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Chapter 751: Daluo Celestial Army

Apparently, Mandela was serious about the training she had mentioned. So, on the next day, when Mu Chen was inspecting the Nine Nether Troop reserve team, he saw a little girl wearing a black dress arrive by walking on the sky. Upon her arrival, she landed on a stone lion statue. With her tiny hands crossed in front of her chest, her golden eyes stared at him flatly.

"Greetings Master Dominator!" Mandela's sudden appearance had made the high authorities of Nine Nether Palace hastily bow. Even Nine Nether herself bowed to welcome Mandela.

Mandela gently nodded her head. Then, she directed her golden eyes towards Mu Chen and said, "Come with me."

Mu Chen put on a long face. He never would have thought that Mandela's way of life would be so swift and strict. She was actually going to do the thing she had discussed just yesterday, right now!

However, since Mandela had already come here herself, he naturally had to respect her. So, he told Nine Nether the whole story. When Nine Nether heard that Mandela was actually going to train Mu Chen in person, she could not help but show a glimpse of surprise in her eyes.

Since she had already stayed in the Daluo Territory for quite some time, she naturally knew that the Master Dominator was not normally approachable. For example, Mandela would not pay extra attention to her underlings.

So, it was needless to say that things like wasting time on training someone in person, well.....were extraordinary. Hence, the attention that the Dominator of Daluo was giving to Mu Chen was nearly unbelievable.

Nine Nether's beautiful eyes turned towards Mu Chen. Seeing his bitter face, she could not help but whisper, "Don't you take this undeserved gain for granted. Since the Dominator intends to train you, you should not turn down her good will."

To receive the teaching of a Sovereign with Earthly Sovereign class was a great fortune, one that countless people could only wish for. Thus, it was totally intolerable that Mu Chen was still showing a bitter look about this opportunity.

Mu Chen smiled helplessly. He knew that Mandela's teaching was invaluable, it was just that he could not adjust to her high social status right away.

Mandela did not say anything. After giving Mu Chen a look with her golden eyes, she turned around and stepped on the air to depart. Seeing this, Mu Chen greeted everyone and hastily followed her, leaving them with only their jealous looks to keep them company.

Swoosh.

In the high altitude of Daluotian, with a light stride of her tiny feet, she teleported a distance of 1000 feet. Behind her, Mu Chen had transformed into a streamer and followed hastily. However, no matter how much he increased his speed, he still could not surpass the petite figure in front of him.

It seemed that Mandela had noticed this, as she had slowed down her speed to position herself next to him, thus allowing them to travel side by side. In that sky, there were many powerful people that passed by from time to time. When these people saw the two of them, they quickly bowed and left. It was only after the two were in the distance, that these powerful people stared at Mu Chen's figure with a surprised look. Apparently, they were shocked by the fact that a puny commander like Mu Chen could travel side by side with the Dominator of Daluo!

Looking at Mandela, Mu Chen could not help but ask, "Where are we going?"

Mandela's golden eyes were fixated in front of her, and she did not answer Mu Chen directly, saying, "Among the younger generation in the North Territory, Liu Yan's strength is enough to be among the top five. From my estimation, he should be at Grade Four Sovereign right now."

She looked at Mu Chen and continued. "Do not compare Qin Bei's Grade Four Sovereign with Liu Yan. Qin Bei just borrowed the strength of the pill to break through. If he fought with Liu Yan head-on, he could not even last 10 rounds."

Mu Chen made a slightly more dignified face. He had fought Qin Bei before, so naturally he knew how tough he was. Even though he had used all of his tricks, Mu Chen barely defeated Qin Bei under the premise of being heavily injured himself. And now, Mandela was telling him that Qin Bei could not last 10 rounds against Liu Yan.

Although he knew that Liu Yan was no ordinary person, he never thought that he would be as strong as this! The young hall master of Xuantian Temple was indeed living up to his name.

"Right now, if you duel with Liu Yan, the chance of victory is extremely low."

Mandela was not reserved in her choice of words. Mu Chen only smiled in response. Although he was not afraid, it did not mean that he was an idiot. After all, he was still a Grade Two Sovereign right now.

The reason he could defeat Qin Bei was that he had borrowed the Great Solar Undying Body and the Nine Dragon Nine Elephant Art. However, even though the power of these was formidable, it did not mean that he could ignore the limitation of the grade. It was already unimaginable that he was able to defeat Qin Bei by surpassing his grade. If he wanted to defeat Liu Yan, who was even stronger than Qin Bei right now, it would require more than a miracle.

"All the participants of the Dragon-Phoenix Rift are outstanding people from the young generation of North Territory, and therefore, they are older than you. Thus, when you face them, this would be to your disadvantage," Mandela told him flatly.

Mu Chen nodded. In this type of battle, as long as a person fulfilled the requirements, nobody cared about his exact age. All of them would only look at the result, regardless of how beautifully the person fought.

"That is why, in this three months, you must raise your power to Grade Three Sovereign. Otherwise, no matter how many tricks you have, you won't go far in the Dragon-Phoenix Rift."

Mu Chen's mouth corner twitched. He just broke through to Grade Two Sovereign recently, and now he had to break through again, in such a short period as three months?! The difficulty of achieving this was extraordinarily high.

However, he also knew that Mandela's words were true. No matter how many tricks one had, their level of strength of spiritual energy was the most important thing. Without the vital support of spiritual power, even if he had the Great Solar Undying Body, he would only have a strong defense externally, not a strong offensive power.

"It seems quite hard," Mu Chen said honestly, while scratching his head.

"With me around, there will be nothing that is hard." Mandela turned her head, a smile emerging from that exquisite tiny face of hers. But, when Mu Chen saw that smile, it filled him with chilled sensations and made him shudder.

As the two talked, Mandela's speed gradually slowed down. When Mu Chen lifted his head, he saw a vast black mountain range. Mandela was bringing him directly to the most majestic black giant peak on the entire mountain range.

When Mu Chen's feet landed on that mountain peak, he instantly felt a hot sensation surge into his body, rising up from his sole. This feeling was like stepping on boiling lava.

However, when the hot sensation flowed into his body, Mu Chen was surprised to find that the hot sensation had actually turned into a string of spiritual energy that diffused into his body! Eventually, it then refined into the powerful spiritual energy that was now circulating in his meridians.

"What is this place?" Mu Chen asked, surprised.

Mandela did not answer, she directly walked towards the most central point of the mountain peak and stopped. When Mu Chen caught up with her, he saw a huge, hollow pit. Looking at the shape more closely, it was actually a volcanic crater!

Mu Chen stood on the edge of the volcanic crater. As he looked down, he could not help but gasp.

The volcano was extremely deep, but one could still vaguely see that, at its depths, was scarlet red lava. It was boiling wildly, releasing heat at an extremely high temperature. Under such conditions, when one breathed the air here, it would felt as if their organs were being ignited.

Mu Chen lightly knit his brows. The lava here did not seem normal at all. As he breathed in the hot air, he felt as if the spiritual power in his body was also becoming heated.

Normal lava could not make the spiritual energy have such a reaction. This volcano did not seem simple at all!

Just when Mu Chen's eyes sparkled with interest, Mandela suddenly grabbed his arm and jumped into the volcano crater. With a flash, the two appeared in the depths of the volcano.

The scarlet red lava was only 1000 feet away now. Suddenly, there was a scary surge of heat that swept towards them, instantly making Mu Chen's skin sting with pain. This situation made him quickly use his spiritual energy to protect his body.

Swoosh!

Then, Mu Chen suddenly heard another sound ring out. He quickly turned his head and his pupils shrank.

In the surrounding mountain wall, there appeared numerous black platforms. On those black platforms, were lines of black clothed silhouettes. At this moment, those black clothed silhouettes kneeled on one leg, facing in the direction of Mu Chen and Mandela, with respectful demeanors.

As Mu Chen stared at those mysterious silhouettes, he felt a shock in his heart. This was because he felt that every one of the silhouettes possessed a very strong Spiritual Energy fluctuation, meaning that all of these people had actually broken through to the Sovereign-Level!

"They are my most elite army of the Daluo Territory, the Daluo Celestial Army," Mandela said flatly.

Mu Chen took a deep breath of the air that was as hot as fire. So, this was the strongest and most mysterious army in the Daluo Territory! The number of people in this army might not be more than the Nine Nether Troop, but Mu Chen knew that, if these two armies fought, the Nine Nether Troop could be annihilated by a mere sweep of the Daluo Celestial Army's fighting spirit. This was because every member of the Daluo Celestial Army already possessed the power of a Sovereign-level!

If facing an army that was entirely made up of Sovereign Masters, even the powerful people at the level of the Condor King and the Spiritual Pupil King would not dare underestimate them.

Swoosh!

On the numerous black platforms, there were four lines of silhouette that rose into the air to appear in front of Mandela. They then bowed respectfully and said, "Greetings Dominator!"

These four people wore the same black clothes. Their expressions were respectful, but the Spiritual Energy fluctuation released from their bodies gave Mu Chen's heart a shock again. The strength of these four might even have reached the level of Grade 5 Sovereign! The Daluo Territory was definitely true to its name of being the top force of the North Territory!

"There are five commanders in the Daluo Celestial Army, and these are four of them. The remaining one is currently in seclusion," Mandela told Mu Chen with a smile. "And in the following three months, this will be your cultivation place."

The smile on Mandela's small face widened. In the direction that her tiny fingers pointed was special lava, its color so scarlet red that it terrified Mu Chen.

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Chapter 752: Spiritual Blazing Marrow

The red magma rolled in a frenzy in the volcano, and the terrifyingly high temperature was released in bubbling spurts, tearing spatial cracks within the volcano.

Mu Chen stared at the endless sea of magma for a moment as he swallowed in fear. It was impossible for ordinary magma to reach this level of terror.

"The Daluo Blazing Pool is connected to a Spiritual Energy Fire Pulse deep below the earth, so the magma contains powerful spiritual energy, and that high temperature is also caused by the burning of spiritual energy."

Upon hearing Mandela's words, realization dawned on Mu Chen, shocking him. The magma was burning with vast spiritual energy, so it was no wonder that it had such an overwhelmingly scorching temperature.

"You don't want me to practice my cultivation in the magma, do you?" Mu Chen seemed to understand something as his mouth twitched.

Mandela pursed her lips as she nodded slightly, causing Mu Chen's heart to freeze in terror. Even if he had the capability of a Second Grade Sovereign, it would still be torturous to rush into the sea of magma.

"The magma here is infused with spiritual energy and has the effect of strengthening the meridians. If you can refine your cultivation in the magma, the absorption efficiency of that power will be several times faster than that of the outside world."

Mandela pointed at the surrounding stone platform where the Daluo Celestial Army was and said, "See them? They suffer from the burning heat every day to cultivate, so they can be the most powerful army in Daluo Territory."

Mu Chen surveyed them and saw that although the people clad in black robes were flushed red because of the high temperature and were sweating profusely, no one chose to retreat. They sat cross-legged quietly, as firm as rocks.

Mu Chen did not see the slightest glint of giving up in their eyes.

To be a member of the most mysterious army in Daluo Territory, it was clear that it was not possible to be chosen without superior skill and fortitude.

Mu Chen nodded with a gasp. Such a powerful army, if utilized in the war with the Hundred Battle Territory, would definitely be invincible, but clearly, the Hundred Battle Territory was not worthy enough to warrant sending out the Daluo Celestial Army, which was Daluo Territory's ace.

One of the four leaders of the Daluo Celestial Army standing by suddenly spoke, and Mu Chen glanced over in surprise, as it was a lady who spoke. "Normally, our Daluo Celestial Army would practice on the stone platform here. Only some of the best in the army will be able to enter the Daluo Blazing Pool and hunt for the Spiritual Blazing Serpent."

