

## The Heavens 321

### Chapter 321: Descent

Whether or not the Tongyou Institution would try to upgrade themselves to a holy land wasn't something that could be discerned so easily. However, Wei Zhongwen was the one who said it! That was an elder of the White Deer Paradise! He was from a holy land himself, and the other experts could only choose to treat it a little more seriously.

Han Zhongwen merely brought it up again. Since he planted the thought in their minds earlier, they would think about it if the Tongyou Institution kept it up.

After all, the Tongyou Institution was truly making a huge scene. They widened the tunnel and schemed to obtain the world origin from both the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World.

As time passed and no other treasures emerged from the creation of the Tongyou Mysterious World, people were starting to get suspicious.

The bottom line the other institutions had was that the Tongyou Institution couldn't upgrade themselves to a holy land. The moment they did, the spatial barrier around the You Continent would be too weak to prevent intrusions from the Azure Spiritual World due to the sheer amount of energy they would drain from the world origin.

When that happened, the battlefield between two worlds that was connected to the Qing, Bing, Liang, and Shu Continents would experience a terrifying change. Since they weren't prepared, they would probably face extermination.

With the slight hesitation, attacks slammed into the Tongyou Mysterious World. The protection barrier around it trembled violently.

"Everyone, our Tongyou Institution is not trying to ascend to a holy land. We're trying to close the spatial tunnel as we speak!" Liu Zhiyuan yelled. Due to the slight distraction, he was struck by the Fourth Lady of the Liu Family of the Ji Continent. He spat out a mouthful of blood.

Luckily, the Tongyou Institution's allies from the other four institutions wouldn't remain impassive. They quickly regained focus to protect the Tongyou Mysterious World.

Throwing out their final warnings, the elders of the various institutions continued to hold back the attackers. However, they were clearly putting in much less effort than before.

Shang Ke couldn't help but yell in response, "Everyone, please assist us in crossing the last hurdle. If anyone enters the Tongyou Mysterious World, it might agitate the Origin Tide and force it to continue."

A weird cackle came from their opponents. "Heh, wouldn't that fulfill your wish and help you to ascend to a holy land?"

"Bullshit!" Shang Ke was forced back by Ye Sishuang, the Harmonious River Master. However, he mustered his strength and roared, "Do you think it's that easy to ascend to a holy land without a Martial Dipper Realm expert to hold the fort?"

“Heh, so... Ji Wenlong is trying to enter the Martial Dipper Realm for you to accomplish your goals. Am I right?” Another loud roar rang through the skies, but it was rudely interrupted by a loud blast from the southwest. The faces of the Martial Extermination Realm experts who were fighting changed.

They didn't need to say a word to know what happened. A terrifying streak of jade green light dyed the skies as a huge pillar of light tore into the heavens. It transformed into a giant claw in mid air and seemed to cross space to strike at the Tongyou Mysterious World. The Martial Extermination Realm experts in the way quickly dodged to the side.

“How can there be a Martial Dipper Realm expert there?!”

“Who?!”

Those from the Tongyou Institution weren't the only ones who were shocked. Those who came to attack the Tongyou Mysterious World were equally surprised. All of them stared at each other in disbelief.

To form various items and actions with the heaven and earth qi was something Martial Extermination Realm experts were capable of. Even some outstanding cultivators could do it when they were in the Martial Intent Realm. However, the claw that appeared seemed to transcend space to strike at the Tongyou Mysterious World. Only Martial Dipper Realm experts were capable of something like that.

Only with their fate dipper could they achieve something like that!

The protection formation around the Tongyou Mysterious World that held strong even after several rounds of bombardment earlier showed signs of cracking when the claw smashed into it.

The shockwave that resulted flattened a third of the Tongyou City!

That was the might of a Martial Dipper Realm expert! That was a true Martial Dipper Realm expert who had the ability to think! They were existences who could destroy an entire continent if they wished!

Even though the Tongyou Mysterious World looked strong, it was no longer the magnificent existence in their eyes a moment ago.

Due to the blow earlier, the Tongyou Mysterious World shrunk and a large amount of world origin was forced out of it. Those scattered world origin either nurtured some worldly treasures or turned into pure heaven and earth qi that filled the lands.

“Haha! What are we waiting for? Since a Martial Dipper Realm expert has arrived, we'll just follow their lead!”

Riches and honor came with risks. Even though a Martial Dipper Realm expert came, many of them still started to race towards the precious treasures that appeared.

Right as the claw was about to swipe at the Tongyou Mysterious World again, a burst of light emerged from inside. It dyed the space inside the mysterious world with its magnificent hues.

At the same time, Shang Ke and the other experts of the Tongyou Institution seemed to receive a secret transmission at the same time as they retreated into the Tongyou Mysterious World simultaneously.

Those who came to attack the institution backed away in fright. However, there were some greedy ones who hesitated slightly as they contemplated if they should continue vying for the treasures that were scattered all about.

In an instant, a four colored light created a massive blade that sundered the palm of the claw above the Tongyou Mysterious World. It followed up by slashing towards the southwestern direction, sealing off the space the claw traveled through.

“Bang...” With the path of its energy transmission sealed, the claw couldn’t support itself. It started to scatter and the energy sent several Martial Extermination Realm experts flying. Two of them were too close to the blast and they suffered serious injuries.

“Martial Dipper! The Tongyou Institution also has a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor!” A few of those who were flying through the air yelled.

Only Martial Dipper Realm experts could fight against those at the same level.

“Kou Chongxue...”

A name that was more terrifying than any other Martial Dipper Realm expert those present could think of flashed through their minds. However, someone else quickly revealed the truth.

“No, that isn’t Kou Chongxue!”

Kou Chongxue didn’t use a blade.

Earlier, the claw was cut in two by a blade made from heaven and earth qi. There was only one super expert in the Tongyou Institution who used blades.

“Ji Wenlong managed to enter the Martial Dipper Realm?!” Yang Hu yelled in shock.

“Nope, not yet.” The person who was ‘holding’ Yang Hu back was Wei Zhongwen of the White Deer Paradise, and the two of them were putting up quite a good show.

“But... That seemed like an attack from an expert in the Martial Dipper Realm!” Yang Hu gasped. He was clearly regretting his decision to side with the White Deer Paradise.

Things had already exceeded his expectations. The moment the blade appeared earlier, Yang Hu was starting to waver.

Wei Zhongwen allowed a strong attack from Yang Hu to shoot by him before releasing a palm strike to ‘force’ Yang Hu to retreat before sneering, “What’s wrong? City Lord Yang, are you afraid?”

Snorting in response, Yang Hu became a lot more serious when fighting Wei Zhongwen.

A mocking smile crept up Wei Zhongwen's face and he explained, "He's able to unleash that attack because of the assistance of the world origin. Hehe, the Martial Dipper Realm expert who attacked is unable to fully cross over to the You Continent. Otherwise..."

A chilly sword light appeared to assist Yang Hu as Mister Bu's voice rang in their ears, "Heh, from the looks of it, Ji Wenlong doesn't look exhausted from the exchange. He's a lot stronger than we expected."

Wei Zhongwen gave Mister Bu a deep glance before snorting coldly, "I heard that the institution managed to obtain a portion of Zhu Tong's fate dipper when he was killed. Holding on for a period of time shouldn't be difficult for Ji Wenong."

Mister Bu increased the intensity of his attacks while asking, "Elder Wei, do you know who the Martial Dipper Realm expert who just attacked is?"

"I might not know who it is, but I'm sure the attack came from the Bing Continent. It's definitely related to the Yanmen Institution."

As if on cue, Yu Hanglong and Chang Huaiwu turned around and charged at the barrier around the Tongyou Mysterious World in unison.

"What are you doing?!" Shang Ke roared. Before he could move out of the Tongyou Mysterious World to intercept them, Ye Sishuang stopped him.

Seeing as they were closing in on the Tongyou Mysterious World, a ray of sword light slashed towards them.

"Hmph, I knew something was wrong with the two of you. Who would have thought that you were part of the Evil Remnants?" Yu Chengjin of the Jianmen Institution appeared suddenly. He blocked Guo Baofeng of the Ji Continent with one hand while stopping the two of them with the other. His frightening strength was revealed at that moment. "So... You Haibiao died in your hands!"

Chang Huaiwu's expression was ugly as could be. He didn't think that his identity had already been under scrutiny by the others. Even their meticulous plan was stopped by Yu Chengjin just as they started its execution.

"Heh, dumbass..." Wei Zhongwen had his back towards the Tongyou Mysterious World, but he seemed to have seen through everything. "Anyway, haven't they all thought of something else? How can there only be Martial Extermination Realm experts in charge of the protection of the mysterious world? Have no one thought of where the Martial Intent and Martial Extremity Realm disciples of the Tongyou Institution went?"

Yang Hu's expression sank again. "Are they laying down a formation?"

"The Zhu Family used to own the Mysterious Coral World. There should be a massive control center that houses the grand protection formation. It's a separate space and the lower leveled cultivators should all be gathered there to maintain the formation

while the Martial Extermination Realm experts deal with the high-leveled battles outside.

“What do we do now?” Yang Hu asked anxiously.

“So... The key to breaking the entire situation lies in my hands!” Wei Zhongwen turned around abruptly to stare at the Tongyou Mysterious World.

Yang Hu and Mister Bu stopped their attacks and stood behind him silently.

“The Tongyou Institution won’t expect this. The Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Yanmen Institution isn’t the only one who chose to interfere. Hehe. There’s another ready to strike!”

Chapter 322: Here’s Johnny

In the air above the Tongyou Mysterious World, Ji Wenlong’s figure appeared to battle the Martial Dipper Realm expert who was sending his powers across the continents.

