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Chapter 731: As the Battle Grows in Intensity

If not for the fact that they were taking turns to intercept the experts of the Spirit Abundance, Shang Xia wouldn't have known they had 9 full squads of 5 Martial Dipper Realm experts each. They managed to gather a terrifying 45 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm!

Shang Xia thought that if everything went smoothly, they wouldn't have to fight since they were at the very rear. Who would have thought that they would be called to arms so quickly?

Their squad was located closer to the central region and they were in charge of stopping the experts pouring in from the spatial tunnel in the middle. The other squads had also arrived at their respective positions as they prepared to welcome the next wave of experts.

While they were flying to their position, Shang Xia glanced at the other squads who had already fought.

Of the squad who had already dealt with their opponents, every single expert present was in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm or higher. Even so, they weren't completely unaffected. In one of the squads, one of them had a pale face as blood stained his clothes. It was clear he suffered pretty serious internal injuries.

There was another who lost a limb and was trying to grow a new one with the assistance of his inner qi.

Clearly, the 3 experts from the Spirit Abundance World who led the charge were true elites. Even though they were suppressed by a 5 man battle formation, they managed to force their opponents to pay a heavy price.

If the experts in their formations could utilize their abilities fully and drag the battle out, it was possible for them to not suffer at all. Unfortunately, time was of the essence. They had a limited number of experts and if they couldn't kill their opponents in the shortest amount of time, they might be overwhelmed by those pouring out from the spatial tunnels. If the number of experts from the Spirit Abundance World increased steadily, they would eventually be able to suppress everyone present!

As such, they had no choice but to conclude the battle as quickly as possible, even if it meant that they had to suffer multiple injuries.

The second group of squads who intercepted their opponents were made up of experts in the second and third element of the Martial Dipper Realm. They were a lot more fortunate than the first group as the opponents they had to face were in the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm. There might be 2 of them, but it was nothing they couldn't handle. They quickly killed one of them while heavily injuring the other.

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When Shang Xia was observing the rest of the battles, the squads also noticed them.

"Do not meet them head-on. It's fine if you manage to hold them off for some time. The others will provide assistance when it's possible!" The experts from the first

group could easily tell the cultivation level of Shang Xia and the others. Understanding that they were newly promoted experts, one of them sighed and gave one final piece of advice.

“Just try your best!” The leader of the squads in the second group yelled at Shang Xia and the others from another direction.

If it wasn't obvious, neither of them felt that Shang Xia's squad would be able to deal with their opponents. From that they could see, Shang Xia and the others might have just stepped into the Martial Dipper Realm. They might not even have developed their rank five martial arts and might not be able to fully circulate their inner qi.

Actually, most of them were mistaken about one thing. They thought that Shang Xia was the latest to enter the Martial Dipper Realm because of his age, but they couldn't be more wrong! In terms of time in the Martial Dipper Realm, Shang Xia was considered their senior in every way!

He was the only one to enter the Martial Dipper Realm before the fusion of the worlds. The other 4 took advantage of the overflowing world origin back then to step into the Martial Dipper Realm. They even had to use the reward of the World's Will when their respective factions completed their integration of their islands from the Manyu Continent.

The only difference Shang Xia had from them was that he had to develop his rank five martial arts from scratch. His combat abilities were severely limited.

The others fared slightly better. At the very least, Yi Jingzi and Shen Baisong were geniuses from their respective Holy Lands. They would receive the inheritance and past experiences of those who came before them so they could start training. Gong Xinlan and Lady Yu weren't nobodies either.

That was why Shang Xia only chose to reveal a portion of his abilities to them earlier.

Everything he was thinking of flew through his mind and in the blink of an eye, they arrived in their position close to the spatial tunnel.

At almost the same instance, a powerful light emerged from within. Formless spatial fluctuations spread through the area and 2 powerful auras emerged from within.

“There are 2 of them! They are in the second and third element of the Martial Dipper Realm!”

It wasn't time to hide his abilities and Shang Xia quickly revealed their opponents' strength.

After hearing about the other side's cultivation levels, the others felt their expressions sinking.

