilising the Nine-layered Pagoda, Mu Chen's refining speed soared at a fearsome pace. The intense fluctuations of Spiritual Energy could even be felt by some Elders in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

During the next period of time, Mu Chen had submerged into a cultivating state and it was nearly his instinct to refine and absorb Spiritual Energy. Any disruptions from the outside world were blocked out by him.

The entire process lasted for a whole month.

In this month, he had not stopped to rest. The commotions caused by refining and absorbing the Spiritual Energy was getting bigger and bigger. At the end, not only was it the Elders of the academy, every student could sense the intense fluctuations of Spiritual Energy coming from the back mountains.

But, fortunately, Dean Tai Cang had already issued an order, so they knew that Mu Chen was cultivating in the back mountains. Thus, no one went over in fear to disrupt him.

The month swiftly went past.

A month later, in the back mountains.

Nine Nether, who had her eyes shut, suddenly opened them and looked at the cultivating platform. She saw the black Nine-layered Pagoda suddenly fluctuate as it faded away, bit by bit.

As the black pagoda disappeared, a figure appeared seated on the sky.

Within a hundred foot radius of that figure was emptiness, as if there was a formless shield, not even the Spiritual Energy between the heavens and earth could enter it.

He was quietly seated on the air, there weren't any fluctuations around him, but vaguely, there was an indescribable pressure being emitted from him.

The eyes of Mu Chen, who had been like a stone with his eyes shut for the entire month, had slowly opened his eyes.

Boom!

Light flowed through his black pupils that caused the space before him to distort. His figure moved, and in an instant, he had mysteriously appeared in the air. He slowly opened both of his arms as he suddenly roared towards the sky!

# Boom!

His roar was like thunder as a Spiritual Energy light pillar that was a few thousand feet soared from his body. That light pillar linked the heavens and earth as it emitted a formless pressure.

Within the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, countless students were looking at that large light pillar in shock. Coming from that light pillar, they felt a familiar pressure...

It was a pressure that belonged to Sovereign Realm experts!

At this moment, Mu Chen had finally successfully stepped into the Sovereign Realm!

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# Chapter 642: Borrowing Mirror

The large pillar of light soared into the sky and could be clearly seen from anywhere around a hundred miles. When everyone felt it, there was a dreadful pressure coming from that pillar of light. That pressure wasn't unfamiliar to them, they had sensed it from those Sovereign Realm Elders in the academy.

Evidently, the person within that pillar of light had successfully broken through to the Sovereign Realm.

On a particular peak in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong raised their heads as they looked at the direction of the light pillar with complicated gazes.

"That fellow is truly a monster." Shen Cangsheng bitterly smiled. There was a hint of admiration in his eyes, along with unwillingness. Back then, when he met Mu Chen, the latter was still being chased after by Mo Xingtian. But in just three years, that youth had already far surpassed him, taking the lead and stepping into the Sovereign Realm.

Li Xuantong nodded his head in agreement, his thoughts were deeper than Shen Cangsheng's. After all, Mu Chen was just someone that had managed to take three of his moves with all his strength and felt that Mu Chen was only ordinary back then and wasn't a fitting match for the outstanding Luo Li.

However, in less than merely three years, he witnessed how Mu Chen soared and dazzled. Right now, Li Xuantong had no choice but to admit that Luo Li's eyesight truly was good. Although when Luo Li left, and Luo Tiansheng wasn't entirely satisfied with Mu Chen, Li Xuantong, who had witnessed Mu Chen's growth, knew that there would be a day when Luo Tianshen will change his opinion of Mu Chen, just like how he did.

That was the youth that could always produce stunning miracles.

"I'm afraid that Mu Chen won't be staying long in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy." Shen Cangsheng suddenly said with reluctance in his tone. After spending so much time, he had a favourable impression of Mu Chen. "What about you?" Li Xuantong looked at Shen Cangsheng, he knew that this man before him was filled with pride down to his bones. It was impossible for him to stay in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy forever.

"I will begin my secluded cultivation, in an attempt to break through to the Sovereign Realm shortly. At that time, I will roam around the Great Thousand World. Haha, who knows, I might be able to encounter Mu Chen at that time. If there's a chance, I will definitely have a spar with him to determine who will be stronger at that time." Shen Cangsheng smiled with blazing fighting intent and expectation in his eyes.

"Let's go at that time, I might be faster than you in entering the Sovereign Realm." Li Xuantong spoke with a smear of a smile on his face.

"Haha, it's not that easy for you to surpass me! do you think you're Mu Chen?" Shen Cangsheng laughed.

"Then, we'll wait and see." Li Xuantong smiled. His gaze was gentle. He had treated Shen Cangsheng as an opponent that could be comparable to himself and saw how lacking he was. As for Mu Chen, that fellow was simply a monster, so he had excluded him, since Li Xuantong didn't wish to have his selfconfidence shattered every single time.

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In the Main Hall of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, the Northern Sea Dragon, Dean Tai Cang, Mo Yu and the rest raised their heads as they looked at that massive pillar of light with gratification in their eyes. The achievements that Mu Chen obtained in these two to three years were extremely rare, even in the history of their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

"That kid is truly formidable. How good would it be if he stayed in our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy forever?" Hallmaster Mo Yu couldn't help sighing.

"Being short-sighted will break the future of another." Northern Sea Dragon bluntly scolded with a black face to Hallmaster Mo Yu's sigh.

Being scolded, Hallmaster Mo Yu wore a dejected expression as he said in awkwardness, "I'm just casually saying."

Dean Tai Cang couldn't refrain from smiling from that scene, his eyes were a little abstruse as he said, "Mu Chen's potential is very high, and it's impossible for our academy to fully develop his potential. Only the vast Great Thousand World can be a stage for him."

"Therefore, even if his strength could rise while staying in our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, it is impossible for him to become a true supreme expert. Mo Yu, do you believe that the next time Mu Chen returns to our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, not to mention about us, even Brother Northern Sea could not be compared to him?"

Mo Yu's expression was shaken as he had never expected such a high praise from Dean Tai Cang to Mu Chen.

Northern Sea Dragon stroke his beard with a calm expression on his aged face. Unexpectedly, he did not refute Dean Tai Cang's words as he knew that Dean Tai Cang's words weren't impossible. That youth...

did possess a terrifying potential. The crucial point was that he had a firm heart to walk the path of supreme experts.

Unswerving determination, stubbornness and a firm heart.

For real supreme experts, talents were secondary, and the crucial one was a heart of an expert.

Thus, the future of that youth would definitely not be ordinary.

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"Big Sister Ling Xi, has Big Brother Mu Chen successfully made his breakthrough?" In the serene courtyard, Sun'er covered the dazzling light before her with her tiny hands as she looked at the sizable pillar of light in the distant sky.

# "He should have."

Ling Xi sat before the bamboo house as a stunning arc was outlined by her white dress from her seiza posture. However, there weren't any guys to feast on such a scene. Ling Xi held onto a jade pot as she poured a drink for herself. She casually cast her glance at the sizable light pillar and indifferently nodded her head.

"Big Sister Ling Xi, why are you not worried for Big Brother Mu Chen?" Sun'er was a little unhappy when she saw how indifferent Ling Xi was as she pouted.

"He has a stunning beauty to protect him by his side right now, so there's nothing for me to worry about." Ling Xi said indifferently.

"Ohhh~" Sun'er sat before Ling Xi with her eyes narrowed from her smile as she dragged her tone and chuckled, "So Big Sister Ling Xi is jealous of that beautiful big sister!"

"She's very beautiful?" Ling Xi stared at Sun'er as a dangerous arc rose on her lips.

"As beautiful as Big Sister Ling Xi... No, I mean Big Sister Ling Xi is more beautiful!" Sun'er accidentally blurts out, but when she saw Ling Xi slightly raising her brows, she immediately changed her words upon sensing a bad premonition.

"Hmph." Ling Xi lightly snorted as she raised her cold face and stared at the light pillar made of Spiritual Energy that stood towering between the heavens and earth, and gritted her teeth. Back then, when he was going into seclusion, she even took the initiative to ask if he needed her help to protect him. However, she was actually refused by that fellow, that's simply detestable!

Sun'er sneaked a glance at Ling Xi and was confused in her head as well. Although Big Sister Ling Xi was cold when she treated others, she had a good heart. Back then, she got along with Big Sister Luo Li pretty well, so why is she so opposed of Big Sister Nine Nether?

It was said that in the Goddess Luo Association, Big Sister Ling Xi and Big Sister Nine Nether were the most popular mature ladies... Although she didn't quite understand what that was about...

When Sun'er's brain was running wild with thoughts, Ling Xi stood up as she looked at the sizable light pillar. In her eyes, there was a smear of gratification and pride. He is indeed, Aunt Jing's son, perhaps in the future, he will become as outstanding as Aunt Jing.

When that day comes, Ling Xi felt that she might even uncontrollably fall for him.

The instant she had that thought, Ling Xi's face grew red as she quickly dismissed that thought.

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The light pillar that pierced the heavens and earth lasted for a few minutes, before it gradually faded away. When the light pillar faded, two light rays streaked across the horizon and appeared in the air of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy in a flash.

Every single student shifted their gazes over and saw a youth standing on the air. His appearance was still the same, even that robust Spiritual Energy fluctuation around him had entirely dissipated. If it wasn't for his bearing when he stood in the air, everyone might think that he failed his breakthrough.

Nine Nether stood beside Mu Chen. Compared to Mu Chen, she attracted even more attention. Her slender figure was a little tall, her fair neck was as graceful as a swan, and her exquisite collar bone drew a gentle arc. Especially that pair of long legs of hers that pulled the souls of others. Her slender eyes were filled with wildness that was flowing through, which made others understand that conquering such a woman was even harder than ascending to the sky.

Mu Chen looked at the countless gazes coming from the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy as he faintly smiled. He breathed out with satisfaction and slowly clenched his fist. He could sense the volcanic surges of terrifying Spiritual Energy in his body. The strength of that Spiritual Energy wasn't something that could be compared with Third Grade Spirit Disaster.

Right now, with a flip of his hand, he could probably suppress a few hundred Third Grade Spirit Disaster experts.

It was a gap that could not be filled with numbers.

That power was just purely based on Spiritual Energy. When Mu Chen had successfully cultivated a Sovereign Celestial Body in the future, his might would be even more terrifying

"What intoxicating power."

Mu Chen was intoxicated in the feeling for a brief moment before he recovered himself and headed towards the Main Hall along with Nine Nether.

"Haha, congratulations, Mu Chen." Seeing the arrival of Mu Chen, Hallmaster Mo Yu and the rest smiled.

