

## Overlord 701

### Chapter 701: Yu Ziyang

The Overlord Legion had occupied the Di Alliance's territory, and news of it spread through the entire Flame Mountains.

"Since when was the Overlord Legion so strong? It seems they even chased away the Di Alliance people. Are you sure that's not fake news?"

"How can it be fake? Their overlord had arrived personally. Not only was Di Shang killed, but even Xia Yunxi and Xia Qiuhua were defeated badly. Looks like Xiang Shaoyun is starting to show the might of his strongest physique."

"I thought he had destroyed his future by cultivating nine powers? How can he still be so strong?"

"You are too outdated. He has already fused the nine powers, and he had even fought Xiao Xie to a draw. He is strong enough to challenge the top 10 of the Dragon Phoenix List."

"Overlord of the Overlord Legion...interesting. For him to hold such an overbearing title, is he not afraid that the Child of the Flaming Sun will personally come out and teach him a lesson?"

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Atop the highest peak in the Flame Mountains zone. This peak was a volcano that would erupt all year round, and it was also the place with the most flame spirits. This was also the cultivation spot occupied by the Flaming Sun. Outsiders were not permitted to enter.

Halfway up the mountain was a man and woman. They were seated atop a glossy and clean rock. They were akin to a perfect pair, radiating an imposing aura and extraordinary bearing. The man was extremely young. He looked to be about 18 years old. He possessed a resolute face that looked like it was sculpted, and his pair of eyes were brilliant and piercing, akin to the sun and moon. He was tall and slender, wearing radiant battle armor. Lying by his side was a flame-colored spear and a flaming hou beast emperor. His entire person was filled with majesty.

The woman was akin to a fairy that had descended upon the mortal world. Her every movement seemed to be filled with peerless grace. Her light muslin veil drifted about in the wind, akin to a

fluttering butterfly. She was graceful and elegant, and as she gently brushed her hair aside, she revealed a pair of bright eyes that overshadowed all color in the world.

Beside her was a phoenix, her head raised high in arrogance. The man was Yu Ziyang, while the woman was Yu Caidie. They were the strongest combatants of the Flaming Sun, and they were also the Dragon Phoenix Academy's strongest disciples.

"Little sister, my future brother-in-law seems quite unyielding," said Yu Ziyang with a smile.

Yu Caidie chuckled and said, "I thought you object to us being together? Did you change your mind?"

Yu Ziyang said, "No, but I know you. Nobody can change your mind once you decide on something. Since you are optimistic about him, I can only trust you. However, if he can't get through Linshan, then he won't be able to gain the acceptance of those old geezers back home."

Confidence flashed in Yu Caidie's eyes as she said, "I am confident in him. Personally, I think that goal is too low. I gave him a new goal to become number one on the Dragon Phoenix List within five years."

Astonishment filled Yu Ziyang's eyes. "You really think he can do it? Those are not just some words of encouragement?"

Yu Caidie smiled. "What's the point of having a man that can't even do that much?"

"Haha, little sister, seems like you have high aspirations," Yu Ziyang laughed heartily. "Looks like I need to find a chance to take a look at my future brother-in-law. Is he really as outstanding as you have said?"

"Don't worry. He won't disappoint you," Yu Caidie declared confidently.

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On the volcano once occupied by the Di Alliance, Xiang Shaoyun was setting up camp with his people from the Overlord Legion. He did not bother sending anyone to stand guard at the foot of the mountain. Those blind enough to disturb them would simply be beaten until they smartened up.

Only then would he be able to deter others and reduce the amount of disturbances he would receive. Of course, after chasing the Di Alliance people away in such an overbearing manner, there probably wouldn't be anyone coming to challenge him anymore.

After all, Xiang Shaoyun had killed Di Shang. Although Di Shang was only a follower, he was still not someone to be easily killed. Killing him would result in a blood feud.

Xiang Shaoyun and company only settled down halfway up the mountain instead of going straight to the top. The flame spirits were at the summit, and they could not charge up blindly or they would only get themselves killed.

Although the flame spirits lacked intelligence, their attacks were not weak. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to survive in the Flame Mountains for so long.

"Overlord, when are we killing our way to the peak?" Deng Lingtian asked eagerly.

He was currently stuck at a bottleneck to enter third-stage. He needed a large amount of flame energy, and he did not wish to waste even a single second in this zone. After all, he needed to pay for the time spent here.

Xiang Shaoyun said, "Feel free to group up and go. I will be staying here for a bit to comprehend the power here."

In his current environment, he was in no rush to hunt flame spirits. His priority was to increase his comprehension of the profundity of flame. The moment he said that, the others impatiently started voicing their intentions to go up the mountain.

They all knew each flame spirit killed would grant them a strand of flame origin energy. Each strand would accelerate their growth, and it was their actual goal for coming. Xiang Shaoyun did not bother keeping them around. He waved his hand and told them to go. He even warned them to be careful and to prioritize staying alive.

The group then charged to the top of the mountain. As for Xiang Shaoyun, he sat down cross-legged and started absorbing the flame energy around him. Since he had Yun Flame in his flame star, Yun Flame would automatically absorb flame energy from his surroundings even without him circulating his cultivation method.

Now that they were in such a flame-rich environment, Yun Flame naturally went all out as it absorbed the surrounding energy at full force, increasing Xiang Shaoyun's absorption speed by several times. Before long, Xiang Shaoyun had replenished the energy he used in the last battle. His cultivation had also grown a decent amount.

He started chanting the Desolation mantra inwardly as he prepared to comprehend the profundity of flame. The flame was berserk and pitiless, filled with boundless destruction. The flame was filled with passion, representing resoluteness and steadfastness. It was grand and righteous, capable of restraining all evil in the world.

As Xiang Shaoyun chanted the Desolation mantra again and again, his comprehension deepened. It was as if the Desolation mantra was a secret technique to comprehend the profundity of powers.

One ought to know that just to comprehend the profundity of a single power, great talent in comprehension was required. If news that Xiang Shaoyun had comprehended the profundity of earth, gold, darkness, ice, and water was spread, he would create history. After all, just comprehending one power would massively benefit a cultivator, yet Xiang Shaoyun had comprehended so many profundities.

## Chapter 702: Cross the Flame Line and Die

Three days passed. Xiang Shaoyun did not manage to comprehend the profundity of flame, but he was reaching the edge of it. He had a sensation he needed something more to take that final step forward, as there were a few times when he attempted to take the final step yet was pushed away.

However, he did not act with undue haste. Instead, he stopped his meditation session. He could sense a group of people heading toward him. There were about 30 people in the group, led by a third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator. This was a decently powerful group.

When Xiang Shaoyun swept his gaze over, he found that he could not recognize any of their faces. They did not seem like Di Alliance members. Rather, they were probably members of a different faction.

"Here to look for trouble?" Xiang Shaoyun said with a sigh.

Competition was stiff in the Flame Mountains. The numerous genius disciples would fight each other for cultivation spots and flame spirits. All that was for the sake of obtaining more cultivation resources.

Hence, Xiang Shaoyun wasn't surprised that trouble was coming his way. With great vigor, the group arrived halfway up the mountain. They saw Xiang Shaoyun standing on a certain boulder. As the wind blew on him, his sleeves fluttered about. His presence was ethereal as if he was an immortal exuding the supreme bearing of a young tyrant.

He did not even spare them a glance. His gaze was focused at the distance, his face calm, as if everything was already within his grasp and unworthy of his attention. This sight of him caused the group to stop in their tracks.