Huge rifts in the earth that spanned hundreds and thousands of miles formed in the earth due to their battle. A huge gorge that tore through the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range formed.

The battle directly turned half the Tongyou City into rubble. The Martial Extermination Realm experts of the other continents who were trying to destroy the Tongyou Mysterious World earlier spared no strength to try to burrow their way into the mysterious world now to hide behind the protection barrier.

Members of the institution were trying their best to stop those attempts, but there were too many of them. Even with the lower-leveled cultivators maintaining the protection barrier, countless holes were torn in it.

With the number of formation masters controlling the protection formation, the barrier managed to restore itself quickly. However, a large amount of world origin would flow out of the mysterious world whenever holes were torn in the barrier.

All of a sudden, Wei Zhongwen, who was fighting Yang Hu, turned around to attack the barrier.

He was an elder of the White Deer Paradise who was at the third layer of the Martial Extermination Realm. His attack tore a huge hole through the protection barrier as world origin and pure heaven and earth qi flowed out like water out a broken dam.

“Wei Zhongwen, what the hell are you doing?!” Han Chongwei clearly didn’t expect Wei Zhongwen to act against them, and he roared with anger.

Ignoring Han Chongwei, Wei Zhongwen raised his hand to release another attack.

All of a sudden, Mister Bu, who had remained motionless beside Yang Hu, sent a powerful strike towards Wei Zhongwen’s back.

Wei Zhongwen seemed to be ignorant of the fact as he continued to attack the barrier.

Mister Bu's actions seemed to catch him by surprise. If his attack landed, Wei Zhongwen would suffer serious injuries due to the lack of preparations. However, Yang Hu reacted quickly. He punched towards Mister Bu with his extermination origins wrapped around his fists.

If Mister Bu refused to pull back and followed through with his attack, he would be struck by Yang Hu!

It was possible for him to retreat immediately to avoid being surrounded by two third layer Martial Extermination Realm experts. Both Yang Hu and Wei Zhongwen were powerful experts who far surpassed Mister Bu. At the end of the day, Mister Bu was a mere first layer Martial Extermination Realm expert.

However, Mister Bu didn't take the chance to escape. He was going to allow Yang Hu's fist to land on him as he continued his attack.

It was clearly an unequal exchange.

One had to know that with Wei Zhongwen's cultivation and physique, he wouldn't be completely crippled if Mister Bu struck him. He might suffer internal injuries and suffer a reduction in fighting abilities, but he would be fine otherwise.

Once Yang Hu's fist struck him, he would be heavily injured!

Even so, Mister Bu didn't pull back.

"Bang!"

"Ah!"

A grunt and a huge explosion rang through the air in unison.

Wei Zhongwen grunted heavily as he felt a mouthful of blood rising in his chest. He tumbled through the air and his appearance was slightly affected.

However, Mister Bu suffered a fate several times worse. Yang Hu's punch landed on the left side of his body, shattering several ribs in the process. He spat out a mouthful of blood as he was sent flying into the distance. He struggled to regain his footing.

"Hehe... When did those from the Rose Party start to side with the institution?" Wei Zhongwen growled as a sinister light flashed through his eyes.

Both himself and Yang Hu had already started to suspect Mister Bu, but it seemed as though his calculations were a little off. He didn't expect Mister Bu to ignore Yang Hu to land a strike on him.

A strange expression appeared on Yang Hu's face and he snapped at Mister Bu, "Who are you? Really..."

Snorting, Mister Bu wanted to say something else but he coughed up a mouthful of black blood before he could do so. The blood froze in mid air before it could fall to the ground below.

"Kill him!" Wei Zhongwen ordered after seeing that Mister Bu had lost all combat abilities. He didn't care about the man's true identity at all. After throwing the order out to Yang Hu, he continued to move towards the protection barrier around the Tongyou Mysterious World.

A look of suspicion appeared on Yang Hu's face as he soared over to where Mister Bu was. "No matter what, you've assisted me for the past few years. If you wanted to harm me, there were many opportunities you could have done it. Why now?"

Mister Bu seemed to have caught his breath after spitting out the mouthful of blood. He chuckled lightly and sighed, "No matter what, the Changfeng City is the only remaining city in our You Continent. There aren't many native cultivators of the You Continent left. I was planning to help you strengthen the Changfeng City before assisting you to cooperate with the institution to make our You Continent stronger. Alas, you chose to side with the White Deer Paradise."

Falling silent for a moment, Yang Hu sighed, "All of us have our considerations..."

Mister Bu seemed to have used up all his energy by speaking, but he seemed incomparably calm.

Yang Hu was slightly distracted for a moment, but he quickly snapped back to attention. "One last question. Who exactly are you?"

Before Mister Bu could say anything, Yang Hu snapped, "Don't give me that bullshit about being part of the Rose Party. I won't believe it. What exactly is your relationship with the Tongyou Institution?"

Struggling to keep his eyes open, Mister Bu wanted to reply. He was interrupted by the scene playing out behind Yang Hu. In a fit of anger, blood rushed up his face and it twisted with rage.

"Rip!" Another tear formed in the barrier, and it was something those lower leveled cultivators wouldn't be able to close in a short amount of time. It was definitely something that would cause long lasting damage to the Tongyou Mysterious World.

After Mister Bu was seriously injured, Han Zhongwen used a special art from the White Deer Paradise to tear a giant gash in the protection barrier of the mysterious world. It was a tear that would require several days to seal up.

A torrential amount of energy poured out from the gap as Wei Zhongwen summoned his martial exterminations. A three colored vortex formed as it sucked in the energy and world origin greedily.

Chapter 323: Here's Johnny Actually

After a cultivator entered the Martial Extermination Realm, their cultivation would experience a fundamental transformation.

The reason behind the transformation was due to the fusion between the cultivator's extermination origin and the world itself.

An obvious effect of the metamorphosis was that Martial Extermination Realm experts could fly through the air. They could also interact with the heaven and earth origin of the world.

Of course, they could also receive inheritances. Especially for those in holy lands. They had Martial Dipper Realm ancestors standing over their heads and they didn't lack Martial Dipper Realm inheritances...

Other than those inheritances, the Martial Extermination Realm experts of those holy lands could also receive special secret arts that were custom-made for them according to the special properties of their extermination origins.

As an elder of the White Deer Paradise, Wei Zhongwen managed to receive the teachings of a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor. That was how he comprehended the secret art he used on the Tongyou Mysterious World.

When ordinary Martial Extermination Realm experts struck the protection barrier around the Tongyou Mysterious World, the gap would close up quickly due to the interference of the formation masters within. Heaven and earth qi and world origin might escape, but compared to the amount the Tongyou Mysterious World took in earlier, it was barely considered anything.

However, things were different when Wei Zhongwen used his secret art. It corroded the protection barrier, making it extremely difficult to close up again.

The world origin that the Tongyou Mysterious World absorbed earlier gushed out violently.

With a burst of maniacal laughter, Wei Zhongwen opened his arms to bathe in the torrent of world origin.

When Yang Hu wanted to do the same, he discovered something wrong. Opening his mouth, he released an enraged roar in a certain direction. As the sound wave rocked through the air, a masked figure who was several dozen feet away was forced out of the space he was hiding in.

“Who goes there?!” Yang Hu felt that anyone who could be hiding around him had to be an enemy. Without hesitation, he revealed his extermination origins. Three strands of extermination origin pulsed around him and quickly formed a giant tiger. Surprisingly, the tiger only had one eye. It released a soundless roar before pouncing at the masked figure who appeared.

The masked figure was charging at Yang Hu when he was revealed, but he decided to turn to run once the tiger had formed in the air.

Yang Hu’s roar attracted a lot of attention. Who would have thought that the masked figure would leave without fighting?

Yang Hu was unable to guess the other person’s intentions, but when he finally snapped back to reality, he discovered that Mister Bu had already disappeared.

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Just a second ago, Mister Bu was on his last breath. Who would have thought that the heavily injured Mister Bu would disappear all of a sudden?

Is he dead?

Yang Hu thought to himself and a frown appeared on his face. Thinking deeper into the matter, he realized that the masked cultivator had appeared to save Mister Bu!

Who could it be?!

For someone to hoodwink Yang Hu and save someone under his nose, he had to be a Martial Extermination Realm cultivator!

When Mister Bu attacked Wei Zhongwen earlier, he already revealed his identity as an ally of the Tongyou Institution. There was only one other explanation. The masked cultivator was a Martial Extermination Realm cultivator from the Tongyou Institution!

However, that brought another question. Why would the masked cultivator save Mister Bu at the last second? He didn't make his move earlier to interfere with the battle but appeared at the last second to save a dying man.

Even though there were many suspicions in his mind, Yang Hu wasn't able to act on them. Mister Bu was gone, but he had too many things to do.

The Tongyou Institution wouldn't sit by idly and watch as the world origin poured out of the Tongyou Mysterious World to be absorbed by Wei Zhongwen. They would definitely try to launch an attack to affect Wei Zhongwen in any way they could.

Many of the Martial Extermination Realm experts who came to attack the Tongyou Mysterious World flocked towards Wei Zhongwen when they saw the huge amount of world origin around him.

Yang Hu received instructions from Wei Zhongwen earlier to protect him during the time he was absorbing the world origin and to stop those who would try to interfere with his business. As such, he quickly leaped into action to fight those who were approaching.

When that was happening, another terrifying change happened in the direction of the Changfeng City. The skies that had lost its color earlier from the destructive battle experienced another change. It was as though a massive sun had descended upon the lands.

A streak of light appeared above the Changfeng City and stretched towards the Tongyou City, forming a heavenly bridge.

Seeing as the bridge was about to land on the Tongyou Mysterious World, Ji Wenlong, who was fighting the spirit projection of the other Martial Dipper Realm expert from the southwestern direction created a huge blade of heaven and earth qi before slamming it down onto the bridge.

