

## The Heavens 311

### Chapter 311: Bitter Battle (cont)

It was one of the rare times when Shang Xia had been forced into a corner!

If Shang Xia were to sum up his entire experience of the battle, he could probably do it in one word, 'pitiful'!

Li Tianshou, a direct disciple of the White Deer Paradise, seemed to have a good grasp of the Shang Clan's Spear Art! With the other four, they severely restricted his fighting style! The only move they hadn't broken was his fifth move, the Woundless Spear!

Even though the Providence Spear Art allowed members to create and comprehend moves of their own, the principles behind them were pretty similar.

Each cultivator would develop their moves based on the principle of the Providence Spear Art and their own cultivation. For example, Shang Xia's first three moves were somewhat related to his first martial intent, the Chaos Essence Lightning Palm.

After his second divine sense transformation, his next set of three moves seemed connected with his martial extremity intent, the Seven Laceration Sword.

It was all the more obvious with Shang Xia's sixth move, the Flow Recompensation Spear. Of all his moves, that was also the most powerful strike.

As long as one looked into Shang Xia's past cultivation, they would be able to deduce the type of techniques he could use! For a colossal existence like the White Deer Paradise, it wasn't difficult for Li Tianshou to dig out everything he required.

However, that begged the question. Was the White Deer Paradise aiming for Shang Xia specifically? He was a mere cultivator in the Martial Intent Realm. No matter how eye-catching his performance was, he shouldn't be able to affect their grand plan. He couldn't understand why the White Deer Paradise had set their eyes on him.

That wasn't what Shang Xia was brooding over anyway. It was true that his Shang Clan Spear Art was special and there were many seniors of his family who trained in it. They managed to uncover a small part of the Providence Spear's secret, and only core members would be able to know the intricacies behind it. How in the world did the White Deer Paradise learn of it?!

From how Li Tianshou was behaving, he seemed exceptionally familiar with Shang Xia's Providence Spear Art. Shang Xia even suspected that he was a hidden member of the Shang Clan!

As the encirclement became smaller, the pressure Shang Xia faced grew larger.

His moves were blocked with great efficiency through the cooperation of the five of them, and despite his best efforts to break out of his predicament, he failed.

When he used his third move, Flashing Meteor, he discovered that the energy contained in his spear would be pulled in different directions. The speed he was so proud of became useless and his spear moved as slow as a snail.

As for his fourth move, Void Evasion, it failed to hit anything despite it being the most unpredictable. As long as anyone caught on to the rhythm of his attacks, they would be able to avoid it effectively.

With the formation closing in on him, things started to seem bleak.

Shang Xia's spear shot towards someone's chest, but due to a sudden interference, he only managed to scrape his target's left hand.

He realized that there was no point in using the techniques he knew any longer. Even his sixth and strongest move was deemed useless before the five of them.

The only attack that could actually hit anyone was the Woundless Spear, but the only problem with that was that he would injure himself every time he used it.

With five of them as his opponents, he would end up killing himself before seriously wounding anyone!

If things were to continue down the same path, he would eventually exhaust himself and fall into their hands.

“Young Master Shang, what's the point? Can't you see that everything you do is useless? Just give up obediently and save yourself from the pain. As long as you agree to work with us, you will be able to stay alive. Even your Shang Clan would be spared! In fact, you might even benefit greatly from our cooperation!”

Li Tianshou tried to shatter Shang Xia's mental defense. He spoke extremely seriously, and it seemed as though he would fulfill any one of Shang Xia's requests if he agreed.

Even his four companions were shocked by his words. They stared at each other in confusion, wondering if what Li Tianshou said was true.

However, Shang Xia remained silent. The spear in his hand continued to dance, and the power contained in his strikes seemed to increase. Even though the battle had dragged on for some time and his inner qi was depleting, he refused to give up.

Shang Xia was like a cornered beast. He fought with everything he had, and the battlefield had already shifted some distance away from where they once started. Even though he couldn't break out of the encirclement, he refused to give up.

“Young Master Shang, is there a point in continuing? You'll just use up all your inner qi. Are you trying to preserve your reputation by losing to us eventually using the excuse that 'you slipped'? Or are you trying to console yourself by fighting to the bitter end?” Li Tianshou continued and he sounded like he was pitying Shang Xia.

“Or... Are you planning something and thinking that you still have a chance to escape?” Li Tianshou snapped all of a sudden as his sword stabbed outwards. He blocked Shang Xia's spear from harming one of his junior sisters, and he continued playfully. “Hmm... Are you trying to stall for time? Young Master Shang, do you have

backup coming? Wow. Is it possible that you're behind the extermination of those from the Azure Spiritual World?"

"Why don't you guess?" Shang Xia, who had been silent this whole time, finally spoke. His tone sounded incomparably relaxed all of a sudden.

A bad premonition filled the hearts of those from the White Deer Paradise. Li Tianshou might not know what Shang Xia was up to, but he gave the rest a warning. "Everyone, be careful! He's a spent force! Don't act recklessly and let him use up his energy."

As soon as the words left his lips, Shang Xia's grunt entered their ears. "We're finally here."

Here?! Where's here?! Is there something wrong with this place?

Li Tianshou was slightly taken aback and he stared around him suspiciously. The feeling of unease in his heart became even stronger.

Soon, he caught sight of a massive boulder. It was the boulder they discovered was stopping the leak from the underground river.

Everything clicked in Li Tianshou's mind in that instant. He wanted to warn the others, but it was too late.

Shang Xia tossed out a rank two talisman he made the other day.

Light filled the skies as a wave of energy tried to shove everyone away. Other than Li Tianshou, everyone nearly burst out laughing.

They thought that Shang Xia was truly messing with him. With their strength, a rank two talisman wouldn't affect them in the slightest! They found Shang Xia extremely stupid to think that something like that could affect their fighting formation.

With a trace of mockery in their eyes, they shattered the wave of energy rushing towards them. However, Li Tianshou's voice boomed through the air. "Watch out, he's trying to escape!"

Watch out?

Escape?

The four of them could stop the energy wave with their eyes closed. What was there to watch out for? Also, they had him completely surrounded. There was nowhere to run!

When the light finally died down, a solemn look could be seen on Shang Xia's face as he released his sixth move, Flow Recompensation!

However, they were confused the next moment. Who the hell was he aiming at? The five of them knew where each other was, but Shang Xia's attack didn't seem directed at any of them!

Finally, they realized that Shang Xia's act of throwing out the rank two talisman was purely to distract them. The only thing they didn't understand was the target of his attack.

Following his stab, their gazes landed on the giant boulder not too far away from him.

What's he doing?

“Stop him!” Li Tianshou’s voice brought them back to reality, but by the time they started moving, it was too late.

Shang Xia was fighting like a cornered beast earlier in order to drag the battlefield towards the giant boulder! All of them were mistaken. When he released his strike earlier, he wasn’t aiming for the boulder. Instead, he stabbed towards the ground under the rock!

Boom!

With the opening widened, even the boulder couldn’t resist the strong pressure coming from underground. A giant pillar of water shot into the skies, causing the boulder to tumble away.

Without anything to stop the water from escaping, a giant geyser that was several times larger than when Shang Xia killed Lin Yi appeared. The water that fell back to the earth eventually soaked everyone present.

The pile of rocks nearby that hid the Spiritual Extermination Gourd scattered, revealing the treasure. Affected by the sudden gust of wind that appeared along with the eruption of the geyser, the Spiritual Extermination Gourd flew into the air.

Of course, mere water wasn’t enough to harm anyone in the surroundings. In fact, it didn’t seem to change anything. Shang Xia was still surrounded by the members of the White Deer Paradise.

As the Spiritual Extermination Gourd returned to the earth, a huge amount of extermination mist emerged from its opening.

Without the gourd to absorb the mist emitted by the water, the smokey screen billowed out from the ground.

In the blink of an eye, thick mist filled the air and everyone lost the ability to see more than three feet away!

## Chapter 312: Death

Shang Xia never thought that he could fight his way out of their trap. There was no chance he could bank on a small sliver of a chance that they would mess up and he would be able to escape.

As such, there was only a single thing he could do. That was to introduce any anomaly into the battle. He would drag them towards the boulder that blocked off the flow of the underground river.

Naturally, Shang Xia’s strong foundations and deep reserves were essential for him to fight all five of them while shifting the battlefield slowly.

Also, he had to thank his lucky stars that Li Tianshou’s plan was to capture him alive. None of them went all out with killing moves. They were also afraid that Shang Xia would turn desperate and focus all of his energy on dragging one of them down with him, resulting in them holding back greatly.

There was also one more thing that allowed Shang Xia to complete his plan successfully. Li Tianshou and the others didn’t remove the Spirit Extermination Gourd after their discovery.

All those factors allowed Shang Xia’s plan to eventually work.

As for his Flow Reconstitution Spear, it had the ability to shift the heaven and earth qi around him, much less the flow of some water underground.