Obviously, the Spirit Abundance World had a gauge of their strength after the series of probes from before. They sent 2 experts at the same time and they realized that it would work best when 1 was in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm while the other was in the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

“Attack! We'll focus on the weaker one!” Gong Xinlan yelled as she led the offensive.

The others didn't say anything else as they agreed with her completely.

When facing experts who far outclassed them in terms of cultivation, they could only choose to attack the weaker one with everything they had. Only then would they have the ability to hold off the stronger one.

With a slight thought, Shang Xia released his Five Elements Dipper Qi. It transformed into a giant ring of five colored light and made a slight connection with the inner qi barriers around the others. With the connection, all of them could borrow each other's energy and strengthen their abilities.

Gong Xinlan took the initiative and sent a punch forward. A tyrannical fist intent tore through the void and flew at the expert in the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm who emerged from the spatial tunnel.

The same time she did, the connection of the 5 elements created by Shang Xia did its thing. A dense stream of Wood Element Qi fused itself with her fist intent. Like adding fuel to a flame, her fist intent strengthened by close to 50 percent. It burned with even greater intensity.

Shen Baisong and Yi Jingzi made their moves as well and Shang Xia completed the transformation of qi almost instantaneously.

The Wooden Ruler in Shen Baisong's hand ripped space apart and became a lot more flexible the next second. His moves became a lot more unpredictable.

Yu Jingzi's golden short knife moved with greater power. It allowed her strikes to become much more fearsome and quick.

Back when the Spirit Abundance World managed to create the third opening in the glass barrier, the sealed space was no longer a mystery to the upper echelons of the Spirit Abundance World.

After the first 3 waves of experts entered, they gained an even better understanding of the situation.

The 6 Martial Dipper Realm experts they sent in the fourth wave paired up and every pair was made up of cultivators of the same level.

When the pair who were facing Shang Xia's squad emerged from the spatial tunnel, they heaved a sigh of relief and thanked their lucky stars they were facing such a weak group. At the same time, they understood that their opponents were at their limits. They had to send out weaklings who just entered the Martial Dipper Realm.

The Spirit Abundance World knew that their target had experts in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm and knew that their expedition would result in many sacrifices. In order to motivate their experts to give it their all, they even listed out rich rewards for anyone who was the first to breach the defensive lines.

Shang Xia's squad's attacks arrived the moment they stepped out of the spatial tunnel.

The expert who was in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm couldn't contain his laughter and sniggered softly.

"Looks like we'll gain the credit for breaching their defensive line!" The pair looked at each other and noticed the look of delight in each other's eyes.

"Hahaha! Are you really thinking of them as weaklings? Well... Regardless, Brother Xie, all you have to do is to destroy their battle formation. Remember to leave that

mature-looking lady to me... Her figure is just amazing!" The expert at the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm stared at Lady Yu the moment he arrived. Lust shone in his eyes.

"Hehe, Brother Wu, go ahead and play with these kids. Remember to thank me... Wait! Be careful!" Brother Xie's expression changed while issuing a loud roar.

It was a shame it came too late. The careless Brother Wu had already lost the best chance to dodge the attacks.

Brother Xie wanted to make a move to help his companion, but a huge screen of water surrounded him.

"Preposterous!" Brother Xie growled as he released his inner qi in an attempt to shatter the screen of water.

He didn't expect the screen of water to be so resilient. Lady Yu, who received Shang Xia's power amplification, created a powerful water screen that far surpassed what a first element Martial Dipper Realm expert could produce.

They were still too far apart in terms of cultivation at the end of the day. After getting over his initial shock, Brother Xie shattered the water screen before him. He used less than 2 breaths of time to do so.

2 breaths of time might seem like a short time, but it was more than enough!

Gong Xinlan's fist intent slammed heavily into Brother Wu and directly shattered the space around him. Despite the effective strike, Gong Xinlan suffered a powerful backlash. She felt the world spinning around her as the blood drained from her face.

Shen Baisong followed up quickly and his Wooden Ruler tore through the void. It ripped the protective barrier around him and Yi Jingzi's golden short knife slashed diagonally down from his right shoulder, tearing him in half.

Chapter 732: Boom!

