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Chapter 651: Merchant City

Merchant Continent

As according to the name, it was a continent that did trades in general. In this continent, there were many auction houses with decent fame. Although this continent wasn't vast in size, the reputation of it was resounding in the Great Thousand World.

The origin of the fame came from the countless treasures gathered here. Many of the treasures were gathered here from all sort of places, and circulating through all sort of major auctions. Thus, there was a saying in the Merchant Continent. As long as you possess sufficient Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, you will be able to buy anything you want.

That saying was overbearing, but it showed the foundation of the Merchant Continent.

This continent wasn't vast in size, but it was extremely complicated. There was an endless amount of forces of various sizes. Besides, the majority of the auctions here had quite the background behind them. So, although there were many treasures gathered here, not many would dare to be reckless.

Rumour had it that a few hundred years ago, there was a huge figure from a dominant force that had his eyes on a treasure. However, he failed to obtain it in the auction in the end and tried to snatch it from the auction. He managed to seize it from the auction manager and his auction opponent by having them killed before freely leaving.

This incident shook the entire Merchant Continent back then, and shortly after, they made a response. In just a few dozen days, the force behind that huge figure experienced being surrounded by all sorts of powerful forces. That figure's force was gravely injured, and even that huge figure was heavily wounded. In the end, he had no other choice but to hand over that treasure in a miserable state and paid a considerable price as repayment before he could calm the matter.

After that incident, no one dared to ignore the rules of the Merchant Continent anymore; do not kill others in the auction to seize treasures.

Because of the perfected rules of the Merchant Continent, that was the reason why the fame of it could grow more radiant in the Great Thousand World over the past few years. Innumerable people that sought treasures came here to search for the treasures of their hearts.

And Mu Chen had obtained news of the Void Great Solar Fruit and the Undying Divine Leaf here.

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Merchant City, the central city of the Merchant Continent. Based on the size, it should be the most majestic city in the Merchant Continent, it was also located at the centre of this continent.

When Mu Chen appeared outside the Merchant City, the shock could not be covered on his face when he saw the majestic city.

The city walls were a few hundred feet tall, and the pitch-black city walls' surface was flickering with chilling lustre. The city walls extended to the point that even at the end of one's sight, there weren't any traces of the walls' edge.

Colossal flickering runes could be seen on the city walls as they fluctuated with dreadful Spiritual Energy ripples that made the hearts of others race. Above the city was a massive light pillar that soared into the sky, forming a shield of light that shone down, enveloping the entire city.

The only way to enter the city was through the city walls, any method of descending from the sky would activate the massive array in the city, and they would be considered as an intruder.

"What a fearsome array."

Mu Chen looked at the sizable array in the sky of the city with a heavy gaze. The array was myriads of feet in size, flickering with many light patterns that vaguely formed into a complicated Spiritual Array.

"Rumor has it that it is a Spiritual Array that was laid down by a Spiritual Array Ancestor, even Earth Sovereigns would have a hard time breaking it in a short time." Nine Nether smiled as she stood beside Mu Chen.

"Spiritual Array Ancestor." Mu Chen inwardly smacked his lips. It was a great existence comparable to Earth Sovereigns. The Merchant City truly was formidable. They could actually hire such a formidable figure to lay a protective Spiritual Array for them.

"Let's go into the city. The two items that you seek should be auctioned today. But I'm not certain if we could get our hands on them." Nine Nether let out a helpless smile. The Void Great Solar Fruit and Undying Divine Leaf treasures were of extreme rarity, they would definitely cost a huge price to obtain them from auctions like these. Also, it might not be of certain success to get them.

Those that came to seek treasures in the Merchant Continent would all have extraordinary backgrounds.

Mu Chen nodded his head as he rubbed the Mustard Seed Bracelet on his wrist and sighed. Luckily, he got Nine Nether to slightly remove the seal on the Spiritual Condensing Bowl and managed to obtain a portion of the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in it. Generally speaking, it was a considerable sum, but even so, he wasn't too confident in obtaining the two treasures that he needed.

But, no matter what, since he managed to get the news of those two, it wasn't possible for him to let go of them so smoothly.

Mu Chen clenched his teeth. He even managed to obtain the cultivation technique of the Great Solar Undying Body. So he refused to believe that he would be stopped from obtaining the materials required for it!

Nine Nether patted Mu Chen's shoulder as she strode her long legs into the city. She attracted a considerable amount of gazes along the way. Her figure was tall and slim, she also possessed extreme beauty. Also, her slender eyes that would be even more alluring when she narrowed them possessed an untamable wildness. And, sometimes for men, that wildness would bring great pleasure upon taming it.

Sensing those heated gazes, Nine Nether slightly knitted her brows and, shortly after, she extended her hand to grab onto Mu Chen's arm as she walked.

The ample soft sensation coming from his arm made Mu Chen slightly stunned. He soon sensed the ill gazes coming from the surroundings directed at him as he helplessly curled his lips. He had been used again.

However, that can be considered as welfare.

Along with envious fortune, Mu Chen and Nine Nether walked into the extremely majestic city. Upon entering the city, Nine Nether immediately let go of Mu Chen's arm, not giving him the slightest chance to take advantage of her.

"Heartless." Mu Chen spoke out.

Hearing his words, Nine Nether's face was filled with smiles as she moved closer to Mu Chen and teased, "You want to take advantage of this Big Sister so much? Sure, when your strength surpasses mine, I'll even let you carry me to the bedroom. But when requesting such a condition, you must be sure that your little body can take it."

Mu Chen rolled his eyes as this 'Big Sister' was too open-minded.

He, who was defeated, started to sweep his gaze over this majestic city. The population of this city reached a dreadful degree, even a wide street was filled with people walking.

The two sides of the street were filled with all sorts of stores and vast Spiritual Energies that seeped from those places. Evidently, this showed that those items were definitely not simple.

This scene made Mu Chen sigh. Those were just ordinary stores, and it was already so extraordinary, how high quality would those genuine auctions be?

"We'll head directly for the auction house." Mu Chen looked at Nine Nether. He was already in a hurry to see the two treasures that he had been yearning for day and night.

"Okay."

Nine Nether did not refute his suggestion and nodded her head. Under the massive flow of people, the two of them paced towards the centre of the city.

The stores that they passed by were filled with lustrous glows, making Mu Chen continuously turn his head from the boundless Spiritual Energies that were being emitted. Some treasures even made his heart move. If it wasn't for saving his strength for the two treasures, he might not be able to endure from buying them.

It took a full half an hour for them to walk.

In the distant location, a grand auction house could already be seen. It stood towering in the centre of the city. It was the biggest auction house in Merchant City.

Looking at the outline of the auction house from far away, Mu Chen's heart blazed as he quickened his steps. He suddenly heard a commotion coming from the side and slightly shifted his head over. Looking from the situation, a fatty who seemed like the owner of the store roared with his face flushed red, "To mess around in the Merchant City, are you tired of living?"

Before the fatty stood a white-clothed youth that was holding onto a fan. His complexion was fair, and he looked gorgeous as he spoke in a soft tone, "What are you shouting for? Wasn't it just a hundred-year-old spiritual fruit that I have eaten...?"

When he spoke, his voice was exceptionally crisp and sweet, which made Mu Chen stunned as he gave another glance at the youth. He discovered a disguised façade. That slender figure he possessed and his exquisite face looked a little beautiful.

"Pay up then! That hundred-year-old spiritual fruit cost two hundred Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, pay for it then!" The fatty's face was ashen-grey as he roared. Earlier, when he saw the young man, he found the temperament of that young man being extraordinary, and he thought that the young man was a young master of a sect. But he never knew that upon taking out the hundred-year-old spiritual fruit, that young man would eat it directly after taking a look at it!

The lady who was disguised as a man had her face slightly flushed red as she spoke, "I... I have forgotten to bring any Sovereign Spiritual Liquid, I'll give it to you next time."

Hearing her words, those in the surroundings couldn't help having the corners of their mouths twitch. That boss was rather unfortunate.

Mu Chen couldn't help smiling as he found that lady quite interesting.

"If you don't hand over the Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, don't dream on leaving. I think you must be tired of living to act so wildly in Merchant City!" The fat owner roared with anger as he waved his hand. Following his gesture, guards aggressively charged forth.

Looking at the situation, the white-clothed girl had her brows furrowed as she said, "You dare! Do you believe that I won't get my father to tear this rubbish place apart?!"

The owner laughed from extreme anger. This little con girl must not know the immensity of the heavens and earth to actually speak such words in Merchant City.

However, just when he was about to act, Mu Chen who had been standing amongst the crowd for a long time threw out a jade bottle as he spoke, "Here are 200 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids."

The owner was stunned as he took the jade bottle. After inspecting it, his face was replaced by a friendly smile before glaring at the white-clothed girl, "Consider yourself lucky!"

"Bastard!" The white-clothed lady stomped her feet in anger as she gritted her teeth. She hadn't suffered such grievances in her entire lifetime.

Mu Chen cast a glance at her. He did not have the thoughts to go up and speak as he turned around with Nine Nether and left. The reason why he would help was that his heart had softened. After all, this girl might not know how troublesome it was to be involved with troubles here.

"Hey!"

Mu Chen and Nine Nether did not walk too far away before a clear voice came from his back. The white-clothed girl hastily chased after them, her face was slightly red as she said, "You... thanks."

Mu Chen shook his head as he smiled, "You're quite gusty to actually dare to eat and drink without paying in the Merchant City."

"I left home in a hurry and forgot to bring any Sovereign Spiritual Liquids with me. Earlier, I was just too careless... that hundred years spiritual fruit... the aroma of it was too heavenly, and I couldn't help myself from taking a bite..." The girl spoke in anger, but as her words reached the end, she was a little guilty.

"Hey, you helped me once. I don't owe anyone favors, what's your name? I will definitely return you the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid." The white-clothed girl looked at Mu Chen as she spoke.

Mu Chen was about to reject her, but when he saw her sincere gaze, he smiled, "Mu Chen."

After that, he no longer spoke as he turned around and left.

The white-clothed girl waved her hands, "My name's Lin Jing."

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"That girl doesn't seem to be so simple."

"Hmm?"

"She's younger than you, but I'm afraid her strength isn't any weaker than your own." Nine Nether narrowed her eyes as she said, "And to be able to obtain such achievements at such an age, she naturally has very perfect guidance, so her background mustn't be so simple."

A smear of shock flashed through Mu Chen's eyes. He actually couldn't believe it. That white-clothed girl had actually concealed such profound strength. However, his thoughts didn't linger about it that much. In the Great Thousand World, it was a place with crouching tigers and hidden dragons. Without any background, how could a young girl like her dare to act so wildly in the outside world?

"I didn't think much about it." Mu Chen smiled. He didn't think so profoundly when he helped earlier, he just didn't wish to see a beautiful girl being involved with unnecessary trouble.

After all, he heard about how deep the water was in the Merchant Continent. Even if that girl had a background, it probably couldn't endure that sort of trouble.

Nine Nether smiled and did not speak anymore.

The two of them passed many streets, and through a street corner, their sights suddenly widened. Before them stood a large palace that had a massive amount of Spiritual Energy emitting from it, forming a pillar of light that soared into the clouds.

Outside the palace, there was a massive amount of people flowing through. Seeing the humans flowing at that location, even Mu Chen couldn't help being a little dumbfounded.

"Auction House of Merchant City..." Nine Nether raised her head as she looked at the words made of golden light and smiled, "It should be this place."

