

Overlord 731

Chapter 731: I Find You Too Ugly

Lady Violence, An Lulu.

She had that title because she had never held back when attacking, constantly creating needless consequences from her battles. In fact, she had already obtained the title before joining the Dragon Phoenix Academy.

Back then, someone was not resigned to see such a dainty lady holding that title. Hence, he jokingly teased her about it, and disaster befell him. She kicked his testicles, turning them into meat paste. From then on, nobody doubted that she was worthy of her title.

In fact, many people would clasp their thighs tightly and distance themselves from her whenever she was in sight, afraid that she would also kick their testicles if she found them unpleasant to her eyes.

Previously when Tang Longfei had encountered her while leading the Overlord Legion members, she had badly beaten him. If it wasn't for the fact that she was too busy collecting the gleamstar water, Tang Longfei and company would have likely failed to escape.

Thus, Tang Longfei lacked confidence when facing her. After all, she was someone in the Dragon Phoenix List's top 20.

"An Lulu, you already snatched our gleamstar water once. This time, we won't back off no matter what. Bring it on!" Tang Longfei roared, deciding to throw caution to the wind.

The Overlord Legion members gathered together while Aikai stepped forward, acting as the vanguard. Among them, Aikai was the strongest. His presence served as some sort of assurance for the Overlord Legion members.

"You're so brave now because you got a feathered beastman standing in front of you? Everyone, get ready. Kill them all," commanded An Lulu with a look of madness on her face.

Although the Overlord Legion's side had lower morale, they were still geniuses from all around the world. If news of them all perishing here spread to the academy, would things end well for An Lulu?

Each of these genius disciples was a future pillar of the dominion. Not one academy could afford to lose disciples to inner struggles like this. Furthermore, these geniuses came from various organizations. If so many were killed that it incited the organizations' anger, chaos would befall the continent.

"This crazy woman. Everyone, prepare to face the enemy!" Tang Longfei cursed and clenched his fists tightly, bracing himself for the upcoming fight.

Aikai started flapping his wings, his eyes shining with a ruthless gleam as he stared at An Lulu. He looked as if he was going to charge straight at her at any moment. The Overlord Legion members unleashed their presences, forming a massive defensive barrier around them.

As for the Crushing Sky members, they followed An Lulu's command and drew their weapons in preparation to attack. Both parties prepared themselves, and a battle was going to erupt soon.

Abruptly, a shout rang out, "Run! This place is going to explode!"

The shout turned the intense atmosphere into one filled with panic. Everyone here had seen the sight of an exploding area. Each explosion was incomparably dreadful and was not something they could withstand. Only by running far away would they be able to survive.

The Overlord Legion members fled without any hesitation, as they recognized the owner of the voice. It belonged to none other than their overlord. As for the Crushing Sky members, they glanced at An Lulu, awaiting her command.

She gave the stable area a glance before commanding, "Everyone, retreat at full speed!"

And thus, the Crushing Sky people also quickly left, not daring to stay. Just like that, the two groups fled with all their effort, afraid that they would die if they were one step slower. Sure enough, as soon as they left, a world-shaking explosion erupted. It completely destroyed the stable area.

Everyone felt regret at the destruction of the gleamstar water. Little did they know, Xiang Shaoyun had collected all the gleamstar water and placed it in his astral cosmos sea where he had allocated a spot for it. A tiny sapling was also growing there, looking rather wondrous.

Under Xiang Shaoyun's lead, the Overlord Legion left. However, they were not safe yet as the Crushing Sky were pursuing them.

Do you really want to cause both sides to suffer? Xiang Shaoyun cursed inwardly as he commanded, "Everyone, stay. Let's see if the Crushing Sky really wants a fight with us."

At his command, they stopped fleeing, displaying their willingness to fight alongside him.

When the Crushing Sky arrived, An Lulu's gaze landed on Xiang Shaoyun. She shouted, "Xiang Shaoyun, this young lady has taken a liking to you. Get over here, and become my attendant."

She was even more unreasonable than Huang Xiaoyue, her tone not leaving any room for disagreement.

"A woman like you with tits and no brain is not worthy of that. In fact, I find you too ugly to even be my maid!" replied Xiang Shaoyun, unrelenting.

An Lulu was undoubtedly infuriated, and she roared, "You're a bastard who doesn't know what's good for you. Kill them all!"

One ought to admit that An Lulu was indeed a woman that feared no consequence; she had decided to kill so unhesitatingly. With her axe, she charged forth and brought it down upon Xiang Shaoyun's head. She was a peak fifth-stage Emperor, someone a step away from the sixth stage.

She also possessed combat prowess rivaling peak Emperors. Thus, she did not fear Aikai. Initially, Aikai wanted to face An Lulu on Xiang Shaoyun's behalf, but he was instead told to help the others while Xiang Shaoyun himself charged forth.

And thus, a battle erupted between the Overlord Legion and the Crushing Sky. The Crushing Sky had the numerical superiority, and their overall strength was greater. On the other hand, the Overlord Legion was fewer in number and weaker. Anyone would conclude that this would be a one-sided battle.

Fortunately, the Overlord Legion was still thinking straight and did not bother fighting recklessly. Rather, they focused on defense to drag the fight out. One ought to admit that the Overlord Legion had made the correct choice for their current circumstances. So long as Xiang Shaoyun and Aikai could defeat the Crushing Sky leaders in the group, the rest would be defeated without much fight.

Xiang Shaoyun did not want to waste too much time dealing with An Lulu. He directly unleashed his speed, and after avoiding an attack she threw his way, he bombarded her with flying stones. He was using the profundity of earth, manipulating the flying rocks for his own use.

Just as the rocks were about to hit, An Lulu sneered, "You're not the only one who has comprehended the profundity of earth."

As she said that, she activated her profundity of earth and powered her axe with it before swinging it at Xiang Shaoyun.

Rumble! Rumble!

Chapter 732: Capturing An Lulu

An Lulu was an earth cultivator. Although she was petite, she could erupt with a strength surpassing many people. That was even more so after she comprehended the profundity of earth. Her earth manipulation was godly.

After using the profundity of earth, the flying rocks behind her joined with her axe as she swung it down at Xiang Shaoyun. The two powerful attacks collided, sending rocks and pebbles flying everywhere. Even the nearby horned shell monsters were frightened into escaping.

The two were using the profundity of earth at the same time, yet Xiang Shaoyun could only unleash the power of one star. On the other hand, An Lulu was displaying the power of eight stars. In this aspect, Xiang Shaoyun would naturally not be her match.

Sure enough, Xiang Shaoyun was forced into repeated retreats, having a hard time blocking her advance.

"Nine-star physique? Nothing special," said An Lulu. Her confidence swelled after her initial success, and she began swinging her axe.

Even as she was swinging her axe, she formed a powerful gravity field around her, not giving Xiang Shaoyun any chance to avoid her attacks. Her series of attacks revealed her extraordinary combat prowess.

Reverse Gravity Field!

Profundity of wind!

Xiang Shaoyun naturally wouldn't let her continue to suppress him. He unleashed two different powers consecutively. First, he broke free from An Lulu's gravity field. Then, he unleashed his unmatched speed and dashed toward her.

Devil Severing Edge!

Instantly, a storm engulfed An Lulu.

She had not expected him to be so fast, but she remained calm as she quickly entered a defensive position.

Unmoving Mountain!

She seemed to transform into a mountain as a powerful defensive barrier appeared around her, blocking Xiang Shaoyun's attacks. She then swung her axe repeatedly, sending a series of berserk slashes his way.

