

The Heavens 571

Chapter 571: Causing Trouble

When the Tongyou Island was barreling through the debris, another island charged over. They weren't in the Tongyou Island's way, but they were pretty close behind.

Because of that, the debris that was cleared out by the other party would quickly shift to cover up the path the Tongyou Island took.

When the Tongyou Island was busy clearing out a path ahead of them, they didn't let their guards down. They had been observing the situation around the island.

The second they discovered an anomaly, Liu Qinglan came to look for Shang Xia.

Yun Jing was stationed in the core of the Tongyou Island at the moment and she was assisting Chu Jia by supporting the grand formation that had been laid down. No one knew when Shang Bo would be emerging from seclusion to take the final step.

The only experts on the Tongyou Island who had the ability to deal with the situation at hand were Shang Xia, Ren Bainian, and Liu Qinglan. Of the 3, Liu Qinglan was the weakest as she had barely consolidated her foundations after refining her third extermination origin.

Rising into the air, they went to get Ren Bainian before leaving the confines of the island into the space beyond the protection formation. They entered the path they cleared out earlier but it didn't take long before several fragments of the Manyu Continent were pushed their way.

Glancing at each other, they didn't say a word to each other as they turned into streaks of light that charged in the direction of the incoming debris.

As they tried to locate the source of the disturbance, they noticed something after flying for 3000 miles or so.

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"Even though we're so close to them, we're fortunate they hadn't noticed us..." Liu Qinglan sighed after they finally regrouped.

Ren Bainian muttered, "Oh yeah, I recognize the geography on that island. I came into contact with the experts there once. They call themselves cultivators from the Northern Sea Holy Land or something..."

"Northern Sea?" Shang Xia said while glancing at Liu Qinglan. "Isn't that a sect from the Azure Spiritual World?"

Liu Qinglan nodded as she turned serious. "It's them. Their Northern Sea Mystic Sect is extremely prominent in the Azure Origin World. They might even be stronger than our world's Divine Capital Sect..."

Sucking in a cold breath, Shang Xia's eyes widened in shock.

Not knowing what to do at the moment, Liu Qinglan fell deep into thought.

Seeing as neither Liu Qinglan nor Shang Xia was speaking, Ren Bainian remained silent to wait for their decision.

Shang Xia looked at the 2 of them before gritting his teeth to make a decision. “The stronger they are, the more we have to delay their entry to the final showdown. The moment they enter the fray, we’ll definitely be the first to be affected. Also, if they manage to discover us on the way there, they will definitely try to deal with us. They wouldn’t give us a chance to fight for the World’s Will...”

After a slight hesitation, Liu Qinglan nodded in affirmation.

Shang Xia immediately spoke of his plan once he saw her reaction. “Luckily, we discovered their tracks before they could detect us... We can’t let them catch up to us easily. Why don’t we...”

After laying out his plan, they decided what they had to do. Liu Qinglan remained in place as Ren Bainian soared higher into space. He hid himself in a broken landmass directly above the Northern Sea Island’s path and Shang Xia hid himself on the other side.

The Northern Sea Island was basically doing the same thing the Tongyou Island did while passing through the area as they got their experts to open a path for their island to pass through. According to Shang Xia’s plan, even if an accident occurred, there would be enough buffer for them to react.

They chose a good hiding spot as they were sure the Northern Sea Island hadn’t passed by them. After another round of communication and confirming when they would take action, they left simultaneously. They started to push huge fragments of land into the Northern Sea Island’s way. They might not be able to damage the Northern Sea Island that way, but they would greatly slow their progress.

When Shang Xia was making his way to the other side, he flew under the path the Northern Sea Island would take and an inspiration struck him. There was no need for him to launch an attack on the other side. Striking the Northern Sea Island from the underside was also extremely effective.

After they separated, the time to boil a pot of tea barely passed when the massive Northern Sea Island approached. Rays of extermination light flashed through space as the deep rumbling of the moving island rang in their ears.

It was obvious the protectors of the Northern Sea Island were moving whatever fragments in their way away, and it was clear at a glance that the Northern Sea Island was a lot larger than the Tongyou Island. It spanned past a 3000 mile diameter, but because of their sheer size, they suffered tons of damage from the falling debris and the first backlash from the destruction of the Manyu Continent. There were deep craters in many areas of their island. It might be larger than the Tongyou Island, but they looked a lot worse. It didn’t have the spirited vibe of the Tongyou Island and their liveliness.

A short moment later, the island started to sail past the 3 of them. However, they didn’t take action immediately.

Only after a third of the island had passed her location did Liu Qinglan burst into action.

Her Nine-Segmented Whip which had been upgraded to a high-grade weapon by that point swung out while separating into 9 different segments. It flew into the path of the Northern Sea Island and wrapped itself around several smaller land masses. She yanked it violently to the side.

5 chunks of land of varying sizes were dragged over by her whip and they quickly gained speed. As they flew at the Northern Sea Island, they smashed into several smaller fragments on their way there dragging them along. Eventually, over a dozen earth fragments flew at them.

It was also obvious to Liu Qinglan that those fragments wouldn't trouble the Northern Sea Island in the slightest. As such, she swung her whip out again and she ignored her inner qi consumption as she dragged over more fragments of land.

Doing it again and again, Liu Qinglan caused over 50 huge fragments to fly in the direction of the Northern Sea Island. As they crashed into other fragments and dragged them along, there were a total of 80 or so chunks of earth ready to crash into the Northern Sea Island.

In a short period of time, Liu Qinglan swung her whip 5 times in total. She nearly exhausted her inner qi and she only reserved enough for her to make her escape. She didn't bother looking at the results of her actions as she turned into a streak of light that disappeared into the sea of debris. She moved according to the route they had planned earlier and flew about in a strange manner before disappearing completely.

Liu Qinglan might be comparable to a speck of dust in terms of size when they took the Northern Sea Island into account, but the disturbance her actions caused couldn't be hidden from the experts stationed there.

Several beams of light shot into the skies from the island to block those fragments from crashing into them. There were some who flew out into space and avoided those fragments before getting ready to give chase to whoever was causing trouble. They clearly knew that a disturbance of such a scale didn't come naturally.

Unfortunately, dozens of earth fragments that were much larger in size than the ones Liu Qinglan pulled appeared from the other direction of the Northern Sea Island. They sailed straight for the core region of the island.

Turning around immediately, those experts who wanted to fly after Liu Qinglan returned to defend their island. They quickly intercepted those huge fragments but before they could heave a sigh of relief, dozens of smaller fragments appeared and raced towards the Northern Sea Island. The experts of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect who just stopped the larger fragments were too tired to do a thing.

Even if they had to take the collision of those smaller fragments head-on and suffer a little, the advancement of the Northern Sea Island wasn't affected at all by the attacks of Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian. They might have caused a little damage and fright to the experts of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, but that was it.

What none of them realized was after enduring those 2 sneak attacks, the endless belt of earth fragments below the island was slowly rising as they quickly approached their target.

Chapter 572: Magic Trick

The Northern Sea Mystic Sect placed great emphasis on the Manyu Continent. That was why they went to conquer a piece of land rich in resources that was more than 3000 miles in diameter. They planned on bringing it back to their Azure Spiritual World to enhance their foundations. At the same time, they could use it to deal with the change that would occur after the fusion of the worlds.

The larger the island they wished to bring back to the Azure Spiritual World, the greater their preparations had to be. It could be said that they spent a lot more time than the other factions in their preparation to bring back the landmass from the Manyu Continent.

Due to the massive size of their island, the losses they suffered during the destruction of the Manyu Continent weren't small at all. Because everything happened so suddenly, they hadn't been able to fully activate their grand formation. Their plans were affected and they experienced another round of losses.

Despite that, the Northern Sea Mystic Sect wasn't the strongest holy land in the Azure Spiritual World for nothing. The number and quality of Martial Extermination Realm experts they sent to the Manyu Continent far surpassed the other holy lands.

With them to hold the fort, they managed to limit the damage they took.

There were at least 6 to 7 experts on the Northern Sea Island who had the ability to rival, or even suppress Ren Bainian or Liu Qinglan at the moment. That was how powerful the Northern Sea Mystic Sect was!

However, those numbers alone weren't enough to deal with the trouble Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian caused. Their actions managed to draw out even more Martial Extermination Realm cultivators from the Northern Sea Island.

With the final blast earlier after the larger fragments were taken care of, smaller chunks that spanned 3 to 5 miles each came raining down on the island. As such, a majority of the experts on the island had to be activated.

In order to block off the sudden attack, they weren't able to chase after the culprits.

It wasn't difficult for them to shatter chunks of earth that were 3 to 5 miles in diameter, but they had to ensure that the debris didn't land on the island as it would cause more destruction.

That wasn't all. Since they suffered attacks from their left side and from above, they wondered if there was anyone else hiding in the other direction waiting to launch another sneak attack.

They didn't have a lot of manpower left after sending out most of their experts. However, they had to send out a portion to prevent future attacks. They paid special attention to their right side as it was the most obvious location for the next round of attacks.

Not paying too much attention to the bottom side of the island as it seemed a lot more peaceful, they casually scanned it with their divine perception before turning their attention back to the other side.