“What a terrifying scale.” Mu Chen sighed. The palace was like a giant beast that opened its mouth to devour the endless flow of people without the slightest sign of overflowing.

”This palace...”

Mu Chen’s gaze suddenly flashed when he looked at the great palace. Astonishment grew in his eyes. He realised a peculiar fluctuation being emitted from the great palace.

“This is a Divine Artifact.” A smear of surprise had also flashed through Nine Nether’s eyes as she continued, “What a huge sum, to use a Divine Artifact as an auction house...”

This palace wasn’t a building, but a Divine Artifact, so peculiar ripples were coming from it.

“Formidable.” Mu Chen involuntarily praised.

“Let’s go.”

Nine Nether waved her hand as she led Mu Chen into the majestic palace. Upon entering, they could clearly feel the spatial ripples around them. Their sight had slightly blurred, before clearing up.

The interior of the palace was exceptionally well lit. The ground seemed to have been forged with brilliant crystals. There was a multitude of people spread around here, but even though there were so many people gathered here, it wasn’t even slightly crowded; instead, it was abnormally vast in size.

Mu Chen walked into the palace as he looked around. The astonished appearance he had displayed made him feel a little like a country bumpkin. Compared to the Spiritual Points Hall of the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, this place was several times wider and was even more stunning.

Nine Nether did not stay here for long. She had directly handed over ten drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to a lady on the counter. She received two entry tickets to the auction as she pulled Mu Chen through the hall, into a light door.

Behind the light door was a field similar to an arena, the size of it was enormous and was sufficient to hold tens of thousands of people. Also, it was filled with heads. The population in this place had reached a dreadful degree.

Mu Chen pulled his lips, but he did not make an exclamation, since he was already numb to it.

Nine Nether searched for seats, while Mu Chen shifted his head. He was looking towards the right, not too far away. There was another light door as many silhouettes walked in.

When those people walked in, Mu Chen could clearly sense many gazes directed over with a little heat in their eyes.

Mu Chen looked over as well as he saw a foxy lady with an exceptionally alluring and explosive figure. Her hair was red and an alluring smile hung on her oval face that rippled the hearts of those that looked at her.

The lady was twisting her waist like a snake as she walked, and as she strode, she attracted many gazes.

Behind the girl was an ordinary-looking middle-aged man. When he walked, he maintained a step distance from the lady. When he occasionally raised his head, heart-alarming rays of light flashed through his eyes.

Mu Chen looked at that middle-aged man, and his heart slightly shook. He felt pressure from the latter. The middle-aged man that seemed ordinary had a mighty strength, he had probably at least reached the level of Fourth Grade Sovereign.

“They are from the Celestial Fox Sect. The Celestial Fox Sect is a peak power in the Merchant Continent with powerful strength. Many of the auction houses in this continent has their traces in it.” A light voice came from Nine Nether, who was by Mu Chen’s side.

“That lady should have a significant position in the Celestial Fox Sect. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have a Fourth Grade Sovereign following her.”

“Celestial Fox Sect...”

Mu Chen imprinted that name into his heart, it could be considered the first dominant force that he had heard of since entering the Great Thousand World.

When Mu Chen and Nine Nether were looking over, they were sensed by the middle-aged man that stood beside the foxy lady. He raised his head, glancing at Mu Chen and Nine Nether. When his gaze stopped on Nine Nether, he couldn’t help stopping his steps.

Although his actions were small, it was noticed by the foxy lady, and she looked over, fixing her gaze on Mu Chen and Nine Nether with her alluring gaze.

Facing that alluring gaze, Mu Chen felt his heart beating faster. It was so much so that even the blood in his body flowed faster. But, quickly, he sensed that something wasn’t right. He focused his gaze, and a roar of thunder seemed to be ringing out from his body as he suppressed that strange feeling.

“Hmm?”

That foxy lady slightly exclaimed and she no longer made any actions. She only revealed a slight smile at Mu Chen and Nine Nether. After that, she walked to the front of the auction house, and under the countless heated gazes, she walked into a small pavilion that was covered with tulle. Clearly, it wasn’t a place that just anyone that was ordinary could enter.

After entering the pavilion, the foxy lady revealed a slight smile as she spoke, “Uncle Liu, those two seem unfamiliar. They shouldn’t be from the Merchant Continent.”

“That lady is very powerful. I’m afraid that her strength isn’t any weaker than mine. As for that youth, he should have just stepped into the Sovereign Realm. Having such an achievement at his age is also pretty good,” said the ordinary-looking middle-aged man.

Hearing the middle-aged man claiming that Nine Nether’s strength wasn’t any weaker than his own, the foxy lady felt surprised. However, her expression quickly returned to normal as she nodded her head, without speaking any further.

“Stop looking, with your current ability, I’m afraid she might not even look at you.” Looking at Mu Chen staring at the foxy lady, Nine Nether lightly snorted.

Mu Chen was helpless and didn't bother to explain. Just when he found a place to sit down, he heard a familiar evident roar of anger coming from not far away, "Get lost, this young master is not interested in guys!"

Mu Chen was surprised as he looked over. He saw a white-clothed girl disguised as a man at another door to the auction, her face was cold at the moment.

Before her, stood a similarly white-clothed youth. That youth looked a little feminine, but his appearance was also handsome. At this moment, his face wasn't too natural from the roar of the white-clothed girl.

Earlier, when he saw that girl, although she was disguised as a man, he was someone experienced in chasing after flowers. Thus, he could see through the disguise with an eye. Furthermore, the girl had a delicate feature that was emitting a charming spirituality. When she grows up in the future, she would definitely possess an earth-shattering appearance. That was the reason why he went up to strike a conversation. But he never expected that before he could even speak, he was shouted at without the slightest politeness.

"Haha, you must have misunderstood me, lady. I am not with bad intentions, I just want to invite you together to watch the auction, seeing that you're alone." But this feminine youth also wasn't any ordinary playboy. Even after being roared at, he still maintained a gentle smile as he spoke with elegance.

"Not interested."

However, his courtesy attitude wasn't practical to the white-clothed girl. The girl only gave him a glance, rejected him straight up, and left.

The feminine youth finally slightly knitted his brows.

Standing behind him was a black-clothed elder. He did not have any expression on his face as he blocked the path of the white-clothed girl and spoke in a faint voice, "My young master has invited this lady, you should agree to it."

Seeing the situation, the white-clothed girl frowned her brows in an instant. However, just when she was about to push a palm out, a hand had extended before her and held onto her wrist.

The sudden contact made the white-clothed girl turn stiff and wanted to swiftly struggle free. However, when she saw the familiar face that she had previously encountered, only then did she weaken her struggles.

"Haha, my little sister is ignorant, I hope the two of you will not mind her." Mu Chen stood before the white-clothed girl as he gave a gentle smile towards the youth and black-clothed elder.

The feminine youth narrowed his eyes as he stared at Mu Chen, before casting a glance at Nine Nether, who stood beside him. In an instant, a lustre glowed from the depth of his eyes.

But before he could say anything, the black-clothed elder took half a step forth as he blocked the youth and Nine Nether. When looking at the latter, he had his guard up in his eyes.

Clearly, he had sensed the threat from Nine Nether.

Looking at this scene, the feminine youth slightly frowned his brows as he gave a look of a smile yet not a smile to Mu Chen and Nine Nether. He did not continue speaking, but turned around and left with a faint smile. Furthermore, the area that he walked towards was a pavilion at the most front of the auction.

“The background of those two isn’t simple. If I am not wrong, they should be from the Sky Profound Palace of the Skylaw Continent.” Looking at their silhouettes, Nine Nether spoke in a soft voice.

“Sky Profound Palace?”

“That’s also one of the peak forces of our Skylaw Continent. It's not any weaker than our Great Havenlaw Domain,” said Nine Nether.

Mu Chen helplessly shook his head. He never thought that before reaching the Skylaw Continent, he had already offended a peak force. Although that feminine youth displayed generosity, he knew that that person’s heart probably wasn’t that big.

“Hey, let go of me!” The white-clothed girl named Lin Jing quickly broke free from Mu Chen’s grasp when she saw the departure of those two. She held onto her wrist as she stared at Mu Chen with spirituality filled in her pupils.

Mu Chen loosened his grip as he helplessly said, “You’re truly a demoness at causing trouble wherever you go.”

Hearing his words, Lin Jing unhappily pouted her mouth as she said with a little grievance, “How have I caused trouble? I don’t even know that bastard!”

“Furthermore, that bastard actually dared to take advantage of this young master. This is too fed up, I must tell dad about this! No, I must tell Uncle Leopard and Uncle Tiger! Let them thrash that bastard to death for me!”

Lin Jing clenched her teeth as she continued to curse. He’s probably the first one that dared to take advantage of her the instant he met her and a bastard that still had such a good feeling about himself.

Hearing the girl’s curses, Mu Chen helplessly flung his mouth as he no longer bothered with her and left for the front together with Nine Nether.

Seeing Mu Chen leaving, Lin Jing slightly hesitated, before quickly following him.

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Chapter 653: Auction

The auction house was filled with people, but it wasn’t the slightest bit crowded. The planning was clearly well-planned. Mu Chen and Nine Nether sat at a location close to the front.

The seat was forged from jade stones, and the surface was covered in soft fur. When sitting on it, one could vaguely sense faint Spiritual Aura pouring into his body. Clearly, the jade stone and soft fur weren’t ordinary.

This auction house could not be compared those that Mu Chen had seen before.

After Mu Chen and Nine Nether sat down, the girl named Lin Jing also sat beside them. The appearance of that girl was extremely beautiful, her skin was as fair as jade and was as exquisite as porcelain. Even when she had disguised herself as a man, there was a strange beauty on her that made her look rather lovely to others. However, Mu Chen gave her a stare when he saw her following them.

“Don’t chase me away, I’m just here to take a look.” Seeing Mu Chen’s stare, Lin Jing quickly crossed her fingers as she spoke pitifully. Except that her eyes were filled with slyness and spirituality, like a little fox.

However, Mu Chen did not eat and said in an unpleasant tone, “Stop acting.”

“It’s fate that we met, you’re too heartless.” Lin Jing spoke in a huff.

“Since you’ve come, then sit together with us. But you can’t cause any troubles.” Nine Nether, who sat next to them, gave the girl a glance as she smiled.

“This big sister is better.” Lin Jing sweetly praised Nine Nether as she continued, “Rest assured, as long as others don’t provoke me, I won’t cause any trouble.”

Mu Chen flung his lips as his eyes became filled with a little smiling intent. As for this lady that he had just met, he had a slightly good feeling about her. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have helped her twice.

But he had to say, beautiful girls did have some advantages, although he didn’t have any other thoughts about her.

Once the three of them sat down, Lin Jing couldn’t endure from being bored as she regularly chatted with Mu Chen. However, her voice was clear and crisp, similar to jade pearls falling onto the silver plate. Her voice was very pleasant to the ears and hearing it was a form of enjoyment.

The personality displayed by this girl wasn’t as serene as her name; instead, she was spiritual and straightforward.

As they conversed, Mu Chen saw waves of those originating from unordinary forces arriving. The status of those people was rather high, since they had directly entered those small pavilions in the auction house.

Clearly, this current auction had attracted many of the heavyweights over.

“There are at least five rather well-known forces coming to this auction house. But the ones that I feel threatening are only those fellows from the Sky Profound Palace.”

Nine Nether softly said, “The status of those fellows from the Sky Profound Palace is quite high. The strength of that black-clothed elder is powerful. I’m afraid that he might have even reached Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm. With that strength, they are basically Elders in the Sky Profound Palace.”

“Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm?” Mu Chen blinked his eyes as his expression became a little grave. To be able to have an escort of an expert of that level, looks like that feminine youth was quite important in the Sky Profound Palace.

If those fellows were also here for the Void Great Solar Fruit and the Undying Divine Leaf, the situation today wouldn’t be so fun. Although Mu Chen had a sum of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids on hand due to

the Spiritual Condensing Bowl, with the Sky Profound Palace behind that fellow, he's probably not easy to deal with either.

"That bastard is from the Sky Profound Palace?" Hearing their discussion, Lin Jing softly snorted as she continued, "What's so great about them? Don't worry, if he dares to cause any trouble to you, I'll teach him a lesson!"

Looks like she was angered by the fellow that dared to take advantage of her.

"Thanks, then." Mu Chen rolled his eyes impolitely at her words. Clearly, he only treated her words as ramblings. After all, the Sky Profound Palace was a peak force in the Skylaw Continent, with overpowering strength.

Mu Chen's attitude angered the girl to the point that she frowned her brows. However, after recalling that she had snuck out of her house without anyone by her side, she snorted with her teeth clenched together, "Short-sighted!"

As time passed, the atmosphere in the auction had gradually reached the peak. A pillar of light shot up from the centre of the auction house, and, vaguely, there was the ringing of bells that resounded.

Countless gazes were directed over.

In the pillar of light, a white-robed elder appeared. The elder had white hair and beard with a solemn expression. There wasn't any smile on his face, giving others a stern feeling. Generally speaking, those with such attitudes were unsuitable to host the auction house. But when he appeared, the voices in the auction house became a lot more silent, and followed by sighs.

"This auction is actually hosted by Master Mo Qing. Looks like the standard isn't low."

"Yeah, Master Mo Qing is the Lead Auctioneer Master in Merchant City. He can tell real treasures from fake ones with a glance. He wouldn't just come out for regular auctions."

"Looks like it was a correct decision to come this time."

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Hearing the surrounding whispers, shock was revealed from Mu Chen's eyes as he cast a glance at the white-robed elder. He never imagined the latter to have such great fame.

"The strength of that elderly man is probably somewhere around Third Grade Sovereign Realm." Nine Nether spoke as she looked at the white-robed elderly man.

Mu Chen was dumbstruck. This truly was the Great Thousand World. Just the Lead Auctioneer had the cultivation of Third Grade Sovereign Realm. If he was in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he could become the highest leveled Elder.

But, clearly, even in this place, this Master Mo Qing had an extraordinary position as well.

Within the whispers that filled the entire field, Master Mo Qing swept his gaze around and stopped on some pavilions. He then cupped his fists. "I bid my greetings, let us begin today's auction."

“Perhaps everyone knows my rules. The auction hosted by me will only have ten items to auction. But I believe that everyone will be satisfied with the quality.”

The white-robed elderly man’s tone was a little arrogant, but no one dared to refute his words. They were probably aware of this master’s rules.

“Interesting.”

Mu Chen smiled. This was still the first time he had encountered such an auctioneer of this personality. Only auctioning ten items? Seems like those items should have already gone through a thorough selection process that aroused the curiosity in his heart.

He wanted to see how rare the ten items chosen by this master would be.

Under the countless gazes held with expectations, the white-robed elderly man waved his hand, and a lumpy light ball appeared. Within the light ball, there was a small boat. The small ship was radiating with endless light, and vaguely, there were spatial ripples emitted from it.

“This is a Spatial Ship, a Low Rank Divine Artifact without any offensive capabilities. Under the maximum speed, it is hard for even a Sixth Grade Sovereign to chase after it.” Master Mo Qing faintly said with a smile.

“The starting bid is 2000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.”

A commotion broke out in the entire field.

It was actually an agility-based Divine Artifact. Although it was only Low Rank, and without any offensive capabilities, the speed was something that not even a Sixth Grade Sovereign Realm could be compared to, making everyone a little shocked.

As long as one possessed this Divine Artifact, escaping was an easy feat, if one encountered a hunt.

Although this Divine Artifact didn’t have any offensive capabilities, the speed was enough to make up for it.

Mu Chen’s eyes were also heated when he looked at it. But the price of 2000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids could only make him think about it. After all, the amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids he had on hand wasn’t enough for him to throw them out as he wished. He had to wait for the two treasures that he required to appear.

“2100!”

Many experts had an idea about the Spatial Ship. After all, life was the most essential factor in this world. As long as they had a treasure that could aid them in escaping, their safety would be more secured.

“2300!”

“2500!”

“...”

In just a minute, the price of this Spatial Ship had risen from 2000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids to 3000 before the bidding gradually slowed down. After all, 3000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids wasn't a small sum. Even if it was a Fifth Grade Sovereign expert, it would require nearly half a year of refining before they could accumulate that sum.

In the end, the Spatial Ship was sold for a price of 3100 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids to a skinny middle-aged man.

Mu Chen also inwardly sighed as he watched. Looks like coming to this auction house wasn't for nothing, just this treasure alone was sufficient to widen his eyes.

"Second auctioning item..."

After that bidding ended, another ball of light rose from the white-robed elder with a grasp of his hand. In the ball of light, it was a red fiery liquid that looked like magma. As it flowed, flames were wriggling and was emitting a particularly high temperature that instantly raised the temperature in this auction house.

"This is a Heavenly Flame Chalcedony, a fire jade refined from the deepest part of the magma ocean. It was refined for ten thousand years by fire jade before forming into chalcedony. It is a requirement for those powerful Celestial Bodies amongst the 99 Rankings of Sovereign Celestial Body."

"Starting bid, 1000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids."

Countless gazes were directed over. This Heavenly Flame Chalcedony was an extraordinary object. However, due to the limitation of its usage, only those cultivating Sovereign Celestial Bodies required it.

Mu Chen cast a glance before retracting it. Clearly, he wasn't too interested in it, and shortly after, he turned his head and was stunned. He saw Lin Jing staring at the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony as she bit on her lips. She actually had her eyes on this item.

However, Lin Jing, who was staring at it, quickly lowered her head, since she didn't have that much Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to bid for it. Although she needed that item, she did not recklessly ask Mu Chen for help. After all, she was well-aware that 1000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids wasn't a small amount to anyone.

She bit her lips as she turned her head away. She could only calm her heart by not looking at it.

Mu Chen caught her actions from the corner of his eyes and couldn't help smiling. However, he still remained seated as he rubbed on the armrest of the chair, not having any intentions to help.

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Chapter 654: Void Great Solar Fruit

"1200!"

"1500!"

"..."

Although the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony was uncommon, it was, after all, an unusual treasure. Thus, many people had their eyes set on it, and in just a minute, the price was already raised to around 1700 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.

Lin Jing sat in the chair depressed as she placed her hands on her cheek. Her teeth were clenched as he looked at those fellows intensely snatching it as she spoke with resentment, "If it wasn't for me leaving in such a hurry, I'd have smashed those fellows to death with Sovereign Spiritual Liquids!"

Mu Chen was resting his arm on the armrest as he looked around. He realised that those people that were interested in the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony didn't seem to be from those significant forces, which could be seen from their bids. Those that were wealthy wouldn't play around with so little price.

This realisation made Mu Chen feel slightly relieved.

The price continued to rise for a few minutes before it stopped at 2300 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.

Seeing as the bid started to end, the white-robed elderly man waited awhile. He raised his hand and was about to announce the results. At this moment, the white-clothed girl had already turned her face over in anger.

"2500." Mu Chen finally said with a smile.

Some gazes were shot over, but those gazes were a little strange. Even Lin Jing was baffled as she turned her head around and looked at Mu Chen. She bit her lips and was mumbling about something.

The man that raised the bid to 2300 earlier knitted his brows together. He hesitated for a brief moment and did not bid anymore in the end as the price had far exceeded his budget.

Looking at the situation, the white-clothed elder waved his hand, which was followed by a ringing bell that resonated in the auction house, representing that the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony had been successfully bid.

The auction carried on.

The pupils of the white-clothed girl were spinning, her face was a little embarrassed at this moment as she fanned the fan in her hand.

She did not ask why Mu Chen would purchase the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony, since she didn't want to have wishful thoughts and be embarrassed later on.

Mu Chen held an attitude to watch the show for a long while, seeing that she had actually endured asking, he couldn't help smiling as he said, "That was indeed for you."

Lin Jing's face flushed red as she said, "Thanks for that. I am also cultivating my Sovereign Celestial Body, but I need many types of Jade Chalcedony..."

Hearing her words, Nine Nether took another glance at Lin Jing and a strange light flashed in the depths of her eyes. She had caught onto the words of that girl, about needing many types of Jade Chalcedony.

Although several Sovereign Celestial Body cultivation techniques did require stuff like the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony, there weren't many Sovereign Celestial Bodies that needed many types of Jade

Chalcedony. Take the 63rd ranking of the 99 Ranks of Sovereign Celestial Bodies, the Heavenly Jade Celestial Body, for example. This was a Sovereign Celestial Body that required many types of Jade Chalcedonies as ingredients, and the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony was just one of them.

If Lin Jing was genuinely making preparations to cultivate the Heavenly Jade Celestial Body, then her background would be frightening. Even for Seventh to Eighth Grade Sovereign experts, such a Sovereign Celestial Body rank was extremely attractive.

Also, although the Heavenly Jade Celestial Body wasn't a high-ranking powerful Celestial Body, it was perfect for those who had just stepped into the Sovereign Realm.

If the Sovereign Celestial Body was too powerful, it would naturally be tough to control it; whereas if it were too weak, I would be useless. Thus, her family members had typically carefully considered everything before letting her cultivate the Heavenly Jade Celestial Body.

Mu Chen did not consider it as much as Nine Nether; after all, he wasn't too familiar with Sovereign Celestial Bodies. On the spot, he asked from little curiosity, "Your family members did not prepare the ingredients for you?"

The girl before him clearly had a decent background. Although the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony was rare, it shouldn't be difficult for her to obtain it.

"I want to depend on myself. How meaningless would it be if I needed them to prepare everything for me?" Lin Jing dragged on her cheek as she spoke while shaking her long legs.

Mu Chen helplessly shook his head.

"Right, I've said that I would not owe anyone favours." Lin Jing seemed to have recalled something as she retrieved a jade pendant hung on a red string from her neck.

The jade was white in colour, and looked as if there was liquid flowing in it. In general, it had an extremely aged appearance, but vaguely, indescribable fluctuations were coming from it.

"This is a Defensive Spiritual Jade. It will be activated when you're in danger. As long as the opponent's strength doesn't exceed the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, it will be able to block a fatal attack for you."

Mu Chen and Nine Nether were stunned, their expressions slightly changed. It could defend against a fatal attack from a Fifth Grade Sovereign, that simple and old pendant was actually so powerful?

"Forget it, it was prepared for you by your family. I will not seize the loved possession of others." Mu Chen shook his head in the end as he smiled, "Furthermore, I'm afraid that the price of this Defensive Spiritual Jade far surpasses the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony."

"No way, if you don't want this, I will not take that Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony." However, Lin Jing was abnormally stubborn. She was looking at Mu Chen with a serious look, she was clearly not joking.

That girl similarly had her own principles.

"Also, you don't have to worry about me. I still have more Defensive Spiritual Jades. Otherwise, I wouldn't dare to sneak out." Lin Jing gave Mu Chen a sly smile as she raised her wrist at Mu Chen. On her wrist, there was a small and old Jade Pendant hung on her pearly-white wrist.

