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Chapter 821: Breakthrough

The ice prison that was made of black ice surged with a black chill, a coldness that could freeze one's Spiritual Energy. And in the prison, Mu Chen stood still with his hands joined together.

With his hands joined together, a buzzing noise jolted in his body. Thereafter, boundless Spiritual Energy gushed out like a flood, filling his limbs and bones.

The Spiritual Energy pressure that fluctuated around him soared at a stunning rate as well, overlapping in layers as it pushed towards a more powerful level.

Mu Chen had obtained tons of opportunities in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, so the Spiritual Energy in his body had reached the limit of Third Grade Sovereign Realm. However, he knew his progress was too fast, so he did not attempt to break through for the time being, in fear of risking an unstable foundation.

In the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, he had refined many Dragon-Phoenix Blood Essences but had yet to attempt a breakthrough to Fourth Grade Sovereign; even if he knew that it wouldn't be so hard for him to deal with the Netherworld Prince upon finishing his breakthrough.

Therefore, he had been suppressing this until he was back in the Great Havenlaw Domain. He spent half a month in seclusion to be in full control of the boost in his strength from the Dragon-Phoenix Haven. So the Spiritual Energy in Mu Chen's body had practically been in a full state.

Right now, he only had to slightly control his Spiritual Energy and it would automatically overflow, finishing his breakthrough.

Every gaze around the King's Ceremony Stage was looking at the ice prison. Many people shook their heads in pity, thinking that Mu Chen had failed.

After all, the strength of a Fifth Grade Sovereign wasn't something that a mere Third Grade Sovereign could face.

"Big Sister Nine Nether, Mu Chen..." Tang Bing and the rest couldn't help speaking in a low voice with worries written all over their faces.

Nine Nether frowned her brows as she stared at the ice prison. Relying on her keen senses, she sensed an abnormal fluctuation being emanated from it, so she did not say a word.

On the golden throne, Mandala's golden pupils had also lightly flickered as her lips rose.

"This meaningless battle has come to an end."

Under the countless gazes, Qiu Taiyin indifferently smiled. In his view, the gap between his and Mu Chen's strength was too wide. Mu Chen did possess some astonishing means, but it was a pity that it couldn't make up for the vast gap between their realms.

However, to be able to crush someone whose fame had been spreading like fire in the Northern Region still made Qiu Taiyin happy in his heart. Even such an outstanding genius was just someone that he could deal easily with in his eyes.

Qiu Taiyin sneered in his heart as he stretched his hand out in the direction of the black ice prison, before he suddenly start to clench it.

Boom!

Just when Qiu Taiyin was about to clench his hand, a blazing Spiritual Energy erupted like a volcano.

"What?!" Qiu Taiyin's face suddenly changed.

A massive pillar of Spiritual Energy soared into the sky before swiftly shrinking and disappeared. When the light pillar disappeared, a slender figure appeared in the sky.

Rustle!

Everyone had directed their gazes over.

It was still the long-haired Mu Chen and still those fearful pitch-black eyes of his. However, the Spiritual Energy fluctuation around him was several times stronger than before!

The sudden surge in Spiritual Energy made countless people exclaim, "He actually broke through?!"

Those who held pity on their faces couldn't help exclaiming, since no one thought that Mu Chen would break through at such a crucial moment. The achievement obtained by that fellow in the past year was something that ordinary people couldn't match.

"But, even if he made his breakthrough, he's just a Fourth Grade Sovereign. There's still a huge gap between him and Qiu Taiyin." There were some that shook their heads. Clearly, they did not think that Mu Chen could fight Qiu Taiyin, even if he had made his breakthrough. After all, his breakthrough had only slightly closed the gap between him and Qiu Taiyin, and had not surpassed the latter.

Many experts nodded their heads. There was still some distance between a Fourth Grade Sovereign and a Fifth Grade Sovereign.

Under the surrounding whispers, Qiu Taiyin's face was a little dark as he looked at Mu Chen. Evidently, this incident had exceeded his expectations as well.

"Commander Mu Chen is, indeed, worthy of being the most outstanding amongst his generation to be able to break through even at this timing." Qiu Taiyin faintly smiled as he continued, "But even if you have broken through to Fourth Grade Sovereign, it doesn't mean anything. I suggest an end this battle, so I'm afraid that I won't be able to hold myself back."

Hearing his words, Mu Chen replied without any emotions, "Then who is considered the winner?"

Qiu Taiyin's face slowly turned cold with a mocking arc on the corner of his mouth as he indifferently said, "Since Commander Mu Chen wants to determine a winner, then I can only accompany you with this play."

Finishing his words, a hint of killing intent flashed in his eyes. His words earlier had given Mu Chen face, but who could have expected that he would be so impudent and ask such a question?

Qiu Taiyin's skinny hands abruptly clenched, before waving his sleeves. Black Spiritual Energy swept out in every direction, forming into a huge pitch-black sword, piercing through space with a rustle and slashed down at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen's pitch-black pupils lightly flickered, but he did not dodge. His hands joined together as boundless a Spiritual Energy that was blazing with purple flames and flickering with incorporeal lightning combined together and swept out, clashing with the huge black sword that was emanating a chill.

Boom!

The two forces clashed, but Qiu Taiyin's attack did not sweep through Mu Chen's attack like before. The two forces were in a deadlock, before the Spiritual Energy force was slashed apart. When the Spiritual Energy force was broken apart, cracks appeared on the icy black sword.

Clearly, after ascending to Fourth Grade Sovereign, Mu Chen's attack no longer fell behind after making use of the fusion between the Undying Flames and Incorporeal Lightning.

At the very least, it was impossible for Qiu Taiyin to suppress Mu Chen with just his Spiritual Energy pressure.

Qiu Taiyin had also sensed this situation and his dark face turned even darker.

Mu Chen maintained a calm expression. After entering the Lesser Demon Heart State, he was in an absolutely calm state. It was the most perfect battle state, since his fighting strength had undergone a huge boost at this state. That's because he could make use of every single strand of Spiritual Energy to the fullest, no longer having any waste.

"Commander Mu Chen is indeed capable. Today, I will see how many means you have up your sleeves!" Qiu Taiyin's face was cold as he stomped his feet. Instantly, boundless Spiritual Energy soared into the sky. A huge black figure appeared as the overflowing, chilling power surged into the sky.

It was the Great Yin Celestial Body.

Clearly, Qiu Taiyin understood that it was already impossible to rely on his Spiritual Energy pressure alone to deal with Mu Chen. So he had to display some of his true means.

He wanted to let Mu Chen understand that even if he had broken through to Fourth Grade Sovereign, he still couldn't change the outcome of this battle.

Qiu Taiyin appeared on the Great Yin Celestial Body as he glared at Mu Chen with a sharp gaze. He stretched his skinny hands and a pitch-black Spiritual Energy violently gathered by his fingertips. The black crescent moon appeared once again.

Everyone's eyes trembled as they watched this scene. Previously, Qin Zhong had lost to Qiu Taiyin because of this move, so everyone knew the power of the black crescent moon.

Mu Chen's black eyes rippled as he waved his hand, causing a dazzling golden light to sweep out beneath his feet, before forming into a huge golden figure with a blazing golden sun floating behind its head.

After summoning the Great Solar Undying Body, the Spiritual Energy in this region violently undulated. A golden light spread out, even the chill that coiled around the Great Yin Celestial Body couldn't get into the perimeters of the golden light.

Everyone could tell how formidable Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body was. Even facing a Sovereign Celestial Body of a Fifth Grade Sovereign, it didn't look any weaker.

"Hmph!"

Seeing the Great Solar Undying Body beneath Mu Chen, Qiu Taiyin narrowed his gaze. He had clearly felt how extraordinary Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body was. However, he had only coldly snorted in his heart. Even if the Sovereign Celestial Body that Mu Chen had cultivated was not ordinary, one's own Spiritual Energy had to support the powerful Sovereign Celestial Body.

"Since you're so confident in yourself..."

A cold arc rose on the corner of Qiu Taiyin's lips. Shortly after, he slowly opened his hand under the countless gazes. Instantly, pitch-black Spiritual Energy gushed from the Great Yin Celestial Body, and gathered under Qiu Taiyin's palm. Everyone sucked in a breath of cold air as they saw, a total of five crescent moon appearing beneath Qiu Taiyin's palm, one after another.

In the previous match, Qin Zhong couldn't even resist a single black crescent moon. But right now, there was a total of five. Even if Mu Chen had stepped into the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm, he probably couldn't withstand it!

Qiu Taiyin was clearly not giving Mu Chen any chances left. He wanted to truly defeat Mu Chen under the gazes of so many people!

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Chapter 822: Intense Battle with Qiu Taiyin

Buzz! Buzz!

The Spiritual Energy in this region violently fluctuated as the five black crescent moons gathered beneath Qiu Taiyin's palm. A black liquid flowed onto the crescent moons and they emitted an extremely dreadful corrosive aura.

Many experts wore solemn expressions, since they could sense the trace of killing intent from Qiu Taiyin's move. He clearly did not intend to drag this battle with Mu Chen out anymore and was trying to swiftly end this meaningless battle.

Nine Nether and the various Kings' faces slightly turned grim. Although Qiu Taiyin had only broken through to the Fifth Grade Sovereign Realm, it was an attack that they would have to seriously face as well.

"Go!"

Qiu Taiyin coldly looked at Mu Chen and waved his sleeves. Five moons immediately trembled, then pierced through space and disappeared. In the next instant, they appeared above Mu Chen and the five crescent moons shuttled like spiritual fishes.

Qiu Taiyin coldly sneered as he looked at Mu Chen, who was on the head of the Great Solar Undying Body, with a chill surging in his eyes. Since he had made his move, he had to completely wipe away Mu Chen's courage, so his clenched his fist.

"Five Moons Fusion!"

The five pitch-black crescent moons, which were emitting an endless chill, suddenly clashed together and fused, which caused the attack to be even more dreadful. Even space was split apart by the force.

Everyone had a slight change in their expressions as they sensed Qiu Taiyin's killing intent.

Mu Chen quietly stood on the head of the Great Solar Undying Body with the shocking attack reflected in his pitch-black eyes. His hands abruptly joined together and he swiftly changed his seals.

Buzz!

Along with the change of Mu Chen's seals, a dazzling golden light burst from the Great Solar Undying Body's brows, it was like two blossoming blazing suns.

As the golden light spread out, it poured into Mu Chen's body, which made him look dazzling in the golden light.

Nine Solar Energy Sovereign Ability - Two Solar Energy!

The golden light streaked across Mu Chen's black pupils as he changed his seals with a bark that rang out in his heart, "Nine Solar Energy - Golden Heavenly Sun Seal!"

Whoosh!

The ancient golden light seal swiftly formed beneath Mu Chen's palm, and into a golden light that streaked across the horizon and shot towards the black light.

After executing the Golden Heavenly Sun Seal, Mu Chen did not stop. He was clear that an all-out attack from a Fifth Grade Sovereign wasn't something so easily blocked.

Roar!

He stomped his feet and a boundless Spiritual Energy gushed out from his body like a dragon. Thereafter, the roar of dragon and trumpet of an elephant abruptly rang out, causing even the entire region to be trembling.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Four pillars of light abruptly shot out from Mu Chen's body, before swiftly forming into two massive dragons and two massive elephants. The dragons coiled up with the elephants stepping on space, emitting an extremely violent Spiritual Energy fluctuation.

"Nine Dragons and Elephants Art!"

Two of the four were blazing in purple flames while the other two constantly sparkled with incorporeal lightning. There were two different attributes and they were extremely violent at this moment.

