

# **Splitting the Heavens #Chapter 1411:Shang Xia's Reassurance - Read Splitting the Heavens Chapter 1411:Shang Xia's Reassurance**

## *Chapter 1411:Shang Xia's Reassurance*

The various factions could guess the intentions of the Elysiums when they sent 6 True Immortals to oversee the entire process without wiping out the Yuhai Sect directly.

However, the intention to train their disciples had long passed. As the True Immortals decided to finally get rid of the tumor that was growing in the Spirit Luxuriant World, Zhang Jianzi was suddenly unable to take part in it.

Of course, his absence didn't stop them from following through with the plan.

Because of the rapid growth the world was experiencing, the heaven and earth qi density rose to a whole new level. It was especially so for the continents that had been raised to a state of perfection. They would experience essence qi storms from time to time and great opportunities like that would hasten the growth of many spiritual herbs. Be it combat strength or cultivation, cultivators of all realms made great improvements.

That was also another factor that contributed to the ending of the desire of the Elysiums to destroy the Yuhai Sect once and for all.

The reason for the training experience was to raise the cultivation level and combat abilities of their disciples. Since it was happening anyway, there was no need to continue. The only benefit fighting the Yuhai Sect brought was that the cultivators of the various factions could train their battle formations for future use.

Everyone who gathered set off from the Qing Continent, Hai Continent, and Jiao Continent at the same time and rushed to surround the location of the Yuhai Sect and the foreign Beast Warriors that had been hiding in the sea the entire time.

Actually, they were both the same thing as the Yuhai Sect seemed to be backed by those mysterious Beast Warriors. After all, the Yuhai Sect's ability was to control sea spiritual beasts in the first place and their abilities were similar.

The reason for the battle was to deal with the Yuhai Sect and the foreign experts once and for all. At the same time they wanted to know what the Yuhai Sect had been hiding from them.

Because of the years of fighting and suppression, even though the sea was massive, the members of the Yuhai Sect and foreign experts had already retreated into their final stronghold.

The experts coming from all 3 directions attacked without hesitation, but they faced exceptionally strong resistance.

Those sea spiritual beasts, along with the experts within, knew that it was their final stand and fought like hell.

Despite some suffering heavy injuries, those beasts became even fiercer. Their instincts took over their originally weak rationality and even with the experts in control, they didn't hesitate to take their opponents down with them. The cultivators of the various factions suffered heavy casualties.

When everything was progressing smoothly, Shang Xia left the Spirit Luxuriant World and entered Star Beast Best No.2.

He didn't hide his aura too much, but with his sudden appearance, Kou Chongxue's divine soul swept past him and thought he was an ordinary expert and didn't think too much about it.

A moment later, he suddenly felt that something was off and his divine soul descended once again. This time, it didn't just sweep past Shang Xia. It started to scan the newcomer up and down as though he discovered a fascinating presence.

Shang Xia couldn't help but sigh helplessly, "Patriarch Kou, it's me!"

The void behind him started to ripple and Kou Chongxue appeared the next moment. He stared at Shang Xia with a suspicious gaze. "How did you do it?"

Kou Chongxue looked at Shang Xia as though he was recognizing him for the first time as a strange light flashed in his eyes.

His instincts were telling him that Shang Xia was showing him a completely new realm of cultivation and that if he could learn something from it, he would be able to make huge gains.

Shang Xia laughed softly and asked, "Patriarch Kou, do you know about the special state known as Man and Heaven as One?"

"Man and Heaven as One?" Kou Chongxue mumbled to himself and revealed a look of yearning when he heard the strange term from Shang Xia.

"Is this the state of Man and Heaven as One?" Kou Chongxue asked suddenly, but he suddenly realized the fact that Shang Xia was different from before and the look in his eyes changed. "No... This is right. This isn't the state of Man and Heaven as One. You... You already became a sixth tier True Immortal?!"

Shang Xia burst out laughing instantly. “The blessing of the world after pushing 7 continents to the state of perfection is massive. Even though all I did was to help them cross the final barrier, it was enough to help me enter the sixth tier.”

Kou Chongxue regained his composure and chuckled softly to himself. “Damn brat, did you come here to show off?”

Even though he was chiding Shang Xia, he looked truly gratified. Of course, there were also traces of envy and longing in his gaze.

“I’m not that shallow... Other than paying you a visit, I wanted to see what the situation is here and if there has been news of the Essence Xing World.” Shang Xia laughed to himself.

Kou Chongxue nodded in acknowledgment and understood what Shang Xia was after. “I was wondering why you didn’t stay in our world until the battle against the Yuhai Sect concluded... Are you here, ready to take revenge?”

Shang Xia didn’t deny anything, but he explained, “There are many people watching over the final battle and it’s fine that I’m not there. Moreover, I left an External Avatar back there to deal with any accidents.”

“External Avatar?” Kou Chongxue was used to the shock he received from the strange terms Shang Xia had been using and simply asked in confusion, “How much can a clone like that help? Didn’t you leave behind a clone with the strength of a third tier True Immortal here? Didn’t the members of the Essence Xing World come knocking anyway?”

Shang Xia couldn’t hold back his laughter. “Patriarch Kou, are you really sure that something will go wrong during the final battle against the Yuhai Sect?”

“No one is a fool... The reason the Yuhai Sect survived until now is because they were of value to their backer. After all, only after giving their all will they be able to prove their worth so that their backer wouldn’t give them up so easily.”

Pausing slightly, Kou Chongxue’s eyes widened in realization and looked at Shang Xia who had a smile that didn’t really seem like a smile. “Wait a second, you nearly got me! Hah, tell me what the hell you left back there for you to be so confident? Right, if you didn’t leave, their hidden backer might not dare to poke their heads out!”

“Didn’t I tell you? I left behind an External Avatar...” Shang Xia revealed a shit-eating grin.

“Are you fucking with...” Before he could finish, Kou Chongxue frowned. “Wait, you won’t mess around with something like this. Does your clone have the ability to fight against high-level True Immortals?”

Shang Xia didn't play around any longer and explained, "Looks like I can't hide anything from you! However, it's not like there's a secret to it. Right, anyway, that clone you've been talking about should be called an External Avatar instead!"

"I'll leave one here too and you won't have to stay here the whole time once we're done back there!"

## **Splitting the Heavens #Chapter 1412: Culprit Behind the Yuhai Sect - Read Splitting the Heavens Chapter 1412: Culprit Behind the Yuhai Sect**

*Chapter 1412: Culprit Behind the Yuhai Sect*

Without even mentioning the shock Kou Chongxue received from Shang Xia's unusually strong clone, things in the Spirit Luxuriant World had already reached the decisive moment.

The experts of the various factions had already broken through the grand formation of the Yuhai Sect and killed their way into their territory.

The Yuhai Sect might have launched a fierce counterattack to show that they were willing to die with their enemies, but against absolute strength, they were forced back anyway.

The experts from all 3 directions didn't give them a chance to catch their breath. With the grand formation broken, it was a matter of time before everyone in the Yuhai Sect was killed.

As the battle was nearing its end, the 5 True Immortals watching over the battle stared even more intently at the enemies.

They had already concluded years ago that the Yuhai Sect had Sixth Order fighting strength and they even had a short exchange with it. For the battle to become so intense but the True Immortal-level combat strength of the other side was still hiding... They had to be planning something huge!

Sun Haiwei and the others weren't stupid enough to think that the other side was afraid of their overwhelming strength. At the same time, there was a high-level True Immortal like Zhang Xuansheng sealing off the heavenly screen, preventing anyone from escaping, and the other side wouldn't sit by idly and wait for death to come.

That would mean that they were waiting for something to happen!

"Let the rest stop fighting for now. Be careful of driving the other side to desperation, causing unnecessary losses for us..." Ge Qingzhu suggested.

