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Chapter 2021: Going Too Far

Unnecessary?

Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun were stunned. They looked along Chen Daoyuan's gaze and saw Chen Xi had immediately looked for a secluded corner after leaving the combat arena, and he'd sat down cross-legged and started meditating there.

Since the beginning, he actually hadn't paid any attention to everything that was going on in the outside world. It was even to the extent that he wasn't interested at all in the battles that were occurring on the other three combat arenas.

So, besides feeling relieved, Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun couldn't help but feel a wisp of rage. They felt that Chen Xi was being too arrogant, and he seemed to not take them seriously at all.

"Let's go. Instead of sulking over it, why don't we just crush him with true strength during the 2nd round?" Chen Daoyuan chuckled lightly before he directly headed towards one of the combat arenas. The battle there had ended, so as the last challenger, it was time for him to ascend the battlefield.

Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun couldn't help but look at Chen Xi who sat cross-legged in the distance, yet they noticed he hadn't moved at all. Moreover, his eyelids didn't even raise up slightly when Chen Daoyuan ascended the arena!

The two of them couldn't help but feel stunned by this scene. Could it be that this fellow really doesn't take us seriously? How arrogant!

A wisp of rage that couldn't be restrained surged into their hearts, and they inwardly decided that they would definitely teach Chen Xi an eternally unforgettable lesson during the 2nd round of the competition.

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In next to no time, Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun ascended their respective combat arenas in succession, and a battle with their opponents began.

For a time, the attention of all the spectators had been moved away, and it converged onto Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun.

After all, they were overlord level existences amongst the Region Lords of the Chen Clan. They possessed peerless divine might and were true unparalleled geniuses.

Even if it was amongst all the Divine Dao Protector Clans, they could still be considered as outstanding and extraordinary.

Amongst the three of them, Chen Daoyuan was a Ninth Star Region Lord! His combat strength was the most terrifying, and he was said to be the undisputed number one Region Lord in the Chen Clan.

It was even to the extent that according to the evaluation of some seniors within the Chen Clan, unless something unexpected occurred, then Chen Daoyuan would surely be able to step foot into the Daolord Realm one day!

This clearly showed how formidable Chen Daoyuan was. If it was in the outside world, then such a figure could be considered an overlord, and no one besides existences at the Daolord Realm would possess the qualifications to go against him.

However, if it was amongst the entire Divine Dao Protector Clans, then some other formidable figures who were capable of rivalling Chen Daoyuan could still be found.

At the very least, it was possible amongst the intermediate level and the 5 high level clans of the Divine Dao Protector Clans.

This was the resources and reserves possessed by the Divine Dao Protector Clans, and it was unimaginably terrifying.

Besides Chen Daoyuan, both Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun possessed cultivations at the Eighth Star Region Lord Realm. Moreover, their natural talents were extremely outstanding and weren't inferior to Chen Daoyuan. However, because of fortuitous encounters and luck, their cultivations were slightly inferior to Chen Daoyuan.

But even then, their combat strengths at the Eighth Star Region Lord Realm was still sufficient for them to look down upon their peers in the Chen Clan. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been grouped together with Chen Daoyuan and addressed as overlord level existences in the clan.

At this moment, Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun had entered the combat arena in succession, so how could it not draw the attention of everyone?

The commotion caused by this was even greater than when Chen Xi had fought just now. The surroundings were filled with cheers for the three of them, and extremely clamorous noise surged through the surroundings.

At this moment, it was like the shock Chen Xi made them feel had ceased to exist, and it was like they'd forgotten all about him.

Of course, it was merely a misconception.

Chen Xi was still on the altar. However, he was seated cross-legged and meditating, so he was naturally unable to draw any attention.

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Chen Xi really was cultivating in meditation. It wasn't even exaggerated to say that he was utterly unable to divide any attention to observe the events in the outside world.

Even though both of them had launched a single strike each during the last battle just now and determined the victory of the battle, defeating Chen Wenyu wasn't the main point of the entire collision.

The main point was that his cultivation in the Sword Dao which had been stuck at the 4th level of the Sword Emperor Realm until now had actually showed faint signs of breakthrough!

This was the benefit that came from fighting an expert. The greater the pressure, the greater the potential it would unearth. Coupled with Chen Xi's reserves that had attained an astounding degree, his accomplishments would be even more terrifying if he wasn't restricted by his cultivation.

But even then, the pressure he experienced from Chen Wenyu had still imperceptibly stimulated Chen Xi's potential, and it allowed him to clearly come into contact with the threshold of the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm!

Indeed, Chen Wenyu's cultivation in the Sword Dao was slightly inferior to Chen Xi, but his cultivation was too formidable. It was an entire 3 levels above Chen Xi!

Under such circumstances, Chen Xi was merely able to rely on the advantage he obtained from refining and absorbing nine Region Quintessence to make up for the gap in their cultivations.

However, it was still slightly difficult to defeat Chen Wenyu with a single strike of the sword.

It was precisely under such pressure that Chen Xi's potential had been stimulated, and it was exactly why the strike he executed was able to display such terrifying might that defeated Chen Wenyu in one go, causing him to suffer a heavy injury and admit defeat.

Of course, if they hadn't made that agreement to decide the outcome with a single exchange, then perhaps Chen Xi wouldn't have felt such pressure. In that way, he would naturally be unable to stimulate such potential within him as well.

At this moment, Chen Xi was utilizing this short period of time he had and was working hard to absorb the critical factor to break through which he'd captured during the battle just now.

Under such circumstances, he naturally didn't have the mood to pay attention to the events in the surroundings at all.

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"What's Little Junior Brother doing?" Tang Xian was slightly puzzled.

Wu Xuechan said casually, "He's cultivating in meditation."

"I'm naturally aware that he's cultivating in meditation. But what's the point of doing that right now? Could it be that... he's showing signs of breakthrough again?" Tang Xian was slightly uncertain.

"Perhaps." Wu Xuechan was slightly unable to figure it out as well. "However, preparing a little more is never a bad thing."

As the two of them conversed softly, the outcome of the battles on the arenas had been decided, and it caused wave after wave of cheers.

The outcome was naturally as expected, and it was Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun who'd won. Moreover, they'd won with extreme ease and hadn't wasted any extra strength.

At this point, the 1st round had come to an end.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Chen Lingkong's expression eased up greatly when he witnessed all of this, and he immediately waved his sleeve, causing an invisible force to sweep out.

In an instant, three out of the four combat arenas rumbled before they vanished, and only a single combat area remained.

A wave of restless movement swept through the crowd when they witnessed this scene. Everyone was clearly aware that since the 1st round had come to an end, then the curtains to the 2nd round would be drawn.

Obviously, they felt the greatest anticipation towards Chen Daoyuan and the others defeating Chen Xi!

Such loud commotion even alarmed Chen Xi who was cultivating in a meditative state, and he opened his eyes to look over there. He was very clearly aware that he couldn't cultivate any longer, and he had no choice but to stand up.

"Chen Xi, Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun. Firstly, allow me to congratulate the four of you for entering the 2nd round." Chen Lingkong had a dignified expression as he glanced at the four of them, and then he said in a deep voice, "However, all of you have to compete once more in order to become the true successor of the Chen Clan. Only the final victor will obtain such a supreme honor!"

When they heard this, Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun couldn't help but reveal burning desire and anticipation.

In their opinion, defeating Chen Xi was merely something that had to be done on the way, and seizing the position of successor in the clan was the main event!

So long as they accomplished that, then... they could ascend to the position of Patriarch, control authority over the entire Chen Clan, and attain boundless glory!

On the other hand, all of this was simply no different than nonsense to Chen Xi. It wasn't able to arouse even the slightest interest in him. If it wasn't for the sake of rescuing his parents, he wouldn't even be bothered to participate in this meaningless competition.

But no matter what, he had no choice but to participate in order to smoothly rescue his parents, and he even had to be the final victory.

"Now, allow me to announce the 2nd round's rules." Chen Lingkong instantly drew the attention of everyone.

The rules of the 1st round were already so unique, so what would the rules of the 2nd round be? Would it be back to back battles just like the 1st round?

However, if it was the same rules, then it would definitely be Chen Xi who would have to face successive challenges from Chen Daoyuan and the others. In that way, even though it would be safe and steady, it would still be extremely unfair. Moreover, it would probably cause Oracle Mountain to disagree strongly.

After all, not one of them was an ordinary figure, and every single one of them could crush Chen Xi.

Under such circumstances, setting such unfair rules couldn't be justified at all.

So, many people had roughly determined that Chen Lingkong would probably not do that.

Reality was just as they'd expected. Chen Lingkong really hadn't repeated the rules from the 1st round. However, the spectators still felt slight disbelief when he announced the rules for the 2nd round.

"The rules of the 2nd round are very simple. The four of you will carry out a battle royal, and only the last person standing will be the final victor!" These were the words that Chen Lingkong had spoken. While it seemed to be extremely fair, but so long as one thought about it carefully, it was clear how unfair this rule was for Chen Xi.

A battle royal?

It sounded nice, but was it any different than announcing that Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun would join forces against Chen Xi?

In an instant, even Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian wondered if they'd heard him wrongly. Because they'd never seen someone who was so shameless!

As a dignified Daolord and the Supreme Elder of the Chen Clan, that fellow Chen Lingkong, actually had the guts to make a Ninth Star Region Lord and two Eighth Star Region Lords deal with a single Fourth Star Region Lord!?

In an instant, Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian's expressions had turned cold while coldness arose in their eyes.

This wasn't a problem of fairness anymore because Chen Lingkong was clearly making things difficult for them and playing them for fools on purpose!

He was simply going too far!

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Chapter 2022: Accepting The Challenge

When they heard Chen Lingkong announce the rules for the 2nd round, it wasn't just Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian who felt furious, even the clansmen of the Chen Clan felt slight disbelief.

Earlier, they were guessing that Chen Lingkong would definitely not adopt a similar rule to the 1st round. After all, any one of the three of them could defeat Chen Xi with ease.

So, it would be going too far if a similar rule were to be utilized during the 2nd round.

But no one had imagined that while Chen Lingkong didn't do that, he'd announced a rule that was even harsher than the rule during the 1st round!

A battle royal amongst the four of them? Doesn't that mean Chen Daoyuan, Chen Xiaoyun, and Chen Qiushui will join forces against Chen Xi? Isn't that a little too absurd?

Of course, those clansmen of the Chen Clan wouldn't speak out on Chen Xi's behalf, but it didn't represent that they could accept such a rule.

“Supreme Elder... seems to think too highly of that fellow. Asking Chen Daoyuan and the others to join forces against him is simply like asking three divine hawks to annihilate an ant. Isn't that overkill?”

“Why has he done that? Could it be that the Supreme Elder thinks any one of them wouldn't be able to crush Chen Xi, so he made such a rule?”

“Perhaps the Supreme Elder has lost his patience, and he intends to utilize an absolute advantage to kick that kid out of the competition, so that kid can't continue acting arrogantly.”

“But... If news of this were to spread, then it would be our Chen Clan who treating him unfairly, and it would affect the reputation of our clan.”

Sounds of discussion resounded throughout the surroundings. Practically every single clansman of the Chen Clan was surprised and bewildered, and they couldn't figure out what Chen Lingkong was thinking. They didn't know what sort of considerations made him act in this way.

Was Chen Lingkong an idiot?

He was definitely not! So, there was definitely a reason behind his actions!

That was the common view of all the Chen Clan's members.

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"Chen Lingkong's actions are beneath him. Obviously, he's intentionally playing tricks on Chen Xi. This isn't the bearing that should be possessed by the Supreme Elder of a clan."

“Perhaps the tragedy that occurred during the 1st round has caused him to lose his composure?”

At this moment, even the guests who were observing the competition couldn't help but frown. They felt that Chen Lingkong's actions were excessive and embarrassing.

However, they were guests, so it wasn't suitable for them to say anything, and they could only inwardly feel enraged towards the injustice that Chen Xi faced.

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“This is....” Chen Daoyuan was stunned, and he frowned. He felt faint discomfort towards Chen Lingkong's arrangement as well. He's just a fellow at the Fourth Star of the Region Lord Realm. No matter how heaven defying his combat strength is, it isn't formidable to the extent that the three of us have to join forces, right?

“I'm quite unable to accept this. If word of this were to spread, it would be very shameful even if we defeat that kid.” Chen Qiushui was unable to understand such arrangements as well.

“How could we possibly understand what the Supreme Elder is thinking right now?” Chen Xiaoyun muttered from the side. The dignity and pride in his heart made him feel extremely dissatisfied with this sort of arrangement.

Because this was clearly an act of belittling their strengths while making the enemy seem even greater!

But no matter what, they didn't dare question this decision. It was obviously inadvisable to question Chen Lingkong's authority in public.

After all, doing that would be no different than helping that child of a criminal, and they refused to do that.

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The surroundings were filled with the sounds of discussion, surprise, and bewilderment, causing clamorous noise to fill the air.

Chen Lingkong acted as if he hadn't noticed all of it. His expression was calm and extremely dignified since the beginning. Perhaps he'd expected this would happen when he announced the rule.

"If there are no objections, then all of you can ascend the combat arena now and start the 2nd round of the competition!" Chen Lingkong's deep voice swept towards the surroundings.

This allowed everyone to instantly understand that Chen Lingkong was determined to act in this way.

"Wait!" Wu Xuechan suddenly stood up, and he said with a cold and indifferent expression, "Fellow Daoists, do you really think that you can bully my Oracle Mountain?"

