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Chapter 971: Two Options

A space whirlpool appeared in the sky above Bluestone Square. When a young man's voice rang out, everyone looked in his direction. The people then saw two figures walking out slowly from the whirlpool.

One of them was tall, and the other was short. The shorter one was a girl in a black dress. She had golden eyes with an oppressive look. The top powers of the Nine Netherbird Clan were shocked by the power that she exuded. The oppression was more powerful than the elders in their clan.

Behind her was a good-looking, slender young man. His eyes were like stars, and he smiled confidently in the face of the top powers of the Nine Netherbird Clan.

"Is he Mu Chen? Is he the human being who is bonded by bloodline with Lord Nine Nether?"

"This guy has the audacity to come here. He is courting his own death. Does he really think that he can get the fourth place and keep his life?"

"What a joke. Only Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan are qualified to vie for the fourth place. Mu Chen is so presumptuous to think that he can snatch it away from them."

"He is just a human being. Who is he to vie with the geniuses of our clan?! So presumptuous."

"..."

All of them looked at Mu Chen, and they started to get into heated discussions. Most of them sized him up and looked mockingly at him. His name was well-known in the Nine Netherbird Clan over these past two months.

When Mu Chen did not appear, they despised him and thought that he was a coward who was trying to push away his responsibility. They were also unhappy with Mu Chen for contaminating Nine Nether's Undying Bird Bloodline and had regarded him as an enemy.

The people were mocking him in the Square, and the elders of Nine Netherbird Clan looked sharply at him.

"So, you are Mu Chen!"

The elder robed in green, who had questioned Heavenly Sparrow Elder earlier, looked sharply at Mu Chen and said coldly, "I am surprised that you are here. You might as well be. We shall break the Bloodline Bond and then you may leave!"

The rest of the elders sized Mu Chen up. They had been quarreling about him, and this was the first time that they had seen him in person.

Is this the guy who has formed the Bloodline Bond with Nine Nether? He looked so ordinary and could be compared with the geniuses in their clan.

Tianhuang Clan Leader, who was seated on the stone pedestal, sized up Mu Chen. He looked deeply and calmly at Mu Chen and was expressionless. No one could tell if he was happy or angry.

Nine Nether, who was beside Tianhuang Clan Leader, came back to herself and then smiled wryly. She was not disappointed when she saw Mu Chen but instead felt comforted.

Although reason indicated that it would be safer for Mu Chen to stay away from the Nine Netherbird Clan, she was happy that Mu Chen had appeared.

Nine Nether stole a glance at her father. She knew that her father would be the one to make the final decision. If he was unhappy with Mu Chen, he would not allow an ordinary human being to taint the perfect bloodline of the Nine Netherbird Clan.

However, Tianhuang Clan Leader was very composed, and he did not show any emotions when he saw Mu Chen. This caused Nine Nether to be anxious, as she had no idea what he thought of Mu Chen.

The people of the Nine Netherbird Clan whispered among themselves. Cold light flashed in Mandela's eyes, and she stared at the elder robed in green and sneered, "Mu Chen is my man. Since I have brought him here, I will definitely bring him back."

When the elder robed in green heard it, he said mockingly, "You do talk big. You are now in our territory. Who are you to mess around here?! I would suggest that you don't get yourself involved. If you step on our toes, Daluo Territory may not be able to bear the consequences!"

The elder robed in green stood up from the stone pedestal as he spoke, and horrifying spiritual energy oppression swirled out instantly. The sky darkened, and a strong wind blew.

Vast spiritual energy turned into a large Flames Sparrow behind him. It cried out, exuding a strong oppression.

It was apparent that the elder robed in green had intended to put pressure on them and suppress Mandela before she struck. Once Mandela showed her vulnerability, they would be able to deal freely with Mu Chen.

The horrifying oppression covered the area, and Mu Chen turned pale. He felt as though a mountain was on his body, and the spiritual energy in his body started to churn very slowly.

"Ha!"

As the oppression became stronger, Mandela's face turned grave. She snorted and stepped out. The space under her feet cracked, and visible ripples burst out. Within a split second, the ripples covered up the large Flames Sparrow that had been formed by the spiritual energy of the elder robed in green...

Bang!

Shockwaves raged, and the Flames Sparrow cried out before it exploded right before the eyes of everyone watching. The elder robed in green turned ghastly pale. His body shook, and he moved one step back. The stone pedestal on the ground cracked and was about to explode.

When the elder robed in green and the other elders saw it, they turned pale and cried out, "Upper Earthly Sovereign?"

Heavenly Sparrow Elder was shocked as well. When he had seen Mandela two months ago, she was only a Half Step to Upper Earthly Sovereign, which was still not very stable. Within two short months, she had become an Upper Earthly Sovereign!

She had surpassed many of the elders in the Nine Netherbird Clan and was on par with the Clan Leader!

Tianhuang Clan Leader was taken aback as well. He looked at Mandela and said in a powerful voice, "I am surprised that the Dominator has reached this level of strength. You deserve more than to dwell in North Territory."

Tianhuang Clan Leader's voice turned into soundwaves and covered the sky. As the soundwaves hit the destructive aura that Mandela's body had exuded, the soundwaves and destructive aura dissipated as though they offset each other.

When Mandela saw it, she squinted and became wary. From the look of it, Tianhuang Clan Leader had reached Upper Earthly Sovereign long ago.

"Tianhuang Clan Leader is too kind."

Mandela said flatly, "Today, I have brought Mu Chen to the Nine Netherbird Clan because of the promise that he has with Heavenly Sparrow Elder. I hope you will honor your words. If we have a falling out, it will not do either of us any good, even if you are more powerful than Daluo Territory."

When the elder robed in green heard it, he turned pale. However, he could not refute her words, as Mandela was indeed powerful.

Tianhuang Clan Leader remained calm and shifted his gaze to look at Mu Chen. He said flatly, "So, you are Mu Chen."

Mu Chen was fearless when he faced the elders of the Nine Netherbird Clan, but when he looked at Tianhuang Clan Leader, he felt guilty, as he was Nine Nether's father.

"Yes, I am Mu Chen. How do you do, Tianhuang Clan Leader." Mu Chen quickly cupped his fist and greeted him.

Tianhuang Clan Leader said flatly, "As the Bloodline Bond between you and Nine Nether was formed in a life threatening situation, I will not blame you for it. However, Nine Nether's bloodline is extremely important to our clan. Since her bloodline is contaminated, it may affect her future evolution."

When Mu Chen heard it, his heart sank. He had never expected the Bloodline Bond to create so many problems for Nine Nether.

"If Nine Nether is able to obtain the Undying Bird's divine blood in the Land of the Divine Beasts, it can remove the contamination and strengthen her bloodline."

Tianhuang Clan Leader looked at Mu Chen and said, "There will be a fierce fight over the opportunities in the Land of the Divine Beasts. The geniuses from different clans will enter in as well, and our clan may not stand a chance. Can you imagine the degree of the fight?"

Mu Chen nodded.

Tianhuang Clan Leader waved his hand and said, "You have two options right now. The first option is to go ahead with what you have agreed to with Heavenly Sparrow. If you manage to get into the fourth place and help Nine Nether perfect her bloodline, we will forget about the Bloodline Bond. You will also have our friendship. Of course, you know how difficult this will be.

"If you do not have the confidence, I will not kill you, since you have saved Nine Nether before. However, you will have to stay in our clan for ten years!"

Tianhuang Clan Leader's eyes turned sharp as he said this. He then stared at Mu Chen and said, "Now, can you tell me what is your decision?"

Everyone in the Nine Netherbird Clan lifted up their heads and stared at the young man who was in the sky. It was apparent that they wished to know what his decision would be.

They felt that the Clan Leader had given Mu Chen the best option. The second option was to spare his life. Although Mu Chen had to be imprisoned for ten years, he could stay alive. At the same time, Nine Nether would not be implicated by the Bloodline Bond.

The two men who sat cross-legged in the square looked up. They stared at Mu Chen with a mocking look.

Such a coward should choose the second option. Otherwise, it would be impossible for him to snatch the fourth place from them.

Mu Chen looked at Tianhuang Clan Leader and then smiled at Nine Nether. In the next instant, he appeared above the square and cupped his fist at the two figures in the square.

"Gentlemen, I am Mu Chen from Daluo Territory. I am here to fight for the last place."

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Chapter 972: The Combat of Physical Bodies

Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan sat in the stones square. They lifted their heads and glanced at Mu Chen, who was right in front of them.

Both of them had undetectable smirks on their faces. It had surprised them that Mu Chen did not pick the second option.

However, Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan did not bother too much about Mu Chen. Instead, they cast their gazes in the direction of the Tianhuang Clan Leader. The latter lowered his eyes and said calmly, "Since he asked for a challenge, both of you can take him up on it."

Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan had a slight change in their expressions, upon hearing his words.

They were unsure why the Tianhuang Clan Leader was asking both of them to take up the challenge at the same time, thinking to themselves, this lad has only a Sovereign Grade Six strength! How does it make sense to activate two persons in one battle?

"Qin Xuan, you lost half a stroke to me previously. So, this time you can take the first shot." Jiang Ya looked at Qin Xuan with a faint smile.

He had a lazy look on his face, as he was not interested in this matter at all. Although the Tianhuang Clan Leader was ambiguous with his words, and there was nothing against the rules about having a battle ration of two against one, Jiang Ya still did not even consider it.

After all, it was a joke to have both of them dealing with a Sovereign Grade Six lad at the same time! Even if they won, there'd be nothing worth bragging about.

Qin Xuan raised his eyebrows. He was not happy, because he knew that Jiang Ya had only been lucky the previous time they'd matched up. If they were really to fight it out with all their might at their current states, it would be hard to predict the winner. Now, this fellow was making use of this fact to climb over him!

Although Qin Xuan was unhappy, he did not argue any further with Jiang Ya. After all, he did not see eye to eye with Mu Chen either. In the younger generation of the Nine Netherbird Clan, many people had a crush on Nine Nether, and he was one of them! Therefore, Qin Xuan did not have a good impression of Mu Chen, as he believed that Mu Chen had brought a stain on their clan.

Various thoughts passed through Qin Xuan's head, as he walked out slowly under the watchful gazes of his clan members. He finally stopped a few yards in front of Mu Chen.

"If I were you, I would have stayed here quietly for 10 years. That would have been a smarter move," said Qin Xuan calmly. He stood in front of Mu Chen, looking formally at him.

"Thank you for the suggestion," Mu Chen said, seeming not to have heard the disparaging remarks. He gave a serious smile and cupped his fist. "Please enlighten me."

"You don't know what's good for you," said Qin Xuan, frowning when Mu Chen dismissed him so lightly.

His anger was growing. So, he did not say anything more.

He took a step out with force. All of a sudden, a powerful spiritual energy exploded from his body, like a raging storm. The spiritual energy contained extreme coldness. Then, the temperature declined rapidly, once it had exploded.

Frost could be seen, spreading from Qin Xuan's feet. Within a few breaths, part of the square was completely covered with the frost.

Mu Chen could sense the powerful spiritual energy that had exploded from Qin Xuan's body. His eyes narrowed. He recalled what Heavenly Sparrow Elder had said, seeing now that what he had said was true! Qin Xuan was definitely more formidable than Liu Qing!

If Liu Qing was at the peak of Sovereign Grade Six, Qin Xuan should be touching the Sovereign Grade Seven level. He possessed a strength that was even more violent than the Sovereign Grade Six.

If Mu Chen had not broken through to Sovereign Grade Six within these last two months, he would have had his hands tied by the oppression from this spiritual energy. However, as he had already achieved his breakthrough, his strength had improved tremendously, compared to two months ago.