Fei Xuzi chuckled in response, “What’s the matter? True Immortal Ge, do you think that we should get involved now? The cultivators of the Yuhai Sect are still struggling desperately down there. It won’t be too nice for us to interfere now, right?”

The other side also had Sixth Order fighting strength. If they attacked without regard for their status, they would be able to cause huge losses to the experts of the various factions.

Sun Haiwei added at the side, “True Immortal Fei, you might have been mistaken. Instructor Ge’s meaning is to let them stop their assault for now and to practice their battle formation. This is an extremely difficult decision, but it’s our final chance, isn’t it so?”

Since they learned about the operation to attack the Essence Ping World with the experts of the other worlds and Star Origin Dao Field, along with the knowledge of the Star Curtain that would be destroyed soon, it would be clear they would be facing a lot of battles and lower-leveled experts would definitely be facing stronger cultivators. Under such circumstances, properly using their battle formations would be paramount for their survival. Only by doing so would they be able to survive and it might even be the key to preventing the destruction of the world.

Actually, in recent years, the various factions had been exceptionally focused on practicing their battle formations. Battle formations that could integrate high-level experts were exceptionally treasured.

Along with the order that was passed down, cultivators of the various factions that hadn’t reached the Martial Dipper Realm started to withdraw. Those from the various great factions gathered together, and those wandering cultivators or those from lesser powers could only watch in awe.

Many sharper Martial Dipper Realm experts who didn’t manage to form a battle formation started to move away from the main battlefield, but there were several greedy ones who remained, planning to gamble with their lives.

It was then that a chaotic burst of energy came from the depths of the Yuhai Sect. There were many types of energy that emerged.

“Prepare for battle!” The Martial Dipper Realm experts of the various factions gathered and stared into the depths of the Yuhai Sect. None of them panicked.

There were even several parties that started to press closer while maintaining their formation.

“Is this a Holy Land?”

Some people guessed as they closed in on the Yuhai Sect. A void gate appeared in their senses.

“Wasn’t it said that there were remains of an Elysium here? Does anyone here know anything about secret regions? Take a look at the gate and see if it belongs to the remains of an Elysium!” Someone yelled in annoyance. It disrupted the thought process of many people present, but from the way he hid himself while yelling, his intentions weren’t pure.

“We can only take a look at it after entering the remains. However, from the spatial fluctuations the void gate is emitting, this should only be the remains of a Holy Land.” Someone else who knew much about secret regions spoke.

“Was the presence of the remains of an Elysium just a rumor?” Someone yelled in disappointment.

Finally, the group led by Dou Zhong of the Tongyou Institution at the very front yelled, “Shut up!”

The group of experts of the Tongyou Institution following behind him deployed the Extremity Yin Yang Formation.

“What the hell are all these people thinking? Don’t they know that we will be facing the Sixth Order fighting strength of the Yuhai Sect soon? Do they think that their battle formation will be able to resist an expert at such a level?” Dou Zhong understood the difference between experts at their level and someone at the Martial Void Realm. Even though they would only be able to protect themselves when faced with an existence of that level, they had to do their best to hold them back. As for defeating their opponent... Without the perfect opportunity, it would be nearly impossible to do so.

Dou Zhong actually didn’t intend to join the battle. He reached the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm and he was only a step away from comprehending his martial intent. He was a talent the Tongyou Institution was nurturing to become the next True Immortal.

There was a hidden desire in his heart that pushed him to cultivate so hard in the first place. It was to catch up to that certain person and even though the distance between them was still growing at a rapid pace, he didn’t give up.

He volunteered to take part in the final battle as he hoped that he would be able to cross the final barrier after tempering himself. Crossing paths with the Sixth Order fighting strength of the Yuhai Sect might also bring him enlightenment, which was an opportunity hard to come by.

From the way things looked, the Sixth Order fighting strength from the Yuhai Sect was probably achieved from the strange state of Man and Beast as One. Be it the beast they

were controlling or the expert of the Yuhai Sect controlling it, their base cultivation should only be at the fifth rank and the Martial Dipper Realm respectively.

Facing the man and beast, it would be the best opportunity for Dou Zhong to train himself!

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In Star Beast Nest No.2, when Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia were conversing with each other, a frosty light flashed across Shang Xia's eyes suddenly and he stopped talking.

Kou Chongxue noticed his abnormal reaction and smiled. "What's the matter? Did you get them?"

Shang Xia nodded slowly, but he raised an eyebrow and revealed a strange expression. "I didn't think it would be him!"

"It's someone you know?" Kou Chongxue chuckled.

Shang Xia continued, "Yeah, well... We don't know each other too well, but we have a deep impression of each other. It's just a little surprising to see him now."

## **Splitting the Heavens #Chapter 1413: A Massive Scheme - Read Splitting the Heavens Chapter 1413: A Massive Scheme**

*Chapter 1413: A Massive Scheme*

"Instructor Dou..." An injured member of the Tongyou Institution that looked a little haggard called out to him, but Dou Zhong reached out his hand to stop him.

"I'm not too much older than you... Why the hell are you addressing me that way?" Dou Zhong chuckled while he joked.

The person who spoke also laughed. However, he didn't stop for long as he quickly reported, "Senior Dou, we're pretty much the ones who stopped their Sixth Order attack first. The others are still fighting, but they are in an advantageous position and it should only be a matter of time before they are done."

Dou Zhong nodded slowly. "We don't have the most people, and we don't have the highest cultivation realm among everyone present. However, we were the ones who stopped the Sixth Order-level counterattack first."

“Indeed... This is because of our Extremity Yin Yang Formation. The battle formation can be the foundation of any faction, but True Immortal Shang didn't hesitate to hand the inheritance over to the institution back then.”

The Extremity Yin Yang Battle Formation was special because it could operate regardless of the number of experts they had. As long as an expert of the Tongyou Institution was in trouble, it didn't matter where they were or how strong those around him were... As long as there were other members of the Tongyou Institution nearby, they could deploy the battle formation to fight back.

The strength of any battle formation was key, and only the results mattered. From how Dou Zhong and the members of the institution were the first to stop the Sixth Order attack from the Yuhai Sect, the strength of their battle formation was clear for all to see.

The smile on Dou Zhong's face froze when he heard the name. After some time, he forced a chuckle, “It's because all of us worked well together in the battle formation. It's also because all of us grew stronger in recent years. After all, our cultivation realm plays a direct role in how strong the battle formation is...”

After he spoke, the Martial Dipper Realm cultivator speaking to him became even more excited. “Yeah! Senior Brother Dou, you're right. Speaking of which, all of us have to thank True Immortal Shang for his trip to the foreign lands outside the Star Curtain. Otherwise, we wouldn't have been able to refine additional fate dippers. He definitely underwent extremely dangerous experiences, but fortune and danger came hand in hand. He also managed to expand the You Continent even more, greatly benefiting all of us.”

Dou Zhong's smile thawed a little when the other expert started talking, but his expression turned stiff at the end.

Seeing the look of envy and excitement on the other party's face, Dou Zhong couldn't help but cough dryly, “Yeah... You're right. You guys were on the Spirit Ark that went out to retrieve the world fragment, right?”

“Yeah... There were others with us, but True Immortal Song picked out a few of them and left. You should know where they went...” The other expert revealed a look of regret while mumbling.

Dou Zhong's eyelids started to jump and he continued, “If I wasn't mistaken, you should be ranked pretty highly among that batch of experts. Why didn't True Immortal Song bring you away?”

An embarrassed chuckle left his lips. “True Immortal Song had his reasons for choosing them. He didn't choose us based on our cultivation realm and among the 7 people he chose to lead, only Senior Sister Yan is special due to her status as a Stargazer. Of the other 6, 3 of them are in the Martial Extermination Realm...”



“Oh...” Dou Zhong sighed softly, “The world outside the Star Curtain is really dangerous though.”