However, Xiang Shaoyun drifted about like the wind. The attacks were unable to do anything to him. And thus, the battle reached a deadlock since neither could harm the other.

That was not something Xiang Shaoyun wanted to see. After all, the Crushing Sky was attacking the Overlord Legion. If he couldn't end this fight soon, the Overlord Legion members would be in danger. He had to end it in the shortest time possible.

"Regardless of how strong your defense is, I will still defeat you!" Xiang Shaoyun roared as he finally used his strongest attack.

Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist!

He no longer held back, and even the nine-colored fog was utilized. Powered by the nine-colored fog, the Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist immediately increased several times in might, reaching a peak Emperor's level.

An Lulu had long heard that Xiang Shaoyun could fuse nine powers. When she sensed the threat this attack posed for her, she did not dare to hold back. She used the profundity of earth and the might of all eight of her stars to unleash an attack at Xiang Shaoyun.

Chaotic Mountain Breaking Axe!

Using all her strength, An Lulu was also able to display combat prowess matching a peak Emperor. She lived up to her status as one of the top 20 experts on the Dragon Phoenix List. Her combat prowess was several stages higher than her actual cultivation level. From this, one could see how much of a freak she was.

Her cultivation level was three stages higher than Xiang Shaoyun's, and with her eruption, she was able to fully withstand Xiang Shaoyun's Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist. It was evident she wasn't much weaker than Xiao Xie, whom Xiang Shaoyun had met at the Castle of Darkness.

That also proved that not a single person on the Dragon Phoenix List got on it by fluke. However, Xiang Shaoyun seemed to have expected this to happen. A crafty smile formed on his face as he suddenly changed his stance.

Dark Sky Engulfing Imprint!

It was as if the darkest night was descending, and the darkness enveloped their surroundings. One couldn't even see one's own fingers. Even with her eruption of power, An Lulu was unable to prevent the darkness from swallowing her. She lost her vision and could no longer see Xiang Shaoyun. She started panicking.

She had fought dark cultivators before. The power of darkness was extremely annoying, but she had never encountered such absolute darkness before. This was simply a domain of darkness capable of forcefully trapping anyone.

It was an attack Xiang Shaoyun had unleashed with dark origin energy and the profundity of darkness, and it could eliminate all light.

Xiang Shaoyun had once suffered the torment of darkness, and that was when he had comprehended the profundity of darkness. It was understandable that this move he had obtained after great torture was powerful.

Within the darkness, Xiang Shaoyun's palms seemed to cover the entire world as he slammed them down toward An Lulu. Her eyes were shut while her defenses were pushed to her limit. She was confident she could block Xiang Shaoyun's attack.

Alas, she was overconfident this time. The palm attack was boundlessly powerful, and when it struck her, her defenses were only able to prevent part of the damage. The corrosive dark energy penetrated her defenses to reach her flesh.

Xiang Shaoyun had attacked with both his palms, but to his surprise, his palms had actually landed right on her bosom. Even with the layer of thin armor between them, he could still feel the sheer size and tenderness of that giant pair.

An unprecedented shame rose within An Lulu. "You...psshttt—"

A dreadful penetrative force sent her flying, causing her to spit up blood before she could finish her words.

Her blood was spat right onto Xiang Shaoyun's face, but he did not stop his advance. Turning into a gust of wind, he gave chase and captured An Lulu, who was seriously injured. The power of darkness had corroded and paralyzed her, making it impossible for her to escape him.

After capturing An Lulu, Xiang Shaoyun shouted, "People of the Crushing Sky, stop right this moment, or I will kill this woman immediately."

His voice was clear for all to hear and brimmed with murderous intent.

Soon, someone from the Crushing Sky noticed him and shouted, "Stop, stop now!"

As the Crushing Sky had been the attacking party, the Overlord Legion people were relieved. They hurriedly withdrew to Xiang Shaoyun's side.

"Xiang Shaoyun, release Lady An, or we won't spare you!" Huang Xing yelled.

Chapter 733: Or You Can Prepare to Collect Her Corpse

To defeat a group of bandits, it was more effective to first defeat the leader. That was a theory everyone knew. Hence, after Xiang Shaoyun captured An Lulu, he was able to achieve his desired result. If he was any slower, all the Overlord Legion members would have probably perished.

Now, there were no deaths yet. However, about eight of them were badly injured and could no longer fight. If it wasn't for the assistance of a peak Emperor, such as Aikai, the result would have been far worse.

Xiang Shaoyun held An Lulu by the neck. With the strands of dark energy invading her body endlessly, she was completely helpless. Her eyes were filled with indignation. Never before had she suffered such humiliation. Inwardly, she cursed, I will repay this tenfold in the future!

Xiang Shaoyun met Huang Xing's gaze and replied with a displeased tone, "Come at me if you have the guts. I really want to see if you can really kill us all."

When Huang Xing met Xiang Shaoyun's murderous gaze, he instinctively shrank, the words he was about to say stuck in his throat. If Xiang Shaoyun killed An Lulu, as an attendant, Huang Xing would probably have a hard time surviving in the Crushing Sky.

At this time, someone else stepped forth. "Release Lady An, and we will let you leave."

The person who spoke was a peak fourth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator, and he was also considered the second strongest in the group. Thus, there was some weight to his words.

Xiang Shaoyun sneered, "After injuring so many of us, won't it be embarrassing if we just leave like this?"

"What do you want, then?" asked the fourth-stage Emperor.

"Hand over half the gleamstar water you have, or this woman will die," said Xiang Shaoyun firmly.

The faces of the Crushing Sky members sank. They had collected a considerable amount of gleamstar water, but those were their gains after braving through numerous dangers. Asking them to hand out half their gains was the same as feasting on their flesh and blood.

"Xiang Shaoyun, don't push it. The leader of the Crushing Sky is Zhan Wushuang," threatened the fourth-stage Emperor.

Zhan Wushuang was a name that resounded throughout the Dragon Phoenix Academy. He was as famous as Baili Yixiao. Nobody dared to disrespect him. The fourth-stage Emperor was hoping Zhan Wushuang's name would be enough to scare Xiang Shaoyun off and make him give up on his excessive request.

"What about Zhan Wushuang? Even if he is here in person, my demand will not change," said Xiang Shaoyun nonchalantly.

His words caused the people from the Crushing Sky to rage. All of them had deep respect for Zhan Wushuang. Since Xiang Shaoyun dared to look down on Zhan Wushuang, it only meant that he was looking down on the entirety of the Crushing Sky. The Crushing Sky members stirred, and some demanded that they immediately kill Xiang Shaoyun and his men.

On the other hand, Tang Longfei was getting anxious as he used voice transmission, "Shaoyun, we should quit while we're ahead. We can't provoke Zhan Wushuang."

However, Xiang Shaoyun completely ignored him and slapped An Lulu.

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He did not hold back and left a red palm print on An Lulu's face, causing her face to swell. The Crushing Sky was completely stupefied. They had not imagined that Xiang Shaoyun would really attack, and they started growing nervous.

An Lulu was famous for her bad temper. If she survived, she would definitely seek revenge on Xiang Shaoyun. But if they angered Xiang Shaoyun and caused her to suffer, she would not spare them either.

Thus, the fourth-stage Emperor hurriedly said anxiously, "Calm down, calm down. We can talk it out."

"I'm giving you one last chance. Hand over half your gleamstar water, or you can prepare to collect her corpse," said Xiang Shaoyun coldly.

He tightened his grip, causing An Lulu to choke for breath while her eyes started rolling over. It was evident Xiang Shaoyun was really prepared to kill and wasn't affected by his captive's beauty.