"Does the White Deer Paradise wish to interfere with the matters of our You Continent?" Ji Wenlong roared.

Before the blade could crash into the bridge, a figure could be seen strolling casually towards the Tongyou City.

"You Continent? Hmph, the You Continent should have been destroyed twenty years ago." A smile appeared on the newcomer's face and he casually raised his fingers to meet Ji Wenlong's blade. The powerful blade that contained endless might was stopped dead in its tracks.

Ji Wenlong wasn't a Martial Dipper Realm expert to begin with. He was using the power contained in the Tongyou Mysterious World to resist the spirit projection from the Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Bing Continent.

Now that he was distracted, a jade green light flashed across his body, tearing a swathe of energy from the Mysterious Tongyou World.

Ji Wenlong regained his focus as he shattered the ray of jade green light before regaining a part of the energy it was attempting to take away.

Only then, the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise spoke. "Hehe, looks like I'm not the only one here."

“Hmph, likewise...” A deep voice rang through the skies, and even though no one could tell the direction it came from, they knew that the person who replied to the ancestor of the White Deer Paradise was the Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Bing Continent.

In the time it took for them to exchange pleasantries, the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor from the White Deer Paradise had already appeared beside Wei Zhongwen. He also managed to control the rose-colored bridge that he summoned to land beside the region where Wei Zhongwen was absorbing the world origin that was leaking out of the Tongyou Mysterious World.

As soon as the end of the rose-colored bridge was formed, Wei Zhongwen leaped out from the huge tide of world origin. “Disciple greets Ancestor Yun Lu!”

Ancestor Yun Lu nodded slightly. “You did well this time! I appreciate what you have done. In the future, you’ll definitely enter the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm!”

A look of excitement appeared on Wei Zhongwen’s face as he replied, “Ancestor, this disciple only carried out your plan. I only managed to accomplish this with your guidance.”

Ancestor Yun Lu nodded yet again, and his gaze landed on Yang Hu who was right beside them. “You must be Yang Hu from the Changfeng City.”

Bowing immediately, Yang Hu didn’t dare to show the slightest disrespect. Wei Zhongwen’s voice rang through the air before he could say anything. “Replying to Ancestor Yun Lu, this is indeed City Lord Yang Hu. He was a crucial part of our success this time!”

Even though he was an expert at the third layer Martial Extermination Realm, Yang Hu felt his mind going blank. He didn’t know what to say to Ancestor Yun Lu.

“That’s good.” Ancestor Yun Lu muttered before turning to ignore Yang Hu completely.

Even though he heaved a sigh of relief, Yang Hu felt a sense of dissatisfaction rising in his heart after noting Ancestor Yun Lu’s nonchalance.

When he was still stuck in a state of confusion over his feelings, Wei Zhongwen arrived beside him. “Brother Yang, I need you to protect the bridge with me.”

Even though Yang Hu didn’t know why he needed to do so with Ancestor Yun Lu present, he knew better than to question Wei Zhongwen’s command at that point. A smile returned to his face and he replied, “Naturally. I’ll do as you say.”

The conversation between the two barely ended when Yang Hu discovered that the world origin around them had been sucked completely dry. In fact, the bridge was extending into the gap to forcefully absorb the world origin and heaven and earth qi contained in the Tongyou Mysterious World.

Chapter 324: Underground Spiritual Vein

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Outside the Changfeng City in the depths of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range...

After giving Shang Xia the Water Repulsion Pearl and leaving behind a few sets of instructions, Youshang left him behind and rushed back to the Changfeng City.

According to Youshang's calculations, Shang Xia had turned into the key to destroying the White Deer Paradise's plans. That might be the case, but he would be taking on the greatest risk. Not only would he have to distract Gao Yun when he returned, but he would also have to take the risk of being killed by the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise at any time!

When Shang Xia heard the plan earlier, he found it a little surprising. Youshang was a cultivator from the Azure Spiritual World regardless. Who would have thought that he would place his life on the line for the Tongyou Institution?

Shang Xia was so shocked that he brought up the stupidest suggestion in his life. "Senior, why don't you stay here while I return to the city?"

Staring at Shang Xia like he was looking at the biggest clown in the Azure Origin World and asked, "Are you going to fight Gao Yun when you get back to buy time for me?"

Coughing drying in response, Shang Xia paused for a good minute to reflect on his stupidity before speaking. "If I stay here, how would I know when to head into the underground river to carry out the plan?"

"Relax. When their Martial Dipper Realm ancestor descends, the commotion they will create will be massive. That will be your signal to carry out the plan."

After he spoke, Youshang felt that he said enough. He turned into a streak of light that left Shang Xia behind as he flew back to the city.

Watching Youshang disappear into the horizon, Shang Xia frowned. There was nothing for him to do while waiting. Plopping his butt down on a giant rock nearby, Shang Xia started to circulate his inner qi. He exhausted a huge amount of it earlier and there was no better time to recover. He also started reflecting on the battle before.

There was also the matter of his third divine sense transformation. He also had to digest the gains he received after the transformation and refine his seventh move.

Even though he experienced his third divine sense transformation during the battle earlier and seemed to turn the tides of battle easily, the situation was much more dangerous than actually described.

If not for his already sturdy foundations and accumulations, he might not have been able to complete his third divine sense transformation so quickly and easily!

Feeling the changes to his divine sense, he discovered that the greatest improvement to it was the degree of fusion to the heaven and earth qi around him. He could use it to a greater degree by manipulating a larger amount of heaven and earth qi. He could also imbue his inner qi into them.

The feeling was exceptionally clear when he unleashed Celestial Disruption earlier. If he had to rank and explain his spear technique and the moves he came up with, he would say that the first three moves allowed him to show off his exquisite technique while possessing many strong killing properties. The following three moves were more combat-oriented, and they allowed him to kill his enemies effectively. His seventh move, 'Celestial Disruption', didn't fall into either category

perfectly. Instead, it focused more on the spiritual aspect. It was an extremely powerful move that also allowed him to tear his opponent's divine sense apart!

He couldn't help but think about Shang Bo's title as the Soul Tearing Spear. Shang Bo seemed to have gained his title after comprehending his seventh move, 'Tearing Soul'.

The power contained in Shang Bo's seventh spear was unquestionable. But from the name, it wasn't difficult to imagine the damage he could cause to his opponent's divine sense. After all, one's divine sense was related to one's soul.

The next thing to flash across Shang Xia's mind was Shang Ke's title as the Suspended Spear. With his newfound comprehension, he realized that Shang Ke's title was more of a mockery by his opponents. Since Shang Ke only managed to come up with five moves due to his limited comprehension of the Providence Spear Art, they were probably mocking the fact that his technique couldn't really be considered strong. Of course, it wasn't that weak either, thus the name 'suspended'. His comprehension wasn't high nor low, and it could only be considered to be suspended somewhere.

That was proven by the fact that Shang Ke's strength wasn't comparable to Shang Bo.

Next, Shang Xia thought back to the times he saw Shang Ke fighting. If he had to be truly critical, Shang Xia felt that he was already a match for a Martial Intent Realm Shang Ke before he experienced his third divine sense transformation. A wave of anxiety struck Shang Xia after realizing the fact. He discovered how risky his actions were when he handed the Fantasy Spiritual Pearl Shang Ke.

With Shang Ke's weak foundations back in the Mountain and Sea Fantasy Spiritual World, it was truly a miracle that he managed to break through to the Martial Extermination Realm!

There was nothing more to say since Shang Ke successfully entered the Martial Extermination Realm and became a second pillar of strength for the Shang Clan. However, Shang Xia was still feeling a tinge of guilt.

After finally getting over his feelings, he continued to ponder over his gains in the previous battles. God knew how long had passed when he finally felt a change in his surroundings.

With his eyes snapping open, Shang Xia noticed that the entire mountain range seemed to have come to life. The earth was shifting as a deep rumbling came from down below.

Suppressing the shock in his heart, Shang Xia steadied his breathing.

When he was able to think clearly again, Shang Xia discovered that the boulder he was sitting on was vibrating slightly.

"Not good... It's the underground river!" He discovered the source of danger the next second. The changes happening to the mountain range had something to do with the underground river! The river seemed to have experienced some agitation and it was flowing much more violently than before. According to what he learned from Mister Bu and Youshang, along with the inferences he had after hearing the conversation between Gao Yun and Wei Zhongwen, Shang Xia knew that the

underground river containing the spiritual vein was a key to the descent of the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise.

He might not know the exact method the ancestor was using to appear on the You Continent, but there was no doubt about it. The underground river was going to play a key part in it!

Moreover, the descent of a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise would greatly affect Shang Xia! If things were to go ugly, he wouldn't be able to keep his life!

Realizing the severity of the situation, he regulated his breathing again before transforming his inner qi according to the dao of weight. He filled himself with heavy qi before pressing himself down on the boulder he was on.

The boulder was heavy to begin with, and with Shang Xia's addition, it managed to remain in place. It resisted the pressure building up from the underground river and its attempt to burst out into the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. After all, he couldn't allow Gao Yun to discover any anomalies before they carried out their plan.

With Shang Xia's interference, the boulder sank several inches into the ground.

Before he could heave a sigh of relief, an even stronger blast came from down below. He knew it wasn't an illusion when the mountain range started trembling before his eyes.

The sound that came from the underground river increased in volume as the boulder below him started shaking frantically. Something was moving closer and closer towards him, and it was moving extremely quickly!

Could it be... Could it be the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise?!

Shang Xia's eyes widened in fright.

As the sound got closer and closer, it got so loud that Shang Xia nearly lost his hearing. He felt the trembling under him getting more and more intense as the boulder started to bounce up and down.