A loud whistle tore through the skies of the Northern Sea Island the next instant. A formless barrier emerged from the core region of the island and covered a region of 300 miles or so. Three tyrannical auras emerged at the same time and 3 rays of extermination light shot into the air. They split into 4 separate beams each in mid air and shattered the 12 largest chunks of earth headed their way. They simultaneously whipped up a terrifying storm in space that pushed everything above them away.

The 3 rays of light were obviously produced by experts who had reached the fourth layer of the Martial Extermination Realm. It was even possible for them to be experts in the large completion stage!

"Raise your guard and protect your respective regions! We have to leave the area as soon as possible. Those people who came are merely here to cause a little trouble. There's no possibility of an all-out attack!" A powerful expert on the Northern Sea

Island saw through the actions of Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian immediately. The island which was larger than 3000 miles started to speed up as they sailed through space. They didn't care that they were crashing into the floating debris, causing large pieces of land to drop off their edges.

In order to drive a behemoth the size of the Northern Sea Island, any single change would consume a large amount of energy. No matter how strong their foundations were, the experts on the island would have to bear some of the burden.

Who would have thought that the moment they sped up, trouble would arrive? An enraged yet panicked cry came from the core region of the island. "Stop! Stop right now! Move upwards! Be careful!"

The roar shocked every single expert on the island. However, they quickly snapped back to reality to carry out whatever the voice said.

Taking on massive backlashes, several Formation Grandmasters spat out mouthfuls of blood as they pushed the grand formation to its limit. Not only were they trying to decelerate the island, they were also trying to push it upwards.

After speeding up earlier, how could it be so easy for the island that was over 3000 miles wide to slow down?

Experts who came out earlier didn't hesitate to stop trying to resist the huge chunks of earth that were flying their way as they returned to the core region of the island to provide backup. Unfortunately, those chunks of earth that would fall on the island due to their dereliction would cause massive damage.

With the hard work of the experts of the Northern Sea Island, the island finally started to rise. Two powerful auras that caused everyone's heart to palpitate emerged from the core region of the island.

Clearly, those 2 experts had already reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm. They were experts who were one step away from entering the Martial Dipper Realm!

With their appearance, the number of experts on the Northern Sea Island whose cultivation was at the fourth layer of the Martial Extermination Realm or higher increased to 5!

The Northern Sea Mystic Sect definitely deserved their name as the strongest superpower in the Azure Spiritual World!

"Fellow cultivator, Who are you and why are you messing around with my Northern Sea Mystic Sect?" One of the experts who revealed themselves earlier spoke. His voice ripped through the island and rang out in space as he gave the culprit a stern warning.

After feeling his aura, one would understand why the many experts on the Northern Sea Island followed his order and forced the island to rise despite not knowing what was going on.

Not receiving a response, the other expert in the grand completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm growled, "Go! Go to the bottom of the island!"

The words barely left his lips when he and the other expert turned into 2 streaks of light that flew in different directions. Their intentions were clear as they wanted to approach from both sides.

Experts of the Northern Sea Island who were situated at the tip of the island couldn't help but gasp in shock when they looked down.

Unbeknownst to them, the many fragments of earth below had gathered to form a giant chunk that was tens of miles in diameter. It created a massive obstacle that blocked the Northern Sea Island's path.

No one detected its presence before, but it was barreling towards the island at a frightening pace.

No matter how much blood the Formation Grandmasters were spitting out, they couldn't decelerate the island in time. They were also trying to push the island upwards, but they also faced a little opposition that way. Smaller fragments were pelting against them and they could only resist forcefully with whatever protection barrier they could put up.

As for the rest of the experts on the island, they were sent to attack the giant obstacle created by an amalgamation of smaller fragments. Despite their best efforts, it was too late!

"Rumble..."

The Northern Sea Island crashed into the obstacle that was made up of hundreds of smaller fragments. Even though none of the individual pieces that made the obstacle could hinder the Northern Sea Island, there were hundreds of them concentrated in one spot.

During the collision, the Northern Island trembled violently. Swathes of land started to crumble and break off from the island as the earth veins that connected the grand formation to the auxiliary formations shattered. In an instant, the grand formation suffered catastrophic damage.

Unfortunately, that was not the worst of their worries. An even more terrifying situation was about to descend on them.

The Northern Sea Island was like a giant running at top speed into a humongous boulder in his path. Smashing into it, it lurched forward and was about to flip over.

Blood drained from the faces of those experts stationed at the tip of the island and they couldn't be bothered with the responsibilities any longer as they retreated at top speed.

"What are you panicking for?!" A struck growl came from the side of the island.

The 2 Martial Extermination Realm experts in the grand completion stage appeared on both sides of the giant obstacle.

One of them held a 3-foot-long palm-leaf fan in his hand and swung it violently before him. A horrifying storm of extermination qi emerged, carving out a rift dozens of miles long in the huge obstacle. Chunks of earth flew everywhere.

On the other side, the other expert made a complicated seal with his hands before pressing downwards. Debris filled the space around him as he forcefully blasted out an empty space that spanned dozens of miles.

After making several moves, they finally got rid of the obstacle in their way.

With the help of every single Formation Grandmaster on the island, the Northern Sea Island finally maintained its balance.

Chapter 573: Zhui Fengzi and Chen Yuanzi

Actually, Shang Xia was taking a huge risk to do what he did.

After he gained a stroke of inspiration to attack the Northern Sea Island from underneath, he flew further and further into space until he was tens of miles below.

Realizing that time wasn't on his side, Shang Xia knew that he had to make his move as quickly as possible in case he missed the chance to affect the island.

He wasn't actually confident he could carry out what he was thinking of anyway, but since things were already at that point, there was no point in giving up. He couldn't back out any longer and decided to give it a shot.

Raising his head, Shang Xia could see countless tiny fragments of land floating above him. They bumped into each other endlessly.

There were many pieces floating about in space as the Northern Sea Island cleared a path for themselves, and with the experience of pushing away a landmass hundreds of miles wide, Shang Xia had an idea. Using both hands, he created 2 giant palms in space and pushed them against each other before raising them high above his head.

Smaller fragments of land started to rise and gather between the two palms. It didn't take long for him to gather all the fragments around him to form a huge cluster that was hundreds of miles wide.

Slowly pushing upwards, even more fragments were gathered together. However, that also meant that Shang Xia would have to endure a lot of pressure while pushing the cluster. The inner qi in his dantian gushed out like water out a dam and he easily discovered his consumption of inner qi.

Since things had already progressed up to that point, Shang Xia didn't intend to give up halfway. Forcefully withstanding the consumption and pressure, he forged on.

It didn't take long for the cluster of fragments to start rising in the direction of the Northern Sea Island. Shang Xia stared at it in amazement as he admired the huge cluster that was created from hundreds of smaller fragments. There were several pieces that were tens of miles wide in it, but Shang Xia knew that he merely bundled all of them up with his Four Constellation Palm. The cluster was far from comparable to a solid giant fragment that was dozens of miles wide, and it was far less terrifying.

Even so, if anyone under the Martial Dipper Realm were to witness what Shang Xia did, they would be tongue-tied by his achievements and strength.

Pushing the palms in space higher and higher, the number of fragments that gathered together continued to increase. Eventually, they started to grind against each other to create a somewhat crumbly and defective island that was dozens of miles wide.

Because of the way Shang Xia 'created' the large island, there was no way for anyone to detect it as they would have noticed something so large while surveying the area. Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian gave him a great distraction and by the time the 2 grand completion stage Martial Extermination

Realm experts discovered that something was wrong, the giant continent had already arrived. They could only watch as it rose to block their path.

After slamming into it, their Northern Sea Island tilted dangerously forward and it nearly tipped over.

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By the time he was done, Shang Xia felt that he only had a tiny trace of extermination qi left in his dantian. He finally experienced what true exhaustion was. Even with his strong foundations, Shang Xia was nearly completely drained of inner qi.

With his final shred of inner qi, Shang Xia turned to leave. He used the cover of whatever fragments were left floating around to hide his tracks. He started to distance himself from the Northern Sea Island while he used his divine perception to learn what was going on. At the same time, he circulated his Four Seasons Samsara Art to the best of his abilities to recover some inner qi. After some time, he managed to regain some strength. However, he didn't plan to fight anyone in his current state. Instead, it was to escape if anything went wrong.

Everything that happened next far exceeded his expectations. Or perhaps, even Shang Xia never thought that his actions would lead to such a disastrous, or miraculous ending, depending on how one looked at it. The obstacle he made nearly caused the monster of an island to lose its balance!

One had to know that Shang Xia's initial plan was to damage the Northern Sea Island slightly and delay them from fighting for the World's Will.

When Shang Xia felt the presence of the 2 grand completion stage Martial Extermination Realm experts and saw how they worked together to clear out the cluster of fragments he made, he started to make his escape.

What a joke. Even in my prime, fighting one of them will be a pain in the ass. No fucking way I'm fighting two...

At the moment, Shang Xia was running on empty. If he hadn't taken the chance when they were distracted by the aftermath of whatever happened to run, he might never be able to get away.