His words were calm, yet they carried an oppressive and imposing aura. It caused the clamorous noise in the surroundings to instantly vanish while the atmosphere here became oppressive.

Oracle Mountain is furious!

It was understandable. After all, if Oracle Mountain didn't step forward and object under such circumstances, then it would seem too weak.

"Bully?" Chen Lingkong had an emotionless expression as he said, "Grand Lord, this rule is extremely fair. They'll carry out a battle royal and rely on their own ability to seize the final victory. How could this be considered as bullying?"

"Chen Lingkong, so you really intend to shed all pretenses?" Tang Xian suddenly stood up and spoke coldly. His attitude was even more direct and forceful than Wu Xuechan, and his words were completely blunt and carried a wisp of a threatening tone.

The hearts of all the members of the Chen Clan shook at this moment, and they felt a wave of discomfort. Aren't these fellows from Oracle Mountain a little too arrogant? They actually dare to threaten the Supreme Elder in our territory? They're simply going too far!

Because no matter how unfair the rules were, the rules had been set for them, members of the Chen Clan, and they felt that it was Oracle Mountain's fault for interfering!

Since Oracle Mountain had interfered, then it had to accept such rules, right?

"Fellow Daoists, calm yourselves. I have no intention to act against Oracle Mountain at all. This competition for the next successor has always been an internal matter of my Chen Clan, so the rules should naturally be set by my Chen Clan. Since Chen Xi has participated, then it should be done

according to the rules of my clan.” Chen Lingkong seemed ready to risk everything, and his attitude was very indifferent while he didn’t give in at all. He was being very unyielding.

Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian’s expressions became even colder and indifferent. This represented that they were truly infuriated and were on the verge of flaring up.

Once two extraordinary Daolords were furious, it was obvious how terrifying their auras would be.

For a time, this entire expanse of the heavens and the earth was trembling, and it was filled with a horrifying pressure that caused one’s heart to shiver. It made everyone present here feel a suffocating aura assault their faces, and it felt like they’d fallen into an icy pit.

Even Chen Lingkong’s face had turned grim while his gaze flickered. In the end, he didn’t speak a single word and seemed to be prepared for the worst.

“Senior Brothers, let’s just go along with what he said.” Right at this critical and confrontational moment where a battle could break out at any moment, Chen Xi who’d remained silent until now had spoken abruptly, and his voice swept out towards the surroundings.

Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian instantly frowned.

The others in the surroundings were astounded. They seemed to have never imagined that Chen Xi would actually agree to carry out the competition according to such rules.

“Little Junior Brother, are you sure?” Wu Xuechan frowned as he said, “You don’t have to worry. I guarantee that I will definitely not disappoint you even if you withdraw from the competition right now.

“I want to give it a try.” Chen Xi smiled with a composed expression on his face, and there was no rage there at all.

“Alright.” Wu Xuechan remained silent for a moment before he took a deep breath and sat down slowly.

“That’s fine as well. Even if you do lose, it wouldn’t taint the reputation of our Oracle Mountain.” Tang Xian sat down as well.

Along with them taking their seats once more, the suffocating pressure in the surroundings had vanished without a trace, and it allowed everyone in the surroundings to heave a sigh of relief.

However, when they thought about how Chen Xi had actually agreed to the battle, all of them couldn’t help but feel a wisp of complicated emotions in their hearts. Because such courage wasn’t something that just anyone could possess.

Merely this alone made many of them feel extremely embarrassed.

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Junior Brother Tang Xian, perhaps we should have a good talk with Chen Lingkong after this competition comes to an end.” Wu Xuechan’s expression was calm and indifferent.

“That’s exactly what I’m thinking.” Tang Xian spoke word by word.

Perhaps Chen Xi could accept this infuriatingly unfair rule for now, but it didn't represent that the two of them could do the same!

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"The 2nd round begins right now!" Chen Lingkong took a deep breath as he stood on the altar and announced it in a deep voice.

Only he was clearly aware of the reason he'd acted in such a way. It was because he could absolutely not allow Chen Xi to win!

Moreover, he wouldn't give Chen Xi even the slightest chance as well!

This was related to the criminal, Chen Lingjun, but it was also related to a precious treasure that could affect the Karmic Luck of the entire Chen Clan!

So, even if he had to shed all pretenses with Oracle Mountain right now, Chen Lingkong wouldn't hesitate to do it.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A wave of the sound of air being torn apart resounded as Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun who'd been accumulating strength for a long time had ascended the arena.

"Later, Xiaoyun will deal with him first while both Qiushui and I will observe the battle from the side! In this way, we wouldn't be bullying him too much," said Chen Daoyuan via voice transmission.

"Alright." Chen Xiaoyun nodded because such an arrangement was exactly what he desired.

"But.... Would it displease the Supreme Elder?" Chen Qiushui was slightly hesitant.

"Don't worry. Even if the situation changes in battle, it wouldn't be too late for us to act then. In the end, Chen Xi will definitely lose. The outcome is predetermined. So, the Supreme Elder won't criticize or punish us later." Chen Daoyuan explained in a soft voice.

The reason he made such arrangements was firstly because he didn't want the relationship between the Chen Clan and Oracle Mountain to become very bad, and it was secondly because he wasn't willing to bully his opponent out of considerations for his own dignity and pride.

In any case, it was a battle where their victory was certain. Since it was like that, then why not win with some dignity?

Swoosh!

Chen Xi's figure flashed and stepped foot onto the combat arena, and he stood in confrontation with the three of them from afar.

His figure was tall, his expression was calm and indifferent, and he didn't show even a shred of fear.

However, only Chen Xi himself was clearly aware that this battle was bound to be the most difficult battle he'd encountered since he'd started cultivating, and it would be the most dangerous as well.

His opponents weren't just 2 formidable existences who had attained the Eighth Star Region Lord Realm, there was even a Ninth Star Region Lord who was only a step away from stepping foot into the realm of Daolords!

Moreover, the three of them were even descendants of the Divine Dao Protector Clan, the Chen Clan. They were innately richly endowed by nature, and they were unparalleled existences in the Region Lord Realm as well. Every single one of them possessed a formidable combat strength that their peers couldn't compare to.

Under such circumstances, Chen Xi didn't dare act carelessly in the slightest.

After all, he was merely at the Fourth Star Region Lord Realm. The gap between their cultivations was truly too huge, and it was even three against one. So, any other person in this situation would have probably fallen to despair a long time ago and admitted defeat.

Because any sensible person could discern that this was a completely unfair battle. Chen Xi was already in an absolutely disadvantageous situation before the battle had even begun, and he didn't have even the slightest chance at victory!

So, continuing the battle would only be like struggling in vain, and it was bound to be unable to change the outcome.

That was what everyone thought. It was even to the extent that Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian had stopped hoping that Chen Xi could win.

After all, the disparity between them was truly too huge!

That was exactly the reason why Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian were utterly enraged.

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Chapter 2023: Inferior

Clang!

A clear howl resounded from the Talisman Armament as Chen Xi held it casually in his hand.

His pupils were black like an abyss and suffused with a chilly cold, strands of violet gold divine radiance radiated from his entire body, and it made him seem like an emperor of the sword that was looking down upon the world.

At this moment, Chen Xi had fully circulated his cultivation. The region within his body was seething while his spirit, energy, and essence seemed as if they were burning. His imposing aura seemed even more formidable when compared to battle with Chen Wenyu.

"This fellow... isn't just extremely courageous, even his imposing aura is extraordinary. Is this his true strength?" Some were surprised.

"Haha! Looks like even this fellow feels extremely pressured when facing the joint forces of Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun. Unfortunately, the outcome of this battle has been predetermined, so struggling is futile." Some laughed coldly.

“Even though the rules are slightly unexpected, it’s extremely delightful to know that this fellow is about to be defeated.”

“Exactly. I really look forward to the moment that he’s beaten down. He really cut a striking figure during the battles in the 1st round. He was too arrogant as well.”

“How long do all of you think he’ll be able to struggle for?”

“He’ll definitely lose in a short moment!”

The gazes of everyone had converged onto the combat arena, and they observed the final battle closely.

However, at this moment, no one bothered to think about whether Chen Xi would have a chance to turn the situation around. Because the outcome was already predetermined, and they felt more anticipation towards how long Chen Xi could persist before he was defeated!

“Chen Xi, we won’t bully you. I alone will defeat you so that you’ll be convinced of your loss!” Chen Xiaoyun took a step forward. He wore golden robes, and his violet hair fluttered while his handsome face was covered in an arrogant expression.

Clang!

A gorgeous and dazzling sword that shimmered brightly appeared in his palm. The body of the sword was multicolored and five colored divine radiance were gathered on it while it emanated boundless divine might.

This sword was called Divine Insight. It was a Natural Spirit Treasure that contained Natural Spirit Radiance of the five elements. It could control the five elements of the Grand Dao, produce the might of the cycle of the five elements, and was extremely miraculous. It was an absolutely rare and precious treasure.

Rumble!

Space was thrown into chaos as multicolored light fluttered all around Chen Xiaoyun and illuminated the surroundings. Moreover, his imposing aura was so great that it even made the world dim in comparison.

This was the imposing aura of an Eighth Star Region Lord. Chen Baling, Chen Xuze, and Chen Wenyu weren’t existences on the same level when compared to him.

At practically the exact same moment, Chen Daoyuan and Chen Qiushui split up, and they stood far away at two corners of the combat arena to form a triangle with Chen Xiaoyun.

Obviously, they’d decided to let Chen Xiaoyun fight first, and they would definitely attack ferociously if any mishaps were to occur.

Even though such a situation wasn’t as pressing as one where the three of them attacked together, it wasn’t much different, and it still induced despair in others.

However, the spectators in the surroundings couldn’t help but be slightly surprised when they witnessed this scene, and then they came to an understanding. They realized that Chen Daoyuan and the others intended to maintain their demeanor and avoid seeming like they were going too far.

“Are they trying such tricks to save some face? Hmph! What wishful thinking!” Tang Xian laughed coldly. How could he be unable to discern that while it seemed like they’d made some concessions, the overall situation was still the same! Chen Daoyuan and Chen Qiushui were eyeing Chen Xi with hostility from afar, so it was utterly impossible for Chen Xi to defeat Chen Xiaoyun.

Because the two of them would definitely lend a hand before Chen Xiaoyun could even lose. In the end, it would transform into a situation where three would be fighting against one.

So, Tang Xian wasn’t able to arouse any happiness within him.

“At the very least, these little fellows know how to try and save some face, whereas, that fellow, Chen Lingkong, has completely disregarded any and all shame.” Wu Xuechan spoke indifferently.

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Chen Lingkong couldn’t help but frown when he noticed the decision that Chen Xiaoyun and the others had made, but he didn’t say anything in the end.

He was clearly aware that if he continued pushing Chen Xi into a corner, then Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian would definitely explode with rage.

Bang!

At practically the exact same time, Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Xi moved and drew the curtains to this battle.

“Kill!” Chen Xiaoyun’s violet hair fluttered violently, causing him to seem like a god of devils. He held Divine Insight in his hand as he swung it, and an extraordinarily vast and thick strand of multicolored sword qi shot forward.

The sword qi had the Natural Spirit Radiance of the five elements gathered within it, and it formed a myriad of profundities while revealing vast, powerful, and murderous might.

This expanse of space was slashed apart, causing chaotic flows of space to shoot towards the surroundings. The scene here was extremely terrifying.

Bang!

Chen Xi went head on against it with the sword in his hand. The collision between them caused a myriad of tempestuous waves to surge towards the surroundings, whereas, Chen Xi himself was actually forced to take numerous heavy steps backward in space.

The spectators were excited because merely this strike alone revealed that Chen Xi’s strength was inferior to Chen Xiaoyun!

When compared to how Chen Xi had successively defeated Chen Baling, Chen Xuze, and Chen Wenyu with a single attack, everything that occurred now proved that no matter how heaven defying Chen Xi’s combat strength was, he was still restrained by his cultivation, and he couldn’t continue his streak of arrogance when facing Chen Xiaoyun who was an Eighth Star Region Lord.

“So this is the might of an Eighth Star Region Lord...” Chen Xi took a deep breath while his expression remained tranquil, and then he didn’t hesitate to attack again.

“Die!” At practically the exact same moment, Chen Xiaoyun attacked again. His style was fierce, oppressive, and extremely overbearing. Moreover, he emanated an imposing aura of matchlessness.

The Divine Insight sword in his palm was utilized by him to the point it seemed like a blazing and illusory five colored ray of divine light, and it carried grand sword qi as it smashed down forcefully towards Chen Xi.

Rumble!

In an instant, both of them collided a few hundred times. They fought to the point the combat arena was covered in chaos. The space here had collapsed while extremely dazzling rays of light swept towards the surroundings.

This expanse of the world was trembling and wailing. Moreover, it vaguely revealed all sorts of terrifying phenomena like the Grand Dao collapsing, the gods roaring furiously, and the sages weeping tears of blood.

The spectators in the surroundings were simply dazed by this sight, and they gasped incessantly. Chen Xi and Chen Xiaoyun were too formidable. Every single collision between Region Lords could destroy a world or crush an expanse of stars. It possessed unimaginably monstrous divine might.

However, some figures with extraordinary strengths were still able to clearly determine that Chen Xi had been in a disadvantageous position since the battle had begun. He’s been constantly suppressed and forced back.

On the other hand, Chen Xiaoyun’s imposing aura surged like a rainbow. He pressed down step by step while revealing all-powerful might, and he displayed a mighty and matchless bearing.