The other expert followed up without gestation, “Yeah, but the opportunities there are also endless.” After he spoke, he scratched his head slowly and mumbled, “That’s what True Immortal Shang said!”

“Yeah...” Dou Zhong grunted with his jaws tightly clenched, and he barely managed to maintain a smile on his face after hearing the name so many times. “Alright, let’s go. Gather everyone.”

A light flashed through the eyes of the other cultivator. “Are we entering the Holy Land ruins of the Yuhai Sect to take a look now?”

Dou Zhong glanced at him and said slowly, “The various factions joined hands to eliminate the Yuhai Sect. If we enter now, do you think anyone will believe us if we tell them that we only went in to take a look without touching anything?”

A look of confusion appeared on the face of the other cultivator of the Tongyou Institution. “What do we do now then?”

“Of course we’re going to help!” Dou Zhong finally lost his patience. “Even though the cultivators of the Yuhai Sect turned themselves into disgusting beings that don’t resemble humans and while being strangely beast-like, their combat strength is real. The other factions are able to gain a slight advantage with their battle formations, but it won’t be easy to defeat their opponents. We have to help them!”

“Oh!” The other cultivator of the Tongyou Institution seemed to have thought of something and asked, “Right, do the members of the Yuhai Sect use something called the “Man and Beast as One?”

As he spoke, he took out several jade scrolls and other objects from his spatial artifact. He eventually continued, “Senior brother instructed us to retrieve the treasures tossed out by the expert of the Yuhai Sect before he was killed. Most of his treasures were taken by others, other than these...”

“Man and Beast as One?” Dou Zhong received the jade scroll and scanned through its contents. His expression changed instantly and he gasped, “Did you look at the information recorded within?”

The cultivator of the Tongyou Institution who could be considered Dou Zhong’s junior brother revealed a look of shock and he quickly mumbled, “I only saw the general outline! I didn’t read it through...”

Dou Zhong turned serious and he asked in a low voice, “Did you say that other people also managed to get their hands on these treasures?”

Realizing something was wrong, the junior brother hesitated to respond, but he eventually mumbled, "Yeah... Most of them were obtained by wandering cultivators and those from smaller factions. After those jade scrolls were thrown out, a bunch of people fled after grabbing them and we couldn't stop them if we tried."

After speaking, he noticed the ugly expression on Dou Zhong's face and he asked carefully, "Senior brother, what's the matter? Is something wrong?"

Dou Zhong sighed while glancing at the other cultivator. In the end, he shook his head slowly. "Don't blame yourself... The other party planned so far ahead that he caught us by surprise. Hmm... Those crafty bastards..."

After he spoke, he thought of something and instructed, "Quick, tell the other factions that the other members of the Yuhai Sect will definitely carry around these jade scrolls. They have to prevent the scrolls from falling into the hands of random cultivators!"

Even though the secret art wasn't a rank six inheritance, it could allow peak-tier Martial Dipper Realm experts to control a spiritual beast of the same level to gain Sixth Order fighting abilities.

If one managed to properly learn the technique of Man and Beast as One, they would be able to fully fuse with the spiritual beast, leveraging on its lifespan and they would then be comparable to True Immortals.

If that was the case, the cultivator who fused with the beast would eventually lose their humanity. They would become something between a man and a beast.

With the Yuhai Sect intentionally spreading the secret art, Dou Zhong and the other members of the Tongyou Institution found it hard to stop them. They could only hope that the True Immortals standing by would do something.

What he didn't know was that when everything was happening, Ge Qingzhu and the rest were also caught up in trouble and had no ability to interfere with the matter with the scroll.

#### *Chapter 1414: Unscrupulous Bastards*

"Who the hell are you?!" Ge Qingzhu and the other first tier True Immortals pushed Sun Haiwei who had been sneak attacked by the figure that just appeared. They stood between the 2 of them and took a closer look at the True Immortal who had a cloak made from black feathers.

The person they were staring at was a True Immortal. It wasn't a Beast Warrior like those of the Yuhai Sect who managed to fuse with a beast or control a beast to gain Sixth Order fighting strength. Moreover, the True Immortal was no weakling at the first or second tier.

Strange clicking sounds left the True Immortal's lips before he started to mock the rest, "You deserve your reputation as a True Immortal from the great power with a rank six Talisman Grandmaster. A good portion of my attack was stopped by the talisman... Otherwise, Hmph!"

Blood dripped down Sun Haiwei's cheeks and her veins bulged on her face. It was clear she suffered heavy internal injuries but from how she could remain floating in the air, she still retained a certain level of combat strength.

The remains of a talisman scattered from her left hand.

If not for an Abyssal Prison Emptiness Talisman that ate away a lot of energy behind the sneak attack and bought her some time to retreat, she might have just died before the others could arrive to save her.

Even so, the impact alone caused powerful fluctuations in her body and she couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of blood.

One had to know that when the sneak attack happened, Sun Haiwei had already felt that the other party completely suppressed her in terms of strength.

Their cultivation surpassed her by far, and she wasn't shocked by the discovery. Instead, she was more curious about his identity.

Since the other party was a foreign True Immortal, they would definitely be rejected by the World's Will. Moreover, she wanted to know how they hid from the high-level True Immortals of the world.

"Be careful! That might be a high-level True Immortal!" Sun Haiwei warned as soon as she thought of the possibility.

The True Immortals standing between them were shocked, but they didn't show it on their faces.

Ge Qingzhu asked, "For you to hide yourself so deeply and not reveal your appearance even now... Are you someone we know?"

Jiu Jing might be a newly ascended True Immortal, but he was an experienced expert. He quickly followed up, "It's definitely someone we know... Were you the one who passed on the secret art to those of the Yuhai Sect? Such a perverted technique... Who the hell are you and why would you do that?"

Yifan wanted to continue, but he was interrupted by a cold snort from the opponent.

In a strange voice, the foreign True Immortal cackled, “Are you trying to drag things out? Do you think a damn guard dog like Zhang Xuansheng and those hiding in their Elysiums can kill this granddaddy?”

“Shit, he’s trying to run, get him!” Jiu Jing’s expression changed the next second and he yelled.

After he spoke, Sun Haiwei activated another rank six talisman, freezing the void around them. The black cloaked man was also stalled for a few seconds.

Powerful streams of water qi formed above the sea and the Ice Ruins Talisman was of the water element to begin with and since she activated in a place where water qi was so abundant, its power increased by close to 30 percent.

The Ice Ruins Talisman failed to stop the foreign expert as it shattered almost instantly.

However, Yifan’s sword came next. A chilly light tore through the void and the piercing whistle seemed to be able to pierce straight into his opponent’s soul.

With Sun Haiwei and Yifan making their moves, Jiu Jing, Fei Xuzi, and Ge Qingzhu followed closely behind.

They wanted to deal a heavy blow with the opportunity provided by Sun Haiwei’s Ice Ruins Talisman.

They knew that the other side was a high-level True Immortal and even with the suppression from the World’s Will, it would be hard to do much, but they needed to buy as much time as possible.

Everything that happened definitely couldn’t be hidden from the other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World. The moment the foreign expert showed himself, Zhang Xuansheng definitely sensed him and he actually had the ability to arrive at their location instantly.

For everyone else to not arrive most likely meant that they were still making their preparations to catch the foreign expert before he left their world. They wanted to ensure there was no way for the foreign expert to leave alive!

Surrounded by the first tier True Immortals, a cold laughter escaped the black cloaked man’s lips. The next moment, black flames roared to life on his cloak.

The ice that remained from the Ice Ruins Talisman was burned to nothingness, but the flames continued to grow stronger.

Yifan's sword might be powerful, but the sword qi was scattered with a single flick from the black cloaked expert. The chilly light that destroyed his sword qi continued to fly at Yifan and he was so shocked that he nearly lost the grip on his sword.