Mu Chen was speechless as he sighed in the end. Kids from wealthy families truly were fortunate, they could even wear such precious Defensive Spiritual Jades on their bodies. This made him feel naked. If it weren't for the Spiritual Condensing Bowl that he managed to obtain with luck, he wouldn't even have any money to enter this place...

"Here." Lin Jing handed the Defensive Spiritual Jade over to Mu Chen.

"So in the end, it was me that benefitted from this." Mu Chen bitterly smiled. He did not reject any further and extended his hand to take the Defensive Spiritual Jade as he sighed with complicated feelings.

"There's no need to sigh. Mu Chen, you're indeed a friend!" Lin Jing smiled as she gave Mu Chen a thumbs-up. Her thumb was as round as a pearl, it was cute.

Clearly, Mu Chen bidding the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony for her earlier raised some good feelings in Lin Jing's heart. After all, not just anyone would spend over 2000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids for an item that they wouldn't need after knowing them for such a short time.

Furthermore, she was intelligent and had sensed that Mu Chen wasn't someone that could disregard 2000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids. This was the main reason why it was hard to be valued.

Although she was young, her experience far surpassed Mu Chen's imagination. She wasn't someone lacking in insight.

Mu Chen received the Defensive Spiritual Jade and stored it, but he did not talk to Lin Jing, who was more and more excited. He raised his head to look forward. In the time that they conversed, three or four items had already been successfully auctioned.

Those treasures weren't ordinary items, there were Divine Artifacts and Divine Arts, thus attracting a fight over them, which raised the atmosphere of the auction house higher.

However, the Void Great Solar Fruit and Undying Divine Leaf that Mu Chen had been waiting for had yet to appear.

This made his brows knit together, since he knew that the price would get higher the more it was further at the back. Naturally, the main point was that those heavyweights in the pavilions had yet to take any action yet.

Because of a seal of the Spiritual Condensing Bowl being unsealed, he had a total of 18,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids. It wasn't a small amount, but he didn't have any confidence in getting the two remaining treasures.

Time gradually passed under Mu Chen's slow wait. After seven items had been successfully auctioned out, Mu Chen's eyes abruptly lit up.

He saw a brilliant light in the hand of the white-clothed elder on the stage. That light was as intense as the sun as it brightly lit up the entire auction house.

A peculiar ripple spread out.

The entire auction house instantly went into silence as every gaze was directed at the light of the intense sun. In the depths of the fire, they could vaguely see a fruit that was blazing with white flames as the endless light was emitted from it.

Mu Chen's eyes were heated as he stared at that fruit, his entire body had straightened up, excitement filled his head, since he had finally found the Void Great Solar Fruit.

When Mu Chen was staring at the Void Great Solar Fruit, some commotions were coming from the several pavilions in the front. Gazes were shot out. Clearly, they had been attracted by it.

"This is the Void Great Solar Fruit, I believe everyone has heard of it before. If one is able to refine it, it will form a spiritual sun in his or her Sovereign Sea. Under the shining the spiritual sun, it would mix the power of the blazing sun into the Spiritual Energies in the Sovereign Sea, making it even more powerful."

"I will not speak of how rare it is, the starting bid of this Void Great Solar Fruit will begin at 7000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids!"

When his words fell, it attracted many commotions. The price of it was so high that made many people stopped their steps, but they couldn't lower their gazes. After all, there weren't many treasures that could increase the power of Spiritual Energies.

"7000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids."

Hearing that price, Mu Chen's heart sank. It was only the starting bid, if he wanted to get his hands on it, he would naturally have to go through an intense fight for it. At that time, who knew what it would be priced at.

Haaa.

Mu Chen inhaled a mouthful of air as his gaze grew sharp. No matter what, he definitely couldn't give up so easily.

If he lost this chance now, who knew how long he would have to wait to cultivate the Great Solar Undying Body.

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Chapter 655: Competition

An endless source of light enveloped the huge auction house. At this point in time, it was tough to conceal the innumerable heated gazes. The rarity of this Void Great Solar Fruit far surpassed the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony from before.

Mu Chen was also one of them that had a heated gaze. He quickly calmed his heart as he inhaled a mouthful of air. His body was tense as he stared at the auction house. Shortly after, he slightly narrowed his eyes as he saw a commotion coming from the few pavilions up ahead, which made his heart heavy. Indeed, as he had expected, those heavyweights also had their eyes on the Void Great Solar fruit.

This sort of treasure that could boost the strength of any Sovereign was pretty tempting.

On the auction platform, Mo Qing looked at the commotion below as he spoke in an indifferent voice, "Ladies and gentlemen, let us begin the auction."

As he spoke, the entire auction house turned to silence. 7000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids wasn't a small amount. Thus, there weren't many competitors, so now that it's starting, many of them could only watch.

However, that silence did not last for long and was finally broken by someone.

"7300!"

The one that spoke out was a middle-aged man who had a pair of sharp and cold eyes with powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuating around him. Clearly, he possessed considerable strength.

"7500!"

Not long after he placed his bid, he was soon outbid.

"7800!"

The following price immediately broke the silence as the entire auction house was filled with commotion. Some experts couldn't hold back on the Void Great Solar Fruit and started to call out prices.

In barely a few minutes, the price had already risen to as high as 8500 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids. The price made the eyes of many turn red. After all, such a massive amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids could allow them to speed up their cultivation by several times.

When the price reached this point, the amount of those that could compete for it decreased. However, everyone knew that the real crocodiles would appear next.

"9500."

An indolent and flirtatious voice rang out. When that voice resounded, nearly everyone had turned their heads towards a pavilion up ahead. The tulle was split apart, and a bewitching face was revealed.

"It's the Heart Fairy Fox of the Celestial Fox Sect."

"So she's actually interested in this Void Great Solar Fruit."

Looking at her bewitching beauty, whispers started to spread out in the auction house, they must have all heard the name of this enchanting lady before them.

After the price was raised by the enchanting lady called Heart Fairy Fox, the auction house suddenly turned quiet. Even many of the experts that were willing to bid for it had remained in silence. Clearly, they didn't want to offend this lady from the Celestial Fox Sect.

At the sight of this, Mu Chen helplessly sighed in his heart as he said in a loud voice, "10,000."

His bid instantly cause a commotion in the auction house as many gazes of shock were shot over. They were all trying to guess Mu Chen's origin; after all, not just anyone can take out 10,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids so casually.

Under the innumerable astonished gazes, Mu Chen maintained a calm expression as he stared at the Void Great Solar Fruit on the auction platform, and did not bother about anyone else.

In the pavilion, Heart Fairy Fox lightly shifted her alluring gaze at Mu Chen as a trace of shock was revealed in her eyes.

Mu Chen sensed her gaze as he turned his head over and gave her an apologetic smile.

Heart Fairy Fox returned with an alluring smile as her eyes flickered. No one knew that she was thinking. But looking from her actions, she actually did not have any thoughts on increasing the price.

“Haha, since Heart Fairy Fox isn’t too interested in the Void Great Solar Fruit, then let me have it.” When Heart Fairy Fox was silent, laughter came from a pavilion not too far away. The feminine-looking youth from before walked out as he cupped his hands towards Heart Fairy Fox with a smile.

“Haha, my wealth is thin, so I can’t compete for it with everyone. If Young Palace Master of the Sky Profound Palace is interested in it, then I’ll have myself withdraw.” Heart Fairy Fox pursed her lips with a slight smile when he saw the feminine-looking youth.

The feminine-looking youth elegantly bowed as he shifted his gaze over to Mu Chen’s direction with a smile hanging on his face, “11,000.”

Mu Chen’s brows instantly frowned from the appearance of this feminine-looking youth.

“That bastard is truly hateful.” Lin Jing couldn’t help snorting out for Mu Chen. Because that feminine-looking youth had ideas about her, she was filled with hatred for that person. Now that he was trying to ruin Mu Chen’s matters, she couldn’t help having rage written on her face.

“Mu Chen, call out all you want! Although I don’t have any Sovereign Spiritual Liquids on me, I have many things that can be sold.” Lin Jing clenched her teeth as she spoke with hatred.

“No worries, I’ll play with him since he wants to play.”

Mu Chen had a calm smile on his face, but there was a smear of cold killing intent in his eyes. Although this feminine-looking youth had a significant position in the Sky Profound Palace, he refused to believe that this fellow could casually take out tens of thousands of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids to smash him.

Sovereign Spiritual Liquids wasn’t water!

But, no matter what, he had to get his hands on the Void Great Solar Fruit.

“12,000.” Mu Chen leaned on the chair as his calm voice resonated throughout the large auction house, causing many people to inwardly smack their lips, they also had strange gazes. They must have treated Mu Chen as a disciple of a particular sect.

On the pavilion, the feminine-looking youth narrowed his eyes as a chill flashed across the depths of his eyes. Mu Chen’s interference earlier had already aroused displeasure in his heart. How could he not see that Mu Chen and the white-clothed girl weren’t too close?

Furthermore, that fellow had just stepped into the Sovereign Realm. If it weren't for that black-clothed beauty beside him, he would have long thrown that fellow out. But right now, he was taking an inch and wanting a foot, competing with him.

"Young Palace Master, your motive here in the Merchant City isn't for the Void Great Solar Fruit." Just when the feminine-youth was about to increase his bid again, the black-clothed elderly man abruptly spoke out.

"I know." The feminine-looking youth had his brows knitted, and he still continued to wave his hand out along with his voice, "13,000!"

"I want to see how this impudent fellow that comes from nowhere acts!" The smear of a cold smile rose on the lips of this feminine-looking youth. From his point-of-view, Mu Chen was just faking it.

"15,000."

However, before his voice stopped echoing, Mu Chen calmly raised the price again. Furthermore, he increased it at a shocking increment of 2000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.

Such a colossal sum instantly caused a commotion in the entire auction. Even the Heart Fairy Fox was looking at Mu Chen in astonishment. The wealth and temperament of that youth aren't ordinary.

The feminine-looking youth's face was a little ashen as his gaze turned sharp. He was looking at Mu Chen with an eerie gaze. The latter was still looking at the Void Great Solar Fruit that was on the auction platform and had not given him a single glance.

The corner of the lips of that feminine-looking youth twitched as he suppressed the killing intent in his heart, and was about to bid again.

"Young Palace Master!" The black-clothed elderly man spoke out in a solemn voice with his brows twitched.

The feminine-looking youth clenched both his fists and teeth, and could only suppress the voice that was about to come out from his mouth. However, his gaze was frighteningly eerie as he spoke out in a cold voice, "Elder Mu, remember that fellow. Items that belong to me aren't things that are so easily snatched by someone else."

The black-clothed elder lightly nodded his head as a faint arc rose on the corner of his lips, "Rest assured, Young Palace Master. Just treat it as him spending that huge amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids to buy the Void Great Solar Fruit for you."

The ugly expression on the feminine-looking youth eased a little bit as he eerily smiled and did not speak anymore.

When Mu Chen raised the price to 15,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, there was no one fighting with him anymore, since they were probably all awed by his resolution. After a short time waiting, the Void Great Solar Fruit was successfully purchased by Mu Chen, in the end.

When Mo Qing announced the bidding results, only then did Mu Chen feel relieved in his heart. But shortly after, he felt an eerie gaze directed at him. He turned his head and was also looking at the feminine-looking youth with a cold gaze.