This made many clansmen of the Chen Clan feel excited. They felt that just Chen Xiaoyun alone would be sufficient to easily crush Chen Xi and eliminate him from the competition!

“The situation is slightly bad.” Tang Xian frowned.

“He’s able to rely on a cultivation at the Fourth Star of the Region Lord Realm to go head-on against an Eighth Star Region Lord. How many people like him can be found in the entire world? I’m afraid one can’t even be found amongst the Divine Dao Protector Clans.” Wu Xuechan spoke calmly. “Even if he loses this battle, it’s still a form of glory.”

“But I still hope that Little Junior Brother wins.” Tang Xian sighed.

“Then continue watching. Perhaps some sort of miracle will occur.” Wu Xuechan’s gaze was deep as he spoke in a light voice.

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Good! Chen Lingkong praised in his heart. At this moment, the depressed and agitated emotions in his heart had finally eased up slightly, and he felt elated.

Big Brother, Sister-in-law, would the two of you continue persisting if you witnessed this scene? Your son is bound to be unable to rescue the two of you.... Chen Lingkong muttered in his heart while he felt indescribable happiness course through his veins.

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“Chen Xi, is this the extent of your ability?” Chen Xiaoyun shouted explosively. His golden robe fluttered along with his violet hair, and his entire body was covered in a myriad of strands of Natural Spirit Radiance of the five elements, causing him to seem dazzling and supreme to the extreme.

Bang!

He slashed with his sword, and it was like the swing of a dragon’s tail. It forcefully blasted Chen Xi flying while the vital blood within Chen Xi’s entire body roiled.

Chen Xi puckered his lips, remained silent, and attack once more.

At this point in the battle, he was already clearly aware that with his current cultivation at the Fourth Star Region Lord Realm, he was at most capable of surmounting 3 levels of cultivation to annihilate a Seventh Star Region Lord. However, his strength was clearly insufficient to go against Chen Xiaoyun who was an Eighth Star Region Lord.

Most importantly, he wasn’t an ordinary Eighth Star Region Lord. His combat strength was too formidable because he possessed extraordinary innate reserves, so the difficulty of combat with Chen Xiaoyun was much greater than combat with any other ordinary Eighth Star Region Lord.

However, it was impossible for Chen Xiaoyun to defeat him in a short period of time.

Logically speaking, Chen Xi’s ability to accomplish this with a cultivation at the Fourth Star Region Lord Realm could be considered as world shocking and unprecedented.

However, Chen Xi wasn’t satisfied. He was very clearly aware of how formidable his own accumulations were, and it was even to the extent that it far surpassed the innate reserves possessed by the members of the Divine Dao Protector Clans.

Because only he alone had refined and absorbed the unique Imperial Sovereign Dao Root of this era, only he alone had refined and absorbed nine Region Quintessences, only he alone had inherited the inheritances of the last 8 eras, and only he alone had inherited the mantle of the last 8 Saviors of this era!

It was even not exaggerated to say that the strength Chen Xi had inherited was something that the Divine Dao Protector Clans couldn’t compare to at all!

Under such circumstances, it was very normal for him to be able to surmount levels of cultivation and battle experts at a higher level of cultivation. Conversely, he would simply be unworthy of the supreme fortuitous encounters he’d obtained if he was unable to accomplish this!

The only thing that held him back was his cultivation.

If Chen Xi possessed a cultivation at the Eighth Star of the Region Lord Realm, then he would even dare go against a Daolord!

But reality couldn't be changed that easily. Under such circumstances, he could only rely on his cultivation at the Fourth Star Region Lord Realm to do battle.

"You still refuse to give up? Looks like you're a stubborn fellow who refuses to give up until he's completely crushed!" Chen Xiaoyun laughed coldly.

Rumble!

Chen Xiaoyun's figure tore through space, and the Divine Insight sword that rested in his palm carried a myriad of strands of divine radiance as he attacked Chen Xi again.

"Die!" From this moment onward, Chen Xiaoyun stopped wasting his breath. He intended to crush Chen Xi in one go and force Chen Xi to accept defeat.

Rumble!

The battle grew even more intense while the situation Chen Xi was in grew worse. He was ceaselessly forced back, blasted flying, and seemed inferior by comparison.

Moreover, this was merely in a situation where he was fighting Chen Xiaoyun alone. If Chen Daoyuan and Chen Qiushui were to join the battle, then the consequences would be unimaginable!

As the battle continued, even the hearts of Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian couldn't help but constrict.

They were clearly aware that Chen Xi's chances of victory were slim. However, they still couldn't avoid feeling slightly worried about Chen Xi when they saw him being completely suppressed by Chen Xiaoyun.

On the contrary, Chen Lingkong and all the members of the Chen Clan revealed smiles on their faces. They seemed utterly excited and delighted.

Moreover, waves of cheers even erupted from time to time, and they cheered endlessly for Chen Xiaoyun.

It was like Chen Xi would be defeated before there was any need for Chen Daoyuan and Chen Qiushui to join the battle....

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Chapter 2024: Breakthrough In The Sword

Chen Xiaoyun's attacks grew even stronger, causing Chen Xi to seem like he was completely suppressed. He was ceaselessly driven back, and he was on the verge of defeat.

However, unexpectedly, Chen Xi who seemed like he would lose in the next moment was like a sturdy blade of grass the stood before powerful gales. No matter how he was suppressed, he would actually persist tenaciously every single time.

The spectators couldn't help but feel surprised by this sight. What a tenacious will to fight! "Quickly! Quickly crush him!"

"Don't give him a chance! Quickly end this battle! Make that kid fuck off!"

“Quickly! Hurry up!”

When they noticed that Chen Xi was in imminent danger yet just happened to be impossible to crush until now, it made the clansmen of the Chen Clan feel impatient, and they started shouting loudly.

They thought that Chen Xiaoyun was doing it intentionally like a cat playing tricks on a mouse. They thought he wasn't in a hurry to crush Chen Xi and was humiliating and teasing Chen Xi.

However, only Chen Xiaoyun himself knew that he wished for nothing more than to immediately kill Chen Xi. However, no matter what sort of lethal move he executed, he was actually unable to accomplish it at all!

So, he couldn't help but become anxious when he heard the clamorous noise from the outside world. Why is this damnable bastard so tenacious? He simply seems impossible to kill! What's going on?

“Die!” Chen Xiaoyun's killing intent grew stronger. It was powerful and brilliant like the sun as he smashed through the surroundings and pressed down upon Chen Xi.

“Die!” His methods grew even more violent while his killing intent covered the heavens and the earth. It didn't seem like a battle in a competition at all, and it was clearly filled with the intent to kill.

But even then, Chen Xi who was being ceaselessly suppressed continued to resist tenaciously, and every time he encountered extreme danger, he would always be able to narrowly avoid danger.

Was this luck?

It clearly wasn't.

It was absolutely impossible to rely solely on luck and persist until now while in such an extremely dangerous battle.

Along the battle continues, many people acutely noticed that the situation was slightly off!

Chen Xi who seemed to clearly be in a disadvantaged position was actually like a rock that stood amidst violent gales. He remained immovable no matter how the elements struck him.

Conversely, while Chen Xiaoyun seemed to have occupied a position of absolute advantage, he was unable to crush Chen Xi for a long time, and as time went by, he exhausted a huge amount of his strength instead.

What's going on?

Many people were slightly surprised and bewildered while their extremely excited emotions had gradually fallen to deathly silence. Moreover, they faintly had the feeling that something was off.

“His strength in the Sword Dao is gradually becoming stronger!” A bright glow erupted from Chen Daoyuan's eyes, and it was extremely shocking. He'd been standing on guard and observing the battle from a corner since it had begun, and he saw things even more clearly than the spectators in the outside world.

When he compared it to the strength in the Sword Dao that Chen Xi revealed at the start of the battle, he noticed to his shock that Chen Xi's strength in the Sword Dao had clearly attained a form of improvement!

Moreover, this sort of improvement was still going on. However, it was very difficult for others to notice because the battle was too intense.

"Dammit! This fellow already possesses a cultivation at the 4th level of the Sword Emperor Realm. If he were to attain another breakthrough, then wouldn't he step foot into the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm?" A cold glow arose in Chen Qiushui's eyes while lightning flowed through them, and her voice carried a trace of surprise and anxiousness.

The 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm!

Even if it was amongst the Region Lords throughout all the Divine Dao Protector Clans, only a few were capable of attaining such a cultivation in the Sword Dao!

Such a level was too lofty and ethereal, it was said to be attaining 'proficiency' in the Ultimate Path of the Sword. Since the ancient times until now, only those with great Karmic Luck, fortune, and wisdom were capable of coming into contact with the threshold of this realm!

Amongst all the Region Lords within the Divine Dao Protector Clans, only a few had attained this level of cultivation, so it was obvious that there were probably little to none in the Ancient God Domain.

Yet now, Chen Xi's Sword Dao was actually showing faint signs of breaking through during battle, and it made both Chen Daoyuan and Chen Qiushui unable to help but feel shocked.

"The path of cultivation really is one where overcoming defeat leads to greater strength. If one doesn't suffer the pressure of extreme hopelessness, then it would truly be difficult for one's potential to erupt." At this moment, Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian had noticed an inkling as well, and their worried emotions had eased up slightly while they exclaimed with admiration.

"Shit!" In next to no time, Chen Lingkong and the other great figures of the Chen Clan had reacted to this as well, and their faces were immediately covered in gloominess. How could they have imagined that Chen Xi's potential would be so abnormal? They hadn't expected that he would actually be able to stimulate his potential in the Sword Dao during such an extremely dangerous battle!

Bang!

When numerous others had noticed this, a world shocking collision had resounded from the combat arena, and then Chen Xiaoyun was actually blasted backward!

The spectators were shocked and seemed to have been stunned by this scene.

No one had imagined that Chen Xiaoyun who'd occupied a position of absolute advantage until now would actually be blasted back at such a moment!

Clang!

At this moment, sword howls resounded from Chen Xi and surged through the heavens and the earth. He seemed as if he was reborn, and his seemingly weakening state had completely vanished. His

imposing aura was restrained and calm; it wasn't sharp and arrogant any longer. It made him seem to emanate an aura of otherworldliness instead.

However, when others looked at him again, a wisp of horror unconsciously surged from their hearts like a dagger was being pressed against their backs. It was like they'd laid eyes on a supreme sword that existed in the legends. Even though it was deathly silent, its edge far exceeded the scope of the world's endurance!

"The 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm!"

"He has broken through!"

"I never expected that he would erupt with such potential during a dangerous and hopeless situation like this. He can truly be considered a peerlessly shocking and unparalleled!"

Numerous exclams of admiration resounded in the surroundings, and it mostly came from the guests who were observing the competition.

On the other hand, the transformation Chen Xi experienced was simply like a thunderclap to Chen Lingkong and the other members of the Chen Clan, and it shocked them to the point their hearts shook while they couldn't bring themselves to accept it.

After he was blasted back, Chen Xiaoyun still didn't dare believe it. His pupils had dilated while indescribably shock and rage surged out from his heart. "Bastard!"

How could he have imagined that not only would he have been unable to crush Chen Xi while he possessed an absolute advantage in the battle, he'd been blasted back instead!

How could this be possible?The pride and dignity in his heart caused his vital blood to seethe, and his eyes surged with a shocking glow.

Bang!

He didn't hesitate to soar into the sky and shoot explosively towards Chen Xi, and his extraordinary Sword Intent emanated a myriad of rays of gorgeous and brilliant light.

Swoosh!

Chen Xi merely swung his Talisman Armament in response and caused a strand of sword qi to shoot forward.

Simple and direct.

That was the imposing aura revealed by this strand of sword qi. It didn't make the Dao rumble, it didn't flow with the aura of the Dao, it didn't cause divine radiance to erupt from it, and it didn't make all sorts of phenomena form around it.

It was just so simple and direct.

However, it was precisely such an attack that tore apart the gorgeous and brilliant light which covered the sky, tore through the restraints of space, and struck Divine Insight to the point it wailed while Chen Xiaoyun who'd attacked with rage was blasted flying.

It was done in such a casual manner, and it seemed as easy as slapping a fly away.

However, this attack seemed extremely terrifying and inconceivable in the eyes of the spectators, and it made coldness arise in the hearts of many while their expressions changed.

This is the strength possessed by the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm? Isn't it a little too terrifying!?

“Die!” Chen Xiaoyun's body was struck to the point the vital blood throughout his body was roiling, but all of this was unable to overcome the rage and humiliation he felt in his heart.

I'm a dignified Innate God of the Divine Dao Protector Clans and a peerless genius at the Eighth Star Region Lord Realm! How could I possibly be defeated by a Fourth Star Region Lord? No! It's absolutely impossible!

Chen Xiaoyun roared loudly while his violet hair fluttered wildly, and he seemed like a primeval devil god that had gone berserk. His imposing aura was peerlessly violent, and it caused the sky to collapse and space to be crushed into pieces. It was an extremely shocking scene.

Rumble!

However, all of this was dispersed by Chen Xi's simple and direct strand of sword qi. It was simply like a paper tiger that couldn't withstand a single blow and wasn't terrifying at all anymore.

Actually, Chen Xiaoyun's strength wasn't weak at all, and it was instead because Chen Xi's strength after he advanced into the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm was too formidable.

After that, all the spectators watched as Chen Xiaoyun transformed into a moth that darted into a flame. He was ceaselessly defeated and blasted flying by Chen Xi.

Time after time again, in an endless cycle, and this scene was simply no different than how he'd suppressed Chen Xi a little while ago.

