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Chapter 761: Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array

When Mu Chen appeared on top of the Daluo Blazing Pool, countless people in the place turned simultaneously to look at him. Then, their looks all turned somewhat solemn.

At the moment, a powerful spiritual energy fluctuation was rippling around Mu Chen. His black eyes were as resplendent as the stars, and spiritual light was blooming out of them. As he moved his body casually, a shocking spiritual energy fluctuation was released. He was clearly much stronger than he had been three months ago.

Among the nine grades of the sovereign-level, there was a huge difference between any two consecutive grades. For an ordinary person to break through into the next grade, it would require much time and effort.

However, Mu Chen was able to complete the transition within just a few months. Although he had relied on the unique power of the Daluo Blazing Pool, the ability to do so was still considered a marvel to many.

"He has indeed managed to break through." Bing Qing and the other commanders of the Daluo Celestial Army stared at Mu Chen in surprise.

Obviously, it felt somewhat incredulous that Mu Chen could really complete the break through in just three months. The Daluo Blazing Pool was indeed very beneficial to cultivation, but the benefit was clearly not so large.

In the sky, Nine Nether saw the scene, which caused a smile to appear around her rosy lips. However, she did not feel too surprised. After all, she had been with Mu Chen for so many years, so she was used to him creating miracles.

Not many fluctuations could be seen in the golden pupils of Mandela either. As she waved her hand, everyone appeared on the stone platform alongside the Daluo Celestial Army. All the soldiers of the Daluo Celestial Army quickly knelt down to salute her.

"Greetings, Dominator." Huo Mei'er also bowed to salute.

Mandela waved her hand once more. Although she had the appearance of a little girl, no one dared to be even the slightest bit disrespectful toward her. They all knew that, even when a super-being, such as an Earthly Sovereign, moved around casually, the pressure leaking out would still cause a usual sovereign to be terrified.

"Haha, Nine Nether, you have brought back a nice successor this time."

Smiling, Huo Mei'er stared at Nine Nether, who was standing behind Mandela. She laughed and said, "I am quite interested in Mu Chen. How about you give him to my Daluo Celestial Army? I will agree to any conditions."

Seeing Huo Mei'er, Nine Nether also seemed to have missed her. However, hearing her words, Nine Nether's face immediately turned cold. But before she could speak, Huo Mei'er walked up to her and smiled, then said, "Seems like you are very reluctant. But this guy is really not bad."

Nine Nether rolled her eyes, not even bothering to reply. Mandela looked at Mu Chen with her golden pupils. Then, she nodded gently and said, "The three months time limit has passed. If you want to represent the Daluo Territory and participate in the Dragon-Phoenix Rift experience in the North Territory, you must get through the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array."

Hearing about the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array, Nine Nether also frowned and looked at Mu Chen with a worried expression. It was obvious that she was familiar with the name. In fact, she knew its power well.

"The Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array is very powerful. Even a grade four sovereign, would not be able to get through it easily. So... do you still dare to try?" Mandela stared at Mu Chen and asked slowly.

Under the many stares, Mu Chen, who was standing on the magma, also lifted his eyes. A smile appeared on his handsome face. Then, he folded his hands and said calmly, "Dominator, please arrange the array."

The young man's smile was calm and relaxed. Even though he knew that the array was dangerous, he was still fearless. His attitude soon attracted much admiration from the powerful people of the Daluo Territory.

The young man could become famous in the Daluo Territory in such a short period of time exactly because he indeed had many remarkable aspects. Of course, there were also some people who twitched their lips secretly.

Most of them were the soldiers in the Daluo Celestial Army. Even Bing Qing and the other commanders did not express any admiration about Mu Chen's calmness. It was not that they were looking down on Mu Chen. But rather, it was that their knowledge about the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array far exceeded the others.

In the past, when they were trying to break through the array, they had failed many times, before finally succeeding. Moreover, during that time, they were already stronger than the current Mu Chen.

Knowing that they had failed many times, it made Mu Chen even more motivated to get through it in just one try. However, this seemed to be almost impossible.

Mandela ignored the many stares. After Mu Chen made his declaration, she also nodded gently and said, "Since you do not intend to quit, we will respect your decision. As long as you can pass through the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array, I will allow you to become the sixth commander of the Daluo Celestial Army."

Her words immediately led to many surprised exclamations in the place. The Daluo Celestial Army was the most powerful troop in the Daluo Territory!

Nevertheless, its commanders were commanded by the Dominator directly, and it was considered one of the trump cards of the Daluo Territory. Also, it was common knowledge that the other people, even

the lords, could not get involved in it. At the moment, however, the Dominator would actually allow Mu Chen to become the sixth commander.

The eyes of the various lords sparkled, and they eventually looked at Mu Chen with envy. They all asked themselves why the Dominator was actually taking care of the this young man so much. Not long ago, she had offended the Tian Xuan Hall just for him, and now, she even wanted to train him as a commander of the Daluo Celestial Army!

Huo Mei'er and the rest were also rather surprised, but they did not question what Mandela had said. After all, if Mu Chen could really get through the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array, he would indeed be more than eligible to become a commander of the Daluo Celestial Army.

Nine Nether similarly did not say anything, because even if Mu Chen became a commander of the Daluo Celestial Army, he could still command the Nine Nether Troop. Therefore, she actually hoped that Mu Chen would succeed. After all, the Daluo Celestial Army was indeed very strong.

Just as Mandela finished speaking, her little hand raised up again. Immediately, everyone felt a terrifying fluctuation gush out from the depths of the Daluo Blazing Pool. Then, they saw the magma surface of the Daluo Blazing Pool actually rising at a shocking speed.

Rumble.

The magma rolled. It looked as if there were thousands of huge waves slapping onto a bottomless abyss. The large force even caused the entire volcano to vibrate slightly.

Boom! Boom!

As the Daluo Golden Pool rose continuously, many magma pillars that were each ten thousand feet large also ascended into the sky. They then turned into many magnificent magma rivers in mid-air.

The rivers surged forward, then split apart, forming a magma sea in the sky directly. In the sea, red magma runes rose up steadily.

Roar!

The magma runes quickly converged and fused together. Vaguely, there seemed to be a violent dragon howl that was heard. In the end, a red light soared up above and nine dragons, so large that their bodies could not be seen fully, were condensed.

The nine huge dragons were all completely red. They were coiled up in the magma sea, with red magma flying along their enormous bodies. A terrifying pressure spread out, causing the looks from many people to dramatically change.

This was because they could feel how powerful the nine magma dragons were. Furthermore, the nine dragons did not seem to be condensed from nothing. Instead, their bodies were emitting the real pressure of those from the Dragon Clan.

"The nine magma dragons are not illusory. They are formed from the Ancient Flaming Dragon Blood that flew into the depths of the Daluo Blazing Pool by chance. As long as the magma exists, they cannot be destroyed." Mandela stared at Mu Chen with her golden pupils, as her young and toneless voice spread into the sky.

Mu Chen's look was dignified. Each of the nine magma dragons had a violent spiritual energy fluctuation. When the nine dragons were all out in full force, even a grade four sovereign would not dare fight them head-on. With such power, it was no wonder that this could become the trial used to select the commanders of the Daluo Celestial Army!

"The array has been formed. If you are ready, you can enter. But after going in, you have only your own powers to rely upon. Even if you are about to be killed, nobody will come and save you. Over these past years, quite a number of people in the Daluo Celestial Army were killed during this challenge."

Mandela gave her warning solemnly and tonelessly, before adding, "So now, you still have one last chance to change your mind..."

Puff.

Mu Chen took a deep breath. He had indeed felt a dangerous fluctuation from the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array, but it alone was insufficient to make him cower or turn back.

The black eyes of the young man gradually grew more fierce. Without saying anything, his toes kicked out. Then, under the countless stares, he turned into a streamer, charging directly towards the majestic magma array in the sky.

As he moved closer, a strong, scorching gust of wind gushed towards his face, as if it was going to set him ablaze. The temperature was so high, even gold would be melted. This showed how dangerous the array truly was!

However, Mu Chen's speed did not slow down at all, as an enormous amount of spiritual energy gushed out from his body. Eventually, he turned directly into a beam of light, before dashing straight into the magma sea that was emitting a terrifying pressure.

Boom!

At the instant that Mu Chen charged into the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array, a frightening heat swept towards him, and a magma wave a hundred thousand feet high fell upon him. It looked as if a mountain was crushing him, the likes of which could turn him into mere powder.

The attack was extremely unexpected, but Mu Chen did not seem to panic at all. His foot stomped on the ground and golden light surged in his eyes. The Great Solar Undying Body was summoned instantly.

Dong!

The enormous pillar of magma hit the Great Solar Undying Body and magma flew down along the golden body. The high temperature caused the golden body to be increasingly bright and dazzling.

Then, Mu Chen appeared on the head of the Great Solar Undying Body. He stood proudly above the red sea, staring at eight places in the array with a penetrating look. There, eight magma dragons were coiled up quietly. Their red eyes looked at the golden giant from above, and the fluctuations that were emitting out of their bodies also became more and more violent.

"Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array... Let me have a taste of how strong you really are!"

Mu Chen took in a deep breath of the hot, flame-like air, his look as sharp as a blade. In the next moment, he stomped his foot, sending the Great Solar Undying Body into the air. Its huge fist clenched and the Great Meru Demonic Pillar flashed out. Then, the giant swept down with a terrifying fluctuation, then flew towards a magma dragon directly.

Against such a powerful array, Mu Chen not only did not wait to see what was going to happen, he immediately launched a full-on attack!

The dramatic scene caused the eyelids of many people outside to twitch in shock and surprise.

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Chapter 762: Sky-burning Rune

Bang!

The Great Meru Demonic Pillar swung down, along with a monstrous ominous aura. The giant shadow fell from the sky, carrying with it a wave of spiritual energy that was surging like a torrent directly towards a red magma dragon.

In the attack, Mu Chen had activated the spiritual energy in his body to its extreme because he could feel the frightening, dangerous fluctuations from the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array. The power contained in the array was definitely beyond his imagination. Thus, if he still chose to conceal his power at the moment, he would only disgrace himself.

The huge shadow dropped down, but the enormous magma dragon showed no signs of dodging it. Its red eyes seemed to be sparkling with disdain. It opened its ferocious mouth, and a beam of red light spurted out. In the sky above, the red light turned into a 1,000-foot-long shield covered with red dragon scales.

The dragon scale shield was flashing with a dazzling light. Although it was not thick, it was emitting a fluctuation that seemed to be indestructible. It floated silently and allowed the huge demonic pillar to forcefully strike down.

Clang!

The two collided hard into each other. Immediately, the crisp sound of clashing metal could be heard, and a shocking spiritual energy windstorm started to rage.

At the moment of collision, Mu Chen's expression also changed uncontrollably because he could feel the terrifying force bouncing back from the dragon scale shield. The force almost caused the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to be blown away.

Just one magma dragon alone was already so difficult to deal with. If all nine dragons were together, his situation would probably be anything but reassuring.

Roar!

Just as the thought flashed across Mu Chen's mind, many dragon howls rang out, one after another. Mu Chen lifted his eyes, and his look turned more serious. In the red magma sea, the red eyes of the nine dragons were staring at him. On their enormous bodies, the dragon scales seemed to be standing and were filled with aggression.

Pop!

The nine large bodies suddenly trembled. Red light burst out, and the red dragon scales on their bodies actually shot out in all directions, pouring towards Mu Chen like a rainstorm.

Every piece of dragon scale was glittering with sharpness. When they tore across space, many faint traces were left behind. Furthermore, they were so large in number that even Mu Chen's face trembled uncontrollably.

Puff.

He took in a deep breath, and golden light surged in the depths of his black eyes. A burly golden giant appeared around him, and golden light poured out. From afar, it looked as if it were a golden Buddha, and nothing in the world could move it.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The dragon scales continuously bombarded the golden giant from all directions, but when they were about ten feet away from the burly golden giant, they started to explode under the radiance of the golden light. The aftershocks impacted the Great Solar Undying Body, but were not much of a threat because the Great Solar Undying Body had been strengthened with the Daluo Golden Body.

