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Chapter 471: Exchanging Blows

Ignoring the look of shock on her face, Shang Xia disappeared from where he stood. He appeared on the peak of the mountain in an instant.

His gaze went over to the mountain peak that housed the divine weapon and he saw an exquisite little silver hammer hovering above it. Half the divine weapon was revealed and it trembled violently while still stuck in its boulder.

Along with its movements, spatial fluctuations filled the area around the blade and Shang Xia felt his divine perception in the area distorting slightly.

That wasn't all. A low buzz came from the vibration of the weapon. The sound directly affected Shang Xia's soul and he felt as though a bee was messing about in his mind. Luckily, his willpower was much stronger than before. Guarding his mind with his divine perception, he was quickly able to ignore the strange buzzing sound.

As he continued to observe the divine weapon, Shang Xia saw that it seemed slightly angered at the repeated provocation and a faint yellowish-orange blade light swirled in the air above the blade. After gathering enough energy, it separated from the divine weapon. A resplendent ray of orange soared at the mountain peak where the latest newcomer appeared.

This time, the blade light was a lot stronger than before. Despite the power contained in the blade light, Shang Xia was surprised to learn that it was still weaker than the blade light that assaulted him the moment he entered.

"Nice!" A trace of excitement could be heard in the newcomer's voice and the sound of metal screeching filled the air. Another arrogant cry emerged from the mountain peak soon after. "This is amazing! Hahaha! Is this the might of a divine weapon? To be honest, it's nothing much..."

Even though he was yelling at the top of his lungs, he didn't make any superfluous actions after blocking the blade light. The divine weapon was eerily silent and both sides seemed to be storing energy for their next exchange.

Shang Xia was no fool. With enough time to think about what was going on, he could guess that the secret region was probably a land of inheritance left behind by a fallen power. The Abyssal Seal wasn't just a key to enter the secret region. It was also how they would obtain the inheritance that was left behind.

The secret region that would appear every ten years might possess a strange rule that only allowed a person to enter once and was also located in a strange region like the Cloud Water Gorge, but no one knew how long it had existed. Shang Xia didn't know how many people had entered the secret region before him and how much of the inheritance was left.

"Deacon Wei, you're on your own. I'll be leaving now!" Shang Xia knew that she hadn't left and he simply left behind his final warning before leaping off the mountain peak. Flying through the air, he didn't bother returning to the peak he came from. Instead,

he went in another direction. There was another mountain peak poking out from the sea of clouds and it was barely 1000 feet from him.

Because of the experience he had when flying over to Wei Qiongyi's location, Shang Xia understood that as long as the region could be detected with his divine perception and sense of sight, there shouldn't be much of a risk for him to head over. At the very most, he would have to use up some of his Four Constellation Qi to counter the suppression he felt.

The heaven and earth qi in the secret region was a lot denser than the outside world. It was even better than the Cloud Water Gorge. The Cloud Water Gorge was already a superior cultivation ground when compared to many other regions in the outside world if they could disregard the dense fog and frequent spatial shifts. As such, it wasn't difficult to understand that the secret region could truly be considered a blessed land for cultivation.

Watching Shang Xia's leaving figure, Wei Qiongyi's expression flickered unsteadily. She gnashed her teeth eventually and decided to watch how things played out. However, she didn't forget Shang Xia's warning. She decided to head down to where the mountain peak was starting to peek out from the sea of clouds so that she could escape the moment things turned ugly.

Unfortunately, the situation changed before she could make her way down.

Turning her head to stare at the other mountain peak in fright, she saw a tiny silver hammer rising through the air. Instead of going for the divine weapon, it went straight for Shang Xia who was still flying through the air.

It seemed as though the newcomer had already discovered Shang Xia's existence and wanted to get rid of the competition before carrying out his plans.

The silver hammer descended at a terrifying speed and it seemed even stronger than when it stopped the divine weapon's blade light earlier.

From the looks of it, the newcomer had already detected Shang Xia and very possibly Wei Qiongyi. Thinking back to the way he blocked the blade light earlier, he seemed to be trying to confuse Shang Xia about his true strength.

Both Shang Xia and Wei Qiongyi weren't fools. They quickly reached the same conclusion.

Wei Qiongyi, who was originally planning to try her luck by staying in the secret region a little longer, no longer entertained her delusions. She hastened her footsteps as she ran towards the sea of clouds. She didn't forget to stare at Shang Xia while she was running down as she was both worried and curious about how he would deal with the incoming danger.

Shang Xia had already crossed more than half the distance to the other peak. Because he was starting to master the way to rotate his extermination origins, his consumption of inner qi wasn't as terrifying as others might think.

The more he understood, the stronger his foundations became. Shang Xia had been thinking about how he should develop his rank four martial arts and he knew that he created a general outline when he released the palm to destroy the Jingxiu Peak's protection barrier not too long ago.

Even though he was in mid-flight and had used up a portion of his inner qi, he wasn't exactly helpless when the silver hammer crashed down towards him. Back when he decided to fly over to the other peak, the worst case scenario had already run through his mind.

As the silver hammer stored through the skies and passed the mountain peak the divine weapon was on, the void itself seemed to distort. The distortion only became worse as the silver hammer came crashing down on Shang Xia.

Stopping in his tracks, Shang Xia stood firmly in the air as the Scarlet Star Spear appeared in his hand. He was extremely confident that the explosive strength of his extermination origins would allow him to block the hammer once he unleashed his Nine Providence Spear.

Watching the space ripples travel faster than the hammer, Shang Xia understood what the other party was trying to do. With the immense power contained in the silver hammer and the rippling space, the Martial Extermination Realm expert who just appeared wanted to force Shang Xia away from the mountain peak he was heading towards! It was even possible Shang Xia would be forced beneath the sea of clouds, pushing him out of the secret region entirely.

That only made Shang Xia even more sure of his guess that the mountain peaks around the divine weapon were what he should be heading for. The space there should be relatively more stable than the mountain peaks that were further away. Like Duan Liufeng, if Shang Xia got a little too far, he would probably disappear from the secret region.

Shang Xia barely managed to make sense of things after his experience in the secret region and the action of the Martial Extermination Realm expert who just entered, but it seemed as though the newcomer was already familiar with everything there.

At the crucial moment, Shang Xia's Scarlet Star Spear trembled. Surprisingly, he released his Void Evasion Spear instead of his other moves. What was even more surprising was that he didn't aim his move at the silver hammer that was falling on his head. Instead, he stabbed at the mountain peak he was aiming for earlier.

Before the spatial ripples from the hammer could reach him, Shang Xia's Void Evasion Spear turned into a streak of light that pierced a hole through the mountain peak he was flying towards earlier.

Shang Xia no longer needed to hide his cultivation level and aura now that things had progressed so far. A four colored extermination light appeared beneath his feet and they flickered unsteadily before squeezing into the void passage he created with his Void Evasion Spear a second ago.

As his Four Seasons Extermination Origins surrounded him, a spatial tunnel that was wide enough for him to pass through appeared and he quickly stepped into it.

It took a long time to describe what happened, but everything happened in the blink of an eye. The silver hammer quickly arrived after the spatial ripples and smashed heavily into the location where Shang Xia once stood. A massive crater appeared in the sea of clouds beneath him and a strange phenomenon flashed by at the bottom of the crater.

The clouds started to churn from the impact, but the crater quickly disappeared.

Despite the violent fluctuations in the void, it failed to force Shang Xia out no matter how hard it tried.

Shang Xia's disheveled figure stumbled out from the void several feet above the mountain peak his Void Evasion Spear pierced through and he turned to stare at the twisted space where he once stood. A trace of fear lingered in his heart.

He was a little too stunned by what just happened, but he didn't realize that Wei Qiongyi and the Martial Extermination Realm expert who was plotting against him was equally as surprised to see the four colored extermination light that surrounded him earlier. That wasn't all. Their shock only became more exaggerated after he passed through the void to avoid the attack.

Regardless of what they thought, there was only a single thought in Shang Xia's mind.

You asshole! I won't be a man if I don't respond in kind!

He disregarded the fact that he exhausted a huge portion of his inner qi after what he had done earlier. He might be experiencing a bout of weakness at the moment but he didn't hesitate to push his Four Constellation Qi into his Scarlet Star Spear before stabbing towards the newcomer.

As he unleashed Startling Moon, the eighth move of his Nine Providence Spear, the skies above them lit up.

Shang Xia's spear struck accurately at the silver hammer in mid air.

Shang Xia was also equally adept at stirring up the void in his attacks. In fact, he had a lot of experience doing it.

Since the silver hammer could resist the blade light from the divine weapon, Shang Xia would be a fool to not understand that it was a special weapon. If he was able to send it away, he would be able to weaken his opponent even if he didn't immediately injure the other party.

The person clearly didn't expect Shang Xia to counterattack so quickly and decisively.

Even though the newcomer wasn't an ordinary expert, he wasn't able to react quickly enough. Shang Xia's spear struck the silver hammer, forcing it to fall directly on the mountain peak where the divine weapon was located.

With things progressing out of hand, the Martial Extermination Realm expert who had attacked Shang Xia roared as a three colored extermination light emerged to form a giant hand. It quickly reached for the silver hammer in an attempt to recover his weapon, but his actions evidently provoked the divine weapon. Even though Shang Xia was still standing quite a distance away from the mountain peak where the divine weapon was located, he noticed a strange spatial fluctuation that destroyed a portion of the energy contained in the giant hand as a yellowish-orange blade light started to emerge. Along with violent vibrations from the divine weapon, the blade light sliced in the direction where the giant hand emerged.

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Shang Xia's attack didn't seem to do anything to his opponent directly, but it managed to draw the ire of the divine weapon. With the divine weapon sending another blade light towards his opponent, Shang Xia's actions weren't completely useless.

Instead of focusing on the other party's cultivation level at the third layer? Martial Extermination Realm or what happened after the blade light was fired at him, Shang Xia's attention was placed on the divine weapon.

That was because Shang Xia could feel the divine weapon vibrating extremely violently after it released the latest strike. The boulder it was stuck in was trembling violently as cracks started to form on its surface. Several smaller rocks started to fall and it was something Shang Xia had never seen before. Previously, the boulder was surprisingly smooth and not a trace of imperfection could be seen.

Is the divine weapon about to be released from the boulder?

Wouldn't that mean that the boulder was used as some sort of seal to trap the divine weapon?

What would happen if the divine weapon managed to struggle free from the boulder?

All divine weapons possessed sentience and no one knew who sealed it, or why it was sealed in the first place.

Countless thoughts flashed through Shang Xia's mind but he didn't forget the most important thing he had to do. He exhausted a huge portion of his Four Constellation Qi earlier and he had to recover as soon as possible.

After all, traveling through the secret region would use up a lot of energy. When he was placed at risk of being thrown out of the secret region by the silver hammer earlier, Shang Xia even had to use his extermination origins to carve a spatial tunnel through the void.

He didn't stop there. When he unleashed his Startling Moon Spear right after that, he nearly drained his entire reserve of inner qi. If he was back in the outside world, he would only be able to recover slowly by absorbing heaven and earth qi and converting them into Four Constellation Qi in his dantian. He could also drink several mouthfuls of Hundred Flower Spiritual Wine to hasten the speed of his recovery.

However, he had experienced multiple battles with Martial Extermination Realm experts and his understanding of his Four Constellation Qi grew a lot deeper than before. Along with the various encounters he had along the way and his constant deliberation of his rank four martial arts, he seemed to have discovered how Martial Extermination Realm experts truly cultivated.

He learned that he was able to absorb the heaven and earth qi in the air, along with the faint traces of world origin that existed within the secret region to restore his inner qi at a rate quicker than before.

Even though he hadn't fully made sense of how it worked, he could restore his inner qi much faster than before. That also gave Shang Xia the assurance that he could start testing his theories for the martial arts he had been trying to come up with.

Both parties weren't able to seriously injure the other in their previous exchange, but it was clear both sides had exhausted a lot of energy. As Shang Xia desperately tried to recover his inner qi, the wielder of the silver hammer also remained silent.

The sudden quiet that pervaded the secret region only served as the calm before the storm. There was no doubt about it. It wouldn't take long before a massive battle broke out. Until both sides recovered to their peak state, it seemed as though none of them would be making a move.

After restoring a portion of his strength, Shang Xia shrouded the mountain peak he was standing on with his divine perception. He looked through every nook and cranny before locating a familiar altar.

Once again, Shang Xia's guess that the secret region was a land of inheritance left behind by a certain power was further confirmed.

Unfortunately, he no longer had an Abyssal Seal on him and he would be unable to activate the altar on the mountain peak.

Earlier when Shang Xia decided to move to another peak, he wasn't just planning on verifying his guesses. He wanted to obtain all the treasures he could while he was at it.