Furiously circulating his inner qi and transforming it to possess the properties of weight, Shang Xia couldn't think of anything else.

As the deafening rumble reached its peak, Shang Xia felt something traveling through the underground river at a terrifying speed. He was too scared to speak, but he could tell that something was moving quickly towards the Changfeng City.

Discovering that his back had been drenched in his perspiration, Shang Xia quickly leaped off the boulder. Before he could hit the ground, the boulder exploded into countless pieces.

Chapter 325: Underground Spiritual Vein (cont)

His expression turned ugly as the boulder exploded into tiny fragments. He knew that a massive geyser would shoot up into the air without the boulder to stop the river's flow now that there wasn't anything to stop it.

Contrary to his expectations, the geyser that he predicted to appear didn't. That wasn't all. The water barely trickled out from the opening.

Even though Shang Xia didn't know what just happened, his instincts told him that the disturbance was caused by the descent of the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise.

Even though he didn't know the exact method the ancestor used to appear in the You Continent, he knew that it had something to do with the reduction in the amount of water in the underground river.

After thinking about it, Shang Xia decided that finding another boulder to block the underground river was useless. Instead, he widened the hole.

The amount of water coming from underground had returned to the level when Shang Xia first discovered it. The extermination mist that was emitted by the water was also nowhere to be seen any longer.

When Shang Xia was pondering over what Youshang told him and thought if he should carry out the plan and dive into the underground river, he heard a massive explosion coming from above.

Raising his head, he stared at the rose-color dyed skies that was starting to create a bridge towards the north.

The origin of the rose-colored skies was somewhere Shang Xia was familiar with. It was where he had been living recently, the Changfeng City. However, he was even more familiar with the direction the rose-colored bridge was headed.

If he wasn't mistaken, the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise made his arrival in Changfeng City before heading north towards the Tongyou City!

The last bits of hesitation flew out of Shang Xia's mind as he widened the opening of the underground river even more. However, he chose to wait a little longer just to be safe.

After the time it took half a stick of incense to burn, Shang Xia discovered that there were no energy fluctuations coming from any direction. The only thing he could see was the rose-colored bridge in the distance becoming more and more solid.

He truly had no idea when was the best time to take action. The arrival of a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor brought along with it a massive disturbance. However, a fight between Martial Extermination Realm experts might not be able to reach him. After all, those in the Changfeng City didn't discover the battle between Liang Shuangren and the others in the depths of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range either.

Shang Xia didn't know when Youshang would make his move. He could only estimate the time and rely on his instincts.

With a multitude of thoughts running through his mind, Shang Xia decided to widen the opening even more before doing anything.

Stabbing deep with his Scarlet Star Spear, Shang Xia removed as much mud and sludge as he could.

Ensuring time and time again that he would be able to fit through the opening, Shang Xia noticed that the amount of water pouring out from the opening had increased once again. Unfortunately, there wasn't an obvious change.

Retracting his spear, Shang Xia was deciding between diving into the underground river and waiting a little more when a brilliant radiance lit up the skies in the north.

Raising his head to take a look, he saw a gray light surrounding the rose-colored bridge.

He didn't find the gray light foreign at all. He experienced the eruption of an Origin Tide back in the battlefield between the two worlds and had seen something similar.

With the appearance of the gray light, the rose-colored bridge became even more sturdy. Shang Xia quickly understood what was going on. The bridge was a medium for the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise to suck away energy from the Tongyou Institution!

At the same time, he realized that the underground river wasn't just a simple body of water. It might be a way for the White Deer Paradise to send the energy back to their holy land!

With the gray light slowly traveling towards the Changfeng City, Gao Yun made use of the formation he laid down several days before to channel the energy he had received. The underground river started to swell once again, and Shang Xia started to see a dense layer of mist emerging from the surface of the water.

No longer hesitating, Shang Xia dived into the opening. His Origin True Qi filled his body as he sank deeper. He didn't use the Water Repulsion Pearl the moment he entered the water. He located the general direction leading towards the Changfeng City before bringing out the pearl.

No longer fighting the flow of the river, Shang Xia eventually found an opening in a rock face not too far away and burrowed his way into it. A long narrow passageway appeared before him.

Seeing that the river had widened, Shang Xia knew that he had arrived at the main body of the underground river.

When Shang Xia estimated the amount of water flowing through the underground river earlier, he thought that the underground river would fill the entirety of the space it was in. However, it seemed as though the underground cavern that contained the river was barely half full!

After stepping onto the passageway, Shang Xia felt a bone-chilling cold seeping into his body. Despite using the Water Repulsion Pearl to prevent himself from touching the water, he couldn't avoid the icy qi in the air.

From what Youshang and Mister Bu told him in the past, the underground river flowed from north to south and it crossed the entire Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. As long as he followed the river in the general direction of the Changfeng City, he would be able to arrive at the spirit cave he was supposed to be looking for.

Realizing that he was quite a distance away from the Changfeng City, Shang Xia sped in his intended direction. Luckily, the Water Repulsion Pearl increased his speed when traveling through the water while keeping it away from him.

Even though it might be a little slower than when Shang Xia traveled through the Mountain Range, there weren't any obstacles he needed to avoid in the underground river. All he had to do was to run straight.

Running for one hour through the darkness, Shang Xia discovered that the current was growing heavier and the water level was rising.

With anxiety eating away at his heart, Shang Xia pushed himself to the limit and increased his speed once again.

He hadn't run far when a deep rumbling came from his surroundings. Soon, the noise became louder and the river started to sway slightly.

Understanding that there was no way he could avoid whatever was coming, he grabbed onto the cracks in the rock beside him and pressed himself flat against it.

Right as he completed his preparations, a loud whistle tore through the underground cavern and the current became stronger once again. The air bubble he had by using the Water Repulsion Pearl shrunk violently as the chill invading his body became stronger. He wasn't too shocked by both of those changes. Instead, he was surprised by the sudden thickening of the heaven and earth qi around him!

#### Chapter 326: Breach

Shang Xia pressed himself firmly against the wall beside him. Even with the Water Repulsion Pearl, he felt as though the water was rushing against his skin. He could feel every subtle transformation to the current around him.

The feeling was pretty similar to what he felt back when he stood in the middle of the Origin Tide when he was still in the Martial Realm.

The only difference between what he was experiencing was that the heaven and earth qi that had fused with the water around him was much less violent than at the core of an Origin Tide. Shang Xia could feel that it was obediently following the flow of the river.

Heaven and earth qi in the space around him became denser and denser, turning the region around him into something that resembled a spiritual river!

Shang Xia's guesses were true. The White Deer Paradise was going to use the underground river to transport the world origin and heaven and earth qi they stole from the Tongyou Institution back to the Ji Continent!

As for how they would receive the energy on the other side, Shang Xia had no clue. That wasn't his problem anyway.

At that moment, Shang Xia was fully submerged in the spiritual river. It was a heaven-sent opportunity for any cultivator to be able to be surrounded by so much pure energy!

As long as he cultivated within for a period of time, his cultivation might be able to soar straight into the Martial Extermination Realm! Of course, he would have to be ready with his advancement medicine and stuff for that to happen.

Shang Xia quickly tossed the thought to the back of his mind. That wasn't the time to think of cultivating! With the amount of energy flowing through the underground river back to the Ji Continent, Shang Xia understood that the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise wasn't facing much resistance over at the Tongyou Institution!

That would also mean that the situation over at the Tongyou Institution wasn't looking too good. They probably had no means of stopping the ancestor!

He had to make his move as soon as possible. Pushing himself forward, he discovered another problem. The current was too strong and the amount of inner qi he required to take a single step forward was massive. The consumption of inner qi was terrifying, and he didn't know how far he had to go!

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Outside the Changfeng City, a ray of light appeared in the skies towards the south.

It shot towards the city at a terrifying speed, and by the time the guards reacted, it had already arrived above the city. The streak of light left a long tail that faded after some time.

The protection formation around the Changfeng City quickly activated and a formless barrier appeared to surround the city before the streak of light could enter.

Slamming heavily into the barrier, a massive explosion was produced by the collision. The disturbance caused the city to tremble violently.

Even though the protection barrier around the Changfeng City wasn't fully destroyed, a long crack appeared where the collision took place. The crack extended towards the southern gate of the city.

Half a street had been turned to shreds around the southern part of the city due to the impact of the collision. Countless buildings were turned to rubble, and there wasn't a single person who survived the blast.

A huge crater could be seen and an ordinary spear was stuck in the heart of the crater. From the look of it, the spear was what caused the explosion.

At the end of the street stood several experts from the City Lord Manor. It seemed as though they had been patrolling the city when the incident happened. Ugly expressions filled the faces of those present as they stared at the huge crater not too far away.

Gritting his teeth, Yang Zhenbiao growled, "Martial Extermination!"

Qin Yuyuan frowned. "What do we do now? Master isn't here and more than half the strength of our protection formation has been directed away. We can't stop a Martial Extermination Realm expert!"

With a wave of unease filling his heart, Yang Zhenbiao's face turned dark and he growled, "What else can we do? We can only inform that person in the manor!"

Hesitating for a moment, Qin Yuyuan muttered, "Alright, I'll make the report immediately."

"No." Yang Zhenbiao reached out to stop Qin Yuyuan. "He won't bother meeting you. I'll go!"

Qin Yuyuan's face sank slightly. He wanted to say something, but Yang Zhenbiao waved his hand and interrupted, "Senior Brother Qin, you should remain here with the rest. Do not bother fighting the person who came. If things get ugly, return to the City Lord Manor!"

After speaking, Yang Zhenbiao ran back towards the City Lord Manor.

Watching Yang Zhenbiao leave, Qin Yuyuan was shocked to discover that the young city lord had entered the large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm without him realizing it.