If it wasn't for that guy, Mu Chen clearly wouldn't need to raise the price to that height. If that's the case, he would still have had enough energy to compete for the Undying Divine Lead. But now that he had spent such a significant amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, he would apparently be a little helpless in seizing the Undying Divine Lead.

"That fellow has roused killing intent for you." A flash of chill blinked across Nine Nether's slender eyes as she suddenly said that.

Mu Chen lightly nodded his head.

Although that black-clothed elderly man had the strength of a Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, it wasn't an easy task for him to defeat Nine Nether. After all, she was a genuine Divine Beast.

As for the youth, he should still be at First Grade Sovereign Realm, and if they were to fight, Mu Chen wouldn't fear him.

Thoughts circulated in Mu Chen's heart before he calmed down and looked at the auction platform. Right now, Master Mo Qing had already taken out the ninth item for auction.

But as he had expected, the ninth item for auction was the last material he needed to cultivate the Great Solar Undying Body.

The Undying Divine Leaf.

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Chapter 656: Undying Divine Leaf

A sphere of light appeared on Master Mo Qing's old hand. It was a palm-sized leaf. The leaf was dark yellow in colour and had tree patterns on it. The leaf didn't look to be out of the ordinary. If it hadn't been taken out by Master Mo Qing, no one would think that this item would be the legendary Undying Divine Leaf.

There's a divine tree in this world, the Undying Divine Tree. The lifespan of that tree was unbelievable, it stood in between the heavens and earth as it underwent all sorts of tribulations and still had not perished.

A leaf would grow out from this tree every one thousand years, the Undying Divine Leaf. It was said that upon refining a Substitute Leaf from it, it could grant a miraculous effect of having another life.

This was precisely the reason why countless experts would go after the Undying Divine Leaf. After all, there were too many rare items in this world, but they only had one life.

Thus, every single time the Undying Divine Leaf appeared, countless experts would compete for it. Even if they had to pay a huge price, they wouldn't hesitate.

Innumerable people had their gazes ablaze in the colossal auction house, many of them were drooling. If it wasn't for their minds telling them that fighting here would spell death, they might have gone up to seize it.

Up on the auction platform, Master Mo Qing looked at the many greedy gazes as he spoke in a calm voice, "Undying Divine Leaf, starting bid, 10,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquid."

The moment he spoke, the entire auction went in silence. Shortly after, the intake of chilled air resounded. 10,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, not an ordinary person could fork out such a huge sum.

Such a divine item was indeed... only for those wealthy.

Hearing the price, Mu Chen was stunned for a moment as he bitterly smiled.

“What shall we do?” Nine Nether’s brows were also knitted. The price had similarly exceeded her expectations. Furthermore, the crucial part was that if it was to be auctioned, the price would naturally soar.

With his remaining Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, he couldn’t handle another competition.

Mu Chen sank in silence for a brief moment as he answered, “We’ll look at the situation. If there’s really no choice, I still have the treasures that I’ve obtained from the Great Spiritual Academy Tournament, as well as the Divine Artifact. If we were to convert them, we could still get a considerable amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.”

Mu Chen rubbed his forehead. He had finally experienced how vital the Sovereign Spiritual Liquids were to the Great Thousand World. Back in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he had no concept of it until today. Only now did he understand that it was hard to advance an inch without Sovereign Spiritual Liquids in the Great Thousand World.

Although there was a significant amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids in the Spiritual Condensing Bowl, the seal was too powerful. Even Nine Nether could only remove a portion of it.

Nine Nether helplessly nodded her head. She had saved up quite a sum of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids back then, but they were all used up in her tribulations. Thus, she couldn’t provide much help right now.

“You want me to contribute some stuff to exchange for Sovereign Spiritual Liquids?” Lin Jing said quietly from the side. Although Mu Chen had only used over a thousand Sovereign Spiritual Liquids to buy the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony earlier, it still made her feel uneasy in her heart.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen smiled and did not give an answer.

As they spoke, the auction for the Undying Divine Leaf had begun, and just as Mu Chen had expected, the majority of those fighting for it were those heavyweights from the pavilions.

All of them should have a great power supporting them, thus having robust wealth as well. So in just less than a minute, the competition had already climaxed.

As for the bid, it had already risen to 15,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids. The price was already comparable to the Void Great Solar Fruit from before, and the competition had still not ended yet.

Mu Chen’s expression was calm as he watched the competition. When the price rose to such heights, there were only three competitors left. Two of them were the feminine-looking youth and the Heart Fairy Fox of the Celestial Fox Sect. The other party was a grey-robed elderly man. The elderly man had a gentle expression on his face, but there was a ferocious black skull embroidered on his sleeves.

“That person should be from the Demonic Skull Mountains, an Overlord of the Skull Continent with great power. But generally speaking, it is still slightly inferior to our Great Havenlaw Domain and the Sky Profound Palace.” Nine Nether revealed the identity of the grey-robed elderly man.

Mu Chen nodded his head. The Skylaw Continent was a major continent, after all. The forces that could be claimed as peaks in it weren't easily comparable.

But still, the Demonic Skull Mountains wasn't an ordinary power. Otherwise, the grey-robed elderly man wouldn't dare to compete with the Sky Profound Palace and the Celestial Fox Sect so openly.

“17,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.” When Mu Chen's attention was on the grey-robed elder, the latter spoke out in a hoarse voice as he suddenly raised the price by 2000, attracting clicking of tongues from the auction.

“Haha, this is my last bid. If the both of you could go any higher, then I will let it go to give the Sky Profound Palace, and Fox Celestial Sect face.” The grey-robed elderly man smiled as he looked at the feminine-looking youth and Heart Fairy Fox.

Heart Fairy Fox revealed an indolent smile as she lightly shook her head, “Since Elder Gui Ku has risen your price to this height, how can I, a small woman compete? Let Young Palace Master Liu Ming of the Sky Profound Palace follow.”

When the feminine-looking youth heard her words, he instantly smiled as he proudly said, “Since that's the case, then I'll have to accept your invitation. I'm afraid that it's not so easy to seize an item that my Sky Profound Palace has its eyes on.”

As he spoke, he cast a glance at Mu Chen's direction as the depth of his eyes became filled with a chill.

“20,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.” Liu Ming smiled as he looked at the Elder of the Demonic Skull Mountains.

Innumerable people inhaled a mouthful of chilled air once again. It looked like the Sky Profound Palace truly did have their eyes on the Undying Divine Leaf. They were actually willing to spend such a price to obtain it. 20,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, it wasn't even the profit of a slightly smaller force.

The instant surge of 3000 made the expression of the grey-robed elderly man to change as he sat back down. Clearly, the price of 20,000 had far exceeded his limits.

Although the Undying Divine Leaf was indeed precious, forking out 20,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids for it was too heart-aching.

Seeing the results of the auction, Nine Nether couldn't help looking at Mu Chen. The latter had his eyes narrowed as chill flowed into his black pupils. But after a brief moment, he lightly shook his head.

He had intended to give up.

“If you miss this, we won't know when we will see it again, and who knows how long you will have to delay your Sovereign Celestial Body.” Nine Nether spoke with her brows furrowed.

“It's too early to say a miss.” Mu Chen smiled.

“What do you mean?” Nine Nether asked in doubt.

“Because someone is greedy and wants to seize my Void Great Solar Fruit as well.” Mu Chen spoke calmly as he continued, “Since he has placed his eyes on us, why can’t we place our eyes on him as well?”

“You want to fight with them?” Nine Nether blinked her eyes as she spoke out in astonishment. She never thought that Mu Chen would be so daring.

“I’m not the one that wants to fight with them, they are the ones that want to fight with us.” Mu Chen continued in a light tone, “Do you have confidence in dealing with that old man?”

What he meant was the black-clothed elderly man that stood beside Liu Ming.

“His strength is at the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, a grade higher than mine. However, the fighting capabilities of a Divine Beast is stronger, so he can’t do anything to me. But I’m afraid that I can’t kill him, either.” Nine Nether spoke after some considerations.

“That Liu Ming’s strength is only at the First Grade Sovereign Realm. He should have cultivated a Sovereign Celestial Body. From the surface, his strength is higher than mine. So as long as you can tangle that old man, he will believe that he can deal with me.”

Mu Chen smiled, “Judging from his auctioning means earlier, this person is conceited and vengeful. I have previously torn his face, so he definitely won’t let me go.”

“Looks like it won’t be easy when we leave here.”

“Then, let them try.” A chill flashed across Nine Nether’s eyes. If those fellows dared to place their eyes onto them, she wouldn’t mind letting them know what ‘to try to seal a chicken only to end up losing the rice used to lure it’ meant.

Mu Chen smiled, but there wasn’t much warmth in his smile. Although he didn’t want to cause any trouble, that didn’t mean that he’s afraid of one. If Liu Ming truly wanted to fight, then he would have a perfect excuse to borrow his Undying Divine Leaf...

He wasn’t scared of failure; at most, he could let Nine Nether transform, and they could run for their lives. Even with the black-robed elderly man’s strength at the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, he wouldn’t be able to do a thing to the speed of the Nine Netherworld Bird.

As they spoke, the auction for the Undying Divine Leaf had a result, and as expected, it fell into the hands of Liu Ming. With a price of 20,000, it was sufficient to make everyone withdraw.

Up on the auction platform, Master Mo Qing waved his sleeve as a bell rang, indicating that the Undying Divine Leaf had fallen into Liu Ming’s hands.

Seeing the situation, Liu Ming smiled with satisfaction as he lightly rubbed the armrest of his chair with his eyes narrowed. He looked at Mu Chen’s direction as he muttered, “Brat that still smells of his mother’s milk, you’re seeking death when you dared to snatch my stuff.”

Boom.

Another clear bell rang out in the auction hall. In an instant, everyone straightened their bodies, even some of the pavilions had the tulle pulled opened as many gazes fell onto the auction platform.

They knew that the main item of this auction would soon appear.

Many of the various powerful forces came for this final item.

Mu Chen had also raised his head at the same time, looking at the auction platform in curiosity. He was curious what item could be placed after the Void Great Solar Fruit and the Undying Divine Leaf.

Under the countless heated gazes, Master Mo Qing made a grasping gesture with his hand, and a golden light quietly appeared with a flicker, attracting all of the attention in the auction hall.

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Chapter 657: Nine Dragons and Elephants Art

On the auction platform, Master Mo Qing's hand flickered with golden light as a golden scroll appeared. The scroll was very ancient in appearance, as if it came from the ancient times, and emitted a desolate aura.

As the light circulated, there were illusions of dragons and elephants forming as it unleashed a mighty prestige.

Countless gazes were fixed on the golden scroll. They had clearly sensed how extraordinary it was.

Under the countless gazes, Mo Qing raised the golden scroll in his hand as his robust voice resounded throughout the entire field, "This is a Divine Art developed from an ancient scripture. It is slightly damaged, and thus, I consider this to be a Quasi-Perfect Rank Divine Art. However, it possesses endless potential. If anyone could comprehend the profundity in it, I believe its might would be comparable to a Perfect Rank Divine Art or even surpass it."

"A Divine Art that surpasses the level of Perfect Rank Divine Art?"

Many hearts jolted from his words. Generally speaking, Perfect Rank Divine Arts were considered the ultimate treasures of those peak forces. Only the core personnel could cultivate in it. But right now, Mo Qing actually claimed that this Quasi-Perfect Rank Divine Art was comparable to a Divine Art that surpasses Perfect Rank?

