

The Heavens 711

Chapter 711: Boost From a Holy Land

Yun Lu always thought that the greatest enemy he would face would be 'Kou Chongxue' who was stationed in the Tongyou Mysterious World at the moment.

However, it didn't actually matter if 'Kou Chongxue' was actually the one directing everything at the moment. He forgot one important point and that was the spiritual beasts who were following the stream of world origin at the moment.

Yun Lu understood the simple theory that the beasts might go crazy after he took away the stream of world origin, causing great destruction to the You Continent. Unfortunately, he seemed to be ignoring the fact that anyone who tried snatching the stream of world origin at the moment would turn into the enemy of those spiritual beasts!

In the Tongyou Mysterious World, Shang Xia made the decision to split away a part of world origin in order to lead those spiritual beasts into the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. Yun Lu's goal was to obtain the world origin that had been directed away.

The moment he made his move, the outcome was decided. It didn't matter if he was a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor or not. Even Shang Xia, who was also at the Martial Dipper Realm, needed the assistance and suppression of world origin to keep the beasts in check. Without world origin, those beasts would eventually die. With the threat of their lives, they chose to strike back at Yun Lu.

The spiritual beast who led the counterattack was naturally a high-level beast. It was the Lightning Bird who had already become a rank four spiritual beast. It was surrounded by 300 or so Mutated Rain Swallows, and they made the first move as an example for the other spiritual beasts in their horde.

Earlier, the Lightning Bird gathered the strength of the entire flock. With its innate skill and the assistance from the other Mutated Rain Swallows, the strength of the attack was no weaker than a strike from a Martial Dipper Realm expert. The bolt of silver lightning it generated shattered the spatial tunnel created by Yun Lu.

With the successful counterattack, the curtains of resistance were drawn and the other beasts started to make their move.

High-level spiritual beasts emerged from the horde. They also possessed the strength to shatter space and they had the ability to deal with any further attempts to steal the stream of world origin. After all, if one of their attacks didn't work, they would just take turns to launch an offensive at any new spatial tunnels that formed. Under their constant bombardment, it would shatter regardless.

Naturally, they couldn't avoid world origin being sucked away while they attempted to destroy the spatial tunnel, but the amount that would be taken eventually would be insignificant when compared to the massive stream they followed.

The only person who was actually affected by the repeated attempts to steal world origin was Yun Lu. He tried time and time again, but he returned empty handed. On his last attempt, he suffered a loss in the hands of a bunch of spiritual beasts. He truly turned into a laughing stock in the eyes of everyone who was keeping an eye on the situation.

Obviously, Yun Lu felt that he had to prove himself after being humiliated multiple times.

Not to mention the fact that those spiritual beasts were about to enter the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. Yun Lu's plan to use the beasts to cause large-scale damage to the You Continent was basically thwarted at that point. The only thing he could be thankful for was the fact that the streams of world origin were getting closer and it would be much easier for him to obtain it.

From what happened earlier, he could tell that 'Kou Chongxue' had reached his limit and would no longer be able to control the streams of world origin perfectly.

"Hmph, no matter how flowery your methods are, I'm still going to be able to take the world origin for myself!" Yun Lu snorted coldly. Right before he could make his move, the stream of world origin that was leading the groups of beasts in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range scattered. It spread through the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range and filled the entire region of land.

"How..." Yun Lu was stuck in a state of disbelief as he looked at what happened before him.

Whatever it was, he was a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor and he quickly realized what had happened. The world origin stream was split among the various spiritual beast packs.

Shang Xia wanted to lead those beasts into the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, and as they got closer, they discovered that the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range was an extremely suitable habitat for them to live.

The high-level beasts among them had the ability to control world origin to a certain extent in the first place. The only reason they stuck together earlier was because they were fleeing from the battlefield between the two worlds and had to do so in order to leave. The amount of world origin they brought with them naturally resulted in a massive flood when they emerged in the You Continent. Now that they arrived in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, they would quickly start establishing their own territories.

With the departure of every single spiritual beast pack, a portion of world origin would be separated from the stream. As they quickly broke off, the stream of world origin didn't take long to be completely split up.

There were tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of beasts that emerged from the battlefield between the two worlds. As they brought a portion of world origin away to whatever location they found in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, the stream quickly disappeared. Yun Lu was unable to collect them all.

Was he supposed to connect spatial tunnels to each and every living spiritual beast in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range to collect world origin? That wasn't actually possible.

What was more, those spiritual beasts and creatures who emerged would start to refine the world origin they brought along in order to familiarize themselves to their surroundings.

Also, Yun Lu didn't have the guts to actually step into the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range if he wished to collect world origin himself.

At the end of the day, Yun Lu's huge 'scheme' he thought of to take revenge on the Tongyou Institution for what they had done to him back then was completely useless. He obtained a small portion of world origin, but it was so little that it couldn't even fill him up.

Enraged, Yun Lu roared and swung his arms, scattering the bit of world origin he painstakingly collected. As it spread 5 miles across wherever he was, the world origin nurtured the land around. After a few years, the entire region would turn into a blessed land where low-level cultivators would go around to find spiritual herbs and treasures.

With the spiritual beasts entering the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, their threat to the You Continent had been dealt with. Everyone in the You Continent heaved a sigh of relief and those who were keeping an eye on the situation couldn't help but release gasps of admiration.

Throughout the process, Shang Xia's ability to control world origin truly shocked all of them.

As he hadn't revealed his identity, everyone thought that Kou Chongxue was the one behind everything.

With the situation at hand, be it Shang Xia who was in the Tongyou Mysterious World or Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion... All of them were happy with the misunderstanding.

The more those outside the You Continent were afraid, the more time they could buy for the ascension of the Tongyou Mysterious World.

"Are you guys really going to watch as the Tongyou Mysterious World becomes the Tongyou Paradise?!" Yun Lu yelled reluctantly while staring in the direction of the You Continent.

Unfortunately, silence was all that replied to him. It was as though those observing the situation from other continents weren't there.

Also... Yun Lu, who was yelling the most aggressively among them all, stood firmly inside the Ji Continent. He didn't even dare to take a single step into the You Continent.

Luo Baixu chuckled softly in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion high above. "Looks like your Tongyou Institution is going to ascend to the Tongyou Paradise without much problems. No one will dare to mess with you now."

Pausing slightly, Luo Baixu turned a little serious before speaking again. "Congratulations!"

Xu Bailing also became a little serious as he cupped his fists towards Shang Bo and Ji Wenlong. "Congratulations!"

Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo glanced at each other before cupping their fists back in response, "Many thanks."

Looking at the 4 of them, no one would think that they had just been through an intense fight.

Xu Bailing broke out into laughter the next moment. "According to our original agreement, we were supposed to be putting on a show when we fought. We had always been prepared to take action if any experts tried to interfere with the ascension. Now that Patriarch Kou instilled fear in

them with his powerful abilities. Even without our assistance, you should be fine. However, our Changbai Sect might need your help for what we're about to do..."

Ji Wenlong muttered in a low voice, "Since we already have an arrangement, our Tongyou Institution will keep our promises."

Shang Bo quickly followed up, "Of course, according to our original agreement, you didn't need to do anything to help us. Since we're going to help you, we'll take 70 percent of the battlefield between the two worlds!"

"Impossible! You best not forget how you 2 had been suppressed by us earlier. If neither of us help each other, we are supposed to gain 70 percent of the land. If you help us, we'll split it down the middle!"

"Hey, we're the ones at an advantage in the battlefield between the two worlds. Also, you guys saw how we dealt with a large portion of those spiritual beasts." Ji Wenlong retorted.

Shang Bo quickly added, "Should Patriarch Kou be the one to explain the reasoning to you guys?"

Clearly, Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo had gotten used to using Kou Chongxue's name. They were planning to use it to the fullest.

Eventually, Luo Baixu muttered, "60 percent. You can get 60 percent of the battlefield between the two worlds."

"Senior Brother..." Xu Bailing panicked.

However, he was stopped with a single gesture from Luo Baixu.

"Alright, 60 percent it is!" Ji Wenlong agreed immediately.

"However, the mountainous regions between our worlds must belong to the institution." Shang Bo added.

Luo Baixu didn't waste any time and he agreed.

Xu Bailing couldn't help but turn to Luo Baixu as he questioned, "Senior Brother, why are you agreeing to all of that?"

Instead of replying, Luo Baixu turned to Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo with a wide grin. "When the Triple Frost Palace attacks, I will have to trouble you to assist my Changbai Holy Land!"

"This..."

Hearing who they were up against, Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo knew that they had been scammed.

Luo Baixu seemed to have detected the movements of the Triple Frost Palace a long time ago. However, he didn't say anything to the others and managed to make Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo promise to help them. Even Xu Bailing was kept in the dark until that moment.

Back then when Kou Chongxue made the promise on behalf of the institution, the matter had already been set. Since they brought it up again, there was no way they could reject it.

Seeing the look of hesitation on Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo's face, Luo Baixu chuckled with a smile that didn't seem like one. "What's the matter? Are you afraid that someone will try to obstruct the ascension of the Tongyou Mysterious World? With Kou Chongxue taking charge of the situation there, who's crazy enough to mess with you guys?"

Luo Baixu's smile caused Shang Bo's heart to skip a beat. He felt as though the old expert had already detected something.

"Since that's the case, I'll follow you guys into the Azure Spiritual World. Chief Ji can stay behind to watch over the situation and ensure the smooth ascension." Shang Bo spoke immediately.

Because of the way Ji Wenlong broke through, he was unable to leave the You Continent. Shang Bo wasn't restricted the same way as him.

Ji Wenlong nodded slightly and added, "Even though I am unable to personally head for the Azure Spiritual World, I can still provide my assistance at a critical moment."

"Many thanks to fellow cultivators then! However, there's no need to call us the Azure Origin or Azure Spiritual world any longer. Our worlds will combine as one and we will all be living under the same heavens. In the future, we can be considered neighbors for real!" Luo Baixu chuckled.

Since the Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion had stopped fighting, the secret of their alliance had been revealed. There was no need for any more pretense.

Not too long after Shang Bo left with Luo Baixu and Xu Bailing, Ji Wenlong's had a strange feeling as he raised his head to look at the Void Abyss that used to be between both worlds.

The pavilion that stood tall trembled slightly before rising slowly.

Even though his cultivation didn't rise, he could feel himself getting stronger. The aura he emitted grew by several times and he roared with laughter, "It's done! Hahaha!"

Chapter 712: Tongyou Paradise, Get!

Shang Xia knew that the creation of any holy land required the acknowledgment of the world itself.

However, the birth of a holy land was also extremely beneficial to the world they were in.

Throughout the process of its creation, they would need a large amount of world origin to drive its growth. In order to obtain such a huge amount of world origin, one would have to obtain it from the world itself.

Without acknowledgment and support from the world, a holy land would never be able to take shape.

Also, the easiest way for a holy land to be created was for it to fix some sort of weakness in the world.

That was something Shang Xia had learned from his conversations with Kou Chongxue in the past. He knew that every holy land could be considered a vassal of the world, and they were layers of protection.

It wasn't as though Shang Xia never thought of the weakness the Tongyou Paradise was fixing when they ascended into a holy world, but that was probably one of the most guarded secrets in the institution. Shang Xia might have the qualifications to learn about it at his current level, but he didn't plan on prying if Kou Chongxue and the others hadn't said anything about it.

There was also something he didn't expect. After the ascension of the Tongyou Mysterious World into the Tongyou Paradise, the weakness of the world they were making up for was actually located right under the pavilion beside the Void Abyss!

Shang Xia had always thought that the pavilion was just a gathering point the institution used in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. In the past, he even mocked how stingy the institution had been for building a mere pavilion there.