"This guy's Sovereign Celestial Body is quite special." In the Daluo Celestial Army, many soldiers saw the scene, and surprise flashed in their eyes. Clearly, they had felt the uniqueness of the Great Solar Undying Body.

"The power of the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array has just started to be displayed. The next part will be more interesting." Bing Qing folded her arms, and her face was calm. She knew that Mu Chen was not stupid. Since he dared to enter the array, he surely had something to rely on. Therefore, she was not surprised by the fact that Mu Chen was able to easily block the attack.

Nevertheless, the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array was not that weak, either.

Many people in the area stared at the turbulent magma sea. There, the golden giant still stood quietly. In the silence, a stunning pressure spread out.

Roar!

Deep and clear dragon howls erupted along with an intense dragon pressure. The nine dragons coiled up, and red light blinked on their bodies. The dragon scales that had previously been ejected grew out again. Red light surged in their eyes and finally, they opened their monstrous mouths simultaneously.

Vroom!

Immediately, the magma sea started to become very rough, and nine enormous pillars of magma charged into the sky. Red light ascended along the pillars in the magma. The red light eventually broke out of the magma and turned into nine ancient runes in the sky covered in magma and burning with flames.

The nine magma runes were fire-red. When they appeared, the temperature in the whole region started to increase, and even space itself became red. From afar, it looked extremely majestic, as if the flames were burning the sky.

"Those are the Nine Dragon Sky-burning Runes." The looks from Bing Qing and the rest all turned solemn, and their expressions became serious. Obviously, they were not unfamiliar with this deadly attack in the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array. In the past, when they were trying to get through the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array, they were often defeated at this stage.

Boom!

When the nine magma runes appeared, the whole place was instantly lit, and flames soared into the sky. Eventually, they turned into nine red beams of light and started revolving around Mu Chen, staying about 10,000 feet away from him, as if they were burning meteors streaking across the sky. At once, the space around Mu Chen started to distort at an obvious pace, and the temperature was so terrifying that even space seemed to be melting away.

Mu Chen's look also turned particularly dignified. He could feel the terrifying heat sweeping towards him. Under the temperature, even the surface of the Great Solar Undying Body, which had been strengthened with the Daluo Golden Body, was starting to dim.

I can't let these nine runes continue running. Mu Chen frowned. As the nine ancient magma runes circled, the heat released became more intense. If they were to continue, even the Great Solar Undying Body would probably not be able to tolerate it.

The Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array was indeed not easy to deal with.

Mu Chen closed his lips firmly. He stood on the Great Solar Undying Body's head, and his hands slowly extended out from his sleeves. Then, two different types of spiritual energy gushed out from separate palms, one burning with purple flames, and the other flashing with an invisible lightning.

Bing Qing and the rest immediately exclaimed in surprise. "Huh, it's actually spiritual energy with two very different elements." Being sharp-eyed, they could naturally tell that the spiritual energy on Mu Chen's palms had been fused with strong and unique powers.

Boom!

The nine magma runes trembled and turned into nine burning meteors crossing the sky and charging towards Mu Chen.

Waves of hot air whizzed overhead, and the terrifying temperature caused the golden light around the Great Solar Undying Body to continuously shrink. Meanwhile, Mu Chen's expression turned sharp. The nine magma runes were too powerful so if he got hit by one, even the Great Solar Undying Body would be damaged.

Thus, he must weaken their powers.

Mu Chen stomped his foot and charged into the sky while his palms pushed out as if he were going to move mountains and drain seas. Right away, two amazing waterfalls of spiritual energy swept out. Among the two spiritual energy waterfalls, one was filled with purple flames, and the other had the

sound of the Netherworld Thunder Heart. At the moment, Mu Chen still could not fuse the two types of spiritual energy together perfectly, but even when they were separate, they were still far more powerful than the spiritual energy of an ordinary Grade Three Sovereign.

The two waterfalls, which contained all of Mu Chen's spiritual energy, swept out and collided head-on with the burning meteors formed by two of the magma runes.

Bang!

Even the sky seemed to tremble in that instant. In the magma sea, many gigantic waves swelled and then crashed down all over the place.

Everyone squinted and stared at the region of collision. As the magma poured down, the two burning meteors formed by the two magma runes also exploded.

"He can crush the Sky-burning Runes even though he is a Grade Three Sovereign?" Some of the people were rather surprised. The power of even one Nine Dragon Sky-burning Rune was sufficient to make a Grade Three Sovereign helpless. All nine had been out, and even if a Grade Three Sovereign used all his powers, he would not be able to break any of the runes. However, Mu Chen had actually broken two of them.

"His spiritual energy was fused with some powerful and unique elements." Huo Mei'er's charming eyes blinked gently, and she was able to tell at once the reason for Mu Chen's powerful spiritual energy.

"However, it is far from sufficient to break just two Sky-burning Runes."

In the array, Mu Chen seemed to know what everyone was thinking. He looked at the magma pouring down from the sky, and his hands suddenly started to quickly form a seal. Then, in the sky, a strange fluctuation rippled.

Nine Nether, Huo Mei'er, and the lords' expressions all changed slightly. Clearly, they felt something.

"What's that?" Bing Qing and the rest suddenly exclaimed in surprise. In the sky above Mu Chen, space started to distort violently, and three black lotuses emerged out of thin air. Their appearance was quite sudden, and their fluctuations were also very different from the usual spiritual energy attacks.

Finally, someone shouted out loud, "It's a spiritual array!" The complicated array runes and the unique spiritual energy fluctuation actually belonged to a real spiritual array.

"This guy is actually also a spiritual array master?" Bing Qing and everyone else's mouths fell open wide. Mu Chen's hidden strategy was obviously beyond their expectations. After all, they had never seen Mu Chen cast a spiritual array.

The spiritual array with the three black lotuses was clearly the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array. As Mu Chen's powers and understanding of spiritual arrays grew, the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array he had arranged was surely stronger than arrays he had arranged in the past.

Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!

The three black lotuses shot out and turned into three black beams of light, colliding into three of the Sky-burning Runes. As the spiritual energy raged, another three Sky-burning Runes were crushed.

However, there were still four Sky-burning Runes, which broke through the many attacks and moved quickly towards Mu Chen, appearing about 1,000 feet away from him. Immediately, the space started to fiercely distort as if it were going to burn.

This time, it was already too late to intercept the attack.

Everyone stared nervously at Mu Chen. Now, what else can he do?

Puff.

Under their stares, Mu Chen exhaled gently. He put his hands together and at the same time, the huge hands of the Great Solar Undying Body also folded. A fierce expression appeared on Mu Chen's handsome face.

Since I cannot intercept them, I will collide with them head-on!

My Great Solar Undying Body is not as weak as you all think!

Brilliant golden light erupted from between the eyebrows of the Great Solar Undying Body, as if a golden sun were slowly rising. In the end, the light enveloped the entire Great Solar Undying Body like gilt.

The four Sky-burning Runes crashed towards him and eventually collided forcefully onto the huge Great Solar Undying Body like meteorites.

Dong!

The space itself trembled, and many huge cracks spread like a spider web as the red light engulfed everything.

Everyone stared at the scene, riveted.

"Four Sky-burning Runes are already sufficient to severely injure a Grade Four Sovereign!" someone in the Daluo Celestial Army said in a soft voice. Some other people also shook their heads in silence. Mu Chen's performance was not bad, but it was very difficult to stop the nine Sky-burning Runes.

"Wait!"

However, just as their voices diminished, the eyes of some people narrowed.

Everyone stared at the place where magma was pouring out. There, a golden giant stepped out into the air. A golden sun floated behind its head, and golden light shone out in all directions as if it were an indestructible Buddha. Its shocking stance caused many people to quietly gasp.

That was because the golden giant was actually not injured at all!

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Chapter 763: Ancient Flaming Dragon Blood

Dazzling golden light burst out into the sky. A golden giant tore through the red-hot waves, as if a golden Buddha had been created. Its fierce appearance caused the expressions of many people to change uncontrollably.

Then, their looks turned suddenly solemn. This was because the people were so dumbfounded that four Sky-burning Runes had not caused any damage whatsoever to Mu Chen! Even a grade four sovereign had to avoid that level of attack!

"How can this be?" Bing Qing and the other commanders exclaimed in surprise. The outcome was clearly unexpected. It was impossible that a grade three sovereign could withstand the four Sky-burning Runes!

"Haha! From the start, I have said that this kid is no weakling." Huo Mei'er laughed. However, a bit of surprise also flashed across her charming eyes, because she could feel that the sovereign celestial body that Mu Chen had cultivated was way too strong.

Under the many surprised stares, Mu Chen appeared on the head of the Great Solar Undying Body again. Then, he stomped his foot, causing the golden sun between the eyebrows of the Great Solar Undying Body to become increasingly bright. The gilt-like light seemed to be flowing over every square inch of the huge body.

Boom!

The Great Solar Undying Body charged forth. Its speed was extremely fast, and in the blink of an eye, it appeared on top of a magma dragon. Then, its gilt-like palm landed on the head of the dragon, just like a bolt of lightning. A terrifying golden light burst out!

Dong!

The golden light spurted out, and the magma dragon immediately roared in pain. Many golden cracks spread on its head, causing it to explode directly with a bang, releasing magma all over the sky!

By using the sovereign super power of the Great Solar Undying Body, which was the power of one sun, Mu Chen made a quick attack. He was able to slay one magma dragon in an instant!

This unforeseen event caused the looks of many people to turn serious. In their hearts, they exclaimed about the decisiveness and mercilessness of Mu Chen's attack.

Clearly, he knew that he could not let the nine magma dragons continue launching such attacks. Otherwise, even if he had a powerful sovereign celestial body, he would not be able to persevere to the end.

Vroom!

After killing the magma dragon swiftly, Mu Chen did not stop. Moving his body, he charged towards another magma dragon!

Roar!

However, by this time, all the other magma dragons had been able to recover from their initial surprise. Immediately, they roared in anger. Their red dragon claws, on which magma was flowing, penetrated across space, slapping fiercely towards the huge golden body.

The eight huge dragon claws flew overhead. The astonishing power fluctuations this flight caused then locked directly onto the space around Mu Chen, making him unable to dodge them.

However, his expression was still calm. Changing his seal, the golden sun between the eyebrows of the Great Solar Undying Body became increasingly bright. Obviously, he had already activated the power of one sun from his sovereign super power to its extreme.

The Great Solar Undying Body stood proudly in the air. Its huge hand clenched, causing the Great Meru Demonic Pillar to flash out. An ominous aura and the golden light surged together. Then, it waved, as many beams of light charged out from it brutally, colliding hard with the eight dragon claws.

Bang! Bang!

A shocking power fluctuation raged like a windstorm. Everyone stared at the sky with their mouths wide open. There, golden light surged, and the Great Solar Undying Body that was activated by Mu Chen was fighting in close combat with the eight magma dragons.

Mu Chen's attack was particularly fierce, as during every attack, he had given up his defense. The price for doing so was that, in just a dozen rounds, many imprints were left on the huge Great Solar Undying Body by the dragon claws.

However, whenever the golden light flashed past, all of the marks would disappear. Hence, the defense of the Great Solar Undying Body was beyond everyone's expectation! Now, with the augmentation of the Daluo Golden Body, Mu Chen was not afraid of participating in such close combat with his sovereign celestial body at all.

In the sky, the giant sovereign celestial body and the eight magma dragons collided hard into each other. Such close range, face-to-face combat caused the eyelids of many people to twitch. In particular, Mu Chen's fierce attacks caused them to twitch their lips uncontrollably.

This kid is young, but far more fierce than anyone else!

The violent and noisy fight continued in the sky. In just ten minutes, five magma dragons had already been crushed by the Great Meru Demonic Pillar. After having been crushed, they then immediately exploded!

Of course, Mu Chen had also paid a high price. On the chest of his sovereign celestial body, deep claw prints could be clearly seen. The scorching power of the magma still remained on the claw prints. Even though the Great Solar Undying Body had the ability to recover quickly, even it could not repair the claw prints in such a short time.

At the moment, there were only three magma dragons left in the sky...

"Awesome!" many people praised out loud.