Who would have thought that an expert in the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm would be ripped apart by 3 cultivators who just entered the Martial Dipper Realm?

It wasn't something that was supposed to happen, but it happened before their eyes!

An enraged cry came from Brother Xie who was trying to shatter the water screen as Gong Xinlan and the others looked at what had happened in disbelief.

Killing an expert at the Martial Dipper Realm was no easy task. Even if he had been cut in half, he wouldn't die! Especially since he had refined more than a single fate dipper, killing him was an even taller task.

Along with the sound of the water screen tearing, Brother Xie took a single step and appeared between the body and Shang Xia's squad. He pushed himself to the limit as he tried to buy as much time as he could for Brother Wu to recover.

“He’s not dead! We only managed to destroy a Fate Dipper Clone by tearing him in half!” Shen Baisong yelled at the side. He was forced to retreat under Brother Xie’s tyrannical strength. As he tried to increase the distance between them, he yelled out in warning.

At the same time, a figure was struggling to restore itself behind Brother Xie. The half bodies crumbled and turned into some sort of dried-up skin as Brother Wu reappeared.

The strange skin-like treasure was probably related to Brother Wu’s fate dipper, and it was heavily damaged after being torn apart. Even if he refined it again, he wouldn’t be able to fully restore his cultivation at the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

“You... All of you will suffer a fate worse than death!” Brother Wu roared with a sinister expression on his face.

While he yelled his threats, Brother Xie was already suppressing Shang Xia and gang. He didn’t know how Brother Wu suffered such a disastrous defeat in the hands of the bunch of cultivators who barely stepped into the Martial Dipper Realm.

There was no way he could chalk it up to negligence. Even if someone was careless, there had to be a limit as to how far they could mess up. His fellow cultivator was clearly just a useless fool!

Brother Wu had endless rage and resentment in his heart, but he didn’t dare to express it in front of his fellow expert from the Spirit Abundance World.

He wanted nothing more than to shatter every bone in their body and tear them to shreds. However, the fear of what happened earlier lingered in his heart. His actions were tardy as he hesitated in his actions.

Useless fool! Brother Xie cursed inwardly.

Even though that was what he felt, he continued to suppress Shang Xia and the others with all his might. Gong Xinlan and the others hadn’t recovered after unleashing their strike against Brother Wu, and they were forced into a sorry state as a result.

Shang Xia couldn’t do anything in a situation like that. He could only try to circulate his Five Element Inner Qi the best he could to help hasten their rate of recovery.

It was also then that Brother Wu found a weak point. Appearing from behind Brother Xie, he tossed a metal claw at Lady Yu whose water screen had been torn apart earlier.

At that moment, her body trembled violently due to a powerful strike from Brother Xie. Her internal qi fluctuated violently and it would be hard for her to maintain her personal protection barrier.

Right before the claw could land, a ray of five colored light shot out from Shang Xia’s hand under the cover of the five colored light ring around his body. Almost no one noticed what he had done.

The only person who felt something was Brother Xie. He felt a tiny spatial fluctuation flying past him but due to the nature of the battle, massive shockwaves filled the area. Space was trembling unceasingly and he couldn’t be bothered with such a small disturbance. After all, it felt too weak to do any harm to an expert in the Martial Dipper Realm.

Too bad for him, reality proved him wrong. The tiny fluctuation actually had the ability to injure an expert in the Martial Dipper Realm!

The sinister expression on Brother Wu's face froze as he stared at Lady Yu. The metal claw lost all its power the next instant and was easily repelled by the weak barrier around her body.

Brother Xie's eyes widened in shock as he took the chance when everyone was forced away from him to glance over his shoulder. He saw his companion completely frozen as all signs of life had left his body. Extending his divine will over, he immediately discovered the cause of death. He didn't know when it happened, but a hole had been pierced through Brother Wu's dantian. His dipper qi detonated inside him and his innards had been turned to mush.

Brother Xue was a seasoned expert in the Martial Dipper Realm. Everything that happened earlier replayed in his mind and he thought back to the tiny insignificant spatial fluctuation he felt earlier. His gaze landed on Shang Xia who was currently hiding among his fellow cultivators.

