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Chapter 611: Star Essence

It was then that Shang Xia realized why Kou Chongxue never left the platform back in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

A Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor might be powerful, but if Kou Chongxue and Ji Wenlong wanted to drag the 1000 mile wide Tongyou Island back with their own abilities, they would be dreaming. Even if the impossible happened and they gained the ability to do so, they would consume an extraordinary amount of energy.

They had to draw on the power of the grand formation on the island in order to pull it back and they also had to make use of the world origin of the Azure Origin World that would resonate with the formation they laid down in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

The platform where Kou Chongxue had been stationed on was the core of the formation used to pull the Tongyou Island back!

Because of the existence of the formation, Kou Chongxue would be able to catch the location of the Tongyou Island in the vast sea of stars and start forming the spatial tunnel once the formations resonated with each other.

When Shang Xia and the rest saw the change happening around them, they pretty much understood that the Tongyou Island had already entered the spatial tunnel. They were finally returning to the Azure Origin World.

They were right as Chu Jia's somewhat hoarse voice rang in the ears of everyone on the Tongyou Island. "We have begun moving through the spatial tunnel. Please do not move around randomly."

Back when Kou Chongxue sent Shang Xia to the Manyu Continent using a similar spatial tunnel, all he could see were flashes of gray. Now that he was stronger, he planned to observe what was going on around him a little more.

Because of the twisted space around them, Shang Xia could only carefully extend his divine perception outwards. He wanted to feel the changes in the space around the island.

Those streaks of light that appeared because of the presence of various stars in the distance eventually got so numerous they formed a giant star river as the Tongyou Island accelerated through the tunnel.

It was something Shang Xia never felt before when he was transferred over. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact that they were part of a giant island that was 1000 miles long.

While carefully extending his divine perception outwards, he could vaguely feel that there was something familiar outside.

Deciding to try something, Shang Xia brought out an intricately crafted jade case from his sleeves.

When he opened it, he could see several dozen specks that resembled fine sand filling its bottom. Those specks emitted a soft mesmerizing glow.

As soon as he opened the case, those specks started to flash as though they were resonating with something. Shang Xia quickly made the connection and learned that they seemed to be responding to whatever he felt outside the Tongyou Island at the moment.

The thin layer of sand continued to flash as though they were starting to gain sentience. He felt as though they were about to flow out of the case.

"Star Essence!"

That was exactly what was contained in the case. It was Star Essence that Kou Chongxue had personally gathered back then, and it was the key item in repairing his Abyssal Blade.

Alas, Kou Chongxue's attempt at gathering Star Essence was pitiful. He only gave whatever he obtained to Shang Xia so that he would be able to recognize it in the future.

One had to know that a cultivator would need to travel through the sea of stars with their physical body in order to gather Star Essence. They would have to be in the Martial Dipper Realm at the very least.

Martial Extermination Realm experts like himself and those who fought outside the confines of their islands back then might seem impressive, but none of them would be able to remain in the vast sea of stars for a long time. The little time they had wouldn't be enough for them to even gather a single speck of Star Essence.

Back then, Shang Xia didn't hold much hope that he would be able to gather a huge amount of Star Essence. He planned to enter the Martial Dipper Realm before thinking about how he should get enough to repair his Abyssal Blade.

With his casual probe while the Tongyou Island was returning to the Azure Origin World, he discovered a massive opportunity. It might be the best time for him to gather as much Star Essence as he could.

In order for the Tongyou Island to travel through the spatial tunnel, it had to be able to condense starlight into a single point. The distance between the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and the Manyu Continent was no less than 10 million miles and in order to shrink the space to create the spatial tunnel, the starlight in the region would naturally also have to be condensed.

When Shang Xia extended his divine perception out and felt the trace of Star Essence, he discovered that it was quickly swept up and destroyed. His simple probe caused a small portion of his divine perception to be eliminated, and the range it could extend to shrank by 3 whole miles.

With a chill running down his heart, Shang Xia hastily retracted his divine perception. He hastily circulated every technique he knew and when he discovered he would be able to gradually restore the range of his divine perception with his Man and Heaven Synergy Chapter, he heaved a sigh of relief.

After realizing he would be able to recover his divine perception, the worry in Shang Xia's heart was replaced with reluctance. He couldn't think of another plan now that his divine perception was unable to come into contact with the Star Essence for a long time.

Watching how the Star Essence outside was essentially left behind as they traveled through the spatial tunnel, Chu Jia's voice boomed in his mind. "Hey! Your Origin Dipper isn't behaving well here. It's sucking something from the void outside our island!"

He could even hear a trace of disdain in her voice when she spoke about it. As she was fully focused on the connection between the Tongyou Island and the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, she was unable to split off any part of her consciousness to deal with the Imperial Star Fate Dipper that Shang Xia had also placed in the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc some time ago.

Shang Xia's heart trembled slightly when he thought back to the name of the Origin Dipper. He seemed to make some connections.

The Tongyou Island might be protected by the grand formation as they traveled through the spatial tunnel, but that only applied to everything within the protection barrier. Leaving the confines of the barrier would definitely pose some sort of risk.

However, Shang Xia couldn't be bothered with that at the moment as he quickly ran over to the core region where the formation disc was situated.

Other than Chu Jia who was in charge of controlling the grand formation, Yun Jing and Yan Su'er were the only ones present. They had the highest cultivation level among the other experts on the island and they were in charge of protecting Chu Jia from any danger that might arise.

Well... They had the highest cultivation level excluding Shang Xia. He stationed himself on a secluded formation node that wasn't too close to the core region back then and after he used the power of the Crimson Soul Tablet to draw more world origin for the Tongyou Island, he had a rough gauge of how much they actually gathered. All of it was stored in the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc, and now that he was back in the core region, he noticed that slightly more than a third of it had been used up.

Shang Bo used a majority of the world origin during his breakthrough, and the rest remained trapped in the formation disc.

Noticing Shang Xia's arrival, Yun Jing was the first to speak. "Is the Imperial Star Fate Dipper resonating with the starlight around the spatial tunnel? It's interfering with Little Chu's control of the grand formation..."

As soon as she spoke, she retrieved the jade case that contained the Imperial Star Fate Dipper and tossed it at Shang Xia.

As soon as he grabbed it, Shang Xia could sense that the Imperial Star Fate Dipper had indeed formed some sort of formless connection with the twisted space outside.

The resonance wasn't affected by the Tongyou Island's grand formation, but it was actually able to disturb its operation. At the very least, it became a lot more taxing to operate the formation.

Shang Xia nodded his head and replied, "I'll bring it further away from the grand formation in order not to let it affect you. However, the Imperial Star Fate Dipper might have some connections with Star Essence in the spatial tunnel we're traveling through. I'm planning to use it to gather some Star Essence."

"Don't mess around!" Yun Jing's warning came the instant he finished his explanation.

"This is a rare opportunity..." Shang XIa shot Chu Jia an apologetic glance before asking, "We can use the world origin contained in the formation disc now, right?"

Back when he noticed the contents of the formation disc, he also checked on the condition of the fate dipper essence he placed in back then.

The world origin in the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc might have decreased from its original state, but after feeling Shang Bo's aura, Shang Xia understood that he already crossed the initial phase of his breakthrough. He wouldn't need any more world origin.

That would mean that Chu Jia could freely use the world origin contained in the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc and not care about the consumption of the grand formation any longer.

A cold snort left Chu Jia's lips. "It wasn't easy for us to obtain these world origin. How can we use it freely?! It's easy for you to ask..."

Shang Xia interrupted her before she could finish. "As long as we're still here, what's a little world origin? We can always find more."

Chu Jia wanted to retort, but she suddenly recalled that half the world origin they obtained was due to Shang Xia's efforts. His contributions were actually extraordinary and his qualifications to speak on the matter of world origin exceeded hers. As such, she chose to remain silent after snorting again.

Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and stared at her strangely. He never expected her to give in so easily in a war of words. After all, she had never allowed him to win her in a bicker in the past.

His thoughts also quickly drifted away and he turned to Yun Jing to ask, "Deputy Patriarch Yun, do you know when my grandfather will leave seclusion?"

Yun Jing's expression turned serious and she shook her head in response. "He probably just took his advancement medicine. He has to refine it completely and refine his Origin Dipper. No one knows how long it will take. He can only rely on himself during this period of time."

Raising the jade case in his hand, Shang Xia muttered, "I'll return this after we return to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion."

Yun Jing waved her hands casually in response. Shang Xia didn't know if she was chasing him away or telling him to keep the Origin Dipper, but it didn't matter at the moment.

After he left, Yun Jing turned to Chu Jia. "Little Chu, use the world origin as you please. There's no need to be stingy with it."

Chu Jia hesitated slightly. She had been controlling the grand formation the whole time and a small portion of her attention was used to calculate the consumption of world origin they would have to use. If she could use as much as she wanted, she could naturally save a great deal of effort. However, she knew how rare world origin was and how hard it was to come by. She felt that it would be a waste to use it wantonly.

"Just do it!" Yun Jing spoke resolutely but quickly added an explanation. "We're about to return to the Azure Origin World soon. How much world origin can you waste even if you use it freely?"

Pausing for a second, Chu Jia eventually nodded in response.

On the other hand, Shang Xia quickly ran off to a formation node that was around 400 miles from the core region that contained the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc. He was close to the edge of the inner sector of the island and he quickly removed the restrictions on the jade case. The moment he opened it again, a ray of resplendent light emerged and tried to escape from within.

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The moment he opened the case, he could feel the formless connection that seemed to pull the Origin Dipper away. The Imperial Star Fate Dipper turned into a streak of light that tried to fly away, but Shang Xia was prepared. His extermination origin protection barrier appeared and his Four Seasons Extermination Origins emerged to form a giant cage around him. The Imperial Star Fate Dipper was trapped within and no matter how much it trashed about, it failed to break free.

When Shang Xia raised his head again, he noticed something strange. Since the formless connection was unable to draw the Imperial Star Fate Dipper away, whatever it was connected to had to come to it!

Carefully extending his divine perception, he could feel a strange colorful mist separating from the condensed starlight. They flew to the Imperial Star Fate Dipper, bypassing the protection barrier completely.

Everything that was gathering there was Star Essence! The colorful mist was definitely Star Essence!

Getting excited, Shang Xia quickly opened another case that contained Star Essence Kou Chongxue gave him. His plan was to collect the Star Essence that was gathering into the case, but he didn't expect the Star Essence within to be drawn over to the Imperial Star Fate Dipper.? He had to think of another plan.

He started to circulate the method Kou Chongxue taught him while crushing a spiritual jade in his hand. He ground it into jade powder and scattered it slowly on the mist that was gathering around the Origin Dipper. Next, he borrowed the power of his extermination origins to condense the starlight into the jade dust, as they started to form colorful sand that started to fall slowly.

Gathering Star Essence was an extremely tedious process that required a lot of patience.

Luckily for Shang Xia, the spatial tunnel had already condensed the starlight across millions of miles, saving him a lot of time.

As he used the power of his extermination origins to gather those colorful sand back into its original jade case, he discovered that there were at least a hundred or so of them. In just a short moment, he managed to multiply the amount he had by several times!

He had no idea how much Star Essence was required for him to fix his Abyssal Blade, but due to the preciousness of the weapon, Shang Xia knew that it wouldn't be a small amount. Moreover, it wouldn't be a mistake for him to gather more Star Essence anyway.

Unfortunately, their journey back to the Azure Origin World wasn't going to be as smooth as they had thought.

The island that had been quiet so far experienced a sudden jerk and Shang Xia's progress of gathering Star Essence was nearly disrupted completely.

When he raised his head, he noticed that the star river was disrupted and his heart sank. Clearly, an external influence was affecting the spatial tunnel they were in.

In the same instant he discovered the disturbance, Chu Jia's voice rang in everyone's mind. "Enemy attack! Everyone, be careful when dealing with the threat!"

Be careful? Deal with the threat?!

To be able to affect the spatial tunnel, their assailant had to be someone in the Martial Dipper Realm!

There was no taking care of the situation... The experts on the Tongyou Island could only tuck their heads in and hope for the best!

Shang Xia immediately stopped collecting Star Essence and took the risk of leaving the formation node he was on. He returned to the core region to assist Yun Jing and Yan Su'er in maintaining the grand formation.