But, Huo Mei'er and Bing Qing only shook their heads gently.

"If this continues, he will no longer have the chance to break out of the array." Mandela looked at the scene calmly, speaking tonelessly.

Hearing this, Nine Nether's expression changed abruptly. She was not familiar with the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array, so she did not understand why Mandela would say such a thing.

Mandela, however, did not explain any further, because at the moment, there was another sudden change in the magma array. The magma rolled, as huge magma pillars ascended into the sky again.

Just then, dragon howls spread from the magma and sharp dragon claws suddenly stretched out. Another six magma dragons had emerged in the sky!

After this, there were a total of nine dragons again. The hard battle that Mu Chen fought earlier seemed to have been totally useless!

Seeing this, not only did Mu Chen's expression change, but the pupils of those who were not familiar with the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array also contracted.

Many people were puzzled, but they had finally seen the powers of the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array. It was no wonder that it could become the trial to select the commanders of the Daluo Celestial Army.

"You can't break the array just by dealing with the magma dragons with brute force," Huo Mei'er muttered softly.

In the magma, Mu Chen also stared at the scene, frowning tightly. Then, his eyes quickly sparkled. It seemed that the Nine-Nine Flaming Dragon Array was not as simple as he had imagined. Although the nine magma dragons were terrifying, the array would not be destroyed by defeating the dragons.

From the looks of it, no matter how many times the dragons were defeated, they would still come back again. Hence, continuing on in this same pattern would only consume his powers unnecessarily.

"How can this be?" Mu Chen stared at the red magma below and squinted slightly. After a short while, he suddenly recalled the sentence that Mandela had said casually at the beginning...

"As long as the magma exists, the magma dragons cannot be destroyed."

Originally, Mu Chen was still somewhat doubtful about this. However, after trying it out, he realized that what Mandela had said was indeed true. But, did he really have to destroy the magma here completely? That seemed like an impossible task! After all, the place was connected to an underground fire pulse.

Mu Chen stared at the red magma sea. Golden light suddenly flashed across his eyes. In that instant, he clearly felt a strange fluctuation passing out from the depth of the magma array.

Vroom!

Mu Chen's eyes sparkled rapidly. In the next moment, he suddenly kicked his toes, causing his body to descend vertically, charging directly towards the magma array!

Roar!

Seeing this, the nine magma dragons immediately howled in anger and tried to stop him. However, golden light also gushed out from the Great Solar Undying Body. Then, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar swept out and blocked all of the dragons!

Splash!

Mu Chen charged directly into the magma, attracting many surprised stares. However, the eyes of Mandela, Huo Mei'er, and the rest of the group sparkled joyfully.

Mu Chen charged into the magma and quickly descended. Purple flames formed a layer of protection on the surface of his body, guarding him against the terrifyingly high temperature.

Meanwhile, his senses spread out quickly. After about ten breaths' time, his body trembled abruptly, as he scanned the area below him with his keen gaze.

In the depths of the magma, nine red balls of light were floating. Inside each ball of light, a drop of magma-like blood was floating. There seemed to be a flaming dragon coiled up in the blood, the fluctuation of which it emitted was so terrifying, it seemed to be able to burn up the entire sky! In addition, the flaming dragons seemed to be coiling within a burning scale, from which Mu Chen could smell a terrifying scent.

"Blood essence from the Ancient Flaming Dragon!"

Mu Chen stared at the nine drops of red blood essence, finally understanding what was going on. It turns out that they were here creating magma dragons! Hence, if they were not destroyed, he would not be able to break out of the array!

However, even though he had found the source, it was not so easy to crack the array. Although it was only the blood essence, he could still vaguely feel how strong the owner of the blood essence had been in the past. That kind of powerful being was probably very famous in the world.

Nonetheless, no matter how difficult it was, he had to find a way. Resolute, Mu Chen took in a deep breath, but then closed his eyes gradually in intense concentration.

Outside of the magma, Mandela waved her hand. The light in front of her spanned out, revealing the image at the depths of the magma brightly. Mu Chen and the nine drops of blood essence of the Ancient Flaming Dragon were all included in its radiant glow.

"You finally found it." A faint smile appeared on the small face of Mandela. Then, she said, "But the blood essence is protected by the scale of the Ancient Flaming Dragon outside. It will not be easy to penetrate through the dragon scale."

Worry also appeared on the face of Nine Nether. The Ancient Flaming Dragon was among the top in the Divine Beast Record. Moreover, this particular Ancient Flaming Dragon must have reached a very powerful level when it was still alive. Otherwise, it would be impossible for just its nine drops of blood essence and scales to have such powers!

"Don't worry. As long as he can take away one drop of the Ancient Flaming Dragon Blood, he will be considered as having passed. Also, by that time, the Ancient Flaming Dragon Blood that he has obtained will be given to him as a reward," Mandela smiled and said. "It's challenging to break all of the nine dragon scale protections of the Ancient Flaming Dragon. After all, when Huo Mei'er became the great commander, she had only taken away four drops of the Ancient Flaming Dragon Blood."

"Huh?"

Just as Mandela finished speaking, she suddenly exclaimed in surprise, as her golden pupils stared at the spiritual energy screen in front of her in astonishment.

There, Mu Chen had suddenly opened his eyes again, revealing them to now be completely black, without any white! They looked like deep black holes and were exceptionally strange! In addition, when Mu Chen's eyes turned black, the spiritual energy fluctuation that was emitting from his body also seemed to have turned extremely strange.

Seeing this scene, Nine Nether's look turned serious. Then, she began muttering to herself uncontrollably.

"This is... the Heart Demon State of the Supreme Heart Demon Chant?"

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Chapter 764: Lesser Demon Heart State

Mu Chen's figure quietly stood in the depths of the magma. Right now, his pupils were as black as black holes, which gave others the feeling that they would be sucked in. In addition, his black hair was swiftly growing and fluttered in the wind.

This bizarre change instantly attracted the attention of many experts, even Mandala had doubt flashing across her eyes, since she had never seen Mu Chen using such bizarre means.

"But the Spiritual Energy around him did not get stronger." Behind Mandala, the Sky Vulture Emperor of the three Emperors frowned. The Spiritual Energy fluctuations around Mu Chen had indeed, not gotten stronger. On the contrary, they had gotten weaker.

But not knowing why, the current Mu Chen felt a lot more dangerous compared to before. These bizarre changes left even the Sky Vulture Emperor and the rest puzzled.

The only one with understanding was Nine Nether. That's because she had gotten the Supreme Demon Heart Scripture together with Mu Chen. However, what left her surprised was the fact that Mu Chen had grasped the cultivation method of the Supreme Demon Heart Scripture in just a few months time.

And from the current looks of it, he seemed to have stepped into the initial foothold of it.

Such talent was something that even Nine Nether couldn't help sighing in her heart. This fellow does indeed possess boundless potential.

The exclamations from the outside world did not cause any disturbance to Mu Chen. He was quietly staring at the blood essence wrapped by the lumps of light with an indescribable calmness on his face. That calmness made it seem like nothing would cause him any disturbances, even if the heavens fell and earth cracked.

That calmness represented an absolute rationality that wouldn't be shaken by any disturbances.

This was the Demon Heart State!

Mu Chen gently clenched his fist over his chest. A pea-sized black pearl was slowly forming in his heart that couldn't be seen by others.

This was the Demon Heart Seed!

After a few months of countless striking his heart with the Nether Demon Heart Lightning, the power of Demon Heart Lightning that was poured into his heart had finally been refined into the Demon Heart Seed!

The Demon Heart Seed would not let Mu Chen's strength undergo a burst of growth, but it gave Mu Chen an absolute rationality. Under that rationality, it would allow the energy in his body to reach a near-perfect state.

Furthermore, his state-of-mind would not be disturbed by any means under this state. In addition, when facing life-and-death situations, he could still search for a trace of survival with absolute rationality.

Right now, Mu Chen had just formed the initial Demon Heart Seed, barely making it the first out of the Three Realms of the Demon Heart State, the Lesser Demon Heart State. He wondered how powerful he would become if he managed to reach the Greater Demon Heart State one day. It was no wonder why the Palace Master of the Lightning God Palace could confront Heavenly Sovereigns with the Perfection Realm of the Demon Heart State.

Mu Chen extended his five fingers, before slowly clenching them. The feeling of having absolute control over every single bit of his strength made him unable to help feeling a little intoxicated.

Boom!

Suddenly, a violent Spiritual Energy fluctuation came from outside the magma as the nine dragons were charging over in attempt to break through the obstruction of the Great Solar Undying Body and drive Mu Chen away.

"They sensed danger?" A smile seemed to appear on Mu Chen's calm expression as he pointed five fingers at the nine drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essences.

Roar!

The moment Mu Chen stretched his fingers out, the nine drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essences let out a raging roar. The blood essences rolled and, vaguely, there were nine miniature Primordial Fire Dragons, even the red dragon scales had emitted a scarlet light at this moment.

Rumble!

The magma in that region started to stir, vaguely showing signs of condensing magma dragons again...

Outside the array, everyone had their eyes closely staring at this scene. They wished to know how Mu Chen would take those blood essences with the protection of the dragon scales and his cultivation at merely Third Grade Sovereign.

Under the numerous gazes, Mu Chen suddenly, gently flicked his five fingers.

Space seemed to have ripple with incorporeal substance pouring out. Following after that was the howling thunderous roar that rolled out.

Nine torn marks appeared in the magma that was caused by the incorporeal energy that swiftly charged towards the nine drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence like bolts of lightning.

Sizzle! Sizzle!

The dragon scales emitted a buzzing noise under the protection of the blood essence as they burst forth with scarlet light. A dragon rune flowed in the light, which became it's the strongest defense to protect the blood essence within.

Rustle!

Nine incorporeal bolts of lightning stuck, slamming into the light formed by the dragon scales in an instant under everyone's gazes.

Boom!

There weren't any ripples on the dragon scales light barrier but to everyone's astonishment, it was the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence within that violently rippled upon the collision, as if they were issuing mournful howls.

A scarlet light frantically surged from the nine drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence, as if they were defending against some sort of attack. But what made others puzzled was the fact that there wasn't any attack that managed to penetrate through the defense of the dragon scales.

Mu Chen's pitch-black pupils quietly looked at the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence that was intensely trembling, then stretched his slender fingers out and flicked once again.

Howling cries of thunder resounded once again.

Boom!

The nine drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence couldn't take it anymore and they flew out, taking the initiative to leave the defense range of the dragon scales under numerous dumbfounded gazes.

Rustle!

Mu Chen's figure disappeared from the original spot and appeared behind those nine drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence in the next instant. Bending his finger, a suction force burst out and the nine drops of the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence were sucked into his hand.

Roar!

The blood essences continued to roar as if they were trying to struggle free. However, two surges of Spiritual Energy swiftly poured from Mu Chen's palms, one blazing with purple flames, while the other was sizzling with incorporeal lightning.

The Spiritual Energies of two completely different attributes had reached a perfect balance at this moment, complementing each other as they formed into a light barrier that trapped the nine drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence within.

This control over two Spiritual Energies was clearly much more perfect compared to when Mu Chen usually handled them. At least right now, Mu Chen could not achieve fusing the two Spiritual Energies together in his normal state.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

As the blood essences were seized, the nine dragon scales burst out with a scarlet light that was a myriad foot long as it swiftly burst towards Mu Chen at lightning speed, leaving faint tearing marks in the space.

The speed of those nine dragon scales were so fast that it was simply impossible to dodge in time.

Rumble!

But just when those dragon scales were about to hit Mu Chen, the magma was suddenly torn apart and a golden hand reached out and grabbed Mu Chen.

Boom! Boom!

The dragon scales shot against the golden hand, instantly shattering it. But in that instant when the hand shattered, a figure burst out, which charged out of the magma ocean in several breaths' time.

At this moment, the situation on the surface of the magma was extremely chaotic. Losing the blood essences, the nine magma dragons had also lost their supporting energy and they turned into magma that was pouring down.

Losing the core strength, the Nine-Nine Fire Dragons Array showed signs of collapsing and it was clearly about to shatter.