Hearing his words, even Mu Chen was a little startled and slightly frowned his brows. He did not overlook a sentence spoken by Mo Qing. That was, if anyone could successfully comprehend the profundities...

"Haha, Master Mo Qing, judging from your speech, this so-called 'Quasi-Perfect Rank Divine Art' isn't so easy to cultivate." Just when Mu Chen was pondering, an alluring voice rang out. The Heart Fairy Fox of the Celestial Fox Sect spoke out while smiling. Clearly, with her scrupulous heart, she managed to hear the crucial point.

"Haha, Heart Fairy Fox is indeed sharp." Mo Qing lightly smiled as he nodded his head, "Indeed, this is a Quasi-Perfect Rank Divine Art. Up till today, there was not a single person that has managed to successfully cultivate it. In my view, this is even more profound than genuine Perfect Rank Divine Arts."

Hearing his words, a commotion broke out in the auction house. There wasn't a single person that had successfully cultivated it?

Shortly after, they felt relieved. If someone had managed to cultivate this Divine Art, the owner of it would probably not take it out to auction. Such a powerful Divine Art was a formidable means and trump card.

"Oh?" Liu Ming smiled with his eyes narrowed as he stood up. He looked at the golden scroll with interest as he smiled. "I have never encountered a Divine Art that can't be learned. I'll want to try it today."

Although part of the reason why Liu Ming could achieve First Grade Sovereign Realm at his age was depended on the resources of the Sky Profound Palace, it also proved his own talent. Thus, he was conceited and refused to believe that there was any Divine Art that he couldn't learn in this world.

A few pavilions up ahead had nearly directed their gaze over. Although they were greatly interested in it, if it was as Mo Qing had said, that it possessed terrifying potential, it would greatly benefit the forces behind them.

"The name of this Divine Art is called the Nine Dragons and Elephants Art, the starting bid of this is 20,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids." Mo Qing's indifferent voice resonated throughout the entire auction. The high price of it made innumerable people's face twisted.

Mu Chen was also helpless as he pulled his lips. Although he was extremely interested in this Nine Dragons and Elephants Art, he couldn't compete for it.

Right now, those possessing the wealth to compete for it would probably be those experts with peak forces standing behind them.

Although the price of this Divine Art made many stare with yearning and could only hold their step, the competition for it was even more intense than the other auctioned items. Those that had belonged to powerful forces but were hiding their strength and biding their time had all acted.

In an instant, the auction house was filled with heavy bidding voices. The price had continuously risen to the point that the eyes of many others turned red as they drooled with envy.

The competition for this Nine Dragons and Elephants Art lasted for ten-odd minutes, before it gradually came to a stop. In the end, the price of it had reached 32,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.

The one that called the highest price was Liu Ming of the Sky Profound Palace.

The results made many people sigh as this Nine Dragons and Elephants Art should've been Liu Ming's primary objective in this auction.

What made others feel startled was that the one that obtained the Nine Dragons and Elephant Art was actually this Liu Ming from the Sky Profound Palace.

The results made countless others sigh. Looks like Liu Ming came to this auction for the Nine Dragon and Elephant Art. Otherwise, he wouldn't have prepared such a vast amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids.

Mu Chen was also inwardly smacking his lips. At this point in time, he realised how lucky he was to be able to purchase the Void Great Solar Fruit earlier. Liu Ming's primary objective wasn't that item; otherwise, if he became reckless, it would probably be hard for Mu Chen to obtain the Void Great Solar Fruit.

After all, his foundation was still too thin.

When Liu Ming raised the price to 32,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, no one fought with him for it. The faces of several experts changed, but they still chose to give up.

In the pavilion covered by tulle, the Heart Fairy Fox of the Celestial Fox Clan had her brows slightly frowned as she said, "This Liu Ming is really willing. Such a huge amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids will let even the Sky Profound Palace feel pain for a while."

"He is too conceited."

The ordinary-looking middle-aged man standing behind the Heart Fairy Fox lightly smiled. "That Nine Dragons and Elephants Art is extremely strange. It's impossible for ordinary people to learn it. Although Liu Ming has some talent, he's still too lacking if he wants to learn it."

"This Liu Ming was just ordinary in the younger generations of the Skylaw Continent. Compared to his elder brother, Liu Yan, he's still too lacking."

"Haha, Liu Yan is the candidate for the next Palace Master of the Sky Profound Palace. His name has been widely spread in the Skylaw Continent." Heart Fairy Fox said with a smile.

"Miss isn't any weaker than him." The middle-aged man smiled.

Heart Fairy Fox smiled as she shifted her gaze towards another direction in the auction hall, stopping on Nine Nether, who was seated beside Mu Chen, and spoke in a soft voice, "That lady is also very powerful, to reach this height at her age. I wonder, what force is she from?"

"I believe Liu Ming will help us investigate that matter," said the middle-aged man.

"Oh?" Heart Fairy Fox lightly lifted her brows, but she understood the meaning shortly after and smiled, "This Liu Ming is a little too daring. I wonder if he will kick into an iron plate this time."

As the two of them spoke, the auction had already ended. With the price of 32,000 Sovereign Spiritual Liquids, the Nine Dragons and Elephants Art fell into the hands of Liu Ming.

The bell rang out in the entire auction house. Everyone was softly sighing as they looked at Liu Ming, who was full of harvest, with envy.

Liu Ming watched the endlessly envious gazes as he let out a proud smile. He enjoyed the revering gazes, they gave him a different feeling.

When Liu Ming was enjoying the gazes coming from the entire auction, Mu Chen calmly stood up from far away, turned around and left with Nine Nether and Lin Jing without casting him a glance.

Liu Ming looked at his silhouette as a smear of chill flashed across his eyes. His slender fingertips were lightly streaking across the armrest of the jade stone chair, drawing marks on the armrest in an instant. The surface of the cut was as smooth as a mirror.

“Elder Mu, send someone to watch them. I want to know their movements. Although we can’t act in Merchant City, we will let them know that there are some people that they cannot afford to offend once they leave.” Liu Ming said with indifference.

Standing behind him, the black-robed elder slowly nodded his head.

Liu Ming smiled as he looked at the Heart Fairy Fox, who was walking out of the pavilion from the side. The latter’s alluring figure and prideful curves blazed flames in his heart and he quickly left with a smile on his face.

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Along with Nine Nether and Lin Jing, Mu Chen walked out of the auction house and completed the item's transaction, taking the items that he had purchased.

Standing in the Auction Items Retrieval’s secret chamber, Mu Chen looked at the fruit in his hand that was blazing like the sun and felt a heavy relief. No matter what, he had managed to obtain an ingredient. Right now, all he lacked was the Undying Divine Leaf before he could cultivate the Great Solar Undying Body.

He had great expectations about how powerful the Sovereign Celestial Body would be for it to require such rare treasures as materials.

“Here, for you.”

Storing the Void Great solar Fruit, he handed the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony over to Lin Jing, who was standing next to him.

Lin Jing was smiling as she took it, her face was filled with a gratified smile. Although with her identity, she was numb to seeing treasures, it was still something that she had obtained herself.

“Thanks.” She gave an eye-narrowing smile.

“I’m the one that benefitted.” Mu Chen smiled. The Defensive Spiritual Jade that Lin Jing had given him was even more precious than the Heavenly Flame Jade Chalcedony regarding price.

“But we might have to split up now.”

Mu Chen stared at Lin Jing. Next up, they would have to experience a battle, and if Lin Jing follows them, she might be in danger.

Hearing his words, Lin Jing shook her head as she smiled, “We’re friends, right? Would a friend run to save herself?”

Mu Chen was stunned as he looked at the young lady before him and smiled in the end.

“Then, let us go together. If we fail at that time, we will run together.”

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Chapter 658: Raid

After the auction ended, Mu Chen was not in a hurry to leave Merchant City. He looked for a cultivating tavern and temporarily stayed there. If the battle was arriving, he naturally had to restore himself to his peak state.

The exhaustion brought from the journey was clearly erased.

In the spacious guest room.

Mu Chen sat, while Nine Nether stood against the window of the guest room and looked outside. After a long moment, she turned her head around and looked at Mu Chen, "There truly is someone following us, they should've been sent by Liu Ming."

Mu Chen lightly nodded his head, "Those with Liu as their surname really aren't anything good."

In the Northern Heavens Realm, the Liu Family had also caused him quite a bit of trouble.

Finishing his speech, he saw Lin Jing from the side suddenly putting her hands on her waist as she furiously stared at him and waved her fist, "My grandmother's surname is also Liu!"

In an instant, Mu Chen's face turned awkward.

Lin Jing snorted as she continued, "If my father hears this, he will definitely give you a thrashing."

Mu Chen dryly laughed. This was basically an unexpected disaster.

"So' when are we leaving?" However, Lin Jing did not bother about Mu Chen's careless remarks as she sat down next to him. Her hand was supporting her cheek as she said with a little excitement.

Judging from her looks, she seemed to be excited about the upcoming trouble.

"No rush. Every single one of our actions is probably under the surveillance of Liu Ming. If we stay in the city for a short time and not leave the city, he will feel that we are afraid." Mu Chen lightly smiled.

"Showing our enemies that we are weak, how cunning." Lin Jing spoke with a sly smile.

"Our enemies are stronger than us, we have to use little tricks."

Mu Chen smiled as he stared at Lin Jing, his expression turned a lot more serious as he continued, "As you know, Liu Ming's strength is stronger than us. Although you and I have both stepped into the Sovereign Realm, we have yet to refine our Sovereign Celestial Bodies. Thus, our fighting capability would be weaker. As for Nine Nether, she could, at most, hinder the opposition's Fifth Grade Sovereign. So if there's an accident, you have to leave if I tell you to."

Hearing his words, Lin Jing was a little unhappy. But looking at Mu Chen's serious expression, she could only pout as she answered, "Fine."

Mu Chen then nodded his head with a smile and no longer spoke. He slowly shut his eyes and gradually entered a cultivating state.

Nine Nether, however, conversed with Lin Jing for a while as she leaned against the window, closed her eyes and rested. She did not enter into her cultivating state because she had to keep her guard up, even if this city was safe.

She was clear about the dangers in the Great Thousand World.

As for Lin Jing, she covered her mouth as she yawned and lazily went to sleep. Judging from her state, she didn't seem to care about any dangers.

The night quietly passed.

On the second day, there still wasn't any movements from Mu Chen until the sun had. Generally speaking, ordinary people would be slightly relaxed at this sort of time. Thus, he chose to go out of the tavern, into the multitude of people and headed towards the city's outskirts together with Nine Nether and Lin Jing.

When he left the tavern, a feminine-looking youth on a building in the city had the faintest of a cold smile rising from the corner of his lips.

He waved his hand as he sent the maid that was massaging him off and stood up. His gaze was slightly cold as he looked towards the direction of the city gate.

"That a naïve brat, you think that you can escape from me this way?" He let out a ridiculing smile as he waved his hand. The black-robed elderly man then mysteriously appeared behind him.

"Elder Mu, it's time for us to act."

The black-robed elderly man lightly nodded his head. After that, the surrounding space around them rippled, and their figures gradually disappeared into the air.

When they left, in a courtyard in the city, the Heart Fairy Fox, who was embracing a snow-white fox, revealed an alluring smile.

"We'll have a good show to watch now." She lightly put the white fox down as she smiled towards her rear, "Let's go, we'll go spy on them. For some reason, I feel that Liu Ming will not succeed so easily this time."