Fortunately for him, the others arrived the next moment, distracting the foreign True Immortal. Yifan managed to control his sword again, albeit in his left hand. But because he just escaped from what would definitely injure him, he was in no rush to launch another attack.

An expert of Yifan's level would definitely be able to fight even with his sword in his other hand, and just as he prepared to make another move, the foreign True Immortal had already stopped the combined attack of the other 3.

Seeing the other True Immortals gathering to make another attack, the black cloaked expert looked into the heavenly screen and sneered, "Without Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia, do you really think small fries like you will be able to stop me?!"

Before he finished speaking, he swept his cloak around his body and turned into a ball of flame before disappearing into the void.

"He ran away! No... He might have hidden himself in the void..." Yifan's latest attack struck at the void and he felt the spatial fluctuations and spoke with uncertainty.

As an Elysium True Immortal, Ge Qingzhu's senses were sharper than the others in the Spirit Luxuriant World and he spoke with confidence, "He has left our world using some strange technique..."

However, he paused the next second and mumbled, "He didn't pass through the heavenly screen?!"

For Ge Qingzhu to detect how the other party didn't tear open the heavenly screen meant that either they left through a gap or he had methods like Shang Xia's Teleportation Talismans.

Fei Xuzi yelled in panic, "So... Did the others manage to stop him??"

"Let's head up to take a look! We might be of help!" Yifan quickly followed up.

Who would have thought that the next moment, Sun Haiwei and Jiu Jing would receive a transmission talisman, causing their expressions to freeze up.

"What happened?!" Ge Qingzhu's heart sank as he asked.

Sighing softly, Sun Haiwei mumbled in a slightly stupefied tone, "The Yuhai Sect is handing out inheritances to the Man and Beast as One secret art and many people grabbed it and left. It's too late to stop its spread..."

Jiu Jing, the oldest and most experienced of the bunch sighed, “Shit! They really have no scruples... Looks like we fell for their plot...”

*Chapter 1415: Reeling in the Net*

As the Man and Beast as One secret art started to spread, it didn't matter if it was the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the various factions, Ge Qingzhu, Sun Haiwei, or the others... They realized it was too late to stop it.

Even so, they still had to pass down the order to restrict the use of the technique. They would gather the jade scrolls of anyone who would be willing to give theirs up and destroy them completely.

Of course, they knew it wasn't possible to stop the spread of the technique, but they also knew they had to strictly enforce the restriction as much as they could. After receiving conclusive evidence, cultivators of several smaller factions were surrounded before they were forced to hand over the jade scrolls.

The True Immortals of the various factions also had to demonstrate how destructive the evil art was, in order to get rid of the hidden intentions in the minds of those who might still want to hide the jade scrolls.

Even so... Their intention was met with hostility and there were countless accusations about their intentions.

The great factions didn't care about those troublemakers and they had already made the purpose of their restriction clear. They declared that if anyone didn't know what was good for them, they couldn't blame them for bullying the weak.

In the future, if anyone wanted to spread the technique, they would have to do so secretly. The moment they were discovered, they would be attacked on all sides.

After dealing with the scrolls, splitting up the rest of the Yuhai Sect's foundations was left. It was especially so for the rumored ruined Elysium that was supposed to be a part of the Spirit Dusk World's fragment which they haven't found.

It might be because they made the other factions give up the scrolls, but the Elysiums didn't continue pushing for the other factions' obedience. Instead, they stated that anyone who obtained anything wouldn't be forced to give them up and there shouldn't be incidents of killing and looting.

Even so... The wandering cultivators or those who came from smaller factions failed to contend against those from the major factions. They might find it a little unfair, but they should already be thanking their lucky stars that the great powers weren't banding together to suppress them all.

Of course, it would be difficult to prevent hidden battles for treasures but everyone was used to situations like that. If anyone really obtained a precious treasure, no one would give a shit about the rules set by the large factions...

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By the time Sun Haiwei descended to take charge of the territory of the Yuhai Sect to ensure the safety of everyone present, the area was deathly silent.

Due to her injuries, she was left behind by the others as they raced to find the foreign True Immortal and prepare for battle outside the heavenly screen.

Even if she was injured, she was still a True Immortal at the end of the day. Her combat abilities were affected, but she wasn't completely helpless.

As the Martial Dipper Realm experts searched for opportunities in the remains of the Yuhai Sect, a massive battle erupted above the heavenly screen!

The black cloaked expert didn't give a shit about Zhang Xuansheng, a mere fourth tier True Immortal. Since he learned that Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia had left the Spirit Luxuriant World, he wasn't afraid of anything.

Naturally, he knew that it wasn't possible for him to fight all the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World. However, he was confident that without the 2 monsters, he would be able to escape without any trouble!

That was also why he dared to sneak attack Sun Haiwei earlier.

When he appeared earlier, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World already had guesses of his identity. When Sun Haiwei and the others were holding him back in the Spirit Luxuriant World, Zhang Xuansheng laid down a trap outside the heavenly screen.

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World wouldn't be satisfied with getting rid of the Yuhai Sect... They wanted to get rid of the hidden dangers once and for all.

Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue leaving the Spirit Luxuriant World was to bait out the hidden expert in the first place. If not for the fact that Zhang Xuansheng had already become a high-level True Immortal, the Spirit Luxuriant World wouldn't have a single expert of that level.

That was their intention, but the trap was as clear as day. It might be an obvious plot against the hidden expert supporting the Yuhai Sect, but he walked into it anyway.

The cloak on the mysterious expert was clearly no ordinary treasure. After wrapping it around himself, the mysterious expert arrived in the void outside the heavenly screen.

As soon as he appeared, a light flashed through his eyes and he captured everything that was happening around him instantly.

“Heh... I wonder if I’m just unlucky, or if all of you had been preparing for a long time, but good job catching up to me!” The black cloaked man wore a mask that could hide his appearance and could express simple expressions. Through it, his tone of mockery was still clear.

In the void several tens of miles away, Yang Taihe appeared in the void and stared at the black cloaked expert with a serious gaze. In a low voice, he asked, “Who are you? What enmity do you have with my Spirit Luxuriant World for you to spread such an evil art?”

While he was speaking, the void beneath them started to ripple.

Every True Immortal above the second tier was rushing towards them as they spoke, and the furthest was only several hundred thousand miles away.

Other than Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue, the True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution had already formed an inescapable net around the world, waiting to capture the mysterious expert backing the Yuhai Sect.

The black cloaked expert roared with laughter and didn’t seem to care too much about their presence. He wasn’t worried that he was surrounded.

Yang Taihe’s tone sank even further and he growled, “What are you laughing at?”

“All of you already knew my purpose, but you’re still asking me anyway. Stop insulting your intelligence.” The black cloaked man stopped laughing abruptly and spat.

Zhang Xuansheng, who was the only high level Elysium True Immortal, approached them as they spoke.

However, the black cloaked man seemed indifferent to his arrival. Falling into some sort of trance, the black cloaked expert mumbled, “Your Spirit Luxuriant World barely ascended for more than 30 years. For you to grow so rapidly, your growth is comparable to other Spirit Worlds if they had 300 years... Someone hired me to stunt your growth.”

Yang Taihe and Zhang Xuansheng heaved a sigh of relief, but they quickly followed up with another question, “Who hired you?”

“Do you really think I’ll tell you something like that?” The black cloaked expert sneered.



Before he could continue, Zhang Xuansheng chuckled to interrupt him, "It's a shame... Your plan to stunt our growth didn't succeed. True Immortal Little Shang brought back another world fragment, pushing 7 continents to the state of perfection..."

The originally haughty black cloaked expert stared at Zhang Xuansheng as the smile on his face froze. His expression sank slowly.

#### *Chapter 1416: Black Void*

If a fight were to break out, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World would be at a huge advantage if they fought in their world. After all, that was where the advantages of an Elysium True Immortal would be displayed to the fullest.