Mu Chen stood on the air as his black hair fluttered in the wind. His abstruse black pupils quietly looked at the direction of Mandala's party. Even at this time, there wasn't any expression on his handsome face.

"How can this be...?" Many experts were dumbfounded, especially Huo Mei'er, Bing Qing and the other Commanders. They couldn't help blinking their eyes and their faces were filled with shock.

Mu Chen actually took nine Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence? Even Huo Mei'er only managed to obtain four when she was promoted to the Great Commander... could it be that Mu Chen was stronger than Huo Mei'er?

But that was clearly impossible!

"That's..." Mandala had focused her attention on Mu Chen as well as she slowly said, "Is it the Nether Demon Heart Lightning? It's no wonder why it can ignore the defense of the dragon scales and directly attack the blood essence that contained the aura of a fire dragon."

"Nether Demon Heart Lightning?"

Everyone behind her was briefly stunned before, understanding what had happened. The Nether Demon Heart Lightning was something that could penetrate through physical defenses, striking directly into the depths of a person's heart, having an extremely bizarre attacking method. But they never imagined that Mu Chen would actually use it to deal with the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essences.

“The Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essences contains the remnant will of the Primordial Fire Dragon. This type of will fears the thunderous roar the most, so it was just a big trick this time.” Mandala faintly said.

Only then did everyone feel relieved. Luckily, it was just a trick. Otherwise, they would be ashamed to death. It was something that even they could not achieve, but a Third Grade Sovereign had accomplished it, it was simply face-smacking.

“Then, what will this be considered as?” asked Nine Nether.

A smear of a smile appeared on Mandala’s exquisite face as she said, “He won, of course. There’s no trick to speak of as long as you can win. Any method, even luck can be considered a part of your strength.”

“He was able to find a method to break it in such a short time and can even control the Nether Demon Heart Lightning to such a degree, those aren’t tricks.”

Rumble!

When Mandala finished speaking, the huge magma ocean tore apart and magma poured down, rumbling into the Greatlaw Blaze Pond.

Up in the sky, Mu Chen’s body lightly trembled as the abstruse blackness in his pupils swiftly retracted. His long black hair had also shrunk back, returning to his original appearance in a few breaths’ time.

As the Demon Heart State retracted, Mu Chen’s handsome face had also turned immediately lively. Right now, he possessed the liveliness that he should have.

“From now on, you are the Sixth Commander of the Great Havenlaw Army.”

When spirituality and liveliness returned in Mu Chen’s eyes, Mandala’s tender voice had also resounded, unhurried.

Down below, all the warriors of the Great Havenlaw Army exchanged looks, before respectfully bowing with their fists cupped together as deep voices resounded in an orderly fashion.

“Your subordinates greet the Sixth Commander!”

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Chapter 765: DragonPhoenix Record

“Your subordinates greet the Sixth Commander!”

Up in the sky, faint ripples rose in his somewhat calm heart as Mu Chen looked at the Great Havenlaw Army, which was completely bowing with respect. After all, it was the Great Havenlaw Army before him, the strongest troop within the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Although the Nine Nether Troop had pretty decent potential, the Nine Nether Troop wouldn’t last a few minutes if both of the troops were to fight. After all, everyone in the Great Havenlaw Army had stepped into the Sovereign Realm.

If the might of this army was unleashed, probably aside from the Three Emperors, none of the Kings could fight them.

Since the Great Havenlaw Army was so powerful, it definitely wasn't easy to become their Commander. As for the fact that he managed to get through the Nine-Nine Fire Dragon Array, he knew that the Great Havenlaw Army had probably not fully accepted him within their hearts. After all, his strength was too weak compared to the other Commanders.

But Mu Chen wasn't unhappy about this. Although there was some distance between him and the five Commanders, there would be a day when no one would dare to look at him in contempt as long as there's enough time.

Mu Chen slowly descended from the sky and landed at the area where Mandala and the rest were at. He waved his hand and a jade bottle appeared in his hand, with two different colours of Spiritual Energy flowing within. Wrapped by the Spiritual Energies were nine drops of blood essence that seemed like magma. An extremely blazing fluctuation was emanating from them.

The Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence.

"They're all mine?" Mu Chen smiled as he looked at Mandala.

Mu Chen was naturally drooling over the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence as the Primordial Fire Dragon was ranked within the top ranks of powerful Divine Beasts, whose strengths weren't any weaker than the Northern Sea Dragon.

Back then, in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Mu Chen spent so much effort and only managed to get a drop of the Northern Sea Dragon's Blood Essence. But right now, he had obtained nine drops, so he was naturally especially happy.

Mandala indifferently nodded her head. Although the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essences were precious, they weren't much in her eyes.

"Since you have gotten through the Nine-Nine Fire Dragon Array, then the only quota for the Dragon-Phoenix Haven will be given to you."

Mandala then cast a glance at Mu Chen before saying, "The Dragon-Phoenix Haven can be considered as a grand occasion amongst the younger generations of the Northern Region. Every single one of those fellows possesses monstrous talents accompanied with powerful backings. Their strengths aren't comparable to what you have encountered so far."

Mu Chen nodded his head. He would naturally not underestimate those blessed geniuses that were nurtured by resources from the various forces. Although he had yet to encounter someone else, just Liu Yan of the Sky Profound Palace was enough to make him feel threatened.

"There's a restriction in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven and none of us can enter. So at that time, you can only depend on yourself. If you get yourself killed there, then you can only blame yourself for being incapable."

"Has anyone from our Great Havenlaw Domain taken part in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven in the past?" Mu Chen asked after some thinking.

“There has, but they have all been killed by the representative of the Netherworld Palace.” Mandala’s face was a little unsightly. The Great Havenlaw Domain must have suffered quite a bit of ridicule from it.

“In the past, there’s a slight difference between the younger generation of our Great Havenlaw Domain compared to the other peak forces. Haha, furthermore, Lord Ruler didn’t seem to be too interested in it as well,” said the Sky Vulture Emperor.

“Who has that much time to slowly nurture those young fellows? I can slap those so-called blessed geniuses to death with one hand, why bother nurturing them? As long as I exist, the Great Havenlaw Domain will still stand. And if I am no longer around, it’s useless, no matter how many of those blessed geniuses you might have.” Mandala’s golden pupils stared at the Sky Vulture Emperor.

Mu Chen couldn’t help grinning, but she clearly did not mean what she said. The reason why she did not intend to nurture any of the younger generations was probably that there wasn’t one that she was satisfied with.

But then again, what she said was right, as well. The reason why the Great Havenlaw Domain could stand in line as a peak force was because of her, a powerful Earth Sovereign expert’s existence. As long as she existed, no one would lightly place their ideas on the Great Havenlaw Domain. And if she’s no longer here, no matter how many formidable younger generations were there, they could not hold the Great Havenlaw Domain up.

“Haha, I hope that Mu Chen can have a more brilliant performance in this Dragon-Phoenix Haven to let others in the Northern Region know that our Great Havenlaw Domain also has a formidable younger generation this time,” said the Sky Vulture Emperor as he smiled.

Mu Chen nodded his head. “I will do my best.”

Although he knew that everyone that would participate in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven were all geniuses, he felt no fear of them. They might be powerful, but he was not simple as well.

If he didn’t have even this little bit of confidence in himself, then he wouldn’t have come this far.

“It’s good if you can obtain a good performance, but don’t get killed by those nameless fellows and become the stepping stone for others and even embarrass our Great Havenlaw Domain.” Mandala said as she splashed cold water over Mu Chen’s pride.

Mu Chen couldn’t help to refuting with his teeth clenched, “Which other Ruler acts like you?!”

The hearts of everyone trembled when they heard his words. In the Great Havenlaw Domain, Mandala was a dictatorship ruler to begin with and no one dared to go against her words. Although she might have a cute little girl appearance right now, no one dared to be less respectful just because of her appearance. Thus, when they heard Mu Chen speaking to Mandala this way, they were a little dumbfounded.

While they were feeling nervous, Mandala, however, did not get angry. On the contrary, her lips were raised in ridicule as she turned around and leisurely walked away with her hands behind her back, while her tender voice resounded.

“Follow me, there’s still five days till the Dragon-Phoenix Haven starts. I will give you some things, in case you say that I am not taking good care of my subordinates.”

Mu Chen was stunned upon hearing her words, before he waved his hand and swiftly followed after Mandala.

After the two of them left, the Sky Vulture Emperor and the rest exchanged a look as they bitterly smiled. They could not figure out the relationship between Mu Chen and Mandala, but the two of them didn’t seem like a superior and subordinate from the way they conversed. Otherwise, with Mandala’s usual cold demeanor, Mu Chen would have been reduced to dust with a flick of her finger if he dared to speak to her in this way.

Nine Nether also shrugged her shoulders as she smiled. She was naturally happy that Mandala would take such good care of Mu Chen. The reason why she brought Mu Chen over to the Great Havenlaw Domain was so that he could have a better cultivation condition. Although she had no idea how Mu Chen was able to have such a close relationship with Mandala, it wasn’t a bad thing.

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Mu Chen followed Mandala as they streaked across the Greatlaw Sky, before descending down at a mountain peak in the depths of the mountain range. Standing on the mountain peak was a simple-designed Book Depository Pavilion.

Landing before the Book Depository Pavilion, Mu Chen’s body immediately tensed up in reflex as he swept his gaze over. Because in that direction, he sensed traces of dangerous fluctuations that invaded into his bones.

“This is the Book Depository Pavilion of my Great Havenlaw Domain. Divine Arts, Spiritual Arrays and inheritances that we have raided from sects and clans are all stored here. This can be considered as the important ground of our Great Havenlaw Domain. In addition, this is also the place that Xiao Meng secludes himself.” Mandala casually said.

“Xiao Meng?”

Mu Chen was briefly stunned, before he immediately realised that she seemed to be talking about the Sleeping Emperor. Immediately, the corner of his lips involuntarily twitched. The head of the Three Emperors was actually addressed in such a funny way by Mandala?

“So this is the place that the Sleeping Emperor guards.” Mu Chen’s body gradually relaxed. It was no wonder why he sensed such intense danger earlier. With such an expert guarding this place, it was simply impossible for ordinary people to come close.

“Although you have broken through, you’re still just a Third Grade Sovereign. There’s still a considerable gap between you and those geniuses. It’s said that Liu Yan of the Sky Profound Palace has long stepped into the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm. Compared to that Qin Bei that you have defeated, he’s much stronger.” Mandala’s tender voice resounded before the Book Depository Pavilion.

“Furthermore, you have crippled Liu Ming and this Liu Yan has declared that he will definitely deal with you in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.”

Mu Chen lightly nodded his head. Liu Yan was indeed a formidable character that someone like Qin Bei couldn't be compared to.

Mandala waved her hand and the door of the Book Depository Pavilion slowly opened. In an instant, a shocking fluctuation swept out but they could not even lift the skirt of Mandala, who stood before the gate.

Mandala directly walked in, with Mu Chen closely following behind. Entering the pavilion, colourful glitters instantly filled his eyes. There were numerous stone platforms filled halos that had floating scrolls within.

Those scrolls were emitting powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations. Clearly, they weren't simple stuff.

The dazzling collective lineup left Mu Chen dumbfounded. He even couldn't help smacking his lips. This was the wealth of a peak force, god-knows how many unfortunate sects have been raided after all these years.

Mandala did not get Mu Chen to choose. Instead, she made a clawing gesture. A streak of light flew over and entered her hand, which she threw over to Mu Chen.

"Since you're going to participate in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, then you should know your competitors. The geniuses of the Northern Region's younger generations are all recorded here. You can take a look so that you can make proper preparations if you encounter them.

Hearing Mandala's words, Mu Chen's heart shook and he immediately received the streak of light. As the light dissipated, a scroll was revealed before him. On the two sides of the scroll were a dragon and phoenix tangled together, vaguely issuing a draconic roar and phoenix cry, which clearly rang out.

He slowly opened it and golden light immediately circulated. What first appeared before his eyes were three golden flamboyant words.

"Dragon-Phoenix Record."