By the time he returned, Chu Jia, Yun Jing, and Yan Su'er had already discovered that danger was approaching. They no longer cared about the consumption of world origin and used it to support the grand formation.

"What's going on? Can we figure out the direction of the attack?" Shang Xia assisted them in controlling the grand formation while asking in a low voice.

Rather than answering his question, Chu Jia started grumbling after she felt his influence over the grand formation. "You're actually so strong when it comes to adjusting the flow of energy! If I had known this earlier, I would have kept you here to help me the entire time!"

After a short pause, Chu Jia continued, "Anyway, I can't locate them in a short amount of time. The only thing we know for sure right now is that someone has infiltrated the spatial passage."

"Are they from the Spirit Abundance World? Or are they from the Azure Spiritual World? Could they be a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor from our Azure Origin World?" Shang Xia pondered out loud.

In response, Yun Jing analyzed, "It's not quite possible for a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor of our Azure Origin World or the Azure Spiritual World to make a move now. After all, if we're able to discover traces of their action, Patriarch Kou can definitely feel it too. It's most likely done by a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor from the Spirit Abundance World."

"No... Something isn't right!" Yan Su'er frowned and she seemed to have thought of something.

Chu Jia, Yun Jing, and Shang Xia turned to stare at her in unison while she explained solemnly, "A Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Spirit Abundance World might not actually make a move..."

Yun Jing was slightly taken aback, but she also seemed to understand her meaning.

"Why not?" Chu Jia was the first to ask.

"Because a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor of the Spirit Abundance World will follow behind us to locate the Azure Origin World. I'm afraid that will be their true goal!" Chu Jia and Shang Xia didn't even have time to panic when Yun Jing's scream came from the side. "Little Chu, quick! Tell Patriarch Kou…"

Only then did they realize what was going on.

Chu Jia screamed, "It's too late, we're reaching the end of our journey! We aren't too far away from the Azure Origin World right now!"

"What should we do now?" Shang Xia asked instinctively.

"We have to leave the spatial tunnel immediately and interrupt our journey back!" Chu Jia replied as she placed her hand on the formation disc.

"Hey..." Shang Xia wanted to say something, but the swaying of the island told him that it was too late to tell them his thoughts. Chu Jia acted the moment she spoke.

The protection barrier around the core region of the Tongyou Island started to distort as the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc emitted a milky white glow. The world origin contained within was used up at a rapid pace.

Shang Xia wanted to remind them that if the goal of the Spirit Abundance World was to locate the Azure Origin World, they wouldn't be the only ones under attack. Moreover, the number of Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors the Spirit Abundance World had wouldn't be low either. At the very least, they would have more Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors than the Azure Spiritual World and Azure Origin World combined.

In a situation like that, what was the point of them interrupting their journey?

It wasn't as though the other islands would do the same to get rid of their tail.

However, with things progressing up to that point, Shang Xia could only assist Chu Jia in controlling the grand formation. At least he could reduce the pressure on her and eliminate the possibility of her facing a backlash from the grand formation.

Luckily, the formation node Shang Xia was currently on was one of the most important ones around the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc. He realized that he didn't need to exhaust his inner qi at all while maintaining his peak state.

A soft rumble could be heard as the Tongyou Island seemed to pass through another formless spatial barrier. It was thrown out of the tunnel and it appeared in the vast sea of stars.

The strong trembling caused many people on the island to feel dizzy, and their senses became a little distorted.

Shang Xia was the first to snap out of it and regain his thoughts. He swept his gaze around only to see large chunks of land separating from the middle sector of the Tongyou Island.

Chu Jia was unable to hold the island together when they exited the spatial tunnel forcefully, causing the border regions of the island to shatter.

"Hey, wake up!" Shang Xia yelled. Seeing as it wasn't effective, he released his divine perception again and a loud snort boomed in the minds of everyone present. It was so strong it jolted their soul.

Yan Su'er, Yun Jing, Liu Qinglan, and Ren Bainian were the first to snap back to reality as they had the highest cultivation levels.

He eventually noticed a glowing ornament hanging by her waist. He also saw a talisman turning into a wisp of blue smoke which was quickly inhaled by Chu Jia as she restored herself to her peak state. Realization dawned on Shang Xia.

As the only Formation Grandmaster of the Tongyou Institution, she had to maintain the grand formation and take care of the entire situation. The higher-ups of the Tongyou Institution would naturally bring out a ton of treasures to ensure she would be able to respond appropriately to whatever would happen.

It was no wonder Chu Jia was able to hold on for so long despite being in the early stages of the Martial Extermination Realm.

Shang Xia thought that she was able to persevere due to her abnormal talent. As it turned out, there were many other reasons behind it.

Whatever it was, Shang Xia didn't have the luxury of time to wait for everyone else on the island to recover. When he raised his head, he noticed a giant hand reaching out from the void to grab at the Tongyou Island.

Evidently, the hand belonged to a Martial Dipper Realm expert who attacked them in the spatial tunnel. Seeing as the Tongyou Island had interrupted their journey, he knew that his presence was exposed. In response, he decided to immediately take action and make his move on the Tongyou Island.

Unfortunately for him, the spatial ripples caused by such a huge landmass passing through the spatial tunnel wasn't something he had the guts to pass through casually. He could only gather a giant hand in space that attempted to grab the island.

Shang Xia was helpless as there didn't seem to be much the others could do at the moment. He flew into the air and unleashed his Four Constellation Samsara Nether Blade with all his might.

As cultivators in the Martial Extermination Realm could only use their extermination origin, while experts in the Martial Dipper Realm had control over their respective fate dippers, there was already a fundamental difference between the both of them.

Luckily, Shang Xia completed the transformation of his Four Seasons Extermination Origins to the Four Constellation Extermination Origins after he completed their refinement. He managed to close the distance between himself and an expert in the Martial Dipper Realm.

Also, he was unleashing his martial intent he comprehended in the Martial Extermination Realm with a divine weapon at the moment.

Shang Xia's strike landed directly in the middle of the palm of the giant hand that was headed their way.

The Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor clearly didn't expect a Martial Extermination Realm cultivator to put up any resistance against him, much less nullify the attack he sent out. In response, he poured his Origin Dipper True Qi into his palm in order to prevent it from shattering against Shang Xia's strike.

He might have held off for the time being, but the Martial Dipper Realm expert quickly discovered that it was nearly impossible to restore the giant palm back to its original state. It stopped breaking down, but it was still in a very weakened condition!

With the strike he sent out and the wound he created on the giant palm, Shang Xia's Four Constellation Extermination Origins managed to drill its way in.

As his extermination origins clashed with the other party's fate dipper, they failed to destroy the palm completely. However, the palm was also unable to force the extermination origins out. In the end, it was unable to continue its assault on the Tongyou Island.

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Because of the strong spatial ripples, the Martial Dipper Realm expert who hadn't shown himself could only reach out with one hand to try to grab the Tongyou Island.

However, Shang Xia released his Four Constellation Samsara Nether Blade which contained his extermination origins. It struck the giant palm in the air and it froze, no longer advancing towards the Tongyou Island.

The fact that he did that shocked everyone present.

"What are you waiting for?! Hurry up and leave!" Shang Xia didn't bother turning to stare at the giant palm in space after releasing his martial intent. Instead, he turned back and ran in the direction of the Tongyou Island.

With the time he bought for them, Chu Jia and the others managed to regain control over the island. The parts that were breaking down quickly received an infusion of energy through the formation nodes in the area and they no longer broke off. The grand formation resumed its operation and the protection barrier quickly strengthened to its peak state.

As Shang Xia made his way back, the Tongyou Island started to accelerate.

In the next instant, Shang Xia felt a disturbance in range of his divine perception. By the time he turned his head to take a look, he only managed to catch a dull yellow ray of light flashing through space.

A miserable soft cry entered his ears and the giant palm in the air that was stalled by his Four Constellation Samsara Nether Blade started to break down.

By the time he stepped foot onto the island, Shang Xia saw the region of space around the spatial tunnel they emerged from crumbling completely. A horrifying aura emerged but it was destroyed by the numerous cracks that formed in space.

At the same time, the spatial tunnel that led back to the Azure Origin World shattered.

Shang Xia returned to the core region and yelled, "Patriarch Kou made his move. He personally destroyed the spatial tunnel."

"How is the situation out there for the foreign Martial Dipper Realm expert?" Yun Jing asked.

Shaking his head slightly, Shang Xia muttered, "He definitely suffered a loss in Patriarch Kou's hands. However, it's impossible for him to be killed even with the destruction of the spatial tunnel due to the huge distance separating them."

As if on cue to prove Shang Xia right, a twisted spatial door appeared in the distance. A sorry figure was forced out of the void.

Even though the Tongyou Island had moved a thousand or so miles away from their original position, the experts on the island could clearly see what was happening 2000 miles away with the help of the grand formation.

The Martial Dipper Realm expert who emerged clearly felt their eyes on him and he turned to stare in the direction of the Tongyou Island to reveal a sinister smile.

Yun Jing asked, "Have we established contact with Patriarch Kou and Deputy Patriarch Ji again?"

"Not yet!" Chu Jia muttered in a deep voice.

Because the Tongyou Institution exited the spatial tunnel prematurely, they lost connection with Kou Chongxue and Ji Wenlong.

Both sides would be able to locate each other using their grand formations, but it would take some time.

Yun Jing didn't rush Chu Jia again and she hissed, "Looks like we can only rely on ourselves."

Yan Su'er didn't say a word and a light flickered in her eyes.

Shang Xia also sighed softly, "It's not easy for us to catch the aura of a Martial Dipper Realm expert. We will only stand a chance if we stop his first strike."

Yan Su'er seemed to have thought of something and she tried her best to remain calm as she suggested, "Why don't we use Empty Mountain again? We'll be able to buy ourselves an hour of time..."

Yun Jing didn't need to say anything when Chu Jia responded, "It might not be able to fool an expert at the Martial Dipper Realm. Even if we did manage to escape from his senses, Patriarch Kou and Deputy Patriarch Ji might miss us too."

"Why don't we..." Yan Su'er tried to suggest something, but Yun Jing seemed to have already guessed what she was going to say.

Without hesitation, Yun Jing declared resolutely, "Unless we fail to hold on, we cannot allow that to happen!"

Shang Xia was even more confused. However, he connected the dots and realized that Yan Su'er might have wanted to suggest getting Shang Bo out of seclusion and he immediately shot her a warning glance.

Before anyone else could speak, the feeling of danger arrived. Shang Xia felt as though someone had grabbed his heart and he quickly expanded his divine perception. Unfortunately, he failed to discover anything.

Whatever the case, he didn't forget to warn the others. "It's coming!"

After predicting so many things correctly, everyone on the Tongyou Island didn't have the slightest bit of doubt that he would make a mistake. They poured their inner qi crazily into the formation node they were standing on, and the cultivators of the Ren Clan and those who were saved did the same. They might be in the Martial Intent Realm and under, but they gave their all nonetheless.

The protection barrier around the core region released resplendent rays of light and seemed to turn a lot stronger. Everyone immediately felt more reassured.

It was a shame the feeling only lasted for a second. A golden ray appeared above the Tongyou Island and it started to expand at a ridiculous rate. Everyone on the island couldn't help but close their eyes to avoid the piercing light.

Blinded by the golden rays, a clear shattering sound could be heard and everyone could feel a hole being punctured in their protection barrier.

Clang!

Another crisp ring filled the island and cultivators who hadn't reached the Martial Extermination Realm felt their brains buzzing as an incessant ringing filled their ears. There were even some who fainted or died after blood burst out from their ears.

Beside the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc, Shang Xia grunted once before spitting out a mouthful of blood.

As the ray of light approached Shang Xia, he raised his Abyssal Blade to block it at the very last second before tumbling through the air.

A Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor was a terrifying existence alright. Even if he was heavily injured, he still possessed tyrannical strength.

The ray of light might have been greatly weakened after it broke through the protection barrier, but it still gained the upper hand when it collided with Shang Xia's Abyssal Blade.

Even though it failed to claim Shang Xia's life, it managed to wipe away the confidence he gained after he stopped the giant palm in space earlier.

Shang Xia felt the Abyssal Blade trembling in his hand as his right shoulder went numb. He might have forcefully blocked the blow earlier, but he knew it was almost the limit of his abilities.

