

Overlord 991

Chapter 991: You're Still My Peerless Overlord

Dugu Qiubai had reacted about half a beat slower, but he was still able to dodge in time. His clothes were torn, but no blood had flowed.

The moment Xiang Shaoyun attacked, Xiang Shaoyun decided to be relentless. Using the Overlord's Nine Nether Steps and carrying the boundless might of lightning, he started madly slashing at Dugu Qiubai.

Lightning Slash From The Clear Sky!

Changing Weathers!

River of Corpses!

Complete Destruction!

Xiang Shaoyun held nothing back and used the Nine Overlord Skyslaying Saber Technique immediately, which was the technique he was most familiar with. It was also the technique that could maximize the might of his Overlord Skyslaying Saber.

Saber intent interweaved with the profundity of lightning and surrounded Dugu Qiubai with a sea of terrifyingly destructive lightning energy. Xiang Shaoyun intended to seriously injure Dugu Qiubai even if he couldn't outright kill him. This was Xiang Shaoyun's actual strength, a strength to slay anyone in his path. He was an absolutely ferocious opponent when one was facing him alone.

Dugu Qiubai was a self-proclaimed master of all battle techniques. He definitely wasn't bluffing. Amid the sea of lightning, he started making his move. He had only learned the first stage of saber intent, but with it, he was able to use a long-lost saber technique, the Dragon Slaying Three Sabers Technique.

The Dragon Slaying Three Sabers Technique was created by an ancient expert that had slaughtered a true dragon with only three slashes—the origin of the technique's name. The technique had a brief period of glory and was eventually lost during the Saber Devil's generation. Surprisingly, Dugu Qiubai actually knew this lost technique.

Xiang Shaoyun attacked four times in a row with boundless lightning power, while Dugu Qiubai only reacted with one slash. That one slash carried a world-shaking might that was no weaker than Xiang Shaoyun's attacks.

It formed a massive saber that dropped from the sky and erased the power of lightning. The saber attack seemed unstoppable, which was not surprising, as it was, after all, a saber technique capable of slaying dragons. Only with such strength would it be worthy of its name.

All along, Xiang Shaoyun had viewed his lightning star as the strongest of his stars. After all, his lightning power was further enhanced by his silver lightning and his lightning bone. It was naturally expected to be strong enough to overcome Dugu Qiubai, who was similarly using only one star. But Xiang Shaoyun found that he had erred.

Dugu Qiubai had the Primal Chaos Physique. Although he only had five stars, the size of each star was equivalent to three stars of an average cultivator—a terrifyingly large capacity.

Furthermore, Dugu Qiubai's physique had a high affinity with the five elements. Not only did it grant him an easy time during cultivation, it also allowed him to easily comprehend the profundities of the five powers.

That was why the Primal Chaos Physique was so powerful, why Dugu Qiubai was so powerful.

Xiang Shaoyun had a high-grade nine-star physique, and his stars had gone through some expansions before. Even so, when comparing the might of only a single star, he was not Dugu Qiubai's match.

However, that did not mean that he would be defeated in this round of weapons. There was a period of time where he hadn't used his saber much, but the moment he awakened his previous life's memories, he had already become inseparable from his Overlord Skyslaying Saber.

Lightning summoning!

He summoned a large number of lightning bolts, bombarding Dugu Qiubai with wave after wave. Earlier, he had merely been holding back on summoning lightning bolts because he was waiting to see Dugu Qiubai's trump card.

Since his opponent's saber technique was incredibly powerful, he would meet force with force and see who was stronger. He was confident that the power of endless lightning was enough to suppress Dugu Qiubai.

Dugu Qiubai had the Primal Chaos Physique, but if he did not use the power of primal chaos unsparingly, he wouldn't be a match for Xiang Shaoyun's lightning. Although the Dragon Slaying Three Sabers Technique was powerful enough to meet Xiang Shaoyun head on, the endless lightning bolts bombarding him were making things incredibly difficult.

However, Dugu Qiubai was no pushover. He had been seeking defeat since young, yet he had never tasted defeat even to this day. This fight would be no exception.

The energy surrounding his saber shifted, and it transformed from hardness to softness. An unending flow of soft energy surged out, allowing him to redirect strength with the most minimal usage of strength on his part.

The countless lightning bolts were redirected in all directions, blasting numerous craters into the ground as though a natural disaster was descending, planting fear in all onlookers. The observing disciples were already numbed by this point. They could feel clearly just how big the gap between them and the two combatants was.

Only a few of the disciples could withstand the current shockwaves spreading wide and far. However, even they knew that they would probably have to use all their strength if they had to face one of the two combatants. The two combatants hadn't even used their trump cards.

The overseers present lamented inwardly, These two are ultimate Emperors!

The two were displaying strengths that were giving even the overseers tremendous pressure. These overseers were once genius disciples of their academies as well. They were also individuals capable of punching above their weight, but compared with these two Emperors, they were nothing.

Xiang Shaoyun's long hair whipped about, and his eyes shone brightly like the sun and the moon. Numerous electrical currents swirled around him like dragons, and the Overlord Skyslaying Saber in his hand seemed capable of cleaving even the entire world apart. His domineering presence left a deep impression on everyone.

Some of the female disciples had their hearts fully conquered by his heroic bearing. Xiang Shaoyun had soft facial features, but with the strength he possessed, the female disciples wouldn't even mind his appearance.

Yu Caidie had boundless pride in her eyes. She knew that Xiang Shaoyun had finally awakened his memories. In that case, he would probably forgive her for what she did with Tuoba Wan'er, right?

You're still my peerless Overlord, thought Yu Caidie as her emotions stirred.

Han Chenfei was similarly love-struck. When she first entered the academy, she only viewed Xiang Shaoyun as a talented young man. Unexpectedly, he had reached such a height after only a few years. She found a man like him irresistible.

"Even if my two sisters end up hating me, I also need to keep this man in my grasp!" she vowed.

Dugu Qiubai utilized the concept of conquering hardness with softness, and his attempt worked to a certain extent. However, he still failed to fully stop Xiang Shaoyun's offensive, and his only option was to use a different technique. If this continued, he would only end up scorched black.

This is the type of battle that I have always longed for! thought Dugu Qiubai in excitement. He then cleaved a clean path out of the sea of lightning.

Without any hesitation, Xiang Shaoyun gave chase. He carried a boundless lightning power around him. Lightning power was the most destructive of powers, and he did not fear any tricks Dugu Qiubai might try.

"My saber technique loses out to you. Why don't you give my spear technique a try?" said Dugu Qiubai as he kept the saber away and took out a different weapon.

Instantly, a roaring fiery dragon flew out and charged into Xiang Shaoyun's sea of lightning.

Chapter 992: You Win the Weapons Round

As Dugu Qiubai demonstrated, he was really capable of using all sorts of techniques and had high proficiency in each of them. That was why he was known as the Martial Fanatic, Martial Demon, and Martial Addict. He lived for the sake of martial cultivation, and he cared for nothing else. He was someone with a singular focus.

Not only did he have the ultimate physique, he also worked hard. He was more than a genius and had not gotten his strength from nowhere. The True Martial Academy had long evaluated that he would be one of the strongest existences alive in the future.

While Dugu Qiubai was growing, the True Martial Academy had their strongest elder protect him in the dark, not allowing any mishaps to happen to him.

Dugu Qiubai had terrifying expertise with a spear. He used the human spear unity, releasing a powerful flame attack with flame origin energy, which could burn even lightning.

With his spear, Dugu Qiubai blocked Xiang Shaoyun's advance, and an intense battle commenced. Dugu Qiubai displayed a wide variety of battle techniques, using several rare spear techniques in a row. Even so, he still couldn't fully exhaust Xiang Shaoyun's lightning power. After all, Xiang Shaoyun was currently fighting in his strongest form.

Xiang Shaoyun was akin to a lightning god, and each swing of his saber was powered with lightning. The lightning obeyed his command, and struck wherever he pointed, granting him the might to kill his way through everything.

This was a restoration of his battle intent from his previous life, and it displayed his full mastery over the second stage of the saber intent. At this point, he was already using the fifth stance of the Nine Overlord Skyslaying Saber Technique, Severing Mountains and Rivers.