Mu Chen quickly cupped his hands, and his gaze hesitated for a brief moment as he looked at Dean Tai Cang.

"Speak if there's anything you wish. why are you so modest?" Seeing his reaction, Dean Tai Cang gently said with a light smile.

"Dean, I... want to use the Mirror of Judgement of the Five Great Academies. I wonder if that is possible." Mu Chen was a little nervous as he looked at Dean Tai Cang and cautiously spoke. This matter was too vital for him, and if it wasn't possible, it would indeed be hard for him to search for the Immortal Catalog.

Clearly, Mu Chen's request had taken Dean Tai Cang off-guard as his face gradually turned heavy with his brows knitted together.

Seeing his reaction, Mu Chen's heart involuntarily sank.

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#### Chapter 643: Dispute

"Borrowing the Mirror of Judgement..."

Hearing Mu Chen's request in the Main Hall, the brows of Dean Tai Cang and the rest frowned and only after a long time did they look and Mu Chen and said, "The Mirror of Judgement is controlled by the Five Great Academies, it's impossible to use it with just the agreement of one academy. Therefore, we would need to get a vote of all five Deans of the Five Great Academies before using the Mirror of Judgement. Only with at least three votes, can we use the Mirror of Judgement."

Mu Chen scratched his head as he bitterly smiled. He naturally knew that it was not an easy task to use the Mirror of Judgement, but this was his only choice to get any news of the Immortal Catalog.

"Among the Five Great Academies, the Saint Spiritual Academy will probably not agree to it, but we can fight for the three other academies." Northern Sea Dragon, who had not spoken from the beginning, opened his mouth, "I'll make a trip to the three other academies, I believe they will give this old man some face."

Dean Tai Cang and the rest were startled by his words. The Northern Sea Dragon rarely interfered in the matters of the academy, they couldn't imagine that he would actually do this for Mu Chen.

Mu Chen was also stunned as he gratefully looked at Northern Sea Dragon, "Thank you, Senior Northern Sea."

He knew that it was a tough matter for an Earth Sovereign to come out, and with the pride of Northern Sea Dragon, it was probably rare for him to take the initiative to pull relations. However, Mu Chen did not reject as he knew that with the Northern Sea Dragon's personality, if he were to refuse his favour, this isolated old man would immediately not care about him. Thus, he could only remember this favour in his heart at this moment.

"If it wasn't for your achievements in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, I'm afraid that it would be hard for the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to continue holding onto the title of the Five Great Academies. Compared to that, this is nothing for an old man like me to show my face." Northern Sea Dragon looked at Mu Chen with a rare smile revealed on his lips.

"I am a member of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, be it now or in the future." Mu Chen lightly smiled.

"Good, with those words of yours, it's worth me pulling my face down." Northern Sea Dragon revealed a gratified smile on his face as he waved his hand at Dean Tai Cang and the rest, "I will make a trip to the three academies now, the rest of you will remain in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Mu Chen, wait for my news."

As he finished speaking, Northern Sea Dragon strode forth, space distorted before him and shortly after, a spatial crack was ripped open as he went in and instantly disappeared.

Looking at the swift and decisive Northern Sea Dragon, Mu Chen felt grateful in his heart.

"Okay, you'll remain in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy and wait for the news." Dean Tai Cang patted Mu Chen's shoulder and pondered for a brief moment before he continued speaking, "After this matter, you intend on leaving the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, right?"

Mu Chen lightly nodded his head.

"That's for the best, if you continue to remain in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, there will be a limit to your cultivation. The Great Thousand World is more suitable for you."

Dean Tai Cang smiled, "But remember the words I said before, as long as you do not commit any actions that will bring down the academy, you are always a student of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. No matter what troubles you have incurred in the outside world, as long as you return to the academy, our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy will not let anyone bully you."

Mu Chen glanced at the gratified smile on Dean Tai Cang's face and felt touched in his heart. He did not say any other words, only heavily nodded his head.

This was a place that he would always remember.

Dean Tai Cang conversed with Mu Chen for another short while, before letting him leave. Mu Chen brought along Nine Nether as he headed towards Ling Xi's serene courtyard.

Entering the courtyard, a girl was seated before the bamboo house as she drank some tea. When the latter saw Mu Chen's arrival, she let out a faint smile, but when she saw Nine Nether, who was behind him, her brows had undetectable risen.

"Congratulations, you have finally become a Sovereign expert." Ling Xi smiled.

Mu Chen smiled as well as he sat before Ling Xi. Facing the beautiful girl before him, Mu Chen hesitated for a brief moment before saying, "Big Sister Ling Xi, I will leave the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy very soon."

The hand which Ling Xi used to pour tea trembled as she gave Mu Chen a glance, before nodding her head.

"Big Sister Ling Xi, are you coming along with me?" Mu Chen said in a soft voice.

Ling Xi remained silent for a long time before shaking her head, "After your departure, I will also leave the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. But I will not be following you, I have other matters to attend to." "Other matters?" Mu Chen was stunned. He looked at Ling Xi, who was biting her rosy lip, as he wrinkled his brows, "You're going to find my mother?"

Ling Xi nodded her head as her face became slightly cold. "My memories have been sealed for a long time. But I can still vaguely sense come broken memories, so I intend to go search for her by myself. No matter what, I have to know where Aunt Jing was taken to."

"No, it's too dangerous for you to go alone! If you want to go, I'll have to go with you!" Mu Chen's face slightly changed as he spoke in a stern voice. Although he had not come in contact with that mysterious clan, he could sense how terrifying they were. His mother's strength was comparable to a Heavenly Sovereign, and even so, she was confined, and Ling Xi's strength was only equivalent to a Fourth Grade Sovereign. If she was discovered by those people, her safety would be at stake.

"Don't speak nonsense." Ling Xi gently smiled, "Aunt Jing was willing to suffer so much yearning pain to protect you, how can I let you come with me to risk yourself?"

"Furthermore, you don't have to worry about me, I will act accordingly and will not be rash. I will only be investigating in the dark, and when I have any news, I will come look for you."

"After all, you will be going to find Aunt Jing in the future as well. You can't be in the dark about everything, right? Therefore, I will go ahead first and see if I can find any information for you."

Mu Chen looked at Ling Xi. There was a rare gentleness on her face with a faint smile hanging at the corner of her lips. Her voice was filled with irreversible resolution.

Facing Mu Chen's gaze, Ling Xi lightly nodded her head, implying that he should not try to persuade her any further.

After looking for a long time, Mu Chen finally gave up and spoke with his teeth clenched, "Refine a Spirit Seal with your Spirit and give it to me. Otherwise, I will definitely not let you go alone."

The so-called Spirit Seal was a small trace of Spirit that was made into a Spirit Seal. This Spirit Seal would be linked to the owner and the instant the owner was in danger, there would also be a reaction from the Spirit Seal as well.

However, this Spirit Seal was, after all, a strand of the Spirit. If the Spirit Seal was destroyed, the owner of it would also suffer injuries from it. So, generally speaking, unless it was someone close, most people wouldn't be willing to give their Spirit Seals to anyone else.

But clearly, Mu Chen and Ling Xi didn't have a normal relationship.

Seeing the firmness in Mu Chen's eyes, Ling Xi could only agree to it as she revealed a weak smile from the corner of her lips. "What a stubborn fellow... okay then."

She extended her hand as light gathered on her slender fingertips. It flickered with golden light and gradually took the form of a palm-sized golden seal. The golden seal was exquisite and small, it was a small-scaled Ling Xi. Even the cold aura that was emitted from it was similar.

"Here, take it." Ling Xi revealed a smile to Mu Chen as she handed over the golden seal.

Receiving the golden seal, Mu Chen curiously fiddled with it, before lightly rubbing on the small Ling Xi's face. After that, he saw Ling Xi's face turning red as she glared at him.

The Spirit Seal was linked to her Spirit, after all. That rub and with their distance, she also felt that a little bit. Therefore, this action from the latter was merely teasing her right before her eyes. If it was someone else that did such a disrespectful act, Ling Xi would have long set up a Spiritual Array to kill him.

"\*cough\*..." Seeing her reaction, Mu Chen dryly coughed as he quickly stored the golden seal. He then said with a heavy expression, "Big Sister Ling Xi, promise me that no matter what happens, do not be rash. I will handle that matter in the future, and at that time, whether it is mother or Big Sister Ling Xi, I will protect the both of you."

"Wait until you surpass your Big Sister Ling Xi before speaking such words." Ling Xi smiled. It was a smile that made even a hundred flowers pale in comparison. However, Mu Chen's words had also made her somewhat happy in her heart.

"Right, even though you are a Sovereign now, you can't abandon your cultivation in the ways of Spiritual Arrays. With your talent, you will probably soon come in contact with the profundity of Spiritual Array Grandmaster. This will also be a powerful card of yours. The danger filled in the Great Thousand World is something that the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy cannot be compared to. So it's still good to have an additional card." Ling Xi warned with a stern expression as she looked at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen could only smile as he felt the warmth when Ling Xi suddenly became naggy.

"Also..."

Ling Xi's gaze suddenly glanced at Nine Nether, who was indistinctly by the side. The latter had always maintained a calm expression as she stood there and did not come any closer, nor did she have any conversation with Ling Xi. Mu Chen did not know why the two ladies didn't seem to like each other too much.

"It's not impossible to dissolve the Bloodlink Bond."

Hearing her words, Nine Nether's brows raised as she coldly looked at Ling Xi.

Ling Xi did not concede facing Nine Nether's gaze as she indifferently said, "Don't look at me like that, Mu Chen is young and doesn't know anything. Did you think that I'm unaware of anything as well?"

"What are you trying to say?" Nine Nether responded with a cold voice.

"Accomplishing evolution at such an age and possessing the undying flames, I believe that you have quite the status, even in the Nine Nether Bird Clan, right?" Ling Xi sneered.

"So what?" Nine Nether raised her chin as she replied.

"The Nine Nether Bird Clan has always been stubborn and old-fashioned. If you have an important place in the clan, and they were to find out that you conducted a Bloodlink Bond with a human, how enraged will they be? At that time, who knows, they might force Mu Chen to dissolve the Bloodlink Bond onesidedly, because it fits the personality of your clan; but Mu Chen will also suffer an unimaginable injury this way." Ling Xi coldly looked at Nine Nether as she spoke. "No one can dissolve our Bloodlink Bond."

Nine Nether looked at Ling Xi as she said word for word, "No! One! Can!"

The two girls looked at each other with a cold gaze as the atmosphere nearly froze!