His expectation was correct. He barely left his hiding spot when two terrifying beams of light landed on the position.

Staring at the fluctuating void caused by Shang Xia when he made his escape, one of the experts at the grand completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm yelled, "I wonder which cultivator chose to go against my Northern Sea Mystic Sect. If you have the guts, leave your name behind! We, Zhui Fengzi and Chen Yuanzi, of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, will definitely return the favor in the future!"

He used his inner qi to propel his voice deep into space. He tried to locate the hidden cultivator by doing so, but it was a shame Shang Xia fled with his tail tucked between his legs the moment he sensed danger. He might have heard what the man said, but he would be a fool to return.

"What's the matter? Are you too much of a wuss to admit what you did after doing this?!" The other cultivator yelled. From the way they addressed themselves, the person who spoke earlier was probably called Zhui Fengzi and the person speaking

now was Chen Yuanzi. His voice echoed in the void and it swept out with an even more terrifying force.

Neither Zhui Fengzi nor Chen Yuanzi believed that the giant cluster of fragments was created by a single person, and they were trying to get hints of the faction causing trouble for them.

When Chen Yuanzi yelled earlier, Zhui Fengzi wanted to stop him but it was too late. Chen Yuanzi used a secret art of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect that was great for tracking down enemies when he screamed. He used a portion of his source energy in order to display the full power of the secret art.

However, doing so would waste a portion of Chen Yuanzi's core energy and it would be detrimental to their plans.

One had to know that they had been hiding in the Northern Sea Island the whole time. They were Martial Dipper Realm candidates like Shang Bo, and they were making their final preparations for when the Northern Sea Island went to fight for the World's Will.

If not for the fact that Shang Xia nearly caused their island to tip over with his antics, the two of them wouldn't have shown their faces no matter how big the disturbance caused by Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian.

In order to look for the asshole who caused everything, Chen Yuanzi didn't hesitate to exhaust his source energy. He basically lost his qualifications to enter the Martial Dipper Realm the moment he yelled.

From his actions, one could realize how much damage Shang Xia caused. Chen Yuanzi's hatred for the culprit had already reached a terrifying level.

"Hmph! You can't escape from me now!" Chen Yuanzi sneered before his figure started to blur.

Zhui Fengzi also became really solemn as he turned into another streak of light that followed behind Chen Yuanzi.

At the moment, Shang Xia had already left the range of their divine perception. He would never have expected them to be able to locate him using some sort of secret art! Not only were they able to locate him, they could also see the 'traces' he left behind!

Of course, Shang Xia might not have expected them to be able to do so, but he was no newbie cultivator. He destroyed all traces of himself while making his escape despite having to slow down a little.

He only heaved a sigh of relief after running out of their divine perception's range. Feeling a lot more assured, he wanted to increase his speed. The moment he did, he would leave behind slight energy and spatial fluctuations. Those were the 'traces' Chen Yuanzi was looking for. With his secret art, those tiny insignificant fluctuations were captured perfectly.

Chapter 574: Misleading the Enemy

Shang Xia didn't expect them to possess such a strange secret art.

He no longer intentionally erased his tracks after leaving their range of perception and they quickly caught signs of it.

“This person’s aura is a little strange. He’s obviously at the grand completion stage like us, but it seems unusually weak...” Zhui Fengzi asked.

A snort left Chen Yuanzi’s lips. “What’s strange about that? If either of us caused such a disturbance, do you think we’ll have a lot of energy left?”

After he spoke, he continued to track Shang Xia down.

Zhui Fengzi still felt something off about the aura but he couldn’t put his finger on it. Helpless, he could only shake his head and follow his fellow comrade.

Shang Xia didn’t know that he was being hunted down. Even though he heard Chen Yuanzi’s yell earlier, he felt that there was no possibility of them locating him as he had left the range of their divine perception. As such, his flying speed slowed and he let his guard down.

He had been focusing on the change within himself at the moment. A transformation seemed to happen earlier when he started to circulate his Four Seasons Samsara Art after using up a huge portion of his inner qi.

As soon as he recovered the first traces of his inner qi, Shang Xia discovered that his extermination origins were rapidly being refined.

He understood that what he was experiencing was extremely hard to come by and it could be said to be a super lucky encounter.

Ordinarily, cultivators would find it really easy to refine their extermination origins during the initial phase, but it would get harder and harder as they progressed. The refinement of their first extermination origin would be the easiest and the difficulty would increase as they refined more of them.

Shang Xia discovered that his situation seemed to be the complete opposite. He was placed in an extremely precarious situation when he first started to refine his extermination origins. When he finally completed the initial phase of refining his extermination origins, his cultivation proceeded rather smoothly.

Refining his extermination origins to him was the same as building his accumulations. The greater the degree of refinement, the easier it would be for him to continue. That was also why Shang Xia’s cultivation speed was increasing the further he traveled down the path.

Of course, refining his extermination origins was one thing, recovering his inner qi was another. The process of recovery only allowed him to notice the changes that were happening in his dantian.

When he successfully completed the refinement process of his extermination origins, they would fuse and become a single entity. He could use it to strengthen and supplement his source energy in his dantian while remaining independent.

To use an example, the source energy in his dantian was the roots while his extermination origins were the branches. Using up all the energy in the branches was like shaping the branches of a tree. As long as the roots of the tree remained to suck up enough energy, the branches would be able to regrow. The only problem was the time it would take.

However, if the roots were to suffer catastrophic damage, the entire tree would be affected.

Shang Xia grasped the chance that arrived and tried to complete the final portion of his extermination origins refinement. Using them, he would be able to strengthen his dantian, which was equivalent to him toughening his roots. With stronger roots, he would be able to restore more energy, allowing him to recover much quicker than before.

Unfortunately, Shang Xia's luck ran out really quickly. He felt 2 terrifying auras charging into the range of his divine perception as they shot in his direction at high speeds.

Snapping awake immediately, Shang Xia immediately recognized the presence flying his way.

Even though he didn't know how they managed to track him down, he knew that he would be in serious trouble if they caught up to him. In his current state, death would be a blessing he might not receive.

Making his decision instantaneously, Shang Xia didn't retain any inner qi he recovered. Using them, he ran with all his might.

When he flew previously, his extermination origins would cycle under his feet, allowing him to reach high speeds without consuming too much energy. Now, they seemed to fuse together, increasing his speed even further. In an instant, he seemed to disappear from his original spot, leaving behind a blurry figure that started to fade.

Shang Xia held 3 Paper Figure Talismans in his hand and sent a trace of his divine perception into each of them. After traveling some distance, he tossed all of them out and 3 figures fled in 3 different directions.

When Zhui Fengzi and Chen Yuanzi entered the range of Shang Xia's divine perception, they also discovered his presence.

Too bad for them, they didn't expect Shang Xia to be so decisive in his actions. They didn't push themselves to their limits and by the time they reacted, Shang Xia's aura disappeared.

Glancing at each other, they quickly increased their speed as they ran in the direction they last felt his aura. Despite their actions, they didn't discover Shang Xia's aura again.

Due to the large spatial fluctuations caused by Shang Xia's sudden burst of speed, the 2 of them were able to confirm the direction he ran in. However, Zhui Fengzi discovered a problem. "That's weird... Why is there only a single person?"

Throughout their pursuit, they only discovered traces of a single expert. They deduced that there had to be a huge group of experts who attacked their island earlier, but that didn't seem to be the case.

"All the more we can't let him escape them!" Chen Yuanzi growled. He adapted to the situation really quickly and he didn't hesitate to use his secret art again. Opening his mouth, a loud roar started to spread in the direction Shang Xia had run. "You can't escape!"

In order to find traces of the people who attacked their island back then, Chen Yuanzi had to widen his search radius and look in all directions.

This time, they grasped Shang Xia's approximate direction and the sound wave could be concentrated there. The range of his secret art increased significantly.

However, what he discovered shocked him. He felt different auras flying in different directions.

“Illusion art?” Chen Yuanzi’s expression sank. However, he quickly corrected himself. “No! It’s some sort of substitution art!”

They quickly arrived at the spot where Shang Xia tossed out his talismans. They discovered the appearance of 3 new auras and their heads started to hurt.

They understood that even though the distraction would only last for a short period of time and would eventually run out of power and disappear. However, they could also try to catch up to one to try to understand the situation.

However, if they chose the wrong path to take, the time taken for them to locate the distraction would allow the perpetrator to disappear.

“There are 3 tracks here. We’ll choose 2 of them. The probability of running into the real one is still pretty high. Let’s split up and try our luck!” Zhui Fengzi knew that Chen Yuanzi paid a huge price to track the culprit down and wouldn’t give up now that they were so close. He quickly gave his suggestion.

They disappeared the next instant as they raced after the distraction. In several short breaths of time, they traveled really far away.

Unfortunately, their expression sank when they finally discovered the end of the tracks. It seemed as though luck wasn’t on their side.

Unwilling to give up, Chen Yuanzi wanted to unleash his secret art a third time after he regrouped with Zhui Fengzi. By this time, Zhui Fengzi no longer had the urge to capture the culprit and he thought of several ways to persuade Chen Yuanzi to give up the chase. A light flashed in his eyes as he discovered a ray of spiritual light behind him.”