The lady was dressed in black, and her figure was svelte yet curvaceous. She had delicate features, but her expression was frosty. This coldness was quite different from Tang Bing's. Tang Bing appeared cold but was actually passionate. The woman in black before him was cold inside out.

Mandela smiled and introduced her. "She's the third commander of the Daluo Celestial Army, Bing Xin."

Mu Chen clasped his hands together in respect for the frosty commander. Her power even in Daluotian would be sufficient to rank as a Lord, but she was willing to stay as a Commander in the Daluo Celestial Army...

Mu Chen acutely heard the unfamiliar terms in Commander Bing Xin's words and immediately asked, "Spiritual Blazing Serpent? What's that?"

Hearing his question, Bing Xin glanced at Mu Chen in surprise. She then looked at Mandela, and as the latter nodded slightly, she said, "The Spiritual Blazing Serpent is a special by-product of the Daluo Blazing Pool, but it is not exactly a real creature and it has no intelligence. It is the product of the fusion of spiritual energy and magma to an extreme degree."

A pale hand reached out from Bing Xin's sleeves and with a flick of her finger, a beam of spiritual energy light burst out, charging towards the sea of magma.

Boom!

The magma splashed with huge waves, and under the magma, a massive python about a 100 feet long and made of magma surged out. It was extremely ferocious. Magma trickled down from its body, and its scarlet pupils were full of destruction and fury.

With a violent swing of its tail, a magma pillar soared towards the sky, charging towards Mu Chen and the others as swift as lightning.

With a wave of her hand, a ribbon of spiritual energy swept out from Bing Xin's palm and destroyed the magma pillar. It then descended and tied the magma python securely, dragging it out from the sea of magma.

After the magma python was dragged a short distance away of Mu Chen, it exploded in Bing Xin's grip. As magma burst out in spurts, a crimson red light swept out, suspended in front of Bing Xin.

It was like magma flowing in the red glow of the light, but Mu Chen could clearly feel the blazing hot and pure spiritual energy fluctuations contained in it.

"This is the Spiritual Blazing Marrow." Bing Xin grasped the ball of red light and stated calmly, "This is of great benefit for cultivation, but it is a little painful to absorb."

"I'll lend you one to try." With a flick of her fingers, the Spiritual Blazing Marrow shot towards Mu Chen, but he caught it hastily. With a slight hesitation, he sucked it into his mouth.

As soon as the Spiritual Blazing Marrow entered his mouth, it immediately flowed down like magma. Mu Chen's face flushed almost instantly, as if he could smell the burning magma flowing through his meridians...

Mu Chen's spiritual energy flowed hurriedly, enveloping the pure and scorching magma spiritual energy. Channelling the Great Pagoda Art, he gradually refined the magma spiritual energy.

This cultivation lasted for ten minutes before Mu Chen slowly opened his eyes. He opened his mouth and spurted out a mass of white gas. When the white gas met the air, it burned.

"What an amazing Spiritual Blazing Marrow." Mu Chen's eyes lit up with surprise. After he refined the Spiritual Blazing Marrow, he could clearly feel the increase in spiritual energy, and most importantly, the body's meridians became more resilient after the absorption of the marrow.

If he could pair it with the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid and cultivate them together, it would achieve wondrous results.

"Of course it's amazing. This Spiritual Blazing Serpent is extremely difficult to capture. The previous one was only 100 years old, but its strength was comparable to that of a Third Grade Sovereign. In our army, there are not many people who are qualified to enter the Daluo Blazing Pool to capture one," Bing Xin said nonchalantly.

Mu Chen was shocked to hear this. Bing Xin had killed a Spiritual Blazing Serpent effortlessly, thus he had not expected its power to match that of a Third Grade Sovereign.

"You owe me a Spiritual Blazing Serpent." Bing Xin suddenly stared at Mu Chen, as she stated seriously, "I told you I was only lending you one to try."

Mu Chen was stunned, before nodding in exasperation. He did not expect the cold Commander to be so brutally direct.

"Since the Dominator allowed you to come here to practice your cultivation, you should be allowed to enter the Daluo Blazing Pool to hunt and kill the Spiritual Blazing Serpents, too. But in our army, only those who are Third Grade Sovereigns and above are qualified to enter the Daluo Blazing Pool," she said. "The rest of the people can only practice. With your ability as a Second Grade Sovereign... I'm afraid you are far from ready."

As she stared at Mu Chen, she pointed to the stone platforms around her, and without much politeness said, "So if you intend to stay here to cultivate, I suggest you stay on the platform to practice. Hunting Spiritual Blazing Serpents is not something you can do now."

On the surrounding platforms, many members of the Daluo Celestial Army glanced over. Their gazes held mirth in them, as they were very familiar with Bing Xin's personality. It looked like this boy, whom the Dominator brought over, was going to be schooled properly...

Mandela smiled and added, "Although I'm the Dominator of Daluo Territory, I have handed jurisdiction of the Daluo Blazing Pool over to them, so if they don't agree, I can't interfere."

Clearly, she wanted Mu Chen to earn the qualifications to practice here with his own skills.

Mu Chen was exasperated by how Bing Xin belittled him. He smiled helplessly and immediately looked down at the magma sea below. His eyes narrowed slightly.

Whoosh!

His figure suddenly flashed as he charged down, and with a blow of his palm, a brilliant rainbow of spiritual energy bombarded the waves of magma. With a roar, a Spiritual Blazing Serpent no less inferior to the previous one suddenly burst out and surged directly towards Mu Chen while he was in mid-air.

Around the stone platforms, many stared in surprise, apparently shocked at how Mu Chen dared to provoke this ferocious Spiritual Blazing Serpent.

"He doesn't know the severity of the situation." Bing Xin frowned slightly, as she thought Mu Chen's act was one of mere bravado to prove a point.

Mandela folded her arms across her chest, smiling calmly as she watched the scene unfold.

Boom!

Under the many gazes, a dazzling golden light burst out from Mu Chen's body. As a massive shadow of golden light formed behind Mu Chen, a huge golden palm landed a brutal blow.

A terrifying spiritual energy typhoon swept out.

Boom!

As the huge golden light palm landed, it gripped a Spiritual Blazing Serpent and with a firm grasp, the serpent exploded with a deafening boom, surging out in spurts of magma.

The faces of the soldiers of the Daluo Celestial Army twisted in surprise as they stared at Mu Chen in shock. Who would have expected that a boy ranked as a Second Grade Sovereign would have a such a strong combat power.

The massive palm of golden light lifted as a crimson red glow of light rose.

Mu Chen stood atop the head of the Great Solar Undying Body, and with a wave of his hand, the Spiritual Blazing Marrow landed on his palm. He lifted his head to glance at Bing Xin, whose expression had changed minutely, and with a flick of his fingers, the Spiritual Blazing Marrow shot towards her.

"Commander Bing Xin, I return this to you."

Standing atop the crown of the Great Solar Undying Body, Mu Chen's handsome features exuded a palpable charm under the glow of the crimson magma.

"Would I be qualified to cultivate in the Daluo Blazing Pool now?"

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Chapter 753: Hell Mode

Inside the fiery volcano, the red magma bubbled, releasing a terrifyingly high temperature. The gazes of the Daluo Celestial Army looked a little surprised, as they stared in unison at the young figure on the stone platform.

The rank of a Second Grade Sovereign was not at the very top in the Daluo Celestial Army, but even within their army, a top warrior with the rank of a Third Grade Sovereign would find it difficult to kill a century-old Spiritual Blazing Serpent so effortlessly, let alone a Second Grade Sovereign! The man who had been brought by the Dominator did possess some ability after all.

Many gazes flickered, but some of the teasing mirth in their eyes had diminished. The Daluo Celestial Army was the most powerful army in the Daluo Territory. All of their entrants were chosen after many trials, which shows they took extreme pride in their prowess, too.

Although Mandela was the Dominator, it was impossible to force them to accept a useless person among their ranks willingly. But now, Mu Chen had proven his own capability, making them finally understand what attitude they should treat him with: one of respect!

"Heh heh, he has great strength." Among the four Commanders, a strong, tall man looked at Mu Chen with amazement in his eyes, a smile on his face.

He was the second commander of the Daluo Celestial Army's Five Commanders, Commander Tie Shan. He had reached the pinnacle power of a Fifth Grade Sovereign. With his words, even the frosty Commander Bing Xin could not say anything to refute, for she was also astonished by the strength of Mu Chen.

"Don't underestimate him. In the Battle of Conquest, he's the one who defeated Qin Bei from Sorrowful Sky." Mandela remarked nonchalantly.

"Oh?"

The four Commanders were slightly shocked, as they had definitely heard Qin Bei's name, but did not expect him to have lost to the young man before them.

"Looks like there's finally a worthy commander amid the young commanders in the Daluo Territory." Bing Xin looked at Mu Chen, her words seeming to show her disdain towards the supposed Four Great Commanders in the Daluo Territory.

However, she was qualified to show this disdain. After all, Xu Qing's ability as a Third Grade Sovereign was nothing in the eyes of Bing Xin, who was a Fifth Grade Sovereign.

Mandela's golden eyes looked towards Mu Chen. She then said, "For the next three months, you will stay here to practice. After three months, if you want to leave, you will have to overcome the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array that I have laid out in this Daluo Blazing Pool. And, you must do this alone." If you fail to break through it, don't even think of coming out. I'll send someone else for the experience of the Dragon-Phoenix Rift."

"Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array?" Mu Chen froze, glancing at Bing Xin and the other commanders. He could see clearly that they, too, were shocked, as they stared at him with pity and doubt in their eyes.

"What's that?" Mu Chen could sense that it was not something good, but he could only grit his teeth and ask.

"That was an obstacle trial that the Dominator had personally set up. Generally speaking, if anyone in the army could overcome it alone, he or she would be qualified to be promoted to the role of Commander. However, only a handful of people have been able to break through it over the years." Bing Xin pursed her red lips, seeming to be gloating a little.

The corners of Mu Chen's mouth could not help but twitch, his thoughts starting to swirl in his mind...

So, this was the trial to select the Commanders of Daluo Celestial Army. According to his estimate, this so-called "Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array" was probably difficult to overcome, even by Fourth Grade Sovereigns. However, Mandela set this as a condition for him to leave, which seemed extremely harsh...

Even if there had not been any conflict between him and Mandela, Mu Chen would have still wondered if she was deliberately trying to toy with him.

"What? You don't dare?" Mandela's big golden eyes stared at Mu Chen. She then said meaningfully, "If you don't have the courage and confidence, then later, when you meet some of your competitors, I can hardly believe that you could have any chance of winning."

Mu Chen froze. As he looked at Mandela, he understood the hidden implications in her words. She had once told him that there might be other talented people in the world, who had also gained great opportunities to practice the Great Solar Undying Body. However, there was only one Primordial Immortal Body in the world, and if he wanted to succeed in the end, he would naturally clash with another opponent, who also had the same chance...

Mu Chen could only imagine how terrifying that kind of opponent would be, which was definitely unlike the kind of relatively easy competition he had met so far. Under the gaze of Mandela's golden eyes, Mu Chen nodded gently.

In this world, power was not so easy to obtain, and if one wanted to achieve something, they naturally had to give up something in exchange. Ordinary people could only see the dazzling trajectory of his take-off, but they never knew the hardships and training he had undergone in order to achieve those brilliant performances.

When the four Commanders, including Tie Shan and Bing Xin, saw that Mu Chen dared to agree, they couldn't help but be even more surprised. However, their eyes held a more relaxed gaze now, as they were also more than a little impressed by Mu Chen's courage. After all, not many people had the courage to rush into the "Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array"!

Mandela nodded contentedly, a rare smile appearing on her little face. "I'll wait for your good news then," she said. "These commanders will tell you how to practice."

As she finished speaking, she vanished in a flash. Her speed astonished Mu Chen and the other commanders, who all looked on in envy. They seemed as vulnerable as infants, standing in front of a Sovereign and the Earthly Sovereign.