They had a sensation that Xiang Shaoyun seemed to have become one with the world. It was as if he was the master of this place, and everything here was under his control. Nobody would be able to disobey him within this zone of control. They did not know why they would have such a feeling, but they knew it was a thought they had to discard. Only then would they be able to advance.

The leader shouted, "Xiang Shaoyun, get lost if you know what's good for you. Otherwise, don't blame us for being impolite!"

This was a group of neutral disciples that had not joined any factions. Even this grouping was temporary, having been created due to someone's instigation.

Xiang Shaoyun finally lowered his head and looked at them. Using his fingers as a sword, he lightly slashed at the air.

Swish!

A fiery crack then appeared ahead of him. It was clear and visible to the eye.

"Cross the flame line, and you die," Xiang Shaoyun declared.

As he spoke, a presence of dragon and tiger unfurled from him. Instantly, an unrivaled aura engulfed his surroundings and suppressed the disciples around him.

A suffocating sensation assaulted the disciples as if a sharp blade was hanging above their heads. So long as they resist, the sharp blade would drop and pierce their skulls, killing them without a burial

ground. At the same time, the pressure also felt like the will of a dreadful monarch, one that caused them to not even dare to think of resisting. Numerous proud heads were lowered.

Of the genius disciples who had arrived with much fanfare, half of them had lost the will to fight and started considering retreat. A part of them was still able to persist, but their belief had still been shaken, and their will had weakened. Only the leader still maintained a clear mind, but the pressure Xiang Shaoyun was exerting on them was truly quite massive.

"I refuse to believe you're really that strong!" one of them suddenly roared as he gritted his teeth and stepped over the flame line.

The moment he did so, a mighty power erupted from the flame line. He was prepared for the incoming trouble as he focused all his power into his lower body to push the eruption back into the ground.

However, the fiery eruption contained the power Xiang Shaoyun had comprehended during the past few days. It now carried a slight trace of the power of the profundity of flame. Coupled with their environment, the flame line erupted with a might that an ordinary person could not stop.

"AHHH!"

The person mustered all his strength only to fail at suppressing the fiery eruption. His entire body ignited, and he wailed in pain. Like an artillery shell, he was sent flying, and he crashed not far away. There, he flailed and rolled, trying to extinguish the flame engulfing his body.

He himself was a flame cultivator. He had initially believed he could absorb the flame covering his body, but he found that there was some sort of power within the flame, an inextinguishable power that made it hard for him to escape.

When the others saw, they went to help him. Only after great difficulty did they manage to extinguish the flame. But by then, he was barely alive. His entire body was scorched black, his body riddled with terrifying wounds that gripped one's heart.

Those who were more experienced knew instantly Xiang Shaoyun had a unique flame. One of them exclaimed, "T-this is the power of the profundity of flame! One of its traits is being incredibly hard to extinguish!"

The words caused everyone's expressions to change. They were all genius cultivators, and for them to be able to join the Dragon Phoenix Academy signified that they were among the best in the world.

However, even they had yet to start comprehending the profundity of flame, but Xiang Shaoyun had accomplished just that. The gap between them was now clear for all to see.

Furthermore, the might Xiang Shaoyun displayed had gone beyond their imagination. He was only a second-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivation, yet a random flame he left on the ground was enough to cripple one of their leaders, a third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator. It was obvious his strength was far beyond them.

It was no wonder he was so confident. A few of them still wanted to try challenging Xiang Shaoyun, but they gave up after some hesitation. Offending someone like him would only make things difficult for them in the academy.

One of them was an oddity. Standing before the flame line, he looked at Xiang Shaoyun with a fanatical gaze and said, "Young Master Xiang, I am Wang Ziyu. I wish to join the Overlord Legion. Please accept me."

Wang Ziyu was also one of their leaders, and he was a mid third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator. He had a decent talent in cultivation. Someone like him was strong enough to climb the Jiao Luan List. What he did caused several people to look at him with contempt before they turned to leave. They felt insulted just to be standing together with someone like Wang Ziyu.

However, some thought differently. Like Wang Ziyu, they expressed a desire to join the Overlord Legion.

"Young Master Xiang, please give me a chance. I am willing to join the Overlord Legion...to fight for the glory of the legion!"

"Young Master Xiang, I did not come to offend you. In truth, I am here to ask for a chance to enter the Overlord Legion and dominate the academy alongside you!"

"From the very first time I saw you, I have been greatly attracted by your magnificence. You are the greatest monarch in my heart. Please, accept the offering of my knees!"

"Overlord, please accept me. I will definitely work with great devotion!"

### Chapter 703: Flame Spirit Appearing

Xiang Shaoyun did not know whether to laugh or cry as he looked at all these people who were suddenly expressing interest in joining the Overlord Legion. His initial intention was to establish his might and deter others from creating more trouble for him.

Never had he imagined that they were actually so decisive and good at changing their position. Almost half the group immediately submitted to him while the others left gloomily.

"Sure, there is a chance for anyone wishing to join, but not now. You have to first prove your sincerity to join," said Xiang Shaoyun.

He was clear that not many of them would be sincere in joining. Most of them were only aiming for the cultivation spot the Overlord Legion currently occupied.

"That is not a problem. I, Wang Ziyu, shall stand guard here. Who dares to encroach upon this spot will need to step over me!" said Wang Ziyu as he patted his chest.

The others also quickly made their promises, offering to stand guard on his behalf. With Xiang Shaoyun's intelligence, he saw through them immediately. Since he had chased the Di Alliance away and had also subdued this group of people, nobody should come creating trouble for him anymore. These people were only feigning loyalty with no sincerity.

Xiang Shaoyun said, "If you wish to join the Overlord Legion, leave immediately. When you're back at the academy, go to 1 Dragon Villa, and look for our butler, Zhuge Zhantian. He will test all of you. Those passing the test can join. For now, leave."

They were disappointed, but they were unwilling to leave just like that.

"Still not leaving?" Xiang Shaoyun frowned and roared.

When they saw that Xiang Shaoyun was going to get furious, they left gloomily. Right after they left, an earth-shaking explosion thundered from the top of the mountain. The volcanic crater started spraying a massive quantity of lava. Like dazzling fireworks, the lava shot into the sky before spreading everywhere with great destructiveness and heat.

It was a stunning view and a dangerous moment. Volcanic eruptions were very common here, but this was Xiang Shaoyun's first time seeing one. He could sense the intense heatwave sputtering down in his direction.

Any King would flee at its mere sight. Even Emperors would not have the confidence to face the dropping lava head on. Naturally, Xiang Shaoyun did not fear the lava. When he thought of his companions, he rushed to the peak of the mountain without any hesitation.

A red layer of flame shrouded his body and absorbed the flame energy from the lava, increasing his strength. The lava could not even touch him as his aura pushed it all away.

Before he reached the peak, he saw Deng Lingtian, Ling Lin, and the others flying down. Behind them was a group of fiery beings. They were none other than the flame spirits. A flame spirit was akin to a massive fiery shadow, and like a human, it also had four limbs. Its head only had a pair of eyes and a mouth, without a nose or ears. They looked rather odd.

They were formed of pure flame and were very different from an actual fleshy life form. They were capable of spitting flame endlessly, and when they brandished their limbs, they could send out an unending amount of flame to burn their surroundings.

There were at least several hundreds of them here chasing after Deng Lingtian and company, forcing them into retreat. One ought to admit that when these flame spirits worked together, their attacks were valiant. Ordinary Emperors would be helpless against them.