With the peak he arrived at at the start, he traveled counterclockwise to Wei Qiongyi's location before arriving where he currently was.

If he crossed to the next mountain peak, he would arrive where Duan Liufeng appeared when he entered the secret region.

After Duan Liufeng's arm was sliced off by the blade light, he escaped in a desperate attempt to live. When Shang Xia noticed his escape earlier, he didn't notice an Abyssal Seal in either one of his hands. He probably dropped it while making his escape.

Of course, the further Shang Xia traveled, the closer he would get to the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert.

A strange idea popped into his mind when he approached the altar. He tried stuffing the six sided handle into the slot, but reality quickly caught up to him. Clearly, it wasn't going to work.

After failing to shove it into the slot meant for the seal, Shang Xia didn't expect much but he quickly received a surprise. Something inside the handle seemed to awaken and Shang Xia could feel the heaven and earth qi around him swirling about.

That wasn't all. The thin trace of world origin that seemed to exist all about the secret region seemed to be attracted by his actions as they swarmed over to the altar in all directions. They poured into the slot that was supposed to hold the Abyssal Seal and started to condense slightly.

World origin was formless to begin with. One would only be able to feel its presence through their divine perception. After the world origin entered the slot on the altar, Shang Xia felt them condensing to form some sort of tangible object.

His thoughts returned to the time he entered the secret region where the Abyssal Seal turned into a ball of liquefied world origin.

"Is this six sided handle really able to gather world origin within this secret region?!" Shang Xia stared at the object in his hand and a trace of excitement was starting to bubble in his heart. "Hahaha! This little thing is the real treasure here!"

Looking at how the faint world origin around him was gathering around the slot in the altar, Shang Xia wondered if a new Abyssal Seal would be produced after the entire process was complete. Because of his excitement, he didn't notice that the sea of clouds was starting to turn a little fainter than before.

The originally calm sea of clouds started to churn and the reason behind the disturbance seemed to come from the altar where Shang Xia had gathered the world origin.

A frown suddenly formed on Shang Xia's face when he felt a slight disturbance in another direction.

The place he felt the change wasn't where the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert was, and neither did it come from anywhere nearby.

When the divine weapon emitted a soft hum that filled the skies, Shang Xia turned to see several thin cracks extending through the boulder that trapped the weapon. At the same time, another blade light soared into the skies and slashed at the region he felt the disturbance earlier.

Someone else entered the secret region!

A strange feeling filled Shang Xia's heart but before he could make out his thoughts, a miserable cry filled the skies. The disturbance Shang Xia felt earlier dissipated like a cloud of smoke. It seemed as though the person who just entered wasn't too lucky. He might not even have realized what was happening before he was cut down by the blade light.

Only after the newcomer was slain did Shang Xia make sense of the strange feeling inside him. Before the appearance of the last person, Shang Xia had seen 2 cultivators entering the secret region. One was Wei Qiongyi, and the other was the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert. Both times, he didn't notice any spatial fluctuations when they arrived. He didn't hear the soft humming from the divine weapon when the blade light was unleashed either.

Several things appeared to be different at the moment. The boulder that trapped the divine weapon seemed to be cracking ever so slightly, and it was the second time Shang Xia had noticed the change.

Shang Xia was afraid that everything was pointing at one terrifying fact. The divine weapon was about to free itself! No one would be able to predict what would happen to the secret region the moment it did, but before any of that happened, Shang Xia decided that he had to get his hands on Duan Liufeng's Abyssal Seal no matter what.

With no time left to lose, Shang Xia retrieved a flask from his sleeves and downed two huge mouthfuls of Hundred Flower Spiritual Wine. He hesitated slightly before keeping the six sided handle and the moment he raised it up, a dense clump of world origin followed.

Taking a deep breath, Shang Xia stored the clump of world origin in his dantian. He quickly determined that the amount was something he would only be able to gather after 3 days of cultivation if he didn't use the six sided handle.

The clump of world origin wasn't all that he managed to obtain. There was a droplet of liquefied world origin sitting in the slot where the Abyssal Seal was meant to be inserted and instead of refining it to restore his inner qi, he decided to send it into the space between his eyebrows.

It didn't take long for so much world origin to be gathered and Shang Xia was finally convinced that the six sided handle he had was the greatest treasure he laid his hands on.

Since the Martial Extermination Realm expert who was wielding the silver hammer hadn't shown himself, Shang Xia chose to head over to look for Duan Liufeng's Abyssal Seal. As he flew over, he glanced at the mountain peak where the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert was. Unfortunately, the void was still slightly twisted and he was unable to accurately observe what was going on there.

Shang Xia knew that he might face the obstruction of the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert when he tried to cross over to the other peak, but he wouldn't be caught off guard this time. He was confident that he could deal with anything thrown his way.

With his Four Seasons Extermination Origins pulsating around him, Shang Xia leaped into the air and flew towards where Duan Liufeng first appeared in the secret region.

Now that he was even more familiar with the way he could use his extermination origins, his speed was nearly 40 percent faster than before.

While he flew through the air, his divine perception caught the aura of the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert flying in another direction. Turning to stare in the direction he thought he felt the fluctuations, Shang Xia saw a streak of light flying towards a peak close to the one he was heading for.

Both of them landed at the same time and this time, they shortened the distance between the two of them even more.

Chapter 473: Auspicious Cloud Boat

There were more than 10 mountain peaks poking out from the top of the sea of clouds. Every one of them was close to 1000 feet away from each other and other than the peak that housed the divine weapon, everything else was arranged in a circle around it.

Shang Xia and the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert clearly had the same idea in mind. They took the risk to cross over to another peak to look for Abyssal Seals that might have been left behind.

The moment they landed wherever they were, there was only a single mountain peak that separated them.

Shang Xia stepped on the mountain peak where Duan Liufeng first appeared and started to look for the Abyssal Seal that the man probably left behind.

The moment he got his hands on it, Shang Xia expanded his divine sense to locate the altar and made his way over with practiced ease. When he arrived, he stared at the slot on the altar and hesitated slightly before placing Duan Liufeng's Abyssal Seal into it. He managed to resist his urge to place the six sided handle on it.

The Abyssal Seal dissolved as per usual, but the changes to the altar was far from what he experienced in the past. This time, white mist emerged from its surface. Despite the huge quantity of white mist, they didn't dissipate into the surroundings. Instead, it remained obediently above the altar.

"This..." Shang Xia's jaws dropped in fright. He couldn't tell what was happening, and he wondered if it was too late to stamp the six sided handle on the altar.

Amidst his confusion, the mist started to roll about and they formed a row of words.

Reading what the mist indicated, Shang Xia discovered that it introduced some sort of flying treasure that would allow him to soar through the skies. It was called the Auspicious Cloud Boat, and other than the treasure's origin, the mist quickly formed a paragraph of words that explained how the treasure should be used.

The greatest benefit of the Auspicious Cloud Boat was that it could allow cultivators who hadn't entered the Martial Extermination Realm to fly through the skies. That wasn't all. After entering the Martial Extermination Realm, they would be able to use their inner qi to allow the boat to travel quicker through the air. They could also save a lot of energy while doing so.

However, what truly caught Shang Xia's eye was a different property of the treasure. The Auspicious Cloud Boat could expand and shrink at will, and it was possible to transport treasures with it. According to the explanation he had read, the boat could hold 4 people in total.

There were also several auxiliary properties like allowing one to hide their tracks and avoid simple detection by divine perception, but Shang Xia didn't really care too much about those and casually skimmed over those properties.

The process of obtaining the Auspicious Cloud Boat went exceedingly smoothly for Shang Xia as well. As the mist turned into the shape of a ship above the altar, Shang Xia managed to refine it in a short period of time. It turned into a piece of cloud that extended across his feet and every step he took seemed as though he was stepping on clouds. It was a unique feeling and Shang Xia felt like an immortal who descended from the heavens.

With a slight intention, the cloud beneath his feet turned into a cloud pellet that flew into his hands.

After some slight contemplation, Shang Xia returned the cloud pellet to the altar and stamped his six sided handle through the faint mist that still remained above the altar directly onto the slot that was meant for an Abyssal Seal.

The moment it landed, the pellet exploded into a massive cloud that filled the air above the altar before receding violently. It condensed to form a thick layer that rose into the air when Shang Xia lifted the six sided handle. It formed some sort of cape that Shang Xia tossed onto his back with one sleek motion.

As soon as he donned the cape, Shang Xia's aura faded into his surroundings. He felt himself turning a lot lighter than before. He quickly discovered that the cape on his body could transform back into the Auspicious Cloud Boat with a single thought.

As it turned out, if Shang Xia didn't use his six sided handle, the Auspicious Cloud Boat would maintain its form as a pellet if Shang Xia wasn't using it. Now that it became a cape, Shang Xia could wear it on him wherever he went. He even wondered if traversing the secret region would be easier if he donned the cape.

Shang Xia felt that the Auspicious Cloud Cape would really come in handy when traveling through the secret region. In order to test out his theory, he wanted to soar through the skies towards another mountain peak, but he managed to suppress his impulse.

Just as he was deciding his next course of action, a voice boomed through the skies.

"Hey, who are you anyway?"

Shang Xia could tell that the person who spoke was the silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert. Shang Xia couldn't see where he was, but he knew that the question was directed at him.

Choosing to ignore the person completely, Shang Xia's gaze returned to the mountain peak that held the divine weapon. When he was satisfied that nothing strange was going on, he turned to look at the other peaks.

"I am Tao Mosheng from the Yan Continent. I wonder how I should address fellow cultivator?" The silver hammer wielding Martial Extermination Realm expert asked again despite not receiving a reply.

Shang Xia remained silent as he contemplated his next course of action.

"Fellow cultivator, I believe that you entered this Abyssal Secret Region in order to obtain the Abyssal Sect's inheritance like myself. I wonder if you noticed the sea of clouds under us getting thinner and thinner?" Tao Mosheng seemed a little irate that Shang Xia wasn't responding. As such, he started to bring up another matter with slight schadenfreude.

That was Shang Xia's first time hearing of the secret region's actual name. Moreover, Shang Xia never heard of the Abyssal Sect before. If they were able to maintain such a powerful secret region, there was no way they were a bunch of nameless weaklings. Shang Xia couldn't understand why he hadn't heard of them.

Could they be a secret faction that tucked themselves away from the rest of the world?

As various thoughts ran through Shang Xia's mind, his attention was quickly forced back to reality after hearing what Tao Mosheng said.

He lowered his head to stare at the sea of clouds beneath him. Even though they formed an endless sea of white, Shang Xia could tell that they were no longer as dense as before.

Something changed about the sea of clouds!

"What are you trying to say?" Shang Xia finally responded.

Tao Mosheng responded immediately, "Isn't it obvious? The Abyssal Secret Region is on the verge of destruction!"

"Impossible!" Shang Xia growled. He didn't wish to say too much as he didn't know anything about the Abyssal Secret Region.

Who would have thought that Tao Mosheng was sharp enough to realize that Shang Xia didn't actually know much about the secret region from the way he spoke? "Haha! You really don't know anything, do you? Looks like you only managed to enter the Abyssal Secret Region because you ran into some lucky encounter."

"What do you mean?" Shang Xia couldn't contain his curiosity any longer and asked.

"As a Martial Extermination Realm expert, you should know that the fusion of our Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World greatly weakened the spatial barrier around our worlds. As our world origins interact during the process of fusion, huge changes would take place. Regions like the Abyssal Secret Region that

remained hidden for a long time finally started to reveal themselves!" Tao Mosheng explained.

Falling silent for some time, Shang Xia eventually spoke up, "Are you trying to say that this Abyssal Secret Region is finally going to reveal its true location because of the fusion of the worlds?"

"Exactly!" Tao Mosheng added, "You probably don't know this, but the Abyssal Secret Region really isn't a secret among the strongest powers of the Bing, Ji, Si, and Yan Continents. However, none of us knows where the secret region is actually located. If we tried to forcefully break our way in, we would most definitely ruin this place. Lucky for us, the secret region will reveal itself soon. God knows how many powers have their eyes set on this Abyssal Secret Region."

"What exactly are you driving at?" Shang Xia could tell that Tao Mosheng wanted to say something but was still beating about the bush.

Chuckling softly, Tao Mosheng finally got to the point. "Now that the secret region is about to be revealed to the entire world, if you leave now, you might be able to escape from where you came from. The moment the secret region is fully exposed to the outside world, countless experts who had their eyes set on it would immediately make their move. I'm afraid you'll be nothing more than extra loot to them."

A sneer appeared on Shang Xia's face and he mocked, "Are you trying to scare me away so that I don't snatch that blade from you?"

Coughing dryly, Tao Mosheng admitted frankly, "I knew that I wouldn't be able to hide it from you. Even though the Abyssal Blade has been damaged, it's still a divine weapon at the end of the day. Anyway, everything I said earlier was true. If you don't leave now, you might not be able to run away soon..."