Thinking back to the many times he had been there, he realized that the pavilion was never once empty. There was always a Martial Dipper Realm expert stationed there. It was either Kou Chongxue, or Ji Wenlong. When they weren't able to be present, Kou Chongxue's Fate Dipper Clone would take on the role of keeping watch over it.

Who would have thought that the weakness of the world would be concealed under the simple-looking pavilion?!

It seemed to prove the point that the more dangerous a location was, the easier it was to hide whatever it was they were hiding.

In the Tongyou Paradise, Shang Xia was experiencing the final phase of transformation.

If he were to compare the Tongyou Mysterious World to the new Tongyou Paradise, the Tongyou Mysterious World was like a pool of stagnant water. It might contain a large amount of world origin and could support the cultivation of several cultivators, but the world origin was something the institution absorbed from the Origin Tide back then. Every bit counted. It wouldn't cause any strange transformations, and they would have to replenish it whenever possible.

With the speed of the Tongyou Institution's expansion back then, the world origin stored in the Tongyou Mysterious World was truly unable to keep up with the ever-increasing number of Martial Extermination Realm experts.

That was why the Tongyou Institution wanted to upgrade the Tongyou Mysterious World to the Tongyou Paradise as soon as possible.

Now that it completed the transformation, world origin seemed to come alive. The transformation wasn't just because of the much larger space a holy land contained compared to a mysterious world.

The core region of the holy land was actually connected to the world origin produced by the world itself. It could replenish exhausted world origin continuously and that wasn't all. The Tongyou Paradise resembled a living creature as it started to 'breathe' using some sort of profound method.

Every time the holy land absorbed world origin from the world, it seemed to give something back with each 'exhale'. There seemed to be some sort of exchange going on. Moreover, the channel at which that was taking place seemed to be high in the air within the holy land.

Shang Xia stared at the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc thoughtfully as that seemed to be the treasure used to make up for the weakness in the world.

Whatever it was, the Tongyou Paradise could absorb world origin in an endless cycle and turn into a blessed land for real.

The implications were huge as now, the Tongyou Paradise possessed the ability to nurture some rarely seen, unusual treasures. After all, a blessed land didn't just nurture random spiritual herbs and plants.

The greatest example of those unusual treasures was of course, an Origin Dipper!

That was the true strength of a holy land and it was why all of them could be classified as a sacred land for cultivation! They could produce Origin Dippers one after another, and it could ensure that Martial Dipper Realm experts from their faction never died out. Their inheritances would be passed down forever.

Now that the Tongyou Institution finally possessed their own holy land, they would finally enter the ranks of the sacred land of cultivation for the new world.

Shang Xia thought of something and he waved his sleeves. Several rays of light shot towards different locations in the Tongyou Paradise.

"Hey, what are you doing?" Chu Jia, who was controlling the grand formation, noticed everything in the Tongyou Paradise. Shang Xia's movements couldn't escape her eyes.

Without even raising his head, Shang Xia replied, "These are several fate dipper essences Patriarch Kou and I gathered. We can't use any of them at the moment and with the completion of our ascension, there are many transformations that happened. We can't control all of them, but we can try to use them to hasten the production of Origin Dippers with these fate dipper essences."

"You're right. The holy land has already started to nurture some rank five spiritual treasure..." Chu Jia replied.

Shang Xia was shocked and he couldn't help but ask, "How did it happen so quickly?"

"It might have something to do with how we just completed the transformation. Our connection to the world was pretty intense and some of the transformations were truly hard to control. They might have caused the acceleration of the production of those treasures." Chu Jia explained.

Shang Xia thought about it for a second and he continued, "Actually, the Worlds' Will don't seem to be fully fused together. That might have brought about a great opportunity for us. Of course, you might be right too..."

When he was speaking, his gaze darted around and landed on the spots where he sent the fate dipper essences. He could tell that the world origin in those areas were circulating much faster than other regions and they seemed to be converging together.

A large amount of origin essence would pour out during the fusion of worlds, and since the Tongyou Institution chose to establish their holy land the same time the fusion was happening, it was indeed possible for them to absorb origin essence that had emerged.

Looking at how they made use of the astronomical amount of world origin that emerged during the Origin Tide to greatly expand the space in the Tongyou Paradise, and how a bunch of spiritual

treasures were being nurtured, one could see that the institution managed to seize a good time to make the upgrade.

“It’s a pity we don’t have more fate dipper essences. Especially those related to the 5 elements. Otherwise, I might be able to make them grow faster and complete the formation of my fate dippers...”

Shang Xia allowed his imagination to run wild, even though he knew it wasn’t quite possible for any of that to happen.

Of course, the desire to grow stronger had spouted in his heart after thinking about fate dipper essences. As such, the sense of urgency to complete his rank five arts also reached new heights.

Only by completing his rank five arts would he be able to get rid of the shackles where he had to refine the same fate dipper essences. Once he could refine any fate dipper essence related to the 5 elements, the difficulty for him to increase his cultivation level would drop greatly.

He also needed his rank five martial arts in order to achieve his full combat capabilities in the Martial Dipper Realm. If he wasn’t able to circulate his inner qi effectively, he wouldn’t be able to last for long in any fight among Martial Dipper Realm experts.

“Also... the moment I manage to develop my rank five martial arts...” A faint flash of five colored light appeared and covered the space around him. Everywhere it passed, world origin converged and Shang Xia was able to control them however he wished.

During the exchange he had with Yun Lu earlier, Shang Xia seemed to display perfect control of world origin. He felt that he could use the principles of controlling world origin as his foundation of his rank five arts.

When he was still thinking about the development of his rank five art, he seemed to recall something he had neglected for a long time.

Raising his head to look at the highest point of the Tongyou Paradise, he asked, “Didn’t the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc absorb a lot of world origin back in the Manyu Continent? Why didn’t we use any of it during the ascension of the Tongyou Mysterious World?”

With his exquisite control of world origin, he didn’t notice a third source of world origin.

Chu Jia’s reply didn’t come immediately. She seemed to be occupied with something else and she only spoke after some time. “We have other uses for the world origin from the Manyu Continent. It’s not the time to put it to use.”

Shang Xia’s thoughts then turned to the Tongyou Island that was still hovering somewhere around the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. “Are we going to use it when we integrate the Tongyou Island into our world?”

Chu Jia’s reaction was even more delayed and she only replied after some time, “Yeah, if everything goes smoothly, that’s when we’ll have to use it.”

A frown formed on Shang Xia’s face and with a single step, he arrived at the spot where the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc was. He didn’t see Chu Jia anywhere.

Slightly surprised, he quickly thought of something else. He raised his head to look at the formation disc itself. The next moment, he leaped into the air while aiming straight for it.

The next second, a strange ripple appeared in the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc that was currently acting as the dome of the Tongyou Paradise. When he came into contact with the strange rippling surface, his figure disappeared.

When he reappeared, he was in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. Standing in the pavilion, he discovered Ji Wenlong and Chu Jia.

Because of the birth of the Tongyou Paradise, the pavilion was in a much higher spot than before. Staring in the direction where the Void Abyss used to be, he discovered that it was no longer there. Even with his divine will, he couldn't feel any trace of it.

“Where's my grandpa?”

The moment Shang Xia appeared, he could feel that Ji Wenlong and Chu Jia were enduring some sort of massive pressure. However, his first thought was about his grandfather.

Of course, he didn't leave them out to dry. While waiting for an answer, he reached out and casually pressed his hand on one of the supporting beams of the pavilion. A ray of five colored light entered the pillar and the pavilion sank heavily.

Chu Jia gave a huge sigh as she became a lot more relaxed.

“Deputy Patriarch Shang went over to the Azure Spiritual World to help the Changbai Sect. They're about to fight against the Triple Frost Palace.”

“Huh?”

Chapter 713: Returning to One! Lightning up the Stars!

Shang Xia actually expected the institution to have some sort of deal going on with the Changbai Holy Land from the way they had been acting since a long time ago.

However, he wasn't exactly sure about how far their cooperation went. He was shocked to discover that the Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors from both sides would actually be willing to help each other.

Because of Shang Xia's assistance, the pressure on Ji Wenlong was greatly reduced. He chuckled and gave an explanation, “Since the worlds have fused, there is no need for us to hide our relationship any longer. We formed an alliance some time ago, and today, we're just heading over to provide some assistance. It's not like we're going to fight the opponents to the death...”

Soon after, Ji Wenlong started to explain what was going on. He also spoke about the wager the institution had with the Changbai Holy Land about the battlefield between the two worlds.

“If that's the case, the Changbai Holy Land isn't exactly doing as well as we thought...”
Shang Xia sighed.

Ji Wenlong continued, “The Triple Frost Palace is backed by the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. That's a super power that established their own Elysium and has 6 Martial Dipper Realm experts. From Patriarch Kou's guesses, the foundations of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect should be deeper than the

Eternal Palace and the Divine Capital Sect. It's truly the strongest faction in our worlds. Facing such an existence, the Changbai Holy Land obviously has to lower their heads..."

"In that case, the Changbai Holy Land's plan to harvest their benefits from the Liao Continent didn't work?" Shang Xia asked thoughtfully.

"If they did, we won't have to ally ourselves with them..." Ji Wenlong chuckled.

After Ji Wenlong's explanation, Shang Xia seemed to understand the situation regarding the Liao and Ji Continents of the Azure Spiritual World and themselves.

Chu Jia, who finally managed to catch her breath, interrupted, "You should return to the Tongyou Paradise in case someone manages to discover your presence. Now, they're still mistaking you for Patriarch Kou."

Shang Xia chuckled in response, "Even if they notice me now, they won't know where Patriarch Kou is. They will think that we have another Martial Dipper Realm expert in our ranks and will restrain themselves even more for fear of our strength."

"It's fine. Even though this pavilion looks like it's exposed to the world, no one will be able to see what's happening here if we don't allow it to happen. Little Xia's presence won't be revealed." Ji Wenlong smiled.

Only then did Chu Jia nod slightly. She was still a Martial Extermination Realm cultivator at the end of the day. She wasn't able to understand the intricacies behind the methods used by Martial Dipper Realm experts.

After helping Ji Wenlong and Chu Jia with the pavilion, Shang Xia finally looked around and asked, "What happened here? Why do you have to endure such pressure in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion even though the holy land was successfully created?"

A bitter chuckle left Ji Wenlong's lips. "That's exactly why we're facing such pressure. It's a type of backlash we have to suffer. Originally, it wouldn't be anything significant. However, our You Continent is too small compared to the other continents. You and Chu Jia expanded the Tongyou Mysterious World to a terrifying scale during the ascension earlier and that caused a stronger backlash."

"Since the Tongyou Paradise was created, we managed to seal off a weakness of the world. The resulting movement will definitely alert every Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor in the world and we can probably expect some asshole to be using this chance to mess with us." Chu Jia snorted now that she could finally speak.

Shang Xia turned to Ji Wenlong and after a short pause, the Deputy Patriarch shook his head and sighed, "There might be, but we have no evidence of that happening. We won't know who they are either."

Actually, if not for the fact that Ji Wenlong received a huge increase in strength the moment the Tongyou Mysterious World was promoted to the Tongyou Paradise, they might have been in deep shit. There were god knows how many people waiting for the institution to screw up and they might have done something in the dark to increase the strength of the backlash. Without Ji Wenlong's

increase in strength, he wouldn't have been able to keep the Tongyou Paradise stable. When that happened, the pavilion they were holding would probably shatter and the resulting shockwaves would probably affect the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc in the Tongyou Paradise.

The moment the formation disc was affected, the Tongyou Paradise would suffer the consequences. In serious cases, it might regress back into a Mysterious World. Even if the damage wasn't too serious, it would cause the ascension earlier to not be complete, leaving behind many hidden dangers.

After learning that Shang Xia's identity wouldn't be leaked, Chu Jia returned to the Tongyou Paradise now that 2 Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors were there to deal with the backlash.

