

## The Heavens 331

Chapter 331: LFG? (cont)

Outside the Tongyou Mysterious World...

Right before Ancestor Yun Lu could grab the Hidden Frost Sword, a loud whistle tore through the void.

Before anyone could react, an ordinary looking hand stretched out from the void and grabbed the Hidden Frost Sword that was ringing non-stop.

As soon as the hand appeared, the ringing emitted by the Hidden Frost Sword changed. The change was clear. The miserably ringing seemed to transform into one of endless excitement.

The moment the hand grabbed the Hidden Frost Sword, it twisted its wrist once, shattering all the restraints around the sword.

“How... How can you be...” Ancestor Yun Lu’s casual expression finally changed. His voice was filled with shock and fear...

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Outside the Changfeng City...

Gao Yun was holding off Youshang’s relentless attacks while still running his mouth off. “I don’t know what agreement you made with the Tongyou Institution, but you should treasure your life. If you leave now, you might still make it. Otherwise, hehehe...”

Youshang seemed to turn a deaf ear to whatever Gao Yun was saying. His attacks became even more aggressive and he forced Gao Yun who seemed to be holding the advantage to retreat desperately.

“Are you really going to stay so stubborn?” Gao Yun didn’t seem affected by Youshang’s offensive. However, his expression changed drastically when the amount of energy pouring down from the rose-colored bridge. It weakened by more than half!

“This...”

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The spiritual deer wasn’t suppressed by the world origin in the slightest due to the fact that it managed to absorb the extermination origin nurtured by the spiritual vein. The moment it did, it seemed to become one with the protection formation Gao Yun laid down. Naturally, the protection formation wouldn’t suppress one of its own.

There was another reason Shang Xia didn’t expect. After the spiritual deer absorbed the Yin Water Mysterious Extermination Origin, it became a lot stronger than it originally was! It exceeded Shang Xia’s estimations. It far surpassed a Martial Intent Realm cultivator at the grand completion stage.

That meant that the spiritual deer could possess the strength of a Martial Extermination Realm cultivator! The protection formation could suppress Shang Xia as he was still in the Martial Intent

Realm, but its effects were limited when it came to an existence that possessed strength at the level of the Martial Extermination Realm.

When the spiritual deer rammed into Yang Zhenbiao earlier, it easily inflicted heavy injuries on the man. After all, how could a Martial Intent Realm cultivator like Yang Zhenbiao withstand a blow from an existence that had the strength of a Martial Extermination Realm cultivator?

Yang Zhenbiao clearly didn't expect the event to unfold like that, and Shang Xia was equally surprised.

When he tossed out the Spirit Extermination Gourd earlier, it was a desperate attempt to do something about the situation. He didn't expect it to be so effective.

When the blood draining from Yang Zhenbiao's face, he thought back to the spiritual deer. He knew that only direct disciples of the White Deer Paradise could possess something like that. The only person he knew who had the authority to receive a treasure like that from the White Deer Paradise was Li Tianshou whose cultivation had reached the large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm.

Now that the spiritual deer was summoned by someone who obviously didn't hail from the White Deer Paradise, there was only one possibility. Li Tianshou had been killed by the person before him!

"Who exactly are you..." Yang Zhenbiao mumbled somewhat incoherently.

Shang Xia was too lazy and injured to reply. Since Yang Zhenbiao was seriously injured, Shang Xia understood that the wisest thing he could do was to eliminate the threat completely.

However, the thing that happened next caused Yang Zhenbiao to snigger uncontrollably despite his serious injuries. The spiritual deer didn't continue to charge at Yang Zhenbiao. Instead, it ran towards the deep pool where the energy was collected and started to eat its fill. The spiritual deer was clearly not controlled by Shang Xia!

Shang Xia might have been able to forcefully control the appearance of the spiritual deer with the Spirit Extermination Gourd, but he was no longer holding on to it. He couldn't pour his inner qi into the gourd either.

"Hah... Hah..." Yang Zhenbiao held on to the wall behind him as he struggled to get to his feet. Even though his inner injuries were serious, he wasn't dead yet.

As for Shang Xia, he was still unable to move due to the suppression. He could only remain motionless in place.

In reality, Shang Xia was doing all he could to resist the suppression around him. However, his abilities were limited after taking two strikes from Yang Zhenbiao earlier.

When he saw Yang Zhenbiao getting to his feet and slowly making his way over, Shang Xia sighed softly in his heart. He stared at the eighteen openings in the ceiling, praying for a change to happen.

Who would have thought that the situation would change suddenly? The amount of energy pouring down decreased by more than half, and it seemed as though it was about to disappear completely.

Shang Xia thought that he was hallucinating when the change happened, and he blinked his eyes forcefully. After examining it closely, he discovered that it was actually happening! The reflection of the moon became extremely blurry as though it was about to disappear.

He also realized that the suppression around him became much weaker than before. Rejoicing in his heart, Shang Xia didn't give half a shit about the reason behind the sudden weakened suppression. Rousing his inner qi immediately, he quickly circulated it in his body.

A grunt left his lips and after spitting out another mouthful of blood, Shang Xia slapped his hands against the ground and got to his feet.

Facing Shang Xia's sudden action, Yang Zhenbiao was so shocked that his legs went weak. He nearly crumpled to the ground again.

Feeling the killing intent rolling off Shang Xia, Yang Zhenbiao's heart sank as despair started to set in.

Turning around with the last of his energy, Yang Zhenbiao no longer cared about killing Shang Xia. He wanted nothing but to leave immediately.

"Young City Lord, where are you going?" Shang Xia's voice rang in Yang Zhenbiao's ears and he couldn't hide his tone of ridicule in the slightest.

"Mercy... Please spare my life!" Yang Zhenbiao stuttered as he fell to the ground and desperately tried to crawl away. As he was looking like a bum who was scared of death, he turned around abruptly and tossed two daggers made from tiger's teeth at Shang Xia.

Just as he was about to rejoice about outsmarting his opponent, a streak of starlight tore through the air in front of him and stabbed straight into him.

Raising his hands feebly, he wanted to say something but the blood in his throat blocked off whatever words that was about to emerge. After several weak gurgling sounds, he crumpled to the ground.

Shang Xia managed to grab both the daggers and his nose was soon assaulted by a pungent smell. Clearly, those daggers were poisoned.

Heaving a sigh of relief, Shang Xia thought about how he almost fell victim to Yang Zhenbiao's hidden attack.

Even though he didn't know why the amount of energy decreased by half, he was glad that he finally regained the ability to move.

The suppression was still active, but all it took was more energy from Shang Xia to move about. Every time he unleashed his attack or took a small step forward, he would expend a lot of Origin True Qi. Only by using his inner qi to forcefully resist the suppression could he unleash his attacks with the power he desired.

Just a second ago, he nearly failed to intercept those daggers.

After keeping them both carefully, Shang Xia searched through Yang Zhenbiao's body only to obtain an intricate-looking wooden box.

“Hehe, let’s hope that the things the young city lord doesn’t disappoint.” Tossing the storage box into his sleeves, Shang Xia chose to examine it in the future. The situation above ground wasn’t clear and it wasn’t the best time to look through his loot.

Taking several steps forward, he picked up the Spirit Extermination Gourd before sending some Origin True Qi in. He quickly tried to drag the spiritual deer back into the gourd. It seemed as though he couldn’t fully control the spiritual deer despite it fusing together with the Spirit Extermination Gourd.

After absorbing even more extermination qi, the spiritual deer seemed to have escaped his control once again. As half of its body was sucked back into the gourd, it released a deep cry before struggling desperately against the suction force.

When the spiritual deer didn’t listen to Shang Xia’s command earlier to kill Yang Zhenbiao, a trace of lingering fear appeared in his heart. He was no longer willing to allow it to continue doing as it wished.

Shang Xia didn’t hold back as he poured his inner qi into the gourd. As the suction force increased, the spiritual deer seemed unable to withstand it any longer and it released a miserable cry before turning into a ball of mist that returned to the gourd.

Heaving a sigh of relief, Shang Xia thought back to how lucky he was when the spiritual deer entered the Spirit Extermination Gourd on its own accord preciously. If not for the fact that the spiritual deer was trying to survive, it wouldn’t have entered the gourd willingly. If that were the case, Shang Xia wouldn’t have been able to complete his mission. When he thought about how strong the spiritual deer became when it struck Yang Zhenbiao, he knew that subduing it forcefully would no longer be as easy as before. Luckily, he had the assistance of the gourd.

Now that Yang Zhenbiao was dead and the Spirit Extermination Gourd was back in his hands, the most logical thing for Shang Xia to do was to look for a way out of the spirit cave.

When he raised his head to look at the eighteen holes again, Shang Xia discovered that energy was only pouring in from nine of the eighteen holes. He understood that the world origin was still being drained from the Tongyou Mysterious World, and it seemed as though his mission wasn’t completed yet.

He might not know what led to the decrease in world origin, but from his experience earlier, those nine remaining holes were the key to shattering Gao Yun’s hidden second layer of formation!

Pulling his spear out from Yang Zhenbiao’s body, Shang Xia raised his head to look at the hole directly above him. Circulating his inner qi, he released his fourth move, Void Evasion!

Chapter 332: Eighth Move: Startling Moon

Outside the City Lord Manor in the Changfeng City...

The energy that fell from the rose-colored bridge decreased by half, surprising both Gao Yun and Youshang.

This time, it was Youshang's turn to talk shit. "Hahaha, the ancestor of your White Deer Paradise isn't that impressive after all. With the decrease in energy, there's no way whatever formation you laid down can suppress my partner."

"Preposterous! How dare a mere rat like you try to evaluate our ancestor's strength?! You better start thinking about your own fate right now. The energy sent back might have decreased, but my ancestor might be returning as we speak. Hmph. Even though I can't trap your comrade, I am more than capable of stalling you here! When the ancestor returns, hehehe..." Gao Yun snapped with rage.

Roaring with laughter, Youshang continued, "If that's the case, there's not much left for us to talk about!"

Gao Yun's expression sank slightly, but he didn't say a word in response.

He didn't expect Youshang to give up on his offensive suddenly. Turning around, Youshang sent an attack towards one of the wells around the City Lord Manor.

When he was fighting with Gao Yun earlier, he discovered the anomaly with the placements of the wells. He felt that those could be the path the world origin was taking to enter the spirit cave underground.

His guess was correct. However, Gao Yun wouldn't allow him to destroy those wells as he wished!

As the space above the City Lord Manor started to distort, Youshang's attack tore into the ground below as cracks formed on the well he was aiming for. However, he quickly noticed that something was wrong. "Huh? This is an illusion!"

Youshang's expression changed slightly as he retreated slightly. Covering his palms with his extermination origin, he sent them forward to meet Gao Yun's palms that appeared out of nowhere. A massive blast ensued and Youshang was forced to retreat. Retreating hundreds of feet, Youshang eventually managed to stabilize his footing.

Gao Yun's gaze landed on Youshang and he growled, "You're still underestimating me."

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Who would have thought that a massive explosion would come from the well Youshang aimed at after the words left Gao Yun's lips? A powerful spear light emerged from underground, causing a pillar of water to burst out from down below.

A ray of light flashed through Youshang's eyes and he chuckled in amusement, "Looks like your formation failed to trap my partner."

Without turning his head to look at the disturbance, Gao Yun sneered, "Like I said. All of you are frogs at the bottom of the well."

After the water sprayed up into the air, the well quickly regained its calm. If not for the traces of water that landed all around the well, no one would think that anything happened earlier.

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Unleashing Void Evasion, Shang Xia rejoiced after it smashed into the opening above. He thought that he managed to open up a path to escape.