Chen Yuanzi seemed to notice it as well and he turned to stare in the same direction. They saw a streak of light flying at the 2 of them as it contained a secret transmission.

Grabbing it, Zhui Fengzi scanned through its contents before handing it over to Chen Yuanzi. A bitter smile appeared on his face. “Let’s return. We have to limit the loss we suffered before dealing with anything else.”

Chen Yuanzi’s expression sank and he failed to control his anger. “A bunch of useless fools! They can’t even deal with something like this!”

“We can’t blame them. All 3 of our Formation Grandmasters suffered serious internal injuries. The grand formation was also greatly damaged. It won’t be easy for the Northern Sea Island to correct its course.” Zhui Fengzi sighed.

Hatred flashed in Chen Yuanzi’s eyes and he spat, “I might not know who that asshole was, but he won’t be able to fake his aura! The next time we meet, I’ll recognize him for sure!”

Chapter 575: 90 Percent

The Northern Sea Island sent a transmission hoping that Zhui Fengzi and Chen Yuanzi could return to take care of the bigger picture at hand.

Even though Chen Yuanzi wasn't willing, he understood that the Northern Sea Island was the key to the battle for the World's Will. They were helpless as they made their way back.

When they finally left, the space finally regained its calm. Countless fragments drifted around as they collided against each other, causing debris to be scattered about.

After some time, a light emerged from the void and Chen Yuanzi who had left earlier returned. He swept a cold gaze in his surroundings before snorting coldly. A formless soundwave started to spread out with him in the center but he failed to detect traces of anything.

After staying silent for some time, he could only leave helplessly.

Even more time passed and the destruction continued. However, no one else showed up.

Only after an hour did a change occur. When several pieces of broken earth were drifting through the area, a thick mist emerged from a crack on their surface. The mist slowly gathered into a huge cloud before separating slowly to reveal Shang Xia's figure.

The aura he emitted seemed different from before. It was difficult to tell the difference, but there was one thing everyone could be sure of. He recovered a huge amount of his Four Constellation Qi and was in a much better state than before.

Shang Xia remained expressionless as he stared in the direction where Zhui Fengzi and Chen Yuanzi left. After shooting a deep gaze in that direction, he turned to leave.

Thousands of miles away from where they attacked the Northern Sea Island was the meeting spot Liu Qinglan, Ren Bainian, and Shang Xia decided on. Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian had been waiting for close to 4 hours only to not see Shang Xia.

Ren Bainian started to panic and he muttered uneasily, "Why isn't Young Master Shang here yet? Did something happen?"

He wasn't really acting when he showed his concern for Shang Xia.

Liu Qinglan might also be anxious, but she glanced at him from the corner of her eye and forced herself to remain calm. "There's no need to panic. If we compare combat abilities, neither of us is his match. We'll wait a little more..."

"Even so, youngsters are prone to act recklessly. He might have chosen to do something dangerous!" Ren Bainian added.

Shooting him a glare, Liu Qinglan didn't rebuke him. Obviously, she was thinking the same thing.

Waiting a little more, Ren Bainian was finally unable to sit still any longer and he suggested, "Should we head back to the vicinity of the Northern Sea Island to take a look?"

Liu Qinglan's expression changed slightly, but she shook her head and sighed, "Absolutely not. What if he returns and misses us? It would cause another round of misunderstandings and things will get troublesome."

"We need to believe in him." Liu Qinglan muttered. She seemed to be trying to persuade Ren Bainian, but it also felt as though she was trying to reaffirm her thoughts. "Yes! We should trust him!"

Just like that, they remained there for another hour or so.

Naturally, they didn't remain there by sitting on their asses. One of them would patrol 500 miles around the region in case Shang Xia flew by and missed them.

Swapping their roles, each of them patrolled the area once but failed to find any traces of Shang Xia. When they finally regrouped, Liu Qinglan became a little unsure of what to do. She didn't know if they should return to the Tongyou Island or if they should try to learn something by approaching the Northern Sea Island. There was also another course of action and that was to remain in their spot to wait for Shang Xia.

When they were stuck in a dilemma, a thin mist started to spread in their direction. Shang Xia's voice rang in their minds. "Seniors, I apologize for the long wait!"

Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian raised their heads violently. When the mist finally disappeared, Shang Xia appeared tens of miles away from them. Looks of joy appeared on both their faces.

"What did you do?! Why did you take so long to return?" Liu Qinglan chided.

With a crafty smile appearing on his face, he described what happened.

Even though he gave a general description of what he did, Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian were seasoned experts in the Martial Extermination Realm. They clearly understood the risks he took.

The more Shang Xia seemed to downplay some of the details, the more Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian understood how dangerous it was. They could imagine the extent Shang Xia went to and he was basically toeing the line between life and death to carry out the operation. The look of fright in their eyes deepened as they stared at Shang Xia and they were too shocked to speak.

Seeing their expressions, Shang Xia muttered helplessly, "Why are you guys looking at me like that?"

Swallowing aggressively, Ren Bainian's Adam apple bobbed as he confirmed what he just heard again. "You... You tripped the 3000 mile wide Northern Sea Island and nearly caused it to overturn?"

"I didn't trip it. I merely threw a cluster of land fragments in its way. The Formation Grandmasters on the Northern Sea Island reacted too quickly to minimize the damage. There has to be more than a Formation Grandmaster or two on the island. They also had a lot of experts to assist them and they managed to stop the island from flipping over." Shang Xia sighed helplessly.

Watching Ren Bainian's gaze dull slightly because the Northern Sea Island didn't flip over, Shang Xia added, "Well, I believe the backlash those Formation Grandmasters suffered wasn't small. They might have stabilized the island, but they received heavy injuries in the process. They should also be the reason I managed to avoid getting hunted down by the 2 grand completion stage Martial Extermination Realm experts. They probably failed to control the island and had to summon the superior experts of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect back to help them."

Liu Qinglan sighed softly, "You've done more than enough. To be honest, we only planned to delay them slightly so that we can obtain a greater portion of the World's Will. I never thought that you

would be able to do something like this! You didn't just delay the Northern Sea Island. Their plans to bring the island back to the Azure Spiritual World might run into huge problems!"

Shang Xia chuckled in response, "The Northern Sea Mystic Sect is the strongest superpower in the Azure Spiritual World. They have a lot of Martial Extermination Realm experts on their side. Their involvement in the final battle will definitely make things extremely chaotic. Also, they're the closest island to us. They will directly affect the benefits we can obtain and it would be for the best if they're eliminated from the competition before it begins. Forcing them to show up later is also good enough."

Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian finally relaxed after seeing that Shang Xia had returned. After their conversation, they turned into streaks of light that returned to the Tongyou Island.

Along the way, Ren Bainian, whose senses were sharper than Liu Qinglan due to his superior cultivation level, noticed something off. "This isn't right. Young Master Shang, you barely left for a little bit... Did you run into some sort of opportunity to grow stronger again? You seem... You seem different. Your aura transformed a little and it seemed to have turned even stronger!"

Shang Xia didn't deny it. Instead, he laughed casually, "It was mere luck. When I get back, I need to enter seclusion for some time."

"How long would you need?" Liu Qinglan asked in concern.

Currently, Shang Xia was the strongest fighter on the Tongyou Island who wasn't in seclusion. If he missed the final battle because he had to enter seclusion, the Tongyou Institution would lose a great deal of combat strength.

"It won't take long. I managed to increase my refinement on my extermination origins after exhausting my inner qi earlier. I would also be able to strengthen my source energy slightly. As long as I absorb enough energy and recover, my strength will rise proportionally." Shang Xia explained.

Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian were struck speechless by what he said. *How could he increase his cultivation just by recovering his energy?!*

Suddenly, Liu Qinglan lost all interest in talking to Shang Xia. Her expression sank and she sulked silently while Ren Bainian released a bitter chuckle while shaking his head.

The 3 of them made huge detours around the various fragments for over an hour before finally returning to the path the Tongyou Island had cleared. After flying for the time it took to burn a stick of incense, they finally returned.

It had only been several hours since Shang Xia and the others left but Yun Jing and the others were already starting to grow anxious from waiting. They were afraid the 3 of them would run into some accident and they were so close to sending out a search party.

When they arrived, they couldn't be bothered to talk to the others and quickly looked for Yun Jing to report everything that happened.

Even though Shang Xia and the others greatly stalled the Northern Sea Mystic Sect's plan and caused great destruction to their island, they were still the strongest superpower from the Azure

Spiritual World. Their close proximity to the Tongyou Island brought them great pressure. Yun Jing and the others had to make preparations for the worst case scenario.

After Shang Xia recounted his experience, he left everyone who was staring at him with their jaws agape before leaving for his small mountain.

This time, he was sure he would be able to cross the 90 percent mark in his refinement of his extermination origins.

Chapter 576: Shang Ke's Guess

The Tongyou Island continued to sail towards their objective, albeit with a little difficulty. No one knew how long had passed, but they finally entered a clearing with no fragments to be seen. The dusky feeling that came from the endless space disappeared and everyone seemed to return to a region covered in sunlight.

