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#### Chapter 811: Three Powerhouses

The thunderous roar of anger resounded throughout this region, which instantly caused a terrifying Spiritual Energy storm to sweep up. At the same time, every expert in this mountain range had their face changed drastically.

As the terrifying Spiritual Energy pressure enveloped this entire region, many experts felt the circulation of their Spiritual Energy in their body had slowed down.

Mu Chen's face was also extremely unsightly at this moment. Because the majority of the Spiritual Energy pressure was directed at him. Right now, he felt as though space around him had been forcefully frozen by the Spiritual Energy pressure.

It was a pressure that wasn't any weaker compared to the might from the Dragon-Phoenix Stairs!

Dazzling dark-golden light flowed on the surface of Mu Chen's body as he clenched his teeth tightly, circulating the Dragon-Phoenix Physique to resist the powerful pressure while his gaze was fixed onto the sky not far away.

In that direction, space violently distorted as a person strode out from the distorted space. He wore an azure robe with a stunning bearing, looking extremely imposing. Just the coldness in his gaze alone had caused the temperature in this region to drop.

He stood on the sky with both his hands hung down, but the entire region seemed to pour towards him. Every expert in this region could feel an overpowering pressure, so much so that they couldn't straighten their body from the pressure.

Because it was the absolute pressure belonging to a supreme expert.

"That's... the Sky Profound Palace's Palace Master, Liu Tiandao?!"

"Heavens, why would such a mighty figure show up here?"

"Can it be that he's going to personally cause trouble for Mu Chen..."

"..."

When Liu Tiandao appeared, an uproar instantly burst out in this region. No one had expected for a pinnacle figure, Liu Tiandao to make his appearance here!

Thereafter, there were many sympathetic gazes directed at Mu Chen. Before an Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouse, it was practically impossible for the latter to have any chance left.

The terrifying pressure had caused Mu Chen's muscles to twitch. However, even when he was sweating on his back, there wasn't any shock revealed on his face as he raised his head and looked at Liu Tiandao with his voice resonating in this region, "Palace Master Liu, there's a rule of taking responsibility themselves for anything that happens in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. Perhaps are you going to disregard your status and take revenge against me for Liu Yan?"

“Rules?”

Liu Tiandao narrowed his eyes with endless chill flowing, a gaze that could pierce through the soul of others. There weren't any emotions in his eyes as he looked at Mu Chen and spoke with indifference, “Do you not know that we are the one that determines the rules of this Northern Region? How laughable for you to speak about rules before this seat.”

Mu Chen's heart sunk as he never thought that Liu Tiandao would disregard his identity and make his move against him. If that was the case, then he wouldn't be able to escape no matter how many means he possesses.

“Haha, just a local overlord of the Northern Region, what a great tone of speech you have.” Just when Mu Chen's gaze was flickering with thoughts on escaping, a cold mockery rang out behind him. It was Cai Xiao's voice.

The girl had her hair fluttering in the wind as she stood quietly behind Mu Chen. There was a sneer hung on her face without any fear in her alluring eyes as she looked at Liu Tiandao. On the contrary, it was filled with ridicule.

Many experts in this region were dumbstruck as this was the first time that they had witnessed someone daring to speak such a way at an Earth Sovereign powerhouse.

“Ignorant brat!”

Liu Tiandao cast an indifferent glance at Cai Xiao before stretching his hand out and suddenly clenched.

Boom!

Space before him had directly crumbled, forming into a huge Spiritual Energy hand that dazzled with spiritual light. It was like a gorgeous hand of jewels, but it was the sign of Spiritual Energy being compressed to a terrifying level. It wasn't something that ordinary Sovereigns could achieve.

Naturally, when Spiritual Energy was compressed to such degree, the might would also reach a terrifying height.

The dazzling Spiritual Energy hand was extremely swift as it had pierced through space in a flash, directly appearing above Mu Chen and Cai Xiao. Mu Chen's face drastically changed at the sight of this as he pulled Cai Xiao to his back as dark-golden light soared into the horizon from his body. Golden tattoos of dragon and phoenix appeared on his front and back respectively as they started to blaze.

Although he knew that it was impossible for him to confront a powerhouse like Liu Tiandao no matter what method did he use, he had to give it a try regardless!

“Boom!”

The dazzling Spiritual Energy palm abruptly landed. However, just when Mu Chen had clenched his teeth, prepared to endure that annihilation attack, space suddenly tore apart above him as a petite figure appeared. She gently pushed her tiny hands up as the Spiritual Energy palm was destroyed with space being torn apart.

As the Spiritual Energy impact swept out, Mu Chen had raised his head in shock as well. He saw a familiar petite figure standing on the sky as space emitted crackling sound from the terrifying Spiritual Energy fluctuation that flowed around her.

“Mandala!”

Looking at that familiar figure, Mu Chen was briefly stunned before bursting out in joy, feeling heavily relieved in his heart. Finally, his reinforcement had come. Otherwise, it would be extremely hard for him to leave today.

Rustle!

Another uproar rose in this region. Although Mandala’s appearance was unfamiliar to many experts here, her identity and strength could be determined from the terrifying Spiritual Energy fluctuation undulating around her.

To be able to confront Liu Tiandao and would come out to protect Mu Chen. Aside from the Domain Lord of the Great Havenlaw Domain, who else could it be?!

Normally, ordinary people couldn’t catch a glimpse of an Earth Sovereign powerhouse, a pinnacle expert in the Northern Region. But right now, the powerhouses of two peak forces had actually appeared here...

How could this not make the hearts of many experts to shake.

Up on the sky, Mandala wore a black dress with golden flowery patterns embroidered on it, seeming extremely honourable. She paid no attention to the commotion here as she looked at Mandala with her big eyes that seemed like gems as she reprimanded, “Rude, you should call me Domain Lord!”

Before she even finished speaking, a rare satisfied smile had already appeared on her face.

“Not bad, you have not embarrass our Great Havenlaw Domain this time.” Judging from her tone, she must know about Mu Chen’s achievements in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

“I nearly got myself killed.” Mu Chen said unhappily. If Mandala had appeared slightly later, he would have been killed by Liu Tiandao. After all, he had no confidence in receiving that attack from Liu Tiandao earlier on.

“Rest assured, he can’t kill anyone of my Great Havenlaw domain.” Mandala faintly smiled. Although her voice was tender, it was impossible and extremely domineering.

“Hmph!” Liu Tiandao snorted without any emotion on the sky far away as he stared at Mandala and said coldly, “Great Havenlaw Domain Lord, two of my sons have been crippled by his hands. My Sky Profound Palace will definitely not let this matter rest!”

“If you want to protect this brat, then don’t blame my Sky Profound Palace for unleashing a massacre on your Great Havenlaw Domain on the Great Hunt!”

Mandala cast a glance at Liu Tiandao as she replied, “My Great Havenlaw Domain have stayed upright in the Northern Region for so many years, we did not rely on leniency. If your Sky Profound Palace wants to start away, my Great Havenlaw Domain will welcome anytime.”

Many experts were speechless at her words. Although this Domain Lord of the Great Havenlaw Domain has a cute appearance, her unyielding and courage could even devour the sky.

Everyone knew that even peak forces would have to pay a great price if the war starts. The moment one party loses, they would definitely be devoured by the other party. However, this Great Havenlaw Domain Lord doesn't seem to fear that at all.

Liu Tiandao's face was sullen with dense killing intent surging in his eyes when he looked at Mandala's eyes.

"Liu Tiandao, stop putting up a bravado. You alone are still not qualified to snatch anyone from my hands." However, facing Liu Tiandao's killing intent, Mandala doesn't seem to be bothered.

Liu Tiandao suddenly revealed a sneer upon hearing her words, "You don't fear me alone, but what if I'm not?"

Hearing his words, Mandala suddenly narrowed her eyes and turned her head. She saw a torrential sea of blood pouring over from her rear as a blood shadow had appeared in a flash at the end of the horizon. In a few breaths' time, that person had already appeared here.

Many gazes were directed over.

That figure was donned in red robes that looked to be in his middle age. The shape of his face was pointy and sharp with a hint of cold from his thin lips. His pointy pupils were filled with torrential ominous aura.

The instant he made his appearance, another discussion broke out.

"That's... the Myriad Viper Sovereign of the Serpent God Palace!" When many experts saw that red figure, they instantly exclaimed out in shock.

"Myriad Viper Sovereign?" Mu Chen's heart instantly sunk upon hearing those words. He remembered, the Palace Master of the Serpent God Palace, the Myriad Viper Sovereign. In the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, Chi Xue from the Serpent God Palace seems to have fallen in Cai Xiao's hands.

Seeing the arrival of the Myriad Viper Sovereign, Mandala had knitted her brows as well. If she was to face Liu Tiandao alone, she wouldn't fear. But if she was to face two Earth Sovereigns, then it would be a little troublesome.

"Myriad Viper Sovereign, you want to become enemies with my Great Havenlaw Domain?" Mandala looked at the red figure as she spoke coldly.

"Hiss hiss..."

The Myriad Viper Sovereign seems to be smiling, except that his laughter was in serpent tongue. His pale hand pointed at Cai Xiao who stood behind Mu Chen as he spoke with a sharp voice, "I smell the scent of Chi'er on her. Looks like you have refined the power of his Bloodline..."

"Great Havenlaw Domain, give her to me and I will watch on the sideline and not interfere."

The Myriad Viper Sovereign licked his lips, his gaze seemed as if it wanted to peel Cai Xiao thoroughly. Although the characteristics of snake was lustful, he could suppress it to a certain degree upon reaching his level. But right now, there was an uncontrollable pounding in his heart when he saw Cai Xiao. He had no idea why but he feels that if he could obtain this girl before him, it would greatly benefit his cultivation and he might even take another step out!

Mu Chen's heart sunk the moment when he saw the Myriad Viper Sovereign coming for Cai Xiao. Just when he was about to speak, he was gently blocked by Cai Xiao's hand as a smile filled with allure appeared on her face. She slightly tilted her head as she chuckled, looking at the Myriad Viper Sovereign while crooking her finger provocatively. Her clear and cold laughter had also sounded out in this region.

"If you want to bring me away, why don't you come and give it a try?"

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#### **Chapter 812: Emperor Flames**

"If you want me, why don't you come and try?"

The girl stood in the sky with a faint mocking smile hanging on her face. When her clear and cold voice resounded, it had caused many experts to be stunned. Clearly, they did not know why Cai Xiao was so confident in facing a powerhouse like the Myriad Viper Sovereign.

Didn't she know that the Myriad Viper Sovereign was a terrifying Earth Sovereign powerhouse?!

Naturally, not only were they stunned, even Myriad Viper Sovereign was as well. Shortly after, a strange smile appeared on his pointy and thin face. He looked at Cai Xiao and said in a sharp voice, "You actually dare to ssspeak in sssuch a manner with this Sssovereign. Hiss hiss, how interesting. Now, this Sssovereign wantsss you even more!"

Finishing his words, the Myriad Viper Sovereign couldn't hold back any longer. His figure moved, tearing space in the process and mysteriously appeared before Cai Xiao. Thereafter, his pale hand made a grab towards Cai Xiao's fair wrist.

His speed didn't look fast or slow, but the instant he made his move, the space around Cai Xiao had instantly frozen. Not only could she not move, even the Spiritual Energy in her body was sealed.

At the sight of this scene, Mu Chen's face changed. Just when he was about to make his move, he saw an arc rise at the corner of Cai Xiao's lips, which made him stop moving in puzzlement.

Could it be that she could also deal with this situation?

Cai Xiao maintained a calm expression and coldly stared at the Myriad Viper Sovereign. Just when the latter was about to grab ahold of her, her hand flipped over and a scarlet jade plaque appeared in her hand.

On the jade plaque, there were countless fire runes engraved on it. Then, it was crushed by Cai Xiao with a clench of her fist.

Blaze!

When the jade plaque was destroyed, blazing flames poured out and enveloped Cai Xiao's figure. Flames soared, which caused all the experts in this region to narrow their eyes.

The flames around Cai Xiao were extremely abnormal. They weren't a monotone colour, but brightly coloured and seemed to contain more than one fire attribute in that flame.

Furthermore, the most shocking fact was that the gorgeous flames had coiled around Cai Xiao like a current of water. The abnormality of the fire and water made many people dumbfounded at the sight of this.