Shang Xia managed to deduce a lot of things from the knowledge he just received. However, he continued to ask, "Since the powers of the four continents had their eyes on the Abyssal Secret Region. You probably have someone on the outside ready to back you up once the secret region is revealed to the world, right?"

"Haha! I am getting more and more curious about your identity." Tao Mosheng roared with laughter. However, his tone changed abruptly and he growled seriously, "My Zhongxuan Gate welcomes any expert who wishes to join our faction. Are you interested in becoming an honorary elder? I'm not bragging, but I'm pretty respectable in the Zhongxuan Gate. I have a few elders on my side and I am willing to give you a recommendation."

"No thanks." Shang Xia rejected it without a second thought.

"Since that's the case... I won't hold back!"

As soon as the words left his lips, the silver hammer appeared in the skies above the peak Shang Xia was currently at. There was no warning at all as he came crashing down.

He definitely caught Shang Xia off guard with his sudden attack. When his silver hammer appeared in the air, Shang Xia was still staring at the mountain peak he initially thought Tao Mosheng was on when he had already moved one closer to Shang Xia.

Surprised that Tao Mosheng was able to hide from his divine perception, Shang Xia decided to ignore the matter for now.

Reacting as quickly as he could, Shang Xia poured his Four Constellation Qi into his Scarlet Star Spear before stabbing it at the silver hammer in the air.

A massive explosion rang through the air and Shang Xia felt his entire body trembling from the impact. In order to reduce the force of the blow as much as he could, Shang Xia didn't force himself to stand his ground. Instead, he flew backwards through the air. It was as though he was thrown off the mountain peak after taking that blow.

The moment he did, he realized that he fucked up. He fell for Tao Mosheng's trick by leaping off the mountain peak. Without his presence, the silver hammer slammed heavily into the rocks below.

Large rocks were blown apart and they fell through the sea of clouds below. The entire peak was blown apart.

"Hahahahaha!" Tao Mosheng roared with laughter as his silver hammer rose from the dust and destruction. It rushed in Shang Xia's direction once again.

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At that moment, Shang Xia was flying above the sea of white. The mountain peak he stood on earlier was destroyed and the only place he could land was on a peak close to 1000 feet behind him.

He had to use a large amount of inner qi to maintain his flight, and that wasn't all. He had to face the assault of a third layer Martial Extermination Realm expert!

Shang Xia was in deep shit no matter how they looked at it.

Chapter 474: Desperate Times, Desperate Measures

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Somewhere within the Cloud Water Gorge...

Shang Pei stared at the dense fog around her with an exceedingly solemn expression.

Fifth Uncle Cen rushed over from behind her and before he could say anything, Shang Pei spoke up. "Is everyone here?"

"Yes. Third Sister, did something happen for you to gather all of us so suddenly?" Fifth Uncle Cen seemed extremely concerned by the sudden summons. It had been barely a day since Shang Xia left for the secret region when Shang Pei gathered them all. He wondered if something had gone wrong.

“Did any of you notice the thinning of the fog in the Cloud Water Gorge?” Shang Pei asked suddenly.

“Huh?” Fifth Uncle Cen turned to look all around him but failed to notice any difference.

“Never mind.” Shang Pei knew that their divine sense wasn’t as sensitive as her divine perception. Moreover, there seemed to be traces of world origin hidden in the mist. Only Martial Extermination Realm experts would be able to feel it and determine the changes that happened to the Cloud Water Gorge.

“Tell everyone to follow me. We’re leaving the Cloud Water Gorge immediately!” Shang Pei muttered softly.

A look of confusion appeared on Fifth Uncle Cen’s face. “What’s going on? If we leave now, what will happen to Shang Xia?”

“There’s no need to worry about him. Let’s just pray that we manage to leave the Cloud Water Gorge in one piece...” Shang Pei sighed in response.

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In the skies above the Cloud Water Gorge...

Xu Chenkang, the Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Divine Capital Sect, received a secret transmission and the smile on his face grew wider after reading it.

“Martial uncle, how is the situation around the Cloud Water Gorge now?” Even though Zuo Changqing was younger than Xu Chenkang, his position in the Divine Capital Sect was higher than any of his 3 martial uncles standing in front of him.

Xu Chenkang handed the secret transmission over to Zuo Changqing directly and grinned, “Everything happened as we expected. As the clouds that cover the Cloud Water Gorge start to thin out, the Abyssal Secret Region is definitely going to appear. The strongest families and sects of the Bing, Ji, Si, and Yan Continents have arrived. Even the scattered cultivators of the Taihang Mountains formed a massive alliance to try to fight for some benefits the moment the Abyssal Secret Region appears.”

Zuo Changqing mumbled in response, “I wouldn’t be surprised that the experts of the four continents arrived quicker than the rest. Anyway, the Yan Continent is the worst of them all. They only managed to produce the Zhongxuan Gate with their meager talent. However, that’s precisely the reason behind their unity. We cannot underestimate the Zhongxuan Gate no matter what. As for the Bing Continent, they only possess the Yanmen Institution which is as good as trash. There’s no need to mention them at all. It’s the White Deer Sect from the Ji Continent that we need to be careful with. They have strong foundations and huge accumulations. Martial Uncle, did the secret transmission say anything about the White Deer Sect?”

Zuo Changqing knew that Xu Chenkang had his reasons for bringing him along. The unspoken connections in the sect aside, he could tell that the old expert had intentions to nurture him. Since Xu Chenkang handed him the report, it showed that he had no intentions to hide anything.

A mirthless smile appeared on Xu Chenkang's face after hearing the question, which slightly confused Zuo Changqing. "Did I make a mistake somewhere? Martial Uncle, please guide me..."

Xu Chenkang waved his hand casually before him and laughed in response, "Martial Nephew Zuo Changqing, looks like you're not a cultivation fool like what they say back in the sect. You have a slight understanding of the powers in the various continents. However..."

Pausing slightly, Xu Chenkang continued, "... Your understanding of the various powers seems a little outdated. What you understand of the Zhongxuan Gate from the Yan Continent is basically correct. However, the White Deer Sect didn't send their experts over this time. Instead, the 3 great families of the Ji Continent are the ones who came. After the White Deer Sect failed their scheme to attack the Tongyou Institution and suffered a serious loss after Kou Chongxue counterattacked, they kept a low profile. The Zhang, Liu, and Guo Families of the Ji Continent rose swiftly to fill the gap. As for the Bing Continent... We might have underestimated the powers in the Bing Continent this time..."

Zuo Changqing gasped in shock. "Martial Uncle Chenkang, how did we underestimate the Bing Continent?"

Before Xu Chenkang could say anything, a low blast came from the depths of the Cloud Water Gorge, attracting everyone's attention.

Countless pairs of eyes turned to look at the gorge and if anyone felt that the subtle changes to the Cloud Water Gorge weren't obvious enough, it was time they were proved wrong. The dense clouds that covered the Cloud Water Gorge started to dissipate at a rapid pace and a giant crater appeared right smack in the middle of the gorge. It seemed to be created by the explosion earlier, but it was quickly covered up by whatever fog there was left.

A secondary blast echoed through the skies not too long after and huge chunks of rock started falling from the void above the Cloud Water Gorge.

Loud explosions rang in succession from deep within the Cloud Water Gorge and the heaven and earth qi in the region started to fluctuate violently.

Xu Chenkang didn't need to remind Zuo Changqing and everyone in the area knew that the Abyssal Secret Region was about to show itself soon.

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No matter how they looked at it, Shang Xia was in deep shit.

He reacted a little too late, and Shang Xia was nothing more than a larger target board who was exhausting his inner qi to remain in mid air.

As the silver hammer rose into the skies once again under Tao Mosheng's control, the void trembled violently. It was obvious Tao Mosheng was going all out in an attempt to seriously injure Shang Xia.

At the very last second, Shang Xia revealed the Hexagonal Lantern he had been holding all along. He made his preparations after surviving the blade light and poured what was left of the Divine Fire Wine into the lantern. A deep orange flame flickered aggressively and Shang Xia poured his inner qi into the lantern without reserve.

The flickering flame turned into a pillar of fire as it tore through the skies. It crashed directly into the silver hammer in the sky.

“Misty Palace Lanter! You... You’re from the Divine Capital Sect!” Tao Mosheng recognized the lantern the moment Shang Xia took it out. However, he completely missed the mark with Shang Xia’s identity. Thinking that Shang Xia was from the Divine Capital Sect, a trace of fear appeared in his heart.

Despite his feelings, he knew that it was too late to turn back now. Pouring even more energy into his hammer, Tao Mosheng decided that he had to get rid of the problem in front of him.

“Swish!” Tearing through the pillar of fire, Tao Mosheng’s silver hammer went straight for Shang Xia’s head.

Before the hammer arrived, the massive pressure along with waves upon waves of spatial fluctuations came crashing down on him. The Auspicious Cloud Cape behind Shang Xia billowed violently as he prepared himself to counterattack.

Remaining unusually calm in the face of danger, Shang Xia’s Scarlet Star Spear shot into the air. Releasing his Celestial Disruption Spear, countless specks of starlight erupted in the skies above.

Shang Xia stabbed out countless times in a split second and every single strike landed directly on the silver hammer. Eventually, the hammer was forced to stop.

Naturally, Shang Xia had to deal with the recoil from the strikes and he flew even further through the Abyssal Secret Region.

“Oh no!” Tao Mosheng roared after noticing how Shang Xia flew through the air. He realized that Shang Xia was borrowing his strength to fly closer to the divine weapon.

Shang Xia actually wanted to risk it all and obtain the divine weapon before Tao Mosheng could react.

The only part Tao Mosheng didn’t understand was how Shang Xia could withstand the consumption of his inner qi. One had to know that flying through the secret region exhausted a lot of energy. Not to mention the fact that Shang Xia just defended against his attacks.

With confusion filling his heart, Tao Mosheng stared at the cape fluttering on Shang Xia’s back. Unfortunately, he didn’t manage to discover the secrets it held.

He wondered if Shang Xia was truly risking it all. Even if that was the case, he couldn’t sit by idly and watch as the divine weapon fell into someone else’s hands.

Just as he prepared to make his move, the auras of 2 Martial Extermination Realm experts filled the skies. They came from the mountain peaks on the opposite side, and Tao Mosheng gasped softly in fright. “How are there 2 more Martial Extermination Realm experts hiding in here?!”

He quickly understood that those 2 had probably entered the Abyssal Secret Region before him. After surviving the blade light, they hid their presence so no one would be able to detect them.

One could only say that the 2 Martial Extermination Realm experts were pretty lucky. They were hiding in the opposite direction where Shang Xia and Tao Mosheng were traveling.

Now that Shang Xia was rushing at the divine weapon, the two of them had to do something.

A sneer appeared on Tao Mosheng's face as his silver hammer went for Shang Xia's back. Even though the distance separating them was close to 1000 feet at the moment, he didn't hold back and crazily poured his inner qi into his weapon.

Back when Shang Xia blocked Tao Mosheng's hammer and flew in the direction of the divine weapon, he threw caution to the wind and wanted to be the first person to get his hands on it. He didn't expect there to be experts hiding in the other mountain peaks, especially not two of them!

Now that the two of them had made their move, Shang Xia was surrounded on 3 fronts. If he was in trouble earlier when Tao Mosheng attacked him in mid air, his current situation was several times worse. After all, the suppression the Abyssal Secret Region had on him was also present.

Quickly making a decision, Shang Xia didn't bother avoiding or blocking the attacks thrown his way. Instead, he circulated his inner qi and pushed himself to the limit as he accelerated yet again.

The Auspicious Cloud Cape flapping in the wind seemed to fuse with his Four Seasons Extermination Origins as they propelled Shang Xia towards the peak that contained the divine weapon. No, more accurately, he shot straight for the boulder that held the blade.

“Are you tired of living?!”

Shang Xia's actions caught all 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts off guard. His reckless actions would definitely provoke the divine weapon. Even if the 3 of them stood off to the side now and withdrew their attacks, he would most probably be killed by the Abyssal Blade.

In fact, that was what they were doing at the moment. They were desperately withdrawing all the energy in their attack. They couldn't be bothered with Shang Xia as they were afraid of drawing the ire of the divine weapon.

“Boom!”

Under several incredulous gazes, Shang Xia smashed straight into the boulder that held the Abyssal Blade without showing the slightest trace of slowing down.

Chapter 475: Appearance of the Divine Weapon, Destruction of the Secret Region

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After falling into such a dangerous situation, Shang Xia decided that his only course of action was to head for the divine weapon.

He made the right bet. Because of their fear of provoking the divine weapon, they quickly withdrew their inner qi. They didn't dare to attack him recklessly when he was in the vicinity of the Abyssal Blade.