Defeating a flame spirit would grant one a strand of flame origin energy. Perhaps that energy wouldn't be completely pure, but it would still help any cultivator grow rapidly. The moment these flame spirits appeared in Xiang Shaoyun's sight, Yun Flame started transmitting an emotion of absolute delight. He knew this was Yun Flame's longing to devour these flame spirits.

"Since you want them, I will slaughter to my heart's content today," said Xiang Shaoyun with an excited look. With a roar, he shot forward like a gust of wind, charging straight toward the flame spirits.

At this time, Ling Lin was being attacked by about 30 flame spirits. He had decent combat prowess, but the flame spirits were too strong, and he couldn't hold on much longer. Suddenly, Xiang Shaoyun dropped down from the sky before clawing forward with two massive fiery palms.

Instantly, several flame spirits were torn apart. Xiang Shaoyun imagined that they would die from that, but they merely scattered before reforming into new flame spirits. Some of them would simply join into the bodies of other flame spirits, enhancing the strength of those spirits.

"Overlord, they are extremely difficult to deal with. You need to seize their origin crystal the moment you defeat one. Otherwise, they will keep on reforming or fusing with other flame spirits," said Ling Lin.

"Origin crystal?" Xiang Shaoyun muttered as he activated his gift of instincts. His senses penetrated the bodies of the spirits, detecting the origin crystals within.

Instead of their heads, the origin crystals were actually located within their chests. Each origin crystal was shaped like a spirit crystal and was the source of the flame origin energy. Xiang Shaoyun was slightly distracted scanning these flame spirits, and they took the chance to send several powerful flame attacks toward him.

The incoming attacks were comparable to the attacks of a third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator. Few could withstand such attacks. Within Xiang Shaoyun, Yun Flame pulsed, and a massive suction force erupted. Immediately, the incoming attacks reduced by half their size before striking Xiang Shaoyun.

His body was burned, putting him in intense pain. Fortunately, the pain was still within his acceptable limit.

The flame spirits' attacks originated from their origin crystals. So long as I harvest their origin crystals, the flame spirits will automatically collapse, Xiang Shaoyun concluded inwardly.

He then clawed with his Seven Scorching Sun Claws and struck the flame spirit charging in front of the others.

Xiang Shaoyun thought he could easily dig out the origin crystal. However, he found that the crystal was connected with the energy coursing through the flame spirit's body. A massive counterforce assaulted him alongside an intensely hot energy.

The flame spirit was unwilling to have its origin crystal grabbed just like that. Thus, it hugged Xiang Shaoyun, seemingly trying to perish with him. It was a technique that many disciples had suffered from. Alas, it wasn't that useful against Xiang Shaoyun.

## Chapter 704: Seizing Origin Crystals

Xiang Shaoyun was someone who had been tempered by fire before. On top of that, he had Yun Flame within him, so he did not fear regular types of flame. Even some high-tier flames would not be able to harm him.

The flame spirit's decision to perish together with Xiang Shaoyun was a mistake. Before it could even set Xiang Shaoyun on fire, Yun Flame devoured a majority of the spirit's flame energy, causing its strength to plummet.

With a pull, Xiang Shaoyun plucked the origin crystal out of its body. With the departure of the origin crystal from its body, the flame spirit withered before dissipating into the air.

Ling Lin opened his eyes wide in shock after witnessing such a domineering method of harvesting the origin crystal. They had to painstakingly destroy a flame spirit before they could harvest an origin crystal, but Xiang Shaoyun merely plucked it out in such a coarse manner, shocking Ling Lin greatly. Ling Lin tried doing the same, but he ended up being burned badly by the flame spirit.

The overlord lives up to his reputation. He is truly a freak, Ling Lin thought to himself.

Before Xiang Shaoyun could stow the spirit crystal, numerous flame spirits surrounded him. They attacked unendingly, their attacks akin to a volcanic eruption. Their destructiveness was not something an ordinary person could withstand.

Xiang Shaoyun did not dare to hold back as he immediately escaped from a crack amid the incoming attacks. He then clawed at one of the flame spirits.

### Seven Scorching Sun Claws!

The target of his violent attack was clear. After facing the first flame spirit, he now knew the flame spirits better. Thus, he held nothing back the moment he attacked. So long as he could pluck out the origin crystal quickly, the flame spirit would not be a threat.

Sure enough, the moment he plucked the origin crystal from the flame spirit he targeted, it started dissipating. More attacks were sent his way, but it was as if he had a pair of eyes on the back of his head. He quickly moved aside, dodged the attacks, and attacked with both hands, clawing at the origin crystals of two different flame spirits. Whether in movement or attack, Xiang Shaoyun

moved like a specter. Each attack was accurate and effective, and the flame spirits had no way of guarding against him.

After a few seconds, he collected a total of six origin crystals. Just as he was about to seize his seventh origin crystal, the flame spirits did something surprising. They surrounded him then exploded together.

The flame spirits had low intelligence, yet they had extremely violent tempers due to the flame element. Hence, when encountering an opponent they couldn't defeat, they tended to do something extreme.

They were doing one such extreme action now. By exploding their origin crystals, they could create terrifying explosions that even fourth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivators would have a hard time surviving.

Xiang Shaoyun was in the midst of them and was caught by a complete surprise. Intense pain assaulted his entire body, and his skin cracked apart, more flame energy invading him.

If it wasn't for Yun Flame constantly absorbing all the flame energy, he would have already been set ablaze and killed. One ought to admit that these flame spirits were extremely dangerous.

That was why the academy's genius disciples could perish easily while harvesting origin crystals. Xiang Shaoyun had a powerful flesh, and his reaction time was impressive as well. The moment they exploded, he had erected his defenses, protecting himself from the second wave of explosion.

"Overlord!" Ling Lin had retreated a distance away, and when he turned back, the sight that welcomed him was of several flame spirits exploding with Xiang Shaoyun in their midst. His face sank.

The other Overlord Legion members who were escaping from the peak saw it as well, and they were greatly alarmed, thinking that Xiang Shaoyun was either heavily injured or outright dead.

"Go and help the overlord!" Deng Lingtian roared.

Just as they were about to charge forward, the flame surrounding Xiang Shaoyun vanished rapidly, revealing him before them once again. Instead of retreating, Xiang Shaoyun charged the flame spirits again, plucking one origin crystal after another.

He pushed his speed to its limits, using both the power of wind and footwork intent, holding nothing back. In his current state, the flame spirits couldn't even sense him before they were killed. The others who saw Xiang Shaoyun come and go as he pleased amid the flame spirits were completely stunned. Only a while later did they gasp in shock.

"What kind of speed is this? It's terrifying. I can't see him at all!"

"You are not alone. I can't see anything either. The only thing I know is that the boss doesn't fear the flame spirits and can easily pluck the origin crystals from their bodies. What a direct and hoarse method of harvest."

"He is indeed our overlord. This strength is not something we can compare to."

"If I'm this fast as well, I will definitely be able to pluck the origin crystals as easy as reaching for it like him."

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Suddenly, Xiang Shaoyun shouted at them, "What are you waiting for? Attack them together. Don't scatter and fight separately like before."

They no longer hesitated and worked together to attack the flame spirits. They had to grab this opportunity. It wasn't normal to easily encounter the flame spirits out here, as they would usually need to enter the volcanic crater to encounter them.

They started to work together and hunt the flame spirits, harvesting the origin crystals. As for Xiang Shaoyun, he became accustomed to the environment and could now deal with the flame spirits easily.