More importantly, Shang Xia raised his head only to see a figure materializing not too far away from the Tongyou Island. It was the Martial Dipper Realm expert of the Spirit Abundance World who had been injured by Kou Chongxue in the spatial tunnel earlier.

The expert of the Spirit Abundance World seemed to also notice Shang Xia's gaze that very instant and he turned to stare at the youngster.

Their gazes met, but the outcome clearly wasn't something the expert of the Spirit Abundance World expected. The corners of Shang Xia's lips curled upwards and a look of mockery appeared on his face.

"I got you now..."

A yellowish gourd appeared in the void above the Tongyou Island the next second.

The moment the cork on the gourd popped open, a tiny jade green sword emerged. Under Shang Xia's control, it locked onto the aura of the expert of the Spirit Abundance World.

As soon as it did, the expert of the Spirit Abundance World felt a trace of danger blooming in his heart. It was a feeling only those who had a near-death experience would understand. Shock and fear filled his mind.

The jade green sword that was barely 3 inches in length emitted a terrifying aura as a majestic sword light appeared in the space above the island. The protection barrier that restored the hole that had been punched through by the attack from the expert of the Spirit Abundance World started to shake violently.

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The instant Shang Xia released the sword qi, Kou Chongxue raised his eyebrows and grunted once. He had been sitting on the platform beside the Void Abyss and his eyes slowly opened. He was amused as he chuckled, "Wow, the kid actually managed to control himself the whole time. He held onto my sword qi for so long before using it!"

Ji Wenlong, who had been searching for the Tongyou Island in the vast sea of stars by pouring his consciousness into the grand formation hurriedly asked, "Have you discovered the location of the island?"

"I found it, but there's something troublesome we have to deal with right now." Kou Chongxue nodded in response.

Ji Wenlong asked, "Are you referring to the expert of the Spirit Abundance World?"

"I have to chase him away. Hold my position for me." Kou Chongxue got to his feet all of a sudden.

Before he could do anything, Ji Wenlong yelled, "You can't!"

Kou Chongxue shot him a glance in response. "Why not? Right now, the island is merely tens of thousands of miles away from the Azure Origin World. You alone are more than capable of constructing another spatial tunnel."

"Things are troublesome out there, but it's not exactly calm here either..." Ji Wenlong grumbled.

With his expression sinking, Kou Chongxue snorted softly. In the end, he didn't leave the platform he was on.

Seeing Kou Chongxue's reaction, Ji Wenlong quickly continued, "If we work together, we can definitely pull our men back. We can give up the island as long as we retrieve the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc..."

Snorting again, Kou Chongxue seemed extremely dissatisfied with what they could do. However, he still returned to where he originally sat.

Right after he got back, his eyebrows shot up in surprise and he gasped in shock. The frown on his face turned upside down and he started to laugh. "Hey? Looks like we won't have to worry about them anymore."

"What's going on?" Ji Wenlong was a little confused by his sudden change in behavior.

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A Martial Dipper Realm expert was actually locked onto by a Martial Extermination Realm cultivator.

The expert of the Spirit Abundance World was shocked by the sudden appearance of the majestic aura from the tiny sword. No matter how incredulous he found it, he could tell that the killing intent that came from the sword was real.

The sword qi fused with the void dozens of miles around. Even though nothing seemed to happen when the sword qi swallowed the expert of the Spirit Abundance World, a loud ringing sound rang in the ears of those present.

When that happened, the space was filled with a burst of golden light.

The same golden shuttle that pierced through the Tongyou Island's protection barrier reappeared.

Shang Xia raised his guard the second he saw what happened.

He realized that despite the strength of the sword qi sealed in his Spirit Extermination Gourd, Kou Chongxue wasn't the one personally wielding it! It might be possible to injure an expert at the Martial Dipper Realm, but there wasn't much hope of actually killing the enemy.

Shang Xia had seen the abilities of a Martial Dipper Realm expert up close and he knew how strong they were.

Disregarding everything else, just their fate dippers alone could be used to form a clone that possessed a portion of their combat abilities. Just that point alone would ensure that they couldn't be killed easily!

It was also then when Shang Xia noticed a tyrannical divine will coming from the depths of space.

When they felt it, Chu Jia's excited voice also rang in the minds of everyone present. "We made contact! Patriarch Kou noticed us!"

After she spoke, a chaotic and deranged aura also made a reappearance from the region of space that had been submerged in the sword qi that came from the tiny jade green sword.

Shang Xia's prediction came true. The expert of the Spirit Abundance World was still alive!

Chapter 614: The Silvery-Gray Fate Dipper

Back when Kou Chongxue sealed the sword qi in Shang Xia's Spirit Extermination Gourd, he mentioned that the sword qi could be split up into 3 portions and used separately.

Facing the assault by a Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Spirit Abundance World, Shang Xia didn't dare to be careless in the slightest. He chose to use the full power of the sword qi to deal with the threat.

Even so, it was extremely difficult to kill an existence at the Martial Dipper Realm.

"Quick! Summon the Hidden Frost Sword!" Yun Jing instructed Chu Jia anxiously.

Because of the distance between the Tongyou Island and the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, Kou Chongxue was able to project his divine will over. That would also mean that he would be able to use a portion of his strength to send the Hidden Frost Sword over!

If they were talking about their understanding of the Martial Dipper Realm, Yun Jing might be slightly inferior when compared to Shang Xia. However, if the topic was about Kou Chongxue's strength, there was no comparing Shang Xia's knowledge to what Yun Jing knew.

However, Chu Jia's voice rang in her mind right after she spoke. "Patriarch Kou seems to be rebuilding the spatial tunnel..."

"Tell him to hold off a little! The opposing Martial Dipper Realm expert isn't dead yet!" Yun Jing yelled.

A tyrannical aura ripped through space and it descended on the Tongyou Island once again.

Seeing as Chu Jia wasn't responding, Yun Jing yelled in a slight panic. "What's wrong?!"

With an ugly expression, Chu Jia looked at Yun Jing, Yan Su'er, and Shang Xia while muttering, "Patriarch Kou... He... He's ignoring us!"

Without mentioning Yun Jing, even Shang Xia was shocked by his lack of response.

The Tongyou Island might be really close to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, but they were still a giant landmass that was 1000 miles in diameter. There was no way a spatial tunnel that could bring them back could be created so quickly.

With the incoming threat of an expert at the Martial Dipper Realm, Kou Chongxue's decision seemed to portray that he had given up on all of them.

Did water fill Kou Chongxue and Ji Wenlong's mind or something?!

"Dumbass! You're overestimating yourself if you think you can construct the spatial tunnel in time. Watch how I kill them all!" An enraged cry came from the void and the expert from the Spirit Abundance World appeared above the island the next instant.

Looking at him again, the clothes on his body were a different set from before. The golden shuttle in his hand was also no longer there.

Regardless, he pressed his hands together and gathered his fate dipper. It condensed to create a golden lance that was several feet long.

"All of you, go to hell!" He roared while stabbing the golden lance straight at the core region of the Tongyou Island. He wore a sinister expression and he seemed to want nothing but the deaths of those ants below.

The strike contained the entirety of his strength, and he aimed directly at the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc.

As soon as the formation disc was destroyed, the grand formation would shatter accordingly. The Tongyou Island wouldn't be able to remain in one piece without it.

Yun Jing didn't have to say anything for everyone to realize that they had reached the critical moment that would decide their fate. Everyone poured their inner qi into the formation node under their feet without holding back.

The hole that had been punctured earlier was already restored. The protection barrier was back to its original state, and Chu Jia didn't hesitate to shrink it down to concentrate all the power around the small area that contained the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc.

"Swoosh!"

When the golden lance struck the barrier, a burst of golden light filled the area and enveloped the entire island.

Stopped by the barrier, energy leaked out of the golden lance at a rapid rate as it tried to advance. The expert of the Spirit Abundance World didn't care about his energy consumption and continued to pour his inner qi into the lance as it slowly stabbed deeper and deeper into the protection barrier.

If the expert of the Spirit Abundance World had other plans for entering the spatial tunnel that the Tongyou Island was traveling through earlier, he tossed it out of his mind after being attacked by the tiny jade green sword Shang Xia summoned. He only cared about one thing at the moment and that was to destroy the island and kill everyone on it.

"I can't hold on for much longer! What do we do?!" Chu Jia screamed as she tried to gather some ideas.

The golden lance might be stuck in mid air for the time being and it hadn't struck the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc, but as the person in charge of controlling the grand formation, Chu Jia could tell that the protection barrier was reaching its limits.

Everyone had given it their all, but it seemed as though they were unable to stop tragedy from happening. Despair and sorrow filled the hearts of those on the island.

Yun Jing, Yan Su'er, Shang Xia, Liu Qinglan, Ren Bainian...

None of them spoke. It might have something to do with them focusing fully on pouring their inner qi into the grand formation as they didn't have time to reply to her.

Chu Jia watched on as the construction of the spatial tunnel connecting the Beyond Heavens Pavilion to the Tongyou Island continued.

With things at that point, she didn't understand why they were still trying to build the spatial tunnel.

Blame and resentment started to fill her heart when she thought of the 2 Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors back in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

The golden lance finally broke past the protection barrier despite their strongest attempt to stop it. It was about to strike the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc when the golden light it emitted swallowed everyone on the island.

Shang Xia felt his divine perception weakening under the boundless power of the golden light and he heard a hearty laughter coming from the space above the island.

"Hahahahah!"

It was also in that instant when Shang Xia's final bit of divine perception managed to detect a slight movement as something emerged from underground. It entered the sea of gold alone...

When Shang Xia was getting curious about what it was, a silvery-gray light erupted and expanded rapidly.

A shocked gasp came from above the island, followed by a panicked cry. "Who... Who's there?!"

Shang Xia felt the pressure on him weakening greatly and his divine perception recovered. He managed to clearly feel the situation around him again.

The next second, a loud explosion happened above their heads.

Everyone who barely managed to recover their divine perception felt their heads spinning once again from the massive blast.

Luckily for them, everyone had been subconsciously pouring their inner qi into the formation node beneath their feet to keep the grand formation running.

Following the earth-shaking blast, a miserable scream rang in the ears of those present as the golden glow was abruptly cut short. The silvery-gray light grew in intensity and the situation started to turn on its head.

As the person who had the strongest foundations among all of them, Shang Xia recovered quickly and he could feel a familiar figure wielding a silvery-gray spear.

Grandpa! He already entered the Martial Dipper Realm!

Shang Xia quickly connected the dots and realized why Kou Chongxue didn't send his Hidden Frost Sword over. He also understood why they continued to build the spatial tunnel despite the situation the Tongyou Island was in.

They had already discovered Shang Bo's successful breakthrough and they could tell he had been charging up his energy to launch a decisive strike against their enemy.

The expert of the Spirit Abundance World clearly didn't expect that there would be an expert of the same level under the formation disc who was waiting for him to lower his guard!

Shang Bo's Champion's Spear might only be a high-grade weapon, but with the infusion of his fate dipper, the might it possessed surpassed ordinary divine weapons!

Catching the other party by surprise, Shang Bo ripped the golden lance apart in an instant.

By the time the expert of the Spirit Abundance World noticed something was wrong, Shang Bo had already appeared before him.

It was true that Shang Bo had just entered the Martial Dipper Realm, but the expert of the Spirit Abundance World received heavy injuries from Kou Chongxue's sword qi earlier! Everything happened too quickly for Shang Xia and the others to notice, but Kou Chongxue's sword qi actually destroyed a fate dipper clone the expert of the Spirit Abundance World summoned to defend himself back then. His combat strength had been greatly affected!

Now that Shang Bo had appeared, the expert of the Spirit Abundance World was unable to keep up as his fate dipper protection barrier was pierced through easily.

As an expert of the Spirit Abundance World, he wasn't lacking in life-saving treasures. However, that was before everything happened.

When he received a strike from Kou Chongxue back in the spatial tunnel and suffered a sudden attack from the jade green sword Shang Xia summoned, he practically used up all the treasures he had.

Facing Shang Bo's spear, there was nothing else he could throw out. He was sent flying by the blow.

As all of that happened, Yun Jing, Chu Jia, and the others finally regained their senses. It didn't take long for them to realize what had happened.