Even though he knew that he wouldn't be able to avoid taking on the blade light from the divine weapon when he made his decision earlier, he rather face the blade light than the furious attack of 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts.

There was also an essence of gambling hidden in his actions. As long as he managed to block the blade light, the divine weapon would be within reach!

As he barreled through the air towards the mountain peak, Shang Xia would obviously not smash head-first into the boulder. His Scarlet Star Spear was held firmly in front of him and it tore through the twisted space that was preventing his approach.

A giant gash in space appeared when Shang Xia flew through the field of twisted space. The sea of clouds below seemed to experience the same fate as the space Shang Xia tore through and a huge gap appeared in the fluffy sea of white. Luckily, the gap was quickly filled by several layers of clouds in an instant.

Shang Xia was naturally too occupied to notice the changes in the sea of clouds below and the instant he broke through the layer of twisted space, he flew straight at the boulder without showing the slightest trace of slowing down.

“Boom!”

Under several incredulous gazes, Shang Xia smashed straight into the boulder that held the Abyssal Blade.

The moment he did, the Abyssal Blade seemed to sense danger and it seemed to be extremely riled up. It started to shake violently in the boulder while emitting a low hum. The noise it created seemed to transform into a giant sledgehammer that slammed directly into Shang Xia’s soul.

That wasn’t all. The boulder that trapped the blade started to shatter. The orange glow that surrounded the Abyssal Blade grew even deeper in color. The light it emitted was so intense that everyone had a feeling the physical blade would be the one emerging from the boulder rather than the blade light it had been shooting out so far.

“Not good...”

“Hurry up and stop!”

“Fuck!”

Yells came from different directions in the Abyssal Secret Region, but with things progressing up to that point, how could Shang Xia back down?

Silently circulating his Man and Heaven Synergy Chapter, Shang Xia withdrew his presence to the best of his abilities. The sound waves emitted by the Abyssal Blade that was crashing against his soul failed to affect his state of mind in the slightest.

That wasn’t all Shang Xia did. He released his ninth move, Piercing Sun, directly at the divine weapon. Before the Abyssal Blade could react, the Scarlet Star Spear stabbed directly on its surface.

“Clang!”

A sharp ring ripped through the air and the tip of the Scarlet Star Spear shattered instantaneously.

Shang Xia stared blankly at the divine weapon after his spear crashed into it, and the 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts also fell silent.

What they didn’t know was that the sound wasn’t just contained in the secret region. It rang loud and true in the skies of the outside world.

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Shang Pei, who was leading the members of the Youyan Stronghold away from the region, stopped dead in her tracks when she heard the sound. She seemed to be the only one to react as the other members of the Youyan Stronghold weren't affected at all. She looked around with a sense of slight bewilderment but she didn't discover anything.

Outside the Cloud Water Gorge, the experts of the Divine Capital Sect stared at the spatial cracks that appeared in the air while being shocked by the sudden ring that emerged from the depths of the Cloud Water Gorge.

They weren't the only ones as the same scene was playing out in front of experts from the other factions.

That wasn't all. The sound didn't just tear through the air above the Cloud Water Gorge... There were even existences in the Beyond Heaven Pavilion who were alarmed by the sudden disturbance.

"So... That's where it is..." God knew how many experts were paying attention to the Abyssal Secret Region. At that moment, the true experts among them seemed to understand what was going on and their gazes transcended space and landed on a certain spot on a spatial barrier in one of the worlds...

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Shang Xia could thank his strong foundation of his soul as he managed to awaken from his dazed state quickly.

He didn't know how long he had been out. He might have been in that state for a second, or he might have been unconscious for a longer period of time. Regardless, his clothes were drenched in perspiration as he realized how dangerous the situation would have been.

Luckily, he didn't seem injured after awakening. The only strange thing about him was that he was still stuck in the posture he had been in while unleashing his ninth move...

Wait... My Scarlet Star Spear...

Shang Xia's eyes widened in fright when he noticed that the tip was missing from his spear. All that was left was a long ass rod in his hand!

Raising his head violently to stare at the divine weapon, Shang Xia noticed that the Abyssal Blade wasn't vibrating anymore. It remained strangely silent.

It was as though the majestic divine weapon was taken aback after Shang Xia attacked it with his Scarlet Star Spear. It seemed taken aback that it was struck by an ant, and its rage seemed to be replaced by complete bewilderment.

Shang Xia didn't dare to let his guard down regardless. Instead, the feeling of death quickly returned and it got stronger by the minute.

Instinctively, Shang Xia wanted to run away. However, his rationality took over and told him that he would die an even more gruesome death if he tried to escape.

Withdrawing the rod in his hand, Shang Xia's Auspicious Cloud Cape fluttered behind him. It allowed him to retreat backwards slightly and the moment he did, he seemed to shatter the silence that had filled the land.

A shrill cry came from the divine weapon that felt as if it had been violated and the boulder that trapped it turned to dust.

Some were looking at the divine weapon calmly, while the others stared at it in trepidation. Their attitude towards the matter couldn't change the fact that the Abyssal Blade had been released! The blade, which had been sealed for god knew how many years, shot into the skies after freeing itself from the boulder.

Another shrill cry filled the Abyssal Secret Region. It sounded extremely excited to have left its seal, but there was also a trace of rage contained in its cry.

The moment the blade was fully revealed, the space in the Abyssal Secret Region trembled.

Half the boulder was left after the divine weapon freed itself, and it shook all the same. Anyone who was a little observant would realize that the boulder wasn't the only thing shaking. It was merely trembling along with the mountain peak beneath it.

Neither Shang Xia nor the other 3 could give half a shit about the quaking beneath their feet at that moment. Their attention was stuck on the divine weapon in the air. The blade was impressive, but a quarter of the blade was missing.

A dense orange blade light emerged from the body of the blade and separated into 3 parts before flying towards Tao Mosheng and the other 2.

Even so, it wasn't time for Shang Xia to celebrate. The main body of the divine weapon came slicing down at him after releasing the blade light.

Shang Xia expected to face a terrifying assault when the divine weapon was freed, and he had been storing up his inner qi ever since he made his retreat with the Auspicious Cloud Cape. He didn't panic now that the blade was falling towards him.

Unlike what Tao Mosheng and the other Martial Extermination Realm experts thought, Shang Xia didn't actually consume much inner qi when he flew at the divine weapon earlier. Because of the special properties of his Four Seasons Extermination Origins when he circulated it, along with the assistance of the Auspicious Cloud Cape, Shang Xia had a lot more inner qi in his dantian than anyone would expect.

Since he already came up with an outline of his rank four martial arts, Shang Xia was able to absorb the heaven and earth qi in his surroundings as well as traces of world origin in the air to recover.

There was also one thing the 4 of them had overlooked. Even though Tao Mosheng mentioned how the secret region was slowly losing its power and was on the verge of destruction, no one realized that the secret region's suppression was growing weaker by the second.

As the divine weapon fell towards Shang Xia, he felt the world around him turning quiet. Everything seemed really distant as Shang Xia swung the rod in his hand with all his might. He poured his inner qi and divine perception into the rod without holding back and in his hands, the Scarlet Star Spear that was missing a spearhead still functioned as Shang Xia's spear!

Releasing his strongest spear move, the Divine Killing Spear, the Scarlet Star Spear that was missing a tip struck accurately against the surface of the Abyssal Blade.

The rod that was the Scarlet Star Spear started to break apart as inches upon inches were slowly shaved off the surface.

Shang Xia vomited a mouthful of blood and it stained the Abyssal Blade as he drew a beautiful arc through the air after being thrown backwards.

The Abyssal Sword, which was missing a quarter of its blade, didn't seem satisfied with what it had done to Shang Xia. It buzzed incessantly in the air, but surprisingly, it couldn't move an inch.

Divine Killing Spear... A spear that could stop the strongest of existences! Shang Xia's third martial intent didn't gain its name for nothing.

When Shang Xia was thrown backwards, the other 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts were forced to block the orange blade light sent their way. They exhausted a huge amount of inner qi while doing so and they were unable to take advantage of Shang Xia's weakness to make their move on the divine weapon.

By the time they caught their breath, Shang Xia had already retreated to the mountain peak he had first appeared on.

The moment he landed, a low rumble filled the air around the Abyssal Secret Region. The divine weapon shook in place and so did the various mountain peaks.

As space started to twist, the sea of clouds beneath them shattered. The outside world flickered beneath the sea of clouds from time to time.

It was a sign that the secret region had finally given out! It was about to shatter completely!

Shang Xia wasted no time as he examined the condition of his body as soon as he landed. To his surprise, his inner injuries weren't as serious as he had thought.

This... This... The lotus Ge Qingzhu gave me...

The thought flashed across Shang Xia's mind, but he was quickly distracted by a familiar aura nearby. With a frown appearing on his face, he turned to look at another mountain peak nearby and growled, "Why are you still here? What are you waiting for?"

The person he discovered was none other than Wei Qiongyi from the Weiwu Institution of the Liang Continent. She had actually hidden herself the whole time!

With the sea of clouds beneath them dissipating and the space around it shattering, she wouldn't be able to leave the secret region if she didn't move immediately!

Shang Xia gave her another reminder out of the kindness of his heart.

Right after he spoke, the Abyssal Blade that was stalled by his Divine Killing Spear finally broke out from its stupor. It tore through the air and went straight for Shang Xia.

Shang Xia's Scarlet Star Spear was basically destroyed after his previous exchange. His Jade River Sword was merely a mid-grade weapon and it wouldn't last a second. The divine weapon might not be as fast as before, but was he supposed to take on the blade with his bare hands?!

With everything on the line, Shang Xia maintained his cool gaze as a sense of unprecedented calm filled his mind.

Facing the rage of a divine weapon that could slaughter anything in its path, Shang Xia launched a single palm strike without any warning. He accurately struck the body of the divine weapon!

Chapter 476: Annihilating the Divine Spirit

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Tearing through the air, the Abyssal Blade shot straight for Shang Xia.

Tao Mosheng and the other 2 barely managed to block the blade light earlier after they used everything they had.

Shang Xia unleashed his Divine Killing Spear and dissipated a portion of the power contained in the blade. His rod, or whatever was left of the Scarlet Star Spear after the tip shattered earlier, failed to hold out. It crumbled bit by bit until only a tiny portion remained in his hand.

Under such circumstances, the 3 other Martial Extermination Realm experts had no doubt that Shang Xia's fate was sealed.

Tao Mosheng and the rest were naturally happy to watch as Shang Xia was slain by the divine weapon. There was no way they would help him, but at the same time, they weren't stupid enough to make a move on Shang Xia. The reason behind their reluctance to attack was simple. The divine weapon didn't know who was who. To the Abyssal Blade, anyone who entered the Abyssal Secret Region was an enemy!

Anyone who provoked the weapon at that moment would probably turn into its next target.

That was why no one bothered attacking Shang Xia. They couldn't wait for him to perish under the blade.

Also, all 3 of them could tell that Shang Xia possessed extraordinary combat abilities. He might be able to struggle on death's door for some time, buying time.

That was right. They were hoping Shang Xia could hold the divine weapon down for a little while more. As far as they could tell, the blade was the core of the secret region. Now that it had emerged from its seal, the Abyssal Secret Region lost its protection and was starting to crumble.

The moment it did, it would be time for the experts outside to feast on its remains.

As Shang Xia tangled with the Abyssal Blade, the 3 of them seemed to reach the same conclusion as they shot for the main peak that used to hold the divine weapon.

Without the protection of the Abyssal Blade, countless rays of light emerged from the main peak and shot into the skies.

Under the resplendent rays, one could barely make out several figures flashing haphazardly around the main peak. There were images of weapons and strange phenomena, and there seemed to be a pretty huge mass of world origin. It flickered in a strange fashion, but there was no doubt about it. Anything that it depicted could cause Martial Extermination Realm experts to go crazy!

The protection barrier around the main peak eventually gave out and the treasures contained within seemed to want to pop out the next moment!

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From what Shang Xia understood, every divine weapon had its own weapon spirit.

That was why Shang Xia used his Divine Killing Spear when he blocked the blade light after first entering the Abyssal Secret Region.

When he tried to stop the blade earlier with the tipless spear, he also unleashed the same move.

With one spear to slay the gods, it could sunder the soul and destroy his target's physical body!

Shang Xia had been targeting the weapon spirit all along!

Moreover, the reaction of the Abyssal Blade told him that his method was working. He also managed to successfully anger the divine weapon by doing so.

As the Abyssal Blade flew at Shang Xia once again, he no longer had his Scarlet Star Spear to protect himself. He seemed utterly defenseless and would be slain the next moment.

Earlier, Shang Xia had a chance to leave the secret region. Back when he detected Wei Qiongyi, he even had enough excess energy to tell her to leave. Despite the many opportunities, he didn't rush through the sea of clouds to escape.