Shang Xia lowered his head to look at the ground in the pavilion before smiling, "Right, does this mean this pavilion will become the spatial tunnel connecting the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and our Tongyou Paradise in the future?"

"With the Tongyou Paradise as a medium, the Martial Extermination Realm experts of the institution will be able to enter the Beyond Heavens Pavilion as they wish in the future. They no longer need the help of a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor. If we provide some assistance, Martial Intent Realm cultivators will also be able to enter the Beyond Heavens Pavilion." Ji Wenlong nodded and laughed.

Shang Xia changed the topic altogether and asked, "Does the situation at the Changbai Holy Land require our assistance?"

Ji Wenlong knew that Shang Xia was letting his emotions get the better of him. He quickly reassured, "You can relax. Even our Patriarch has some sort of restraint when dealing with Luo Baixu of the Changbai Holy Land. It's not just because of the other party's strength. Luo Baixu's schemes are also a part of the reason why Patriarch Kou is so careful. With things progressing up to this point, he definitely has something hidden up his sleeves. The reason he invited your grandfather over was to add a layer of protection and to provide some reassurance in case anything happens."

As though they were trying to affirm what Ji Wenlong had said, an extraordinary aura emerged from the Azure Spiritual World. It broke through the invisible barrier that separated the Beyond Heavens Pavilion from the world and it started to spread about in a tyrannical fashion as though to announce their presence to the world.

At the same time, Shang Xia could feel the world origin around him fluctuating wildly as though it was cheering for the new appearance.

"Could it be..." Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something.

Ji Wenlong looked in the direction where the aura emerged and a light flashed in his eyes. It quickly disappeared and he spoke casually, "You're right. That's the phenomenon when someone enters the Martial Dipper Realm. It seems like it came from where the Changbai Holy Land is and they should have produced their third Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor."

"Why would they..." Shang Xia hesitated slightly. It seemed a little different from what he was thinking.

“The Changbai Holy Land did this on purpose. The person who broke through didn’t rely on the power of their holy land and they don’t plan on hiding themselves in there. The appearance of the majestic aura earlier was to scare the Triple Frost Palace a little. They probably wish for the Triple Frost Palace to give up on their plans.”

A Martial Dipper Realm expert was truly qualified to change the outcome of any situation.

Even though Shang Xia had heard the same thing being said many times, this was the first time he understood its true meaning.

He nodded subconsciously. A holy land was more than capable of hiding the birth of any Martial Dipper Realm expert, but they chose to reveal it to the world anyway. There was only one thing he couldn’t quite get. He couldn’t understand why his breakthrough wasn’t discovered back then in the Celestial Remains. After all, there were over a dozen Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors in there. He felt that they should have realized something.

Was it because the process of my breakthrough was too mild and I didn’t cause too much of a disturbance? Or did Patriarch Kou make a move to hide it from the others? Could it be because I was hidden deep in the Void Prohibition Zone back then?

Many thoughts ran through Shang Xia’s mind and he turned to ask Ji Wenlong again, “Elder Ji, you have always been in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, have you noticed anyone else entering the Martial Dipper Realm?”

With the fusion of the worlds, a large amount of world origin would definitely leak out during the process. That was a heaven-sent opportunity for many experts who were trying to make a breakthrough.

Ignoring those experts who were part of holy lands or even the Elysiums, there should definitely be others trying to advance into the Martial Dipper Realm.

Ji Wenlong nodded solemnly in response. “I can’t be sure if they’re too far away, but if we’re talking about breakthroughs close to our You Continent, I managed to sense at least 3 phenomena that happened after successful breakthroughs.”

He pointed vaguely in those directions and continued, “One of them came from the Bing Continent, and the other happened beyond the ocean. It might have happened in the Qing Continent.”

Amidst their conversation, a strange yet mystical wave filled the worlds.

Shang Xia and Ji Wenlong stared at each other in shock as their bodies trembled slightly.

“Did you feel that?”

“The fusion is complete!”

They spoke at almost the same time, but the meaning behind their words was clear.

Shang Xia asked, “Will the new World’s Will be more inclined to our Azure Origin World or the Azure Spiritual World?”

“Shit! Both worlds will be joining for real and the battlefield between the two worlds will experience large-scale destruction!” Ji Wenlong yelled over Shang Xia.

The border continents experienced massive earthquakes as soon as the words left his lips. Tornados, volcano eruptions, hailstorms, and lightning showers started to happen as the earth shifted. Even space itself seemed to twist.

“Stay here and deal with anything that happens. I’ll head back to the border of the You Continent to pick Yun Jing and the others up. I’ll also help integrate 60 percent of the battlefield between the two worlds with our You Continent!” Ji Wenlong yelled hurriedly, but he seemed to be suppressing a trace of excitement in his voice.

He disappeared as the final words entered Shang Xia’s ears.

In the past, Ji Wenlong refined the Earth Essence Fate Dipper and he was extremely sensitive to the movement of the earth.

With the birth of the Tongyou Paradise, he possessed pretty impressive strength as long as he remained in the You Continent. At the very least, he wouldn’t be defeated by cultivators of the same level.

Nearly 30 years ago when the Azure Spiritual World crashed into the Azure Origin World, nearly two-thirds of the You Continent was destroyed. The rest of the land consisted of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range and the spatial barrier that separated the continent from the battlefield between the two worlds. In the end, they were only left with the Tongyou City and the Changfeng City.

Now that the Azure Origin World had fused with the Azure Spiritual World, the You Continent would finally be able to increase its landmass again!

With 60 percent of the battlefield between the two worlds, the You Continent would basically double in size!

With the disappearance of the spatial barrier, they might be able to increase the size of their land by nearly a quarter.

Just like that, the You Continent would possess two-thirds the land area of the Yan Continent of the Azure Origin World which was the next smallest continent on the Azure Origin World back then.

With Ji Wenlong’s departure, the pressure on Shang Xia increased by several times.

Naturally, he knew that it wouldn’t last forever. The moment the You Continent’s expansion was complete, the pressure from the backlash would dissipate greatly.

Before Shang Xia started to feel Ji Wenlong’s movements where he expanded the continent, Shang Bo returned.

Shang Bo was stunned to see Shang Xia alone in the pavilion, but he quickly understood what had happened. With a single step, he arrived beside Shang Xia and tapped his spear heavily into the ground below. With a loud thud, Shang Xia felt the pressure lessen again.

“Did Ji Wenlong head over to expand the continent using land from the battlefield between the two worlds?” Shang Bo asked casually.

Shang Xia nodded, but he didn’t seem to be paying attention to what his grandfather was saying. Instead, his gaze danced around the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and he seemed to be a little uneasy.

Shang Bo quickly discovered his grandson's strange behavior. "What are you looking at?"

"Grandpa, don't you think that the Beyond Heavens Pavilion is a lot brighter than usual?"

Chapter 714: World Ascension: Preparations

In the Celestial Remains above the Jiao Continent...

During the fusion of the worlds, the sharp cry of a sword pierced the air inside the Celestial Remains. The frightening sound filled the dull and lonely Celestial Remains, and anyone who heard it would feel their souls trembling with pain.

A ray of sword light that couldn't seem more ordinary emerged from the Void Prohibition Zone and the region that gave countless Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors headaches was torn in two from the inside out. A three-legged bronze cauldron that stood tens of feet tall was revealed. It was precisely the Stellar Cauldron, the Origin Holy Artifact left behind by the owners of the Elysium!

There was a middle aged man who emitted an unruly aura standing before the cauldron and he held a copper sword in his hand. A look of derision could be seen on his face as he sneered at the cauldron.

"Heh, you can't trap me in you forever!" A look of satisfaction appeared on the man's face and he looked like a kid who was gloating over his victory over other children.

"Now, you better calm the fuck down and let me refine you however I like!"

As though the cauldron was reacting to the middle aged man's annoying remarks, it emitted a deep hum. The soundwave was so powerful it caused the space around it to wrap slightly.

"Relax. I'll achieve whatever I tell you. I won't bury your worth as the Origin Holy Artifact." The middle aged man seemed to understand what the cauldron wanted to say and from the looks of it, they could communicate with each other.

"Unfortunately, I need to take a trip out of here for a little bit. Too many unexpected factors might happen during the fusion of the worlds. I hope I'm not too late..." With a flip of his wrist, the sword in his hand disappeared.

The next moment, the cauldron released another deep hum that filled the Celestial Remains. A ball of purple flames emerged from its opening.

The middle aged man turned serious when he saw the flame. He reached into the air before him and tapped at four different spots in space. A ray of golden light, a strand of green qi, a ball of blue liquid, and a spot of muddy clay appeared before him. They were prepared to welcome the incoming ball of purple flame.

A shocking scene happened next. After the ball of fire arrived, it landed at a specific spot that was left open. A strange interaction happened between the 5 elements.

The appearance of the purple flame seemed to allow the other elements to maintain some sort of strange equilibrium, and the middle aged man immediately felt the threat of the purple flame

decreasing by a whole lot. The terrifying ball of flame that had the potential to threaten him earlier was sealed, just like that!

“This makes it much easier...” The middle aged man waved his sleeve again and the ball of purple flame disappeared. He turned to the three-legged cauldron and laughed, “I didn’t expect you to be hiding something this good! Looks like I need to complete the refinement to properly inspect and dig out all your secrets...”

Another buzz came and the middle aged man continued to chuckle, “Relax, relax, it’s not time for you to appear in the world!”

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“Don’t you think the Beyond Heavens Pavilion is a little too bright?” Shang Xia’s words stunned Shang Bo, and he quickly found what his grandson was saying a little absurd.

However, he slowly turned to look and eventually understood what Shang Xia meant.

During the process of fusion, world origin would be scattered across the continents. Because of the sheer quantity, they would quickly gather and rise above the world. That caused the Beyond Heavens Pavilion to look a lot ‘brighter’ than it usually was.

If one could stare at the world from the vast sea of stars close to the new world, one would notice that the Beyond Heavens Pavilion had turned into a giant screen of light. If they were further away, the entire region would look like a star sparkling in the sea of darkness.

At that moment, the Beyond Heavens Pavilion wasn’t a layer of protection that served to hide the location of the world. Instead, it was a beacon of light that revealed its position in the endless darkness of space.

The glow might be faint when one was extremely far away, but for existences who had their eye on the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World back then, the glow was basically pointing them straight to their target!

“Oh no! Hurry up, suppress the leaming world origin!” Shang Bo yelled when he realized that something was wrong.

Shang Xia made his move by the time the words left his grandfather’s lips. A faint five colored light started to spread to the surroundings from the pavilion. The world origin in the surroundings was gathered by the five colored light and sent into the Tongyou Paradise with a single thought.

As world origin faded from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, the glow above the You Continent was actually suppressed greatly.

Naturally, the Tongyou Institution wasn’t the only one who was alerted to the phenomenon happening in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. Above their own continents, the various factions had sent their Martial Dipper Realm experts to suppress world origin in order to deal with the potential after effects it might bring.

However, even the strongest Martial Dipper Realm experts from those factions couldn’t do what Shang Xia did. They didn’t have godly control over world origin like he did. Also, Shang Xia was

able to suppress what happened over the You Continent because the continent wasn't that big to begin with. As such, the Beyond Heavens Pavilion above the You Continent was of a proportional size.

Despite them dealing with the issue as quickly as they could, many Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors had a sneaking suspicion that their position in the sea of stars had already been revealed!

As the saying goes, "It never rains, it pours."

While the Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors were dealing with the leaking world origin that lit the newly created world up like a lightbulb in the vast sea of stars, a horrifying pressure descended on any existence connected to the world. It was as though everyone felt the appearance of the new World's Will.

It might not have said anything and the World's Will might not seem to possess coherent thoughts, but every single Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor was able to decipher what it was saying. It, or perhaps, it would be more appropriate to call the new world a 'her', was about to ascend!

World Ascension!