When they saw how they had another Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor on their side, along with the fact that they narrowly escaped death, cheers broke out immediately. There was also the fact that they managed to protect the Tongyou Island they put so much effort into defending.

"Don't let him escape!"

No one knew who was the person who screamed, but everyone agreed with it.

That was a Martial Dipper Realm expert they were talking about. Excitement bubbled in their hearts when they thought about how they would be able to witness the death of an expert at that level!

Unfortunately, their delusion of watching the expert of the Spirit Abundance World die was quickly broken.

As an expert in the Martial Dipper Realm, his life force was terrifyingly strong. His body might have been pierced through by Shang Bo's spear but he was nowhere close to death. He managed to draw on the last of his life force to escape. He ran into the vast sea of stars, disappearing from their sight.

Naturally, Shang Bo was hot on his heels.

With the 2 of them gone, Shang Xia had time to think of other matters. He wondered what his grandfather's fate dipper was.

Their crisis ended just like that, and everyone on the Tongyou Island was finally able to calm themselves after the rollercoaster of emotions they had been through.

The construction of the spatial tunnel finally neared its end and everyone snapped back to reality. The Martial Extermination Realm experts on the island finally realized that a third Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor had appeared in the Tongyou Institution! They also discovered what that meant.

With 3 ancestors, the only thing the Tongyou Institution lacked to become a holy land was to turn themselves into the Tongyou Paradise!

Not too long later, a silvery-gray light returned from the depths of the sea of stars. Shang Bo's figure appeared above the island once again.

Those who had sharp eyes would notice that Shang Bo was holding multiple items in his hand. He clearly obtained them from the expert of the Spirit Abundance World who tried escaping earlier.

That could only mean that the Martial Dipper Realm expert of the Spirit Abundance World was no longer alive.

Shang Bo, who had just killed an expert in the same cultivation realm, didn't seem too happy when he returned. Instead, he wore a solemn expression as he slowly descended onto the island.

Yun Jing and the others didn't even need to ask what was going on as he took the initiative to speak up when he landed. "When I was chasing him earlier, I noticed the ruins of a destroyed island..."

Chapter 615: The Island that Belonged to the Jiao Continent

Even though the new spatial tunnel had been constructed, the Tongyou Island didn't immediately return to the Azure Origin World.

After hearing what Shang Bo had found, the Tongyou Island started to make their way over. This time, they had their own Martial Dipper Realm expert stationed on the island, ready to fight. They quickly approached the region where he found the ruins.

When they arrived, they saw fragments of land along with the remains of some structures. There were also many corpses drifting about in space.

Shang Bo, Yun Jing, Liu Qinglan, Shang Xia, Yan Su'er, and Ren Bainian hovered in the void while staring at the remains. The others were somewhat lacking in cultivation and couldn't do the same.

"This definitely came from the Manyu Continent. From the looks of it, this happened recently." Yan Su'er's judgment of the situation was still pretty accurate.

"Why do the corpses look so messy? Did 2 islands meet and start a massive war or something?" Shang Xia glanced at the bodies floating in space and tried to identify which faction they came from. He discovered that they seemed to hail from different regions, and it was difficult to determine their background.

Liu Qinglan spoke from the side, "Whatever it is, we can confirm that they are definitely cultivators of our Azure Origin World..."

Yun Jing and Shang Bo glanced at each other before Yun Jing muttered, "Actually, these people look like they're from the Jiao Continent."

"Jiao Continent?" Shang Xia was slightly taken aback. "The Jiao Continent is barren and empty. Is the power established on the Jiao Continent actually capable of sending experts over to the Manyu Continent to try to fight for world origin?"

Liu Qinglan also sank into a contemplative silence. She seemed to have thought of something.

Yun Jing's explanation started, "That's exactly why they look like they hail from different factions. Because the Jiao Continent is barren and weak, the powers there are extremely messy."

Shang Xia continued, "Actually, I was wondering if the Jiao Continent is filled with hidden talents and experts. After all, for them to be able to send their experts to the Manyu Continent, they definitely need the assistance of a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor."

Yun Jing nodded in response. "You're right. Even though there isn't a superpower in the Jiao Continent that controls the various powers there, they have quite a few Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors. If they unite and work together, there won't be a need to talk about ordinary holy lands. Even the Divine Capital Sect or the Eternal Sect will feel a huge headache if that were to happen.

Since the Jiao Continent managed to send a batch of experts to the Manyu Continent, it can only mean one thing. Several Martial Dipper Realm experts there formed an alliance."

"Hiss... Are they really so strong?" Shang Xia revealed a shocked expression before starting to throw out possibilities. "Could they have reached some disagreement and started to fight among each other due to their different factions?"

"Nope." Shang Bo, who had remained silent the whole time, finally spoke up.

Seeing as everyone had turned to him, he explained, "All of you might not know this, but there are traces of an expert from the Spirit Abundance World here. The expert of the Spirit Abundance World didn't even plan on hiding himself. From the looks of it, their island was destroyed by that expert." After a short pause, he continued, "The island might be destroyed, but a portion of their veteran Martial Extermination Realm experts should have been saved. That's because there are also traces of Martial Dipper Realm experts of our Azure Origin World here. Back when I chased the person who attacked us over, I could feel tiny ripples of space in the area."

Everyone nodded slowly after hearing his explanation. After Shang Bo entered the Martial Dipper Realm, he evidently gained the ability to notice things they couldn't.

Liu Qinglan sounded a little discouraged when she spoke again. "That would mean that even though the Jiao Continent lost their island, the strongest experts stationed on the island had been brought away. Everything else should have been obtained by the expert who attacked them. We won't be able to obtain much benefit from their ruins."

Shang Xia realized that a long time ago. If world origin was still present, the Crimson Soul Tablet in his sea of consciousness would have already reacted.

That was how he located the source of the Manyu Continent's World's Will back then and obtained his Imperial Star Fate Dipper and fate dipper essences. The Crimson Soul Tablet was also how he discovered other islands were closing in to attack them.

Shang Bo laughed after hearing what Liu Qinglan said. "Even if we ignore everything else, the remaining land fragments here that might seem useless to the other powers are very valuable to our You Continent."

With him taking control of the situation, several Martial Extermination Realm experts started to gather those broken fragments before dragging them over to the Tongyou Island.

Using the grand formation, Chu Jia temporarily linked those land fragments to themselves and prepared to bring them back to the Azure Origin World after activating the spatial tunnel again.

Luckily, the distance between the island and the Beyond Heavens Pavilion wasn't too large at the moment. They didn't really have to fuse those land fragments with themselves and it was perfectly alright if they just held on to them with the assistance of the grand formation.

After running around for a good half a day, a majority of the land fragments were gathered. They surrounded the Tongyou Island and they conservatively increased the size of the Tongyou Island to 1300 miles or so. They could barely classify themselves as a mid-sized island once again.

As for everything else they managed to gather after looking through the land fragments, they weren't of much use to the Martial Extermination Realm experts present. However, the same

couldn't be said when it came to the Tongyou Institution. To the destitute Tongyou Institution, those treasures they scoured were really valuable resources they could use to nurture lower-leveled experts.

After taking away everything that was of use, Liu Qinglan sighed, "I wonder how many islands managed to successfully return to the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World..."

"The real goal of the Spirit Abundance World might not be to steal resources and world origin... I'm afraid their main aim is to find out the locations of our worlds in the vast sea of stars." Shang Bo muttered in a low voice.

Shang Xia also spoke up, "Are they planning to invade our worlds and do what we did to the Manyu Continent?"

A chuckle left Shang Bo's lips and a profound look could be seen in his eyes as he replied, "The goal of all worlds is ascension. The objective of our Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World is to upgrade ourselves into a Spirit World. With the same logic, the Spirit Abundance World also wishes to reach a new level."

"Are they trying to ascend past the rank of a Spirit World?" Shang Xia pondered out loud.

"Something like that." Shang Bo nodded in response.

By the time their conversation ended, the spatial tunnel was ready to be activated. Before they could return, Chu Jia had to inform Kou Chongxue and Ji Wenlong about the fact that they retrieved even more land from the remains of the destroyed island so that they could prepare themselves.

Of course, she wasn't issuing them a warning by telling them that. It was a mere notification that they were going to bring back even more land. With their current distance from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and the presence of another Martial Dipper Realm expert, nothing would go wrong when they tried to bring the extra land back.

With everyone eagerly waiting to return, Shang Bo gave the signal and Chu Jia activated the grand formation. The Tongyou Island and the extra landmass they picked up quickly entered the new spatial tunnel.

Because the extra land fragments weren't truly connected to the Tongyou Island, a portion of it fell off due to the turbulence in the spatial tunnel.

Shang Xia looked around pensively before asking his grandfather, "Grandpa, do you have a feeling that the experts of the Spirit Abundance World will come knocking?"

Glancing at him from the corner of his eye, Shang Bo chuckled, "You noticed?"

Shang Xia stared at one of the land fragments that had broken off the Tongyou Island and laughed, "If you were willing to help out, it won't be difficult for us to contain all those fragments and bring them back to the Azure Origin World. However, you don't seem too concerned with it. From the way you're acting, you look prepared in case something were to happen."

Ren Bainian, who seemed to become mute after Shang Bo appeared earlier, finally managed to gather his courage to say something. "Will there still be Martial Dipper Realm experts coming to look for us?"

In actuality, Shang Bo didn't have a bad impression of Ren Bainian. He sighed softly, "Those people aren't fools. Since a Martial Dipper Realm expert of theirs had died, there would be no point sending more to their deaths. That is why..."

He paused for a second before breaking out with a hearty chuckle. "... Anyway, the Martial Dipper Realm should be the limit for cultivators in our Azure Origin World. The Spirit Abundance World ranks above our Azure Worlds and their limit should be experts in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm!"

Everyone stared at him in shock and Yun Jing couldn't help but ask, "Will their expert at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm really make a move? How will we be able to withstand an attack of that level?"

Shang Bo chuckled in response, "Why should we be the ones to take an attack of that level? Moreover, don't you think that is a great opportunity for us to verify our guesses on how strong the Divine Capital Sect, Eternal Sect, and Northern Sea Mystic Sect actually are? Unless they're willing to expose the location of our worlds to the Spirit Abundance World, they have to make a move. After all, people at our level would never be able to stop an expert at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm."

Yan Su'er chimed in suddenly, "Does the Northern Sea Mystic Sect really have an existence in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm? Didn't you say that the limit of our Azure Worlds is the Martial Dipper Realm?"

"That is why those experts can never make an appearance. It's not that they don't wish to show themselves, but they probably can't. Well, whatever the case, as long as they really exist, it doesn't matter if they can roam around our Azure Origin World or the Azure Spiritual World. Their sect will stand above all the other factions."

Yan Su'er asked again, "How did they manage to break through the limit?"

"Patriarch Yan, I'm sure you know that there are several experts in the Martial Dipper Realm who can't leave their holy lands in the Azure Spiritual World." Shang Bo replied. Seeing her sink into contemplation, he nodded once and continued, "If there really are existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm in our worlds, the restriction they would face would be even stronger than that!"

After entering the Martial Dipper Realm, Shang Bo seemed to gain a deeper understanding of how the world worked.

Also, the Tongyou Island managed to stabilize themselves in the spatial tunnel by the time they were done speaking.

Feeling a slight disturbance, Shang Bo turned to stare at Shang Xia and his eyes widened in shock. "Imperial Star Fate Dipper! Where did you get a superior ORigin Dipper like that?!"

Shang Xia wanted to explain the entire process of how he got it, but Shang Bo didn't wait for him to start talking. He pointed at the dreamy starlight that was gathering and said, "This is Star Essence! Are you using the spatial compression of the tunnel to gather Star Essence? This is such a rare opportunity!"

Shang Bo commended the kid before reaching his hand out at the space above Shang Xia's head. Circulating his Fate Dipper Qi, a huge stream of Star Essence descended from the twisted space above the island.

If Shang Xia's speed of gathering Star Essence was like rain through a broken roof, Shang Bo caused the rain to turn into a giant waterfall of Star Essence.

Shang Xia gathered half a case of Star Essence after completing the majority of their journey back to the Azure Origin World. That was before they were attacked. However, the case in his hand was almost filled in a short moment now that Shang Bo had acted.