Releasing his sixth move, he freed the underground river and the gourd. The mist released by the two created a thick smokescreen that greatly affected the visibility in the area.

The cultivators of the White Deer Paradise discovered that the same restriction was placed on their divine sense. They couldn't feel anything greater than five feet from themselves.

When the mist just appeared, they released their divine sense to look for Shang Xia the best they could, but as it extended away from their bodies, their divine sense started to corrode due to the extermination qi in the air.

"Shit!" Li Tianshou barely gathered his thoughts when a scream pierced through the air.

"Junior Brother Yu!" Li Tianshou gasped before giving the others a reminder. "There's something strange about this mist. Everyone, retreat! We'll regroup after getting out of this mist!"

Li Tianshou knew that their fighting formation had been broken. With the sudden change in the situation and Junior Brother Yu's death, Shang Xia gained the advantage.

Staying in the mist and fighting blindly would only benefit Shang Xia. Even with their advantage in numbers, he knew that they would get nowhere if they were to fight him one on one.

Li Tianshou might refuse to believe it, and he might have been mocking Shang Xia the whole time when they were fighting him earlier, but deep down in his heart, he knew that Shang Xia was extraordinarily strong. Even a direct disciple of the White Deer Paradise like himself wasn't Shang Xia's match if they had a one-on-one fight.

Since things had progressed up to that point, Li Tianshou couldn't bother with capturing Shang Xia and completing their mission any longer. He had to protect the lives of his comrades!

The more Li Tianshou thought about it, the more his thoughts fell back into disarray.

Despite his desire to bring his fellow comrades out of the mist, he severely underestimated Shang Xia. With the exception of himself, none of the other disciples of the White Deer Paradise could react when Shang Xia attacked them.

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The extermination mist might have suppressed the divine sense of everyone heavily, but the suppression Shang Xia felt was relatively weaker than the rest! When he arrived near the river for the first time and killed Lin Yi, Shang Xia's divine sense could extend more than ten feet away from himself.

Even though the mist became much thicker, he was still able to forcefully extend his divine sense seven to eight feet away from his body.

With the additional distance he could feel compared to those from the White Deer Paradise, they were basically sitting ducks waiting for him to harvest their lives.

He knew where they were, but they had no idea the god of death had already set his eyes on them!

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Utilizing his third move, Flashing Meteor, he killed the person closest to him. With Junior Brother Yu's miserable cry to warn the others of his miserable fate, the other three tried to run out from the mist.

One unfortunate soul picked the wrong direction. She tried to leave the region covered by the mist but ran in the direction of Shang Xia.

Discovering his new target, Shang Xia locked on to the disciple of the White Deer Paradise before unleashing his fourth move, Void Evasion!

Feeling a sense of danger closing in rapidly, the disciple of the White Deer Paradise twisted her body violently. Not knowing where the attack came from, she could only trust her instinct and tossed a circular shield in that direction.

A burst of light was all she saw before the mist clouded her vision. Discovering her mistake, it was too late for her to retrieve her shield.

She could only use both hands to cover her chest as a huge spear created from the white mist in their surroundings shot at her. Under her shocked gaze, it pierced directly through her body. The fear she felt for the murderous demon in the mist overshadowed her pain, and she released a blood-curdling scream that seemed to sap away all her energy. Eventually, she fell to the ground as her vitality left her.

"Senior Sister Gong!" Another disciple of the White Deer Paradise who was about to leave the region covered by the mist turned her head involuntarily when she heard the scream coming from behind.

Li Tianshou's voice came from outside the mist and he yelled at the disciple who had stopped running. "Shut up! Get out of the mist before doing anything else!"

Gasping in shock, she recalled what she was doing. She turned around to run, but it was too late. A small vortex of extermination mist formed behind her.

"Too late." A voice scarier than that of a demon's rang in her ears.

"No, don't..." She wanted to continue speaking, but a bolt of lightning and the rumbling of thunder drowned her out.

A bolt of reddish-gold lightning thicker than a man's forearm appeared in her vision as it tore the thick mist apart before slamming heavily into her back.

She couldn't even release a cry before she was sent flying. She slammed into the ground several feet away with her life or death unknown.

"Fuck!" Li Tianshou, who ran out of the region surrounded by the mist, stared at his only other junior brother who managed to run out before retrieving something from his sleeves.

"You forced me to do this." Li Tianshou poured his inner qi into the carving of a white deer he retrieved.

With a loud snap, the white deer carving shattered. A spiritual deer seemed to materialize in the air behind him before leaping into the extermination mist.

“Get over here!” He snapped at Junior Brother Lu who was missing an ear from the battle earlier. As the last remaining member of the five who surrounded Shang Xia, Junior Brother Lu ran over to Li Tianshou before asking in panic, “Senior Brother Li, Senior Sister Gong, and the others...”

Li Tianshou’s expression sank and he felt a strong ache in his heart. He eventually suppressed the pain he felt and he growled, “I used the White Jade Spiritual Deer Carving. That asshole is definitely going to die.”

Chapter 313: Transformation

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On the Tongyou Peak in the battlefield between the two worlds...

Shang Bo stood alone above the main Tongyou Peak as he faced several enemies.

“Bang... Rattle, rattle...” The final chains that connected the bridges around the main peak and the six auxiliary peaks finally shattered as thick chain links fell to the ground below. Massive boulders that were used to hold the bridges in place tumbled down the various peaks.

“Shang Bo, the protection formation around the Tongyou Peak is broken. Are you going to remain stubborn and fight to the end?” A thick pillar of light charged into the Tongyou Peak and slammed into Shang Bo who was standing as steady as a mountain at the top of the main Tongyou Peak.

The solemn expression on Shang Bo’s face thawed and a sneer took its place. “Dumbass... You overestimated yourself!”

His Nine Firefly Lance shot into the ground below and when it hit, a massive shockwave swept through the land. With the Tongyou Peak in the center, the shockwave spread at a visible speed and caused the surrounding space to twist.

“Crash...” The broken chains seemed to resemble a sleeping serpent that was awakened by Shang Bo’s actions. They rose into the air again to form a massive net that covered the Tongyou Peak.

Did the protection formation of the Tongyou Peak really shatter?

The protection barrier that surrounded the Tongyou Peak was no longer there, but that didn’t mean that the protection formation was destroyed. Instead, it was a trap laid down by Shang Bo. Without the protection barrier, he expected his opponent to charge into the Tongyou Peak recklessly. He was right.

“Not good!” The Martial Extermination Realm expert who rushed into the Tongyou Peak released several rays of light to surround himself as he tried to retreat.

“Since you came, there’s no need to think of leaving.” Shang Bo grunted and his steadfast figure that had remained at the top of the main Tongyou Peak soared into the skies for the first time. The first move he released possessed earth-shattering might.

“Die!” Shang Bo’s yell created a massive soundwave that tore through the air. In an instant, it echoed countless times in the space above the main Tongyou Peak.

The chains that filled the air whipped towards the Martial Extermination Realm expert of the Azure Spiritual World on his command. Even though they weren’t strong enough to injure him, they were more than enough to restrict his movements. With their interference, he was unable to avoid Shang Bo’s Nine Firefly Lance!

As the specks of light started to gather together, the Nine Firefly Lance pierced through space and appeared right in front of the cultivator’s eyes.

“Help...” Circulating all his inner qi to defend himself, he didn’t forget to call for him from his companions. Unfortunately, it was too late. He was sent flying by Shang Bo’s lance and blood flowed uncontrollably down his lips. A red crescent was drawn in the air by his blood.

At the same time, several rays of light appeared above the Tongyou Peak. One of the rays transformed into a massive palm that grabbed the cultivator who was flying away while another transformed into a giant hammer that smashed down towards the Tongyou Peak.

With a cold snort, Shang Bo seemed to ignore the hammer as he used his divine sense to control the metal chains to grab the cultivator who was flying away.

At the same time, he seemed to become one with his lance as he leaped through space to charge at his target.

Clearly, Shang Bo wanted to kill the Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Azure Spiritual World.

“Please, save me!” The cultivator roared in fright as his movements were restricted yet again. The giant palm that was reaching towards him tore the chains out one by one and deep rumblings filled the air once again.

However, it couldn’t change a thing. Shang Bo’s Nine Firefly Lance ripped through the space and the man and weapon duo appeared right in front of the cultivator he struck. They were so close that Shang Bo could see the look of despair in his eyes.

“Ah...!” A miserable cry ran through the air and Shang Bo’s lance stabbed straight through his target’s body. A four colored light emerged from the lance and destroyed any signs of life left.

Above the Tongyou Peak, Shang Bo casually flicked his wrist as the Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Azure Spiritual World who was at the third layer fell to the ground, never to open his eyes again.



As he fell, rays of extermination origin emerged from his wound and wrapped his body into a cocoon, turning him into a multicolored comet that shot towards the foot of the mountain. Before his body could hit the ground, it exploded to send frightening amounts of heaven and earth qi rippling through the surrounding area of the Tongyou Peak.