The World's Will was the new existence born from the fusion of the Azure Origin World's Will and the Azure Spiritual World's Will. The reason those Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors could understand her intention was that she sent it out in order to seek help. With the fusion of both worlds and their wills, the new world was on the brink of ascension. Only experts at the Martial Dipper Realm would be able to provide the help she needed.

The problem the new world faced at the moment was the lack of origin essence. Even after the fusion of the worlds, they didn't possess enough origin essence for her to complete the transformation into a Spirit World!

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Ever since Shang Xia learned about the hierarchy of worlds, he understood that Barbaric Worlds were the lowest existences. The Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World were ranked higher than Barbaric Worlds, and they were considered Azure Worlds. Above Azure Worlds were Spirit Worlds.

Since he was also a Martial Dipper Realm expert, he could understand what the World's Will was saying.

"Sigh... Is the origin essence we have truly not enough to complete the transformation?" Shang Bo sighed. Hearing that, Shang Xia understood another fact. The ascension of the world wasn't a secret among the upper echelons of both worlds. In fact, they might have learned of it a long time ago.

It was also then that Shang Xia had an epiphany. It was the same line of reasoning that caused Kou Chongxue to change his stance towards the entire matter.

Taking revenge for what happened to the You Continent, or restoring it to its original state was what fuelled Kou Chongxue back when everything just happened. Turning the Tongyou Institution into a holy land was also part of his plan but his mindset gradually changed in the recent year. It was

especially so after he was nearly killed after he was surrounded and attacked when emerging from the Celestial Remains the previous time.

Not only did he no longer resist the fusion of the worlds, he even took the initiative to hasten and support the process. He even formed a secret alliance with the institution's long time enemy!

As it turned out, everything was to assist the efforts for the World Ascension!

After splitting up the Manyu Continent, the approximate locations of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World were revealed. The Spirit Abundance World set their sights on both worlds and the 3 super powers spared no effort to hasten the fusion process. They wanted to use the opportunity to quickly complete the ascension.

The low-level cultivators might not know anything, but the pressure felt by the high-level cultivators of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World was massive! Even the 3 super powers who could utilize power comparable to the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm couldn't come up with any other plan and could only inform the various Martial Dipper Realm experts about their intention to force the World Ascension. After all, only a Spirit World would be able to fight against a world of the same level.

"So, this entire plan was put in place ever since we returned from the Manyu Continent?" Shang Xia confirmed with Shang Bo.

"That's right." Shang Bo continued, "Back then, the 3 super powers took the lead, sending a good number of Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors to the extreme ends of our worlds in order to obstruct the Spirit Abundance World's pursuit. Next, we gathered all the islands we retrieved from the Manyu Continent in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion above our continents all in preparation for what is going to happen!"

Chapter 715: World Ascension: Integration of Origin Essence

"Since we were going to use what we obtained back then from the Manyu Continent anyway, what's the difference between using it back then and now?" Shang Xia asked.

Before Shang Bo could say anything, another voice rang in the pavilion. "Of course there's a difference!" Ji Wenlong reappeared and he nodded at Shang Bo. However, he didn't plan on explaining himself at the moment. Instead, he sighed, "It's great to have our own Holy Land..."

When he was done with the expansion of land earlier, Ji Wenlong specially took a trip around the Tongyou Paradise and allowed Chu Jia to give him proper explanations on everything that happened back then.

He couldn't help but chuckle twice before returning to the explanation. "The quality of the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World was pretty similar. The process of fusion was relatively long, and if we threw the fragments of the Manyu Continent into the mix, it would take an even longer time."

He paused for some time before he continued, "Moreover, you saw what happened earlier. After the fusion was complete, a large amount of world origin would be lost. If we fused the Manyu

Continent fragments into the worlds back then, there would be even more wasted world origin and origin essence.”

Shang Bo added, “To be honest, we were forced to push for the World Ascension due to the threat coming from the Spirit Abundance World. We didn’t have much time to prepare and there wasn’t much accumulation to begin with. Our worlds had to take great care on how to deal with the essence from the Manyu Continent.”

“If we absorbed the essence from the Manyu Continent after the fusion of our worlds, we would be doing so in an advantageous position. We would be a lot stronger and the process of assimilation would be much easier. Not only will we not waste too much of it, we can refine it at a much quicker rate.” Ji Wenlong completed the explanation.

Nodding in acknowledgment, Shang Xia felt that their next step would be to finally bring the Tongyou Island back to the You Continent.

However, Shang Bo and Ji Wenlong didn’t seem too anxious about it.

After explaining what was going on, Shang Bo turned and asked, “Chief Ji, did you make the arrangements for the battlefield between the two worlds to merge with the You Continent?”

Raising an eyebrow triumphantly, a grin appeared on his face. “It’s been brought into the borders of the You Continent.”

“Are Yun Jing, Yan Su’er, Liu Qinglan, and the others alright? What about everyone else from the institution?” Shang Bo asked again.

“They’re pretty alright. Some of them exhausted too much energy and wouldn’t be able to fight in the near future. Of the 60 percent of land from the battlefield between the two worlds, I split them up roughly for now. I’ll have to make proper arrangements in the future otherwise there’ll be tons of natural disasters waiting for us.” Ji Wenlong muttered.

Only then did Shang Bo heave a sigh of relief. “As long as it has been brought into our You Continent, it’s fine. The land is ours now. We can expand our territory by close to 1000 miles and the continent will be able to bear the burden of a Holy Land. Once we bring the Tongyou Island back, along with those random fragments we gathered, we should at the very least be comparable to the next smallest continent in the new world!”

Shang Xia didn’t know about the foundations of the Azure Spiritual World, but he knew that the Yan Continent was the second smallest continent in the Azure Origin World. The Zhongxuan Sect of the Yan Continent also had their own island, and they would be able to expand their territory accordingly.

With another thought in mind, Shang Xia couldn’t help but ask, “Where will we place the Tongyou Island after bringing it back to the continent?”

The battlefield between the two worlds was in an independent space separated by spatial barriers back then. After the fusion of the worlds, the spatial barrier disappeared and the battlefield was

merged into the new world. A portion of it was given to the Liao Continent, while the Tongyou Institution obtained the other.

That could happen because the regions of land were already in the newly formed world to begin with. The Tongyou Island was a different story. They couldn't dump it directly into the You Continent. Instead, they would have to find a different spot to place it.

Shang Bo chuckled in response. "Where else can we put it? We can only place it in the large ocean. That way, we'll be able to extend our territory by a little over a thousand miles and those random fragments can become islands close to the mainland."

Shang Xia thought about the geography after integrating the Tongyou Island and he couldn't help but laugh, "Luckily, the battlefield between the two worlds managed to extend our territory to the north by close to 1000 miles. Otherwise, our You Continent will turn into a long streak of land after we integrate the island..."

Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo seemed to have thought of the same thing. Unlike what Shang Xia was thinking, they could tell that the shape of the You Continent wasn't actually advantageous to them.

Not knowing what was on their mind, Shang Xia thought a level deeper and continued, "Is our Tongyou Institution going to start expanding Overseas?"

Once they integrated the Tongyou Island, the addition of the land from the battlefield between the two worlds had already pulled the coastline around the You Continent by close to 1000 miles. With the numerous fragments that could turn into islands, a jumping board to regions outside the You Continent would be formed that the Tongyou Institution could utilize.

Ji Wenlong explained, "Even though the regions Overseas might not be as prosperous as the mainland, they are pretty sparse in population. There should also be resources out there and some precious treasures we have not seen before. However, gathering all of them would be too difficult and there are terrifying beasts living deep within the ocean. They might pose a threat to our plans if we choose to expand outwards. Of course, it's still an option at the end of the day. Kid, you bet not forget that our institution has 4 Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors now. Our foundation as a Holy Land might be solid, but it won't be able to support all of us. Otherwise, the other Holy Lands wouldn't have kept their number of Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors low throughout the years. Most of them only had 2 or 3 experts at our level."

Shang Xia understood what he meant. With himself as an example, he could easily absorb all the world origin hundreds of miles around him.

Of course, his amazing talent and superior control over world origin played a factor in that, but even after absorbing so much world origin, the effects it had on him were pretty minuscule!

That was how terrifying it was whenever a Martial Dipper Realm expert cultivated!

Moreover, the Tongyou Paradise didn't just have to support the Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors. There was also a large amount of experts it had to nurture and support.

With the same reasoning, every one of them required space and resources for cultivation.

The You Continent seemed to have risen from the ashes and everything was progressing in the right direction, but planning ahead and making preparations was never a foolish move.

Another thought entered Shang Xia's mind the next moment. He recalled the Hundred Weapons Mill he ran into back during the trade fair. They seemed to have the ability to refine and remake divine weapons, and they seemed to come from the land Overseas.

It seemed as though there were powerful factions out there as well, and Shang Xia felt that he understood the Tongyou Institution's future arrangements.

Ji Wenlong turned to Shang Bo and laughed suddenly, "You came back from the north, what's happening over there? The Changbai Holy Land had your help and they managed to nurture another Martial Dipper Realm expert. Did the Triple Frost Palace back down after realizing they wouldn't be able to achieve much?"

A strange look appeared on Shang Bo's face. "The Triple Frost Palace retreated indeed, but it didn't seem to have too much to do with me or the newly promoted Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor. They seemed to have their reservations when they backed down, and the feeling I got from the Changbai Holy Land was that they had everything under control. I think they were relying on something else to begin with."

Ji Wenlong turned serious after hearing his explanation. "That's strange... The Triple Frost Palace is backed by the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. Who could be assisting the Changbai Holy Land? Could it be the Eternal Palace or the Divine Capital Sect? Who else can it be other than them?"

Shang Bo shook his head in response. "We know too little about the powers in the Azure Spiritual World. We merely know of some names, but we have no idea about their inner workings."

"Let's not think too much into it. At the very least, the Triple Frost Palace retreated. We won't have to face their threat when we focus our efforts when expanding across the ocean. If we become enemies with the Changbai Holy Land in the future, we know someone else who might want to deal with them." Ji Wenlong snorted.

Hearing their conversation, Shang Xia couldn't hold back any longer and he cried, "It has already been so long! When will we start integrating the Tongyou Island into the world?"

Sniggering softly, Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo looked at each other. Ji Wenlong eventually asked, "Kid, how do you know it hasn't begun?"

Shang Xia was stunned. With his current cultivation, he could obviously see the Tongyou Island floating outside the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. There were also countless fragments that were hovering somewhere around it.

How could the integration of such a massive landmass be hidden from him?

Moreover, Shang Xia was sure that the Tongyou Island didn't have the slightest connection with the new world yet. The islands that belonged to other factions were also floating above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion above their respective continents.

Shang Bo finally decided to point him in the right direction. "Don't you feel a sense of resonance with the World's Will? Martial Dipper Realm cultivators like ourselves will be able to come into contact with it and engage in some elementary communication."

Shang Xia was taken aback, and he calmed himself down. He tried to feel the connection to the World's Will.

With nothing distracting him, Shang Xia seemed to 'see' an endless lake. He was sure the 'lake' was made from world origin and the World's Will existed within it.

The moment he understood that point, the scene before him changed.

The scene that seemed to be shrouded in some type of fog became a lot more colorful the next moment. Even the lake started to move and it seemed to come alive.

When that was happening, Shang Xia discovered some sort of bond extending towards him from the void. However, it didn't attach itself to him. Instead, it connected with the endless lake of world origin. When he tried to take a closer look at those connections, he discovered that they had turned illusory. No matter how hard he concentrated, he couldn't pinpoint where they came from.

He didn't know why, but an epiphany struck him the next second. Those connections to the lake seemed to be made from the various Holy Lands and Elysiums that existed.

Shang Xia no longer tried to investigate it. He simply enjoyed the wondrous scene.