Hastily opening another jade case, Shang Xia continued to store the incoming Star Essence.

Chapter 616: Chase Through the Stars

In order to prevent any sudden attack by the experts of the Spirit Abundance World, Shang Bo maintained his state of vigilance and he didn't help the experts on the Tongyou Island who were gathering land fragments earlier.

However, he seems more than content to use up his inner qi to assist Shang Xia in gathering Star Essence.

To that, no one could say a thing about it. After all, Shang Xia was Shang Bo's grandson.

After some time, Shang Bo seemed to have thought of something and he asked, "Oh right, Why are you collecting Star Essence anyway?"

Shang Xia told him what he learned from Kou Chongxue, which included the method he could use to repair his Abyssal Blade with Star Essence.

He also spoke about everything he experienced after the Manyu Continent crumbled. The story of how he obtained the Imperial Star Fate Dipper and 2 strands of fate dipper essence was also mentioned.

After hearing everything, Shang Bo finally noticed the changes in Shang Xia's cultivation. Complex emotions filled his head and he sighed, "You actually entered the grand completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm! You should be preparing to break through to the Martial Dipper Realm soon... Do you have any idea how you should do it?"

Shang Bo knew that Shang Xia had some sort of secret inheritance on him that was influencing his cultivation. After all, even he wasn't too sure about how Shang Xia refined 4 extermination origins simultaneously to enter the Martial Extermination Realm back then.

Despite their confusion, Kou Chongxue, Ji Wenlong, Shang Bo, Yun Jing, and the others chose to overlook the matter entirely. Since Shang Xia seemed to know what he was doing, they wouldn't probe into it.

They probably understood that Shang Xia's secret method of cultivation only suited the kid himself. As such, there was no use in spreading it to the masses.

"I have no idea at the moment." Shang Xia shook his head in response.

Noting his reaction, Shang Bo merely nodded once. He didn't plan to continue asking about the matter.

However, Shang Xia bombed him with another question the next second. "Grandpa, which Origin Dipper did you use to enter the Martial Dipper Realm?"

The corners of Shang Bo's lips curled upwards. It was as though he had expected the question from Shang Xia.

Raising his hand, a silvery-gray fate dipper appeared on his fingertip. "This is called the Grand Silk Silver Sand Fate Dipper. It's only slightly inferior when compared to the Primal Yang Copper Fate Dipper Patriarch Kou has. Even so, it's considered really rare even among first-rate fate dippers."

Shang Xia gasped to express his surprise and acknowledgment before asking again, "So is your fate dipper the same as the Primal Yang Copper Fate Dipper? Was it also nurtured in precious treasures like the Origin Yang Mysterious Copper?"

Feeling that Shang Xia was asking for fun, Shang Bo chuckled and explained, "Grand Silk Silver Sand is a spiritual object nurtured by the world, but it's far from comparable to the Origin Yang Mysterious Copper. Origin Yang Mysterious Copper is a rank six treasure while Grand Silk Silver Sand is a high-grade rank five treasure."

Shang Xia seemed disappointed by the answer, but thinking about how the Grand Silk Silver Sand corresponded to the metal element, he felt that it wasn't too bad either.

Tossing the matter to the back of his mind after reaching his conclusion, a crafty smile appeared on his face. "Grandpa, do you still have any Grand Silk Silver Sand? You might be able to upgrade your Champion's Spear to the level of Patriarch Kou's Hidden Frost Sword…"

Shang Bo shook his head while chuckling bitterly, "It's not that easy to do that. Even if I have more Grand Silk Silver Sand, upgrading the Champion's Spear to a divine weapon is a near-impossible task. Every divine weapon is created differently and the process cannot be replicated. However..."

A segment of a golden shuttle appeared in his hand suddenly and he smiled, "... I managed to find this. With it, I should be able to strengthen my spear."

Shang Xia immediately recognized the golden shuttle. It was the treasure that the expert from the Spirit Abundance World used and it ripped a hole through the barrier to strike him earlier. When he released Kou Chongxue's sword qi, the golden shuttle was damaged and the segment in Shang Bo's hand should be a part of it.

Shang Xia wanted to continue asking when he was interrupted by a yell by Chu Jia. "Quick, look over there!"

Everyone turned to where she indicated and noticed another island traveling through a separate spatial tunnel.

However, the island looked to be in an extremely sorry state. They looked worse than the Tongyou Island.

Even though the Tongyou Island lost 700 miles of its outer sector, most of it had been done through careful planning. Their island looked relatively intact.

The island they were looking at was irregularly shaped and there was a huge chunk missing from its eastern side. The western part of the island had a massive area that was torn off and it resembled a giant biscuit that could crumble at any time.

"Prepare for battle!" Yun Jing gave the order despite not knowing which faction the other island belonged to. She might not know which faction they were, but she could tell that they were cultivators of the Azure Spiritual World with a single glance.

"Relax." Shang Bo's voice rang in the ears of the experts on the Tongyou Island, calming them down. "They look close to us, but they're actually thousands of miles away. We managed to see them because of the path we're taking through our tunnel."

"In that case, they should be able to see us too, right?" Chu Jia asked.

"They might. However, we can confirm that the island is trying to return to the Azure Spiritual World. As we get closer to our world, the distance between the various islands will definitely decrease. The chances of running into another island will increase." Shang Bo explained.

"There's another one!" Yan Su'er mentioned. This time, she pointed to a region somewhere under the Tongyou Island. The island she mentioned was pretty far behind.

At that moment, Liu Qinglan asked, "I wonder if they ran into an attack by the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Spirit Abundance World. How did they manage to get away? Could they also have Martial Dipper Realm experts on their islands?"

Liu Qinglan's question caused everyone to tense up. Even Shang Bo's expression turned slightly serious.

Ren Bainian, who had been tallying up all the cultivation resources they obtained from the ruins of the destroyed island, ran over in a hurry. He cupped his fists and bowed respectfully towards Shang Bo before he spoke. "There's something odd about the regions that had been struck by those light cords from the Spirit Abundance World earlier!"

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The resources were treasures meant for experts under the Martial Extermination Realm, and thus, most people on the island wouldn't spare it a second glance. However, those treasures were extremely precious to Ren Bainian.

Back when Yun Jing and the others were gathering up land fragments from the broken island that belonged to the Jiao Continent, Ren Bainian was the only one earnestly going about the corpses to search for treasures.

Shang Bo, Yun Jing, Shang Xia, and the others could understand his actions as they witnessed the state of cultivators in the Manyu Continent. They even told him that after all the resources had been gathered, either from the corpses or the remaining chunks of land, the Tongyou Institution would only keep 70 percent of it. The Ren Clan would be able to obtain 20 percent of everything they

gathered, and the rest would be given to the 200 odd cultivators from the Manyu Continent they saved when they were passing through the belt of fragmented land.

He might only have gotten a small portion of it, but Ren Bainian couldn't be more thankful to the institution.

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After hearing what he said, Shang Bo immediately disappeared. Shang Xia and the others ran after him and it didn't take long for them to arrive at a region of land 700 miles away from the core region.

The Spirit Abundance World was aiming for the core region of the Tongyou Institution back then, but the light cords were blown away by Shang Bo's aura and landed in 3 different spots in the middle sector of the island.

After the light cords were severed by Yan Su'er and Shang Xia, the Tongyou Island managed to escape. They were focused on running after that and no one remembered how the light drilled deep into the ground back then.

Now that they had Ren Bainian's reminder, the memories came flooding back. They recalled that there might be some hidden threat buried by the Spirit Abundance World on their island.

They felt the strange fluctuations coming from underground that seemed exceptionally weak. It might be weak, but they were sent out constantly. The protection barrier around the island couldn't stop the ripples from escaping, and neither could the spatial tunnel contain it. They continued on and entered the vast sea of stars with no one on the island knowing where they went.

"Did the Martial Dipper Realm expert locate and infiltrate our spatial tunnel because of this?" Yun Jing gasped.

Liu Qinglan added, "There are 3 spots like this on our island. If we don't deal with it properly, wouldn't that mean..."

The deeper Shang Xia tried to push his divine perception into the ground below, the more difficult it became. Even so, he ignored his consumption of energy and kept going. An ugly expression hung on his face and he muttered, "Those light rays exploded after going deep into the ground. It fused with everything 10 miles around it. It's going to be troublesome if we want to clean this up completely."

Yan Su'er growled coldly, "We have to clean this up no matter how troublesome it is. Otherwise, they'll be able to follow these ripples and discover the location of the Azure Origin World once we return. That's when the real trouble will begin."

Everyone nodded in agreement even though they were frustrated with the fact that it was going to be really annoying.

Turning around suddenly, Shang Bo stared at the back of the Tongyou Island and muttered, "Trouble is already here..."

Everyone raised their heads to take a look, but they couldn't see anything.

When they were still stuck in a state of confusion, a spot of light appeared in the depths of the sea of stars and it started to grow larger by the second. It split into countless light cords that quickly extended in the direction of the Tongyou Island.

"Quickly, look!" Shang Xia pointed in a certain direction behind the Tongyou Island and one of the light cords was starting to reach over.

The others were sent in different directions, and there were some that quickly flew past the Tongyou Island.

From the looks of it, the Tongyou Island seemed pretty lucky as none of the light cords were flying at them.

Even so, no one would dare to relax.

Tapping his feet on the ground, Shang Bo muttered, "No matter how difficult or troublesome it is, locate every fragment of light in the ground below. We cannot let a single piece remain on our island!"

Everyone nodded in unison as Shang Bo flipped his wrist. A ray of silvery-gray fate dipper qi emerged from his palm and went into the ground from different directions. It created a massive cage that sealed off the entire area.

They felt the ground trembling slightly and all of them quickly took several steps back. The entire chunk of land that was ten or so miles across was dug up with Shang Bo's fate dipper qi.

A crater that was ten or so miles wide and 30 miles deep was formed. He tossed it out of the protection formation and into the spatial tunnel. At the same time, he blasted it into dust that spread through the space above.

"You guys deal with the rest!" Shang Bo left behind his final statement before heading over to the other regions.

Even though his method was a little crude, time was of the essence. The faster he dealt with it, the better!

Shang Xia, Yun Jing, and the others glanced at each other before jumping into the giant crater to look for any light particles that could have been left behind.

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The moment Shang Bo arrived at the second location, he did the same thing and dug out a huge crater. After flinging it into the spatial tunnel, he noticed that the pillar of lights had closed in on the island behind theirs.

Several rays of light emerged from the island and Martial Extermination Realm experts shot into space to try to attack the strange pillar of light that was approaching.

Shang Bo couldn't help but sigh softly and he shook his head helplessly.

Those people had no idea what they were up against!

When he saw their method of dealing with the threat, Shang Bo was sure that there was no Martial Dipper Realm expert on their island. Otherwise, there was no way that expert would allow them to run out there to give their lives away.

He planned to give them a warning, but due to the optical error in space, the island was thousands of miles away despite it looking close by.

Looking at them, Shang Bo saw those Martial Extermination Realm experts displaying all their abilities in an attempt to destroy that strange pillar of light that was coming their way.

They summoned their blade qi, sword qi, attacks that swirled with lighting or other elements, and they used all sorts of weapons. Despite their efforts, their attacks were like droplets of water hitting the sea. They couldn't even cause the slightest bit of damage.

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The leader among them finally noticed that things were bad and he screamed for everyone to run. Unfortunately, the pillar of light swept around violently that very moment and destroyed the 6 Martial Extermination Realm experts who were in the air.

At the same time, it continued to extend towards the back of the island. If it were to continue extending, it would undoubtedly swallow the rest of the island. However, it didn't do that. The pillar of light stopped suddenly and maintained a certain distance away from the island. It followed the island as it made its way back to the Azure Origin World.

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Shang Bo finally arrived at the last piece of land as he circulated his fate dipper qi to dig out yet another crater. He also gathered his inner qi to send a voice transmission over to the other end of the spatial tunnel.

It didn't take long before a voice that could only be heard by him rang in his mind.

"I already notified Xuan Shou of the Zhongxuan Gate. Let's hope they can deal with the matter in time."

By the time he heard the voice, Shang Bo turned to look at the other island only to see the island starting to crumble. The core region separated from the rest of the island and accelerated in a direction away from the Tongyou Island.