Like flames that flowed like water, the colours were extremely pure as well. But within that pureness, there was the emittance of terrifying undulations that could practically destroy anything.

Mu Chen had seen flames with many attributes, taking the Myriad Flames Celestial Body that Liu Yan had cultivated, which looked similar. But compared to this flame, the flames from the Myriad Flames Celestial Body were practically garbage.

"Those flames..." Mandala had suddenly narrowed her eyes at the sight of those flames with her expression turning more solemn. Her gaze was fixed onto the gorgeous and pure flames that coiled around Cai Xiao. Even someone of her existence had felt a dense dangerous fluctuation from the flames.

When Mandala's face had turned solemn, the face of the Myriad Viper Sovereign, which was stretching his hand towards Cai Xiao, had drastically changed as well. He was an Earth Sovereign expert as well, so his perception far exceeded ordinary people. When he saw the flames around Cai Xiao, he instantly felt a chill in his heart and burst back in retreat.

His figure had shuttled through space with a speed that couldn't be caught.

However, Cai Xiao, who was enveloped in the extremely pure flames, had stretched her finger out and gently tapped.

Whoosh!

The flames around her swept out in a rustle, disappearing before everyone's eyes. Thereafter, the Myriad Viper Sovereign, who was shuttling through space in retreat, had issued a shriek. That's because the flames had actually pierced through space, appeared around him and became firmly bound to him.

Many experts inhaled a mouthful of chilled air because the flames were too abnormal. They looked like they could neglect the distance of space and appear around the Myriad Viper Sovereign.

That speed was simply too fast and couldn't be guarded against.

"You!"

The Myriad Viper Sovereign was both stunned and angered. Waving his sleeve, a river of Spiritual Energy instantly swept out. Looking from that amount of Spiritual Energy, just a single drop of it could form into a vast ocean or destroy the earth. But at this moment, it was instantly evaporated by the gorgeous flames.

"How is that possible?!" The Myriad Viper Sovereign roared. There wasn't anymore of the bearing belonging to a powerhouse on his face, since it was replaced with shock. The scene before him was

something that even someone as sophisticated as him couldn't bear. He couldn't imagine how a feeble and weak girl could possess such a terrifying move!

Boom!

Although the Myriad Viper Sovereign's heart was filled with fear, he did not lack behind. He abruptly formed some seals. A crimson blood mist abruptly gushed out from his body, forming into a defence that enveloped him.

When the blood mist appeared, the Spiritual Energy in this region was instantly being corroded and there were multiple spaces being constantly dissolved. This was the most prideful God Venom that the Myriad Viper Sovereign had taken most pride in. The venomous mist was something that even an Earth Sovereign expert would fear.

When the crimson blood mist swept out, it had instantly formed into a blood dragon that charged towards the gorgeous flame as it roared.

Poof! Poof!

When the two forces heavily clashed, another shocking scene appeared. The blood dragon had actually issued a miserable shriek, before the venom that could even dissolve space was swiftly being evaporated by the gorgeous flames.

The gorgeous flames swiftly approached and enveloped the Myriad Viper Sovereign.

A hint of fear finally rose in the eyes of the Myriad Viper Sovereign. He could sense that if he was struck by such a terrifying flame, he would definitely be heavily injured.

However, no matter what method he tried, he still could not obstruct the gorgeous flames. The latter looked like they wouldn't rest until he was completely incinerated.

"Damn it!"

The eyes of the Myriad Viper Sovereign drastically changed. However, he was still an Earth Sovereign expert. Therefore, he bit his teeth and changed his seals. His body suddenly exploded with blood splattering in every direction, leaving behind a colourful serpent's tail, while the body had disappeared.

In the sky few myriad feet away, space shattered and a miserable-looking figure appeared from it. It was the Myriad Viper Sovereign. However, he only had his upper body at the moment, his lower body was bloody, with blood endlessly pouring down from it.

Countless experts were dumbfounded at how miserable the Myriad Viper Sovereign was. It was so much so that even Mandala and Liu Tiandao had their faces turn extremely grave. In terms of strength, although the Myriad Viper Sovereign had just stepped into the Earth Sovereign Realm not too long ago, he was still a powerhouse that had stepped into the realm of Earth Sovereigns. Even if they were to make their moves, they would have to spend quite a bit of effort in order to gain the upper hand. But, right now... the Myriad Viper Sovereign was actually in such a miserable state by a weak-looking girl!

"Who exactly is she?!"

Many experts were shaken in their hearts with their gazes directed at Cai Xiao, who was standing in the sky. Mu Chen was also looking at her with an astonished gaze as well. Although he knew that Cai Xiao's origin wasn't ordinary, he never expected her trump card to be so powerful!

"You! Who are you?!"

The Myriad Viper Sovereign stood in the sky few myriad feet away with an ashen expression as he looked at Cai Xiao. The rage in his eyes nearly made him go crazy. However, he still managed to suppress the killing intent in his heart, before yelling out in a sharp tone.

The Myriad Viper Sovereign couldn't help being startled. The flames from earlier were definitely not something belonging to Cai Xiao, but an external object. However, the owner of that external object was the source of the Myriad Viper Sovereign's fear.

Just a jade plaque alone could land him in such a miserable situation. If that person was to arrive here personally, just how powerful would he be?!

Could it be a Heavenly Sovereign?!

Just thinking about this alone made the Myriad Viper Sovereign feel his scalp numbing.

"I thought you wanted to capture me." Cai Xiao looked at the Myriad Viper Sovereign with a mocking smile as she gently lifted her hand. The gorgeous flames flew back and gathered above her, forming into a fire image that looked like a cauldron with a person on it.

That person had his hands behind his back with his black hair fluttering in the wind. Behind him, there was a black ruler. Although that figure was only an image, it was as if even the heavens and earth were beneath his feet.

It was a prestige that surpassed the heavens and earth!

Many experts weren't familiar with that image, but when the Myriad Viper Sovereign saw that image, a deep fear surged in the depth of his eyes and he couldn't help exclaiming, "This fire image... you're from the Endless Fire Territory?! Who is the Flame Emperor to you?!"

His voice contained deep fear, since he never thought that the girl before him would actually be from the Endless Fire Territory that held a majestic prestige!

"So that's the case..." Mandala had a solemn expression as she looked at Cai Xiao with a weird gaze, "She is from the Endless Fire Territory. Then the flames from before... should be the legendary Emperor Flames. No wonder it was so overbearing and dreadful!"

"Emperor Flames?" Mu Chen was stunned.

"The flames possessed by the founder of the Endless Fire Territory, the Flame Emperor... was said to be refined by the Flame Emperor from all sorts of flames in the world. It can also be known as the emperor of all flames. In the Great Thousand World, there isn't any flame that is comparable to it." Mandala smiled as she continued, "Since she can use this flame, then she must have a relationship with the Flame Emperor. Haha, the Myriad Viper Sovereign has kicked against an iron plate this time."



Cai Xiao stood in this region, disregarding all the startled gazes. Her eyes were directed at the fearful Myriad Viper Sovereign with a mocking arc that rose on the corner of her lips. Furthermore, her words had also made the Myriad Viper Sovereign feel cold all over his body in an instant with his hair standing on end.

“The Flame Emperor... just happens to be my dad. If you want to capture me, shouldn't you inform him about it, first?”

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#### **Chapter 813: Prestige of the Flame Emperor**

When Cai Xiao's voice rang out in this region with chilled ridicule, the entire region instantly turned quiet with many experts being dumbstruck...

The Cai Xiao before them was actually the daughter of the Endless Fire Territory's Flame Emperor?!

Gulp.

Many experts couldn't help swallowing a mouthful of saliva with shock in their eyes. The Endless Fire Territory was a genuine colossal existence in the Great Thousand World. Not to talk about their Northern Realm, even in the entire Great Havenlaw Domain, there weren't many forces that would dare to provoke it.

Furthermore, the founder of the Endless Fire Territory, the Flame Emperor held great authority in the Great Thousand World. Although the history of the Endless Fire Territory was short compared to other powerful forces, everyone knew that the Endless Fire Territory was one of those forces that ranked top in the list of the worst choice to offend.

Main reason for it was because of the Flame Emperor's reputation. Even amongst the Heavenly Sovereigns in the Great Thousand World, the Flame Emperor had stood out.

Therefore, when everyone heard that Cai Xiao's father was the legendary Flame Emperor, how could they not be shocked in their hearts? Thereafter, they directed their faces at the Myriad Viper Sovereign, who had an extremely unsightly expression.

Although the Myriad Viper Sovereign could be an Overlord in the Northern Region, with many people looking up at his strength as an Earth Sovereign, he was like a firefly compared to the Flame Emperor, who was like a moon.

Therefore, many of those gazes held sympathy, since the Myriad Viper Sovereign was truly unfortunate and actually dared to look for trouble with the daughter of the Flame Emperor...

If he had angered the Endless Fire Territory, the Serpent God Palace would probably be reduced to ashes.

Under the sympathetic gazes, the Myriad Viper Sovereign's face, which was pale to begin with, became even more pale. His expression was stiff as he looked at the flaming image above Cai Xiao, feeling the trouble in his heart. That's because only someone at his level would understand what a Heavenly Sovereign represented.

It represented the genuine superiority.

Cai Xiao coldly looked at the Myriad Viper Sovereign and sneered, "Weren't you very interested in me earlier? If you think that there's a need, I can call my dad over to talk with you."

The Myriad Viper Sovereign's heart trembled as he revealed a smile on his stiffened face. "I was just being impulsive earlier, I have no intention to offend you."

There wasn't any killing intent contained in the Myriad Viper Sovereign's words and his attitude was extremely low. He was probably startled by Cai Xiao's background. After all, even someone of his calibre wasn't the top amongst the powerhouses in the Northern Region, not to mention comparing to the Endless Fire Territory, which was filled with experts.

"Then, you're not going to take vengeance for your broken tail?" Cai Xiao said with indifference.

The Myriad Viper Sovereign dryly smiled. It was naturally impossible for him not to have any anger in his heart, but so what? Was he really going to kill Cai Xiao? Before the eyes of so many, if this matter were to spread out, he would probably be heavily pursued by the Endless Fire Territory.

"It was my fault for being inferior, I bid my farewell."

The Myriad Viper Sovereign had completely lost his face today, so he had no intention to stay here any longer. Furthermore, he was truly afraid of enraging Cai Xiao. If she really called the Flame Emperor here, even if the Endless Fire Territory was extremely far from the Northern Region, an expert of that calibre could still transmit a projection over through space as long as the Flame Emperor had sensed it.

The Myriad Viper Sovereign clenched his teeth, turned around, dragged the half of his body and disappeared. Evidently, his leaving silhouette looked a little pathetic.

At this point in time, Chi Xue's vengeance no longer mattered. Even if that fellow had not died, the Myriad Viper Sovereign would want to smack him to death at this moment as well. Luring such a huge trouble, he would only be a calamity if he was allowed to live.

Many experts had their mouths widened as they watched the Myriad Viper Sovereign leave in such a miserable manner. It was hard for them to accept that an Earth Sovereign powerhouse would also be in such a miserable state.

"What a terrifying Endless Fire Territory... what a terrifying Flame Emperor."

Mu Chen was also shaken by this scene with an awed expression on his face. An Earth Sovereign was high up in his eyes. But before the Endless Fire Territory, such an expert could only be like a mouse that ran into a cat. He could tell how fearsome a pinnacle expert like the Flame Emperor, as well as a huge force like the Endless Fire Territory, was.

"The Flame Emperor is indeed an extraordinary figure." Even Mandala had nodded her head. Even someone as prideful as her had to admit how outstanding the Flame Emperor was. Even in the Great Thousand World, where all experts assembled, the Flame Emperor's reputation was still resounding.

On another side of the sky, Liu Tiandao's face was extremely unsightly at this scene. He originally intended to join forces with the Myriad Viper Sovereign to force Mandala to hand the people over. But he never expected that the sudden emergence of the Flame Emperor's daughter would force the Myriad

Viper Sovereign to flee in such a miserable manner. This time, he had fell into an awkward position instead.

“Liu Tiandao, your helper doesn’t seem to be useful.” Mandala looked at Liu Tiandao with dense mockery in her tender voice.