Mu Chen's eyes turned sharp, their gentleness having completely disappeared. He lowered both his hands and straightened his body like a spear. A fierce and robust momentum was exuded from him, while he remained still.

The space behind him was slightly twisted. His Sovereign Sea seemed to be showing. As his spiritual energy fluctuation spread, the ice that was rushing into his range melted rapidly.

"It seems like you have a few things up your sleeves."

Sensing the spiritual energy fluctuation that was coming from Mu Chen, Qin Xuan smiled. He flicked his finger, and an endless snow fell from the sky.

Boom!

The next moment, Qin Xuan's body exploded into a violent snowflake. The moment Qin Xuan disappeared, Mu Chen's eyes sharpened. He quickly moved back, while a radiant golden light exploded from his body. He looked like a golden statue, with golden rays of light shining on his skin.

Mu Chen tried to retreat out of the snowfall region, but the snowflakes, which were chasing after him, suddenly sped up. The snowflakes then started to gather, regrouping into a dark figure.

Among the falling snowflakes, a cold ray beamed out and tore the space apart. The beam was pointing at Mu Chen's back and was moving at lightning speed.

The attack was swift. Mu Chen could not turn back in time to defend himself against such a fast and furious offense. So, he could only let that icy beam hit his back with great force.

The light gathered and transformed into slender fingers, from which snowflakes seemed to be falling from the tips. A sharp and cold force was exuded, as if it could penetrate the void.

Qin Xuan appeared behind Mu Chen, his two fingers still pointed at him. He could see the frost starting to gather at Mu Chen's back.

In no time, ice formed and covered Mu Chen's entire body. He would soon be trapped in the ice, and Qin Xuan would then be able to control his life!

Qin Xuan shook his head in disappointment, after he hit Mu Chen with one shot. "He is really vulnerable..."

Boom!

But, as soon as he finished speaking, the surface of Mu Chen's body suddenly shot out golden rays that resembled a scorching sun. As the golden beams swept out, the ice layers on his body burst into pieces.

The sudden change stunned Qin Xuan slightly. Before he could launch another fierce attack, he sensed an extremely overbearing force. Suddenly, he saw faint violet dragon runes appear on Mu Chen's back.

Boom!

Qin Xuan was forced back all of a sudden, as golden rays swept out once again. Mu Chen darted out like a dragon, his palm aimed at Qin Xuan's chest. The palm was accompanied by a daunting force that rippled the space as it swept out.

"So, you want to have close combat with me? If so, you are courting your own death!"

Despite Mu Chen's violent offense, Qin Xuan was not afraid. Instead, he merely smirked. After all, he had a Divine Beast Body, so his physical body was much stronger than those other top powers who only had human bodies.

But, Mu Chen did not retreat, upon hearing these words. Instead, he dashed towards his opponent bravely. In Qin Xuan's eyes, Mu Chen was really courting his own death! The rest of the Nine Netherbird Clan members all shared the same sentiments, each drawing their lips into a mocking smile.

Boom!

Qin Xuan curled his fingers like the claws of an eagle. Then, snowflakes appeared on his fingertips. The snowflakes rotated at a high speed, tearing the space apart. As the golden palm came whistling across the space, it directly collided with the snowflake fingertips.

Boom!

Both Mu Chen and Qin Xuan were shaken by the collision. Mu Chen remained calm, as he had already expected this from Qin Xuan. But, Qin Xuan reacted differently.

His fearsome claw could even strip flesh out from a top power, who was at the peak of Sovereign Grade Six, not to mention a regular Sovereign Grade Six human being.

Still, when he collided with Mu Chen, he had felt that he was clawing on golden steel! Mu Chen's body was so hard!

This lad truly has a formidable physical body!

Qin Xuan was shocked, as he could not believe it. He had a true Divine Beast Body! Any moves he made were powerful enough to shatter a mountain. But now, he could not even gain an advantage over this human with only a Sovereign Grade Six strength.

"Let's see how long you can endure!" Qin Xuan shouted, his eyes surging with coldness.

His spiritual energy exploded violently. He then swept his claws forcefully towards Mu Chen.

Boom! Boom!

Facing Qin Xuan's violent incoming offense, Mu Chen's eyes looked sharp on his youthful face. He did not back down.

His Sovereign Sea appeared behind him, while the space rippled. At the same time, his body glowed even brighter, with golden rays shining all over him. Both of his pupils turned to gold at this time, too. His Dragon-Phoenix Body was being circulated to its maximum.

Although Qin Xuan had a Divine Beast Body, Mu Chen had spent years cultivating his Dragon-Phoenix Body. Not only had he cultivated his Thunder God Physique successfully, but his current Dragon-Phoenix Body was so powerful, he was not afraid to meet a Divine Beast at all!

Mu Chen had had enough of the numerous disparaging looks that had been cast his way ever since he came to the Nine Netherbird Clan. He would win this fight and show them all!

With this thought in mind, Mu Chen's eyes sharpened like a knife. The next moment, he wielded his palm and collided hard again with Qin Xuan.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

As if a storm had just swept across the square, the two figures collided, and each time they hit directly with each other, a low banging sound could be heard. The collisions also rippled out great energetic forces, like invisible sonic waves. The space around them was all badly shaken and twisted.

Countless people around the square witnessed the two figures, who were constantly charging towards each other like two wild beasts. Then, the smirks in their eyes slowly disappeared, and their mouths became wide-open, revealing that they were both stunned.

They could clearly see that the little human figurine was not backing off in the fierce battle between the physical bodies. On the contrary, the small figure grew fiercer!

Had Mu Chen used the strength of his physical body to block Qin Xuan?

How could this be possible?

While they watched in disbelief, while Mu Chen and Qin Xuan continued to battle, the fight finally climaxed in the square, as both punches, containing daunting power, hit against each other with great force. The exploding impact cracked the ground.

The two figures were thrown back by the forceful impact. Two deep cracks were formed on the ground, and both of their feet were stuck in the hard marble floor.

Countless people fixed their gazes on them, while taking in cold breaths. Nobody expected that Qin Xuan, who had a Divine Beast Body, would not be able to gain any advantages from Mu Chen during this close physical combat.

Apparently, the young man, who they previously despised, had a body that was comparable to someone who owned a real Divine Beast Body! Everyone was dumbfounded by his display of strength!

Jiang Ya witnessed everything from outside of the battlefield. He squinted both his eyes and smiled. "Finally, something interesting is happening here. But, if he thinks that he can take away one of the vacancies, he is mistaken. I still must see more, in order to consider him as being qualified for a place in the Nine Netherbird Clan."

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Chapter 973: Tianluo Array

There were two deep trenches on the ground in the huge stone square. At the end of each trench, two figures were freeing their feet, which were stuck in the ground.

Spectators around the square fixed their gazes on the confrontation in the center of the square. The mocking disappeared completely. Apparently, numerous people from the Nine Netherbird Clan were shocked, as Mu Chen had used his physical body to block Qin Xuan's attack.

While everyone was watching Qin Xuan, who was pulling his leg out from the ground, he also took a closer look at Mu Chen. This time, his eyes were filled with seriousness.

In the previous confrontation, he realized that the skinny-looking young man possessed an extreme power. Although Qin Xuan owned a Divine Beast Body, and he had more strength than Mu Chen, he had not gained any advantages in the previous fight.

All this spoke to one thing. Mu Chen was a highly-regarded opponent that he should fight with all his might.

Qin Xuan took a deep breath and spoke slowly. "Looks like it was my misjudgment."

"You're polite."

Mu Chen smiled, but he did not feel proud. Qin Xuan was indeed formidable. He had already circulated his Dragon-Phoenix Body to the maximum just now. Even so, he had not gained much advantage either in the close body combat.

In the past when he fought with the Prince of Netherworld and the rest, he would never lose out in body combat with his Dragon-Phoenix Body. But this time, it was not effective.

Obviously, it was tricky to deal with a top power who possessed a Divine Beast Body.

"To show my apologies, I will be using my full force now."

Qin Xuan stared at Mu Chen. His eyes surged with sharpness again. He stomped his feet, and an ice storm immediately broke out from his body. In the falling snowflakes, a Frosty Giant Sparrow appeared behind Qin Xuan.

Eek!

The giant sparrow flapped its wings as soon as it appeared. A snowstorm swept out as a high-pitched cold shriek resounded through the sky.

Daunting spiritual energy spread out.

"Qin Xuan called out his Divine Beast's form?! Looks like he is going all-out."

"Mu Chen is really something. He has forced Qin Xuan to this extent."

"But the outcome is obvious now."

"..."

As the Frosty Giant Sparrow showed up, everyone started whispering again. From the expressions of the clan members of Nine Netherbird Clan, they had regained their confidence, as they knew Qin Xuan was genuinely formidable when he got serious in a fight.

"Nine Nether Frosty Sparrow?"

Mu Chen also lifted his head to see the gigantic frosty bird behind Qin Xuan. His eyes narrowed. This must be Qin Xuan's actual body. Although it evolved differently and was not as rare as the Nine Netherworld Bird, the strength from the extreme cold was quite tricky, too.

Qin Xuan intended to go all-out now.

Mu Chen looked stern, and he clenched both his fists tightly. Spiritual energy glowed radiantly at the tip of his fingers.

Shoo!

Qin Xuan leaped onto the giant sparrow, his eyes even colder than before. He curled his fingers, and snowflakes quickly gathered in the center of his palm. The next moment, the snowflakes turned into a huge ice bow with ancient snowflake runes running along the bow's length.

When the bow appeared in Qin Xuan's hand, the surrounding aura turned extremely cold. The atmosphere was completely different than compared to before.

Qin Xuan locked his gaze on Mu Chen like an eagle. Without any words, he pulled his bow at lightning speed. At that moment, snowflakes swept out, and a ten-foot-long snow arrow was fixed on the bow.

Blue-colored ice was flickering at the tip of the arrow. It exuded a sharp aura that could penetrate voids silently.

The bow curled up like a rounded full moon. The snow arrow was locked onto Mu Chen. Qin Xuan did not give Mu Chen any time to react as he suddenly released the bow.

Bang!

A white glow flitted across the sky as if snowflakes had burst out. It was shot directly at Mu Chen's forehead at lightning speed.

The moment the arrow was released, Mu Chen's hair stood on end while a chill spread all over him. His eyes flickered with a golden glow. He stomped his feet on the ground and moved his body with all his might a few yards to the left.

Dong!

As Mu Chen dodged, the white glow hit precisely at the spot where he had just been standing. The entire ground collapsed into an ice pit.

Mu Chen reappeared at a distance from the pit. He felt a little stunned as he looked at the hole. He could sense that the rocks in the pit had been eroded by a scary, icy cold aura. Even a gentle touch on the stones would turn them into powder immediately.

The snow arrow was super powerful. The most formidable aspect was its speed. The arrow was so fast and furious, even though Mu Chen did his best to dodge, he was still not far from it.

While Mu Chen was astonished by the power of Qin Xuan's arrow, he heard a faint cracking sound nearby. He lifted his head, and his eyes narrowed. Qin Xuan pulled his bow again while riding on his sparrow. This time, there were three long arrows on the bow. A glowing rune was formed by the snowflakes at each of the arrow tips.

Shoo!

The arrows came whistling loudly. Three white beams flashed across the sky.

Mu Chen hastily stepped back. He circulated his Dragon-Phoenix Body to the maximum. As the golden light shined, a few shadowy figures appeared. The incoming snowflake arrows were instantly broken into two when the figures showed up.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Three banging sounds were heard. Another pit with an icy aura was formed in the stone square. Mu Chen was a little embarrassed when he reappeared somewhere farther away.

Qin Xuan took a look at Mu Chen emotionlessly. Without speaking a word, he again pulled his bow, now with five snow arrows.