However, he had been using the power of wind to move, and he still needed to attack to get the origin crystals. Hence, he had exhausted a large amount of astral energy. Fortunately, his flame star was filling rapidly due to Yun Flame absorbing all the energy from the flame spirits.

If this continued, perhaps in about 10 days he would completely fill up the flame star. It was no wonder flame cultivators could advance so quickly at the Flame Mountains. It was heaven for them.

About half of the several hundred flame spirits were defeated by Xiang Shaoyun and his group, while the remaining retreated back to the volcanic crater. They weren't able to leave the crater for long, and each time they left, they had to borrow the power of the erupting volcano. Otherwise, with their high energy expenditure, they would exhaust all their energy before fighting for long.

Because of that, they all retreated when the heat in the area started dissipating. Xiang Shaoyun had the urge to rush straight to the volcanic crater. However, he noticed a massive flame spirit ahead of him, glaring at him furiously.

Behind him, someone exclaimed, "That is the flame spirit emperor! Overlord, retreat!"

#### Chapter 705: Flame Spirit Emperor

The flame spirit emperor was one of the strongest flame spirits in the Flame Mountains zone. It was as strong as a peak Emperor, or perhaps even as strong as an ordinary Sovereign. It had terrifying combat prowess.

Furthermore, its flame manipulation had reached perfection, unlike the regular flame spirits who only know to attack violently without controlled techniques. The strength of the flame spirit emperor signified that it also had a purer origin crystal containing much more powerful energy.

Xiang Shaoyun wanted to charge forward, but when he heard the reminder, he stopped. It was not that he was afraid of the flame spirit emperor, but he was not at peak condition. He might not be able to defeat the flame spirit.

Hence, he decided to first retreat and absorb the origin crystals he had harvested so far. Once again, he returned to halfway down the mountain with the Overlord Legion members. There, they started recuperating.

Xiang Shaoyun refined several origin crystals rapidly. Strands of flame energy entered his flame star, strengthening the star and Yun Flame. The flame star coexisted with Yun Flame, and their growth was equivalent to Xiang Shaoyun's growth. The strands of flame origin energy he absorbed this time weren't entirely pure, but they still contained incredible power.

After refining the flame origin energy, Xiang Shaoyun not only felt the growth of his flame cultivation, he also felt his comprehension of the profundity of flame increasing. He would be able to fully comprehend it any day now. He refined all the origin crystals he had, converging the powerful energy into his flame star.

Like a sponge, Yun Flame tirelessly absorbed the origin energy. It was as if no amount of energy could fully satisfy it. Fortunately, the flame origin energy Xiang Shaoyun had gotten this time was abundant enough, and it would take Yun Flame some time to fully digest them all.

Three days passed, and Xiang Shaoyun finally fully refined all the origin crystals. His flame star was almost completely full, and he grew excited at that realization.

"Looks like I only need to charge up the mountain one more time to complete my flame star. Monopolizing an entire mountain is indeed profitable," Xiang Shaoyun muttered in a pleased manner.

He only had a single flame star, with all his other stars focusing on other elements. That was why he could quickly fill his flame star. If he had nine flame stars instead, it would take him much longer to fill up all the stars.

He spread his senses to the others and found that they were all busy refining origin crystals. However, their speed was much slower than his. After all, unlike him, they did not possess a flame like Yun Flame. Even those who possessed unique flames did not have flames as high tier as Yun Flame.

Xiang Shaoyun did not charge up the mountain to face the flame spirit emperor immediately. Rather, he stayed and stood guard for them. As the Overlord Legion's overlord, he had to take good care of his subordinates. While standing guard for them, he did not forget to continue absorbing the flame energy in his surroundings. He also constantly studied the profundity of flame.

A few more days passed, and the others ended their cultivation sessions one after another. Their strength had grown considerably, and joyful smiles were plastered all over their faces. When they found that Xiang Shaoyun was standing guard for them, they were moved.

After all of them were done, Xiang Shaoyun said, "The flame spirits are actually not scary. Their origin crystals are all in their chests. You only need to manage and time your attack well to rapidly pluck the origin crystal from them, and the flame spirit will no longer be a threat. Of course, if you're afraid of their self-explosion, you can work together. Some will defend, some will attack, and some will be harvesting the origin crystals. That way, you will be able to harvest more. If you continue fighting as you did previously, with everyone scattered and no teamwork whatsoever, you might as well give up before you kill yourself."

His words put them to shame. They had been too focused on plundering origin crystals for themselves, prioritizing their own benefits. None of them had thought of working together to get more. If they had done so, they would have still gathered more even after sharing among themselves.

"The overlord is right. We need to unite. That way, we will be able to attack more effectively," said someone.

The others also voiced their agreement.

Xiang Shaoyun said, "Good. I'll go with you this time, and we'll seize even more origin crystals."

Just as Xiang Shaoyun was about to take the lead and charge up the mountain, Deng Lingtian called out, "Overlord, the flame spirit emperor has shown itself. We should take our time."

"Hehe, I am just itching to meet the flame spirit emperor," said Xiang Shaoyun as his lips curled into a confident smile.

"The flame spirit emperor might not be just a peak Emperor. Its flame attacks hold traces of the profundity of flame. Even regular Sovereigns would not dare to challenge it. Overlord, it's better to be careful," someone else persuaded.

"Um. Don't worry. I have my way to stay alive. But you guys, remember to run far away if you see it. Just ignore me," said Xiang Shaoyun.

He then charged toward the peak of the mountain. The others hesitated for a bit before following along. Thick black smoke billowed above the volcanic crater, the air filled with dense flame energy. Evidently, the effects of the volcanic eruption a few days prior still lingered.

Standing at the edge of the volcanic crater, one would be able to see violent red lava, as if another eruption was going to happen at any time. The flame spirits resided amid the lava, absorbing its energy as they pleased.

Xiang Shaoyun could sense Yun Flame's joy, as if it was impatient to leave and dive into the lava as well. Furthermore, Yun Flame's original living environment was within a volcanic crater. Thus, it greatly longed for the energy of extreme yang here.

Using the flame taming technique, Xiang Shaoyun placated Yun Flame. He then used his will to suppress it, calming it down.

"How should I lure these flame spirits out?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"Easy. So long as we start absorbing flame energy here, the flame spirits will sense our intrusion and charge out," Deng Lingtian said.

"Good. Prepare yourselves. I'll lure them out," Xiang Shaoyun said as he unleashed Yun Flame and started absorbing the flame energy in the volcanic crater.

A massive amount of flame energy surged out of the crater. Xiang Shaoyun quickly sent the flame energy into his flame star, taking what he needed and provoking the flame spirits at the same time. Sure enough, the flame spirits sensed him and started charging out. Just as the others were about to start killing the flame spirits, they noticed the flame spirit emperor coming out as well.

#### Chapter 706: This Is the Profundity of Flame

The flame spirit emperor was akin to a fiery giant several times larger than an ordinary flame spirit. It looked incredibly valiant. It charged out of the crater and spewed its raging flame everywhere, instantly raising the area's temperature.

The Overlord Legion people turned ghastly. They were not strong enough to deal with the flame spirit emperor. Even if they worked together, they would not be its match. This flame spirit emperor had considerable wisdom and could use the energy in the air to replenish itself unendingly. It also had exquisite control over flame, possessing incredible combat prowess.

Xiang Shaoyun could sense the threat brought by the flame spirit emperor and immediately shouted to the others, "Leave, let me focus!"