Boom!

The two dragons and elephants clashed together, with the violent Spiritual Energy fluctuations rippling out like waves as a huge dragon and elephant halo was formed before flying out in a streak of light.

With the Golden Heavenly Sun Seal first and the Dragon-Elephant Halo following behind, the two powerful attacks were unleashed without any holding back from Mu Chen. The momentum even made countless experts shiver their hearts. Although Mu Chen had just broken through to Fourth Grade Sovereign, that attack was probably something that even veteran Fourth Grade Sovereign experts couldn't withstand.

But could he obstruct Qiu Taiyin's killing move with this?

Under the countless nervous gazes, the beams of light tore space apart, before crashing together like meteors.

Boom!

That instant of collision caused a Spiritual Energy storm to instantly sweep out. The Spiritual Energy impact was like a myriad foot-high wave that was violently wreaking havoc, causing space to shatter.

A black and golden light each occupied half of the sky as they violently clashed.

Qiu Taiyin indifferently looked at the clash and the chill in his eyes grew denser as he coldly barked out, "Break!"

Buzz!

The huge crescent moon formed from the fusion of five crescent moons jolted with a surging chill. Shattering space in a rustle as it broke the golden light seal apart.

After tearing the golden light seal apart, the black crescent moon continued to charge towards the incoming Dragon-Elephant Halo.

The Dragon-Elephant Halo dispersed, but the black crescent moon had also become extremely dim at this moment, there were even cracks appearing.

"The remaining energy is enough to deal with you." Qiu Taiyin sneered. Although his attack was greatly exhausted by the two attacks from Mu Chen, the remaining energy was enough.

Mu Chen looked at the crescent moon that was flying over as he stood on the head of the Sovereign Celestial Body. He made a shocking action, charging towards the crescent moon without any signs of avoiding!

Rustle!

The experts surrounding the stage suddenly burst into an uproar.

"You're courting death!" A chill surged in Qiu Taiyin's eyes.

Buzz!

A dazzling golden light burst out from Mu Chen's body as huge images of a dragon and phoenix appeared on the surface of his body. A golden armour had also appeared.

He threw a fist forth, and heavily clashed with the black crescent moon that was emitting a shocking amount of chilled energy.

The violent Spiritual Energy wreaked havoc.

Mu Chen's body was immediately sent flying back.

But at the same time when Mu Chen flew out, everyone saw cracks swiftly spreading out from the black crescent moon after taking a fist from Mu Chen, before crumbling apart.

That full-power attack from Qiu Taiyin was dealt with by Mu Chen in the end!

When Mu Chen's figure flew out, the huge hand of the Great Solar Undying Body stretched out and grabbed onto him. However, the terrifying rebound force caused cracks to appear on the huge hand of the Great Solar Undying Body.

Mu Chen fell into the hand of the Great Solar Undying Body. As the golden armour disappeared, everyone saw blood dripping from his palm.

Mu Chen only took a glance at the blood on his hand and could feel the numbing sensation coming from it. If it wasn't for his Dragon-Phoenix Golden Armour and the Dragon-Phoenix Physique, the black crescent moon might have instantly destroyed his body.

An all-out attack was not something to be belittled, even if the majority of the force had been exhausted, the remnant power was still enough to kill a Fourth Grade Sovereign.

However, Qiu Taiyin had clearly underestimated Mu Chen's capabilities.

A deep uproar rose in this region as many people felt startled by the fact that Mu Chen had only suffered such light injuries from Qiu Taiyin's all-out attack.

Qiu Taiyin's face was cold as he watched this scene. He looked at Mu Chen, whose eyes were calm without any ripples, as the rage in his heart grew denser.

Mu Chen had caused his attacks to fail time and time again, causing a great loss to his face.

But even when he was both surprised and enraged, Qiu Taiyin had genuinely treated Mu Chen as an opponent. He knew that if he still held a contemptuous mindset, he might have an unexpected failure, which he absolutely could not tolerate.

Haaaa.

Qiu Taiyin deeply inhaled a mouthful of cold air. The rage in the depths of his eyes had also started to retract, replaced with a chill.

Seeing Qiu Taiyin's changes, Mu Chen frowned his brows, since the latter would definitely be harder to deal with at this state.

Qiu Taiyin coldly looked at Mu Chen, before stomping his foot. A pitch-black weapon with the shape of a crescent moon appeared, emanating a sharp chill from the blade.

Boom!

The Great Yin Celestial Body flew out along with a torrential chill, unleashing violent attacks at Mu Chen. Right now, Qiu Taiyin had combined his Spiritual Energy and the Great Yin Celestial Body together. The attacks unleashed from the combination of those two could practically cause the heavens to crumble and the earth to crack.

At the sight of this, Mu Chen's seals changed and the Great Meru Demonic Pillar flew out in a flash and was grasped by the Great Solar Undying Body, before it flew out.

Boom!

The two colossi clashed in the sky, causing clouds to be blown away in his region. A violent gale whistled, causing even the clouds to shatter, which showed how intense the battle between the two of them was.

Everyone had solemn expressions as they watched the Sovereign Celestial Bodies clashing together.

"Big Sister Nine Nether, Mu Chen's situation doesn't seem too optimistic." Tang Bing couldn't help speaking out as they looked at the sky. That's because the Great Yin Celestial Body had clearly obtained the upper hand from the confrontation.

Nine Nether had nodded her head with a grave expression. Qiu Taiyin wasn't an easy opponent. From the initial contempt, which resulted in repeated failures, he had already tuned his mind to upright.

He did not continue to compete in means with Mu Chen and had chosen the method of battle which he had an advantage in, gathering the power of himself and the Sovereign Celestial Body.

He possessed the strength of a Fifth Grade Sovereign, so the strength of his Spiritual Energy and endurance far surpassed Mu Chen!

If this battle dragged on, Mu Chen would definitely be defeated in the end.

Clearly, only Nine Nether and the various Kings had seen through this level, since they inwardly shook their heads. The tempo of this battle had already fallen into Qiu Taiyin's hands. If it wasn't for Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body to be an extraordinary one, he would have been defeated long ago. But even so, all it could do was drag the time of his defeat a little more.

On the golden throne, Mandala knitted her fine brows.

Under the countless gazes, Mu Chen, who stood on the Great Solar Undying Body, raised his head and looked at the Great Yin Celestial Body, which was unleashing ferocious attacks. Qiu Taiyin stood on the head of the Great Yin Celestial Body, eerily smiling at him.

Clearly, anyone could tell Mu Chen's disadvantage.

Mu Chen gently inhaled a mouthful of chilled air, before slowly closing his eyes under the countless astonished gazes. His body had also sunk into the Great Solar Undying Body, bit by bit.

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Chapter 823: Mu Chen's Trump Card

The extremely violent Spiritual Energy swept out like a storm as it wreaked havoc. The two light colossi figures heavily clashed in the sky as the bladed crescent moon and demonic pillar heavily clashed. The Spiritual Energy impact burst from their clashes caused even space to violently tremble.

Just when the two of them were intensely fighting, Mu Chen's figure sunk into the Great Solar Undying Body. He controlled the Great Solar Undying Body to defend, since he was clearly avoiding Qiu Taiyin's sharp edge at this moment.

"You think you can hide like a turtle in your Sovereign Celestial Body?" Seeing Mu Chen's actions, Qiu Taiyin mocked. The anger caused by Mu Chen's obstruction time and time again had disappeared, replaced with a dense satisfaction.

Anyone could tell that Qiu Taiyin had obtained the absolute upper hand in this confrontation, and the odds of success were practically in his hands.

Qiu Taiyin sneered as his Spiritual Energy burst like a volcano, causing the chill around the Great Yin Celestial Body to be even more terrifying and launched even more ferocious attacks at Mu Chen.

Under such a barrage of attacks from Qiu Taiyin, the golden light became more distorted around the Great Solar Undying Body. Clearly, not even the Great Solar Undying Body could disregard such an attack from Qiu Taiyin and the Great Yin Celestial Body.

Many experts felt pity at the eminent defeat of the Great Solar Undying Body. But no one had mocked Mu Chen as they all knew that it was already an extremely shocking fact that Mu Chen could force Qiu Taiyin to steadily fight in this manner when he had just broken through to Fourth Grade Sovereign.

After all, not even Qin Zhong, who was half a step into Fifth Grade Sovereign could cause Qiu Taiyin to seriously face him.

However, the King-level experts all slightly knitted their brows when everyone was sighing in pity and looked at the slowly defeated Great Solar Undying Body in doubt.

That's because, based on their exceptional perceptions, they could sense that the vast Spiritual Energy around the Great Solar Undying Body was gradually disappearing. As if Mu Chen's Spiritual Energy was starting to show signs of not being able to maintain the Sovereign Celestial Body.

Perhaps others would think that it was caused by Qiu Taiyin's attacks, but they did not feel that way, since they had a direct understanding towards Mu Chen's strength. Although that fellow was young, his innumerable means could cause experts stronger than him to feel fearful.

Therefore, they were a little puzzled in their hearts in regards to why Mu Chen would show such a decline.

Only Mandala and the Three Emperors in this region had their eyes slightly flickering as they looked at the Great Solar Undying Body in astonishment.

As the light of the Great Solar Undying Body dimmed down, they vaguely felt a peculiar ripple. However, they couldn't have a precise perception, since it was covered by the vast Spiritual Energy of the Great Solar Undying Body.

But one thing that could be confirmed was that Mu Chen wasn't falling into defeat like everyone had thought, he was clearly preparing something in secret.

After realising this point, Mandala and the Three Emperors couldn't help being a little curious. They wished to know how Mu Chen would turn the situation around.

Under the countless gazes, the Spiritual Energy undulations in the sky became even more rampant. Qiu Taiyin clearly did not want the battle to be drag any further. Therefore, his attacks were even more ferocious and the bladed crescent moon streaked across the Great Solar Undying Body like a bolt of lightning, causing cracks to appear on the golden body.

"It's time to end this fight!"

Qiu Taiyin stood on the head of the Great Yin Celestial Body as he coldly looked at the Great Solar Undying Body, which was dimming down, with a hint of killing intent flashing in his eyes. Suddenly, he formed some seals and his Spiritual Energy gushed into the Great Yin Celestial Body.

Buzz!

A pitch-black light fluctuated around the Great Yin Celestial Body. It unleashed a deep roar before the pitch-black Spiritual Energy swiftly gathered on its fist, turning it into a huge black ice fist.

"Great Yin Fist!"

Qiu Taiyin barked and the black ice fist pierced through space, causing fragments of black ice to appear in the atmosphere around the huge fist. That chill was extremely shocking.

This punch from Qiu Taiyin had practically used the power of the Fifth Grade Sovereign to the limits. Matching it with the power of the Great Yin Celestial Body, it was an attack that could shatter the sky.

The eyes of many experts trembled as they felt how ferocious that fist was.

Facing such a swift attack, Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body couldn't avoid it and could only watch the black ice fist penetrate through space and swiftly slam against the Great Solar Undying Body's chest.

Boom!

In that moment of collision, space undulated, which caused a dreadful Spiritual Energy impact to violently wreak havoc from the ice fist. Everyone witnessed the cracks swiftly spread out on the Great Solar Undying Body, covering the entire body in cracks.

Many experts sighed in pity. Such an attack was not something even Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body could withstand. After losing his Sovereign Celestial Body, Mu Chen wouldn't be able to confront with Qiu Taiyin any longer.

The outcome of this battle was determined.

Boom!