In his special state of mind, he seemed to hear gurgling sounds coming from the endless lake of world origin. The gurgling seemed to be caused by something entering the lake of world origin through those connections.

Shang Xia snapped back to reality and opened his eyes in shock. He stared at Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo while muttering, "I get it! It's the origin essence of the Manyu Continent!"

Chapter 716: World Ascension: Return of the Islands

Earlier, when Shang Xia was focused on his connection with the World's Will, he discovered the connection between it and the various holy lands. He also felt the strange origin essence that was different from what was contained in the lake.

Thinking back to when the Tongyou Island first arrived at the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and how Kou Chongxue and the rest took away the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc, everything started to make sense.

He recalled how Chu Jia had used the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc as a giant storage space when they were absorbing world origin from the Manyu Continent back then.

The origin essence was brought back to the Tongyou Mysterious World, but they didn't use a single bit during the upgrade process.

From the looks of it, they were saving it for after the fusion of the worlds. They wanted to use it to supplement the World Ascension of the new world.

What surprised Shang Xia was that their Tongyou Institution wasn't the only one who was doing it. Other factions from the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World were doing the same.

From their actions, it was clear that all of them had reached an agreement to assist the world when it transformed from an Azure World to a Spirit World!

"If all of us chose to pour the origin essence we obtained from the Manyu Continent into the new world, what was the point of fighting over it back at the Manyu Continent?!" That was what Shang Xia couldn't understand.

When the World's Will of the Manyu Continent was about to be extinguished back then, the various factions broke out into a significant amount of conflict while making their way over. Even the Northern Sea Mystic Sect was royally fucked over by Shang Xia and was greatly delayed.

After hearing his question, Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo couldn't help but chuckle as they looked at each other. In the end, Ji Wenlong explained, "I thought that Patriarch Kou gave you a rundown of what was happening? With the imminent World Ascension, the more we assist the World's Will in leveling up, the greater our rewards. No one will be willing to give up the favor of the World's Will to other factions!"

Actually, it wasn't as though Kou Chongxue hadn't said anything along the same line. However, Ji Wenlong's explanation was much more straightforward.

It didn't take long for Shang Xia to realize something else. "What if the World Ascension fails?"

"In that case, the reward from the World's Will will be a lot less than if it succeeds. Whatever the case, there will be no downsides for us to provide more origin essence." Shang Bo chuckled.

Shang Xia nodded in understanding. It was then that 3 majestic auras that could strike fear in the hearts of Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors appeared in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. Shang Xia gasped and his gaze landed in 3 different directions.

Even though they appeared for a split second, they were quickly concealed by some powerful method. Those who felt it realized that the disappearance was extremely abrupt.

Turning to look at the 2 behind him, he noticed solemn expressions on their faces.

"The 3 Elysiums have torn apart the Heavenly Screen. They're about to integrate their islands into the world." Ji Wenlong explained.

Realizing what that meant, Shang Xia turned to his grandfather and asked, "Is that why..."

"With the strength of their Elysiums, they forcefully covered the effects of tearing the Heavenly Screen. It's able to lower the risk of exposure of our new world in the vast sea of stars." Shang Bo sighed.

The Heavenly Screen hid the world from the outside. When the huge leak in world origin lit up the Beyond Heavens Pavilion earlier, the Martial Dipper Realm experts were treating it like a massive emergency. It was clear how serious the situation was back then. Tearing the Heavenly Screen would cause an even larger disturbance.

The 3 Elysiums drew on the power of their Elysiums to cover up the effects of that happening in order to reduce the risk of the new world's exposure.

Shang Xia muttered, "In that case, would we also need to use our Holy Land to cover up the effects of tearing the Heavenly Screen later when we integrate the Tongyou Island into the new world?"

"Of course!"

"Back when we brought the Tongyou Island to our Azure Origin World, we didn't have a way to hide the effect of the Heavenly Screen tearing..." Shang Xia mumbled.

“Back when we brought the Tongyou Island back, we didn’t think that we would be targeted by the Spirit Abundance World.” Ji Wenlong sighed.

With the 3 Elysiums taking the lead to integrate their islands into the world, the various factions also started to make their move. The various islands hovering above the new world started to descend.

“We should start too. Fourth Brother Shang and I will do the integration. Little Xia, you must not make a move during that time. You can provide support and get ready in case anything happens. We never know, someone might try to cause trouble when our island is descending to the new world.” Ji Wenlong explained how things would go down.

Shang Xia understood the reason the Institution had been so adamant about completing the upgrade to a Holy Land. Ji Wenlong became a lot stronger because of it and they would be able to hide the phenomenon when the Heavenly Screen tears during the integration of the Tongyou Island!

The pavilion they had been standing in started to rise once again.

Ji Wenlong made the first move as his hand formed a claw and he grabbed at the vast space out there. There seemed to be a giant hand leading the Tongyou Island and the giant landmass that was close to 1000 miles wide sank violently.

“Down!”

Ji Wenlong growled and slowly retracted his arm.

A powerful spatial ripple appeared on the Heavenly Screen outside the pavilion and the stars in the distance started to distort and shift due to the twisting of space.

It wasn’t difficult for any Martial Dipper Realm expert to pull a land mass as large as the Tongyou Island, but the true challenge came when they had to control the speed and direction of where it was going.

After the Tongyou Paradise was created, Ji Wenlong became a lot stronger. With the power of the Holy Land, even Shang Bo might not be his opponent when they were within the confines of the You Continent.

He even displayed a portion of his strength earlier when he split the battlefield between the two worlds and merged 60 percent of it with the You Continent. Of course, his fate dipper also allowed him to possess fine control over the earth.

Because of that, he was the one who made the first move, rather than Shang Bo.

Even though Shang Bo didn’t start the ball rolling, he didn’t remain idle.

As the pavilion started to rise into the air again, the weakness of the world they covered up was revealed once again. The Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc that was supposed to be the next layer of protection disappeared as well, and a huge amount of world origin was about to pour out into the void.

Before that could happen, Shang Bo took a step out of the pavilion and firmly stabbed his spear down at the emerging world origin.

Rumble...

A dull noise filled the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and the world origin that was about to leak out was forced back into the world.

Shang Bo's spear didn't just push world origin back down. It stabbed through the weakness of the world and revealed the You Continent under the Heavenly Screen. World origin that had been forced back into the world turned into a giant spiraling vortex.

Shang Xia could tell that both of them had used enough power to flip the heavens, but the effects didn't spread as far as he thought it would.

Shang Xia looked around the pavilion and eventually understood that it was suppressing the shockwaves that were produced due to their actions. He could also clearly feel the connection between the pavilion and the Tongyou Paradise at that moment.

As the island drew closer and closer under Ji Wenlong's control, Shang Xia gradually noticed its giant silhouette in the distance.

With Shang Bo pushing world origin back into the world, the opening in the Heavenly Screen grew larger and larger.

Contrary to what they were seeing, the weakness of the world wasn't growing larger just because of the widening opening. It was an exquisite control of space and after the Tongyou Island passed, the opening would quickly return to normal. The Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc would also reappear to plug the hole.

Completing such an impressive task would naturally put a huge strain on Shang Bo. He had to use a lot of his inner qi to sustain the opening of the Heavenly Screen.

With the opening in the Heavenly Screen, Ji Wenlong constructed a spatial tunnel towards the east of the You Continent, leading to the sea.

As the Tongyou Island started to fall at a greater speed, a strange spatial energy wrapped itself around it and it entered the spatial tunnel not too far outside the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

From where he stood, Shang Xia could clearly see that the spatial tunnel was merely a thousand or so feet wide. Even so, the Tongyou Island that was close to 1000 miles wide managed to fit within. Only Martial Dipper Realm experts could do such a thing.

With the power of space wrapping itself around the island, the island eventually appeared in the skies above the You Continent. Even so, Ji Wenlong, Shang Bo, and Shang Xia didn't dare to relax. Instead, they became even more careful.

If anything happened to the island when it was still in space, or when it was traveling through the spatial tunnel earlier, they wouldn't cause much harm to the You Continent or the world below. Now that it was suspended above the You Continent, things were vastly different. The moment a mistake was made, the island would slam straight down into the You Continent. The consequences would be disastrous!

With the Tongyou Island hanging high above the You Continent, it was the best time for anyone plotting against the Tongyou Institution to make their move.

That was what Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo wanted Shang Xia to be ready for.

With his figure blurring, Shang Xia left the pavilion. He reappeared in the Tongyou Paradise the next moment, under the Nine Blossom Jade Formation Disc.

He raised his head to look at the core of the Tongyou Paradise before taking out a yellow gourd from his sleeves. He handed it to Chu Jia who was wearing a strange expression.

“Is this the Spirit Extermination Gourd Patriarch Kou sealed his sword in?” Chu Jia recognized the treasure. She also knew how powerful it was. A sense of unease filled her heart and she asked, “Why are you giving this to me?”

“If any accidents happen later, I won’t be able to remain hidden for much longer. However, we have to maintain the illusion of Patriarch Kou’s presence in the Tongyou Paradise. We cannot allow anyone to discover the fact that he’s not here.” Shang Xia chuckled.

Chu Jia understood what he meant. After all, Shang Xia’s presence in the Tongyou Paradise gave everyone the illusion that Kou Chongxue was cultivating in seclusion.

The moment he revealed his existence and they managed to maintain the illusion of Kou Chongxue remaining in seclusion in the Tongyou Paradise, they would be able to strike fear in the hearts of those plotting against them. After all, the Tongyou Institution would possess 4 Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors!

“What should I do?” Chu Jia asked resolutely.

Chapter 717: World Ascension: Massive Headache

Shang Xia explained the possible scenarios to Chu Jia and told her about how she should grasp the best time to make her move.

When he was done, he muttered, “I have already activated the sword qi with my dipper qi. When the time comes, all you have to do is to open it and direct the sword qi with your divine perception.”

Chu Jia was an expert at the Martial Extermination Realm at the end of the day, and she could naturally do it herself. However, the moment she used her extermination qi to activate the strand of sword qi, other experts would be able to see through their disguise.

Now that Shang Xia imbued a portion of his dipper qi to activate the sword qi, all Chu Jia had to do was to release it. She would be able to unleash the full power of Kou Chongxue’s sword qi!

Of course, with the sword qi already activated, the gourd was like a time bomb. She might blow herself up if she wasn’t careful.

After thinking for a second, Chu Jia asked, “Didn’t you say that the sword qi sealed within was given by one of Patriarch Kou’s Fate Dipper Clone? Wouldn’t that cause any trouble?”

The sword qi was sealed in the Spirit Extermination Gourd by Kou Chongxue’s Eternal Spring Fate Dipper Clone. It wasn’t wrong for Chu Jia to say that.

If they had to utilize the sword qi even with Shang Xia making his move later, it would mean that 'Kou Chongxue' was forced to take action. Releasing a strand of sword qi produced by one of his Fate Dipper Clones would definitely lead to suspicion.

Shang Xia knew what she was concerned about and he chuckled, "Relax. Patriarch Kou has already sealed another strand of sword qi in there. It possesses frightening power!"

"Oh right, the moment you release the sword qi, the Spirit Extermination Gourd will probably be destroyed." Shang Xia continued.

The gourd was a rank four spiritual treasure. If it only contained a single strand of sword qi from Kou Chongxue's Fate Dipper Clone, it would be a stretch to use it multiple times, but it was still possible.

After their trip to the Celestial Remains, Kou Chongxue sealed a strand of sword qi that contained his true power in the gourd. Now that Shang Xia activated it with his dipper qi, there was even more energy contained within. The Spirit Extermination Gourd was already at its limit. The second its content was released, the Spirit Extermination Gourd would shatter.

Now that he was done with his explanation, he disappeared from the Tongyou Paradise. When he reappeared, he was standing in the spatial tunnel created with the cooperation of Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo. He stood in the air above the Tongyou Island.