Liu Tiandao’s face turned dark, especially when he saw Cai Xiao’s cold gaze directing over, the corner of his lips couldn’t help twitching.

Judging from the current situation, the daughter of the Flame Emperor seemed to have quite a deep relationship with Mu Chen. If he forcefully made his move here, there might be an unexpected situation appearing.

Although the strength of his Sky Profound Palace was stronger than the Serpent God Palace, even though his strength had surpassed the Myriad Viper Sovereign as well, he was still nothing compared to a colossal figure like the Endless Fire Territory.

So, in the current situation, Liu Tiandao was trapped in a dilemma.

“Great Havenlaw Domain Ruler, don’t be too happy. I heard that in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, you guys have practically offended everyone. I suppose that the Netherworld Palace and the Divine Pavilion will not let this matter to rest. At that time, when the Hunting War begins, perhaps your Great Havenlaw Domain might be the target of everyone.” Liu Tiandao eerily looked at Mandala as he sneered.

“If they really think that my Great Havenlaw Domain is a pushover, they are welcome to give it a try.” Mandala’s face was cold as she continued, “But even if my Great Havenlaw Domain is destroyed, I will definitely pull your Sky Profound Palace along with us.”

“Really?”

Liu Tiandao returned tit-for-tat as he waved his hand. “Then I’ll watch how your Great Havenlaw Domain survives the Hunting War!”

Leaving his words behind, Liu Tiandao knew that he could no longer make his move. Therefore, he could only give a glare at Mu Chen, the chill in his eyes even made the latter feel a stinging pain on his skin.

But facing Liu Tiandao’s gaze, which was filled with killing intent, Mu Chen maintained a calm face, and seeing him, Liu Tiandao could only let out a cold snort, before disappearing within the distortion of space.

Along with Liu Tiandao’s departure, the suffocating Spiritual Energy pressure in this region disappeared and many expert felt heavily relieved.

Mandala raised her face and looked in the direction that Liu Tiandao left in, then lightly knitted her brows.

“Will it be troublesome?” Mu Chen moved closer to Mandala as he asked in a soft voice. Although Liu Tiandao’s words were not trustworthy, he could vaguely sense how brutal the Hunting War was. Under that competition, even a peak force like the Great Havenlaw Domain might be annihilated.

“That level of competition isn’t something that can be changed by the matters in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.” Mandala shook her head. Her words naturally meant that regardless of the fights in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, it wouldn’t greatly affect the Hunting War.

“But there is bound to be some trouble... After all, even a peak force would be annihilated and devoured in the Hunting War.” Mandala faintly smiled with a chill circulating in her eyes. “But my Great Havenlaw Domain is not a lamb for slaughtering. If anyone wants to take a bite or two, they will definitely be bitten instead.”

Mu Chen could only nod his head as he vaguely felt how brutal the Great Thousand World was. Even a force as powerful as the Great Havenlaw Domain could only fall victim to being preyed upon.

In another part of the sky, Cai Xiao approached and gave a light smile towards Mandala, showing her respect. The latter had also nodded her head. Facing the daughter of the Flame Emperor, even someone as indifferent as Mandala would have to be a little courteous.

“I will be leaving here.” Cai Xiao looked at Mu Chen, chuckled and extended her hand. “It was a delightful cooperation.”

Cai Xiao wasn’t someone from the Northern Region, so it wasn’t unexpected that she had to leave. But after so many days of interaction, he had a pretty good feeling for the former. Therefore, he was willing to make such a friend.

“It was a delightful cooperation, thanks for this time.” Mu Chen said. Not only had Cai Xiao given him a lot of help in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, she even dealt with the earlier predicament, which made Mu Chen feel a little grateful in his heart.

Cai Xiao shook her hand and smiled. “Since you know my identity now, what do you think of me inviting you to the Endless Fire Territory?”

Mandala’s brows were raised as she cast a glance at Mu Chen. However, she did not speak a single word.

Mu Chen was also stunned, then shook his head with a smile. The current situation made him recall him meeting Lin Jing in the Merchant Continent back then. She was the princess of the Martial Realm, with a status that wasn’t inferior to Cai Xiao’s. She had also extended her invitation to him but was rejected. There still weren’t any changes in the reason for him to refuse.

What he needed was not protection.

Not only was Cai Xiao surprised by Mu Chen’s refusal, the admiration in her eyes grew deeper as she looked at him with a smile. “I understand. I look forward to our next meeting. I wish to know what height will you reach at that time.”

Finishing her words, she did not stay any longer. She waved her hand and left. Her beautiful silhouette had turned into a streak of light that swiftly disappeared into the horizon.

Looking at Cai Xiao’s leaving silhouette, Mu Chen couldn’t help clenching his hands. If they met the next time, he couldn’t be relying on her help again. Therefore, he had to work harder on his cultivation.

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### Chapter 814: King's Ceremony

Along with Cai Xiao's departure, the countless gazes withdrew from this mountain range. Seeing that today's matters had come to an end, they had no further reason to remain here, but they left full of shock. Not long from now, the matters that happened here and within the Dragon-Phoenix Haven would spread throughout the Northern Region like a storm.

Mu Chen, who was a nameless figure in the past, would definitely be the most dazzling dark horse amongst the younger generations of the Northern Region.

Mu Chen looked at the masses leaving and felt relieved. The Dragon-Phoenix Haven had finally come to an end.

"You actually rejected the invitation of the Endless Fire Territory?" Just when Mu Chen felt relieved, Mandala's slightly astonished voice resounded. She was a little curious about why Mu Chen rejected Cai Xiao's invitation. Regardless of anything, the Endless Fire Territory was a colossus that the Great Havenlaw Domain could not be compared to.

"If I told you that before I joined the Great Havenlaw Domain, I even rejected an invitation from the Martial Realm, would you be even more shocked?" Mu Chen smiled with his eyes narrowed.

Mandala's golden pupils widened a little more. If an ordinary Third Grade Sovereign said such words to her, she would probably only laugh it off. But coming from Mu Chen, she had no choice but to believe it. It felt a little unbelievable, since she was clear that, whether it was the Endless Fire Territory or the Martial Realm, not just anyone could receive an invitation from them, and Mu Chen had achieved it with his shallow strength. Thus, even she felt that it was unbelievable.

"The Endless Fire Territory and Martial Realm are huge, and bearing their name would also make my cultivation path easier. But... that is not what I want." Mu Chen lightly smiled towards Mandala, who was a little startled.

Hearing Mu Chen's words, Mandala fell into silence for a brief moment, before looking at the former with a rare admiration in her eyes. Someone that enjoyed peace, even if he possessed outstanding talent, his prospects would be limited. Whereas Mu Chen's courage to walk the dangerous path of cultivation made Mandala feel admiration.

"Right now, I somewhat understand how you became the owner of the Great Solar Undying Body." Mandala nodded her head.

Mu Chen grinned and truly felt a little proud to hear such words from Mandala.

"Let's go back to the Great Havenlaw Domain with me. You have done a good job this time and helped our Great Havenlaw Domain get quite a bit of face back. Nine Nether is still waiting for you to hold a celebration."

Mandala smiled, before she paused for a brief moment, then continued, "This time going back, the King's Ceremony will soon begin... I need you to become the tenth King of the Great Havenlaw Domain in this King's Ceremony."

Mu Chen was stunned as he looked at Mandala with slight shock and complicated feelings. Back then, when he arrived in the Great Havenlaw Domain, the various Kings of the Great Havenlaw Domain were towering existences for him. But, right now, he could actually be on the same level as them. Although Mu Chen didn't care about the so-called "King" that much, it represented the fruits of his hard work for the past year.

"But, my cultivation is only at Third Grade Sovereign... won't it cause some trouble if I'm bestowed the kingship?" Mu Chen wasn't excited from Mandala's promise. On the contrary he had frowned his brows.

Mandala's brows twitched, since she somewhat understood this calm temper of Mu Chen's. Therefore, she wasn't too surprised by his sharp senses and nodded her head. "The King's Ceremony is a very important event in our Great Havenlaw Domain. Our Great Havenlaw Domain is too vast and has any forces. Just the amount of City Lords alone, there are nearly a thousand, with a majority of them contributing to the Great Havenlaw Domain. Generally speaking, new Kings would be born amongst them, so there are many people eyeing the tenth King seat."

Mu Chen indifferently said, "Since that's the case, then I will back out."

He did not see the so-called "tenth King" with much importance. Perhaps, in his view, the only benefit of him being the tenth King would be a slight increase in the reputation of the Nine Nether Palace, but it had no great significance.

"No can do." Mandala said faintly.

Mu Chen awkwardly rubbed his nose. He thought that he had offended Mandala's prestige. Regardless of anything, she was the sole ruler of the Great Havenlaw Domain.

"In our Great Havenlaw Domain, if it wasn't for your appearance, there would only be two with the chance of being bestowed the kingship." Mandala calmly said, then continued, "One of them is the City Lord of Skynet City, the biggest City under our Great Havenlaw Domain, Qin Zhong.

"Skynet City, Qin Zhong?" Mu Chen murmured. He wasn't unfamiliar to this name, since he had heard about him from Nine Nether's mouth. Qin Zhong had a pretty great seniority in the Great Havenlaw Domain, practically comparable to the Nine Kings. However, his strength had yet to break through to Fifth Grade Sovereign, so he could not be bestowed the kingship.

"As for the other person, the Sect Master of the Ghost Moon Sect, Qiu Taiyin..."

"Qiu Taiyin." Mu Chen frowned his brows. It was another highly reputable figure in the Great Havenlaw Domain, once having opened up a huge territory for the Great Havenlaw Domain.

"If it's the both of them, they are more qualified than me." Mu Chen said honestly. Although he had been in the Great Havenlaw Domain for only a year, his reputation had swiftly soared. But compared to those seniors, he was still too lacking. If he was bestowed the kingship, it might cause some troubles.

"Qin Zhong is loyal to my Great Havenlaw Domain, so if he is to be titled King, I would agree to it." Mandala's eyes suddenly flashed with a hint of cold light as she continued, "Even if Qiu Taiyin is capable, his ambitions are extremely huge. According to some intelligence that I got, he seems to have some sort of hidden relationship with the Sky Profound Palace as well."

Mu Chen was startled upon hearing that. With his past status in the Great Havenlaw Domain, he naturally wasn't qualified to come in contact with such pieces of information.

"But those pieces of information aren't confirmed. By adding on the fact that Qiu Taiyin has done a great contribution to the Great Havenlaw Domain, others might have their hearts turning cold if I make my move towards him without any justification." Mandala said indifferently.

"If it was other times, I can naturally, slowly investigate him. But, right now, we don't have much time left."

Mu Chen frowned, "Is it because... of the Hunting War?"

Mandala nodded her head, "Before the Hunting War starts, ten Kings must be assembled. However, I absolutely cannot let someone that might have other thoughts become the tenth King of my Great Havenlaw Domain. Such a hidden danger cannot remain."

"You mean...?" Mu Chen murmured.

"During the King's Ceremony, Qiu Taiyin will naturally request to be bestowed the kingship. At that time, I will get Qin Zhong to obstruct him. If Qin Zhong manages to stop him, then everything is fine. But if he fails..." Mandala's golden pupils looked at Mu Chen, "Then you have to make your move and obtain the seat as the tenth King!"

Mu Chen bitterly smiled, "I knew there's nothing good in there, those aren't casual words."

Although Mu Chen had yet to meet Qiu Taiyin, he naturally knew that someone that could have such a reputation in the Great Havenlaw Domain wasn't simple. According to Mu Chen's speculations, the strength of that fellow was probably no weaker than the Netherworld Prince.

The moment they fought, not even Mu Chen was confident in winning.

"Rest assured, if you can accomplish this task, I will fulfill all your requests." Mandala said with her eyes narrowed.

"Really?" Hearing her words, Mu Chen couldn't help asking for confirmation.

Mandala nodded her head as she saw the corner of Mu Chen's mouth lift up and felt that there was something not right about it.

Seeing her confirmation, Mu Chen was no longer courteous as he clenched his hand. A jade bamboo appeared in his hand, which he handed over to Mandala. "If I manage to complete the task, then help me gather all these things."