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## Chapter 644: Searching for the Immortal Catalog

The frozen atmosphere enveloped the entire courtyard with the two ladies looking at each other with cold gazes. The commotion spread out as it attracted violent whistling winds, causing the trees and leaves to dance in the courtyard.

Sun'er hid behind a big tree as she sneakily looked at the confrontation between Nine Nether and Ling Xi. She was afraid to be dragged into it.

Looking at this scene, Mu Chen felt a headache, since he didn't understand why these two girls would fight the moment they see each other, and with heavy gunpowder.

"Anyone can speak good words. If I find out that Mu Chen is injured by the Bloodlink Bond, I will not let you off, even if you are from the Nine Nether Bird Clan." Ling Xi coldly glanced at Nine Nether as she spoke in an icy voice.

"Your tone of speech is pretty big, I want to see what gives you the qualifications to speak such words!" Nine Nether raised her brows as she sneered.

"Really?" Ling Xi's face was cold as starlight flickered and gathered on her slender hand.

"Hmph."

Nine Nether coldly snorted as a cold light flickered in her eyes, and behind her, a large shadow gradually appeared as it covered the earth and sky.

## "Stop!"

However, just when the two girls were about to fight, Mu Chen finally couldn't endure anymore and barked out in anger. He grabbed onto Ling Xi's hand as rage rose on his face, "Are the two of you done messing around?!"

Ling Xi and Nine Nether looked at Mu Chen. However, the latter did not get interrupted by them as he had genuine anger on his face. Initially, his gentle gaze had turned abnormally strict.

This was the first time that Ling Xi and Nine Nether had seen Mu Chen being enraged. In an instant, the atmosphere weakened as they issued as snort and retracted the Spiritual Energy fluctuations around them.

Mu Chen looked at the two girls that had turned their heads away as he scratched his head. "Big Sister Ling Xi, the Bloodlink Bond between Nine Nether and me was formed under a dangerous situation. So there's no way to dissolve this Bloodlink Bond, nor will I do it. After all these years, Nine Nether has helped me a lot, and if it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have come this far." "No matter what dangers the Bloodlink Bond may bring, I will accept it. As long as Nine Nether doesn't agree, then I will not let anyone dissolve the Bloodlink Bond between us."

Mu Chen's voice spread out in the courtyard. Not only was his voice heavy, but there was also an indisputable resolution in it.

The ice on Nine Nether and Ling Xi's faces had unknowingly melted away. The former shifted her gaze as she looked at the resolute expression on the youth's face, before swiftly shifting her gaze away. Without her notice, her mood was suddenly lightened a lot.

Ling Xi looked at Mu Chen as she sighed, "Since you have already said so much, then I shouldn't say anything further..."

As she spoke, she suddenly smiled and looked at Mu Chen with a sly gaze, "But I never expected small Mu Chen to assume such responsibility, how manly."

Mu Chen clenched his teeth as he said, "How am I small? You are only two or three years older than me!"

Ling Xi smiled without any comment, she then turned her head to Nine Nether as her tone gradually softened, "I am not picking on you, but you should know my worries. If the Nine Nether Bird Clan knows about this matter, I'm afraid that they will not let this matter rest so easily."

"I have already grown up, not even my father and mother could say anything about my matters. If there are any troubles in the future, I will protect him." Nine Nether said with indifference.

Mu Chen couldn't control the twitch on his lips as he interrupted, "I am not interested in depending on a woman."

However, Nine Nether did not bother about his protest as she left behind a sentence for them to talk, and walked away with her long legs and left, leaving behind a gorgeous silhouette.

"What a prideful lady. Mu Chen, looks like it won't be easy for you to subdue that prideful little bird." Ling Xi looked at Nine Nether's silhouette as she smiled. Shortly after, she lazily stretched her arms as her ample curves became even more distinct under the white dress.

Mu Chen was helpless.

"Stay in my place for the next few days. Don't lack behind in your cultivation of Spiritual Arrays. Before you leave, I will do my best to impart everything to you."

"Okay."

Mu Chen smiled as he nodded his head.

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During the next few days, Mu Chen quietly stayed in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy with Ling Xi in her courtyard most of the time as he cultivated in the ways of Spiritual Arrays. After he finished cultivating, he would party with those of the Goddess Luo Association. In the past, when he was in the

Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he spent most of his time cultivating, and now that he is about to leave, he became reluctant to part.

He liked everyone from the Goddess Luo Association, there weren't any schemes or plots behind their smiles. In this place, they could disregard their identity as they were all members of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy right here.

Perhaps, after entering the Great Thousand World, it would be hard for him to see such smiles anymore. After all, it was no longer a worry-free ivory tower.

When night arrived, Mu Chen would sit on the mountain peak by himself as he looked at the sky full of stars. Some time ago, he would have a girl quietly accompanying him, she would rest her head on his shoulders. Mu Chen liked that clinging feeling he felt back then. He had become her world, supporting her...

Now that she was no longer around, he could only reminisce about it in his heart.

Mu Chen slowly laid on the grass patch as he quietly shut his eyes, and slowly clenched his fist.

Luo Li, wait for me.

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When Mu Chen quietly stayed in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy for roughly ten days, he had finally waited for the return of the Northern Sea Dragon.

Hearing the news that the Northern Sea Dragon had returned, Mu Chen swiftly rushed to the Main Hall. Upon arrival, he saw the smile hung on the Northern Sea Dragon's face.

Seeing his smile, Mu Chen instantly felt heavily relieved.

"Among the Five Great Academies, Dean Tiansheng of the Saint Spiritual Academy did not agree, as expected; but the three other Deans agreed to it. So that fellow can't protest anything." Northern Sea Dragon looked at Mu Chen as he spoke with an eye-narrowing smile.

At this instant, even with Mu Chen's firm heart, there was a smear of excitement.

"When do you want to use the Mirror of Judgement?"

"Can we do it now?" Mu Chen hastily enquired.

"Then, let's do it now."

The Northern Sea Dragon wasn't unexpected of Mu Chen's haste as he nodded with a smile. Shortly after, he waved his hand and space was torn apart as he strode into it.

"Follow me."

Mu Chen nodded his head as he immediately followed with Nine Nether behind him.

Mu Chen stepped into the spatial crack, and the scenery before him changed in an instant. It seemed to be a small space. It wasn't big, except that it was all a void. In this small space, there was an ancient

bronze mirror that had the size of roughly a few thousand feet quietly floating before him, emitting an indescribable fluctuation as it quietly rippled, causing the space to be constantly shaking.

There was a stone staircase in this space that extended to the Mirror of Judgement. The Northern Sea Dragon led Mu Chen and Nine Nether to it as he passed a bronze seal over to Mu Chen.

"By using this item, you will be able to use the Mirror of Judgement. However, you can't make any attacks with it as a Divine Artifact of such a level isn't something that the current you can use. If you recklessly use it, it will devour you instead."

Mu Chen grabbed the bronze seal as he nodded his head.

"I will leave first." The Northern Sea Dragon smiled and with a move of his figure, he disappeared; he did not have any intentions of staying here. Although he was curious about Mu Chen's purpose of using the Mirror of Judgement, he did not inquire, since everyone had their own secrets.

When the Northern Sea Dragon left, this space became quiet. Mu Chen raised his head as he looked at the huge Mirror of Judgement, then injected his Spiritual Energy into the bronze seal in his hand.

A faint lustre shot forth from his hand, into the dusty surface of the Mirror of Judgement.

Buzz! Buzz!

Fine ripples fluctuated from the surface of the mirror, and the Mirror of Judgement gradually became clear. However, the surface of the mirror was extremely abstruse, as if it was a night sky, emitting a mysterious light from it.

At the sight of this, Mu Chen deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as he spread his arms out. Light flickered, followed by the appearance of the Immortal Page.

With a flick of his finger, that Immortal Page flew out and hovered before the Mirror of Judgement.

# Buzz! Buzz!

The surface of the mirror rippled as strands of light started to circulate. A ray of light shot forth and enveloped the Immortal Page.

# Tsk! Tsk!

As light enveloped, the Mirror of Judgement suddenly violently trembled and on the surface of the mirror, the ripples showed signs of losing control.

Look at this scene, Mu Chen and Nine Nether's expressions became nervous. The Immortal Catalog was indeed, terrifying. Even one page of it could cause this Mirror of Judgement to go out of control.

Their gazes were firmly fixed on the surface of the Mirror of Judgement, and a few minutes later, it was still pitch-black.

The current situation made Mu Chen's brows tightly knit together.

"The Immortal Catalog is so terrifying to such an extent that even the Mirror of Judgement could not calculate its trace..." Nine Nether sighed, it was indeed worthy of being one of the Primal Celestial Bodies of legends.

Mu Chen did not speak as he stared without blinking.

Another few minutes passed, and the disappointment in Mu Chen's eyes gradually grew dense, and Nine Nether patted his shoulders to comfort him.

However, just when Mu Chen and Nine Nether became thoroughly disappointed, an intense ripple came from the silent mirror's surface as fuzzy images started to appear on the black surface.

Mu Chen and Nine Nether's expressions shook as ecstasy flowed from their eyes. It has finally calculated it?

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# **Chapter 645: Ancient Haven Palace**

Ripples appeared on the surface of the ancient bronze mirror, the initially deep blackness was quickly replaced by fuzzy images.

Mu Chen and Nine Nether directed their gazes over.

What appeared on the large bronze mirror seemed to be a continent that stretched without end. The angle seemed to be looking from high above as it was continually rising...

Mu Chen was blankly at a loss when he looked at that unfamiliar continent. He had no idea where it was.

Nine Nether, who stood beside him, was taking a serious look at the mountains and terrains. She slightly furrowed her brows, as if she was pondering something.

Scenes still regularly appeared as they formed into a map of a continent in the end. The size of this continent was beyond words. It was shocking down to the heart.

Mu Chen could only bitterly smile as he looked at the unfamiliar map. The Great Thousand World was too vast with many continents in it, it wasn't an easy task to be differentiated with just a map.

Furthermore, the Mirror of Judgement did not tell them the exact location of the Immortal Catalog, was it trying to get them to search around in the vast continent without any clues?

The probability was very terrifying.

Just when Mu Chen bitterly smiled, light gathered on the surface of the mirror and vaguely, it turned into an ancient palace. On top of the palace, the sun and moon were hovering as light shone onto the vast continent.

Nine Nether was looking at the ancient palace, as well as the sun and moon hovering on top of it. Her figure faintly trembled as dense shock rose in her pupils.

The scene did not last for long as it gradually faded. In the end, the surface of the Mirror of Judgement returned to darkness. Even the ray of light that was enveloping the Immortal Page faded.

Mu Chen extended his hand as he retrieved the Immortal Page and stored it in his body.