Upon seeing Mandela leave, Mu Chen then turned towards Tie Shan, Bing Xin, and the other commanders. Clasp his fists in respect, he said, "In the next three months, I will have to trouble the four commanders."

Tie Shan smiled and waved his hand. Although he looked as strong as an iron tower, he was not stupid. It could clearly be seen via the tone Mandela and Mu Chen used in conversation that the two obviously shared a relationship that was not merely one between a high and mighty Dominator and a small Commander. Hence, he did not dare be too casual towards Mu Chen.

"Regarding the cultivation in the Daluo Blazing Pool, let Bing Xin explain to you in detail. If there is any problem, you can come to us at any time." Tie Shan smiled at Mu Chen, then at Bing Xin. The remaining three of them returned to the surrounding stone platforms to test the practice of the Daluo Celestial Army.

Bing Xin looked at Mu Chen with a cold stare. "I don't know what the relationship between you and the Dominator is, but since she placed you here, I will set the same requirements for you. Thus, you must adhere to the strict rules of the Daluo Celestial Army!"

Mu Chen smiled and nodded.

"How should I begin?" Mu Chen had no intention of bantering with the cold, beautiful lady and asked directly.

"I had intended to make you train like the other warriors of the Daluo Celestial Army, practicing on this platform. But, since you have the ability to deal with the Spiritual Blazing Serpent alone, then I will lead you to the deeper depths of the Daluo Blazing Pool, where you will continue to hunt down more Spiritual Blazing Serpents, obtain the Spiritual Blazing Marrows, and speed up your cultivation progress," Bing Xin said.

"In addition, the temperature inside the Daluo Blazing Pool is quite high. Hence, with your strength, you can only enter a thousand feet deep. If you reach deeper depths, you would hit your limit. Also, there are even more powerful Spiritual Blazing Serpents in there, which you are unable to handle with your current ability."

"There's even more powerful ones?" Mu Chen was shocked. This Daluo Blazing Pool was no benevolent place indeed!

"The Spiritual Blazing Serpent that you hunted before is only a hundred years old. The longer its life span, the more powerful it will be. This life span can be distinguished from the size of the Serpent, but the more powerful Serpents are known to be in the deep depths of the Daluo Blazing Pool," she said. "As long as you don't trespass, you shouldn't encounter them." Although Bing Xin was cold, she gave a detailed explanation to thoroughly answer all of Mu Chen's queries.

"Is it true that the more powerful the Spiritual Blazing Serpent is, the larger and purer the Spiritual Blazing Marrow is within the body?" Mu Chen smacked his lips.

The Spiritual Blazing Marrow that he had previously refined was only a century-old. If it were older, the effects of cultivation would have been better.

Bing Xin could not help but roll her eyes at Mu Chen. She thought that this guy was not very old, but his disposition was so arrogant! After all, of course everyone wanted to obtain a Spiritual Blazing Marrow in the body of a Spiritual Blazing Serpent that lived more than 500 years, or even thousands of years. However, one also needed to have a certain degree of skill before being able to do so!

Mu Chen could only laugh dryly at Bing Xin's obvious eye roll.

"Follow me. Since you are so confident, I'll take you to a good harvest." Bing Xin smirked, as she led Mu Chen to the deep depths of the Daluo Blazing Pool. Mu Chen hurriedly tried to keep up.

While they made their way, two streams of light skimmed over the abyss. As he got closer to the Daluo Blazing Pool, the temperature became more and more horrifying. Even with his strong physique, Mu Chen felt a faint tingling pain, which shocked him. After all, he had not yet even entered the Daluo Blazing Pool...

In the depths of the Daluo Blazing Pool, Mu Chen sensed the vastness of it. It was almost an entire sea of underground magma, the abyss around having been melted out like a complex terrain by the lava. The huge cavern had strange formations, like an elaborate labyrinth.

Mu Chen followed Bing Xin through the huge caverns. Then, after nearly ten minutes, the speed of Bing Xin finally slowed down.

Mu Chen also poked out his head from behind her. What he saw made his pupils shrink suddenly.

In front of him, there was still a sea of red magma, but on the sea of magma, the Spiritual Blazing Serpents were slithering and gliding, creating huge magma swirls.

Shrill hisses rang out from time to time. Roughly estimating, there were at least a hundred Spiritual Blazing Serpents. This vast quantity caused even Mu Chen's scalp to tingle in dread.

A smile appeared on the cold face of Bing Xin. She looked at Mu Chen, her slender hand gently waving an introduction. She smiled, saying, "Welcome to the Daluo Blazing Pool, Hell mode."

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Chapter 754: Torturous Magma Cultivation

Within the crimson magma, Spiritual Blazing Serpents slithered swiftly, stirring up streams of lava whirlpools. Hissing sounds could constantly be heard, unsettling people and making their scalps tingle in fear.

Under the circumstances, even with Mu Chen's focus, he could not help but look a little stiff. Judging from their size, most of the Spiritual Blazing Serpents were far from a century old, but even the remaining handful could not be underestimated.

Despite his seemingly effortless hunting and killing of a 100-year-old Spiritual Blazing Serpent previously, that was due to him completely exerting the full power of his Great Solar Undying Body.

Now, in the face of such a large number of Spiritual Blazing Serpents, even if he possessed the Great Solar Undying Body, it would prove to be extremely daunting.

"Isn't this a little too difficult?" Mu Chen smiled stiffly. He was confident, but not arrogant. He did not believe that he could easily deal with so many Spiritual Blazing Serpents by himself.

After all, these creatures were not made out of clay.

"The Dominator says you have only three months to practice here, so if you really want to challenge the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array in three months' time, you have to practice it this way." Bing Xin crossed her arms in front of her chest, and the soft fabric accentuated her curves. A teasing smile was on her face as she stared at Mu Chen.

"Of course, this is just a suggestion. You are the one who will make the choice."

The corner of Mu Chen's mouth twitched a little, and at this point, did he still have room to refuse?

Upon seeing Mu Chen's exasperated expression, Bing Xin smiled and said, "Alright, you can cultivate here. In the meantime, you can come to me if you meet with any problems."

After speaking, she turned and in a few breaths time, disappeared from Mu Chen's field of vision, leaving him standing there alone. He stared speechlessly at the scorching hot sea of magma.

Mu Chen smiled bitterly as he regained his composure. It was not his personality to grumble and complain, and since he was already there, no matter how torturous the cultivation process would be, he would persevere.

Phew.

Mu Chen took a deep breath of boiling hot air. The air went into his lungs like a flame, giving him a burning sensation. The burning pain began to cause his black eyes to turn sharp.

Mu Chen gazed at the crimson magma, and after a brief observation, he saw that there were many Spiritual Blazing Serpents in the lava. However, the distribution was not regular. There was an area where they were dense, and in some places, they were much less so.

With Mu Chen's current capability, it should be no problem dealing with Spiritual Blazing Serpents that were 200 to 300 years old, but once there were too many, he would be exhausted. Thus, before adapting to this location completely, he should start slowly, before delving in...

At this point, Mu Chen no longer hesitated. With a tap of his toes, his figure appeared like a specter in another corner of the magma. He hovered about ten feet in the air, then stepped cautiously above the sea of lava.

Hiss!

Just as Mu Chen had stepped into the magma, a dozen Spiritual Blazing Serpents slithering in the lava were immediately aware of his invasion. Immediately, the magma burst, directly turning into a huge lava rainbow, charging swiftly towards Mu Chen as fast as lightning. Its ferocious fangs were like flowing, burning lava, possessing a deadly force.

Mu Chen's expression remained calm as his body quickly manifested into its thundering form, and nine lightning runes emerged on his chest. Imprints of fists suddenly flashed out, and as thunder rumbled, ten beams of thunder and lightning swept out harshly, colliding head-on with the dozen serpents.

Boom!

The dozen Spiritual Blazing Serpents were far less powerful than the one that Mu Chen hunted before, and they were only a few decades old. Thus, their attacks did not seem to have much effect in Mu Chen's eyes. When the thunder swept out, these serpents exploded into bits of magma.

With a blow of his palm, a dozen Spiritual Blazing Marrows surged and were collected by him. His expression then turned solemn, as the fluctuations had spread, and beams of lava torrents flowed on the surface of the sea of magma. Under the torrents, ferocious Spiritual Blazing Serpents slithered menacingly.

Many of them were massive, and it was clear that they were at least a century old.

Crash!

Huge waves of magma rose into the sky, and the shrill hisses spread as the beams of fiery magma light penetrated the space and poured out towards Mu Chen.

In the face of this scale of attack, Mu Chen dared not have the slightest lapse in concentration. Focusing, he summoned the Great Solar Undying Body, and as it condensed, golden light surged as magma light beams bombarded the huge body.

Whoosh.

Although the attacks from the serpents were violent, the Great Solar Undying Body was not only astonishing in its defense, but also possessed the strength of the Daluo Golden Body, so the attacks only left scorch marks on the surface of the massive body.

At this time, the Great Solar Undying Body began the massacre. With a blow of a massive golden light palm, it directly penetrated the magma, grabbed the ferocious serpents, and squeezed them until they exploded.

Boom!

Under the Great Solar Undying Body, the sea of magma rolled in a tumultuous frenzy. As the waves rioted, hissing screams permeated the surroundings.

After summoning the Great Solar Undying Body, Mu Chen could easily kill the serpents that were merely a few decades old. Only the massive century-old serpents that could match a Third Grade Sovereign were left that were capable of resisting his attacks.

However, although these serpents were not intelligent, they had a geographical advantage and the advantage of being large in quantity, so that when the endless offensive attacks bombarded the Great Solar Undying Body, Mu Chen could also detect the rapid depletion of spiritual energy in his body.

Even the dazzling golden light surrounding the Great Solar Undying Body was gradually becoming dimmer.

Boom!

The massive palm of the Great Solar Undying Body penetrated directly into the magma as it grabbed a century-old Spiritual Blazing Serpent and tore it apart with a rip of his palms.

A crimson Spiritual Blazing Marrow flew out as Mu Chen, who was hiding within the Great Solar Undying Body, promptly collected it.

In just four hours, he had killed five century-old Spiritual Blazing Serpents and more than a dozen decades-old serpents.

Of course, the price to pay for such battle results was that the light of the Great Solar Undying Body began to gradually dim due to the extensive consumption of spiritual energy. Such a never-ending battle had exhausted Mu Chen's spiritual energy even more than the fierce duel between him and Qin Bei had.

However, Mu Chen did not dare to relax even in the slightest. He had to keep his spiritual energy running unreservedly, or he would lose utterly if his weak points were detected by the ferocious serpents.

Now the weaker serpents did not dare to come too close. Thus, most of the attacks on Mu Chen were from those that were at least a century old, and sometimes he even had to deal with more than eight serpents attacking him simultaneously.

The high intensity of the battle resulted in an exhaustion of spiritual energy that was gradually overwhelming Mu Chen.

Within the Great Solar Undying Body, Mu Chen's face was pale. At the current rate of consumption, the spiritual energy in his Sovereign Sea would be completely exhausted within an hour.

Under normal circumstances, when spiritual energy was consumed to this extent, the strategy was to get out of battle as soon as possible, find a quiet place to regain one's powers, and then continue fighting.

However, Mu Chen's dark eyes grew more and more scorching, and he did not seem to have any intention of retreating, for he could feel that the spiritual energy of his body was becoming unusually active.

Constant fighting, constant consumption of spiritual energy—this was the most energetic manifestation of spiritual energy.

The more one felt he was at its limit, the more one could not retreat!

As soon as he clenched his fist, he saw red balls of light suspended in front of him, all the Spiritual Blazing Marrows that he had acquired. He stared at them and without any hesitation, opened his mouth and swallowed them.