Mu Chen frowned when he saw this. If he allowed Qin Xuan to continue pulling his bow like this, there might be a possibility that he could not evade his attack. If he were hit by one arrow, there would be a rainstorm of arrows waiting for him before he was totally defeated.

"This person is even better in his long-range attack."

Mu Chen's eyes flickered. He moved swiftly forward to Qin Xuan. Apparently, he was trying to get close to Qin Xuan, so that he could not use his arrows endlessly.

However, Qin Xuan smiled faintly when he saw Mu Chen's action. He stomped his feet, and the gigantic sparrow lifted up. It flapped hard with its wings. A snowstorm burst out instantly within a 1,000-foot radius. The sparrow continued to flap its wings farther away from Mu Chen at lightning speed. At the same time, a few glowing lights shot out from Qin Xuan's bow again.

Bang!

Another arrow was shot right into the ground in front of Mu Chen. The floor froze up rapidly forcing Mu Chen to step away. He paused his movement and forced himself to move in another direction.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

In the next few minutes, Mu Chen was forced into a difficult predicament as he was trapped by Qin Xuan's snow arrows. Every time he tried to dash closer to Qin Xuan, he would be stopped by the bizarre snow arrows. He could only dodge by shifting his position as he continued to evade the incoming rain of arrows.

The rest of the clan members around the square finally heaved a sigh of relief when they saw this. Over the past few years, countless people had lost out to Qin Xuan due to his arrow offense. Not only did they lose the battle, but they were forced to skip and leap under his attack. It was embarrassing.

By now, everyone knew that Qin Xuan was already undefeatable.

A few of the clan elders who sat on the stone seats nodded in agreement. Although Qin Xuan was a little scoundrel for using such tricks, the world only recognized the outcome. After all, no one would talk about fair play when you met other enemies in the Land of the Divine Beasts.

"Seems like the outcome is fixed." The green-robed elder gave a faint smile and said, "It's not even Jiang Ya's turn yet, and he is already in trouble. I guess Mu Chen cannot be qualified for this vacancy."

Nine Nether clenched her fist tightly. She gritted her teeth as she watched the slender figure running around in the square evading the intensive attack.

She knew that Mu Chen was at an extreme disadvantage now.

This fool, why doesn't he use the Great Solar Undying Body? Nine Nether was feeling anxious for him. If Mu Chen had used his celestial body, he would not have been in such a state, even though he could not beat Qin Xuan immediately.

While Nine Nether was feeling anxious, Tianhuang Elder was watching calmly. He was observing the way Mu Chen was dodging. Suddenly, his eyes narrowed.

"This lad..."

Tianhuang Elder stared hard at Mu Chen, who was dodging all he could. Based on his understanding of spiritual energy control as an upper Earthly Sovereign, he vaguely felt that a stream of spiritual energy was flowing from Mu Chen's foot each time he stepped on the ground.

Tianhuang Elder narrowed his eyes further. Like stargazing, the surroundings turned invisible to him. He tried to squint further.

At that moment, he suddenly saw a huge light array forming right below the ground of the square. Nobody had discovered it since it was hidden under the ground.

Is that a Spiritual Array?

Is he a Spiritual Array Master?!

Tianhuang Elder was stunned. Mu Chen was not forced into a difficult predicament by Qin Xuan. He made use of his evasion to set up a huge Spiritual Array around Qin Xuan without anyone knowing!

While Tianhuang Elder was astonished by what Mu Chen did, Mu Chen, who was evading embarrassingly, suddenly stopped in the center of the square. His feet stomped softly on the ground to inject his last stream of spiritual energy.

"Tired of running, finally?"

Qin Xuan said calmly, "Then let's just end this."

He pulled his bow once again after he finished his sentence. This time, there were ten snowflake arrows gathered on it. A daunting sharp coldness swept out.

Mu Chen lifted his head. He looked at Qin Xuan, who was pulling his bow and a smile surfaced on his youthful face. He said softly, "It's time to end this game with you."

At the end of his last word, Mu Chen stomped his feet hard on the ground.

Dong!

The land below his feet collapsed into pieces. The entire square suddenly emitted radiant light rays. A fearsome spiritual energy fluctuation burst out from the ground.

"Tianluo Array, activate!"

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Chapter 974: Double Spiritual Arrays

Dong!

The spacious stone square suddenly shook violently at this time. Radiant light rays shot out from the square, while the audience watched in awe.

"What's going on?!"

Numerous members from the Nine Netherbird Clan were filled with shock. They stared at the square, realizing quickly that the light rays were circling around Qin Xuan!

"Mu Chen did something!" someone yelled with surprise.

The various clan elders were sitting in their seats, feeling shocked while watching. Their eyes flickered. A moment later, their expressions changed slightly, as they seemed to have discovered something.

Under everyone's attention, Qin Xuan, who was surrounded by the spiritual light rays, watched as the ground below him continued to crack open. A bizarre spiritual energy fluctuation was exuding from the cracks!

The sudden change shocked Qin Xuan. Without any hesitation, he quickly commanded the Nine Nether Frosty Sparrow to take its leave. As the huge wings flapped, a violent snowstorm swept out. Then, the enormous body of the sparrow tried to dart out.

At this point in time, Qin Xuan had already noticed that Mu Chen's embarrassed evasion was really him trying to conceal his real intention. Although he had no idea what Mu Chen did to the surroundings, the most important thing now was to leave the region. Until that time, he would have no reservations, and prove that he could defeat Mu Chen with all his might!

Boom!

The wind howled, as the huge sparrow took its leave swiftly. No one could block its lightning speed.

But, Mu Chen smiled calmly, when Qin Xuan tried to escape. He lifted one of his hands gently.

Weng!

The light rays shone even brighter on the earth. The entire region was shrouded within a thousand-foot-long light shield!

Shoo! Shoo!

As the light shield appeared, countless light rainbows dashed out from it. Strings of large chains, engraved with ancient runes, were sparkling in the light rainbows. As soon as the chains appeared, they enveloped the land instantly, as if a net has been cast over it.

Qin Xuan was stunned by the sudden appearance of the light rainbow chain in the sky. But, before he could make his move, the chains lashed out at him. Within a single breath's time, the chains were fastened to the body of the Nine Nether Frosty Sparrow.

Boom!

The sparrow struggled vigorously. Violent and vibrant spiritual energy exploded from its body. But, no matter how intensely it struggled, the chains did not give in to it. Thus, sparrow was caught.

Qin Xuan was shocked by this scene. He tapped his foot and darted out. But, before he could move, he heard the clicking sound of the chains behind him. The chains then wrapped around his limbs like poisonous snakes!

Bomb! Bomb!

Spiritual energy swept out madly from Qin Xuan's body, as he tried to break the chains. But, the chains kept coming, one after another, like there was no end to them. He was trapped like a moth on a cobweb and could not escape.

"Spiritual Array!"

The sudden change in the situation hardened Qin Xuan's expression. He then realized that, while Mu Chen was evading his attack, he had planted a formidable spiritual array beneath the ground!

"The chain power from this array is so strong, I cannot not break it for the time being. This lad had this planned, right from the start. He intended to use his spiritual array to slow my speed down and defeat me!"

Qin Xuan's eyes flickered non-stop. He only understood Mu Chen's plan now. Mu Chen knew that Qin Xuan was good at launching long-range attacks. Hence, he had planned an array that could trap him and control his lightning speed.

After realizing Mu Chen's plan, Qin Xuan took a few cold breaths. He was apparently shocked by Mu Chen's combat will, as it took him a few moments to be able to think of a way to counter-attack him.

Boom!

Just as Qin Xuan was still in a shock, golden light rays suddenly exploded around Mu Chen. A huge golden figure appeared, with a golden sun hanging behind his head of. The figure was exuding a daunting spiritual energy fluctuation... Mu Chen's Great Solar Undying Body!

Mu Chen did not hesitate in using his sovereign celestial body. As he changed his seal, five golden suns burst out from the body immediately.

Boom!

"Sovereign Super Power, Five Suns Spear!"

Golden rays emitted brightly, then quickly turned into a huge golden spear in the hands of the Great Solar Undying Body. Five scorching suns were rotating at the tip of the spear, and a mighty strength swept out from it.

Qin Xuan's eyes narrowed, as he sensed the fluctuation of that golden spear. With such an attack, he would need to use all of his strength, and even then, he would barely be able to defend against it. But, he was in such a state!

Mu Chen was so cunning. If he had used this tactic right from the start, he would not be embarrassing himself right now. But, it would also have raised Qin Xuan's vigilance, and thus, he would not have had a chance to plant his array!

Boom! Boom!

The huge golden figure stomped down on the land and darted swiftly away. The golden spear was aimed at Qin Xuan, who was using all of his might to break away from the captive.

But, apparently, he was not fast enough. When he looked at the figure closing in, he could not help but yell, "Jiang Ya, how long do you want to just sit there and watch?!"

Jiang Ya was observing the abrupt change in the battle from outside of the battle ring, and his face immediately darkened. The sudden explosion of the combat power from Mu Chen had stunned him.

This lad... He is a Spiritual Array Master!

He has been concealing his talent right from the start!

Jiang Ya pondered these things to himself. Previously, he was acting snobbish and wanted Qin Xuan to deal with Mu Chen first. If he joined in the battle now, it would attract criticism. But, right now, Mu Chen was a dangerous person. If Qin Xuan was defeated, he wasn't sure if he could manage Mu Chen by himself!

If he had asked himself earlier if such were the case, he would have answered "yes" confidently. But now, he had lost that confidence.

Jiang Ya's flickering eyes were fixed on one spot. Without any hesitation, he grabbed his scarlet red spear and darted out. At that moment, a violent spiritual energy exploded from his body like a volcano.

Shoo!

Jiang Ya flit into a light, pointing his spear directly at Mu Chen. Apparently, he planned to be the biggest winner in this battle. Once Mu Chen defeated Qin Xuan, he would grab the opportunity to knock Mu Chen out, thus making him the final winner!

Jiang Ya's action created a commotion among the audience. Some of the clan mates drew their lips tightly, showing their annoyance. Jiang Ya was arrogant, and he had tried take advantage of the situation, while Mu Chen was doing his best to deal with Qin Xuan! However, whether Mu Chen won or not in this battle, none of the people from the clan would dare to belittle him ever again!

As everyone was watching, Jiang Ya rushed into the battle almost immediately. His spiritual energy in his body exploded without any reservation. The vast and majestic spiritual energy gushed towards Mu Chen.

Mu Chen had a slight upperhand, but Jiang Ya's action forced him into an arduous plight once again. After all, he would be facing two difficult situations, whether he choose to continue attacking Qin Xuan or turn around to hunker in a self-defense stance.

The former would give Jiang Ya a chance to knock him out, while the latter would cost him the best chance to win against Qin Xuan. No matter what, both of them would join hands in attacking him. As such, he would not have seemed to have any chance of winning!

All eyes were on Mu Chen. Even the clan elders were staring at him. They wanted to know how Mu Chen would bail himself out of such a plight.

Jiang Ya closed in on Mu Chen, while Mu Chen stood on top of the Great Solar Undying Body. At the corner of his eyes, he could see the incoming figure charging at him. He then lifted his head and saw the struggling Qin Xuan not far away. A smile was drawn at the corner of his lips.

As he smiled, he formed a seal with one hand and mumbled, "Lotus Spiritual Sword Array, activate!"

Weng!

As he finished saying the words, green rays of swords swept out from the outer ring of the Tianluo Array. The whistling sound of the swords resounded throughout the entire land.

More commotions broke out outside of the square. The top powers in the clan were showing shocked expressions. Even the expressions on the few elders changed.

They realized that Mu Chen had planted another array, apart from the Tianluo Array! In fact, just now, he had planted not one, but two arrays!