Behind her, the ordinary-looking middle-aged man appeared. The two figures moved, and they disappeared.

Three waves of people quietly disappeared, exiting the city without alerting anyone...

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The dusk sunset hung on the horizon as the red light shone on the ground, giving a slight cooling temperature.

Whoosh.

Up on the dusk horizon, there was a hurried piercing sound of wind as three rays of light streaked across the horizon and flew towards the distance at a shocking speed.

They seemed to have executed their speed to the limit. Judging from it, it was as if they were being chased by something from behind them.

Their high-speed journey lasted for roughly half an hour, before they gradually slowed down. After that, the three of them landed on a mountain.

Mu Chen raised his head as he looked at the horizon behind him and suddenly revealed a smile. "The two of you have been sneakily following us for half a day now, aren't the two of you tired?"

"Haha, looks like you knew about us since long ago."

As Mu Chen spoke, a feminine-sounding voice followed after as it resonated between the heavens and earth. On a mountain peak not far away, space slightly distorted as two figures mysteriously appeared out of the sky.

It was Liu Ming and the black-robed elderly man, whose strength had reached Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, of the Sky Profound Palace.

His gaze was staring at Mu Chen in mockery and surveyed around, "You have truly found a pretty good burial site for yourself."

"How do you know it's not prepared for you?" Mu Chen lightly smiled as a chill rapidly gathered in his eyes.

"Looks like your pretty confident."

Liu Ming faintly smiled as he continued, "If you feel that the beauty with Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm could give you such self-confidence, I'm afraid that you will be disappointed."

Liu Ming extended his hand towards Mu Chen as he continued speaking, "Hand the Void Great Solar Fruit over to me, before I get thoroughly angered. If your attitude satisfies me, I might be able to let you go."

"Have you brought along the Undying Divine Leaf and the Nine Dragons and Elephants Art with you?" Mu Chen did not give him a reply as he shot back a question instead.

The smile on Liu Ming's face gradually faded as he stared at Mu Chen without any expression, "You have given up your only chance."

"You speak too much." Mu Chen smiled.

"Pfft." Lin Jing, who stood beside him, covered her mouth as she smiled, showing relentless mockery to Liu Ming.

"Elder Mu, you can act now." Liu Ming narrowed his eyes as the smile that hung on the corner of his lips gradually turned a little savage. "There's no need to be lenient."

Behind him, the black-robed elder slowly strode forth as he brought down both of his hands, which were previously plugged into his sleeves. At this instant, a chilled aura was being emitted from his aged face.

A terrifying Spiritual Energy gale swept from his body. The pitch-black Spiritual Energy swept between the heavens and earth. In an instant, the temperature in this region decreased. The black-robed elderly man's Spiritual Energy contained ripples of extreme chill.

The mountain peak that he stood on was gradually crumbling under the terrifying ripples of Spiritual Energy. Huge cracks started to spread throughout the mountain.

It was just mere Spiritual Energy pressure, and it had caused the mountain to crumble. The strength of a Fifth Grade Sovereign was actually so dreadful.

Looking at this scene, Mu Chen's gaze was slightly grave. This was the first time he was facing a Fifth Grade Sovereign. The power unleashed by him was truly exceptionally powerful.

Nine Nether, who was standing next to Mu Chen's side, had strode forth as a vast amount of Spiritual Energy exploded. Space distorted and, right above her, formed a colossal blackbird.

On the Blackbird, there were purple flames quietly blazing.

"Divine Beast?!"

When the colossal black bird appeared, Liu Ming and the black-clothed elderly man's expression trembled.

"No wonder why you had such confidence, so your true body is that of a Divine Beast." The black-robed elder looked at Nine Nether as he spoke with a hoarse voice.

Generally speaking, it was impossible for a Fourth Grade Sovereign to contend with a Fifth Grade Sovereign, there was a massive gap between the differences of one grade. But if it was a Divine Beast, things would be different. Based on the powerful physical body and natural advantage, mighty Divine Beasts were generally stronger than those of the same realm.

Liu Ming's brows were also furrowed at this instant as he strode a step forth and his eerie gaze was fixed on Mu Chen, "Elder Mu, you keep her tied up, I will deal with that kid."

The black-clothed elder nodded his head. Although the lady that stood before him was a little out of his expectations, the difference between them was a grade. Although it was a bit troublesome to kill the other party, it wasn't too hard to keep her tied up.

"I have not sensed any ripples of a Sovereign Celestial Body on you. So I believe that you have yet to refine your Sovereign Celestial Body yet, right?" Liu Ming stared at Mu Chen as he spoke with indifference.

Mu Chen did not give an answer.

"What a pity... that you will never have the chance to refine it." Liu Ming sighed with pity as he abruptly stomped his feet. In an instant, his gaze turned savage.

"But, before you die, I can let you taste the true might of a Sovereign Celestial Body!"

Boom!

Vast Spiritual Energy soared into the sky and covered it. Scarlet Spiritual Energies rapidly gathered around Liu Ming, and in the end, formed into a big scarlet image that was roughly a thousand feet in size.

The body of that figure was blazing with flames. Looking from afar, it was as if a lava giant had descended from the sky.

Along with it, the temperature in this region surged.

“Heavenly Flame Celestial Body!”

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The huge figure that stood on this heaven and earth, blazing with scarlet flames as though it was trying to melt the earth. A surge of indescribable blazing gale swept out as it wreaked havoc.

Liu Ming’s figure had already disappeared into the huge red figure. Once the Sovereign Celestial Body was activated, it would be the perfect defence that will shield you in it.

The Sovereign Celestial Body was the perfect offence and defence. This was also the reason why every Sovereign would chase after it so bitterly.

The scarlet figure slowly opened its eyes as flames blazed in it. At the same time, Liu Ming’s voice that contained killing intent resonated throughout the heaven and earth.

“Right now, do you feel despair?”

A Sovereign Celestial Body was too crucial to the fighting ability of a Sovereign expert. So when Liu Ming knew that Mu Chen had yet to refine his, he had thoroughly let down his guards.

The Sovereign Celestial Body that he had cultivated was called the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body, ranking in the 97th among the 99 Rankings of Sovereign Celestial Bodies. Although it was ranked towards the rear, it would be foolish to belittle it just because of that.

In the Great Thousand World, any of the Sovereign Celestial Body that could be on the 99 Rankings of Sovereign Celestial Bodies were all very powerful. After all, the method of refining Sovereign Celestial Bodies were all secrets to any forces, and would not be easily passed out. Thus, many Sovereign experts could only obtain cultivating methods to ordinary Sovereign Celestial Body. Some of them could only resort to the most usual way, refining a Sovereign Celestial Body from their own Spiritual Energy. In that case, their Sovereign Celestial Body wouldn’t possess any magical abilities.

Taking the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body possessed by Liu Yan, it requires his own Spiritual Energy along with the assistance of Heavenly Flames to successfully cultivate it after the perfect fusion between those two.

Some great Sovereign Celestial Bodies possessed the terrifying capability of surpassing the owner’s cultivating realm in battle.

Thus, when Liu Ming knew that Mu Chen had not cultivated a Sovereign Celestial Body, there was an unwavering outcome to this battle.

“Heavenly Flames Celestial Body...”

Mu Chen had his head raised up, his gaze was grave as he looked at the colossal scarlet figure that stood in between the heaven and earth. This Liu Ming was clearly not someone that only depended on his mouth, he also possessed mighty strength as well.

Relying on such a powerful Sovereign Celestial Body, he could be considered as excellent among the First Grade Sovereign Realms.

“Can you deal with it?” Nine Nether looked at Mu Chen as a strand of worries flashed across her eyes. She initially thought that Liu Ming had only cultivated an ordinary Sovereign Celestial Body. However, she never thought that this fellow would be able to refine the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body.

“You hold up that old man. Even if we fail, we can run.” Mu Chen said in a light voice.

“Be careful.” Nine Nether lightly nodded her head and did not speak anymore. Chill gathered on her slender eyes as her figure moved, she had directly appeared above the colossal blackbird and flew hastily towards the distance.

Seeing her actions, the black-clothed elderly man laughed, and his figure moved. The next time he appeared, he was right in front of Nine Nether. As his sleeves fluttered, gale swept up in this region.

When Nine Nether and the elderly man was facing off, Mu Chen had gathered all his attention onto the colossal red figure. This was the first time that he had relied on himself to fight with a genuine Sovereign expert.

“You be careful.”

Mu Chen gave Lin Jing a reminder as his figure flew out. He hovered in the sky as he abruptly stomped his feet, the space behind him distorted, and vaguely, a vast ocean could be seen. Within the sea, torrential purple flames were whistling in it.

“Let me give show you what a genuine Sovereign’s power is!” Liu Ming’s Sovereign Celestial Body extended its hand out as it pointed down with its finger.

Boom!

As that finger pointed down, space distorted and a scarlet pillar of few hundred feet shot out. That pillar of light was very starchy, as though it was lava as scarlet flames were blazing on it, seems to be very violent.

Liu Ming had only pointed a finger out, and that power had far surpassed an all-out attack from Ji Xuan back then!

This was the genuine power of those that had refined Sovereign Celestial Body!

Mu Chen raised his head as he looked at the incoming pillar of lava and inhaled a deep mouthful of air. His robe fluttered along in the wind as his expression abruptly turned cold and sharp.

He waved his sleeves, the space at his rear distorted as torrential purple light surged, a dazzling purple ray streaked out as it collided with the scarlet Spiritual Energy.

Boom!

The two clash instantly created an earth-shattering noise as Spiritual Energy gale swept out, cracks appeared on the earth beneath.

Up in the sky, Mu Chen still stood as the wind blew onto him, he was covered in brilliant purple light on the surface of his body as purple flames surged in his black pupils.

Relying on the power of his own Spiritual Energy, he managed to withstand Liu Ming's attacks.

"You're actually able to withstand my Heavenly Flames Spiritual Energy?!" a smear of shock flashed across the eyes of that huge scarlet figure. Clearly, Liu Ming had felt unbelievable on the results. The Spiritual Energy that he had cultivated was fused with Heavenly Flames and far surpassed ordinary Spiritual Energy. It was extremely overbearing, but it was blocked by Mu Chen.

"So there's something strange about your Spiritual Energy."

However, Liu Ming's eyes were keen as he saw the peculiar purple Spiritual Energy around Mu Chen. Those blazing purple flames were something that not even his Heavenly Flames could suppress.

Upon a mountain far away, two figure appeared. It was an alluring lady donned in white fox fur coat as she watched the confrontation far away. A smear of astonishment flashed across her eyes as she spoke in a light tone, "The Spiritual Energy of that youth seems a little bizarre."

"It must have been fused with a powerful flame." the middle-aged man that stood beside her spoke out in shock as he continued, "No wonder he dared to confront Liu Ming without refining any Sovereign Celestial Body, he does have some capabilities."

"It's still too early to determine the outcome. Liu Ming's Heavenly Flames Celestial Body isn't an ordinary Sovereign Celestial Body." The alluring lady smiled.

The middle-aged man nodded in agreement.

As the two of them spoke, Mu Chen's figure abruptly soared. In the next instant, he appeared before the colossal scarlet figure, on the location of its head. A scarlet ray soared up the sky as a surge of baleful aura spreads out.

"Not only did I withstand your Heavenly Flames Spiritual Energy, but I am also going to destroy your Heavenly Flames Celestial Body!"

The Great Meru Demonic Pillar appeared in that red flash as it expanded, sizing up to a hundred feet as it stood towering on the horizon, it was like an ominous object from the primordial times.