Cultivating and refining the Spiritual Blazing Marrows would bring a scorching pain to one's body as if being burned by fiery flames, thus people would find a quiet place to cultivate it under normal circumstances. People like Mu Chen, who dared to cultivate it directly in a battle, were few and far between.

Boom!

Just as Mu Chen absorbed the Spiritual Blazing Marrows into his body, his face and entire body flushed red as if he were burning up.

Spiritual energy as hot as magma flowed wildly through his meridians. Excruciating pain burned the meridians, causing Mu Chen's face to twist in distortion. He clenched his teeth, and streaks of blood seeped through them, but he had no intention of stopping.

While summoning the Great Pagoda Art to cultivate and refine the scorching magma-like spiritual energy in his body, Mu Chen controlled the Great Solar Undying Body to avoid the fierce attacks.

Blood spurted out from his mouth, but he smirked as the heat in his eyes grew more and more intense.

He was wild and persistent, for he felt a majestic and vast spiritual power developing in his body.

At the same time Mu Chen fell into the endless struggle, on that stone platform there was a light screen displaying the scene as the Great Solar Undying Body dimmed and fell into a frail struggle.

Bing Xin, Tie Shan, and the other Commanders, as well as the soldiers of Daluo Celestial Army, looked up at Mu Chen, who was engaged in a bitter battle, as their mouths curled.

"What a reckless fellow. Judging from the scenario, I'll have to save him later. He truly doesn't know the gravity of the situation, and is still not retreating at this point in time," Bing Xin stated in displeasure. Originally, Mu Chen could have had sufficient spiritual energy to rush out of this encirclement, but he did not retreat. Now, he was entangled by more Spiritual Blazing Serpents. According to the

circumstances, there was only one fate awaiting Mu Chen. When he had exhausted his spiritual energy, he would be torn to pieces by the serpents.

The other three Commanders nodded in agreement as they thought, this Mu Chen did not seem like the reckless kind... Why would he commit such rash actions?

Bing Xin glanced at the Spiritual Energy Screen once again as she shook her head in disappointment and was about to make a move. However, just as she took a step, low gasps of astonishment spread amid the onlookers on the stone platform.

She lifted her head abruptly before narrowing her cold eyes.

In the encirclement of the Spiritual Blazing Serpents, the Great Solar Undying Body, which had lost its glow, suddenly burst with dazzling light, shining brilliantly.

An even more magnificent wave of spiritual energy erupted like a volcano in that massive body.

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Chapter 755: The Great Hunt

On the stone platform, many soldiers of the Daluo Celestial Army looked at the Spiritual Energy Screen in front of them in amazement. On the screen, the Sovereign Celestial Body, which had dimmed, due to the depletion of spiritual energy, was once again projecting a bright golden light.

Moreover, anyone could feel that the spiritual energy fluctuations that were flowing out from the Sovereign Celestial Body were more powerful than they had been before.

"How could his spiritual energy have been restored?" Someone gasped in astonishment.

"He's cultivating the Spiritual Blazing Marrow in battle." Surprise flit across Commander Tie Shan's face, as he spoke the words solemnly.

"What?"

Upon hearing this, even Commander Bing Xin was stunned. The soldiers of the Daluo Celestial Army around him were equally stunned, as they were extremely familiar with the Spiritual Blazing Marrow.

They understood that, when one was absorbing and refining it, the body had to endure so much burning pain during the process, that it was most common to look for a quiet and safe place for cultivation. Hence, they could not even think of such a bold act as attempting to cultivate it amid a battle! After all, no one had the skills or the confidence to be able to endure the burning pain, while also maintaining an unwavering fighting spirit.

"Isn't that too daring?" Many of those gathered could not help but mutter, as they looked at the bright golden silhouette on the Spiritual Energy Screen, glints of admiration in their eyes. No matter what, this young fighter's courage was admirable. And, most importantly, he had actually succeeded...

Bing Xin's originally tense expression relaxed gradually. The young man named Mu Chen, who was so valued by the Dominator, did seem to stand out from among the others.

Originally, she had great doubts about whether or not Mu Chen could overcome the "Nine Flaming Dragon Array" in three months. However, after seeing this fellow's reckless abandon throughout his cultivation process, it was hard to determine how things would turn out.

Along with the many people on the stone platform, who were amazed by the sudden restoration of spiritual energy in Mu Chen, Mu Chen himself was as surprised as them! His surprise stemmed from the fact that he could feel the mighty spiritual energy inside him.

The strength of the spiritual energy was stronger than it had been before. It was obvious that his spiritual energy had reached a breakthrough.

There was a significant distance required to breakthrough to the rank of a Third Grade Sovereign. In normal circumstances, it would take a long period of time and many hours of practice to be able to achieve this kind of refinement. However, it only took a few hours for Mu Chen to attain that level now.

In such a high pressure situation, it only served to make Mu Chen stronger. This revealed the truth that the more dangerous the challenge was, the more it could inspire one's potential. Hence, although danger lurked everywhere in the Daluo Blazing Pool, it brought about great benefit to cultivation.

Mu Chen's dark eyes grew sharp, as a valiant aura surged in his heart. He had experienced countless life-threatening battles in his journey thus far, so this small Daluo Blazing Pool was not going to stop him in his tracks!

Mu Chen laughed. Then, a golden light swept through the Great Solar Undying Body. A golden palm emerged, carrying the terrifying power of crashing mountains and overwhelming the two Spiritual Blazing Serpents. As they fell back, they emitted shrill shrieks of agony.

Boom!

It was at this time that the Great Solar Undying Body stepped directly into the crimson red magma, and the golden light swept across madly towards the Spiritual Blazing Serpents. His current attacks were even more ferocious than his prior assaults, as waves of magma splattered everywhere violently. The serpents that were encircling him now rioted in panic, as each time the golden giant fist of light landed, a serpent was blown to pieces.

However, these Spiritual Blazing Serpents lacked intelligence, so they did not have the capability to show or feel true fear. Yet, Mu Chen's murderous intent had triggered their combat desire. With shrill hisses, the serpents charged out incessantly, unafraid of death.

Amid the red magma, a massive golden silhouette waved its giant fist, the golden light it emitted carrying violent and unmatched spiritual energy as it swept across the arena. Then, from within the magma, ferocious Spiritual Blazing Serpents rushed out in a frenzy.

The magma rolled in tumultuous waves, due to the chaotic massacre. The raging battle caused even the veteran warriors of the Daluo Celestial Army to be dumbfounded.

Despite Mu Chen having restored his spiritual energy by cultivating the Spiritual Blazing Marrow, he could not continue fighting indefinitely. This was because, even though his spiritual energy could be restored, human vigor could not be recovered by relying on external materials.

Thus, when the insane battle lasted for a whole day, the Great Solar Undying Body, who was surrounded by Spiritual Blazing Serpents, suddenly burst out of the magma territory in a brilliant flash. As golden light flashed about, a figure took the distracting opportunity to hide inside a nearby cave.

As soon as Mu Chen went into the cave, he sat down cross-legged immediately. His face was deathly pale and his expression was thick with exhaustion. The high intensity of the battle had almost completely exhausted his energy. If not for his strong willpower, he would have passed out long ago.

Although he was done battling at the moment, he had no time to rest, as now was the best opportunity to practice his cultivation. With a wave of Mu Chen's hand, a bright red Spiritual Blazing Marrow hovered in front of him. As he held it gently, a sparkling jade bottle appeared in his hand.

From the bottle, a small, clear stream flew out, winding and tangling around Mu Chen. The stream was filled with the purest form of spiritual energy. Now, both the Spiritual Blazing Marrow and the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid were ready!

Sitting cross-legged, Mu Chen used his hands to conjure up several seals rapidly. As he did so, he closed his eyes in exhaustion. He then entered the state of cultivation, his mouth opening and closing in order to absorb the Spiritual Blazing Marrows and drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid.

Mu Chen's originally expended spiritual energy fluctuations slowly awakened in his body, becoming stronger and condensed. It was a great success! During the following month, Mu Chen's cultivation continued in this same constant cycle.

Meanwhile, amid the crimson red magma, turbulent waves and chaos emerged every day. Golden light pervaded the area, as the huge golden figure behaved like a tireless fighting machine, battling nonstop with the incessant Spiritual Blazing Serpents.

With every battle, he would persist until his energy reached its limit. He would then drag his tired body out of the magma territory, returning to the depths of the cave to continue cultivating. Mu Chen's cultivation was so insane, even the warriors of the Daluo Celestial Army, who were no strangers to constant cultivation, were shocked at his intense determination.

The young man looked warm and kind on the surface, but they had never expected him to possess such a high degree of persistence and stubbornness! However, this is what moved them to respect him.

Even Tie Shan, Bing Xin, and the other Commanders of the Daluo Celestial Army were shocked by Mu Chen's performance this past month. At the same time, they sighed, as they now understood why this young man was so valued by the Dominator.

In fact, Mu Chen's improvements were astounding. He had put in an immense effort, and during a short period of just one month, the spiritual energy in his body had become increasingly powerful. Although he was still unable to attain a breakthrough, it was still twice as powerful as it had been a month ago. Mu Chen's combat resilience also had greatly improved!

In the beginning, he had tried his very best, only to last most of a single day. However, after a month, he was able to persist in combat for nearly two days at a time!

And, with every new day of battle, his body began to gradually adapt to the cruel scorching environment of the Daluo Blazing Pool. Now, as he inhaled its hot air into his body, it brought a warm feeling of comfort instead of a sense of scorching, menace.

Also during in this month, countless of decades old Spiritual Blazing Serpents had been hunted down and killed by Mu Chen, many of which were centuries old. In fact, the body count had reached a staggering triple-digit count thus far!

Following these battles, the arena where the Spiritual Blazing Serpents had gathered had almost been entirely cleared by Mu Chen. The current sparse, shabby environment before him now was nothing like the spectacular gathering that had been held here just a month ago.

Although the Spiritual Blazing Serpents were not intelligent, they could sense the blood from their own kind flowing in this magma arena. This mixture of their own kind's blood mixed with the lava made them realize that this was a very dangerous place.

Thus, as they fled to escape the obvious danger, the number of Spiritual Blazing Serpents in the area rapidly decreased. Then, a month later, Mu Chen discovered that all of the creatures had escaped entirely. There was not a single serpent left for him to hunt.

On a rock that was protruding from the magma, Mu Chen stood still, his eyes surveying his surroundings. From this vantage point, he could not see any prey, which made him purse his mouth helplessly, before mumbling to himself.

"The spiritual energy in the Sovereign Sea seems to be reaching its saturation point..."

Mu Chen looked down at his palm. His hands clenched slowly. Feeling the surge of spiritual energy flowing in his body, he could not help but grin.

But, then he frowned, as he could feel that the growth of spiritual energy in his body had begun to stagnate. He soon realized that, no matter how much he refined the Spiritual Blazing Marrow and the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid these days, it was getting harder to allow the spiritual energy to increase.

It was obvious that he had reached the spiritual energy bottleneck. As such, he was no longer able to use the same methods to achieve the same results as he had previously.

His eyes shone sharply, as he stared at the crimson red sea of magma, licking his lips. It was a tough pill to swallow, knowing this The Spiritual Blazing Marrow was no longer enough for his cultivation.

If he wanted to break through this bottleneck, he knew that he needed a stronger Spiritual Blazing Marrow. He also knew that this level of Spiritual Blazing Marrow, one that lasted for several years, would only appear in the deepest depths of the the Daluo Blazing Pool.

However, the extreme temperature of the magma in those deepest depths was absolutely harrowing. It was so terrifying, in fact, that even powerful figures like Tie Shan, Bing Xin, and the other Commanders dared not face it.

However, this was not enough to stop Mu Chen. He raised his head and smiled. He could feel the fluctuations of spiritual energy there. Bing Xin and the others were also paying attention to it. He took a

deep breath. Then, without hesitation, he transformed into a stream of light, charging straight into the sea of magma.

Splash.