Qin Yuyuan recalled something and he yelled, "What happens to the city then? What are we supposed to do?"

“Just focus on saving yourself if the situation turns bad! Ignore the rest and return to the manor! Once you enter the manor, you’ll be safe!” A voice rang in Qin Yuyuan’s mind and he was the only one who could hear Yang Zhenbiao’s reply.

Qin Yuyuan looked at those around him and a trace of guilt flashed in his eyes. Those with him were either fellow disciples or people who were serving Yang Hu. Among them were also members who used to be part of the Eighteen Horsemen.

All of a sudden, a hoarse voice rang beside Qin Yuyuan’s ears. “Brother Qin, what do we do now?”

Qin Yuyuan turned to stare at him only to discover that it was Boss Sha of the Eighteen Horsemen.

Grunting once, Qin Yuyuan was about to respond when he saw a guard running unsteadily towards them.

Turning to the guard, he no longer bothered with Boss Sha. “What’s going on?”

The guard who came hadn’t entered the Martial Extremity Realm and he suffered heavy injuries from the blast earlier. He managed to retain his consciousness due to his strong mental strength, but he wasn’t looking too good.

When the Guard saw Qin Yuyuan, a wave of relief washed over him and he crumpled to the ground while yelling, “Someone... Someone is attacking the city gate!”

“How many?” Qin Yuyuan growled.

“The... The Eighteen Horsemen of the You Continent! They’re here!”

Qin Yuyuan felt some weird fluctuations coming from behind him and the scene where they ran into a suspected Martial Extermination Realm expert when trying to wipe out those stragglers who refused to join them crossed his mind. Was the appearance of the Martial Extermination Realm expert and the remnants of the Eighteen Horsemen truly a coincidence?

A sneer formed on his lips when he felt the unease from those behind him. “Looks like those rats decided to send themselves to their death. Someone will deal with the Martial Extermination Realm expert on their side! Everyone else, follow me to kill those useless rats!”

After he spoke, he turned to look at the members of the original Eighteen Horsemen who chose to join the Changfeng City. “I hope you don’t miss your chance this time.”

Chapter 327: Spirit Cave!

The spear tore through the air and broke past the protection barrier causing a huge weakness to form. Several members took the chance to break through the southern city gates after a huge portion of the guards were disabled by the explosion.

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When Qin Yuyuan and the others rushed over to the southern gate, Youshang entered the city without anyone noticing as he made his way over to the City Lord Manor.

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In the underground cavern that contained the river, Shang Xia was advancing, albeit a little slowly.

Even though he was expending a lot of inner qi, he refused to stop.

Luckily for him, he already completed his third divine sense transformation and received a huge boost to the amount of Origin True Qi he could contain in his dantian. That was the reason he could sustain for so long.

Then again, using his inner qi to resist the current was a good way to temper it. It was a rare chance to train himself.

Due to his rapid increase in strength, the amount of Origin True Qi in his body increased at a frightening pace. Sometimes, he wouldn't be able to fully consolidate his foundations before improving again, causing some hidden risks in his cultivation. Under the constant erosion and recovery of his inner qi, it got rid of many hidden problems Shang Xia had with his rapid increase in strength. If not for the fact that Shang Xia was in a rush to locate the spirit cave, he would have gotten rid of the Water Repulsion Pearl and resisted the current with his own abilities.

The water level was slowly rising in the cavern, and the amount of heaven and earth qi in the air was also getting much denser.

From the looks of it, the cavern was probably going to become some sort of heavenly cultivation land when the event ended. After all, the heaven and earth qi in the surrounding was too dense! It seeped into the walls and slowly transformed the entire area.

As the current became stronger and the water level grew higher, Shang Xia could basically confirm that he was closing in on the spirit cave.

Who would have thought that a deep whistle would ring in his ears at that moment? The deafening ringing echoed through the underground cavern, drowning out the roaring river.

A strange feeling overwhelmed Shang Xia and his instincts told him that he had arrived under the Changfeng City. After he continued onwards a little more, he saw a strange sight.

The river seemed to stop abruptly, and all that was left was a deep hole that extended into the ground. A huge pool of water could be seen at the bottom of the deep hole. Eighteen strange streams of water seemed to form a huge cage over the pool of water, trapping it within.

As he approached the strange hole, he was stopped by an invisible barrier!

Even though Shang Xia hadn't seen a spiritual vein or a spirit cave before, his gut feeling told him that he was looking at one!

The only problem was finding a way to break the formless barrier and enter...

Could he do it by force?

When he thought of ways to enter the spirit cave, a loud blast came from above. From the intensity of the blasts and the faint fluctuations of heaven and earth qi, Shang Xia discerned that there was no way those fighting were in the Martial Intent Realm or below. They had to be Martial Extermination Realm experts!

There were only two people who could unleash such frightening strength. It was Gao Yun who was stationed in the Changfeng City by the White Deer Paradise and Youshang of the Azure Spiritual World!

Shang Xia heard loud voices coming from above, but he couldn't hear them clearly.

According to his agreement with Youshang, he would have to barge into the spirit cave while Youshang held Gao Yun back. He would destroy the formation eye Gao Yun laid down preciously, shattering any routes of retreat for the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise!

Naturally, the only prerequisite to their plan was for someone to hold the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise down. If he was allowed to run around unchecked, he could probably return to the Changfeng City in the blink of an eye and kill everyone messing up their plans.

That might have been a requirement for his plan to succeed, but Shang Xia had no way of confirming if anyone could do it. With the spirit cave in front of him, there was no time for him to think about the various risks involved anyway.

Holding his Scarlet Star Spear firmly in his hand, Shang Xia circulated his Origin True Qi to the limit. He released his strongest strike immediately! His spear stabbed forward as he unleashed Celestial Disruption!

When he started cultivating the Triple Providence Chapter and the Providence Spear Art, Shang Xia's ability to use heaven and earth qi reached a terrifying level. Now that the region around him was brimming with heaven and earth qi, the power contained in his strike increased by close to 30 percent of what it was capable of!

As the tip of the spear closed in on the formless barrier, a ripple appeared on the surface of the barrier, weakening the blow. After the Scarlet Star Spear stabbed two inches into the barrier, it stopped.

That wasn't all. A terrifying backlash came from the barrier, causing Shang Xia's expression to change drastically.

Shang Xia was flung backwards, and he barely managed to keep his grip on his spear. Only after retreating tens of feet did he stabilize his footing.

"Buzz..."

The formless barrier started to tremble violently as the streams of water that surrounded the pool fell into disarray. Shang Xia's attack earlier might not be as useless as he had thought. It seemed as though he disrupted the flow of energy in the spirit cave.

Feeling the energy fluctuations coming from within, they seemed somewhat familiar to him. Something clicked in his mind after some time and he realized that those eighteen streams of water contained a familiar energy he felt in the battlefield between the two worlds! They were probably the world origin the White Deer Paradise was stealing from the Tongyou Institution!

Shang Xia's glare landed on those streams of water that hovered above the pool and his expression darkened slightly.

Examining the spirit cave closely, Shang discovered something interesting. The streams of water that 'trapped' the pool of water seemed to be avoiding its middle region.

Wanting to get a proper look at the pool below, Shang Xia discovered that there was a blurry region above the pool that prevented him from seeing what was contained in it.

Everything became clear at that moment. The spirit cave contained the spiritual vein, and an extermination origin was being nurtured in the deep pool in the spirit cave! The extermination origin was probably also the key that allowed the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise to descend!

If Shang Xia wanted to enter the spirit cave, he would have to destroy the protection barrier produced by the protection formation Gao Yun laid down!

That was probably the only chance the Tongyou Institution had to turn the situation around now that a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor had arrived to stand against them.

How was he supposed to destroy the barrier in a short amount of time?!

With anxiety eating at his heart, Shang Xia thought back to his previous attack. There was no way Gao Yun wasn't alerted by the disturbance he created. It was even possible that the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor had discovered the abnormal situation in the Changfeng City.

Those weren't just baseless guesses. When he was sent flying earlier, he could hear the ringing sound coming from above increasing in intensity. Clearly, Gao Yun was fighting with all his might in order to get rid of Youshang.

Shang Xia decided that there was no time left. He had to do something immediately!

The longer it dragged out for, the lower the chance of turning the situation around! Moreover, the City Lord Manor probably didn't just house Gao Yun. There were probably other experts who might be sent over to stop him!

The faster he moved, the greater the probability of turning the situation in the Tongyou City around. That wasn't all. It also ensured that he and Youshang would have a greater chance of leaving alive!

If the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor were to return, their fates would be sealed!

The Scarlet Star Spear danced in his hand as he unleashed a series of seven moves. With one stronger than the other, the formless barrier trembled violently and it seemed to be on the verge of destruction.

At the very last second, the streams that 'trapped' the pool below finally experienced some changes. Some of them poured into the deep pool and a portion of the energy flowed into the barrier to stabilize it.

It seemed as though Gao Yun's formation could borrow the energy from the world origins that were flowing towards the Ji Continent to strengthen his formation!

With the power of the world origins to strengthen the protection formation, the barrier would be able to hold off anyone under the Martial Extermination Realm! Even if Gao Yun was distracted, the barrier couldn't be broken easily!

The might of a formation master from the White Deer Paradise was impressive indeed!

When Shang Xia discovered that his attacks were no longer able to affect the barrier, he nearly sank into despair. Only after forcing himself to calm down did he manage to catch his breath. Ideas flew through his mind as he thought of his next course of action. He even wondered if he should escape from the way he entered the underground cavern.

With his thoughts disarray, Shang Xia looked through everything in his Embroidered Cloud Case hoping he would chance upon something to help him overcome the hopeless situation. He eventually brought out the Spirit Extermination Gourd that had the image of a spiritual deer imprinted on its surface.