The flame spirit emperor was not an opponent numbers alone could overcome. One needed sufficient strength to face it. With Xiang Shaoyun's command, the Overlord Legion people did not dare to linger and quickly retreated.

In any case, they had already agreed to leave the moment the flame spirit emperor showed itself. It was not that they were cowards, but it was pointless to stay when they knew they weren't a match and would just die. More importantly, they couldn't stay and be Xiang Shaoyun's burden.

The flame spirit emperor did not pursue them. Its gaze focused on Xiang Shaoyun as two fiery beams shot out from its eyes toward him.

Bang! Bang!

The beams crashed forth like two dragons engulfed in a terrifying blaze. In the blink of an eye, the beams arrived before Xiang Shaoyun, their speed astonishing. Pupils shrinking, Xiang Shaoyun quickly dodged to the side.

If it wasn't for his incredible speed that far surpassed his peers and his gift of instincts that granted him the ability to see the beams' trajectory, he would be hard-pressed to avoid them. As he dodged, he pushed forth and clawed at the flame spirit emperor with both his palms.

Seven Scorching Sun Claws, Sky Splitting Claw!

It was the strongest attack of the Seven Scorching Sun Claws. It was dreadfully powerful, capable of tearing everything apart. The flame spirit emperor did not even bother to dodge, and it faced the attack head on.

When Xiang Shaoyun's claw attack struck the flame spirit emperor, its fiery body actually split apart. And when Xiang Shaoyun was about to press on with his attack, an abrupt change happened.

The flame the emperor had spewed everywhere suddenly flew back and engulfed Xiang Shaoyun. The burning blaze was berserk and destructive, and not even Xiang Shaoyun could block it. His entire body was scorched, putting him in great pain.

Even when using Yun Flame to devour the flame around him, he failed to absorb it all like he usually could. It was as if the flame contained some special power that was contending against Yun Flame.

T-this is the profundity of flame! Xiang Shaoyun exclaimed inwardly.

Without any hesitation, he endured his pain and retreated madly. The flame spirit emperor rapidly reformed its body and shot at Xiang Shaoyun like an artillery shell. It swung its two palms out,

crushing Xiang Shaoyun with a sea of flame. The torrential flame was fierce and violent, and the extreme temperature created cracking sounds in the air.

The flame it used was a regular flame, but it was no weaker than any high-tier flame. That was the might of the profundity of flame.

Xiang Shaoyun made use of Yun Flame to contend against the profundity of flame and hastily expelled the flame from his body, preventing it from harming him further.

The dreadful attack coming at him forced him to keep on retreating at full speed. However, the flame spirit emperor was too dreadful. Even when retreating at full speed, Xiang Shaoyun was still surrounded by the flame.

Bang! Bang!

A torrential flame engulfed him, allowing him to experience the destruction, ruthlessness, and heat of the profundity of flame. His entire body was hurting from the flame, and not even Yun Flame could alleviate his crisis. He was forced to use the profundity of ice and water and shroud his body with frost energy. Finally, he was able to somewhat suppress the profundity of flame assaulting him.

Water suppressed fire, that was unchanging.

However, it could only temporarily alleviate Xiang Shaoyun's crisis. After all, he was on a volcano. The flame spirit emperor held complete superiority here, and not even the profundity of ice and water could contend against the environment's flame energy.

Boundless flame surrounded Xiang Shouyun as a merciless curtain of flame crashed down on him. Even Yun Flame would have a hard time protecting Xiang Shaoyun against such an attack. After all, it was already a part of Xiang Shaoyun, while he was a fleshy human. Although the two were one, many of its original properties had still been suppressed.

Of course, if Xiang Shaoyun was killed, there was a chance for Yun Flame to regain freedom and exist as a high-tier flame yet again. Xiang Shaoyun did not wish to die just like this. Of course, since he dared to come for the flame spirit emperor, he had his own trump cards. Otherwise, he would not have dared to come so rashly.

A human skin suddenly appeared, wrapped around him, and immediately isolated him from the surrounding flame. The human skin was a unique treasure Xiang Shaoyun had obtained in the past. It was the same human skin he had relied on to conquer Yun Flame and the devil flame seed.

And now, he was using it to deal with the flame here. The flame spirit emperor had not seen it coming. The only thing it knew to do was to continue burning Xiang Shaoyun with endless flame.

In its eyes, Xiang Shaoyun would definitely turn into ash. It surrounded Xiang Shaoyun with massive amounts of flame, displaying the might of the profundity of flame.

Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun, who was amid the flame, could clearly sense the profundity of flame. Coupled with his previous comprehension of flame, he instantly had a sense of enlightenment and pierced through the bottleneck that had hindered him.

Yun Flame immediately radiated incomparable joy within his body as if resonating with every fiber of his being. Its affinity with Xiang Shaoyun reached perfection.

It was a change that had occurred due to Xiang Shaoyun's successful comprehension of the profundity of flame. He could now fully display Yun Flame's power, and the two could finally perfect their fusion. It was also at that moment that the flame star became completely full. For his current cultivation level, the star had reached perfection.

A smile formed on Xiang Shaoyun's face. He reached out with both hands and exerted control over the flame around him. Sure enough, the flame obeyed him. He now knew the flame like the back of his hand.

"Comprehending the profundity of any power is to understand the origin attributes of each power. Such knowledge would allow one to unleash the power's properties, which is a sign of one's comprehension of its profundity," Xiang Shaoyun muttered before pulling the human skin away. He faced the sea of flame with his own body.

## Chapter 707: Desperate Killing of the Flame Spirit Emperor

Yun Flame was originally a millennium flame, a high-tier flame. Subsequently, it had fused with the devil flame seed, and its tier had ascended to a brand new level. However, Xiang Shaoyun had never been able to unleash its real power.

That wasn't because Yun Flame was disobedient but merely because their affinity had yet to reach the perfect level. Now that Xiang Shaoyun had fully comprehended the profundity of flame, relying on it, he had obtained full affinity with Yun Flame. He could now unleash Yun Flame's full power.

The surging flame around him was extremely destructive and violent. Xiang Shaoyun could feel that even more clearly now, and he fully unleashed Yun Flame upon the flame around him. Yun Flame rapidly absorbed the flame energy and withstood the extreme heat on Xiang Shaoyun's behalf. Now, he no longer feared these flames.

"Now, it's my turn to attack," Xiang Shaoyun muttered as he charged the flame spirit emperor.

The flame spirit emperor did not expect Xiang Shaoyun to be alive. Once again, it surrounded Xiang Shaoyun with a massive curtain of flame. The surging flame was enough to turn any Emperor into ash.

However, Xiang Shaoyun could also control the flame around him and forcefully absorbed the flame energy cleanly. This was only an ability he could do after gaining full affinity with Yun Flame and comprehending the profundity of flame.

Two sources of flame collided with each other, creating an explosion akin to a volcanic eruption. The flame bloomed like a firework, creating a mesmerizing scene. Not far away, the other academy disciples saw the explosion, and all of them were greatly shocked. A battle of that level had surpassed their imaginations.

"Who's battling the flame spirit emperor? Is it Yu Ziyang?"

"That is not the territory of the Flaming Sun. It's probably someone else. But who is it that is so arrogant to fight a flame spirit emperor?"

"I know that place. That was originally the Di Alliance's territory, but the Overlord Legion had recently occupied it. Someone from the Overlord Legion must be challenging the flame spirit emperor."

"Apart from Xiang Shaoyun, the Overlord Legion does not have many experts. He is probably the one fighting the flame spirit emperor."