"You did this..." Brother Xie stared at the youngster who killed his companion. He didn't think that the coward who was hiding among the others posed the greatest threat!

While cursing Brother Wu for being absolutely fucking useless, he was also racking his brains to think of how Shang Xia achieved the kill. A trace of fear filled his heart and he became a lot more cautious.

That was also the reason why rather than focusing on the others, he paid more attention to Shang Xia. It didn't take too long for him to realize the youngster was located at the true core of their battle formation. The unassuming youngster who seemed to be providing support by maintaining the balance of everyone's inner qi was the greatest asset they had!

It was a shame he discovered the fact too late.

After getting rid of Brother Wu, Shang Xia and the others were able to fully focus on dealing with Brother Xie. Without anything holding them back, they started to regain the initiative in the battle. They were no longer suppressed like before and they eventually turned the tables. They forced him away from the spatial tunnel before allowing the other squad to take their place.

Shang Xia didn't forget to gather his spoils of war. He retrieved everything Brother Wu brought with him.

The only thing Shang Xia found a pity was that he couldn't gather anything like a fate dipper fragment or shards of it after Brother Wu's dantian was destroyed.

Fortunately, the Tongyang Needle he used was a high-grade weapon. It remained relatively intact after killing Brother Wu. Shang Xia infused a strand of inner qi into it after he retrieved it. He didn't intend to hide the fact he was doing it and it caused Brother Xie's eyelids to twitch violently while fighting the others.

Actually, he wasn't the only one who was terrified by his companion's death. Gong Xinlan and the others also found it extremely unbelievable. Earlier, Lady Yu was already prepared to be heavily injured after the metal claw slammed into her.

They might not be as perceptive as Brother Xie who managed to sense the slight spatial fluctuation, but they realized what happened after seeing the needle in Shang Xia's palm.

Understanding what had happened, their evaluation and perception of Shang Xia increased to new heights.

Chapter 733: Unable to Unleash His Full Abilities

Brother Xue realized it wouldn't be possible for him to destroy the battle formation after losing his ally.

As the battle dragged on, he could feel himself slowly being suppressed.

His hopes and dreams of obtaining the reward for breaching the opponent's defensive lines were dashed, but he quickly managed to calm himself. He once again thought about the original plan the higher-ups of the Spirit Abundance World came up with.

If everything went smoothly, all of them who had arrived were there to buy time for other experts to be transported over. They would eventually overwhelm the enemy.

He felt that they had a chance to breach the defensive lines because of the squad they ran into after arriving. After all, he could tell that Shang Xia and the others were newbies who just stepped into the Martial Dipper Realm. That would mean that they used up all of their fighting strength and were at their limits.

Now that he decided to stick to their battle plan and drag things out, he started to deal with their assault in a calm manner. He strengthened the protective barrier around himself to the limit. Shen Baisong and the others were unable to do anything to him with their meager strength.

However, they had an impressive record of killing the second element Martial Dipper Realm expert. They far exceeded what others expected of them and now that they were able to suppress an expert in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm, no one expected more from them.

During the ascension of the Tongyou Mysterious World, Shang Xia exhibited his godly control over world origin. The endless tide was easily manipulated by him and controlling the inner qi of the other 4 people in the battle formation was too easy.

A greater portion of Shang Xia's consciousness was fixed on transforming the different types of dipper qi at that moment. He wanted to use the chance to deepen his understanding of how the 5 elements interacted with each other in order to improve his rank five arts.

Throughout the process, Shang Xia didn't forget to play with the Tongyang Needle from time to time. He would infuse some inner qi into it occasionally in order to draw Brother Xie's attention over.

Even though Shang Xia's squad had the advantage, they were quickly forced back into a stalemate. Both sides were unable to do a thing to each other and fighting more would just devolve into a battle of attrition. They would eventually be comparing the depths of each other's foundations...

As such, they had a lot more time to observe the battle happening around them. Shang Xia noticed what was happening in the region of sealed space.

The fifth wave of experts from the Spirit Abundance World had already arrived and the sixth was on their way.

The squads who arrived to intercept them were slowly starting to get overwhelmed. There were still 2 other squads who hadn't dealt with their opponents.