"There's no clue at all." Mu Chen sighed as he spoke. Whether it was the unknown continent or the ancient palace, he had no clues.

"That might not be the case." Nine Nether, who was looking at the Mirror of Judgement, suddenly smiled.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen was stunned for a moment, before looking at Nine Nether. Dense joy rose from his heart. Judging from Nine Nether's words, did she realise something?

"If I have not guessed incorrectly, the continent that was shown on the Mirror of Judgement should be one of the ten major continents in the Great Thousand World, the Skylaw Continent." Nine Nether chuckled.

"One of the ten major continents... Skylaw Continent?" Mu Chen muttered.

"Right now, in the Great Thousand World, the ten major continents are the most well-known, they can be considered the core regions of the Great Thousand World. They're flourishing and have as many experts as the stars in the sky."

"Comparing the Northern Heavens Continent of your Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy to the Skylaw Continent, it's not even a firefly in comparison. In the Skylaw Continent, any single one of the peak forces isn't in any way inferior to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy."

Hearing her words, Mu Chen smacked his lips. Although he knew that the Northern Heavens Continent wasn't much in the Great Thousand World, he never thought that it would be to such a degree. After all, the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy could be considered as in control of the entire Northern Heavens Continent. However, when it was placed in comparison with the major continents, it was much more inferior.

"You seem to be very clear about the Skylaw Continent." Mu Chen was astonished as he looked at Nine Nether. He realised that Nine Nether seemed to be somewhat familiar with the Skylaw Continent.

"Do you know where I come from before I failed my tribulations?" Nine Nether spoke with an eyenarrowing smile.

Mu Chen was stunned as he answered, "It can't be the Skylaw Continent, right?"

"Correct." Nine Nether nodded her head thoughtfully.

"Then, the Nine Nether Bird Clan is also in the Skylaw Continent?" Mu Chen asked in astonishment.

"The Nine Nether Bird Clan isn't on the Skylaw Continent. However, back then, when I came out to experience the world, I went to the Skylaw Continent. Moreover, I still have a territory at that place." Nine Nether's rosy lips rose as she said, showing off.

"You even established a force?" Now, Mu Chen was thoroughly dumbstruck.

"I did not establish a force, I was only recommended by a senior and joined one of the peak forces. After all, it's impossible to go out without any background, especially in the Skylaw Continent that has hidden dragons and crouching tigers.

"Oh? There's a force that could hold you?" Mu Chen smiled.

"Before I underwent my evolution, my strength wasn't even in the Sovereign Realm. With that pitiful strength of mine, it wasn't even anything in the Skylaw Continent. The force that I was a part of was called the Great Havenlaw Domain. Don't belittle it, it was one of the peak forces in the Skylaw Continent. The strength of the entire force was only stronger compared to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, and not weaker. Furthermore, my status in the Great Havenlaw Domain was pretty high." Nine Nether chuckled.

"Your strength was not even at the Sovereign Realm back then, and you became one of the higher ranks?" Mu Chen spoke with doubt.

"Haha, who asked me to have a powerful background?" The curve on Nine Nether's lips rose even more distinct.

Mu Chen was helpless, So it turns out that she took a backdoor to be in the so-called 'higher ranks'. He shook his head as he looked at the Mirror of Judgement and said, "If the Skylaw Continent was shown in the Mirror of Judgement earlier, then what does that palace with the sun and moon behind it mean?"

Nine Nether's brows slightly raised as she pondered for a long time, before saying in a slow tone, "I have once heard in the Skylaw Continent that there was an Ancient Haven Palace hidden in the continent. The lord of this Ancient Haven Palace was a supremacy existence that could tremble the earth and sky back then, even Heavenly Sovereigns could not compete with him so easily."

Mu Chen's gaze slightly changed. An existence that not even Heavenly Sovereigns could compete against? Just how terrifying is that?

"Legend has it that in the Ancient Haven Palace, there is a treasure that even Earth Sovereigns and Heavenly Sovereigns would be tempted to have. However, no one has seen the Ancient Haven Palace all these years; thus, it became a legend."

Nine Nether's gaze was revolving with thoughts as she continued, "If the Immortal Catalog is in the Ancient Haven Palace, then I believe that this supreme expert was one of the ten experts that possessed the Primal Celestial Body in ancient times. So much so that he might be the first possessor of the Primordial Immortal Body."

Mu Chen's gaze was heavy, since Nine Nether's analysis made sense. Maybe the Immortal Catalog was related to this Ancient Haven Palace. But shortly after, he felt a headache. Not to mention if this Ancient Haven Palace existed, even if it really showed itself, it would definitely cause a huge commotion. It was no different from snatching food from a tiger if he wanted to seize the Immortal Catalog under the eyes of so many experts; being very treacherous.

But, regardless of anything, now that he had obtained some clue of it, he would definitely not give up so quickly.

"Looks like it will be our next objective." Mu Chen spoke in a soft voice.

"To go to the Skylaw Continent? It is indeed a decent place to train." Nine Nether smiled.

"Right now, my objective is to get stronger so that I can protect those I want to protect. Furthermore, this Skylaw Continent is one of the major continents; thus, I believe that it will definitely be more interesting and dangerous compared to the Northern Heavens Continent." Mu Chen spoke with a faint smile.

The Skylaw Continent was apparently a decent place. He could train himself and, at the same time, seek more information regarding the Ancient Haven Palace. This way, he would be able to make his move first, if opportunity allowed.

Clearly, he still had to get stronger before then. Otherwise, even if the Ancient Haven Palace did appear, without any strength, he wouldn't have any qualifications to seize it.

"I never thought that we would be returning to the Skylaw Continent, how reminiscing." Nine Nether sighed. Back then, when she left the Nine Nether Bird Clan for the Skylaw Continent, she fell into the small Northern Spiritual Realm because she was undergoing her tribulations, and with accidents arising from many causes, she formed the Bloodlink Bond with Mu Chen.

Furthermore, the most coincidental point was that right now, Mu Chen was also heading for that continent. Fate was truly unfathomable.

"Let's go, when we go to the Skylaw Continent, I can rely on you." Mu Chen smiled.

"As long as you say my name, I guarantee that you will be able to run amok anywhere you want in the Skylaw Continent." Nine Nether spoke with her eyes narrowed from smiling.

Mu Chen rolled his eyes and disregarded her. The mighty Great Havenlaw Domain that was mentioned by Nine Nether was only one of the peak forces. Even if Nine Nether was one of the higher ranks, it was still impossible to run amok in the Skylaw Continent.

Mu Chen turned around as he descended the stone stairs, towards the spatial crack. Although he wasn't able to obtain any accurate news, his harvest was already satisfying. At the very least, he had a rough location and didn't have to blindly roam around.

When the two of them walked out of the spatial crack, the spatial ripples had directly appeared in the Main Hall of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Before them, the Northern Sea Dragon was looking at them, smiling.

"You're done?"

Mu Chen nodded his head as he returned the bronze seal back to the Northern Sea Dragon as he spoke with sincereness. "Thank you, Senior Northern Sea for your help."

The Northern Sea Dragon waved his sleeves, and the spatial crack gradually disappeared. Looking at the youth before him, his gaze turned gentle, "You will be leaving very soon?"

"Three days from now." Mu Chen sucked in a mouthful of air as he spoke, suppressing the reluctance in his heart.

The Northern Sea Dragon nodded his head as a smile appeared on his aged face, "I am looking forward to hearing your news again. I believe that at that time, you will leave us all in shock."

"You are the pride of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, I hope that our prided son will not be buried by the innumerable geniuses of the Great Thousand World."

"I will do my best."

Mu Chen smiled as he turned his head, looking at the lively and familiar academy that was shone by the setting sun. Countless figures were streaking across the horizon as they head to the four locations of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Goddess Luo Association... Lightning Territory... Spirit Convergence Array... Spiritual Points Hall...

Those familiar locations were gradually dimmed by the golden light and slowly disappeared from his sight.

Mu Chen spread his arms out as a smile hung on the corner of his lips. He was reluctant to part with this place, but he was also looking forward to his future path. This was not his destination, it was merely his starting point.

Goodbye, Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

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## Chapter 646: Departure

Three days passed in the blink of an eye.

When the third sun tore apart the darkness and shone onto this land, the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was once again filled with vitality. However, the atmosphere in the academy today was somewhat different compared to how it usually was.

Countless students were looking up at the most central peak of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. They could vaguely see a slender and towering figure.

Every single student already knew the news of Mu Chen leaving the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

They were looking at that youth basked in light with revere and admiration. He was the most dazzling figure in their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, seizing the glory for them in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament.

Although it was natural for youths to be prideful, towards Mu Chen, they felt admiration and respect from the depth of their hearts.

At the headquarters of the Goddess Luo Association, the eyes of the tens of thousands of members were a little dim. Both Mu Chen and Luo Li were the pillars of their Goddess Luo Association, and with the two of them leaving, it was a huge blow to their association.

However, they knew that right now, it was unsuitable for Mu Chen to stay in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. He needed a higher stage, and the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was too small for him.

Although they felt sad, it was extremely understandable.

On the training ground, Ye Qingling, Yu Xi and Su Ling'er raised their heads. That brat Yu Xi's eyes were a little red when she heard that Mu Chen was about to leave. She couldn't stop herself from crying like a kitten.

Up until now, she was sniffing her nose as tears gathered in her big eyes.

"Okay, stop crying." Ye Qingling gently rubbed her head as she smiled, "Didn't Mu Chen say before his departure that you will be the pillar of the Goddess Luo Association in the future? This is the responsibility he gave you. You definitely can't disappoint him."

Yu Xi rubbed her eyes as she heavily nodded her head. "Rest assured, Big Sister Ye, I will definitely not let the Goddess Luo Association decline. In the next Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, I will definitely seize the championship!"

"Ambitious." Ye Qingling gently smiled and raised her head, looking at that figure and wished in her heart, "Mu Chen, have a pleasant journey."

Up on the peak, Mu Chen was looking down at the enormous Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. The countless gazes were caught in his eyes as sadness from the departure rose in his heart.

Behind Mu Chen, Ling Xi walked up, her face was filled with a gentle smile as she stood before Mu Chen and lightly adjusted his clothes. "You must take care of yourself when you leave the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy."

Mu Chen looked at the beautiful face close to him and felt a little touched. He extended his hand and embraced Ling Xi's waist. He gave her a hug and soon let go.

"Big Sister Ling Xi, you must be careful as well. If you encounter any danger, then give up for the time being. I promise you that I will definitely rescue mother. At that time, no matter how dangerous it will be, I will protect both you and mother."