The strange pillar of light didn't expect the island it was chasing to take such decisive measures. It failed to react in time and it didn't continue to chase after the core region that had split off.

By the time it wanted to give chase, the huge chunks of land that were left behind flew directly at the pillar of light.

The island was originally a thousand miles large. It wasn't much smaller than the Tongyou Island. The pillar of light might have been able to kill those Martial Extermination Realm experts easily, but facing such a huge landmass, it couldn't maintain its original speed and power.

With the pillar of light stalled for some time, the core region that was merely several miles in diameter disappeared in the spatial tunnel.

The pillar of light continued to extend through the spatial tunnel despite losing sight of the core region.

After receiving the warning from Kou Chongxue, Xuan Shou and Xuan Chang, the Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors from the Zhongxuan Gate made their move and severed the spatial tunnel.

With its destruction, the pillar of light landed in god knew which region in the sea of stars. However, the pillar of light seemed prepared for it. It didn't disappear after being thrown out of the spatial tunnel. Instead, it anchored itself into the void, and no matter how much the space around it crumbled, it maintained its position.

... Back to Shang Bo who had thrown out the third crater of land from the Tongyou Island. He stared at the pillar of light that was getting further and further away due to the movement of the Tongyou Island and his expression turned serious.

Other than Chu Jia who was in charge of controlling the grand formation, every other Martial Extermination Realm expert was busy getting rid of the light particles that might have been left behind.

The fluctuations might have weakened by tens of times, but there were still tiny ripples sent out from time to time. It continued to transmit whatever information to the depths of space.

All of a sudden, Shang Bo rose into the air and released his aura to cover a huge portion of the Tongyou Island.

Yun Jing, Shang Xia, and the others were taken aback and they stopped whatever they were doing to stare at him.

As the Tongyou Island continued to travel through the spatial tunnel, Shang Bo remained motionless where he stood. The island quickly drew away from him and Shang Xia didn't say a word as he rose into the air to approach his grandfather. Yan Su'er, Yun Jing, and the others followed behind him after a short moment of hesitation.

Right as they started to move, Shang Bo's voice rang in their ears. "Stay there. You guys can't help with this matter."

Everyone paused for a second and stood still in mid air for some time. They could hear how serious Shang Bo was and it was the first time he sounded so somber.

"Shang Xia, don't be rash!" Liu Qinglan yelled when she saw Shang Xia's figure at the edge of the protection barrier.

Yun Jing added, "That will be an exchange between Martial Dipper Realm experts! We'll only drag Shang Bo down if we head over. We still have a task at hand and that is to clean away all remnants of the light particles on our island!"

A spatial ripple emerged from nowhere and swept across the island suddenly.

None of them were unfamiliar with the feeling. They felt the same thing when the Martial Dipper Realm expert of the Spirit Abundance World appeared back then.

They no longer tried to warn Shang Xia as all of them turned to look at the region they passed through previously.

With his back facing the Tongyou Island, Shang Bo also started to retreat. However, he maintained a good distance from it in case anything were to happen.

Not too long after the spatial ripples appeared, the pillar of light that had been chasing the Zhongxuan Island earlier raced towards the Tongyou Island.

Seeing as it was getting closer and closer, Shang Bo roared, "Break!"

His Champion's Spear shot out like a dragon at the pillar of light and the energy contained in his Grand Silk Silver Sand Fate Dipper poured into the tip of his spear. The energy that emerged condensed to form a silvery-gray dragon in space that crashed into the pillar of light.

Unlike the attacks unleashed by those Martial Extermination Realm experts that failed to affect the pillar of light in the slightest, Shang Bo's spear strike caused the pillar to freeze for a moment.

Shang Bo's powerful spear art, along with the energy continued in his Grand Silk Silver Sand Fate Dipper, caused the ripples to appear on the surface of the light pillar. It even showed signs of breaking down.

Unfortunately, the situation only remained for a short moment. After the energy contained in Shang Bo's spear strike was exhausted, the pillar of light continued on its way.

Naturally, Shang Bo wouldn't sit around and let it do as it wished. He was close to the island, but he didn't choose to return to borrow the power of the grand formation. Instead, he merely observed what the pillar of light was doing.

Seeing as it continued to pull closer to the island, Shang Bo felt that there was no point in sending out another strike to stall it further.

The next moment, the world origin contained in the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc started to grow restless. As it churned about, a giant phantom appeared in the air above the Tongyou Island.

"Deputy Patriarch Ji!"

Liu Qinglan and the rest saw the giant illusory figure above the island when they were still looking for traces of the light particles in the crater.

Now that the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and the Tongyou Island managed to establish contact, Ji Wenlong was able to send a portion of his energy over. The instant his phantom appeared, he formed a complicated seal with his hands before pushing it in the direction of the pillar of light. "Seal, seal, seal!"

3 crystalline jade-like walls appeared in different positions in the void around the island before slicing into the pillar of light. It was forcefully separated into 4 different segments.

Those walls were made from the land Shang Bo dug out from the Tongyou Island, and they were created with the infusion of Ji Wenlong's inner qi.

No matter what, Ji Wenlong entered the Martial Dipper Realm much earlier than Shang Bo. He might not be stronger, but he definitely had a lot more experience and techniques.

Despite creating those walls to stop the pillar of light, waves upon waves of light came from the depths of space to strengthen it. The first wall was quickly shattered as the energy fused back into the pillar of light.

Soon after, the second and third walls fell.

After piercing through all 3 walls, the pillar of light extended towards the Tongyou Island with greater speed. It also seemed much stronger than before.

Unfortunately, it took some time for it to overcome the obstruction and the Tongyou Island had already pulled away.

The pillar of light was unwilling to give up as it continued to chase the island down through the spatial tunnel.

As it continued its pursuit, a sharp whistle arrived and space itself trembled. The Hidden Frost Sword finally made its appearance and Kou Chongxue's phantom appeared right after Ji Wenlong's disappearance. A frosty sword light tore across space, severing the spatial tunnel behind the Tongyou Island.

The moment the pillar of light touched the region of space where the Hidden Frost Sword sliced the spatial tunnel, it was torn to shreds. It split into many different directions before pouring into different regions of space.

Relying on Kou Chongxue's sword strike, the Tongyou Island managed to escape from the strange pillar of light. The Azure Origin World also started to appear in the distance.

"Quick, look there! What is that?" Chu Jia's yell brought everyone's attention to another region in space.

Chapter 618: Everlasting Palace, Divine Capital Pagoda, Mysterious Tortoise Hall

"Quick, look there! What is that?" Chu Jia's yell caused everyone to turn and look at something else. At that moment, they saw an amazing sight they had never seen before in their lives.

They might be amazed by the fusion of the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World, but they might also be awestruck by the scene where the various islands made their return. Those islands were starting to gather around both worlds.

At the same time, the experts on the Tongyou Island also saw the strange pillars of light following behind the other islands in their respective spatial tunnels. They also started to approach both worlds.

Back then, Shang Bo had already mentioned that the main goal of the Spirit Abundance World was most likely to locate the position of the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World in the vast sea of stars.

If those pillars of light were allowed to do as they wish, the locations of both worlds would definitely be exposed!

One had to know that even with all 3 Martial Dipper Realm ancestors of the Tongyou Institution working together, they were only able to stall the pillar of light. In the end, Kou Chongxue had to sever the spatial tunnel behind the island in order to send it away. The key point here was that they didn't truly destroy the pillar of light.

The next moment, a massive curtain appeared in the void around both worlds.

After the screen appeared, it started to expand outward. It severed the spatial tunnels leading to both worlds and hid the position of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World in the vast sea of stars.

Those broken spatial tunnels started to crumble and the space around them distorted.

When those strange pillars of light forcefully broke through the distorted space, they continued to advance. However, they were eventually stopped by the formless screen and couldn't advance another inch.

Since the Tongyou Island and the other islands were inside the range of the heavenly screen, everything that was outside was especially clear to them. They saw how those strange light pillars slammed against the screen in an attempt to shatter it.

Every time a pillar crashed into the screen, the impact would cause the void outside to tremble. At the same time, ripples would appear on the heavenly screen as it scattered the force of the impact.

When every pillar of light slammed into the heavenly screen without achieving anything, they started to turn blurry. It seemed as though their assault on the heavenly screen greatly exhausted the energy they contained.

Shang Xia raised his head to stare at the marvel in the distance and reached a conclusion. Indeed... Only experts at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm could deal with a cultivator of the same level.

It seemed like the guesses that Kou Chongxue and the others had were finally verified. There were actually experts in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm on the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World!

Shang Xia subconsciously turned to look at Shang Bo after understanding what had happened.

Staring at his grandfather, Shang Xia discovered that Shang Bo's attention wasn't on the exchange between experts at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. Instead, he had a solemn expression as he looked in the direction of the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

Feeling a little curious, he adjusted his angle slightly to see what his grandfather was looking at. The scene before his eyes shocked him. He noticed a majestic palace floating above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

"That should be the Eternal Palace..." Shang Bo whistled softly and introduced.

"Eternal Palace?" A thought flashed through Shang Xia's mind and he asked, "Is that where the Sixth Order expert of the Eternal Sect resides?"

Shang Bo didn't answer his question, but his silence gave Shang Xia the confirmation he needed.

"Then... What about the Divine Capital Sect and the Northern Sea Mystic Sect?" Shang Xia asked while looking around.

"They're over there." Shang Bo knew what he was looking for and he brought Shang Xia to another location on the Tongyou Island where he could look into the vast space.

Staring in the direction Shang Bo pointed out, Shang Xia saw the top half of a pagoda poking out above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

"That's the Divine Capital Pagoda!" Shang Bo explained. "According to Patriarch Kou's guess, neither our Azure Origin World nor the Azure Spiritual World has the capability to sustain the existence of an expert at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. In order to break past the shackles, they had to create a separate space that goes past the limits of a holy land. They can only advance when they create their own Elysium!"

"Elysium..." Shang Xia muttered. A multitude of thoughts ran through his mind. The first time he heard about an 'Elysium' was when he was asking Zhang Haogu for advice when he was entering the Yin Yang Realm.

The next moment, Shang Xia heard a cold chuckle coming from his grandfather. "Alas, our Azure Origin World is still an Azure World at the end of the day. Since we can't support an expert to break through the Martial Dipper Realm into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm, it's not possible for a holy land to upgrade themselves into their own Elysium."

Even more questions appeared in Shang Xia's mind.

Snorting twice, Shang Bo continued. "Since our world is unable to support their ascension, they have to steal the energy from elsewhere to strengthen themselves. The Qing, You, Bing, Liang, and Shu Border Continents were naturally given up and turned into barren land. At the same time, they can use us as sacrifices for the fusion of our worlds!"

Shang Xia's heart trembled violently after hearing Shang Bo's explanation. According to what he said, the reason the border continents failed to produce a holy land was because of those people! With how things were, it was clear the main culprits were the Divine Capital Sect and the Eternal Sect."

"The reason they managed to support the formation of both Elysiums was because they sucked away the world origin essence of the border continents. Only then were they able to produce their experts in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm." Shang Bo explained. "That is also why our continents are impoverished."

Shang Bo didn't have to explain more for Shang Xia to understand what was going on. At the same time, he also understood the reason behind Kou Chongxue's enmity with the 2 super factions of the Azure Origin World. A ton of things he didn't understand in the past finally started to make sense.

"Grandpa, if the Eternal Sect's Elysium is called the Eternal Palace, and the Divine Capital Sect's Elysium is called the Divine Capital Pagoda, what about the Northern Sea Mystic Sect?" Shang Xia asked the next second.

Once again, Shang Bo brought him along as they rose into the skies above the island. They flew for some time and they eventually saw the Void Abyss in the distance.

"Right, this is the Void Abyss between our worlds." Shang Bo pointed at the giant rift and continued, "Everything seems calm above the Void Abyss, but there is actually a

giant space vortex hidden from sight. It's not easy for anyone to pass through it and we can only stop at its edge."

Shang Xia's gaze landed on the Void Abyss and he muttered softly, "It looks a lot shallower than before..."

Shang Bo nodded in response. "That's an indication that the fusion of our worlds has started. In fact, it's a sign that the speed of fusion has sped up. By the time the rift disappears, our Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World will have fully merged. When that happens, the formless space vortex will cease to exist."