With more experts from the Spirit Abundance World pouring in, the battle formations were eventually overrun. They had to split up to fight individual opponents.

Luckily for them, even though they had to fight individually, they had the numerical advantage. Even if they were in a pretty bad spot after fighting experts from the Spirit Abundance World back to back, they were able to hold on. The situation hadn't deteriorated to the point where they were completely fucked.

However, the clock was ticking. How long could they maintain their advantage?

Shang Xia couldn't help but ponder. He extended his divine will to its limit and even though the battles around greatly affected what he could detect, he was still able to discover a thing or two. He discovered Shang Bo's battle formation was still intact and his grandfather was looking pretty good. He heaved a sigh of relief inwardly.

The number of Martial Dipper Realm experts sent by the Spirit Abundance World numbered at a staggering 25 by that point and none of them had cultivation level lower than the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

The experts of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World were able to gather 9 squads of 5 experts each, but if they were counting in terms of cultivation level, they were pretty scattered.

The only advantage they had was their numbers. They could easily work together to form a battle formation to maintain their current advantage.

Of the Martial Dipper Realm experts from the Spirit Abundance World at the fourth element or above who came in the first wave, 2 of them had already died. The final one had multiple Fate Dipper Clones destroyed and was pretty much on his last breath.

There were 4 experts who arrived in the second wave, and 2 of them were dead.

6 experts arrived in the third wave, and similar to the second wave, 2 of them had been slain.

The fourth wave arrived when Shang Xia and the others were still fighting, but of the 6 who came, things were pretty similar. Only 2 of them were killed.

The situation was turning grim after the fifth wave came. They were unable to hold their advantage and they even lost several experts on their side!

With 2 experts from the Spirit Abundance World dragging one more expert on their side down earlier, the total casualties from their side rose to 3.

The battle was violent and the losses were great. However, what they were losing wasn't just their experts.

Cultivators in the Martial Dipper Realm were extremely hard to kill. It was especially so for those who had refined more than a single fate dipper.

The Spirit Abundance World might have lost 8 experts and the Azure Worlds lost 3, but multiple Fate Dipper Clones were destroyed along with them. Many people's cultivation fell continuously.

After sending 25 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm, the spatial tunnels showed no signs of opening again. It seemed as though they had also reached some sort of limit as they slowed down their offensive.

Unfortunately, the Spirit Abundance World was a higher world and that was far from what they were capable of.

One had to know that the Azure Worlds were able to gather 45 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm now that their new world was under threat. The Spirit Abundance World clearly wouldn't just gather 25 experts if they wished to invade their world. Moreover, they had proven their abilities. From how none of those they sent had a cultivation below the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm, their deep foundations were clear for all to see.

The high average cultivation level was probably why the Spirit Abundance World slowed down. It wasn't easy to gather so many strong experts. Luckily, they seemed pretty limited for now. It was why the Azure Worlds could withstand the invasion with the use of their battle formations.

Even so, no one celebrated despite the lack of response coming from the spatial tunnels. The longer the period of silence, the more pressure they felt. A sense of crisis descended upon them.

Shang Xia wasn't the only one who felt it. In fact, almost everyone understood that the moment experts started pouring out from those spatial tunnels again, the battle would reach its climax. It would be time to determine a victor.

Everyone would glance at the spatial tunnels from time to time.

Outside the glass barrier, a horrifying ray of light approached from the depths of space. The experts at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm from the 3 Elysiums were also enduring great pressure. They didn't have the ability to pay attention to anything else.

With everyone's attention on their respective opponents and occasionally, the spatial tunnels, a powerful ray of light arrived once again. It seemed to possess endless might as it crashed into another point in the barrier.

Crack...

The sound rang in the ears of those present, and it also seemed to slam heavily into the hearts of those from the Azure Worlds.

Another point in the glass barrier broke and a torrential wave of energy poured into the region of sealed space. It eventually stabilized and formed a fourth spatial tunnel!

The hearts of those from the Azure Worlds sank at that moment. They felt as though the world was going to crash down on them.

As for the experts from the Spirit Abundance World, they attacked with an invigorated vigor. Some of them even used the chance to break through the encirclement around them.