But now, the scales had tipped in Chen Xi's favor.

Chen Xiaoyun started to cough up blood while the bones and tendons throughout his body started to hurt. Moreover, the vital blood within his body showed faint signs of falling into disorder. Besides that, his hair was disheveled while his handsome face had become livid and savage from his rage.

It was truly impossible to image how the battle had actually undergone such a huge change. Chen Lingkong hadn't expected it, the other members of the Chen Clan hadn't expected it, the guests hadn't expected it, and neither had Wu Xuechan or Tang Xian expected it.

But all of this had happened for real!

It was exactly because it was beyond imagination that it was indescribably shocking.

It was even to the extent that if this scene was witnessed by the cultivators of the outside world, then they would definitely feel that it was inconceivable. Because a Fourth Star Region Lord was actually suppressing an Eighth Star Region Lord to such an extent, and that was even more unimaginable than witnessing an iron tree bear flower.

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I've broken through! The 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm! In Chen Xi's opinion, a breakthrough during battle wasn't rare anymore. However, the breakthrough he experienced this time still made him feel a wisp of excitement.

The Sword Dao was boundless, and it became more difficult the higher his accomplishments grew. If it wasn't for that sword strike executed by Chen Wenyu which stimulated him and allowed him to acutely capture that trace of a critical factor of advancement, and if it wasn't for the incessant pressure Chen Xiaoyun exerted upon him, he would definitely be unable to make this advancement!

Chen Xi didn't continue pondering about it, nor did he have the time to carefully enjoy the delight from his advancement. Because he was in battle!

Kill!

The Talisman Armament soared through the sky and slashed down incessantly while sword howls surged through the clouds.

At this moment, Chen Xiaoyun was unable to obstruct Chen Xi's attacks any longer.

Bang!

Chen Xiaoyun was blasted back again, and his throat had almost been pierced. Even then, his expression had changed violently, and it was savage and furious to the extreme. Moreover, he'd finally sensed a feeling of frustration and terror.

Swoosh!

Chen Xi attacked once more before he could even react.

At this instant, all the spectators couldn't help but open their eyes wide because they'd noticed that it was probably almost impossible for Chen Xiaoyun to resist this attack.

Whip!

Right at this critical moment, a bright red ribbon suddenly tore through the air like a crimson red bolt of lightning, and it stabbed forcefully towards the center of Chen Xi's forehead. It was precise and ruthless, and it was timed perfectly. It just happened to be executed at the moment Chen Xi attacked.

If Chen Xi didn't change the direction of his attack, then the red ribbon would pierce through the center of his forehead even if he was able to crush Chen Xiaoyun, and the consequences of that was unimaginable!

Bang!

Chen Xi frowned. In the end, he abandoned Chen Xiaoyun, and his sword spun about to slash forcefully at the red ribbon. The two collided, and it caused a wave of terrifying rumbling and divine radiance to envelop the surroundings.

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Chapter 2025: Imminent Danger

Swoosh!

Along with a sound of collision, a slender and graceful red colored figure appeared here. Her red dress was fiery red, her fair face was charming, and her starry eyes were intoxicating. Surprisingly, it was Chen Qiushui who'd been observing from the side.

She was peerlessly gorgeous and extraordinary. Her combat strength wasn't inferior to Chen Xiaoyun at all, and she was a bright pearl that glowed brilliantly in the Chen Clan.

At this moment, she utilized the red ribbon that was over 3m long to rescue Chen Xiaoyun who was just a hairbreadth away from defeat. Her actions were decisive and straightforward, and it instantly won her cheers from all the members of the Chen Clan.

"Chen Qiushui had finally joined the battle!"

"Now, there's a show to watch. Since Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui will be fighting together, that fellow, Chen Xi, is bound to have no chance to turn the situation around."

Dammit! That kid was such a lucky bastard just now! He actually attained a breakthrough in his Sword Dao! If it wasn't for that, there would be no need for Chen Qiushui to join the battle and his defeat would be certain."

Many members of the Chen Clan were excited, and their clamorous and successive shouts boomed through the surroundings.

"Haha! How interesting. They dispatched two Eighth Star Region Lords just to deal with Little Junior Brother, yet they are actually able to feel happy about it. How truly absurd and laughable." Tang Xian couldn't help but laugh coldly.

Wu Xuechan didn't speak. His brows were knit together tightly while he pondered deeply without end. Because Chen Qiushui's entrance into the battle was bound to bring a huge change in the situation of the battle.

On the other hand, the advantage Chen Xi obtained from his breakthrough in the Sword Dao would cease to exist. So, the situation he was in was truly worrying!

"Eldest Senior Brother, there's no need to worry. Even if Little Junior Brother loses the battle, it was an extremely honorable and glorious battle!" Tang Xian spoke casually as he seemed to have discerned Wu Xuechan's thoughts.

"I understand. However, I truly do feel slightly displeased when I see a disciple of our Oracle Mountain being bullied like that." Wu Xuechan sighed.

"It's fine. We'll make that shameless bastard experience hell once the competition is over!" Killing intent surged within Tang Xian's deep eyes.

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As soon as Chen Qiushui entered the battle, she waved the red ribbon in her hand as she charged at Chen Xi.

If one looked carefully, one would notice that the scarlet red and bright ribbon wasn't its true form, and it was actually formed from countless strands of flame that were crimson red yet faintly suffused with a golden glow. The myriad of reddish-gold flames had formed this red ribbon that was over 3m long.

It seemed to be agile yet was actually peerlessly heavy and powerful. It carried a form of horrifying force, and it seemed capable of overturning the world, incinerating the starry sky, and burning all things into ash.

The Red Ribbon of Divine Incineration!

It was a Natural Spirit Treasure that possessed inconceivable might, and the natural flame called the Crimsongold Tribulation Incinerator was being nourished within it. Just coming into light contact with it would cause even a Region Lord to be instantly incinerated into ash. It was extremely overbearing.

Swish!

The red ribbon soared into the sky while carrying a myriad of strands of reddish-gold flames that were dazzling and resplendent. It incinerated space, transformed the heavens and the earth into a seething ocean of flames, and covered the heavens and the earth as it descended towards Chen Xi.

Swoosh!

Chen Xi's Talisman Armament spun backward like a vortex of the sword, and it drew all the flames away with it and forcefully dispersed them into a myriad of fiery rays.

"Hah. So this is the might of the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm? It really is formidable." Chen Qiushui smiled sweetly yet her movements weren't slow at all. Every single move she executed was swifter than the one from before, and she attacked incessantly with a fierce, decisive, and extremely oppressive imposing aura.

Chen Xi dealt with every attack as they approached him. His Sword Intent rumbled as he dispersed all of these attacks, and he didn't experience much pressure.

However, such a situation had merely continued for a short moment before it was destroyed by Chen Xiaoyun who'd joined the battle again.

Even though he was injured, Chen Xiaoyun wasn't heavily injured, so he'd recovered from his shock after Chen Qiushui rescued him.

Moreover, the battle with Chen Xi had allowed him to clearly realize that it was impossible to defeat Chen Xi if only he or Chen Qiushui fought Chen Xi.

The reason was that Chen Xi's combat strength was unlike how it was when the battle had just begun. His Sword Dao had undergone a breakthrough, and it had arrived at a height that could make any Region Lord feel extremely fearful.

So, how could Chen Xiaoyun just watch as Chen Qiushui fought all by herself at such a moment?

Bang!

He held Divine Insight in his hand as he joined the battle, and he launched a pincer attack with Chen Qiushui.

If it was before this, then the pride in his heart would prevent Chen Xiaoyun from joining forces with someone else to deal with a Fourth Star Region Lord. But at this moment, he couldn't be bothered about his pride and dignity, nor did he care about shame. There was only a single thought in his heart, and it was to defeat Chen Xi no matter what!

Along with Chen Xiaoyun's entrance into the battle, the battle grew even more intense. Chen Xi fought two by himself, and their battle made the world dim in comparison. It was an extremely shocking sight.

The spectators in the distance couldn't help but gasp while they felt shocked in their hearts. Because such an intense and unprecedented battle was very rarely seen,

But in next to no time, the situation underwent a change. Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui's joint forces had completely crushed the advantage which Chen Xi had obtained earlier, causing him to be suppressed incessantly once more and fall into a state of imminent danger.

Even though the strength of the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm was formidable, it could only deal with a single Eighth Star Region Lord in the end, and it lost any advantage it had when dealing with two Eighth Star Region Lords.

After all, the restrains of Chen Xi's cultivation were too great. So, no matter how heaven defying he was, it was almost impossible for him to defeat two Eighth Star Region Lords at once.

Not to mention that both of them weren't ordinary figures. Their reserves were so deep and combat strengths were so formidable that it wasn't something their peers could compare to.

Under such circumstances, how could Chen Xi gain even the slightest advantage? It was already very difficult for him to just avoid being defeated.

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However, the development of the battle was even more horrifying than anyone had expected. It wasn't long before Chen Xi clearly revealed signs of defeat, and he was in imminent danger.

Pu!

After a short while, Chen Xi had just repulsed a pincer attack from Chen Xiaoyun and didn't even have the time to dodge when Chen Qiushui's red ribbon pierced his left shoulder.

The scarlet red and brilliant red ribbon was like a flaming string that hadn't just pierced his shoulder, it had even burned the muscles and bones there to the point of being charred.

If he hadn't reacted in time, then merely this attack would have been able to instantly incinerate him and kill him on the spot!

Chen Xi let out a muffled groan while he frowned. Moreover, his calm and composed expression even had a cold and solemn expression on it.

Kill!

However, it didn't crush his will to fight. Conversely, his will to fight seemed to have been lit on fire, and his attacks grew even stronger.

This was an instinct that Chen Xi had formed a very long time ago from experiencing the baptism of countless bloody battles. So long as he had a chance, then he would definitely fight to the bloody end!

However, when such resistance was witnessed by the clansmen of the Chen Clan, it seemed especially laughable. It was like a moth darting towards a flame, and it was sad and pitiable.

Because everyone had discerned that Chen Xi was powerless to turn the situation around when facing the joint forces of Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui!

Unless... his cultivation in the Sword Dao advanced again. But was that even possible?

Obviously, it was impossible!

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Crack!

Chen Xi suffered another injury. The bones in his left arm were blasted apart by Chen Xiaoyun's Divine Insight, and blood gurgled out from it.

Bang!

After a short while, a strand of Crimsongold Tribulation Incinerator had touched his back, causing his skin to be charred to a horrifying state.

Swish!

After another short moment passed, Chen Xi was blasted flying, and he crashed to the ground like a meteor. He couldn't help but cough up a large mouthful of blood, and his face instantly turned ghastly pale.

Presently, his clothes were damaged and bloodied, the patches of his exposed skin were covered in injuries, and his left arm had even been completely crippled. He was in a completely unrecognizable state, and he seemed extremely miserable and horrifying.

At this point in the battle, everyone had realized that Chen Xi couldn't avoid defeat!

Many clansmen of the Chen Clan had even started to cheer.

Now, it's finally going to end, right.... Chen Lingkong muttered in his heart while it felt like he'd put down a rock that was on his heart, and a relaxed feeling surged through his entire body. Even though this battle was quite unfair, but why would he care as long as they won?

Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian were silent. Their expressions had become unsightly from watching Chen Xi suffer such injuries and defeat.

Even if they were clearly aware that it was impossible for Chen Xi to turn the situation around, they couldn't get infuriated about it. Because this battle had been unfair since the beginning!

“Eldest Senior Brother, why don’t we... ask Little Junior Brother to admit defeat?” Tang Xiao was slightly worried, and he felt sorry for Chen Xi as well.

“It’s impossible.” Wu Xuechan sighed lightly. He understood Chen Xi’s character, and he knew that even if Chen Xi had to admit defeat, Chen Xi wouldn’t do it now.

Unless he was completely defeated and crushed to the point that he had no strength left to fight!

“Kill!”

“Kill!”

“Kill!”

One of the members of the Chen Clan roared with excitement, and it caused all the others to roar along with him. All of them had fervent expressions on their faces and truly wished for nothing more than to immediately crush Chen Xi.

Their voices reverberated through the heavens and the earth, yet it was extremely ear-piercing to Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian.

In the combat arena, a wisp of an arc of pride couldn’t help but arise on the corners of Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui’s mouths when they heard the cheers and shouts, it was a smile from having victory in sight.

Bang!

Their attacks grew even stronger as they pressed down step by step. They ceaselessly suppressed Chen Xi with all-powerful might, and they seemed to reveal a peerless bearing.

“Chen Xi, we’ll stop immediately if you kneel down and admit defeat, and you won’t continue suffering such pain, alright?” Chen Xiaoyun spoke proudly, and his voice carried a tone of pity from someone that was in a higher position.

“Kneel down and admit defeat? He crippled Chen Baling, so how can he be let off so lightly?” Chen Qiushui’s frowned while a wisp of displeasure arose in her clear eyes, and then she chuckled sweetly and said, “But I can consider forgiving him if he really kneels in front of everyone.”

The two of them spoke one after the other, and their words were filled with insults while they seemed extremely haughty.

Perhaps in their opinions, Chen Xi really couldn’t turn the situation anymore.

“Kneel down? That’s a very good idea.” Suddenly, a hoarse voice resounded from between Chen Xi’s lips. At this moment, his clothes were in rags, his entire body was dyed red with blood, and injuries covered his entire body. He seemed like he might collapse at any moment.

However, his voice was still so calm, composed, and indifferent when he spoke these words, and it was an extremely strange sight.

Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun frowned when they witnessed this scene, and they faintly noticed that something was slightly off, but they were unable to put a finger on it.

Right at this moment, Chen Daoyuan who'd been constantly observing from the edge of the arena seemed to have noticed something, and he suddenly shouted. "Watch out!"

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Chapter 2026: Counterattack

Watch out? Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui couldn't help but feel slightly stunned when they heard Chen Daoyuan's sudden shout.

Bang!

Right at this instant, Chen Xi who was on the verge of defeat and bathed in blood had actually attacked ferociously.

At practically the exact same moment, an unimaginably terrifying aura suddenly erupted from Chen Xi's entire body like a sleeping volcano that had suddenly erupted.

His damaged skin, broken bones, and burnt flesh actually seemed like a withered tree that had come to life in spring, and they underwent a transformation.

His ghastly pale face, weak vital energy, and waning aura seemed to have undergone a tremendous transformation at this moment.

Chen Xi seemed like a completely different person right now. Earlier, he was heavily injured and on the verge of death, and he was like duckweed that was floating indeterminately amidst a storm.

Yet now, his vital energy was seething, his skin was glowing, and his black pupils were deep like the starry sky. Moreover, his entire body surged with peerlessly vast violet gold divine radiance. It made him seem like a peerless emperor who been reborn and possessed boundless divine might!

All of this took some time to describe yet it had actually been instantly completed when Chen Xi launched that attack.

When the attack flashed forward, Chen Xi was like a caterpillar that had emerged from its cocoon into a butterfly, and he'd obtained new life!

Bang!

This strike of the sword was still that simple and direct, but it carried a terrifying force that extremely shocking.

Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui couldn't imagine how Chen Xi who was clearly on the verge of defeat would actually undergo such a shocking transformation.

They were caught off guard and didn't even have the chance to dodge, and they could only instinctively resist Chen Xi's attack.

Bang! Bang!

Two world shaking sounds of collision resounded at practically the exact same moment. Divine radiance sprayed towards the surroundings along with the deafening bangs, and it crushed the sky in all directions.

On the other hand, Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui seemed as if they'd been forcefully struck by a myriad of divine mountains. They were blasted flying while their entire bodies shivered, and they couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of blood.

At this instant, their faces were covered in extreme shock and rage, and they seemed to still be unable to accept all of this.

How could this be possible? That fellow was clearly heavily injured and on the verge of death! How could he instantly recover completely while his strength has actually undergone a tremendous transformation when compared to just now?

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This sudden and unexpected event was simply like a bolt of thunder that struck down from clear skies, and it caused the cheering and shouting in the surroundings to stop abruptly.

Their mouths couldn't help but open wide as they stood flabbergasted on the spot.

No matter how they wracked their brains, they were unable to figure out why exactly Chen Xi had undergone another transformation at such a moment and successfully turned the situation around.

All of this was like a dream. It was so unreal and inconceivable, and it dazed them on the spot.

Why? Why has this happened? Could it be that this kid is really tenacious to the point of being impossible to crush?

The atmosphere outside the battlefield had turned extremely deathly silent. Moreover, the air was even filled with an oppressive and suffocating aura.

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Bang!

After he succeeded with the first attack, Chen Xi hadn't stopped and continued his attack.

His dense black hair fluttered while violet gold divine radiance surged from his entire body, and they formed numerous obscure and mysterious talisman markings that coiled around him.

Meanwhile, clear howls resounded from the Talisman Armament in his hand. It seemed like it yearned to drink the blood of Chen Xi's enemy, and it made Chen Xi seem to possess an arrogant aura of supremacy.

"He has advanced!"

"This fellow's cultivation... has actually broken through to the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm!"

"How did he accomplish it?"

"Inconceivable! It's simply inconceivable!"

Meanwhile, many people had cleared their thoughts slightly, and they determined that Chen Xi's cultivation had actually advanced at that instant from before and attained the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm!

The spectators were astounded, and tempestuous waves couldn't help but surge through their hearts.

"Dammit!" Chen Lingkong's hands couldn't help but tremble while veins bulged on his forehead. He was on the verge of losing control of his emotions. Why? Why has this happened? They were clearly only a step away from crushing that damnable little bastard, so why has his cultivation advanced again? Moreover, he actually didn't show the slightest sign of breakthrough throughout the battle! That's a battle! And he was even a heavily injured fellow that was on the verge of death! How could such an extremely absurd thing have happened?

"This battle is bound to be written down in history to become a mark that'll never fade and passed down for generations to come!"

"The disciples of Oracle Mountain really are heavenly defying geniuses!"

"It's simply unimaginable!"

The guests seated at the spectating area couldn't help but sigh with emotion as they had their breaths taken away by Chen Xi's world shocking counterattack.

During the one on one battle with Chen Xiaoyun just now, Chen Xi had relied on a breakthrough in the Sword Dao to turn the situation around and crush his opponent.

Under such circumstances, all of them felt that Chen Xi was driven into a corner, and he didn't have the slightest chance of turning the situation around.

But who would have imagined that while his cultivation in the Sword Dao hadn't attained another advancement, his cultivation had broken through to the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm!

This was simply like an unprecedented miracle!

"Oracle Mountain doesn't have to worry about a lack of a successor with Little Junior Brother here!" Wu Xuechan roared with laughed and was extremely happy.

"He's always able to turn the situation around whenever he's driven into a corner. It's simply beyond superb!" Tang Xian clapped as well, and he uttered endless praise.

Their voices weren't very loud, yet they hadn't concealed their voices as well. So, when it entered into Chen Lingkong's ears, it simply caused his rage to blaze while he felt aggrieved to the extreme.

Chen Lingkong gritted his teeth and muttered in his heart. Just you wait! So what if he has advanced? Don't forget that there's still another Ninth Star Region Lord waiting for him!

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The battle that was being carried out on the combat arena hadn't been affected by the outside world.

After Chen Xi advanced into the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm, his strength had undergone a completely new transformation, and his combat strength had more than doubled.

At this moment, the region within his body surged while divine energy gushed throughout his body. Moreover, a completely new Violet Gold Imperial Sovereign Star had slowly risen above his Soul Divine Flame!

That was the symbol of a Fifth Star Region Lord!

The reason he was able to accomplish this wasn't because of fortune or luck, and it was instead because Chen Xi had started to secretly refine and absorb the inheritances within the Seal of the Martial during the battle.

When he refined and absorbed the Seal of the Shaman all those years ago, it had allowed Chen Xi's cultivation to advance by leaps and bounds, and he'd stepped into the Fourth Star Region Lord Realm in one go.

Now, he'd refined and absorbed the Seal of the Martial in battle, and his cultivation had broken through once more. So, it wasn't luck at all.

Actually, it was all thanks to him having fully comprehending the profundities of the Seal of the Martial while he was on the way to the Primal Chaos Origin, otherwise, he would definitely be unable to accomplish this.

This was the benefit of constant accumulation. It seemed to be an extremely insignificant preparation, but in a critical moment, it might allow one to erupt with strength that could turn the situation around!

The Fifth Star Region Lord Realm!

In the opinion of all Region Lords, an advancement in their cultivation was sufficient to provide them with an obvious increase in strength, and it was extremely delightful.

But it was different for Chen Xi. He'd refined and absorbed nine Region Quintessences, so the transformation he attained during every single advancement was much more shocking than ordinary Region Lords.

The most obvious display of this was reflected in the improvement of his combat strength!

For example, when he was at the Fourth Star Region Lord Realm, he could rely on the strength of his cultivation at the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm to easily crush Chen Xiaoyun who was an Eighth Star Region Lord. So what about when he'd advanced into the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm?

He could even deal with the joint forces of Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui with ease!

Rumble!

Divine radiance rumbled and surged endlessly throughout the combat arena.

The situation of the battle had changed. The joint forces of Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui were unable to shake Chen Xi anymore. Conversely, they seemed to be suppressed by Chen Xi's divine might!

This caused the pressure they experienced to multiply while their expressions changed incessantly. The emotions in their hearts were simply complicated to the limit. They felt shocked, furious, frustrated, and disbelief, whereas, the pride, haughtiness, and complacency they felt just now had completely vanished.

Swoosh!

When it seemed impossible for them to turn the situation around and faintly seemed to be on the verge of defeat, Chen Daoyuan had finally made his move.

He didn't speak a single word as he withdrew a strange and pure black wooden sword that was 1m long, and his figure flashed towards Chen Xi.

Bang!

The heavens and the earth here were thrown into chaos. Space flowed backward to the point that even the surroundings here warped. It seemed to be ceaselessly collapsing and being destroyed, and it seemed like anything that entered this area would be completely obliterated.

This was the might that Chen Daoyuan revealed when he attacked, and it was a form of terrifying divine might that came from a Ninth Star Region Lord!

In merely an instant, the situation in the combat arena had changed once more because of Chen Daoyuan's entrance into the battle, and the advantage Chen Xi just obtained had actually ceased to exist again.

Because the situation was completely different now.

He had 3 opponents now, two Eighth Star Region Lords and one Ninth Star Region Lord!

The might of such a force was something that even a true Ninth Star Region Lord would probably have no choice but to avoid.

On the other hand, it was obvious how horrifying the pressure experienced by Chen Xi who'd just advanced into the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm was.

Bang!

The intense battle continued incessantly in the arena. The four of them fought together, and it formed a peak battle that was unprecedented.

Divine radiance surged, the sun and moon dimmed down, and terrifying phenomena flashed incessantly throughout the arena. Moreover, the grand rumbling of the Dao resounded endlessly through the heavens and the earth.

When looked at from afar, it simply seemed like it was the battle of the apocalypse, and it was filled with scenes of extreme chaos, turmoil, and horror.

The clamorous noise in the surroundings had vanished. Everyone including Wu Xuechan, Tang Xian, and Chen Lingkong had held their breaths in concentration and converged their attention onto the combat arena.

At this point in the battle, it was already coming to its end, and an outcome would be revealed soon.

At the same time, it was an unprecedented battle. It was a battle that was occurring between a Fifth Star Region Lord and the joint forces of two Eighth Star Region Lords and a Ninth Star Region Lord.

Under such circumstances, no one dared to let themselves get distracted, and none were willing to miss any detail of the battle.

It was even to the extent that many 'living fossils' who lived in seclusion within the Chen Clan had been alarmed by the battle, and they sent numerous strands of peerlessly formidable and ancient consciousnesses towards the combat arena!

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Chapter 2027: Satisfied

In the sky, snaking bolts of lightning surged while space collapsed, and it formed all sorts of terrifying scenes of the apocalypse.

The terrifying divine radiance from the battle was like a dazzling and resplendent storm that swept out incessantly, and it was a horrifying sight. This three on one battle was truly too astounding.

Not to mention in the Ancient God Domain, such a peak battle was even unprecedented amongst the Divine Dao Protector Clans.

Because the gap between the parties to the battle was just too huge!

One side consisted of two Eighth Star Region Lords and a Ninth Star Region Lord, whereas, the other side merely consisted of a single expert who had just advanced into the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm. So, the gap between them was obvious with a single glance. It could be considered to be like the gap between the heavens and the earth.

With such a premise to the battle, it seemed extremely unique since the beginning, and it was impossible to find a similar battle throughout the annals of history.

Most astounding of it all was that while there was such a clear gap between their strengths, Chen Xi had actually been able to persist until now by himself, and he hadn't been defeated immediately. This itself was an extremely inconceivable feat.

However, as the battle continued, the spectators had still been able to acutely notice that Chen Xi showed faint signs of being suppressed again.

All of this was caused by Chen Daoyuan's entrance into the battle!

Chen Daoyuan possessed a cultivation at the Ninth Star Region Lord Realm, and he was only a step away from stepping foot into the Daolord Realm. He could be said to be the number one expert amongst the Region Lords of the entire Chen Clan, and he was peerlessly outstanding.

Even if it was throughout the entire Divine Dao Protector Clans, Chen Daoyuan's strength could still be considered to be top-rate.

So, when a Ninth Star Region Lord who possessed such an extraordinary cultivation and monstrous combat strength acted against Chen Xi who was merely a Fifth Star Region Lord, the pressure he exerted upon Chen Xi was obvious.

Not to mention that Chen Daoyuan wasn't all alone. There were two other Eighth Star Region Lords, Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun, who were attacking Chen Xi along with him.

All of these signs displayed that Chen Xi had an extremely slim hope of winning this battle.

Moreover, the following development was exactly as expected. Chen Xi fell into a hard pressed and critical situation under the joint suppression from Chen Daoyuan's group of three.

Actually, when one thought about it carefully, such a scene had occurred on more than one occasion since the 2nd round of the competition had begun.

The first time was when Chen Xiaoyun had acted against Chen Xi. Chen Xi was suppressed as well, and he was practically on the verge of defeat. However, he later relied on his breakthrough into the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm to launch a counterattack and turn the situation around.

The second time was when Chen Qiushui joined the battle. It caused the advantage Chen Xi obtained to be completely destroyed, and he fell once more into a situation where he passively withstood their attacks. Moreover, it was even to the extent that he'd been heavily injured and on the verge of death.

But later on, he'd still broken through into the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm in an inconceivable manner, and then he launched a counterattack and turned the tide of the battle once more.

At this point in the battle, the advantage he'd obtained earlier had been blasted away once more with the addition of Chen Daoyuan into the battle, and it had completely destroyed the momentum of Chen Xi's counterattack, causing him to once more fall into a dangerous state of being besieged.

The same thing could happen once and even twice. But it couldn't happen thrice!