The number of cracks increased on the Great Solar Undying Body, before a golden light burst out from the gaps between the cracks and exploded. The Great Solar Undying Body finally couldn't withstand it any longer and crumbled!

Standing on the Great Yin Celestial Body, Qiu Taiyin looked with his eyes reflected in golden light. He couldn't help having a cold arc rising at the corner of his lips. After breaking Mu Chen's Sovereign Celestial Body, he no longer had any chance in this battle, even if he possessed extraordinary means.

He was still the one laughing till the end, the tenth King of the Great Havenlaw Domain still belonged to him, Qiu Taiyin!

"Haha!"

Thinking about it, Qiu Taiyin couldn't help smiling, even with his composure. As his laughter spread out, the high spirit in his laughter could be sensed by everyone.

But no one had refuted Qiu Taiyin's complacency. After all, he would become the tenth King of the Great Havenlaw Domain after today with only four ranked above him, so he could be considered a genuine winner.

As the dazzling golden light spread out in this region, Qiu Taiyin did not stop his laughter. However, the various Kings who had their attention on the golden light suddenly narrowed their eyes with dense shock revealed on their faces.

On the golden throne, Mandala's golden pupils flashed with light, while the Three Emperors were slightly stunned.

At the same time, with their perception, a calm voice had spread out in this region that was filled with a dazzling golden light.

"Isn't it a little too early to be celebrating?"

Although that voice wasn't brilliant, it had instantly caused the exclamations of pity to turn silent, along with a commotion that broke out.

Many experts had dense disbelief written on their faces.

Qiu Taiyin's laughter had also stopped. His face was pale as he looked at the direction where the golden light was spreading out from and eerily said, "You're trying to hold up a strong front now, do you really think that I won't dare to kill you?!"

Killing intent surged in Qiu Taiyin's eyes as he waved his hand, causing a violent gale to sweep out, and swept the dazzling golden light in this region away.

When the golden light dissipated, Mu Chen's situation was completely revealed before everyone, causing an uproar to rise. The entire region was instantly silent, and many people couldn't help widening their mouths.

"That's a ... "

Qiu Taiyin's eyes narrowed as he looked up ahead. Mu Chen was standing on the sky with a pale complexion and four black lotuses quietly floating around him.

Although those four lotuses did not have any ripples of Spiritual Energy, there were innumerable ancient runes on the lotus petals that were faintly flashing with light, emitting dreadful ripples.

"That's... a Spiritual Array?!"

The Asura King and the rest exclaimed in shock. Although the four black lotuses seemed extremely calm, they could sense a peculiar Spiritual Energy undulation coming from them.

They were the undulations of a Spiritual Array!

Furthermore, it wasn't a low-graded Spiritual Array!

That's because even they felt a little fearful from the four black lotuses!

Hiss...

Sounds of people sucking in cold air rang out. Everyone had shock written on their faces. Clearly, they were stunned by this move from Mu Chen.

Who could have thought that despite possessing such stunning strength, Mu Chen even had another identity as a Spiritual Array Master?!

Only now, did they all figure out why Mu Chen would hide in his Sovereign Celestial Body. It turns out that he wasn't shrinking from the battle, but making use of the defence from the Sovereign Celestial Body to quietly lay out a Spiritual Array!

"The Spiritual Array that forms those four black lotuses is definitely not ordinary... Such a powerful Spiritual Array is only possible by an Earth-Grade Spiritual Array Grandmaster!" Someone exclaimed.

The Spiritual Array laid out by an Earth-Grade Spiritual Array Grandmaster was something that not even a Fifth Grade Sovereign would dare to take on head-on!

"Impossible!"

Qiu Taiyin's face ashened as he furiously roared. He did not expect such a sudden change of events to occur despite holding the victory in his hands.

"I don't believe that you're an Earth-Grade Spiritual Array Grandmaster, such a bluff does not work on me!" Qiu Taiyin yelled as his face became slightly distorted at this moment.

Mu Chen's pale face indifferently looked at the distorted Qiu Taiyin. He did not bother talking, but stretched out his finger and gently tapped the space before him, before a gentle sound rang out from his heart.

"Completed version of Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array, activate!"

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Chapter 824: Narrow Victory

"Completed version of the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array, activate!"

When the gentle voice resounded from within Mu Chen's heart, the four floating black lotuses finally blossomed in the sky and a pitch-black light spread out, quietly emitting a dreadful fluctuation.

Anyone could sense the dreadful energy contained in the four black lotuses.

This was Mu Chen's final move.

The completed version of the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array was formed by four lotuses. In the past, Mu Chen's strength was limited, so he could not form the four lotuses.

But, right now, along with the increase in Mu Chen's strength, his attainments in the path of Spiritual Arrays grew deeper as well. Although he had rarely revealed his identity as a Spiritual Array after coming to the Great Havenlaw Domain, he did not slack in the cultivation of it. With his strength growing step by step, his attainments in the cultivation of Spiritual Arrays grew stronger as well.

He had been deeply concealing this matter, not even Nine Nether and Mandala knew about it. Unknowingly, Mu Chen's attainments in Spiritual Arrays had reached a stunning height.

The completed version of the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array was an Earth-Grade Spiritual Array. Amongst the Earth-Grade Spiritual Arrays, some powerful ones were something that not even a Fifth Grade Sovereign would dare to take it head-on, whereas the high grades ones could even confront Sixth Grade Sovereigns!

Spiritual Array Grandmasters were separated into three levels: Heaven, Earth and Human grade. Initially, Mu Chen's attainments in Spiritual Arrays was just at the High Human-Grade Spiritual Array Grandmaster, with an extremely low chance of successfully laying out the completed version of the Butchering Demonic Lotus Array. But along with Mu Chen's cultivation reaching the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm, the growth in his Spiritual Energy made his Spiritual Array Master cultivation to rise as well.

Hence, making use of the Lesser Demon Heart State, he actually managed to achieve the completed version of the Earth-Grade Spiritual Array, the Butchering Demonic Lotus Spiritual Array!

When the four lotuses appeared, Mu Chen could hear the entire region suddenly turning quiet, with many experts being dumbfounded around the King's Ceremony Stage. Even the various Kings had surprise on their faces, since this had exceeded their expectations.

They knew about Mu Chen's other identity as a Spiritual Array Master, since he had revealed it to them before. But at that time, his cultivation on Spiritual Arrays wasn't something to be feared.

But, right now, the Spiritual Array that was formed from four black lotuses made even them feel a little threatened. Therefore, their expressions had also started to turn grave.

Mu Chen's strength at Fourth Grade Sovereign wasn't anything to be feared. But if it was combined with his identity as an Earth-Grade Spiritual Array Grandmaster, not even the various Kings would dare to underestimate him.

"Impossible!"

Just as Qiu Taiyin roared in alarm, Mu Chen's finger had already gently tapped the sky with a calm expression on his pale face.

Buzz!

When the four black lotuses blossomed, they inclined and aimed at the Great Yin Celestial Body, before a pitch-black light started to gather in the heart of the lotuses. Thereafter, the black lotuses trembled as four black pillars of light silently shot out.

The black pillars of light were filled with ancient runes, making them look profound and cryptic.

As the pitch-black pillars of light streaked across the horizon, there wasn't anything extremely shocking caused by them. However, in the path of those light pillars, the space that was being torn did not restore for a long time.

"Shield of Great Yin!"

Every hair stood up on Qiu Taiyin's body as his face became ashened. He swiftly formed some seals and his Spiritual Energy gushed out from his body without holding anything back. Black runes flickered on the surface of the Great Yin Celestial Body, before forming into a black ice shield.

Whoosh!

The four black pillars of light quietly flew over and crashed against the black ice shield under countless nervous gazes.

Creak! Creak!

There weren't any sounds caused by the collision, but many people had abruptly narrowed their eyes. That's because the black ice shield that seemed to possess an extremely powerful defensive capability couldn't pose as an obstruction to the black lights.

It was as if the ice had encountered magma, and was immediately being melted, before being pierced through.

Qiu Taiyin looked at the four abnormal black beams of light that were about to pierce through the ice shield as fear appeared on his face. Before he could even react, the cold black beams of light had already penetrated the shield and ruthlessly struck the Great Yin Celestial Body under his terrified gaze.

The black beams of light pierced the Great Yin Celestial Body. Black cracks swiftly spread out from the piercing wound, before it enveloped the entire body of the Great Yin Celestial Body.

When the black cracks spread out, Qiu Taiyin's face drastically changed. He could sense that the Great Yin Celestial Body was swiftly collapsing from the black cracks.

No matter how he tried to keep it under control, it was futile.

"How can this be?!" Qiu Taiyin roared in his heart. But it was a meaningless effort and everyone watch as the chill around the Great Yin Celestial Body dimmed in less than ten breaths' time. The huge figure was also turning more transparent and faint, that was a sign that the Spiritual Energy could not maintain the Sovereign Celestial Body.

With the dissipating Spiritual Energy from the Sovereign Celestial Body, Qiu Taiyin's face turned paler, since he was linked to the Sovereign Celestial Body. So, when the Sovereign Celestial Body's Spiritual Energy started to disperse, he was heavily suffering from it as well.

A weak sensation spread out from Qiu Taiyin. His face was pale and he clearly did not expect the attack from Mu Chen's Spiritual Array to be so bizarre. Although the black beams of light did not possess any destructive power, the bizarre ability to dissipate Spiritual Energy could be considered as fatal.

Boom!

The Great Yin Celestial Body become even fainter, before it exploded into black lights that burst in every direction when it couldn't maintain itself any longer.

Pffft.

When the Sovereign Celestial Body exploded, Qiu Taiyin's body abruptly jolted and he spewed a mouthful of blood. Even the Spiritual Energy around him was extremely depressed.

Up in the sky, Mu Chen indifferently looked at Qiu Taiyin, whose face was as pale as a sheet of paper, and formed seals. The four black lotuses swivelled, with the heart of the lotuses aimed at the latter and black beams of light gathering once again.

Watching this, Qiu Taiyin's face flashed with fear, since he never expected Mu Chen to be able to execute that dreadful attack again. Since his Sovereign Celestial Body was destroyed, he would definitely be heavily injured if he was struck by that. Thus, he quickly burst in retreat as he barked, "Mu Chen, are you trying to exterminate me?!"

Mu Chen paid no attention as the pitch-black light swiftly gathered at the heart of the black lotuses.

"Bastard, I admit defeat!" Seeing Mu Chen filled with killing intent, Qiu Taiyin started to panic and quickly yelled.

Hearing Qiu Taiyin admitting defeat, an uproar burst out in this region once again. Many experts exchanged looks as they sighed and shook their heads. No one expected that Qiu Taiyin, who initially held the odds of success, to actually admit defeat.

Hearing Qiu Taiyin's words, Mu Chen faintly smiled as his black hair swiftly returned to the original length and his pitch-black eyes returned normal as well. Along with Mu Chen exiting the Lesser Demon Heart State, his expression came back to life once again.

"Then, I have to thank Sect Master Qiu for letting me win." Mu Chen smiled with his pale face as hints of mockery hung on the corner of his lips. Along with his voice, the four lotuses disappeared and the light in Mu Chen's eyes had dimmed down as well. Anyone could tell that Mu Chen's strength was extremely exhausted right now.

So, it turned out that his previous ruthless actions was just an act!

Many experts were dumbfounded, but that was shortly replaced with abnormal smiles on their faces. They looked at Qiu Taiyin, whose body was trembling from anger, with pity. That fellow was actually tricked by Mu Chen.