Brother Xie, who was held back by Shang Xia and the others, also chose to burst forth with all his might that very instant. He even separated a Fate Dipper Clone to cover him as they ran in different directions.

Already distracted from the fourth crack in the glass barrier, Gong Xinlan and the rest failed to react in time. Gong Xinlan and Yi Jingzi made an error in judgment when the Fate Dipper Clone appeared and they chased after the clone instead of the real body.

Shen Baisong and Lady Yu were clearly no match for Brother Xie's true body even with Shang Xia's strength amplification. What was more, Lady Yu's Water Screen had been torn apart twice since they started fighting and her condition was quickly deteriorating.

Indeed... After a series of short exchanges, the Wooden Ruler in Shen Baisong's hand was sent flying. Lady Yu spat out a mouthful of blood and it was obvious she suffered heavy injuries.

Because he separated a Fate Dipper Clone, Brother Xie was no longer at his peak state. He wasn't able to escape unscathed under Shang Baisong and Lady Yu's combined assault. His body trembled violently and he failed to break through their encirclement despite dealing some damage to the other side. Fortunately for him, no one else stood in his way.

"HAHAHA!" Brother Xie roared with laughter. He took a step forward to leave as he gestured behind him to retrieve his Fate Dipper Clone.

His expression changed the next instant. He lost all connection with his Fate Dipper Clone!

That fucking needle...

Brother Xie was no fool. He had been watching out in case Shang Xia made another move, but everything he had to protect himself was on his true body. His Fate Dipper Clone remained completely vulnerable.

What was more, he didn't think that Shang Xia would actually use his killing strike on a mere Fate Dipper Clone!

One had to know that Shang Xia had been observing the battle since he was providing support from the rear. He should be able to discern the difference between the true body and the clone, but he still chose the wrong target. It was clearly an obvious mistake!

To others, Shang Xia definitely messed up when he destroyed the clone.

Brother Xie felt a trace of regret as he wasted a perfectly good Fate Dipper Clone. Whatever it was, escaping was of utmost priority. He could turn back and deal with them in the future.

Unfortunately, another figure appeared before him when he tried to leave. The youngster that was hiding behind the rest to unleash his sneak attacks actually came over!

The only difference was that he was no longer holding the needle in his hand. Instead, he held a broken blade!

A strange five colored glow surrounded the blade and as it cleaved downwards, a blade qi that was made from five colored light emerged. It destroyed everything in its way and a clean cut was made through space as the blade qi appeared above Brother Xie's head.

Divine weapon! That was a damaged divine weapon!

The protective barrier around him was sliced open in an instant. He couldn't move forward because Shang Xia was standing in his way, and the space around him forced him to stay in place. He couldn't dodge if he wanted to. There was only one option and that was for him to retreat...

However, the moment he did, he would be surrounded by the others again. If that were to happen, he would have wasted a Fate Dipper Clone for nothing!

Countless thoughts flashed through his mind in an instant and he eventually made up his mind. He took half a step forward before raising a short trident above his head. The trident seemed to resemble jade, but it also seemed metallic at the same time.

Clang!

The clash happened without any fancy explosion, but Brother Xie felt his arms becoming a lot lighter. He felt that things had gone awry and he no longer cared to break through the encirclement. He retreated quickly, abandoning his weapon.

Even though he reacted as soon as he could, his protective barrier had already been cut open. The blade qi extended deep into his body and a long cut went straight down to his belly. Blood sprayed out from the cut and if it went a little more, he would have been cut in half.

Brother Xie felt a chill running through his heart. He instinctively wanted to tap his acupoints to stop the bleeding, but his hand was still holding on to the trident he thought he had released earlier.

Even though he wanted to block Shang Xia's blade qi with his short trident, it was immediately cut in half the moment the Abyssal Blade arrived.

Luckily for him, the trident delayed Shang Xia for a split second. That was the only reason his body was only sliced through by the blade qi. Otherwise, he would most likely have lost another Fate Dipper Clone.

In the end, he was still thrown back into the encirclement.