Mandala took hold of the jade bamboo with slight doubt and took a glance with her golden pupils. Thereafter, her face was a little stiff when she saw the light wordings on the jade bamboo.

Primordial Hydra Blood's Blood Essence - 10 drops.

Sky-Devouring Sparrow's Blood Essence - 10 drops.

Spatial Beast's Blood Essence - 10 drops.

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On the jade bamboo, there were a total of ten different Divine Beast's Blood Essences. All those Divine Beasts had a fairly strong reputation in the Great Thousand World, so their Blood Essences were extremely rare and precious.

"Why do you need so many Divine Beast's Blood Essences?!" Mandala clenched her teeth. Even such a big player like the Great Havenlaw Domain could not afford to gather all these Divine Beast's Blood Essences in a short amount of time.

"I naturally have my uses for them." Mu Chen shrugged. The ten Divine Beast's Blood Essences were compulsory for him to cultivate the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra. At the start, when he realised that he needed these items, he nearly fainted, since he knew that it was an extremely difficult task for him to gather all these Divine Beast's Blood Essences in such a short amount of time. But, fortunately, since Mandala had said those words, it had saved him a huge amount of trouble.

"How is it? Can you get them?" Mu Chen smiled with his eyes narrowed as he looked at Mandala's stiffened face.

Mandala glared at Mu Chen with hatred. "You have been scheming this on me long ago, right?"

With Mu Chen's scheming character, he had probably thought of how to extort her the moment she spoke about the King's Ceremony. Thinking about it again, his difficult expression earlier did look a little fake.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen mischievously laughed.

"As long as you can seize the seat of the tenth King, I'll let you fish benefit this time. Although my Great Havenlaw Domain cannot gather all of these, I can go around the auction houses within the entire Northern Region to gather them for you." Mandala coldly snorted, before looking at Mu Chen with a dangerous light in her eyes. "But if you fail, then don't blame me."

Finishing her words, she turned around and flew out in a streak of light.

The final glance from Mandala made Mu Chen shiver in his heart, before shaking his head. He had just finished the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, and there was the King's Ceremony waiting for him...

"Let's hope that the City Lord Qin Zhong can deal with Qiu Taiyin."

Mu Chen flung his lips aside as he swiftly followed her.

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### **Chapter 815: Luo Li's News**

When Mu Chen returned to the Great Havenlaw Domain, what awaited him was a grand celebration, as he had expected. Evidently, the entire Great Havenlaw Domain had known of his feat in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven through special channels.

His achievements had greatly given a great amount of face to the Great Havenlaw Domain.



After all these years, despite being one of the peak forces, the Great Havenlaw Domain had been in the last in the younger generations amongst the various peak forces of the Northern Region. Especially when the genius of their Great Havenlaw Domain was killed by the expert of the Netherworld Palace back then, it had greatly embarrassed the Great Havenlaw Domain. Therefore, the Great Havenlaw Domain had given up the opportunity for the Dragon-Phoenix Haven for all these years, until today...

At the start, when Mandala had announced of Mu Chen's participation in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven and representing the Great Havenlaw Domain, the higher hierarchy of the Great Havenlaw Domain felt slight disapproval in their hearts, even though they said nothing of it.

Although the strength that Mu Chen had displayed made them understand the potential he possessed, he was still too far away from the elites on the Dragon-Phoenix Record.

Therefore, no one was optimistic of Mu Chen taking part in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. Perhaps there might have been some people thinking that he would just embarrass himself in going to the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

But, regardless of the thoughts of others, Mu Chen had managed to enter the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, alone.

Furthermore, the Great Havenlaw Domain received news that made them all feel dumbfounded.

Mu Chen had defeated Liu Yan, confronted the Netherworld Prince and, in the end, successfully ascended to the tenth step of the Dragon-Phoenix Stairs, successfully obtaining the most precious inheritance in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. The name of the Great Havenlaw Domain's Mu Chen had covered up the names of many reputable elites.

That caused the entire Great Havenlaw Domain to stir.

Those in the higher hierarchy that felt doubtful in their hearts earlier were practically speechless. Although they felt that it was a little hard to believe, they had to admit that this youth before them, who was initially nothing to them, had soared in the Northern Region like a comet.

Perhaps, not long from now, he would become a famed existence in the Northern Region.

During the celebration, those in the Nine Nether Palace were undoubtedly the happiest and the most proud. Mu Chen came to their Nine Nether Palace along with Nine Nether, becoming the Commander of their Nine Nether Palace at the same time. His outstanding performance made them feel proud for the Nine Nether Palace that had been suppressed for a long time.

In the future, no one in the Great Havenlaw Domain would dare to belittle their Nine Nether Palace.

The celebration lasted for an entire two days, before the excitement gradually dissipated. Mu Chen had also finally managed to break free from all sorts of entanglements and returned to the Nine Nether Palace to rest. In his view, this celebration was basically even more exhausting and difficult than the fights in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven.

In the Nine Nether Palace, the bright moon hung high in the sky with the chilly moonlight shining down.

Mu Chen reclined on the roof of the Nine Nether Palace with his hands supporting the back of his head. He looked at the bright moon with a lazy gaze as the chilled breeze blew. His body, which had been tensed up for a long time, was also slowly relaxing at this moment.

The stench of blood that had stuck to him in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven was also gradually dissipating at this moment.

Mu Chen looked at the bright moon and a gorgeous figure with long, silvery hair appeared in his mind. Her cool face was like a blade, engraved in the depth of Mu Chen's heart.

It was Luo Li.

"How are you in the Luo God Clan...?" Mu Chen muttered. After their separation, he had charged his way in the dangerous Great Thousand World, experienced numerous bloody battles and walked on the string between life and death. He did all those to fulfill a promise that he had once given to a girl, that he would become a supreme powerhouse. Just like in the Spiritual Road, he would stand before her and become the knight that protected his princess, cutting his way through all obstacles.

There was also his mother. For the two most important women in his heart, he had to press forth. Regardless of how difficult the path for him to become a supreme powerhouse was, he couldn't back down.

That's because he needed the power to protect.

Mu Chen narrowed his eyes and slowly clenched his fists.

"You look quite free." A laughter rang out. Mu Chen opened his eyes and saw Nine Nether standing nearby with a smile on her face. The moonlight shone onto her, outlining her impressive curves.

Mu Chen lazily pulled the corner of his lips in response.

"There's two pieces of news, which I think you will be very happy to hear." Nine Nether elegantly sat down beside Mu Chen. Her curvaceous figure was filled with temptation, with her fragrance being able to stir the hearts of others.

"Firstly, I have managed to obtain the information about Qin Zhong and Qiu Taiyin." Nine Nether smiled. She and Mu Chen had a deep relationship together, so she was definitely the first to know about Mandala wanting Mu Chen to strive for the seat of the tenth King.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen had only lazily lifted his eyelids. Clearly, that wasn't much of a happy news to him.

Seeing his response, Nine Nether wasn't angered. She continued to speak with her eyes narrowed. "There's another piece of news... from the Western Heaven Realm."

"Western Heaven Realm?!" Mu Chen was first stunned, before he immediately sat up and directed his gaze at Nine Nether with joy. He naturally knew that the Luo God Clan was located in the Western Heaven Realm!

And the reason why Nine Nether wanted to tell him this information was definitely because it was linked to Luo Li.

“The Western Heaven Realm is extremely far from the Greatlaw Continent. If it wasn’t for some special channels, it’s extremely hard for information to come over. I have also paid a huge price to get it.” Nine Nether looked at Mu Chen with her eyes narrowed into smiles as she teased, “How is it? Are you happy?”

Mu Chen rubbed his nose as he dryly laughed.

Nine Nether no longer teased Mu Chen and pondered for a brief moment, before saying, “According to the information, ever since Luo Li returned to the Luo God Clan, the Blood God Clan has increased their pace of attacking. The two clans have gone through countless battles with countless casualties and blood flowing like a river.

“That little girlfriend of yours is pretty good. Ever since she returned to the Luo God Clan, she did not oversee from the Royal Clan and had led an elite force to guard the borders, fighting numerous times with the army of the Blood God Clan.” There was admiration contained in Nine Nether’s tone.

But hearing her words, Mu Chen’s face couldn’t help changing. The strength of the Luo God Clan and Blood God Clan was stronger than the Great Havenlaw Domain. A level of that battle would definitely have numerous experts assembled that even Sovereign Realm experts weren’t anything much. Luo Li taking the lead herself was undoubtedly the most dangerous thing to do.

“She was right to do that.”

Nine Nether took a glance at Mu Chen and faintly said, “It’s said that the Royal Clan of the Luo God Clan is in a mess. It was because of Luo Tianshen that it did not go out of control. Although Luo Li has a noble status, she is still young. If she leads the army herself, not only can she train herself and increase the morale of the Luo God Clan, it will also raise her spot in the Luo God Clan, winning the support of more clansmen and Elders.”

“And the reality has proven that her actions were the right ones. In the past year, when she led the Luo God Clan’s elite army and fought numerous times with the Blood God Clan, her reputation in the Luo God Clan rose higher and higher as well. Especially amongst the younger generations of the Luo God Clan. There were people continuously leaning on her side. In addition to the support of Luo Tianshen, perhaps she might soon become the Empress of the Luo God Clan.”

“At that point in time, perhaps the Luo God clan will rise once again in her hands.”

Nine Nether gently sighed, “She did not have an easy time, but she did a good job.”

Hearing Nine Nether’s words, the joy in Mu Chen’s eyes gradually retracted and he looked up at the bright moon. Shortly after, he deeply inhaled a mouthful of chilled air and gradually closed his eyes.

He could hear the yells of war that resounded throughout the sky with streaks of light flying everywhere before clashing together with blood and Spiritual Energy bursting at the same time.

The entire heavens and earth were trembling.

On a hill in that battlefield, there was a young girl that held a longsword with her silvery long hair fluttering in the wind. Her glass-like pupils looked at the mountains of corpses and the ocean of blood. In the region dyed in crimson and filled with slaughter, her figure was exceptionally tiny.

Mu Chen opened his eyes and that scene thoroughly turned his heart cold. So it turns out that after he had come to the Great Thousand World, Luo Li, who had returned to the Luo God Clan, did not have a good time as well. The dangers and pressure that she had to bear far exceeded his.

When he was walking on the string between life and death, Luo Li was also leading a huge army, launching battles with the Blood God Clan.

Perhaps she understood Mu Chen and she knew that because of that promise he had made, he wouldn't back down no matter what dangerous situation he faced. Therefore, she was also working hard in her own way. She hoped that in this way, she could bear some of his pressure.

She wasn't the kind of girl that would quietly wait and watch Mu Chen become covered in blood and wounds in his path to becoming a supreme powerhouse. The kind of girl that could only stand far away and feel the aching in her heart for him.

Except that doing that, Mu Chen would also feel an aching pain in his heart for her.

"I'm still not strong enough..."

Mu Chen murmured. Just when he thought that he was working hard enough, he had forgotten that in a distant place, there was a girl that was also working hard just so that he did not have to work so hard.

"Rest assured. Luo Li, I will definitely fulfill my promise."

Mu Chen clenched his fist as a sharpness soared into his black pupils. The lazy bearing he had earlier completely disappeared. He needed to become even more powerful.

Looking at the changes in Mu Chen's bearing, Nine Nether smiled and muttered in her head, "Mu Chen, there will be a day when you become the supreme powerhouse. I have always believed in that from the beginning."

"Give me the information on those two fellows. Right now, I am very interested in it."

Mu Chen gave Nine Nether a smile, before extending his hand out. It looks like, in order for Mandala to gather the ten types of Divine Beast's Blood Essences, he cannot give up on the seat of the tenth King.

For that girl, who was working hard right now.

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### **Chapter 816: Seizing the King Seat**

For the next ten days, Mu Chen had not taken a step out of the Nine Nether Palace, blocking any disturbance from the outside world and had gone into the cultivation chamber for seclusion.

After knowing some news about Luo Li, he knew that the hard work and improvement he had done so far was far from enough, compared to that girl who was also working hard.

There was still a long way to the promise that he had made with that girl. Therefore, now wasn't the time for him to be satisfied and relax.

He needed to become even stronger!

After blocking all disturbances and entering his seclusion training, the Northern Region was swept again by his news, which caused quite a bit of commotion. After all, he was the first one that managed to step onto the tenth step of the Dragon-Phoenix Haven after all these years, so how could the experts in the Northern Region not be startled by his feat?