In their world, Zhang Xuansheng would be able to contend against a fifth tier True Immortal.

Because of the suppression a foreign fifth tier True Immortal would face, they would most likely not be his opponent if they fought.

However, be it Zhang Xuansheng or the other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World, they didn't hesitate to fight the mysterious True Immortal outside the heavenly screen.

It wasn't because they wanted to give up their geographical advantage. It was just that with the opponent being a high-level True Immortal, if they went all out, they might be able to cause great destruction to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Of course, the black cloaked True Immortal was confident in his abilities, he wouldn't dare to fight so many opponents in their world either. If he really pissed them off and they decided to kill him by paying any price possible, he would be in big trouble either way.

Under such circumstances, both sides chose to fight above the heavenly screen and the battle broke out the moment Zhang Xuansheng arrived.

With Zhang Xuansheng drawing upon a portion of the energy of his Elysium, he didn't hold back against the mysterious expert.

One couldn't see how easily the mysterious black cloaked expert avoided the attacks of Ge Qingzhu and the others in the Spirit Luxuriant World and didn't seem too affected by the rejection of the World's Will... The black cloak he was holding was a huge reason behind it! Also, it might have been able to block off the rejection of the World's Will, but if he truly went all out earlier, he would have been able to kill Sun Haiwei, at the expense of his identity being revealed. That was also why she was able to survive with just a single rank six protection talisman.

Now that he was fighting the true experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World, he didn't seem to be at a disadvantage even though he was facing Zhang Xuansheng and Yang Taihe at once!

The cloak billowed behind him as a ball of black flames scorched the void around him. The remnant energy easily stopped the second tier True Immortals like Li Jidao and the others as he focused mainly on Zhang Xuansheng and Yang Taihe. The weaker True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were also afraid to touch the black flames, and they were a lot more careful in their approach to help the others.

Because of that, they were forced to keep their distance, greatly reducing their threat. The only people who could fight him head on were Zhang Xuansheng and Yang Taihe, giving him enough time to slowly free himself from their encirclement.

Flinging the cloak behind him, a massive black screen seemed to be created in the void that was thousands of miles long.

Zhang Xuansheng and Yang Taihe couldn't dodge in time and were trapped in it.

"I'll cover us, you find a way to break it!" Zhang Xuansheng grunted as the space around him started to ripple. He created a powerful layer of defense around the 2 of them.

After fighting side by side against so many foreign enemies, their coordination was immaculate. Yang Taihe made his move as a pillar of light emerged from his body, slamming into the black void around them. Unfortunately, it failed to tear the darkness apart.

It was then that clusters of black flames started to fall like rain on Zhang Xuansheng's protective barrier, sizzling sounds filling the space as the barrier was slowly eaten away.

Within the dark space, the strength of the black cloaked expert was amplified, and if things kept up, Zhang Xuansheng wouldn't be able to hold out forever.

What shocked the 2 of them was that their connection to their Elysiums seemed to be weakening and drawing on the power of their Elysiums became a lot more difficult.

Yang Taihe continued to strike at the black void around them, but he slowly pivoted his focus to help Zhang Xuansheng maintain the barrier.

"His strength far surpasses the both of us..." Zhang Xuansheng mumbled, and he managed to keep his cool even in a situation like that.

Yang Taihe snorted coldly in response, "It's all because of the black cloak he's wearing. I wonder if that's a Divine Artifact or a Holy Artifact..."

Zhang Xuansheng shook his head and sighed, "His cultivation level is already terrifyingly high. Even without the cloak, we might not be able to fight him."

Both of them understood each other well and Yang Taihe's expression immediately became strange. He frowned and asked, "Do you mean that he's still hiding his strength? Why?"

A strange cackle came from the black cloaked True Immortal suddenly, "Ahaha... I wish to know why too..."

Zhang Xuansheng spoke suddenly with a trace of self mockery, "Why else? Either you're someone we know, or you don't wish to reveal the faction you serve. After all... How many True Immortals in the Heaven Observation Field is at the level of Dao Harmony or higher?"

"What I don't understand is that everyone in the sea of stars detest the Man and Beast as One secret art, but you brought it back into our Heaven Observation Field. Aren't you afraid that Beast Warriors will start to develop and destroy all of us?" Zhang Xuansheng grunted.

This time, the black cloaked True Immortal fell silent for quite some time. Eventually, he spoke again, but his voice seemed a little sluggish. "I didn't think that you would know about Beast Warriors... Looks like I underestimated all of you. I believe all of you only learned about this because of True Immortal Little Shang, right?"

Zhang Xuansheng continued to probe, "The True Immortals of Azure Worlds wouldn't be able to reach the high-level. In the 5 great Spirit Worlds, the Spirit Tinkle World can't even take care of themselves and the Spirit Abundance World has a huge grudge with us. They don't have to bother concealing their identities. Moreover, the Spirit Abundance World aren't able to venture too far outside the Star Curtain and might not even know about Beast Warriors... Looks like it's not difficult to guess your identity now. You're either from the Spirit Mammoth World, or a high-level True Immortal from the Star Origin Lord Manor!"

*Clap, clap, clap...*

The sound of applause came from the void and the black cloaked man's voice came again, "That sounds reasonable. However... Why didn't you mention the other Spirit World? It's not like the Spirit Thistle World lacks high-level True Immortals."

Zhang Xuansheng snorted coldly, "The Spirit Thistle World formed an alliance with us and we naturally know the movements of all their high-level True Immortals. Moreover... I can guess that since you had the guts to mention them, there's no way you'll be from their world."

After another moment of silence, the black cloaked man spoke again, "Looks like you guys are still trying to buy time... It's a shame. Do you think I didn't make any preparations?"

In the pitch-black voice, the flames that were falling on Zhang Xuansheng's protection barrier started to gather because of some strange power of attraction before concentrating their might on a single point in the barrier. The next instant, the barrier seemed like it would fall apart.

Zhang Xuansheng didn't dare to wait for the protection barrier to shatter and he called out in a low voice, "Shit! We don't have any more time. We need to work together to force our way out!"

Yang Taihe knew that they had to free themselves no matter what, and he followed behind Zhang Xuansheng as they released a powerful strike to tear apart the black void.

"You can't run." The black cloaked True Immortal's voice rang in their minds once again as the black void started to churn as it tried to swallow them whole. Their divine souls' range started to shrink once again as the connection between them and the Spirit Luxuriant World was cut off completely.

"He's trying to suppress us in this region of space!" Zhang Xuansheng frowned, but even though he knew that the situation was bad, there wasn't a trace of panic in his voice.

"Is he trying to capture the 2 of us alive?" Yang Taihe asked in a strange tone.

"Nope. I don't need 2 of you. True Immortal Zhang is enough for me." The black cloaked True Immortal's voice rang in their minds once again, but this time, his voice seemed to appear right beside them.

Zhang Xuansheng reacted instantly. The protection barrier around him exploded and the power it contained swept across the void in an attempt to shove any threat away.

Yang Taihe also made his move as a brilliant radiance tore the area around them into a chaotic void.

Turning around abruptly, Zhang Xuansheng discovered that the distance between them had already increased greatly as a pillar of black flames separated them.

"Shit! Not good..." Zhang Xuansheng felt his heart thumping and knew that the black cloaked True Immortal would definitely try to deal with Yang Taihe first as he gathered a ball of energy that turned into a strange pearl that he shot through the pillar of flames.

As the pearl reached Yang Taihe, they suddenly noticed a thin stream of light cutting through the black void as a familiar figure stood before Yang Taihe who wasn't looking too good.

Zhang Xuansheng heaved a sigh of relief, silently grumbling in his heart about the delay.

At the same time, he quickly moved to surround the black cloaked figure.