Unfortunately, he was unable to absorb the energy from the spiritual vein directly. Otherwise, he would be able to cut off the energy supplied to the barrier, solving his problem immediately.

As for the spiritual deer contained in the gourd...

Shang Xia thought back to when the spiritual deer tried to sneak attack him in the mist and frowned. Estimating its abilities before Shang Xia mercilessly released his seventh move on it, it was probably as strong as a Martial Intent Realm expert at the grand completion stage!

However, he didn't know if the spiritual deer would still possess its strength now that it had been beaten to such a state.

Shang Xia sighed bitterly. Even with the strength of a cultivator at the grand completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm, it wouldn't be enough to shatter the formless barrier!

With no other choice, Shang Xia chose to go all out. Even if the spiritual deer wasn't as strong as it used to be and it wouldn't make a difference, he decided to do a final hail mary. He even brought out all the rank two talismans he had and tossed them at the barrier.

Under the multi-colored explosions of the various different types of qi, Shang Xia discovered that something seemed odd about the barrier.

Retracting his spear, he took a closer look at the barrier. What he saw nearly made his eyes pop out of their sockets.

A tiny spiritual deer that was one-third its original size was on the other side of the barrier! It pranced about for a little while before moving towards the center of the deep pool contained in the spirit cave!

## Chapter 328: Holy Mother

In the space around the Tongyou Mysterious World...

Ancestor Yun Lu seemed to have reached some sort of silent agreement with the Martial Dipper Realm expert of the Bing Continent.

Ji Wenlong, the only person who had the ability to tangle with a Martial Dipper Realm expert, was held down by the expert in the southwest as Ancestor Yun Lu absorbed the world origin without restraint.

The Martial Extermination Realm experts of the institution didn't remain idle as they tried to disrupt his attempt. Unfortunately, they couldn't get past the defenses of Yang Hu and Wei Zhongwen.

There were many who tried asking the White Deer Paradise for an explanation, but Ancestor Yun Lu was too lazy to explain to them.

The spatial tunnel connecting the Tongyou Institution to the battlefield between the two worlds sealed up at that instant and their energy source stopped. At that moment, the Tongyou Institution became a massive pool of energy that had its source cut off.

The world origin contained within the Tongyou Mysterious World was being sucked up by Ancestor Yan Lu's rose bridge at a terrifying rate, and there was no way they could restore their lost energy.

When Ancestor Yan Lu absorbed the world origin in the Tongyou Mysterious World, there were many experts who tried to profit from the Tongyou Institution's misfortune.

Unfortunately for them, the experts of the Tongyou Institution were capable of stopping them. They might be useless against a Martial Dipper Realm expert, but they could stand their ground against those in the Martial Extermination Realm!

A subtle change happened in the Tongyou Mysterious World all of a sudden. Two figures shot out and charged towards Ancestor Yun Lu on the rose-colored bridge.

Without batting an eyelid, Ancestor Yun Lu stared directly at Kang Ci and Liu Qinglan who were flying at him.

After the spatial tunnel was sealed, the two of them finally freed themselves from those from the Azure Spiritual World. However, as the saying went, out of the frying pan, into the fire. Their next opponent was a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor from the White Deer Paradise. That was a peak-tier existence in the Azure Origin World!

Before they could even close in on Ancestor Yun Lu, they were easily intercepted by Yang Hu and Wei Zhongwen.

Wei Zhongwen and Yang Hu were third layer Martial Extermination Realm experts. Even if they were alone, they would be able to stop both Kang Ci and Liu Qinglan, much less when there were two of them.

The corners of Ancestor Yun Lu's lips curled upwards and he no longer bothered with the two. He turned to stare at the gap in the protection barrier around the Tongyou Mysterious World and chuckled, "Interesting..."

As soon as the words left his lips, a change happened.

Another figure emerged from the Tongyou Mysterious World. He held a silver spear in his hand as heaven and earth qi gathered around him. They seemed to fuse with him as he unleashed his strongest attack against Ancestor Yun Lu.

"Shang Bo... You are definitely qualified to enter the Martial Dipper Realm in the future..." Ancestor Yun Lu sneered softly. "Too bad, only a single person can draw upon the strength of the Tongyou Mysterious World!"

Waving his hand casually, Ancestor Yun Lu shattered the spear light produced by Shang Bo. A grunt left Shang Bo's lips as he was sent flying back into the Tongyou Mysterious World.

Even though Shang Bo had entered the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm, he wasn't strong enough to challenge a Martial Dipper Realm expert. If he was able to borrow the strength of the Tongyou Mysterious World like Ji Wenlong, he might have been able to fight with Ancestor Yun Lu.

Unfortunately, that wasn't the case.

No matter how strong Shang Bo was when compared to other Martial Extermination Realm experts, they were merely ants before Ancestor Yun Lu.

There was also the matter of exhausting his strength. Shang Bo used up most of his inner qi during the fight in the battlefield between the two worlds. He barely returned to catch his breath, and he barely had enough energy to send out a single strike.

Of course, Shang Bo was no fool. He knew that he wasn't a match for Ancestor Yun Lu. The only reason he sent out the strike earlier was to cover the other experts of the Tongyou Institution!

When Shang Bo was sent flying, a soft cry came from the depths of the mysterious world and it caused the rose bridge to tremble slightly.

Ancestor Yun Lu's expression finally changed when he heard the sound. His gaze turned serious as he looked at the gap that connected the bridge to the Tongyou Mysterious World. Even so, the look that he was still in control of the situation didn't fade from his eyes.

A small sword emerged from the Tongyou Mysterious World at that instant and it crossed the hundred feet gap in an instant. It shot towards Ancestor Yun Lu.

“Divine Weapon, Hidden Frost Sword!”

Ancestor Yun Lu gasped as he unleashed several palm strikes at the space before him. He created several layers of barriers with the heaven and earth qi in his surroundings.

When the Hidden Frost Sword arrived, it shattered a few layers before stopping.

“Hehe, too bad you're not Kou Chongxue!” Ancestor Yun Lu burst out with mocking laughter. He stared at Yun Jing who was standing at the edge of the Tongyou Mysterious World as a sneer formed on his lips.

At the same time, the barriers around the Hidden Frost Sword solidified as they wrapped around the weapon.

“Who would have thought that you would be so kind as to give me a free Divine Weapon? Guess I won't stand on ceremony then...”

Yun Jing's expression changed drastically as she tried to recall the sword. Rays of light emerged from the sword as it tried to struggle free.

Ancestor Yun Lu expected her to do as much as he pressed down at the space in front of him to create a massive palm out of heaven and earth qi. It descended onto the Hidden Frost Sword and trapped it firmly in place.

From the looks of it, Ancestor Yun Lu seemed to have expected things to develop up to that point. In fact, it might have been a part of his plan in the first place.

Waving his hands again, thin strands of light emerged from the remnant pieces of the barrier that were shattered by the Hidden Frost Sword earlier and they wrapped themselves around it. In an instant, the Hidden Frost Sword was trapped securely in mid air.

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In the Changfeng City, Uncle Cen and Fourth Brother Zeng led the remaining members of the Eighteen Horsemen to unleash an offensive on the experts from the City Lord Manor.

However, they were unable to defeat Qin Yuyuan and the other experts. Their battle formation was shattered quickly as they made their escape through the city. In an instant, half the city was thrown into chaos by their actions.

Perhaps, that was their plan all along.

After scattering, they ran in all directions to incite massive riots. The chaos that ensued caused those from the City Lord Manor to turn extremely busy as they tried to quell the unrest.

As the only other city in the You Continent that stood at the chokepoint of the You Continent and the Ji Continent, the Changfeng City possessed extremely strategic importance. The Tongyou Institution and the great clans of the Tongyou City had long since sent some of their men over either in disguise or through hidden means.

The Changfeng City might have been Yang Hu's territory, and he managed to maintain a strong control over the city when he weeded out the spies of the Tongyou City previously. However, that didn't stop them from sending more!

When he was around, he might have been able to suppress everyone against him with his personal strength. Now that he had left for the Tongyou City, no one could keep them in check.

Moreover, there were many citizens of the Changfeng City who had been enraged by his recent actions. They were merely forced to remain quiet due to his overwhelming strength. Due to Yang Hu's cooperation with the White Deer Paradise, the City Lord Manor behaved in a tyrannical manner. They went about clearing out the hidden spies of the Tongyou Institution, causing much chaos in the city. Those who managed to survive the purge had a belly full of fire.

As soon as Uncle Cen and the others scattered, they lit the fuse of chaos. The spies who went into hiding revealed themselves and caused chaos in the city.

Of course, the unrest in the city might be extremely annoying to deal with, but they were far from enough to shake the foundations of the City Lord Manor.

The only thing that could affect the City Lord Manor was the battle that was going on within.

By that time, the gates to the City Lord Manor had been blown apart.

Youshang's sneak attack allowed him to gain the advantage over Gao Yun, but the battle quickly evened out due to Gao Yun's formation he laid down in the City Lord Manor.

Regardless, Youshang achieved his goal. All he needed to do was to keep Gao Yun in the City Lord Manor!

Facing the strange fighting style of Youshang, a cultivator of the Azure Spiritual World, Gao Yun didn't dare to be careless as he controlled his formation personally to do battle.

There was no way a battle between Martial Extermination Realm experts could be hidden and the shockwaves soon swept through the city.

Who would have thought that neither of them would hold back? It even seemed as though they were intentionally increasing the intensity of the battle and the power contained in the shockwaves of their exchanges.

As a cultivator of the Azure Spiritual World who was allied to the Tongyou Institution, Youshang wouldn't give a shit about the deaths of those in the Changfeng City.