Ling Xi's figure stiffened for a brief moment from Mu Chen's actions, but when she heard Mu Chen's words, the corner of her eyes slightly turned red. She was touched as the emotion flowed in her eyes. She could feel the concern in Mu Chen's words.

She lightly nodded her head and shifted her glance towards Nine Nether, who was by his side and smiled, "Nine Nether, I apologise for picking on you some time ago. I hope you will not take it to heart."

Nine Nether was stunned as she apparently did not expect Ling Xi to take the initiative and apologise to her. In this instant, she felt a little bewildered. The expression on her face wasn't too natural. She waved her hand as she said, "No worries."

"In the future, I'd like to request you to take care of him." Ling Xi spoke in a soft tone.

Nine Nether nodded her head, "My life and his are linked together, I will definitely not let anything happen to him."

The Northern Sea Dragon and Dean Tai Cang had also flown over at this moment. They looked at Mu Chen and smiled. "The Teleportation Spiritual Array has already been set up, it will send you out of the Northern Heavens Continent. If you need to go anywhere, search for big cities in other continents and use their Teleportation Spiritual Array."

"Thank you, Senior Northern Sea and Dean." Mu Chen looked in the sky behind him, there was a colossal Teleportation Spiritual Array.

The Skylaw Continent was exceptionally far, and even Sovereign experts would need half a year of the rushed journey to reach without using a Teleportation Spiritual Array. Furthermore, it was on the basis that there weren't any obstructions.

In between continents, they were either separated by vast oceans or dangers that even Sovereign experts would fear, some were also separated by spatial currents. Even Sovereign experts would face danger to pass through it.

"It's almost time, get going!"

Mu Chen inhaled a deep breath. Although he was reluctant to part, he did not procrastinate as he spoke to Nine Nether.

Nine Nether nodded her head, and the two of them appeared in the Teleportation Spiritual Array.

"Mu Chen, don't throw the face of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, no matter what. You'll always be considered the Numero Uno of our Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy!" Far away, there was a loud voice as he saw Shen Cangsheng and Li Xuantong standing on air as they looked at him.

"Mu Chen, if the opportunity arises for us to meet again, don't be dragged down by us. If that is the case, we will definitely not be polite to you." A smile surfaced on Li Xuantong's handsome face as he spoke.

Mu Chen nodded his head towards the two.

"Big Brother Mu, have a safe journey!"

Innumerable voices rang out from the headquarters of the Goddess Luo Association. Countless members of the association all stood up as they bowed towards the direction of Mu Chen.

This was their respect for the founder of the Goddess Luo Association.

At the sight of that, Mu Chen felt sour in his nose. However, he did not speak as he shifted his gaze towards the Northern Sea Dragon and lightly nodding his head.

The Northern Sea Dragon sighed and nodded his head in response. He flicked his finger. A ray of Spiritual Energy shot into the Teleportation Spiritual Array, and in an instant, a brilliant light shone from it as space started to violently distort.

As his sight began to blur, Mu Chen knew that the teleportation would soon begin. He looked at the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy that was getting more fuzzier and softly said in his head, "Everyone, take care. We will meet again in the future."

## Whoosh!

The intensity of the light in the Teleportation Spiritual Array reached the limits as space distorted into a vortex. As the suction force grew stronger, Mu Chen and Nine Nether had turned into two streaks of light as they dived into the spatial vortex and disappeared.

The Teleportation Spiritual Array up in the sky gradually dimmed down. The violent spatial fluctuations also slowly calmed down and restored peace to the sky. However, the two figures had already disappeared.

The entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy was in silence as the atmosphere became extremely gloomy.

Looking at this sight, Dean Tai Cang helplessly sighed. In the past, when other famous students left, there wasn't one situation that caused the entire academy to be so gloomy.

"That kid's... charisma was that great?"

Dean Tai Cang smiled as he shook his head. However, he did not boost the atmosphere intentionally as he knew that this gloominess would gradually fade as time passed.

Perhaps, when another brilliant student appears in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Mu Chen's influence will fade. However... is it possible to wait for someone that can surpass Mu Chen?

As he thought about it, Dean Tai Cang sighed in pity. But, along with feeling regret, there was also a trace of expectation in his heart. He wanted to know the height of this youth that walked out of their Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

Perhaps it will be as they expected when he returned to the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy once again, his strength might have already resounded throughout the Great Thousand World.

Ling Xi quietly stood on the peak as she looked at the location in which Mu Chen left for a long time without a word. Dean Tai Cang and the rest did not interrupt her as they quietly left.

Ling Xi stood for an entire day, until the night enveloped her, before she recovered. She looked at the vast Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. It was the same scenery, but for some reason, something was lacking and felt dull.

She turned around, returned to the courtyard that she resided in and came before the tightly shut bamboo house. She pushed the door open and went in. In the tidy bamboo house, hung a portrait with a soft female silhouette that made others feel at ease in their hearts.

She looked at the portrait as she smiled, "Aunt Jing, Mu Chen has already left... He's very outstanding, no wonder he is Aunt Jing's son. But, I will not be able to follow him. I will definitely find you, Aunt Jing."

"No matter who is he, I will definitely not let him off for sealing my memories!" Ling Xi clenched her fist as cold killing intent surged in her eyes.

"Aunt Jing, I will definitely rescue you!"

Ling Xi strode forth as she carefully stored the portrait and left the bamboo house. She looked at this place that she has resided in for a long time.

"Big Sister Ling Xi."

Sun'er's shy voice resounded as she stood in the courtyard, looking at Ling Xi with her eyes reddened, "You are also leaving?"

Ling Xi strode forth as she hugged Sun'er and smiled, "Yeah, Big Sister Ling Xi has some things to do. Sun'er, after I leave, you cannot stop your cultivation. Otherwise, I will punish you when I return."

Sun'er hugged Ling Xi tightly as she nodded. "Big Sister Ling Xi, will you and Big Brother Mu Chen return in the future?"

Ling Xi gently rested her pearly-white chin on Sun'er's head as she answered, "Rest assured, we will all return..."

Sun'er no longer spoke as she obediently sunk into Ling Xi's embrace. Moonlight shone down as the white-dressed girl slightly raised her head. The moon shone a light curve on her face. It became the most gorgeous night scene in the entire Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy.

And from this night forth, students of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy would realise that the beauty that was young yet holding an Elder spot, Ling Xi, had quietly left.

She did not disturb anyone else, and when she left, only her back silhouette was still that gorgeous.

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## Chapter 647: Spirituality of the Spiritual Energy

This was a broad and endlessly stretched ocean, the end of it could not be seen. In the ocean, there were occasionally huge aquatic Spiritual Beasts leaping about, rolling waves at the same time.

## Tsk! Tsk!

Up in the sky, space abruptly distorted as strong spatial ripples spread out, forming a spatial vortex. Two light figures flew from the spatial vortex after that and appeared in the sky of this ocean.

The instant the two of them appeared, they exchanged looks as they swept their gazes out. They were stunned upon seeing the vast ocean.

"Where is this?" Mu Chen was at a loss as he asked, scratching his head.

Nine Nether was clearly more experienced compared to Mu Chen. She slowly retrieved a scroll and opened it. The scroll was filled with complicated patterns and, after looking at it, it seemed to be an incredibly huge map.

She swept her gaze as she pointed on a region on the map, then she lightly tapped on it. Ripples fluctuated on the map as it expanded, making it more distinct. In the end, a light dot appeared in that region.

"Look, we are currently here. This is an ocean outside the Northern Heavens Continent, and if we continue forth, we will be able to enter the Nanling Continent. At that time, we can borrow their Teleportation Spiritual Array to head for the other continent." Nine Nether smiled.

Mu Chen looked at the map as his eyes were filled with shock. He could vaguely sense the pretty powerful Spiritual Energy ripples.

"This is a Spiritual Artifact?" Mu Chen was startled as he spoke.

"Yeah, this is a Spiritual Diagram that is used in the Great Thousand World to record maps. Generally speaking, those that go out would have one prepared. So, naturally, I have one prepared as well. If we didn't have this Spiritual Diagram, it wouldn't be easy for us to reach to Skylaw Continent." Nine Nether lightly nodded her head.

"There's nothing to worry with Nine Nether around." Mu Chen flattered with an eye-narrowing smile. He was speaking the truth from the depths of his heart. If he was all alone, he might not even know what to do right now. How could he be as prepared as Nine Nether?

Nine Nether glared at him.

"Then, how long will it take for us to reach the Skylaw Continent?" Mu Chen inquired.

"We will at least have to pass through tens of continents to reach the Skylaw Continent by continuously travel through the Teleportation Spiritual Array. Even if we travelled without any rest, we would still require at least two months to get to the Skylaw Continent." Nine Nether spoke indifferently.

"Two months..." Mu Chen couldn't stop the corner of his lips from twitching.

"Don't think about relaxing during these two months." Nine Nether looked at Mu Chen as her expression turned much more serious as she continued, "Mu Chen, I believe you are aware that you have already left the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, and the place that we are going to is not an ivory tower. The Great Thousand World speaks with strength, and without sufficient strength, no one will look at you, no matter where you go."

"Even the Great Havenlaw Domain, which I was from, is not peaceful. It was a place filled with internal conflicts. They are not like the small fights in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. Although I will do my best to protect you there, I know that you do not want that."

Hearing her words, Mu Chen lightly smiled, "Rest assured, I have been well-aware of this logic since long ago."

The Great Havenlaw Domain was not the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, which had others trying to assist him in his cultivation. If he couldn't climb up by himself, he would most likely be stepped on by others.

Nine Nether lightly nodded her head as she continued, "Right now, although you have successfully broken through to the Sovereign Realm, you are barely a First Grade Sovereign."

"Because I have yet to cultivate the Sovereign Celestial Body?" Mu Chen said calmly. In fact, he could cultivate a Sovereign Celestial Body with his strength, but it would only be an ordinary one. Aside from the Great Solar Undying Body, he did not have any other cultivation techniques for a Sovereign Celestial Body. Also, he didn't want to waste the precious Sovereign Spiritual Liquid on an ordinary Sovereign Celestial Body. He was aware that after he gathered the two remaining materials for the Great Solar Undying Body, he would require a very large amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid.

If he were to cultivate, he definitely didn't wish to walk an ordinary path.

"That is only one of the reasons." Nine Nether nodded her head as she continued, "There is another reason why the Sovereign Realm is a dividing line in the path of cultivation, aside from the Sovereign Sea and Sovereign Celestial Body. The Spiritual Energy of a Sovereign expert possesses spirituality, and regarding quality, it far surpasses ordinary Spiritual Energy."

"Spirituality?"