"Let's go. Get nearer and see if it's really him!"

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Xiang Shaoyun did not mind the commotion. He was fully focused on fighting the flame spirit emperor. After comprehending the profundity of flame, the flame spirit emperor's attacks could no longer deal as much damage to him.

However, the flame spirit emperor was still stronger than him. He couldn't harm the flame spirit emperor in a head-on collision, and he might even get himself injured from the impact.

The flame spirit emperor could control the flame like it was an extension of its body, capable of easily molding the mountain's flame energy. As for Xiang Shaoyun, he relied on Yun Flame and his comprehension of the profundity of flame to contend against the emperor.

Even so, if this deadlock continued, Xiang Shaoyun would be the one to die of exhaustion. He had to change the situation. Only then would he survive and defeat the flame spirit emperor. He thought hard, trying to find a way to defeat the flame spirit emperor.

The origin crystal is the source of energy for any flame spirit. Only by taking it away will I be able to defeat the flame spirit emperor, thought Xiang Shaoyun inwardly.

That much was obvious, but it wouldn't be easy to accomplish. Ultimately, he used the gift of instincts to see through the flame spirit emperor's chest, laying his gaze on the origin crystal.

He then withdrew the flame he controlled, making use of Yun Flame to protect himself as he charged the flame spirit emperor as fast as he could. The flame surrounding the flame spirit emperor was extremely dreadful. One ought to know that it had an origin crystal within its body. Thus, its flame was no weaker than a high-tier flame. Because of that, many cultivators were not willing to engage a flame spirit emperor in close combat. One ought to respect Xiang Shaoyun's courage for daring to do so.

Once again, Xiang Shaoyun draped the human skin around his body. With immunity to the flame, he charged madly while Yun Flame isolated the surrounding flame from him. A smile seemed to form on the flame spirit emperor when it saw this scene. It brandished its arms and gathered a clump of flame into a fireball. The fireball instantly exploded.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The fireball's explosion was terrifying, and it even created a small-scale earthquake around them. Xiang Shaoyun had not expected that the flame spirit emperor would actually use such a powerful attack so early in their battle. The explosion disoriented him, and his blood stirred, putting him in great discomfort.

If it wasn't for the human skin protecting him from the flame shockwave, he would have been reduced to meat paste. The human skin was indeed a precious flame-isolating treasure.

"Now!" Xiang Shaoyun clenched his teeth and withstood the impact as he mustered all his strength and charged toward the flame spirit emperor.

The flame spirit emperor thought the explosion would kill Xiang Shaoyun, so when he emerged from the explosion and appeared, it was slightly stunned. Just as it was about to launch a second attack, the energy around Xiang Shaoyun suddenly changed.

Profundity of ice and water!

He unleashed the energy of extreme cold within his water star and gathered it around his palms as he slammed his palms into the flame spirit emperor's chest. The attack had arrived too abruptly, and it was one Xiang Shaoyun had been planning all along. He released all his energy of extreme cold, pushing the frost energy in his hands to an extreme level.

A vast amount of frost energy froze his surroundings and isolated the flame spirit emperor from the area's natural flame energy. Most of the energy of extreme cold was concentrated on the flame spirit emperor's origin crystal.

The frost stiffened the flame spirit emperor's body momentarily, preventing the flame spirit emperor from making use of the profundity of flame for a split second. Even its control over flame was removed.

After all, it was a pure flame elemental life form. The moment an energy suppressing it appeared, it felt extremely unwell. It also wouldn't be easy for the flame spirit emperor to break free of this condition quickly.

That was the disadvantage of being a life form with low intelligence. Furthermore, Xiang Shaoyun's attack carried with it the power of the profundity of ice. Its might was not to be underestimated.

During the flame spirit emperor's momentary weakening, Xiang Shaoyun grabbed at its chest, intending to pluck away its origin crystal. He showed no fear for its flame, and it was not something anyone could do.

The moment Xiang Shaoyun gripped the origin crystal, the flame spirit emperor recovered. It flung its arms out, wrapping layers of flame around Xiang Shaoyun as it attempted to hug him to death.

#### Chapter 708: I Am Your Brother-in-Law, Xiang Shaoyun

Unfortunately for the flame spirit emperor, the human skin draped around Xiang Shaoyun was too wondrous, granting him full protection against flame. Taking the opportunity, Xiang Shaoyun pulled with all his might, trying to pluck out the origin crystal.

The energy of the flame spirit emperor started destabilizing, and it started raging. Using its origin crystal, it actually exploded itself, preparing to perish together with Xiang Shaoyun. Through the profundity of flame, he could sense the flame spirit emperor's emotions. Noticing what it was trying to do, he grew anxious.

The explosion of a flame spirit emperor would be devastating. Although he was wrapped in the human skin, the skin did not have any defensive properties. It was only immune to fire. Because of that, he feared that the explosion would kill him. During this moment of crisis, he once again borrowed from the profundity of ice.

Ice and heat would result in water, and with the creation of water, he used the profundity of water to prevent the flame spirit emperor's explosion. After all, during the instant the ice turned into water, the water was at its lowest possible temperature. That way, he could quickly weaken and cool off the angered flame spirit emperor.

"Come out!" Xiang Shaoyun roared and gathered all his strength into his palm. He also channeled a large amount of frost energy, reducing the origin crystal's temperature. He then pulled with all his might.

The origin crystal finally gave in, and he pulled it out of the flame spirit emperor. The moment the origin crystal was pulled out, the flame spirit emperor's body started collapsing. It tried its best to maintain its form but failed.

As for Xiang Shaoyun, he quickly retreated with the origin crystal in hand. Numerous flame spirits rushed out from the volcanic crater.

"Assist me!" Xiang Shaoyun shouted to the Overlord Legion people.

"Kill! Assist the overlord in killing the flame spirits!" someone from the Overlord Legion shouted.

This whole time they had been anxiously watching the battle between Xiang Shaoyun and the flame spirit emperor. None of them had expected that Xiang Shaoyun could really win, and he had even harvested the emperor's origin crystal.

He was too valiant.

Encouraged by his success, their spirits were roused as they charged the flame spirits wildly. This time, instead of battling in a disorderly manner, they organized themselves well and fought with great teamwork.

These were all geniuses in the first place. They were all capable of fighting those with higher cultivation levels, and with them working together, their combat prowess increased significantly.

As for Xiang Shaoyun, he took the chance to retreat far away before stopping to heal. Using a drop of lightning liquid, he quickly healed his burnt wounds. The flame spirit emperor's control over flame was too powerful. Without the human skin, he would have had a much harder time defeating it.

One could say that he had won because of his luck. He shut his eyes and started replaying his fight with the flame spirit emperor in his mind. The flame spirit emperor had exquisite control over flame, as if it was the god of flame, knowing everything about flame control. Its accomplishments in flame control were something worth learning from.

Not far away, the other disciples had the urge to rush over and snatch the origin crystals when they saw the massive numbers of flame spirits.

But when they saw Xiang Shaoyun's slender silhouette, they stopped their steps. That was a person who had killed a flame spirit emperor. Stepping into the Overlord Legion's territory would be viewed as a provocation, and they would then have to face his fury.

However, two particular people did not seem bothered as they headed straight to Xiang Shaoyun. The two were none other than Yu Ziyang, the leader of Flaming Sun, and Yu Caidie. They were respectively mounted on a fiery hou beast and a phoenix. Sounds of discussion broke out among the numerous disciples who saw them.

"It's the Child of the Flaming Sun and the Holy Maiden! They are heading toward Xiang Shaoyun!"