Several snaps followed his demise as the massive palm in the air tore several more chains out from the Tongyou Peak. Two of the six auxiliary peaks were also riddled with holes and they were on the verge of collapse.

On the other side, the giant hammer that was created with a three colored extermination origin slammed heavily into the main peak. As the mountain trembled violently, a massive chunk flew off subsequently.

Even under their combined attempt to save him, Shang Bo managed to kill a Martial Extermination Realm expert at the third layer. His act was a stinging slap to those from the Azure Spiritual World.

“Extermination Origins returning to one, large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm! Shang Bo, you need to die!”

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In the depths of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, at the source of a mountain river...

Li Tianshou shattered the White Deer Carving he was carrying and a spiritual deer entered the thick mist Shang Xia was hiding in.

The little carving was extremely precious. Li Tianshou’s heart was aching when he destroyed it. However, he was also confident that the spiritual deer could get rid of all his troubles.

“Senior Brother Li, that spiritual deer...” Junior Brother Lu managed to escape death earlier and barely managed to stabilize his emotions when he saw what Li Tianshou did. A look of envy could be seen in his eyes.

Glancing at Junior Brother Lu from the corner of his eye, Li Tianshou growled, “Yeah. Master gave it to me. I was supposed to use it when breaking through to the Martial Extermination Realm.”

“That’s such a waste!” Junior Brother Lu couldn’t help but sigh.

However, Li Tianshou explained solemnly, “The spiritual deer can be considered to be an existence invincible under the Martial Extermination Realm. Moreover, it should be able to collect the extermination mist in the surroundings to reform itself when it’s done...” Pausing for a second, he continued reluctantly, “It’s a pity the Spirit Extermination Gourd isn’t here. Otherwise, I’ll be able to obtain a second treasure that can collect extermination qi! Fuck! Shang Xia is really a piece of work alright... Who would have thought that he could come up with a plan to escape at the last second?”

Junior Brother Lu balked in his heart after hearing what Li Tianshou said.

Pity my ass! We’re going to die if you don’t release the spiritual deer. What’s the point of saving the treasures if we’re all dead?

Naturally, he couldn’t reveal his thoughts to Li Tianshou. Instead, he maintained his pitiful expression and he muttered, “Senior Brother, are we going to not do anything?”

“Why don’t you try going in there?” Li Tianshou raised an eyebrow and looked at Junior Brother Lu like he was looking at a clown who was tired of living.

Chuckling once, Junior Brother Lu added, “Why don’t we get the spiritual deer to lure him out before joining hands to...”

“Relax. The spiritual deer will be able to absorb the extermination mist soon. When it’s done, he won’t have a place to hide anymore!” Li Tianshou muttered.

Junior Brother Lu’s eyes lit up instantly. “I was too rash. I didn’t expect Senior Brother Li to already have a plan!”

Waving his hand, Li Tianshou sighed, “It’s alright...”

Junior Brother Lu interrupted Li Tianshou before he could finish his sentence. “But... Why isn’t anything happening? It seems a little too quiet...”

Li Tianshou’s expression sank after hearing what he said. Staring at the thick layer of mist in front of him, he tried to remain calm as he gave Junior Brother Lu an explanation. “The mist might be too thick, suppressing the fluctuation of heaven and earth qi. It’s also possible that the spiritual deer decided to absorb the extermination qi in the mist before doing anything...”

With a look of confusion on his face, Junior Brother Lu asked, “That’s weird. If the spiritual deer is absorbing the extermination qi in the mist, the mist should be getting thinner, isn’t that so?”

Li Tianshou forced himself to remain calm as he thought of another explanation. “Maybe... Maybe it hasn’t found Shang Xia? I don’t know?!”

A weird energy fluctuation tore through the mist all of a sudden and their smoky surroundings started to boil.

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Jumping back in fright, Li Tianshou and Junior Brother Lu gasped in fright. At the same time, a look of confusion appeared on their faces.

“Wait, the spiritual deer couldn’t find him?”

“No! That’s the sign of divine sense transformation! What the hell! He only completed his second round of divine sense transformation when he fought us earlier!”

Chapter 314: Metamorphosis

Outside the Tongyou City, a Martial Extermination Realm expert of the Rose Party disrupted the forced stalemate between the Martial Extermination Realm experts in the city.

After Liu Qinglan emerged from the city, the masked attacker launched another attack against the protection barrier around the Tongyou City.

There were more than one of them, but due to their desire to hide their identities, none of them dared to use their special moves. As a result, they used ordinary moves that didn’t contain too much power.

Regardless, Martial Extermination Realm experts were still Martial Extermination Realm experts. Despite them releasing weakened versions of simple attacks, the sheer number caused the protection barrier to tremble violently.

The experts in the city could only head out one by one in order to stop those masked attackers from causing more damage.

When Han Han Chongwei left his position to stop the attackers outside, he glared at Kang Ci and the others before giving a stern warning, "Don't go overboard..."

Chang Huaiwu wasn't willing to leave without saying anything either and he growled, "I'll give you one more hour. I'll hold them back for one hour, and the Tongyou Institution has to close the spatial tunnel connecting the You Continent to the battlefield between the two worlds."

The warning they left behind caused those from the institution to reveal ugly expressions.

Wei Zhongwen chuckled at the side, "Well, you're on your own. I'll stop one of them too." After he spoke, a cocoon of light wrapped itself around him and he flew out of the city.

Kang Ci, Shang Ke, and Liu Zhiyuan could only bow slightly to show their respect for the various experts who were giving their assistance.

Wei Zhongwen, who had just left the city, roared suddenly, "City Lord of the Changfeng City, Yang Hu, I know it's you! Who would have thought that as a native cultivator of the You Continent, you would join in the battle?"

A burst of light filled the skies as a deep rumbling was heard.

In the city, the experts of the Tongyou Institution stared at each other in shock. They saw the look of apprehension in each other's eyes.

A sudden change occurred at that instant. Soft ringing came from the depths of the Tongyou Mysterious World and a ray of purple light shot into the air as it tried to make its escape.

"It's a loose extermination origin, grab it!" Kang Ci roared.

"That's a Purple Extermination Origin, don't let it escape!" Shang Ke growled. He clearly knew more than Kang Ci when it came to matters regarding extermination origins.

Who would have thought that the extermination origin would travel in an opposite direction from the two of them? It tried to fly out of the city. Unfortunately for the ray of loose extermination origin, a barrier of white appeared to trap it. The purple extermination origin was firmly trapped in the white barrier that appeared.

Chuckling softly, An Baimei's brows slowly retracted from the void. That was the white object that formed a barrier to capture the extermination origin and when it finally returned to An Baimei's face, a streak of purple could be seen on his originally snow-white eyebrows.

"I guess I got lucky. Hahaha, it would be impolite for me to refuse this gift from the heavens!" An Baimei chuckled. Even though he still had a solemn expression plastered on his face, he couldn't hide the joy in his eyes.

According to the agreement they had with the institution, the moment the Tongyou Mysterious World was formed, the experts who came to help would be able to get a first pick of the treasures that were formed naturally in the mysterious world.

An Baimei was clearly luckier than the rest as he managed to obtain a strand of loose extermination origin. The others could only offer their congratulations despite their envy. He knew that he won big this time. Cupping his fists to return the pleasantries, he turned to head out of the city to stop Han Chongwei's opponent. Since he received some benefits, he felt that he should replace someone out there so that they had a chance to profit.

Those inside the city weren't the only ones who saw the strand of loose extermination origin being obtained by An Baimei. Those outside the city saw what happened too.

When An Baimei obtained the strand of extermination origin, someone outside the city cried, "The Tongyou Mysterious World has taken shape and can produce previous treasures. If everyone chooses to remain passive, all the benefits will fall to Kou Chongxue's disciples... Nothing will be left for you!"

Liu Qinglan forced her opponent back before turning to glare at her surroundings. "Which cowardly asshole is trying to sow discord among us? Show yourself!"

Naturally, the person who spoke wouldn't show himself. Liu Qinglan's threat was useless.

However, that didn't mean that the person's words were useless. Three more rays of light shot towards the city from another direction.

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When the most talented disciples of the White Deer Paradise and the Changbai Holy Land reached the peak of the Martial Intent Realm, they would be awarded with treasures that could store extermination qi.

Treasures like that were similar to the Spirit Extermination Gourd Lin Yi used to possess, or the white jade deer carving Li Tianshou used.

Comparing the two of them, Li Tianshou's treasure seemed a little more impressive as it seemed to possess some life-saving capabilities.

It was a shame that he overlooked something really important when he used his white jade deer carving.

He seemed to have forgotten that it was primarily used to collect extermination qi. When the spiritual deer entered the mist and was unable to locate Shan Xia, it started to absorb the extermination qi around it.

When Shang Xia heard Li Tianshou's yell earlier, he had already retrieved his aura and hid his presence. He managed to avoid the detection of the spiritual deer when it entered the mist.