What's more, the second array was concealed under the first array. Hence, the Tianhuang Elder had not spotted it, since he was not very familiar with arrays. Thus, Mu Chen had successfully hidden it from everyone!

Weng! Weng!

Mu Chen did not bother about the commotion, but instead just flicked his finger. Green lights swept out, then transformed into a huge lotus sword. Immediately, it penetrated through the earth and charged directly at Jiang Ya, who was unprepared.

While the sword was aimed at Jiang Ya, the Five Suns Spear in the hand of the Great Solar Undying Body suddenly paused. Then, it turned in another direction and darted out. As everyone watched in astonishment, the golden spear appeared in front of Jiang Ya, then thrust out at him!

The spear and the sword had sealed off all of his escape routes. Seeing this, Jiang Ya's face paled immediately.

He finally understood now that Mu Chen was not targeting Qin Xuan right from the start. He was instead waiting for him to enter into the battle!

The hidden and inactive array was put in place to guard against him! So, if Jiang Ya joined in the fight, he would land himself into a desperate situation!

Mu Chen truly has a scary combat will!

A chill crept into Jiang Ya, as he realized that both he and Qin Xuan would lose to Mu Chen in this confrontation!

Boom!

As Jiang Ya paled, both the golden spear and the lotus sword charged at him. Their combined daunting spiritual energy exploded in front of him. The entire space was torn mercilessly at this point.

Jiang Ya's defense had collapsed, and he was thrown entirely out of the square by the explosion. He landed far away, leaving a deep crack in the ground.

Jiang Ya lay in a pool of blood within the crack. His breathing was weak. Apparently, he had suffered from significant injuries. If Mu Chen had used his full force during the previous attack, which included a spiritual array of high earth grade and the full blast of the Great Solar Undying Body, he could have easily Jiang Ya! Even so, Jiang Ya had no strength left to battle any further.

Previously, Jiang Ya had entered into the battle arrogantly, planning to steal an advantage and force Mu Chen into despair. But now, everyone who watched was dumbfounded, as he had been totally defeated!

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Chapter 975: The Last Vacancy

Dust was all around the square. Everything was a mess. Outside of the square, the spectators kept unusually quiet. They were staring at the square in bewilderment. They could not believe their eyes.

They never expected that Mu Chen had a secret move up his sleeve. Jiang Ya was, instead, defeated the moment he entered the battle.

And it had only taken less than a minute!

The Nine Netherbird clan members looked at one another as their expressions turned solemn. They all knew that anyone would be a moron if they continued to look down on Mu Chen, thinking that he was just a human being.

The strokes he used on Qin Xuan and the deadly moves he used on Jiang Ya gave them all chills.

The elders turned quiet as they sat in their seats. Even the green-robed elder, who was unhappy with Mu Chen, had a mixed expression on his face. He could no longer say anything against him.

Phew.

Nine Nether quietly let out a sigh of relief. She felt consoled, as she could tell that Mu Chen had been well-prepared before he came to the Nine Netherbird clan. At least he managed to activate two arrays, which she had never seen before.

Moreover, Mu Chen had another breakthrough in his strength. He had finally reached Grade Six Sovereign. This had significantly increased his combat strength.

She looked at the slender and young-looking figure in the square. Nine Nether's feelings were complicated. The young man had grown up unknowingly under her control. Now he had grown into a man who was on par with her.

Maybe it would not take too long for this young man to surpass her.

Nine Nether peeked at her father when she thought of this. But her father was watching the square calmly. He seemed peaceful. However, based on Nine Nether's understanding of her father, she could sense that Tianhuang Elder was looking deep with his eyes.

Mu Chen did well in this battle. Hence, even Tianhuang Elder, who was known to be strict, was also stunned and could not be picky about Mu Chen.

All eyes were on the square while Mu Chen stood on top of the Great Solar Undying Body. He looked at Jiang Ya, who was already out of the battle. His face was also filled with surprise.

He was surprised that the Lotus Spiritual Sword Array was more powerful than he thought. It was an Earth Grade High Ranked Spiritual Array, so it was quite threatening to a Grade Six Sovereign. However, Jiang Ya was reaching Grade Seven Sovereign. He should be more powerful than those top powers who had only the strength of a Grade Six Sovereign. Mu Chen had not been very sure he could beat Jiang Ya previously. But now, it seemed that the effect was extremely good.

The only downside of this array was it was time-consuming. However, the power it displayed was tyrannical. If an Earth Grade Spiritual Array could show such force, Mu Chen wondered what a Heavenly Grade Spiritual Array would be like.

He imagined that even a Grade Seven Sovereign top power would suffer a huge loss under the overbearing power of the Heavenly Grade Spiritual Array.

Mu Chen stopped all his thoughts at this point. He turned around and swept his calm gaze at Qin Xuan across the square.

Qin Xuan had broken off most of the light rainbow chains. The Nine Nether Frosty Sparrow had almost broken free from captivity, too. The Tianluo Array was not strong in its offense. Its primary function was to bind and trap. However, it could not trap Qin Xuan for too long since he was almost a Grade Seven Sovereign, while the Tianluo Array was only an Earth Grade High Ranked Spiritual Array.

However, in a confrontation where only strong opponents were present, Qin Xuan would have been killed hundreds of times during this period.

Qin Xuan sensed Mu Chen's gaze, and he could not help but shiver. Even though Mu Chen seemed to be calm, Qin Xuan still felt wary of him.

"We are the only ones left."

Mu Chen gave a smile to Qin Xuan while standing on top of the Great Solar Undying Body. He stomped his feet. The body exploded with radiant golden rays once again. Five scorching suns burst out from its body. Golden rays started to gather in the Great Solar Undying Body's palms and transformed into a 1,000-foot-long golden spear.

The spear was slowly lifted up and aimed straight at Qin Xuan. Daunting oppression emanated from it.

Qin Xuan's expression hardened.

"My apologies."

Mu Chen laughed, and he did not give Qin Xuan any chance to break off his chains. He grabbed the last opportunity to launch a full-force attack so that he could end this battle completely.

Boom!

Mu Chen had just finished his sentence, and the golden lights swept out from his Sovereign Celestial Body. They approached Qin Xuan rapidly. The golden spear struck out forcefully.

As the golden light rippled, space burst into cracks under the spear's attack. The ground seemed to have been dug up in the square, and there were tracks in the soil.

Qin Xuan watched as the golden light approached him. He gritted his teeth and stomped his feet. The Nine Nether Frosty Sparrow let out a loud cry and spat out a dark blue cold breath.

Qin Xuan also spat out a mouthful of blood. A spiritual light flickered in the blood and swiftly merged with the cold breath. The surroundings immediately turned cold. Dark blue light exploded in front of Qin Xuan and transformed into a dark blue tortoiseshell. On the shell, ancient ice runes appeared.

"Black Tortoise Shield!"

Boom!

As the dark blue ice tortoiseshell was formed, the golden spear had already struck the tortoiseshell with destructive force.

Bang!

An indescribable impact wave burst out, and the ground below cracked into lines. A sun rose slowly at the intersection of the spear and the tortoiseshell.

As the sun rose, cracks started to appear on the spear in the celestial body's hands. The cracks spread until finally, the spear could no longer resist the impact and burst into pieces.

But when the spear burst, the dark blue ice tortoiseshell also fell apart.

As the spear and the tortoiseshell crumbled together into pieces, Mu Chen had a sharp radiance in his eyes. The next moment, he turned into a light beam and darted out into the shockwave.

As Mu Chen charged, the chains on Qin Xuan also were broken into pieces by the shockwave. Without any hesitation, he staggered back. At the same time, the huge icy bow reappeared in his hands.

He pulled the bow immediately in one swift action. It was so fast, that before the wave disappeared, a huge snowflake arrow with blood staining it was ready to fire. It was exuding an icy cold pressure that could freeze the space.

Qin Xuan was ready to fire his arrows, but before he could release them, his eyes narrowed. The space in front of him rippled, and a long slender finger with spiritual light flickering on it appeared in front of him. The finger gently touched his forehead.

The fingers pulling the bow froze.

Mu Chen showed up in front of Qin Xuan with his finger pointing in between Qin Xuan's brows. He was looking at Qin Xuan calmly and quietly. He did not seem to mind the snowflake arrow in front of him.

Qin Xuan also fixed his gaze on Mu Chen. They looked at each other. Qin Xuan shivered, as he knew that Mu Chen would burst his head the moment he released his arrow.

Mu Chen did not hesitate.

The spectators held their breaths as they watched the breathtaking fight outside the square. They had not expected that the battle would turn out to be so dangerous.

They kept still for less than a minute, and Qin Xuan could no longer take the stress. He let out a helpless sigh. The arrow on the bow slowly disappeared.

Qin Xuan stared at Mu Chen and said bitterly, "You win." He knew that although this confrontation seemed to be a draw, Mu Chen could have killed him in a single blow the moment he released his arrow.

If this had been a life-and-death match, Mu Chen could have just killed him without any hesitation.

A smile showed up on Mu Chen's calm face upon hearing his words. He took back his finger slowly and cupped his fist at Qin Xuan. "Thank you."

His gentle voice and the smile on his handsome face seemed to be harmless, but Qin Xuan, who had just gone through the match, knew him very well. Mu Chen was a decisive and ruthless man behind that harmless smile.

This human being who had a blood tie with Nine Nether was not as weak and useless as they had previously thought. He possessed moves that were far beyond what anyone could imagine.

Moreover, Qin Xuan had a hunch. He believed that Mu Chen must have had more secret moves up his sleeves in the previous confrontation. He felt a chill in his spine. What would happen if Mu Chen showed all his cards?

He was not an ordinary man.

Qin Xuan secretly let out a sigh of admiration. As proud as he was, he had no choice but to make good comments about Mu Chen.

Mu Chen took two steps back while Qin Xuan was still admiring him in his heart. While the rest were still in shock, Mu Chen looked at the head of the clan and smiled at him.

"Tianhuang Elder, I shall gladly accept the last vacancy, then."

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Chapter 976: Ink Blade and Ink Ring

"Tianghuan Clan Leader, it would be disrespectful of me to decline the last slot."

Mu Chen's voice spread around the square and drew countless varying reactions from the crowd, yet no one dared mock him. This was because Mu Chen's previous performance had not only convinced them, but it had also left the cautious elders speechless for some time! They certainly hadn't thought that he would have ever been able to defeat Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan!

"This guy, Mu Chen, is actually qualified to represent the Nine Netherbird clan in entering the Land of the Divine Beasts..."

Some people from the Nine Netherbird clan nodded silently. Judging from Mu Chen's fighting force, which he had shown previously, only Ink Blade and Nine Nether could transcend him among the young generation from the Nine Netherbird clan.

The crux of the matter really lay in the fact that Mu Chen only had the strength of a Grade Six Sovereign! As for Ink Blade and Nine Nether, the former had reached the strength of Grade Seven Sovereign for many years, while the latter managed to achieve a breakthrough after receiving an inheritance force from the clan.

Hence, Mu Chen's potential was extremely huge. If he could make a breakthrough again in the Land of the Divine Beasts, it would mean his advancing to Grade Seven Sovereign, which would enable him to truly having a fighting chance against a supreme talent from the Divine Beasts clan!

As they were sitting on the stone seats, the elders of Nine Netherbird saw the people from the clan whispering and looking at each other. The elders could only smile silently.

Heavenly Sparrow Elder shifted his attention from Mu Chen to an elder robed in green, who had always held objections. Heavenly Sparrow Elder then laughed. "Green elder, I suppose you won't be objecting again, right?"

The elder robed in green looked pale. After a long while, he said, "This person's strength is acceptable, but he is still only a human being after all. Isn't it inappropriate for him to enter the Land of the Divine Beasts?"