"Quick, everyone, hand over half your gleamstar water," hastily commanded the fourth-stage Emperor.

An Lulu had extremely high status in the Crushing Sky, and Zhan Wushuang trusted her highly. If something bad happened to her, all of them would suffer. Some of them started taking out their gleamstar water unhappily.

Sure enough, the Crushing Sky people had gotten great harvests. Each of them had taken out no less than three drops of gleamstar water. The people from the Overlord Legion were gulping endlessly, thinking of how they were becoming rich just by extorting the Crushing Sky.

Xiang Shaoyun sent Aikai to collect the gleamstar water. At the same time, he lessened the strength of his grip on An Lulu's neck, allowing her to breathe.

"Take out all your gleamstar water," Xiang Shaoyun said to An Lulu.

An Lulu had just stabilized her breath and had yet to recover her mental state. When she heard Xiang Shaoyun's demand, fury raged within her. And due to her chaotic blood circulation, she spat up blood once again. One could say that she was spitting blood from anger!

"Hmph. Don't pretend to be dead. You had snatched the gleamstar water that should have belonged to the Overlord Legion. I am merely asking you to return what you stole," said Xiang Shaoyun coldly.

An Lulu felt extremely humiliated, wishing for nothing more than to tear Xiang Shaoyun apart alive. Unfortunately, her life was in his hands, and she was not qualified to talk terms with him. Without hesitation, she took out one-third of the gleamstar water she had on her. The portions she took out were nicely stored in bottles. There were dozens of drops in total.

After taking them all, Xiang Shaoyun said, "Trying to dismiss me with just this? Do you think I'm stupid?"

An Lulu's eyes were filled with anger, but she could only take out another third of what she had.

"Th-this is all I have. If you don't believe me, just kill me!" said An Lulu in advance to prevent Xiang Shaoyun from continuing to extort her.

Xiang Shaoyun decided to quit while ahead and said to Tang Longfei, "Big Brother Tang, you guys leave first. Don't wait for me."

He then handed over the gleamstar water he had gotten from the Crushing Sky members.

Tang Longfei nodded and said, "Overlord, take care." He then turned and said to the Overlord Legion, "Let's leave now."

And just like that, the Overlord Legion left without any hesitation. They firmly believed that their overlord would be able to leave safely. As for the Crushing Sky, they could only watch as the Overlord Legion left. Despite their unsightly expressions, none dared to do anything. Finally, Xiang Shaoyun tossed An Lulu over to them when Tang Longfei and the others were gone.

The fourth-stage Emperor quickly caught An Lulu before saying, "Everyone, work together and kill him!"

At his command, all the people from the Crushing Sky attacked.

Chapter 734: Revenge Is Here

A massive amount of attacks rained down. Even a peak Emperor would have to flee facing these attacks. Naturally, Xiang Shaoyun forced himself to withstand them. Like a gust of wind, he drifted backward while speaking tough words, "Remember what you did today. In the future, the Overlord Legion will repay you."

He knew very well the Overlord Legion needed to continue growing. They also needed to recruit more powerful geniuses to hold the fort. Otherwise, everyone would think they were weaklings that could be bullied.

The Crushing Sky was not willing to let him go. They pursued and attacked him unrelentingly. However, Xiang Shaoyun was too fast. If he wanted to leave, they wouldn't be able to stop him. Just like that, he slipped away right before their eyes.

After catching her breath, An Lulu ignored her injuries and shouted in the direction Xiang Shaoyun had fled, "Xiang Shaoyun, I won't spare you! Just you wait!"

The resentment-filled voice resounded everywhere. After fleeing from them, Xiang Shaoyun did not leave the restricted space immediately. It was not that he did not want to leave but that the direction in which he escaped was not the direction of the exit. He had to find a different way out.

Naturally, he also wanted to try searching for more gleamstar water. After all, nobody would hate having too much gleamstar water. Now that he was traveling all alone, Xiang Shaoyun was much more at ease.

The chaotic force fields couldn't do much to him. Not even the horned shell monsters posed him any threat. He could also preemptively detect any danger he couldn't withstand and take a detour.

In such a manner, he traveled for three days. In his travels, he also encountered several other factions. However, they had no conflicts because he kept a distance from them.

Perhaps it was due to the passage of time, but the restricted space was becoming more and more unstable. The power of the force fields was also becoming increasingly terrifying. Any place could explode at any moment.

On the fourth day, he encountered the group led by Shang Jifeng. They were able to preserve much of their manpower, but they had been rather unlucky, as they had not managed to obtain many gains yet.

Xiang Shaoyun was prepared to bring them away. He even told them that he already had enough gleamstar water to share with everyone. They were greatly pleased and no longer bothered staying. Listening to Xiang Shaoyun, they started leaving.

Xiang Shaoyun took the lead and constantly scouted ahead as he sighed inwardly, I'm afraid this place will be completely destroyed in less than five days.

He increased his speed and reminded everyone to focus. He also told them they couldn't stay here any longer. Shortly after, they discovered a large-scale battle happening not far ahead.

Xiang Shaoyun was the first to sense what was going on. It turned out the Glacier Palace people were fighting some non-humans. As the Glacier Palace was lacking in numbers, they were suppressed by the non-humans, who had the numerical superiority. There were already a few deaths among the humans, and the others of them had suffered injuries of differing degrees.

With a wave of his hand, Xiang Shaoyun commanded, "Go, back up the Glacier Palace."

He took the lead and charged, rapidly arriving behind a non-human. He killed his target mercilessly.

"With this overlord here, you non-humans may no longer bully my fellow disciples!" Xiang Shaoyun roared as he charged into the midst of the battlefield while activating the profundity of powers.

The profundity of powers allowed one to manipulate the powers in a godly fashion, enhancing the destructiveness of one's attack. The moment Xiang Shaoyun attacked, he sowed chaos among the non-humans.

The people from the Overlord Legion then arrived. With their arrival, the non-humans lost all their advantage and were forced to retreat gloomily. The leader of this Glacier Palace group was not Han Chenfei. Rather, it was a different disciple called He Pai, a third-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator. He Pai had long known about the secret alliance between the Overlord Legion and the Glacier Palace. Even so, he still felt great gratitude for the help.

"Alright, now is not the time to converse. Leave with me. This place will collapse soon," Xiang Shaoyun said.

He Pai nodded. "Ok. We meant to leave as well."

And just like that, more than 10 people joined Xiang Shaoyun's group. He thought he could leave smoothly, but near the exit, he encountered Ouyang Chuanqi, who was similarly trying to leave. He brought with him bad news.

"A group from your Overlord Legion was trapped by the Di Alliance. If you don't help them, I'm afraid things will end very badly for them," said Ouyang Chuanqi.

Xiang Shaoyun's face turned ghastly. He had been expecting the Di Alliance to do something, and now, they had finally made their move. They were trapping his subordinates, but he was their actual target.

Di Lin, let us end this once and for all in here, thought Xiang Shaoyun inwardly.

Just as he brought his men to help the trapped group, he encountered Li Haonan, who was escaping with severe injuries.

"Li Haonan, what happened to you guys exactly?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"Overlord, the Di Alliance ambushed us and trapped our brothers. I was sent to look for you. They said that you could only go alone. Otherwise, they will kill all our brothers," said Li Haonan weakly.

"Overlord, it looks like the Di Alliance is not going to give up on you," said Shang Jifeng with a frown.

"Um. I have been their target all along. Leave. Let me go see what they have in plan," said Xiang Shaoyun decisively.

"Overlord, we can't allow that! They will definitely be aiming for your life!" persuaded someone.