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Instead, he launched yet another move against the Abyssal Blade!

With his inner qi poured out of his dantian like water out a broken dam, they created a giant palm in mid air.

Shang Xia's Four Seasons Extermination Origins swirled about endlessly in the giant palm, making it increasingly solid. Eventually, the palm gained a beige skin-like hue.

When Shang Xia comprehended how to use his extermination origins back at the Jingxiu Peak, he released a similar palm strike that tore right through its protection formation.

Now, Shang Xia's understanding of his extermination origins grew even more. The power contained in his palm strike was clearly stronger than before.

“Smack!”

Shang Xia's palm slammed directly into the body of the blade and the scene everyone was waiting for didn't happen. Shang Xia wasn't torn to shreds like they expected.

Instead, the Abyssal Blade stopped in mid air and released a shrill buzz.

It seemed afraid and angry at the same time.

Shang Xia's palm strike contained the true power of the four seasons and it far surpassed the Divine Killing Spear when it came to threatening spirits.

The Divine Killing Spear could threaten both his opponent's physical bodies and their souls. That was also how the divine weapon greatly reduced the power of Shang Xia's third martial intent. It greatly depleted Shang Xia's inner qi during their physical exchange.

Things were different when Shang Xia unleashed his Four Seasons Extermination Origins in his final palm strike. It might not be as physically powerful as his Divine Killing Spear, but it was much more effective when it came to exterminating spirits.

After all, there weren't many things that could overcome the cycle of time that was represented by the progression of the four seasons. Shang Xia's strike didn't merely contain the power to decay

things. It had the ability to kill anything formless. It could even be argued that it directly countered the weapon spirit!

Buzzing incessantly, the Abyssal Blade seemed extremely enraged by Shang Xia's actions. The commotion it caused spread through the secret region and the sea of clouds continued to crumble.

The giant palm Shang Xia created grabbed the blade without showing signs of letting go no matter how hard it struggled.

The Abyssal Blade chopped in all directions as it tried to get rid of Shang Xia's palm. Spatial cracks appeared all around.

Withstanding the tearing of space, the giant palm that held on to the blade burst open in wounds before reforming itself. The process repeated several times but Shang Xia's Four Seasons Extermination Origins eventually gained the upper hand. No matter how it tried, the Abyssal Blade failed to sever the strange hand that held on to it.

The palm Shang Xia summoned earlier wasn't exactly moving about independently. Shang Xia's arm that was held out in front of him had countless wounds as blood poured out from the various cuts he suffered.

Even so, he refused to give up!

Pushing his extermination origins to the limit, they battered against the blade qi that emerged from the Abyssal Blade. It slowly seeped into the weapon itself to suppress the weapon spirit contained within.

Throughout the whole progress, Shang Xia didn't notice that the blood he spat onto the Abyssal Blade earlier was slowly being sucked into its body along with the entry of his extermination origins.

All of a sudden, Shang Xia felt the weapon spirit of the blade weakening rapidly as his extermination origins gained the upper hand.

Recognizing the opportunity, Shang Xia stomped heavily and shot through the skies. There was no way he could run away now that the weapon spirit had been suppressed. He flew straight for the Abyssal Blade and he grabbed its shaft in one fluid motion.

The giant palm that was holding onto the blade dissipated and Shang Xia took over. Blood flowed down his hands and he made a terrifying decision. He wanted to refine the weapon despite the dangers that surrounded him.

The blood that poured out from his wounds entered the divine weapon directly and Shang Xia didn't slow down in his infusion of extermination origins.

With the round of simple refinement, Shang Xia seemed to form a basic connection with the blade. He had a feeling that the blade had become an extension of his body.

Perhaps it was because of his connection with the blade, but he could feel a sense of resistance from the weapon spirit despite already suppressing it with his extermination origins. Even if he could use the blade currently, he wouldn't be able to unleash its full power!

He was like Yun Jing who wielded Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword in the past. He was able to bring out a portion of its strength, but it was far from what it could actually do.

What made Shang Xia's headache was the fact that the weapon spirit was resisting his extermination origins forcefully. It would rather be destroyed than submit to Shang Xia!

As he needed to break the stalemate immediately, he would need a chance to force the Abyssal Blade's weapon spirit to submit. Only then would he be able to fully refine the weapon and wield its strength.

It might seem like a long time since Shang Xia was attacked by the Abyssal Blade, but everything happened in several short breaths of time. The sudden change in situation caught the attention of the other 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts hovering in the air around the central peak.

There was no way they could accept the fact that Shang Xia managed to evade death. Things were worse when they saw how Shang Xia was about to refine the divine weapon.

Ignoring the rest of the treasures that were pouring out from the main peak, they rushed towards Shang Xia in unison. They couldn't allow him to refine the divine weapon just like that!

Even if it was a damaged divine weapon, they couldn't allow it to fall into Shang Xia's hands.

Like before, Shang Xia was quickly surrounded by the 3 of them. Back then, he rushed into the main peak and crashed into the boulder that sealed the divine weapon, avoiding their combined assault. Now that the divine weapon no longer threatened them, Shang Xia understood that there was nothing to hold them back from going all out in their assault. The divine weapon in his hand struggled with all its might to prevent Shang Xia from using its full strength and if he was even slightly careless, the weapon spirit of the Abyssal Blade would probably break free from the restraints of his extermination origin. When that happened, he wouldn't need to care about Tao Mosheng and the others. He would be slain by the Abyssal Blade in an instant.

In a fit of desperation, Shang Xia could only try the first idea that came to mind. He retrieved the six sided handle and the moment he did, the Abyssal Blade trembled violently in his hand.

Feeling its reaction, a trace of joy filled Shang Xia's heart. The Abyssal Blade wasn't trying to escape from him after he revealed that he was in possession of the six sided handle. Instead, a sense of attraction came from the depths of the blade.

Heaving a sigh of relief, it seemed as though Shang Xia made the correct gamble.

The six sided handle turned into a streak of light that attached itself directly between the blade and the handle of the sword.

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A soft 'click' could be heard as it turned into the guard of the Abyssal Blade. Even Shang Xia couldn't exactly catch what happened, but all he knew was that the six sided handle he had been playing with had been a part of the Abyssal Blade all along!

The second it attached itself to the Abyssal Blade, the weapon spirit stopped resisting immediately. It quickly resonated with his divine perception and it fused with Shang Xia's soul! The refinement process he had been forcing to progress earlier was completed in an instant!

Chapter 477: Lightning Awakening

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In the northeastern direction of the Cloud Water Gorge, Shang Pei brought the members of the Youyan Stronghold and charged out of the thick fog.

The moment she emerged, she ran into a ground of Martial Extermination Realm experts who had their sights on the Cloud Water Gorge.

“You!” Shang Pei’s expression turned frosty all of a sudden and her spear appeared in her hand as she prepared for battle.

“Youyan Chief, there’s no need to get all worked up now. We didn’t come here with ill intentions.” Yin Wanxiang took a step forward and observed the group. No matter how he looked at it, Shang Xia wasn’t part of their group.

Shang Pei wasn’t a fool. She wouldn’t let down her guard because of what he said. She muttered cautiously, “Why are you standing in our way?”

Gesturing to the side, Yin Wanxiang spoke casually, “We have no enmity with each other. Youyan Chief, feel free to take your leave.”

Shang Pei stared at the group of Martial Extermination Realm experts warily but realized that they didn’t seem to be lying. With her gaze on them, she gestured to Fifth Uncle Cen and the others to take their leave.

As they were distancing themselves from the group of Martial Extermination Realm experts, Yin Wanxiang asked, “Chief Hai, I hope you can answer some of my questions before you leave.”

With taut nerves, Shang Pei forced herself to remain calm as she replied casually, “Cave Master Yin, feel free to ask me anything you like. I’ll answer to the best of my abilities.”

Clearing his throat, Yin Wanxiang asked, “Chief Hai, did you just emerge from the secret region?”

“Nope.” Shang Pei didn’t hesitate at all as she gave her answer. It seemed to catch Yin Wanxiang by surprise as he stared at her in shock.

“Bullshit!” Zhonggu, who was standing behind Yin Wanxiang, stepped out from the group and yelled, “Everyone knows that you have a special item that can lead you into the secret region. Now that the secret region is crumbling and the Cloud Water Gorge is losing its protection, you guys coincidentally chose to emerge. Doesn’t this seem a little suspicious? Are you guys trying to run away?”

The moment Zhonggu spoke, the look in the eyes of the Martial Extermination Realm experts standing behind Yin Wanxiang changed.

Stepping towards Yin Wanxiang to place herself between the Martial Extermination Realm experts and the members of the Youyan Stronghold, Shang Pei growled, “Heh, you guys will get mad if I refuse to say anything. Now that I’m telling you the truth, you refuse to believe me...”

Zhonggu wanted to continue, but Yin Wanxiang stopped him with a single gesture. He was the only one who didn’t seem suspicious of Shang Pei’s answer and a smile slowly appeared on his face. “I believe you. You might not have entered the secret region, but you probably gave that young man your key to enter the secret region, right?”

Shang Pei heard of what happened before Shang Xia found her in the Cloud Water Gorge and she wasn't surprised by Yin Wanxiang's knowledge of his presence. She replied candidly, "Yup. Didn't you guys already meet?"

"Indeed... He's a genius alright..." Yin Wanxiang muttered softly to himself, but those behind him heard him loud and clear. Before anyone else could speak up, he continued, "I guess this means that the 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts who were hunting you down won't be showing their faces around here anymore, right?"

Shang Pei's expression remained cold but she didn't respond to his question.

Seemingly having expected the outcome, Yin Wanxiang nodded slowly and sighed, "I have asked everything I wish to know. Youyan Chief, feel free to leave."

Shang Pei glanced at the group of experts behind Yin Wanxiang before turning around to return to the members of the Youyan Stronghold.

As they prepared to leave, Yin Wanxiang's voice rang in Shang Pei's mind. "Youyan Chief, you've been stationed in the Cloud Water Gorge and you might not know about this, but the Abyssal Secret Region has descended on the Cloud Water Gorge and attracted the attention of experts from the Si, Yan, Ji, and Bing Continents. Experts from the 4 continents have gathered around the region in order to compete for the inheritance left behind by the Abyssal Sect."

"Abyssal Sect?" Shang Pei stopped walking altogether and she muttered to herself.

Fifth Uncle Cen discovered that she wasn't walking anymore and he turned around to ask, "What's wrong?"

"Fifth Brother, leave with the rest. I'll stay behind to check things out." Shang Pei said seriously.

"You..." Fifth Uncle Cen obviously didn't wish for Shang Pei to place herself in danger, but when he thought about how Shang Xia was still within the Cloud Water Gorge, he could only sigh softly, "Be careful and take care of yourself."

Noodling slightly, Shang Pei started to make her way back to Yin Wanxiang and the others.

She barely took a few steps when a resounding explosion tore through the air.

Raising her head, she saw spatial cracks filling the skies. They were like massive spider webs that stretched across the Cloud Water Gorge and huge landslides appeared from the void. A multitude of lights filled the skies through the cracks.

Shang Pei didn't hesitate to fly into the skies, but a strange object that emitted a strange glow emerged from the spatial cracks and flew straight at her.

Pulling out her spear, she shattered the ball of light and reached for the object within.

The moment she laid her hands on the item, a streak of light appeared in the distance and rushed at her.

“Put it down right now!” The person who came didn’t seem to care who he was up against as he formed a strange seal with his hands and pressed it down on Shang Pei’s head.

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A deafening buzz filled the Abyssal Secret Region and it seemed to expand beyond the confines of the secret region itself to rip through the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

The Abyssal Blade in Shang Xia’s hand was no longer the tyrannical and defiant existence that it was moments earlier. Instead, it seemed to be emitting endless joy as it announced its return to the entire world.

Unfortunately, Shang Xia didn’t have the luxury to carefully inspect the blade. “Shit! I can’t stay here for much longer!”

Shang Xia could see that the other 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts seemed to have reached some sort of secret agreement with each other.

Tao Mosheng’s silver hammer, a gray sword qi, and a fist intent stretched through the void as they rushed at Shang Xia in unison.

Every single one of the 3 had cultivation bases higher than Shang Xia. At the very least, they were experts in the third layer Martial Extermination Realm.

Any one of them would be a formidable opponent if Shang Xia ran into them in the outside world. He would need to be extremely careful if he fought any of the 3. Now that they had joined hands, he was in deep shit!

Clearly, the 3 of them didn’t hold back. They wanted to eliminate the anomaly that was Shang Xia immediately now that he had obtained the divine weapon.

If that happened earlier in their exchange in the Abyssal Secret Region, Shang Xia would have been heavily injured, if not dead, when faced with their combined attack. If he was even the slightest bit careless, he would be blown to bits the moment the attacks connected.