Especially after knowing that Mu Chen's strength was just in the Third Grade Sovereign, defeating Liu Yan and obstructing the Netherworld Prince. After knowing those achievements, the astonishments became even more intense.

Every single opening of the Dragon-Phoenix Haven would cause great changes to the Dragon-Phoenix Record. It wasn't an exception this time as well, with Mu Chen being the most dazzling dark horse.

Whether it was his achievements of defeating Liu Yan, obstructing the Netherworld Prince or ascending the tenth step of the Dragon-Phoenix Stairs, it was sufficient to have his name spread amongst the younger generations of the Northern Region.

Therefore, after the assessment of many experts, the Dragon-Phoenix Record changed. Mu Chen's name had directly replaced Liu Yan and was ranked the third, exceeding experts like Su Biyue, Hong Yu and the rest.

Above his ranking was the Netherworld Prince and Fang Yi, who had not changed. The strength displayed by those two surpassed everyone, even Mu Chen, who had a brilliant display of his ability this time, he could only barely obstruct the Netherworld Prince.

As for Cai Xiao, who made the brightest display in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, she was like a legend. After the Dragon-Phoenix Haven had come to an end, Cai Xiao left the Northern Region, leaving a breathtaking silhouette behind. Because of the fact that she was not someone of the Northern Region, her name did not appear on the Dragon-Phoenix Record. But those that partook in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven could never forget her. She had a stunning beauty like a queen, and even geniuses like Fang Yi and the Netherworld Prince were not on her level.

In the Dragon-Phoenix Mountain Range, the identity that Cai Xiao had revealed shock to many peak forces in the Northern Region, the daughter of the Flame Emperor. Even the Divine Pavilion did not dare to overlook this. That's because only colossi at their level had a better understanding of how powerful the Endless Fire Territory and the Flame Emperor were in the Great Thousand World.

Just thinking about it, even the Divine Pavilion and the Netherworld Palace felt fearful. It was fortunate that Cai Xiao had defeated Fang Yi and the Netherworld Prince. Otherwise, if she was defeated and suffered heavy injuries, thus attracting the rage of the Endless Fire Territory, that would definitely spell trouble.

And this sort of thought made those peak forces feel down. After all, they stood at the pinnacle of the Northern Region, yet they're actually afraid of bringing harm to someone and bringing an annihilation disaster onto them...

But they couldn't be blamed, since such a colossus like the Endless Fire Territory was too terrifying.

After Mu Chen's name was placed third on the Dragon-Phoenix Record, the commotion in the Great Havenlaw Domain had slowly died down, replaced with an even more attractive occasion.

The King's Ceremony.

In the eyes of the experts of the Great Havenlaw Domain, it was something that attracted their attention even more than the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, since the King's Ceremony was an event related to their personal interests.

The Great Havenlaw Domain possessed a vast territory, with experts like clouds beneath them. However, the hierarchy of the Great Havenlaw Domain was extremely strict. The Domain Ruler, the dictator, and beneath it was the Three Emperors, Nine Kings, the various Commanders, the City Lords and the subsidiary forces. Rising in the hierarchy would represent an increase in resources and status.

The Three Emperors all possessed powerful strength, only those reaching Seventh Grade Sovereign could be titled an Emperor. Hence, there weren't many in the Great Havenlaw Domain that possessed this qualification.

The status of a King was also extremely attractive in the Great Havenlaw Domain. That's because, by becoming a King, they would be able to form their own troops. Not only could they obtain a large amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids from the Great Havenlaw Domain, they would also even be distributed with cities. When attacking other forces, they're only required to submit a smaller portion of their harvest to the Great Havenlaw Domain compared to the other cities and subsidiary forces. Therefore, there were many people yearning for the King status.

According to custom, the Kings were those that could reach the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm. Naturally, Nine Nether was an exception, since she had the huge backing of the Nine Nether Bird Clan behind her. Strictly speaking, such Divine Beasts' Clans with a long history were something that even Mandala would fear. Therefore, there was an exception made for Nine Nether.

It was impossible for the other experts to have such opportunities, so they could only fight for it with their own strengths.

And so, the King's Ceremony was an occasion of bestowing Kingship. Therefore, it could be imagined how important it was.

Therefore, when the Northern Region was still in an uproar from Mu Chen taking third in the Dragon-Phoenix Record, the experts of the Great Havenlaw Domain had directed all their attention towards the pending King's Ceremony.

As long as they had successfully been titled a King, their status would soar in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Therefore, under the anxious wait of many experts, the King's Ceremony had finally arrived, as scheduled.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Today, the Great Havenlaw Domain was undoubtedly the most bustling in the entire year. There were streaks of light flying towards the Greatlaw Sky like locusts from every direction.

The security in the Greatlaw Sky today was also even tighter, even the troops beneath the Kings have helped to maintain order, preventing chaos from happening, which would embarrass themselves.

However, judging from this spectacular scene, the King's Ceremony was, indeed, worthy of being the most popular occasion in the Great Havenlaw Domain. Many people were also very excited about this, since everyone wished to know who would become the tenth King.

Nine Nether Palace

Outside the cultivation chamber stood two figures. The one standing in front was, naturally, Nine Nether, with Tang Bing, dressed in black, behind.

At this moment, the latter had her gaze fixed on the tightly shut cultivation chamber, "The King's Ceremony will start soon and that fella is still not out yet."

Nine Nether smiled, not looking hurried. "Everything must be properly prepared. After all, seizing the tenth King is not a simple task."

"Hmph, just for that fellow's seclusion, I took out over 200,000 drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid with great effort. If he fails, I'll make him cough it back out." Tang Bing said with a little heartache. She was the housekeeper of the Nine Nether Palace, with all the Sovereign Spiritual Liquid in the Nine Nether Palace under her control. Nine Nether had given him 200,000 drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid for his seclusion this time, which had to go through Tang Bing in order to make the withdrawal.

"What a little miser. Relax, he's worth the investment." Nine Nether couldn't help smiling as she rubbed Tang Bing's face and teased, "You can invest yourself over as well, I'll guarantee your ample profits in the future."

"Big Sister!"

Tang Bing's face grew red. She had maintained a cold bearing in the Nine Nether Palace, most of the time, so she looked somewhat imposing. Therefore, such an act of a little girl being bashful was rare to sight.

"Who wants to invest in me?" At this time, the cultivation chamber suddenly opened with a laughter ringing out from it. Mu Chen walked out and looked at the two girls with a smile on his face.

Seeing Mu Chen showing up, Tang Bing's face grew redder. Shortly after, she swept a glance at Mu Chen before her brows knitted. "You did not break through?"

Although the Spiritual Energy around Mu Chen was even more refined at this moment, he was still at the level of Third Grade Sovereign and did not break through to Fourth Grade Sovereign like Tang Bing had predicted.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen's face instantly became bitter as he smiled, "What do you see me as? You want me to make a breakthrough after a single seclusion?"

Tang Bing's face was red as she muttered, "Then, weren't all those Sovereign Spiritual Liquids wasted?"

Mu Chen helplessly rolled his eyes.

Nine Nether circled around Mu Chen with her gaze lightly flickering. Her eyes were more keen than Tang Bing's, so she could sense that judging from Mu Chen's current Spiritual Energy, it was extremely full. Furthermore, he seemed to be suppressing something on purpose.

“Looks like your harvest in this seclusion is pretty good.” Nine Nether smiled.

Mu Chen smiled but he did not speak a word. He stretched his waist and looked at the sky outside the Nine Nether Palace. He could sense the numerous powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations coming from every direction.

“Indeed, it’s worthy of being the most popular occasion in the Great Havenlaw Domain.” Mu Chen was a little startled. After being in the Great Havenlaw Domain for so long, this was the first time that he had seen so many people gathering in one place.

“Are you prepared?” Nine Nether smiled as she looked at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as his gaze gradually turned solemn and lightly nodded his head. This time, in the King’s Ceremony, be it the Greatlaw City’s City Lord Qin Zhong or the Ghost Moon Sect’s Qiu Taiyin, their strength definitely wouldn’t be weaker than the Netherworld Prince.

If he wanted to be titled a King, there would definitely be an intense battle taking place.

But, no matter what, it was impossible for him to cower.

Mu Chen raised his head as the face of a girl flashed across his mind. He clenched his fist as he walked out.

“Let’s go.”

The seat of the Tenth King, he’s determined to seize it.

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### **Chapter 817: Meeting of the Two Powerhouse**

In the past, the Greatlaw Plaza was in a sealed state, only opened on important occasions. The King’s Ceremony was clearly an important occasion, so today, this place was filled with bustling noises.

The plaza was so vast that the end could not be seen. It was filled with a multitude of people and the bustling noises here were so loud that they soared into the clouds, before spreading out, and could be heard anywhere within the Greatlaw Sky.

Not only was this place the most bustling in the Greatlaw Sky, but it was also probably the most bustling territory in the entire Great Havenlaw Domain.

At the centre of the plaza, there was a huge stone stage, also known as the King’s Ceremony Stage, in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Every single birth of a new King in the Great Havenlaw Domain was held here.

Bustling noises had enveloped this entire region. Furthermore, there were figures still flying over from the distant place, with endless streaks of light flowing over before landing amongst the spectators.

At the front of the plaza were several towering stone thrones that were distinctively classified. The highest one was a golden throne, dazzled with golden light under the sunlight that vaguely emitted a pressure from the throne.



When Mu Chen and Nine Nether appeared here, they had undoubtedly attracted lots of attention over. Right now, the Nine Nether Palace wasn't like the past and everyone knew that the weakest faction among the Kings in the past was rising. Therefore, when the experts of the Great Havenlaw Domain saw the arrival of Nine Nether and Mu Chen, their gazes became much more grave compared to the past.

In the past year, the reputation of the Nine Nether Palace was growing with each passing day in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Those gazes briefly stopped on Nine Nether, before shifting towards Mu Chen, who was beside her. There were many gazes looking at him. After all, his name was resounding in the entire Northern Region in the recent period.

His achievements in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven had left even some veteran experts in the Great Havenlaw Domain to feel inwardly shocked. Furthermore, they were clear that Mu Chen had only been in the Great Havenlaw Domain for less than a year.

If he was given more time, he would definitely become a powerhouse in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Nine Nether and Mu Chen paid no attention to those gazes and landed before the Nine Nether Palace's group, waiting for the King's Ceremony to start.

Standing beside Nine Nether, Mu Chen's gaze had swept out in the plaza. Over here, the other eight Kings have arrived. Judging from the looks of this, this King's Ceremony was clearly extremely important.

When Mu Chen was sweeping his gaze around, the gazes of the eight Kings had also briefly stopped on him. The Asura King and Mountain Splitting King had a hint of admiration in their eyes. Clearly, his performance in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven had not only won over the younger generations of the Northern Region, but even veterans like them also exclaimed in admiration.

Naturally, the Blood Hawk King, who had been targeting Mu Chen and Nine Nether right from the start, was gritting his teeth. Back then, when Mu Chen entered the Great Havenlaw Domain, the latter was only an ant that he could easily squash. But it was this ant that greatly humiliated the Blood Hawk Hall.

Right now, after less than a year, the ant in his eyes had grown to a height that even he was inwardly shocked. Although the Blood Hawk King could still suppress Mu Chen, he had to admit that he would have to pay a price in order to achieve it, since this youth before him was no longer an ant like the past.

The changes in that position clearly made the Blood Hawk King feel unhappy in his heart. But no matter how unhappy he was, he no longer dared to do anything to Mu Chen. That's because practically everyone in the Great Havenlaw Domain knew that he had some relationship with the Domain Ruler. With the Domain Ruler looking after him, not to mention about him, even the Spiritual Pupils Emperor, who was backing him did not dare to do anything to Mu Chen.

Therefore, he could only swallow up all the unhappiness.

Whoosh!

When the various Kings were secretly looking at Mu Chen, there was a sharp wind-breaking sound, along with a powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuation, which attracted much attention.

"That fellow Qin Zhong... is finally here!"

“Haha, I knew he would not let this chance pass!”

“Except, I don’t know if he can be successfully be bestowed kingship.”

“...”