Although he was only using the first five stances repeatedly, his proficiency over the five was reaching perfection. His might when using these stances was higher than ever, reaching a level where he could break through everything with force.

Additionally, he had been constantly absorbing the rain of lightning. Not only could he attack his opponents with lightning bolts, but he could also endlessly replenish his lightning energy.

More and more of his bones were converted into lightning bones. In fact, about one-third of his bones had turned purple in color. The moment all his bones turned purple, he would possess a perfect lightning bone and form the Xiang Clan's true peerless lightning physique.

For now, Xiang Shaoyun didn't really care about his changing bones. His focus was on the sudden sensation he was having. Some sort of unique lightning power seemed to be calling out to him from

high in the sky. He had a natural sense of closeness with that power, giving him the urge to forget Dugu Qiubai and instead charge into the sky.

Ultimately, he suppressed the urge and decided to deal with the sensation after the fight was over.

Dugu Qiubai kept the spear away and took out a sword. He then unleashed sword techniques that were as powerful as his spear techniques.

The two continued fighting, and before anyone knew it, three days and nights had passed. The two seemed to have endless energy. The longer they battled, the scarier they seemed. At this point, the two were practically dyed red in blood, with injuries all over their bodies.

Xiang Shaoyun was still using the Overlord Skyslaying Saber, and he had been repeating the Nine Overlord Skyslaying Saber Technique over and over again. As for Dugu Qiubai, he had used seven different weapons, but none of them had been able to suppress Xiang Shaoyun.

Finally, Dugu Qiubai decisively said, "You win the weapons round."

Xiang Shaoyun heaved a breath of relief and said, "Ok."

If it wasn't for the combination of his master's teachings, his ability to reduce the complicated to simplicity—which allowed him to maximize his strength in the simplest manner possible—and his constant calmness that allowed him to enter the human heaven unity mode, he wouldn't have been able to force Dugu Qiubai to surrender.

Xiang Shaoyun also reaped great harvests from their battle, and he was grateful for having Dugu Qiubai as his opponent.

The surrounding disciples were completely speechless, not knowing what to say anymore. Xiang Shaoyun's saber technique was powerful, but Dugu Qiubai's mastery over the various weapons was terrifying as well. Ultimately, Dugu Qiubai had actually surrendered.

Each of them had now won a round. The next round would be the decisive battle.

"Since the warmup is over, let's not waste any time. Time to decide the final victor," said Dugu Qiubai as he started rapidly healing using his secret technique.

"I'll naturally be the victor," said Xiang Shaoyun confidently as he used the Secret Reversal Technique and some spring water in his astral cosmos sea to try and heal faster than Dugu Qiubai.

"Haha, defeat has always been what I seek," said Dugu Qiubai as he roared with laughter. He kept his weapon away, and his body started shining with a five-colored radiance. This was the true primal chaos energy. Using it, he enhanced his wood energy to heal at an insane speed. His wounds started closing up at a speed visible to the naked eye.

When Xiang Shaoyun saw that, he exclaimed inwardly, This is truly a freakish physique. I might only be able to do that after I fill all nine of my stars with primal inception energy.

His resolution to forge himself the strongest physique became firmer, and he was confident he would succeed. The two stood still and stared at each other for about an hour. The time for the final battle had finally arrived.

Dugu Qiubai was not wielding any weapon, and primal chaos energy was swirling around him. Numerous scenes started manifesting around him, as though a world was being created and numerous living beings were coming into existence. The scenes were mysterious and mystical, sowing confusion in all who looked straight at them.

Xiang Shaoyun was unable to create such mysterious phenomena, as his primal inception energy only existed within his astral cosmos sea. He had to extract it out if he wanted to use the energy, so he could only unleash his peerlessly remarkable presence to face all that was unfolding before him.

Dugu Qiubai started revolving his energy in his two eyes, and his eyes started shining brightly. The beams shot forward and instantly reached Xiang Shaoyun, threatening to reduce him to ashes.

Xiang Shaoyun was already in his strongest battle-ready state and was constantly on alert. The moment Dugu Qiubai's eye attack came, he reacted and moved away using Phantom Shift.

Next, he used the Overlord's Nine Nether Steps, trying to suppress his opponent in terms of presence before doing anything else. His ever-successful soul suppression failed to affect Dugu Qiubai.

Xiang Shaoyun managed to take three steps forward, but Dugu Qiubai appeared unaffected and was still able to make his move.

Sealing Water Burning Flame Fist!

The moment Dugu Qiubai made his move, he utilized two stars and fused two opposing powers together, instantly pushing his combat strength to an entirely new height. Red and blue interweaved as the two energies spun toward Xiang Shaoyun.

Wind and Lightning!

Xiang Shaoyun did not hesitate and used two stars as well to face Dugu Qiubai's punch. This was the true start of their final battle, and the surrounding disciples started watching with their eyes wide, not wishing to miss even a second.

Who would emerge victorious? They would know soon.

Chapter 993: Turtleshell Battle Aura

The combination of astral energies was most definitely one of Dugu Qiubai's trump cards. Throughout the long river of time, a large number of cultivators had attempted cultivating two powers. Thus, many power fusion techniques had been created. Dugu Qiubai had deeply researched this topic, and he had successfully created many different fusions of different powers.

On the other hand, Xiang Shaoyun was not as lucky. He might have read extensively from childhood, but the Ziling Sect was incomparable with the dominion's ancient organizations. Thus, most of what he had read involved battle techniques utilizing a single power. Apart from the Wind and Lightning and the Lightning Calamity Fiery Star he had personally created, he did not have any other fusion techniques.

In fact, creating the fusion of lightning, wind, and flame in the middle of a battle was already a heaven-defying feat. And with the two engaged in an intense battle, Xiang Shaoyun was obviously the one at the disadvantage. Facing Dugu Qiubai's wide variety of fusion techniques, Xiang Shaoyun felt extremely lacking in terms of techniques.

Since he has yet to use his primal chaos energy, I have to keep my primal inception energy hidden for now. In that case, I can only try doing other fusions, thought Xiang Shaoyun as he mustered his lightning, wind, and flame powers to try and suppress Dugu Qiubai.

With the powers of lightning and flame as the main offensive and with the power of wind assisting, he instantly gave rise to a terrifying power that threatened to destroy the world.

A pleased look covered Dugu Qiubai's face as he also released several fusion techniques, interweaved the powers together, and created a fusion of three powers.

The multicolored energies clashed and created numerous explosions, and the onlookers felt their horizons widening from witnessing the fight.

Light of Wisdom!

Profundity of light!

Once again, Xiang Shaoyun entered the same state of mind that he had entered during his battles with Devil Concubine, Xiang Chenxi, and Baili Yixiao. A power of light that seemed capable of stopping time was unleashed, and even Dugu Qiubai momentarily lost his vision despite his powerful eye techniques.

Although the light technique wasn't offensive, it was extremely practical as it could cause a momentary stun, giving Xiang Shaoyun the chance to make his move.

Flux Finger Sword Technique!

Charging forward at his top speed, he stabbed at Dugu Qiubai mercilessly with an attack that had rendered Jiu Tian completely helpless. Even with the Primal Chaos Physique, Dugu Qiubai would not be able to disregard it.

By the time Dugu Qiubai recovered, Xiang Shaoyun's attack had arrived. Dugu Qiubai barely managed to move aside, but the attack still grazed his chest. Blood flowed, and an intense stinging immediately assaulted him.

A high-tier mutated energy? Dugu Qiubai exclaimed inwardly.

Dugu Qiubai had the Primal Chaos Physique and had never absorbed any mutated energy. All the energy he absorbed would transform into origin energy, and with the origin energy being the

strongest form of energy, he had been able to confidently deal with whatever attack Xiang Shaoyun threw his way. Surprisingly, the flux goldthorn energy had actually successfully harmed him.

After the successful first hit, Xiang Shaoyun started madly attacking. He had long grasped the intricacies of Bu Feng's style. He had to maintain a high tempo during battle, pushing the tempo to the maximum, reaching a point where people couldn't even react. Thus, he powered his movement with the power of wind and repeatedly stabbed with his finger sword. His movements might seem simple, but when he was moving at such a speed, it would still be extremely hard to stop him.