Gong Xinlan and Yi Jingzi couldn't care about the embarrassment of chasing after the Fate Dipper Clone earlier and they quickly came over to assist. They attacked relentlessly, not giving him time to recover.

Shen Baisong and Lady Yu also ignored the injuries they had as they flew over to join the assault.

After unleashing his blade, Shang Xia shook his head in disappointment. He didn't seem too happy about himself as he returned to support the rest.

If he had a true rank five martial art at his disposal, he would definitely have been able to cause the expert from the Spirit Abundance World to lose another Fate Dipper Clone.

Also, Shang Xia looked at the Abyssal Blade in his hand helplessly. It seemed as though it wasn't exactly able to unleash the full potential of his Five Elements Dipper Qi.

Chapter 734: Exerting Dominance

The Abyssal Blade was a divine weapon no matter what! Even if it was broken, it was still far better than what was considered pseudo divine weapons.

Who would have thought that the weapon that would be a target of envy for many Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors would be regarded with disdain by Shang Xia just because he felt it couldn't fully utilize his inner qi?

One had to know that since the Essence Realm, Shang Xia had been changing weapons at every stage of the way.

In the Essence Realm, Shang Xia practiced palm arts.

After entering the Yin Yang Realm, he started training in the way of the sword.

As an expert in the Triple Command Realm, he chose to practice the Shang Clan's Inheritance, the Providence Spear Art.

When he broke through to the Four Constellation Realm, he developed his unique blade art, the Twenty Four Solar Terms.

Now that he finally stepped through the gates to the Five Elements Realm, it would seem as though he would be coming up with his unique martial art once again. After he was done, he would be able to leave behind a completely new martial arts inheritance.

The only problem he was facing was the fact that he didn't know what weapon to choose. He could only do so after he completed the development of his rank five martial arts and it would have to be in tune with the characteristics of his Five Element Dipper Qi.

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Back when he was in his peak state, Brother Xie was forced into a stalemate against Shang Xia's squad. He split off a Fate Dipper Clone in an attempt to break out from their encirclement, but it was destroyed by Shang Xia. His true body was also nearly split in half by Shang Xia's sudden attack. Even though he wasn't ripped in half and could maintain his cultivation level at the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm, his combat strength had dropped greatly.

In Shang Xia's squad, Shen Baisong and Lady Yu suffered pretty serious injuries. The gap that occurred due to their weakness was forcefully plugged after Shang Xia joined in the battle.

With the injuries he suffered and the destruction of his Fate Dipper Clone, it was a matter of time before Brother Xie from the Spirit Abundance World was killed by the constant assault by Shang Xia's squad.

The next second, the fourth spatial tunnel emitted brilliant rays of light and a wave of world origin emerged. The powerful force even affected the cultivators who were fighting nearby.

2 experts from the Spirit Abundance World managed to escape from their plight by paying a pretty huge price because of the disturbance.

Whatever it was, those experts of the Azure Worlds close to the fourth spatial tunnel could no longer care about the experts of the Spirit Abundance World. A massive explosion rang through space as a horrifying aura emerged. 4 figures appeared from the tunnel.

They sent their experts through a single tunnel in the sixth wave, but all 4 of them arrived at the same spot.

The second they appeared, a horrifying aura enveloped the sealed space.

One had to know that the first wave of experts who arrived had cultivations in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm or higher. All of them could be considered experts at the peak of the Martial Dipper Realm. However, the momentum they had when they arrived was far from comparable to the appearance of the newcomers.

How strong would the 4 who just came be if that was the case?!

“Kill!” A loud yell rocked the space they were in and the confusion in Shang Xia’s heart cleared immediately.

4 pillars of light shot through the depths of space and they were so powerful everyone could feel their hearts trembling. They flew at the squads closest to the 4 spatial tunnels.

Shang Xia detected their strength the moment the light pillars appeared. The light was condensed by the fusion of all 5 fate dippers!

They had refined 5 fate dippers each and all of them were in the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm! It was even possible they were at the peak of the large completion stage.

Moreover, all of them were using divine weapons!

“Scatter!”

“Hurry up and run!”

“...”

Yells came from different squads from multiple directions.

The Martial Dipper Realm experts from the Azure Worlds pushed themselves to their limits as they turned into steaks of light that flew everywhere.