Judging from Qiu Taiyin's current situation, although his Spiritual Energy was extremely diminished, he still possessed slight bit of fighting power. Whereas Mu Chen was entirely exhausted, and if the battle had continued, Mu Chen could only admit defeat.

After all, he had just stepped into the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm, so the Spiritual Energy in his body had not been stabilised yet. Therefore, his battle of endurance was naturally inferior than Qiu Taiyin's.

But, no one had expected that the exhausted Mu Chen would use such an act to scare Qiu Taiyin into admitting defeat.

Many experts exchanged looks as they sighed and shook their heads.

A deep laughter rang out in the plaza as Qiu Taiyin looked at Mu Chen with his body trembling. Hearing those waves of laughter nearly made him burst with rage. He could only imagine that after today's matters spread out, it would be a huge blow to his reputation.

"Little bastard, you're courting death!"

Qiu Taiyin's eyes turned red as the rage in his heart had diluted his rationale. He let out a roar and clenched his fist, causing a white jade bamboo strip to appear in his hand. The jade bamboo was engraved with extremely complicated runes and an extremely violent Spiritual Energy fluctuation was emanating from it.

Whoosh!

Qiu Taiyin wore a ferocious expression as his arm trembled. The milky-white jade bamboo strip flew out and exploded, causing the violent Spiritual Energy to wreak havoc as it formed into a Spiritual Energy lion that was brandishing its claws, charging towards Mu Chen.

A dreadful Spiritual Energy fluctuation rippled around the lion that caused the various Kings to have a change in their expression.

"Sky Profound Lion Seal?!" The Three Emperors had lights shooting out of their eyes as their expressions turned cold. That's because the Sky Profound Lion Seal was a secret art that belonged to the Sky Profound Palace. Only the core members of the Sky Profound Palace were entitled to possess it.

As the huge lion appeared before Mu Chen, the dreadful Spiritual Energy pressure practically made him appear like an ant before it as the lion's maw closed in on him. It was an attack that even a Fifth Grade Sovereign would definitely die from!

And Mu Chen's strength was already exhausted right now, so he could only watch as the Spiritual Energy lion's mouth swiftly expanded in his eyes.

Boom!

But just when the lion was about to touch Mu Chen, all the commotion in this region had disappeared and it became quiet.

Thereafter, Mu Chen could sense the lion, which was pouncing over, had frozen and his tensed heart had also loosened up when he saw a petite figure before him.

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Chapter 825: Bestowing the Kingship

The space before Mu Chen fluctuated like ripples of water as a petite figure slowly appeared. Seeing that figure, Mu Chen's tensed heart had completely loosened up.

Mandala appeared before Mu Chen with her cold face indifferently looking at the Spiritual Energy lion. Shortly after, she stretched her hand out and gently slapped the lion.

Boom!

It was only a casual slap and yet, an attack that even a Fifth Grade Sovereign would be extremely troubled with shattered like fragile glass.

Mandala's face was indifferent as she made a grasping gesture. Light started to gather within her palm and formed into a Spiritual Energy light ball. The violent Spiritual Energy was as docile as a sheep in her hands.

She looked at the Spiritual Energy light ball, before raising her eyes and coldly stared at Qiu Taiyin, whose face had been instantly replaced with deathly white, and indifferently said, "Sky Profound Lion Seal? Why is something unique to the Sky Profound Palace in your hands?"

The commotion in the surroundings had disappeared at this moment as countless bewildered gazes fell onto Qiu Taiyin. Right now, the Sky Profound Palace and the Great Havenlaw Domain could be considered as enemies, and Qiu Taiyin possessed the unique object of the Sky Profound Palace. So how could he not be doubted?

Qiu Taiyin looked at Mandala's face that had no expression and couldn't help trembling. His face was deathly pale and he had regretted the instant when he unleashed the Sky Profound Lion Seal. He never expected to lose his rationale after being angered to such a degree by Mu Chen.

"Domain Lord... Lord Ruler, this Sky Profound Seal is something that this subordinate obtained from killing a Sky Profound Palace expert." Qiu Taiyin forced himself to speak up.

"Really?" Mandala's golden pupils looked at Qiu Taiyin. Sensing her gaze, the latter felt his entire body turning cold.

"A unique method is required to utilize this Sky Profound Lion Seal, which is only possessed by some Elders of the Sky Profound Palace. According to what you have said, you killed a Sky Profound Palace's Elder?"

A cold killing intent spread out from Mandala's lazy voice, "Then, do you know who that Elder that you have killed is? Furthermore, why did you not report such a huge contribution? If you have killed an Elder of the Sky Profound Palace, I will still bestow you the King title, despite your loss today."

Qiu Taiyin's entire body was trembling as a cold sweat endlessly poured out, practically drenching his clothes. He felt an extreme fear from being looked at by Mandala's golden pupils.

The entire region was quiet and many people were looking at Qiu Taiyin. The terrifying pressure caused Qiu Taiyin's rationale to swiftly collapse.

Boom!

When Qiu Taiyin finally couldn't bear the pressure anymore, he lost control and let out a roar, before the Spiritual Energy burst out from his body. He turned into a streak of light and swiftly fled for the outskirts of the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Mandala coldly looked at Qiu Taiyin, who had lost control, and gently waved her hand, causing the space in this entire region to freeze. Qiu Taiyin's body was like a fly that fell onto a sticky paper and could not budge...

Mandala flicked her finger and Qiu Taiyin ruthlessly flew back towards the King's Ceremony Stage and was slammed into the ground. The Spiritual Energy in his body was completely dissipated by Mandala, rendering him unable to move.

"Take him away. Looks like the Sky Profound Palace has arranged quite a few moths in my Great Havenlaw Domain and I believe he might know them."

Mandala indifferently said as the enforcement team came and swiftly took Qiu Taiyin away.

Many experts watched Qiu Taiyin being taken away, before shifting their gazes onto Mandala, who had a cold face. In an instant, no one dared to breathe too loudly, since they could sense the rage in Mandala's heart.

Mandala looked down at all the experts in this region, before a faint voice sounded next their ears, "The Hunting War will soon arrive, you all should know what this represents. Even if my Great Havenlaw Domain is a peak force in the Northern Region, there's still a chance that it might be devoured during the Hunting War. If my Great Havenlaw Domain ceases to exist, all of you will lose your status and shelter."

The hearts of many experts trembled. The competition in the Northern Region was extremely brutal. Without the shelter of such a huge force, it would be much more dangerous if they wanted to cultivate by themselves.

"So, if you guys don't want to lose this shelter and become someone's prey, then bring out your loyalty. I will not mistreat anyone loyal to the Great Havenlaw Domain."

""We sincerely comply to Lord Ruler's instructions." All the experts echoed with their voices filled with revere. The reason why they could stand upright in the Northern Region and enjoy so many resources was all because of Mandala, the shelter of an Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouse.

Mu Chen quietly watched this scene and felt a little shaken by the power possessed by Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouses. Only such experts could stand straight and shelter others.

Mandala's golden pupils turned towards Mu Chen. "Since there's an outcome in the King's Ceremony, I will hereby announce that starting from today on, Mu Chen will become the tenth King of my Great Havenlaw Domain."

Countless envious gazes were directed at Mu Chen. It was an incredible feat to be bestowed the King title at such a young age.

The various Kings sighed as they nodded their heads. The Blood Hawk King stared at Mu Chen with fear and a trace of regret in his eyes. He clearly did not expect Mu Chen to grow so quickly. If he knew, he wouldn't have caused trouble for Mu Chen back then.

Provoking such an opponent with great potential was clearly extremely foolish.

"As the tenth King, you have the qualifications to form your own force." Mandala looked at Mu Chen. Generally speaking, becoming a King would obtain a great amount of resources in the Great Havenlaw Domain, which was enough to support him to build a force similar to the Nine Kings. Naturally, that required time to develop as well.

Many people had their gazes focused on Mu Chen, especially those of the Nine Nether Palace. Their eyes were filled with nervousness and unwillingness.

The moment Mu Chen built his own force, he would break free from the Nine Nether Palace and would no longer become the Commander of the Nine Nether Palace. At that time, despite how much they allied themselves together, it was still different to being together now.

Although Mu Chen had just been in the Great Havenlaw Domain for a year, everyone in the Nine Nether Palace knew that it was Mu Chen's numerous life-and-death battles that swiftly pulled their Nine Nether Palace up.

"Haha. Mu Chen is truly formidable, to be bestowed with the Kingship so quickly." Tang Rou's heart was a little innocent, since she couldn't help chuckling and feeling happy for Mu Chen.

Hearing her words, Tang Bing gave that nitwitted little sister of hers a glare and crossed her arms, fuming with anger, since she did not even give the awe-inspiring Mu Chen a gaze. That's because she knew that losing Mu Chen would be a huge blow to their Nine Nether Palace. Although she knew that Mu Chen couldn't be blamed for it, since there was a huge difference between a King and a Commander.

Nine Nether was the most indifferent to it, and didn't seem to be worried. She was looking at Mu Chen with a smile on her face. Her relationship was too deep with Mu Chen. The Bloodlink Bond practically bound the two of them together, so she wasn't too bothered about Mu Chen building his own force.

Up in the sky, Mu Chen was also briefly stunned by Mandala's words, before casting a glance at the Nine Nether Palace. Looking at those anxious gazes, he smiled, "I don't want to build my own force, I will stay at the Nine Nether Palace. That won't affect me getting those resources, right?"

He knew how complicated it was to set up his own force in the year he spent in the Nine Nether Palace. If he placed his energy in it, then it would definitely affect his cultivation. Therefore, he could not give up the greater good for the small benefit. Ruining himself because of a so-called "force".

Furthermore, he could completely use the forces in Nine Nether Palace. No matter what he wanted to do, Nine Nether would definitely not obstruct him, so there wasn't a need for them to split.

Mu Chen felt that there was nothing wrong in this decision, but when he spoke out, it immediately caused many experts to be dumbstruck. Clearly, this was the first time that they have seen someone giving up the opportunity to build their own force. After all, only by having your own force, would you possess your own troop, which would belong entirely to himself.

Those of the Nine Nether Palace were overwhelmed with shock as well, but that was swiftly replaced with cheers. Every single one of the Nine Nether Palace was looking at Mu Chen with excitement and a blaze in their eyes. Clearly, they did not expect Mu Chen to give up the chance to form his own force and remain in their Nine Nether Palace as well.

Tang Bing was stunned and couldn't help looking at Mu Chen, before pouting her lips. "What a fool."

Although she said it in that way, the joy in her eyes couldn't be concealed. That fellow did have some conscience after all. Her effort in gathering that Sovereign Spiritual Liquid for his cultivation wasn't in vain.

Nine Nether smiled. Although this answer wasn't too unexpected for her, her gaze, which looked at Mu Chen, became even more gentle.

Up in the sky, Mandala gave Mu Chen a weird glance, before smiling. "It's your choice. Since you have given up on building your own force, then the resources will be added to the Nine Nether Palace. Of course, you can also use them as you wish."

Mu Chen nodded his head as he moved closer to Mandala and whispered, "Compared to those things, I'm more concerned with the reward for this task... hehe."

Towards the end, Mu Chen couldn't help chuckling as he rubbed his fingers together. Right now, what he wanted was, naturally, the Blood Essences of the ten Divine Beasts to cultivate the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra.

Mandala looked at the drooling Mu Chen and didn't know whether to laugh or cry, then rolled her eyes.

"Don't worry, they will be given to you."