Shang Xia's head bobbed up and down as he expressed his understanding of the situation. At the same time, a question flashed in his mind. He wondered how long it had been since he left for the Manyu Continent.

"Oh right, look over there. That's the Black Tortoise Hall!"

Shang Xia gathered his attention and turned to stare in the direction his grandfather was pointing at.

Perhaps it was extremely far off, and the distortion of space by the space vortex might have something to do with it as well, but Shang Xia could only see a blurry figure in the distance. It resembled a giant Black Tortoise but that was about all Shang Xia could make out. He couldn't see it as clearly as the Eternal Palace or the Divine Capital Pagoda.

The only thing he noticed was that the Black Tortoise Hall looked a lot larger than the other 2 Elyiums.

When Shang Bo brought Shang Xia back to the island, the strange pillar of light outside the heavenly screen seemed to understand that it met its match. It wouldn't be possible to locate the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World with an existence of that level protecting them and it could only retreat back to the depths of space.

After some time, the heavenly screen that protected and hidden the worlds started to fade.

No one knew if it really disappeared or if it was concealed.

Even though the experts in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm of the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World made a move to stop the expert from the Spirit Abundance World's attempt to dig out their location, which was supposed to be a cause of celebration, Shang Xia wasn't too excited at the moment.

He gasped in shock, "Is the Sixth Order expert from the Spirit Abundance World going to retreat just like that?! It's unbelievable..."

Even though he didn't know how many experts there were in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm in the Spirit Abundance World, and neither did he know how strong they really were, he was certain about one thing. There was no doubt the number of experts in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm in the Spirit Abundance World was far greater than those in the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World.

That was why Shang Xia was feeling a little suspicious that they could actually repel the other party. He even suspected that it was a ruse the Spirit Abundance World was using to get them to

lower their guard. He was worried they would act to reveal the location of the worlds once the experts of the 3 superpowers became a little careless.

"The expert of the Spirit Abundance World had to project his energy too deep into space. The experts of the 3 superpowers have the home-ground advantage here. That is how they managed to repel the probing of the Spirit Abundance World..." Shang Bo explained.

Only then did Shang Xia heave a sigh of relief. "At least we weren't exposed in the end."

"You're thinking too simply. Even though the Spirit Abundance World failed to find our exact location, they probably learned our approximate position in the sea of stars. All they have to do next is to send out their experts in the Martial Dipper Realm and above to do a careful search of the area. Eventually, they'll find out where we are. It's just a matter of time." Shang Bo glanced at Shang Xia and sighed.

Widening his eyes in shock, Shang Xia gasped, "What..."

Shang Bo's deep voice came from the side once again. "It's impossible for us to prevent the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World. The thing we have to do next is to hasten the fusion of our worlds. Once we combine, the level of our world will increase. Only by ascending to a Spirit World will we be able to break the shackle that is preventing us from entering the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. We won't have to rely on the power of an Elysium to produce an expert of that level. Only then will we have hopes of fighting against the Spirit Abundance World."

Shang Bo couldn't help but turn to look at Shang Xia after speaking up to that point. "Kid, no matter what method you use, you need to increase your strength as soon as possible. Remember, growing stronger is always the correct answer!"

When Shang Xia's heart was blazing after hearing the explanation and rousing speech from his grandfather, Yun Jing's voice arrived to interrupt them. "Patriarch Kou instructed us to return to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion for the time being."

Shang Bo raised his eyebrows in surprise. "What about the island? Aren't we fusing it into the Azure Origin World?"

"The situation has changed. Before the fusion of our worlds is complete, the Tongyou Island will remain in space around the Beyond Heavens Pavilion." Yun Jing shook her head and spoke solemnly.

Glancing at the other islands that were hovering around the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, Shang Bo muttered, "Looks like we're not the only ones planning to do that. Every island is planning to wait for that chance. Hiss... Could it be that everyone plans to use the opportunity when our worlds upgrade into a Spirit World to..."

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As everyone made their way over to the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc, they prepared to be transported directly to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

When Shang Xia stepped into the formation to be sent back, his body froze and he stood there in a daze.

The Crimson Soul Tablet in his sea of consciousness was finally reacting. Rows upon rows of words appeared on its surface.

After a lengthy deduction process, the Crimson Soul Tablet finally managed to refine and optimize the rank five advancement formula Shang Xia provided.

Chapter 619: Five Elements Paradoxical Yin Yang Paste

In the Tongyou Institution's territory in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion...

5 days ago, a majority of the people on the Tongyou Island had been brought back to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion by Kou Chongxue and Ji Wenlong.

Other than the 200 or so cultivators who were in the Martial Intent Realm or below who were directly sent back to the Tongyou Mysterious World, the Martial Extermination Realm experts were brought to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. They remained there for a day or two before a good portion of them returned to the institution.

There were only 4 people left in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. They were Kou Chongxue, Shang Bo, Yun Jing, and Shang Xia. Even Ji Wenlong returned to the institution to hold the fort.

As the fusion of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World accelerated, the spatial barrier between them became a lot weaker than before. Entering each other's world became much easier than before.

Back on the Manyu Continent, the Tongyou Institution orchestrated the betrayal of the Swallow Race. A huge portion of cultivators from the Swallow Race entered the battlefield between the two worlds undetected under Yan Ming's lead. When the cultivators of the other races weren't prepared, they worked together with the Tongyou Institution to launch a raid on the members of the Azure Spiritual World. The operation allowed them to capture a hundred or so cultivators from the Martial Extremity Realm to the Martial Extermination Realm.

When the Tongyou Institution returned to the battlefield between the two worlds back then and established the Observation Peak, they managed to regain their footwork after losing it during the integration of the Tongyou Mysterious World. However, the territory they owned was merely a third of the battlefield between the two worlds.

After the sudden attack on the Azure Spiritual World with the help of the Swallow Race, the Tongyou Institution's territory expanded back to its original state. In fact, there were even signs of them suppressing the Azure Spiritual World.

With the lives of the hundred or so cultivators they captured as leverage, the Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors of both sides came to an agreement. They were traded for the freedom and safety of the Swallow Race who would be settling down in the You Continent.

After a majority of the Swallow Race's clansmen entered the You Continent, the hundred or so cultivators were released. With nothing holding them back, the experts of the 3 great races of the Liao Continent, along with the Changbai Holy Land weren't willing to accept the loss and started a maniacal counterattack against the Tongyou Institution in the battlefield between the two worlds.

Naturally, the institution wasn't going to let them do as they wished. Unwilling to show weakness, cultivators under the Martial Extermination Realm were thrown into battle and both sides nearly flipped the battlefield between the two worlds over with all the chaos they caused. The battlefield between the two worlds basically turned into an exclusive battlefield for them.

The Tongyou Institution might have gained a quick and easy advantage at the start, but their foundations and accumulations were lacking when compared to the Changbai Holy Land and the 3 great races of the Liao Continent.

Even when the cultivators of the Swallow Race joined the institution, they were still losing ground in the exchanges in the battlefield.

That was why as soon as the Tongyou Island returned, Kou Chongxue sent the lower-leveled cultivators back despite them being worn out from the journey. He even got Ji Wenlong to return to the Tongyou City to take charge of things there.

In the 5 days that passed, Shang Xia had mostly been studying the rank five advancement formula that the Crimson Soul Tablet improved and optimized.

A small portion of his consciousness was used to consolidate his foundations and experiences. He was straightening and organizing everything he learned and gained during the entire trip to the Manyu Continent.

When he was finally done, he turned to stare at the formula that spanned all 4 faces of the tablet.

Advancement Formula to enter the Five Elements Realm:

Advancement Requirement: Five Elements Paradoxical Yin Yang Paste

Advancement Condition: Grand Completion Stage of the Four Constellation Realm

Main Requirement: Five Elements Fate Dipper Essence (Wood Element of the Heavenly Stems, Fire Element of the Heavenly Stems, Earth Element of the Heavenly Stems, Metal Element of the Heavenly Stems, Water Element of the Heavenly Stems) Split into the elements of Yin and Yang.

Supporting Requirement: Rank Five Spiritual Objects of the Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, and Earth Elements. 1x per element.

Assistive Requirement: Rank Four Spiritual Objects of the Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, and Earth Elements. 1x per element.

Secondary Requirement: Five Elements Jade (By fusing the essence of each element into a single entity)

Remarks: Ingest the Yin Paste and Apply the Yang Paste to the positions that represent the Five Viscera.

World origin can be used to speed up the process.

You can refine the Five Elements Fate Dippers yourself.

You can refine fate dipper essence corresponding to the various elements to speed up the process of forming your Fate Dippers.

Success Rate: 60-99%

Compatibility: 100%

There wasn't any surprise as the Crimson Soul Tablet named the Martial Dipper Realm the Five Elements Realm for Shang Xia directly.

However, Shang Xia couldn't help but feel dizzy after looking through the advancement formula.

Without talking about anything else, the main requirement required fate dipper essence that corresponded to the 5 elements. That wasn't all. He needed both the yin and yang essence which made a total of 10! Just that alone was enough to stump him.

The only thing Shang Xia knew about the 5 elements were the elements themselves. Well, if he were to make a deduction, he would extend it to the Five Visceras in the human body with the heart representing fire, the lungs representing metal, the spleen representing earth, the liver representing wood, and the kidneys representing water. Anything more than that, Shang Xia would have to start guessing blindly.

Next came the realization that the 5 elements were split into yin and yang.

An example would be the metal element which was split into Geng Metal which represented the Yang and the Xin Metal which represented the Yin.

By the same logic, Jia Wood, Ren Water, Bing Fire, and Wu Earth represented the Yang, and Yi Wood, Gui Water, Ding Fire, and Ji Earth represented the Yin.

Shang Xia would have to rely on himself to determine which fate dipper essence symbolized the Yin or Yang.

Whatever it was, gathering 10 strands of fate dipper essence was going to be a massive headache. There was no need to mention the fact that he still had to find the appropriate fate dipper essence that correctly corresponded with the yin and yang of the various elements.

As for the rank five spiritual objects he had to obtain, the Crimson Soul Tablet didn't give too many details about what they had to be. The only requirement was that all of them had to be of the fifth rank. There was also the matter of the assistive requirement where all the treasures had to be of the fourth rank!

One had to know that rank five spiritual objects were normally used to craft divine weapons.

Even rank four spiritual objects were extremely rare and one had to put in a lot of effort to find them.

Just by looking at how Shang Xia obtained his rank four herbs back when he broke through to the Martial Extermination Realm would give him an idea how difficult it was to find treasures like that.

There was also the matter of the Five Elements Jade after that. According to how the tablet carried out its deduction, it had to be a rank five treasure. Moreover, it would be something they couldn't find easily!

Shang Xia's knowledge of what a Five Elements Jade was was as good as nothing.

Luckily, the Crimson Soul Tablet gave him a simple explanation of what it might be. 'Fusing the essence of each element into a single entity' was what was written and Shang Xia felt that it was probably a piece of jade that contained the special properties of the 5 elements.

Finally came the remarks. Everything there seemed a little interesting as from the content, Shang Xia could tell that the final product when he produced the Five Elements Paradoxical Yin Yang Paste was a little special. It should be split into the yin paste and the yang paste.

The Yin Paste was probably made with the fate dipper essence of the Yin type which would then be ingested by him during the advancement process while the Yang Paste was made from the fate dipper essence of the Yang Type would would then be applied on parts of his body that represented his Five Viscera.

Throughout the process, it would also be great to be in a location with abundant world origin. He could use it to hasten the absorption process and shorten the time needed to advance in case any accident happened.

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The part that truly shocked and impressed Shang Xia was the part where he wouldn't have to completely refine the fate dippers in order to advance into the Five Elements Realm!

It seemed as though he would be able to nurture fate dippers in his body after he used his advancement medicine.

Of course, Shang Xia knew the drawbacks. It was going to be a long and painful process for him to fully nurture his fate dippers. That was why the Crimson Soul Tablet also gave him some advice where he could continue to refine fate dipper essence after entering the Five Elements Realm to speed up the process of his fate dipper formation.

It wasn't difficult for Shang Xia to understand that the rank five advancement formula deduced by the Crimson Soul Tablet was a lot more complicated than other rank five advancement formulas out there.