#### *Chapter 1417: Opportunity*

"He's just too damn strong! If you came a little later, True Immortal Yang would have been seriously injured!" Zhang Xuansheng couldn't help but complain to the familiar figure who arrived to protect Yang Taihe at the very last second.

The newcomer maintained the smile on his face as the streak of light beneath his feet slowly disappeared. As the darkness started to take over again, the smile on his face looked a little more gloomy. "Apologies... I had a few more cups of tea and came a little late."

"As long as you came..." Zhang Xuansheng nodded lightly. Even though he looked composed on the surface, he experienced endless shock.

The more he observed the newcomer with his divine soul, the more confused he became. If he wasn't mistaken, the True Immortal who arrived was only at the fourth tier!

"You... True Immortal Little Shang?! No... This isn't right! Who the hell are you?! True Immortal Little Shang is at the level of Returning to the Origin!" Zhang Xuansheng cried out in shock.

Of course, he wasn't the only person who was surprised by what he observed.

The black cloaked True Immortal who was flanked on both sides also stared at 'Shang Xia' with a strange expression. He didn't look frightened or shocked, but there was something strange in his eyes.

The Shang Xia that appeared indicated for Yang Taihe to retreat before chuckling in response, "I'm Shang Xia, but more accurately, I'm just an External Avatar my main body created."

"How can a clone possess the strength of a high-level True Immortal... No, did you just call yourself an External Avatar?" Zhang Xuansheng frowned.

The black cloaked True Immortal looked confused as he asked, "What's an External Avatar?"

Watching how Yang Taihe had left the black void, Shang Xia's External Avatar laughed softly to himself for some time before he replied, "Since you wish to know my secrets, what better way than to experience it for yourself? It's a perfect opportunity since I'm also curious about your identity!"

As soon as the words left his lips, Shang Xia's External Avatar gestured into the void and a five colored sword qi slashed at the black cloaked True Immortal.

Unable to hide his gloom, a frosty growl left his lips, "If your true body was here, I might be a little afraid. However, for you to send a clone... So what if you have the strength of a fourth tier True Immortal?!"

After he spoke, a ball of black flame appeared in the void around the sword.

When the five colored sword qi brushed against the ball of flame, it started to sizzle and get eaten away. However, the flame also weakened and it reached a point where it looked like it would dissipate the very next second.

The second Shang Xia's External Avatar moved, Zhang Xuansheng also attacked.

A bronze mirror that was the size of his palm appeared in his hand and it was directed at the black cloaked True Immortal.

The void around the black cloaked True Immortal started to melt as spatial ripples started to form at his position. He felt as though he sank into a quagmire and he started to feel suffocated.. The powerful ripples wanted to swallow him whole and it gave him a feeling of drowning.

How could he not understand the situation he was in?!

He knew that the moment the strange energy fully entered his body, he would be torn apart from the inside out.

Reaching out and gesturing in the air, another ball of black flame rushed at him like a comet. The void around him was scorched and when the ball of flame swallowed him, he turned into a giant burning ball. The void around him solidified and he disappeared the next instant.

Be it Shang Xia's External Avatar or Zhang Xuansheng, they wouldn't be foolish enough to think that their enemy would be so easily dealt with.

They quickly drew closer to each other and raised their guards. Zhang Xuansheng's mirror shone once again at his surroundings and spatial ripples started to spread, growing faster as it went.

Without anyone stopping it, it filled the black void and showed signs of shattering it.

Letting the spatial ripples force his target out without doing anything else wasn't really Shang Xia's style. After Zhang Xuansheng used his mirror, 2 mighty five colored rings appeared above his head and beneath his feet respectively. After they appeared, another sword qi formed that quickly made 2 slashes in front of him. It formed an upright cross and if the black void wasn't destroyed by Zhang Xuansheng, his sword qi would most definitely do it.

Shang Xia's External Avatar might only possess the strength of a fourth tier True Immortal, but he retrieved the Five Element Ring from Chu Jia and he was utilizing his Yin Yang Extremity Sword Qi.

Facing 2 fourth tier True Immortals who possessed extremely high combat strength, even with the abilities the black cloaked True Immortal possessed, he didn't dare to take their attacks head on.

A soft snort came from the void suddenly and the region filled with darkness disappeared.

When the faint starlight appeared in Zhang Xuansheng's sights again, he saw the black cloaked True Immortal staring at them with a cold sneer on his face.

He roared in fright the next instant, "Oh no, everyone, hurry and dodge!"

As his words fell, Zhang Xuansheng already raised his mirror to stop the spatial ripples. In order to shatter the black void earlier, Zhang Xuansheng didn't hold back. He used all his might in order to calm the space around him again.

In comparison, Shang Xia's External Avatar was a little slower to react. However, he also got rid of his five colored sword qi the next instant.

He might have gotten rid of it as soon as he could, but the power it contained wasn't so easily dissipated. The void around him started to shatter.

Earlier, the True Immortals outside were also trying to break the strange black void that was created by the enemy and released their special techniques without holding back. Now that it disappeared suddenly, powerful streams of energy flew straight at Shang Xia's External Avatar and Zhang Xuansheng.

Everyone tried to restrain themselves as much as they could, but it was difficult to get rid of the danger completely.

Zhang Jianzi, who just became a second tier True Immortal, was sent tumbling through the void after being struck by the remnant energy in Zhang Xuansheng's special technique. Even though it wasn't life-threatening, he looked to be in an extremely bad state. Liu Jingsheng and Huang Jinghan weren't too affected and managed to compose themselves after being forced hundreds of miles back.

As for Li Jidao and Yin Jingxu... They managed to react in time and moved far away. However, they soon discovered that the distance between them had increased and they wouldn't be able to react quickly in case anything happened.

As for Zhang Xuansheng and Shang Xia's External Avatar... They didn't block the attacks of the other True Immortals either and decided to dodge. In doing so, they also separated.

The black cloaked True Immortal, who had been waiting at the side, obtained a perfect opportunity to strike!

*Chapter 1418: Fifth Tier Dou Jie*

After the black cloaked True Immortal got rid of his special technique, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were thrown into chaos instantly.

His chance to take out the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World had come, and obviously, he chose the best choice of them all. He targeted Zhang Xuansheng, the only high-level Elysium True Immortal.

Too bad for him, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World weren't rookies. With Yang Taihe reacting quickly, he quickly approached Zhang Xuansheng to help stop the assault of the mysterious True Immortal.

Unable to break through their defenses in an instant, the black cloaked True Immortal turned his attention to Yang Taihe, planning to get rid of the third tier Elysium True Immortal.

Right as he was about to succeed in dealing a heavy blow onto Yang Taihe, Shang Xia's External Avatar tore through the void and appeared out of nowhere, saving Yang Taihe and tearing a hole through his cloak.

Helpless, the mysterious True Immortal could only change his target to another second tier True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

This time, he understood that he couldn't fail no matter what. He had to make the Spirit Luxuriant World suffer!

The second the thought came to mind, the mysterious expert realized that his standards had been dropping continuously ever since the battle started.

*Killing a third tier True Immortal because I can't kill the fourth tier, killing a second tier because that also failed...*

Regardless, he turned his sights to Li Jidao, the second tier Elysium True Immortal of the Divine Capital Sect.



It wasn't because Li Jidao was closest to him at the moment, or because Li Jidao was weak! On the contrary, he was right beside Liu Jingsheng and Huang Jinghan at the moment, but he chose to pass on them. He planned to take Li Jidao down precisely because he had been in the second tier for the longest time and was the strongest among them!

Also... It was because he was alone at the moment.

Since Liu Jingsheng and Huang Jinghan were from the same faction, they had already gathered together. Yin Jingxu and Zhang Jianzi were new to their cultivation realm, and also huddled close to each other. The only person who was truly alone at the moment was Li Jidao!