When that wind-breaking noise rang out, it had caused an uproar in the Greatlaw Plaza, he was evidently recognized.

“Greatlaw City’s City Lord, Qin Zhong?” Mu Chen’s gaze lightly flashed at this moment as well.

Under many gazes, that streak of light appeared in the air above the plaza in a flash, before cupping his fists towards everyone.

Looking over, Mu Chen saw a tough and stocky-built middle-aged man with a clear laugh hung on his face, an appearance that gave others a favourable impression.

Powerful Spiritual Energy fluctuations were faintly visible around the middle-aged man. According to Mu Chen’s estimations, Qin Zhong’s strength was probably not any weaker than the Netherworld Prince.

“After so many years, that fellow seems to have improved quite a bit.” Nine Nether swept a glance at Qin Zhong as she lightly cast her lips aside.

Mu Chen looked at Nine Nether in surprise. Judging from her tone, she seemed to have some relation with this Qin Zhong.

Before he could even pop the question, Qin Zhong had directly walked towards their Nine Nether Palace’s location as his laughter rang out. “Haha. Little Nine Nether, it has been some time since we last met. After disappearing for so long, I thought that you’d failed your evolution.”

“After so many years, you’ve still not broken through to the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm. With this cultivating speed... you still have the cheek to come participate in the King's Ceremony?” Nine Nether lazily said, without giving any face in her tone.

Qin Zhong’s face turned stiff. “No matter what, I have still helped you in the past. Can you not strike me like this.”

Mu Chen couldn’t help laughing from the side as he found this Qin Zhong to be an interesting person.

Hearing the laughter, Qin Zhong’s gaze shifted towards Mu Chen and said with his eyes narrowed, “You must be Mu Chen, whose fame has been spreading widely in the Northern Region, right? The younger generations will surpass us in time, having such an achievement at such a young age.”

“City Lord Qin Zhong is flattering me.”

Mu Chen cupped his fist with a smile. From his initial contact with Qin Zhong, he had some favourable opinion of him. That’s because he could feel that Qin Zhong’s straightforward character wasn’t an act. Furthermore, judging from the gazes from the surroundings directed at Qin Zhong, his human relations seemed to be pretty good in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

“Don’t flaunt your seniority, you might not have a share in this King's Ceremony.” Nine Nether said faintly.

Qin Zhong was stunned, before giving a thoughtful glance at Mu Chen and smiled. "It doesn't matter, since I have failed for so many years. Failing another time doesn't matter. But if we have to fight, I will give it my all. At that time, I will see how formidable the young expert that's ranked third on the Dragon-Phoenix Record really is."

Hearing his words, Mu Chen's gaze suddenly narrowed, just when he was about to speak. At the same time, Qin Zhong and Nine Nether had raised their heads. In the azure horizon, a strand of black smoke whistled over like a meteorite, containing a chilling cold that wanted to freeze the blood of others.

Many experts raised their heads as they looked at the black smoke that streaked across the horizon. When the black smoke swept over, it turned into a black tornado and fell onto the plaza. When the black smoke dissipated, a black-robed figure appeared in everyone's eyes.

That person had a somewhat handsome feature, except that his gaze was extremely cold and his thin lips looked like blades that struck a chill in others.

At this moment, he wore a smile as he looked at everyone in the plaza and cupped his fists, "Qiu Taiyin of the Ghost Moon Sect greets everyone here."

Echos resounded in this plaza. Qiu Taiyin was a somewhat famous character amongst the veterans in the Great Havenlaw Domain. After all these years, he was known to be the first beneath the Kings of the Great Havenlaw Domain. This time, in participating in the King's Ceremony, he was the most favourable one to obtain the tenth King's seat.

This was indeed a meeting of two powerhouses.

"He's the Sect Master of the Ghost Moon Sect, Qiu Taiyin?" Mu Chen's gaze was also looking at Qiu Taiyin with his brows lightly knitted. He sensed a faint danger coming from the latter.

Qiu Taiyin was indeed worthy of his fame in the Great Havenlaw Domain. It looked like in this King's Ceremony, wanting to bar the way of this fellow was not going to be an easy task.

Dong!

When Mu Chen's gaze was flickering, a bright ringing bell sound resounded throughout this region. Shortly after, everyone's hearts moved as they raised their heads. On the golden throne up on the plaza, space distorted and a petite figure slowly appeared.

Beneath the golden throne, the Three Emperors had also appeared, overlooking the experts of the Great Havenlaw Domain in the plaza.

"We respectfully welcome the Domain Lord!"

All the experts in this region cupped their fists as they said in respectful tones that resounded throughout this region.

Mandala lightly waved her hand and her golden pupils faintly swept through all the experts on the field. Her gaze swept past Qin Zhong and Qiu Taiyin, before briefly stopping on Mu Chen, then her tender voice imposingly rang out.

"In this King's Ceremony, there are three people qualified to be titled 'King'."

The voices in this region had turned silent with only Mandala's voice resounding throughout this region. Every expert had their bodies tense up, since only those that were approved by Mandala could have the qualifications to fight for the tenth King's seat!

"Greatlaw City's City Lord, Qin Zhong."

"Ghost Moon Sect's Sect Master, Qiu Taiyin."

Some regretful voices resounded in the Greatlaw Plaza, since it was pretty much expected. After all, the two of them were the ones with the most qualifications and abilities to fight for the King's seat.

Just as they felt pity, Mandala's voice briefly paused, before sounding out again.

"Nine Nether Palace, Mu Chen."

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#### **Chapter 818: Qin Zhong VS Qiu Taiyin**

"Nine Nether Palace, Mu Chen."

When the last sentence came from Mandala's mouth, the voices in this entire plaza seemed to have paused for a brief moment before everyone directed their astonished gazes towards Mu Chen, along with an uproar.

"Mu Chen? Is it that new Commander of the Nine Nether Palace?"

"He is actually participating the King's Ceremony as well... doesn't this seem too sloppy? He's been in our Great Havenlaw Domain for barely a year."

"Although his performance in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven is outstanding, this King's Ceremony is much harder than the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. Although Mu Chen was able to win in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, that was because of the help from the daughter of the Flame Emperor."

"There's another reason..."

"....."

Whispers filled with doubt and unconcealable jealousy rang out in the sky. After all, the time Mu Chen was in the Great Havenlaw Domain was too short, but his rise was too fast. Achievements that others had to spend years to accumulate was accomplished by Mu Chen in less than a year.

This difference made them feel unbalanced in their hearts, so criticism was unavoidable.

Qiu Taiyin, who was donned in a black robe, cast a glance at Mu Chen with a light smile. There weren't that many emotions displayed from him. In his view, only Qin Zhong could slightly threaten him. As for Mu Chen, although he possessed outstanding talent, he was still too young and could not be placed in his heart.

He's determined to be the tenth King!

Mu Chen paid no attention to the doubtful commotion, he had his eyes hung low and maintained a calm expression. Tang Bing, Tang Rou and those of the Nine Nether Palace standing behind him felt indignation, but they could not speak due to Nine Nether stopping them.

At this point in time, those disputes were practically useless, since strength determined everything.

On the golden throne, there weren't any ripples on Mandala's face as she looked at the plaza that was in an uproar. After slightly pushing her hand down, she caused all the voices to be quiet.

This was the Great Havenlaw Domain, and she was the ruler of it. So no one could change her words.

"Since everyone is already here, then let us begin this King's Ceremony." She lightly waved her hand and her imposing voice caused the heavens and earth to lightly tremble.

Dong!

A brilliant bell rang out in this region as many experts had their eyes heated. They knew that this King's Ceremony would definitely be extremely intense.

Rustle!

Under the innumerable gazes, Qiu Taiyin lightly smiled and his figure moved, appearing on the King's Ceremony Stage with his hands behind his back. His gaze disregarded Mu Chen and was directed at Qin Zhong. "Brother Qin, I'm looking forward to some teachings."

Qin Zhong cast a glance at Mu Chen and saw the latter had a smile hung on his face. His feet tapped and he appeared on the King's Ceremony Stage, standing at the opposite side of Qiu Taiyin.

The two of them faced each other with vast Spiritual Energy sweeping out and a heavy pressure started to spread out from the King's Ceremony Stage, causing many of the experts' faces to gradually turn solemn.

Qin Zhong's sharp gaze locked onto Qiu Taiyin and slowly clenched his fist. The popularity of the latter was getting greater amongst the veterans in the Great Havenlaw Domain, so being known as the top beneath the King level wasn't false.

Therefore, the King's Ceremony today wouldn't be easy.

Boom!

A vast amount of Spiritual Energy swept out like a storm from Qin Zhong as his gaze turned cold. He stomped his feet and soared into the horizon, both of his palms flickered with a jade-coloured light. It's as if his hand was made of jade, containing enormous power in them.

"Jade Cauldron Hands!"

Qin Zhong barked out as some jade cauldron runes vaguely appeared at the centre of his palms, before an enormous palm seal of Spiritual Energy flew out. There were also jade cauldron runes on the Spiritual Energy palm, emanating endless power, as if it could crush mountains.

"Haha. I have been hearing about Brother Qin Zhong's Jade Cauldron Divine Art for a long time, I will get to experience it for myself, today." Qiu Taiyin calmly smiled, facing Qin Zhong's attack. Both of his palms

drew a loop as gushes of black smoke surged. It was filled with extremely cold Spiritual Energy that could even freeze the atmosphere.

Whoosh!

The black smoke looked like it was alive, taking the form of a huge python, before soaring into the sky, and clashed with the Jade Cauldron Palm.

Boom!

Violent Spiritual Energy swept out, the impact even caused space to slightly distort.

Qin Zhong's gaze flickered as he abruptly formed seals. A dazzling light soared into the sky from his body. His entire body had actually turned into a white jade.

"This is..." Mu Chen looked at Qin Zhong's body with slight astonishment, since he could sense that Qin Zhong's physique seemed to have gotten stronger.

"That is the Jade Cauldron Divine Physique, a Body Refining Divine Art that Qin Zhong had obtained from an ancient ruin. It is precisely because of this that he could become the City Lord of the Greatlaw City." Nine Nether explained.

Rustle!

When Nine Nether and Mu Chen were speaking, Qin Zhong's figure, which had turned sparkling, had suddenly disappeared. When he appeared again, he actually appeared behind Qiu Taiyin, before swiftly thrusting his fist, along with a power that could crush mountains, towards the latter's back like a bolt of lightning.

Facing such a swift attack, even Qiu Taiyin didn't seem able to react to it as Qin Zhong's fist flew over.

Tssssi.

Qin Zhong's fist had quickly pierced through Qiu Taiyin's chest. But when it pierced through, Qin Zhong's face abruptly changed. He saw Qiu Taiyin's body turning into smoke from the area his hand had pierced through.

Qin Zhong instantly felt danger in his heart and immediately wanted to withdraw his fist.

"Haha. Brother Qin Zhong, it's against etiquette not to respond, why don't you try my Ghastly Mist Physique?" A smear of an abnormal smile rose on the corner of Qiu Taiyin's mouth as the smoke on his chest suddenly froze. A terrifying chill had quickly froze Qin Zhong's arm and was swiftly spreading up along his arm in an attempt to freeze his entire body.

The sinister chill invaded Qin Zhong's body and tried to freeze the Spiritual Energy in his body as well. In an instant, this caused a drastic change in expression on his face. His gaze suddenly turned dark as Spiritual Energy burst out from his body without any holding back.

Boom!

A vast Spiritual Energy swept out, forming into a powerful Spiritual Energy pressure. Instantly causing a commotion and anyone could tell that the strength of Qin Zhong's Spiritual Energy had surpassed the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm, just a step away from the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm.

"Looks like Qin Zhong has some improvements after all these years. If he's given a little more time, breaking through to Fifth Grade Sovereign is only a matter of time." Someone sighed. Qin Zhong had stayed at the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm for many years, and he finally had some improvements.

There was a flash of astonishment in Mu Chen's eyes. Qin Zhong did have some trump cards, with such strength, he was equivalent to the Netherworld Prince. The latter was also just half a step away from the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm.

Boom!

Spiritual Energy swept on the King's Ceremony Stage as the black ice on Qin Zhong's arm shattered with his figure moving back in retreat. At the same time, with the vibration of Spiritual Energy, the chill that had invaded his body dispersed.