Earlier, when he killed the two elite cultivators from the White Deer Paradise, Shang Xia could feel a subtle change happening with his divine sense. He seemed to have touched on the doorstep of the third transformation!

That was the miraculous properties behind the Shang Clan's inheritance. Training in their spear arts would allow them to progress at a rapid pace. Under such circumstances, Shang Xia understood that a huge opportunity had arrived.

Even though he knew that a strong enemy was waiting for him to emerge from the extermination mist, he chose to hide his presence and focus on the transformation. If he managed to grasp the opportunity, he would be able to complete his third divine sense transformation in a short amount of time!

As the first to sixth move of his Providence Spear Art played out in his mind, a stroke of inspiration struck him and the seventh move became crystal clear in his mind. It was produced from the essence of the first six moves and with the sudden comprehension, Shang Xia felt the Origin True Qi in his body fluctuating wildly as the remaining strands of stray Yin Yang Essence Qi left in his dantian started their conversion. His divine sense started its third transformation at the same time.

At that moment, Shang Xia understood the reason behind the use of his Triple Loop Coalescence Needle when he stepped into the Martial Intent Realm.

Before he could fully digest the gains brought by his third divine sense transformation, a gap seemed to form in the thick mist before him. Frowning slightly, Shang Xia discovered that the figure of a deer was closing in on him rapidly. It seemed as though the disturbance allowed the spiritual deer to locate his presence!

Instinctively, Shang Xia's Scarlet Star Spear pierced forward to unleash the seventh move he just comprehended, Celestial Disruption!

Chapter 315: Champion's Spear

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In the battlefield between the two worlds, on the Tongyou Peak.

Four of the six auxiliary peaks around the main peak had already fallen. The last two were coincidentally located away from the main assault and managed to avoid destruction for the time being.

In the air above the main peak, Shang Bo was fighting with the assistance of the protection formation around the Tongyou Peak. As the battle raged on, the protection formation weakened significantly. There were at least four experts at the Martial Extermination Realm surrounding Shang Bo and they were slowly closing in on him. He was unable to move about as he wished.

The cultivators of the Azure Spiritual World had no idea if the Origin Tide earlier would damage either world, and they couldn't be sure of what was happening outside of the battlefield between the two worlds.

Shang Bo was like a massive wall that stood between them and the Azure Origin World. He blocked off the spatial tunnel leading to the Azure Origin World and didn't hesitate to use the protection formation of the Tongyou Peak to stop them. The Tongyou Peak which had been the foundation of the Tongyou Institution for twenty years crumbled as a result. From Shang Bo's actions, those from the Azure Spiritual World could tell that the Tongyou Institution was cooking up some weird plot.

When Shang Bo killed one of their third layer Martial Extermination Realm experts earlier, he enraged those from the Azure Spiritual World. However, they didn't dare to move recklessly when facing him. Neither did they dare to lose their rationality.

From the looks of it, Shang Bo managed to fuse his extermination origins to enter the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm. If they forced him into a corner, he could easily drag a few of them down with him.

"Shang Bo, how long do you think you can hold out for? Are you really going to sacrifice yourself here?" A familiar voice echoed through the skies.

"What's the point of stopping us? If we're not mistaken, your Tongyou Institution should also be facing immense pressure back in the city due to the weird plan you guys came up with, right?"

"Instead of stopping us from closing the spatial tunnel here, you should return to the institution and deal with matters there! At least you'll be able to keep the benefits you already obtained."

Shang Bo swept his lance diagonally, forcing the only expert from the Changbai Holy Land who was actively attacking him back before snorting, "Hmph, stop wasting your time. As long as I'm here, you won't be able to enter our Azure Origin World."

As the words left his lips, four Martial Extermination Realm experts surrounding Shang Bo exchanged a glance and came to a quick understanding. Three of them released their special techniques to restrain Shang Bo's Nine Firefly Lance as the through took the chance to slam his mid-grade weapon down against Shang Bo's skull.

"Hah, Shang Bo might be strong, but more than 70 percent of his strength comes from his high-grade weapon. As long as we hold it down, he'll lose a lot of his fighting ability! Defeating him won't be a problem once that happens!"

That was the lesson the experts from the Azure Spiritual World had after their experience fighting Shang Bo over the past twenty years. When they fought him previously, there were always Martial Extermination Realm experts of the institution backing him up and they could never really restrain him.

Now that the others were stabilizing the situation back in the city, the experts of the Azure Spiritual World finally had a chance to gang up on Shang Bo! The Changbai Holy Land didn't remain idle as they provided a weapon that directly countered Shang Bo. Now, they finally saw some hope of defeating the formidable deputy patriarch of the Tongyou Institution.

Shang Bo obviously didn't think that his Nine Firefly Lance would be restrained so easily by the other party. He thought that he would be able to tear it free, but the fourth expert from the Azure Spiritual World who hailed from the Changbai Holy Land didn't give him the chance to do so.

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With life and death on the line, Shang Bo didn't hesitate to send his inner qi into his lance and release it towards the three of them. Since he wouldn't be able to retrieve it anyway, he might as well cause as much damage as he could with it.

Without the Nine Firefly Lance, Shang Bo became a toothless tiger. It was something the members of the Azure Spiritual World had been aiming for, and they finally achieved their goal.

The Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Changbai Holy Land locked onto Shang Bo as his weapon fell directly towards his skull. A smug look could be seen on his face as his weapon came crashing down.

When the four great races of the Liao Continent in the Azure Spiritual World resisted the influence of the holy lands, everyone could tell that they wanted to swallow the benefits in the battlefield between the two worlds alone. However, they failed to achieve their goal and those who died in the hands of the Tongyou Institution reached a terrifying number. The four great races could be said to have lost badly!

The recent events made it even more obvious. The Four Spiritual Peak that represented the authority of the four great races of the Liao Continent was flattened completely! With themselves close to destruction, they could only lower their heads and accept the holy lands' assistance.

The scene before him was proof that the four great races couldn't do without the Changbai Holy Land! With the Changbai Holy Land's assistance, the opponent they couldn't defeat was immediately restrained!

With glee filling his heart, the Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Changbai Holy Land sneered at Shang Bo. The moment he defeated the large completion stage Martial Extermination Realm expert before him, whatever plot the Tongyou Institution was brewing was bound to fall apart.

His ego was so inflated that he even imagined Shang Bo dying in his hands!

To his surprise, Shang Bo's hands didn't remain empty for long after releasing the Nine Firefly Lance. A long spear took its place before anyone noticed.

That was no ordinary spear. He didn't take it out in a fit of panic to replace his lost weapon. Instead, it was a high-grade weapon that was in no way inferior to the Nine Firefly Lance.

The high-grade spear that perfectly suited his fighting style, the Champion's Spear, finally appeared!

Since he used the Nine Firefly Lance, he had never been able to bring out his full strength. The Nine Firefly Lance was a high-grade weapon, but Shang Bo was never able to swing it around like a spear.

Now that he revealed his newly acquired high-grade spear, one could say that he had far surpassed the Shang Bo they were fighting moments ago.

Ever since the battle in the Mysterious Coral World and the subsequent destruction of the Four Spiritual Peak, Shang Bo collected a ton of treasures. Much of those treasures were of exceptionally high grade. The institution fully focused on crafting the Champion's Spear after he handed over a huge portion of those treasures.

In fact, Shang Bo's Champion's Spear started production before the institution upgraded Shang Xia's Scarlet Star Spear to a mid-grade weapon. Due to the immense difficulty of crafting a high-grade weapon, Shang Bo's Champion's Spear was completed after Shang Xia's spear had completed its upgrade. One could imagine how long the refinement process took.

With the Champion's Spear in hand, the aura around Shang Bo changed.

Facing the unavoidable attack from the Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Changbai Holy Land, Shang Bo stabbed his spear upwards without flinching in the slightest. A four colored ray of light emerged from the tip of his spear and seemed to become the only source of light in the world around them. It caught the attention of those surrounding him immediately.

The experts from the four great races of the Liao Continent of the Azure Spiritual World who were in charge of restraining Shang Bo's Nine Firefly Lance felt a bad premonition rising in their hearts when the Champion's Spear first appeared in Shang Bo's hand. The Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Changbai Holy Land was equally as panicky, but it was too late for him to retreat. He could only follow through and hope for the best.

A loud blast rang through the skies as countless golden shards filled the skies.

Without warning, the Nine Firefly Lance that had been suppressed by the three cultivators exploded. Countless shards contained Shang Bo's inner qi as they flew in all directions, injuring the three.

#### Chapter 316: Celestial Disruption

Shang Bo paid the price of sacrificing a high-grade weapon to injure three Martial Extermination Realm experts from the four great races of the Liao Continent.

It didn't end there. The tip of the Champion's Spear soon turned the Martial Extermination Realm expert of the Changbai Holy Land into a human skewer. Facing a full-powered strike while being overconfident and caught by surprise, it was no wonder he was killed.