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Chapter 826: Preparing for War

The commotion gradually tuned down from the numerous shh-ing noises. Every single expert in the Great Havenlaw Domain sighed, since no one had expected for Mu Chen, a Third Grade Sovereign, to be the biggest winner in this King's Ceremony.

Envy and shock were filled in those sighs. But there wasn't any more contempt because the strength that Mu Chen had displayed on the King's Ceremony Stage had left every single expert of the Great Havenlaw Domain shocked.

His cultivation to Fourth Grade Sovereign, and adding on the other identity of an Earth-Grade Spiritual Array Grandmaster, was equivalent to a Fifth Grade Sovereign. Even amongst the Great Havenlaw Domain that was filled with experts, he could be considered an outstanding elite.

Therefore, despite many people being envious by the fact that Mu Chen could become the tenth King, no one felt unsatisfied by it. After all, strength was the key in many places, and the strength that was displayed by Mu Chen deserved to be acknowledged and respected by the experts in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

He was no longer the Sovereign Realm newbie from a year ago when he just entered the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Furthermore, the current Nine Nether Palace that was behind Mu Chen couldn't be viewed as it was in the past. In the past, the Nine Nether Palace was the weakest force amongst the Nine Kings, thus suffering many contempts. But, in the past year, the Nine Nether Palace powerfully rose with a reputation of gradually growing stronger. The most crucial point was that right now, the Nine Nether Palace was the only force in the Great Havenlaw Domain with two Kings!

That meant that the resources that the Nine Nether Palace would receive would be double that of the other King forces. Under the support of such vast resources, it went without saying that the Nine Nether Palace would grow stronger.

Perhaps, in the future, the situation of the strongest force in the Great Havenlaw Domain would change... Therefore, it was evidently foolish to offend Mu Chen and the Nine Nether Palace right now.

In this King's Ceremony, aside from Mu Chen becoming the biggest winner, the Greatlaw City's City Lord, Qin Zhong had gotten quite a bit of benefit as well. Although he was not bestowed with the title of King, after seeing his contributions for the Great Havenlaw Domain, Mandala promised to help him break through to Fifth Grade Sovereign. As long as he managed to break through to Fifth Grade Sovereign, he would become the eleventh King in the Great Havenlaw Domain after the Hunting War.

This grace had undoubtedly made Qin Zhong extremely excited. Although many others were envious of him, Mandala had also clearly stated that in this Hunting War, there would be rewards for contributors. Furthermore, the rewards were something that even the various Kings were tempted by, not to mention the other experts. Thus, the atmosphere in the entire Great Havenlaw Domain was roused up with soaring fighting intent.

Seeing this situation, Mu Chen also couldn't help inwardly smacking his lips. Mandala was truly skilled in managing her subordinates. She was, indeed, worthy as the only Ruler of the Great Havenlaw Domain.

After the King's Ceremony came to an end, Mu Chen stayed in the Nine Nether Palace to quietly cultivate and stabilize the chaotic Spiritual Energy from his breakthrough to Fourth Grade Sovereign. In addition, his remaining energy was spent on training the Nine Nether Troops. With the Hunting War approaching, Mu Chen could sense the atmosphere in the Great Havenlaw Domain gradually getting tense and solemn.

Although their Great Havenlaw Domain was a peak force in the Northern Region, there would be peak forces being destroyed and devoured by the other peak forces in every Hunting War. The experts in those forces could only flee for their lives or join other forces. But that sort of failure would be mocked, no matter where they went.

Therefore, the Hunting War was directly concerning themselves. So, as to not become stray dogs, they had to give it their all so that the Great Havenlaw Domain could survive the Hunting War.

Therefore, the entire Great Havenlaw Domain was in preparation for war in this period of time, enveloped in an oppressed and tensed atmosphere.

The Nine Nether Palace was, naturally, not spared from that atmosphere. Although Mu Chen was bestowed the title of King, the Nine Nether Troop was still under his control. With the expansion of the Nine Nether Troop in the past year, the scale of it had increased several folds. In addition to the ample

cultivation resources that the Nine Nether Palace was entitled to, the Nine Nether Troop could be considered as a powerful army with a strength several times stronger than a year ago.

According to Mu Chen's speculations, he might have to borrow the strength of the Nine Nether Troop in this Hunting War. Therefore, he could not afford to relax, since he needed to be coordinated with this troop.

Nine Nether Palace, in a vast training field

The Nine Nether Troop, which was enveloped in black armour, was training in the field. All of them were quietly sitting as a pitch-black Battle Will surged from their bodies and gathered above them.

The Battle Will looked like a black surging ocean that was filled with roars that caused the entire region to faintly tremble.

At the front of the Nine Nether Troop, Mu Chen sat on a lion statue with his hands joined together. Light faintly flickered in his eyes as Spiritual Energy gushed out of his body, soaring into the vast ocean of Battle Will above the Nine Nether Troop.

Mu Chen would need the Battle Will of the Nine Nether Troop to accept him if he wanted to control it, so his Spiritual Energy wandered within the vast Battle Will.

In the past, Mu Chen's coordination with the Nine Nether Troop was pretty good. But due to this period of time, when he was busy with the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, the King's Ceremony and the expansion of the Nine Nether Troop, the coordination between them had lacked behind. Now that he had the time, he naturally had to put in the time to fix the coordination with the Nine Nether Troop.

Mu Chen spent two hours nurturing the coordination between them before he opened his eyes and looked at the Nine Nether Troop, which was like a black ocean with dense black clouds of Battle Will above them. Vaguely, there were hissing noises that came from them, which sounded like lightning that would strike fear in the hearts of others.

Although the strength of a single warrior in the Nine Nether Troop wasn't anything to fear in Mu Chen's eyes, he would feel slightly pressured if their Battle Will had gathered together.

According to Mu Chen's speculations, if he could control the Battle Will of the Nine Nether Troop with his cultivation at Fourth Grade Sovereign, he could even easily suppress Fifth Grade Sovereign veterans.

"Although the Nine Nether Troop is powerful, it's still too lacking compared to the Great Havenlaw Army." Mu Chen sighed as he looked at the Nine Nether Troop. Despite the strength of the Nine Nether Troop having been constantly rising, there was still a huge gap between them and the strongest army in the Great Havenlaw Domain, the Great Havenlaw Army.

But due to the fact that the Great Havenlaw Army was too powerful, Mu Chen knew that it wasn't an easy task to control the Battle Will of the Great Havenlaw Army. Furthermore, Mu Chen guessed that not even the Great Commander of the Great Havenlaw Army, Huo Mei'er could fully control the Battle Will of the Great Havenlaw Army.

There were nearly a thousand people in the Great Havenlaw Army, and every single one of them had their strength in the Sovereign Realm. If such a dreadful Battle Will could be controlled, probably only Mandala and the Three Emperors could confront them in the Great Havenlaw Domain.

"The Hunting War is probably the place where those troops are put to use." Mu Chen muttered to himself. In the Hunting War, the strength of an individual was greatly inadequate, unless one was as strong as the Three Emperors. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to control the situation. Thus, they would have to rely on the power of troops.

"Looks like the Hunting War will not be easy."

Mu Chen couldn't help sighing as he looked out of the Nine Nether Palace. With the Hunting War approaching, he could clearly sense the changes in atmosphere in the entire Great Havenlaw Domain. The troops of the various Kings had been training every day and the killing aura could be felt from so far away. It was so much so that even Nine Nether had started to seclude herself in cultivation, leaving the affairs of the Nine Nether Palace to him. But, fortunately, without a housekeeper like Tang Bing, even he would have the thoughts of escaping from here.

But from this, he could judge how brutal the Hunting War was. Even their Great Havenlaw Domain was in great danger, since no one could guarantee that the Great Havenlaw Domain would remain in the Northern Region after this Hunting War.

Thinking about this matter, Mu Chen's heart felt a lot more heavy. Although there were people that he didn't like, the shelter that it provided him had allowed Mu Chen's strength to soar in the past year. Thus, he was grateful to the Great Havenlaw Domain.

Not to mention that Mandala was the Ruler of the Great Havenlaw Domain, and Mu Chen had quite a bit of a favourable opinion about that two-faced little queen that was cute on the outside but possessed absolute strength. After all, Mandala had given him quite a bit of help in the past year. The crucial part was that Mandala had never treated him as a subordinate, the relationship between the both of them had exceeded their status.

Therefore, it would be hard for Mu Chen to accept if the Great Havenlaw Domain was to be defeated and devoured by others in this Hunting War.

"Looks like I can only give it my all to do my part." Mu Chen bitterly smiled. With his nasty relationship with the Sky Profound Palace, Liu Tiandao would definitely not let him off if the Great Havenlaw Domain was gone.

Mu Chen shook his head and waved his hand, commanding the Nine Nether Troop to continue training.

Buzz!

But just as Mu Chen waved his hand, he saw space fluctuate before him and a petite figure stepped out from the distorted space. She waved her hand and ten jade bottles flew towards Mu Chen.

When those jade bottles flew towards Mu Chen, her tender voice was mixed with hatred as it resounded.

"Take them, the ten Divine Beasts' Blood Essences that you wanted."

"Bastard, I had to travel to all the large auction houses in the Northern Region just to gather these ten Divine Beasts' Blood Essences!"

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Chapter 827: Spiritual Divine Liquid

Mu Chen swiftly stretched his hands out to receive those jade bottles and looked at the different coloured Blood Essences that contained extremely pure and powerful Spiritual Energy. He was briefly stunned, before he raised his head.

At the distorted space before him stood Mandala, looking a little travel-worn. Sensing Mu Chen's gaze, she cast her lips aside in an unhappy mood.

"These are the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences? You went to auction houses to buy them?" Mu Chen held the ten jade bottles as he suppressed the ecstasy in his heart as he asked.

"No shit, or did you want me to look for those Divine Beasts and slaughter them? Did you think that these Divine Beasts are stray cats and dogs? Easily killing one with a step?"

Mandala rolled her eyes at Mu Chen as she continued, "In order to obtain these Divine Beasts' Blood Essences, I've spent a huge amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids. Furthermore, those auction houses looked at the fact that I'm the Great Havenlaw Ruler and sold them to me at a lower price. Otherwise, you wouldn't be able to buy them, even if you had the sufficient amount of Sovereign Spiritual Liquids."

Mu Chen nodded his head at Mandala's words, since he knew that the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences that he required weren't ordinary ones with one or two of them being ranked at the extreme front on the Myriad Beast Record. Generally, those Divine Beasts' Blood Essences were extremely rare and valuable, so it was extremely hard to gather them.

The reason why those auction houses sold the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences to Mandala was because they saw the fact that she was an Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouse. Otherwise, if Mu Chen was to make the trip himself, he would probably return empty-handed.

"Thanks."

Mu Chen held onto the jade bottles as he sincerely thanked her. He knew that using his task to get Mandala to gather the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences that he required as a rewards was slightly ripping her off. But judging from a certain angle, he had the responsibility of resolving Mandala's issues as someone from the Great Havenlaw Domain and did not have the qualifications of speaking terms.

Not only did Mandala not mind about it, she even spent a great amount of effort and money to gather the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences for him. Mandala had not spoken anything about that, but judging from her travel-worn appearance, he could guess that she had probably been travelling to various auction houses in the Northern Region in order to gather those Divine Beasts' Blood Essences.

Her actions made Mu Chen feel slightly touched.

Originally, Mandala still felt a little unhappy after traveling all over the place, but when she heard Mu Chen's sincere gratitude, she felt a little unnatural. This was the Great Havenlaw Domain, where everyone was filled with revere and respect for her. It was naturally not possible for others to treat her

like how Mu Chen did, but she also felt that when Mu Chen was talking to her, he did not treat her as the Ruler of the Great Havenlaw Domain, but a friend.