However, the opening quickly closed up and the reflection of the waning moon returned. Sucking in a cold breath, Shang Xia felt a trace of irritation rising in his heart. He understood that he thought too simply earlier. The formation laid down by the formation master of the White Deer Paradise wasn't that easy to break apart indeed.

Looking at the eighteen opening above him, another idea crossed his mind. Only nine of them had the reflection of the waning moon in them. Why shouldn't he try attacking one that didn't have the reflection?

He quickly discovered that he made a mistake. Since the energy could no longer flow through the nine holes there was no point in keeping them open. The formation master of the White Deer Paradise wouldn't leave such a huge loophole for him to take advantage of.

Of course, he had to unleash his attacks to discover his mistake. When he stabbed at those openings without the reflection of the moon, he discovered that they were covered by a formless barrier.

Those holes were sealed off by the formation master of the White Deer Paradise with some sort of spatial distortion, and a Martial Intent Realm cultivator like Shang Xia was unable to do anything about it. If he wanted any chance of breaking through to the surface, he would have to do it from the nine holes that contained the reflection of the moon!

"It recovered quickly after I broke through the water surface. That's because only one of them was damaged. What if I attack all nine at once?" As soon as the thought surfaced in his mind, he unleashed his sixth move, Flow Recompensation!

Nine rays of spear light appeared almost simultaneously as they crashed into the nine holes above.

Even though the reflection trembled violently, they didn't shatter completely.

As the reflection returned to its tranquil state, Shang Xia knew that his second try had failed.

His sixth move was named 'Flow Recompensation', and it possessed frightening power, but it seemed as though splitting it into nine different parts was too much for him to handle.

To put it simply, his sixth move was far from enough to break him out of his predicament!

In terms of brute force, Shang Xia's seventh move, Celestial Disruption, was somewhat lacking when compared to Flow Recompensation. Its focus was on unpredictability rather than brute force, and Shang Xia doubted that it could break through the nine holes above.

The more he thought about it, the more desperate he felt. Was he really going to have to rely on others to come rescue him?

He refused to place his fate in the hands of others, and a feeling of reluctance filled his heart.

The more he thought about it, the more the reflection of the waning moon in the nine holes above seemed to resemble mocking smiles laughing at his weakness.

"If I can shatter those nine moons at once..." A trace of anger replaced the feeling of reluctance in his heart and he quickly got to his feet. A trace of inspiration struck him when he looked at the reflection of the waning moon above his head. The principles he learned after comprehending the Providence Spear Art in the past surfaced in his mind and he seemed to have caught on to something.

During his first divine sense transformation, he managed to affect the heaven and earth qi in his surroundings.

After his second divine sense transformation, he managed to fuse his divine sense with the world around him.

Now that he completed his third divine sense transformation, he had the ability to control the heaven and earth qi around him to a greater degree! Since he had the ability to control the heaven and earth qi around him, was it possible for him to extend the control and do the same to the world origin in his surroundings?

Extending his divine sense around him, Shang Xia quickly grasped the essence of the problem. Gao Yun was able to use the world origin like heaven and earth qi to power his formation. Why couldn't he do the same?!

With an idea in his mind, Shang Xia raised his Scarlet Star Spear and started waving it around. He drew a perfect circle around him and gathered whatever energy there was before twisting his wrist to point upwards. He stabbed forward slightly as his divine sense fused with his eighth move.

The spear light created from the energy around him carried his divine sense as it traveled up towards the nine holes. As they slammed into the formless barrier above, the barrier didn't seem affected at all. However, those reflections seemed to receive a devastating attack as they scattered completely. Not a trace remained!

Quickly coming up with a name for his eighth move, Shang Xia named it, Startling Moon!

Chapter 333: Turning the Tables

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"How... How can you be..." Ancestor Yun Lu's gaze was filled with equal parts shock and fear, but he quickly suppressed his emotions.

Even so, the fright in his voice managed to attract the attention of the Martial Extermination Realm experts in the surroundings. After all, how often would a Martial Dipper Realm expert be frightened by something?

They stopped fighting in an instant as they quickly flew further away from him in case something unexpected happened.

Before they could look at the existence who shocked Ancestor Yun Lu so much, the skies rumbled as another frightened cry came from the southwest. "Kou Chongxue, how are you here?!"

The Martial Dipper Realm expert who was unwilling to reveal his identity the whole time while fighting with Ji Wenlong seemed to have detected Kou Chongxue's presence right after Ancestor Yun Lu. He couldn't contain his shock at all!

Kou Chongxue!

That name was an utter nightmare for every single Martial Extermination Realm cultivator who wasn't from the You Continent!

The moment his name was spoken, many Martial Extermination Realm experts who came to attack the Tongyou Institution had half a mind to turn tail and run.

“Hmph, what’s there to be afraid of?” Ancestor Yun Lu snorted heavily after suppressing his initial shock. In fact, he seemed to become even more unperturbed than before.

Even with Kou Chongxue’s hand holding on to the Hidden Frost Sword, the connection between the bridge and the Tongyou Mysterious World hadn’t been broken.

“Hehe, just a little ant struggling at death’s door. How strong are you now? Do you really think that you can change the situation with your measly strength?” Ancestor Yun Lu quickly reverted to his original behavior. His calm demeanor quickly roused those who were thinking of retreating.

“Yeah, that’s right! Kou Chongxue was ambushed twice! With Ancestor Yun Lu here, there’s nothing for us to be afraid of!”

“Even though we don’t know how he managed to avoid everyone’s detection to hide in the Tongyou Mysterious World, he’s dead now that he dares to show himself!”

“Hehe, everyone might be a little wary of the Tongyou Institution if he refused to show himself. Now that he revealed his presence, he’s asking to die! What a fool!”

“This... Do you think that he managed to regain his strength?”

“Ahem... How can that be possible? Can’t you see that Ancestor Yun Lu is standing strong against him?”

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As the Martial Extermination Realm experts who were attacking the Tongyou Institution broke out into discussion, the voice of the Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Southwest rang through the air again. “Hah! This old man was nearly fooled by you! You can’t hide your condition from us! We verified that you lost control over your fate dippers in the previous battle! Haha! Luckily I wasn’t fooled into retreating the moment you appeared!”

Ancestor Yun Lu’s expression changed when he heard what the other Martial Dipper Realm expert said. The Martial Extermination Realm experts who were attacking the Tongyou Institution also revealed weird expressions.

No matter what, the Martial Dipper Realm expert from the southwest was a peak tier existence in the Azure Origin World. Why did his words sound so cheap? Wasn’t he smearing his reputation?

Ji Wenlong snorted in disdain after hearing what he said. “So you’re Feng Yezi, the Wind Walking Sage! My Tongyou Institution didn’t offend you before. What’s the meaning of this?”

The expressions of those from the Tongyou Institution changed when they heard Ji Wenlong calling out Feng Yezi’s name. As for the others, some of them revealed looks of suspicion while others revealed a look of realization.

The only person whose expression didn’t change was Ancestor Yun Lu. He seemed to have guessed Feng Yezi’s identity already.



At the same time, Kou Chongxue didn't say anything. He didn't seem surprised by Feng Yezi's appearance.

After Ji Wenlong's yell, the voice from the southwest quietened down. However, that didn't mean that his attacks stopped. Ji Wenlong's battle with him continued.

The voice only came back after a short pause. This time, there was a trace of helplessness in it. "Hmm. I didn't expect this either. All I wanted was to obtain some benefits from the situation. I don't have any intentions of harming any of you."

It seemed as though he was already making up excuses for Kou Chongxue who hadn't shown his face.

On the rose-colored bridge, Ancestor Yun Lu pressed his lips together in irritation. "Enough! Feng Yezi, what are you thinking about right now? Are you already planning to meet Kou Chongxue after the battle today? What's there to explain?!"

Who would have thought that the world origin that was sucked away from the Tongyou Mysterious World would flow back into the bridge? The energy quickly gathered under Ancestor Yun Lu.

His figure that was starting to turn illusory earlier became extremely sturdy as his aura became frighteningly powerful. A strange phenomenon appeared above his head, and it was somewhat similar to when the Origin Tide erupted earlier.

"Everyone, the spatial tunnel leading to the battlefield between the two worlds has been sealed. With his serious injuries, this is our best shot at killing Kou Chongxue!" Ancestor Yun Lu roared as the clouds in the skies were torn apart by the soundwave.

A weapon that resembled a deer's antlers appeared in Ancestor Yun Lu's hand as he charged at the Tongyou Mysterious World.

Tearing a massive hole in the protection barrier around the Tongyou Mysterious World, Ancestor Yun Lu revealed the figure who had been hiding in there all along. He was standing in the midst of several rock formations and reservoirs of water as he stared at the opening torn open by Ancestor Yun Lu. His appearance couldn't be more ordinary, and his dressing was a little shabby. However, he didn't reveal the slightest trace of emotions when he saw Ancestor Yun Lu.

"That... That's the Mountain and Sea Fantasy Spiritual World that used to be in the Mysterious Coral World!" Many Martial Extermination Realm experts recognized the region.

"Kou Chongxue!" Practically everyone's gaze was drawn to the figure standing there.

"Hahaha! I must have accumulated plenty of good fortune in my past lives for me to be able to take your life today, Kou Chongxue!" Ancestor Yun Lu roared. Even though he was assured of his victory, he still showed some respect to Kou Chongxue.

A chuckle left Kou Chongxue's lips suddenly. "Brother Yun Lu, are you certain you can kill me? Aren't you afraid that you have misjudged the situation?"

“Hah. This old man lived for a hundred years more than you. You’re just a junior. For you to address me like that, I’m offended! However, It’s alright. My current body is a mere clone. Even if I have to sacrifice this clone to kill you, it’s worth it!”

The two of them seemed like old friends from the way they spoke, but everyone around could tell that they wanted nothing more than to send each other to the depths of hell the moment they had the chance.

“Hehe, sacrificing your clone to kill me is a pity indeed. Brother Yun Lu, you only managed to create this clone with your fate dipper. Why don’t you leave it behind to compensate me for my losses today?”

Kou Chongxue waved his hand and a sharp whistle came from the Hidden Frost Sword he had retrieved from the void earlier.

Many Martial Extermination Realm experts felt the danger when Kou Chongxue started to wield his sword and retreated quickly.

Unfortunately, some of them didn’t move quickly enough. Their divine sense trembled and they felt as though someone slammed a sledgehammer into their souls. Blood poured from their orifices as they forced themselves to hurry away from the Tongyou Mysterious World desperately.

The Hidden Frost Sword drew a perfect arc through the skies, cleaving a massive chunk off Ancestor Yun Lu’s weapon. His movements were so fast that many Martial Extermination Realm experts were unable to catch a glimpse of his blade.

“He... He’s able to fight!” The same thought flashed through the minds of everyone present. That included those from the Tongyou Institution.

“You actually have the ability to fight back... Impressive indeed!” Ancestor Yun Lu roared.

Kou Chongxue’s laughter filled the skies as he replied, “Hahaha! I was in a hopeless situation before. The balance between my fate dippers had been broken and I was a step away from entering the underworld. Who would have thought that a little brat’s suggestion would be all it took for me to hold on till today? Looks like I will have to disappoint all of you today!”

Snorting once, Ancestor Yun Lu cried out to Feng Yezi. “Old man Feng, How long do you plan to mess around for?!”

While he spoke, he smashed his weapon down at Kou Chongxue. The exchange between two Martial Dipper Realm experts instantly tore the Mountain and Sea Fantasy Spiritual World to shreds.

“AYAYAYA!” A strange cry came from Feng Yezi and he started his desperate attack.