There was no doubting Dugu Qiubai's strength, but in terms of speed, Xiang Shaoyun was slightly ahead. And as Xiang Shaoyun pressed his advantage, he started gaining the upper hand. However, he wasn't able to maintain the upper hand for long. A turtle shell materialized around Dugu Qiubai and protected him from the Flux Finger Sword Technique.

Turtleshell Battle Aura!

There was a technique imitating the defense of the legendary beast, the black tortoise. It granted one a freakish defensive prowess. Many of the observers were envious of Dugu Qiubai for having even such a rare battle technique.

Anyone would be overwhelmed with joy just from getting the chance to learn one rare high-tier technique. This fellow actually had so many high-tier techniques. There was probably no second person like him.

"Old turtle, that kid is actually learning from you! Look how he's hiding in his shell," said the toad.

The turtle replied crankily, "How can that kid be compared with this turtle? He is merely a coward. The young master will definitely beat him up!"

Xiang Shaoyun's flux goldthorn energy was supposed to be capable of penetrating anything, but the Turtleshell Battle Aura immediately stopped its advance, giving Dugu Qiubai a chance to launch a counterattack.

"This battle has been ongoing for quite a while. Time to end this," said Dugu Qiubai. He stopped holding back and released his primal chaos energy as he threw a punch powered by the energy at Xiang Shaoyun.

The primal chaos energy was not to be underestimated. Dugu Qiubai's punch was enough to match even the might of a Soul Foundation Realm expert, crossing an incredibly large gap in cultivation. The moment he became an actual Soul Foundation Realm cultivator, he could probably straight up fight a peak Soul Foundation Realm cultivator. That was how heaven-defying his physique was.

A thick sense of danger engulfed Xiang Shaoyun, and he instantly shifted away before repeatedly stabbing with the Flux Finger Sword Technique. Unfortunately, the Turtlesell Battle Aura had further increased Dugu Qiubai's defensive prowess. Not even the Flux Finger Sword Technique could break through his defense.

Dugu Qiubai unleashed all his strength, and the scenes of world creation appeared around him before forming a unique energy field. Xiang Shaoyun was enveloped in the field, and his speed was affected. At the same time, Dugu Qiubai continued to repeatedly punch, unleashing fists capable of destroying everything with the primal chaos energy powering them.

And with his speed restricted, Xiang Shaoyun had no choice but to face the fists head on.

Yin Yang Diagram!

He held the power of darkness in one hand and the power of light in the other. The profundities of both powers erupted, and as he crossed both his hands, he formed a Yin Yang Diagram that was similar to what Devil Concubine used previously.

However, the diagram seemed somewhat crooked instead of the much better form of Devil Concubine's diagram. It was as though Xiang Shaoyun's diagram was forcefully formed and was almost useless.

Bang!

It was impossible for the Yin Yang Diagram to stop Dugu Qiubai's primal chaos fists. It was instantly destroyed, and Xiang Shaoyun was sent flying while spewing blood. Dugu Qiubai chased after him like a shadow and threw another punch out, aiming to finish Xiang Shaoyun in the next three punches.

At that time, the powers of yin and yang burst out from Xiang Shaoyun's body again and formed the Yin Yang Diagram. This time, the diagram was much better formed.

"Trying to comprehend a technique in the midst of battle? It's pointless," said Dugu Qiubai as he could see what Xiang Shaoyun was trying to do. He roared and sent Xiang Shaoyun flying yet again.

Xiang Shaoyun crashed into the ground, and it was becoming increasingly apparent who held the upper hand.

Chapter 994: Yin Yang Shield

Even while he was dropping from the sky, Xiang Shaoyun was still thinking about Devil Concubine's Yin Yang Diagram. She had cultivated the technique with an accompanying mantra. On the other hand, he was trying to cultivate it through observation, which was definitely no easy feat.

On the flip side, he had the Light of Wisdom, an incredibly rare ability. In fact, it was even rarer than the Primal Chaos Physique. Relying on it, he slowly grasped the essence of the diagram. Darkness represented night, while light represented day. The moment when day and night replaced each other was also the moment when yin and yang would merge.

Thus, to achieve a balance between the two powers and to forge them, they needed to be replacing each other. The tai chi separation, also known as the yin yang separation, was the line separating the two powers and the place the two powers blended. He had comprehended this through his soul clone before, but it was not easy to truly achieve the balance and form the yin yang separation.

After Dugu Qiubai's punch sent him flying, inspiration hit his Light of Wisdom, and a flawless Yin Yang Diagram appeared in his mind, with its intricacies laid bare before his Light of Wisdom.

Not only must the yin and yang maintain a balance, the two also have to blend. To blend, the two needed to rotate in the form of a disk. Yin transforms into yang, and yang transforms into yin. Yin and yang, assisting and complementing each other...all the clouds in his brain cleared.

Instantly, a burst of power erupted from his body, and he stopped dropping. He crossed both his arms, recreating the Yin Yang Diagram. From a slightly twisted disk, it slowly smoothened out and stopped his dropping body.

The concept of yin and yang advocated balance. His falling body was in a state of disbalance, so the powers of yin and yang returned balance to his body. However, he had a feeling that he still wasn't using the true might of yin and yang. He recalled what he had learned when practicing the Desolation mantra. When the world was first created, the primal chaos was born, and all living beings came into existence.

The great dao of heaven and earth, the passage of time, and many other concepts of nature were described in the mantra. The concepts of yin and yang were naturally included. The primal chaos begets the five elements, while the two extremities beget the yin and yang. And he suddenly understood the true essence of yin and yang.

At that moment, Dugu Qiubai arrived before him once again and sent a kick infused with primal chaos energy at Xiang Shaoyun's abdomen. He was unhappy that Xiang Shaoyun was still not utilizing the fused nine powers. He wanted to force Xiang Shaoyun to the edge and see if Xiang Shaoyun would continue to hide that power.

Xiang Shaoyun immediately sensed the incoming kick, and his hands immediately drew the Yin Yang Diagram to face it.

Not far away, Devil Concubine wore a look of disdain when she saw him attempting to use the Yin Yang Diagram again. She said, "He's really following the path to his own doom."

Back then, she had spent three years achieving the balance of yin and yang. Only then was she able to form the Yin Yang Diagram. Even that was progress she had achieved thanks to her Yin Yang Physique. Without the physique, it would have been much harder for her to master the balance. What she saw next stunned her.

Xiang Shaoyun actually relied on the Yin Yang Diagram to stop Dugu Qiubai's kick. He was still sent flying away, but he had suffered no injuries. He was even able to stop steadily midair. He was dealing with the kick much easier than the previous punch.

Dugu Qiubai continued attacking, throwing punches and kicks powered by his primal chaos energy, not giving Xiang Shaoyun any chances.

Relying only on the Yin Yang Diagram, Xiang Shaoyun blocked all of Dugu Qiubai's attacks. Initially, he suffered a beating. But gradually, he gained a steady footing and eventually managed to fully block Dugu Qiubai's primal chaos energy. His success stunned all the onlookers.

"That works?" Everyone had the same question.

These disciples were all genius among geniuses, and they could see that Xiang Shaoyun was trying to imitate Devil Concubine's technique in the midst of a battle. None of them believed that he would

succeed, and they thought that he was playing with fire. But he had actually succeeded, leaving all of them speechless.

"Impossible!" Devil Concubine's shocked voice rang out. She could not accept what she was seeing.

One ought to know that she had only achieved a balance of yin and yang after three years of training. How had Xiang Shaoyun learned it right after seeing it? How was that fair?

"I see. What if I blend flame and water like that as well? Will I be able to create a peerless wheel of flame and water?" muttered Xia Liuhui, watching the fight with a look of infatuation in his eyes.

He had seen Dugu Qiubai's fusion of flame and water earlier, and now, he saw Xiang Shaoyun's Yin Yang Diagram. He had a vague feeling that this was the path he should pursue. After all, he was someone cultivating the powers of flame and water.