Mu Chen lightly frowned his brows.

"The Spiritual Energy of many Sovereign experts has a unique attribute. Some have an ice-cold Spiritual Energy, while some are violent and fiery. Because of these unique attributes that they possess, their might isn't ordinary."

Mu Chen pondered as he vaguely recalled the helper from the Demonic Dragon Palace back in the Northern Heavens Continent, that Old Ancestor Wu Ling. His Spiritual Energy was dominant, and he could create cold and pitch-black waves in an instant. Those waves were actually formed with his Spiritual Energy, so it was extraordinarily overbearing and no ordinary Spiritual Energy could be compared to it.

"Then, how should I give an attribute to my Spiritual Energy?" Mu Chen spoke as he pondered.

"Do you still remember that your Spiritual Energy has once combined with my Nine Nether Flames? Back then, your Spiritual Energy was exceptionally powerful and, speaking from a certain angle, the two were just interlinked. However, it is tiny in comparison."

Mu Chen was instantly enlightened. Directly speaking, the so-called "attributes" was the fusion of their Spiritual Energy with other things, evolving his own Spiritual Energy and making it stronger.

Although it was easy to speak about it, it was tough to actually accomplish it. Since Spiritual Energy would not fuse with just any random material, the instant the Spiritual Energy rejected it, not only would it not evolve, there would also be a huge drawback and he would be harming himself instead.

"Then, what should I fuse it with?" Mu Chen asked.

The majority of the Sovereign experts would choose to absorb the abnormal energy from places of extreme cold or heat and fuse that with their Spiritual Energy. It was the most straightforward and easiest method. However, there would also be a limit to how much it can increase the power of Spiritual Energy.

"You have once fused with the Nine Nether Flames, so your Spiritual Energy should be compatible to fire-attributed items. Furthermore, you have also trained in the Lightning God's Physique, so you should also be compatible with lightning attributes..."

Nine Nether pondered as she continued, "As for lightning attributes, it is impossible for you to fuse with any powerful lightning sources at your current state, so you should temporarily give up on the idea. As for flames... my Undying Flames should be a good choice for you."

Mu Chen eyes lit up. Not only was that a pretty good choice, it was just perfect. He was no longer as ignorant as he was in the past. He knew how powerful the Undying Flames were. The crucial point was that the Undying Flames also possessed profound characteristics.

Undying.

But again, it didn't mean that he wouldn't die if he possessed the Undying Flames. He would possess powerful regenerative power due to the Undying Flames. No matter how grave his injuries were, as long as it wasn't enough to erase his Spirit, he would be able to gradually recover from his injuries.

Possessing the Undying Flames, he would have the upper hand in a long battle.

Mu Chen's eyes lit up as a thought flashed in his mind. He looked at Nine Nether and bitterly smiled, "But, if we did that, you will also suffer some harm, right?"

Although Nine Nether possessed the Undying Flames, it wasn't something that she had gotten so easily. She also had to exhaust a significant amount of energy and spirit to create the Undying Flames. If Mu Chen wanted his Spiritual Energy to evolve, the amount of Undying Flames he required would be incredibly tremendous.

And to Nine Nether, it was a huge burden.

Nine Nether did not comment on his speech as she stared at Mu Chen with her slender eyes. "Although there will be some obstructions, it's nothing great."

"But..."

"From today on, we will travel during the day, and you will start fusing with the Undying Flames at night. My bottom line for you is to have your Spiritual Energy evolved before reaching the Skylaw Continent!" Nine Nether did not give Mu Chen any chance to refuse as she said with indifference.

"If you can't accomplish that..." A dangerous arc rose on Nine Nether's rosy lips.

"Don't blame me for being impolite!"

She casually slapped her hand down, and the ocean beneath her ripped apart. The leaping Spiritual Beasts were instantly slaughtered with that palm of hers.

Looking at the situation, Mu Chen couldn't help twitching the corner of his lips as he wiped the cold sweat on his forehead. He was well-aware of Nine Nether's personality. If things really came to that point, she might really give him a beating. This Big Sister was too violent.

"Do you have any opinions?" Nine Nether chuckled as she looked at Mu Chen. Although she was incredibly gorgeous, she made Mu Chen flow with cold sweat as he hastily shook his head.

"Good, let us go, then."

Nine Nether nodded in satisfaction.

"We're going to fly across this ocean?" Mu Chen was stunned as he quickly carried on, "Why don't you return to your original form and I'll ride you as you fly over it, it will be so much faster..."

The instant when he spoke, he felt something amiss as Nine Nether, who stood before him, had her brows lifted. However, she still maintained a blossoming smile on her face. It was so much so that her smile was a little lovely as she leisurely strode forth with her face flushed red. "Little Brother Mu Chen, you really want to ride Big Sister?"

Mu Chen dryly smiled as he turned around and ran.

Boom!

But before he could run far, violent Spiritual Energy enveloped him as he saw a large wing ruthlessly slapping towards him. A booming sound rang out as he was sent into the ocean.

Mu Chen came out of the ocean as a figure flit across the horizon with a lovable chuckle sounding out.

"You're not allowed to come out, you are to swim in the ocean. It's your training."

Mu Chen felt grief and indignation. He clenched his teeth as he muttered, A wise man knows better than fight when odds are against him. He chose to endure it for the time being, and when he was stronger than her in the future, he would definitely press her down on his thighs and spank her bottom.

Nine Nether, just you wait!

The youth swam forth with all his effort as he roared in his heart.

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## Chapter 648: The Slow Journey

The journey towards the Skylaw Continent was a slow one. However, under the task given by Nine Nether, the dry and dull journey started to get painful.

It wasn't an easy task, even for Sovereign experts, to evolve their Spiritual Energy.

Although Mu Chen had once come in contact with the Nine Nether Flames in the past, compared to having his Spiritual Energy evolved with it was extremely tough. It was simply the comparison between a firefly and the large moon.

Also, it wasn't the Nine Nether Flames that he was trying to merge with right now, it was the Undying Flames that was several times more powerful!

Nine Nether's training technique was straightforward, and at the same time, overbearing. She did not use any cheap trick. She had directly injected the tyrannical Undying Flames into Mu Chen's body, finding the concealed Sovereign Sea in his body and poured them inside it.

The Undying Flames whistled in his Sovereign Sea as the blazing temperature instantly made Mu Chen's Sovereign Sea ignite. The sensation of his Spiritual Energy boiling gave Mu Chen an extreme pain. Even his Sovereign Sea showed signs of falling apart.

However, every single time he reached his limit, Nine Nether would retract the Undying Flames, and send it over again once Mu Chen's Sovereign Sea calmed down.

Mu Chen only felt two words from the boiling of his Spiritual Energy.

Living death.

According to Nine Nether's words, the Undying Flames were far more overbearing than the Nine Nether Flames. If Mu Chen had directly fused with it right from the start, there would only be one outcome. His Spiritual Energy would be combusted by the Undying Flames, and even his Sovereign Sea would be affected by it.

Thus, he could only gradually get used to the Undying Flames if he wanted to fuse with it. But, how can he get used to it? That's simple, to burn his Spiritual Energy over and over again.

With Nine Nether's logic, it was similar to getting trashed. The more you get trashed, the more you will get used to it.

As Mu Chen's Spiritual Energy was continuously blazed by it, it would also gradually get used to the Undying Flames, in which he can proceed to fuse it.

Therefore, Mu Chen could only endure this torturing training method, since there was no other alternative.

In the ten days of their journey, Mu Chen and Nine Nether would rest whenever night came, and that was also Mu Chen's everyday nightmare ...

However, Mu Chen clenched his teeth as he endured the pain of the training. He knew that in this world, there wasn't any strength that came without a price. If he wanted to evolve his Spiritual Energy, he would have to pay the price for it.

Furthermore, he could sense that every time they ended the training, Nine Nether's face would be slightly pale. After all, the Undying Flames were something that she had obtained through bitter cultivation. Such exhaustion was a little hard to bear as well, even if she had successfully evolved now.

Facing this situation, if Mu Chen could not hold on, then he couldn't be considered as a man.

Thus, the painful training continued.

The painful training in the night did not affect the speed of their journey. In just a short of half a month's time, they had already passed through numerous vast continents.

In the beginning, it was a new found world for the youth that had stepped into the Great Thousand World. He got used to it very quickly and also placed the majority of his attention to cultivating.

Aside from the hastened journey and cultivation, Mu Chen and Nine Nether would also seek information on the Void Great Solar Fruit and the Undying Divine Leaf. Those were the two crucial material for Mu Chen to cultivate the Great Solar Undying Body.

However, there weren't any fruits in their search. The rarity of the two treasures far surpassed Mu Chen's imagination. After all, those two treasures would be great temptations to Sovereign experts.

Especially the Void Great Solar Fruit. The miraculous part was that the Void Great Solar Fruit would form a blazing sun in their Sovereign Sea. If one could obtain it and refine it into his Sovereign Sea, it would

continuously shine on the Spiritual Energy in the Sovereign Sea, allowing the Spiritual Energy in his body to be fused with the energy of the sun; making it somewhat overbearing.

Faced with such a unique treasure that could deepen their Spiritual Energy, which Sovereign expert wouldn't treat it as a treasure?

As for the Undying Divine Leaf, it was also scarce. It was said that this mysterious treasure was known as the substitute leaf. If one encountered a death situation, it could save their life.

Which also meant that this was a second life.

Naturally, the rumours were a little exaggerated. After all, if the attack was too terrifying to a certain extent, even the Undying Divine Leaf would be entirely wiped out.

However, it was still a perfect defence to have such a treasure.

After knowing how rare the two treasures were, Mu Chen knew how lucky it was for him to obtain the Nine Suns Divine Lingzhi in the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament. After all, such a treasure wasn't inferior to the other two treasures.

Looks like it will take a long time for me to gather the two materials.

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The journey continued.

In the blink of an eye, one month had already passed, and in this month, Mu Chen and Nine Nether had passed through dozens of continents. The distance of their journey was a little unexpected for Mu Chen.

Some of the continents that they had passed through weren't big. It was so much so that it was even smaller than the Northern Heavens Continent. However, there were also some vast continents, despite that. Even if it wasn't comparable to the Skylaw Continent, the forces in those continents far surpassed the Northern Heavens Continent.

In just a short month's time, Mu Chen's experience had widened. He had even seen several other races of the Great Thousand World, bringing a whole new experience for him.

Naturally, as his experience grew, his cultivation had also stepped onto the right track.

Experiencing the innumerable times of burning, the Spiritual Energy in Mu Chen's Sovereign Sea also started to adapt to the Undying Flames. At the very least, there was much less pain.