Unfortunately for them, the situation wasn’t what it was when they entered the Abyssal Secret Region. The entire place was crumbling and Shang Xia got his hands on the divine weapon. Facing their attacks, Shang Xia seemed a little indifferent.

As he circulated his extermination origins through the Abyssal Blade, the weapon spirit didn’t suffer a fate of destruction like before. The true power of his Four Seasons Extermination Origins wasn’t purely for destruction. It also had the ability to nourish and strengthen the spirit. Every time Shang Xia cycled his extermination origins through the Abyssal Blade, the weapon spirit recovered slightly and Shang Xia’s connection to the blade improved.

Destruction or nourishment was decided by Shang Xia with a single thought.

Swinging the Abyssal Blade vertically in front of him, a four colored extermination light emerged and took over the orange glow that the weapon usually emits and tore the void apart.

Through the spatial tear, Shang Xia could see the clouds around the Cloud Water Gorge receding rapidly. He also managed to make out a few human figures flying about.

Before he could try anything, Tao Mosheng's hammer crashed heavily into the spatial tear Shang Xia created.

The moment it did, Tao Mosheng quickly retrieved his weapon. His silver hammer was a high-grade weapon and by the time he retrieved it, there were 2 deep marks on the face of the weapon. The majestic silver glow that surrounded the hammer earlier dimmed to the point where it could barely be seen.

The strand of gray sword qi also failed to sunder the spatial tear that Shang Xia created. As it closed in on the tear in space, the sword qi started to distort violently. When more than half of the sword qi was torn apart by the strange fluctuations in space, the sword qi could no longer sustain itself. It eventually dissipated into its surroundings.

It seemed as though only the fist intent would cause Shang Xia some trouble. It seemed pretty extraordinary as it forced its way towards Shang Xia. Unfortunately, when it passed through the spatial tear, all its energy seemed to be sapped away.

Shang Xia merely used a single slash to deal with the 3 attacks thrown his way!

Of course, Shang Xia used the destruction of the Abyssal Secret Region to his advantage while doing so as the space contained in the secret region was extremely unstable in its current state, but he couldn't deny that his personal strength and the power of the Abyssal Blade also had a huge part to play.

Perhaps they realized that they couldn't do anything to Shang Xia, but they quickly flew in another direction. They planned to regroup somewhere else in the Abyssal Secret Region as they understood that Shang Xia received a considerable power boost now that he had the Abyssal Blade. If they didn't wish to be picked off one by one, they had to work together to survive.

That wasn't all. In order to fight with Shang Xia for the inheritance of the Abyssal Sect, they had to work together so as to obtain the largest benefits possible.

Of course, Shang Xia wasn't a fool. He wouldn't take a beating without returning the favor. Once he defended himself against the combined attacks of the trio, he released a slash through the air directed at Tao Mosheng who was flying through the air.

Because the 3 of them weren't weaklings, their speed was nothing to scoff at. They reacted quickly after he blocked their combined attack and Shang Xia had to ensure his blade light would arrive before they gathered together. With his Four Seasons Extermination Origins as the foundation of the attack he released, he combined some properties of the techniques he learned and developed before. It contained the element of lightning, along with the properties of the earlier moves of his Nine Providence Spear. The blade light he released could be said to be powerful, accurate, and extremely ferocious.

As soon as the blade light emerged from the Abyssal Blade, everyone in the secret region felt their hearts skipping a beat. Like a streak of lightning shooting through the skies, the blade light shot straight for Tao Mosheng.

"Fellow cultivators, please save me..." Tao Mosheng poured his inner qi into his silver hammer without holding back and swung it with all his might in front of him.

"Clang!"

With a loud scrape, a third of the hammer was shaven away.

The other two flew in his direction as they tried their best to weaken the blade light that had arrived before Tao Mosheng. When they tried to help, they discovered that Tao Mosheng's arms were trembling violently. The stench of burning flesh assaulted their noses before long.

Tao Mosheng's arms were fried from the power of lightning contained in the blade light!

Luckily, a Martial Extermination Realm expert had a terrifying amount of life force. As long as their arms were still attached to their bodies, they would be able to do battle even if all that was left were their bones.

Of course, their combat capabilities would suffer to a certain extent.

"Heh..." After releasing the blade light, Shang Xia pondered over the feeling he had earlier. When he unleashed his attack earlier, it seemed as though he managed to tap into his hidden potential.

"The blade contains the power of lightning and the rumbling it emits has the ability to affect divine perception... I'll call this move 'Lightning Awakening!'"

With the experience he had previously, he finally completed the first of his rank four martial arts! Even though the entire martial art only had one move so far...

"Run!"

Tao Mosheng and the others were clearly seasoned cultivators. They could tell that Shang Xia became much stronger than before and their only course of action was to retreat.

One couldn't forget that Shang Xia obtained the Auspicious Cloud Cape from before. Without the 3 of them to stop him, he flew straight for the central peak that was spewing out treasures non-stop.

Now that the 3 of them had gathered together, Shang Xia knew that there wasn't really a chance of him killing any one of them. Even with the divine weapon in hand, he wouldn't be able to break through the defenses of 3 third layer Martial Extermination Realm experts.

Since that was the case, he might as well grab all the treasures he could before the Abyssal Secret Region crumbles.

Chapter 478: Who The Hell Was That?!

The clouds that filled the Cloud Water Gorge fluctuated violently as they started to dissipate at a speed visible to the naked eye.

Cracks in the air formed even more frequently and they were only restored after a long period of time. The Cloud Water Gorge which had been hidden from the outside world for hundreds of years was starting to reveal itself!

Zuo Changqing stared at the spatial cracks that were forming from time to time and managed to catch glimpses of what was happening within. The confusion in his heart grew stronger as he turned to Xu Chenkang behind him to ask, "Martial Uncle, will the collapse of a secret region cause such a huge commotion?"

Sniggering softly, Xu Chenkang explained, “Not in normal cases. It’s probably so noisy right now because some people are having a dogfight in there.”

Zuo Changqing instantly thought about Feng Chenyi who entered the Cloud Water Gorge before any of them and wondered if she was one of his pawns used to check out the secret region.

A light flashed in Zuo Changqing’s eyes, but he quickly suppressed his emotions. With a worried expression appearing on his face, he asked, “Martial Uncle, aren’t you afraid that those people within will damage the important stuff during their battle?”

Xu Chenkang roared with laughter after hearing his question. “Martial Nephew Changqing, that’s where you’re wrong. A powerful faction like the Abyssal Sect definitely has some sort of supreme treasure to protect their land of inheritance. No matter how hard they fight, they won’t be able to affect the inheritance at all. Unless the secret region decides to self-destruct, that won’t...”

A feeling of unease filled Zuo Changqing’s heart and he quickly interrupted Xu Chenkang before he could finish. “So... Does that mean that Martial Uncle is aiming to retrieve the supreme treasure of the Abyssal Sect?”

Unperturbed by the interruption, Xu Chenkang continued, “With your assistance, I should be able to retrieve the supreme treasure. Everyone else who plans to fight us for it is nothing but trash.”

With a smile returning to his face, Zuo Changqing continued, “Martial Uncle Chenkang, I think you should take some precautions... After all, we’re not the only superpower with our eyes on the Abyssal Secret Region.”

Seemingly having understood the meaning behind Zuo Changqing’s words, Xu Chenkang chuckled naturally before turning to look at the Cloud Water Gorge.

Who would have thought that a terrifying blast would tear through the skies at that moment. The skies above the Cloud Water Gorge fractured violently and dozens of rays of light emerged from it. The light rays shot in all directions.

“Not good! Someone actually opened the inheritance left behind in the Abyssal Secret Region! How is this possible?!”

Xu Chenkang, who had just regained his composure earlier, yelled in fright. He desperately gestured to the other experts behind him. “Quick, grab everything! Those are treasures left behind by the Abyssal Sect!”

The experts from the Divine Capital Sect moved the moment they were instructed. They rushed in the direction of the light beams.

Zuo Changqing balked silently. He thought back to how Xu Chenkang promised that nothing would be able to affect the inheritance and felt his heart thumping.

The supreme treasure...

Raising his head, he tried to peer into the Abyssal Secret Region. Since the inheritance was revealed to the world, wouldn’t that mean that its seal was broken?!

If Zuo Changqing had been able to understand what had happened, Xu Chenkang would obviously have made the connection the moment the change happened.

“Martial Nephew Changqing, don’t you think it’s pretty funny?” Xu Chenkang sounded really calm as he spoke. “I just said that there’s a supreme treasure protecting the secret region and the inheritance would be safe no matter how hard they fought. Hah, the secret region started breaking down and treasures spewed out as soon as I spoke...”

Coughing dryly, Zuo Changqing muttered while staring at Xu Chenkang’s back, “Of course not...” Ignoring him, Xu Chenkang continued, “Do you know why I never cared about the other powers who set their sights on the Abyssal Secret Region?”

“Martial Uncle, you refined four extermination origins and reached the fourth layer of the Martial Extermination Realm. From what I understand, you’re invincible under the Martial Dipper Realm. Those people won’t be able to do a thing to you...”

Zuo Changqing felt that something was off about Xu Chenkang and his tone quickly turned serious. As he watched on, four extermination origins surrounded Xu Chenkang’s body and he started to rise higher into the air.

A spatial door appeared in front of Xu Chenkang and he stepped into it. His figure appeared hundreds of feet away in an instant.

His voice rang softly in Zuo Changqing’s ear even though he was already gone. “That’s because I can barge into the Abyssal Secret Region before anyone else here and be the fisherman who sweeps up both the snipe and clam...”

By the time the final words echoed in Zuo Changqing’s mind, Xu Chenkang had already appeared in the skies above the Cloud Water Gorge.

His extermination origins fused together above his head to form a circular shaped entrance under the spatial cracks.

Only then did Zuo Changqing realize how terrifying Xu Chenkang was. It seemed as though every extermination origin Xu Chenkang refined had something to do with space.

He might not know if his martial uncle had already made the final step and comprehended his fourth martial intent, but it seemed extremely likely after seeing how he sliced a spatial tunnel into the secret region.

Standing under the spatial tunnel he created, Xu Chenkang stared down at everything happening in the Cloud Water Gorge with a look of mockery on his face. Under the gazes of the experts around the Cloud Water Gorge, he leaped into the Abyssal Secret Region.

A complicated look could be seen in Zuo Changqing’s eyes as he stared at where Xu Chenkang disappeared. He could only reassure himself that he would be given what he was promised. After all, Xu Chenkang was his martial uncle...

He believed that the moment Xu Chenkang entered the Abyssal Secret Region, he would definitely be able to obtain the greatest amount of benefits. As someone from the Divine Capital Sect, he wouldn’t go home empty-handed...

Choosing to think about things like that later, Zuo Changqing got ready to help his other martial uncles retrieve the treasures that were spewing out from the secret region. Just as he was about to move, a terrifying gash in space appeared in the skies above.

“ARGH!” A cry filled with bitterness and shock filled the skies. It sounded really close to those outside the Cloud Water Gorge, but no one could make out where it came from.

Widening his eyes in shock, Zuo Changqing discovered a figure falling from the skies at an alarming speed. As it drew closer, the figure looked extremely familiar.

Familiar? What the fuck! That’s Martial Uncle Xu Chenkang!

Zuo Changqing really felt like facepalming at that moment.

Just a second ago, Xu Chenkang seemed extremely confident he would be able to barge into the Abyssal Secret Region and take all the benefits for himself. He wanted to be the fisherman who scooped up everything, but he turned into a joke in the blink of an eye!

“Junior Brothers, Martial Nephew, hurry up and help me!” Xu Chenkang’s voice broke as he yelled in desperation.

Getting over their shock from seeing Xu Chenkang falling through the air, they finally noticed a huge hammer made from heaven and earth qi, a gray strand of sword qi, and a horrifying stream of fist intent following closely behind him.

Even though Zuo Changqing’s impression of his martial uncle was in the gutters at the moment, he had to save the man.

Reaching out his hand, a tiny pearl appeared in his palm. He tossed it out with no hesitation and it appeared behind Xu Chenkang in an instant. A two colored extermination origin rotated with the pearl as it slammed into the giant hammer that was falling rapidly.

At the same time, the other Martial Extermination Realm experts from the Divine Capital Sect appeared beside Xu Chenkang to deal with the other attacks.

After several blows, they managed to block the strand of gray sword qi and the fist intent that was aimed at Xu Chenkang.

When they were finally gathered around Xu Chenkang, Zuo Changqing noticed a frightening wound that extended downward from his martial uncle’s forehead. It reached all the way down his belly and it was fortunate Xu Chenkang wasn’t cleaved in two.

The injury couldn’t be considered too dangerous to a Martial Extermination Realm expert, but he instantly realized how dangerous the situation was within the secret region.