"That's right. We might as well go together. I want to see if they can really kill us all," said someone else. The others were also getting restless, wishing to go with Xiang Shaoyun.

However, Xiang Shaoyun said with a solemn tone, "Don't be reckless. Their target is only me. If I go, the brothers will be fine. But if you mess around, more of our brothers will suffer. Listen to me, leave immediately!"

Xiang Shaoyun spoke resolutely, and the Overlord Legion people no longer dared to object.

"How many people does the Di Alliance have? How many of our brothers are trapped?" Xiang Shaoyun asked Li Haonan.

"The Di Alliance has about 100 people, while about 30 of our brothers are trapped," Li Haonan answered. "But our brothers aren't trapped because of the alliance's numbers. Rather, the Di Alliance is using a terrifying weapon capable of sealing space, which is how they had managed to trap our brothers. When you're there, watch out for that weapon."

Li Haonan gave detailed information about the weapon and the topography of the location to Xiang Shaoyun. A solemn look covered Xiang Shaoyun's face, but he quickly adjusted his mental state. After ascertaining the direction with Li Haonan, he sped off. To his surprise, Ouyang Chuanqi was actually going with him.

Chapter 735: I, Xiang Shaoyun, Am Here

"Why are you here?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"I doubt you will find them without me," replied Ouyang Chuanqi nonchalantly.

Of course, Xiang Shaoyun did not believe that. He looked at Ouyang Chuanqi and said, "Are you planning to work with the Di Alliance and deal with me?"

"Haha! Do I need to work with them if I want to deal with you? You're underestimating me!" said Ouyang Chuanqi with a look of disdain on his face.

"Why are you so kind, then? I find it hard to believe," said Xiang Shaoyun.

"Looks like kind gestures are really unpopular these days," Ouyang Chuanqi joked. "I am merely curious as to whether you can break that Spatial Suppression Diagram."

"Spatial Suppression Diagram?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"It is Elder Situ's treasure—he is a previous generation elder from the academy. The diagram is capable of sealing space and confining anyone inside it. That is how your brothers were trapped," said Ouyang Chuanqi. "But I doubt it is the actual Spatial Suppression Diagram. Perhaps it's only a counterfeit. Even so, it is still powerful enough to trouble even Emperors."

Xiang Shaoyun had gratitude in his eyes as he said, "Thank you."

He was now sure that Ouyang Chuanqi did not have any malice toward him. In fact, Ouyang Chuanqi was trying to help him. Otherwise, why would he bother telling him all that?

"You don't need to thank me. I'm only here because I really want to see if you can escape the Spatial Suppression Diagram. If you can't, then you won't be a worthy rival to have," said Ouyang Chuanqi.

Although Ouyang Chuanqi had taken the initiative to retreat back at the Devil Domain, the two had never actually fought each other before. Now, his strength had grown rapidly, and he had numerous trump cards at his disposal. Although Xiang Shaoyun had grown as well, he was confident the defeat would not be one-sided if they did fight now.

Xiang Shaoyun did not say anything else and rushed at top speed. Soon, they arrived and found some Di Alliance people standing guard.

"Xiang Shaoyun is here!" someone cried out.

With that shout, the people from the Di Alliance all looked over at Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun charged forth alone and shouted, "I, Xiang Shaoyun, am here. Release my brothers!"

He could sense his subordinates behind these Di Alliance members. They were currently confined by a certain diagram. The diagram was hexagonal. It enveloped the sky, emanating strands of sealing power that enveloped the world below, sealing the space around the Overlord Legion's people. No matter how they struggled, they were unable to break free.

Fortunately, they had not suffered many injuries. The morale, however, was low. Evidently, they had lost their spirit.

It's good as long as they are still alive, Xiang Shaoyun heaved a breath of relief.

If these members were all trapped and killed, he would not be able to forgive himself. From the Di Alliance's side, Di Lin stepped forth gracefully. Flanking him were two beauties, Xia Yunxi to his right and Situ Yan to his left. It was as if a distinguished playboy had ascended the stage.

His gaze landed on Xiang Shaoyun, rage rising within him. "Xiang Shaoyun, you're finally here. If you were any slower, your subordinates would have all died because of you."

"Is that so? If you really dare to kill them, the academy will be the first to punish you," said Xiang Shaoyun.

"Hmph. You murdered my elder brother. What is there for me to fear?" Di Lin snorted.

"Cut the nonsense. What do you want to do? Bring it on. Let's settle this once and for all," said Xiang Shaoyun impatiently.

"Splendid. I want your life. You may trade your own life for their lives," said Di Lin with a vicious look on his face.

He had been praying for Xiang Shaoyun's death for years. To eliminate weeds, one needed to include the roots to be safe. And yet, Xiang Shaoyun was like an undying cockroach that refused to die despite the many experts sent to kill him. Additionally, those sent to kill him had all gone missing.

Di Lin was unhappy with this result. Today, he wanted to make sure Xiang Shaoyun wouldn't leave this restricted space alive.

"If you want to kill me, come. Let's see which of us will die first," said Xiang Shaoyun calmly as he beckoned at Di Lin.

He could sense that Di Lin's combat prowess was lower than even An Lulu's. It wouldn't be hard for him to kill Di Lin here. It was a pity that Di Lin was too cowardly. He had several people standing before him. If it wasn't for that, the first thing Xiang Shaoyun would have done after arriving was to rush forth and capture him.

"Do you really think I will fight you alone? Everyone, kill him!" Di Lin commanded.

At his command, the Di Alliance moved together, sending a barrage of attacks toward Xiang Shaoyun. A massive bombardment covered the sky. No Emperor should be able to resist something like this.

Xiang Shaoyun turned into a gust of wind and quickly left the range of the attacks. He then took a detour around the Di Alliance and tried heading toward his subordinates. At this moment, the Overlord Legion finally noticed the commotion outside. They started stirring.

"The overlord is here to save us! I knew he wouldn't give up on us!" someone exclaimed in joy.

"But what can the overlord do? This diagram is too scary. It is capable of sealing space! Not even the force fields here can do anything to it. Can the overlord really save us?"

"After I'm free, I'll make sure to beat those Di Alliance people up!"

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Di Lin noticed what Xiang Shaoyun was doing. He frowned and said, "Xiang Shaoyun, if you continue fleeing, I will activate the Spatial Suppression Diagram and kill the people from the Overlord Legion!"

"Hehe, you want to kill me, so I'm supposed to just die? If you really dare to kill my brothers, I will make sure to spread this in the academy before informing the sects and clans my brothers come from. Let me see how you can survive the coming revenge then," said Xiang Shaoyun with a demonic smile on his face.

He had fully exposed Di Lin's weakness. For a moment, Di Lin was completely speechless. Although he had outstanding talent, the Ziling Sect was only a tier-7 organization. Before he completed his growth, the Ziling Sect would not be able to resist all those organizations' attacks.

That was why he had not killed the Overlord Legion members. If he had done so, not even his master, a previous generation elder, would be able to shoulder the blame for him.

"Xiang Shaoyun, don't get cocky. If you don't save them, they will remain trapped here because of you. Ultimately, they will still die. I am giving you a chance to save them. You can step inside in exchange for their freedom. Otherwise, we might as well suffer together!" threatened Situ Yan, who was standing beside Di Lin.

Chapter 736: Trapped in the Spatial Suppression Diagram

The Spatial Suppression Diagram was a counterfeit saint weapon Situ Yan had obtained from her grandfather after much begging. Although its might was incomparable with the true saint weapon, it was more than enough to trap a group of Emperors.