It was a feeling that made her feel extremely comfortable. Perhaps it was because of this feeling that she would turn a blind eye to all of Mu Chen's offending actions.

But with the pride buried deep down in her bones, she naturally would not show any emotions at this moment. Therefore, her face swiftly tensed up as she spoke in an official manner, "As the Ruler, I naturally have to fulfil my promises. You helped me deal with Qiu Taiyin, so these are your rewards."

Mu Chen smiled and did not haggle with this prideful Ruler. "So, how's the matter with Qiu Taiyin?"

Speaking about this matter, Mandala's face gradually turned solemn, "It is as I have expected, the Sky Profound Palace has planted many spies in our Great Havenlaw Domain and Qiu Taiyin was only one of them. But I have managed to dig out a name list from his mouth, so I only have to follow it to track them down and have those doubtful fellows dealt with as soon as possible."

Mu Chen nodded his head. He couldn't take part in this sort of matter, but with Mandala's abilities, she could quickly have it done.

"There's still two months till the Hunting War... can you tell me some information about it? I am, after all, part of the Great Havenlaw Domain... so if it's possible, I want to contribute as well." Mu Chen asked as he looked at Mandala after pondering a bit.

Although he had heard a lot about the Hunting War, he still didn't know the detailed information about it.

Mandala cast a glance at Mu Chen, before stretching her waist and sat down beside him and said in a lazy tone, "Actually, there's nothing much to say about it. The Hunting War is a brutal war with the law of survival of the fittest. Although there are many peak forces in the Northern Region, it is also, likewise, a place where wolves gather together. It's not a place where the tiger leads the forest."

"So there will be wolves trying to turn into the tiger in this Hunting War?" Mu Chen said as his eyes flickered.

"In this world, there's no lack in ambitious people." Mandala said as she continued, "Only when the Northern Region is unified, can my Greatlaw Continent be free from it and become an Overlord in the Great Thousand World."

"This is an unspoke rule in the Northern Region. No one knows when it was circulated, but once the rules are fixed, no one can change them. That's because changing them would mean that one would become the enemy of all the other forces."

"So the Hunting War has been handed down and until now, there's been no tiger that appeared... But I think that it might appear this time." As she spoke, a light flashed in Mandala golden pupils.

Mu Chen was briefly stunned as he looked at Mandala. "Why is that?"

"Do you know the location of this Hunting War?" Mandala turned her head and asked.

Mu Chen was briefly stunned, before nodding his head, "The Fallen Battlefield?"

The Fallen Battlefield was a forbidden land in the Northern Region. It was said that in the Primordial Age, when the Foreign Clans invaded the Great Thousand World, the battle spread to the Northern Region. Unleashing destructive battles in this supercontinent.

And the Fallen Battlefield was one of the battlegrounds of that event. Many powerhouses had fallen in that battle, so it was known as the Fallen Battlefield by others, and the cruelty of it could be seen from the name of the place.

The Fallen Battlefield was extremely famous in the Northern Region, since there were many inheritances in it. There were even quite a bit of supreme powerhouse inheritances, thus attracting many people over.

But only a few of those that entered the Fallen Battlefield in search of treasures had made it out. That's because there were too many experts that have fallen in the Fallen Battlefield, causing the Spiritual Energy in it to be as violent as a volcano and a Spiritual Energy storm would occasionally form. It was something that even Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouses would fear.

And with more people losing their lives in the Fallen Battlefield, it had become an extremely ominous forbidden land in the Northern Region.

"Right, the Fallen Battlefield." Mandala nodded her head as she continued, "In the Primordial Age, there were some Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouses that lost their lives in it, and the purpose of this Hunting War was those Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouses."

Mu Chen's eyes narrowed.

"Do you know about the Spiritual Divine Liquids?" Mandala popped another question.

Mu Chen blankly shook his head.

"When an Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouse dies, his Sovereign Sea would erode with the passing of time. And when the Sovereign Sea erodes to the limits, it would form the Spiritual Divine Liquid, the final essences of an Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouse." Mandala gently licked her lips. Speaking of the Spiritual Divine Liquids, even her eyes had flashed with a hint of greed.

"Those Spiritual Divine Liquids are extremely beneficial to Earth Sovereign Realm experts like us... but the Spiritual Energy storms in the Fallen Battlefield are extremely dreadful. Only at a special time will the storms be weakened. At that time, the Hunting War will take place."

"The Divine Pavilion has lasted a total of five Hunting Wars and is also the force that managed to obtain the most Spiritual Divine Liquids amongst the peak forces in the Northern Region... According to what I know, that fellow is currently at the peak of Lesser Earth Grade Sovereign Realm and has already come into contact with the Greater Earth Grade Sovereign Realm. If he manages to obtain more Spiritual Divine Liquids this time, he might be able to break through into the Greater Earth Grade Sovereign Realm."

"Aside from him, the Netherworld Palace and the Rulers of the other peak forces have a possibility as well..."

Mandala's face turned solemn. "And when a Greater Earth Grade Sovereign Realm appears, there will not be anyone in the Northern Region that can stop him. At that time, it will become a tiger and unify the Northern Region."

"Greater Earth Grade Sovereign Realm?" Mu Chen frowned his brows, since this sort of level was still too far and unfamiliar to him.

Mandala helplessly cast a glance at Mu Chen and explained, "There's naturally a classification of the Earth Grade Sovereign Realms. They're broken into three realms. The Lesser Earth Grade Sovereign Realm, the Greater Earth Grade Sovereign Realm and the Perfected Earth Grade Sovereign Realm."

"Every single one of those grades are accompanied with great gaps. Right now, in the Northern Region, the Rulers of the peak forces are only at the Lesser Earth Grade Sovereign Realm. The moment the Divine Pavilion's Ruler completes his breakthrough in this Hunting War, the situation will become extremely troublesome."

Mu Chen's gaze turned solemn as well. So this was the world of an Earth Grade Sovereign Realm powerhouse. He never thought that the difference between the grades in the Earth Grade Sovereign Realm would be so huge.

Judging from Mandala's tone of speech, he could tell how fatal the Spiritual Divine Liquids' attraction for Earth Grade Sovereign Realm powerhouses like them was like.

And the source of this brutal war, the Hunting War, was probably the Spiritual Divine Liquids.

"I wonder what grade Luo Li's grandfather is in?" A thought suddenly lit up in Mu Chen's heart as he recalled meeting Luo Tianshen in the Northern Heavens Spiritual Academy. According to his speculations, Luo Tianshen was probably stronger than Mandala.

"This Hunting War will probably be the most shaking one in history..." Mandala lightly smiled as she raised her head. There wasn't any fear in her eyes; instead, they were filled with blazing fighting intent.

She looked at the distant horizon and an arc rose on the corner of her lips.

"Let us see who will manage to break through this time!"

The Great Ruler

Chapter 828: Divine Blood Refining the Body

On the lion statue in the training field, Mu Chen looked at Mandala's golden pupils, which were filled with fighting intent, under the shine of sunlight and couldn't help shivering.

He never thought that the petite-looking Ruler would be so insane deep in her bones. Other forces were fearing for the Hunting War but as for her, she was yearning for it.

However, the other peak forces were not sheep that they could be easily slaughtered. They were all powerful existences that could tremble the entire Northern Region with their feet.

Mu Chen pursed his lips. Although the Hunting War had not arrived, he could vaguely smell the stench of blood. No one knew which peak forces would be devoured in this Hunting War.

But, no matter who it was, the outcome would definitely shake the Northern Region, since the resources and territories of a peak force would cause others to drool.

The blaze in Mandala's eyes gradually retracted as she looked at Mu Chen with her golden pupils and suddenly smiled without any signs beforehand. "Do you know about the Ancient Haven Palace?"

Hearing the familiar name, Mu Chen's body abruptly jolted before raising his head and looked at Mandala with slight ecstasy, even his heartbeat had sped up.

Wasn't the Ancient Haven Palace the reason he came to the Skylaw Continent with Nine Nether?!

That's because there was another Immortal Catalog in the Ancient Haven Palace that would grant another evolution to his Great Solar Undying Body!

"Looks like the Ancient Haven Palace is the reason why you came to the Skylaw Continent." Mandala faintly smiled as she glanced at Mu Chen. "Don't make a big fuss over it. Since you possess the Great Solar Undying Body, you must also know some information about it. In the Ancient Haven Palace, there is, indeed, something you want."

Mu Chen's gaze suddenly turned heated and even his breathing had quickened. In the past year, this was the first time that he had obtained confirmed information. Although he didn't know what the Ancient Haven Palace was, at least it meant that he had something he needed in the Skylaw Continent.

"Do you know where the Ancient Haven Palace is located?" Mu Chen couldn't help asking as he looked at Mandala.

Mandala cast her rosy lips aside as she answered, "The Ancient Haven Palace is, indeed, hidden in the Skylaw Continent. But, no one knows where it is located. My guess is that it should be in a spatial realm that was sealed by someone."

"Even an Earth Sovereign Realm expert like you cannot probe its location?" Mu Chen asked with his brows frowned.

Mandala rolled her eyes at Mu Chen. "Even in the Primordial Age, the Ancient Haven Palace was a famous force and the Palace Master was a pinnacle expert. How could a seal cast by such an expert before he fell be something that an Earth Sovereign Realm can probe?"

Mu Chen awkwardly smiled and sighed in his heart. In this world, there was, indeed, a mountain taller than the other.

"But although I cannot probe the location of the Ancient Haven Palace, there is a powerhouse from the Ancient Haven Palace that fell in the Fallen Battlefield. I believe that we might be able to obtain some information regarding the Ancient Haven Palace from there."

Mu Chen nodded his head. Although the information was too vague, he still managed to get some information about it. At least it was better than him moving blindly around, since his main objective for going to the Ancient Haven Palace was the other page of the Immortal Catalog.

Because Mu Chen was clear that if he wanted to track the path of a supreme powerhouse, the Immortal Catalog was something that could provide him with great aid.

The day when he could evolve his Great Solar Undying Body into the Primordial Immortal Body, that would be the day when he possessed the qualification to have his name shake the Great Thousand World.

At that time, be it the Luo God Clan or the mysterious Clan which his mother belonged to, he would no longer have to fear any of them!

"Looks like I definitely have to make a trip to the Fallen Battlefield."

Mu Chen muttered. It didn't matter if he could get any information regarding the Ancient Haven Palace, he still had to make an attempt, since it was for the legendary Primordial Immortal Body.

For the next two months, Mu Chen had also seized the moment to cultivate while training the Nine Nether Troop. The scale of the Hunting War affected all the forces in the Northern Region, so one could imagine how dreadful it was.

Although he had a high status in the Great Havenlaw Domain right now, he knew that his strength was far from sufficient for the Hunting War.

But, right now, he had just broken through to the Fourth Grade Sovereign Realm and just managed to stabilize the Spiritual Energy in his body, so it wasn't suitable for him to attempt another breakthrough. So, if he wanted to increase his strength, then he would have to rely on other methods.

Take the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra, for example.

Deep in the Nine Nether Palace

On an empty rocky pool, Mu Chen quietly sat as he flicked his finger before the rocky pool and ten jade bottles appeared before him. Those jade bottles flickered with light runes on their surfaces. They were simple seals that sealed the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences, preventing the violent Spiritual Energy from leaking out.