In a one-against-five situation, Shang Bo managed to kill two of them. The battle turned Shang Bo into a legend, but no matter how strong he was, he couldn't fight forever. He exhausted a huge portion of his strength and had to fall back. He didn't even have enough energy to operate the half-destroyed protection formation around the Tongyou Peak.

Without the defenses of the Tongyou Peak, the spatial tunnel leading to the Tongyou Institution became wide open.

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After An Baimei obtained the strand of loose extermination origin, the greed in the hearts of those who were attacking the Tongyou Institution reached a new level. The battle became even more intense.

Of course, the Tongyou Mysterious World didn't stop absorbing energy due to the chaos. The world origins poured into it endlessly.

A multitude of spiritual herbs and treasures that were created due to the influx of energy was produced, and they flew out of the Tongyou Mysterious World from time to time.



After An Baimei took over Han Chongwei's position, Han Chongwei returned to the city to try his luck.

An object covered in world origin shot out from the Tongyou Mysterious World, but Kang Ci was able to obtain it this time.

Examining the new item in excitement, his expression soon froze. He managed to obtain a mass of soil-like items, and he recognized it as a pile of Myriad Gold Clay. It was a rank four treasure.

It was definitely something precious, but it was basically garbage when compared to the loose extermination origin An Baimei obtained earlier.

He could only blame his bad luck.

According to the arrangement they had, Kang Ci flew out of the city to replace one of the fighters since he obtained a treasure.

Replacing Chang Huaiwu, Chang Huaiwu quickly made his way back into the city.

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According to the Shang Clan's knowledge of their inheritance, one could comprehend nine moves at most when they studied the Providence Spear Art.

However, the person with the highest achievement in the Providence Spear Art only managed to comprehend seven moves before entering the Martial Extermination Realm. That person was Shang Bo and he received the title, 'Soul Tearing Spear'.

That wasn't all. After creating seven moves from his comprehension, Shang Bo managed to comprehend his third martial intent to enter the grand completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm. With his strong foundations, he stepped through the gates of the Martial Extermination Realm.

Reaching his grandfather's record, Shang Xia managed to come up with his seventh move after being surrounded and attacked by one direct disciple and four elite disciples of the White Deer Paradise. His seventh move was built on the foundation of his first six moves, and it was called 'Celestial Disruption'.

However, he wasn't exactly in the perfect spot at that moment. A gap formed in the extermination mist as a spiritual deer charged at him.

Instinctively, he unleashed his seventh move for the first time!

After entering the Martial Intent Realm, a cultivator would experience three divine sense transformations in total. Every time they completed one transformation, the inner qi in their body would undergo another round of refinement.

Once a cultivator underwent their third divine sense transformation, their inner qi would fully integrate with their divine sense, giving them a boost in strength only second to the comprehension of their third martial intent.

Even Shang Xia didn't expect that so much power would be contained in his seventh strike. If he were to compare it to his previous strongest strike, Flow Reconstitution, it was more than twice as strong!

A loud blast and strong energy fluctuations filled the air, shocking Li Tianshou and Junior Brother Lu outside the mist. Specks of light resembling stars in the night sky quickly filled their vision.

“This...” Junior Brother Lu stared at Li Tianshou in shock, as though wanting his senior brother to confirm his guesses.

The only thing he received in response was a look of fright and a terrified cry. “This is bad... We have to run!”

Li Tianshou turned to run after speaking and he didn’t care about Junior Brother Lu any longer.

Even though he had no idea what Li Tianshou said, Junior Brother Lu followed closely behind.

He couldn’t help but try to catch a glimpse of what happened in the mist.

All he saw was the specks of light gathering back into a giant ball before obliterating the position he once stood. That wasn’t all. A terrifying pressure that originated from the depths of the extermination mist descended on him. The next thing he saw was a pair of eyes that was scarier than the devil’s. Shang Xia emerged from the mist and locked eyes with Junior Brother Lu.

Those eyes...

Feeling a chill run down his heart, Junior Brother Lu turned to run. However, he felt a chilly breeze blowing against the back of his head the moment he turned.

“Senior Brother Li, save me...” His voice stopped there and his body stiffened. His eyes glazed over and he fell to the ground slowly, never to rise again.

The last thing he recalled before his thoughts were extinguished forever was Li Tianshou’s escaping figure. Instead of caring for his junior brother, Li Tianshou pushed himself to the limit as he tried to escape from whatever monster had emerged from the extermination mist.

As a direct disciple of the White Deer Paradise, Li Tianshou had always been confident in his own abilities. He might be proud of himself, but he had one thing proud sons of heavens didn’t have, a sense of reality. He knew when to retreat.

When they surrounded Shang Xia initially, he was extremely confident that he could bring Shang Xia in alive. He acknowledged that Shang Xia was stronger than any one of them individually, but as a group, there wasn’t anything they should be afraid of.

However, Shang Xia managed to overcome the situation. He picked them off one by one and Li Tianshou realized that containing Shang Xia again would be impossible. Of course, he was still confident that he could escape unscathed even if he wasn’t Shang Xia’s opponent.

When he shattered his white jade deer carving, he was so sure that Shang Xia would be killed.

Who would have thought that Shang Xia would break through in the middle of their battle? The instant Li Tianshou felt the energy fluctuations coming from the extermination mist earlier, there was only one thought left in his mind. *Run!*

Acting decisively, he turned to make his escape.

He was right. That was the smartest choice he could make at that moment. No... That was the only choice he could make. However, it didn't make a difference. As starlight gathered in the air again, Shang Xia's divine sense descended and completely suppressed Li Tianshou.

"Mercy!" Li Tianshou didn't hesitate to beg for his life. He didn't think it was humiliating at all, and he quickly threw out a reason for Shang Xia to spare him. "We... We might be relatives!"

Chapter 317: Celestial Disruption (cont)

"We... We might be relatives!" Li Tianshou roared as his surroundings turned a dark red and spots of flickering light swam around him.

As soon as the words left his lips, the crimson tide around him disappeared and those spots of light started to extinguish themselves. Even so, Li Tianshou didn't feel relieved in the slightest. Instead, he became even more nervous.

That was because he felt the icy cold tip of a spear pressing against the left side of his face. Beads of perspiration dripped down his forehead.

No one knew when, but Shang Xia stabbed a hole through Li Tianshou's earlobe. Li Tianshou's divine sense had been widely disrupted before he knew what was happening.

"Relatives? Interesting." Shang Xia's voice rang in Li Tianshou's mind. He didn't bother hiding the tone of mockery in his voice.

Li Tianshou's forehead was filled with beads of perspiration at that point. He knew that the next thing he said would decide his life and death.

"It's true!" Li Tianshou's voice was slightly off, but he quickly added, "My cousin is your Ninth Aunt!"

"Ninth Aunt?" Shang Xia was shocked. He clearly didn't expect Li Tianshou's revelation.

Shang Xia knew that his Ninth Uncle, Shang Yang, got married in the Ji Continent. However, he didn't know her name.

At least he learned where Li Tianshou's knowledge of his Shang Clan Spear Art came from...

Shang Xia wondered if Shang Yang revealed too much about the Providence Spear to his wife, allowing Li Tianshou to learn it from her...

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Thinking about it in a more sinister way, Shang Xia wondered if Shang Yang's wife and her family were using Shang Yang as a way to plot against the Shang Clan of the You Continent...

Thinking about all the possibilities, Shang Xia's gaze landed on Li Tianshou and he growled, "Where's my Ninth Aunt now? Is she in the Changfeng City?!"

“Yes! I followed her down here from the Ji Continent. Your ninth uncle had been pestering her to quickly head towards the Tongyou City, but I interfered and kept her here.” Li Tianshou explained.

Shang Xia couldn't help but sheer, “You seem to be finding an excuse for my Ninth Aunt now. What's the matter? Do you think I'm suspecting her?”

“Yes. You will definitely think that she's up to something once you learned that we're related. However, this has nothing to do with my cousin!” Li Tianshou admitted quickly.

In response, Shang Xia nearly burst out laughing. “Why do you sound like you're expecting your White Deer Paradise's scheme to fail?”

“Regardless of whether we succeed or not, it doesn't matter. At the very least, you're strong enough to take revenge on my Li Family...” Li Tianshou sighed. After a short pause, he continued, “This is a battle between two monsters. The White Deer Paradise and the Tongyou Institution are behemoths. You and I are nothing but mere pawns. We have no choice but to do the things we did, what's the point of stepping onto the path of vengeance?”

Raising a single eyebrow, Shang Xia muttered, “Everything you just said isn't enough for me to spare your life yet.”

“What price do I have to pay?”

With a look of ridicule, Shang Xia chortled, “You're a direct disciple of the White Deer Paradise. You should have a rank four advancement formula on you, right?”

A bitter smile appeared on Li Tianshou's face. “How is that possible? Even direct disciples can only obtain advancement medicine from the White Deer Paradise. They will never give me an entire formula.”

“What about a ray of extermination origin? Or do you know where a strand of ownerless extermination origin lies?” Shang Xia continued.

Pointing to the ground, Li Tianshou snorted, “There's one.”