Although these disciples were the geniuses of numerous major organizations, they did not have any saint weapons on them. Because of that, none of them had been able to escape. Situ Yan was threatening Xiang Shaoyun, and from the tone of her voice, it was obvious she was resolute in helping Di Lin capture Xiang Shaoyun.

"I'm not afraid of threats, but this is a trade I can agree with," said Xiang Shaoyun after giving Situ Yan a deep gaze.

In truth, he didn't find her words that threatening. However, if he, as a leader, wasn't willing to put himself in danger to save his subordinates, he would thoroughly disappoint them. If so, who would still join the Overlord Legion in the future?

Such thinking was what Situ Yan used to force Xiang Shaoyun to agree with her request. Sure enough, the Overlord Legion members were incredibly touched by Xiang Shaoyun's response.

One of them even shouted, "Overlord, just leave. They won't dare to do anything to us. On the other hand, they are really trying to kill you."

"Haha, they are not enough to take my life. Open the diagram. I will personally welcome my brothers outside!" said Xiang Shaoyun as he roared with laughter.

His boldness and heroic bearing emanated a leader's unique charm. Ouyang Chuanqi, in the distance, also saw Xiang Shaoyun's nonchalance, and thought, This kid is a born leader!

"You're courageous. Good, just wait for your death," said Situ Yan with a sneer as she created a small opening in the suppressed space, allowing Xiang Shaoyun to enter.

All along, Di Lin's gaze was focused on Xiang Shaoyun. It was as if he greatly feared that Xiang Shaoyun would suddenly change his mind. And yet, Xiang Shaoyun entered without any hesitation.

The moment he stepped inside, Situ Yan changed her hand seals and pushed the Overlord Legion members out of the suppressed space, leaving Xiang Shaoyun alone inside. Afterward, her aura weakened considerably, as if she had expended a lot of her strength doing so.

Di Lin howled with laughter, "Xiang Shaoyun, I will personally witness your death today!"

Underneath the Spatial Suppression Diagram, Xiang Shaoyun scanned his surroundings and found that the space around him was really sealed. It was basically impossible for him to break out.

However, he wasn't the least bit worried. A calm smile hung on his face as he said, "Let my Overlord Legion brothers leave, and you can do whatever you want to me."

"What are you waiting for? Get lost!" Di Lin shouted at the Overlord Legion members.

"Di Alliance, if you dare kill our overlord, we won't let this rest," warned someone from the Overlord Legion.

"Still talking tough? Teach him a lesson," said Di Lin with a sneer.

At that, the Di Alliance people attacked, and the Overlord Legion was forced to immediately retreat. They did not have the numerical advantage, and they had been trapped for a while, resulting in low morale. Thus, they did not have much will to fight.

And thus, only Xiang Shaoyun remained.

"Di Lin, is trapping me here all you got? What else do you have prepared? Bring it on," Xiang Shaoyun shouted.

"Hmph. You will suffer. Senior sister, let him have a taste of some suffering," said Di Lin.

Situ Yan nodded as she controlled the Spatial Suppression Diagram again, creating attacks with it.

Swish! Swish!

Numerous energy blades shot out from the Spatial Suppression Diagram. Each blade was akin to a peak Emperor's attack. If it wasn't for Situ Yan being too weak, she could have created attacks matching Sovereigns with the diagram.

Xiang Shaoyun had long pushed his senses to the limit. The moment the attacks came, he surrounded himself with green shields and raised his head. He took in all the openings in between the blades before his figure blurred as he started dodging.

His speed was unparalleled. So long as there was a tiny opening, he could avoid the incoming attack. Unfortunately, the attacks were too concentrated, and it was impossible to dodge all of them.

A decent number of blades struck him, and even the golden shields around him cracked, allowing some of the attacks to reach his flesh, putting him in immense pain. If it wasn't for the fact that many lightning bolts had previously tempered his body, he would have been killed.

His skin split while his blood sprayed everywhere, his body looking extremely miserable. Even so, he still shouted unyieldingly, "Just this much? It's not even enough to scratch my itch! You're trying to kill me with this? Are you dreaming?"

His words further annoyed Di Lin and the rest.

"Senior sister, use the strongest attack and kill him," said Di Lin.

An awkward look covered Situ Yan's face as she said, "With my strength, these are the strongest attacks I can unleash."

Di Lin had the urge to shout at her, but he swallowed his words and said with a calm tone, "Are there no other options?"

"Simple. We can just leave. When this space collapses, he will be destroyed along with the Spatial Suppression Diagram," said Situ Yan.

"But the Spatial Suppression Diagram is a valuable treasure," said Di Lin hesitatingly.

"This is a counterfeit product. At most, it can be used once or twice. Now that it has managed to eliminate an enemy for you, it has achieved its purpose," said Situ Yan with voice transmission.

Di Lin's eyes lit up. "You're telling the truth?"

"Of course. How could I have gotten it from Grandpa otherwise?" said Situ Yan confidently.

"Fine. Let's leave. This space will collapse in a few days. It's dangerous for us to stay," Di Lin resolved.

"Why are you not attacking anymore? Is this all this stupid diagram can do?" Xiang Shaoyun continued yelling.

"Hehe, shout all you want. Remember to shout louder. We're leaving. Good luck," said Di Lin, looking at Xiang Shaoyun like he was a dead man.

"Xiang Shaoyun, consider it your honor to be buried with the Spatial Suppression Diagram," said Situ Yan mockingly.

And thus, Di Lin led the Di Alliance people and headed toward the exit. Only then did Xiang Shaoyun understand what they were trying to do. He quickly shouted, "Don't go! I won't spare you even in death!"

Chapter 737: You Must Be Trying to Scam Me

The Di Alliance merely sneered when they heard his words. They viewed those words as a deathbed struggle, and they felt extremely refreshed listening to his shouts. That was especially true for Di Lin, who was confident Xiang Shaoyun would die this time.

Without Situ Yan's manipulation of Situ Yan, the Spatial Suppression Diagram maintained its state. Nobody would be able to withdraw it unless it was an expert with a strength beyond the diagram's.

Since there were no Sovereigns in this restricted space, Di Lin and company were sure nobody could remove the Spatial Suppression Diagram, which meant that Xiang Shaoyun would ultimately perish together with the restricted space.

"Junior brother, I have sacrificed so much for you. Remember to reward me amply," said Situ Yan with a coquettish tone as she glued her body onto Di Lin. While she said that, she did not forget to toss Xia Yunxi a gaze of inexplicable meaning. However, Xia Yunxi pretended she didn't see anything, her feelings complicated.

Di Lin smiled. "I will not forget your kindness, senior sister."

Di Lin no longer cared much about Xia Yunxi. Perhaps he still liked her, but he would not give up on Situ Yan's feelings for him. After all, it was normal for a man to have multiple wives. It was normal for Di Lin to have such a thought, as that was a thought many men would have.

Apart from Situ Yan's background, the other reason Di Lin treated her better was that Xia Yunxi had not remained to fight Xiang Shaoyun to the end at the Flame Mountains. He had started suspecting that she still had feelings for Xiang Shaoyun.

That was the real reason Di Lin finally accepted Situ Yan. Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun was watching at the departing group with a toying expression, his previous anxiousness nowhere to be seen.

At this time, Ouyang Chuanqi, who was concealed, finally showed himself. "You don't seem nervous. Do you have a plan?"

"What plan could I have? I'll just wait for my death here," said Xiang Shaoyun. His eyes glowed with a crafty light as he said, "Why don't you remove the Spatial Suppression Diagram and free me?"