A gray bag appeared in the air above the Tongyou Mysterious World. To be exact, it appeared right above Ji Wenlong.

As the bag opened, Ji Wenlong could no longer care about fighting with Feng Yezi. He sent a strong slash upwards in an attempt to cleave the bag in two. Unfortunately, the bag released a burst of air at that moment and it greatly reduced the power in Ji Wenlong's strike.

When Ji Wenlong was distracted by the gray bag, a withered hand extended out from the void and it grabbed at the Tongyou Mysterious World, tearing a massive hole through the barrier. World origin poured out at a frightening rate.

"How dare you!" Ji Wenlong growled as his blade came slashing down at that hand.

The hand dissipated the moment Ji Wenlong's attack arrived, causing him to strike at air.

The gray bag that was slightly deflected by Ji Wenlong earlier appeared at the opening the hand tore earlier. A strong suction force appeared and it drew in the world origin that was leaking along with tens of treasures that had been nurtured by the Tongyou Mysterious World earlier.

Just as Feng Yezi succeeded, the skies above the Tongyou Mysterious World lit up before a deafening silence descended onto the lands.

Ancestor Yun Lu's figure started to shatter, and everyone could see the bewildered expression on his face as he disappeared.

Chapter 334: Counterattack Baby

"This can't be! This isn't possible! How are you still able to use your fate dippers?!" Feng Yezi yelled in terror as Ancestor Yun Lu's clone shattered to bits.

During the first ambush, those who carried out the attack basically verified that Kou Chongxue lost control over his fate dippers. All of them knew that his injuries wouldn't be recovering at all.

Even though the second attack failed to claim Kou Chongxue's life, they could basically confirm that he would die even without external interference. The disequilibrium between his fate dippers had become too large and he was barely holding on to his life.

What happened after Ancestor Yun Lu broke into the Tongyou Mysterious World destroyed everything they thought they knew about Kou Chongxue!

With three moves, he destroyed Ancestor Yun Lu's fate dipper clone!

Only Martial Dipper Realm experts could kill other Martial Dipper Realm experts!

In other words, Kou Chongxue not only used his fate dipper to power his strikes. He might look just as haggard as he was earlier, but his condition didn't seem to be deteriorating at all!

What could that possibly mean?!

Did Kou Chongxue actually find a way to stabilize his fate dippers?! The repercussions if it did terrified even Feng Yezi. After all, he knew what would happen if Kou Chongxue returned to his peak.

Without bothering about his identity as a Martial Dipper Realm expert, he shook off Ji Wenlong before escaping with all his might back to the southwest.

A Martial Dipper Realm expert was running away!

He might know that even if Kou Chongxue found a way to stabilize his fate dippers, he wouldn't be able to restore himself to his peak state in a short amount of time. He also knew that Kou Chongxue was an arrow at the end of its flight after killing Ancestor Yun Lu. As long as he continued to waste Ji Wenlong's time, he would be able to suck away a lot of world origin from the Tongyou Mysterious World and obtain many treasures.

Even so, he chose to escape without hesitation.

With Ancestor Yun Lu's clone shattered and Feng Yezi retreating, the signal sent couldn't be clearer.

The Martial Extermination Realm experts who had come to attack the Tongyou Mysterious World scattered immediately. They ran in all directions, afraid that a slight delay would cost them their lives.

Even though Kou Chongxue looked to be in a bad situation, no one dared to test the only Martial Dipper Realm expert left. Even if he was at death's door, he was still a Martial Dipper Realm expert!

"I would have to trouble a few of you to stop Wei Zhongwen and Yang Hu." Ji Wenlong's voice boomed through the air. He was a spent force after fighting Feng Yezi for such a long time.

If anyone had to say who felt the most anxious the moment Ancestor Yun Lu's clone was destroyed, it would have to be Wei Zhongwen and Yang Hu.

The two of them tried to shake off Liu Qinglan and Kang Ci while making their desperate escape. They were experts in the third layer Martial Extermination Realm to begin with. Liu Qinglan and Kang Ci were far from able to stop them if they wished to escape.

However, a thin sword web filled the void right as they shook off Liu Qinglan and Kang Ci. The sword web shattered the space around it as it obstructed their escape.

"Yu Chengjin, how dare you stop me!" Wei Zhongwen roared with anger.

The spatial cracks quickly restored themselves, but by the time they did, Yu Chengjin had appeared before the two of them. With a sword in hand and a frown on his face, Yu Chengjin growled, "Brother Wei, the actions of your White Deer Paradise are extremely despicable."

Out of everyone who came to assist the Tongyou Institution, Yu Chengjin and Wei Zhongwen were the two with the highest cultivation. Now that Wei Zhongwen had turned to the other side, Yu Chengjin was the strongest expert who wasn't completely burned out on the side of the Tongyou Institution. He was the only one who had the ability to stop the two of them.

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Wei Zhongwen turned around to release another attack to force Liu Qinglan away before growling, "Are you stopping me because of this shit reason? Do you know what stopping me means? Is your Jianmen Institution willing to become an enemy of my White Deer Paradise?"

A snort left Yu Chengjin's lips in response. "The holy lands have never bothered with any of our five continents who have dedicated ourselves to preventing the intrusion of the Azure Spiritual World. Your White Deer Paradise chose to forsake the You Continent today and you can easily do the same for the rest of us in the future."

“How is that the same?! The You Continent has always acted alone. They never intended to cooperate with us!” Wei Zhongwen roared.

“There’s no need to say anymore.” Yu Chengjin shut him up with a stream of thin sword qi.

Behind Wei Zhongwen, Liu Qinglan ignored the injuries she had suffered as she attacked them from the back.

Yang Hu, whose intestines were green with regret for siding with the White Deer Paradise, knew that he had to do something. Instead of attempting to escape on his own, he chose to assist Wei Zhongwen.

He knew that there was no path of retreat now. He chose to side with the White Deer Paradise and the Tongyou Institution wouldn’t let him off whether he escaped or not. Even though he was cursing Wei Zhongwen’s eighteen generations of ancestors, he still had to help the man.

The You Continent no longer had a place for him after the shit he pulled. If he wanted to safely leave the You Continent, he had to rely on the White Deer Paradise. Well, that was if they managed to live to see that day.

Before he could jump into the battle, they were surrounded by Han Chongwei, Shang Ke, Liu Zhuyuan, and Kang Ci.

When Kou Chongxue appeared earlier, the Martial Extermination Realm experts who came to attack the Tongyou Mysterious World ran to the sidelines. The only exception was Wei Zhongwen and Yang Hu who were tasked to protect the bridge by Ancestor Yun Lu.

When everyone’s attention was on Wei Zhongwen and Yang Hu, another figure was running sneakily in the southwest direction.

He only managed to travel several dozen miles before he was intercepted.

“Brother Chang, why are you in such a rush to leave? Why don’t you stay for a little while?”

The person who stopped Chang Huaiwu might have hidden his appearance, but he took part in the battle earlier. He saved Mister Bu from Yang Hu earlier.

“Who the hell are you? Why are you getting in my way?!” Chang Huaiwu of the Yanmen Institution roared. As soon as Feng Yezi’s identity was revealed, he knew that his identity couldn’t be hidden from the others any longer. He knew he had to leave before the members of the Tongyou Institution hunted him down.

“I have something important to do right now and I have to return to my Yanmen Institution. I hope you don’t make things difficult for us?”

The person who stood in Chang Huaiwu’s way took off his disguise and muttered, “Brother Chang, I’m afraid that you’re not planning to go back to the Yanmen Institution. You should be rushing over to the icy pool under the Linya Cliff, right?”

“It’s you!” Chang Huaiwu gasped when he saw the masked man’s appearance. “I should have expected this. Since Kou Chongxue didn’t die, you wouldn’t have met your end either, Shang Lubing!”

A smile appeared on Shang Lubing’s face, but he didn’t say anything in response.

As Chang Huaiwu’s expression fluctuated unsteadily, he seemed to be making some sort of decision in his mind.

“Maybe Elder Chang can help me to understand how my martial nephew You Haibiao died. What is your relationship with the evil remnants anyway?” An elderly voice rang from behind Chang Huaiwu all of a sudden.

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As the battle drew to a close outside the Tongyou Mysterious World, the four strongest experts who had exhausted a huge portion of their energy gathered in the nearly destroyed Mountain and Sea Fantasy Spiritual World.

Yun Jing felt a bad premonition filling her heart when she saw Kou Chongxue leaning against his sword. She quickly stepped forward to assist him. The moment she supported him, her expression changed and she yelled in fright. “Why are you utilizing your origin energy?!”

Her yelp caused Shang Bo and Ji Wenlong to hasten their steps.

When they arrived near him, Ji Wenlong frowned while looking in the direction of the rose-colored bridge. “What’s the point of maintaining the connection with your own energy?”

“What?!” Yun Jing yelled once again as she tried to sever the connection between Kou Chongxue and the bridge.

However, he nudged her away before vomiting out a mouthful of blood. He chuckled a little hoarsely, “This is such a good opportunity. People are scheming against us all the time. It’s not our style to take a beating passively. An eye for an eye. That’s my style!”

He forced a smile before taking out the Fantasy Spiritual Pearl and addressing Yun Jing. “Relax. The extermination origin in here can sustain me for some time.”

Coughing softly, Shang Bo asked, “Is this the idea the brat gave you? Is it really possible for you to fix the problem this way? Anyway, the extermination origin inside the pearl won’t be able to last that long. Not to mention the fact that you would have to take on the burden anyway!”

Ji Wenlong muttered at the side, “So what is your plan exactly?”

Kou Chongxue said weakly, “Since the White Deer Paradise is able to steal our world origin, we can make use of the connection to steal their foundations!”

“You’re crazy!” Yun Jing yelled.

“This isn’t part of the plan! We already stopped their plot against us and you stripped Yun Lu of a fate dipper. He will be seriously injured, but he’s not the only Martial Dipper Realm expert in the White Deer Paradise!”

Shang Bo thought about it for a second and muttered, 'Is this why you called us over? You wish to gather all of our strength to carry out the plan?'

"Yeah. I thought about it at the last second. However, I won't be able to do it alone."  
Kou Chongxue sighed.

Ji Wenlong was clearly against the idea as he snapped at the two of them, "No! This is too dangerous!"

"Dangerous? How many risks have we taken in the past 20 years?" Kou Chongxue coughed twice and continued, "By the way, did you complete the deduction on my advancement formula? Are you able to use it?"

Ji Wenlong retrieved a scroll from his sleeves that was made up of an unknown material before sighing, "Yeah. We basically completed the basic deduction for the rest of the formula. As for whether I will succeed or not... Everything has to be left up to fate!"

Yun Jing, Shang Bo, and even Kou Chongxue turned to stare at him in shock.

However, a bitter smile soon appeared on Ji Wenlong's face. "In order to complete this scroll, I used more than a third of the world origin we absorbed..."

"What?! That much?" Yun Jing gasped.

Shang Bo quickly added, "Perhaps that's the reason why only holy lands are able to support the existence of a Martial Dipper Realm expert..."

A sinister smile soon appeared on Kou Chongxue's face. "Since that's the case, we'll have to make up for it by absorbing more energy from the White Deer Paradise!"

Chapter 335: Gimme Gimme Gimme

There used to be two different protection formations around the City Lord Manor in the Changfeng City.

One of them was used to protect the manor, and the other was used to protect the spirit cave below.

After Gao Yun entered the City Lord Manor, he quickly made amendments to the protection formations. He laid down a third layer between the two.

The third layer would activate if any one of the other two formations were destroyed. It was an added security measure in case any one of the protection formations were affected, but it also brought with it a massive disadvantage. As long as the third layer of formation was broken, everything would come crumbling down.