“Is that where the Manyu Continent's World's Will is located? Why does it look like a giant sun? Could the World's Will be the sun that illuminates the Manyu Continent?” Shang Ke asked.

Because Shang Ke, Shang Lubing, and Bu Jingshuang were from the same generation, they hung out with each other most of the time.

They stood at the front of the Tongyou Island and were the first ones who discovered the disappearance of the land fragments and the appearance of the World's Will.

It was Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshuang's first time seeing the World's Will and they weren't exactly a lot more knowledgeable than Shang Ke on the matter.

After hearing what he said, Shang Lubing laughed, “If that's true, wouldn't the suns that illuminate both our world and the Azure Spiritual World be the source of our World's Will?”

Bu Jingshuang pressed his lips together and muttered, “That's hard to say...”

Shang Ke seemed to have found some interest in the matter and he started to come up with random explanations. “That might actually be the case! Actually, do you think after the fusion of our worlds, we will have 2 suns and 2 moons in the sky?”

“Why did you bring the moon into this? Aren't they just moons? Also, if the sun represents the World's Will, what does the moon represent?” Shang Lubing asked.

His question brought about another good point.

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However, Shang Ke completely ignored the question. Actually, he had no idea how to reply and he simply went back to his original point. “If the sun really is the World's Will, then our suns would definitely have to fuse as well along with our worlds. There would still only be one sun in our new world...”

Bu Jingshuang stared at the source of the World's Will that was emitting blinding rays of light before muttering to himself, “If it really is the sun, how are we going to get close? Aren't we afraid of burning to death?”

“Old Man Shang, suppose you’re right. Where’s the Manyu Continent’s moon? We can’t just have the sun without the moon...” Shang Lubing added from the side.

Annoyed with Shang Lubing’s constant mention of the moon, Shang Ke sneered loudly, “How should I know? The Manyu Continent crumbled and is in countless pieces right now! Maybe the moon crumbled along with it!”

As the 3 of them carried out their questionable conversation that might or might not serve any purpose at all, 2 rays of light appeared from the central region of the island and quickly approached.

“Our competitors have already arrived. Tell everyone to make their preparations. The next step will be the key to how much we can gain from this.” Yun Jing mentioned as her figure appeared after the light dissipated. Shang Bo stepped out from the other ray of light but he turned to look at a certain spot in the void.

“Third Brother!” Shang Ke stared in the same direction as Shang Bo and noticed a dusky mass moving slowly. He couldn’t help but ask, “Is that also a floating island?”

Shang Bo nodded slightly and grunted once. Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshang also turned to look in the same direction.

“How far away are they? Why do I feel like something is not quite right?” Shang Lubing frowned.

“I wonder which faction they are? They seem to have already discovered our presence...” Bu Jingshuang muttered.

Shang Ke asked with a frown, “What should we do now? Are we going to push forward with everything we have or are we going to deal with them?”

A bitter smile appeared on Yun Jing’s face. “It won’t be that easy...”

Seeing the look of confusion on their faces, Yun Jing pointed at the empty space between them and the World’s Will before explaining, “You might not be able to tell, but Deputy Patriarch Shang and I can sense the region of shattered space before us. We have to traverse through the region of shattered space before we can approach the World’s Will.”

The faces of Shang Ke and the rest turned serious after hearing what Yun Jing said. They also realized why Yun Jing and Shang Bo would emerge from the core region of the island and command everyone to prepare themselves.

Multiple rays of light shot into the space above the island and it was clear that the dozens of experts left on the Tongyou Island had received their orders. They started to take action.

The protection barrier that used to only cover the core region of the island started to expand outwards. It didn’t take long for it to cover 800 miles around the center of the formation.

According to the Tongyou Institution’s initial plan, the protection formation would be activated during the critical moment and it would cover an area of 500 miles. Due to the fate dipper fragment shards Shang Xia provided, along with some assistance from the resources sent by Kou Chongxue and Ji Wenlong, they managed to increase it by 300 miles.

Walking beside Shang Bo, Shang Ke whispered softly, “Third Brother, the kid is still in seclusion. Should we notify him about this?”

Glancing at the small mountain Shang Xia made into his cultivation base, Shang Bo muttered softly, “There’s no need for that. With his current abilities, he’ll be able to learn of what is happening here if he wants to. There is no need for us to disturb him at the moment. He can step in after leaving seclusion...”

Shang Ke’s lips trembled slightly but he didn’t say anything.

Glancing at Shang Ke, Shang Bo asked, “What did you want to say?”

Looking all around and realizing that Yun Jing and the others had their attention somewhere else, he transmitted his voice directly into Shang Bo’s ears. “Third Brother, how far has Little Xia’s cultivation reached? I heard that even Ren Bainian would praise him from time to time. Even Yun Jing...”

Shang Bo signaled him with his eyes and Shang Ke immediately stopped talking.

Pausing for a second, Shang Bo seemed to have thought of how to explain things to his Fifth Brother. “He walked down a path different from everyone else. Moreover, it seems as though he managed to succeed. Do you know what this represents?”

Shang Ke felt his mouth going dry and he tried to moisten it with his saliva before choking slightly, “Has he already reached that step? If he truly succeeds... How long has it been since he entered the Martial Extermination Realm anyway?! The moment he catches the attention of someone he shouldn’t... What did Kou Chongxue say about it too? He should be the one allowing everything to happen, right? He definitely knows what’s going on and he even allowed the kid to do as he wished. If anyone plans to harm Little Xia, will he make a move and help the child?”

“Of course he will. However, he has to put the Tongyou Institution and the You Continent before everything else. I am no different. We can help him out to the best of our abilities, but he has to rely on himself at the end of the day!” Shang Bo sighed.

Widening his eyes in shock, Shang Ke growled, “You guys... But! But you’re his grandfather!”

“Be careful! There’s danger approaching ten miles away!” Yun Jing’s yell interrupted the conversation between the two brothers.

Turning around instantly, Shang Ke noticed that both Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshuang had already flown out into space.

Shang Lubing was the first to act as his extermination origins poured out from his body. A giant ice wall that was several miles long started to erect itself in space. Before it could extend for more than 4 miles, cracks in space caused the ice wall to shatter.

“Shattered space... Here!” Shang Lubing tapped the void before him and transformed the shards of ice floating about into a stream of icy extermination qi. It froze the space that was filled with cracks.

Bu Jingshuang also made his move and made a seal with his hands before pushing it forward slightly. The frozen space turned into powdery snow that quickly dissipated.

Chapter 577: Great Observation Sect

The cooperation between Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshuang was seamless. They dealt with a region of shattered space tens of miles long.

When they returned to the island, Yun Jing had a wide smile on her face as she praised their teamwork. “I haven’t seen the Triple Frost of the You Continent in action for a long time now. The way you guys work together is amazing indeed.”

Shang Lubing released a soft sigh while Bu Jingshuang broke into laughter. “It’s alright, it’s alright. I hope we didn’t embarrass ourselves in front of everyone.”

Yun Jing looked at Shang Lubing and chuckled, “You guys should take a break. The others can step in and deal with any other obstacle we find in our way.”

Bu Jingshuang nodded in response. “Alright. We’ll be on alert and keep a lookout at our surroundings.” After he spoke, Bu Jingshuang grabbed Shang Lubing as they took their leave.

Yun Jing and Shang Bo glanced at each other as they left. Yun Jing had a smile on her face while Shang Bo shook his head slightly.

With Yun Jing’s deployment, Shang Ke and Zhang Haogu took over as they continued to keep watch at the front of the Tongyou Island. They were tasked with dealing with anything in their way to keep the island safe.

The way she arranged the experts on the island had nothing to do with their individual cultivation levels. Instead, everyone was to take turns to keep a lookout and deal with any trouble that appeared suddenly. Even Yun Jing and Shang Bo themselves could spring into action anytime they discovered something.

The only experts on the island who hadn’t been deployed to stand guard were Chu Jia, Shang Xia, and several clansmen of the Ren Clan who hadn’t reached the Martial Extermination Realm.

As the only Formation Grandmaster of the Tongyou Institution, Chu Jia had to place all her attention on controlling the grand formation. She had to steer the Tongyou Island around and she was in no position to care about anything else.

Shang Xia’s case was a little different. In ordinary cases, he shouldn’t be cultivating in seclusion when the Tongyou Island was in such a precarious position. Strangely enough, everyone on the Tongyou Island seemed to forget his presence. No one went over to disturb him.

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The islands Yun Jing and Shang Bo discovered were similarly trying to move towards the core of the world where the World’s Will was located. They might have discovered the island, but there were several others who were outside their detection range as they made the same journey over to the World’s Will.

After passing through the region of shattered space that had been dealt with by Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshuang, they continued to fly towards the blazing ball that didn’t seem too far away. However, the distance between them didn’t shorten despite flying for a long time. The Martial Extermination Realm experts on the Tongyou Island were paired up as they took turns taking care

of the threats that appeared in the island's way. Every group would be responsible for an hour of protection. Since Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshuang took care of the first threat, there had been countless rotations. Two regions of fragmented space had been dealt and another pair sealed a huge spatial crack in their path. The Tongyou Island's journey might seem smooth, but Yun Jing and Shang Bo could feel that their speed had slowed to a crawl. They were even slower than when they had to avoid all the land fragments back when they first started.