"You overestimate me. I'm not strong enough to deal with that diagram," said Ouyang Chuanqi with a shrug.

Although the Spatial Suppression Diagram was a counterfeit, it was still a saint weapon. How could an Emperor do anything against it? Only if he also had a saint weapon would he be able to remove the diagram. However, saint weapons were rare. Even some Saint Realm experts did not have one.

The reason for the rarity was the low number of Saint Realm crafters. And the rarer something was, the greater its value. That was why saint weapons were so valuable.

"Well, looks like I'm dead then," said Xiang Shaoyun with a sigh.

Ouyang Chuanqi looked at Xiang Shaoyun with a complicated gaze. He could not see any trace of anxiousness. Thus, he was sure Xiang Shaoyun had a way of freeing himself. But he could not figure out how Xiang Shaoyun would achieve it.

"Do you want to make a bet?" Xiang Shaoyun suddenly asked.

"What bet?" Ouyang Chuanqi asked curiously.

"If I can escape in the blink of an eye, you will join the Overlord Legion and become my deputy commander. What do you think?" Xiang Shaoyun asked with a toying look on his face.

Ouyang Chuanqi's mouth went wide agape when he heard him. He could not understand why Xiang Shaoyun was still confident. Even he himself would not be able to remain calm in such a situation.

"You must be trying to scam me. I won't fall for it," said Ouyang Chuanqi.

"You're so smart. You really think I can leave so easily?" Xiang Shaoyun asked, still with the same toying tone.

"Since you are so calm, of course I believe that," said Ouyang Chuanqi with a nod.

In a way, each genius was a fortuitous individual. Someone with a high-grade nine-star physique like Xiang Shaoyun definitely had considerable luck as well. The calmer Xiang Shaoyun was, the more Ouyang Chuanqi was sure that he had a great trump card left.

"Fine. You're no fun. You may leave now," said Xiang Shaoyun, who suddenly lost his interest.

He thought he would be able to provoke Ouyang Chuanqi into a bet, but it seemed Ouyang Chuanqi had been able to maintain his rationale. His plan of scamming an expert into joining the Overlord Legion would not succeed.

"I'll be waiting to see you come out," said Ouyang Chuanqi.

"Nope. Not leaving. I'll be waiting for death here. Look at the chaotic force fields. This place will collapse at any time," said Xiang Shaoyun stubbornly.

Ouyang Chuanqi's face twitched as he felt that Xiang Shaoyun was immersing too deeply in his acting.

"Fine. So long as you can leave easily and remove the Spatial Suppression Diagram, I will agree to your request," said Ouyang Chuanqi after some hesitation.

"For real?" Xiang Shaoyun grew excited.

"I, Ouyang Chuanqi, never go back on my words," said Ouyang Chuanqi as he slapped his chest.

"Good. Pay attention," said Xiang Shaoyun as a chakram appeared in his hand. As he circulated his astral energy, he slashed at the suppression wall formed by the Spatial Suppression Diagram.

The chakram erupted with power, but instead of colliding with the Spatial Suppression Diagram's wall, it brought Xiang Shaoyun and phased right through it. Ouyang Chuanqi watched on silently, his eyes wide open in shock and disbelief.

"Alright. I'm out," said Xiang Shaoyun nonchalantly.

"Y-you actually has a spatial saint weapon!" Ouyang Chuanqi said after recovering from his shock.

"Good eyes," said Xiang Shaoyun. He then sent the chakram flying toward the Spatial Suppression Diagram.

In a flash, the chakram arrived above the Spatial Suppression Diagram with a loud rumble. The Spatial Suppression Diagram was struck down, and the radiance around it immediately dimmed. At the same time, the suppression walls collapsed.

Xiang Shaoyun waved his hand, and he caught both the chakram and Spatial Suppression Diagram. With the Spatial Suppression Diagram in hand, he found that there were cracks on the diagram. It was probably near destruction.

"Come, Deputy Commander Ouyang. Consider this Spatial Suppression Diagram a welcoming gift from me. Take it! Don't stand on ceremony!" Xiang Shaoyun gave it to Ouyang Chuanqi without any hesitation.

When Ouyang Chuanqi saw the cracks on the Spatial Suppression Diagram, he did not know if he should laugh or cry.

"Thank you, Overlord," said Ouyang Chuanqi with a sigh.

He was used to life as a loner, yet he was suddenly scammed into a faction and was even appointed the deputy commander. He found it hard to adjust to his new status. In fact, with his strength, he could easily form a faction of his own.

Chapter 738: I'll Be the Deputy Commander

Ouyang Chuanqi was a man of his word. Since he had promised Xiang Shaoyun, he would not go back on his words. Of course, he still wouldn't make it so easy for Xiang Shaoyun.

"Overlord, since you want me to be the deputy commander, you need to show your strength to convince me, your new subordinate, right?" said Ouyang Chuanqi with a smile.

In short, he still wanted to see Xiang Shaoyun's true trump card, curious as to whether this trump card could make him accept his new leader wholeheartedly. He had heard about Xiang Shaoyun's admission of defeat in the fight with Xiao Xie.

In Ouyang Chuanqi's eyes, Xiao Xie was nothing. If so, how had Xiang Shaoyun suffered a defeat? He found the result hard to believe. In his opinion, Xiang Shaoyun had probably been holding back.

In fact, he guessed correctly, as Xiang Shaoyun had not fully shown his trump cards back then. Usually, those trump cards would only be shown when he intended to kill.

Xiang Shaoyun narrowed his eyes and gazed at Ouyang Chuanqi before replying, "Ok. Since you want to see my strength, watch carefully."

He unleashed the Nether Soul Domain, surrounding Ouyang Chuanqi with it. Ouyang Chuanqi scanned his surroundings calmly before saying in astonishment, "This is the Nether Soul Domain? You have the blood of the Imperial Nether Clan?"

"That's right. Almost all who have seen my Nether Soul Domain are dead," said Xiang Shaoyun.

He then closed in the space, trapping Ouyang Chuanqi. However, he did not bother using his chains. When Ouyang Chuanqi sensed the threat level matching a Sovereign, he finally understood how extraordinary Xiang Shaoyun was.

"Ok. I'll be the deputy commander," he agreed in a straightforward fashion.

Xiang Shaoyun then withdrew his Nether Soul Domain and said, "In truth, I feel you can still fight me in that situation. Why did you give up so easily?"

Inside the Nether Soul Domain, he had clearly sensed that Ouyang Chuanqi was an eighth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator. That was an incredibly shocking discovery. One ought to know that even Yu Ziyang, who ranked above Ouyang Chuanqi, was only a seventh-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator.

And with the fact that Ouyang Chuanqi was also a prodigy, he was most likely capable of unleashing combat prowess matching a Sovereign. Coupled with the trump cards he might have, it was possible for him to break the Nether Soul Domain.

Waving his hand, Ouyang Chuanqi smiled. "I never fight a battle I'm not confident of winning. We'll fight after I grow some more."

Ouyang Chuanqi knew well how mystical the Nether Soul Domain was. Not only could it isolate the outside world, it could also use wondrous abilities to kill those trapped within.

Despite Xiang Shaoyun's lower cultivation level, he had an incredibly solid soul. It was clearly a well-tempered soul surpassing the souls of regular Emperors, which was why Ouyang Chuanqi did not wish to fight Xiang Shaoyun. He only had 50 percent confidence in winning this fight.

And since Xiang Shaoyun had the assistance of a saint weapon like the chakram, he probably had an even higher likelihood of winning. Taking all that into consideration, Ouyang Chuanqi decided to take a step back due to his stable personality. In any case, he had a positive opinion of Xiang Shaoyun. He reasoned that it might be a good idea for them to be friends.