Chen Xi had already launched two counterattacks from a hopeless situation throughout the duration of this battle. The 1st was during the breakthrough of his cultivation in the Sword Dao, and the 2nd was during the breakthrough into the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm, so... could he create another practically impossible miracle for a third time?

No one dared to pass rash judgment on the matter.

However, practically everyone was clearly aware that it was extremely difficult for Chen Xi to launch another counterattack, and it was almost impossible!

But even then, no one dared to underestimate him when they saw Chen Xi fight with all his might against his opponents.

Moreover, no one continued to tease, mock, or ridicule him anymore.

Because if one were to still ridicule an expert who could persist in battle while suffering an absolute advantage, then it would simply be like slapping one's self on the face. It would only be a shame and humiliation to one's self!

Just think about it, a Fifth Star Region Lord was able to resist two Eighth Star Region Lords and a Ninth Star Region Lord. How many experts in the world could accomplish such a feat?

It would simply be idiotic beyond compare to ridicule Chen Xi right now.

It was even to the extent that some members of the Chen Clan had started to feel admiration towards Chen Xi in their hearts. Even if they didn't acknowledge him, they couldn't deny that Chen Xi was an expert who was worthy of their respect!

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“The last tens of thousands of years, the Karmic Luck of the entire Divine Dao Protector Clans has changed. It has gradually declined over time, and there have rarely been any dazzling figures who are capable of leading an era. I originally thought that it was a general trend, but who would have imagined that such a dazzling figure has actually appeared outside the Divine Dao Protector Clans. It’s truly astounding.”

“This kid’s strength isn’t inferior to the Chen Lingjun from all those years ago!”

“As expected, a great father has no useless children.”

“No, Chen Lingjun wasn’t as heaven defying as this kid. It’s even to the extent that there practically isn’t anyone amongst the peerless geniuses of the five high level clans who was rival this kid.”

The guests from the other Divine Dao Protector Clans were paying close attention to the battle while they conversed in low voices, and all their discussions were filled with emotional sighs of praise towards Chen Xi.

“Alright, I can fully let go now that Little Junior Brother was able to accomplish this.” Wu Xuechan chuckled lightly and relaxed completely. At this point in the battle, even though he knew that it was very difficult for Chen Xi to attain victory, Wu Xuechan was still very satisfied and wasn’t worried anymore.

“Haha! Senior Brother is right.” Tang Xian roared with laughter, and then he gazed at Chen Lingkong and said, “Actually, Fellow Daoist Chen Lingkong truly possesses miraculous foresight. He was actually able to deduce that such a situation would occur even before the battle began and arranged for those three little fellows to fight Little Junior Brother. Unfortunately, everyone didn’t understand this and misunderstood Fellow Daoist Chen Lingkong.”

His voice wasn’t loud, yet it was sufficient to guarantee that Chen Lingkong heard it clearly.

His tone was neither cold nor indifferent, but the meaning behind his words were extremely sharp. So long as a person wasn’t an idiot, it was impossible for that person to be unable to discern that Tang Xian was clearly mocking Chen Lingkong.

After all, everyone in the surroundings had been puzzled when Chen Lingkong announced the rules of the 2nd round, and it made everyone feel that it was unfair.

However, Chen Lingkong persisted on the matter, and it had completely infuriated Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian.

However, the development of the battle had truly exceeded everyone’s expectations, and in the end, a situation where Chen Xi fought three opponents by himself was still unavoidable.

So, it really seemed like Chen Lingkong had predicted all of this and intentionally made arrangements for it.

Had Chen Lingkong really made such intentional arrangements?

Of course he hadn’t!

However, the guests still couldn't help but laugh when they heard Tang Xian.

No matter how thick Chen Lingkong's skin was or how skillful he was at concealing his emotions, but when he heard Tang Xian and witnessed such a scene, Chen Lingkong's heart still couldn't help but twitch fiercely while his expression grew even more gloomy.

He puckered his lips and remained silent while he stared fixedly at the combat arena. Right now, he'd already discarded any and all shame, so he didn't care if others ridiculed and mocked him.

But if he was unable to gain victory in this battle, then he would really have to look for a hole to hide himself!

Fortunately, the situation of the battle was gradually clearing up, and Chen Xi had no chance of turning the tide while being suppressed by the joint forces of Chen Daoyuan, Chen Qiushui, and Chen Xiaoyun.

This prevented Chen Lingkong from going completely berserk.

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Bang!

Chen Daoyuan's strange and pure black wooden sword soared through the sky, and it emanated unparalleled might as it blasted Chen Xi back.

At this moment, Chen Xi had been forced back to a corner of the arena while his paths of retreat were completely sealed off. So, if he was still unable to turn the situation around, then he would be blasted out of the combat arena even if he wasn't crushed on the spot!

In that way, it would be no different than being defeated.

The situation was pressing!

Regardless of whether it was Chen Xi or Chen Daoyuan, the current situation was a critical moment to determine the outcome.

At this moment, Chen Daoyuan launched a frontal attack while Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui launched a pincer attack from the sides. Their attacks were powerful and violent, and they pressed down step by step while seeming to intend to crush Chen Xi completely.

"Don't relax. We must eliminate this kid in one go!" Chen Daoyuan spoke via voice transmission.

He'd never underestimated Chen Xi, so he hadn't held back at all as soon as he joined the battle, and he absolutely refused to give Chen Xi any chance to catch his breath!

Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui naturally understood this as well. They cooperated tacitly with Chen Daoyuan, and they were like experienced hunters that were pressing down upon their prey and starting to take action to capture it.

The outcome is about to be determined! The spectators in the surroundings couldn't help but clench their fists and opened their eyes wide while their hearts rose to their throats.

Only Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian were very relaxed. They'd gotten over the whole situation and the outcome didn't matter to them anymore. Because this battle had always been unfair, and it was already a huge pleasant surprise to them when Chen Xi was able to attain such accomplishments in the battle. So, they had no further desires.

They've won, they've finally won.... At this moment, Chen Lingkong couldn't restrain the excitement in his heart as well. Too many changes had occurred in this battle since it had begun, and it was filled with danger and ups and downs that caused one's heart to constrict with anxiety.

Fortunately, all of this was finally about to come to an end. In Chen Lingkong's opinion, it was fine so long as they won and kicked Chen Xi out of the competition!

However, in merely an instant, Chen Lingkong's face had frozen on the spot, and his heart that hadn't even had the chance to feel happy and excited felt as if it had been struck by lightning and trembled incessantly.

Because a shocking turn of events had occurred once more on the combat arena....

As a strand of terrifying aura swept out, the strength possessed by Chen Xi who'd been driven to the corner and was on the verge of defeat had actually risen explosively!

It had risen explosively and doubled!

His dense black hair had suddenly become pure white like snow while his spirit, energy, and essence seemed as if they were on fire. Rumbling resounded throughout his body while the region within his blood, the blood that filled his body, the skin and bones.... Everything seemed to be seething, and it made his imposing aura rise explosively to an unprecedented state, and it simply shot into the sky and shook the stars!

Rumble!

The Talisman Armament swept through the air. Merely a single strike had dispersed the joint attack from Chen Daoyuan's group of three, and it even blasted the three of them back!

Such divine might could simply be described as boundless and capable of making the gods tremble in horror!

An uproar erupted in the surroundings.

Another counterattack!

All of them were dumbstruck. My god! Could it be that it's really impossible to crush this fellow?

Even the guests who were observing the competition and the 'living fossils' who were watching the battle from the shadows couldn't help but feel shocked.

"The Godslaughter Burst.... I forgot that Little Junior Brother still had such a trump card." Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian exchanged glances, and both of them couldn't help but feel stunned.

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Chapter 2028: Two Down

In an instant, Chen Xi's hair had turned white as snow while his entire body was covered in blazing violet gold energy. He was dazzling and ethereal, and his divine might shook the world and astounded the spectators in the surroundings.

It was unimaginable that Chen Xi's combat strength had actually undergone another transformation when he was driven into such a hopeless situation, and it had attained an entire 100% increase, allowing him to deal with the predicament before him. He was like a fish that had leaped through the heavenly gates to be transformed into a dragon that flew proudly through the arena.

The clansmen of the Chen Clan were flabbergasted by this scene. Since the 2nd round of the competition began, they'd been constantly shocked by the divine might that Chen Xi revealed as he launched counterattack after counterattack.

At this point, this shock had arrived at an unprecedented height, and it caused them to feel dazed while their minds became blank.

He was too formidable!

Moreover, all of this was so inconceivable.

Is this really something that a Fifth Star Region Lord from the Ancient God Domain can accomplish?

Crack!

Chen Lingkong tightly clenched the hands beneath his sleeves, causing his knuckles to crack loudly. He was forcefully restraining the shock and anxiousness in his heart.

He'd thought that success was within reach, yet never had he expected that a turn of events would occur abruptly, and it was simply like a form of unendurable torture and suffering.

The guests who were observing the competition had been stunned by this as well, and they seemed as if they'd seen a ghost. Throughout the shocking battles that had occurred in the boundless annals of time and all the unparalleled geniuses in the world, it seemed to be impossible to find another battle that impacted them so strongly and made them feel such unexpected shock, and it was impossible to find anyone who could rival Chen Xi.

This wasn't just world shocking; it was simply unprecedented!

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Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun who were blasted back on the combat arena seemed to be unable to restrain the astonishment in their hearts, and they cried out involuntarily. "How could this be possible?"

At this moment in the battle, even they'd actually started to feel faint admiration towards how tenacious and terrifying Chen Xi was. However, they'd still never imagined that they still wouldn't be able to crush Chen Xi with Chen Daoyuan's help, and he'd actually been able to break out of their encirclement in the end!

So, how could they possibly be able to maintain their composure?

Could it be that this fellow is a monster that can't be subdued?

“The Godslaughter Burst.... The innate technique of the Yazi Clan in the three dimensions. Could it be that... he isn't afraid that this technique would damage his foundation in the Dao?” Chen Daoyuan's eyes narrowed while he felt surprised and bewildered in his heart.

According to his knowledge, such a technique could be considered to be heaven defying, and it could instantly double the strength of a cultivator.

However, this technique had a flaw that had to be taken seriously. That flaw was that it was extremely harmful to one's Dao Foundation when it was utilized, and even if this damage could be repaired, later on, it would definitely cause irreparable damage to one's cultivation in the future!

This made Chen Daoyuan feel extremely surprised and bewildered. This fellow has actually disregarded his path of cultivation just to attain victory?

He wasn't aware that Senior White had provided Chen Xi with guidance a very long time ago, and he'd utilized a secret technique within the skull of a Holy Shaman to deal with the flaws of the Godslaughter Burst technique.

That skull of a Holy Shaman had been preserved from the last era, and Chen Xi had refined and absorbed the inheritances within the Seal of the Shaman. Under such circumstances, Chen Xi's grasp and ability to utilize the Godslaughter Burst had even surpassed the height possessed by the Yazi Clan itself!

On the other hand, the 'flaws' in the eyes of others were naturally unable to pose any threat to Chen Xi, and they couldn't bring any real effect to his path towards the Dao.

At the very most, it would merely make his body fall into a weak state for a year or so after he utilized the technique.

So, Chen Xi didn't care about these details if he could win the battle.

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Bang!

While it took some time to describe, it had actually occurred in an instant. Chen Daoyuan and the others didn't even have the time to recover from their shock when Chen Xi had attacked.

His will to fight blazed and his entire body seemed as if it was on fire. He seemed like a peerless emperor who had emerged from the heavens, and his imposing aura was shocking to the extreme.

His terrifying killing intent made the expressions of Chen Daoyuan and the others changed slightly, and they didn't dare allow their thoughts to continue running wild.

“Kill!”

“Don't panic! We'll crush this kid in one go!”

“Alright!”

As they shouted loudly, all three of them attacked ferociously as well. They entered into a fierce battle with Chen Xi again, and the surroundings were enveloped in chaos once more.

Bang!

In next to no time, Chen Xi moved swiftly and seemed all-powerful as he slapped Chen Xiaoyun flying with a single strike of his sword, causing Chen Xiaoyun to crash on the ground like a meteor.

At the same time, Chen Xi's left chest had been pierced by the red ribbon in Chen Qiushui's hand. It made his skin and flesh split apart before being completely charred.

However, Chen Xi seemed as if he hadn't noticed at all, and the blade of his sword spun before he shook it!

Bang!

The red ribbon was minced into pieces by the Talisman Armament, and then the myriad of strands of flame that formed it was dispersed towards the surroundings. On the other hand, Chen Qiushui seemed as if she'd been struck by lightning and was injured by the sword qi. Her peerlessly delicate face suddenly turned pale while she coughed up a mouthful of blood, and she had a weak look on her face.

Even though the myriad of strands of divine flame that formed the divine ribbon had converged together once more and recovered to its original state after the red ribbon was minced into pieces, this treasure had still suffered a heavy injury that made its might reduce steeply.

Bang!

After he crushed both Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui with force, Chen Daoyuan's attack approached as well, causing Chen Xi to have no choice but to abandon them and divert his attack towards Chen Daoyuan.

He had no choice but to admit that Chen Daoyuan's combat strength was terrifying to the extreme. Chen Xi had to rely on his cultivation at the Fifth Star Region Lord Realm, the might of the 5th level of the Sword Emperor Realm, and the Godslaughter Burst in order to be able to go against Chen Daoyuan.

Obviously, defeating him wasn't something that could be accomplished in a short while.

That was why Chen Xi was willing to suffer injury in order to crush Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui.