"There's something strange about the space here..." Shang Bo said.

Without a change in expression, Yun Jing nodded. "We didn't expect the journey to be smooth in the first place and we thought of all these difficulties back when coming up with our plan. I'm not afraid of all these... Instead, I'm still thinking about the experts of the Spirit Abundance World. After using their Sacrificial Formation to harvest fate dipper fragments, they seem to have disappeared. We didn't discover traces of them even during the destruction of the Manyu Continent. Do you think they will give up fighting for the World's Will at the last second? From a certain standpoint, the World's Will from the Manyu Continent seems to have broken off from that of the Spirit Abundance World..."

Shang Bo fell silent for a moment before he replied, "Well, there'll be someone to deal with the problem if shit hits the fan. All we need to do is to ensure the safety of everyone on the island in the worst case scenario..." Pausing slightly, he eventually continued, "If there is a need, we can even give up the Tongyou Island and get Patriarch Kou and Chief Ji to drag everyone back..."

Staring at Shang Bo in fright, Yun Jing wanted to say something but she eventually swallowed her words.

Liu Qinglan and Yuan Zhen, who were currently on watch, made a sudden report. There seemed to be a massive spatial barrier blocking the island's way.

The spatial barrier was incomparably sturdy and they needed some time if they wished to create an opening.

After the news came, the speed of the Tongyou Island reduced significantly.

Staring out into the void, Yun Jing said in a low voice, "I'll head over and take a look. You should keep watch here."

After she spoke, she didn't wait for Shang Bo to nod. She turned into a streak of light and appeared tens of miles away.

With the assistance of Yun Jing, a fourth layer Martial Extermination Realm expert, Liu Qinglan and Yuan Zhen merely used the time it took to brew a pot of tea to create an opening in the spatial barrier. They quickly sent news back to the core region and the island continued on its way.

As the Tongyou Island pushed forward, those on the island quickly caught sight of Liu Qinglan and Yuan Zhen returning. Ren Bainian and Qian Sitong quickly approached the front of the island to take their place.

When Shang Bo saw Liu Qinglan and Yuan Zhen, a frown appeared on his face and he asked, "Where's Deputy Patriarch Yun?"

Widening their eyes in shock, Liu Qinglan and Yuan Zhen looked at each other, dumbfounded. Eventually, Liu Qinglan explained, "After opening a gap in the spatial barrier, Deputy Patriarch Yun told us to return. She stayed behind to wait for the next group of people to take over..."

"That's not right. Why can't I feel her presence?" Shang Bo muttered to himself. With his eyes widening slightly, Shang Bo raised his voice and nearly yelled, "Did she remain where you guys opened the gap or did she cross the barrier to scout ahead?!"

Liu Qinglan seemed to realize the problem now that Shang Bo mentioned it. Her expression changed drastically but Yuan Zhen was still slightly confused about the matter. His ignorance allowed him to react quicker than Liu Qinglan. "She went ahead!"

"Slow down!" Shang Bo turned his head and yelled.

Like what happened when the Northern Sea Island faced Shang Xia's giant obstacle made from fragments of the Manyu Continent, the Tongyou Island immediately started to slow down. However, the Northern Sea Island didn't manage to stop and slammed heavily into the obstacle anyway, even with 3 Formation Grandmasters controlling the movement of the island. The Tongyou Island only had Chu Jia, and despite her efforts, the 2000 mile wide Tongyou Island continued on its way and it sailed past the spatial barrier.

Strange spatial fluctuations caused Shang Bo's expression to sink. "Everyone, prepare..."

Going through the spatial barrier was like crossing a formless gate. As soon as they did, the world seemed to twist around them and they felt as though they had flipped around.

The change caused everyone to be taken by surprise and their vision spun, making them slightly dizzy. Luckily, the formation on the Tongyou Island was active and it allowed everyone to remain on the island. No one dropped off the island and floated off into space. They were merely caught off guard.

Due to the strong disturbance, several parts on the edges of the Tongyou Island started to crumble. The massive Tongyou Island that was 2000 or so miles large shrunk by 3 to 7 miles.

What's more...

Another floating island appeared a mere hundred miles away from them. That island was upright and floating in the direction of the Tongyou Island.

"An enemy has appeared! Prepare for battle!" Shang Bo, who was the first to regain his senses, roared.

The dozen or so experts on the island quickly circulated their extermination origins. Forcing themselves to adapt to the discomfort brought about by the flipping of the island, they got ready for battle. At the same time, they stared in the direction of the foreign island.

A ray of light flew towards the Tongyou Island all of a sudden.

Ren Bainian reacted quickly and wanted to stop the ray of light from approaching but he heard Shang Bo's voice booming in the distance. "That's Deputy Patriarch Yun!"

When the ray of light returned to the island, Yun Jing's figure emerged and she cried out hastily, "It's the Great Observation Sect of the Yu Continent..."

Chapter 578: Lying Bastards

After passing through the spatial barrier, the Tongyou Island flipped around completely. There was no way Shang Xia could remain in seclusion after the huge disturbance.

The first thing he did was to expand his divine perception to inspect everything on the island. He wanted to know what was going on.

Once he got a general idea of what was happening, the initial panic he felt started to die out. Calming down, he started to consolidate his gains after his secluded cultivation.

Things progressed as he expected. During the time the Tongyou Island was flying through space, Shang Xia managed to cross the 90 percent mark of the refinement of his extermination origins.

His dantian was further strengthened, and the amount of inner qi he could contain increased by 30 percent! At the same time, his extermination origins became purer than before.

Those weren't all. When he extended his divine perception out previously, he could tell that the range had increased drastically.

The increase in his divine perception range was extremely obvious, especially in the current environment.

Other than the transformation to his dantian and divine perception brought about by the increase in cultivation, Shang Xia could feel that his combat strength and every other aspect of his skills getting better.

From the start when he started to refine his Four Seasons Extermination Origins simultaneously, to the current point in time when he was about to complete their refinement, he had been improving every step of the way. He would experience tiny transformations whenever he grew stronger, and it seemed as though it was only going to continue until he completed the refinement process.

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Obviously, there was no way either island wouldn't discover the other now that they were merely hundreds of miles away. The foreign island was at least 1300 miles in diameter while the Tongyou Island's remaining size was still a massive 1800 or so miles.

With them flying straight at each other, it wouldn't take long before these 2 behemoths collided.

No matter if they were experts from the Tongyou Island or the Great Observation Sect, neither could react in time. Chaos broke out on both sides.

The Formation Grandmasters on either island were trying their best to steer away, but no matter how they looked at it, it was too late.

Seeing as both islands were drawing closer and closer, cultivators on both sides seemed to be able to observe what experts on the other side were doing.

3 rays of light shot into the space above the Tongyou Island as Yun Jing brought Liu Qinglan and Liu Jikun towards the Great Observation Island.

At the same time, experts on the other side reacted almost instantly. 3 streaks of extermination light tore through space and headed for Yun Jing and the others.

The moment the islands collided, there was only one ending. Both sides would suffer catastrophic damage.

As such, the meeting between the experts on both sides would definitely not be hostile. They should be trying to come up with an idea on how to reduce the damage on both sides.

It seemed to be the case as the experts on both sides met for a moment to discuss their plans before returning to their respective islands.

As both sides tried to slow down, they started to move in opposite directions in order to avoid the other party.

Shang Xia could see everything clearly from his mountain. The Tongyou Island was veering left, while the Great Observation Island was moving to the right.

That wasn't all. Both islands were tilting away from each other in an attempt to reduce the area of impact.

Despite trying their best to slow down, the distance between them was still shrinking rapidly. When they discovered each other earlier, they were hundreds of miles apart. Now, they were merely 50 miles apart and closing. 30, 20, 10...

Luckily, both sides prioritized shifting to the side while tilting their islands. The area that would hit the other island was minimal, and both sides would suffer as little as possible.

Right before the collision was about to occur, the experts on the Tongyou Island braced for impact. Shang Xia, who had been sitting down in his cultivation cave all the time while using his divine perception to observe the situation outside leaped to his feet. His gaze turned chilly as he glared at the Great Observation Island.

“Oh no! The Great Observation Sect is going to play dirty!” Shang Bo's voice rang in everyone's mind the same moment Shang Xia stood up.

The moment the words left his lips, the Great Observation Island started to emit a brilliant glow.

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Because both islands were tilted to the side, the experts of the Tongyou Island couldn't see what was happening on the other side. By the time they noticed the glow, it was too late for the ordinary experts to take action.

Yun Jing also knew that they were played by the other party, and she flew towards them in a hurry. She yelled through space, “Huo Guanzhang, is your Great Observation Sect going to go back on its words?”

A booming laughter came from the other side. “Deputy Patriarch Yun, our islands will definitely be damaged if we crash into each other. If I cut off a piece of your island, we can avoid the collision entirely! That will definitely ensure both sides suffer the least losses. How can you blame me for this?”