Anyway, as long as his target was a second tier True Immortal who was alone, it didn't matter how strong they were. To a peak-tier fourth tier True Immortal like the mysterious black cloaked expert, there was no difference! They were weaklings either way!

A ball of condensed black flame rushed at Li Jidao the next moment. It was something even Zhang Xuansheng found difficult to block earlier, but this time, it was directed at the second tier True Immortal.

An unusually serious expression could be seen on Li Jidao's face when he saw the incoming strike. The sword in his hand made multiple slashes in mid air and even though it cut the cluster of fire up into several smaller ones, his weapon had been corroded to some extent. The energy contained in the flame even entered his body through his weapon.

Li Jidao wanted to retreat, but the black cloaked True Immortal rushed at him and rapidly approached, and the flames he summoned were about to swallow the Elysium True Immortal of the Divine Capital Sect whole.

Shang Xia's External Avatar, Zhang Xuansheng, and the other second tier True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were unable to head over to provide any assistance, and at the very last second before Li Jidao would meet a certain death, a pillar of light made up of 4 different qis tore through the space from hundreds of thousands of miles away, shooting straight at the enemy.

A cold grunt left the lips of the black cloaked True Immortal. When the pillar of light appeared, he could guess where it came from. What he didn't expect was that the pillar of light actually contained a majestic aura that made him feel a slight pressure. He couldn't help but stop his attempt on Li Jidao's life!

Li Jidao could also be considered a powerful expert in the Spirit Luxuriant World. Despite feeling like he just escaped the jaws of death, he wasn't overwhelmed in fear. He managed to compose himself to group with Liu Jingsheng and Huang Jinghan who approached.

When the enemy stopped the pillar of light released by Jiu Jing, Ge Qingzhu, and the rest, Shang Xia's External Avatar and Zhang Xuansheng moved to surround him again.

At the same time, the others also pressed closer, forming a stronger encirclement.

Even with his cultivation at the peak of the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm, he wouldn't be able to escape against such a strong lineup.

"Sneaky motherfucker, we're going to see who you really are!" Li Jidao, who barely avoided his fate of being slain, couldn't help but curse. The anger and killing intent in his voice couldn't be hidden.

He wasn't the only one. The other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World also wanted to strip the mysterious expert of his disguise and see who he really was.

"Hehe... Even though True Immortal Little Shang's External Avatar or whatever you call it has the ability of a high-level True Immortal and is an extremely impressive feat, it's a shame he didn't come himself!" The black cloaked True Immortal snorted coldly. "Don't you want to know who I really am? Alright, there's no need for me to hide my identity any longer."

Even though he spoke, he didn't tear the mask off his face. Instead, he started to gather his energy, trying to break through the encirclement before they could react.

Too bad for him, they didn't let their guard down. He failed to find an opening and Shang Xia's External Avatar's sneer came next. "Heh... For you to act like this... Are you embarrassed to meet an old friend?"

After he spoke, Shang Xia's External Avatar released a five colored sword qi that formed a ring around the mysterious expert before attempting to cut him in half from the waist.

A powerful flame emerged from his cloak, swallowing him whole at the very last second.

"Heh, where do you think you're going?" Zhang Xuansheng sneered and disrupted the void around them the moment the flames appeared. He experienced it once before and he wasn't going to make the same mistake.

Even if the mysterious expert had some secret escape art, he wouldn't dare to unleash it with such powerful spatial fluctuations in the area.

Zhang Xuansheng's move proved to be extremely timely as the black cloaked True Immortal tumbled out from the void not too far away.

It was then that the sword qi Shang Xia released earlier burst apart, forming streams of energy made from his Six Direction Qi.

The domain the mysterious expert released soon saw many holes as the mask on his face was torn apart.

“You... It’s you?” Shang Xia gasped when he saw the true appearance of the expert who came.

“Looks like it’s True Immortal Dou Jie of the Star Origin Lord Manor!” Zhang Xuansheng’s gaze turned frosty and killing intent flashed in his eyes.

“Heh... I thought that by hiding my cultivation at the fourth tier, I would still be able to toy with you however I like. I didn’t think that my identity would be revealed... Well, since that’s the case, are you prepared to face the consequences?”

#### *Chapter 1419: Majestic Strike Across the Stars*

Even though Zhang Xuansheng and the rest guessed that the mysterious expert could be someone from the Star Origin Dao Field, Shang Xia was still surprised to discover that the person who came was Dou Jie.

Back then, Shang Xia met him a few times and their interaction with each other was nothing short of pleasant. Dou Jie introduced Shang Xia to the situation the Star Origin Lord Manor was facing, giving him a clearer picture of the power structure of the Star Origin Dao Field. When Shang Xia learned of those intelligence back then, he also informed Feng Ziyi who went to look into them to verify their authenticity.

Hearing Dou Jie’s arrogant words, Li Jidao, who nearly died in his hands earlier, sneered, “You are already forced into a corner... Do you think that you would be able to grow stronger just because you revealed your identity?”

Dou Jie snorted coldly as the black cloak behind him started to expand and black flames covered his body. It stopped the attacks of the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World flying at him.

It was also at that moment that Shang Xia felt a strange fluctuation coming from around Dou Jie.

Shang Xia’s External Avatar turned to look at Zhang Xuansheng and they saw the serious look on each other’s faces. They looked like they had thought of something but couldn’t be sure, but seeing the other person’s expressions, a thought flashed through their minds in unison.

“Not good, retreat!” Zhang Xuansheng yelled as a pillar of light poured out from the mirror in his hand. He didn’t strike straight at the ball of flames that had covered Dou Jie. Instead, it formed a barrier that attempted to seal the True Immortal within, giving the others enough time to escape.

Shang Xia's External Avatar also had a solemn expression on his face. From their exchange earlier, he could tell that Dou Jie had already reached the fifth tier.

"Why are we moving back?!" Li Jidao grumbled when he saw that they weren't trying to push for the victory. He didn't step back immediately and he even took several steps closer, trying to deal the final blows.

However, Shang Xia's External Avatar appeared beside him before he could do anything stupid and pulled him back. "He's not a fourth tier True Immortal. He has already reached the fifth tier..."

Li Jidao might have allowed himself to be dragged back by Shang Xia's External Avatar, but he still yelled in indignation, "So what?! We have so many True Immortals here! Even if he's a sixth tier..." Before he could finish, countless balls of black flames burst through the protection screen Zhang Xuansheng created and flew straight at Li Jidao.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World weren't afraid of a mere fifth tier True Immortal with their strength! However, the moment Dou Jie revealed his identity, Shang Xia and Zhang Xuansheng felt a strange resonance deep in the void.

*It's the Star Origin Dao Field!*

Both of them felt the same thing and the moment Dou Jie's disguise was torn apart, the relationship between the Spirit Luxuriant World and the Star Origin Dao Field had been torn to shreds! There was no way the Star Origin Dao Field would allow a fifth tier True Immortal to be killed by the Spirit Luxuriant World like that!

Dou Jie revealing his strength at the fifth tier was because he had been forced into a corner by Shang Xia's External Avatar and the rest, and he was calling for help.

The Star Origin Dao Field held the coordinates of the various worlds it was connected to and there was Zhuo Gudao an expert at the peak of the sixth tier Martial Void Realm holding the fort down at the Star Origin Lord Manor. The treasures of the Star Origin Lord were also at their disposal, and there were at least 2 other fifth tier and 2 other fourth tier True Immortals.

With their strength, even if they had to launch an attack all the way from their Dao Field, they would be able to throw the Spirit Luxuriant World into disarray as they tried to save Dou Jie.

Zhang Xuansheng and Shang Xia's External Avatar indicated for everyone to retreat because they didn't want Dou Jie to be able to mark their location for the Star Origin Dao Field to launch a powerful strike across the stars.

Li Jidao finally noticed the danger and he quickly ran with Shang Xia's External Avatar.