Due to his confidence in his abilities, Gao Yun didn't panic even though he learned that the spirit cave was being attacked.

In actuality, he was right. After the third layer of formation was activated after Shang Xia destroyed the protection formation around the spirit cave, Gao Yun was more than capable of suppressing Shang Xia in the spirit cave with the aid of the world origin pouring in through the bridge.

Unfortunately, man proposes and god disposes. No one would have thought that the amount of world origin would decrease by half due to Ancestor Yun Lu's desire to obtain the Hidden Frost Sword.

Half the energy used to maintain the suppression on Shang Xia disappeared suddenly, allowing him to move again. Under the pressure of survival, Shang Xia comprehended his eighth move, Startling Moon. He shattered the protection formation that remained.

Shang Xia breaking his formation was something that exceeded Gao Yun's expectations. However, he was more worried about the sudden decrease of world origin coming from the bridge. Without a doubt, something happened to Ancestor Yun Lu.

Youshang might be a second layer Martial Extermination Realm expert, but his mastery over the spear allowed him to barely be at a disadvantage when fighting the third layer Martial Extermination Realm expert, Gao Yun.

Along with the sudden change and Shang Xia breaking the protection formation, Youshang took advantage of Gao Yun's distraction to quickly turn the battle around.

It was especially so when the protection formation was broken. Youshang no longer had to worry about Shang Xia and he could go all out. His offensive increased in intensity yet again and he became the one suppressing Gao Yun.

After Shang Xia emerged from one of the wells, he noticed that Youshang was actually starting to gain the upper hand.

He also quickly discovered that the protection formation was starting to reform itself. More energy fell from the bridge above the city into those holes.

Stabbing straight at the foundations of the well he crawled out of, Shang Xia destroyed it and sealed the opening off completely.

The stream of energy that was supposed to enter the well scattered all over the ground, turning the region into somewhat of a fantasy painting.

A stroke of inspiration came over Shang Xia and he brought out the Spirit Extermination Gourd and tried to absorb the world origin that scattered all around.

Even though he planned to experiment with it, he was shocked when the world origin was sucked into the gourd.

Is it possible that the gourd can not only absorb extermination qi but world origin too?

Well, good things never last. Gao Yun quickly discovered his actions.

Despite being tangled up with Youshang, Gao Yun was still able to split away some of his consciousness to control the protection formation.

The world origin that was spilled over from Shang Xia's destruction of the well was quickly directed to another well in the distance.

Watching the scene play out in front of him, Shang Xia quickly emerged from the courtyard he was in to enter another one housing a well.



Raising his spear, he destroyed the next well before using his Spirit Extermination Gourd to absorb the spillover world origin.

“Be careful!” Youshang roared in the distance.

With a chill running down his heart, Shang Xia leaped out of the courtyard he was in before lunging to another nearby structure.

A huge blast came from behind him and the courtyard he was in earlier turned into a pile of rubble.

If he reacted a little slower, he might have been turned into a pancake, just like the courtyard. After all, taking an attack from a Martial Extermination Realm expert, especially one as strong as Gao Yun, wasn't fun.

Raising his head, Shang Xia saw Youshang fighting to stop Gao Yun from sending any more attacks down below.

With a trace of rage building in Shang Xia's heart, he was too annoyed with Gao Yun to be afraid of him. Getting up, he swung his spear upwards. He unleashed his fifth move, the Woundless Spear!

In the past, Shang Xia used the same move to attack Liang Shuangren. He wanted to do it again. Since Liang Shuangren and Gao Yun had similar cultivation bases, he felt that he could possibly do something to Gao Yun! Moreover, Shang Xia's personal cultivation increased since then. The power contained in his strike was far greater than before.

It didn't take long for him to send out the strike. Blood stained the back of his robes.

Without any prior warning, an injury two inches long appeared on Gao Yun's neck. Blood sprayed out from his new wound.

Even though a wound like that wouldn't affect a Martial Extermination Realm expert, the premise of which the attack arrived scared him. There was no sign of it at all!

He might have locked on to the source of the attack that was Shang Xia dozens of feet away, but he still felt a sense of unease in his heart.

That was because he discovered that even though he knew where the strike came from, he had no idea how to defend against it!

Alas, he failed to notice Shang Xia's blood-soaked back. Otherwise, he would understand that Shang Xia wouldn't be able to send out another attack in a short period of time.

As for the person in question, Shang Xia, he ignored the pain as a trace of excitement threatened to overwhelm him.

The injury he received when sending out the strike earlier was much lighter than before! Also, the injury he inflicted on Gao Yun was a lot more serious than Liang Shuangren.

Even though both injuries meant nothing to a Martial Extermination Realm expert, the increase in damage he caused held a greater meaning behind it!

At the very least, Gao Yun had to split off a large amount of attention to prevent Shang Xia from landing his attack again. Youshang was able to capitalize on the opportunity to heavily punish the distracted Gao Yun.

The muscles around his newly opened wound squirmed to seal it off as Shang Xia started to look for other wells in the manor.

This time, he was clearly much more crafty. He found one in a courtyard away from where the two of them were fighting and he destroyed it quickly. Once again, he retrieved his Spirit Extermination Gourd to collect the spillover world origin.

Raising his head suddenly, he stared at one of the rooms beside him. "Who's there?!"

No sound came from within, but Shang Xia didn't lower his spear. He pointed it at the courtyard and got ready to deal with any threat that might come.

A moment later, a figure of a woman appeared at a window facing Shang Xia and her voice rang through the air, "Did you just use the Shang Clan Spear Art?"

Narrowing his eyes, Shang Xia growled, "Who are you and how do you recognize the Shang Clan Spear Art?"

Hesitating slightly, the woman within muttered, "Can you let me out? I've been trapped in here for too long and there are restrictions all over the place."

A thought flashed through Shang Xia's mind and he decided to test the woman a little. "Do you know who Uncle Cen is?"

"Looks like you should know who I am. Who sent you?" The woman sighed in a weird tone after some time.

Shang Xia ignored whatever she said and asked yet another question. "What's the name of your granddaughter?"

The woman in the room seemed visibly taken aback and she hesitated for a short while before muttering, "Did Hai Min bring Yuanyuan to the Tongyou City?"

Shang Xia didn't bother thinking deeper into her words and he nodded his head. "Looks like you're the third in command of the Eighteen Horsemen..."

As soon as he spoke, his spear tore through the restrictions and broke the roof of the building she was trapped in.

A figure jumped out before landing in front of Shang Xia.

It was the first time he was seeing her, and according to his estimations, she should have been in her forties. However, the person who stood before him was a beauty who looked slightly over thirty. She exuded a charming air, and perhaps it was because she had been trapped in the room for a long time, she looked extremely pale and tired.

Shang Xia didn't know that when he was examining her, she was doing the same to him. She barely glanced at the battle between the two Martial Extermination Realm experts. Her gaze had been locked on to him the rest of the time.

When Shang Xia was about to speak, Third Sister Hai broke the silence first. "What's wrong? Do you find me familiar?"

“Maybe it’s because you look too similar to Hai Min and Yuanyuan...” Shang Xia chuckled awkwardly.

Sniggering softly, she raised her chin a little and asked, “What’s going on here?”

“The White Deer Paradise declared war on us and the battle is still going on.” Shang Xia raised his head to look in the direction she was indicating before explaining.

She stared at him in shock but quickly managed to regain her composure. She muttered seriously, “What can I do to help? Are the two up there on our side? Um...”

Shang Xia thought that she had already discovered Youshang’s identity as someone from the Azure Spiritual World and he quickly explained, “That guy up there wielding the spear is a spy the institution stationed in the Azure Spiritual World. We only managed to infiltrate the city with his help. Senior, you barely recovered your energy. If you wish to do anything, you should help Uncle Cen and the rest. They’re somewhere in the city right now.”

Tearing her eyes off the battle, she gave Shang Xia a deep stare before smiling slightly. “Alright, I’ll be off then!”

It seemed as though she wasn’t someone who liked to drag things out. She unleashed her movement art and left the City Lord Manor instantly.

Chapter 336: GG

Everything Shang Xia did was clearly noticed by Gao Yun. However, Gao Yun was too distracted by Youshang to do a thing. The only thing he could do was to redirect the way the energy fell into the spirit cave underground, but Shang Xia sucked up all the world origin with his Spirit Extermination Gourd before Gao Yun could try anything.

Gao Yun understood that getting tangled up like that wasn’t the way to go. There were 18 wells that formed an opening to the spirit cave in the City Lord Manor. If Shang Xia continued to destroy them, they would no longer be able to steal the Tongyou Institution’s world essence.

That was also why Gao Yun was dragging out the battle as long as he could.

When the amount of energy decreased by half earlier, he didn’t break out into full-blown panic. In his eyes, even if Kou Chongxue was alive, he wouldn’t be able to change the tide of the battle. An accident might have happened, but the energy was still being sent back to the Ji Continent. That clearly meant that things hadn’t gone to shit yet.

Moreover, he felt that Ancestor Yun Lu would definitely be able to discover what was going on in the Changfeng City.

Gao Yun was dragging things out so Ancestor Yun Lu could return to deal with the pesky asshole who was engaged in battle with him and the rat who had destroyed the protection formation.

What he didn’t expect was for the energy flow to stop completely! Ancestor Yun Lu was nowhere to be seen, but the world essence falling from the rose-colored bridge disappeared!

Gao Yun wasn’t the only one surprised by the change. Even Youshang couldn’t believe his eyes.

A sudden bout of laughter emerged from Gao Yun’s lips all of a sudden. “Hehe, all of you are dead. Ancestor Yun Lu is definitely coming back to deal with you now!”

Shang Xia felt a suffocating pressure descending on him when he heard that the Martial Dipper Realm ancestor was returning, but something seemed off about the whole matter.

However, Youshang's roaring laughter soon rocked through the air. "Hahahahahaha! Are you stupid? If your ancestor is really about to return, will you be so kind as to give me a reminder?!"

It clicked in Shang Xia's mind. However, Youshang sent him a secret transmission all of a sudden. "Hurry up and leave in case it's really true."

"But you..."

"Don't bother about me. I have a way to leave if things get rough!" Youshang snapped before Shang Xia could say any more.

Even though Youshang seemed to not give half a shit about Gao Yun, he still decided to play it safe.

Nodding slightly, Shang Xia quickly turned around to flee from the City Lord Manor. While he was at it, he destroyed four more wells on the way out.

All of a sudden, the change occurred.

The world origin being transferred back from the bridge stopped, but the bridge remained motionless in mid air.

Brilliant rays of light emerged from the north, and a stream of light shot back towards the Changfeng City along the bridge. The skies above the Changfeng City seemed to lose their color with the arrival of the stream of light, and the heaven and earth qi started fluctuating violently.

Raising his head, Shang Xia saw a swirling vortex of light as a massive water droplet emitted dense radiance as it started to fall off the bridge.

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Before Shan Xia could make sense of what had happened, Gao Yun's expression changed drastically. He didn't bother with Youshang's crazed attacks at all as he flew towards the bridge in an attempt to grab the water droplet.

At that moment, a terrifying chill came from behind him. Gao Yun might have been willing to risk everything to grab the droplet, but he knew that was Youshang's blow landed, his life would be in danger. Unwilling, he could only turn around to clash with Youshang as the both of them were sent tumbling through the air.

In that instant, the water droplet lost all contact with the bridge. Even though it was a pretty big droplet of water, it remained hovering in mid air.

Gao Yun forced himself to stop rolling through the air as he flew towards the water droplet, and so did Youshang. Youshang unleashed everything in his arsenal to stop Gao Yun from approaching it.