Gritting her teeth, Yun Jing growled, “Yeah? But you're planning to cut off a portion of our island while yours remains unscathed!”

The booming laughter continued. “Well, I’ll owe you one. Also, we’ll just slice off a hundred miles or so. Your Tongyou Island is so much bigger than ours to begin with. You won’t care so much about a hundred miles or so, right?”

“You... You... You’re something else alright! Huo Guanzhang, I, Yun Jing, will definitely repay this favor to your Great Observation Sect in the future!” Yun Jing was at a loss for words and she could only spit out a set of threats.

Guo Guanzhang maintained a haughty look on his face as his voice transmitted over again. “This matter has been decided by me and me alone. Everyone else had no choice but to follow my instructions. What has this got to do with my Great Observation Sect? Deputy Patriarch Yun, as the Deputy Patriarch of the Tongyou Institution, you can’t take your anger out on whoever you please.”

Their conversation passed really quickly as the light surrounding the Great Observation Island grew stronger and stronger. It was clearly reaching its peak and the moment it erupted, it was going to cause massive damage.”

With things progressing up to that point, even if the Tongyou Island wanted to put up any final countermeasures, it would be too late.

Obviously, the powerful attack that was coming their way wasn’t the result of an expert or two gathering energy. They definitely enlisted the use of their grand formation and it was probably powered by several Martial Extermination Realm experts.

“Come back! We can’t stop it anymore! We should think about how we should continue to deal with the aftermath!” Shang Bo’s voice entered her ears. Seeing her swaying figure in mid space, Shang Bo could tell that she had the urge to charge into the Great Observation Island and wreak havoc. He quickly stopped her.

Yun Jing also knew that it was possible they were angering her on purpose. If she really rushed over to their island, she might run head-first into a trap.

Now that Shang Bo had spoken, she quickly returned to the island.

“They’re killing 2 birds with 1 stone here. Not only can they damage our island and weaken our foundations to fight for the World’s Will, but we’ll be the only ones taking a loss.” Shang Bo sighed.

Regaining her calm, Yun Jing could feel Shang Bo’s aura starting to leak from his body and a frown appeared on her face. “Are you planning to make a move?! If they manage to force a Half-Step Martial Dipper Realm expert like yourself to exhaust your energy here, they’ll benefit once more! If that happens, they’re going to be killing 3 birds with 1 stone...”

Chapter 579: Space Connecting Light Cord

The Tongyou Island and the Great Observation Island were about to brush against each other and Huo Guanzhang decided to carry out an attack on the other party to ensure that they would be able to remain unscathed throughout the entire ordeal.

Experts of the Tongyou Island clearly didn’t expect the Great Observation Sect to go back on their word and they were caught completely off guard. Without any preparations, it was almost

impossible to take on an attack by the grand formation of the Great Observation Island without suffering much damage.

The reason Huo Guanzhang schemed against the Tongyou Island wasn't just because he wanted to shave off a hundred or so miles from the other party and avoid the collision. He wanted to completely destroy the foundations of the Tongyou Island while he was at it.

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Seeing as the Tongyou Island couldn't respond in time, Shang Bo wanted to make a move personally.

At the crucial moment, Yun Jing stopped him.

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"I'm afraid this is their true motive. The moment you show yourself, they will definitely go all out to exhaust you. We can ignore the Azure Spiritual World. Even in our Azure Origin World, no one would be willing to allow our You Continent to birth another Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor!" Yun Jing explained.

After persuading Shang Bo, she turned to command Chu Jia. "Since we can't avoid getting hit, there's no need to avoid crashing into them! Turn the island into them! Since we're going to suffer losses anyway, they better not dream of leaving unscathed."

Afraid that Chu Jia hadn't heard her properly or might have misunderstood, she emphasized again, "Did you hear me? Turn and charge into them!"

Because of the tilt of the islands, they were merely 5 miles apart. With Yun Jing's order, Chu Jia borrowed the power of the grand formation to shift the Tongyou Island. Not only did they not continue to tilt away from the Great Observation Island, they tilted back towards the other party.

If the Tongyou Island completed its maneuver, there was no need to care about how many experts there were on the Great Observation Island. Even if their grand formation had the ability to split the Tongyou Island in two instead of cutting off a piece of land hundreds of miles wide, they would be bombarded by 2 gigantic chunks of land.

The Tongyou Island's actions couldn't be hidden from the experts of the Great Observation Island. There was only one thought left in their minds.

The experts of the Tongyou Institution are fucking insane!

They merely wanted to take the chance to carry out a sneaky attack to shave off some of the other party's strength, reducing some competition in the fight for the World's Will. All they planned to do was to gain a slight advantage. Who would have thought that the reaction of those from the Tongyou Island would be so intense? They were willing to sacrifice everything to go down with their opponents rather than eating a little loss.

"Yun Jing, you're crazy!" Huo Guanzhang blew his top and roared, "We'll destroy a hundred miles or so from your island at best! You'll still possess the qualifications to take part in the final battle for the World's Will! What you're doing now will end the

both of us! You guys won't be able to obtain a single bit of the World's Will. Are you really going to benefit the others just like that?"

The distance between their islands was less than a mile and the collision was imminent.

A cold smile appeared on Yun Jing's face and she snarled in response, "Are you regretting your actions now? It's too late! It's too late for you to say anything now... Our Tongyou Institution was built from nothing and if we lose the island, so be it! If we can cause your Great Observation Sect which existed for close to a thousand years to suffer such a massive loss, I think it's worth it!"

"You're mad... You're really mad!" Even though that was what he was saying, Huo Guanzhang felt that he was the one going crazy. He was forced to the brink of his sanity by the insane decision made by the experts of the Tongyou Island and regret was starting to fill his heart. He blamed himself for provoking the bunch of lunatics from the Tongyou Institution.

With the collision about to happen, Huo Guanzhang's expression flickered between gloom and panic as he screamed helplessly, "Space Connecting Light Cord! What are you guys waiting for?! Get us away from this bunch of lunatics! Use the Space Connecting Light Cord!"

This time, Huo Guanzhang was completely flustered.

The moment the words left his lips, the glow that surrounded the island gathered into a long cord above the grand formation of the island. It shot outwards and one of its ends was flung into the depths of space. The light cord seemed to extend infinitely until it disappeared from sight, but at the same time, one of the ends seemed to have attached itself firmly into the void.

In the next second, the long cord started to retract. Obviously, the cord had no way of pulling the void. The only thing that could move was the Great Observation Island!

The massive island with a diameter of 1300 miles or so started to shift! Just like that, the cord started to pull it away.

If not for the fact that it was happening in front of them all, no one would believe that something like that was possible.

The islands were already starting to come into contact with each other when the cord appeared earlier. Several regions started to grind together. However, a giant seemed to be on the other side of the cord and it violently yanked the Great Observation Island away. In an instant, the distance between the islands increased to ten miles or so.

Even though it was nothing much when compared to the size of their islands and how quickly they were moving, it bought enough time in such a desperate situation.

Yun Jing and Shang Bo stared at each other and the shock they felt was apparent. They couldn't believe that the Great Observation Island was able to move such a large distance instantaneously.

After getting over their shock, fear lingered in their hearts. The Light Cord actually possessed such terrifying might...

From how they created it with their grand formation, it wasn't hard to deduce that the Light Cord was the attack they had been storing up. If it landed on the Tongyou Island, even if it didn't cut the island in half, it would split off at least a third of it.

Despite their fear, Yun Jing and Shang Bo heaved a sigh of relief in their hearts. They felt fortunate they made the right gamble and even more so that they forced the other side to retreat. The Tongyou Island remaining completely intact was the icing on the cake.

"Quick! Distance ourselves from the Great Observation Island. Get us the further away the better!" Yun Jing ordered in haste.

The decisiveness that Yun Jing had to go down alongside the Great Observation Island was nowhere to be seen. Also, she wasn't worried that they would attack the Tongyou Island again.

The Light Cord that pulled the Great Observation Island away earlier had already dissipated and Yun Jing knew that they wouldn't be able to gather it again so easily or quickly. At the very least, they couldn't create a second Light Cord in a short amount of time to threaten the Tongyou Island.

That was also the reason why Yun Jing and the others were trying to distance themselves from the Great Observation Island. The experts on the other side were doing the same thing as they moved away from the Tongyou Island.

Without the Light Cord to deal with their enemies, there was no way they would dare to challenge the Tongyou Island.

Amidst a lot of rumble and shattering sounds, islands continued on their way.

Even though they were ten or so miles apart by that point, the sudden turns, deceleration, and tilting caused some slight destruction to their islands.

Huge boulders finally started to fall from those islands and both sides suffered the loss of several miles or so. However, they managed to avoid the catastrophe where they smashed directly into each other.

Now that they were done, both islands continued on their way.

Who would have thought that Yun Jing would leap into the air and turn into a streak of light while she charged at the Great Observation Island?

Huo Guanzhang's deception had utterly enraged her. The Tongyou Island nearly suffered irreparable damage because of that and that would mean they would have to take a great loss. Even though they were safe, Yun Jing couldn't swallow the anger she felt earlier.