Mu Chen stared at the ten jade bottles and the expression on his face turned a little grave. Although he had obtained the legendary Dragon-Phoenix Physique in the Dragon-Phoenix Haven, he was clear that it was only the most initial form. It could only make his body a little stronger, and if he wanted to reach the height where he possessed the power of the True Dragon and Phoenix, he would have to go through tough training.

And, right now was the first step.

Mu Chen had taken off his clothes, revealing a figure that wasn't too sturdy, but anyone could sense the horrifying power contained under his body. On his chest and his back were the tattoos of the True Dragon and Phoenix.

Mu Chen lowered his head and looked at the True Dragon and Phoenix tattoos and gently touched them. They weren't just simple tattoos, they gave off a peculiar feeling, as if they were alive.

According to the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra, there were three stages in cultivating the Dragon-Phoenix Physique. The first stage was the 'Revival of True Spirits', second being 'Forming' and the third, the 'Dragon-Phoenix Comes to Life'.

The two tattoos on Mu Chen's chest and back should be known as the Spirit of True Dragon and Phoenix, since those tattoos contained traces of Spirits left behind by the True Dragon and Phoenix.

This stage requireed the Blood Essences of numerous Divine Beasts to revive the Spirits of the True Dragon and Phoenix, allowing them to bestow stronger powers onto Mu Chen.

That's because, when the True Dragon and Phoenix's Spirits were completely revived, they could attain the 'Forming' stage. Reaching that step, the True Dragon and Phoenix tattoos would be able to break free from the boundaries of his body, awakening the power belonging to the True Dragon and Phoenix.

The third being 'Dragon-Phoenix Comes to Life'... it was evident what those words meant.

What Mu Chen needed to do now was the first stage, the 'Revival of True Spirits'.

Huff.

Mu Chen gently spat out a mouthful of air, while retracting his gaze from the tattoos. He no longer hesitated and flicked his finger, shooting a spiritual light out and shattered a jade bottle.

Creak! Crack!

Several drops of dark-red blood instantly fell and as the falling speed accelerated, there were sounds of splashing waves.

Those Blood Essences fell into the rocky pool and swiftly expanded at a stunning speed. In a few breaths' time, those few drops of Blood Essences had turned into a boiling blood pool.

The violent Spiritual Energy and dense stench of blood emanated from the blood pool as it soared towards the horizon. Those Blood Essences were clearly extremely violent and they tried to corrode the rocky pool. But, fortunately, Mu Chen came prepared. The rocky pool was forged with special materials, thus preventing corrosion.

"Truly worthy of being the Blood Essences of a Primordial Hydra..."

Mu Chen looked at the boiling blood pool and couldn't help sighing. It was just several drops of Blood Essences and it could form into a pool of blood. The Primordial Hydra was truly worthy of being ranked in the top tier of the Divine Beast Records.

Those Divine Beasts' Blood Essences had not been refined beforehand, so they were filled with offensive characteristics. But this was just something that Mu Chen needed. Only the most primitive Divine Beasts' Blood Essences could revive the True Dragon and Phoenix's Spirits.

Except this process would be extremely painful.

Mu Chen looked at the boiling blood pool and slowly clenched his hands. He no longer hesitated. He took off his clothes and leaped into the pool.

Splash.

Fresh blood splattered as Mu Chen formed seals with his hands in the blood pool. The entire pool started to boil, forming a red vortex with Mu Chen in the centre.

Hiss! Hiss!

Countless hissing noises rang out from the pool. As the blood surged, it formed into small-sized blood hydras that frantically bit onto Mu Chen's body.

Mu Chen's body violently trembled as the intense pain made his face turn a little pale.

However, the intense pain did not devour Mu Chen's consciousness. On the contrary, he deeply inhaled a mouthful of air before changing his seals and started to activate the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra.

When the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra was activated, the True Dragon and Phoenix tattoos on Mu Chen's chest and back started to emit a spiritual light, along with a deep draconic roar and phoenix cry resonating out. Thereafter, those blood hydras were torn apart and strands of blood endlessly travelled across Mu Chen's skin, then devoured by the True Dragon and Phoenix tattoos.

Although the Blood Essences of a Primordial Hydra was extremely overbearing, it was still a level lacking before the True Dragon and Phoenix.

However, Mu Chen knew that the process of using Divine Blood to refine his body had just started.

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Chapter 829: Humanoid Divine Beast

Splash!

Blood-red water endlessly rolled and surged in the rocky pool as the blood hydras were being constantly formed and bit at Mu Chen, revealing their extremely offensive characteristics.

However, the True Dragon and Phoenix tattoos seemed to have been provoked by the reaction of the Primordial Hydra's Blood Essences, unleashing draconic roars and phoenix cries, which broke apart those small hydras and absorbed them into the tattoos.

Along with the Primordial Hydra's Blood Essences being endlessly poured over, the dragon and phoenix tattoos on Mu Chen's chest and back seemed to have gotten brighter as well. But at this moment, an indescribable pain started to burst out in Mu Chen's body.

That intense pain had instantly made Mu Chen's face turn pale. When the Primordial Hydra's Blood Essences entered his body, the blood had started to wreak havoc from within. The Blood Essences of such Divine Beasts were extremely violent, filled with offensive characteristics. But Mu Chen could not suppress them, since it would interrupt the revival of the True Spirits. If it ended up in failure, he wouldn't have anymore face to let Mandala gather for him again.

"Damn it!" Mu Chen couldn't help cursing. If this went on, his body would be in a total mess by the Primordial Hydra's Blood Essences. Only now did he realise how tough it was to cultivate the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra.

Furthermore, he was still only the first Divine Beasts' Blood Essences! If he couldn't even bear this, how was he going to endure the other nine remaining Divine Beasts' Blood Essences?

Mu Chen frowned his brows and his gaze swiftly flickered as he pondered on ways to deal with this. But very quickly, a light flashed in his eyes as a sneer appeared on the corner of his lips.

"Blood Essence of the Primordial Hydra, you're very ferocious, right... but, there's something even more ferocious in my body!"

Mu Chen slightly shut his eyes as a dark-golden light blossomed on the surface of his body. Strands of dark-golden lustre flashed in his blood as deep draconic roars and phoenix cries resounded from his body.

They were the Dragon-Phoenix Blood Essences!

Mu Chen had absorbed a large amount of Dragon-Phoenix Blood Essences in order to form the Dragon-Phoenix Physique. Therefore, there were traces of aura belonging to True Dragon and Phoenix contained within his body.

Although the Primordial Hydra's ranking wasn't low on the Divine Beast Record, it was still a level beneath ultra Divine Beasts like the True Dragon and Phoenix.

Henceforth, when a golden light blossomed with draconic roars and phoenix cries echoing throughout, the Primordial Hydra's Blood Essences, which were wreaking havoc in his body, felt as if they had encountered a great opponent. A golden light enveloped over, which defeated the Primordial Hydra's Blood Essences, before being devoured by the dragon and phoenix tattoos under his control.

With the help of Dragon-Phoenix Blood Essences, Mu Chen's situation finally, swiftly turned better and he started to focus on absorbing the Primordial Hydra's Blood Essences...

And this absorption lasted for four days.

During those four days, Mu Chen could vaguely sense something gradually being restored to life on his chest and back.

On the fourth day, evening, the water level in the rocky pool finally started to dry up. When it had completely dried up, Mu Chen flicked his finger again and two jade bottles broke with drops of different colour Blood Essences falling, transforming into a boiling blood water that enveloped Mu Chen's figure within.

Mu Chen sat at the bottom of the rocky pool without any movement. The dragon and phoenix tattoos on his chest and back had also become even brighter. With more Divine Beasts' Blood Essences pouring into the tattoos, they became even more vivid and lively.

Strands of bloody light gradually enveloped the surface of Mu Chen's body as they shrouded around him.

For the next half-month, Mu Chen had not left the rocky pool. With more Divine Beasts' Blood Essences falling, the stench of blood had turned into a bloody light that soared into the horizon, which caused a commotion in the Nine Nether Palace.

The commotion even alarmed Nine Nether, who was in seclusion, and she rushed over to this rocky pool. After checking that there wasn't any mishap with Mu Chen, only then did she feel relieved and ordered to seal off this region.

"That fellow is too reckless." Nine Nether stood outside the rocky pool as she looked at Mu Chen, who was cultivating deep in the pool, and helplessly shook her head. He actually did not get anyone to stand guard when cultivating with such a commotion, it would be troublesome if something happened.

Although she was blaming Mu Chen, she had put down her cultivation and sat outside the rocky pool, preparing to stand guard for him.

"These Blood Essences..." When Nine Nether sat down, only then did she sense the violent Spiritual Energy in the blood pool. Immediately, her face changed with a hint of shock flashing in her eyes.

"Just what is this fellow cultivating, to actually require the Blood Essences of so many Divine Beasts?"

Nine Nether's heart shook as her expression turned a little grave. Although the Blood Essences of Divine Beasts could refine the body, they were still too overbearing and weren't easy to absorb. Not to mention that Mu Chen was trying to absorb ten Divine Beasts' Blood Essences at the same time. The instant he was resisted by those Divine Beasts' Blood Essences, it would be a little troublesome.

But her worries did not last too long, since she vaguely heard a draconic roar and phoenix cry that rang out from Mu Chen's body and, immediately, her heart jolted.

"That's the pressure of a True Dragon and Phoenix!"

As someone from the Nine Nether Bird Clan, especially after evolving into the Nine Netherworld Bird, it could be considered as a huge clan in the Divine Beasts' Clans. The Nine Netherworld Bird contained the Bloodline of the Undying Bird, which could be considered in the same clan as the Phoenix Clan. The Undying Bird was also a pinnacle existence in the Phoenix Clan, but it wasn't well-known to the True Phoenixes due to how rare they were.

Therefore, when Nine Nether sensed the True Phoenix's pressure coming from Mu Chen's body, her face became unusual.

Nine Nether speechlessly shook her head and she did not ponder more about it as she calmed herself down, waiting for Mu Chen to complete his training.

And this wait lasted for an entire month.

In the depths of the Nine Nether Palace, even the sky was dyed red. Looking from afar, it looked like burning clouds that seemed extremely spectacular. However, Nine Nether did not have the luxury to pay attention to her surroundings. She anxiously looked at the rocky pool, since there were all sorts of roars coming from it.

In the boiling blood pool, Mu Chen sat at the bottom of the pool with numerous huge bloody figures frantically roaring at him.

Those bloody figures were formed by the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences that he had absorbed and refined. However, there were remnant wills in those Blood Essences. Initially, Mu Chen had them all suppressed with the pressure of the dragon and phoenix to keep them in check. But along with the number of Divine Beasts' Blood Essences increasing, they actually joined together to resist the pressure of the dragon and phoenix, since they sensed that if they did not resist, their remnant wills would be wiped out and be thoroughly absorbed.

He had to admit, the wills of those Divine Beasts were extremely troublesome. When they joined together to resist Mu Chen, it was hard for the dragon and phoenix pressure to attain the initial effect. Therefore, he could not complete the final step at the final moment.

"I've already come this far, I can't let you guys ruin it for me!" Mu Chen clenched his fists as he sucked in a mouthful of air and hardened his heart.

With the will of his thoughts, the golden light that enveloped him disappeared. Without the obstruction of the golden light, the figures of the ten Divine Beasts immediately unleashed roars as they burrowed into Mu Chen's body.

A bloody light started to spread out from Mu Chen's body, into every single corner of his body.

"Reverse devouring of the Divine Beasts' Blood Essences?!" Nine Nether's face instantly changed at this sight. She knew an accident would definitely occur in the attempt of absorbing so many Divine Beast's Blood Essences.