At the same time, Youshang's anxious voice boomed in Shang Xia's ears. "You need to grab that! That's a fate dipper!"

What?! Fate dipper?!

Even though he was shocked to the core, Shang Xia's body moved instinctively and he started rushing towards the water droplet.

Even though he was unable to fly through the air, he was able to stay suspended for some time.

The water droplet seemed to be affected by the shockwaves of the battle between Gao Yun and Youshang and it wobbled unsteadily. It seemed to be ready to fall at any time. As Shang Xia got closer to the droplet, he discovered that it was much larger than he had thought! When he saw it in the distance, it looked slightly larger than an ordinary raindrop. Now that he was getting closer to it, he discovered that it was huge enough to swallow him whole!

How the hell was he supposed to retrieve such a massive fate dipper?

Just as the thought flashed through his mind, Youshang's caution entered his mind once again. "Do not touch it with your bare hands! You need to store it in a medium of some sort!"

No shit! Why didn't you say so earlier?!

Seeing as he was about to slam straight into the droplet, Shang Xia brought out the Spirit Extermination Gourd in a state of panic and pulled the cork.

A chilly wind appeared from the void beside him before he could react.

"Be careful!" Youshang's warning seemed to come a little late this time.

Shang Xia was extremely annoyed by that point. The treasure was right there for the taking. However, it would mean nothing if he was dead.

Without hesitation, he released the control of heaven and earth qi around him. Without the support of the heaven and earth qi around him, he fell to the ground below.

Was it possible to evade an attack from a Martial Extermination Realm expert so easily? Obviously not.

A chilly stream of qi seeped into Shang Xia's body, and he felt a bone-piercing pain shooting through his entire being.

A layer of ice seemed to form around him as he fell to the ground. At the same time, his inner qi seemed to be frozen solid. He couldn't circulate them as he wished.

"Bang!" With a loud thud, he smashed heavily into the ground outside the City Lord Manor. The ground under him shattered, and so did the layer of ice around his body.

Feeling a sickly sweet sensation rising up in his throat, he spat out a mouthful of blood before crawling to his butt.

Luckily for him, the fall and the blood he vomited expelled the icy qi in his body. He was eventually able to circulate his Origin True Qi again.

Then again, his Origin True Qi was much more tyrannical than the inner qi of other Martial Intent Realm cultivators to begin with. He was frozen earlier because he was caught by surprise. Now that he could circulate his inner qi again, he quickly removed any traces of the icy qi from his body. When he was done, he leaped to his feet and glared at Gao Yun who was fighting in the air above.

His expression was as dark as thunderclouds when he looked at Gao Yun who was currently being suppressed by Youshang.

The wound on his back when he released the Woundless Spear earlier opened up again, causing his bloodstained clothes to turn a shade of darker red.

In the short amount of time since he emerged from the spirit cave underground, he nearly died twice! And the cause of it was that piece of shit Formation Master from the White Deer Paradise fighting in the air!

Earlier, Shang Xia retrieved his Spirit Extermination Gourd in a fit of desperation to not touch the fate dipper. With it still in his hands, he didn't hesitate to slap it heavily on the bottom.

Grayish-black extermination qi emerged from the gourd, and the figure of a spiritual deer appeared in mid air. It turned into a streak of light that charged straight at Gao Yun.

"Huh? How did my White Deer Paradise's spiritual deer end up in your hands?" Gao Yun frowned.

Shang Xia's little tricks couldn't be hidden from someone like Gao Yun, but when Gao Yun saw the spiritual deer charging at him, he couldn't help but chuckle in amusement, "Brat, let me teach you another trick today. The secret art of my White Deer Paradise can't be used to harm our own!"

Even though he was forced to take a hit before he could retreat slightly, he started channeling the White Deer Paradise's secret art. He wanted to control the spiritual deer to attack Youshang instead of himself!

"Hahaha! I really have to thank... Wait, how is this possible? No! ARGH!" Gao Yun's shit-eating smile froze on his face when he discovered that his secret art wasn't working. The spiritual deer didn't change its target to Youshang at all!

There was nothing he could do other than to rouse his extermination origin in an attempt to protect himself. As the deer closed in on him, it leaped into the air before slamming heavily into Gao Yun.

After absorbing the Yin Water Mysterious Extermination Origin, the spiritual deer possessed strength close to a Martial Extermination Realm expert who barely stepped into the realm. If Gao Yun was fully prepared, the deer wouldn't be able to do a thing to him! Unfortunately, he wasn't.

When the spiritual deer slammed into him, he felt his organs shifting and he spat out a mouthful of blood.

After one strike, the spiritual deer seemed to have lost most of its energy and it scattered into a ball of grayish black extermination mist.

"You..." Gao Yun's gaze was filled with suspicion, but rage replaced his confusion after he saw how the spiritual deer turned into a ball of extermination mist.

Youshang wouldn't let go of a chance like this to beat the annoying asshole of a Formation Master who was Gao Yun. He felt no guilt about hitting Gao Yun when he was down. Taking advantage of the opportunity, his spear stabbed at Gao Yun mercilessly.

With his strength affected due to the injuries he suffered, he was unable to react immediately to dodge Youshang's attack. He had to take it on forcefully, and he spat out another mouthful of blood after doing so. The imposing manner that he had initially dulled by a whole lot.

It didn't take long for Youshang to gain the upper hand after that. Gao Yun could only flee miserably as Youshang chased closely behind.

Under such circumstances, Youshang didn't seem relieved at all. Instead, a deep frown could be seen on his face as he glanced at the brat down below.

After the spiritual deer slammed into Gao Yun, the fluctuations finally caused the fate dipper to fall. As it was falling, Youshang's voice rang beside Shang Xia's ear once again. "It's best to not let the fate dipper hit the ground. But if there's no other way, just dodge it and we'll deal with the aftermath later!"

Not knowing whether or not Shang Xia heard what Youshang said, he pointed the opening of his Spirit Extermination Gourd at the falling fate dipper.

As though it felt threatened by the fate dipper, the spiritual deer, who turned into the ball of extermination mist, raced back to the gourd as quickly as it could.

At the same time, the fate dipper seemed to have been affected by the suction force of the Spirit Extermination Gourd as it started to grow thinner in mid air.

A ball of gray mist that represented the Yin Water Mysterious Extermination Origin, and an extended water droplet that was the fate dipper started to swirl about the opening of the Spirit Extermination Gourd before being sucked in completely.

The weight of the gourd increased by several times suddenly, and the gourd nearly fell to the ground.

Shang Xia quickly raised his other hand in an unpanicked fashion to shove the cork back over the opening of the gourd when no traces of the extermination origin or fate dipper was left outside.

Chapter 337: Piercing Sun

"What! Have! You! Done!" Gao Yun roared with all his might after Shang Xia sealed off the gourd.

Raising his head to glance at the asshole of a Formation Master who made his life hell ever since he dove into the underground river back in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, Shang Xia barely managed to resist his urge to flash a middle finger at the man as he ran out of the City Lord Manor.

An enraged cry came from behind him as Gao Yun released a maniacal cry. A blast tore through the air and a quarter of the City Lord Manor was destroyed in an instant.

Even though he was shocked, Shang Xia only turned to look behind him after he felt that he had left any immediate dangerous situation.

He was shocked by what he saw next. He saw Gao Yun forcing Youshang away as he fled in Shang Xia's direction.

"Stop him! He wants to get away!" Youshang roared as a thousand page essay filled with curse words filled Shang Xia's mind.

Stop telling a Martial Intent Realm cultivator to do everything! What the fuck! Even if this daddy here is capable of messing with Martial Extermination Realm experts, I can't do it over and over and over again!

No matter how much he was cursing in his heart, Shang Xia still found the situation a little weird. Why would Gao Yun try to escape?

Feeling the Spirit Extermination Gourd in his hand, Shang Xia seemed to have thought of a terrifying possibility. Also, after the extermination origin and fate dipper entered the Spirit Extermination Gourd, they were remaining oddly silent.

When Youshang saw Shang Xia's inaction, he misunderstood the kid's intentions. He quickly addressed Shang Xia again. "The energy isn't flowing from the Tongyou City anymore! Yun Lu's plan should be destroyed! The water droplet earlier should be Yun Lu's fate dipper after his clone was destroyed. Seeing Gao Yun's reactions now, my guesses should be right!"

Shang Xia's shock increased after hearing Youshang's evaluation.

For Yun Lu's clone to be destroyed and for his fate dipper to be revealed, that would mean that the Tongyou City was no longer in danger!

When Ancestor Yun Lu descended earlier, there was such a terrifying fluctuation of heaven and earth qi! He arrived with such a spectacle, but he was defeated just like that?

Was it possible that Kou Chongxue had recovered?!

Shang Xia could think of no other reason for Ancestor Yun Lu to be defeated.

If that was the case...

Trembling slightly, Shang Xia's spear shot upwards. Starlight gathered around the top of his spear as he released his seventh move, Celestial Disruption!

The moment his spear stabbed upwards, the streak of light under Gao Yun's fleeing figure exploded. Specks of light started gathering around his body at a frightening pace.

With his expression changing slightly, he swiped his sleeves to get rid of those tiny specks of light.

The only reason his expression changed was because of the inconvenience Shang Xia's attack caused when he was trying to escape. By the time he dealt with those light specks, Youshang had arrived in front of him. His escape attempt was foiled!

Gao Yun wasn't the only person who was shocked by how Shang Xia managed to obstruct his escape. Youshang was equally taken aback.

Shang Xia's spear art could affect Martial Extermination Realm experts!

Even though it was a mere distraction, it was a terrifying achievement. Shang Xia was in the Martial Intent Realm and Gao Yun was a third layer Martial Extermination Realm expert!

It was a slight delay, but it wasn't enough to deal with Gao Yun for good. Youshang's voice rang beside Shang Xia's ears again. "It's not enough. Summon that spiritual deer again!"

Taking everything into consideration, Shang Xia managed to affect Gao Yun due to the sneak attack. If Shang Xia tried it again, there was no way it would succeed.

Very quickly, Gao Yun changed direction to flee in the other direction.

"Quickly! Stop him!" Youshang's voice appeared again.



Actually, Shang Xia had been making his preparations. He didn't need Youshang's reminder this time.

Youshang barely completed his sentence when Shang Xia's Scarlet Star Spear shot upwards.

Unleashing his eighth move, Startling Moon, the moon that was hanging above the City Lord Manor seemed to shift slightly.

The two Martial Extermination Realm experts in mid air gasped in unison. One of them seemed to be in disbelief while the other was slightly confused.

Earlier, Shang Xia used the same move to break out from underground. Perhaps it was due to the dispersed power, but the two of them didn't notice anything out of the ordinary about Shang Xia's attack. Now that they were witnessing it for themselves, they discovered that his strike had the ability to shift space!

That was the publicly acknowledged domain that could only be affected by Martial Extermination Realm experts! Only Martial Extermination Realm experts had the ability to alter the space around them!

However, Shang Xia managed to do it in the Martial Intent Realm! Gao Yun, who had been escaping, finally felt a sense of danger coming from the kid below.

If the Woundless Spear Shang Xia unleashed earlier managed to injure Gao Yun and caused him a little surprise, Celestial Disruption definitely caused him to see the kid in a new light. However, Both of those moves couldn't affect him much.

Startling Moon was different. It definitely possessed enough power to hurt him for real! Gao Yun could tell that the space before him was fractured. If he forcefully broke through, he would be significantly injured!

Raising his head to look at the waning moon that appeared in the air, Gao Yun stretched his hand out to grab at it mercilessly.