"None of us is blind. Looks like Xiang Shaoyun has attracted their attention. But I wonder if a fight will break out between them."

"Are you stupid? The Holy Maiden once waited three days for Xiang Shaoyun at 1 Dragon Villa. News of it has spread everywhere. Even if they are not lovers, they are definitely close."

"That can't be true, right? Xiang Shaoyun has actually won the Holy Maiden's favor? What kind of bullshit luck is that?"

"Yes, bullshit luck indeed. Who doesn't know that the Green Youth Ye Linshan loves the Holy Maiden dearly? Also, the freaks topping the Dragon Phoenix List seem to be interested in her as well. I wonder if Xiang Shaoyun is capable of withstanding all their fury."

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When Yu Ziyang and Yu Caidie approached, Xiang Shaoyun turned and looked at them. His gaze first landed on Yu Caidie before Yu Ziyang. At that moment, their gazes met, and sparks were created.

Yu Ziyang's eyes were akin to two blazing suns. They were dazzling and radiant and were extremely hard to look straight at. An ordinary person would immediately avoid his gaze, not daring to look straight at him.

However, Xiang Shaoyun showed no weakness as he met the gaze with complete calmness. Even though Yu Ziyang was giving him considerable pressure, he could still withstand it. However, Yu Ziyang was undoubtedly giving him a feeling of intense danger. It was a sense of danger that he would only feel from those with stronger combat prowess than him. Evidently, in terms of combat prowess alone, he was not Yu Ziyang's match.

"Caidie, this is?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

Of course, he could guess Yu Ziyang's identity. But since he did not know the other party, it would be presumptuous to call his name directly.

Just as Yu Caidie was about to speak, Yu Ziyang said, "Yu Ziyang of the Flaming Sun."

A fawning smile immediately appeared on Xiang Shaoyun's face as he said, "Ah, so it's big brother. I have long heard of your great self. I am your future brother-in-law, Xiang Shaoyun!"

Yu Ziyang chortled and said, "Haha, it's still too early to call me big brother. You have yet to win our recognition."

"Not at all. Caidie is going to be mine sooner or later. It makes no difference at all," said Xiang Shaoyun shamelessly.

Yu Caidie spat and said, "Can't you be serious for once? You can call him that after you complete what I asked of you."

"Caidie, I am serious. I will definitely complete the task. Just wait. I won't let you enter someone else's embrace," said Xiang Shaoyun solemnly.

"Alright, I am older than you, so it doesn't matter that you are calling me big brother. But if you like Caidie, you need to prove it with action. All talk and no action is the conduct of a coward," said Yu Ziyang. "With your ability to defeat the flame spirit emperor, I believe you will be able to complete her task one day. But for now, you should bring your Overlord Legion members and join my Flaming Sun."

## Chapter 709: Work Hard, Future Brother-In-Law

Yu Ziyang's voice carried a domineering tone, as if Xiang Shaoyun and the Overlord Legion had no choice but to join the Flaming Sun. The smile on Xiang Shaoyun's face froze. He solemnly said, "Big brother, this joke is not funny."

Telling him to merge the Overlord Legion with the Flaming Sun was the same as telling him to submit to them. It was something he would absolutely not agree to.

Yu Ziyang narrowed his eyes. "I am not joking. Telling you to merge the Overlord Legion into our Flaming Sun is my way of giving you an opportunity. It is also a form of protection for your brothers. They will be able to receive more benefits by joining us. What do you have against it?"

Xiang Shaoyun smiled. "That is not something you need to worry about, big brother. The brothers of the Overlord Legion have yet to make a lot of profit, but we haven't suffered much either. Of course, when we can't survive anymore in the future, it won't be too late to join you then."

He was basically tactfully declining the recruitment.

Yu Ziyang's face turned grave. "You're really rejecting me?"

A powerful presence surged out and pressed down on Xiang Shaoyun. It was extremely heavy and was mixed with thick spiritual pressure.

Evidently, Yu Ziyang's soul power was approaching the Soul Foundation Realm, or perhaps he had already reached that level. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to release such spiritual pressure easily.

It was a pressure that even late-stage Emperors would have a hard time withstanding, yet Xiang Shaoyun was able to completely ignore it as he said, "Big brother, are you thinking of forcing me?"

Looking at the completely calm Xiang Shaoyun, Yu Ziyang raised his brow. He withdrew his suppression and smiled. "Hehe, I was playing a joke. Since you insist, forget the offer."

In truth, Yu Ziyang was merely testing Xiang Shaoyun. If Xiang Shaoyun couldn't stand his ground, then he truly wouldn't be worthy of Yu Caidie.

"You should go help your Overlord Legion people. They seem to be having a hard time," said Yu Caidie as she pointed at the nearby Overlord Legion members.

Xiang Shaoyun shot them a glance before saying, "I can't be bothered. If they can't even handle some flame spirits, how are they supposed to increase their combat prowess? Caidie, let's find a quiet place to talk about life! That is a better use of our time!"

He then stepped forth and tried to near Yu Caidie. However, Yu Caidie stepped back, not giving him any chances.

"Just focus on cultivating. When you fulfill my requirement, we can talk about life," said Yu Caidie.  
"Big brother, let's leave."

She left with her phoenix.

Yu Ziyang smiled "Work hard, future brother-in-law."

He left as well, returning to the Flaming Sun's territory with Yu Caidie.

Xiang Shaoyun gazed at their departing backs, not bothering to go after them. He thought to himself, Just wait, Caidie. Before long, you will be back by my side.

When he turned around to look at the Overlord Legion people, he found that they were looking very pathetic. It wasn't that they were weak, but there were too many flame spirits. There were only about a dozen members, not enough to deal with so many flame spirits. If they couldn't hold their ground, they would need to retreat for now and wait for the next opportunity.

Xiang Shaoyun charged toward them and shouted, "You are all geniuses who managed to join the Dragon Phoenix Academy. You can't even deal with some flame spirits? How are you supposed to shine in the future? You might as well get lost and go back to where you came from."

Xiang Shaoyun landed in the midst of the flame spirits, and ignoring their attacks, he clawed everywhere. He made full use of the profundity of flame. The flame spirits couldn't harm him, and he plucked out one origin crystal after another. Nobody would think they had too many origin crystals. The more the better.

Xiang Shaoyun's flame star was already completely full. But after breaking through, he would still require the replenishment of a large amount of energy. Additionally, Yun Flame also needed more energy so it could continue its evolution. Under Xiang Shaoyun's provocation, the Overlord Legion members were filled with shame.

"Everyone, focus! We can't let the overlord look down on us!" Deng Lingtian howled, triggering the pride within these young geniuses, making them reveal their trump cards.

They defeated the flame spirits one after another, and the tide of the battle started changing. As the flame spirits decreased in number, the Overlord Legion reaped great harvests. That was not enough to satisfy Xiang Shaoyun, and he went straight into the volcanic crater, stunning them all.

Not to mention the vast number of flame spirits within the crater, just its temperature alone was not something regular Emperors could withstand. After all, this was a volcano that had produced a flame spirit emperor. Its flame energy was extremely dreadful.

Xiang Shaoyun rushed down with his top speed, and numerous flame spirits charged him, attacking him endlessly. But for the current Xiang Shaoyun, these attacks were nothing. With the profundity of flame, he collapsed all their attacks. He even had the time to launch his own counterattacks.

He couldn't be bothered to waste too much time with them. After several evasive maneuvers, he passed through an opening between them and entered the crater. The high temperature within the crater was extremely uncomfortable.