Due to the concealment properties of the spatial tunnel, he wasn't afraid that his existence would be revealed to the world.

He glanced all around him, looking past the twisted space around him.

He observed the You Continent and saw that its northern border was connected to the Liao Continent. The Ji Continent that belonged to the Azure Spiritual World back then was across a small body of water somewhere in the northeast. On the south was the Ji Continent of the Azure Origin World, and the Bing Continent was in the west.

As the Liao Continent was basically assisted by the Changbai Holy Land, it was unlikely for danger to come from that direction due to the alliance the institution made with them.

The Ji Continent that belonged to the Azure Spiritual World was even more unlikely to cause any trouble. It was where the Triple Frost Palace was located but with the Changbai Holy Land keeping them in check at the moment, it wasn't likely for them to attack the Tongyou Island. Of course that was if they didn't know of the Tongyou Institution's intentions. The moment they discovered where the Tongyou Island was going to land, it would be hard to determine if they would actually send someone over to disrupt their plans. After all, the appearance of the Tongyou Island would cause the distance between the You Continent and the Ji Continent that belonged to the Azure Spiritual World to shrink greatly.

Of course, be it the Triple Frost Palace or the Changbai Holy Land, they had to direct their own islands into the world. Their Martial Dipper Realm experts would be caught up in the mess. Even if they could spare a portion of their attention, they wouldn't be able to go all out to mess with the Tongyou Institution.

Next came the Ji Continent of the Azure Origin World. It was Yun Lu's best shot at causing trouble for the institution. Even if Shang Xia used his ass as his brain, he knew that that asshole, Yun Lu, would definitely make a move. In fact, he might even be the first to do so!

The only thing Shang Xia couldn't be sure of was the situation in the Bing Continent.

The Bing Continent also had a Martial Dipper Realm expert, Feng Yezi, and he caused trouble for the Tongyou Institution multiple times. However, he was nearly slain by Kou Chongxue with a single strike back then in the Taihang Mountains. He vanished with a trace after that and from rumors out there, it was said that he went to the Jiao Continent in the south.

After the fusion of the worlds, Ji Wenlong informed Shang Xia that another Martial Dipper Realm aura appeared in the Bing Continent. None of them knew his identity.

The Yanmen Institution from the Bing Continent was one of the 5 great institutions like the Tongyou Institution of the You Continent. They should be the strongest power in the Bing Continent. Ji Wenlong knew all their Martial Extermination Realm experts, and he wasn't a stranger to any one of their auras. The new Martial Dipper Realm expert wasn't any of them. Well, that didn't rule out the possibility that the Yanmen Institution had hidden experts, but that didn't matter at the moment.

After traveling through the spatial tunnel, the Tongyou Island arrived at a certain height above the continent.

The effect of the sudden appearance of an island that was close to a thousand miles wide appearing above the continent was shocking.

The You Continent wasn't exactly very populated to begin with and the main bulk of their residents dwelled in the Tongyou City or the Changfeng City. Other than several cultivars sent to defend the north after their expansion, there weren't a lot of people left. Otherwise, the sudden appearance of the Tongyou Island would probably result in mass panic.

After emerging from the spatial tunnel, the Tongyou Island was still controlled by Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo. It slowed greatly as it started to fall towards the southern part of the continent.

If one could overlook the situation in the new world, one could see several islands floating in the skies above the various continents descending at varying speeds. Even though Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors were unable to do so, they could still feel what was happening in the nearby continents.

As such, the moment the Tongyou Island closed in on the body of water to the east, the experts of the Triple Frost Palace discovered their intentions.

Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo who were in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion also noticed the location where the Triple Frost Palace was placing their island.

"What's this? Does this show that great minds think alike?!" Shang Bo forced a chuckle.

"I thought that we wouldn't come into contact so soon because of the small body of water between us. Looks like things are going to get really troublesome in the near future..." Ji Wenlong wore a helpless expression as he sighed.

A sound wave came from the Ji Continent that belonged to the Azure Spiritual World the next moment. “Fellow cultivators of the You Continent, are you really planning to make things difficult for my Triple Frost Palace?”

The You Continent wanted to place their island on the east coast of their continent, while the Triple Frost Palace wanted to place theirs on the southern bank.

Even though they were separated by a small body of water, once the You Continent extended to the east by 1000 miles, and the Ji Continent of the Azure Spiritual World extended south by hundreds of miles, there wouldn't be much space separating their borders!

Considering the You Continent had hundreds of fragments they could throw into the water, that would mean that the territory of the You Continent and the Ji Continent of the Azure Spiritual World would probably start to overlap.

Facing the ‘questioning’ from the Triple Frost Palace, Ji Wenlong wouldn't back down. “My You Continent is small and we don't have much choice but to place the island in the east. Your continent has much more space and you can choose other locations to rest your island. Why are you fighting us for such a small body of water?”

From where the Ji Continent of the Azure Spiritual World is situated, anyone could tell that they were making things difficult for the Liao Continent on purpose from their placement of their island. The moment their island landed on the southern side, they would surround the Liao Continent immediately.

However, with the Tongyou Institution placing their island so close, the Triple Frost Palace not only had to defend against the Changbai Holy Land. They would also have to be wary of the Tongyou Institution! With the alliance the Tongyou Institution had with the Changbai Holy Land, things wouldn't be looking too great for them.

Whatever it was, the Ji Continent of the Azure Spiritual World seemed to be dead set on their strategy. They wouldn't give up on their conquest of the Liao Continent.

As for the Tongyou Institution, they truly had no choice.

Both sides wouldn't back down no matter what.

When they were busy justifying their reasons with each other, a sigh came from the direction of the Liao Continent. “Fellow cultivators, neither of you will be able to gain much from the placement of your islands...”

However, they weren't the true victims when their islands were placed! The experts of the Changbai Holy Land were actually the ones who were most vexed about the situation.

The You Continent might run into the Ji Continent of the Azure Spiritual World after the extension, and on the surface, the Changbai Holy Land would gain another ally to resist the Triple Frost Palace, but in reality, they were completely sandwiched between both powers!

Those islands that were descending at the moment was like a giant pincer that would completely seal off the Liao Continent's attempt to escape through the water if anything were to happen.

The alliance between the Changbai Holy Land and the Tongyou Institution was something they made due to the current state of things. Who could say for sure that they wouldn't fall out in the future?

With everything that was happening, the Changbai Holy Land wouldn't be able to avoid their fate of having their territory completely surrounded!

The Tongyou Institution and the Triple Frost Palace had their own considerations, but neither of them expected it to become a problem that would involve so many parties.

"Hmph!" A cold snort came from a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor from the Triple Frost Palace. Seeing as no one would back down, he decided to make a move.

The Changbai Holy Land had been enemies with the Triple Frost Palace for the longest time and when Shang Bo appeared in the Changbai Holy Land recently, the Tongyou Institution had also turned into their enemies.

They had been speaking earlier as they wanted to probe out the others' bottomline, and since they couldn't avoid being enemies, the Triple Frost Palace decided to take the initiative to make the first move against their enemies.

A ray of cold light crossed the continents as the space it traveled through started to crack and split apart.

Chapter 718: World Ascension: The Clown Who Sought Death

Seeing as the Tongyou Institution wouldn't back down, the Triple Frost Palace decided to strike first in order to gain an upper hand.

The ray of light that had the power to freeze and crack space flew straight for the You Continent.

Before Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo said anything, Xu Bailong's voice came from the Liao Continent. "Fellow cultivators of the You Continent, there's no need to worry. I'll handle Yin Dezheng!"

When the attack crossed the body of water, a frosty intent emerged from the northern part of the Liao Continent. It turned into gushing steam as it shot straight to the coast and surrounded the ray of light.

Even so, the ray of light shot destroyed the ball of frosty cloud in an instant.

A huge blast resounded through the air, but the frosty cloud didn't seem to dissipate. It quickly returned to cover the ray of light before transforming into frozen clumps in the air. The ice melted the next second and the frosty cloud returned, and the process continued.

Above the body of water, the Martial Dipper Realm experts exchanged blows. Under the constant erosion from the constantly changing frosty cloud, the ray of light was extinguished.

The only problem was that the exchange took a little longer than expected. The disturbance caused by the shockwaves seemed a little too widespread...

That was the true impact when Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors fought. They had the ability to move world origin on a large scale and the destruction they caused would take a long time before it would return to normal.

In the air above the You Continent, Shang Xia, who had been concealed by Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo, could feel the fluctuations coming from hundreds of miles away. Even though it wasn't strong enough to flip the continent over, it was enough to cause some damage to it.

Heh, Changbai Holy Land...

Because of their alliance, Xu Bailing of the Changbai Holy Land made his move to stop Yin Dezheng. However, the shockwave created by their exchange didn't concern him in the slightest! If it damaged the Tongyou Island, no one could blame him!

Luckily, Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo were controlling the Tongyou Island together. Even without Shang Xia, they would be able to ensure that the shockwaves wouldn't affect the space around the Tongyou Island.

However, Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo had their attention completely on the Tongyou Island at that moment. They were unable to care about accidents that might happen from other locations.

At that moment, a portion of the Tongyou Island had already crossed the coast. It wouldn't take long before it was no longer hovering above the continent. Even if anything happened to the island, the worst that could happen would be it landing in the water. It wouldn't damage the You Continent much.

If anyone wanted to mess with the institution, it was their final chance.

Who will be making the first move?

Everyone knows that Kou Chongxue hadn't shown his face in the You Continent since the start of everything. As such, anyone who wanted to destroy the Tongyou Island would have to prepare themselves to take on one of his strikes at the very least.

Standing above the Tongyou Island, Shang Xia glanced faintly at the Ji Continent of the Azure Origin World.

Xuan Lu, who had appeared at an unknown time, was staring at Yun Lu's clone with a frown on his face. He couldn't help but grumble, "Junior Brother, are you sure you want to do this? Our White Deer Paradise might have rubbed the Tongyou Institution the wrong way back then, but most of it could be twisted to make it seem like it was a personal issue you had with them. There might be a chance for us to dissolve the enmity in the future. If I make a move now, there will be no route of retreat. The Tongyou Institution and our White Deer Paradise will never be able to reconcile!"

A sneer left Yun Lu's lips. "Senior Brother, do you really think that there will be a chance for us to resolve our enmity with them? You best not forget, the You Continent took the greatest damage during the collision of the worlds back then because..."

"Silence!" Xuan Lu's expression changed and he snapped at Yun Lu.

Yun Lu didn't seem to care about what he was saying as he continued, "Kou Chongxue had always held a grudge about that matter. He chose to back down for a moment because of the pressure from the 3 Elysiums to hasten the process of the fusion of our worlds. The threat of the Spirit Abundance World is also a good part of the reason he hasn't done anything. He will eventually be able to deal with the matters in the You Continent and he will discover what you did sooner or later. In the end, he'll come knocking on our White Deer Paradise. Senior Brother, you should be clear about this. Otherwise, why would you join in the assault 10 years ago?"

“Yun Lu, shut up!” Xuan Lu’s face was ashen as he growled at his junior brother. Clearly, Yun Lu brought up something that Xuan Lu didn’t wish to recall.

“Senior Brother, give up your hope that we can reconcile with them. Do you really think Kou Chongxue will return our enmity with his favor?” Yun Lu didn’t seem to hear the tone of warning in Xuan Lu’s voice.

Seeing as Xuan Lu was having trouble making up his mind, he continued, “Senior Brother, the Tongyou Island is about to descend. If you haven’t realized, their island is a lot larger than those obtained by other holy lands!”

Xuan Lu eventually sighed. “Our White Deer paradise also has to integrate our island with the world. Even though Junior Sister Hua Lu is in charge of matters there, I can’t leave my post. There was a phenomenon above the Qing Continent indicating that a Martial Dipper Realm expert was born there, and there was a piece of intelligence coming from the Yan Continent that something had happened there too. We also suspect that the Zhongxuan Sect covered up the phenomenon of one of their experts breaking through. Also, the Five Mountains Alliance in the Taihang Mountains that didn’t seem very promising initially seems to have made some progress...”