The moon in the air fractured, turning into random pieces of light. The space in front of Gao Yun returned to normal, and the moon that was originally hanging high in the air appeared in its original position.

Shang Xia's eighth move might be powerful, but a Martial Extermination Realm expert could shatter it without much effort.

However, Gao Yun had to admit that his escape attempt was actually obstructed by Shang Xia yet again!

Youshang's spear arrived during the short delay, and a grunt left Gao Yun's lips as he spat out another mouthful of blood.

At that instant, the bridge started to tremble once again, attracting the attention of the two Martial Extermination Realm experts and Shang Xia.

Only then did Shang Xia realize the problem. If Ancestor Yun Lu's fate dipper was in his hands, why was the bridge still suspended in mid air?

Could it be?

Gao Yun broke away from Youshang once again, and the latter chased closely behind him.

This time, Gao Yun seemed to have set his mind on escaping. No matter how many attacks he had to take from Youshang, he had to get away!

The rose-colored bridge lit up as Gao Yun attempted to escape for a third time, and the clear ringing of a sword filled the skies above the You Continent.

It seemed to be an announcement of sorts, and Shang Xia was familiar with the ringing sound.

Hidden Frost Sword!

Kou Chongxue!

When the thought appeared in Shang Xia's mind he couldn't help but picture the legend who had been defending the You Continent from both external threats like the Azure Spiritual World, and internal threats in the Azure Origin World! The man was back!

The ringing sound didn't stop there as it echoed clearly in the ears of everyone present.

Gao Yun, who had been running freely around the Changfeng City all this while, felt his movements severely restricted as a terrifying pressure descended on him. On the other hand, Shang Xia found that his divine sense and thoughts had become extremely clear.

Kou Chongxue's return seemed to signify that the ruler of the You Continent had returned!

"Hah!" Youshang snorted heavily as a cold light emerged from his palm. His spear shot out with the force of a thousand suns and the power contained behind it exceeded the time when it tore through the protection barrier and severely damaged the southern city gates!

"Ah!" Gao Yun felt an unprecedented wave of danger rapidly encroaching on him. With life and death at stake, he released all three of his extermination origins to protect himself. A strand of red, a strand of yellow, and a strand of blue intertwined to form a three-colored shield in front of him.

"Rip!" The shield was torn to shreds as Gao Yun's miserable scream filled the air. However, a bitter laughter soon replaced his scream.

After the spear tore through Gao Yun, the glow around it disappeared as it started to fall powerlessly to the ground after traveling several tens of feet.

Clearly, Youshang was a spent force after sending out the last strike.

"Haha... Hahaha, Hahahaha! Looks like I'm going to live after all!" After the spear tore through his shield, a huge hole was blown through Gao Yun's chest.

The injury might be serious, but it wasn't enough to take the life of a third layer Martial Extermination Realm expert. Even though he was extremely weakened, Youshang was exhausted from everything that happened before! Like a dried-out lamp, Youshang would only be able to watch as Gao Yun escaped!

There wasn't a need for Gao Yun to be worried about Shang Xia. After all, he had already left the range of the kid's attack!

Now, no one could stop him from leaving!

"Damn it! We still allowed him to escape!" Youshang gasped weakly.

A rank four formation master like Gao Yun was the reason the White Deer Paradise was able to send a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor out of their territory. An existence like that was extremely rare, even in a superpower like the White Deer Paradise!

As long as he remained alive, the threat the White Deer Paradise posed to the You Continent would never be eliminated! Youshang and Shang Xia were reluctant to see him escaping, but there wasn't much they could do about it.

Youshang turned to look at Shang Xia as Gao Yun started to circulate the last of his inner qi in an attempt to leave the Changfeng City. He couldn't help but sigh softly to himself. The kid had done enough. From destroying the first layer of protection formation around the spirit cave before breaking out himself, to the destruction of the various wells that channeled the word origin the White Deer Paradise was stealing. He even interrupted Gao Yun's escape attempt twice, allowing Youshang to critically injure the man. Shang Xia even managed to develop a move that allowed him to do something only Martial Extermination Realm experts could do, which was to shift space. What more could he expect from the kid? After all, Shang Xia was only at the Martial Intent Realm.

His expression froze after thinking about the things Shang Xia managed to accomplish. A look of terror soon replaced his frozen expression when he saw that Shang Xia was deep in contemplation. The Scarlet Star Spear in Shang Xia's hand was buzzing softly, and it seemed to be getting excited about something.

This...

Switching up his grip on the Scarlet Star Spear, Shang Xia grabbed it with one hand. Arching his body like a bow, he prepared to toss the spear at the fleeing Gao Yun.

Shang Xia's divine sense achieved an unprecedented state due to the ringing of the Hidden Frost Sword, and the scene where Youshang unleashed the final attack on Gao Yun replayed time and time again in his mind. The only thing that Shang Xia could think about was the streak of light that was left behind by Youshang's spear when he threw it earlier.

That was the full-powered strike of a second layer Martial Extermination Realm expert they were talking about! However, the true power contained in the strike could rival the strongest attack of a third layer Martial Extermination Realm expert!

The inspiration, idea, and method of execution filled Shang Xia's mind, and everything seemed to gather together into a streak of light. It became strangely imprinted into his memory, and it fused with his comprehension of the Providence Spear Art. In that instant, he released the Scarlet Star Spear.

It turned into a streak of red light that slightly resembled what Youshang did earlier.

Was it actually a copy of Youshang's move? No! It wasn't a mere copy. It included everything Shang Xia understood about the Providence Spear Art and the streak of red disappeared into the void as soon as it left his hand.

A hundred or so feet away, Gao Yun who was certain that he managed to escape, felt his heart sinking as the feeling of death crept up his heart. His expression changed drastically.

The guttural cry barely managed to leave his lips before blood sprayed uncontrollably out from them. His extermination origins that were barely supporting his flight were stained red.

He resembled a bloodied sun that was hanging above the Changfeng City, but in the next moment, a gaping hole was blown through it.

Dense starlight followed the trajectory of the spear that punched a hole through the blood sun as Gao Yun's cries were silenced.

The ninth move of Shang Xia's Providence Spear Art, Piercing Sun, was complete!

Chapter 338: Third Sister Hai

In the western region of the Changfeng City...

The corpse of a twenty year old youth fell to the ground at the end of a semi-destroyed street. His face was slightly greenish in color and it was clear that he had been poisoned.

Not too far away from the youth was Sixth Sister Gu. She was trembling as the person got closer and closer to her.

Seeing her frightened expression, a trace of reluctance could be seen in Second Brother Liu's eyes as he muttered softly, "Sixth sister, you can't blame me for being too cold-hearted! The Martial Dipper Realm ancestor of the White Deer Paradise will be personally taking charge of the battle. The institution is finished! All of us have been abandoned by the institution to begin with and we're just searching for ways to live..."

Sixth Sister Gu, whose inner qi was evidently exhausted, could only shed tears of despair. "Second Brother, don't kill me! I don't wish to die..."

Second Brother Liu seemed to have sensed a familiar and threatening aura quickly closing in, and a slight chill filled his heart. Killing intent filled his heart and a sharp sword flew out from his sleeves like a snake as it went straight for Sixth Sister Gu's throat.

"Second Brother Liu, you dare?!" A sharp yell came from the distance and following the cry, several walls in the distance blew up. The shattered rocks flew towards Second Brother Liu who was about to take Sixth Sister Gu's life.

With his expression changing, he no longer bothered dealing with Sixth Sister Gu. He retreated hastily and the sword in his hand danced about in front of him to deflect the debris that was flying at him.

As dust filled the air, a seven-foot-long spear tore through the dusty air. Due to the energy fluctuations coming from the spear, the air was quickly cleared.

Killing intent swept over Second Brother Liu and a trace of panic flashed in his eyes. He wanted to dodge the spear that was coming at him, but it seemed to have locked onto his aura. There was nowhere he could go!

As the second in charge of the one glorious Eighteen Horsemen of the You Continent, Second Brother Liu didn't lack fighting spirit. He had been through countless dangerous situations and putting his life on the line was a common occurrence.

Since there was no way to avoid it, he would just go all out.

Crazily circulating his inner qi, he unleashed the strongest move he had since he started cultivating!

A look of excitement appeared on his face as he seemed to have reached the next stage of his cultivation thanks to the sudden stimulation!

However, the look of excitement quickly froze on his face. A spear that was even longer than Shang Xia's Scarlet Star Spear broke through his defenses and skewered him mercilessly to the ground.

When the dust settled, a familiar figure appeared in his sights.

"Cough... Cough..." Staring at her without blinking, he couldn't be bothered with the blood that was streaming out of his body. He gasped in shock, "Third... Third Sister! How are you here? How can you use the spear?"

Third Sister Hai stared at Second Brother Liu without a trace of emotions in her eyes. "Second Brother, you should be the person who revealed my tracks to the Changfeng City, right?"

"I... I... I only wanted to leave a route of retreat for the rest of us!" A bitter smile emerged on Second Brother Liu's face.

Nodding expressionlessly, Third Sister Hai continued, "Everyone deserves to fight for their right to live. It's too bad you shouldn't have plotted against your fellow comrades!"

On his last breath, Second Brother Liu's eyes bulged out from their sockets and he eventually forced out his last words. "Third Sister, who... Who exactly are you?"

"My true family name is Shang!" 'Third Sister Hai' sighed before giving him an explanation.

"So, that's it... No wonder..." Before he could complete his sentence, his head tilted to the side and his eyes lost focus.

"Third... Third sister?" A voice containing a trace of fear and relief came from Sixth Sister Gu who was leaning against the rubble at the side.

A soft sigh left Third Sister Hai's lips but she didn't turn around to look at Sixth Sister Gu. Instead, she looked straight and addressed the person hiding in the shadows, "Boss Sha?"

"Out of the eighteen of us, I might seem to be the oldest and strongest. However, the Eighteen Horsemen existed twenty years ago. It was thirteen years ago when I joined due to my sins in the institution. You were already Third Sister Hai when I joined and even though no one knew your true identity as someone from the Shang Clan, your authority should already be higher than mine. In fact, if we talk about experience and strength, you should be our leader!" Boss Sha nodded slightly before he muttered.

Smiling softly, she raised an eyebrow in surprise. “Why are you bringing this up now?”

“Please spare my life! All of us have been through life and death together. I hope you can leave me a way out. In the future, there will no longer be Boss Sha and he will no longer exist in this world! The old Boss Sha is already dead!”

The corners of Third Sister Hai’s lips curled upwards in a mocking smile before turning to glance in the air above the City Lord Manor. “What’s this? Boss Sha wishes to hide your identity and go into hiding? Do you have so little confidence in the White Deer Paradise?”

Remaining silent for some time, Boss Sha eventually broke the silence. “I hope Third Sister can spare my life.”

“Am I supposed to silence Sixth Sister in order to keep this secret for you?” Third Sister Hai sneered softly.

A deafening ring filled the skies above the You Continent all of a sudden, catching everyone off guard.

Boss Sha’s face changed and he no longer cared about Third Sister Hai. He turned to run.

“Go look for Fifth Brother Cen and gather with the others!” Third Sister Hai muttered before leaving to chase Boss Sha.

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In the skies above the City Lord Manor. Youshang spat out a mouthful of blood in shock when he saw Gao Yun’s body falling from the skies. A bitter smile eventually appeared on his face. “This brat...”

After throwing his spear, Shang Xia’s figure was frozen completely. He maintained his stance after throwing his spear at Gao Yun, and it wasn’t that he didn’t wish to recover. At that moment, his inner qi was completely exhausted.

He released his ninth move, Pierced Sun!