The Great Ruler

Chapter 766: Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light

As he opened the scroll, golden light entered Mu Chen's eyes. The ancient words that were flickering with light seemed alive, and were wondering before his eyes.

"【Dragon-Phoenix Record】 Rank 9: Chi Xue of the Serpent God Palace. Having the main body of a Scarlet Blood Serpent with Divine Beasts bloodline. Has a savage nature, bloodthirsty and has once blood-bathed over a hundred cities."

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"【Dragon-Phoenix Record】 Rank 7: Ding Xuan of the Spiritual Giant Clan. Born with great strength and can lift mountains. Has once challenged and undergone a hundred battles, defeating a hundred Sovereigns."

“ 【Dragon-Phoenix Record】 Rank 5: Hong Yu of the Demon Gate. Dazzling and alluring, known as a famous beauty in the Northern Realm. Countless geniuses have been bewitched by her, even causing a genius that had been nurtured for years by a peak force to betray his own sect.”

“...”

Reading till here, Mu Chen was a little dumbfounded. Just how beautiful was that lady called Hong Yu? To actually even cause people to betray their own sects.

“Formidable.” Mu Chen praised as he clicked his tongue. Although there wasn’t any record of this Hong Yu’s battle achievements, Mu Chen wouldn’t be so stupid to think that she could be ranked 5th all because of her beauty.

“What about Liu Yan of the Sky Profound Palace?”

With a faint tremble in his heart, he continued reading. With Liu Yan’s talent and strength, it’s impossible for him not to be on this record, and as Mu Chen had expected, he found that familiar name in rank 4.

“ 【Dragon-Phoenix Record】 Rank 4: Liu Yan of the Sky Profound Palace. Cultivated the Myriad Flames Celestial Body, peerlessly overbearing with heavenly flames that can burn anything. He even managed to fully retreat unscathed when facing a Fifth Grade Sovereign.”

“Myriad Flames Celestial Body...” Mu Chen slightly narrowed his eyes. Although there was a word difference between the Myriad Flames Celestial Body and Heavenly Flames Celestial Body, it was much more powerful than the latter. Because, in the 99 Rankings of Sovereign Celestial Bodies, the Myriad Flames Celestial Body was ranked as the 69th. It was said that to cultivate this Sovereign Celestial Body, one had to collect hundreds of bizarre flames between the heavens and earth to burn one’s Spiritual Energy in order to refine the Myriad Flames Celestial Body. Upon a successful refinement, it would be extremely powerful.

Compared to Liu Ming, Liu Yan was indeed much more powerful. But what made Mu Chen feel astonished was the fact that Liu Yan even fought with a Fifth Grade Sovereign and could fully retreat unscathed.

It looked like the ability to battle opponents that exceeded his realm was not exclusive to him. Other geniuses also had the means to accomplish it.

“Looks like he’s indeed a troublesome fellow.”

Mu Chen muttered to himself. It looked like he had to be even more cautious in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. With such opponents eyeing him in the dark, he could not afford to be careless.

As this thought flashed in his heart, Mu Chen’s gaze shifted upwards. Right now, he was even more curious about this Dragon-Phoenix Record. Even Liu Yan was only ranked 4th, then what sort of ferocious characters would the Top 3 be?

Golden light surged as the golden characters wondered with Mu Chen’s gaze stopping at the Top 3.

“【Dragon-Phoenix Record】 Rank 3: Su Biyue of the Myriad Saint Peak, a pure and holy girl whose beauty is comparable to Hong Yu of the Demon Gate. In the Northern Region, the number of times when she acted could be counted on one’s hand. But every time she acted, she would definitely defeat her opponents within ten moves. She once battled with the Demon Gate’s Hong Yu, which ended with a small win.”

“Defeating her opponents within ten moves?”

Mu Chen’s eyes revealed shock. The gold-bearing of this Dragon-Phoenix Record is a little too high, every single one of them was unreasonably strong. As for this ‘defeating opponents within ten moves’, just thinking about it would strike fear in others.

“【Dragon-Phoenix Record】 Rank 2: Netherworld Prince of the Netherworld Palace. The Netherworld Palace adopts a venomous insects refinery method to nurture geniuses, and amongst ten thousand geniuses, only one walked out. He is the Netherworld Prince.”

Staring at the characters that emitted a golden light, Mu Chen, however, felt a faint chill in his heart. There wasn’t any record of this Netherworld Prince’s battle achievements, but just those few words alone were enough to make one shiver.

Nurturing geniuses with the method of venomous insects, this method can only be known as cruel. Moreover, this Netherworld Prince could come out of it, so he must have experienced one hell of a massacre.

A few months ago, Mu Chen remembered that Liu Tiandao seemed to have mentioned something about the Netherworld Palace. It was an old-school peak force in the Northern Region that didn’t seem to have any good relations with their Great Havenlaw Domain.

Staring at the name of the Netherworld Prince, Mu Chen silently listed him on his danger list. Although he had not seen this person before, just the fact that the two forces did not have a good relationship was enough for him to be more cautious.

“Then, what about the first?”

Mu Chen’s heart lightly trembled. Even the Netherworld Prince could only be ranked 2nd, then what kind of divine figure would the first be?

As Mu Chen moved his gaze, a row of ancient wordings silently appeared on top.

“【Dragon-Phoenix Record】 Rank 1: Fang Yi of the Divine Pavilion.”

The introduction was only these few words. But just these few words of introduction alone made Mu Chen’s gaze turn solemn. A person with such a simple introduction and yet, could sit firmly on top of the Dragon-Phoenix Record can only be described as frightening.

“The Divine Pavilion can be considered as one with the peak force with the longest foundation in the Northern Region They have experienced five Great Hunts and can still stand firm without falling. This Fang Yi is also an absolute genius, since he was nurtured by the Divine Pavilion at all costs for all these years. They seem to have the intention of making him the next Ruler of the Divine Pavilion.” Mandala’s tender voice slowly resounded.

Mu Chen inwardly clicked his tongue. Being nurtured at all costs by the Divine Pavilion that has such a long foundation, it was no wonder why he was so terrifying.

“This Northern Region is truly full of hidden dragons and crouching tigers.” Mu Chen said from his heart. Indeed, only by entering the Great Thousand World, could one know the vastness of this world. It was also precisely so that made this world interesting. The path of an expert was one that was filled with tribulations to begin with. Only by pressing onwards, step by step, could one possess the ability to overlook others.

“Now you know what sort of powerful characters are participating in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. Don’t think that you can be proud and arrogant by winning against some puny fellows.” Mandala lectured. Except that the way she spoke, which was filled with age and experience, combined with that tender voice of hers was a little weird.

“How am I proud and arrogant?” Mu Chen rolled his eyes at her. Although he had self-confidence, he wasn’t an impulsive person to stupidly think that he was invincible under the sky.

“Are you afraid?” Mandala lifted her lips as she continued, “Are you still going to participate?”

Staring at the Dragon-Phoenix Record in his hand, Mu Chen lightly smiled as he stored it and answered, “When the Dragon-Phoenix Haven ends, I will definitely have a spot in the Top 10.”

Those geniuses in the record were indeed dragons and phoenixes amongst men. If he were to fight with them, it would definitely be a rare chance for him to grind himself, and he had never been afraid of doing that sort of grinding.

Back then, in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, Shen Cangsheng, Li Xuanton and the rest were also unreachable experts in his eyes. But by the time he left the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy, he stood at the pinnacle.

Perhaps he did not have such of a celebrated background like those geniuses, but he never felt that he was weaker than others. That’s because he had his own pursuits. He had promised his father that he would bring his mother back.

Likewise, he had also promised the girl that he yearns for day and night that he would become a supreme expert that would block the storm and rain for her.

Therefore, he would not fear this path and his gaze would forever be looking up ahead from beginning to end.

Looking at the smile on Mu Chen’s face, Mandala’s golden pupils flashed with a smear of astonishment, before she lightly clapped her hands with a smile. “Pretty good, at least you have some bearing. Although it was just a strong front with a weak inside, at least you did not bring disgrace to the title of Primordial Immortal Body’s Successor.”

“Where’s the thing that you will be giving me?” Mu Chen did not pay any attention to her as he directly stretched his hand out, demanding with an eye-narrowing smile. With Mandala’s position, the item that she would be giving him would definitely not be ordinary.

Knowing that all those participants in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven were monsters, Mu Chen was itching to get more means for himself. Because even for someone as self-confident as him, after knowing the top three rankers, he knew that they were all absolutely formidable opponents.

Mandala rolled her eyes at Mu Chen, before turning around and headed towards the depths of the Book Depository Pavilion. Looking at her actions, Mu Chen immediately followed her.

They passed through numerous stone platforms that were emitting a strong light. Although the fluctuations emitting from those scrolls were powerful, Mandala's steps did not come to a stop. Only after ten minutes, did she start to slow down, before the end of the Book Depository Pavilion appeared before their eyes.

Only then, did Mandala stop her steps.

Mu Chen raised his head and saw an indistinctive stone statue at the end of the Book Depository Pavilion. The stone statue was dull-grey in colour with a seal formed with one hand that supported upwards. In the palm of the stone statue, there was a bizarre flower hovering above it.

The bizarre flower was purple in colour, with bewitching petals. It was as if there was an enchanting light floating on it. At the same time, there was a strange undulation being emitted from it, which made Mu Chen's attention a little distracted. In that instant, even his mind was about to be sucked in by it.

Rumble!

The Nether Demon Heart Lightning suddenly rang out in Mu Chen's heart, which made him immediately clear up. He took a step back and stared at the strange purple flower with fear in his eyes, it was actually an item that could cause the mind to be intoxicated.

Mandala made a summoning gesture with her hand and the purple flower floated down, before landing in her hand. She looked at it for a brief moment, before flicking her finger, making the flower fly towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen carefully received it. As the flower landed in his hand, he realised that there seemed to be some ancient text on the petals of the flower.

"This is an ancient Divine Art known as the Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light. Upon execution, the sky and earth will turn dark and a region will be completely annihilated. It's a power comparable to a true annihilation."

Mandala faintly said, "But if you want to cultivate it, then you have to borrow the power of a Primordial Mandala Flower."

Mu Chen was stunned. The Primordial Mandala Flower was a mystical existence between the heavens and earth, possessing intelligence. Every single one of them was comparable to a powerful expert, how was he going to borrow their power?

Seemingly having seen through the doubts in Mu Chen's heart, Mandala extended her hand and gently pointed at Mu Chen's abdomen. It was where the Sovereign Sea was located, and in the Sovereign Sea, there was a hidden black paper...

Mu Chen understood what she meant and immediately went ecstatic. Because there were the divine runes of a Primordial Mandala Flower sealed in the Immortal Page. That meant that this Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light was practically made for him!

Others had no way of training in it, but it was perfect for him!

At this moment, even with Mu Chen's composure, he couldn't help laughing out loud. This gift from Mandala was simply too suitable for him!

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Chapter 767: Move Out

Over the next few days, Mu Chen had made full use of the time and went into seclusion in the Nine Nether Palace. The main objective of his seclusion was to study the Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light.

After studying it, Mu Chen also gradually realised that this was a profound and unfathomable Divine Art. Although Mandala had not told him what the level of this Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light Divine Art was, it was highly possible for this Divine Art to be a Perfect Rank Divine Art, based on his conjecture.

It was practically the strongest Divine Art amongst those that were possessed by Mu Chen. Even the Nine Dragons and Elephants Divine Art had not reached the level of Perfect Rank.

Naturally, a high-graded Divine Art meant that it would be tough to train in it as well, and the difficulty of this Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light made Mu Chen endlessly click his tongue, even with his talent.

Even with Mandala's hidden pointers, Mu Chen barely touched the hair of it after a few days. But fortunately, he had the divine runes of a Primordial Mandala Flower in his Immortal Page. It would be of great aid for him to train in this Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light. He believed that it was just a matter of time for him to learn this Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light.

Furthermore, he had great expectations in the might of this Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light upon learning it.

Aside from studying the Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light for the past few days, Mu Chen had divided his attention onto Spiritual Arrays, as well. Although he rarely used Spiritual Arrays when fighting, it was, after all, an advantage and trump card of his. And speaking from a certain angle, his talent in Spiritual Arrays even surpassed his Spiritual Energy cultivation.