"Impressive Yin Yang Diagram. But is that enough to stop my primal chaos energy? Impossible," roared Dugu Qiubai as he pushed his energy to his limits. The natural phenomena around him swallowed Xiang Shaoyun as he continued punching madly.

Dugu Qiubai was clearly not holding back anymore. His battle intent was fully unleashed, and his fearsome punches seemed capable of destroying the world.

Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun was still in the midst of comprehending the powers of yin and yang. He completely disregarded Dugu Qiubai's provocation as his body drifted away while his arms continued moving, creating an endlessly flowing energy that assumed the form of a Yin Yang Diagram. Using the diagram as a shield, he redirected all the primal chaos punches.

Yin Yang Shield!

That name suddenly flashed past his mind, and he instantly felt it was the most fitting name for the technique. Like the primal chaos energy, yin and yang also came into existence when the world first formed. One could say that the two were almost on par with each other. However, Dugu Qiubai had a Primal Chaos Physique, while Xiang Shaoyun did not have a Yin Yang Physique. Thus, with Dugu Qiubai using all his strength, it was only a matter of time before the Yin Yang Shield was defeated.

Xiang Shaoyun was not discouraged. Instead, he was incomparably excited. Without Dugu Qiubai's oppression, he wouldn't have been able to fuse the powers of yin and yang to create the Yin Yang Shield.

Naturally, the powers of yin and yang weren't only useful for defensive purposes. If he could unleash their offensive prowess, he would be able to unleash a might matching the Primal Chaos Physique.

However, Xiang Shaoyun had no intention to keep dragging the fight on. It was time to end it. As Dugu Qiubai charged toward him, Xiang Shaoyun finally faced Dugu Qiubai with his primal inception energy. Their fists collided, and the two finally separated.

"You're finally using your nine powers!" said Dugu Qiubai as he licked his lips.

"If I want to defeat you, I have to use my trump card," said Xiang Shaoyun. His battle intent surged, and a nine-colored radiance surrounded him. A terrifying fist intent burst out of his fists, and instantly, numerous stars appeared around them. The fists resembled Zhou Haoyu's Nine Revolution Exploding Star Technique, but this was actually an entirely different technique, the Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist.

Chapter 995: Defeat?

As far as Xiang Shaoyun was concerned, the Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist was the best technique to display the primal inception energy's might. When he threw his fist out, it was as though heaven and earth were overturned and stars were exploded. This was a fist that seemed unblockable.

Dugu Qiubai grew incomparably excited as all five stars stirred and pumped out the primal chaos energy that he used to throw a punch at Xiang Shaoyun.

Primal Chaos Fist!

Two clumps of radiance burst out, one was nine-colored while the other was five-colored, and they collided.

Xiang Shaoyun and Dugu Qiubai instantly exchanged over 100 punches, multicolored shockwaves spreading in all directions. It presented a dazzling sight as though numerous fireworks were blooming.

Xiang Shaoyun only used the Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist and nothing else, while Dugu Qiubai only used his Primal Chaos Fist. After a series of intense exchanges, Xiang Shaoyun finally displayed the might of his nine-star physique and forced Dugu Qiubai onto his back foot.

The onlookers gasped in astonishment.

"The decisive battle has finally arrived. What terrifying strength!"

"That Xiang Shaoyun has really fused the nine powers! That is inconceivable! Does this not mean that more of such top-tier physiques will appear in the future?"

"It won't be that simple. The many ancient organizations had tried countless times to accomplish the same, but all of them had failed. This is most definitely a dead end. Perhaps Xiang Shaoyun had merely gotten lucky. It won't be too late to wait until he reaches the Sovereign Realm first before we make any conclusions."

"This is most definitely a legendary battle between the two strongest physiques. We will soon know which of the two is superior. I can't wait."

"Boss, beat him so badly even his mom won't recognize him! My boss is the best!" Xia Liuhui started shouting.

Xia Liuhui had originally thought that the gap between him and Xiang Shaoyun wouldn't be that big. But now, he found that Xiang Shaoyun was indeed worthy of being his boss. The gap between them was as large as ever, and his admiration toward Xiang Shaoyun deepened.

The Overlord Legion members hoped to see Xiang Shaoyun win, and they all stared at the battlefield anxiously. Xiang Shaoyun originally believed that he could easily suppress Dugu Qiubai using the primal inception energy, but in the final round, he found that it wasn't so easy.

The primal inception energy was boundlessly mighty, but he kept having a feeling that something was missing, causing him to be unable to fully unleash the energy's might. Because of that, he was unable to fully defeat Dugu Qiubai.

On the contrary, Dugu Qiubai had long awakened his primal chaos energy and was extremely proficient with it. Thus, he was able to fully unleash the energy's might, and the two were actually

quite evenly matched. They fought in close quarters, exchanging punch after punch, fighting without holding back. The battle was incredibly intense.

A punch landed on Xiang Shaoyun's face, a kick landed on Dugu Qiubai's abdomen, and it continued on and on. Both of them were extremely powerful, and both of them were having an unpleasant time. Even so, they persevered with the pain and kept on fighting. It was clear just how tough their bodies were.

Xiang Shaoyun made use of his speed advantage and constantly shifted his position, bombarding Dugu Qiubai from all directions. On the other hand, Dugu Qiubai stayed steady and unmoving like a mountain. He adopted a reactive stance to deal with whatever came his way, defending while attacking at the same time.

Both were able to injure the other numerous times, and blood was spraying everywhere. Even their bones could be seen, presenting the sight of a brutal battle. However, they still fought on even with their badly injured bodies, causing the onlookers to gasp in amazement.

As the two fought, they constantly used numerous different healing methods to recover as fast as possible. One could say that they were fighting while healing. Nobody would know who was stronger before the battle ended.

As a whole, Xiang Shaoyun was leading slightly in this round. After all, he was faster than Dugu Qiubai. However, as the battle dragged on, he realized that things weren't looking so bright for him because his supply of primal inception energy was reducing rapidly.

After absorbing the origin energies in the coffin, he had increased the amount of his primal inception energy, which was how he had been able to last so long in the battle. However, he had failed to defeat Dugu Qiubai speedily. His weakness was on the verge of getting exposed, and he would most likely be the one defeated if this continued.

Xiang Shaoyun was unwilling to be defeated just like this. It would not only be a great blow to him, but it would also harm his master's reputation.

Dugu Qiubai was also exhausting his energy at a rapid rate, but he found that Xiang Shaoyun's rate of exhaustion was even higher. Inwardly, he thought, He won't last long. I will be the victor!

He took out a five-colored fan. It was a feather fan made of rare feathers of the five elements, the Primal Chaos Fan. It was a weapon that could help him fully unleash the might of his primal chaos energy.

Unfortunately, the Primal Chaos Fan wasn't made of primal divine stones, so it was merely a second-tier weapon. Even so, it was good enough for Dugu Qiubai's current needs. He swung the fan at Xiang Shaoyun, sending a wave of primal chaos energy crashing at Xiang Shaoyun.

At this point, Xiang Shaoyun's reaction time had slowed considerably. Dugu Qiubai's weapon also caught him by surprise. He wasn't able to avoid the attack and was struck head on. He spewed a large amount of blood, and his bones were deformed. Even his inner organs were on the verge of bursting apart. Signs of his defeat were starting to show.

The hearts of Xia Liuhui and the Overlord Legion members raced, worried that Xiang Shaoyun would die just like that.

"Time for your defeat!" Dugu Qiubai roared and pressed on.

He swung his Primal Chaos Fan once again, and a massive amount of energy rushed over like a churning ocean.

Xiang Shaoyun could feel that he was slowly losing control over his body, and he couldn't avoid the incoming attack. His only option was to use the primal inception energy and withstand it head on.

Xiang Shaoyun was sent flying away, and his injuries worsened. He could no longer hold on.

Am I about to be defeated? No, I can't! I must be the champion! Xiang Shaoyun roared inwardly and used a large amount of spring water. His body started healing, and he used the powers of yin and yang once again to protect himself, avoiding being killed by Dugu Qiubai.

"Xiang Shaoyun, stop struggling. Just surrender, or you'll die," Dugu Qiubai demanded as he swung his fan continuously.