The power contained in the spear was terrifying, it was powerful enough to kill a Martial Extermination Realm expert!

The moment he threw out the spear earlier, he staked everything on it. He poured all his energy into it and it had to succeed.

If it didn’t he would lose his weapon and waste all his energy! When that happened, anyone would be able to kill him!

Evidently, he wouldn’t be able to use Piercing Sun whenever he liked!

Of course, that was the first time he was utilizing the move. After some refinement in the future, he might find a better way to execute it. There might be more changes in the future!

After recovering slightly, Shang Xia managed to lower his hand and circulate his inner qi according to the Triple Providence Chapter. The amount of Origin True Qi in his body eventually recovered to a point he could move about freely again.

When he was done, Shang Xia discovered what he achieved. He came up with the legendary ninth move of the Providence Spear Art that was only rumored to exist! Even in his current state, Shang Xia could tell that his cultivation had reached a white new state!

It wasn't exactly the large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm, but Shang Xia couldn't put his finger on it. Only when he fully recovered would he be able to look into the actual changes. He had a feeling that after his inner qi recovered, he would be a single paper-thin window away from entering the large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm.

When he was recovering slowly, Youshang went over to Gao Yun's corpse and retrieved the Scarlet Star Spear for him. At the same time, he went to gather everything else.

After returning to see that Shang Xia was meditating peacefully, he shook his head and laughed before putting the Scarlet Star Spear by his side. He then returned silently to the City Lord Manor to pick up whatever was of use there.

Since the battle ended earlier, there were many cultivators who went towards the City Lord Manor in an attempt to loot it. However, they made their way out the moment they felt Youshang's Martial Extermination Realm aura coming from within.

The silence around Shang Xia didn't last for long. Right after he recovered another tiny bit of Origin True Qi, he was awakened by a voice.

"Hey! This old man came late. However, it looks like you guys managed to deal with everything here." A short sword came from the rose-colored bridge above as Kou Chongxue's voice rang in his ears. Only the sword was present, and Kou Chongxue's voice was coming from inside the sword.

Getting to his feet, Shang Xia exclaimed, "Disciple greets Patriarch Kou!"

Youshang appeared at an unknown time, and he cupped his fists together half-heartedly before laughing in an unruly manner, "I heard that a certain patriarch had always been lamenting the fact that he has to work hard all the time. Hah! Aren't you just scolding everyone else subtly by saying that they're of no help to you? We dealt with everything here so that we won't have to hear your nagging when you come."

A chuckle came from the sword all of a sudden. "Hehe, you're pretty sharp! Looks like there's hope for you yet."

Sniggering softly, Youshang muttered, "Hurry up and tell us what you need so that we don't have to guess your intentions!"

The Hidden Frost Sword emitted a low buzz, seemingly apologetic about Youshang's accusation before the reply came. "We have to respond in kind! Since they had the guts to come to us, I'll head over to the Ji Continent right now! Did you find any diagram about the underground river or route leading to the Ji Continent?"

Youshang seemed to have been prepared for his questioning and he quickly tossed out a small case. "This is the belongings of the White Deer Paradise's formation master. Everything you might need should be in there."

The Hidden Frost Sword shook slightly in the air and Shang Xia didn't discover any abnormality but the case was split in two. Everything inside rained down on the ground below.

Shang Xia didn't notice when the artifact was cut, but everything inside was perfectly preserved!

"That's it." A weird scroll that was made from an unknown material rose into the air and Shang Xia barely caught sight of what it was. It seemed to contain some intricately drawn lines within, but it was quickly whisked away.

"Stay here and guard this place! I'll head over to the Ji Continent now!"

As soon as his voice disappeared, the Hidden Frost Sword turned to fly away. However, it was stopped by a yell from Youshang. "Hold it!"

Chapter 339: Do You Know What You're Giving Up?

"Hold it!"

Youshang's yell caused the sword to sway unsteadily in mid air as a sharp buzz came from within.

"Damn brat! Why do I feel like you're getting more and more disrespectful whenever I see you?"

Kou Chongxue sounded strict, but he couldn't hide the banter. It seemed as though the relationship between Youshang and Kou Chongxue wasn't simple.

Snorting twice, Youshang threw out a triangular flag. "I think you might need this."

"Hey, that's the Multi World Anchoring Flag! Where did you get that? How did you get it anyway?" A trace of excitement could be heard in Kou Chongxue's voice. He quickly continued, "This can really help me out. I'll be able to take the chance to teach them a lesson they'll never forget!"

"I didn't find this. This little brat found it. Return it to me when you're done, I still have uses for it!" Youshang pressed his lips together before sneering.

Kou Chongxue paused for a moment before muttering, "You're going back to the Azure Spiritual World?"

"Are you planning to let the Tongyou Mysterious World upgrade to a holy land?"

Youshang asked a question of his own. From the looks of it, his question was directly related to the one Kou Chongxue asked him.

"Not right now. We still need to make many considerations before that can happen." Kou Chongxue even seemed a little regretful as he gave his answer.

"Alrighty then!" Youshang rolled his eyes in response.

"Anyway, I got it. This flag belongs to the other little guy. Is there anything else?" Kou Chongxue's voice came from the Hidden Frost Sword, and it shook slightly. It resembled Kou Chongxue shaking his head in real life.



During their conversation, Youshang kept many treasures that fell to the ground later when Kou Chongxue destroyed the spatial artifact.

Youshang picked out a jade strip before tossing it over to Shang Xia. “This should contain the rank four advancement formula the White Deer Paradise is planning to give Yang Hu. You can bring it back to the institution when you’re done here!”

Carefully receiving the jade strip, Shang Xia muttered his thanks.

A soft laugh came from the Hidden Frost Sword but he didn’t say any more.

Shang Xia understood the meaning behind Youshang’s actions. He handed Shang Xia the jade strip in front of Kou Chongxue as he didn’t wish to hide anything. However, he was also sending Shang Xia another message and that was to copy down its contents before giving it to the institution.

Just like that, Shang Xia obtained another rank four advancement formula.

It seemed as though Youshang was thanking him for the assistance Shang Xia rendered for the assault on the City Lord Manor earlier.

Moreover, that gave Shang Xia another piece of intel. This hidden spy of the Tongyou Institution in the Azure Spiritual World had quite a good grasp of the Shang Clan!

However, his information source seemed to be a little outdated. He didn’t know that the Shang Clan already obtained two sets of rank four advancement formulas!

Out of the two, one of them was the advancement formula Shang Bo obtained from the institution, and the other was the Hundred Days Longevity Intoxication Shang Xia brought back some time ago.

With the one in his hand, the Shang Clan would possess three different rank four advancement formulas!

The moment a suitable expert from the second generation of the Shang Clan was ready to break through, they wouldn’t be lacking in advancement formulas! Now, the Shang Clan could truly be considered a superpower!

“Is there anything else?” Kou Chongxue asked.

“I have to return to the Azure Spiritual World soon. I’ll hand matters here over to you guys!” Youshang said suddenly.

Kou Chongxue seemed surprised by the sudden declaration. “Why are you in such a rush? What about the flag?”

“I borrowed the flag for the worst-case scenario. Now that so much world origin has been absorbed from the battlefield between the two worlds, the spatial barrier is extremely weak! I’ll take this chance to return. Also, this allows me to seem a lot less suspicious.” Youshang muttered.

After a short pause, Kou Chongxue’s voice rang in their ears. “Thanks for the hard work...”

Turning to look at Shang Xia, Youshang chuckled in amusement, “I’ll hand this place over to you! You’ll be the acting city lord of the Changfeng City for now!”

Opening his mouth, Shang Xia wanted to say something but Youshang had already disappeared into the distance.

The two of them worked together to kill Gao Yun, and when Youshang left, he felt a weird sense of loss. A look of disappointment crossed his face.

The Hidden Frost Sword seemed to be able to detect the changes in Shang Xia's mood and Kou Chongxue's amused voice came from within once again. "There's nothing to worry about, kid. You guys will definitely meet again in the future!"

Shang Xia nodded, but he soon added, "Patriarch, do you have any other orders for me?"

Shang Xia recalled that Kou Chongxue wanted to head to the Ji Continent, and from the way the Hidden Frost Sword was behaving, Kou Chongxue seemed to be in a rush to leave.

A soft hum came from the sword and the patriarch's voice came from within once again. "Now that I have the Multi World Anchoring Flag, I'm no longer in a rush. I can let those old men and women in the institution catch their breath a little longer. That's why I'm still here! By the way, the thing you said the other day worked. If not for the fact that I managed to recover slightly, our Tongyou Institution would have fallen today!"

"Patriarch, you protected our You Continent for the past twenty years. This disciple is a member of the institution and I should share some of the responsibilities. I gave you the idea because there was no harm in trying anyway. At the end of the day, you succeeded because of your luck!"

Laughing softly, Kou Chongxue added, "Haha! Damn kid, your words are much more pleasing to the ears than that guy from before."

Smiling, Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something. He muttered softly, "This disciple has been meaning to ask you this... How long can you fight in your current condition for anyway?"

"Damn brat, I just said that you spoke nicer than the other guy. Looks like you're a lot more daring now..." Kou Chongxue's voice paused for a second. "I guess it's alright to tell you. Even your grandfather was trying to persuade me not to do this. All of them were against my actions of taking revenge on the White Deer Paradise. Even with their help, I would only be able to use one strike when I go over. With the Multi World Anchoring Flag in hand, I would be able to unleash two more!"

Shang Xia chuckled in amusement suddenly. "The White Deer Paradise is a piece of shit! Those ravenous wolves won't stop until we're dead. They won't stop plotting against us anyway, and three moves won't be enough! As a member of the You Continent and a disciple of the institution, I can't take this lying down. Today, I'll give you a great present for you to truly mess them up!"

The Hidden Frost Sword buzzed in the air and it shook violently for a moment. "Damn brat, what are you up to now?"

Shang Xia didn't hesitate to bring out his Spirit Extermination Gourd. He sent it into the air before the Hidden Frost Sword with a trace of his Origin True Qi.

"This..."

Even with Kou Chongxue's composure, he nearly yelled in fright after examining the contents of the gourd. His tone became a lot more serious. "Kid, do you know what the contents of your gourd represent?!"

"If we use it properly, the contents can produce one Martial Extermination Realm expert and one Martial Dipper Realm expert." Shang Xia replied casually.

The Hidden Frost Sword trembled before Kou Chongxue's sigh came again. "The Yin Water Mysterious Extermination Qi should be produced by the spirit vein under the Changfeng City. The Water Origin Fate Dipper belongs to the Yun Lu and due to my limited strength earlier, I failed to retain it back at the Tongyou Mysterious World. I thought that it managed to return to the Ji Continent. Who would have thought that you managed to capture it."

Shang Xia laughed, "Yeah, I lucked out. I was in the right place at the right time! If Patriarch Kou didn't deal with Ancestor Yun Lu, I wouldn't have been able to grab the fate dipper. Moreover, I won't be able to use either treasure any time soon. If you use them, you will be able to bring out their full effects!"

Kou Chongxue's roaring laughter boomed through the air. "Hahaha, nicely said! I carried out your suggestion and although there were many things that could be improved, I am sure that your idea will allow the issue with my fate dippers to be solved. Now that you delivered the Water Origin Fate Dipper to me, my cultivation will have hopes of recovering. In fact, it's extremely likely that I will be able to reach the next level! This old man will really owe you big time!"

Shang Xia smiled humbly in response. "This disciple believes that Patriarch Kou will be able to receive great rewards after heading to the Ji Continent this time. You will definitely shock the world!"