Chapter 580: Follow Up Assault

Strictly speaking, Yun Jing's threat of mutually assured destruction was enough payback against the Great Observation Island. She also managed to scam Huo Guanzhang once, and it could be said that they were even in that aspect.

If they took the powers they represented into account, the Great Observation Sect actually suffered a lot more than the Tongyou Institution.

Even so, Yun Jing couldn't accept the fact that she was duped so easily. Now that the Tongyou Island was safe, the first thing she did was to cause some more trouble on the Great Observation Island.

Shang Bo wanted to stop her, but he didn't make it in time.

Seeing how Yun Jing flew into space away from the Tongyou Island, Shang Bo didn't personally head out there with her. Instead, he shot a glance at Liu Qinglan and the others and signaled for them to get ready to help her in case anything happened.

Yun Jing charged over aggressively, but the experts on the Great Observation Island weren't exactly willing to show any weakness either.

Huo Guanzhang shot out from the Great Observation Island and they came to blows between the islands. A terrifying storm of chaotic air ripped through space and the extermination lights they emitted obscured the vision of nearly every single expert on their respective islands.

Shang Bo's expression changed slightly and he growled, "Oh no! You guys should hurry and head over. Beware, they might be scheming something against you."

Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian quickly rose into space and went straight for both Yun Jing and Huo Guanzhang.

At almost the exact same time they moved, the experts from the Great Observation Island also made their move. The battle immediately reached the next level. Multiple strands of extermination light and violent energy fluctuations ripped through space and it affected the vision of those taking part in the battle. Even their divine perception started to twist.

Despite a majority of experts on the islands having their senses blocked and unable to detect what was happening in there, Shang Bo could clearly see that Yun Jing and the others were slowly being forced into a disadvantageous position.

It wasn't that Yun Jing and the others were weaker in terms of individual strength. Instead, it was because of the sheer number of experts the Great Observation Sect sent out to fight. At the end of the day, the Tongyou Institution could never rival a holy land like the Great Observation Sect which had hundreds of years of foundations.

"Oh yeah, do we have life-saving methods like the Space Connecting Light Cord like the Great Observation Sect? Our grand formation has some sort of skill like that too, right?" Shang Xia asked.

No one knew when, but he appeared beside Shang Bo as he stared directly at the battle that was happening up there.

With his current strength, he could also clearly see everything that was going on.

Glancing at Shang Xia from the corner of his eye, Shang Bo muttered, "Life-preserving methods like that should only be used when it concerns our life and death. We can't use it whenever we like. Just because the Great Observation Sect used their Space Connecting Light Cord earlier, they have already placed themselves at a disadvantage when it comes time to fight for the World's Will."

Shang Xia nodded his head as though he had expected as much. "So... We do have special skills like that..."

Ignoring whatever he said, Shang Bo changed the topic. “Hey, Deputy Patriarch Yun and the others are at a pretty bad disadvantage. Aren’t you going to help them?” Even though Shang Bo didn’t say anything about their special skill, his silence already indicated that Shang Xia’s guess was right.

Widening his eyes slightly, Shang Xia stared at the chaotic battle going on in space. “Hehe, do you need me to pretend to be you?”

“Do whatever you want.” Shang Bo chuckled.

The corners of Shang Xia’s lips curled up in a weird smile and he sniggered under his breath, “As the saying goes, an eye for an eye!”

The words barely left his lips when he disappeared from his spot.

The moment he did, a terrifying fluctuation appeared from the Tongyou Island and it shot deep into space. The void started to twist and shake as the majestic aura that belonged to an existence that had surpassed the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm arrived. With the extermination origins that seemed to fuse back to the origin and the imposing manner in which it emerged, the experts of the Great Observation Island felt that the Half-Step Martial Dipper Realm expert on the Tongyou Island was about to make his move!

“Hahaha! The Martial Dipper Realm candidate from the Tongyou Island is about to make his move!” The experts on the Great Observation Island weren’t frightened at all. Instead, they seemed a little excited. In their minds, there was no doubt that the person who possessed such strength was the Tongyou Institution’s Martial Dipper Realm candidate. 2 magnificent rays of light emerged from the Great Observation Island as they flew at Shang Xia, the source of the disturbance.

From the power contained in those streaks of light, Shang Xia could tell that one of them had reached the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm while the other had cultivation comparable to Yun Jing at the fourth layer of the Martial Extermination Realm.

At the same time, there was another expert from the Great Observation Sect who pulled himself away from the battle against Yun Jing and the rest. He flew at Shang Xia from another direction to box him in.

That was the moment the Great Observation Sect showed the Tongyou Institution the true extent of their hundreds of years of foundations. 3 experts who were in the fourth layer Martial Extermination Realm or above went to surround Shang Xia who they had confirmed to be the Tongyou Institution’s Martial Dipper Realm candidate. Throughout the entire process, the Great Observation Sect’s Martial Dipper Realm candidate was nowhere to be seen.

In the eyes of the Great Observation Sect, sending out an expert at the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm and 2 experts at the fourth layer of the Martial Extermination Realm were more than enough to deal with Shang Bo.

Even though the Tongyou Institution raised huge waves in the Azure Origin World and the Great Observation Sect heard rumors of how they caused the White Deer Sect to suffer a huge loss, the institution was nothing more than an upstart power in their eyes. They felt that the institution could

only act so arrogantly because of Kou Chongxue who managed to step into some dogshit luck and become a super expert in the Martial Dipper Realm.

Due to Yun Jing's reckless actions of sending the Tongyou Island into the Great Observation Island earlier, forcing them to use their ultimate skill to avoid the collision, they suffered a huge loss. However, if they managed to take the chance to injure Shang Bo, not only would they be able to regain their dignity. They could also force the Tongyou Institution to lose their chance of producing another Martial Dipper Realm expert during the final battle for the World's Will.

Estimating that the 3 experts they sent out would be able to injure Shang Bo was because they had absolute confidence in their combat abilities.

The way they fought with Yun Jing and the others was also enough for everyone to reach that conclusion.

Yun Jing was stuck in battle with a third layer Martial Extermination Realm expert from the Great Observation Sect and she couldn't force her opponent away no matter how hard she tried.

As for Liu Qinglan and Ren Bainian, they were also fighting with experts in the third layer of the Martial Extermination Realm. Unlike Yun Jing, they were forced into a disadvantageous situation.

Shang Xia saw how he was about to be surrounded by the 3 experts of the Great Observation Sect and instead of retreating, he charged forward. Releasing a loud roar, Shang Xia slashed out twice with his Abyssal Blade. They were aimed at the experts running directly at him from the Great Observation Island.

Even though he might have sent out both strikes in succession, they were extremely weird. They possessed completely different blade intents as one of them contained endless heat as it entered and fused with the void. The other contained a chilly intent and caused the void around it to shatter like tiny ice shards.

Shang Xia released both Summer Solstice and Winter Solstice at the same time!

The experts charging at him were obviously no fools. They were experienced cultivators and discovered that the blade lights rushing at them were no ordinary attacks the moment they were unleashed. They didn't dare to take them lightly.

“Space Shattering Heart Devastating Fist!”

“Four Exterminations Floating Palm!”

They didn't hold back as they displayed their intricate rank four martial arts at the same time in order to nullify Shang Xia's blade lights.

It didn't take long for their expressions to change. After looking at the twisted and shattered space where their attacks slammed into Shang Xia's blade lights, they discovered that they couldn't eliminate the threat coming their way.

“Be careful!”

“Watch his blade!”

They seemed to warn each other at the same time as they unleashed another round of attack. This time, they seemed to be working together.

At the same time, the third expert from the Great Observation Sect arrived behind Shang Xia.

“Senior brothers, there’s no need to worry! I’m here!” After he spoke, he pointed at the space before him, causing it to shatter as a beam of light shot at Shang Xia’s back.

Even though Shang Xia’s blade lights exceeded their expectations, the 2 of them managed to react quickly.

The moment Shang Xia’s blade lights were stopped by the other party, he would be attacked on both sides. He would have no choice but to split apart some of his attention to deal with the expert behind him.

As soon as that happened, the 3 of them would immediately launch a fierce offensive on him. It wouldn’t be easy for him to escape if that happened.

Obviously, Shang Xia wouldn’t allow himself to be forced into such a passive state. Facing their attacks from both his front and back, Shang Xia’s blade art transformed suddenly. Earlier, he sent out Summer Solstice and Winter Solstice separately, but they fused with each other the next instant. A massive explosion ensued and the terrifying power contained in it stopped the 2 experts in front of him from standing in his way.

Not afraid of the region of unsteady space in front of him caused by the explosion, Shang Xia stepped directly through it.

A look of hesitation appeared on the face of the expert behind him. After a moment of contemplation, he decided to skirt around the region of unsteady space and not do what Shang Xia did.

The 2 experts who were forced back by the sudden explosion would never have expected Shang Xia to appear before them by passing through the region of unsteady space. They panicked and couldn’t be bothered with their original mission. Turning around, they started to retreat.

They hadn’t gotten too far when they looked behind to see Shang Xia slowly raising his left hand in the air. He slowly pushed his palm out and the next moment, they felt as though calamity was about to befall them.