However, Dou Jie clearly wasn't willing to let them escape so easily. The black flames followed behind him and showed his might as a fifth tier True Immortal.

However... As a Talisman Grandmaster, how could Shang Xia's External Avatar not possess more high-level talismans?

It was just that despite the strength of his talismans, it couldn't keep a fifth tier True Immortal off for too long.

Watching the distance between them and the flames grow closer, Shang Xia's External Avatar couldn't ditch Li Jidao and escape himself. As such, he finally tossed out the only Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman he brought with him.

A boundless cloud that was the color of the rainbow filled the void between them and Dou Jie. Even Dou Jie wasn't able to shatter the protection of the cloud instantly.

It was the first time Shang Xia revealed the fact that he had created a pseudo rank seven talisman!

In the past, Shang Xia used it in the Spirit Abundance World, but he didn't reveal his identity back then. Of course, as a rank six Talisman Grandmaster, he was still a suspect, but no one had any evidence he did it!

With his revelation now, he basically admitted he was behind the unrest in the Spirit Abundance World.

Through his repeated attacks, Dou Jie managed to greatly weaken the effects of the talisman. Since his divine soul couldn't enter the cloud, he couldn't tell how far Shang Xia's External Avatar and Li Jidao ran.

The reason why Shang Xia didn't use his Six Direction Teleportation Talismans earlier was because the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were running away, and he was the only clone at the scene. He stayed behind in order to stop any threats that might come.

Dou Jie saw that the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World seemed a little afraid and their retreat was so that they could better protect themselves from the threat of the Star Origin Dao Field. From the way they were gathering together, they were probably trying to deploy a formation that could take the attack of multiple high-level True Immortals.

Dou Jie felt a chill running down his spine, and facing the strange cloud that appeared before him, he continued to call for the long range strike from the Star Origin Dao Field.

The next moment, the void shattered as a gray pillar of light tore through the void. The cloud that was created with the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman evaporated instantly as

the energy it contained turned into nothingness. There was nothing stopping him from inspecting the area any longer.

With the majestic strike across the stars, the heavenly screen above the Spirit Luxuriant World started to stir as energy vortexes appeared. Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue also stepped out from a spatial tunnel at the same time.

Facing the powerful attack that came from the Star Origin Dao Field, Shang Xia gnashed his teeth and growled, "Good... Very good... Very fucking good... Your Star Origin Dao Field broke the rules first!"

Beside him, Kou Chongxue's expression was equally unsightly.

*Chapter 1420: Severed!*

Dou Jie used himself as a beacon as he called for the godly strike from the Star Origin Dao Field.

The moment it arrived, it scattered the cloud created by the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. Unfortunately for him, he was still unable to break through the encirclement of the Spirit Luxuriant World with Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue making their arrival.

After the cloud was destroyed, Li Jidao stared in shock at Shang Xia's External Avatar with half his face blown apart and an arm. Even a small portion of his left leg was blown to bits. He wanted to say something to thank Shang Xia, but the words were stuck in his throat.

Seeing Li Jidao whose body was in an extremely battered state but still perfectly intact, Shang Xia's External Avatar that had been dragging him along revealed a slight smile to indicate his acknowledgement of Li Jidao's thanks. However, the skin on his face was also blown to nothingness and the smile looked a little creepy.

At the critical moment, Shang Xia's External Avatar took the brunt of the blow for Li Jidao and saved him from certain death. At the same time, he also managed to push Li Jidao over to the rest of the True Immortals who had deployed their combined formation.

"True Immortal Shang, you..." Li Jidao really didn't know how to convey how grateful he was. He understood that if anyone else suffered such heavy injuries, they would have long since departed from the world.

The only thing he didn't understand was how the External Avatar before him looked so unaffected even though all the skin on his body had been blown to shreds.

*Right... Could this be the difference be why True Immortal Shang called it an External Avatar and not his clone?*

If a clone suffered so much damage, it would have exploded into a ball of qi. How could it drag him back to safety?

“Your External Avatar... Are you able to restore it? If you need anything, feel free to say the word. As long as my Divine Capital Sect has it, I'll provide as much as you need to recover!” Seeing how the External Avatar was acting, Li Jidao felt that it was very possible for it to recover.

However, Shang Xia's External Avatar revealed yet another creepy smile with his teeth fully exposed. “Many thanks, True Immortal Li, I don't need anything at the moment.”

After he spoke, Shang Xia's External Avatar took out a gourd from his spatial artifact and shook it slightly. A silvery white liquid that shone like stars in the night skies entered his lips.

Under Li Jidao's shocked gaze, a layer of starlight quickly enveloped Shang Xia's External Avatar. It started to grow in intensity. His exposed organs, along with his destroyed limbs, started to recover.

Unfortunately, halfway through the process, Shang Xia shook the gourd and sighed, “Shame. It's still too little. Damn it, I can't recover a leg even after drinking so much!”

After he spoke, he took out another gourd and took a huge swig. The fragrance of spiritual wine filled the void.

Shang Xia's External Avatar started to recover, but the speed was much slower than before.

Li Jidao could clearly feel his aura strengthening despite the deformed appearance.

The first gourd contained 3 drops of Three Lights Water and the second contained rank four spiritual wine from his stash from his adventures in the Taihang Mountains.

“Alright. It's time for them to pay the price.” Shang Xia's External Clone barely repaired his body when he stared at Dou Jie who was still surrounded by the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Beside him, Li Jidao didn't look too confident and he asked in a low voice, “What happens if they ask for more help from the Star Origin Lord Manor?”

Shang Xia's External Avatar glanced at him and chuckled, “They won't be able to send out such a powerful strike a second time in such short succession! Moreover... It has already been so long. My true body and Patriarch Kou should have already returned...”

They had indeed returned, and they arrived after the power contained in the strike across the stars dissipated.

Li Jidao's eyes widened in shock as the lingering fear from the attack from the Star Origin Dao Field disappeared. He quickly asked, "Is your true body able to stop the strike from the Star Origin Lord Manor with the help of Patriarch Kou?"

Shang Xia's External Avatar looked into the distance and his voice became a little strange. "I wonder..."

Realizing that he was surrounded once again, Dou Jie was thrown into a desperate struggle for his life. The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World spread out to form a large encirclement, and they stood in special positions in the void while listening to Zhang Xuansheng's instructions to attack the enemy.

If Dou Jie wanted to call for another attack across the stars, locking on to anyone would be a challenge. Even if he did, the mighty attack they threw at them would be able to kill 1 expert at most, wasting a good deal of their strength. They wouldn't be able to break the battle formation either, and the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World had all the time in the world to kill Dou Jie.

What he faced was the combined might of the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World with more than 10 True Immortals!

Dou Jie's black cloak started to sustain great damage and injuries started to appear on his body. It looked like it wouldn't be long before his artifact was destroyed.

Zhang Xuansheng's mirror released beam after beam of light at Dou Jie, restricting the area he would be able to move and turning him into a live target for the others.

Shang Xia's External Avatar, which looked like he suffered catastrophic damage earlier and only had half his body left, maintained some semblance of combat strength. In fact, it was impressive considering he only had part of his body left. He attacked from the side, tearing Dou Jiu's artifact apart, sending powerful streams of sword qi to slice at him.

Understanding he would die if things kept up, Dou Jiu could only call for more support from the Star Origin Lord Manor.

This time, he chose to direct the attack to Zhang Xuansheng, who posed the strongest restriction on him.

The void in the distance was torn apart again as another pillar of light emerged. This time, it looked a little thinner than before, but the energy it contained seemed a lot more concentrated.

Before it could land on Zhang Xuansheng, the pillar of light was forcefully sliced apart in the void!



Smaller pillars of light appeared from many other directions in the void and poked into the vast sea of stars, causing massive spatial fluctuations and disrupting any escape attempts.