A trace of fright started to rise in Zuo Changqing’s heart. No matter what, Xu Chenkang was a fourth layer Martial Extermination Realm expert. He might have even reached the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm! They couldn’t understand how he was beaten so badly in the short second he spent in the Abyssal Secret Region.

Moreover, Xu Chenkang’s extermination origins had something to do with the ability to manipulate space. It was able to distort space around his body to block off a portion of the damage. If

something really managed to break through his defenses, how strong would it have to be to create such a huge wound on his body?

Even though the questions were running through his mind, Zuo Changqing maintained a worried look on his face as he remained silent about the matter.

Chen Ming, another one of Zuo Changqing's martial uncles, clearly didn't behave as reserved as Zuo Changqing. He cried out in fright, "Senior Brother, what happened?! Could there be a Martial Dipper Realm ancestor in the secret region?"

With a gloomy expression, Xu Chenkang growled, "It's the divine weapon!"

"Divine weapon..." Chen Ming yelled. However, he quickly lowered his voice after receiving a death stare from Xu Chenkang. "Divine weapon?! Senior Brother, are you sure of it?"

"I'm certain!" Xu Chenkang gnashed his teeth and forced the words out of his mouth. "They caught me off guard earlier. Before falling out of the secret region, I noticed that there were 4 Martial Extermination Realm experts in there. Even though the inheritance of the Abyssal Sect has been broken, the true treasures in there haven't appeared. I'll tear open a path to the secret region in a little while and we'll charge in there together!"

Zuo Changqing sneered inwardly. If Xu Chenkang had been willing to hold the spatial tunnel open for everyone earlier, they would have easily crushed everyone within. Even if someone in there wielded a divine weapon, the 5 Martial Extermination Realm experts from the Divine Capital Sect would be completely fine.

At the end of the day, Xu Chenkang got greedy and wanted to swallow all the benefits in the Abyssal Secret Region for himself. He only suggested entering together as he was completely helpless when faced with the 4 experts already inside.

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With the Abyssal Blade in hand and a four colored extermination light swirling around him, Tao Mosheng and the others had to join hands to deal with Shang Xia.

Despite his tyrannical appearance, Shang Xia understood that he was no fourth layer Martial Extermination Realm expert! He was merely pretending to be one at the moment. Even if he had the divine weapon, he wouldn't be able to unleash too many devastating strikes like what he did to the fleeing Tao Mosheng.

Now that the 3 had joined forces, Shang Xia decided to grab as many treasures as he could rather than force them into a corner.

Things weren't much different for the 3 of them other than the fact that they weren't pretending to be in a higher cultivation realm. They couldn't do a thing to Shang Xia. Seeing how Shang Xia was going around collecting treasures instead of dealing with them, they heaved a silent sigh of relief. They pulled away from Shang Xia before traveling together to grab some treasures.

Both sides reached a certain level of understanding as they did their thing. They didn't expect to detect a disturbance in the space in the Abyssal Secret Region all of a sudden. A foreign figure appeared from nowhere and he released his tyrannical aura in an attempt to suppress them all.

His tactic might have worked if everyone in the Abyssal Secret Region was a weakling, but the 4 of them were no pushovers! Shang Xia, Tao Mosheng, and the other two basically reacted the same way the moment they detected him. They attacked him in unison as Shang Xia unleashed a mighty blade light that tore apart the newcomer's defenses in an instant. The layer of twisted space around the newcomer was shredded to bits in the face of Shang Xia's blade light. His blade light didn't stop there as it sliced deep into the newcomer.

Tao Mosheng's silver hammer, a gray strand of sword qi, and a frightening fist intent followed soon after.

Their combined strength far surpassed a fourth layer Martial Extermination Realm expert and there was no surprise the newcomer was sent flying out of the secret region in an instant.

Everything happened so quickly that neither Shang Xia nor the other 3 managed to discern who the intruder was.

Chapter 479: Desperate Straits

The spatial barrier that existed in the You Continent also stretched through the northern region of the Liang Continent. Strange mist would pour out from the spatial barrier from time to time and it was showing signs of thinning in recent years. Even so, the reduction wasn't really obvious.

Wei Qiongyi felt the world spinning around her after she left the Abyssal Secret Region and after she finally stabilized herself, she noticed that she was surrounded in a ball of white mist. The only difference from the time she was transported was that she wasn't standing on the peak of a mountain like before.

A sudden cold breeze blew through the land and a soft whistling followed. It scattered the mist in the area and greatly raised visibility.

Staring all around, a look of shock appeared in her eyes. The mist that emerged from the spatial barrier couldn't be dispersed and she knew that she shouldn't be able to hear anything if she was truly standing in the confines of the spatial barrier. The whistling sound and the presence of wind told her that something was wrong.

Realizing that something might be wrong, she quickly walked to where the mist in her surroundings could barely be seen. She heard the whistling of wind once again and birds chirping filled the air. She even heard the faint trickling of a stream not too far away.

Looking at the scene before her, Wei Qiongyi could basically confirm that she had emerged from the confines of the spatial barrier. Excitement bubbled in her heart when she finally left the scary Abyssal Secret Region. The worries that existed in her heart disappeared and she heaved a sigh of relief. It didn't take long for the lethargy to set in.

After circulating her inner qi to keep herself awake, she retrieved a piece of cloth she had kept in her sleeves before she left the secret region. A ton of words could be seen scribbled on it and it was where she recorded the rank four advancement formula Shang Xia had unlocked when he first found her. It was called the Four Essence Abyssal Wine and a trace of joy flashed across her face

when she looked at it. Retrieving another cloth bag that was tied to her waist, she looked at the piece of Flowing Goblet Brewer's Yeast contained within.

Only then was she satisfied that everything that happened before wasn't a fragment of her imagination. She actually survived her trip to the Abyssal Secret Region.

"Rank Four Flowing Goblet Brewer's Yeast... Looks like young lady managed to have a very fortunate encounter after being brought away by the strange mist of the spatial barrier.."

"Who?!" The instincts of a deacon from the Weiwu Institution that hadn't been useful back in the Abyssal Secret Region awakened inside of her. She extended her divine sense in the direction of the voice but failed to capture a trace of a living existence.

When she raised her head to take a look, she saw a middle aged man who was around 30 years old staring at her from nearly 300 feet away. He was clad in a tattered blue robe but it did nothing to hide the extraordinary aura he emitted. He stood with his hands folded in front of him as he leaned against a giant tree. A smile could be seen on his face as he nodded to her in acknowledgment.

"Who are you?" Wei Qiongqi had an even stronger feeling that something was wrong with her surroundings at the moment. However, she couldn't put her finger on it.

The person leaning against the tree didn't move. Instead, he chuckled softly, "Who am I? My identity is a little complicated and I go by many names. There were some people who called me Yu Cangze in the past but I changed my name to Youshang in recent years... As of right now... Hmm, you can call me the Blue Robed Guest, Xia Cangyu."

"Blue Robed Guest, Xia Cangyu?" Wei Qiongyi pondered over the name and tried to think of an expert who went by it. Unfortunately, she couldn't think of anyone no matter how hard she tried.

Moreover, she couldn't detect his presence earlier and there could only be several explanations for it. Either he had some sort of treasure to hide his aura, or his cultivation was way higher than hers. It didn't matter if he had some sort of concealment treasure. The problem would come if his cultivation level was a lot higher than hers. After all, the Weiwu Institution was supposed to control the Liang Continent. It didn't make sense for them not to know about the appearance of such a terrifying character.

"Are you not from the Liang Continent?" Wei Qiongyi probed.

"Liang Continent? Of course not!" Xia Cangyu laughed in response. However, a look of realization appeared on his face soon after. "I see... So you're from the Liang Continent of the Azure Origin World..."

"Azure Origin World?! Liang Continent?" Wei Qiongyi's expression changed drastically after hearing what he said. "Why do you sound so surprised? You... You're not from our Azure Origin World!"

Circulating her inner qi, she got ready for battle.

A smile remained on Xia Cangyu's face when he looked at Wei Qiongyi and he didn't seem bothered that she was about to start throwing out attacks at him. Instead, his gentle smile remained as he spoke, "Young lady, have you not noticed your surroundings? Don't you think that it's a little different from the Liang Continent you're familiar with?"

Wei Qiongyi felt a chilly sensation filling her heart after hearing his question. She finally realized the cause of her strange feelings.

The Liang Continent was barren and cold. There wasn't much vegetation in the continent and it was filled with large swathes of grassland at best. Looking at the lush tree Xia Cangyu was leaning on and the dense forest behind him, a very bad feeling appeared in Wei Qiongyi's heart.

This isn't the Liang Continent!

No... This... This isn't the Azure Origin World!

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In the Abyssal Secret Region, Shang Xia was starting to come up with ideas to retreat safely.

The entry of the fourth layer Martial Extermination Realm expert who they were starting to suspect was actually at the large completion stage gave Shang Xia a rude awakening. After forcing him out of the Abyssal Secret Region with a joint attack with Tao Mosheng and the others, Shang Xia felt that it was time to leave.

The Abyssal Secret Region was on the brink of destruction and countless cracks were forming in the space it contained. Those spatial cracks were extending through the secret region at an exceedingly fast pace.

Flying over to the nearest treasure that emerged from the central mountain, Shang Xia did his best to avoid all the spatial cracks that were forming in the skies.

From the time he obtained the Abyssal Blade, Shang Xia had barely gathered 2 treasures from the inheritance of the Abyssal Sect. Unlike Shang Xia, Tao Mosheng and the others managed to get 2 to 3 of them each as they started earlier than Shang Xia.

Unfortunately, the treasures were wrapped in a layer of light. None of them knew what each other obtained.

Regardless, one had to be alive in order to make use of the treasures they obtained.

With the sea of clouds under them fully dissipated, Shang Xia started to see the outline of the entire Abyssal Secret Region as the mountain peaks started to reveal themselves. He could tell that those mountain peaks were floating in the air and an endless void existed under them.

If Shang Xia wanted to fly through the sea of clouds to leave the secret region, he would most probably be swallowed by the void.

The degree of fusion of the secret region and the world outside increased and Shang Xia could somewhat see the situation outside. Before entering the Cloud Water Gorge, he went around the area to conduct his investigation. From the looks of it, the scene was pretty similar to the one outside the Cloud Water Gorge and there should be no doubt about it. The moment the Abyssal Secret Region descended and fused with the world, it would appear where the Cloud Water Gorge was!

The only thing that captured Shang Xia's attention was the flashes of extermination light he saw from time to time. Those definitely belonged to Martial Extermination Realm experts and from how many rays of extermination lights there were, Shang Xia could tell that the Abyssal Secret Region had already been surrounded.

The moment the Abyssal Secret Region descended and was revealed to the outside world, Shang Xia and the others inside would be trapped like a turtle in a jar!

He forced himself to slow down as he no longer chased after the treasures that were spewing out from the central mountain peak. He started to prepare himself for battle, but the other 3 didn't seem like they noticed the threat as they kept up their hunt for the treasures.

Conflict rose in Shang Xia's heart as he contemplated telling them about what he had seen outside the Abyssal Secret Region. He felt that it would be for the best if they could reach an agreement and form an alliance to prevent themselves from getting picked off once the Abyssal Secret Region was revealed to the world.

However, he quickly discovered how stupid he was.

Be it Tao Mosheng or the other two, their actual cultivation level was higher than Shang Xia! They would definitely have already discovered the situation they were in. They weren't alone either. Those Martial Extermination Realm experts outside the secret region were probably there to back them up and their fearless behavior was easily explainable!

The only person who was operating alone in the Abyssal Secret Region was Shang Xia!

As he stood in mid air, Shang Xia could vaguely feel the sense of hostility and mockery coming from the other 3.

Hehehe, The moment the Abyssal Secret Region crumbles and fuses with the outside world, you're going to die a horrible death...

That was the feeling he got from the 3 of them.

Falling deep into contemplation, he started to think about his next course of action. What should I do... What should I do now...

Staring at the bottomless abyss, several figures became a little more refined.

Cloud Water Gorge... With the weird suppression gone, Shang Xia felt that it was possible to hide in the complicated terrain that existed there. The biggest problem he had to overcome at the moment was to get rid of the experts who had surrounded the secret region. It didn't seem too possible for him to get rid of all the experts who had their eyes on the secret region.

As the degree of fusion increased, the Martial Extermination Realm experts gathered around couldn't wait as they pressed closer to the area where the Abyssal Secret Region would descend. Shang Xia even noticed a familiar aura drawing close and recognized him as the person they forced out of the Abyssal Secret Region earlier.

It seemed as though everyone was getting impatient.

Those outside weren't the only ones who were getting rowdy. Tao Mosheng and the other 2 didn't remain idle as they approached the edge of the Abyssal Secret Region where the space was extremely thin as they tried to contact their respective factions.