Xiang Shaoyun did not reply. His Light of Wisdom blinked rapidly as he tried thinking of a way to turn defeat into victory. In his current condition, if he used the Nether Soul Domain or his soul clone, he would definitely win. However, he was unwilling to win in such a manner. He wanted to defeat Dugu Qiubai fair and square.

Suddenly, inspiration hit him, giving him a glimpse of victory.

Chapter 996: Dugu Qiubai Surrenders

The Light of Wisdom was a mystical power that could enhance one's intelligence considerably, helping one think of things others wouldn't. It also had a mysterious ability greatly related to the power of light.

As Xiang Shaoyun faced an impasse, his Light of Wisdom glowed brighter, and his thoughts moved faster. Thus, he was able to get clearer thoughts on some subjects.

Of the primal inception energy and primal chaos energy, which was stronger? It was hard to figure that out. Based on the origin of energies, the primal inception energy came earlier. It seemed like the primal inception energy would be the stronger power, as it was a fusion of nine energies, while the primal chaos energy was only a fusion of five energies.

It would be logical to believe that Xiang Shaoyun's energy could suppress Dugu Qiubai's. But now, he was the one being suppressed. More importantly, his primal inception energy wasn't as pure as Dugu Qiubai's primal chaos energy. His energy was still somewhat lacking in terms of the profundities of origin.

That was why he couldn't fully grasp the primal inception energy, making it impossible for him to unleash the energy's full power. And that was also why he had failed to defeat Dugu Qiubai speedily. Even after understanding that fact, he still couldn't do anything about it. His only option was to win by surprise.

Xiang Shaoyun pulled all his primal inception energy out and started punching with the Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist again. This was him attacking with all his strength, but in Dugu Qiubai's eyes, it was merely a deathbed struggle.

"This fusion of nine energies is decent, but it is useless against me," said Dugu Qiubai with the upper hand tightly in his grasp. He then swung his fan and sent another wave of primal chaos energy crushing forward.

The Cosmos Dao Destroying Fist was blasted apart, and Dugu Qiubai took the chance to press on toward Xiang Shaoyun. As Dugu Qiubai charged over, a pure white radiance burst out once again, giving everyone an impression that time had stopped. It was the unique ability of Xiang Shaoyun's Light of Wisdom, the one that Dugu Qiubai had tried interrupting before.

Dugu Qiubai's pupils started flickering as he paid full attention to his surroundings and swung his Primal Chaos Fan madly, not giving Xiang Shaoyun a chance to approach him.

In truth, Xiang Shaoyun was too weak to approach Dugu Qiubai, so he didn't. Instead, he mustered and brought out his flux goldthorn energy, a fearsome energy that could instantly kill a top-tier Demon Sovereign.

Xiang Shaoyun was only using this method because he had no other options left. His invisibility might be effective on others, but it definitely wouldn't work against Dugu Qiubai. Since he did not want to use his Nether Soul Domain and soul clone, the only thing he could do was borrow an external power.

The moment the flux goldthorn energy appeared, a stinging sensation assaulted Dugu Qiubai. A sense of danger enveloped him, and he instinctively wanted to flee since the alternative would be death. He did not understand why Xiang Shaoyun would have such power under his control, but there was no time to think too much about it.

However, with the heavy injuries he had suffered, his speed was greatly reduced. Under the flux goldthorn energy's assault, he felt his entire body falling apart. Wails of pain rang through the air.

Even the observing elders felt fearful. The True Martial Academy elders had the urge to intervene, but they also knew that a battle should not be interrupted. In any case, they wouldn't be able to do anything with the wolf guard standing beside them.

One of the True Martial Academy elders shouted anxiously, "Dugu Qiubai, surrender! Xiang Shaoyun, withdraw your energy!"

The elder shouted in a rush, worried that Dugu Qiubai would be killed if he delayed for even one extra second. In truth, Xiang Shaoyun did not intend to kill Dugu Qiubai. He was merely trying to torture Dugu Qiubai for a bit with the flux goldthorn energy. The energy only appeared for a split second before it was pulled back into the astral cosmos sea.

Dugu Qiubai couldn't fight anymore. His body collapsed heavily onto the ground. Not a single inch of his body was without injury. He looked to be in horrible condition.

Xiang Shaoyun was barely able to land steadily. He felt completely exhausted. One could say that this was the most thrilling battle he had ever fought. It was also a battle that he had learned a lot from.

Although he had borrowed some external power to obtain his victory, he had still kept some of his trump cards hidden. As a whole, he was pretty satisfied with the battle.

Everyone was still dumbstruck. They were in a state of confusion, wondering just what energy Xiang Shaoyun had summoned for it to be so powerful. Even Dugu Qiubai was completely helpless against it.

Xia Liuhui started cheering, "My boss won! I have always known that he is the strongest Emperor!"

"He is indeed worthy of being the overlord. He really is the strongest," shouted Han Chenfei in excitement.

The people familiar with Xiang Shaoyun were incomparably shocked. He had proven his strength with action, and he had defeated even the Primal Chaos Physique. He was now worthy of being called the absolute Emperor.

Only some True Martial Academy disciples were unwilling to accept all that had happened. They had always believed that the Primal Chaos Physique would not be defeated, and they felt that it was unfair for Xiang Shaoyun to win by using an external power.

However, they were also well aware that on a battlefield, victory would still be victory regardless of the method one used to achieve it. Anything would be fine as long as one did not receive help from third parties. Thus, there was nothing they could say about Xiang Shaoyun. In any case, this battle had still widened their horizons.

At this time, many elders descended from the sky. The True Martial Academy elder announced, "This is the end of the competition."

Shadowflash said, "I don't think we should rush to a decision. There are still some disciples who have yet to fight. We shouldn't end the competition yet." He looked at Gui Mochou and Feng Xiaosha before continuing, "Mochou, Xiaosha, don't you want to try to become one of the Blazing Suns? Neither of you have fought yet."

Everyone blanked out upon hearing his words. All of them agreed that this was the end of the competition. This elder was obviously trying to change the competition's result.

"You shouldn't be too shameless," said the wolf guard unhappily.

Everyone found themselves agreeing with the wolf guard. This elder, Shadowflash, was truly being too shameless.

"Hehe, each disciple is qualified to partake in this competition. All of you heard Xiang Shaoyun challenging everyone here. Yes, he had won against his opponents, but there are still some who hadn't fought. Lord wolf guard, are you trying to change the rules?" Shadowflash calmly asked.

The wolf guard was furious, but he couldn't say anything as everyone else was keeping silent.

"Mochou, Xiaosha, what are you waiting for? Get up there and defeat him," said Feng Xiaosha in excitement.

Chapter 997: The Soul Clone Appears

Gui Mochou did not rush onto the stage at his master's command. He knew very well Xiang Shaoyun still had the Nether Soul Domain, and if he acted rashly, he could really die. When Feng Xiaosha saw that Gui Mochou wasn't moving, he stood still as well. He had decided to follow his senior brother's lead.

Shadowflash transmitted to Gui Mochou, "Don't worry about his Nether Soul Domain. He is badly injured right now, so his soul is definitely in a weakened state as well. Take this chance to kill him!"

Hearing that, Gui Mochou clenched his fists and finally decided to make a move.

He took out several puppets and called out to Feng Xiaosha, "Junior brother, let's go together!"

Their actions created an uproar among the disciples.

"Bastards, are you not ashamed? You're really going to take advantage of exhausted combatants?"

"They are Dragon Phoenix Academy disciples. I did not imagine they were actually this shameless. What an embarrassment to the four academies."

"There's nothing we can do about it. Looks like some people just don't want to see Xiang Shaoyun emerge as the champion. What a pity."

"I really want to stop them, but on second thought, I won't do it. I don't even know Xiang Shaoyun, so what happens to him has nothing to do with me."

"Xiang Shaoyun and Dugu Qiubai were both qualified to be considered absolute Emperors. Even if he is really defeated in such a shameless manner, he is still the champion in all our hearts."

The many disciples were unhappy to see what Shadowflash was doing, and curses started flying out as indignation welled within them.