Magma sputtered and raged wildly. Mu Chen had leapt into the Daluo Blazing Pool! On the stone platform, Commander Bing Xin and the others could only watch and look at each other, speechless!

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Chapter 756: The Change in Role

Splash.

When Mu Chen rushed into the crimson magma, the terrible temperature burst into a frenzy. Even though he had pushed the Thunder God Physique to the extreme and protected his body with his spiritual energy, the temperature still caused bursts of burning pain on his skin.

Whoosh.

Mu Chen transformed into a shadow that tore the thick, viscous lava apart. He surged quickly into the depths of the magma, and though he knew it was a very dangerous thing to go deep into the Daluo Blazing Pool, he could not get a high return without taking high risks. In order to advance to the rank of a Third Grade Sovereign, he had to try, no matter how dangerous it was.

In the magma, groups of roaming Spiritual Blazing Serpents could be seen. Mu Chen did not want to get entangled with them, so he carefully avoided them and went deeper.

In a short period of time, Mu Chen reached a depth of 1,000 feet in the Daluo Blazing Pool. The magma had hints of purple hues because the temperature was overwhelmingly high.

Even Mu Chen's Thunder God Physique could not withstand that degree of heat.

Phew.

Taking a deep breath, Mu Chen focused, and a dark purple flame emerged from the surface of his body, forming a fire membrane that enveloped his body.

That terrible heat instantly weakened.

The dark purple flame was, of course, the Unperishable Flame. Although the temperature in the Daluo Blazing Pool was extremely high, it was difficult to penetrate the protection formed by the Unperishable Flame. This was why Mu Chen had to cultivate it despite not activating it, though it was suitable for hunting and killing Spiritual Blazing Serpents with longer lifespans.

Whoosh!

With the help of the Unperishable Flame shielding him from the surrounding high temperature, Mu Chen's speed skyrocketed. In just a few minutes, he went to a depth of 2,000 feet. The spiritual energy contained in the lava was so powerful and violent that some of the magma even solidified and floated in the molten magma like red ice cubes.

Most oddly of all, it was as if a vacuum had been formed surrounding the solidified magma, and no lava could trickle in.

Mu Chen fell on a giant magma platform as he felt the pressure instantly disappear. The feeling was as if the solidified magma rocks perfectly counteracted the pressure and heat deep in the Daluo Blazing Pool.

"What an amazing place indeed."

Mu Chen stomped his feet, but the giant magma rock remained motionless. He could not resist letting out a sigh of admiration. The Great Thousand World was so vast, it was filled with all kinds of wonders indeed.

Mu Chen surveyed his surroundings as he murmured in doubt, "Why haven't I seen a Spiritual Blazing Serpent yet?" He found that he did not seem to see any serpents at this depth, which was quite different from the situation above, where it was teeming with serpents.

As Mu Chen stared blankly, a solidified rock of magma not far from him exploded, and a giant serpent tail tore through the magma, smashing down hard on Mu Chen's head.

The sudden attack caused Mu Chen's face to twist as he swiftly leapt away.

Crash!

The serpent tail plummeted down brutally, blowing the giant magma rock to pieces. Mu Chen was swept away by the aftershock as the impact forced him to stagger back dozens of steps. He then hurriedly stabilized his body.

He looked up with a somber expression and in the magma, a huge Spiritual Blazing Serpent slithered, larger than any he had seen before.

"Impressive fellow. He must be at least 400 hundred years old!"

Mu Chen gasped. The size of the Spiritual Blazing Serpent was two to three times bigger than that of the century-old serpents.

A Spiritual Blazing Serpent with this lifespan was no weaker than Qin Bei.

This was a tough guy to handle.

Hiss.

The ferocious python stared savagely at Mu Chen and immediately, it opened its huge mouth, and a beam of red magma light hurtled towards Mu Chen.

The spiritual energy this beam of magma light contained was unparalleled compared to the serpents that Mu Chen had encountered, thus he did not dare to have the slightest lapse in concentration. A surge of golden light burst out as the Great Solar Undying Body was summoned.

Bang!

The golden light palm clashed with the beam of magma, and a terrible wind raged, shattering the surrounding massive suspended magma rocks.

Mu Chen's figure appeared around the Great Solar Undying Body's head, and his eyes stared sharply at the fiercely attacking Spiritual Blazing Serpent. He conjured seals as the Sovereign Sea emerged behind him with the roar of dragons and elephants reverberating.

Whoosh!

Twin dragons and twin elephants flew out as they condensed into a Dragon Elephant aureole. Mu Chen pointed his finger, and the aureole pierced through the void space with a whoosh.

Mu Chen had called upon the most powerful Nine Dragon Nine Elephant Art immediately, as he understood how formidable this Spiritual Blazing Serpent was. Thus, he did not need to make any redundant tests of strength.

Hiss!

The Spiritual Blazing Serpent let out a skyward roar, and its scales stood as if it were aware of the deadly danger.

Boom!

A red aureole continuously burst out of the Spiritual Blazing Serpent's body as if it were a tangible substance. Its appearance was a layer of protection guarding and surrounding the serpent.

Judging from this alone, the power of the Spiritual Blazing Serpent was far greater than that which he had encountered before. After all, Mu Chen had not seen other serpents execute such a powerful defense.

However, Mu Chen was very confident of the Nine Dragon Nine Elephant Art, as even Qin Bei was defeated by it. He did not believe that a Spiritual Blazing Serpent, which did not possess any intelligence, could withstand it!

Whoosh!

The Dragon Elephant aureole appeared above the Spiritual Blazing Serpent. Under the high-speed rotation, it seemed to have the power to brutally tear everything apart. Coupled with the power of the dragon and elephant, it was practically unstoppable.

The Dragon Elephant aureole surged past with a whoosh and in the blink of an eye, the layers of red aureoles around the Spiritual Blazing Serpent were destroyed and exploded as a shrill screech rang out.

Mu Chen glanced over as the ferocious Spiritual Blazing Serpent was severed in two at the waist. He grinned as he saw the success of such a powerful move, using the Nine Dragon Nine Elephant Art. No matter what it was, it would be annihilated.

Boom!

However, before Mu Chen could completely relax, the Spiritual Blazing Serpent, which had been severed in two, had once again opened its ferocious mouth, and a raging red pillar of light shot forward, enshrouding Mu Chen.

Crash!

The Great Solar Undying Body crossed its arms as it blocked the scarlet pillar of light with its massive body, but cracks appeared on its arms.

Mu Chen's mouth twitched. He did not expect the Spiritual Blazing Serpent to be so resilient as it put up such a resistance despite being severed.

"No matter what, I will get your Spiritual Blazing Marrow." Mu Chen scoffed coldly. He did not believe that this severed Spiritual Blazing Serpent was capable of more tricks.

Hiss!

However, just as Mu Chen was preparing to deal the fatal blow, the Spiritual Blazing Serpent did not charge forward mindlessly. Instead, it turned and ran away, which startled Mu Chen. Apparently, he did not expect that the serpent, which had lived for 400 years, was not only strong but also knew when to escape, which was quite different from those he had encountered before.

Mu Chen focused, and the Great Solar Undying Body gave chase. It had been rare to encounter such a precious Spiritual Blazing Serpent, and he would not let it escape at any cost.

Boom!

However, the moment his body moved, his hair suddenly stood up. A sense of unutterable danger came to mind, and it was this feeling that brought the Great Solar Undying Body to an abrupt halt.

Crash!

In the depths of the magma, a red shadow sprang out at an indescribable speed, wrapped directly around the Spiritual Blazing Serpent, and thrust a scarlet red needle into the serpent's head.

The Spiritual Blazing Serpent struggled frantically, but in just a few moments, its huge body became shrivelled, as if all the blood had been sucked out of it.

Mu Chen stared shell-shocked at this scene as he lowered his head stiffly, only to see a massive crimson snake scorpion loitering in the depths of the magma.

The crimson snake scorpion had a scorpion-like head, but its tail was a serpent's tail, and on the tip of the tail there was a shimmering scorpion thorn. A terrible spiritual energy fluctuation emanated from its body.

The power of the fluctuations was so much stronger than that of the 400-year-old Spiritual Blazing Serpent.

Gulp.

Mu Chen swallowed in fear as his palms turned cold. He did not expect the depths of the magma to unexpectedly hide such a horrifying snake scorpion. No wonder there were no Spiritual Blazing Serpents in this area!

The cold, ruthless eyes of the crimson snake scorpion turned at this time, and then landed on Mu Chen. There was no intelligence in those eyes, but there was pure murderous intent and fury.

Mu Chen took a deep breath and in the next moment, the Great Solar Undying Body below his feet dissipated as he retreated swiftly like a specter.

This crimson snake scorpion had a terrifying strength that he could not resist at all, and Mu Chen knew that if he did not escape, he would probably end up exactly like that Spiritual Blazing Serpent.

Although he lamented dearly the loss of the 400-year-old Spiritual Blazing Marrow, it was clear that his life was more valuable.

Mu Chen desperately tried to escape. He had intended to flee upwards, but the pieces of suspended solidified magma became his biggest obstacle, so he had to give up and run in a straight line.

As he was running for his life, Mu Chen looked back. This glance caused him to break out in a cold sweat, for he saw the mysterious snake scorpion surging across the magma in hot pursuit.

Clearly, this massive fellow did not intend to let his prey escape!

"A**hole!"

Mu Chen gritted his teeth and cursed. He did not expect to become the prey instead, as he was originally there to hunt and kill Spiritual Blazing Serpents...

Whoosh!

Mu Chen pushed his speed to the extreme and began to flee frantically, but behind him, the terrifyingly formidable crimson snake scorpion followed closely.

Murderous intent emanated from the depths of the magma as the roles of predator and prey quietly changed.

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Chapter 757: Huo Mei'er

Boom!

At the bottom of the glowing-red magma sea, the lava rocks were burst by a forceful speed, and a loud bang could be heard. A shadowy figure, who was surrounded by a dark purple flame, flit across rapidly.

Not far from behind where the lava rocks had cracked open, a vast, hideous crimson scorpion burst forth from the flowing stream of magma, chasing to catch up to the shadowy figure at an alarming speed.

Although it had a massive body, it was moving as fast as lightning, sending chills down the spines of all present. It was, of course, none other than Mu Chen and that mysterious scorpion, who were the ones fleeing and chasing respectively.

At this point in time, Mu Chen had an utterly sad face. He did not think that he would be so unlucky as to have stomped directly into the territory of this mysterious scorpion, especially immediately as he entered the Daluo Blazing Pool.

Judging on the situation, hunting down those spiritual blazing serpents was out of the question now. At this point, Mu Chen would be lucky just to not get himself hunted down by this mysterious scorpion.

"I have to get out first!"

Mu Chen gritted his teeth and sped up, as he could feel the massive presence behind him. He realized that the mysterious scorpion was not something that he could compete with.

Hiss!

Even though Mu Chen sped up, the mysterious scorpion was not in a hurry to catch up anymore. Instead, it let off an easygoing hissing sound, implying that it had complete confidence in its inevitably having Mu Chen as its comfort food in the net regardless.

So, the man and the scorpion flit across the Daluo Blazing Pool swiftly. Along the way, they met numerous spiritual blazing serpents, but the snakes escaped, as soon as they sensed the immense pressure from the mysterious scorpion behind them. Seeing this scene freaked Mu Chen out even more, as this scorpion was obviously not an ordinary scorpion.

Why did he provoke such a powerful lord, as soon as he came?

Mu Chen felt like weeping. But, before he could even have a chance to pity himself, a sharp whistling from behind sent all of his hair standing on end.

As he took a glimpse out of the corner of his eyes, a reflection flashed upon him. Part of the scorpion's stinger was flickering coldly behind him, and he could feel pins and needles all over his scalp.

Mu Chen clenched his fist and beamed out Great Meru Demonic Pillar. He swung his hand from behind, colliding his fist with its stinger.