Gao Yun was no different. He was in the You Continent to carry out the White Deer Paradise's plan to steal the Tongyou Institution's world essence. He couldn't be bothered to keep the ordinary cultivators of the Changfeng City safe!

As the two of them fought with no restraints, they turned a quarter of the city center into rubble in the time it took a pot of tea to boil.

A terrifying fluctuation emerged from Gao Yun's protection formation all of a sudden, and Youshang's mocking laughter rang through the skies. "What's the matter? Are you getting tired? Can't you see that I'm trying to keep you from returning? From the look on your face, you probably discovered that the Spirit Cave down there is under attack. It's too late for you to return now."

"Who the hell are you? Why is a cultivator from the Azure Spiritual World helping the Tongyou Institution? Aren't you guys enemies?"

Youshang chuckled without replying.

The frown on Gao Yun's face soon transformed into a sneer. "Well, you seemed to have underestimated me. Even though I'm not too strong, the formation I laid down won't be broken by some third rate trash!"

Youshang released another attack while Gao Yun was busy gloating and his attack smashed into the protection barrier around the man. Even though it looked like it was about to shatter, it managed to stay whole.

"How about it?" Gao Yun snorted in contempt. "Even though I don't know how you managed to send your companion down where the Spirit Cave is, I hate to break it to you. Ancestor Yun Lu will return from the Tongyou City soon. When that happens, none of you are getting away!"

Youshang's expression finally changed when he heard what Gao Yun said.

#### Chapter 329: The Shift

Youshang thought that they would be able to disrupt the plan once Shang Xia located the spirit cave. As long as he drew Gao Yun, who was in charge of protecting it away, he felt that Shang Xia wouldn't have a problem disrupting the plans of the White Deer Paradise.

Things had indeed progressed as he planned. Gao Yun was drawn away, and Shang Xia seemed to have located the spirit cave.

The only thing Youshang didn't count on was that the protection formation around the spirit cave would be powerful enough to maintain its operation without Gao Yun's presence!

"Looks like you're truly clueless when it comes to formations!" Gao Yun threw a mocking sneer at Youshang and continued, "You might have thought that you could attack the spirit cave as long as there was no Martial Extermination Realm expert to

hold the formation. You might also have thought that most of the power of my formation was channeled into something else!”

Youshang was forcing himself to maintain his composure as Gao Yun continued in glee, “You definitely didn’t expect that Ancestor Yun Lu would be able to send the world origin back from the Tongyou Mysterious World! Even though a huge portion of it is being sent back to the Ji Continent, a portion of it remains here to power the formation! Even without me, the power contained in the barrier around the spirit cave won’t decrease! In fact, it will become even stronger! Look at the barrier around me. It’s powered by the same formation! It’s growing stronger due to the influx of world origin! It’s even... Huh?!”

Gao Yun stopped abruptly. Youshang saw the protection barrier around him popping like a bubble after it trembled violently.

“Hah!” Roaring with laughter, Youshang sent out a spear light that caused Gao Yun to tumble through the air.

As Gao Yun flew through the air, he roared, “Do you really think that you have won?! I told you, you don’t know anything about how formations work!”

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Shang Xia was about to give up and he decided to give it one last shot. He released everything he had and decided to leave by riding the current back to where he came from. He might even be able to avoid a huge calamity when the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor returns.

Never in his wildest imagination would he expect the spiritual deer who emerged from his Spirit Extermination Gourd to pass through the barrier around the spirit cave.

When it pranced around and approached the deep pool below, Shang Xia stared at it with an incredulous look on his face.

He only snapped back to reality when the little deer started absorbing the extermination qi out from the deep pool.

A thought flashed across his mind. The deer had to possess extremely similar qualities to the formless barrier! It made sense as the deer and Gao Yun both came from the White Deer Paradise.

That might be the reason why the barrier didn’t stop the deer from passing! Well, that was the best explanation Shang Xia could come up with anyway.

What he didn’t know was that the spiritual deer was a spirit animal used specifically by the direct disciples of the White Deer Paradise to collect extermination qi.

Anywhere that could produce extermination qi was somewhere that held a ton of dangers. The spiritual deer possessed special abilities to break through formations and restrictions in case the direct disciples ran into any trouble.

That was the true reason behind the spiritual deer’s ability to cross Gao Yun’s barrier.

Once it did, the spiritual deer would naturally lean towards its original purpose and that was to absorb as much extermination qi as possible.

The moment it stuck its head into the deep pool and absorbed a huge amount of extermination qi, the protection formation weakened significantly. Shang Xia slashed horizontally with his spear, tearing a huge gash through the formless barrier before entering the spirit cave.

Entering the spirit cave, Shang Xia watched as the little deer grew larger at a visible pace as it sucked up the spirit qi in its surroundings. It quickly grew over three feet tall.

That wasn't all. The aura surrounding the spiritual deer started to increase once again. Shang Xia might have severely injured it previously and caused it to weaken significantly, but it was rapidly growing stronger. Even though it didn't become as strong as Shang Xia, its strength couldn't be ignored.

Due to the properties of the extermination qi it absorbed, traces of inky green could be seen on the spiritual deer's body.

Shang Xia retrieved the Spirit Extermination Gourd and pointed the opening at the spiritual deer suddenly. The little deer that was still in the midst of sucking up the extermination qi was pulled in the direction of the gourd.

It was clearly reluctant to return to the gourd as it struggled violently. At the same time, it desperately tried to suck up the energy in its surroundings.

Pouring his Origin True Qi into the Spirit Extermination Gourd, the suction force became too strong for the spiritual deer to handle. It flew backwards and returned to the gourd.

A chilly qi emerged from the Spirit Extermination Gourd after the spiritual deer was retrieved and he couldn't help but shiver slightly.

Covering his palms with his Origin True Qi, he eventually managed to block off the icy qi coming from within.

The image of the spiritual deer returned to the body of the gourd, but Shang Xia could tell that it was struggling desperately to get out. The image was squirming about, and Shang Xia could tell that if he no longer sent his inner qi into the Spirit Extermination Gourd, the spiritual deer would break free immediately.

The moment it did, the gourd would probably be destroyed!

Shang Xia was naturally unwilling to allow something like that to happen. He half expected as much when the deer started absorbing extermination qi crazily, and that was the reason behind his actions earlier.

When the spiritual deer entered the Spirit Extermination Gourd after being weakened by Shang Xia previously, it was on the verge of collapse! It needed to remain in the Spirit Extermination Gourd in order to recover its lost energy. Now that it managed to absorb a huge amount of extermination qi from the deep pool contained in the spirit cave, it was naturally unwilling to remain trapped in the gourd.

Unfortunately, Shang Xia was in possession of the gourd. He wouldn't allow the spiritual deer to run free, and he quickly suppressed it with his control of the gourd. He activated the gourd's ability to absorb and refine extermination qi as a portion of energy absorbed by the deer was forcefully sucked out by the gourd. At the same time, he brought it closer to the pool of water in order to take in even more extermination qi.

As the gourd absorbed more and more energy, it eventually reached an equilibrium with the spiritual deer again. The deer no longer had the strength to break out of the gourd, and a satisfied smile returned to Shang Xia's face.

The more energy the gourd absorbed, the greater the fusion between itself and the spiritual deer that was trapped within. While energy from the deep pool in the spirit cave poured into it, it started to fuse with the spiritual deer trapped within.

Eventually, the gourd and spiritual deer completed their fusion and turned into a usable artifact. With the process completed, Shang Xia could finally control the spiritual deer.

With a single thought, the deer emerged from the gourd. With Shang Xia's command, it approached the deep pool as it continued to absorb the extermination qi within.

Since the spiritual deer had become one with the Spirit Extermination Gourd, it was able to recover much quicker. The gourd had the ability to devour extermination qi, and so did the spiritual deer. The energy in the gourd was usable by the deer, and with two sources of extermination qi, the spiritual deer quickly recovered to its peak state.

By the time Shang Xia completed the absorption of the spiritual qi in the deep pool, the protection formation around the Changfeng City laid down by Gao Yun stopped working.

Those streams of water that contained the world essence Ancestor Yun Lu was stealing from the Tongyou Mysterious World also experienced a drastic change. They were no longer connected to the underground river that led to the Ji Continent!

Even though the river was raging on as per usual, not a trace of extermination qi was contained in it.

With no outlet, the heaven and earth qi that was produced from the world origin started to gather in the spirit cave. World origin was pouring in from the rose-colored bridge, and it was so dense around Shang Xia that he started to feel suffocated.

Turning around to leave, Shang Xia discovered that another formless barrier had formed around the spirit cave! He was no longer able to move about as he wished! Even though he destroyed the formless barrier created by Gao Yun's formation, it seemed as though another stronger barrier had formed due to the massive influx of world origin!

He might have shattered the protection formation Gao Yun laid down, but he was still trapped in the spirit cave!

With world origin pouring in at a terrifying rate, it became so concentrated that they started to condense. Droplets of heaven and earth origin started forming in the air before him.

No matter how much he didn't wish to cultivate, Shang Xia discovered that he didn't have a choice! The dense heaven and earth origin seeped into his body whether he liked it or not. With the amount of energy that was pouring into him, Shang Xia felt that it was possible to enter the large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm directly! After all, that was the next step after the three divine sense transformations.

That might be a good thing for others, but that was exactly what Shang Xia didn't want! He wanted to continue comprehending the Providence Spear Art and unleash its full potential to experience a step-by-step increase in his cultivation!

No... I have to get out of there! If I can't get out, I'll have to destroy the entire region!

Shang Xia raised his head and discovered a shocking fact. He looked at the eighteen holes in the ceiling staring right back at him, and through every hole he could see the reflection of a waning moon!

He realized that those eighteen holes were actually wells that led to the Changfeng City. It was also where the world origin Ancestor Yun Lu was stealing was pouring in from!