Mu Chen hugged the space as he had directly utilised the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. There wasn't a hesitation as he slammed it down on the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body, that dreadful energy even caused cracks on the space.

With Mu Chen's current strength, and adding on to the power of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar, that attack had already reached an astonishing degree.

Seeing that attack, even the two that was observing the battle from a distance away felt startled in their heart.

“Hmph!”

A cold snort came from the mouth of that scarlet figure. He clenched his fist as red flames swept out, turning into a red flaming long spear as it tore through the horizon along with a torrential ocean of fire, and heavily clashed with the Great Meru Demonic Pillar.

Boom!

The metallic collision that was as roaring as thunder rang out, the sound waves were like a tornado as it spreads out, sweeping up a violent gale in this heaven and earth.

Mu Chen’s figure was sent flying out. Every single step he took exploded the air, and when he was sent flying out, the colossal scarlet figure had also made a step back and crumbled a mountain.

“What fearsome energy.”

Far away, that middle-aged man couldn’t help exclaiming out. Clearly, he never thought that Mu Chen could rely on his own strength to contend with Liu Ming’s Sovereign Celestial Body to such an extent.

“What youth isn’t simple.” A smear of astonishment had also flashed across the eyes of the Heart Fairy Fox.

Blazing flames surged in the eyes of the colossal scarlet figure of Liu Ming, he stomped his feet as his massive figure flashed out similarly to lightning, creating cracks on the ground.

Blazing scarlet flames were like flaming clouds as it enveloped the horizon.

Evidently, Liu Ming had started to use the power of the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body.

He was already enraged by Mu Chen’s resistance.

“You’re impossibly foolish to intend to confront my Sovereign Celestial Body with your own strength!”

Liu Ming’s eerie voice was similar to the roaring of thunder as it resonated in the horizon. Shortly after, that scarlet long spear turned into illusions that covered the sky along with a blazing ocean of flames as it enveloped Mu Chen. Within a radius of a thousand feet was affected by that dreadful attack.

Looking at the earth-shattering amount of spear illusions, every single spear were like an actual object. The power contained in it could even topple mountains.

His gaze grew grave as he formed seals with both his hand.

Boom!

Lightning roars as brilliant lightning flickered on the surface of Mu Chen’s body. At this moment, his body had grown by a size as nine lightning runes appeared on his chest. Compared to before, it was even more refined as though it was an actual object.

“Let me give it a try...”

Lightning flickered on the surface of Mu Chen's body as his black pupils grew even colder and sharp. He licked his lips as an arc rose on the corner of his lips, filled with fighting intent.

"At how powerful is your Sovereign Celestial Body!"

Mu Chen hugged the space before him as he had directly hugged onto the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. He had charged out in this way without the slightest backing off as lightning, and purple flames swept out. Under that torrential flames, his figure was as tiny as an ant.

However, there was a clear fighting intent coming from him!

My first battle in the Great Thousand World will begin with you!

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Chapter 660: Fighting Liu Ming

Scarlet flames engulfed the horizon, even the sky looked as if it was about to ignite at this moment.

Under that sea of flames, the earth-shattering amount of spear illusions shot over. A violent blaze spread out in this region, making that attack extremely astonishing.

However, when faced with such an attack, Mu Chen showed no signs of retreating. He hugged the Great Meru Demonic Pillar through space and had actually charged out instead. Boundless purple Spiritual Energy soared into the sky as he waved the pillar.

Boom! Boom!

An earth-shattering commotion exploded in the sky. Mu Chen's figure was extremely tiny in comparison to the illusion of spears. The Great Meru Demonic Pillar was waved and destroyed all those illusions.

The sea of flames spread out.

Every single time he broke a spear illusion, he would be forced a step back. However, he did not make any signs of retreating. He made a head-on clash with them and left others astonished.

Down below, Lin Jing's mouth was widened as she watched the figure that was continually retreating, but was becoming even more vigorous under the fighting intent. Her gorgeous eyes were filled with astonishment.

That youth wasn't that much older than her, but his elated fighting intent seemed like it could never be suppressed or erased. That feeling he gave was as if he wouldn't retreat even with an immovable mountain before him.

The firmness of his heart left others in astonishment.

"That youth... I'm afraid that he will become a thorny figure in the future." The middle-aged man that was watching the battle suddenly opened his mouth.

"Although I am unsure of his background, I am certain that he has depended on himself to walk this far."

"Because those younger experts produced from the resources of the sects behind them wouldn't have such fighting intent and guts like him."

Hearing the judgement of that middle-aged man, Heart Fairy Fox lightly bit her alluring lips as she looked at the slender silhouette that had been continuously retreating and said in a soft voice, "His guts are pretty good. But based on that alone, it is impossible for him to defeat Liu Ming."

"The true might of the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body has yet to be unleashed."

The middle-aged man lightly nodded his head as he spoke in pity, "If that young man had a Celestial Body of its own, even if it was an ordinary one, Liu Ming would not be able to gain any advantage today."

Heart Fairy Fox nodded her head in agreement.

Boom!

The Great Meru Demonic Pillar heavily waved down as the dreadful energy shattered the incoming spear illusions. The impact from it made Mu Chen's arms tremble as blood flowed down from his palms.

He strode two-steps forth as he heavily stomped his feet, stabilising his figure. Lightning twisted on the surface of his body as it violently flickered.

He had a calm expression on his face, except that his gaze was grave. After going through the clash from before, he already learnt about how powerful the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body was. If it weren't for his Lightning God's Physique reaching Nona Rune Lightning Physique, it would be sufficient for him to be left heavily injured by this exchange alone.

But even so, the blood and aura in his body were rolling with uncertainty.

Up in the sky, the colossal blazing figure stood, Liu Ming was looking at Mu Chen as a chill flickered in his eyes. His gaze was somewhat a little dark.

Clearly, it was out of his expectations that Mu Chen could last so long with his own strength.

"No wonder your tone was pretty big, you have some capability." The blazing scarlet figure looked at Mu Chen as if it was looking at an ant as Liu Ming's eerie voice resonated with a thunderous roar.

Mu Chen maintained a calm expression as he raised his head looking at the oppressing colossal figure and smiled, "But your Sovereign Celestial Body isn't as fearsome as I had imagined."

"Really?"

There was a smear of mockery in Liu Ming's voice. He did not speak any further as he abruptly formed a seal with his hand. As the seal changed, the blazing flames that filled the sky started to gather towards his palm.

An extremely blazing ripple spread out.

"Why don't you give it another try?!"

A chilling light shot from the eyes of the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body as it abruptly waved its palm down. In an instant, heavenly flames spread out, causing the space to distort. A flaming palm that could nearly cover half the sky suddenly shot down.

“Heavenly Flames Blazing Palm!”

As he spoke out, the earth below crumbled. Mountains were levelled, and forests turned into ashes. The power of that energy had reached the limit.

Looking at the situation, Mu Chen’s face slightly changed as he abruptly retreated. Both of his hands swiftly formed seals, and in the next instant, he shook his sleeves as the earth-shattering amount of green light shot out, turning into spiky black trees on the ground.

“Divine Wood Scripture!”

Mu Chen barked in his heart as those spiky black trees turned into endless green lights as they soared into the sky, gathering towards Mu Chen as they formed into a green ocean that was filled with vitality.

“Divine Wheel of the Heavenly Wood!”

Mu Chen’s seal changed once again as the green ocean instantly spun at high speed, turning into a colossal green wooden wheel. Mu Chen pointed his finger down as the wheel emitted a buzzing noise and disappeared, drawing long black marks on the space before him.

Tsssss!

The rotation speed of the green wooden light wheel was indescribably swift, it had already appeared beneath the flaming palm in a flash and clashed without the slightest hesitation.

There wasn’t any noise from the instant of collision. The high speed of the wheel possessed extremely dreadful penetrative ability. In the moment of contact, it had already pierced through the flaming palm and advanced towards the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body.

“Scram!”

A cold bark resounded from the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body, the huge palm had directly shot out as it heavily clashed against the wheel with torrential flames.

Tsk! Tsk!

The deadlock made the flames of anger rise in Liu Ming’s heart. Mu Chen had blocked several of his attacks, it was a humiliation for him. His eyes were blazing with flames as black flames shrouded his body shortly after. It was like a flaming dragon as it wrapped the green wheel.

Boom!

Facing the violent attacks, the green wooden light wheel finally couldn’t hold up any longer and exploded, combusting into nothingness by the flames.

Boom!

Liu Ming did not give Mu Chen any chance to rest as he threw both of his fists out, scarlet flames swept and turned into two blazing dragons as they whistled towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen’s figure abruptly retreated again as boundless purple light shot out, an attempt to obstruct the scarlet flames. But they were combusted to like broken bamboos from the flames.

At this moment, Liu Ming had clearly thoroughly utilised the power of his Heavenly Flames Celestial Body.

Boom!

The speed of the fiery dragons was remarkably swift. Mu Chen dodged a few times, but could no longer avoid them. The flaming dragons flew as they heavily clashed against his body that was covered with Spiritual Energy.

Boom!

Mu Chen looked as if he had been heavily hit as he flew down and shot deep into the ground, causing the earth to crumble.

“Aren’t you very powerful? Why don’t you try another one?”

Seeing as Mu Chen was injured by him, Liu Ming revealed a cold sneer. He looked at the crumbled earth as killing intent flashed across his eyes. He did not stop his actions as he clenched his fist, causing a long flaming spear to form and with a rustle, it pierced through space towards the crumbled earth.

Whoosh.

However, before the spear shot into the crumbled earth, a figure suddenly appeared in the sky. She formed seals with her hands as boundless Spiritual Energy swept out, creating a massive water shield. On the water shield, there was a vortex spinning.

“Shield of Water!”

Boom!

The flaming spear massively shot onto the water shield as it instantly caused explosions of fluctuations, but the majority of the energy was devoured by the vortex on the water shield.

When the flaming spear faded, Lin Jing’s figure jolted as the water shield exploded. Clearly, that was the limit of it.

“Oh? Another one that has yet to refine a Sovereign Celestial Body. But at this point in time, I will no longer be tender on a beauty.” Watching the situation, Liu Ming eerily laughed as he waved his hand. Massive flaming spears formed again as they shot down.

Looking at the attack, Lin Jing clenched her teeth, but did not retreat. She inhaled a mouthful of air and opened her mouth. An azure flow of water was spat out by her and was emitting boundless Spiritual Energy fluctuations.

The river was incredibly bizarre, as though it was formed from spiritual energies, but at the same time, some fluctuations were similar to Divine Artifact being emitted...

The azure river spiralled around Lin Jing as though it was the most perfect defence.

Boom! Boom!

Flaming spears pierced the space as it continuously hammered the river again, causing splashes of waves. Suffering the dreadful attacks, Lin Jing's face was a little pale.

"Break!"

When the last flaming spear was devoured by the azure river, the river had dimmed down as it turned into a flow of water and returned back into Lin Jing's mouth.

She coldly raised her head as she looked at the Heavenly Flames Celestial Body and mocked, "Is that all you got?"

"I'll see how long you can last!"

Liu Ming sneered as killing intent surged in his eyes. Lin Jing's means was a little out of her expectation. But as he possessed a Sovereign Celestial Body, it wasn't something that they could contend against.

"Hmm?"

However, just when he was about to attack again, he suddenly narrowed his eyes as he shifted his gaze downwards, staring at the crumbled earth. There was an uneasy fluctuation coming from that direction.