Stabbing forward slightly, Shang Xia tore another wound on Li Tianshou's earlobes. However, no blood emerged.

“Shit. He's up to something!” Shang Xia's expression changed slightly and he tore a hole through Li Tianshou's head. It exploded and revealed a wooden block that fell to the ground.

Close to ten feet away from Shang Xia, Li Tianshou's sorry figure crawled to his feet as he stared at Shang Xia in fright. There was a look of unmistakable fury in his eyes as he made his escape.

“Do you really think that you can escape?” Shang Xia snorted before racing towards Li Tianshou.

Who would have thought that Li Tianshou would turn around all of a sudden to unleash a ferocious counter attack against Shang Xia.

“Asshole, do you think that I’m really afraid of you?!” Li Tianshou roared as a blurry sword appeared in his hand.

“Mother fucker, I’m still a direct disciple of the White Deer Holy Land. You barely completed your third divine sense transformation earlier. What makes you so cocky to think that you can kill me? I even lowered my head and begged for my life earlier. Heh, do you think that you can bully me however you want?”

Li Tianshou tossed out a scroll and a multitude of sword lights filled the skies. Li Tianshou’s figure turned blurry and his voice echoed through the air, making it difficult to discern where it came from.

Shang Xia didn’t seem flustered in the slightest. Even though the sword light in the air had the ability to kill other Martial Intent Realm experts with a single touch, Shang Xia wasn’t afraid. He stabbed his Scarlet Star Spear in a certain direction and yelled, “Break!”

The void around him seemed to shatter and the sound of tearing could be heard. The sword light in the air became flaccid as they fell to the ground powerlessly. Shang Xia’s spear stabbed through the scroll, rendering it powerless. However, Li Tianshou appeared behind Shang Xia and screamed, “Go to hell!”

His sword stabbed straight at Shang Xia’s back.

Watching how Li Tianshou’s sword arrived an inch behind Shang Xia, a long sword appeared to stop him.

“You...” Seeing as his sneak attack failed, Li Tianshou turned to flee.

Unfortunately for him, Shang Xia was faster. With his figure blurring, Shang Xia appeared in Li Tianshou’s way.

“Since you learned so many secrets about my Shang Clan from my Ninth Aunt, did she never tell you that I’m talented in the way of the sword?”

Shang Xia replaced the Scarlet Star Spear in his hand with his Jade River Sword after breaking the effects of the scroll. Staying close to Li Tianshou, the two of them exchanged close to a hundred blows in a short amount of time. The flurry of sword lights they produced formed a sturdy net that surrounded them.

If anyone could see them, they would notice a ball of sword light tearing through everything in its path as it made its way across the mountain range.

A loud screech came from the sphere of sword light, forcing the two of them apart. Li Tianshou and Shang Xia’s figures were revealed, and they stood ten feet away from each other. Neither one of them moved.

“What technique is that?” Li Tianshou eventually broke the silence with a soft growl.

“Seven Laceration Sword.” Shang Xia replied.

Li Tianshou's face twisted in agony. "Is that... Is that your martial extremity intent?"

Hesitating for some time, Shang Xia eventually replied. "I would like to call it my yin yang intent..."

Nodding slowly, Li Tianshou opened his mouth as if he wanted to say something else. However, his body swayed slightly and crashed into the ground before any words could leave his lips.

Chapter 318: Spiritual Deer Gourd

Shang Xia's martial extremity intent was called the Seven Laceration Sword, and it was a combination of seven sword intents. However, the power contained behind it far surpassed what the combination of the seven sword intents could produce.

When Shang Xia plunged the Jade River Sword into Li Tianshou earlier, the strand of sword qi that contained all seven sword intents exterminated his life force completely.

Retrieving his sword, Li Tianshou's sword and his belt came along with it.

Shang Xia poured his inner qi into Li Tianshou's sword and noticed a tiny crack along the entire surface of the blade. He couldn't help but sigh in pity about the wasted blade. "What a shame... Another weapon is destroyed..."

Shang Xia kept Li Tianshou while shaking his head. The weapon might look perfect on the surface, but the internal structure had been destroyed by his Origin True Qi earlier. There was no hope of repairing it either. He could only return and melt it down to hopefully recover some material.

At his current level, Shang Xia could say that he had a huge reserve of inner qi. However, it was still as tyrannical as ever. Opponents who were wielding low-grade weapons would probably scrap their weapons after fighting with Shang Xia.

The belt around Li Tianshou's waist was his spatial artifact. When it fell into Shang Xia's hands, he noticed tiny cracks forming all over it. It was close to destruction. It seemed as though Li Tianshou had chosen to destroy it right before he was killed.

Opening and retrieving all the items within was clearly impossible. Helpless, Shang Xia could only shatter it with brute force and hope for some precious items to remain intact.

With Li Tianshou's belongings scattered all over, Shang Xia sighed before picking out some of the more complete ones.

As a direct disciple of the White Deer Paradise, Li Tianshou couldn't be considered poor. Counting the treasures he had on him, he had the jade carving of the spiritual deer, the scroll he tossed out to create the veil of sword light in the air, and the substitute talisman he used earlier. Those were three extraordinary treasures! It was a pity the substitute talisman was a one-time use item.

The scroll that produced the sword light was torn to shreds by Shang Xia, and the spiritual deer was gravely wounded in the mist by his seventh spear strike, Celestial Disruption.

Walking over to his Scarlet Star Spear that was stuck in the scroll, Shang Xia pulled it out before rolling the scroll up again.

He retrieved a rank two restraining talisman he made and stuck it on the scroll in order to restrain the effects of the scroll for as long as he could. When he was done, he tossed it into his Embroidered Cloud Case.

The scroll Li Tianshou tossed out earlier was called the Myriad Sword Light Diagram and it could be considered a type of talisman.

As a rank two talisman master, it was something Shang Xia wouldn't be able to produce even if he poured his blood and sweat into the refinement process. According to Shang Xia's estimations, the person who created the scroll had to be a rank four talisman master!

If he managed to study the scroll and gain some insights, he might be able to hasten his progress to become a rank three talisman master...

Tidying up the area, Shang Xia felt a wave of exhaustion washing over him. He took a break against a huge tree and sucked in several long breaths. Staving off the exhaustion for the time being, Shang Xia thought back to what happened. It was true that he obtained a complete victory over those from the White Deer Paradise. However, he basically drained himself of all his inner qi in order to do so.

With no more enemies in his surroundings, Shang Xia felt his inner qi recovering slowly. He trudged into the extermination mist to look for the gourd that flew away earlier.

When he emerged, the yellow Spirit Extermination Gourd was in his hand again.

However, there seemed to be something different with it. There was a small symbol of a white deer on the body of the gourd. With a frown on his face, Shang Xia didn't understand what happened to the gourd when he was fighting earlier.

Thinking back, he recalled how the spiritual deer rushed towards him as soon as he completed his third divine sense transformation. He unleashed his seventh move, Celestial Disruption, on instinct, heavily injuring the creature. A huge portion of the energy that made up the spiritual deer was scattered, and the spiritual deer shrank in size before disappearing into the extermination mist.

When Shang Xia retrieved the gourd earlier, he discovered the appearance of the tiny deer on the body of the gourd. He noticed the shattered remains of the jade carving on the ground earlier when he killed Junior Brother Lu, and he guessed that the spiritual deer entered the Spirit Extermination Gourd since its original hole was destroyed.

That wasn't too far off from the truth. When Shang Xia grabbed the gourd earlier, he could feel the presence of the spiritual deer and the fear it was feeling.

A question formed in his mind and he wondered if the deer would be able to emerge now that it had entered the Spirit Extermination Gourd.

Regardless, he couldn't be bothered with that at the moment. Opening the gourd, he tried to absorb all the extermination mist in the air.

Who would have thought that the moment he opened the gourd, it would suck in the extermination mist at a crazy rate? It absorbed the mist at a speed several times faster than before!

The giant clump of mist that allowed Shang Xia to reverse the situation and kill the members of the White Deer Paradise earlier was sucked into the gourd at a terrifying pace. With Shang Xia's divine sense, he discovered that the extermination mist that had been sucked into the gourd was being purified at the same time.

The extermination mist in the air contained a lot of impurities. However, those impurities were filtered by the gourd and everything contained within was the essence of the extermination mist.

When the gourd had fully absorbed the extermination mist, the amount of extermination qi contained within had increased by a whole lot. Shang Xia shook it slightly and heard sloshing sounds coming from within.

Shang Xia looked at the symbol of the white deer on the ground and he discovered that its antlers were gone. Two small stubs remained in its place.

Collecting the bodies of those he killed, Shang Xia wouldn't hide them as he did Lin Yi's corpse. He learned his lesson and destroyed them completely.

When he was done, he returned to the geyser and plugged it up with more boulders he found in the surrounding area. After all, the opening was too large for him to do what he did previously.

After he was done, he didn't leave the Spirit Extermination Gourd to collect the extermination mist like he did before. After all, he received enough rewards from the battle earlier.