The small changes made Mu Chen feel relieved as he had finally obtained results from his torturous training.

The moon hung high in the sky. On a mountain peak, Mu Chen was quietly seated on it. Looking at the distance, a majestic city could be seen from far away. The bright lights made it seem like daylight.

The scale of this city wasn't small. Even at this time, there were streaks of light continuously piercing the night sky towards the city.

This city was named Blazing City. The continent that Mu Chen and Nine Nether were currently located at was called the Blazing Continent. The majority of this continent was occupied by sand, even the Spiritual Energy in this region was more blazed than some other places.

In the city, there was the Teleportation Spiritual Array that linked to the next continent. However, Mu Chen and Nine Nether did not enter the continent, since they chose to stay outside of it. Mu Chen's training tonight was extremely important.

Mu Chen inhaled a deep breath as his gaze grew bright. He knew that his Spiritual Energy had reached a crucial point.

Mu Chen turned his head as he looked at Nine Nether, who was by the bonfire, as he said in a light tone, "I plan to fuse with the Undying Flames this time."

Nine Nether's hands, which were fiddling with the bonfire, paused as she abruptly raised her head. Her pupils were looking at Mu Chen in shock as she knitted her brows. "It's just one month, aren't you a little too hasty?"

She originally intended to give Mu Chen two months time to complete his Spiritual Energy cultivation. But, right now, Mu Chen had actually shortened it by a fold.

It was a perilous thing for his Spiritual Energy to fuse with the Undying Flames. If the Spiritual Energy and Undying Flames lost control, none of them would be able to control it.

"I'm not rushing, but I feel that it is almost time for it." Mu Chen said with a faint smile.

It was a strange sensation and if he didn't grasp the chance now, who knows when the next time would arrive. So, Mu Chen did not want to waste it.

Nine Nether looked at Mu Chen. Her gaze was solemn, since Mu Chen was clearly not joking with her. She pondered in silence for a brief moment, before nodding her head. "Okay."

"It has been tough for you."

Mu Chen smiled feeling touched as he gradually shut his eyes. With a will of his mind, his consciousness had entered the Sovereign Sea. At this time, in the Sovereign Sea, the boundless Spiritual Energy was like an ocean as it whistled. But the Spiritual Energy in Mu Chen's Sovereign Sea was slightly different compared to a month ago. There was a faint purple mixed in his Spiritual Energy.

The reason for this was naturally the Undying Flames that Nine Nether had used to ignite his Spiritual Energy for the past month.

## Rustle!

A melodious sound abruptly came from above the Sovereign Sea. A light figure gradually appeared, and regarding its appearance, it was similar to Mu Chen. It was his Spirit.

After his Sovereign Sea had successfully been refined, Mu Chen's Spirit had also been moved to his Sovereign Sea.

The Spirit sat above the ocean as he raised his head and muttered, "Let's begin."

Nine Nether sat before Mu Chen on the mountain peak. Her face was replaced with solemnness. The bitter endurance of a month was for this step.

She had spat out a mouthful of air as she extended her hand and lightly tapped the centre of Mu Chen's brows.

Purple flames suddenly surged from Nine Nether's fingers. Shortly after, the flames had turned into a flaming pillar and gushed into Mu Chen's body.

Mu Chen's body jolted the moment the purple flames gushed into his body. He swiftly clenched his teeth and did not utter a single sound.

In the Sovereign Sea, the head of Mu Chen's Spirit was raised, filled with graveness as his eyes turned purple. This wasn't something he did himself.

It was because there was an earth-shattering amount of purple flames above the Sovereign Sea as it swept over with a dreadful momentum.

This time, the true might of the Undying Flames was unleashed.

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#### **Chapter 649: Fusing the Undying Flames**

The earth-shattering amount of purple flames spread out in the space as it continuously swept down from above the Sovereign Sea with a terrifying momentum.

A terrifyingly high temperature swept out in the Sovereign Sea.

In that instant, even after Mu Chen had experienced the bitter torture for a month, his Spiritual Energy in his Sovereign Sea was gradually boiling at this moment. An indescribable heat surged, he felt as if it was burning.

"What overbearing Undying Flames..."

Mu Chen's gaze was grave as he watched this scene. Facing the tremendous momentum, he understood that Nine Nether had held back in that entire month of training.

If Nine Nether had the intention to kill, his entire Sovereign Sea would definitely be burnt to nothing.

"But no matter how overbearing you are, I will thoroughly fuse with you today!" Sharpness gushed from Mu Chen's eyes as he inhaled and his hand seals changed.

Boom!

Torrential waves swept out in the vast Sovereign Sea as it turned into waves that were myriad feet in height as they tried to engulf the purple flames.

It truly was a spectacular scene.

#### Tsk! Tsk!

However, the majestic assault of his Spiritual Energy was evaporated by the purple flames at the instant of contact. It turned into a white mist that rose in the Sovereign Sea.

# Boom!

When Mu Chen unleashed his attacks, the purple flames also started to show its might. Purple flames gathered as it formed into fire pillars that shot down, and looking at them, they were like shooting stars.

## Boom! Boom!

The pillars of purple flames shot into the Sovereign Sea as they lifted torrential waves.

Tsk!

Along with the descent of those purple flaming pillars, the entire Sovereign Sea turned into tidal waves as it rolled. Mu Chen could sense that the Spiritual Energy in his Sovereign Sea wasactually being evaporated, bit by bit.

Right now, the Undying Flames were not being held back. If Mu Chen wanted to fuse them with his own Spiritual Energy, he would have to truly defeat them.

There wasn't any shortcut to this fusion.

"We'll see who can last longer."

Mu Chen's expression was grave, but without any hesitation. He waved his hand while showing a cold gaze, lifting myriads of waves in his Sovereign Sea. The boundless Spiritual Energy was like a loop of water as it enveloped the purple flames.

The two energies brazenly came into contact.

Tsk! Tsk!

There weren't any violent impacts from the contact. The instant his Spiritual Energy mixed with the purple flames, it would immediately evaporate. But even so, Mu Chen still maintained a calm expression as he controlled his Spiritual Energy and endlessly shot it forth.

The Spiritual Energy was endlessly evaporating.

The ocean-level of his Sovereign Sea was being reduced in layers.

Because of the high temperature, even the space above the Sovereign Sea was slightly distorted, as if it was about to be destroyed.

On the mountain peak, Mu Chen's body was flushed red, with his upper clothes already being reduced to dust. His expression was twisted and had clearly shown the intense pain that he was suffering. The sweat that came from him had also evaporated in an instant.

Cracks also appeared on the ground that Mu Chen sat on, and it was expanding at a rapid speed.

Nine Nether pointed at Mu Chen'a brow as she looked at him, whose entire body was red in colour. She couldn't help clenching her teeth as at this point in time. There wasn't much she could do. Mu Chen could only rely on himself to fuse with the Undying Flames...

"Mu Chen, you can do it."

Nine Nether clenched her teeth as she muttered in her heart.

Within the Sovereign Sea, a dreadfully high temperature spread out.

The space in this region looked as if it was very slow. The rolling sea was being continuously torn apart as vast Spiritual Energy constantly evaporated.

As the Spiritual Energy in his body evaporated, Mu Chen felt a vague weakness surging up.

The surface of his Spirit was also fluctuating with ripples as his consciousness started to turn fuzzy. However, the Undying Flame was too overbearing, they were not only burning his Spiritual Energy, they even started to erode his Spirit.

The instant his Spirit was engulfed, the entire Sovereign Sea would also turn to nothing from the fire. And at that time, not only would Mu Chen fail his fusion, he might even be killed by the blazing flames.

If he wanted to fuse with such an overbearing matter, he would naturally have to pay an unimaginably dangerous price as well.

Mu Chen's consciousness gradually turned fuzzy, but he still kept his consciousness clear, because he knew that if his consciousness was devoured, he would have to pay the price of annihilation.

It was a price that he couldn't afford. He had already given his promise to that girl, so he couldn't afford to stop here.

Time gradually flowed, and in the Sovereign Sea, space was also being distorted by the high temperature. The mist was everywhere in sight, clouding his vision.

In the boiling Sovereign Sea, Mu Chen's Spirit quietly sat there. Compared to before, his Spirit had dimmed down a lot, but he still kept his eyes shut.

He could no longer sense any disturbances outside, but in the depths of his Spirit, there was still a strand of consciousness.

That strand of consciousness was similar to a light-weight boat in the torrential ocean, swaying along with the waves. It seemed like it could capsize at any moment, but it did not fall.

Facing the overbearing temperature of the Undying Flames, Mu Chen had no ways to counterattack and could only guard himself. His only advantage was his well-trained will that refused to go down so easily.

He knew that victory belonged to whoever could last longer.

The concept of time had already been unknowingly forgotten by Mu Chen. He only relied on that strand of consciousness to recall a long time, as if a hundred years had passed...

In that long time, even Mu Chen's consciousness had started to fade and was gradually lost, unable to stay sober anymore.

"What am I doing?"

"Was I cultivating? I failed?"

"I feel like falling asleep like this..."

Indistinct ripples would occasionally come from his consciousness. In the darkness, Mu Chen's remaining consciousness was unknowingly being quietly devoured.

Nine Nether stood on the peak as she looked down with a nervous gaze. The mountain had already turned scarlet-red, the grass and trees had already been reduced to dust, and the source of that destruction was Mu Chen, who was seating on the peak of the mountain.

She could see the pain on Mu Chen's face had already disappeared, replaced with bewilderment. That bewilderment did not let her felt relieved. Instead, dense worry surged in her eyes.

She knew that if Mu Chen could not regain his conscious by himself, he would be submerged in that bewildering world of consciousness, and would no longer be able to find a way for himself to return.

Nine Nether clenched her teeth as she lightly raised her hand, but soon placed it down. In this short period of a day, there were several times when she wanted to interfere. But if that happened, it would cause grave injuries for Mu Chen.

"Mu Chen, you have promised her before that you will become a supreme expert..."

Nine Nether shut her eyes as she muttered in her heart.

In the fuzzy consciousness, tiny ripples suddenly fluctuated, and in the depth of them, it was as if a soft voice wa resounding.

It was distant, but also enlightening at the same time.

"I have promised her that I will become a supreme expert..."

"How can I let myself stop here?"

"Wake up."

Following those two words, fluctuations rippled from the depths of his heart. That strand of conscious abruptly surged as it spread out and occupied his heart.

The bewilderment from before had completely disappeared.

On the Sovereign Sea, there was the Spirit that had shrunk in size by roughly tenfold. The Spirit jolted as his tightly shut eyes slowly opened up.