Roar!

Just when Nine Nether was worrying in her heart, Mu Chen also gave it his all. He aroused all of the power of Dragon-Phoenix Physique, as well as the Dragon-Phoenix Blood Essences that were hidden in his blood and flesh.

As the imposing dark-golden light shuttled through his blood and flesh, they mercilessly suppressed the bloody light.

Two different colours of light were frantically devouring the other. But this was, after all, Mu Chen's body, so it was the battlefield. Therefore, when the Dragon-Phoenix Physique and the Dragon-Phoenix Blood Essences completely burst out, the bloody light formed from the ten Divine Beasts were constantly beaten to retreat.

Naturally, the outcome of this would cause Mu Chen's body to be a battlefield, with shock waves being formed from the impacts. If it wasn't for his Dragon-Phoenix Physique that raised the toughness of his body, his body might have been torn apart by the impact.

"Devour all of them!"

Mu Chen's face drastically changed, looking a little ferocious and distorted, but there wasn't the slightest hesitation in his eyes. The roar in his heart caused the golden light to sweep out.

The golden light gushed out, along with an imposing draconic roar and phoenix cry, like a monarch sweeping through the rebels. Under the impact, the bloody light from the ten Divine Beasts had been torn apart.

All of the bloody lights were completely absorbed by the dragon and phoenix tattoos on Mu Chen's chest and back.

Mu Chen suddenly opened his eyes, then felt the blood and flesh on his chest and back trembling. As if something had shattered in his blood and flesh and came to life.

Roar!

Mu Chen's figure soared up as he unleashed a roar. The roar sounded like both a draconic roar and phoenix cry at the same time and a huge golden light soared from his body, even the layers of clouds were torn apart at this moment.

Nine Nether raised her head as she looked at the figure in the golden light. Vaguely, she actually felt a little oppressed by it. It wasn't the oppression of Spiritual Energy, but the oppression coming from Divine Beasts when they're on the same level.

Right now, Mu Chen felt like a humanoid Divine Beast to her!

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Chapter 830: Fallen Origin Pellet

The golden light gradually dissipated, and when it thoroughly disappeared, the oppression emanating from Mu Chen's body had completely retracted. Lowering his head to his chest, Mu Chen couldn't help being stunned.

On his chest, there was a True Dragon roaming beneath his skin. The True Dragon looked vivid and lively, as if it was alive and contained an extremely terrifying energy at the same time.

As his gaze flickered and with a will of his heart, the True Dragon swiftly moved to his fist, along his control, then he clenched his fist and threw a punch out.

Roar!

When he threw the punch out, a bright draconic roar resounded in this region and cracks appeared in the space before him from a single punch.

Hiss!

Mu Chen couldn't help hissing a mouthful of cold air at this sight. He had only casually threw a punch out and only slightly controlled the True Dragon. He did not expect such a destructive force from it.

Looks like after reviving the Spirit of the True Dragon, it was much more formidable than before.

Rustle!

Nine Nether's figure appeared before Mu Chen and she looked at the True Dragon, which was roaming on Mu Chen's chest, with astonishment. She was a Divine Beast herself, so she could sense the oppression emanating from the True Dragon.

It belonged to a genuine True Dragon's bloodline.

Mu Chen felt the roaming True Dragon on his chest and his expression slightly changed. He smiled towards Nine Nether. "Try attacking me."

Nine Nether took a doubtful glance at Mu Chen. But she did not question him and gently flicked her finger. An extremely sharp force burst out, like a bolt of lightning, and was aimed at Mu Chen's chest.

Facing Nine Nether's attack, Mu Chen did not put up a defence. It was so much so that he even retracted the Spiritual Energy on the surface of his body and allowed that Spiritual Energy force to strike him.

Sizzle!

However, in that instant, when the Spiritual Energy force was about to come in contact with Mu Chen's body, the True Dragon, which was roaming around Mu Chen's chest, suddenly unleashed a deep draconic roar. It opened its mouth and devoured the Spiritual Energy force that was shooting over.

After devouring that Spiritual Energy force, the Spirit of the True Dragon merely trembled, before it recovered to its initial state, quietly roaming under Mu Chen's skin.

Nine Nether was watching this scene with shock on her face.

Mu Chen couldn't help grinning. Not only could the Spirit of the True Dragon bestow him with great power, it even possessed defensive abilities. The powerful defence probably wasn't any weaker than the Dragon-Phoenix Golden Armour. If Mu Chen summoned the Dragon-Phoenix Golden Armour and added the defence of his body, the three layers of defence was probably even troublesome for Fifth Grade Sovereigns to deal with.

If he had revived the Spirit of the True Dragon and Phoenix a month ago, when he fought with Qiu Taiyin, he wouldn't be forced to hide in his Sovereign Celestial Body to set up a Spiritual Array to fight back.

"What is this that you are cultivating?" Nine Nether finally couldn't hold back on popping the question. Right now, Mu Chen seemed more like a Divine Beast than her.

Mu Chen dryly laughed, since there was no need to hide anything from Nine Nether. Thus, he had directly told her about the matters regarding the Dragon-Phoenix Sutra.

Hearing Mu Chen's explanation, Nine Nether felt speechless for a brief moment. But she couldn't help frowning her brows as she looked at the Spirit of the True Dragon on Mu Chen's chest, "In the future if you encounter someone from the Dragon and Phoenix Clans, do not let them discover the Spirit of True Dragon and Phoenix on you..."

"Why?"

"The Dragon and Phoenix Clans are some of the best clans around. Their strengths are even comparable to secluded primordial clans. The True Dragon and Phoenix are pinnacle existences in each of those clans, so if they discovered that you possess the Spirit of a True Dragon and Phoenix, they might make a move on you and forcefully strip it off you," said Nine Nether.

Mu Chen's face slightly changed, since he did not think that the Dragon and Phoenix Clans would be so overbearing. But, fortunately, the Spirit of the True Dragon and Phoenix were too weak at the moment, so they wouldn't attract the attention of those clans. As for the future, if he managed to train the Spirit of the True Dragon and Phoenix to their higher levels, he wouldn't be weak at that time.

"I will pay attention to it." Mu Chen nodded.

Nine Nether's face slightly loosened up. But just when she was about to speak, a clear and bright bell suddenly rang out in the depths of the Greatlaw Sky. The bell sounded rushed, vaguely mixed with killing aura.

When Mu Chen and Nine Nether heard that bell, they narrowed their eyes and looked towards the depths of the Greatlaw Sky. They knew that it was the bell used to summon the King's Conference. At the same time, it was the signal that represented the beginning of war.

"The war is starting."

In the Greatlaw Sky's Main Palace

The atmosphere in the hall was extremely solemn with the Ruler, Three Emperors, the Ten Kings and those stronger subsidiary forces gathered in the great hall. This could be considered as the strongest standard in the Great Havenlaw Domain, so one could tell how important the Great Havenlaw Domain viewed the Hunting War. Saying that they had gone out full-force wasn't an exaggeration.

Mu Chen sat on the stone throne in the hall with Nine Nether by his right, with the various Kings along the way. On the upper level were the Three Emperors and the unrivalled Mandala.

In the past, Mu Chen could only follow Nine Nether in the past King's Conference. Standing behind her like a bodyguard. But with him becoming a King in the Great Havenlaw Domain, he could naturally receive the same treatment as Nine Nether.

In the hall, the atmosphere was extremely oppressive, with Mandala sitting high up, overlooking everyone, before a tender voice resounded, "Seven days from now, the Spiritual Energy storm in the Fallen Battlefield will be at the weakest state. At that time, the Hunting War will take place."

Although everyone was prepared, when they heard that declaration, their gazes couldn't help trembling. Facing such a brutal war like the Hunting War, even a peak force like their Great Havenlaw Domain in the Northern Region could not be spared from it.

Mandala waved her hand, spiritual light gushed out, which formed into a huge and complicated map in mid-air. Judging from the terrain, it should be the Fallen Battlefield, but a majority of it was blacked out.

"Due to the Spiritual Energy storm in the Fallen Battlefield, there will be huge changes every time it opens. A majority of the maps in the past are useless, so after entering the Fallen Battlefield, you can only try to probe around by relying on the terrain."

"The army of our Great Havenlaw Domain will enter the Fallen Battlefield from the northwest area. After entering, the army will spread out. All of you will lead your own troops to search for ruins and obtain the Fallen Origin Pellet."

"Fallen Origin Pellet?" Hearing that term, Mu Chen was stunned, since it was an unfamiliar term to him.

"The experts that fell in the Fallen Battlefield will have their Sovereign Seas turned into Fallen Origin Pellets through time. The Fallen Origin Pellets are extremely beneficial to cultivation. Furthermore, they are also absolutely needed to break the Earth Sovereign Realms' Treasuries." Nine Nether's voice rang out, which dissolved Mu Chen's doubts.

"The Earth Sovereign Realms' Treasuries are places where Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouses had fallen. However, the fallen places of such experts would be extremely concealed and further protected by Spiritual Arrays from the Fallen Battlefield. This natural Spiritual Array is connected to the entire Fallen Battlefield, so not even Earth Sovereign Realm powerhouses could forcefully break through them.

The only way would be by relying on the Fallen Origin Pellets, since the source of the energy within is the same as the Fallen Battlefield."

"Therefore, obtaining the Fallen Origin Pellets is the first step of the Hunting War, and also, the most important step. Every other force will also be snatching the Fallen Origin Pellets."

"In order for us to obtain more Fallen Origin Pellets, we can only split our forces up. Otherwise, we will be wasting our resources by focusing on one place at a time."

Mu Chen rubbed his forehead as he bitterly smiled. The Hunting War was truly troublesome, and since the Fallen Origin Pellets were so important, the competition for them would be extremely intense.

"After entering the Fallen Battlefield, the Three Emperors and myself will search for the Earth Sovereign Realms' Treasuries. Therefore, the task of obtaining Fallen Origin Pellets will fall onto you guys." Mandala looked at the ten Kings as she spoke in a solemn voice.

"I do not care about how you guys usually fight for resources and compete. But this time, I hope that you guys can put down your grudges and help one another. Otherwise, it will not be possible for you guys to bring sufficient Fallen Origin Pellets to us by yourselves. Without a sufficient amount of Fallen Origin Pellets, we will not be able to break the Earth Sovereign Realms' Treasuries, basically meaning that we lost the war. And I'm sure you guys know what kind of price we have to pay if that happens."

"You can only rely on yourselves to obtain the Fallen Origin Pellets, because the Three Emperors and myself will not be able to render help to any of you, since we have to keep the other forces in check so that they do not make their moves on you guys."

Looking at Mandala's golden pupils, which were imposing and oppressive, they couldn't help respectfully nodding their heads.

Seeing their response, Mandala waved her hand. Ten streaks of light flew out to the ten Kings. As the lights dissipated, they formed into ten bronze mirrors that were flickering with spiritual light on their surfaces.

"This is the Spiritual Ceros Mirrors. If any of you encounters a dangerous situation, drop your blood on it and the others will be able to sense your location and render you aid. The gathering point will also be informed through the Spiritual Ceros Mirrors."

Mu Chen and the rest nodded their heads as they received the Spiritual Ceros Mirrors and stored them.

"Now then, so that our Great Havenlaw Domain can still remain standing in this Northern Region after this Hunting War..."

"Let us fight, everyone!"

In the hall, every single expert abruptly stood up, their eyes burning with flames and filled with elated fighting intent as they echoed out.

""Fight!""