"Sure. At that time, I will insist on having a match with you even if you refuse," said Xiang Shaoyun joyfully.

With a freak like Ouyang Chuanqi joining the Overlord Legion, they would enter another phase of rapid growth. Perhaps they would even have a chance to reach the level of the five major factions. Nobody would dare to easily provoke them anymore.

"Alright. This place is falling apart soon. Let's leave," said Ouyang Chuanqi as he flew away.

Xiang Shaoyun followed closely behind him. However, Ouyang Chuanqi seemed to become somewhat competitive and kept increasing his speed as if to see if Xiang Shaoyun could keep up with him.

Xiang Shaoyun did not disappoint him. With every step he took, he moved over one kilometer. It was as if the concept of distance did not exist for him. This was a demonstration of the second stage of footwork intent, shrinking space.

Upon reaching this stage, one would possess an inconceivable speed. Because of that, it was not a problem for Xiang Shaoyun to keep up with Ouyang Chuanqi.

Inwardly, Ouyang Chuanqi lamented, This fellow is really a freak.

Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation level was several stages lower, yet he was no slower than him. Ouyang Chuanqi had always been regarded as a genius among geniuses, but it seemed his talent was far below Xiang Shaoyun's. If Xiang Shaoyun had the same cultivation level as him, wouldn't he be completely surpassed?

The destruction of the Gleamstar Blessed Land finally began. Explosions erupted everywhere, turning numerous rocks into fine powder. The horned shell monsters wailed incessantly as they sank into a panic.

They madly attacked the intruders as they searched for the exit frantically. The intruders who had entered in search of gleamstar water became nervous and started fleeing without any delay.

"Run! Run! This place is going to fall apart soon!"

"Damn it! We haven't even found any gleamstar water! I am truly not resigned to leaving like this!"

"Cut the nonsense. Is the gleamstar water or your life more important? Leave!"

"Let's go. I have already collected a few drops of gleamstar water. It's not enough, but I should be content."

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A considerable number of people had gathered outside the restricted space. Those who managed to leave the space did not depart immediately. Rather, they only pulled some distance from the exit before stopping to wait for the other disciples to assemble so they could return to the Dragon Phoenix Academy together.

At the Overlord Legion's assembly spot, those saved by Xiang Shaoyun were telling Tang Longfei what had transpired inside.

Tang Longfei exclaimed in alarm, "What? The Di Alliance trapped the overlord?"

"Th-that's right," a person replied while trembling. "H-he did it to save us. He willingly went inside the trap. I'm afraid things...bode ill—"

"Bastard! All of you are bastards!" Tang Longfei howled in anger before the person could finish his sentence.

"Di Alliance! I won't spare you!" Lady Shura roared with fury.

It was at this moment that the Di Alliance people appeared from the exit.

Situ Yan's provocative voice rang out, "Which slut is running her mouth off? Are you courting death?"

Her provocation attracted the attention of the Overlord Legion people. Instantly, the atmosphere became tense.

Chapter 739: His Lowly Life Is So Tenacious

After hearing about Xiang Shaoyun and seeing the Di Alliance people leaving safely, the Overlord Legion was filled with rage. They were all hot-blooded youngsters. Xiang Shaoyun was their leader,

and with what had happened to him, it was as if their faces had been slapped. How could they let it slide?

As for the Di Alliance, they had long viewed the Overlord Legion with enmity. Moreover, they believed that the Overlord Legion could not pose a threat to them. Thus, they had always looked down on them.

The two factions had been hostile with each other, and Xiang Shaoyun's incident was akin to a fuse that would spark a war between them. However, with the Dragon Phoenix Academy elders around, they would not get their desired war here.

"Whoever wants to get into a fight, this elder will send you back inside. You can fight as much as you want in there," said a Dragon Phoenix Academy elder.

His voice reverberated throughout the air above the disciples, allowing each of them to hear him clearly. With that, the Overlord Legion and the Di Alliance shut their mouths, no longer daring to do anything.

Situ Yan did not forget to provoke them one final time before leaving with the Di Alliance. "Hmph. Consider yourself lucky. The next time we meet, you won't be this lucky."

"Who is that woman?" Tang Longfei asked someone beside him.

"She is probably the granddaughter of Elder Situ, a previous generation elder. She's also Di Lin's senior sister," someone replied.

"No wonder she's so arrogant. But we can't let this slide," said Tang Longfei as he gnashed his teeth.

He was clear of the hatred between Xiang Shaoyun and Di Lin. All along, Xiang Shaoyun had been showing a tough stance. Not even Di Lin dared to face him personally. And yet here, he had suffered a loss.

Tang Longfei was filled with sorrow, not knowing how he should explain this to his father. He only hoped that Xiang Shaoyun could create yet another miracle and survive from the fatal danger.

Perhaps it was because the Di Alliance was too eager to brag, but news of Xiang Shaoyun being trapped soon spread. It created a big commotion among the disciples.

"Xiang Shaoyun was trapped inside? Well, that makes things interesting."

"Is that even possible? Xiang Shaoyun is definitely stronger than Di Lin. How can he be trapped?"

"I heard the Di Alliance used a saint weapon to trap him. He won't be able to escape this time. What a pity."

"Xiang Shaoyun holds a nine-star physique, yet he was stubborn and insisted on training nine powers. What a waste of his potential. I suppose this end is a form of release for him."

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Unsurprisingly, even after a large majority of the disciples left, Xiang Shaoyun was still nowhere to be seen. More importantly, signs of the Gleamstar Blessed Land breaking apart had already appeared with the cracks in the air. At any time, the restricted space would be completely destroyed.

The expressions of Tang Longfei, Lady Shura, and the others were ghastly. Even Han Chenfei, Han Qianwei, and Han Xuewei, who had left the restricted space not long ago, had ugly expressions when they heard the news.

They had not imagined that something would happen to Xiang Shaoyun during the mission. Unfortunately, they could do nothing but inwardly pray for a miracle. Just as the restricted space was about to collapse completely, Xiang Shaoyun and Ouyang Chuanqi charged out of the exit.

As the two approached the Dragon Phoenix Academy assembly point, they attracted the gaze of everyone there.

"Th-the overlord is back!" an Overlord Legion member gasped.

At that, the Overlord Legion grew excited. As for the Di Alliance, their members had expressions of disbelief, especially Di Lin and Situ Yan.

"Impossible! The Spatial Suppression Diagram is a counterfeit saint weapon. Not even regular Sovereigns can break through its entrapment. How did Xiang Shaoyun manage to break free?" Situ Yan cried out in alarm.

Di Lin's eyes burned with fury as he said, "This damnable bastard! His lowly life is so tenacious!"

He had tried killing Xiang Shaoyun multiple times. Each time, he had failed. This was quite a big blow for him.

After Xiang Shaoyun and Ouyang Chuanqi arrived at the assembly spot, Xiang Shaoyun looked at Di Lin's group and smirked, "I'm really sorry to disappoint you. Remember to prepare a better saint weapon next time. The Spatial Suppression Diagram is quite terrible."

"You...you..." Situ Yan was so infuriated she almost spat blood. She couldn't even speak properly.

"You don't have to be so cocky. You can escape once, but you won't be able to escape twice," said Di Lin indignantly.

As a response, Xiang Shaoyun pointed at Di Lin and shouted, "Di Lin, get your ass out here. With everyone as witness, I hereby challenge you to a battle to the death. Do you dare accept my challenge?"

He spoke loudly, his voice clear for all to hear. The domineering presence he exuded caused everyone to feel fear in their hearts.