Because as far as he was concerned, crushing them as soon as possible was like eliminating two of Chen Daoyuan's wings, and it would allow him to let go of everything and do whatever it took to defeat Chen Daoyuan.

Rumble!

The battle continued. In the next part of the battle, Chen Xi had suffered injuries again while he ceaselessly crushed Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui.

They were already not a match for Chen Xi before this. So, once Chen Xi had utilized the Godslaughter Burst to double his combat strength, how could they be able to continue resisting Chen Xi's attacks?

In merely a short moment, both of them had been injured. Their vital energy was in disorder, and they were almost suppressed and eliminated.

On the other hand, Chen Xi wasn't in much of a better state because he has to resist Chen Daoyuan's attacks. While he tried to deal with Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui, he was being constantly injured. So, his entire body was bathed with blood while fresh blood gurgled out from him, and it caused him to seem horrifying as if he was made from blood.

However, Chen Xi was already accustomed to this after experiencing countless bloody battles. It was simply like a common occurrence to him, and it was unable to affect his combat strength at all.

This was the benefit of experience and tempering.

For example, even though Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui were from the Divine Dao Protector Clans and possessed both extraordinary reserves and extremely formidable combat strength, they couldn't compare to Chen Xi at all when it came to experience in battle and slaughter.

Since he'd started cultivating, Chen Xi had spent most of his time in battle. He'd fought his way from the Mortal Dimension to the Immortal Dimension, from the Immortal Dimension to the Ancient God Domain.... He'd been constantly in battle until now, and the fierce battles, desperate battles, and bloody battles he'd experienced throughout his lifetime were simply impossible to count.

All of this allowed Chen Xi to possess combat experience and a will to fight that was almost impossible for an ordinary person to attain.

Especially under the circumstances that they were injured. Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui couldn't compare to Chen Xi at all!

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The battle grew more and more intense, and it shocked everyone in the surroundings.

At this moment, practically everyone had discerned the strategy that Chen Xi had adopted. He intended to eliminate Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui before he fought Chen Daoyuan with all his might.

Chen Daoyuan had naturally noticed this as well. However, the troublesome part to him was that Chen Xi was too ruthless. Moreover, this ruthlessness wasn't just reflected in how he treated his enemies, it was reflected in how Chen Xi treated himself as well.

Chen Xi hadn't even hesitated to suffer injuries in succession so that he could accomplish his objective, and he fought as if he didn't value his life at all. This made Chen Daoyuan helpless against him, and he could only attack Chen Xi with all his might so that he could give Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui even more time to catch their breaths.

Unfortunately, he wasn't as ruthless as Chen Xi, so the results he could attain were limited.

Bang!

It wasn't long before a wave of exclams resounded in the surroundings. Chen Xiaoyun had actually been forcefully blasted out of the combat arena, and he crashed to the ground while coughing up blood. After that, his entire body twitched as if he was experiencing a seizure.

He'd actually been eliminated in advance!

All the spectators were astounded.

According to the rules announced by Chen Lingkong, the 2nd round of the competition was a battle royal, and the last person standing on the arena would be the final victor.

Now, even if Chen Xiaoyun still had the strength to fight, he'd been kicked off the combat arena and had lost all qualifications to participate.

Of course, this wasn't the source of their shock. The spectators were shocked because Chen Xi had actually been able to eliminate Chen Xiaoyun while fighting a three on one battle, so it felt extraordinarily inconceivable to them!

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After Chen Xiaoyun was removed from the combat arena, the situation had clearly started to become beneficial to Chen Xi.

Bang!

After another 10 minutes passed, another deafening sound of collision resounded. A shrill cry resounded from Chen Qiushui while her figure flew backward uncontrollably and smashed forcefully against the wall, and then her vision turned black while she actually fell unconscious.

Even though she hadn't been kicked out like Chen Xiaoyun, she'd fallen unconscious, and it was equivalent to having lost completely and being unable to continue fighting.

This made a wave of clamorous noise arise in the surroundings. All the spectators were dumbstruck by this scene, and they didn't dare believe that Chen Xi was actually so formidable.

Could it be that he's really going to... succeed in this counterattack? Chen Lingkong's expression was livid and gloomy while his eyes flickered incessantly.

All the guests at the spectating area were stunned speechless. They were shocked by the heaven defying combat strength that Chen Xi had revealed.

Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian were shocked as well. They'd originally held no hopes for anything because they'd seen through the outcome of this battle.

But all of that was established on the foundation that it would be extremely difficult for Chen Xi to win. So, when they saw this impossible thing start to become possible, the two of them couldn't avoid feeling astounded and surprised. Because it had truly exceeded their expectations.

"Looks like even the two of us can't figure our Little Junior Brother out." Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian exchanged glances, and they couldn't help but smile bitterly. However, their voices were filled with the feeling of gratification and pride.

An eagle would grow up one day and strike the sky.

Jade would glow one day and shock the world.

Presently, Chen Xi was standing proudly in the ranks of Region Lords, and he already possessed the strength to defeat Eighth Star Region Lords of the Divine Dao Protector Clans and could even go against a Ninth Star Region Lord!

They could imagine what sort of world shocking brilliance he would reveal in the future, and the intensity of the shock he would bring to the entire world!

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Chapter 2029: Willing To Receive Punishment

Chen Qiushui and Chen Xiaoyun's crushing defeat shocked all the spectators, but it didn't represent that the battle would come to an end just like that.

Because Chen Daoyuan was there!

In the combat arena, the battle had suddenly stopped, and there was a short period of standing in confrontation with each other.

Chen Xi was drenched in blood as he stood upright there. There was practically not a single inch of unharmed skin throughout his body, and there were even places where his bones could be seen.

He'd suffered all these injuries while he attacked Chen Xiaoyun and Chen Qiushui earlier. They weren't severe, but they weren't light either. It could be considered as a heavy injury to any ordinary cultivator, and it would definitely affect their performance in battle.

However, Chen Xi seemed as if he hadn't noticed them at all, and his eyes that were deep like two abysses were filled with a calm, indifferent, and murderous aura.

When looked at from afar, he was like a divine status formed from blood and fire, and he emanated a force that shook the hearts of all.

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On the other side, Chen Daoyuan had a calm expression while there wasn't even a trace of emotion on his tranquil and handsome face. He moved over to the other side of the arena, and then he carefully carried up Chen Qiushui's unconscious body before sending her out of the combat arena.

Chen Xi knew that Chen Daoyuan was worried that the upcoming battle between them might affect Chen Qiushui, so he hadn't stopped Chen Daoyuan, nor would he take advantage of the situation.

Perhaps, it could be said that Chen Xi was returning a favor.

Even though the battle was bound to be unfair since it had begun, Chen Daoyuan and the others had still maintained their poise. They hadn't attacked him at once, and that was something that surprised Chen Xi.

He was very clearly aware that if they'd attacked in unison when the battle had just begun, then it would probably be impossible for him to turn the situation around.

Of course, this wasn't merely Chen Xi's opinion. He didn't care if they'd acted in that way out of blind confidence or feeling disdain to join forces against him.

All of that wasn't important to him. The important point was that he felt their actions were important to him, and that was enough for him.

Unfair rules were bound to bring unfairness to everything, but Chen Xi didn't intend to act despicably and shamelessly like Chen Lingkong.

That was the reason why the battle had stopped for a short moment.

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Chen Xi spoke indifferently when he saw that Chen Daoyuan was done. "Let's begin."

Chen Daoyuan took a deep breath and spoke with a serious expression. "Thank you."

Chen Xi said casually, "We're even now."

Chen Daoyuan couldn't help but be stunned by this, and then he came to an understanding and sighed. "If we knew that your combat strength would be so shocking, then the three of us would have definitely joined forces at the start of the battle. So, you don't have to thank me for anything."

Chen Xi said, "But in the end, it still gave me a buffer. You should be aware that if all of you'd attacked jointly at the very beginning, then I would have probably been eliminated a long time ago."

These words instantly caused Chen Daoyuan's expression to become slightly complicated, and he felt slightly upset. Yes, if he hadn't been so arrogant earlier, then how could the battle have developed to such an extent?

Chen Lingkong who stood in the distance had heard these words as well, and his expression grew even more gloomy and livid. Moreover, a wisp of rage that couldn't be restrained surged into his heart.

If they just listened to my instructions since the beginning, then how could it have come to this? These idiots! At this moment, Chen Lingkong was almost unable to restrain himself from cursing the three of them.

Om!

After that, Chen Xi didn't waste his breath at all. A sword howl resounded from the Talisman Armament as he pointed it towards Chen Daoyuan from afar. Moreover, his killing intent surged out like the tide.

Unexpectedly, Chen Daoyuan actually didn't move at all, and he just stood there silently.

This caused everyone in the surroundings to feel bewildered and slightly puzzled. What's wrong with Chen Daoyuan?

"Daoyuan, the battle hasn't concluded yet!" Chen Lingkong almost exploded with rage when he heard this, and he reminded Chen Daoyuan in an extremely cold tone. How could he have imagined that Chen Daoyuan would actually stay motionless on the spot at such a critical moment?

It was a taboo to be absentminded in a battle!

"What's wrong?" Chen Xi couldn't help but frown while the howls emanated from the Talisman Armament grew louder and louder.

"I admit defeat." Chen Daoyuan suddenly sighed, and he put his wooden sword away before he turned around and walked down the arena.

These three words were earth-shattering!

The spectators rose into an uproar while they almost didn't dare believe their ears. He admitted defeat? He hasn't even fought until the end, so why had he admitted defeat? He's a dignified Ninth Star Region Lord and the number one expert amongst the Region Lords of our Chen Clan, so how could he admit defeat at this moment? How could he admit defeat to an outsider? That fellow, Chen Xi, is already drenched in blood and covered in injuries. Such a superb opportunity is right before his eyes, so how can he admit defeat? The hearts of all the spectators shook incessantly while countless questions arose in their minds, and they couldn't calm down for a long time.

Even Chen Xi couldn't help but feel surprised.

On the other hand, Chen Lingkong had even been stunned on the spot while his expression changed indeterminately. In the end, he wasn't able to restrain the rage in his heart anymore, and he shouted in a grim voice. "Bastard! Such a battle isn't a game! You! You! You... you're simply running wild! This is unforgivable!"

His voice was like a thunderclap that surged through the world, and it was filled with an extremely oppressive pressure.

Chen Daoyuan stood silently below the arena, yet his expression was completely tranquil as he said calmly, "Supreme Elder, calm your rage. I'm willing to receive punishment for this."

The veins on Chen Lingkong's forehead bulged when he heard this, and his eyes almost split apart from rage. He said, "Bastard! If you insist on taking such action... then could it be that you intend to completely disgrace the dignity and honor of our Chen Clan? Don't you think that you've let down all the ancestors of our Chen Clan?"

He was a Daolord, yet he was utterly infuriated right now, and it caused the figures of the other clansmen of the Chen Clan to tremble while they remained silent like cicadas in the winter.

Chen Daoyuan chose to remain silent this time. He just stood there by himself, and no one knew what he was thinking.

"That kid isn't bad. He's extremely unyielding and courageous. His future accomplishments will definitely surpass Chen Lingkong." Wu Xuechan seemed to be lost in thought.

Tang Xian nodded and said, "It's rare indeed. At the very least, he has won my admiration."

Meanwhile, Chen Lingkong's expression had become icy cold and livid to the extreme. His aura swept out and threw the surroundings into disorder, and he seemed to be on the verge of going berserk.

He was absolutely unable to tolerate Chen Daoyuan's admission of defeat.

It wasn't because Chen Xi would rely on this victory to seize the position of successor in the Chen Clan. Most importantly, it would allow Chen Lingjun and Zuoqiu Xue to escape!

Once such a thing occurred, then the consequences would be unimaginable.

“Tell me the reason for your decision. If you can’t convince me, then you must ascend the combat arena and fight until the end. Otherwise, I’ll really imprison you in front of the entire clan, and you’ll never be able to see the light of day again!” Chen Lingkong spoke word by word with a voice that rumbled like thunder, and it surged through the world and caused the expressions of all the members of the Chen Clan to change.

The Supreme Elder is completely infuriated!

Everyone had realized this.

However, there was still no reaction from Chen Daoyuan. He remained silent for a long time before he said, “I’m inferior to Chen Xi. Even my Dao Heart wouldn’t be able to forgive me if I were to rely on unfair rules to attain victory.”

“Then why didn’t you say anything before the battle had begun?” Chen Lingkong was furious, and his eyes surged with a cold glow. “Such a reason is so immature and laughable. Don’t blame me for showing no mercy if you still refuse to return to the arena and continue the battle!”

Bang!

Along with this sound, his imposing aura shot into the sky and spread throughout the surroundings. It made all things tremble, and it was astounding to the extreme.

The gazes of everyone had shot towards Chen Daoyuan, and they were awaiting his decision.

At this moment, the atmosphere here was actually heavy and deathly silent.

However, Chen Daoyuan was still that calm. He was like a rock that was stubborn to the extreme, and he wasn’t shaken at all. His lips parted slightly as he spoke with a completely emotionless tone. “I am willing to receive punishment!”

Om!

Chen Lingkong simply seemed as if he’d been struck by lightning, and he was completely overwhelmed by rage to the point that even his eyes had turned red. Never had he imagined that Chen Daoyuan would actually not give him face at all.

“Looks like you really intend to go against the will of the clan....” He gritted his teeth while an icy cold voice escaped from between his lips.