"To make a move against our overlord, you need to get through me first," said Tang Longfei as he charged out.

He wasn't in good condition. Although he was a sixth-stage Dragon Ascension Realm cultivator, he had clearly still not recovered from the death aura invasion.

Xuan Yuantian also stepped forth and stood beside Tang Longfei.

Money, who had been battling the purple lightning horse earlier, also rushed back. In fact, his battle had ended long ago. Little Overlord had summoned the purple lightning horse back after he had withdrawn from the stage, and Money did not dare to continue attacking with the Little Overlord by the horse's side.

Naturally, the turtle and the toad also stepped forth. Neither of them wished to see anything bad happen to Xiang Shaoyun.

Gui Mochou and Feng Xiaosha did not fear Tang Longfei and Xuan Yuantian, but with Money, the turtle, and the toad joining in, they no longer dared to act rashly.

"The two of you are demonic beasts. Are you trying to intervene in our competition? Get lost!" roared Feng Huosuo as he glared at the turtle and the toad.

His Heaven Battling Realm aura burst out of his body and pressed down on the turtle and the toad, causing their expressions to shift.

At this time, Xiang Shaoyun's weak voice rang out, "Move out of the way. Let them come. This is my fight, and I will be the champion. All new challengers will be killed!"

At present, his entire body was dyed red with blood. His flesh and bones had suffered great damage, and his body was in horrible condition. He used a large amount of spring water and many blood devil vines to recover as best as he could.

But with his current condition, he would need some time to make a full recovery. Even so, since some people were trying to snatch first place from him, he wouldn't mind teaching them a lesson they wouldn't forget.

"Overlord, don't force yourself," said Tang Longfei.

"Listen to me. Move aside. Anyone who has yet to fight is free to challenge me," said Xiang Shaoyun weakly.

Anyone could see that Xiang Shaoyun was barely hanging on. However, a sense of admiration rose within them when they saw his firm conviction. After all, such boldness and conviction were what a cultivator needed. Whatever plight one was in, one should face it fearlessly.

When Tang Longfei and Xuan Yuantian saw how persistent Xiang Shaoyun was, they had no choice but to step away silently. Money knew what Xiang Shaoyun was capable of, so he also retreated.

As for the turtle and the toad, they did not dare to move. With Heaven Battling Realm experts around, they really weren't anything special.

Gui Mochou and Feng Xiaosha exchanged glances before sending the puppets over instead of personally approaching Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun raised his head and sneered at the two as he said, "I will make both of you regret challenging me."

Instead of using the Nether Soul Domain, he released his soul clone. Generally speaking, when one's body was injured, one's soul would weaken. But since Xiang Shaoyun had formed a solid soul body, his bodily injuries no longer affected his soul that much. After all, his soul clone was as strong as a seventh-stage Sovereign.

After letting his soul out, he did not bother saying anything and immediately attacked the puppets with the Shark Devourer Saber. Xiang Shaoyun's soul clone was too powerful. All of Gui Mochou's puppets were emperor-grade puppets, but they weren't the clone's match. In fact, even if there was a sovereign-grade puppet, the puppet still wouldn't be a match for the clone.

The onlookers exclaimed in alarm when they saw the clone, not understanding what was going on. This was especially true for Feng Xiaosha and Gui Mochou. They were about to approach Xiang Shaoyun, but they were completely dumbstruck when they saw his clone.

Only the Heaven Battling Realm experts up in the air knew what happened. Feng Huosuo cried out in surprise, "Are you two stupid? Run!"

The shock must have been affecting his brain, as the correct choice was to ask them to surrender, not run.

Feng Xiaosha and Gui Mochou panicked as they realized that Xiang Shaoyun still had fearsome trump cards hidden, so they immediately turned and ran.

"Idiots, why are you running? Surrender!" Shadowflash shouted.

Alas, his voice couldn't travel out, as the wolf guard had blocked his sound waves with some isolation technique.

With a cold snort, the wolf guard said, "Are you trying to interfere in an active fight?"

"That's right. As elders in charge of overseeing the competition, none of us should be impartial," said the Nine Palace Academy elder.

The other elders also spoke out one after another. They were clearly disgusted with Feng Huosuo's and Shadowflash's actions, and it was now time for the two to be taught a lesson. Shadowflash and Feng Huosuo had nothing to say, and they were filled with regret.

How would they have guessed that Xiang Shaoyun had actually formed his soul clone? Inwardly, they cursed, Why did he keep such a powerful trump card hidden? Has this kid been expecting someone to challenge him after the fight? What a hateful bastard!

Both Gui Mochou and Feng Xiaosha were equipped with Wind Boots, so they were able to move nimbly. Unfortunately, their speed was nothing compared to Xiang Shaoyun's soul clone, who was as strong as a seventh-stage Sovereign.

Before they could go far, Xiang Shaoyun's presence surrounded them completely. He raised his saber up high and roared, "Trying to take advantage of my injuries? Dream on! Maybe you can try getting some advantage in hell!"

The saber swung, and heads flew.

Chapter 998: Western Desert's Xiang Clan

Neither Gui Mochou nor Feng Xiaosha felt anything until the very end. Xiang Shaoyun's attack was too clean, and they were killed before they could feel anything. Xiang Shaoyun had long found Gui Mochou and Feng Xiaosha eyesores.

They had been pushing his patience again and again, and they had acted against him many times. He had long listed them as people he must kill. With them serving themselves on a silver platter, he could finally get his revenge.

Feng Huosuo and Shadowflash raged.

"Bastard! I'll kill you!" shouted Shadowflash with a sinister look in his eyes.

Feng Huosuo also roared, "You little bastard! I'll tear you apart!"

"Give it a try. I won't mind getting rid of you two as well," said the wolf guard as he locked onto the two with his aura.

The wolf guard was incredibly strong, and neither Feng Huosuo nor Shadowflash was his opponent. That was something that had been proven back in the Dragon Phoenix Academy.

Shadowflash glared at the wolf guard and said, "Wolf guard, Xiang Shaoyun has just killed the disciples of our academy!"

"Hehe, you mean those shameless disciples? They deserved it," said the wolf guard as he started clapping. He then looked at the other elders and said, "There have always been casualties in the competition of the four academies. This is normal. Anyone stepping on the stage should always be prepared to die. Are you going to kill the winner just because your disciples were killed on the stage?"

The other elders nodded in agreement. All of them knew the competition's rules well. Shadowflash and Feng Huosuo had been too shameless, and the elders disdained associating with such people. Dragon Phoenix Academy's reputation would probably drop greatly due to this competition.

Feng Huosuo and Shadowflash came to a realization that with the wolf guard here, they wouldn't be able to touch Xiang Shaoyun. Thus, they had no choice but to suppress their hatred for now.

Xiang Shaoyun's clone returned to stand beside his main body. Standing there, he roared, "Are there any other challengers?"

The voice rang loud and clear, seemingly capable of stabbing straight into the hearts of everyone. The surrounding disciples blanked out for a while before they recovered. A clamor broke out among them.

"Why is there another Xiang Shaoyun here? Are they twins? That's cheating, right?"

"That's right. That must be Xiang Shaoyun's elder brother. He is so terrifyingly strong, so he's definitely a Sovereign. He is cheating!"

"Are you stupid? That's his soul clone. That fellow is too crazy. His clone is actually stronger than his main body. He is so strong it feels unfair."

"That doesn't seem possible. Since when were Dragon Ascension Realm cultivators capable of forming soul clones? I thought only Saints could do something like that."

Everyone had a hard time believing it, and it was very hard to accept that Xiang Shaoyun really had a soul clone. Only a small number of them were sure that Xiang Shaoyun was really using his soul clone.

People like Dugu Qiubai, Devil Concubine, Little Overlord, and the others were finally fully convinced of their defeat. They were each a genius among geniuses, with a powerful physique and the most ancient of inheritances. They couldn't accept being defeated by an unknown kid, but when they found that Xiang Shaoyun had actually formed a soul clone that was stronger than his main body, they had no choice but to accept their defeat.