"Although he is a human being, he has a blood bond with Nine Nether, so his entering the Land of Divine Beasts will not be a problem," Heavenly Sparrow Elder said.

The elder was speechless. Looking at Heavenly Sparrow Elder's mocking face, he brushed his sleeve and said, "Then, I hope that he won't prove himself incompetent in the Land of Divine Beasts!"

Heavenly Sparrow Elder did not care about the angry elder anymore. Instead, he turned his gaze towards the Tianhuang Clan Leader, waiting for his final verdict.

The Tianhuang Clan Leader's expression was calm, as his palm gently touched the back of his chair. After a while, he said lightly, "We are a clan that keeps its promises. Since you defeated Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan, my clan's fourth slot for entering the Land of Divine Beasts shall be yours."

The Tianhuang Clan Leader's speech made Mu Chen feel relieved. Although the Land of Divine Beasts was a great opportunity for him, the thing that he prioritized most was actually being able to help Nine Nether solve the problems regarding her blood bond in the Land of Divine Beasts.

Nine Nether's blood was mired because of him. So, if he could not help Nine Nether to resolve this hidden danger, it would cause him great anxiety and guilt.

"Thank you so much, Tianhuang Clan Leader!" he said gratefully.

Holding one of his fists with his other hand, Mu Chen thanked the leader respectfully. He knew that, at least for now, he had staved off the disaster caused by the blood bond temporarily. This was the best

outcome he could have expected, since he did not have to leave the Daluo Territory, and because Nine Nether also did not have to stand between him and her clan, which would have put her in a difficult position.

The Tianhuang Clan Leader was looking at Mu Chen from a great height, his face, which was always expressionless, finally picked up a weak smile, as he said, "Your attendance pleases me. This respect that you have shown by your coming here is incomparable even to the feat of you defeating Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan."

Mu Chen was shocked and humbled by his words.

"If a man is unable to bear his responsibilities, and only seeks to escape when he encounters obstacles, it is difficult for him to become great, no matter how talented he may be."

The Tianhuang Clan Leader was looking at Mu Chen satisfactorily with his brooding eyes, then he continued, "Although I rarely forcibly make decisions for Nine Nether, if you couldn't be here at the appointed time, then I would have cut off the blood bond between you and Nine Nether. At that time, no matter where you fled, we would have found you. But... I'm glad that I now will not need to use such a fierce method. I now see that Nine Nether is pretty good at judging people, after all."

At the end of the conversation, The Tianhuang Clan Leader nodded lightly. His words were self-evident, showing his recognition of Mu Chen. As for the surrounding Nine Netherbird Elders, they looked at Mu Chen strangely. This was because they were familiar with their leader's judgement. In all of these years, only a few people of the younger generation within the clan had been able to gain his recognition. Judging from the Tianhuang Clan Leader's comments to Mu Chen, he was obviously very satisfied with Mu Chen.

On the other side, Nine Nether also looked at her father incredulously. It seemed that she had also not expected that he would give such a compliment to Mu Chen.

She patted her chest gently, thinking that it was fortunate that Mu Chen did not go and hide in the Daluo Territory as she had suggested. Otherwise, her father would have gotten a bad impression of Mu Chen, which would have made it nearly impossible for him to accept Mu Chen. As for the blood bond, that would have been a disaster!

Thinking of this, Nine Nether could not help but glance at Mu Chen. As she did so, she realized that the latter was looking towards her at that exact moment, too. Mu Chen grinned, hoping to put her mind at ease.

After all, for what Nine Nether had proposed to him before, he did not blame her at all. Of course, he had no reason to blame her, as Nine Nether's proposal was completely of pure intent, as she had just been trying to look out for him.

The Tianhuang Clan Leader seemed to have not seen Mu Chen and Nine Nether making eye contact with each other, as he said softly, "Besides, the Land of Divine Beasts is a treasure land among the Spiritual Beasts World. Although there are many opportunities, there are also endless dangers. During ancient times, when the Extraterritorial Race destroyed the Land of Divine Beasts, their evil forces also invaded the land. Even now, that evil has not dissipated, so there will inevitably be many unforeseen events that will occur under the influence of these evil forces."

Mu Chen listened and nodded. This was not his first time encountering the Extraterritorial Race's evil forces. Therefore, he already knew how tricky and strange these forces, which did not belong to the Great Thousand World, could be.

"Of course, the most dangerous threat in the Land of Divine Beasts are still those supreme clan leaders in other Spiritual Beasts clans and Divine Beasts clans. So, you must watch out for them," the Tianhuang Clan Leader concluded.

Mu Chen nodded once again. From his experience of fighting this time, he already understood that the talents of these powerful Spiritual Beasts clans and Divine Beast clans were tough. Moreover, he now saw that Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan were tougher than even the Prince of Netherworld, Fang Yi, and many others.

And, these two people were not even considered to be the best fighters among the young generation in the Nine Netherbird clan! Judging from this fact alone, one could only imagine how strong the supreme talents from the clans were!

Mu Chen concluded that, if he wanted to help Nine Nether snatch the Undying Bird's divine blood, a brutal fight probably could not be avoided. But, no matter how hard it was, he was determined that he would do his best. After all, Nine Nether had helped him so much during these last few years, so now, it was time for him to repay her.

"Within my race, there are three people, besides you, who are entering the Land of Divine Beasts." The Tianhuang Clan Leader then looked at Nine Nether, who stood beside him. He then said, "Nine Nether is one of them. As for the other two, you should get to know them, too."

Mu Chen felt curious now, as he also wanted to know who the other two talents were.

Swoosh!

Just when the Tianhuang Clan Leader's voice faded out, there was a light that began to shine outside the square, then quickly appeared inside the square. Immediately thereafter, two silhouettes of human figures bowed and greeted the Tianhuang Clan Leader respectfully. Out of curiosity, Mu Chen's attention was focused upon this scene.

The two human figures were a man and a woman. The man's body was slender and looked extremely handsome, but his expression was indifferent. He had no reaction to Mu Chen's stare. Instead, his face was apathetic.

Even though this man's attitude was one of indifference, Mu Chen could feel a strong oppression coming from his body. That sense of oppression made Mu Chen feel shocked. This man's capability was actually able to rival Lord Asura's! Apparently, this indifferent man had reached the strength of a Grade Seven Sovereign!

Standing beside this man was a dainty girl, who was wearing a purple shirt. With her elegant face and ponytail hairstyle, she emitted a youthful and lively aura. Noticing Mu Chen's gaze, she turned her head and smiled at him. She then examined Mu Chen with her friendly eyes.

Ink Ring waved her fist, and with a smile that showed her white canine teeth, she said, "My name is Ink Ring, and this is my brother, Ink Blade. We witnessed your battle just now, and it was impressive."

"Thank you very much," said Mu Chen.

Mu Chen smiled back politely, but he still felt a bit shocked. Ink Blade's power was very shocking. He must be the only one who could compete with Nine Nether, since he was considered to be the best among the Nine Netherbird race.

However, Ink Ring only had the ordinary strength of a Grade Six Sovereign, and being weaker than Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan, how could she become one of the four selected people?

Obviously, Mu Chen still had some doubts. But, Ink Blade couldn't care less about those doubts, as he just turned his head and looked at him, then said, "Since you have won the fourth place, we are now to be companions in the Land of Divine Beasts. I hope we are able to help each other in the future."

Although he talked in a friendly manner, the coldness in his face did not diminish. This feeling of disharmony made Mu Chen feel embarrassed. However, he could feel that Ink Blade was not actually against him, but that his demeanor was just one of a strange temper...

"My brother has always been like this! I hope you don't mind." Ink Ring, who was standing beside him, immediately explained her brother's moodiness, hoping to avoid Mu Chen's misunderstanding it.

"It's okay," replied Mu Chen.

Mu Chen smiled, indicating that he understood. During their first meeting, he had a good impression on the siblings. At least they easier to interact with than Jiang Ya and the others!

On top of the stone seat, seeing the meeting of the two sides, the Tianhuang Clan Leader nodded and waved, his clear-cut voice resounding throughout the audience.

"Mu Chen you will stay here for now. In ten days, the Land of Divine Beasts will be completely opened. At that time, the four of you will represent us, the Nine Netherbird clan, in entering the Land of Divine Beasts!"

Listening to him, Mu Chen, Ink Blade, Ink Ring and Nine Nether, who was standing in front, saluted him solemnly.

"Yes, Clan Leader!"

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Chapter 977: Entering the Land of the Divine Beasts

When Mu Chen defeated Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan, the last entry of the Nine Netherbird was completely in his hands. After that, he did not leave but instead stayed in the Nine Netherworld to wait for the opening of the Land of the Divine Beasts.

While staying in the Nine Netherworld, Mu Chen, with Nine Nether's help, found a place to stay. He avoided contact with the outside world, so that he could cultivate in peace. He understood that he had indicated his own strength in the previous battle with Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan. However, for the ethnic groups in the Nine Nether Clan, it was a little hard for them to accept Mu Chen, who was an outsider, in this short amount of time.

Therefore, rather than feeling embarrassed, Mu Chen took the time to cultivate and strive for the divine blood of the Primordial Undying Bird to help Nine Nether in the Land of the Divine Beasts. After all, he came to the Nine Netherbird Clan not to obtain some so-called friendship, but only to help Nine Nether, nothing more.

Therefore, in the days that he spent in the Nine Netherworld, Mu Chen was never in contact with the people in the Nine Netherbird clan. However, Nine Nether often came during the week to talk to him about the progress and the things that had happened in the Land of the Divine Beasts.

Time rapidly passed in this peaceful manner and soon, ten days had gone by.

On the tenth day, the first rays of the sun scattered the clouds and shined on the fabulous Nine Nether Mountain. Mu Chen, who was sitting cross-legged in the house, suddenly open his eyes. A sharp color emerged in his black pupils.

He gazed out the window. At this time, the entire Nine Nether Mountain seemed to be boiling. The overwhelming sound of the wind was ringing through the sky. Obviously, the Land of the Divine Beasts had opened. For the entire Nine Netherbird Clan, it was a great event.

Immediately, with a sudden change of his look and a twist of his body, Mu Chen appeared directly in the courtyard outside the house. He saw that not far away, a beautiful figure was rushing towards him, finally stopping in the courtyard. Judging from the slender and sexy figure, naturally it was Nine Nether.

"Let's go. The Land of the Divine Beasts is appearing soon." When Nine Nether looked at Mu Chen, she had a beautiful and bright smile on her pretty face. After solving the scourge of the blood bond, Nine Nether had obviously relaxed quite a bit. She no longer needed to be the same as before, always worried from the bottom of the heart.

Mu Chen nodded with a smile. He headed to the sky without talking. Then, under Nine Nether's lead, he quickly sprinted towards the top of the unparalleled Nine Nether Mountain peak.

In the course of the journey, there were countless lights whistling by. These were the people of the Nine Netherbird Clan who were rushing to the top of the mountain. Although the number of entries to the Land of the Divine Beasts was limited, this did not hinder the desire of these people to go to the Land of the Divine Beasts.

Mu Chen and Nine Nether quickly swept past and after ten minutes, entered the area above the mountain. Afterwards, they slowly floated down to the mountain's peak.

At this time, the top of the mountain was already crowded with people. In the center-most square, Tianhuang Clan Leader was leading the elders to stand while holding hands. Beside them was Mandela. Unlike how they were towards Mu Chen, the Nine Netherbird Clan was extremely polite towards Mandela. After all, she was a real Upper Earthly Sovereign. With her strength, not only among the Nine Netherbird Clan, but even among the super top forces of the Great Thousand World, she could easily become an honored guest.

In front of Tianhuang Clan Leader, Ink Blade and Ink Ring had also arrived.