Dang!

A sound that seemed like a collision between two metals was heard. An intimidating force was coming straight at him, causing him to spit blood, leaving a blood trace that could be seen at the corner of his mouth. The brutal force from the collision flung his entire body outward.

"This fellow has at least the power equivalent to a Grade Six Sovereign!" Mu Chen exclaimed, as he was shocked by the injuries that he sustained from this random exchange of blows. The ability of this mysterious scorpion was considered to be first-class among the princes in this Daluo territory.

Throughout the previous exchange, Mu Chen had come to an understanding of the combat capacity of this mysterious scorpion. He dared not have any close contact with it anymore. Thus, with the help of the previous thrust, he sprinted out even faster.

Yet, the scorpion continued to follow him closely. No matter how fast Mu Chen went, he just could not shake it off.

Over time, Mu Chen looked even more depressed, as he noticed that the scorpion seemed to be toying with its prey. Apparently, it was waiting to exhaust all his energy before it finally preyed on him.

His eyes flickered, as he gathered his thoughts. Although the scorpion was more powerful, it did not seem to have much intelligence. If he could try with all his might, he may still have a chance to escape.

However, in order to achieve this, he knew he would have to pay some price for it inevitably, but at this point, Mu Chen had no choice. Gritting his teeth, he intended to fight for his life, but just before he could fire up his spiritual power, there was another crack from the blazing lava rocks in front of him. Another figure was charging at him at full speed!

The sudden appearance of the figure stunned Mu Chen, and as he looked at it, he was even more astounded to find out that shadow was actually a woman. She had long, red hair with a sexy body, and was wearing thin and revealing clothes, which showed off a significant amount of her fair skin. Even though the timing was not quite right, Mu Chen could still feel his heartbeat accelerating.

Moreover, she was beautiful and charming. She also had a beauty mole at the edge of her red lips, enhancing her sexiness and charm.

Deep within the Daluo Blazing Pool, the sudden appearance of such a beautiful lady captivated Mu Chen, slowing down his speed for a while. Just when he spotted the red-haired beauty, the latter also discovered him. She was looking with astonishment upon him, the look on her face changing as soon as she saw the mysterious scorpion chasing after Mu Chen.

"Run!" Mu Chen yelled at her quickly.

His voice ended abruptly, when he fixed his eyes at the back of the red-haired beauty. There, an enormous red python, had emerged from the cracked lava rocks, and was now following closely behind, exuding a strong ferociousness.

That is a three-headed spiritual blazing serpent!

It could be easily seen that the Spiritual Energy emitted from it was not any weaker than the scorpion that was chasing after Mu Chen. As Mu Chen surveyed this scene, he came to a realization: She is now a prey as well, just like him.

"We are done for."

Mu Chen sulked, as he thought of all the unfortunate things that had coincided themselves within the day. If it was just a scorpion, he probably could still try his best to escape. But now, he was at the end of his rope, especially if yet another three-headed spiritual blazing serpent, with a similar combat capacity, appeared.

The red-haired beauty was not as pessimistic as Mu Chen. Her enchanting peach-looking eyes took a glance at the scorpion behind him. With a low groan, she flit before Mu Chen.

An alluring fragrance, accompanied by the wind, swept his face, and before he could even indulge in it, the red-haired beauty reached out to grab Mu Chen by the waist, then disappeared with him into thin air.

The two of them then re-appeared at a distance of about hundred-feet away from their previous location. As the red-haired beauty waved her slender white hand, the magma around her gathered, forming a ball-like shield for them, and leaving only a tiny gap from which to observe the situation outside.

Mu Chen did not dare move about in this cramped place, as he was cuddling the girl closely in his arms. The softness and tenderness of her body caused his entire body to stiffen. Moreover, he could tell from the Spiritual Energy that she had emitted just now, that she was definitely no ordinary character.

But she had no time for Mu Chen now. Her peach-looking eyes were staring into the gap, observing the situation from the inside. After both of them disappeared, the scorpion and the three-headed serpent lost their targets, leaving the beasts with nothing to do but to stop and stare at each other fiercely.

"What is going on?" Mu Chen could not help but ask, when he saw this.

"The one that was chasing after you is named the Blazing Dragon Scorpion. It is one of the rulers in this Daluo Blazing Pool, and its specialty is to hunt down spiritual blazing serpents. This three-headed spiritual blazing serpent is also one of the rulers among the serpents. They are natural sworn enemies, and they will always fight until the end, once they meet."

The red-haired beauty continued to say, "Looks like luck is on our side, since we have brought them together here. We will go out and have our treat, after they fought till their last drop. Heh heh, I have been eyeing the Spiritual Blazing Marrow in their bodies for a very long time. And now, the opportunity has finally arrived!"

Mu Chen was breaking into a cold sweat upon hearing this. This sister must have some guts to be reaping benefits from the fighting between such beasts!

"Will we get discovered?" Mu Chen asked, worried. If both of the beasts turned their sight back on them, they would be doomed.

"No, they will not be able to find us, since they are now facing each other. After all, they are sworn enemies," she said.

Mu Chen felt a little relieved. As he could feel the girl in his arms edging closer to him, he tried to shift his body and said embarrassedly, "Should I go out first?"

"Once you leave this place, they will discover us immediately. It will be complicated again." The red-haired beauty frowned a little. She finally tilted her head and looked at Mu Chen, asking, "Are you one of the troops from the Daluo Celestial Army? Why have I not seen you before?"

"The territory lord let me in to train myself," Mu Chen answered honestly. It seemed like this red-haired beauty was also someone from the Daluo Celestial Army.

"And you are?" Mu Chen asked carefully.

"I'm Huo Mei'er." Her voice paused, as she gave Mu Chen a very bewitching smile, before continuing, "And, I'm also one of the commanders in the Daluo Celestial Army."

Mu Chen shivered upon hearing the latter. He was stunned, as he had not expected that a commander of the Daluo Celestial Army could be such an enchanting beauty.

"You are quite a gentleman. I will let you off this time, for taking my advantage. If news of this gets to a third person, don't blame me if I have to silence you." She gently patted Mu Chen on his face, still smiling. But, Mu Chen broke into a cold sweat again upon hearing her last sentence.

Huo Mei'er may seem to be very warm and easy to get along with, but the danger she portrayed was much stronger than even Commander Bing Xin. She ignored Mu Chen after she finished her speech, as her focus was all on the two gigantic creatures confronting each other on the outside. As she watched their fight, her curvy body curled up once again against Mu Chen.

Mu Chen felt agony and drew his lips. His arm immediately stiffened. As he could no longer endure any more, his arm landed quietly on her snake-like, slender waist, the softness of the body being so alluring that it was unforgettable. But Mu Chen did not dare move any further. In fact, he relaxed and looked outside.

Huo Mei'er stiffened up a little when his palm touched her waist. She took a glance at him out of the corner of her eyes. His eyes were pitch-black and clear. She relaxed her body more, moving closer to Mu Chen.

Within a narrow space, the crisis had slowly disappeared, leaving a tinge of endearing affection.

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Chapter 758: The Fight between the Two

Boom!

As the storm of the Spiritual Energy roared within the boundaries of the Daluo Blazing Pool, almost all the lava rocks within a radius of 1,000 feet were wiped out. Everything seemed to have ripped apart as the battle between the Blazing Dragon Scorpion and the Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent started.

As Huo Mei'er had mentioned, both of them were natural sworn enemies, and the moment they saw each other, they fought with all they had. Compared to prey like Mu Chen, killing off their foe was much more critical now.

In the wavering storm of the spiritual energy, the ball of magma that was formed did not have any slightest crack. Instead, it was floating steadily in the air, surviving the impact. Mu Chen was surprised for a moment, as it was clear that this commander was not an ordinary character.

"Given your capability, you wouldn't be afraid of them if you were to duel with them alone. Am I right?" Mu Chen tilted his head and asked Huo Mei'er, who had her undivided attention on the fight between the two creatures.

Even Bing Xin possessed the capability of a Grade Five Sovereign. As a commander, Huo Mei'er's ability could not be underestimated.

"It's a little difficult to handle because they have a tendency to self-destruct their Spiritual Blazing Marrow when they are being forced to a certain extent. To subdue them, we have to be swift and forceful with our blows." Huo Mei'er glanced at Mu Chen with her seductive eyes, smiled, and said, "I don't want to waste my effort to get nothing in return."

Mu Chen suddenly realized the logic in getting both Blazing Dragon Scorpion and the Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent to battle until they got worn out. No wonder she did not want to compete with them on her own.

"How much longer do they need to fight it out?"

Mu Chen stared at the daunting tornado storm. The two fearsome creatures were attacking each other without holding back. The lava rocks trembled and were dislodged by their loud and angry roars.

"I guess we will have to wait for a while more. These creatures are making use of the geographic location to play to their advantage. Plus, they have strong spiritual energy with combat capabilities that are on par with each other. It is not that easy to have a winner," Huo Mei'er answered him calmly.

Mu Chen nodded and did not continue. Instead, he set his mind to observe the match between the two creatures.

As Huo Mei'er had predicted, the match lasted for quite some time. The daunting storm from the spiritual energy wreaked havoc for almost an hour before the trembling weakened.

Both Mu Chen and Huo Mei'er immediately looked over. Mu Chen could not help but take a deep, cold breath.

Within the magma pool, both of them stood face to face in confrontation. However, there were wounds all over their bodies. The Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent had two of its heads ripped apart. The body of the Blazing Dragon Scorpion was covered with hideous wounds.

The momentum of the two massive creatures had slowed down by quite a bit. They were staring at each other with their red eyes, and the fearsome looks on their faces were disappearing, but both of them remained vigilant.

Although they had no intelligence, based on their natural instinct, they could sense that there would not be a good ending if they continued the fight.

Therefore, even though they seemed to be confronting each other, both showed signs of retreating.

"They are retreating!" The look on Mu Chen's face changed when he saw it. If the two creatures decided to retreat now, their efforts in keeping guard here for almost half a day would be in vain.

Huo Mei'er frowned a little, but she stretched out her fingers and flicked them.

Wong!

With a flick of Huo Mei'er's fingers, a fiery red stream of spiritual energy shot out. It swept across and entangled itself with the lava rocks. The rocks burst and exploded swiftly from behind the Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent. A stream of magma spurted towards the Blazing Dragon Scorpion's body.

The magma splashed onto its body, and the Blazing Dragon Scorpion let out a loud scream of pain as its angry red eyes glared at the serpent. Eventually, it charged madly towards the serpent.

As dumb as it was, the Blazing Dragon Scorpion thought that the attack was triggered by the Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent.

As the scorpion charged towards the serpent again, it let out a loud roar to warn the scorpion off, but the warning was in vain. The serpent's eyes became even more fearsome and it greeted the scorpion without fear.

The two massive creatures were fighting again.

When Mu Chen saw this, he could not help but put up his thumb and praise Huo Mei'er. "Good move!"

Huo Mei'er replied with an alluring smile that was so enchanting. But this only led to Mu Chen thinking that the bewitching girl in front of him was actually a rose with thorns.

Since she was one of the commanders in Daluo Celestial Army, how simple could she be?

While watching the fight outside, Huo Mei'er asked casually, "What's your name?"

He smiled and said, "Nine Nether Palace, Mu Chen."

"Oh, so the new commander who was brought in by Nine Nether was you?" Upon hearing the name, Huo Mei'er turned her beautiful gaze away from the scene outside and looked at Mu Chen with much interest.

Mu Chen nodded. He asked, "Do you know Nine Nether?"

"Haha, we are as close as real sisters. Back then we came to Daluo Territory together."

She giggled and looked at Mu Chen from top to bottom. Her tender body got closer and closer to him. She smiled and asked again, "Come, tell me, what is your relationship with her?"