In fact, if Xiang Shaoyun had decided to use his soul clone earlier, they would have been defeated much faster. Not even Dugu Qiubai would be an exception. After all, the so-called physiques and inheritances were nothing before absolute strength.

Not one of the remaining disciples dared to challenge Xiang Shaoyun. After all, he had made it clear that he would kill, and he had already killed two to prove his point. He was not joking around. Those who provoked him would only suffer.

At this time, the True Martial Academy elder finally announced, "I hereby declare that Xiang Shaoyun is the champion of the competition."

Those close to Xiang Shaoyun started cheering.

"I knew my boss was the best," shouted Xia Liuhui as he ran over, as though he was afraid that others wouldn't know that Xiang Shaoyun was his boss.

Ouyang Chuanqi, Han Chenfei, Tang Longfei, and Xuan Yuantian also walked over and congratulated Xiang Shaoyun.

"Truly worthy of being called the overlord," praised Ouyang Chuanqi as he raised his thumb.

"Um. I remember the match I owe you. We can proceed with that later," said Xiang Shaoyun's clone.

Ouyang Chuanqi's face instantly collapsed as he said, "We'll talk about that after I enter the Soul Foundation Realm."

It would be a joke for him to challenge Xiang Shaoyun with his current strength, and it would be no different from asking for a beating. He wasn't that stupid.

"Overlord, is this really your clone?" Han Chenfei asked curiously.

"Yes. My main body is still healing," Xiang Shaoyun replied. "We'll catch up later. I still have something else to do. Guard my main body on my behalf."

The clone then flew toward Xiang Chenxi, the Little Overlord. When the Little Overlord and his people saw Xiang Shaoyun coming over, they got nervous.

The Little Overlord met Xiang Shaoyun's gaze and asked, "I surrendered, so what else do you want?"

"Hand over my brother's celestial horn!" said Xiang Shaoyun.

"What celestial horn? I don't know what you're talking about," replied the Little Overlord.

Money rushed over and said, "I found a horn in the secret space, and you were the one who stole it from me."

"Hear that? Hand it over, or we can continue sparring," said Xiang Shaoyun nonchalantly.

The Little Overlord was infuriated. If anyone else spoke to him like this, he would have attacked immediately. But facing Xiang Shaoyun, he did not have the courage.

"Take it," said the Little Overlord as he returned the horn without hesitation.

Money hurriedly caught the horn like it was the most precious treasure, and his eyes were filled with excitement. As for the Little Overlord, he was feeling rather gloomy. He did not know what the horn was good for. He had researched it several times, but he hadn't been able to stimulate any sort of response. Ultimately, he concluded that the horn had probably been destroyed and was probably only good for its toughness.

Thus, he couldn't be bothered with squabbling over the horn. Looking at Xiang Shaoyun, he asked, "Which Xiang Clan are you from?"

When Xiang Shaoyun first appeared, he had felt that Xiang Shaoyun greatly resembled the statue of an ancestor they had been worshipping. But when Xiang Shaoyun had subsequently displayed his mastery over the other energies, he dispelled that notion. But after hearing Xiang Shaoyun's name and learning that Xiang Shaoyun actually used the power of lightning as well, he started suspecting that Xiang Shaoyun was related to his clan again.

"Western Desert's Xiang Clan," the clone replied indifferently before returning inside the main body.

And that caused the Little Overlord to be completely stunned. He was from the Western Desert's Xiang Clan as well! However, he had never seen Xiang Shaoyun before, so he was sure Xiang Shaoyun was not part of his clan. He could also hear a clear provocative tone in Xiang Shaoyun's voice.

Chapter 999: Is This Really Fine

The competition of the four academies finally ended. Xiang Shaoyun emerged as the champion, with Dugu Qiubai, Devil Concubine, and Baili Yixiao being the other three Blazing Suns.

As for Jiu Tian, he was strong but had underestimated his opponent too much. He ended up being defeated early on. One could say that he was the prodigy that had suffered the ugliest defeat in the competition.

Although he had defeated Zhan Wushuang, he still couldn't become one of the Four Blazing Suns. He did not care that much, as he was a reincarnator. Being one of the Blazing Suns was nothing but an empty title for him.

As for Baili Yixiao, he was someone whose fame followed his merits. He had been the Dragon Phoenix Academy's strongest disciple. Moreover, his Unrivaled Righteous Sword Technique was an ancient ruler's sword technique, and it could only be cultivated by someone possessing righteousness, heroic bravery, and a ruler's qualities.

Not only had Baili Yixiao successfully cultivated the technique, he could also unleash a great might using it. He was worthy of being called the number one sword Emperor.

Devil Concubine was the owner of a Yin Yang Physique. Her Yin Yang Diagram was flawless, and only a freak like Xiang Shaoyun could defeat her. Nobody doubted her qualification to be one of the Blazing Suns.

There was nothing to be said about Dugu Qiubai. His physique was now known to all, and he was practically guaranteed to be a super expert in the future. He was someone strongly addicted to martial cultivation, and so long as he did not die prematurely, he would eventually rise to become one of the strongest in the world.

As for Xiang Shaoyun, only the word freak could describe him. It was previously confirmed that his path of cultivation was a dead end, but he actually towered over all these other geniuses, giving everyone else a stifling sensation.

Earlier, most of them thought that Xiang Shaoyun would definitely not be able to enter the Soul Foundation Realm. But after witnessing his soul clone, the doubters shut their mouths. Since his soul was already that strong, it was only a matter of time before he successfully forged his soul foundation.

They started to feel expectant of Xiang Shaoyun's future. They hoped to see him go further, but they also feared that he would be so strong that everyone else would be overwhelmed.

The competition had ended, but the Four Blazing Suns weren't rewarded with anything. After all, just entering the secret space in itself was already a reward. Their respective academies would naturally reward them upon their return.

The spatial restriction on Lonesoul Island was removed. They were not worried that the dark wyvern would create trouble for them as it seemed to have disappeared after its breakthrough.

The elders landed on the ground, and the wolf guard immediately arrived beside Xiang Shaoyun to protect him from any unexpected mishaps. The many elders also came over, their attention focused solely on him.

"Young man, are you interested in joining our True Martial Academy? You saw it yourself. We have the most ancient of inheritances, and we are the strongest. If you join us, we will definitely help you forge the strongest physique," said the True Martial Academy elder with a genial smile.

Before Xiang Shaoyun could reply, the Nine Palace Academy elder said, "Young man, join the Nine Palace Academy. I will appoint you an overseer. You will also be granted a special authority to learn all the ancient battle techniques we have in our collection."

"Their academies are decent, but we have what they have as well. Additionally, we have more beauties in our academy. Join us, young man. Our academy is the heaven for all men," said the Sacred Deer Academy elder with a slightly seductive look on her face.

All the disciples watched on as the elders of the three academies all tried to recruit a single disciple. Is that really fine? The disciples were filled with envy.

As for the wolf guard, he stood at the side as a loyal guard. He did not interfere in Xiang Shaoyun's decision-making. In any case, his sole duty was to protect Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun replied, "Thank you for the offer, lords. This kid does not plan to join any academies."

"Young man, you can't be disheartened so easily. Our True Martial Academy is not the same as the Dragon Phoenix Academy. They are blind, but we aren't. I promise that you will receive the best treatment after joining us," said the True Martial Academy elder as he slapped his chest.

Feng Huosuo and Shadowflash felt like someone had slapped them on their faces. After all, they were the main culprits who had caused Xiang Shaoyun to be expelled from the academy.

The other elders continued to offer Xiang Shaoyun numerous special treatments, promising that they would help him become stronger. Unfortunately, Xiang Shaoyun had already steeled his mind and could only disappoint them.

The disciples returned to their respective ships as they started their return journey. There were also some that were unwilling to return. They intended to temper themselves around the area before going back.

Yu Caidie came to Xiang Shaoyun before leaving and planted a kiss on his face right in front of everyone. Everyone collapsed mentally. Her kiss was a clear sign that their goddess was going to stop being single soon.

"I'll be waiting at the Yu Clan for your proposal," said Yu Caidie before stepping on a cloud and leaving.

Looking at her departing back, Xiang Shaoyun sighed inwardly, I will eventually pay the Yu Clan another visit.