"So, City Lord Qin Zhong is already half a step into being a Fifth Grade Sovereign, congratulations." As the black smoke surged, Qiu Taiyin slowly turned around and his lips rose.

Qin Zhong maintained a calm expression as a vast Spiritual Energy undulated around him like an ocean. Every single move of his emanated a powerful force that could crush mountains.

His gaze was fixed onto Qiu Taiyin. Although he was, indeed, half a step from the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, he still faintly felt pressure coming from the latter.

It looks like he needed to go all-out.

Qin Zhong deeply inhaled a mouthful of air and swiftly formed seals at lightning speed. Instantly, a dazzling jade-coloured light burst forth, forming into a massive figure.

That figure looked like it was made from jade and the runes of an ancient cauldron could be seen on the jade-white figure as a powerful force undulated in this region, making others feel pressured.

"That's...Qin Zhong's Jade Cauldron Celestial Body!" When the jade figure appeared, it instantly caused an uproar in this region. Clearly, they weren't unfamiliar towards Qin Zhong's Sovereign Celestial Body.

Qin Zhong's figure appeared on the head of this jade-white figure and he looked down at Qiu Taiyin.

"You're finally taking this Jade Cauldron Celestial Body out." Qiu Taiyin raised his head as he looked at the dazzling white figure with an indifferent smile on his face.

"Looks like I cannot hold back if I want to beat you, Brother Qin Zhong." Qiu Taiyin smiled as he waved his hand. Black smoke gushed out, soaring into the horizon before forming into a huge black figure.

The black smoke coiled around the huge figure like a black dragon and the chill had lowered the temperature in this region.

"That's Qiu Taiyin's Great Yin Celestial Body!" Someone exclaimed.

Mu Chen looked at the two colossi. Although they were ranked towards the end of the 99 Rankings of Sovereign Celestial Bodies, both Qin Zhong and Qiu Taiyin had deep attainments in their Sovereign Celestial Bodies, respectively.

“It won’t be easy to determine the winner.”

Under countless heated gazes, Qiu Taiyin appeared on the head of the Great Yin Celestial Body as he looked at Qin Zhong with an abnormal smile on the corner of his mouth.

“Hard to determine the winner? I don’t think so...”

Qiu Taiyin slowly opened his arms as the chill and sharpness in his eyes grew stronger. The black smoke-like Spiritual Energy also started sweeping around him, forming a tornado.

The bright sky was swiftly turning dark as the black smoke covered the sun and an extremely powerful Spiritual Energy pressure spread out in this region.

Sensing the Spiritual Energy pressure, Qin Zhong’s face drastically changed.

Mu Chen and Nine Nether had narrowed their eyes and couldn’t help sucking in breath of air. That’s because the Spiritual Energy pressure had reached the level of Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm!

Qiu Taiyin had actually broken through to the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm!

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#### **Chapter 819: Fifth Grade Sovereign**

A vast Spiritual Energy enveloped this region as a great Spiritual Energy pressure emanated, causing even space to undulate. A black figure stood like a demonic god, emitting a dreadful pressure and chill.

Many experts around the plaza had a change in their expressions from the powerful Spiritual Energy pressure being emitted from Qiu Taiyin and could sense that the pressure had surpassed the realm of Fourth Grade Sovereign, it’s at the level of a Fifth Grade Sovereign!

Compared to Qin Zhong, who was half a step into the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, Qiu Taiyin was clearly stronger!

Many experts felt startled in their hearts. Qiu Taiyin had already made his breakthrough, it’s no wonder why he was so confident in becoming the tenth King.

Mu Chen and Nine Nether’s expressions turned grave. As for the other experts, their brows couldn’t help knitting, since they knew how troublesome things would become after Qiu Taiyin had stepped into the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm.

That meant that Qiu Taiyin possessed the true qualifications to be titled a King!

Furthermore, with his strength at the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, he could sweep through every expert beneath the Nine Kings.

Under the uproar, Mandala, who sat on her throne, had a faint ripple in her golden pupils. However, she was still overlooking the battle as a superior existence. There weren’t any ripples on her face. It was as if she was a deity overlooking the mortals.



In her eyes, it didn't matter if Qiu Taiyin was at the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm or the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, he was still an ant in her eyes. If it wasn't for the military distribution before the Hunting War, she would have probably made her move and have him killed. In the eyes of an Earth Sovereign powerhouse, the so-called "rules" could be easily changed with a whim of her heart.

But, right now, she could clearly not do that, causing a hint of a chill to flash across her golden pupils.

On the King's Ceremony Stage, Qin Zhong's face was also unsightly as he looked at Qiu Taiyin. The powerful pressure emanated from the latter made even him feel a little pressured.

Although he had come in contact with the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, he had not broken through to that level yet. That step was similar to ascending the heavens.

"Admit defeat, you don't have a chance." Qiu Taiyin crossed his arms across his chest as he gave Qin Zhong a faint smile.

Qin Zhong's face changed as he deeply inhaled a mouthful of air. There wasn't a hint of admitting defeat in his eyes. No matter what his chances were, he definitely would not admit defeat in the midst of a battle.

Qin Zhong gave Qiu Taiyin a glance, before his face gradually turned solemn. His hands joined together and a glittering jade-coloured light burst out from his body. At the same time, the Jade Cauldron Celestial Body beneath his feet had also burst forth with a dazzling light.

Many experts narrowed their eyes. They had all seen through Qin Zhong's thoughts of going all-out.

"Stubborn." Qiu Taiyin narrowed his eyes as he lightly shook his head and spoke with a voice that only he could hear.

Boom!

A dazzling light seemed to have enveloped half of the horizon as a shocking jade-coloured light gathered above Qin Zhong, before forming into a jade cauldron that was roughly the size of a thousand feet.

The ancient cauldron was engraved with profound runes. As the runes flickered, the Spiritual Energy in this region was endlessly being sucked into something similar to a wind tunnel.

A powerful pressure spread out along with it.

Many experts had grim expressions. Although Qin Zhong had yet to step into the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, his strength was not something to be underestimated. So this move of his was exceptionally powerful.

"Jade Cauldron Divine Art - Heavenly Cauldron Forms the Starry River!"

A light shot from both of Qin Zhong's eyes as his voice rumbled like thunder. His seals changed as the Spiritual Energy in his body gushed out, pouring into the huge cauldron.

Whoosh!

The huge cauldron soared into the sky, forming into a huge jade-coloured current as it swept through the horizon. Space shattered as countless jade sparkles floated in the sky, looking like a starry river.

Many experts wore grave expressions as they watched this attack. This was the most powerful attack that Qin Zhong possessed after putting all his force into it. It was an attack that could kill any expert at the same level.

However, when the jade-coloured current whistled over, Qiu Taiyin still maintained an indifferent expression, there was only a faint, cold light that flashed in his eyes. He raised his head as the boundless jade-coloured current filled his pupils.

“I’ll let you know how great of a difference it is compared to a Fifth Grade Sovereign.” Qiu Taiyin indifferently smiled as he slowly raised his right hand. His entire arm was swiftly turning black. It was so much so that there was a black starchy liquid dripping from his fingertips.

Buzz!

The huge Great Yin Celestial Body trembled beneath his feet as countless black lights shot out from the black Sovereign Celestial Body, swiftly gathering at Qiu Taiyin’s fingertips.

Whizzz! Whizzz!

The black lights swiftly gathered, forming into a hundred-foot black crescent moon within a few breaths’ time above Qiu Taiyin’s fingertips. The crescent moon was emitting an endless chill and even the atmosphere was frozen by it.

Drops of black liquid dripped from the black crescent moon. When it occasionally dripped down, it had directly corroded space and disappeared, displaying its terrifying corrosive ability.

“Great Yin Divine Art - Great Yin Moon!”

An indifferent voice came from Qiu Taiyin’s mouth as he flicked his finger. The black crescent moon that was emitting a horrifying chill had directly pierced through space, before clashing with the jade-coloured current!

Boom!

The sound from their collision was like two currents clashing together. In that instant, even the heavens and earth were trembling.

Many experts raised their heads as they looked at the point of collision. Space violently distorted at the point of collision as the crescent moon and current frantically unleashed their power, attempting to destroy the other party.

However, Qiu Taiyin had gotten the upper hand in the clash. As the chill corroded, there were black icicles slowly appearing on the jade current.

Qin Zhong’s face gradually turned pale.

“As I have said, you are not my opponent.” A cold smile rose on Qiu Taiyin’s face as his expression suddenly turned cold and his seals changed.

Boom!

The chill from the black crescent moon expanded, turning into a dark light that streaked across the horizon. Instantly, the jade-coloured current was quickly broken apart, before forming into sparkles of light that exploded.

Pffft.

When the jade-coloured current shattered, Qin Zhong's face turned pale and he spat a mouthful of blood out.

Qiu Taiyin's gaze turned cold and his figure suddenly disappeared. At the same time, a black long pike had appeared from the hand of the Great Yin Celestial Body that stabbed forth, piercing through space.

The long spear had directly pierced through space and appeared before the Jade Cauldron Celestial Body, then swiftly pierced the Jade Cauldron Celestial Body. A black chill spread out from it and caused a layer of ice to appear on the surface of the Jade Cauldron Celestial Body.

Qin Zhong's face drastically changed.

"Worry about yourself, first!" A cold voice came from his rear as a figure appeared in a flash. Qiu Taiyin cast an extremely cold glance at Qin Zhong. As he spoke, he had given a sharp kick that flashed with afterimages, along with a power that could crush mountains, and landed on Qin Zhong's chest.

Pfft!

Qin Zhong suffered a heavy attack and spat another mouthful of blood from his mouth, before his figure descended from the sky like a cannonball, and making a thousand-foot deep mark on the King's Ceremony Stage.

Boom!

When Qin Zhong suffered the heavy attack, the Jade Cauldron Celestial Body had shattered and dissipated into sparkles of light.

The entire region was quiet, with many experts watching this scene with shaken expressions. No one expected for Qin Zhong to be defeated so easily.

The eyes of the various Kings had narrowed, since Qiu Taiyin's strength was truly not something to be underestimated.

The brows of Mu Chen and Nine Nether had knitted as well. So Qin Zhong was, indeed, not Qiu Taiyin's opponent?

Under the many gazes, the Great Yin Celestial Body beneath Qiu Taiyin had gradually dissipated as he crossed his arms. His figure slowly descended, before landing on the King's Ceremony Stage.

He cast an indifferent glance at the gravely-wounded Qin Zhong. That earlier kick of his had caused the Great Yin Chill to invade into the latter's body, causing the latter to be unable to move.

The outcome of this battle was obvious.

Defeating Qin Zhong, Qiu Taiyin directed his gaze towards the direction of Mandala as a revered expression rose on his face. He bowed and cupped his fists. "Domain Lord, is there an outcome to this King's Ceremony Battle?"

When he spoke, many gazes were directed at Mu Chen with abnormal looks. Anyone knew that Mu Chen was the third person qualified to be bestowed the kingship.

But Qiu Taiyin's actions had clearly disregarded Mu Chen.

Obviously, Qiu Taiyin did not feel that Mu Chen could threaten his path of becoming a King.

Under the countless gazes, Mu Chen maintained a calm expression as he gently pursed up his lips.

"Mu Chen... why don't you give up this time." Tang Bing briefly hesitated, before speaking in a soft voice. After witnessing the strength that Qiu Taiyin had displayed, she couldn't help worrying for Mu Chen.

That's because Qiu Taiyin was a genuine Fifth Grade Sovereign. Aside from Nine Nether, there was probably not anyone that could fight him.

"Treat the 200,000 drops of Sovereign Spiritual Liquid as the assistance from the Nine Nether Palace." Tang Bing added.

Hearing her words, Mu Chen couldn't help speechlessly looking at her.

Nine Nether also had her brows slightly knitted as she looked at Mu Chen and said in a soft voice, "Even Qin Zhong was not his opponent. If you go up...I'm afraid that your chances of winning aren't high."

She had some understanding about Mu Chen's strength. But this Qiu Taiyin wasn't in the list of people that Mu Chen could fight with his strength at Third Grade Sovereign.

The entire region was quiet as everyone directed their gazes at Mu Chen. Even Mandala, who was seated on her golden throne, had slowly shifted her eyes over.