Mu Chen gave a smirk and rolled his eyes. Apparently, he did not really believe what she had said, because if she and Nine Nether were on such good terms, Nine Nether would have said something about her. Moreover, from Huo Mei'er's tone, he could sense that something was amiss.

What a vigilant fellow.

She stroked his face gently while her lips curled slightly. But she decided not to say anything further. She shifted her attention towards the battle outside. "When both of them are badly wounded, I can only take down one of them at a time. If you wish to obtain the other Spiritual Blazing Marrow, you will have to get it yourself, and be fast."

Mu Chen was dumbfounded before he frowned. Both of the creatures possessed a higher combat capacity than he did. Even if they were seriously injured, he did not have much of an advantage. Moreover, he had to do it within the shortest possible time.

Although it was hard for him to manage, he did not make any further comments. From her tone, he could sense that she had no intention of helping him at all. The transition was a little too drastic, and the cause of it must have been Nine Nether.

Huo Mei'er and Nine Nether must have had something going on between them.

But Mu Chen had no interest in understanding the relationship between them. He may have seemed warm on the outside, but only people who understood him well knew how prideful this young man was. Since Huo Mei'er had no intention of helping him, he would not bring himself down to beg.

That was why he only nodded after hearing what she had said.

Although Huo Mei'er had been observing the fight, she still cast some glances at Mu Chen. She raised her eyebrow at first after she saw that he knitted his eyebrows and subsequently returned to his usual state.

Her relationship with Nine Nether ran deep. Both of them were the most popular candidates vying for the position of new ruler in Daluo Territory back in those years. But when Nine Nether became the ruler, Huo Mei'er entered the Daluo Celestial Army and worked her way up to become a commander.

Just when she could control the Daluo Celestial Army, Nine Nether went missing in action. To Huo Mei'er, it was like a punch in the gut. The years of effort went down the drain, and suddenly all of it did not matter anymore. The feeling was so complicated that she was uncertain about it.

However, the return of Nine Nether now had once again spurred her fighting will. She must get Nine Nether to admit that she was stronger than she was in all ways!

The competition between the two women caused her to be difficult with Mu Chen, especially when he was now the hot topic in Daluo Territory - a new commander in the Nine Nether Palace.

Of course, she would not be too harsh on him. As long as Mu Chen could lower himself a little, she would not mind helping him. Who knew this young and gentle-looking chap had such a prideful character.

Go ahead and act strong.

Huo Mei'er smirked without anyone noticing. To her, Mu Chen's arrogance, which came out of nowhere, was just a useless act. He failed to understand the situation and was unable to tolerate it. In conclusion, he was just inexperienced. So she did not understand why Nine Nether would have favored Mu Chen and brought him to Daluo Territory.

Would he be another useless thing like Cao Feng?

Her eyes flickered with coldness. If so, she would prefer Mu Chen to die in this place, to avoid disgracing Nine Nether next time.

While Huo Mei'er had her thoughts, Mu Chen was staring at the fight outside. In his mind, he could not stop thinking about how he should win the match later.

Because for all he knew, slaughtering a wounded Dragon Blazing Scorpion and a Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent may be an easy task for Huo Mei'er, but to him, it was still a challenging assignment.

Any random attacks from those two creatures would cause him to sustain serious injuries.

Roar!

Just when his eyes flicked with those thoughts, two loud groans from the far end deep within the magma sea could be heard. After a fierce fight, the two vile creatures had blood gushing out from their hideous wounds all over their bodies. The strong spiritual energy fluctuation was at its lowest now.

They looked at each other, losing all the fighting spirit in their eyes. Their combat capacity had reduced down to ten percent, and they had lost all their fearsomeness during the life and death match. Both of them decided to flee in opposite directions.

"Now!"

Huo Mei'er let out a soft groan as soon as both creatures were trying to make their escape. The ball of magma instantly exploded, and she flitted as quickly as a ghost towards the Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent.

Mu Chen gritted his teeth and ran towards the wounded Blazing Dragon Scorpion without any hesitation.

No matter what, he could not give up at this moment.

Only when he got the Spiritual Blazing Marrow from the Blazing Dragon Scorpion, could he then break through his current level and upgrade himself to a Grade Three Sovereign!

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Chapter 759: Decisiveness

Shoo!

The moment Huo Mei'er made her move, Mu Chen charged at the escaping Blazing Dragon Scorpion, while a tremendous Spiritual Energy permeated throughout his body. However, as his combat capability was not as valiant as Huo Mei'er's, it was not as easy for him to tackle the Blazing Dragon Scorpion, even though its combat capacity had significantly been reduced by its injuries.

Mu Chen was extremely fast in his speed. On top of that, the scorpion had suffered a heavy blow, both before and hence, allowing Mu Chen to catch up with the fleeing scorpion within a few breaths.

Roar!

The scorpion let out an outraged roar, as soon as it discovered that Mu Chen was chasing from behind. Its scarlet eyes were filled with ferociousness, as it recalled that it was Mu Chen who had led it there.

However, being angry is one thing, yet the scorpion knew its current condition very well. Hence, it did not attack Mu Chen, but merely issued a warning to him, before accelerating its escape.

Unfortunately for the scorpion, however, Mu Chen was like maggots feeding on a corpse, following closely behind it. Finally, as his eyes flickered, he clasped his hands, and the Great Meru Demonic Pillar appeared. It transformed into a colossal silhouette, hitting the scorpion without mercy.

Boom!

A sizable magma pillar burst forth from the huge mouth of the Blazing Dragon Scorpion, colliding with the Great Meru Demonic Pillar and trembling the region with a powerful and frightful vibration. The Great Meru Demonic Pillar was reversed by the shock of the vibration, as Mu Chen quivered a few thousand feet away, unable to hold back the horror now surfacing on his face.

All it had taken was an attack by himself, before he could realize how powerful the scorpion truly was. Moreover, it was severely injured. If it had been in its prime, this exchange of blows could have caused Mu Chen to sustain serious injuries.

Roar!

The scorpion stared at Mu Chen fiercely, before it made its escape again. Apparently, it did not want to stay in such a dangerous place, at least not just because of Mu Chen, who was merely a little bug in its eyes.

Mu Chen stared at the running scorpion. He gritted his teeth, hesitated for a moment, then adopted a fearsome look, which took over his entire face.

Shua!

Mu Chen raised his foot and stomped forward, aiming at the head of the scorpion this time.

Roar!

The Blazing Dragon Scorpion could no longer endure Mu Chen's repeated provokes. It erupted with a loud roar, and in the opening of its hideous mouth, a stream of magma was rippling. The opening of its mouth aimed right at Mu Chen, and then, swallowed him whole!

Mu Chen watched as the huge mouth engulfed him. His eyes flickered, and he stomped his feet again. Instead of dodging it, he had dashed straight into the mouth, which was filled with magma.

At the same time, from the opposite direction, a sad and shrill cry rang through the sky. A bright red, glowing light ray that looked like a flaming blade, which could divide all the supreme beings on earth, was slicing off the last head on the Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent.

The magma-like fresh blood spurted into the air, and the shrill cry came to an abrupt end. The little body of Huo Mei'er was floating in mid-air. As she flicked her slender finger, the last head of the serpent that was soaring in the sky exploded into fragments. A little red glowing light, which was a few feet long, dropped and drifted in front of her.

That was the Spiritual Blazing Marrow from the serpent. Within the glow of light, there seemed to be endless, pure flaming spiritual energy, which was flowing in the stream of magma.

Huo Mei'er raised her hand and kept the Spiritual Blazing Marrow. Her sweet-looking expression changed a little. As she looked back, it was the exact moment when Mu Chen had been gobbled up by that huge mouth of the scorpion.

No matter how calm she had been before, her facial expression changed totally when she witnessed it. Anxiousness and worry reflected in her beautiful eyes. Although her relationship with Nine Nether could be really complicated, they did not bear each other any deep grudges. Instead, what they shared was more of a mutual recognition of each other's talents from the past competitions they'd had. If Mu Chen were to die here, given Nine Nether's character, she probably would not let her off.

Huo Mei'er had splashed Mu Chen with cold words, as she wanted to test the ability of this new commander who had been introduced to Nine Nether. Who knew he would be so dumb as to get swallowed.

"This dumbass!

Huo Mei'er gritted her teeth and flit towards the Blazing Dragon Scorpion rapidly. She armed herself with an extreme surge of her Spiritual Energy between her palms.

Just when she was ready to launch an attack, the huge body of the scorpion gave a jerk, and a loud cry of pain came from its throat. Huo Mei'er was bewildered. She turned her focus to the mouth of the scorpion, just as a beam of gleaming golden light shot out. Furious spiritual energy went berserk and exploded.

Balls of magma were spat out from the mouth of the scorpion, as if it was coughing up blood. Even the most robust scales on its body were blown up into fragments. Apparently, the berserk energy was exploding from within its body.

If the scorpion had been in its best condition, it would have been able to suppress the blow from within. But now that it had sustained severe injuries from the previous fight, it could only moan in pain, while sizzling magma continued to spurt out, like fresh blood.

Huo Mei'er looked at it, astonished. She quickly knew what was going on, and raised her eyebrow with a serious look, commenting, "This fellow is quite ruthless."

Huo Mei'er was, after all, a commander in the Daluo Celestial Army. So, she could understand the true intentions of Mu Chen. He could not possibly kill the scorpion, if he were to go head-on with it.

Moreover, if the scorpion was driven into a dead corner, it would probably go berserk and self-destruct its Spiritual Blazing Marrow. Until then, Mu Chen would have to return with empty hands. So, this fellow merely made use of its arrogance, thus making his way into its body to activate his fatal kill.

To a certain extent, this method may seem to have been the most effective way, but it could also be the most dangerous way, as the body of the Blazing Dragon Scorpion is like a furnace. As such, anyone who entered it, might get dissolved immediately. And, if the scorpion was at its prime conditions, even Huo Mei'er dared not barge into its body!

But, the truth is, the scorpion had suffered from significant injuries, and its current condition was not even ten percent of what it had been during its prime days. Thus, the body was no longer a restricted area. Mu Chen got this fact right, at least. Hence, he could enter its body relentlessly, then breakthrough from within.

This may seem simple, but the decision-making process required unwavering decisiveness and true ruthlessness. Not everyone could make this kind of decision in such a short period of time. The seriousness within Huo Mei'er eyes was partly due to this awareness.

It was not Mu Chen's ability that was impressive to her, but it was his decisiveness that had changed the way she now looked at him. She had finally come to an understanding about why Nine Nether would allow a young chap like him to lead the Nine Nether Troop.

Boom!

As Huo Mei'er was gathering her thoughts, a ray of golden light beamed through the neck of the scorpion, and magma was spurting out from it furiously. The Blazing Dragon Scorpion let out its final cry. The cry eventually weakened, before finally, the body collapsed with a loud thud.

Bang!

At this time, the head of the scorpion exploded, as the golden ray beamed out and transformed into a massive silhouette, which was none other than the Great Solar Undying Body.

The Great Solar Undying Body was piping red amongst the glow, causing it to look like a melting gold bar, which had just been taken out from the furnace. The Great Solar Undying Body dimmed down rapidly, and eventually, vanished. A slim figure appeared.

Cough!

As soon as he revealed himself, he coughed out a mouthful of fresh blood. The clothes he was wearing had almost turned into ash. His skin was scorching red, and a significant portion of his muscle seemed to be melting off, revealing his bare bones.

Despite the protection from the Great Solar Undying Body, he had made a huge sacrifice when he entered the body of the scorpion. Luckily, he managed to kill it before he was completely melted.

Mu Chen traced off the blood stain at the edge of his mouth, then stretched out his hand toward the dead scorpion. A crimson ball, with a glow that was as bright as the one Huo Mei'er possessed, drifted in front of him.

Within the glowing ball, the crystal clear magma was streaming and the pure spiritual energy emitted was so attractive, that Mu Chen wet his lips with greed. The purity of this Spiritual Blazing Marrow was much more powerful, as compared to the previous ones he had made.