Since he had taken care of everything, Shang Xia turned to rush back to the Changfeng City.

Chapter 319: Line of Defense Broken?

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To experts in the Martial Extermination Realm, the eruption of the Origin Tide was both a crisis and a massive opportunity.

That was why no one raised strong objections to the Institution when they widened the spatial tunnel and drew in a terrifying amount of energy into the You Continent.

It wasn't just an opportunity for those from the Azure Origin World. It was also a chance for those from the Azure Spiritual World!

If the Tongyou Institution was merely absorbing the world origin of the Azure Origin World, those from the Azure Spiritual World might not give a shit. At most, the Tongyou Institution's actions could be considered embezzlement. However, now that they were sucking in the world origin from both worlds through the battlefield between the two worlds, they were affecting the other side too.

Absorbing the world origin of the Azure Origin World to strengthen themselves didn't affect the big picture, but absorbing the world origin of the Azure Spiritual World while they were at it allowed them to weaken their enemy while making themselves stronger.

That was the basis of their plan when they pitched it to their allies. It was the reason the other four institutions sent their experts over to assist the Tongyou Institution in their efforts. It was also why the great powers of the various continents remained silent about the Tongyou Institution's actions.

As a whole, the operation could be said to benefit the Azure Origin World at the expense of the Azure Spiritual World.

It went without saying that the experts of the Azure Spiritual World wouldn't sit around and let the Tongyou Institution do as they wished. It was unfortunate the four great races of the Liao Continent were defeated in the battlefield between the two worlds and were suppressed by Yun Jing and Shang Bo after the Four Spiritual Peak toppled. They couldn't react as quickly as they thought. They had to send various Martial Extermination Realm experts over to the battlefield between the two worlds to attack the spatial tunnel connecting the Tongyou Institution to the battlefield between the two worlds and they barely managed to gather enough experts at the last moment.



With Shang Bo paying the price of destroying his Nine Firefly Lance he had been using for a long time, he killed two Martial Extermination Realm experts from the other side. With his inner qi greatly exhausted, Shang Bo could only retreat. He messed with them while retreating, he could only delay the interference from those from the Azure Spiritual World as long as possible.

As he retreated, the Tongyou Peak that stood tall in the battlefield between the two worlds suffered the same fate as the Four Spiritual Peak. It was reduced to dust.

When Shang Bo moved back towards the Tongyou Institution, a loud cry came from the skies. The battle between the two divine weapons and their wielders caused countless fractures in the air above the Tongyou Peak, revealing the spatial barrier behind.

Along with a loud cry, a ray of light crashed into the ground beside Shang Bo who was closer to the spatial tunnel at that point. The revelation of the person who was defeated caused Shang Bo's expression to change.

Yun Jing, who was wielding Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword, was defeated!

There was no longer a trace of hesitation in Shang Bo's heart. He turned to enter the spatial tunnel beside him.

He moved too decisively and suddenly. Before those fighting him could react, he entered the spatial tunnel. None of them managed to obstruct him in the slightest.

The moment he entered the spatial barrier, a spatial tear appeared in the place he once stood.

"What are you waiting for?! The Origin Tide is happening as we speak! Charge!"

"That's right! We'll head in there right now and destroy the newly formed mysterious world!"

"Aren't you afraid that it's a trap?"

"The spatial tunnel..."

"Shit! The Tongyou Institution is closing the spatial tunnel. They're trying to destroy the connection to the Origin Tide!"

"Hurry up!"

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When Shang Bo and Yun Jing held the cultivators of the Azure Spiritual World back, the battle around the Tongyou City had already reached its climax.

In the air above the Tongyou Mysterious World, two Martial Extermination Realm experts would be stationed there in case anything went wrong. Moreover, they would be there to grab any treasures produced by the formation of the mysterious world.

Since the start of the battle, those guarding the Tongyou Mysterious World had rotated once.

An Baimei and Liu Zhiyuan were the two luckiest ones who managed to obtain a strand of loose extermination origin each. Those who were slightly unluckier obtained high grade herbs or treasures!

As for those with garbage luck, they could thank whatever gods there were as none of the treasures produced by the formation of the Tongyou Mysterious World were below the fourth grade.

Someone outside the city yelled suddenly, "Look, the spatial tunnel is closing up! They're ending the connection with the Origin Tide!"

"Everyone, we have to risk it all now. Everyone who comes here has their own plan. There's no need to hold back any longer. Otherwise, we'll miss the chance!"

No one knew who yelled, but Shang Ke's opponent seemed to respond to the call instantly. A terrifying surge of energy pushed Shang Ke away as a frosty light froze the space around them.

Shang Ke could only release his extermination origin in a desperate attempt to protect himself. However, he was too weak compared to the other party. He retreated again and again, and he was forced back into the city. With the help of the protection formation, he finally managed to catch his breath. He forced the icy qi out from his body immediately to prevent leaving behind hidden injuries.

However, he had to quickly jump back into battle as his opponent drew close to the city.

"Frost Jade Palm... Looks like Mister Zhang Luofei of the Ji Continent has arrived. Forgive me for my disrespect, but fuck you!" Shang Ke entered the Martial Extermination Realm not too long ago and barely managed to solidify his foundations. He hadn't mastered any martial arts suitable for his current cultivation level and other than his extermination origin, all he could fight his opponents with were the five moves he created when comprehending the Providence Spear Art in the Martial Intent Realm.

Even though he couldn't be considered weak, he was definitely at a disadvantage when compared to those experienced experts who had been in the Martial Extermination Realm for a longer time.

When Shang Ke engaged his enemy this time, he no longer tried to defeat his opponent. Instead, he focused on defense and dragging out the battle as long as possible. He was suppressed heavily by his opponent, but he had no choice but to fight on bravely.

After Zhang Luofei revealed himself, the Martial Extermination Realm experts who came to attack the city started utilizing their signature moves. Their identities were revealed one by one.

"Guo Baofeng, you old bastard!"

"Huh? I heard of this move before. Are you the Taihang Swordsman, Yu Hanglong?"

"Fourth Lady of the Liu Family... Well met."

"Are you the Harmonious River Master? Who would have thought that Mister Ye would come too... Welcome..."

"..." Those who came seemed to have a resounding reputation in the Azure Origin World. The moment they started using their signature moves, it wasn't difficult to recognize them.

“Oh shit!” Wei Zhongwen from the White Deer Paradise yelled suddenly.

Liu Zhiyuan looked over when he yelled and saw a second Martial Extermination Realm expert appear behind Yang Hu. Yang Hu was locked in combat with Wei Zhongwen earlier, but with the appearance of a new enemy, Wei Zhongwen seemed to fall to a disadvantage immediately. He seemed to be struck by a sneak attack from the newcomer and he slammed heavily into the barrier.

Trembling violently, the barrier seemed to have reached its limits as it started to crack.

Yang Hu roared as a huge blade appeared in the air to slash down at Wei Zhongwen. From the looks of it, Yang Hu wanted to send his enemy to the depths of hell.

At the critical moment, Wei Zhongwen felt something tightening around his waist before he was pulled towards the Tongyou Mysterious World. Liu Zhiyuan dragged him back just in time as Yang Hu’s blade slammed heavily into the protection barrier.

No longer able to withstand the attacks, the protection barrier around the Tongyou City disappeared.

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In the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range...

Not too long after he left, Shang Xia heard a long chirp from high above.

He paused slightly and heard a soft whisper coming from the woods beside him. “Looks like you managed to deal with it yourself. Heh. I’m afraid I need to trouble you to follow me this time.”

Shang Xia turned around abruptly and saw a familiar figure standing several feet away from him.

“It’s you!” A multitude of thoughts flashed through Shang Xia’s mind, but he quickly replied. “Senior, didn’t you return to the Azure Spiritual World?”

Ignoring Shang Xia completely, the mysterious figure stretched his hand out and spoke. “Don’t you have the Multi World Anchoring Flag? Lend it to me.”

Chapter 320: Follow My Command

It didn’t come as a surprise that Shang Xia was currently staring at Youshang who came from the Azure Spiritual World.

He knew that the person was involved in the battle against Liang Shuangren and from the information he gained from Mister Bu, Youshang was highly likely a hidden agent the Tongyou Institution sent to the Azure Spiritual World. He was worthy of Shang Xia’s trust. That was probably the reason why Youshang left on his own accord after tracking Shang Xia down the first time they met.

Even though Shang Xia knew that he was staring at someone from the Azure Spiritual World, he didn’t show any traces of panic. He was surprised, but that was it.

After hearing the hurried chirps coming from the skies, Shang Xia learned that Youshang was the backup Yan N’er found.

He couldn’t help but praise Yan Ni’er’s intellect in secret. Not only did she find him, but she also managed to discern that he was on their side.

If she messed up and brought a Martial Extermination Realm expert who was working against the Tongyou Institution over, Shang Xia would be in deep shit.