At this instant, even Chen Xi who still stood on the arena had an indescribably complicated feeling in his heart. Could it be that this fellow intends to resist until the end?

“Then... receive your punishment!” Along with an extremely icy cold voice, Chen Lingkong emanated a terrifying imposing aura that shook the world and ruled over all things.

He was about to restrain Chen Daoyuan and make him a criminal of the Chen Clan!

The atmosphere here was tense to the extreme.

Right at this critical moment, a hoarse and indistinct sigh suddenly resounded. “Lingkong, are you trying to destroy the future hope of the clan?”

It was just a single sentence, yet it caused Chen Lingkong's entire body to stiffen while his pupils constricted, and his expression changed indeterminately while he actually stood stunned on the spot.

This sudden and unexpected event caused everyone in the surroundings to be stunned.

"That old fellow, Chen Taichong, was finally unable to restrain himself any longer." Wu Xuechan seemed to have heaved a sigh of relief because he'd discerned that the hoarse and indistinct sigh belonged to one of the 'living fossils' of the Chen Clan, Chen Taichong!

He was a living fossil who'd protected the Chen Clan for countless years. According to rumor, he was one of the first innate gods who'd emerged from the Chaos when the Chaos of the three dimensions had been split apart, and his cultivation was unfathomable.

"The situation would be impossible to resolve if he didn't," said Tang Xian indifferently.

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"This little fellow, Daoyuan, wasn't wrong. A loss is a loss. Could it be that our Chen Clan that had stood amongst the Divine Dao Protector Clans for countless years is unable to accept a defeat?" Chen Taichong's voice had become slightly cold and indifferent, and it carried a wisp of sternness.

This made Chen Lingkong's expression change again, and he fell into silence while his expression had stiffened to the extreme.

"Let Chen Lingjun and his wife go. Let their family be reunited. This matter had always been a mistake of our Chen Clan. Since it's like that, we can't continue repeating our mistakes." A wisp of a chaotic gold light had suddenly arisen in the horizon, and then it gradually became brighter before it formed the outline of a mighty and brilliant figure who seemed ethereal.

As soon as his figure appeared here, a strand of indescribable aura suffused the heavens and the earth, and it caused the hearts of all the members of the Chen Clan to tremble while they fell silent like cicadas in the winter.

Obviously, that figure belonged to Chen Taichong!

He strode through space while chaotic energy flowed throughout him and golden light enshrouded him. It made it impossible for others to see his appearance clearly.

However, at this moment, even Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian's expressions had become serious and solemn because they had no choice but to take Chen Taichong's arrival seriously.

Because Chen Taichong was a formidable figure who could rival the three Founding Ancestors of Oracle Mountain!

If Chen Lingjun hadn't obtained Chen Taichong's support during the time before he'd reincarnated, it would have been impossible for him to lead the Chen Clan to obtain such a plane in the Primal Chaos Origin.

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Chapter 2030: The Battle of Dao Protectors

Chen Taichong's appearance shocked everyone, and it caused the atmosphere here to become deathly silent.

The faces Chen Clan's members were covered in surprise and reverence, and there was even dazed expression from being taken by surprise.

Since Chen Lingjun had chosen to reincarnate all those years ago, Chen Taichong had gone into closed door cultivation and lived in seclusion, and he hadn't shown himself until now.

Even if it was the other clansmen of the Chen Clan, it had been too long since they saw Chen Taichong. So, no one had imagined that he would actually show himself at a time like this.

Even more surprising to them was that he'd actually spoken himself to disprove Chen Lingkong's decision, and he'd even ordered the release of the criminal Chen Lingjun and his wife. So, it had caught all of the Chen Clan's clansmen slightly off guard.

Why has this happened? It's just a fellow like Chen Xi, is it really worth it for Ancestor Chen Taichong himself to make an appearance? The spectators in the surroundings couldn't help but be shocked, and they were unable to calm down.

Chaotic divine radiance flowed in midair while golden light enshrouded the surroundings, and it caused Chen Taichong's figure to seem like that of a supreme god from the legends.

Chen Lingkong's imposing aura instantly waned when facing this 'living fossil' of the Chen Clan who possessed unfathomable strength and had the highest seniority in the clan.

Chen Lingkong's expression changed indeterminately, and it was a long time before he gritted his teeth and said, "But..."

Chen Taichong said decisively, "No buts."

In an instant, Chen Lingkong's body stiffened while his hands couldn't help but tremble. He'd acutely noticed that the situation seemed to have escaped his control.

But... why? Chen Lingkong couldn't figure it out.

Right at this moment, Wu Xuechan cupped his fists and said, "Thank you for allowing it, Senior."

"There's no need for that. Actually, even if all of you didn't come here, this matter has already come to a time where it has to be put an end to." Chen Taichong sighed.

Put an end to? Chen Lingkong muttered in his heart. Put an end to what?

Before he could fight it out, he heard Chen Taichong instruct him. "Lingkong, the competition for the next successor has come to an end, so I'll leave it to you to deal with everything else."

After that, he said to Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian, "Please come meet me at my humble abode later."

As soon as he finished speaking, his figure transformed into a ball of brilliant specs of light that swiftly vanished in the air.

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Chen Taichong's departure simultaneously represented that this competition which was filled with unpredictable turns of events had finally come to an end, and it was naturally Chen Xi who obtained victory in the end.

However, no one announced this outcome.

Because everyone knew that Chen Xi was merely an outsider. So, even if he'd obtained victory in the end, how could he possibly possess the qualifications to assume the position of successor?

Chen Xi wasn't displeased by this at all because the victory itself was already sufficient to him. As long as he could take his parents back with him, then he didn't care about the qualifications to become the successor of the Chen Clan.

When he thought about how Chen Taichong had agreed to let his parents go, Chen Xi couldn't help but feel excited, and it was even to the extent that he'd forgotten the injuries that covered his entire body.

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Everything had come to an end.

Chen Lingkong's expression was gloomy, and he left hastily while his mind seemed to be laden with problems. No one knew where he'd gone.

The clansmen of the Chen Clan had left successively as well. Some sighed with emotion while some wanted to watch the battles for longer....

The string of battles that occurred today were truly too shocking, and they were so interesting that it was simply indescribable with words.

But no matter what, this competition had made all the clansmen of the Chen Clan remember a name — Chen Xi!

It belonged to an outsider that they'd rejected, ridiculed, and mocked before this, yet now, he was a dazzling figure that they couldn't overlook and had to respect!

The guests who came from the other Divine Dao Protector Clans had bid their farewells and left successively as well. Everything they'd witnessed today was similarly a rare experience, and it had given them too much shock and surprise.

Obviously, it wouldn't be too long after these guests left that everything related to Chen Xi would definitely be spread to the other clans amongst the Divine Dao Protector Clans.

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"Little Junior Brother, congratulations. You really gave both Tang Xian and I a pleasant surprise." Wu Xuechan moved forward to greet Chen Xi when he saw Chen Xi walking down the combat arena, and he had an expression of gratification and praise.

"You did well." Tang Xian praised as well.

Chen Xi smiled, and then he couldn't help but say. "Senior Brothers, I..."

As if he knew what Chen Xi was about to say, Wu Xuechan pointed at Chen Xi and said, "They'll be even more worried if you were to see them like that."

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he looked down and saw the blood and injuries that covered his body. Chen Xi couldn't help but laugh bitterly as he said, "Senior Brother, you're right."

"Come, let's head back and clean up, and then I'll take you to see Chen Taichong. We have to pass through him in order to take your parents back without any obstruction. Fortunately, that old fellow has agreed to it, so I believe he won't interfere further." Wu Xuechan smiled as he spoke, and then he left swiftly with Chen Xi and Tang Xian.

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After the time for an incense stick to burn, Chen Xi had finished washing up and had changed into a completely new set of green clothes. He's tied his snow white hair into a bun behind him, and he seemed to be very neat.

Only he was clearly aware that his clothes were covering his body that was covered in countless unhealed scars.

The successive rounds of the competition had caused Chen Xi's physical strength to be greatly exhausted, and it was even to the extent that his injured body couldn't be fully healed within a short period of time.

But how could Chen Xi pay any attention to all of that when he desired to see his parents as soon as possible?

Before long, Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian had led Chen Xi along as they teleported through space and arrived at the centermost area of the Nine Spirit World.

There were only a few mountains and lakes scattered around this area, and it was secluded, peaceful, and picturesque.

It seemed to be ordinary yet was actually a forbidden area in the entire Chen Clan because Chen Taichong and the other 'living fossils' of the Chen Clan resided here.

Chen Xi's group descended at one of the mountains, and they saw a store house that was rough, simple, and could even be described as primitive standing there.

There was even an enormous black beast skins hanging on the wall of the house, and there was a pair of snow white and sharp fangs on the other side of it.

Regardless of whether it was the black beast skin or the snow white fangs, both of them were extremely ordinary and weren't precious treasures at all. However, they seemed to be very ancient and were filled with an aura of age that assaulted the face. They seemed as if they'd been hanging there for countless years.

The simply and primitive stone house coupled with the beast skin and fangs of unknown age made the atmosphere here seem heavy and desolate. It was like they'd returned to the primitive times from countless years ago.

The stone house had no door, and its entrance was only covered by a grass mat.

Wu Xuechan directly opened up the cover mat and led their group in as soon as they arrived here.

It was dim and quite small within the stone house, and it was decorated in a rather simple manner. There didn't seem to be anything worthy of attention here.

If he didn't know that this was where the Ancestor of the Chen Clan, Chen Taichong, lived, Chen Xi would have almost thought that he'd arrived at a simple farmhouse that could only be found in the rural areas of the mortal world.

However, when he noticed Chen Taichong who sat there casually with his legs crossed, Chen Xi instantly felt that this house had become completely different.

Chen Taichong's figure was very thin while his entire body carried an ordinary, simple, heavy, and ancient aura. He didn't seem dazzling like he had earlier, and there wasn't a trace of chaotic energy or dazzling golden light throughout his entire body.

However, while he just sat there casually, he emanated an otherworldly, divine, and supreme aura. It was exactly this aura that made the dim stone house become different, and it was covered in a divine, desolate, ancient, and primitive aura.

"Senior, thank you for your hospitality." Wu Xuechan cupped his hands.

"Sit." Chen Taichong waved his hand casually to indicate that Wu Xuechan and the others should take a seat. Only then did he shoot his gaze towards Chen Xi, and then a wisp of emotion arose on his thin and indifferent face.

"This little fellow was truly surprising. He's even superior to the Chen Lingjun from all those years ago. However, I never expected that such a little fellow who's clearly closely related to my Chen Clan would have actually been seized by your Oracle Mountain." His voice was ancient and hoarse.

"Seized?" Wu Xuechan chuckled and shook his head. "Senior, that's not right. My Oracle Mountain never does such things."

Chen Taichong grunted while his gaze still lingered upon Chen Xi. He was sizing Chen Xi up as if he was appreciating a rare and precious treasure, and it simply caused Chen Xi to feel wave of discomfort.

When even Chen Xi was slightly unable to endure it any longer, Chen Taichong finally withdrew his gaze and sighed. "I finally believe the two of you. This kid... is really impossible to see through or understand."

Chen Xi was stunned.

He knew that Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian had paid a visit to an ancestor of the Chen Clan before the Ancestral Worship Ceremony had begun, but even he didn't know what exactly they'd discussed.

Now, when he heard Chen Taichong's sigh, he finally vaguely guessed that most of their topics of conversation were definitely related to him!

Otherwise, Chen Taichong would have probably not made an appearance when the 2nd round of the competition was about to end.

“Since Senior believes us, then can you allow my Little Junior Brother to meet Chen Lingjun and his wife right now?” Wu Xuechan smiled as he spoke these words.

“Of course.” Chen Taichong agreed without the slightly hesitation, but he smiled and said right after that, “However, there’s no rush. I still have something to ask of him before they meet each other.

Chen Xi couldn’t help but be shocked in his heart upon hearing these words. Because Chen Taichong was such a formidable figure, so how could something he asked for be ordinary?

If Wu Xuechan and Tang Xian weren’t by his side, Chen Xi wouldn’t have almost thought that Chen Taichong was making things difficult for him on purpose and was obstructing him from seeing his parents.

Wu Xuechan said casually, “Senior, please go ahead.”

“It’s very simply. Allow this kid to represent my Chen Clan in the Battle of Dao Protectors that will be held in 500 years from now.” Chen Taichong grinned as he spoke these words.

The Battle of Dao Protectors? Chen Xi was puzzled, and he couldn’t help but look at Tang Xian.

Tang Xian shook his head instead to indicate that Chen Xi should calm himself.

Wu Xuechan pondered seriously for a short while before he said with a contemplative tone, “I heard that only descendants of the Divine Dao Protector Clans can participate in the Battle of Dao Protectors....”

As if he knew what Wu Xuechan intended to say, Chen Taichong smiled and interrupted him. “There’s no need to worry about that. Since the little fellow has the Chen surname and is a descendant of Lingjun, then he’s naturally considered a descendant of the Divine Dao Protector Clans.”

Wu Xuechan spoke with surprise. “So, you intend to acknowledge my Little Junior Brother as a member of the Chen Clan?”

Chen Taichong grunted coldly and said, “This little fellow was always a descendant of my Chen Clan, so why would I need to acknowledge it now?”

He paused for a moment before his thin and handsome face was covered in a wisp of an arrogant expression. “It’s even to the extent that if he agrees to participate in the Battle of Dao Protectors, then even inheriting the position of Patriarch in the future isn’t out of the question!”