Under the gathering of countless eyes, Mu Chen and Nine Nether's vision fell to Ink Blade. Ink Blade was indifferent to this. He was not looking at them and wore a cold look that did not care about anything. Ink Ring, however, gave Mu Chen a youthful and pretty smile.

Tianhuang Clan Leader saw the four people gathered together and nodded slightly. Then he looked at the sky and said, "The Land of the Divine Beasts will soon appear. When I open up the space with the elders, then the four of you will take the opportunity to enter."

Mu Chen and the other three people nodded together as they listened.

Tianhuang Clan Leader looked at Mu Chen and said, "The Land of the Divine Beasts is in the void space. There is spatial turbulence that will certainly kill you if you are caught up in it. Since you have never entered the Land of the Divine Beast and have little understanding of it, you need to always stay close to Nine Nether after you enter."

"Roger." Mu Chen nodded. He had been in a lot of danger in the past few years, so he was also very clear about the dangers contained in the Land of the Divine Beasts. Naturally, he would not act rashly.

Seeing this, Tianhuang Clan Leader stopped talking and just looked up at the sky to wait for the best moment to start.

Mandela approached Mu Chen at this time and smiled. "When you enter the Land of the Divine Beasts, I will return to the Daluo Territory. If you came back successfully, the Nine Netherbird Clan will send you back to the North Territory."

She paused and added, "After you leave, I will use the Starry Suppression Tower to find the Ancient Celestial Palace. I will try to give you some clear information when you return."

She knew that the reason Mu Chen had come to the North Territory was because of the Great Solar Undying Body that was hidden in the Ancient Celestial Palace. Since she had received so much help from Mu Chen, she felt she should also help Mu Chen reach his goal.

"Thank you."

Sure enough, as she expected, Mu Chen could not help but feel happy after hearing this. The Primordial Immortal Body was too important to him, so he had to find it in the Ancient Celestial Palace and obtain the Great Solar Undying Body no matter what.

"When receiving people's money, we must always return the favor." Mandela smiled but immediately she became serious again. "But I have to remind you in advance that if the Ancient Celestial Palace really appears, there will definitely be chaos in Tianluo Continent. I don't know how many forces will be coming for it at that time. The competition will be far beyond your imagination."

"And, you are not the only one who has their eyes on the evolutionary cultivation of the Great Solar Undying Body..."

Mu Chen's eyes suddenly narrowed. Seeing Mandela's serious look, he suddenly recalled some of the information she had said at the beginning... In this world, he was not the only one who practiced the Great Solar Undying Body.

There were also other people with opportunities who had obtained the cultivation method of the Great Solar Undying Body. They must be the most amazing people, and they would be the biggest obstacle to Mu Chen's obtaining the Primordial Immortal Body.

This was because no matter how many people were cultivating the Great Solar Undying Body, ultimately there could only be one person who could evolve into the Primordial Immortal Body.

The competition in this journey would surpass Mu Chen's imagination in terms of cruelty of competition and the survival of the fittest... This was a big opportunity for Mu Chen, but it was also a big crisis at the same time.

"Your strength is enough to be top notch in the younger generation in the North Territory, but it is not enough," Mandela said seriously.

Mu Chen nodded. The North Territory was just a glimpse of the Tianluo Continent, not to mention other places. Even in the younger generation of the Nine Netherbird Clan, the strength of his Grade Six Sovereign level was not outstanding. Therefore, he naturally understood that with his current strength, it was not enough to fight for the opportunities in the Ancient Celestial Palace.

"By letting you go to the Land of the Divine Beast this time, I want you to seize the opportunity. In any case, you must cultivate your Dragon-Phoenix Body to the second level," Mandela said.

"I understand."

He nodded slowly at Mandela with a dignified look. If he could break through to Grade Seven Sovereign in the Land of the Divine Beasts, plus the second level of the Dragon-Phoenix Body, he would not have to feel afraid even he needed to face a Grade Eight Sovereign. Only with the strength of the Grade Eight Sovereign could one be qualified to be a strong person in the entire Tianluo Continent.

He knew that Mandela just wanted to remind him not to take things lightly. Even though he had not seen the opponents who practiced the Great Solar Undying Body, he could imagine that they must very amazing individuals. Otherwise, they would not be able to cultivate the Great Solar Undying Body to this level.

Seeing this, Mandela stopped talking and turned away.

Watching Mandela, his look became more dignified. He originally thought that as long as he found the Ancient Celestial Palace, he should be able to get the evolutionary cultivation method of the Great Solar Undying Body. However, Mandela had sounded the alarm. If his strength was not great enough, the law of evolution could be easily snatched by others, even if he found it.

"It seems that I have to gain something in the Land of the Divine Beasts." The palm of Mu Chen's hand gradually tightened, and his eyes became sharp. Even though the battles he was going to face would be even more cruel, in order to be able to get the evolutionary cultivation of the Great Solar Undying Body, he could only do his best now.

Weng!

Just when Mu Chen's thoughts were settled, suddenly there was a storm brewing between the sky and the earth. When he quickly looked up, he saw that the space was like a rippling wave of water, with circles of ripples continuously diffusing.

As the ripples vibrated, there seemed to be countless ancient images full of prehistoric elements passing through the void.

Seeing this, Tianhuang Clan Leader, who had been preparing for a long time, suddenly screamed, "Attack!" Immediately, a light ray tens of thousands of meters wide directly shot out from his crown. Within the light ray, an incomparably huge red bird figure was visible, burning with a heavenly flame that seemed as if it could burn out a world.

Pew! Pew!

The moment the Tianhuang Clan Leader attacked, the other elders of the Nine Netherbird Clan also immediately followed. As a result, lots of light rays rushed towards the sky at the moment and finally the bombarded at the void.

When the few Earthly Sovereigns attacked together, the space was actually slowly torn apart. Within the crack was only darkness, but there was an ancient wilderness gas leaking out.

When the gas spread, it seemed as if there were countless roars of beasts coming from that ancient place.

Veins appeared on Tianhuang Clan Leader's arm. His eyes suddenly turned to Mu Chen and the others. He shouted, "Go!"

Ink Blade grabbed Ink Ring and dashed straight up. Nine Nether was also able to grasp Mu Chen's arm, and both of them turned into lights before rushing towards the sky. Finally, they projected themselves without hesitation into the void that had been forcibly torn open.

Boom!

The moment Nine Nether and the others entered, the space that had been torn apart spurted out an extremely horrifying turbulence. Under the turbulent turmoil, the spiritual light ray condensed by the Earthly Sovereigns suddenly broke down.

"The space turbulence is so violent."

Tianhuang Clan Leader and others stopped attacking together. Looking at the nonentity space that quickly disappeared, they could not help but sigh. Even with so many people, they could only tear apart the nonentity space of the Land of the Divine Beasts for such a short moment.

Tianhuang Clan Leader and other people looked up. Watching the place where Mu Chen and the others had disappeared, they could only sigh. In those places where competition was cruel, it was uncertain whether they would get the opportunity. In the past, there were times when the Nine Netherbird Clan themselves returned empty handed or even in ruin.

"We can only wait and hope that they can return safely this time."

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Chapter 978: Blood Spirit Soil

It was a land of darkness, which made one feel ultimately repressed and heavy.

Zoom!

The gloomy silence, which had lasted for quite some time, was finally broken all of a sudden. Waves then crashed through the void, bursting out like a streamer into the dark space.

Four shades of shadows emerged, standing high up in this space, as surges of spiritual energy enfolded their bodies. After they observed their surroundings vigilantly for a few moments, they tuned down the Spiritual Light that was around their bodies.

As their Spiritual Energy gradually dimmed, their silhouettes slowly became more apparent. It was none other than Nine Nether, Mu Chen, Ink Blade and Ink Ring!

"So, this is the Land of the Divine Beasts?" Mu Chen looked into the space, startled. Everywhere his vision could reach was filled with darkness, it was not even close to being the Land of Divine Beasts that others had described.

"This is the void where the Land of Divine Beasts is placed within," replied Nine Nether, as she looked around solemnly. Then, gazing far away, she muttered deeply, "In a void like this, spiritual energies can be destroyed by the darkness. As such, if we're exposed to this void for too long, our own spiritual energies will also be broken down and destroyed. In the end, we will fall and be unable to leave this place."

As soon as Mu Chen heard this, he was appalled. He quickly sensed that the spiritual energy being emitted from his body was already being broken down, albeit at an extremely slow speed.

The most fearsome part was that there seemed to be no way of directly absorbing spiritual energy in this void. Thus, the energy in one's body was hard to replenish.

"At this rate, before we even find the Land of the Divine Beasts, all of our spiritual energies might have already been utterly exhausted."

Mu Chen frowned. Although he was taken aback by the strangeness of this void, he refused to be too alarmed. Since the Nine Netherbird Clan had an understanding of this place, he presumed that they were prepared for it.

As expected, Ink Ring, who stood at his side, chuckled and replied, "Big Brother Mu Chen, don't you worry. We're just waiting for our steed. Soon, we'll be sprinting past this void, reaching the Land of Divine Beasts."

"Steed?"

Mu Chen was dazed and confusion arose within him.

In this land, where there is hardly any existence of life, what kind of steed are they talking about?

But, even though he was confused, Mu Chen did not question them further.

I will just follow whatever they decide.

Thinking this way, he then calmed himself down and waited silently. His wait did not last too long.

He flinched, then suddenly looked to his left, only to see ripples unfolding in the darkness. In the next moment, he saw a boulder, almost as wide as a hundred feet, silently sweeping across the darkness. It was charging in their direction, like a speeding meteorite!

"This is our steed..." Nine Nether grinned at Mu Chen. "We'll be transported on this. Now, we'll be able to find the Land of the Divine Beasts floating within this void."

Mu Chen mouth gaped open, then he finally shared a wry smile. Who would have thought that looking for the Land of Divine Beasts would require such an exceptional method! He was lucky to have someone leading him, because those who intruded randomly would most certainly just wither and die here in this void!

"We must mount it on this boulder, or else we'll have to wait for the second one, which won't appear for at least a half a day, maybe even one or two days!" Nine Nether reminded them carefully.

Mu Chen was shocked, then nodded quickly. If they waited a couple of days, their spiritual energy would have almost completely decomposed! If any difficulties arose on top of this, they would really risk the fate of being lost forever in this place!

As they spoke, the boulder whizzed through, rapidly approaching in front of them. It was at that moment that the four impetuously projected themselves forward, landing steadily on the boulder. By surging their spiritual energy, they mounted effortlessly on the surface of the boulder.

Zoom.

The boulder quivered a little, then drifted past the dark void, charging ahead into a land far away. Upon landing on the boulder, Mu Chen realized that the enormous stone seemed to radiate with an exceptional force field. The force field was shielding them from all of the decomposing energy within the void!

Regarding this encounter, Mu Chen was only able to admire it silently. When he looked at Nine Nether and the others, he was startled. This was because, after the other three landed on the boulder, they had quickly spread out, eagerly searching every inch of the boulder.

Mu Chen was baffled by their actions, but did not say another word to disturb them. After a while, Ink Ring squealed with joy. As she cupped her tiny hands, one could see that the ground sparkled with bursts of blood rays. As the last blood ray escaped the ground, it landed on Ink Ring's petite hand. Meanwhile, Nine Nether and Ink Blade returned empty-handed.

"What is this thing?" Glancing at Ink Ring, who was beaming in contentment, Mu Chen could not resist asking.

Ink Ring giggled and spread open her palms. Within a glimmering ray of blood, there lay a piece of soil that was as large as a fist. It was a shade of bright red, as if had been stained by blood. It even seemed to exude a vile pungent smell of blood.

As soon as Mu Chen came in contact with the odor, he felt that the vital energy and blood within his body had suddenly culminated. There was a surge of a mystery sensation that rushed through his mind, making him feeling an overwhelming desire to swallow this very piece of soil!