Chapter 330: Let's GO!

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Outside the Tongyou Mysterious World, Ancestor Yun Lu couldn't deny that he was moved when he saw the Hidden Frost Sword.

Splitting off a portion of energy from the rose-colored bridge to suppress the Hidden Frost Sword, Ancestor Yun Lu was secretly rejoicing that he would be able to obtain Kou Chongxue's divine weapon for free.

Due to his slight distraction, the experts of the Tongyou Institution managed to capitalize on the chance. A formation master that was operating the protection formation from within the Tongyou Mysterious World tried to seal off the gap while cutting off the world origin entering the bridge.

"Haha, are you really going to give up the Hidden Frost Sword just to destroy the connection? Looks like we know what happened to Kou Chongxue now... Hahaha! Without Kou Chongxue to protect you, you're finished!" Ancestor Yun Lu roared with laughter as he stared at the Tongyou Mysterious World. However, there was a trace of regret in his heart.

He was regretting the fact that he was unable to use his full strength at that moment. If not for the fact that the Changbai Holy Land failed to live up to their promise and deliver the Multi World Anchoring Flag, he would be able to unleash a larger portion of his strength. He wouldn't be distracted by the appearance of the Hidden Frost Sword and allow those from the Tongyou Institution to affect the connection between the bridge and the mysterious world.

Absorbing the energy from the Tongyou Mysterious World might have been his main goal, but returning with the Hidden Frost Sword wasn't too bad either! At least, he thought it was worth it to absorb a little less energy in exchange for a divine weapon!

Increasing his suppression on the Hidden Frost Sword, the rose-colored bridge immediately started to dim.

Unfortunately for the Tongyou Institution, they were unable to sever the rose-colored bridge and seal off the gap in their protection formation. The only thing they managed to do was to lessen the amount of world origin being sucked up by the bridge.

While that was happening, the Hidden Frost Sword was slowly being dragged towards Ancestor Yun Lu. Clearly, the Tongyou Institution suffered a devastating defeat. Not only would the world origin they obtained to create the Tongyou Mysterious World be sucked dry by a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor from the White Deer Paradise, they even lost Kou Chongxue's divine weapon!

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Outside the City Lord Manor of the Changfeng City.

Youshang roared with laughter when he saw the protection barrier around Gao Yun popping. He could tell that Shang Xia succeeded in destroying the protection formation underground.

Facing Youshang's terrifying spear arts, Gao Yun managed to keep his composure. He yelled loudly, "Do you really think that you've won? Hah, you don't know anything about how I lay down formations!"

As soon as he spoke, eighteen streams of light fell from the rose-colored bridge hanging above the city. They quickly connected with the eighteen wells Shang Xia had seen before.

"I always have a backup plan! You might have been able to destroy the connection between the extermination qi in the spirit cave I used to power my formation, but it doesn't matter! The spirit cave down there contains a terrifying amount of world origin. Even if your companion is a Martial Extermination Realm expert, he won't be able to do a thing with that much world origin pouring into the spirit cave. Haha! You should be able to guess what will happen down there with that much energy!"

Youshang's expression changed slightly, and he pulled back his spear abruptly. It trembled slightly in his hands before two strands of extermination origins appeared around the tip of the spear. They transformed into a giant dual colored spear in mid air before flying towards Gao Yun who was hovering in mid air.

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Shang Xia didn't know why the eighteen wells were connected to the eighteen streams of energy he was staring at, and he also didn't know why no one noticed the anomaly. Neither did he understand why he was able to see the reflection of the moon in each of the eighteen openings.

However, the one thing he knew was that he had to leave the place immediately. Those eighteen openings were his way out!

When he was about to make his move, a dense curtain of energy poured down from above. Since the spirit cave was their destination, Shang Xia couldn't possibly avoid any of it. The amount of world origin in the spirit cave was so dense that he started finding it hard to move around.

There wasn't a need to talk about bursting out through those eighteen holes. It was tough for him to move about normally.

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Even if he didn't know what was going on earlier, he could tell that those eighteen streams of energy were an attempt by Gao Yun to suppress him! That wasn't all. He also discovered that as the eighteen streams of energy poured down into the spirit cave, the deep pool where he extracted the extermination qi from earlier started to transform.

Along with the transformation, the protection formation that Shang Xia shattered earlier seemed to regain its abilities. World origin and heaven and earth qi poured into the underground river as it poured towards the Ji Continent.

Even though he used a lot of effort to stop that from happening earlier, he couldn't care less about the change now that he couldn't move about freely.

Even though he was getting more anxious as time passed, he didn't break out into full-blown panic. He might be suppressed by the terrifying amount of world origin around him, but there weren't any immediate threats to his life.

He could only hope that Youshang would be able to hold Gao Yun back for a little longer so that he could think of a plan to escape.

Who would have thought that a figure would be seen approaching the spirit cave while Shang Xia was racking his brains for ways to leave? Yang Zhenbiao's figure could be seen as he approached the spirit cave.

When the Changfeng City's protection barrier was broken by Youshang earlier and the remaining experts of the Eighteen Horsemen attacked the city, Yang Zhenbiao was the first to leave! He went back to inform Gao Yun of the attack and when Youshang killed his way into the City Lord Manor, he quickly hid underground.

Even though Gao Yun laid down a massive protection formation around the spirit cave, he managed to do so with the foundations already laid down by Yang Hu. Yang Zhenbiao had a little understanding as to how the protection formation worked and he quickly entered the moment he detected something off.

That was right. Gao Yun wasn't the only person who discovered Shang Xia's actions. When Shang Xia sucked away the extermination qi in the deep pool, and the strand of extermination origin located within, the protection formation was affected. Yang Zhenbiao who was hiding underground also discovered the abnormality.

Yang Zhenbiao was no fool. Since the person could forcefully tear open the protection barrier powered by Gao Yun's protection formation, he knew that he would be no match for whoever it was. He wouldn't run over to the spirit cave only to throw his life away! Instead, he already started to make his escape preparations.

He didn't expect Gao Yun's protection formation to reactivate again. When he felt the protection formation recovering, he discovered that it was even stronger than it was before. It probably managed to trap the attacker, and Yang Zhenbiao felt that his chance had arrived.

Yang Zhenbiao was compelled to take action. He knew that the extermination origin they were nurturing in the spirit cave was already complete! He might not know that his father had sold it off to the White Deer Paradise, but he knew that a strand of extermination origin was his ticket to enter the Martial Extermination Realm! He had to take a look!

Approaching the spirit cave, he discovered that there was indeed someone trapped within! With the newfound courage that the protection formation had been reactivated, he examined Shang Xia with his divine sense. Rage threatened to overwhelm him when he discovered that Shang Xia was merely at the Martial Intent Realm!

Without hesitation, he attacked Shang Xia. "How dare a fucking Martial Intent Realm trash like you try something like this?!"

Yang Zhenbiao wasn't affected by the protection barrier, and he wasn't suppressed by the world origin at all. A blow landed on Shang Xia, forcing him to cough up several mouthfuls of blood.

"Who are you and how did you get in here?" Yang Zhenbiao roared. He unleashed the Startling Tiger Palm earlier, and it was an inheritance he received from his father. His attack contained a frightening amount of power and it connected with Shang Xia who found it difficult to move his muscles at the moment. As a cultivator who was at the large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm, he was even slightly stronger than Li Tianshou Shang Xia killed previously. Taking on an attack from him was no joke.

When the palm was traveling towards him earlier, Shang Xia had the intention to dodge. He discovered that his movements were slower than a snail's, and he had no choice but to take the attack.

Realizing that Shang Xia didn't have the ability to move, every last bit of caution in Yang Zhenbiao's heart disappeared. He stepped into the Spirit Cave, but surprisingly, he wasn't suppressed by the dense world origin around.

However, his expression changed the moment he stepped foot into the spirit cave. He ran over to the deep pool and discovered that the extermination origin had disappeared.

"Where's the Yin Water Mysterious Extermination?! Hand it over and I'll spare your life!" Yang Zhenbiao growled while staring at Shang Xia.

Spitting out another mouthful of blood, Shang Xia sneered, "Oh? So that's the Yin Water Mysterious Extermination. This daddy over here obtained it a while ago. Come get it from me if you have the abilities."

"You're asking to die!" Yang Zhenbiao released a sinister chuckle as he leaped through the air to punch at Shang Xia's chest. A tiger's roar echoed through the spirit cave at that moment.

Roaring Tiger Fist. That was the second of the three techniques Yang Zhenbiao trained in.

Without the ability to resist, Shang Xia was struck squarely in his chest. He was sent flying from the blow and he spat out another mouthful of blood.

That had been Shang Xia's plan all along. Since he couldn't move, he would borrow the momentum of his flight to toss out his Spirit Extermination Gourd. Naturally, he wasn't able to throw it out with much force and the gourd tumbled to the ground. Even so, that was enough.

"Huh? This is..." As Yang Hu's son, Yang Zhenbiao knew quite a lot of information. He was also able to identify precious treasures and the gourd that Shang Xia threw out caught his eye.

Before he could grab the gourd to properly identify it, the cork popped open and a gray mist emerged. It transformed into a spiritual deer that was nearly five feet tall that charged at Yang Zhenbiao with its head lowered.

“Spiritual Deer Carving from the White Deer Paradise. Are you from the White Deer Paradise? How is this possible?” Yang Zhenbiao released a strange cry as he was unable to dodge in time. He could only take the spiritual deer’s charge with his body.

Bang!

As he was sent flying, he slammed heavily into the wall behind. He slid powerlessly down the wall and slumped on the ground below.

“Bleugh...” Raising a shaky finger to point at Shang Xia, he wanted to say something but vomited out a mouthful of blood instead.