He was focusing on the Sovereign Sea that was filled with dense purple mist. He slowly stood up and lightly waved his sleeve. In an instant, a gale blew away the purple mist.

The mist faded and what appeared was the clear and vast ocean.

His current Sovereign Sea was lustring with purple as purple flames lightly swayed in the Sovereign Sea. The sea, which was initially boiling, had long calmed down.

Torrential purple flames hid below the sea.

Mu Chen's Spirit was quietly looking at the Sovereign Sea as a faint smear of a smile appeared on his face.

"Did I succeed ...?"

He slowly spread his arms out as boundless Spiritual Energy poured from beneath his feet. The size of his Spirit, which had shrunk down, instantly recovered. Furthermore, there were strands of purple light circulating on the surface of his body, and purple flames surging in his eyes.

Compared to before, his Spirit was even more refined.

Mu Chen extended his hand out as torrential purple Spiritual Energy swept from his Sovereign Sea and gathered on his palm. Vaguely, it turned into a strand of purple flames, with incredible power being emitted from it.

Mu Chen stared at that strand of purple flames as an arc rose on the corner of his lips.

He could sense that although there wasn't any apparent increase in the Spiritual Energy, the might had increased by several times!

Because, at this moment, he had successfully fused the Undying Flames!

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#### **Chapter 650: Merchant Continent**

A figure quietly sat on the fissured peak. His skin, which was initially red, had gradually returned to normal. The dreadfully high temperature had also retracted.

Nine Nether landed and felt relieved at this scene as a smear of joy flashed across her eyes. Judging from the current scene, Mu Chen seems to have succeeded, right?

When Nine Nether landed on the ground, Mu Chen's eyes, which were shut, trembled and slowly opened. Within his black pupils, purple flames were surging as they emitted a peculiar sensation.

Mu Chen raised his head as he looked at Nine Nether, who stood by his side and had a pair of exceptionally long and alluring legs. He grinned as he spoke with relief, "I have succeeded."

As he spoke, he stood up.

The instant he moved, the clothes he wore quietly turned into ashes.

Nine Nether's face slightly flushed red as she glared at Mu Chen, before quickly shifting her head away. She was so shy that her ears were burning red.

Mu Chen's face was covered with awkwardness as he quickly retrieved some clothes and put them on.

Nine Nether waited a while, before turning her head over. Her face had pacified a little. But the resentment in her eyes could not be concealed as she glared at Mu Chen.

"An accident, an accident." Mu Chen quickly said with a bitter expression. If Nine Nether thought that he was teasing her and gave him a thrashing, it would be an undeserved catastrophe.

Nine Nether coldly snorted, but couldn't be bothered to argue with Mu Chen, then said in an indifferent tone, "You've succeeded?"

A smear of joy rose in Mu Chen's face as he nodded his head. With a grasp of his hand, purple Spiritual Energy gathered on his hand, and at a depths of it, purple flames could be faintly seen.

Mu Chen waved his hand as that purple-coloured Spiritual Energy swept out and bombarded a peak not too far away.

Boom!

That peak instantly shattered, and under the destruction of the Spiritual Energy, a dreadful temperature swept out that instantly turned the grass and trees on that peak into ashes.

Mu Chen was startled as he looked at the collapsed peak. Even the rocks were being melted. Although the amount of Spiritual Energy he had was still the same, his offensive abilities were not something that the past him could accomplish.

Furthermore, he could also sense that his control over his Spiritual Energy was like his limbs. Moreover, even if that Spiritual Energy left his body, it still maintained a link with him and could unleash continuous attacks through the remnants that would be left inside.

That was precisely the most fearsome part.

In the past, when the Spiritual Energy that left his body was severed by his opponent, that Spiritual Energy would be out of his control and gradually dissipate. But right now, even if it left Mu Chen's control, it could still follow the will left inside by Mu Chen to continue the attack until that energy was thoroughly exhausted.

If this bizarre energy entered another person's body, it would exhaust a tremendous amount of energy before it could be expelled. Especially the Undying Flames that was hidden in Mu Chen's Spiritual Energy. These flames were mysterious and powerful. Trying to get rid of them would probably require several times the amount of Spiritual Energy, and when it was removed, it would have probably left a massive amount of destruction in the body.

Mu Chen felt the changes in his Spiritual Energy and he couldn't stop himself from sighing. Only after stepping into the Sovereign Realm himself, could he find out how powerful Sovereign experts were.

In the past, how could Mu Chen imagine that there could be so many changes and profundities to the Spiritual Energy?

"The Spiritual Energy in your Sovereign Sea was refined from bitter hard work, without the slightest external help; and now that it has been fused with the Undying Flames, regarding power, there aren't many people that could defeat you in regards to Spiritual Energy in the realm of First Grade Sovereign." Nine Nether lightly nodded her head as she spoke.

"But, then again, that is only if the other party does not use their Sovereign Celestial Body."

"Sovereign Celestial Body..." Mu Chen couldn't help sighing. A Sovereign Celestial Body was the trademark for a Sovereign expert's battle. The might of it was so extremely terrifying that mountains could be wiped away with a single flip of their hand.

"I wonder how powerful I will be after I have successfully cultivated the Great Solar Undying Body." Thinking about it, Mu Chen had a small amount of expectations, because he could faintly sense that the power of the Great Solar Undying Body would far surpass his imagination.

However, expectations were still expectations in the end, since Mu Chen knew that it wasn't that easy to obtain the two remaining materials for the Great Solar Undying Body. In this month, they had passed through dozens of continents and visited countless auctions, but never caught wind of the Void Great Solar Fruit and Undying Divine Leaf.

Nine Nether's gaze changed as she looked at Mu Chen. She seemed to know his thoughts as she smiled, "Rest assured, even if we can't find any news about those two treasures, we should be able to get them in the Skylaw Continent. After all, it is a major continent, and those continents that we have passed by aren't anything in comparison."

Mu Chen nodded as he felt relieved in his heart.

"Furthermore..." Nine Nether's voice paused for a brief moment, before she continued to say, "There is a Greatlaw Goldpond in the Great Havenlaw Domain. It is extremely mysterious, and even on the Skylaw Continent, it is a treasured ground."

"This Greatlaw Goldpond has a unique ability that can make a Sovereign Celestial Body even more perfect. Furthermore, if there are sufficient opportunities, it can also allow a Sovereign Celestial Body to refine the Endless Golden Lustre."

"Endless Golden Lustre?" Mu Chen was baffled.

"The Sovereign Celestial Body is powerful by nature, and upon possing the Endless Golden Lustre, it is like giving wings to a tiger. The crucial point is that the Endless Golden Lustre provides powerful defence, making the Sovereign Celestial Body indestructible."

"However, it isn't an easy task to refine the Endless Golden Lustre. According to my knowledge, there were only a few in numbers that could successfully refine the Endless Golden Lustre in the many years of Great Havenlaw Domain."

Mu Chen inwardly smacked his lips because he never knew the existence of such a mysterious treasured land. After all, something that could strengthen the Sovereign Celestial Body was something that could make many Sovereign experts covet after it.

"After you follow me to the Great Havenlaw Domain, you have to enter this Greatlaw Goldpond." Nine Nether spoke seriously.

"There should be a requirement, right?" Mu Chen asked after pondering for a brief moment.

Since the so-called "Greatlaw Goldpond" had such extraordinary power, it truly wasn't something that anyone could use it.

Nine Nether lightly nodded her head as she said, "Only those with the Domain Lord title can enjoy the Greatlaw Goldpond of the Great Havenlaw Domain. There is a competition once every three years and the number of spots is limited."

Nine Nether stared at Mu Chen with her slender eyes as she continued, "Therefore, you have to fight for the Domain Lord title after entering the Great Havenlaw Domain."

"Lord?" Mu Chen was baffled.

"In the Great Havenlaw Domain, there is a Domain Ruler, but this Domain Ruler is exceptionally mysterious. Therefore, the majority of the primary duties in the Great Havenlaw Domain is managed by the three Emperors beneath the Domain Ruler."

"Beneath the three Emperors, is the nine Kings... and I am one of them." Nine Nether smiled, "Under them would be the various Lords. Generally speaking, in order to become a Lord, one is required to have reached the Sovereign Realm."

"Requisite of Sovereign Realm..." Mu Chen bitterly smiled. Right now, he was barely a First Grade Sovereign. From the looks of it, it wasn't an easy task to seize a Lord position. No wonder Nine Nether was in such haste for him to complete the training to perfect his Spiritual Energy.

"You don't have any confidence?" Nine Nether said.

Mu Chen smiled, his smile had become much more radiant as he stretched his body, "Nevermind, let me experience how powerful the experts in the Great Thousand World are. In the path of I, Mu Chen, I am not restricted to be a mere Lord."

Hearing his words, Nine Nether had a satisfied smile on her face.

"Thanks." Mu Chen suddenly turned his head as he looked at Nine Nether and spoke in a light voice.

Perhaps after leaving the Northern Heavens Continent, Nine Nether had been planning everything for him. Although he still didn't know what the Greatlaw Goldpond represented, it shouldn't be something that even Nine Nether, as one of the nine Kings, could easily determine.

Thus, he was a little touched in his heart.

"Save it. It's good enough if you don't lose too badly at that time and throw my face." Nine Nether cast her lips to the side as she snorted, except that in her voice, there was a faint joy in it.

"Let's go, we should get moving."

She waved her hand and her figure turned into a streak of light as she flew out, no longer bothered to speak any more with Mu Chen.

Mu Chen lightly smiled. He looked at that slender light silhouette and slowly clenched his fist, fighting spirit surging in his heart. The favour of the beauty was heavy to bear. Looks like he had to acquire a Lord position in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

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Over the next month, Mu Chen and Nine Nether made their journey without stopping. They were covered in dust as they passed through the various continents and under their hastened journey, they were getting closer and closer to the Skylaw Continent.

On a particular day, Nine Nether and Mu Chen's journey gradually, finally, slowed down.

Right now, they were in a continent called the Merchant Continent. This continent possessed a Teleportation Spiritual Array linked to the Skylaw Continent. So, generally speaking, for them, it was also the final stop in their long journey.

On this vast continent, there was the most significant auction house within the nearby dozen continents. Countless treasures, Divine Artifacts, and Divine Arts flowed here through all sorts of channels.

Perhaps some channels were dark, but no one cared about that, because everyone knew that they could buy anything here in the Merchant Continent.

As long as you had a sufficient amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid.

It was also this place that made Mu Chen's travel-worn heart slightly excited, since he would finally obtain the last two materials he needed for the Great Solar Undying Body.

Void Great Solar Fruit.

Undying Divine Leaf.