"This is the Blood Spirit Soil! Legend has it that in the ancient times, the mighty people of the Land of Divine Beasts envisioned plans of forming extraterritorial races. Before the extermination came, they conducted a self-destruction using their bodies, in hopes to stop it. Hence, within this Blood Spirit Soil, there remains a trace of blood essence of the these mighty people. This soil is edible, and after one consumes it, it shall greatly benefit the physical body. In the outside world, one who's a master of alchemy could even refine this Blood Spirit Soil into Blood Spiritual Pills, which would be able to rebirth one's physical body!" Gazing at Mu Chen's stunned expression, Nine Nether explained thoroughly.

Ink Ring held the clay, then broke it up into four smaller pieces. She then handed a piece to Ink Blade, and gave the other two to Mu Chen and Nine Nether, so that the entire group each had one piece.

"Thank you, Little Ling." Nine Nether grinned, as she accepted Ink Ring's well-intentioned offering.

Mu Chen was not too familiar with Ink Ring, so he felt a little embarrassed. But, at the same time, he did not want to make a fuss. As he took the soil, his impressions of the girl improved immediately.

The piece of clay Mu Chen had was only as big as his thumb. Mu Chen followed after Nine Nether and the others, forming the soil into a pellet by rubbing it with his fingers. He then tossed it into his mouth.

Boom!

As he ate the pellet of blood spiritual clay, Mu Chen instantly sensed a burst of vital energy and blood exploding in his mouth. A scorching stream of heat flowed within in him, melting through his whole body within split seconds. The blazing sensation had left Mu Chen's face glowing red.

The blaze lasted for only a few minutes, followed by an indescribable feeling of alleviation, which permeated his whole body, so much that he could not help but let out a loud breath. When the heat completely faded away, Mu Chen regained his senses.

Immediately, he felt taken aback for a moment. This was because he was able to detect that his physical body was as if it was being enhanced with a hint of power! Although the enhancement was not too obvious, Mu Chen was very certain of it. Ever since he had achieved the Dragon-Phoenix body state, his physique had quite never felt any boost for a long time.

However, after consuming the Blood Spirit Soil, Mu Chen felt his body, which had been still for a long time, was now granted with a trace of power. This surprised Mu Chen greatly! This Blood Spirit Soil was completely divine to the physical body!

Beside him, witnessing Mu Chen's surprised expression, Nine Nether grinned and said, "You should know that the piece of blood spiritual clay that you've just swallowed, if it were to be marketed, its price would at least cost more than a hundred thousand units of sovereign spiritual liquid!"

Ink Blade glanced over at Mu Chen, then solemnly added, "When we came to the Land of Divine Beasts, the Blood Spirit Soil was one of the things that we specifically sought. However, this soil is hard to acquire, even in this land, and when it is found, it is usually only available in small sizes. If it wasn't for Ink Ring's good luck, we wouldn't even be able to share it among the four of us."

Mu Chen nodded, then turned to Ink Ring again with thanks. He could not resist licking his mouth, as there was an increased yearning for the soil in his heart. If he could just get ahold of more Blood Spirit Soil, then perhaps his physical body could be significantly enhanced. This would be a huge help in his breaking through to the second level of the Dragon-Phoenix body state.

"Later on, if we've gotten closer to the Land of Divine Beasts, there will be boulders larger than the one we're stepping on now. Then, if we're lucky enough, we might be able to get more clay." As if she knew Mu Chen's inner desire, Nine Nether spoke the words calmly.

As soon as her voice faded, Nine Nether, Ink Blade, and Ink Ring sat down cross-legged. Without another word, they then allowed the boulder to continue transporting them. They swiftly drifted through the void of darkness, straight into its very depths.

Mu Chen also sat beside them cross-legged, not intending to break the quiet atmosphere. His glittering eyes stared straight into the distance, waiting for another boulder to appear.

It was at this moment, after experiencing the satisfaction of arriving at the Land of Divine Beasts, Mu Chen felt more hopeful for this journey. Before reaching the Land of Divine Beasts, they had already found an item as divine as the Blood Spirit Soul! It was unimaginable what treasures would be waiting for them after they reached their destination! Upon that thought, Mu Chen could not help but look forward to their journey.

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Chapter 979: Jumbo Meteorite

An extremely fast meteorite passed in the dark void. However, the high speed did not produce any noise. The whole space had an inanimate and deathly still atmosphere.

Mu Chen and the others quietly sat cross-legged on the meteorite.

The meteorite they were sitting on was not the one they took when they had just arrived. They had changed "rides" three times as they hurried on their journey. However, Mu Chen had some regret since they had not found the Blood Spirit Soil among the three meteorites. Obviously, Ink Blade was correct. It was solely due to Ink Ring's luck that she had found one.

Nine Nether opened her eyes. Looking at the darkness at the distance she said, "From my expectation, we're going to approach the Land of the Divine Beasts in about half of a day."

Mu Chen nodded but kept staring into the distance, glaring at any meteorite that might appear in their surroundings.

Nine Nether could not help but laugh when she saw his actions. "The amount of meteorites will increase gradually as we approach the Land of the Divine Beasts. We may have some reward at that time."

Mu Chen touched his nose resentfully when he heard this and kept his thoughts to himself.

There were four people riding on the meteorite, passing through the emptiness with high speed. In the remaining journey, they were not going to change any meteorite rides, since the meteorite under their feet was their last ride...

Time was passing quickly in this dark void. After a while, Mu Chen suddenly opened his tightly closed eyes and looked to his left.

There seemed to be a fluctuation in the darkness. Soon after, he saw a few meteorites passing through consecutively and rolling into the distance.

Mu Chen's eyes were sparkling when he saw the meteorites. He gazed at the meteorites but looked away in disappointment after a few moments.

It was because he could not sense any aura of the vital energy and blood in the meteorites. Obviously, there was no presence of Blood Spirit Soil in the meteorites. Although it brought some disappointment, it was not enough to dispel Mu Chen's expectations. This was because the appearance of these meteorites meant they were approaching the Land of the Divine Beasts, and there would be more and more meteorites appearing at that time.

Mu Chen's expectation was not wrong. All of the sudden, the silent darkness became lively. Meteorites poured in from all directions and finally swept over in front of them.

At this moment, the four of them could not control themselves anymore. They started to condense spiritual energy in their eyes, not sparing any effort to sense the vital energy and blood contained in the meteorites.

Under the non-stop probing, Mu Chen finally found something for the first time.

It was a gray-black meteorite about a hundred feet in size. Its volume was not too huge, but this did not prevent Mu Chen's sharp senses from detecting a weak blood ray secretly emitted from the meteorite. It was the smell of the Blood Spirit Soil.

Mu Chen took action right away. He punched out a fist from a distance, and a majestic light of spiritual energy swept out. He broke the 100-foot meteorite with one punch. At the same time that the crushed stone sputtered, a blood ray escaped from it.

Mu Chen slightly curved his palm, and a strong suction force surged out. Suddenly, the blood ray turned backwards and fell directly into Mu Chen's hand.

He examined his palm. There was a lump of bloody soil as big as a baby's fist within the fading blood ray. An intense bloody smell emanated from within the lump.

That was exactly the Blood Spirit Soil that Mu Chen was eager to get.

Upon receiving the first Blood Spirit Soil, Mu Chen could not help but have an excited grin on his face. However, he had no time for consuming it to refine his power since there were more meteorites rolling through. Because of the meteorites' high speed, the group had to use all their effort to sense the presence of Blood Spirit Soil in the meteorites.

Fwoosh! Fwoosh!

The meteorites passed through at high speed, and some of the meteorites were broken by Nine Nether and the others. Although there was not anything in the meteorites most of the time, their effort was not a waste. After the wave of meteorites was crushed, Mu Chen and others had around eight pieces of irregularly-sized Blood Spirit Soil in the end.

"Not bad."

Nine Nether was quite satisfied with their final loot. Their probability of finding the Blood Spirit Soil was not bad. Generally, it was a common situation to not find any Blood Spirit Soil in over a dozen meteorites.

Ink Blade nodded and distributed the Blood Spirit Soil pieces according to their size, so that the four of them shared it equally.

Grabbing two of the Blood Spirit Soil pieces in his hand, Mu Chen turned them into five Blood Spirit pills with a rub of his fingers before consuming all of them in one gulp.

A boiling hot current emerged in his body again. At that moment, Mu Chen was able to listen to the greedy thirst from his flesh and blood. The burning sensation was just like lava, washing out the blood, the flesh, and the bones in his body...

The strong vital energy and blood contained in the Blood Spirit Soil was indeed the best tonic for the physical body.

The reddish light of vital energy and blood blushed on Mu Chen's face. It took some time before it gradually disappeared. Mu Chen opened his slightly closed eyes, and a light swept past his pupils. Slowly clenching his fists, he could feel there was a strong energy surging within the flesh and blood of his limbs and bones.

It was the second time he had experienced the power of Blood Spirit Soil, but Mu Chen could not resist being amazed. His expression suddenly changed when he looked up and wanted to say something. Looking into the distance, he stared at the dark void.

It was as though a weak light had appeared in the darkness. It passed through the void and reflected in Mu Chen's eyes.

"We're approaching the Land of the Divine Beasts," Nine Nether said joyfully when she saw the changes.

Mu Chen sighed in relief. The silence was too deadly in this dark void. Thus, they were depressed for every second throughout the journey, even though they were determined and strong people.

Ink Blade looked upwards into the distance and said, "A meteorite belt surrounds the Land of the Divine Beasts. It contains innumerable meteorites, and this will be the best opportunity to get the Blood Spirit Soil..."

Meteorite belt?

Mu Chen's heart stopped for a moment when he heard that. He could not help licking his lips as the expectations in the bottom of his heart were going to explode...

Swoosh!

While Mu Chen was immersed in expectancy, the meteorite under their feet was sweeping them over the void. After about half an hour, Mu Chen sensed the darkness slowly fading, and there was light glowing in the distance. Surrounding the light was the endless and enormous meteorite belt. It appeared in front of Mu Chen with an overwhelming presence.

The meteorite belt seemed to be spinning around the Land of the Divine Beasts at high speed, but each meteorite was much larger than those they had seen before.

Boom!

The meteorite that Mu Chen and the others were riding forcefully dashed directly towards the endless meteorite belt and then moved towards the direction of the Land of the Divine Beasts.

Mu Chen's eyes reddened instantly when they were in the meteorite belt. It was because he could sense the blood rays of the Blood Spirit Soil inside at least five meteorites near him within a short duration.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Mu Chen suddenly attacked aggressively. Lights of spiritual energy were emitted violently like a dragon heavily attacking the meteorites. In that instant, crushed stones were sputtering all over the space with a giant rumbling sound.

A few of the blood rays were emitted while the crushed stones were sputtering...

Mu Chen waved his palm and attracted those blood rays directly. He had good self-control, but he could not help grinning when he looked at the Blood Spirit Soil in his palm.

It seemed like he could feel he was nearer to the second level of the Dragon-Phoenix Body.

Bang! Bang!

While Mu Chen was taking action, Nine Nether, Ink Blade, and Ink Ring were also grabbing their chance in the meteorite belt, giving it everything they had. They also obtained a good amount of rewards from those crushed meteorites.

A slight smile appeared on Ink Blade's face while receiving such rewards, even though his expression was usually always cool.

Boom!

Mu Chen attacked again. A bolt of spiritual energy hit a meteorite, making it emit a blood ray. After capturing it, Mu Chen put it away temporarily without looking it.

Mu Chen obtained Blood Spirit Soil again. He did not feel tired at all. He wanted to attack again, but his expression was suddenly stunned. He raised his head and looked at the right side of the cloud of meteorites.