Xiang Shaoyun was no longer the same person. Every word and action of his emanated an extraordinary bearing. He was starting to show the qualities of an ambitious hero.

Nobody had seen the challenge coming. Now, everyone was waiting for Di Lin's response. This was not the first time Xiang Shaoyun had challenged Di Lin. Back then, Di Lin had avoided the challenge and had sent his subordinate Zhu Changchuang with the excuse that Xiang Shaoyun was not a worthy opponent.

Now that Xiang Shaoyun was challenging him right to his face in front of so many people, he no longer had a way out.

"Very well. I accept. We shall fight to the death," said Di Lin with a resolute look.

Previously, he had avoided the challenge because he lacked the confidence to win. Now, he had consumed a large amount of dragon liquid to reach fifth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm. Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun was still stuck at second-stage Dragon Ascension Realm. What was there to fear?

"Haha, finally, you're acting like a man. Not bad, not bad at all. Good, everyone here shall be the witness. We will fight to the death. Get your ass out here," said Xiang Shaoyun as he howled with laughter.

Just as Di Lin was about to step forth, the same academy elder spoke, "I shouldn't interfere in a challenge, but we have just left the restricted space. I need to bring you all back to the academy first. You should consider dueling once you're back at the academy."

The elder spoke as if he was giving them a choice, but the tone he used allowed no disobedience. It was at that moment that the restricted space completely collapsed.

Rumble! Rumble!

A series of terrifying explosions erupted as the empty space before the crater collapsed into itself, and cracks appeared on the ground. The scene was dreadful, as if the world was ending.

Even though the people from the Dragon Phoenix Academy had retreated far away, they could still sense the powerful explosions.

"Everyone, retreat. The shockwaves are coming," the elder commanded urgently.

Chapter 740: Refining Gleamstar Water

Due to the elder's objection and the restricted space's destruction, the duel between Xiang Shaoyun and Di Lin was forced to be postponed. They withdrew rapidly from the restricted space, while those who had not left were forever lost.

The Gleamstar Blessed Land mission had come to an end. A large majority of the Dragon Phoenix Academy disciples had returned with some gains. However, about one fifth of the participants had perished.

Everyone lamented the untimely death of those young prodigies. As for the survivors who had also returned with gleamstar water, they were considered to be fortuitous, capable of reaching even higher heights in their cultivation.

Led by the elders, the disciples quickly returned to the academy. And when they arrived at the academy, the duel between Xiang Shaoyun and Di Lin became everyone's focus. The two agreed to fight to the death at the arena in half a month. The academy would not interfere in life-or-death duels if both parties agreed.

Di Lin was ranked within the 30s on the Dragon Phoenix List and had great talent. He was also known as one of the freaks most likely to enter the top 10. At the same time, he was also the personal disciple of a previous generation elder, Elder Situ. He was a dazzling and extraordinary individual.

At first, more people thought that Di Lin had the higher chances of winning the match. However, after one particular news spread, the people changed their minds. The news said that An Lulu, also known as Lady Violence, had been bullied by Xiang Shaoyun.

Who was An Lulu?

She was the renowned Lady Violence. Not only was she strong, she was one of the four great guardians of the Crushing Sky. In the entirety of the academy, fewer than 10 people were capable of bullying her.

And yet, Xiang Shaoyun had bullied a woman that few dared to provoke. This news amazed the academy's numerous disciples. They had not expected that Xiang Shaoyun's combat prowess had already reached such a terrifying level.

Back when they had heard about Xiang Shaoyun's defeat in the hands of Xiao Xie, they had all acknowledged that he was qualified to enter the Dragon Phoenix List's top 20.

However, it had been about half a year since that fight. Each disciple was progressing, while Xiang Shaoyun's cultivation level had seemingly remained stagnant. Why then, was he able to unleash such terrifying combat prowess?

They suspected him of hiding a trump card. However, that wasn't the most shocking news. A different piece of news had spread as well, and it was truly shocking. Ouyang Chuanqi had accepted the Overlord Legion's recruitment, becoming their first deputy commander. As for Tang Longfei, he was now a second deputy commander. It created a massive commotion.

"What is happening exactly? Ouyang Chuanqi actually joined the Overlord Legion? How had Xiang Shaoyun managed to make that freak join him?"

"Perhaps Ouyang Chuanqi had encountered danger in the Gleamstar Blessed Land and was saved by Xiang Shaoyun? Is that the reason he willingly joined them? I really can't think of any other reason."

"Or maybe Xiang Shaoyun and Ouyang Chuanqi had long known each other, keeping their relationship hidden until now?"

"Looks like the Overlord Legion is about to rise. I am going to join them too."

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The news created a sensation that increased the number of people joining the Overlord Legion. Ouyang Chuanqi was a deputy commander only in name. He wouldn't normally get involved with the faction's affairs and would only help when they required it. Even so, many disciples were still attracted to join the Overlord Legion due to his very presence.

Tang Longfei, Zhuge Zhantian, and Lady Shura became increasingly busy. They were in charge of the new joiners. As the leader, Xiang Shaoyun did not have the time to handle all the miscellaneous affairs. In any case, he needed to focus on his match with Di Lin.

Currently, Xiang Shaoyun was within his cultivation room, studying a green sapling. It was the very sapling he had obtained in the Gleamstar Blessed Land. The sapling looked completely unassuming, but Xiang Shaoyun had a feeling it was something special.

However, he couldn't quite pinpoint what was so special about it. He only had an instinct that it was not a normal sapling.

After reading so many ancient records, I can recognize most plants in existence. However, I can't recognize this sapling. Is it because it's still too young? Maybe I need to check again after it grows more, thought Xiang Shaoyun with a sigh.

After thinking about it for a while, he threw the matter to the back of his mind. His current focus was to refine the gleamstar water he had gotten. The many disciples had worked very hard to gather the gleamstar water so they could expand their stars, increasing the amount of astral energy they could store.

The bigger one's energy storage capacity, the longer one could last in a battle. Furthermore, one could also erupt with more explosive power than cultivators with the same cultivation level. That was why the disciples had tried so hard to collect the gleamstar water.

Xiang Shaoyun used 18 drops of gleamstar water at the same time. The moment each star touched a drop of gleamstar water, changes started occurring. The gleamstar water was created from a star's essence. Thus, its power had a high affinity with one's inner stars.

Generally, a cultivator only needed a drop of gleamstar water to expand a single star's capacity.

Xiang Shaoyun was using 18 drops at the same time. He was obviously relying on the sheer amount of gleamstar water he had collected, trying to see if he could achieve a better effect through quantity.

As the power of the gleamstar water fused with his stars, their capacity started increasing, as if the power of the water was forcefully stretching his stars. The sensation of his stars expanding did not bring Xiang Shaoyun any discomfort. Instead, a comfortable sensation welled up in him. Using his inner gaze, he could see his nine stars shining brightly. It was as if there was a divine river of stars within his body.

At that moment, Xiang Shaoyun sensed that something was happening to his astral cosmos sea as well. While he was refining the gleamstar water, a large portion of the water's power had spread to the rest of his body. Thus, his astral cosmos sea had benefited and was expanding alongside his stars.

At that discovery, Xiang Shaoyun refined two more drops of gleamstar water and fed the power to his astral cosmos sea without hesitation. Sure enough, the moment the power reached the astral cosmos sea, it expanded even faster.

He also found that his astral cosmos sea was going through a qualitative change. If his astral cosmos sea and nine stars were akin to translucent bodies before this, then right now, the astral cosmos sea was turning into a true solid entity.