Yun Lu’s pupils constricted. “Are you talking about their alliance leader? Was he called Yin Wanxiang or something?”

“That’s him. He has already entered the Martial Dipper Realm.” Xuan Lu said after glancing at Yun Lu.

“How can that be?!” Yun Lu couldn’t help but ask.

With his hands clasped behind his back, Xuan Lu stood in mid and mumbled, “Junior Brother, the fusion of our worlds was the best chance for them to attempt a breakthrough. Now that the fusion is complete, even if the World Ascension fails and we do not become a Spirit World, we’ll be a peak-tier Azure World. It’s not strange for us to be able to support a large number of Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors!”

“Senior Brother, you...” A strange sense of unease filled Yun Lu’s mind.

“Of course, I will not be able to make a move. I have no time to focus on that right now, however...” Xuan Lu’s voice rang again.

Yun Lu was extremely disappointed when he heard the first part of Xuan Lu’s sentence. With the sudden change in tone, a trace of hope reignited in his heart.

“I can lend you our sect’s divine weapon, the Deer Head Divine Staff, for the time being. Even if Kou Chongxue acts personally and crosses into our Ji Continent, you will be able to retreat safely.” Xuan Lu didn’t wait for an answer as he waved his hand to toss a bone staff at Yun Lu. The staff was a dull gray in color, and it looked unassuming at first glance. Yun Lu grabbed it quickly.

Yun Lu obviously didn't expect Xuan Lu to hand him the divine weapon. A look of excitement appeared on his face. "Senior Brother, rest assured. With the Divine Staff in hand, I'll make Kou Chongxue go through hell!"

When he was done, his Fate Dipper Clone turned to leave. However, he was stopped by Xuan Lu at the last second.

"Remember, even with the divine weapon, you cannot cross the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range! You most definitely cannot clash with Kou Chongxue directly." Xuan Lu reminded yet again.

Yun Lu chuckled in response, "Senior Brother, relax. I won't joke around with my life. I was merely playing around earlier." After he spoke, a strange thought formed in Yun Lu's mind. He asked, "Senior Brother, if you had the divine weapon, how high are your chances of victory against Kou Chongxue?"

Xuan Lu didn't answer the question directly. Instead, he muttered, "Back when I joined hands with the others to surround and kill Kou Chongxue, he merely refined 2 fate dippers..."

After a moment of silence, Yun Lu nodded slightly. "I understand."

When he was done, he turned to leave.

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The exchange between Martial Dipper Realm experts naturally caused a huge ruckus. Moreover, when attacks flew through the void across continents, it would give the other party time to react.

That was why exchanges between Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors across continents would hardly allow anyone to determine a victor. The only things they were comparing when they fought across the space were their cultivation, techniques, and quality of fate dippers. To put it simply, it was a battle to see which side had stronger foundations!

When Yun Lu's Fate Dipper Clone returned to his main body with the divine weapon, Shang Xia discovered his powerful aura coming from the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range.

Now that Yun Lu had revealed himself so openly, even a dumbass would know that he was about to make his move.

However, why would he dare to provoke Kou Chongxue?!

In the end, Shang Xia concluded that Yun Lu was merely bait used to attract Kou Chongxue's attention. He felt that there would be someone else who would make a move on the Tongyou Island to try to mess up the Tongyou Institution's plans!

Hmph, he's really daring alright... It's not that easy to be a bait... Not to mention a bait that is used to fish for a shark like Kou Chongxue!

Even though he prepared for the worst by giving Chu Jia the Spirit Extermination Gourd, Shang Xia wasn't exactly feeling great. After all, the sword qi that was sealed within contained a full powered strike from Kou Chongxue! He felt that it would be a waste to use something of that caliber against the clown that was Yun Lu.

Others might not know, but Shang Xia knew very well that Kou Chongxue had already refined his fourth Fate Dipper. The moment the sword qi was released, how many existences under the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm would be able to withstand it? How many of them would be able to retreat unscathed?

Yun Lu was at the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm, and he even had one of his fate dippers forcefully taken away by Kou Chongxue. He didn't have the qualifications to withstand the sword qi in the Spirit Extermination Gourd!

"Should I take on Yun Lu's strike and let Chu Jia deal with those who truly have the ability to threaten the Tongyou Island?" Shang Xia muttered to himself.

"The moment I make my move, the fourth Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor of our Tongyou Institution would be made known to the world. That's extremely intimidating... With the threat of Patriarch Kou who still hadn't made his move, Yun Lu and those who are preparing to attack us might feel a sense of fear and give up on whatever they're planning..." Shang Xia analyzed the entire situation in his mind. If those hidden in the dark didn't dare to make their move, the Tongyou Institution would benefit greatly as their opponents would have retreated without them having to make another move. However, that would also mean they would lose an opportunity to discover the identities of those who were plotting against the institution.

When Shang Xia was still thinking about what he should do, the change in the south made the decision for him.

Yun Lu, who had been storing his power for quite some time, exuded an even stronger aura all of a sudden! It was as though he became twice as strong!

Divine weapon! He definitely has a divine weapon!

That was Shang Xia's first thought.

Even though there were many methods that could allow a Martial Dipper Realm expert to burst forth with much stronger strength, the simplest method was the use of a divine weapon!

"Heh, you came knocking at the gates of hell yourself. You can't blame anyone else for this!"

Chapter 719: World Ascension: Shattered Weapon

Yun Lu's cultivation might be a little higher than Shang Xia, but he was attacking the Tongyou Island from the Ji Continent of the Azure Origin World. Shang Xia had the geographical advantage, and if all he had to do was defend, he was confident in taking the strike Yun Lu would unleash.

Now that Yun Lu had a divine weapon, everything changed.

Shang Xia also had a divine weapon, but it was damaged. That might not have stopped it from possessing the properties of a divine weapon, and that allowed Shang Xia to understand the true

power of one. He realized the true meaning a divine weapon had in the hands of a Martial Dipper Realm expert!

Only when wielded by a Martial Dipper Realm expert would a divine weapon be able to fully unleash its power!

Back when Shang Xia was in the Martial Extermination Realm, the Abyssal Blade was merely a sharper weapon in his hands.

Facing Yun Lu's sudden attack, Shang Xia made the decision.

Chu Jia received his instruction and she raised the Spirit Extermination Gourd high above her head and pointed it in the direction of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. A look of anticipation could be seen on her face.

In the air above the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range within the Ji Continent of the Azure Origin World, Yun Lu gathered enough energy. He held the Deer Head Divine Staff in his hand and swung it down at the void before him.

A loud thud came from the void beneath his feet and a spatial ripple started to spread to the surroundings.

As he poured a huge amount of his dipper qi into the weapon, the head of the deer on the staff seemed to come alive.

As he continued to pour his inner qi into the staff, the head of a deer slowly started to shape in the space above him. Its neck started to emerge from the void and eventually, its body and limbs materialized. It turned into a Divine Deer made of dipper qi.

Releasing a loud bleat, the deer leaped forward and disappeared into the void.

In several breaths of time, the giant deer appeared above the You Continent. It expanded greatly and became thousands of feet tall.

Even though it was still extremely tiny when compared to the Tongyou Island, no one doubted the fact that it would completely throw the Tongyou Island out of control if it slammed into the giant floating landmass.

Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo might have been controlling the Tongyou Island together from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, but they couldn't stop the Divine Deer. Moreover, they were fully focused on placing the Tongyou Island into its designated spot and had no time to care about other things anyway.

Everyone who had their eyes on the You Continent was waiting for Kou Chongxue to make his move!

Indeed. 'Kou Chongxue' didn't disappoint any of them. When the Divine Deer was charging at the Tongyou Island, his sword qi arrived!

A tyrannical aura rose from the Tongyou City and pierced through the Heavenly Screen above them. Even the Beyond Heavens Pavilion couldn't withstand the might as the aura of the sword qi as it flew straight into depths of space.

The sword qi hadn't even moved when its aura swept through the lands. Every single Martial Dipper Realm existence from the You, Bing, Ji, Qing, Ji, and Liao Continents turned their attention over!

Fear, horror, apprehension. There were lots of words to describe what they were feeling, but they were basically feeling the same thing.

Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors were able to communicate with the World's Will in some sort of inexplicable way. However, when facing the power of Kou Chongxue's sword aura, even that connection seemed to be cut off.

They felt endless fear of what would happen if the sword qi landed on them.

The ray of light and frosty cloud that had reappeared above the body of water disappeared in an instant.

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In the skies above the Beihai Institution of the Qing Continent, a skinny-looking, scholarly-like man stared in the direction of the You Continent. Light flickered in his eyes and he eventually sighed. He couldn't help but shake his head reluctantly.

In the air above the Ji Continent of the Azure Origin World, Xuan Lu who had been holding off all their enemies on his own felt his expression sinking. His figure turned blurry as a Fate Dipper Clone was separated from him. The clone flew to the north as quickly as it could.

The moment the clone stepped into the void, a magnificent scene played out in the distance. A myriad of phenomena appeared in the skies and it was as though a spatial labyrinth was formed.

Xuan Lu snorted heavily and poked the air before him. A loud pop was heard and it was as though a glass bubble had shattered. The strange labyrinth broke apart and Xuan Lu's Fate Dipper Clone emerged. It didn't stay for long as it rose into the air and flew to the north once again.

This time, nothing else happened.

Even though it seemed like Xuan Lu's clone had merely been stopped for a fraction of a second, his expression was as ugly as could be. He turned to stare in the direction of the Taihang Mountains.

"Five Mountains Alliance... Yin Wanxiang! Good... Very good..."

No one knew when Feng Yezi appeared at the western end of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. He seemed to have returned to the Bing Continent without anyone knowing, but he stared in the direction of Kou Chongxue's sword qi with a look of utter fear on his face. His figure blurred as he turned to depart.

Behind him, a man who looked more like a farmer more than anything, clad in a short-sleeved azure robe, seemed to anticipate Feng Yezi's intentions. The deep wrinkles on his hardy and bronze face deepened and he chuckled, "Brother Feng, where are you going?"

Feng Yezi didn't seem to possess the air of a Martial Dipper Realm expert at that point and he leaped into the air and yelled, "Wen Changqing... No, Yuwen Changqing, you played me! He's at the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm! Kou Chongxue has already refined his fourth fate dipper!"

Deputy Patriarch Wen Changqing of the Yanmen Institution, or more accurately, Yuwen Changqing, wiped the smile off his face. He returned to his original look which was one of age and distress and he sighed, "Brother Feng, running away is not an option. Since you already sided with my Yuwen Family, it's too late for you to escape."

Yuwen Changqing of the Yuwen Family! He was the Deputy Patriarch of the Yanmen Institution, but his true identity was a member of the Rose Party!

He had successfully stepped into the Martial Dipper Realm!

"You..." Feng Yezi pointed at Yuwen Changqing's face but he noticed the man staring at him with an unwavering gaze.

Eventually, Feng Yezi deflated like a balloon and he looked extremely depressed.

A smile escaped from Yuwen Changqing's lips. "Brother Feng, Kou Chongxue has already gone to deal with Yun Lu. Our chance has arrived!"

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In the air above the You Continent, the Divine Deer came screeching to a halt the moment Kou Chongxue's sword qi appeared. Its huge stomps caused the void beneath its feet to shatter and the hills down below were trampled flat.

Next, it broke off Yun Lu's connection to it and turned around in an attempt to escape to the south.

Before it could cross the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, the tyrannical sword qi arrived.

Perhaps it knew that it no longer had hopes of returning to the Ji Continent of the Azure Origin World, or maybe it had something to do with Yun Lu's forceful control, the Divine Deer turned around at the last second and released an ear-piercing screech before charging head-first into the sword qi.