His eyes narrowed unconsciously as he took in the view.

At the same time, Nine Nether and the others also realized something and looked towards that direction. Their expressions also changed unintentionally. Soon after, excitement emerged in their eyes.

It was because what appeared in their view was a meteorite about tens of thousands of feet in size. The meteorite was so huge that it was downright jumbo when compared to the other meteorites.

Of course, it would not be enough to make them overwhelmed if the meteorite was only huge in size. Its surface was also radiating concentrated blood rays, coloring the whole meteorite scarlet.

An extremely strong smell of vital energy and blood emanated from the meteorite. Mu Chen and the others could feel that their flesh and blood seemed to be boiling, even though they were far away from the meteorite.

"What a huge meteorite... what a strong vital energy and blood essence..."

Looking at the jumbo meteorite, Mu Chen breathed heavily. He was sure that the Blood Spirit Soil inside this meteorite would be stronger than the total Blood Spirit Soil they had obtained so far.

"The Blood Spirit Soil inside may have turned into the Blood Spirit Soil essence..." Nine Nether's beautiful eyes were glowing. It was very rare to see Blood Spirit Soil with such heavy vital energy and blood, even in the Land of the Divine Beasts.

"Get ready! We must get it!" Nine Nether said with determination.

At the other side, Mu Chen, Ink Blade, and Ink Ring nodded heavily. They would never let this astonishing Blood Spirit Soil escaped from their gasp.

However, as they saw the jumbo meteorite approaching, and they were getting ready to attack, an abnormal fluctuation suddenly emanated from the meteorite belt.

"Hey, I didn't expect we would meet the Nine Netherbird Clan here... but if you're smart, you'd better not try to touch the Blood Spirit Soil inside this meteorite."

When they heard the voice on a meteorite nearby, a few shadows surrounded by lightning appeared as if they were phantoms. Those people fixed their sights on Nine Nether and the others with a half smile on their faces.

When Nine Nether and Ink Blade set their gazes in their direction, their eyes suddenly filled with fear.

"Lightning Crow Clan?"

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Chapter 980: Lightning Crow Clan

When Mu Chen heard the ice cold voices of Nine Nether and Ink Blade, his face froze. Then, his vision locked onto the far away meteorite. There, he saw four figures emerge.

The four figures were wearing black robes, and it was apparent that lightning sparkled on the surface of their bodies. They even had a mark of thunder between their eyebrows. From afar, it seemed like they had a thunder eye, and it was overwhelming in a very creepy way.

"Are they from the Lightning Crow Clan?"

Mu Chen slightly frowned. The Lightning Crow Clan was a Spiritual Beast Race as well. Its fame was equal to the Nine Netherbird Clan in The Great Thousand World. In fact, they were an extremely strong force with many hidden strengths.

"Yea! These chaps are the worst. We had a lot of feuds with the Nine Netherbird Clan. I didn't expect we would meeting them before we got into the Land of the Divine Beasts." Beside Mu Chen, Ink Ring was

nodding her little head. Her expression was full of disgust, as she obviously didn't have a good impression of the Lightning Crow Clan.

Mu Chen slightly nodded and was immediately on high alert. At present, the Thunder Crow Clan had obviously discovered the giant meteorite also. As estimated by Mu Chen, it was impossible for them to solve the predicament amicably. Furthermore, there was an extremely deep feud happening between the Nine Netherbird Clan and the Thunder Crow Clan.

While Mu Chen was putting up his mental guard, one of the four figures stepped out. He looked tall and strong. The look in his eye was as sharp as a blade. From afar, even the air seemed to be torn apart by its ferocity.

His gaze swept across Mu Chen's group, but his vision was mostly locked onto Nine Nether and Ink Blade. As for Mu Chen and Ink Ring, he was completely ignoring them. Obviously, the man had noticed that only Nine Nether and Ink Blade were grade seven sovereigns among the four.

"The Nine Netherbird Clan is really getting worse, daring to come to the Land of the Divine Beasts with this kind of formation. It seems like you think your life was too long!" With a laugh, the corners of his lips curved up.

He then warned her, "if I were you, I wouldn't be bickering with us here. I will give you a time of 10 breaths to get lost from here quickly. Don't provoke my desire to kill you, or I will massacre the Nine Netherbird Clan completely, before you even reach the Land of the Divine Beasts!"

Bang!

The moment the sound dropped, a black spirit energy burst out from the man's body. The space within a thousand square feet was overwhelmed with spirit energy. Among the spirit energy, was sparkling lightning and resounding thunder, which covered the land with a valiant oppression.

Behind the man in the black robe, stood three powerful people from the Lightning Crow Clan. They stomped their feet, and three valiant spirit energy burst out.

As Mu Chen felt the four's valiant spirit energy, his eyes flashed for awhile. From his perception of the spirit energy, there were two really authentic grade seven sovereigns at the opposite side. Moreover, the other two persons were not weak. As per his estimation, Mu Chen was afraid that they could even be compared to Jiang Ya and Qin Xuan.

Regardless, the the opposite side was definitely looking like they were stronger than them. After all, on their side, Ink Ring only had the strength of a Grade Six Sovereign.

With such odds in their favor, it was no wonder the people of the Thunder Crow Clan were being so boastful. They obviously expected the Nine Netherbird Clan to be weak. Yet, sometimes looks can be deceiving...

When Nine Nether heard the man in the black robe bragging, not only was she was not afraid, but her elegant face showed a touch of cynicism. She spoke with indifference, "What shameless boasting! I think that the one who needs to get lost is you! You must have a death wish!"

When the man in the black robe heard her, his look became somber. Immediately, he was fed up and shouted densely, "Thunder Wind, stop them with me."

"Thunder Light and Thunder Cloud, you two snatch the Blood Spirit Soil from the meteorite. Kill anyone who dares to stop you. And hurry up! We need to get the Blood Spirit Soil before the meteorite leaves this area!"

"Okay!"

Behind the man in the black robe, a slightly thin man was nodding his head. Immediately, his sight was sharp as a blade, locking on to Nine Nether and Ink Blade.

He was the only one who was a Grade Seven Sovereign among the Thunder Crow Clan. Therefore, the only ones with a shot to stop Nine Nether and Ink Blade were these two men.

As for the mission of snatching the Blood Spirit Soil, it was handed over to the remaining two. But, they were capable for the task. Among the ranks of the opposite side, other than the two Grade Seven Sovereigns, the two Grade Six Sovereign were just baggage. If they dared take a shot, they would simply be killed!

Bang!

The actions of these four of the Thunder Crow Clan were also vigorous. They would not hesitate after their plan had been set.

The man in the black robe and the man named Thunder Wind stamped their feet, as their bodies turned into two black lightning bolts and burst out. The huge black spirit energy mixed with the thunder light, then swept toward Nine Nether and Ink Blade with great violence.

"Mu Chen, Ink Ring, I'm handing these two to you."

Nine Nether and Ink Blade looked at each other, then the two of them burst out and directly stopped the offensive by the two men among the void. They all knew the intentions of each other, but no matter how many thousands of times of calculation they made, they never would have expected that the two persons that they considered as baggage would be the very ones to surprise them!

When Mu Chen and Ink Ring heard this, they nodded their heads. The latter was not feeling any fright. Instead, she was simply impatient for battle.

She looked at Mu Chen with her beautiful bright eyes. She then threw a provocative smile at Mu Chen, saying, "Brother Mu Chen, let's have a competition to see who will get rid of these opponents first!"

Mu Chen's intention was to take a shot at them alone, and now that he heard her words, his eyes slightly blinked, as he returned her stare. Ink Ring did not look like she was joking, which surprised Mu Chen.

From the surface, Ink Ring looked a bit fragile and weak. However, her strength was not to be underestimated.

"Let's try it then." Mu Chen agreed.

Although he was still doubting, Mu Chen would not reject her. Instead, he simply nodded and smiled. When Ink Ring saw Mu Chen nodding, she suddenly let out a cute giggle. She then rushed toward to the giant meteorite, her silver bell-like laughter echoing in the air.

Mu Chen's body moved and a few of his afterimages emerged, flickering. He then appeared on the giant meteorite.

"Get lost from here! The Blood Spirit Soil is not something that a scum like you can touch!"

When Mu Chen appeared, a ray of lightning appeared right in front of him. The one who had spoken was a powerful person from the Thunder Crow Clan, who had also reached Grade Seven Sovereign. He looked down at Mu Chen and spoke in a grave tone.

However, Mu Chen just smiled faintly in the face of his serious shouting. Then, his hand formed a seal immediately. Suddenly, the space from his back was rippling and the Sovereign Sea appeared faintly. A horrifying spirit energy was rippling in the surroundings.

"Human?"

The powerful person in front of Mu Chen sensed that the spirit energy was quite different from that of a spiritual beast, and he was stunned. Then, his smile became even more cynical.

Although he did not know how a human had mixed into the Nine Netherbrid Clan, he did recall that in most battles of the same level, humans were always weaker than spiritual beasts. This was common knowledge.

Therefore, after Mu Chen exposed his identity as a human to this powerful person from the Thunder Crow Clan, it seemed like only death awaited him.

"No matter how you came here, nobody would notice if you died here."

While the powerful person from the Thunder Crow Clan was sneering, a black lightning bolt surged forth from his palms. It looked like a thunder dragon, and it was violently directing itself right at Mu Chen!

The powerful person from the Thunder Crow Clan had a cynical look on his face, and also was filled with killing intent as he was taking the shot. He did not want to hold anything back. Obviously, he was careful as well, as he didn't want to make a careless mistake.

However, while facing the violent offensive from the powerful person of the Thunder Crow Clan, Mu Chen did not feel any fear. Immediately, he changed his seal again. Suddenly, the Sovereign Sea behind him resounded with the cries of dragons and elephants.

Phew! Phew!

As the cries of dragons and elephants were resounding, 12 rays of light burst forth from the Sovereign Sea, surrounding Mu Chen's body. Then, they transformed into six giant dragons and six giant elephants, all standing in the air.

Bang!

A frightening spirit energy burst out from their bodies, and the entire space vibrated. Mu Chen's hands closed loosely, like he was holding the Sun and the Moon.

The six dragons and six elephants were whistling, as they transformed into a halo on his palms. From the edge of the halo, the shadows of the dragons and elephants could be seen whirling.

As Mu Chen's strength improved, this Nine Dragon Nine Elephant Art was becoming more of a success. If it were him in the past, he could never have compressed the power of the dragon and elephant to be this exquisite. Hence, the shock of spirit energy from this dragon-elephant halo was tearing the space apart, inch by inch.

Facing the terrifying spirit energy that had suddenly burst out from Mu Chen's palms, the pupils of that powerful person from the Thunder Crow Clan suddenly shrank. His face was also showing a touch of awkwardness, as he was now aware that he was caught in a huge crisis!

How could this fellow stage such a shocking offensive?!

However, while he was shocked, Mu Chen remained indifferent. Mu Chen quickly extended his palm, and the dragon-elephant halo swept out.

"Six dragons, six elephants..."

Roar!

The dragons and elephants gave out a torrential roar that echoed throughout the void. Then, the powerful person from the Thunder Crow Clan was swept away by it.

On the other side, a clear and bright chirp echoed all of a sudden. This chirp was heard by Mu Chen. His heart was shocked, and his pupils slightly shrunk when he looked in the chirp's direction.

From that direction, a pair of crimson wings stretched out from Ink Ring's back, with flames bursting toward the heavens. Then, a flaming giant bird emerged from behind Ink Ring. There was a valiant pressure permeating the surroundings quietly.

This was clearly an oppression of a phoenix, meaning that it was a pressure exclusive to the Phoenix Clan!

So, does that mean that Ink Ring is actually one of the Phoenix Clan?!