Without wearing the human skin, Xiang Shaoyun found the heat difficult to endure. Instead of going into the lava, he collected some lava to replenish the lava in his astral cosmos sea. He only replenished it to improve his blaze flower's living environment and to ensure that the lava in his astral cosmos sea remained powerful.

He also did so to observe the changes in his astral cosmos sea. He kept having a feeling there was something special about his astral cosmos sea, and he was trying to figure out what that was.

After collecting some lava, he directly retreated. In truth, Yun Flame was constantly urging him to enter the lava. There was an extraordinary power within that could induce an evolution in Yun Flame, but Xiang Shaoyun suppressed the flame's urge and withdrew.

It wasn't that he did not want to grow Yun Flame, but his current priority was to comprehend the profundity of the nine powers. He hoped to make it possible to absorb nine powers at the same time. That way, his speed of advancement would increase.

If he continued cultivating as he did, others would leave him in the dust. Even if he could fuse nine powers, if he couldn't keep up in terms of cultivation level, it was only a matter of time before his defeat. It was something he did not wish to see happen.

Thus, after comprehending the profundity of flame, he needed to head to a different zone and comprehend a different profundity. That was his priority.

## Chapter 710: It's Really A Fierce Murderous Demon

After leaving the volcanic crater, Xiang Shaoyun killed a considerable number of flame spirits before finally retiring. As for the others, they also retreated after they were fully exhausted.

Xiang Shaoyun took the chance to say, "I'm preparing to leave. You guys can stay and continue cultivating here. If you lack contribution points, just go trade for some with origin crystals. Your priority should be in growing your cultivation."

"Overlord, you're leaving so soon?" asked someone in confusion.

They had not noticed Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation stage advance. Why, then, was he leaving?

"Oh, my circumstances are different from you guys. I can't cultivate in only one zone. Ok guys, work hard," said Xiang Shaoyun as he left without delay.

After his explanation, the others understood Xiang Shaoyun's problem. He cultivated nine powers at the same time. Only someone with great courage would dare to attempt something like that.

After leaving the Flame Mountains zone, Xiang Shaoyun went straight to the Sinister Wind Den. The Sinister Wind Den was a unique zone where a type of wind called yin wind wreaked havoc.

When Xiang Shaoyun arrived, he found that the place was not habitable for humans. He felt like he had arrived at the nether world, where an eerie wind that could chill one's bones blew about violently.

The sky was covered with black clouds, looking incredibly sinister. Cries of crows rang out repeatedly, and graves were everywhere. At one glance, not a single living person could be seen.

Before entering, Xiang Shaoyun had heard that the Sinister Wind Den was a terrifying place very similar to hell. Even among the Dragon Phoenix Academy disciples, not many were willing to cultivate in this zone.

The Sinister Wind Den was the nastiest of the cultivation zones and had the highest mortality rate. The zone was, in fact, a large sinister graveyard filled with corpses. The yin wind was filled with an aura of death that could easily seep into one's body and exhaust one's vitality.

Apart from that, the wind power here was extremely dense. It was as if there was an eye of a storm here, acting as the yin wind's source. Otherwise, how would the wind exist all year long?

Xiang Shaoyun had braced himself mentally before coming, but he was still shocked when he arrived. The chilly wind blasted his face unceasingly as the blowing wind made hissing sounds that were akin to ghost wails. The sinister decaying aura contained in the wind seemed capable of corroding everything.

Xiang Shaoyun started traveling against the wind to look for the source. His target was the eye of the storm where the wind energy would be the densest. It was also the best place for him to comprehend the profundity of wind.

But before he could go far, numerous sinister zombies crawled up from their graves. They looked eerie and terrifying, and the sight of them would scare off a timid person.

Xiang Shaoyun was a resolute person with a strong will. He had also seen numerous sinister beasts. Thus, he was not easily frightened by these zombies. The zombies surrounded and charged him, spouting death energy from their mouths. The wind carried the death energy and engulfed Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun was prepared, and he instantly soared into the sky, not wasting any time on these zombies. The zombies could only move around on the ground. They were incapable of aerial battles.

Xiang Shaoyun thought that he would be able to reach his destination easily that way. Unfortunately, a green silhouette suddenly appeared in the sky and charged him. It had appeared too abruptly and was extremely hard to detect.

Even Xiang Shaoyun was given a fright. Fortunately, he was able to react in time and dodge it.

"What is this?" Xiang Shaoyun exclaimed as he looked at the green silhouette.

After he got a clear look, he found that the attacker was actually a green cat demon. The cat demon was entirely green, looking incredibly conspicuous. Its eyes were gleaming with ruthlessness as it bared its sharp fangs. Clumps of chilly decaying energy drifted out of its mouth unceasingly.

The cat demon was as sturdy as a tiger demon. One with bad foresight would think that this was a green-furred tiger, but in truth, it was a green shadow cat. The green shadow cats were born savage and loved eating corpses. They carried innate yin vicious energy within them, and they also controlled the power of wind, granting them an incredible speed that allowed them to move undetected.

The green shadow cat was a fifth-stage Demon Emperor, possessing a speed comparable to a seventh-stage Emperor. Xiang Shaoyun, with his freakish reaction speed, was the only low-level Emperor capable of avoiding this cat's sneak attack.

"Get lost. Don't bother me," shouted Xiang Shaoyun with a glare.

He was in a rush and did not want to waste time on this green shadow cat. However, the green shadow cat was born savage. It rarely saw living people here, so how could it give up on such a prey?

Meow! Meow!

The green shadow cat cried out a few times before turning into a green streak that shot toward Xiang Shaoyun. It clawed out, sending yin wind attacks at Xiang Shaoyun. Using his footwork, Xiang Shaoyun avoided the attack and launched his own attack.

Devil Severing Edge!

The moment he attacked, he showed no quarter. A burst of radiance shot out of his saber, transforming into saber energy filled with rich devilish energy. It shot toward the green shadow cat. The green shadow cat also reacted quickly. It nimbly dodged attack after attack before arriving in front of Xiang Shaoyun and clawing at his face.

One ought to admit that the green shadow cat possessed incredible combat prowess. The directions of its attacks were exquisite, and its claws were constantly aimed at vitals. Even Xiang Shaoyun was surprised.

"It's really a fierce murderous demon," exclaimed Xiang Shaoyun as he kicked repeatedly.

Hurricane Kick!

Using the power of wind in his surroundings, he borrowed from his environment's natural wind power to strengthen his attacks. A fierce battle erupted between the two, shockwaves splattering their surroundings, destroying the roaming zombies below them.

Even after a while, Xiang Shaoyun still failed to defeat the green shadow cat with the power of wind. In fact, he had even sustained injuries. If it wasn't for his speed superiority, he would have been killed by now.

"Looks like you will be looking down on me if I don't show you something good." Xiang Shaoyun was getting furious. With a roar, he used the profundity of flame.

Seven Scorching Sun Claws!

Contesting claws with his own claws, he attacked the green shadow cat with fiery blazing claws. Although flame attacks wouldn't be boosted here like when he was in the Flame Mountains zone, he could still unleash a formidable flame attack.

Wind enhanced flame, while yang suppressed yin. When the green shadow cat sensed the threat of the flame attacks, it cried out and quickly retreated.

"You want to leave now? It's too late!" Killing intent flashed in Xiang Shaoyun's eyes as he chased after the cat.

It was at that moment that a spectral silhouette appeared behind him and attacked.