Its magnificent antlers were sliced off without the slightest sound and the next second, the Divine Deer was split in two.

It didn't manage to stall the sword qi for even a second as the sword qi continued to slash down towards the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range.

With space tearing to a terrifying degree, the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range was sliced in two

As the saying goes, 'the most astounding sound is not audible. Those peak-tier existences who were observing the situation saw how the entire space was split in half.

The Thousand Leaf Mountain Range cleaved in two and everything in the sword qi's way started to crumble. A straight and deep valley was thus formed.

Despite the destruction, the sword qi didn't seem satisfied as it continued to fly south, as though it was hot in pursuit of something.

Who else but Yun Lu could be its target? Even with the Deer Head Divine Staff in his hand, Yun Lu was smart enough to run as soon as the aura of the sword qi emerged earlier.

Unfortunately, being smart didn't mean he had the ability to outrun the sword qi. He couldn't shake it off no matter how hard he tried. The sword qi might have been worn down by the Divine Deer

and the damage it caused to the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, but it still had 70 percent or more of its might! It sailed straight at Yun Lu no matter how hard he tried to run and it didn't seem to be stopping unless it hit its target.

“AH!” Yun Lu screamed in desperation as a figure appeared behind him. It grabbed the divine weapon before stared at the sword qi with pain and despair written all over its face.

Boom... Boom... Boom...

Rumble...

After a series of heaven-shaking explosions, Yun Lu, who was running for his life earlier, turned to look at the devastation. The entire area had turned into a wasteland and blood leaked down his cheeks. The next second, he fell to his knees and he started to vomit mouthfuls of blood.

A spatial ripple appeared beside him and a figure appeared by his side. A cold voice rang in his ears, “Where’s the Deer Head Divine Staff?”

Yun Lu forced himself to raise his head and blood continued to leak down his face. The malevolent expression he wore didn't fade as he stared at Xuan Lu's Fate Dipper Clone.

“Where’s the staff?!” Xuan Lu's clone asked again.

Looking past him, Yun Lu stared at the wasteland that was covered in dust.

With a cold snort, Xuan Lu's clone appeared in the mess behind him. By the time Yun Lu managed to struggle to his feet, Xuan Lu's clone returned.

“Your Fate Dipper Clone was completely destroyed. There's no hope of restoring it any longer.” A cold voice rang in Yun Lu's mind.

Instinctively, Yun Lu turned to look at the item in Xuan Lu's clone who was holding a mangled woodled staff in his hand. His gaze froze for a moment.

The antlers on the head of the staff were nowhere to be seen and there was a deep crack down the dead center of it. A twisted look of pain was portrayed by the deer's head.

Under Xuan Lu's deathly gaze, Yun Lu felt extremely sluggish as strength left his body.

Chapter 720: World Ascension: The 4 Great Dippers

“The sword qi was too uncontrolled. Kou Chongxue definitely just completed his advancement and failed to control it properly. He won't be able to release another sword strike anytime soon. Do it!” Yuwen Changqing seemed to be afraid that Feng Yezi would have thoughts of retreating and he had no choice but to make the first move. While he was doing so, he tried to reassure Feng Yezi by explaining the situation.

Actually, anyone who entered the Martial Dipper Realm could see that Kou Chongxue's sword qi showed signs of instability at the last second. Feng Yezi was a seasoned expert who entered the

Martial Dipper Realm long before Yuwen Changqing. He should have been able to tell what had happened.

As the destruction caused by the shockwaves of any exchange between Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors was massive, they would usually control the space around them to prevent their clash from damaging the world around them.

Otherwise, even if the world around them didn't crumble, multiple natural disasters would definitely be caused.

As such, Martial Dipper Realm experts wouldn't fight for a prolonged period of time if they could help it. They would retreat after exchanging a single blow to probe their enemy.

Even if they reached a point where they had no choice but to fight, they would automatically move the battlefield to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. In some cases, they would even fight in the sea of stars outside the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

When forced into a situation where they had to make their move in the world, they would restrain the impact of the battle to the best of their abilities to minimize the damage they caused.

Whenever Martial Extermination Realm cultivators managed to observe a battle between Martial Dipper Realm experts, they might even feel that the fight wasn't as intense as they had thought.

After observing the sword strike that came from the Tongyou Paradise, Yuwen Changqing determined that Kou Chongxue hadn't consolidated his foundations after his breakthrough and would be unable to release another one in the near future.

He even thought that Kou Chongxue suffered a backlash after unleashing the sword strike. In the best-case scenario, they hoped that Kou Chongxue would lose control over his fate dippers. Even if he didn't die, his cultivation would regress and he would suffer huge internal injuries.

Yuwen Changqing wasn't hoping for too much when he fantasized about what would happen to Kou Chongxue.

Even though one would be standing at the peak of the power pyramid of their world after entering the Martial Dipper Realm, all of them were extremely cautious when they improved their cultivation.

Those Holy Lands might have deep foundations, but after entering the Martial Dipper Realm, there wasn't much they could draw on from their predecessors. The experiences those left behind could be used as references at best. One needed to pave their own way forward in the path of cultivation.

With everyone still feeling around to find the right path, being ahead of the rest might not be a good thing.

The imbalance of fate dippers and the clash between them would cause one to lose control over their inner qi. It might even lead to cultivation deviation!

Those were the dangers Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors would have to face. Even if they managed to survive them, their cultivation wouldn't be preserved. It was extremely possible for their strength to take a huge hit.

There were even some experts who refined another fate dipper and took a step forward in their path of cultivation, but surprisingly experienced a drop in their combat strength.

In some cases, there were some who completed their advancement successfully by refining another fate dipper, but could no longer exchange pointers with others. That was because the slightest change would disrupt the balance of their fate dippers and send them to the afterlife.

The higher their cultivation level, the more dangerous it would be. The backlash they suffered would be more serious than others of lower cultivation level.

As an existence at the Martial Dipper Realm, they were rarely killed in battle against experts of the same level. Instead, most of them would lose their lives during the process of cultivation.

In fact, there were extremely few experts who exhausted their lifespan in the Martial Dipper Realm!

Kou Chongxue entered the Martial Dipper Realm for less than 30 years and in a short span of time, he charged from the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm to the fourth element! He was a terrifying existence in the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World.

Was it really that great to advance so quickly?

Everyone knew that a mere 10 years ago, Kou Chongxue was surrounded by his enemies and attacked on all sides. He nearly lost his cultivation as a result.

In the eyes of many experts in the Martial Dipper Realm, they seemed to have found Kou Chongxue's weak point. If anyone else was in his shoes, they would never dare to make an improvement in their cultivation.

That's why they didn't give chase even after inflicting heavy injuries to Kou Chongxue. According to what they thought, Kou Chongxue's fate was sealed with the damage they caused. His fate dippers were no longer in equilibrium and there was no need for them to risk anything to take him down. They were afraid he would go crazy and take a few of them down with him if they pushed him too far.

Never in their wildest imaginations did they think that Kou Chongxue's cultivation would recover. As if that wasn't all, he managed to refine his third fate dipper after making his appearance again. It hadn't even been that long, and he managed to increase his cultivation once again.

Everything pointed to the fact that he was tired of living.

According to common sense, the method he had used would endanger him further as it magnified the imbalance between his fate dippers.

The sword qi that was released earlier was proof to all of them that he wasn't exactly in the best of state at the moment. Even if he was truly unable to consolidate his foundations, he wouldn't have allowed the effects of his sword qi to affect the world around him to such an extent.

If anything thought that the sword qi that devastated the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range earlier was too powerful, they were wrong.

If the power contained in it was a little more refined and a little more controlled, Yun Lu would never have been able to escape by sacrificing a mere Fate Dipper Clone.

Of course, Yuwen Changqing wouldn't know about Yun Lu's situation at the moment, but the wild fluctuations from Kou Chongxue's sword qi told them all they needed to know.

Isn't he afraid that the World's Will will reject his presence after causing such widespread destruction?

That was the thought running through many people's minds at the moment. It was also why Yuwen Changqing dared to make his move.

Feng Yezi might have a phobia of Kou Chongxue after everything he had been through, but he chose to make a move after a lot of hesitation. Of course, he considered everything that happened earlier.

Whether or not Kou Chongxue would take revenge in the future was another matter altogether. That would only be a conflict between Martial Dipper Realm experts, and the experts of the Tongyou Institution would have to find him if they wanted to make their move.

The timing they chose was very precise. The moment the sword qi landed was supposed to be when Kou Chongxue was at his weakest.

If they crossed the border at that moment, there was a chance Kou Chongxue wouldn't be able to do a thing about it.

Even if they thought of the worst-case scenario and Kou Chongxue managed to react in time, what could he do to them?!

Could he expect 2 Martial Dipper Realm experts to appear from the Bing Continent at the same time?

Yuwen Changqing instinctively turned to stare at Feng Yezi who was following closely behind. Even though he was close, he seemed extremely evasive. It was as though he would escape the next moment.

Yuwen Changqing knew why Feng Yezi was trailing slightly behind. He was still planning on running away if things went south. Even so, Yuwen Changqing didn't plan on speaking up.

Feng Yezi didn't want to take any risk at all but still wished to teach Kou Chongxue and the Tongyou Institution a lesson. He didn't know that his overcautious mindset was exactly what Yuwen Changqing had exploited earlier to get him to come.

Yuwen Changqing might have entered the Martial Dipper Realm not too long ago, but he already had a rank five martial art. He was able to make full use of his strength and he shattered the void before him with a punch, creating a spatial tunnel in the direction of the Tongyou Island.

"Indeed... Some other asshole came to cause trouble!" Shang Xia growled. His eyes snapped open and he turned to stare in the direction of the Bing Continent.

He noticed the space above the You Continent breaking apart as a giant fist intent tore through the air. It flew straight at the Tongyou Island.

With the giant island hanging high in the skies, many people would feel a sense of extreme danger even if it shook lightly.

There wasn't a need to mention what would happen if a fist intent from a Martial Dipper Realm expert struck it!

It was a critical moment for the integration of the Tongyou Island. Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo had no way to pay attention to anything else! When everyone thought that the Tongyou Island wouldn't be able to avoid the disaster that was about to strike and half the You Continent would probably be devastated when the Tongyo Island fell, a five colored light emerged from the center of the island!

Shang Xia, who had been storing energy since a long time ago, released his aura along with his dipper qi! A curtain made from the five colored light formed around the island and greeted Yuwen Changqing's fist intent.

Every time a ray of five colored light flashed past the fist intent, it would weaken slightly. After several cycles, Yuwen Changqing's fist intent was wiped clean and the spatial tunnel that he opened was sealed shut. Everything returned to normal.

Now that he revealed himself, there was no longer a need to hide on the Tongyou Island. He couldn't conceal his identity after making his move earlier. He stood in the air and emitted an aura that was completely different from Kou Chongxue. The various experts quickly took note of his presence.

"Who is that?!"

"That's another Martial Dipper Realm expert. He seems really familiar though?"

"Could it be... did Kou Chongxue hide one..."

"That's Shang Bo's grandson! The Tongyou Institution actually produced a fourth Martial Dipper Realm expert!"

"What?! A fourth..."

"His fate dippers seem strange..."

Chaotic discussions filled the Beyond Heavens Pavilion of the new world as multiple exchanges of divine will were performed. However, everything quickly returned to normal.

The appearance of a fourth Martial Dipper Realm expert in the institution definitely shocked the various Holy Lands.

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After destroying Yuwen Changqing's fist intent, Shang Xia didn't know what happened next. However, a heated argument was about to break out thousands of miles away in the skies above the Bing Continent. Yuwen Changqing glared at the fleeing figure and yelled with exasperation, "If you made your move earlier, the Tongyou Island would have fallen!"