Mu Chen clapped his hand tightly. With this marrow, he could now break through to the Grade Three Sovereign.

"Heh Heh, you have some guts, huh." A crisp clapping sound came from the side. Huo Mei'er flit over, smiling. She tilted her head and looked at Mu Chen with affection.

"Not bad. I'm still alive." He could not be bothered with her, yet he was also not resenting her, as both of them were not yet sharing any particular relationship. Thus, she had no obligation to help.

"Haha, are you angry with me?" Huo Mei'er came up to Mu Chen, laughing. She placed her soft little hand, without any embarrassment, on his bare chest. Her body closed up against him, as she smiled lovingly at him, saying, "Looks like I have underestimated you. Nine Nether finally brought a capable person."

Huo Mei'er was enchanting and bewitching, and she seemed to have a bold and uninhibited character. Mu Chen blushed, as her fragrance lingered in front of him. He was thinking to avoid it, but he observed a slight cunningness and teasing within the eyes of the girl in front of him. So, he drew his lips and reached his arm out to cuddle her curvy waist instead.

Tsk Tsk

Huo Mei'er tilted her head slightly, before his hand could even touch her. Her long red hair twined across his arm, and her finger stroked softly on Mu Chen's chest, before she chuckled like a goblin and moved quickly away.

"Little one, you are still too young to take such advantage. Wait till you become a Grade Six Sovereign first!" Huo Mei'er quickly disappeared into the lava rocks, leaving her bell-like laughter behind.

"Grade Six Sovereign, huh? Just you wait!"

Mu Chen looked in the direction where she had just left and gritted his teeth together. Someday, he will definitely teach this little devil a lesson.

But, all these were just wishful thinkings yet, as the thoughts just flashed and disappeared. Mu Chen held the ball of Spiritual Blazing Marrow in his hand. The thing he needed to do now, was to breakthrough his current level and hit Grade Three Sovereign!

Otherwise, he might be disqualified from the Dragon-Phoenix Rift by Mandela, and that would be a disgrace.

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Chapter 760: Cultivation Completed

After he parted with Huo Mei'er, Mu Chen returned to the previous location where he was doing his training. Since he did a massacre earlier on, the spiritual blazing serpents had become extremely sparse. Now the area had become the best location for him to retreat to for his cultivation.

Mu Chen blew up another hole in the karst cave for his cultivation. He ducked into the new cave and sat in it with his legs crossed. He closed his eyes and gradually entered into the state of cultivation.

He did not start off by refining the Spiritual Blazing Marrow from the Blazing Dragon Scorpion. Instead, he chose to cultivate quietly to adjust his body's condition.

As Mu Chen could feel the intense heat emitted from the pure spiritual energy in the Spiritual Blazing Marrow, he knew that he needed to prepare himself, as it was not an easy task to refine it.

He needed to adjust his state to its peak, and it took him ten days to do so.

During those ten days, Mu Chen sat there like a rock, remaining patient regardless of the time spent. He closed his eyes tightly, sinking all his heart and soul into the deepest Sovereign Sea, heaving along with the tide of the spiritual energy.

On his tenth day of cultivation, he finally opened his eyes. A deep spiritual glow sparkled in his eyes, and his skin glowed in the dark.

It was a sign that the spiritual energy in his body had come to a saturation point.

After ten days of intensive cultivation, Mu Chen felt a sense of saturation from the Sovereign Sea. An individual Sovereign Master who has a power that is too vast can only be accommodated by the inner space within the Sovereign Sea. But the Sovereign Sea had its own limitation. It must be expanded with its own strength.

If Mu Chen wished to have another breakthrough, he would need to hit Grade Three Sovereign.

Almost there.

As he clasped both palms together, he could feel the great vitality of the spiritual energy that was similar to the force from the raging sea. He heaved a sigh of relief. The sensation emanating from the substantial power was too intoxicating.

He flicked his finger, and a glowing red ball of light that was several feet long appeared with crystalized magma running in it. The purity of the spiritual energy emanating from it had reached its utmost level, fogging the entire cave.

After calling out the Spiritual Blazing Marrow, Mu Chen waved his hand. A crystal clear torrent flowed out like a creek suspended in the air, and the splashing sound of water could be heard.

The stream was formed by over 10,000 drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid. The spiritual energy from the Spiritual Blazing Marrow was too overbearing, and as such, it required the mild and purified energy from the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid to neutralize it. With the help of the neutralization, it would achieve the perfect effect.

Mu Chen looked at both valuable items in front of him. He could not help but smack his lips. Apart from the talent, the cultivation of spiritual energy also relied on resources. Just like having the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid that was required to make a breakthrough to the next level, most solo practitioners without any background or resources would feel powerless and frustrated.

It was no wonder those younger talents mostly had a strong background. If they practiced from the time they were young, their achievements would definitely be incomparable to those of ordinary people.

Mu Chen took a deep breath and closed his eyes again. With his command of thoughts, the Spiritual Blazing Marrow floated right above his head, and the piping red magma streamed down from it.

Ssst...

The piping hot magma fell on top of his head, and a sizzling sound could be heard. The look on Mu Chen's face was twisted because of the searing pain from the burn.

The magma followed his body contour, and within a short while it covered half of his body in thick layers of magma.

Shoo.

At the same time, the stream of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid that poured down on him turned into a crystal-clear liquid, wrapping up the other half of Mu Chen's body.

Mu Chen was sitting quietly on the boulder with half of his body covered by magma, and half of his body covered by the crystal clear liquid. Both halves were slowly circulating, and it was a peculiar scene.

As his physical body entered into such a peculiar state, an earth-shaking transformation was erupting within his body at the same time.

He immersed his mind and soul into it until the body was fully red on the inside. The magma-like liquid penetrated into the pores of his entire body like a tidal wave, drowning every corner in it.

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As the liquid flowed through every inch of his body, he felt a burning sensation on his skin and flesh as if they were going to melt away. An unbearable pain spread across his entire body, so much so that he could feel his meridians twitching.

The intensity from the Spiritual Blazing Marrow of Blazing Dragon Scorpion was more powerful by far than those long-life spiritual blazing serpents.

Luckily, Mu Chen had it all prepared. When the magma-like liquid was injected into the body, on the other side, the mild and cooling Sovereign Spiritual Liquid rushed in quickly, eventually combining with the magma-like liquid.

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General speaking, when two different spiritual energies of drastic nature come into contact, it definitely becomes a life-or-death struggle. But Sovereign Spiritual Liquid is a kind of spiritual energy that was the mildest and easiest to absorb for cultivation. Hence, when it was in close contact with the magma-like liquid, it could dissolve itself, neutralizing the impact from the magma-like liquid.

Mu Chen took the opportunity and activated his Great Pagoda Art. With the activation of the spiritual energy, it followed the path of the meridian, refining the energy generated, perfusing the Sovereign Sea.

And within the Sovereign Sea, the sky seemed to be torn apart as the magma fell from the air like a waterfall. With a loud splash, it entered into the Sovereign Sea, and the endless downpour caused the sea level to gradually rise.

Mu Chen's cultivation had begun.

A month gradually passed while he was cultivating himself.

On the individual stone platforms above the Daluo Blazing pool, a group of figures was sitting quietly with their legs crossed, breathing in the piping hot magma-like spiritual energy of the place to refine their meridians.

Huo Mei'er stood on one of the stone platforms with Bing Qing while the other three commanders gathered behind her.

"That fellow has yet to complete his cultivation?" Huo Mei'er stretched her back, showing off her curvy lines. Her voice was so soft and sweet that it could quickly make hearts throb.

But right behind her, the other three commanders were looking down on the ground. The rest of the soldiers from the Daluo Celestial Army were closing their eyes, and no one dared to look at her. Apparently, this commander held an awe-inspiring position in the army.

Bing Qing nodded coldly as usual. "He should be trying hard to make a breakthrough to Grade Three Sovereign, but I'm not sure if it will work."

"Maybe he's too anxious about it." Another commander, who stood right beside Bing Qing, shook his head. It was unlikely that Mu Chen could make a breakthrough since he had only been training there for a little over two months.

"He has one Spiritual Blazing Marrow from the Blazing Dragon Scorpion. If he can cultivate and absorb it, he will have a chance to succeed." Huo Mei'er smiled alluringly.

Bing Qing and the other three commanders were visibly moved by her words, as they all knew how daunting the Blazing Dragon Scorpion could be. Moreover, even given their abilities, they might not be able to capture it. So how did Mu Chen do it?

"Sister, previously did you say you got your Three-Headed Spiritual Blazing Serpent because of a Blazing Dragon Scorpion?" Bing Qing flickered her eyes as all of a sudden she recalled the account that Huo Mei'er had told her.

She nodded and said, "Yes, that's right. The Spiritual Blazing Marrow that Mu Chen owns now belongs to that Blazing Dragon Scorpion."

"Sister, your assistance did not seem to comply with the rules. The territory lord had said that any cultivation over here must depend on no one but himself." Bing Qing frowned her willow-leaf shaped eyebrow.

"I did not help him at all," Huo Mei'er drew her red lips. "He really did it on his own."

Bing Qing was stunned when she heard this, as she knew that there was no need for Huo Mei'er to lie to her. But Mu Chen only had the strength of a Grade Two Sovereign. Even if the Blazing Dragon Scorpion was severely injured, he was still no match for it.

Huo Mei'er rolled her eyes and asked abruptly, "Did the territory lord ask him to conquer the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array?"

Bing Qing nodded and asked, "Sister, do you think he would have any chance of conquering it?"

"It would be difficult."

Huo Mei'er paused and shook her head before she continued, "Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array is an examination to allow soldiers from Daluo Celestial Army to advance to commander. Even a Grade Four Sovereign who does not know the conquering techniques could not conquer it. On top of that, if he could make a breakthrough to Grade Three Sovereign, given that combat strength, it is still challenging to conquer it.

"But..."

She paused for a while as she thought of the young man who had his ruthless and merciless decisiveness when dealing with the Blazing Dragon Scorpion. She pursed her red lips and said, "We cannot underestimate this fellow. It would depend on his capability if he can conquer the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array."

Bing Qing and the rest were quite surprised. Almost none of them was optimistic about him. They did not expect Huo Mei'er would actually hold a certain amount of uncertainty.

"Well, let's just wait and see. It is less than half a month away from the three-month deadline." Huo Mei'er smiled and gazed at the bottom of the Daluo Flaming Pool. Her beautiful eyes sparkled with the glow from it.

While Huo Mei'er and the rest waited, another ten days passed quietly.

Five days were left before the three-month deadline was up.

All the soldiers from the Daluo Celestial Army opened their eyes as they wanted to witness the outcome of an outsider challenging their Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array.

But judging from how the present situation looked, could that fellow Mu Chen be missing in action to avoid the test?

At the thought of this, someone could not help but grin.

Time was moving on day by day. Another three days were gone, too.

Huo Mei'er sat cross-legged at one of the rock boulders with her long red hair gently fluttering in the breeze. Suddenly, her expression changed as she looked up. Light beams flitted in and finally stopped in mid-air.

The one leading had a petite body and at the same time, possessed a dominating presence. The only one within the Daluo Territory who had such a presence was none other than Mandela.

Following behind Mandela was Nine Nether, and even the Third Prince and the other princes showed up. With this lineup, surprise was written all over the faces of the Daluo Celestial Army's soldiers.

"This lad has a huge group of spectators." Huo Mei'er looked at the lineup and smiled charmingly. As she lowered her head, a huge vortex was forming on the magma sea below.

Boom!

The magma gushed up into the sky, and as it got higher, a figure stepped on the flowing magma, making his way slowly under the gazes of countless eyes.

The juvenile was slender and handsome, looking calm and relaxed with his pitch-dark eyes. Apparently, Mu Chen had completed his cultivation.