At the thought of the Yu Clan, some bad memories emerged in his mind, but they were incomplete.

Han Chenfei looked at Xiang Shaoyun with a trace of resentment in her eyes and said, "That woman might be too cold. She doesn't suit you. You need a passionate and gentle partner like me."

The people around them were confused. Yu Caidie was a flame cultivator, while Han Chenfei was an ice cultivator. And now, Han Chenfei was claiming that Yu Caidie was cold and she herself was passionate?

"Return to the academy. You don't have to wait for me," said Xiang Shaoyun.

"No, we'll leave after you're done healing," said Han Chenfei.

"Same here," said Tang Longfei.

Xia Liuhui said, "Boss, I'll be going back with you."

Only Xia Liuhui and Xiang Shaoyun understood what exactly those words meant.

Xiang Shaoyun nodded and said, "I will take a trip back to the Dragon Phoenix Mountain Range. Fine, give me two days. We might as well go together since we don't know when we will meet again."

The three birds were left with the strong-ape at the Dragon Phoenix Mountain Range, so he needed to pick them up. When the others heard what he said, they stopped talking and gave him some space to focus on healing.

The wolf guard also remained, but he was protecting Xiang Shaoyun from the dark. He would not allow any mishap to happen, and for now, the priority was to allow him to fully recover.

Xiang Shaoyun had suffered heavy injuries. Using the Secret Reversal Technique and a large amount of spring water and herbs, he was only able to recover by about 50 percent after two days. One could see just how terrifying Dugu Qiubai's attacks were.

Even so, Xiang Shaoyun was well enough to travel. Seated atop Money, he continued healing as he traveled to the Dragon Phoenix City with the others.

Chapter 1000: I'm Quite Handsome Too

On their way back, Han Chenfei asked seriously, "Overlord, what are your plans for the future?"

Everyone wanted to know the answer, so they all started paying attention to what Xiang Shaoyun was about to say.

With a deep voice, Xiang Shaoyun replied, "I am returning to the Western Desert's Celestial King Province. There is something I need to do there."

"Are you really not coming back to the academy? With your current reputation, the academy will definitely let you return," said Han Chenfei.

"My boss is not one to cling onto the past," Xia Liuhui interjected. He then looked at Xiang Shaoyun and offered seriously, "Boss, why don't you join the Sacred Deer Academy? We have a lot of beauties. With our charm, we will be extremely popular with the girls."

"Academy life is no longer suited for me," said Xiang Shaoyun as he shook his head. He looked at everyone and continued, "Don't worry and focus on your cultivation. We will meet again in the future. The dominion is vast, and I want to travel around. I will be fine."

"You're right. After this, I am going to travel around as well. The academy has decent cultivation resources, but it lacks excitement," said Ouyang Chuanqi.

"Deputy commander, you're not thinking of leaving as well, right?" Xuan Yuantian asked anxiously.

Ouyang Chuanqi replied, "Of course not. I will occasionally leave to expand my horizons. There are still some nice things in the academy I need to get my hands on, so I definitely won't be quitting the academy."

"Ouyang is right. All of you should remain in the academy. I was left with no choice but to leave at the time. I don't regret it, but I still find it hard to accept. In the future, some people will definitely pay for what they did," said Xiang Shaoyun with a firm look in his eyes.

Even though he had killed Feng Xiaosha and Gui Mochou, he did not consider the issue over. The true culprits would not stop trying to harm him, and if he had a chance to take his revenge on them, he would not let it go.

Some grudges could not be erased with mere words. They had expelled him with the intention of severing his future. If it wasn't for his master's care, he would have been killed.

The group went to the nearest coastal city and traveled from the city to the Dragon Phoenix Academy. Xiang Shaoyun was able to make a full recovery while traveling.

It was unknown if Xia Liuhui was under a special mission issued by the Sacred Deer Academy elder, but he had been singing the Sacred Deer Academy praises in front of Xiang Shaoyun all the time. He would talk about all the beauties in the academy, and he kept extending invitations to visit the academy.

Xiang Shaoyun knew Xia Liuhui well, and he also knew that Xia Liuhui had always been someone who was all talk, so he didn't pay much attention to him. Nevertheless, he was still going to return to the Xia Hamlet with Xia Liuhui, as the time for them to reconvene had arrived. It had been seven years since their last meeting there.

After half a month of travel, the group reached Dragon Phoenix City.

There, he told Ouyang Chuanqi, Han Chenfei, Tang Longfei and Xuan Yuantian to return to the academy. They had no excuse to continue sticking around, so they had no choice but to leave.

During the moment of parting, Han Chenfei couldn't hold back and gave Xiang Shaoyun a hug and a kiss before running off, causing Xiang Shaoyun to feel rather awkward.

"You're truly my boss. When are you going to teach me a few tricks, boss? I feel like I'm going to grow old alone," said Xia Liuhui with admiration and envy.

"Brother, if you were half as handsome as the overlord, you won't grow old alone," said Tang Longfei as he patted Xia Liuhui's shoulder.

That made Xia Liuhui feel like crying. He really wanted to loudly yell the following words: "I'm quite handsome too."

"If you have the chance to return to the Bloodsin City, please send my regards to my father. Tell him I won't bring shame to him," said Tang Longfei before turning and leaving as well.

And with that, only Xia Liuhui was left beside Xiang Shaoyun. Of course, the wolf guard, Money, Aikai, turtle, and toad were not counted.

The group found a random restaurant and entered. There, they started drinking and talking about their experiences over the past few years.

It turned out that Xia Liuhui had really entered the Sacred Deer Academy through the back door. Fortunately, he had worked hard to prove himself. Otherwise, he would bring great shame to Duo Ji. Currently, Xia Liuhui had no idea where Duo Ji was at. After he had entered the Sacred Deer Academy, Duo Ji had vanished.

"My master is too cruel. He threw me to the academy and never appeared again. Old pitiful me was left alone to be ravaged by the girls of the academy," complained Xia Liuhui.

"Sure, sure. I think you probably love it there. In fact, you probably wish to stay there your entire life," said Xiang Shaoyun with a tone of reproach.

"Boss, that is absolutely not true. I am not that kind of man," Xia Liuhui protested.

"Yeah, yeah. Let's change the topic. This time, I'm going to return to the Ziling Sect. There will be an intense battle, and things will get dangerous. You need to prepare yourself," said Xiang Shaoyun seriously.

"Don't worry, boss. I have not wasted the past few years of my life," said Xia Liuhui as he heavily nodded his head. He sighed and continued, "I wonder how Yingying is doing by Miss Ye's side."

Xia Yingying was his only sister, and he missed her greatly. Xiang Shaoyun also missed Ye Chaomu greatly, wondering just how strong she was now.

One ought to know that Ye Chaomu was even more terrifyingly talented than him. Even with his numerous fortuitous encounters and rapid growth, he was confident his sister would not fall behind him. In fact, he was worried that perhaps he hadn't even caught up with his sister.

After all, his sister's master was an incredibly remarkable big shot. After chatting for a bit, Xiang Shaoyun told Xia Liuhui to either rest in the tavern or take a stroll around the city. He had to go pick up the three birds. Xia Liuhui was not someone who could stand sitting around silently, so he naturally decided to tour the city.

But as soon as he stepped out, Xia Liuhui saw an exceptional beauty walking over and was instantly bedazzled. She seemed to be walking toward him, causing his heartbeat to speed up and his face to flush red.

Has she taken a liking to my handsome and heroic self? wondered Xia Liuhui inwardly.

The beauty stopped before him. Looking at him with her enchanting eyes, she asked, "What is your name?"

"X-Xia that means summer, l-liu that means flow, and h-hui that means swing. I-I wonder what's your name, miss?" Xia Liuhui replied stutteringly.

He felt like spring had arrived, as though he was living in the most beautiful dream ever. He was filled with joy as a beauty had finally taken a liking to him. The heavens had finally decided to be fair.

"Xia Liuhui? Good name," said the beauty as she flashed him a sweet smile. "I am Tuoba Wan'er. You may address me as your sister-in-law. I'm your boss's—Xiang Shaoyun's— fiancée."