They clearly wanted to help those outside to break through the sealed space that contained the Abyssal Secret Region before it was fully revealed to the outside world.

Shang Xia stared at the Abyssal Blade in his hand. The divine weapon truly gave him a huge increase in strength, but it was also what was going to turn him into target number one the moment people started to enter the Abyssal Secret Region.

He could already imagine himself getting surrounded by foreign experts the moment they entered.

The inheritance of the Abyssal Sect might be precious, but there wouldn't be anything more precious than the Abyssal Blade! Shang Xia felt that he had already obtained the most important treasure of the Abyssal Sect and there was no way the experts of the various factions would let him leave with it.

Just when Shang Xia was thinking of ways to break out from his predicament, a ray of light flashed in front of his eyes.

Instinctively, Shang Xia slashed at it with his Abyssal Blade.

“Oh shit!”

Chapter 480: The Chaotic Battle that was Bound to Happen

The only thing preventing the experts on the outside from observing what was happening within was a thin screen of chaotic space.

In the Abyssal Secret Region, a ball of light shot past Shang Xia. If the situation wasn't as dire as it was, Shang Xia would have thought that the ball of light was a great opportunity to gain a treasure and pounced at the chance.

However, he wasn't exactly in the best state of mind at the moment. He instinctively slashed at the ball of light with his Abyssal Blade. The moment he swung his sword, a wave of regret washed over him. Of the treasures that had emerged, there was probably nothing that could withstand a strike from the Abyssal Blade.

One had to know that Shang Xia used a lot of effort to hunt down the two treasures he obtained earlier. He didn't dare to use the divine weapon for fear of damaging those treasures.

Indeed... The second the blade came into contact with the ball of light, it popped like a bubble and the treasure within was sliced in two. At the same instant, Shang Xia felt a strong thump in the space between his eyebrows. His Crimson Soul Tablet actually reacted!

Widening his eyes in shock, he realized what was contained within the ball of light. It was a cluster of pure world origin!

That was too close!

Reaching out to grab both clusters of world origin, Shang Xia used his Crimson Soul Tablet to direct it into his sea of consciousness. They were devoured instantly.

Before Shang Xia could care about the changes to the tablet, several low thuds rang in his mind and spatial tunnels were forcefully connected into the Abyssal Secret Region.

There were at least 3 Martial Extermination Realm experts who barged into the Abyssal Secret Region and their gazes landed on Shang Xia almost instantly.

No... It was more accurate to say that they stared directly at the Abyssal Blade in his hands.

“Hand the divine weapon over!”

“Hand it over or die!”

At that point, more than 8 third layer Martial Extermination Realm experts have arrived. They surrounded Shang Xia in all directions.

Looking down, Shang Xia could see traces of the Cloud Water Gorge. Unfortunately, it was flickering unsteadily.

“Don’t bother. You can’t escape. Fellow cultivator, if you’re willing to submit to my Zhongxuan Gate, I, Tao Mosheng promised you before to give you a recommendation to become a guest elder. That promise still stands.” Tao Mosheng knew that his Zhongxuan Gate wasn’t the only powerful faction on the scene. There were at least 3 of them in the Abyssal Secret Region at the moment, but there was only a single Abyssal Blade! Even if they killed Shang Xia, a bloody battle would break out. As such, getting him to join them was the most logical course of action. The moment he agreed, the divine weapon would belong to them regardless.

Shang Xia didn’t bother with what Tao Mosheng said. However, a frosty sneer came from another direction and it seemed to contain boundless hatred. “Hehe, why would the chief disciple of the Tongyou Institution, the grandson of the Soul Tearing Spear, Shang Bo, ever agree to become a guest elder in your Zhongxuan Gate? Hehe, Young Master Shang, tell me if I’m wrong, but I, from the Zhang Family, don’t think I am.”

“Zhang Family of the Ji Continent?” Shang Xia recognized which faction the speaker came from instantly.

Close to 1000 feet away, a middle aged man wore a dark expression as he snarled at Shang Xia. “Young Master Shang, your memory is really good alright! Too bad my grandson is useless and lost to you the other time. He managed to stay alive, but his cultivation will never be able to progress! Today, I’m going to take revenge on his behalf!”

From the looks of it, the person wouldn’t rest till Shang Xia was dead.

Anyone who tried to help Shang Xia at that moment would definitely offend the Zhang Family. Even though the Zhongxuan Gate wasn’t really afraid of the Zhang Family, it didn’t seem too wise to make a strong enemy like that for a piece of broken divine weapon.

The person who spoke earlier was Zhang Shijing of the Zhang Family, and Tao Mosheng understood his intentions the moment he appeared. Even though he wasn’t too happy that Zhang Shijing came out of nowhere to subtly tell his Zhongxuan Gate to fuck off, he could only remain silent at the side.

Chuckling arrogantly to himself, Zhang Shijing stared at Shang Xia as though he was looking at a dead man. His gaze became one of endless greed when he stared at the Abyssal Blade in the youngster’s hand.

“Tell me. How do you wish to die?” The Zhang Family of the Ji Continent was naturally unable to go against superpowers like the Zhongxuan Gate, but the alliance of the 3 great families of the Ji Continent wasn’t for show. There had to be another great family backing them up if Zhang Shijing could act so arrogantly and Tao Mosheng was sorely aware of that.

Despite his threat, the look of panic that Zhang Shijing expected to see on Shang Xia’s face was nowhere to be seen. Instead, he was greeted with a smirk that caused his blood to boil.

“Kill him!” Zhang Shijing roared and made his move. A three colored extermination light appeared to surround the pike he was holding in his hand.

Shockingly, the Martial Extermination Realm experts of all 3 great families of the Ji Continent were present and they leaped into action immediately.

The experts of the other powers were obviously unwilling to fall behind as they couldn’t let the Ji Continent grab all the benefits.

Facing the combined assault of the various powers, Shang Xia revealed a brilliant smile and yelled, “Since everyone is here for the inheritance of the Abyssal Sect, I’ll take it upon myself to widen your horizons!

Once the words left his lips, his Abyssal Blade drew a perfect arc in front of him. It contained the power of his Four Seasons Extermination Origins, and he didn’t hold back in the slightest. A brilliant ray that could rival the intensity of the sun emerged in a tyrannical fashion.

Everyone that was flying at Shang Xia turned to flee as far as they could.

When Shang Xia circulated his extermination origins and swung his sword earlier, a name popped into his mind. The second move he developed, Grand Ignite!

Despite their panic, Shang Xia wasn’t aiming for any of them.

“Oh no! He’s going for the Divine Weapon Peak!” Tao Mosheng eventually understood what Shang Xia was trying to do, but it was too late to stop it.

The mountain peak that sat in the center of the Abyssal Secret Region used to contain the giant boulder that sealed the Abyssal Blade. When the resplendent blade light landed on the mountain peak, a massive gash ran through the mountain.

It might seem as though only the mountain peak was barely poking out from the sea of clouds before and Shang Xia and the rest could run around it really quickly. But that was because of their strong cultivation level. The part of the mountain that was peeking above the sea of clouds was hundreds of feet tall, but Shang Xia’s strike managed to carve a deep mark on it.

As the structure that maintained the inheritance of the Abyssal Sect, there were countless restrictions around the Divine Weapon Peak. Even if Martial Extermination Realm experts were to fight around it, the shockwaves of their battle would barely rattle the mountain peak. Even if they attacked it directly, they might not be able to cause much damage.

Despite its toughness, it was easily torn apart in the face of the might of the Abyssal Sword and Shang Xia’s newly created rank four martial art.

Now that the Abyssal Secret Region was about to be revealed to the world, everyone could clearly see the number of mountain peaks it held. There were 13 in total, and the core inheritance was naturally located on the Divine Weapon Peak. At the same time, the Divine Weapon Peak was also the core to maintain the integrity of the secret region.

It might have lost the protection of the Abyssal Blade earlier, but it still stood strong as the core of the Abyssal Secret Region. It was the sole reason the secret region hadn't completely descended onto the Azure Origin World.

Now that Shang Xia damaged it severely with a single slash...

Countless rays of light shot into the skies from the core of the Divine Weapon Peak and scattered in every direction the next instant.

The experts who were ready to attack Shang Xia were naturally unable to sit still with the inheritance of the Abyssal Sect flying through the air.

With the massive eruption of inheritance treasures, treasures appeared everywhere. There were even several experts who noticed several balls of light around themselves. They were so close that they only needed to reach out slightly...

One had to know that even after Shang Xia obtained the Abyssal Sword, there had been barely more than 10 inheritance light balls that emerged. The last ball of light Shang Xia sliced apart had also been counted into the batch, but now, there was a terrifying number of them that emerged!

There were even several strands of extermination origins rampaging through the Abyssal Secret Region. When that was happening, another concentrated beam of light emerged from the Divine Weapon Peak. Unlike the extermination origins, it tore straight through the Abyssal Secret Region and shot into the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

At that moment, the experts who had gathered around the Cloud Water Gorge weren't the only ones paying attention to the Abyssal Secret Region. Those from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion who didn't know what was going on before also turned to stare at the Taihang Mountains.

"Origin dipper! That was an origin dipper!"

"If there are origin dippers within the Divine Weapon Peak, there has to be a rank five advancement formula. Origin dippers are far more special than fate dippers."

"There might even be sets of rank five advancement medicine contained within!"

"The Abyssal Sect actually has Martial Dipper Realm inheritances..."

Chaos... Chaos broke out the moment the origin dipper was revealed. Their thoughts immediately fell into disarray.

Zhang Shijing was flying across the air like many others through the mass of inheritance light balls as he yelled at the top of his lungs, "Kill Shang Xia! Everyone, kill Shang Xia and retrieve the divine weapon!"

No matter how loud he screamed, no one could be bothered with Shang Xia at the moment. None of them would give up on obtaining the inheritance light balls that were within reach.

There were so many inheritance light balls that those Martial Extermination Realm experts managed to grab one by just stretching out their arm. Even if they failed to grab one, they just had to fly through the air a little to capture another one.

In some instances, the restrictions on the inheritance light balls managed to push them back, causing a trace of annoyance to rise in their hearts. How could they allow something they were supposed to get their hands on to escape? They would re-engage the ball of light with renewed vigor.

After obtaining the first inheritance light ball, a second one would enter their sights. Were they supposed to let it go?!

The process would repeat for the third, fourth, fifth... and however many inheritance light balls.

If I can't get my hands on it, what happens if someone else does?!

The experts who had surrounded Shang Xia earlier lost sight of their objective the moment the treasures emerged. The seemingly perfect encirclement that Shang Xia wouldn't be able to break out of became full of holes.

Zhang Shijing's cries to kill Shang Xia were blatantly ignored by everyone else.

When he raised his head to look at the youngster, he was greeted with a look of mockery. Shang Xia was flying through the mass of inheritance light balls without anyone to stop him.

Just as he was about to scream for people to kill Shang Xia once again, a ball of light shot past him, blocking his view of Shang Xia. He instinctively reached out to grab it, but because he wasn't prepared, he failed to catch hold of the ball of light.

Wait a second, grabbing an inheritance light ball doesn't seem difficult... No wonder everyone...

WAIT!

By the time the ball of light disappeared from his sight, he realized that he had already lost track of Shang Xia.

"Be careful! He's trying to get away!" Zhang Shijing yelled. It was a shame the echo of his voice was the only thing that replied to him.

Amidst the chaos, Xu Chenkang and the other members of the Divine Capital Sect finally managed to create another spatial tunnel into the Abyssal Secret Region. They were shocked by the sight of the huge amount of inheritance light balls flying through the air.

"What the hell happened here?!" Zuo Changqing muttered to himself.

"What are you waiting for?! Grab them!" Chenming was the first to react. Yelling at the rest, he couldn't be bothered with them anymore as he flew towards the largest inheritance light ball closest to him.

His actions caused his other two junior brothers to snap awake as they joined in the chaotic hunt for inheritance light balls.

Whatever Xu Chenkang told them earlier about someone wielding the divine weapon and whatnot was immediately thrown to the back of their minds.

There was only one divine weapon. Even if they managed to get it, the Abyssal Blade wouldn't belong to them.

However, the inheritance light balls were different. Everything they grabbed would belong to themselves!

Chenming, who quickly managed to obtain an inheritance light ball, saw another one flying past him. Just as he was about to reach for it, he discovered someone else who was also eyeing the same light ball. Unfortunately for him, the other person seemed a little closer.

Acting on instinct, he shot out an arrow made with his extermination origin.

Seeing how someone had attacked him out of nowhere, the other contender for the inheritance light ball countered the arrow with a punch of his own.

The loud explosion that ensued the moment their attacks clashed, signaled the start of a huge brawl to see who would be able to obtain the most treasures.