All in all, his mother was a genuine Spiritual Array Ancestor-levelled Spiritual Array Master, whose strength was something that not even Mandala could face.

Sometimes, Mu Chen would think that if others knew that his mother was a terrifying existence comparable to a Heavenly Sovereign, there would probably be no one on the Skylaw Continent that would dare to provoke him...

But this thought had also completely disappeared in Mu Chen's mind in an instant. Not to mention that his mother was right now trapped, even with his character, he wouldn't resort to intimidating others with his connections.

Mu Chen inwardly sighed. It looked like the 'powerful second generation' was not something that he could be, even if he wanted to be, it was more reliable to rely on himself. Thus, Mu Chen would go into the Book Depository Pavilion during his free time to look for some Spiritual Arrays to train in. He had a premonition that this Dragon-Phoenix Haven would definitely be a shocking battle. With an additional means, he would have an additional chance in protecting himself.

Facing those ferocious characters on the Dragon-Phoenix Record, even Mu Chen had to pull himself together and could not afford to belittle others.

Mandala had also given Mu Chen her greatest support, allowing him to visit the Book Depository Pavilion as he wished, and allowed him to train in it as well. This special treatment made some Kings green with envy. After all, everyone knew what sort of treasures were stored in the Book Depository Pavilion. Normally, even they would not have the qualifications to enter, unless they had done a great service. However, Mu Chen could freely enter as he wished, which made them drool.

But, they only drooled, and no one dared to say anything about it. At this point in time, even a blind man could tell that Mu Chen and the Ruler had an extraordinary relationship. And with the support of the Ruler, no one in the Great Havenlaw Domain dared to provoke Mu Chen. Take the Blood Hawk King for example, he no longer dared to pull any tricks with Mu Chen. After all, if he made the Ruler upset, then he would probably lose his post.

After Mandala opened all her resources to Mu Chen, several days had also swiftly passed by...

The fifth day

Today, the Nine Nether Palace was especially lively as people of various factions had gathered here. At this moment, Mu Chen was smiling as he cupped his fists with them.

"If you're done preparing, then quickly leave. We will not be sending you off. The Dragon-Phoenix Haven is located in the Dragon-Phoenix Mountain Range in the northwest, go there yourself." Mandala said as she waved her hand at Mu Chen.

"I'll be going alone?" Hearing her words, Mu Chen was stunned. Although he had been in the Northern Region for quite some time now, he had never gone far from the Great Havenlaw Domain by himself. He originally thought that this group of people from the Great Havenlaw Domain would send him off a little bit, at least to show the bearing of a peak force and intimidate those small fries a little.

"You're not a kid, you need someone to accompany you?" Mandala flung her lips as she continued, "If you are not even capable of going to the Dragon-Phoenix Mountain Range by yourself, then don't participate and be an embarrassment."

Mu Chen was angered to the point that his teeth were itching. If it wasn't for the fact that this little girl before him could suppress him with a wave of her hand, he might not have been able to hold himself back from teaching her a lesson.

"Domain Ruler is joking, due to the fact that only those participating in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven can enter and others that are too powerful cannot, the representative of the other forces will be going along as well. They will not be sending any experts to follow."

Nine Nether smiled next to him as she continued, "Therefore, you can only rely on yourself to handle whatever situation you face in this Dragon-Phoenix Haven."

Mu Chen helplessly sighed. It looked like he would really be going on a solo journey this time.

"Take this."

Just when Mu Chen was feeling depressed and was about to move out, Mandala suddenly flicked her finger and a beam of light flew towards Mu Chen. Mu Chen caught it in his hand, it was an antique jade with strange fluctuations emitting from it.

"If you encounter any life-and-death danger, crush it." Mandala said with indifference.

Mu Chen was stunned. He had heard from Nine Nether that there should be a restriction in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, so those whose strengths have reached Mandala's level would not be able to enter. If they were to do so, they would definitely be inflicted with a considerable trouble. But right now, Mandala had given him an antique jade, which, upon crushing it, she would rely on that fluctuation to travel through a tear of space.

If that was the case, then she would definitely have to pay some price for it.

Mu Chen felt touched in his heart and held onto the antique jade. He did not say a single word about it and stored it into his Universal Bracelet. It looked like he had to be more careful in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

"Haha. Mu Chen, although we will not be able to go to the Dragon-Phoenix Mountain Range, we will be paying attention to the situation at all times. Our Great Havenlaw Domain will wait for you to come out." The Sky Vulture Emperor smiled from the side.

"This time, the reputation of my Great Havenlaw Domain will rely on you!"

Mu Chen respectfully cupped his hands towards the Sky Vulture Emperor. "Lord Sky Vulture Emperor, be assured that I will definitely do my best!"

Finishing his words, he no longer hesitated as he moved and was about to leap into the horizon.

"If you can come back smoothly, then the seat of Great Havenlaw Domain's Tenth King will be yours." Mandala looked at Mu Chen as she said.

"Haha, then I will be thanking Lord Ruler to keep that seat for me!" Mu Chen laughed out as he moved, directly turning into a streak of light as he flew across the horizon. In a few breaths' time, he had already disappeared from everyone's sight.

Looking at his leaving silhouette, everyone sighed.

"Ruler, this Dragon-Phoenix Haven is rumoured to be the most intense one in all these years. The other peak forces have sent their younger generations that they have nurtured at all costs out."

The Spiritual Pupils Emperor looked at the direction in which Mu Chen left, before turning towards Mandala, "After all these years, our Great Havenlaw Domain has been at a disadvantage in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, thus losing all our reputation. Although Mu Chen isn't simple, I'm afraid that..."

The remaining experts silently nodded their heads as well. They also had a genius from the younger generation partake in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. But the moment he entered, he had already been killed by the genius from the Netherworld Palace, causing a great loss to their reputation. After that, the Great Havenlaw Domain had practically given up on the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. But this time, Mandala had sent someone to participate. Although Mu Chen's performance so far was pretty good, all those geniuses that were taking part in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven far exceeded him. They were afraid that if Mu Chen failed, their Great Havenlaw Domain would lose their reputation once again.

"After being a turtle for so many years, we have to send someone out in the end." Mandala faintly smiled as she stared at the Spiritual Pupils Emperor. "I know that you guys do not have much confidence in Mu Chen, but I do. As for the results, we'll wait and see."

Hearing Mandala's words, the Spiritual Pupils Emperor did not dare to speak any further and could only nod his head with a bitter smile. He wasn't aiming at Mu Chen, but what he said was all true. After all, compared to the Top 10 geniuses in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, there was indeed a considerable gap between them.

But since Mandala had said that she had confidence in him, then they could only choose to believe as well. They hoped that this time, their Great Havenlaw Domain wouldn't be like the past, and send people to go, only to end up not even having a shadow return...

Every single expert had also raised their heads and looked at the northern direction. They could only imagine that in the upcoming period, that region would be attracting the most attention in the Northern Region.

Countless geniuses would be competing there. There would be some rising and some falling because of it as well...

But no matter what, when the Dragon-Phoenix Haven ends, the Dragon-Phoenix Record would also change as well.

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Chapter 768: Encounter Deep in the Mountain

The Dragon-Phoenix Mountain Range was a famous ancient land in the Northern Region. The reason why it was famous was naturally that of the Dragon-Phoenix Haven in the Dragon-Phoenix Mountain Range.

Legend had it that in the ancient times, there was a True Dragon and True Phoenix that unleashed a great shocking battle. That battle caused tens of thousands of meters to be levelled to the ground, even the sky was shattered in that fight.

In the powerful Dragon and Phoenix Clans, the True Dragon and True Phoenix were the strongest existences, powerful existences that possessed strengths that rivalled Heavenly Sovereigns.

That shocking battle ended with the fall of those two terrifying creatures, and their graveyard turned into the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. It's said that the Dragon-Phoenix Haven was dyed in the blood of the True Dragon and Phoenix, causing it to be extremely abnormal. Many treasures that could not be found outside were everywhere in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

It was so much so that if one could get the blood essences of the True Dragon or Phoenix, they could refine the True Dragon Physique and True Phoenix Physique upon refining them. If they succeeded, the toughness of their physiques would nearly be comparable to the Dragon and Phoenix Clans.

The crucial point was that the blood essence of a True Dragon and Phoenix would also bestow powerful vitality. It was common knowledge that the terrifying part of Divine Beasts was that they possessed a vitality that humans could never compare to. If humans could also obtain a vitality similar to them, it would undoubtedly be greatly beneficial in the path of cultivation.

Aside from that, there were also rumours that the Dragon-Phoenix Haven had the inheritance left behind by the True Dragon and Phoenix hidden within. If they could obtain it, it would practically be ascending the heavens in a single step.

But, after all these years, whenever the Dragon-Phoenix Haven opened, no one had heard of anyone obtaining the inheritance left behind by the True Dragon and Phoenix. Thus, it didn't rule out that the rumour was fabricated.

But, even so, whenever the Dragon-Phoenix Haven was about to open, not only were the geniuses of the Northern Region's younger generations stirred, even the peak forces out of the Northern Region would drool and send their representatives over as well.

Therefore, as time passed, the Dragon-Phoenix Haven became the gold-bearing standard used to examine the younger generations of the Northern Region. Thus, the so-called "Dragon-Phoenix Record" was born.

But, no matter what, the opening of Dragon-Phoenix Haven every single time would be the main focus of attention in the Northern Region.

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When Mu Chen left the Great Havenlaw Domain, he had directly rushed towards the Dragon-Phoenix Mountain Range. But due to the fact that it was situated at the northern part of the Northern Region, with a great distance between it and the Great Havenlaw Domain, he had no idea how many powerful forces' territories he had to pass through along the way.

But, generally speaking, this journey was rather smooth, in addition to Mu Chen travelling at top speed, he was already gradually approaching the northern area in just two days.

As he gradually got closer, Mu Chen started to sense more and more Spiritual Energy fluctuations making their way towards the same direction. Clearly, they were all making their way towards the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

The owners of those Spiritual Energy fluctuations were rather young, with decent strength. However, they did not make Mu Chen too astonished because those that he encountered so far were just almost on par with Xu Qing and Zhou Yue.

Mu Chen did not take the initiative to approach those people and had chosen to avoid them instead, choosing deep mountain paths for his journey. Although his speed would be interfered by the Spiritual Beasts residing in those mountains, it was better than having any disputes. It was also quiet and

peaceful. Naturally, the main point was that he needed peace in order to continue his study on the Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light.

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Night covered the land, with the occasional roars of Spiritual Beasts deep in the mountain, spreading out in the night.

Sparkles of a fire rose in the dense forest as a slender figure quietly sat down with his eyes closed. On his palm, there was a slowly spinning purple flower that was emitting a dark purple light.

Within the dark purple light seemed to be an ancient text that entered his body along his palm. Vaguely, it seemed to outline certain profound runes.

It was naturally Mu Chen who was travelling by himself. During these two days, he had travelled deep into the mountains. Comprehending by himself had also gained him some harvest.

The encirclement of purple light lasted for an hour before it gradually dissipated, then Mu Chen slowly opened his eyes. He looked at the purple flower in his hand and with a flip of his palm, he stored it.

“It’s indeed profound... Even if I can comprehend the profundities in the divine runes of the Primordial Mandala Flower in the Immortal Page, I have only managed to touch the very superficial points of it.”

Mu Chen inwardly sighed. This Mandala Heavens Annihilation Light was indeed worthy of being a Perfect Rank Divine Art. The difficulty of cultivating it even made him feel a headache.

Mu Chen lightly spat out a mouthful of air as he suppressed the thoughts in his heart and was intending to go into a cultivation state.

“Hmm?”

Just when Mu Chen was about to cultivate, his expression suddenly changed and he extinguished the flames before him with a wave of his hand. Furthermore, his figure had flown out in the darkness like a civet, vigorously shuttling in the forest.

Patches of forest flashed before his eyes and, a long while later, Mu Chen quietly landed on a huge lush tree. He then separated the leaves and looked up ahead.

When he directed his gaze over, his expression couldn’t help freezing.