However, Youshang didn't stand on ceremony after locating Shang Xia. After confirming that Shang Xia was no longer in danger, he directly asked for the Multi World Anchoring Flag.

Shang Xia wasn't surprised that his possession of the Multi World Anchoring Flag was known to Youshang. After all, many people saw him killing Chen Sanyang the other day. It wouldn't be difficult for a Martial Extermination Realm expert like Youshang to find out even if he wasn't at the scene.

As long as anyone was careful enough and used sound reasoning, they would realize that Shang Xia obtained the Multi World Anchoring Flag.

However, he knew how important the Multi World Anchoring Flag was. No matter how much he felt that Youshang could be trusted, he wouldn't hand it over easily.

Thinking for a second, a chuckle left his lips. "Senior, what are you going to use the flag for?"

Youshang sniggered softly and stared at Shang Xia. He seemed to have seen through Shang Xia's intentions.

Shang Xia was facing immense pressure just speaking to Youshang. The other party was a Martial Extermination Realm expert, but Shang Xia held his ground regardless.

A trace of admiration flashed across Youshang's eyes after a moment of silence. He eventually explained, "I'm planning to use the flag to strengthen the protection formation around the Changfeng City. Only by doing this will we be able to disrupt the plans laid down by the White Deer Paradise."

"Senior, are you planning to obstruct the descent of their Martial Dipper Realm ancestor?" Shang Xia asked.

"Huh? How do you know about that?" A strange look replaced the look of admiration in Youshang's eyes as he addressed Shang Xia again. However, he shook his head slowly while continuing his explanation. "With Gao Yun handling the situation with the spiritual vein, there will be nothing to stop the descent of the ancestor. The only thing I can do is to weaken the strength their Martial Dipper Realm ancestor can use after arriving. At the very most, I can shorten the time they can remain in our You Continent."

A light flashed in Shang Xia's eyes and he asked, "Do you need any help?"

"Originally, That old man Bu... I mean, Mister Bu, was supposed to help me. With him in the City Lord Manor, our chances of success were better. Now that he has been dragged to the Tongyou City by Yang Hu, the only ones left for me to command are some random subordinates..." Youshang revealed a portion of their original plan to Shang Xia.

After hearing what he said, Shang Xia seemed to have thought of a group of people. “Are you talking about the remaining members of the Eighteen Horsemen? Do you know where they are now?”

Youshang sighed helplessly in response. “Yeah, probably. He told me that there are three of them in the Martial Intent Realm who can be helpful and the others are in the Martial Extremity Realm. Hmph, damn brat, do you believe me now?”

Shang Xia flicked his wrist and tossed the flag over to the Martial Extermination Realm expert before asking, “Is there any way I can help?”

“You?” Youshang glanced at Shang Xia from the corner of his eye as he played with the Multi World Anchoring Flag. He was slightly surprised by Shang Xia’s willingness to help. “Have you completed your third divine sense transformation? How many moves did you come up with for your Providence Spear Art?”

“I just created and comprehended my seventh move...” Shang Xia muttered.

“Hiss....” Youshang nodded with satisfaction. “Looks like you can be a little useful. However, all we can do is disrupt their plans slightly. You won’t be able to do too much. Even if you’re not available, our plan won’t be affected by much. Moreover, you obtained the Multi World Anchoring Flag. It would greatly turn the tide in our favor, even if it’s not much against a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise. You made a great contribution to the institution and there might not be a need for you to take part in the next phase...”

Who would have thought that another idea would appear in Shang Xia’s mind after hearing what Youshang said? “What if... What if I have a plan to affect the spiritual vein under the Changfeng City?!”

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As the spatial tunnel connecting the Tongyou Institution to the battlefield started to close, the world origins and energy that was produced by the Origin Tide started to die down.

The protection formation around the city popped at that moment as the Martial Extermination Realm experts from the various powers entered the city.

There were nine Martial Extermination Realm experts on the side of the institution in the city at that moment. They quickly retreated to surround the Tongyou Mysterious World in order to prevent the enemies from intruding on the Tongyou Mysterious World.

Of course, they were there as a preventive measure. Even if their enemies managed to breach their defensive line, they wouldn’t be able to enter the Tongyou Mysterious World however they liked. The mysterious world that formed possessed some form of defense, and one could argue that the protection barrier around the Tongyou Mysterious World was slightly stronger than the protection barrier around the Tongyou City.

A sudden change occurred at that moment. The spatial tunnel that was closing seemed to freeze in place as the closing process slowed down significantly.

Liu Qinglan and Kang Ci seemed to receive a secret transmission at the same time. They quickly flew towards the spatial tunnel after ditching their opponents.

With two less Martial Extermination Realm experts from the institution, the pressure immediately increased. Liu Zhiyuan and Han Chongwei spat out a mouthful of blood under the relentless attacks from their attackers.

“What the fuck are you doing?! Are the members of the institution going to be the first ones to run?!” Han Chongwei roared with anger.

Yu Chengjin sent a ray of sword light over to force Han Chongwei’s opponent back before growling, “Don’t go spouting bullshit!”

As soon as the words left Yu Chenjin’s mouth, a deep grunt came from the spatial barrier and another torrent of energy rushed into the Tongyou Mysterious World.

“The experts from the other world are coming! The Tongyou Institution have their hands full and it’s the best time to destroy the Tongyou Mysterious World!”

Someone yelled as the battle grew in intensity yet again.

Yu Chenjin grunted coldly and his voice resounded in the ears of those present. “All of us are from the Azure Origin World. Are we really going to lower ourselves to side with the outsiders against members of our world?”

“What a joke! Do you look like you have our Azure Origin World’s interests at heart? If we’re really talking about fighting the outsiders, give up on the Tongyou Mysterious World right now. I’ll immediately head through the spatial tunnel to fight those assholes from the other world!”

“The Taihang Swordsman is right!”

“If you are willing to back your words up, give up on the Tongyou Mysterious World. I’ll go fight the experts from the other world if you do!”

“Hehe, you bastards from the Tongyou Institution are probably colluding with those from the Azure Spiritual World. Do you think we’re stupid? The collision of our worlds was a massive plot by you guys. The so-called Evil Remnants are merely those you push the blame to. The Tongyou Institution is the one who’s colluding with those from the other world!”

“Yeah!”

As vicious accusations were thrown about, Wei Zhongwen brought up the issue once again. “The Mysterious World has already formed. Why are you still absorbing energy from the Origin Tide?”

Shang Ke felt that things were going south and he quickly tried to soothe the situation. “Brother Wei, what do you mean by that?”

“Hmph, just as I thought! Your Tongyou Institution is trying to rise to the same level as a holy land by absorbing our Azure Origin World’s world origin!” Wei Zhongwen ignored Shang Ke’s attempt and yelled loudly.

With the topic brought up once again and with emotions running high, the experts defending the Tongyou Mysterious World hesitated slightly, allowing their enemies to catch an opening to slam a massive offensive into the barrier around the Tongyou Mysterious World.

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Shang Xia led Youshang back to the opening of the underground river he plugged up earlier.

Walking around the mountain of rocks Shang Xia piled on the opening, Youshang tutted in amazement. “Damn... You even managed to locate an opening to the underground river that contains the spiritual vein under the Changfeng City. This luck...”

Youshang eventually shook his head in disbelief.

Ignoring the man, Shang Xia asked, “Senior, is it possible to locate the spiritual vein by following this underground river and destroy it to stop the descent of their Martial Dipper Realm ancestor?”

Youshang shook his head and muttered in a strange tone. “Of course we can’t destroy the spiritual vein! Wouldn’t that mean that we’ll destroy the foundations of the Changfeng City? Moreover, it’s extremely likely that the spiritual vein has already nurtured a strand of extermination origin...”

“What should we do then?” Shang Xia frowned.

Turning to stare at Shang Xia suddenly, a crafty smile formed on Youshang’s face. “Kid, go big or go home?”

An uneasy feeling crept up Shang Xia’s heart when he saw the look on Youshang’s face. Before he could say anything, an object flew towards him.

Grabbing it, Shang Xia saw that it was a pearl that had faint signs of water swirling about inside. It looked really familiar and he felt that he used it somewhere before.

“That’s a Water Repulsion Pearl.” Youshang explained. “Gao Yun laid down his formation and it covers the spiritual vein. The moment you approach the spirit cave, he’ll be able to discover your presence. If you fail to destroy it immediately, we won’t be able to stop the activation of the formation and a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor will descend. When that happens, we’ll probably be killed with a single slap.”

“So... Hehe, you can only make your move after the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor descends. While I hold those pesky fools back back with the protection formation and the Multi World Anchoring Flag, do what you need to do!” The smile on Youshang’s face grew wider.

“Holding them back? Is it possible to do something like that? That’s a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor we’re talking about!” Shang Xia gasped. “Did Ji Wenlong enter the Martial Dipper Realm?!”

“Hehehehehe.” A sinister chuckle left Youshang’s lips and he chose to ignore Shang Xia’s question. “Damn kid, just follow my command!”