Kou Chongxue's laughter continued. "Alright. I'll borrow your fortune and I won't let you down! I'll head over the same way they're sending world origin back to the Ji Continent! Stay here and maintain the protection formation in the spirit cave. I'll give them a taste of their own medicine! You might even be able to benefit from this!"

After he spoke, the tip of the sword pointed to the skies. The massive water droplet that was the Water Origin Fate Dipper flew towards the sword.

The instant the Water Origin Fate Dipper touched the Hidden Frost Sword, it disappeared into the body of the blade.

The sword hummed in excitement, but the sword soon turned into a streak of light that entered one of the wells that remained in the City Lord Manor.

Shang Xia retrieved his Spirit Extermination Gourd, and he discovered a hidden message Kou Chongxue left behind. "This gourd is pretty interesting. There's a spirit living in it too. The gourd and the spirit seem to have reached a point of equilibrium and it slightly resembles the making of a divine weapon. If an opportunity arrives in the future, you might be pleasantly surprised!"

Shang Xia wiped the perspiration off his forehead after the sword disappeared. Luckily, he only destroyed a few wells earlier. Otherwise, Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword was going to have to double as an excavator.

A loud rumble came from the ground below and the Changfeng City quaked violently. Fortunately, it didn't last for long as the rumbling sound quickly disappeared. It seemed to move south as several abnormalities happened in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range soon after.

The disturbance in the City Lord Manor drew the attention of many cultivators once again.

Luckily, the battle earlier between Youshang and Gao Yun served as a huge warning. There was also the descent of the Hidden Frost Sword which significantly reduced the number of people who dared to approach.

Of course, there were some ballsy idiots who decided to try their luck. As they closed in on the City Lord Manor, they ran into Shang Xia's terrifying divine sense. No one under the Martial Intent Realm could draw near. As for those in the Martial Intent Realm, they would find arrows being shot at them if they dared to venture too near. Eventually, all of them retreated to a safe distance.

As the crowds swarmed around the buildings nearby, a voice eventually tore through the air.

"Is the Sixth Young Master of the Shang Clan present? I am here on Senior You's orders!"

Chapter 340: Arrival In the Ji Continent

On a small riverbank a hundred or so miles away from the Changfeng City...

Boss Sha lowered his head to look at the spear that was stuck in his chest as he felt the strength draining from his body. Struggling to look at Third Sister Hai, he gasped, "Large... Large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm! No... Grand completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm? What martial intent did you comprehend?"

The spear was forcefully pulled out from his chest and Third Sister Hai flicked it once to get rid of the bloodstains on it. She looked at Boss Sha who had toppled to the ground. She muttered expressionlessly, "My Third Uncle also completed his seventh move when comprehending the Providence Spear Art and he received the title of Soul Tearing Spear when he was in the Martial Intent Realm. Using his experience, I developed my own set of skills. I guess I'll call my martial intent the Soul Breaking Spear then!"

"Soul Tearing Spear, Soul Breaking..." Widening his eyes in shock, Boss Sha pointed at Third Sister Hai before muttering, "You... You... You're..."

With his hands falling limply to the side, he was unable to complete his sentence as the light in his eyes faded forever.

Looking at the corpse on the ground, a trace of reminiscence flashed across her face. However, her gaze soon shifted to look at the void several feet away from her. Someone appeared there at an unknown time.

Seeing the appearance of the newcomer, she muttered, "It's you..."

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"Is the Sixth Young Master of the Shang Clan present? I am here on Senior You's orders!"

The person ran towards the City Lord Manor while yelling.

Hearing his familiar voice, Shang Xia's heart trembled slightly. He thought to himself, "That sounds like Uncle Cen. Youshang seems to have instructed them to come help me out. However, they don't know who I am yet. Looks like things are going to get awkward..."

Outside the manor, Uncle Cen indicated for his companions who were rushing over to slow down in case the Sixth Young Master of the Shang Clan misunderstood their intentions.

Even so, he had faith that the Sixth Young Master of the Shang Clan would welcome them. He had a hunch that the Sixth Young Master he was looking for was the mysterious Martial Extermination Realm cultivator who saved them when their lives were threatened in the past. The only thing he didn't expect was for Shang Xia to be in a state of dilemma. Shang Xia didn't know if he wished to reveal his identity to the others.

An idea appeared in his mind. "Have you met your third in charge?"

Silence filled the air for a second before Uncle Cen's voice echoed through the air. "Third Sister went to hunt down Boss Sha. She's dealing with all our loose ends as we speak.

Grunting softly, Shang Xia recalled that the Boss Sha he saw back then was in the large completion stage of the Martial Intent Realm. For her to hunt him down... It seemed as though the third in command of the Eighteen Horsemen was the true tyrannical leader among them.

"Assist me to protect the City Lord Manor. Do not let anyone in. Kill anyone who tries to intrude into the manor!" Shang Xia decided to allow them to enter the manor eventually.

As Kou Chongxue went down to the Ji Continent to seek revenge, the most important thing for Shang Xia to do was to protect the patriarch's way back. Hiding his identity wasn't as important as that!

Moreover, he would be heading into the spirit cave underground soon. Uncle Cen and the others might not discover him any time soon.

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In the depths of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range close to the Ji Continent, the underground river eventually broke through the ground and formed the Thousand Scale River.

It flowed slightly to the east and would eventually end in the sea, and it was connected to the White Deer River somewhere in between.

As the name of the White Deer River implied, it originated from the White Deer Paradise, and they conveniently named the source of the river the White Deer Springs.

Two Martial Extermination Realm experts of the White Deer Paradise were stationed around the Thousand Scale River, and they were Bai Mohan and Zhou Beiyuan respectively. They remained on a small floating platform in the middle of the raging river as they ensured nothing went wrong.

The region where the Thousand Scale River was connected to the White Deer River was stained an inky green, but the colored water only flowed up the White Deer River back to the paradise. Bai Mohan who had been standing there for some time now muttered softly, "Who would have thought

that the Thousand Scale River would run all the way through the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range into the Changfeng City of the You Continent? Hah. The Tongyou Institution really overestimated themselves this time. The You Continent is full of backward losers. How dare they try to devour world origin themselves and affect the fate of our White Deer Paradise? Hehe with the energy we took from them, our White Deer Paradise will be able to upgrade to the White Deer Heaven soon!”

The platform they were on seemed to be sitting in the middle of a huge formation, and on the other side of it, Zhou Beiyuan looked down at the water and frowned. “Senior Brother Bai, do you think that the energy is getting more and more diluted?”

“Really?” Bai Mohan went to the edge before looking down at the inky green water. “Hmm... The color looks lighter than before. However, the distance to the Tongyou City is huge. Ancestor Yun Lu only managed to send a fate dipper clone over and it’s impressive he managed to retrieve so much world origin back. It’s fine for there to be some leakage along the way.”

Zhou Beiyuan nodded slightly, but he couldn’t help but mutter under his breath, “Could there be some sort of accident?”

Bai Mohan seemed to have overheard the biggest joke of his life and he roared with laughter. “Hahaha! Junior Brother Zhou, you must be going mad! With Kou Chongxue out of the picture, those weaklings in the Tongyou Institution won’t be able to do a thing against Ancestor Yun Lu! Moreover...”

A mysterious chuckle left Bai Mohan’s lips as he continued, “Do you really think that we’re the only ones who are plotting the institution? Do you think we’re the only ones who’re sending a Martial Dipper Realm expert?”

“Hah! Everyone shoves a collapsing wall! Looks like the Tongyou Institution is finished! But... What if Kou Chongxue reappears?” Zhou Beiyuan sniggered but he seemed to have thought of something.

“There’s no ‘what if!’” Bai Mohan interrupted his junior brother. “Do you know what injury Kou Chongxue is suffering from? His fate dippers are in a state of disequilibrium! For an ancestor at the Martial Dipper Realm, there is no way to cure an injury like that! The moment they fall into a state like that, they can only forcefully prolong their life with the use of their inner qi! If he forcefully makes another move, he’ll shorten his lifespan immensely!”

Even though Zhou Beiyuan and Bai Mohan had close to the same cultivation level, one of them was clearly a lot more knowledgeable about matters at the Martial Dipper Realm. Zhou Beiyuan quickly took the chance to continue asking, “I am truly clueless about such things. However, Kou Chongxue’s reputation is like the sun in the midday sky. He’s the most tyrannical being in the northern continents... How did someone like that fall into the state he is in? “

Bai Mohan grinned haughtily, “Hehe, Junior Brother Zhou, you asked the right person. If you ask anyone else, they won’t be able to tell you anything! This...”

Zhou Beiyuan nodded hurriedly. “Of course! Everyone in our White Deer Paradise knows that Senior Brother Bai is the fifth generation descendant of Ancestor Hua Lu. Your noble self...”

Bai Mohan waved his hand casually and chuckled. “Hahaha, it’s just a mere title. I’m just basking in my ancestor’s glory...”

Even though that was what he said, the grin on his face couldn’t be wider. He failed to hide his arrogance.

“We have to talk about this from the first time he was attacked. In the past, something happened outside the heavens, causing the experts of our Azure Origin World to flock over. No one knew how Kou Chongxue managed to piss them off and he was surrounded by many Martial Dipper Realm ancestors. In the end, he was heavily injured as he fled back to the You Continent...”

Just as Bai Mohan was getting into the climax of the story, he discovered that his junior disciple’s expression wasn’t right. He quickly asked, “Junior Brother Zhou, Junior...”

Zhou Beiyuan snapped back to reality and gasped, “Senior Brother Bai, the flow stopped! The color disappeared!”

“How is that possible?!” Bai Mohan snapped his head around to stare at the water, but he heard a low rumble coming from the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. The originally peaceful water started to ripple violently.

With his expression changing drastically, Bai Mohan roared, “Something happened! Junior Brother Zhou, break the connection! Inform an ancestor immedi...”

Before the words could leave his lips, a bronze streak of light zipped over to the platform they were on. As the streak of light stopped, the body of a sword could be seen hovering in mid air.

A terrifying pressure descended on the two of them and they fell to their knees powerlessly. Neither of them could raise their heads.

“Divine... Weapon... Hidden... Frost...”

Bai Mohan struggled to speak, and when he finally gathered enough strength to raise his head, he couldn’t control his fright any longer.

The Hidden Frost Sword was Kou Chongxue’s personal weapon! It was the weapon the madman used to suppress the entire northern part of the Azure Origin World!

A divine weapon had its own spirit, but without Kou Chongxue’s explicit permission, it wouldn’t allow itself to be controlled by others!

Bai Mohan might be arrogant, but he wasn’t foolish enough to think that Ancestor Yun Lu actually managed to obtain Kou Chongxue’s Hidden Frost Sword. Even though that was truly the case earlier, Bai Mohan had no idea what had happened in the You Continent.

There was only one other possibility. Kou Chongxue had come!

But if that was truly the case, there would be another huge problem. If Kou Chongxue had come, where was Ancestor Yun Lu and his fate dipper?

No, that wasn't scarier than what was actually happening. The most fearsome thing was that Kou Chongxue had actually descended on the Ji Continent! How was he so confident as to charge into the Ji Continent alone?

A multitude of thoughts flashed through Bai Mohan's mind as he laid motionless on the platform. He might have found it terrifying, but his greatest fears soon came true! The Hidden Frost Sword drew an arc in the skies as Bai Mohan and Zhou Beiyuan had their heads separated from their bodies.

Their decapitation didn't hinder the movements of Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword in the slightest; it quickly returned to the river and sped in the direction of the White Deer Paradise.

Kou Chongxue's soft sigh was all that remained in the air as the sword disappeared. "What a great plan you assholes had... If I didn't come here personally, I would be letting down the amazing arrangements you laid down!"