Outside the forest was a clear lake with the round moon hanging high in the sky, pouring down its moonlight, which cast a veil of silver on the lake. But what left Mu Chen stunned wasn’t the scenery of this lake.

In the lake, there was a snow-white naked body gracefully taking a bath. Her hair, which seemed like a waterfall, was spread out on the surface of the water. Because of the angle, Mu Chen could only see half of her face. It was that half that involuntarily made Mu Chen, who was used to seeing beauties, take a breath back.

She had arched brows, a pointed nose, rosy lips, as well as eyes that seemed like two pieces of obsidian under her slender eyelashes. There was also a layer of gloss on her snow-white skin.

Mu Chen couldn't help shifting his eyes down. He saw her snow-white neck that was as graceful as a swan, and an exquisite collarbone, which was slim and alluring. Further down was blocked by the clear lake but vaguely, he could see the ample curves.

In terms of beauty, this lady could be in the Top 3 of ladies that Mu Chen had seen so far. According to his thoughts, even Hong Yu of the Demon Gate, whose beauty was unparalleled in the Northern Region would not surpass her.

Splashes!

When Mu Chen was looking at the lady, the lake water behind her suddenly splashed. A smear of seven colours flashed past, and in the next instant, the lake water exploded as a seven-coloured huge snake charged out and pounced towards the lady.

At the sight of this, Mu Chen's face instantly, slightly changed as he nearly charged out by reflex. But in the next moment, his figure abruptly stopped.

Because he saw the lady in the lake lightly chuckle. Her chuckles were like pearls dropping onto a silver plate, it was clear and crisp. She waved her hand and the seven-coloured huge snake swiftly shrunk in size, into the size of a palm, and coiled around her delicate shoulders.

So this seven-coloured snake was her pet.

Mu Chen secretly felt relieved. Just when he was about to quietly leave, a pair of obsidian pupils suddenly shot over from the lake.

"Shit, got discovered."

Mu Chen's heart slightly shook as his figure instantly burst in retreat.

Although the lady before him possessed extreme beauty, Mu Chen knew that she probably wasn't simple, so he did not want to provoke her.

Rustle!

Mu Chen's speed was extremely fast. He flew out over a thousand feet in the blink of an eye. But suddenly, his body turned stiff as he landed on a huge tree. Looking up ahead, he saw a black-robed figure, reclining on a tree branch looking at him with an eye-narrowing smile.

It was a youth. He had a delicate and pretty face and the smile on his face was rather warm. But not knowing why, Mu Chen's body suddenly tensed up upon seeing him. He felt an uncontainable danger from that mysterious black-clothed youth.

"Friend... if you run away like this, I will get beaten up." The black-robed youth scratched his head as he gave Mu Chen a helpless smile, before taking a step forth.

Mu Chen's pupils shrank as he burst in retreat.

Rustle!

In that instant, when he retreated, the black-clothed youth had already appeared before him, gently placing his hand on his shoulder. Instantly, the Spiritual Energy in his body stopped circulating.

Mu Chen's eyes revealed shock, since he never thought that the black-robed youth's strength would be so fearsome. That fellow definitely wasn't as young as he looked on the surface.

The black-clothed youth grabbed Mu Chen's shoulder and moved. When he appeared next, he was already at the edge of the lake, before he let go of Mu Chen.

Mu Chen went on alert and took several steps back. Just when he was about to speak, a lady dressed in a light-coloured dress was walking barefooted on the surface of the lake, before stopping in front of Mu Chen.

Mu Chen thoroughly saw the lady before him. No, she should be a girl instead. She clearly had a young age, but she had a natural charm emitting from the centre of her brows. The tenderness of the girl combined with her charm made her extremely alluring.

As the girl walked over, the black-robed youth, who revealed a horrifying strength, immediately had a fawning smile on his face as he ran over with a long face. "Big Sister, I was just helping you chase the nearby Spiritual Beasts away when this kid got in. You can't blame it on me for not guarding you well!"

Mu Chen was taken aback. Such a young-looking girl was actually the big sister of that youth with terrifying strength? But the Spiritual Energy fluctuations around this girl before him didn't seem to be much stronger than his own.

The girl gave the black-robed youth a cold stare with her alluring eyes, before looking at Mu Chen. The seven-coloured snake crawled over her shoulder, while it stuck its tongue out at Mu Chen.

"This..."

Mu Chen dryly coughed. Just when he was about to speak, the girl stretched her hand out and her clear and crisp voice resounded in the night, which petrified Mu Chen on the spot.

"You have the scent of the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence on you, compensate me five drops."

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Chapter 769: The Girl and Youth

"You have the scent of the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence on you, compensate me five drops."

The girl's clear and crisp voice resounded on this lakeside. Mu Chen, however, was stunned as he looked at the fair white hand that was stretched out towards him. After a brief moment, when he recovered from the shock, he dryly smiled. "I don't have any."

Was she joking? The Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence was something that he gave his all and could only obtain nine drops of it. Furthermore, he even gave Nine Nether four drops after that, since it was greatly beneficial to her cultivation. So, right now, Mu Chen only have five drops left with him. But this girl that didn't seem old was actually so ruthless with her appetite.

"You don't have them?" The girl gave Mu Chen a light smile as her obsidian-like pupils flickered with light. The breathtaking beauty made even the moon dull in comparison.

Looking at her beauty, Mu Chen's mind was blank for a moment, as if there was a voice in his heart that demanded him to take out the Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essence by himself.

Rumble!

But that blankness only lasted for an instant, before the Nether Demon Heart Lightning rang out in his heart, which instantly woke him up from the blanked state. Immediately, he was startled in his heart, since the girl before him actually possessed such a natural charm with every frown and smile of hers.

Rustle!

When Mu Chen woke up, his figure burst in retreat in a near instant, leaving behind afterimages in the sky as his figure swiftly shot towards the forest like a bolt of lightning.

“Xiao Lin.” Seeing that her charm was ineffective against Mu Chen, the girl had a smear of astonishment flash on her face, before she stretched her finger out and gently flicked.

When the black-clothed youth heard her words, he helplessly nodded his head and disappeared.

When he disappeared, Mu Chen’s figure had made it into the forest. But it was only a few breaths’ time before Mu Chen’s figure appeared at the place he was before.

“This friend, you can give up on running. It’ll be troublesome if you enrage my big sister.” The black-clothed youth appeared beside Mu Chen as he shrugged his shoulders.

Staring at the mysterious black-robed youth, Mu Chen felt a chill in his heart for a long while. The strength displayed by this fellow was simply too terrifying. The difference in their strengths simply wasn’t on the same level.

Since he couldn’t run anymore, Mu Chen calmed down instead. He directed his gaze at the girl and raised his hand. “I’m sorry, I only heard some commotion and so I came here. It wasn’t on purpose...”

“I know.” The girl gently touched the seven-coloured snake on her shoulder and continued, “Otherwise, I would not be requesting just your Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essences.”

“Based on what?” Mu Chen clenched his teeth. Unintentionally taking a glance and the compensation for it was five drops of Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essences. That was too expensive!

“Based on the fact that you cannot escape,” smiled the girl.

The corner of Mu Chen’s lips twitched as he crumbled in the end. However, he was also straightforward as he threw a jade bottle at the girl with a wave of his hand.

Before the girl even stretched her hand out, the seven-coloured snake that was coiled on her shoulder flew out like a bolt of lightning. It smashed the jade bottle apart with a sweep of its tail and the five drops of Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essence flew out. Thereafter, the snake opened its mouth, sucking in and devouring all of them in a gulp.

Mu Chen was stunned at this scene as he looked at the seven-coloured snake with a weird gaze. He had made an error in judgement earlier. It turned out that this seven-coloured snake is a formidable one. Within the Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essences contained the will of the Primordial Fire Dragon. But, right now, it was devoured in a single gulp by it, and looking at how lively it was, it was clearly completely unaffected.

“Although Xiao Cai is not a Divine Beast in the Great Thousand World, it isn’t any weaker than the top ranking Divine Beasts the moment it awakens.” The girl touched the smooth body of the seven-coloured snake as she said.

Mu Chen was a little shocked. This seven-coloured snake was actually not from the Great Thousand World? That meant that it was from the Lower Plane? Then, could these two people before him also be from the Lower Plane as well?

After devouring the five drops of Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essences, the seven-coloured snake swiftly burrowed into the sleeves of the girl and went to sleep. It seemed like it wanted to refine that energy. At the sight of this, the girl revealed a smear of a smile on her face, which was stunningly gorgeous.

“Looks like the Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essences are of great help to Xiao Cai.” The girl chuckled as she looked at Mu Chen. “Thanks for that.”

Mu Chen flung his lips aside and couldn’t be bothered to speak any further. Losing five drops of Primordial Fire Dragon’s Blood Essences in the middle of the night was indeed a heartache for him. He said in a somewhat unhappy tone, “So, can I leave now?”

These two people before him were simply too mysterious, so they mustn’t be any simple characters. Therefore, he did not want to be tangled up with them any further. One had to be more cautious when travelling.

“Haha. Friend, don’t be angry. Since we have met here, it means that we have a fate between us. Since you have treated Xiao Cai to eat, then we will also treat you as well.” The black-clothed youth smiled with his eyes narrowed as he embraced Mu Chen’s shoulder, acting very close.

Hearing his words, Mu Chen simply wanted to vomit.

It was something that he had intended to use to refine his physique!

“No need.” Mu Chen stiffly rejected, but he had belittled the passion of the black-clothed youth. The latter practically pulled him over under the tree and started roasting meat over a bonfire. Golden grease dripped and a caused splash of sparks.

“Come, eat!”

Before Mu Chen could reject, the black-clothed youth had directly shoved the roasted meat in Mu Chen’s hand and he had started to gobble down on food. That swift speed left Mu Chen stunned while looking at him. In the middle of the night, just what kind of weirdo did he encounter?

Mu Chen was speechless as he looked towards the sky. Shortly after, he couldn’t be bothered to think anymore. Anyhow, if the other party wanted to deal with him, there was no need for him to use any despicable means. Therefore, he also started to gobble down without any politeness.

As the two of them ate, the girl sat by the side with her hands supporting her cheeks. Her black obsidian-like pupils quietly stared at the two of them.

The moon rose high up and, swiftly, it was a complete mess beside the bonfire.

Mu Chen leaned on the tree as he rubbed his tummy. It had been some time since he gorged himself. When one cultivated to a profound height, it wasn't tough to abstain from eating.

"Haha, this friend is straightforward. I am Gu Lin, this is my big sister..." the black-clothed youth wiped his mouth as he looked at Mu Chen, perfectly satisfied as he introduced himself.

"Cai Xiao." The girl cast a glance at the black-robed youth as she said.

Mu Chen rolled his eyes, coming up with a fake name that was not at the very least real. He sighed as he answered, "I am Mu Chen, currently preparing to head for the Dragon-Phoenix Haven."

"Dragon-Phoenix Haven? I've been hearing that name a lot, lately." The black-robed youth named Gu Lin scratched his head as he said in puzzlement.

"You guys are not from the Northern Region?" Mu Chen was a little stunned. If it was someone from the Northern Region, it's impossible for them to not know about the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

"Yeah, we're not from the Skylaw Continent, as well. We came here because we have something to do." Gu Lin smiled.

Mu Chen nodded his head. He looked at Gu Lin for a long while, but still couldn't help popping the question, "How many years have you been cultivating?"

Although this Gu Lin didn't seem to be much older than him, his strength was extremely terrifying, which was a blow to Mu Chen. If the age of that fellow was as true as his appearance, then he would basically even have the heart to die.

Hearing his words, Gu Lin awkwardly smiled before vaguely saying, "Don't compare with me... I have definitely cultivated for a longer time than you."

Only when he heard those words did Mu Chen feel relieved. If that fellow's appearance reflected his age, then he would practically be a monster.

Mu Chen then shifted his gaze at the breathtaking girl with a slightly strange gaze. She should be Gu Lin's older sister, and since Gu Lin had been cultivating for so many years, then her age must be...

The thought of the girl having an old heart under that appearance of hers gave Mu Chen a slight amount of goosebumps.