Practically everyone was waiting for Mu Chen's response.

Under the innumerable gazes, Mu Chen deeply inhaled a mouthful of air as a smile appeared on his face. There wasn't any fear in that smile of his.

Looking at Mu Chen's smile, Nine Nether and Tang Bing knew his decision.

Mu Chen's feet tapped on the ground and his figure appeared on the King's Ceremony Stage, before cupping his fists towards Qiu Taiyin with a smile. His clear voice resounded as well, causing a commotion in this region.

"Nine Nether Palace's Mu Chen is here to seek some teachings from Sect Master Qiu."

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#### **Chapter 820: Ascending the Stage, Wrestling for the King**

"Mu Chen of Nine Nether Palace has come to seek advice from Clan Leader Qiu."

When that young and clear voice rang out from the Platform for Bestowing Lordship, the originally silent surroundings could not help but break out in an uproar. Quite a number of people were looking at that slender shadow in surprise. Clearly, they did not think that Mu Chen would still have the courage to go on stage after witnessing Qiu Taiyin's doughty capabilities.

"This Mu Chen is actually rather brave. It is a rare trait. No wonder he has so many achievements at such a young age..."

"But he is still too young. There is no need for him to make himself known now, for he will lose face if he is defeated later on."

"It is only normal for him to be defeated. Consider how old he is, then consider how old Qiu Taiyin is. Give him a few years' time, and perhaps Qiu Taiyin will not even have the qualifications to fight him."

"Who can say what will happen in the future..."

"..."

The sound of whispers began to spread from below the stage. Some people admired Mu Chen's bravery, whereas some felt that Mu Chen was too reckless and could not control his temper. For a moment, the area was rather lively due to the divergence of public opinions.

In the midst of all that clamor, Qiu Taiyin was also looking indifferently at Mu Chen, who was on the upper platform of the Platform for Bestowing Lordship. Soon after, a smile appeared on those thin lips. However, the appearance of that smile on his face seemed somehow false.

"Commander Mu Chen is actually rather courageous."

Mu Chen smiled faintly. He was not afraid of Qiu Taiyin's sharp gaze. He said, "If I didn't possess such courage, perhaps I would not have been able to reach this point."

Qiu Taiyin was noncommittal. He looked at Mu Chen in a calm manner with his hands tucked into his sleeves. If they were to be compared in terms of status within Daluo Territory, then Mu Chen and Qiu Taiyin would be considered equal. But when Qiu Taiyin displayed this attitude, he was just like a senior. Clearly in his heart, he did not consider Mu Chen to be on the same level as he was.

"Since Commander Mu Chen is so courageous, of course I will help him achieve his aim. But fists and legs are without eyes, so when the time comes, I will not be courteous," Qiu Taiyin said slowly.

Mu Chen smiled, but he did not continue to pay attention to him. Instead, he turned and walked towards the heavily injured Qin Zhong. Qin Zhong was covered in blood, and a cold blackness was continuously emerging from the surface of his body. This was due to the incursion of Qiu Taiyin's chilly spiritual energy.

When he became aware of Mu Chen's presence nearby, a bitter smile appeared on Qin Zhong's pale face. But before he could speak, Mu Chen placed his palm lightly on his chest.

"You?"

Qin Zhong was startled. Then, he could feel Mu Chen's spiritual energy surging into his body, attempting to help him expel that chilly spiritual energy. This caused a slight change in his facial expression before

he promptly said, "Stop it. This chilly spiritual energy is extremely overbearing. It'll be troublesome if it penetrates your body."

Qiu Taiyin was also looking at this scene with a smile on his face. The center of his spiritual energy had merged with a Lunar Crystal, and that was why the center of his spiritual energy contained the chilly spiritual energy. Even for a strong person of a similar level, it would be rather troublesome to expel it once the chilly spiritual energy penetrated within. With Mu Chen's capabilities as a Grade Three Sovereign, the moment he was infused with the energy, his basic combat powers would all be lost.

Thus, when he saw that Mu Chen actually wanted to help Qin Zhong expel the chilly spiritual energy from his body, he could not help but to allow his lips to curl into a cynical smile before murmuring, "What a people pleaser who has an exaggerated opinion of his own abilities..."

When Mu Chen heard Qiu Taiyin, he directed a smile at him. Soon after, a purple flame suddenly surged on his palm before he finally beat it into Qin Zhong's body with a clap.

Sizz!

White smoke began to rapidly rise from the top of Qin Zhong's head. Then he noticed with surprise that the chilly spiritual energy within his body was currently disappearing at a rapid pace.

"This is... the Unperishable Flame?" Qin Zhong was slightly shocked as he looked at Mu Chen. It turned out the center of Mu Chen's spiritual energy had once merged with the Unperishable Flame. No wonder he was not in the slightest bit afraid of Qiu Taiyin's chilly spiritual energy.

Mu Chen nodded and retracted his hand before retreating.

At that moment, a commotion was beginning to spread around the Platform for Bestowing Lordship. The looks which were directed at Mu Chen were especially bizarre. Although this youngster only had the capabilities of a Grade Three Sovereign, the tricks he had used were rather amazing.

"Thank you."

Qin Zhong stood up slowly and directed an appreciative nod at Mu Chen. Soon after, he looked at Qiu Taiyin, who had a grim expression on his face, and said, "You should be careful. He's hard to tackle."

Mu Chen nodded slightly. He was fully aware how difficult it was to deal with Qiu Taiyin. If they were to truly discuss him, perhaps even the Prince of Netherworld could not beat him. It wouldn't be easy for him to win today.

But no matter how difficult it was, he could not turn back because Qin Zhong had failed. If he were to give up, then Qiu Taiyin would win the position of the tenth lord and it would mean that he had failed at his task. And if he failed, his ten types of Divine Beast Blood Essence would also come to nothing, and it would be more troublesome for him to cultivate that Dragon-Phoenix Scripture.

This would lead to an obstruction in his path of becoming stronger.

Thus, he had to be involved in this situation.

When Qin Zhong saw Mu Chen's determined expression, he did not continue to speak but instead gave him a light pat on the shoulder before sweeping down from the Platform for Bestowing Lordship.

"Commander Mu Chen actually does have some tricks. No wonder you could mix with the people in the Dragon-Phoenix Rift in such a prosperous manner," Qiu Taiyin said as he glanced at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen smiled. A light was flickering slightly in his black eyes as he stared at Qiu Taiyin.

"Although I want to cherish such an excellent youngster like you, I have never shown mercy to my opponents. Since you stand here, you must pay the price for your actions."

The expression in Qiu Taiyin's eyes was cold as he locked onto Mu Chen. Soon after, he slowly extended a finger and gave a tap towards Mu Chen from afar. "On the Platform for Bestowing Lordship, no matter if you live or die, no one will save you."

Boom!

At the end of Qiu Taiyin's sentence, the majestic spiritual energy of a Grade Five Sovereign erupted from his body like a storm. That type of powerful coercion was like a monstrous wave as it began to envelop Mu Chen.

If he were a normal Grade Three Sovereign, then perhaps his combat power would have immediately disappeared due to this type of coercion. But there was still no sign of fear in Mu Chen's eyes.

Mu Chen closed his eyes slightly. Soon after, his black hair began to grow rapidly and became quite long as it hung loosely down. The moment he opened his eyes, they had turned a strange color, similar to a black hole.

Small Heart Demon State!

Mu Chen suddenly clenched his fists tightly, then the spiritual energy which was burning with purple flames and the spiritual energy which had flickering formless lightning appeared respectively on each of his palms at the same time. Those two spiritual energies, which were merged with differently attributed powers, were perfectly integrated when they entered into the hands of Mu Chen, who was in the Small Heart Demon State.

The coercion which had been enveloping him instantly disappeared until not a single trace was left.

Mu Chen's eyes were like black holes as they stared at Qiu Taiyin without any sign of happiness or sorrow. Entering into this sort of state, Mu Chen was definitely calm, sensible, and his heart would not waver in the slightest bit due to any external disruption.

Qiu Taiyin furrowed his brows after being stared at by Mu Chen's strange dark eyes. Although his capabilities were far better than Mu Chen's, he couldn't help but raise his guard. According to his extensive combat experience, he could feel that Mu Chen in this state seemed to be slightly eccentric.

Grade Three Sovereign. Even if I forgive you, you can never create a big disturbance ever again. Qiu Taiyin sneered mentally. Soon after, without any further hesitation, he flicked his finger, and a spiritual energy ribbon swept out. Like a black python, it swept over to Mu Chen while a chilly energy permeated the area within that dark spiritual energy.

Mu Chen violently retreated. At the same time, he clapped out his left palm, and the ribbon of spiritual energy burning with purple flames clashed violently with the ribbon of dark spiritual energy. Meanwhile,

he clenched his right fist in Qiu Taiyin's direction, and a formless lightning flickered in the gaps between his fingers.

Qiu Taiyin glanced at Mu Chen's right palm, and the expression in his eyes froze slightly. Before he could respond, the wailing roar of thunder could suddenly be heard from deep within his soul.

Dong!

The sound of the roaring thunder was like an explosion. Qiu Taiyin's body jolted vigorously and at that moment, the spiritual energy in his body was actually beginning to shake.

Swish!

At that moment, Mu Chen's stature had fully exploded and had actually directly crossed over that collision of spiritual energy ribbons. With the clench of his fist, the Great Meru Demonic Pillar appeared in a flash, and he immediately smashed it down ruthlessly on Qiu Taiyin.

The cold rays in Qiu Taiyin's eyes were flickering. His body jolted, and his spiritual energy began to agitate before breaking out in a soundwave that actually repressed the lightning roar within his body at a rapid pace. Soon after, he turned his hand over and clapped out with a cold expression.

Dong!

Qiu Taiyin's dark palm slapped heavily onto the top of the Great Meru Demonic Pillar whizzing downwards. While the space was shaking, the earth beneath his feet was crushed, but that huge Great Meru Demonic Pillar had been directly blown off by his slap. Mu Chen's stature was also so shaken that he was shot backwards.

Mu Chen's soles smeared a long trace on the ground, but his handsome face was expressionless.

"Although your capabilities are not very strong, you have quite a number of strange tricks. Looks like the only reason why you can stand out from your peers is because you rely on those tricks. But I have to tell you, that in front of someone who is far more capable than you, those tricks are just child's play!"

Qiu Taiyin's facial expression was cold. Initially, he was taken by surprise and was almost hit by Mu Chen's attack. This was undoubtedly what caused an evil fire to surge in his heart. A brat who was a mere Grade Three Sovereign was simply no match for his capabilities as a Grade Five Sovereign.

Qiu Taiyin looked at Mu Chen coldly, and then his body slowly rose up into the air. The dark spiritual energy continuously rippled out from within his body to form a wave before spreading outwards.

"Lunar Ice Prison!"

Qiu Taiyin changed his seal before grabbing onto the air in Mu Chen's direction. Then, the ground beneath Mu Chen's feet was immediately crushed. A dark spiritual energy rushed up into the sky and actually turned into a black ice cage which trapped Mu Chen within it.

"Freeze!"

Qiu Taiyin sneered. With the clench of his fist, that ice cage started to shrink rapidly, and cold, dark air began to gnaw wildly at Mu Chen. Even a Grade Four Sovereign would be frozen by that attack.



Countless strong people shook their heads in pity. After all, the difference between a Grade Three Sovereign and a Grade Five Sovereign was too big. No matter how many tricks Mu Chen still had up his sleeve, it would still be difficult to contend with this level of spiritual energy suppression.

Within the ice prison, Mu Chen's eyes, which were still like black holes, were fixated on that cold air sweeping over him. Purple flames were surging around him, but it was only enough to slightly block that cold air. Although the Unperishable Flame was overbearing indeed, there was too big of a difference between Mu Chen and Qiu Taiyin's levels of spiritual energy overbearance.

The spiritual energy of a Grade Three Sovereign was not enough to allow Mu Chen to confront a Grade Five Sovereign skillfully and easily like he always did.

"Is a Grade Three Sovereign not enough?" Mu Chen mumbled to himself. Soon after, his eyes slowly closed, and his palms folded together quietly right in front of everyone's shocked gazes.

Since a Grade Three Sovereign is not enough... then I'll just make a breakthrough!