Because he had to nurture his fate dippers after entering the Five Elements Realm, he could already imagine that he would be the weakest individual in the cultivation realm for some time.

Also, since his advancement required 10 fate dipper essences, he would probably be able to nurture every one of them into a fate dipper. If that were to happen, the upper limit of his strength would probably be far above everyone else.

According to the understanding the cultivators of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World had of the Martial Dipper Realm, a cultivator would have to fully refine 5 fate dippers before stepping into the large completion stage. Only then would they gain the qualifications to enter the grand completion stage and get a chance to take a step through the gates of the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm.

For Shang Xia to have to turn all 10 fate dipper essences into fate dippers, one could only imagine how terrifying he would become after that were to happen.

Whatever the case, Shang Xia concluded that the advancement formula produced by the Crimson Soul Tablet had its pros and cons. It made it really easy to step into the Martial Dipper Realm, as one could probably ignore all the requirements during their advancement, but that would result in them being extremely weak. However, the upper limit of strength one could reach when using the advancement formula was horrifyingly high.

Looking at the success rate that ranged from 60% to 99%, Shang Xia could guess that it depended on the various requirements. Playing around with the formula, Shang Xia tried removing either the Yang fate dippers or the Yin fate dippers and saw that the success rate had dropped to 80 percent.

When he mixed up the fate dipper essence to possess random yin and yang properties, the success rate dropped to the lowest possible percentage of 60%!

The changes truly shocked Shang Xia. His surprise stemmed from the fact that the success rate still remained that high despite using random fate dippers! One had to understand that a success rate of 60% was still astronomically high when talking about breaking through to the Martial Dipper Realm.

Of course, now that he had a modified formula like that, he could pass it on to the clan or the institution without any worries.

He wasn't being selfish by not revealing the advancement formula that suited him. After all, he was the only one who could use the complete formula with the assistance of the Crimson Soul Tablet!

Unless someone else had the Crimson Soul Tablet, otherwise, Shang Xia would only be harming everyone else if he publicized his method of advancement!

Chapter 620: Flowing Wind Formless Fate Dipper

A voice transmission eventually woke Shang Xia up from his short seclusion.

Emerging from a tiny hut in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, Shang Xia didn't bother flying as he quickly ran towards the pavilion that was close to the Void Abyss that separated the worlds.

Even though it wasn't his first time in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, he couldn't help but gasp in admiration at the picturesque scene of the vast sea of stars.

The only difference between what he was seeing now and the first time he came was hundreds of land fragments in the vast space around them. The size of the Tongyou Island had also grown by a good half.

Those fragments might seem small, but that was only because Shang Xia was a fair distance away. The smaller ones were several miles wide while the larger ones ranged from 10 to 20 miles in diameter.

Most people might have already left the island, but there were still a few stationed on it in order to protect and take charge of things there.

If Shang Xia didn't remember wrongly, Song You and Yun Yichen were the experts the institution stationed there.

As for the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc, it had been removed by Chu Jia the moment they returned. It was handed to Ji Wenlong who brought it back to the Tongyou Mysterious World personally.

By the time Shang Xia arrived at the pavilion, Kou Chongxue and Shang Bo were already there.

Since the Tongyou Island had already returned, Kou Chongxue didn't need to stay there the entire time. He could come and go as he pleased. However, the pavilion wasn't completely useless. Since the Tongyou Island hadn't assimilated into the Azure Origin World, something had to stabilize it in space.

Seeing as Shang Xia had arrived, Shang Bo was the first to speak. "Wait here for a minute. Third Lady Yun and Elder Yan will be here soon."

Of course, Shang Xia knew who Third Sister Yun referred to. Back then, the patriarchs of the clans numbered themselves according to age. Ji Wenlong was the oldest and they addressed him as Chief Ji, Liu Jitang was the second oldest and gained the title 'Second Brother Liu'. Yun Jing came next and they called her Third Sister Yun ordinarily. Only when there were no outsiders present would they call her Third Lady Yun. As the youngest, Shang Bo became Fourth Brother Shang.

Nodding his head, Shang Xia greeted Kou Chongxue before sitting down like an obedient child.

Compared to Shang Bo's strict treatment, Kou Chongxue seemed a lot more casual with Shang Xia. When he saw how the youngster had taken his seat, Kou Chongxue chuckled in amusement. "Hehe, you're already at the grand completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm. Even though all of us greatly anticipated your achievements when you refined your extermination origins simultaneously and held high hopes, your speed of cultivation still managed to catch us off guard."

Shang Xia sniggered softly and put on a 'humble' expression as he muttered, "I was just a little bit luckier than the rest... Moreover, I couldn't have done it without your support, and the support of all my elders!"

Kou Chongxue pointed at Shang Xia while turning his head to Shang Bo. He laughed out loud, "Look at this kid! This little sly brat isn't even trying to act a little modestly!" When he was done, he didn't wait for Shang Bo to say anything when he turned back to Shang Xia. "Brat, your path of cultivation seems different from all of us and we can see that you developed it yourself. What do you plan to do with it? You can be considered a peak-tier expert of the institution now. Are you willing to become an advisor and leave behind your inheritance for the others to follow in your footsteps?"

Shang Bo's eyebrows arched up slightly and he seemed to want to speak. However, he swallowed whatever was about to come out of his mouth and decided to let Shang Xia speak for himself.

Currently, it could be said that if they didn't consider the Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors of the Tongyou Institution, Shang Xia was the strongest existence they had. Both his cultivation realm and his combat strength stood above the rest.

Even as his grandfather, Shang Bo couldn't make decisions on his behalf!

Facing Kou Chongxue's question, Shang Xia had been considering his options since he was in the Yin Yang Realm. After all, it was true that he had been walking down his own path of cultivation. Anyone who paid any attention to him would have also discovered the fact.

The speed at which he improved was also getting faster and faster as his cultivation level grew higher and higher. His true combat abilities were also terrifyingly strong! All of that caused a lot of attention to turn to him. It was a matter of time before someone outside the institution started to suspect something and started prying into the matter.

Luckily, Shang Xia seemed prepared for it.

To be honest, he only thought of the problem recently and realized it was unbelievably late for him to feel the threat.

Now, Kou Chongxue was the one who was asking if he was interested in becoming an advisor of the institution. Moreover, he asked it in the presence of Shang Bo.

For him to do so under such circumstances, it was clear that Kou Chongxue was hoping Shang Xia would be able to make the decision himself.

Thinking back to the time he made his breakthrough to the Four Constellation Realm, Shang Xia had been looking for the herbs required for his advancement medicine and the higher-ups of the institution gave him their full support. That was how he managed to obtain his advancement medicine so quickly. After everything that happened, Shang Xia could feel the care they were giving him. They were also actively giving him some form of protection.

Obviously, they also had an intention of supporting him when he took the risk to break through. The moment he did, he would open up a new path of cultivation!

At the end of the day, Shang Xia couldn't deny that the Tongyou Institution had given him huge amounts of support. He knew he had to return the favor, and he thought of a good way to do it a long time ago. Now that he reached his current realm, it was time for him to carry it out.

"Patriarch, you can rest assured that I am willing to become an advisor in the institution." Shang Xia agreed decisively. He sounded extremely sincere as he continued, "I only obtained my current achievements because of your support along with the help rendered by the institution. I won't forget everyone who helped me and I know what I have to do. However, my cultivation method is very risky and my methods are a little... Different... I feel that I should warn you about it before anything else."

"Hahaha!" Kou Chongxue roared with laughter and replied happily, "I'm really happy you thought of all these. As for whether or not your method of cultivation will be acknowledged and accepted, you won't have to worry about that. Everyone is in charge of their own decisions and ways to cultivate. You can just let them make their choice."

Shang Xia quickly expressed his acknowledgment.

"What are you guys talking about? Why do you all look so happy?" Yun Jing asked as she arrived with Yan Su'er. She laughed as she approached, "I heard your laughter from all the way back there. Is there some good news or something?"

"Actually, there is. The Martial Dipper Realm expert Little... Fourth Brother killed back then left behind a lot of treasures. We finally managed to open his spatial artifact." Kou Chongxue replied.

Yun Jing's eyes lit up and a wide smile formed on her face. "What good stuff did we obtain? Little Brother Shang, there's no need to hide it from us! Hurry up and take them out for us so that we can widen our horizons. Let's see what precious treasures a 'superior world' like the Spirit Abundance World possesses."

Kou Chongxue managed to change the way he addressed Shang Bo in time, but Yun Jing failed to do so. An awkward expression appeared on his face after hearing how she addressed him as he felt like he had lost his image in his grandson's eyes.

Shang Xia lowered his head and he acted as though he didn't hear a thing. No one knew if he was distracted by something or what he was thinking about.

The Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Spirit Abundance World clearly overestimated himself. He never expected to die in a place like that and he didn't destroy his belongings before his death. Even though he was severely injured by Kou Chongxue's sword qi and suffered a sneak attack from Shang Bo, he failed to detonate his spatial artifact. In the end, he was hunted down by Shang Bo and left all his treasures behind.

A helpless look hung on his face as he turned to look at Yun Jing before placing several treasures on the stone table before them.

The moment the treasures appeared, Shang Xia immediately snapped back to attention. He raised his head to stare at everything on display.

The first item Shang Bo brought out was the half-broken golden shuttle. Shang Xia was extremely familiar with the treasure and he knew that it was a weapon that belonged to the foreign expert.

The weapon was destroyed by Kou Chongxue's sword qi, but Shang Bo said that it was possible for him to strengthen his Champion's Spear with it. Who would have thought that he would bring it out for everyone to see?

The second item caused Shang Xia's jaws to drop in shock. The second treasure was a multi-faceted crystal that was slightly blue in color. It wasn't the first time Shang Xia had seen a treasure like that.

"Is this a crystal formed after a fate dipper is condensed to the extreme?" Yun Jing also recognized it and she spoke before Shang Xia could.

In the past, Shang Xia had seen something like that before and even though the size of the item he saw in the past was different from the one he was seeing now, along with its color, he could tell it was similar.

He also knew that a treasure like that was different from a fate dipper fragment that could transform into an Origin Dipper. The treasure before them was created when Martial Dipper Realm experts created a fate dipper clone and was killed.

Indeed, Shang Bo's explanation came quickly. "After that person was injured by Patriarch Kou's sword qi, he created a fate dipper clone in order not to affect his combat strength. It was a shame he got careless and the clone was heavily injured by my sneak attack. After that, I chased his clone down and killed him. His cultivation should be in the Second Element of the Martial Dipper Realm. He refined 2 fate dippers and after splitting off one to create his clone, he managed to escape with his other fate dipper."

"What fate dipper is this?" Shang Xia suddenly asked.

Reaching out to hold the crystal, Kou Chongxue studied it carefully before replying, "This should be the Flowing Wind Formless Fate Dipper. The Spirit Abundance World definitely considered it

carefully before sending him over. The reason you managed to kill his fate dipper clone was because he got careless. Otherwise, it would be extremely challenging to kill someone like that."

After he spoke, Kou Chongxue placed the fate dipper back onto the table.

Shang Bo asked after he completed his explanation. "Can you refine this Flowing Wind Formless Fate Dipper as your fourth fate dipper?"

Yun Jing and Yan Su'er stared at Kou Chongxue in anticipation.

Everyone knew that Kou Chongxue had refined 3 fate dippers at that point. His combat strength was still considered at the peak of the Martial Dipper Realm and not many people were his opponent.

If he managed to refine another fate dipper, he would become a Fourth Element Martial Dipper Realm expert. When that happened, he would definitely grow a lot stronger. He might even become invincible under the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm.

The Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World were about to complete the process of fusion. At the same time, the Eternal Sect, Divine Capital Sect, and Northern Sea Mystic Sect revealed the existence of their experts at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. There was also the matter of the Spirit Abundance World bearing down on them at any time.

If Kou Chongxue, the expert who had extraordinary combat strength in the Martial Dipper Realm, could take another step forward, it would be a cause for celebration for the Tongyou Institution.

Kou Chongxue naturally understood what they were thinking about and his gaze paused on the Flowing Wind Formless Fate Dipper. A smile appeared on his face all of a sudden and to everyone's surprise, he turned to Shang Xia who was sitting furthest away from him and asked, "Shang Xia, what do you say? Do you think I should refine this fate dipper?"