Since she seemed to have sensed the thoughts behind his gaze, Cai Xiao couldn't help sticking her brows together and clenched her teeth. "I'm not an old witch!"

Gu Lin chuckled from her side, before moving closer to Mu Chen. "My Big Sister has a weird physique that would often go into a deep slumber. Therefore, she is as old as her appearance."

Mu Chen awkwardly smiled. Although he was curious why she would have such an abnormal physique, he was inexperienced, after all, so that question of his was too offending.

Cao Xiao, however, stared at Mu Chen and suddenly asked, "It's said that there's the blood essence of the True Dragon in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, right?"

Hearing her question, Mu Chen then understood that they had no knowledge about the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. Thus, on the spot, he informed the two of them about the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

“So there’s the blood essence of the True Dragon.” Hearing Mu Chen’s words, Cao Xiao’s pupils slightly flashed.

Seeing her reaction, Gu Lin’s heart immediately jumped as he immediately said, “Big Sister, we did not come out for the Dragon-Phoenix Haven this time. We have yet to even complete the task given to us by father.”

“You can do the task, I have decided to go to the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. If I can obtain the blood essences of a True Dragon, then Xiao Cai can undergo a complete evolution. I will also have no need to go into a deep slumber.” Cai Xiao casually said.

“Ah?!” Gu Lin immediately exclaimed, “You want to go alone?! That cannot be done. Father has mentioned that you cannot act alone! If he finds out about this...”

“He will not if you do not speak about it.” Cai Xiao gave Gu Lin a light smile, before rising her fist up at him. “Do you not know the consequences of disobeying me?”

“Big Sister, you can’t do this!” Gu Lin howled with grief. If he knew earlier, he wouldn’t have treated that fellow to a meal.

Mu Chen paid no attention to their conversation and pretended that he had seen nothing. Thereafter, he rubbed his nose and was prepared to leave. He felt that it was still better to leave these two as soon as possible.

“Hey.”

But, before he could even open his mouth to bid them farewell, Cai Xiao had directed her charming gaze over and smiled. “Then, I will have to trouble you to bring me to the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.”

Mu Chen’s body instantly turned stiff as he looked at the nearby Gu Lin, who was spewing flames from his eyes. He finally understood the meaning of ‘lifting the boulder and smash his own feet’.

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Chapter 770: Travelling Together

Under the moonlight, Mu Chen looked at the girl who was using her black obsidian-like pupils, gleaming with the reflection of the light, that seemed like they could speak for themselves. His face couldn’t help being a little stiff, since he had clearly never thought that he would attract fire onto himself.

Although the girl before him looked gorgeous and others would yearn to travel together with her, Mu Chen could sense the mystery of these two before him. Therefore, he had no further intentions of interacting too deeply with them.

However, before Mu Chen could even speak for himself, Gu Lin, who was beside the girl, immediately objected, “No!”

If his father and mother came to know that he actually allowed Cai Xiao to participate at the so-called "Dragon-Phoenix Haven" alone by herself and with an unknown male, they would probably skin him alive.

Hearing Gu Lin's objection, Mu Chen, however, felt relieved. He nodded his head and honestly said, "I'm sorry, but we are not familiar with one another. Not only will you guys not be rest assured about me bringing her along, but I, myself, also will not, as well."

Hearing his words, Gu Lin gave Mu Chen an 'at least you're tactful' look, which had turned into a blind eye by Mu Chen.

Cai Xiao bent her legs together and rested her chin on her knees as she swept a glance at Gu Lin and Mu Chen. "Objection invalid. I have already made my decision. Even if you do not bring me along, I will look for someone else to do so. Since there are so many people going to the Dragon-Phoenix Haven right now, I don't have to worry about not finding another person."

Mu Chen, however, shrugged his shoulders with indifference. As long as she did not go together with him, she could look for whoever she wanted. But Gu Lin, who was next to them, however, had his face instantly turn green as he made a long face. "Big Sister, you will cause someone to die!"

His voice was extremely miserable, which made Mu Chen grin. Although that fellow's strength was terrifying, he seemed to be firmly subdued by this girl.

Cai Xiao laughed, "There are two choices right now. Either he brings me along, or I will look for someone else myself."

Gu Lin's delicate and pretty face twitched because he was well-aware of the personality of this big sister of his. Since she had already decided on something, it wouldn't work, even if he tried to persuade till his lips broke.

"I will leave first."

Sensing trouble, Mu Chen immediately gave a dry smile and was about to leave. But before he could even move, a hand fell onto his shoulder.

Mu Chen turned his head. Looking at Gu Lin, whose eyes were nearly watering right now, as he clenched his teeth. "Brother, can you look at the sake that I have gifted you guys 5 drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essences, can you stop ripping me off anymore?"

His words had no bit of hypocriticism in them. The girl before him had a beauty on the same level as Luo Li, just that each had their own merits. One was cool and the other was alluring. Generally speaking, these kinds of girls were a danger themselves. Bringing them along might even cause trouble to come knocking by itself.

"Although both of the choices are bad, you're the better one." Gu Lin patted Mu Chen's shoulder with a pained expression.

Mu Chen couldn't help rolling his eyes. "You are really rest assured?"

Leaving such a beautiful girl to a stranger that they had just met. Mu Chen had no idea what was going inside the head of this fellow. Furthermore, judging from Cai Xiao's Spiritual Energy fluctuations, she wasn't as strong as Gu Lin.

"Rest assured, the one that can take advantage of my big sister has not yet been born in this world." Gu Lin smiled as he mysteriously said, "If you belittle her, I'm afraid that you will suffer greatly."

Mu Chen was stunned and couldn't help taking another glance at Cai Xiao.

"Brother, help me out this once. Although we have not known each other for a long time, I believe you are more trustworthy than others." Gu Lin smiled as he continued, "Someone that was ripped off of 5 drops of Primordial Fire Dragon's Blood Essences by us and yet, still had the mood to chat and eat with us. A person with such bearings is not ordinary."

"But, of course, the main thing is..." Gu Lin pointed at Cai Xiao as he continued, "My big sister has good senses. Since she is not rejecting you, then there's no problem."

Mu Chen's mouth twitched. Clearly, he could not agree to the last reason.

"Can I refuse?" Mu Chen rubbed his brows as he helplessly said.

Cai Xiao chuckled, "Since that's the case, then we can only trap you here till the Dragon-Phoenix Haven ends."

"Agreed." Mu Chen nodded his head. His voice was straightforward, a wise man knew better than to fight when the odds were against him. He did not doubt the words of this girl before him. Furthermore, the two of them could indeed accomplish this with their strengths.

"Smart." Cai Xiao lightly smiled. Her every frown and smile were emitting an alluring bearing that made the eyes of others slightly dazed. Fortunately, Mu Chen had a pretty decent composure, so he did not lose his bearings before her.

"Rest assured, there isn't any harm in travelling with me. Although due to the reason of my physique and my strength are restricted as a result, I will not be a burden to you. Furthermore, you said that every single one of the participants in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven are geniuses amongst geniuses in the Northern Region with extraordinary strengths. Who knows, I might even be of help to you."

As she spoke, her hand gently patted as a smear of sly light flashed in her eyes. "Adding all the aforementioned, it will only benefit you to bring me along. So you have no reason to refuse."

Mu Chen was left speechless as Gu Lin patted Mu Chen's shoulder from the side with sympathy. "Look, I've said that you will not be able to win against my big sister. Just acknowledge your fate."

Mu Chen rolled his eyes at him. Since he knew that the situation could no longer change, he also couldn't be bothered to dangle on this as he asked, "When shall we leave?"

"We'll rest for a night and leave tomorrow." Gu Lin immediately said. He was clearly afraid that Cai Xiao would directly leave with Mu Chen today.

This time, Cai Xiao had nodded her head in agreement, before she lightly leapt up a tree and covered her figure in the dense leaves.

Seeing her actions, Gu Lin turned his gaze over to Mu Chen and cupped his fists. "Brother Mu Chen, I really have to trouble you this time. I will remember this favour. If there's anything you need of me in the future, you can freely request it of me."

Mu Chen shrugged his shoulders. "One should know how to be flexible in situations, if I were to keep rejecting her, then I would be untactful."

Generally speaking, if it was other experts like Gu Lin, they wouldn't be afraid of Mu Chen's choice. Because their strengths were a fact and Mu Chen was in no position to decline. Furthermore, Gu Lin and Cai Xiao did not take advantage of their position to bully him, so it had made Mu Chen feel a little better in his heart.

"Haha, we will not do anything to you even if you do not agree to it. Otherwise, if my mother knew about this, I would not have a good time." Gu Lin smiled.

Mu Chen laughed as the favourable opinion he had increased. The two of them sat at the bonfire as they talked, while Cai Xiao was lightly leaning on the tree. Hearing the laughter from below, she slowly closed her alluring pupils as her lips rose.

"Ho... Mu Chen..."

Next day, early morning

Over the sea of forests in the mountain range, Mu Chen looked at Cai Xiao, who stood upright beside him, and helplessly sighed once again, before looking at Gu Lin, who was standing before him, who was helplessly shrugging his shoulders as well.

Clearly, the two of them couldn't do anything to her.

"Brother Mu Chen, I will leave my big sister in your hands. If you see any ignorant fellows, you can just take action and I will bear the consequences." Gu Lin cupped his fists at Mu Chen and smiled.

This fellow was dressed in black robes with a handsome face as well. Judging from his bearings when he speaks, the background of this pair of siblings was clearly out of the ordinary.

Mu Chen said, as he nodded his head, "It's almost time, so let's move out now. If Brother Gu finishes your mission, you can come outside the Dragon-Phoenix Haven to wait for her."

"Farewell."

Mu Chen cupped his fists and looked at Cai Xiao, before turning around to leave.

Gu Lin looked at Mu Chen's silhouette, before looking at Cai Xiao with a bitter face. "Big Sister, you have to take it easy. If father and mother find out about this, I'll get a scolding again."

"Good, since you're so obedient to help your sister hide this, there will not be any lacking in benefits for you." Cai Xiao laughed as she waved her hand. "I'll be going first."

She was rather unconstrained. When she waved her hand, she had already turned into a streak of light in the horizon before Gu Lin could even speak and chased after Mu Chen's distant figure.

Gu Lin looked at their leaving silhouettes as he helplessly sighed.

“Young Master, we’re going to let Missy go with that person?” Space suddenly distorted behind Gu Lin as a shadow that could not be seen clearly appeared along with his hoarse voice that resounded.

Gu Lin nodded his head as he scratched his head again with a helpless expression. Although the Blood Essences of a True Dragon were rare, it’s not like his big sister was someone that hadn’t seen treasures before, so she shouldn’t be too stirred by the True Dragon’s Blood Essence. But why would she suddenly decide to go to the Dragon-Phoenix Haven?

“Rest assured, although Big Sister’s strength is currently sealed, I don’t think anyone amongst the younger generations of the Northern Region can harm her. As for the other powerful experts, if they are that blind, then they can only blame themselves for being unfortunate. Father has left his Spirit Seal on Big Sister.”

“Let’s go, we have to get moving as well.”

Gu Lin waved his hand, before he turned around and strode forth. Space distorted before him and his figure had mysteriously disappeared. The black shadow had disappeared as well.

Peace once again returned to this forest.

On another side, Mu Chen was streaking across the horizon at his top speed, charging out of this mountain range in a few minutes. He glanced with the corner of his eyes and saw the girl relaxedly following over with her hands behind her.

Indeed, he could not get rid of her.

Mu Chen curled his lips and slowed his speed down a little.

“You’re not that naïve to think that you can get rid of me, right?” Cai Xiao flew side-by-side along Mu Chen as she turned her head and spoke with a ridiculing smile.

Mu Chen awkwardly rubbed his nose. “Can we discuss something?”

“Speak.”

“Can you wear a veil? If you smile like this to anyone so casually, it will be easy for us to be in trouble.” Mu Chen seriously suggested.

The girl’s bright pupils glanced at him and paid no attention to Mu Chen’s suggestion. Her snow-white feet lightly strode and bolted towards the distance as her clear voice resounded.

“No way!”