No one dared to clash with an expert at the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm wielding a divine weapon...

Those pillars of light that were created by the experts from the Spirit Abundance World who were in the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm flew for thousands of miles and turned the region of space around the spatial tunnels into a giant mess.

Battle formations crumbled and there were at least 4 experts from the Azure Worlds who failed to escape in time. Even after sacrificing their Fate Dipper Clones, they were slain by the wielder of those divine weapons.

Initially, the Azure Worlds gathered 9 squads of 5 cultivators each. Even so, they were barely holding on against the 20 or so experts of the Spirit Abundance World who came earlier. The second the 4 peak-level experts were sent over, the situation turned on its head. They launched a decisive counterattack and managed to directly destroy 3 battle formations.

2 squads were barely able to maintain their formations after the appearance of those experts. One of them managed to do so because they killed their target earlier and hadn’t had time to scatter. The others stuck together as they understood that if they were to run away on their own, all of them would die a miserable death.

The second squad contained Shang Xia and the others, and with Brother Xie on his last legs, they refused to be affected by the sudden change in situation and gave up their chance of killing him.

When Lady Yu managed to grab one of Brother Xie’s legs with a stream of water, Gong Xinlan found an opportunity to send a powerful fist intent his way. It shattered the weak protection barrier around him. Yi Jingzi had been observing the situation calmly this time and noticed the best chance of attack. Her short swords stabbed straight for her target’s chest.

None of them made a mistake in the crucial moment and Shen Baisong also got his hands on his Wooden Ruler that flew away earlier. When a figure separated itself from Brother Xie, he was ready for it and stabbed directly into its back.

The next moment, the figure that separated from the original body froze in mid air.

Lady Yu extracted the stream of water from the now lifeless true body before wrapping itself around the neck of the newly separated figure. Gong Xinlan's fist intent changed trajectory at the last moment and slammed into the figure's head. With a loud crack, the head was crushed.

"Phew..." Everyone heaved a sigh of relief and Yi Jingzi slowly retrieved her short sword that was supposedly driven into Brother Xie's true body.

The instant she pulled her sword out, his eyes snapped open.

A brilliant wave of five colored light appeared the next instant as it swallowed Brother Xie's true body who had lost all signs of life earlier.

"How... How did you discover what happened?" Shen Baisong asked. Earlier, when the new figure appeared, everyone changed the direction of their strikes as they thought that he would pull the same trick once again. They aimed for the new figure who was trying to escape in an attempt to kill Brother Xie once and for all.

With no life left to support the clone, the target who had its head smashed in by Gong Xinlan started to melt into a strange brown puddle. Blood poured from the neck of the body that was swallowed by Shang Xia's five colored light earlier.

All 4 of them were nearly tricked by Brother Xie again...

In order to make them think that he replaced his true body with a clone before attempting to escape, Brother Xie didn't hesitate to be stabbed by Yi Jingzi's short swords. He fooled the others into thinking he was the clone and they diverted their attention to the escaping figure. The final fate dipper he refined was still in his body and he would have been able to run if they didn't react fast enough. It was a shame Shang Xia was no fool.

"Maybe I could see it clearer because I wasn't directly taking part in the battle. All of you were misled by his antics and lost track of his true body. I managed to see through his intentions easily from where I was..." Shang Xia explained.

Chapter 735: Taking Advantage

The battle formation was easily comprehended by Shang Xia's squad as the principles behind it were simple. Even though it had the effect of increasing their battle prowess, it wasn't truly enough.

However, it still allowed them to gain the upper hand during the first few waves of invasion as they ganged up on the experts who arrived and managed to kill a few of them.

However, the moment the fourth spatial tunnel was created through the use of brute force by the existence of the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm from the other side, shit hit the fan.

It wasn't as though none of the experts from the Azure Worlds could match up to the 4 super experts the Spirit Abundance World sent as even if they couldn't win, they would be able to hold out for several rounds of exchanges.

Even if the experts of the Spirit Abundance World had divine weapons, the Holy Lands of the Azure Worlds had also brought out a few of them...

Even so, the experts of the Azure Worlds suffered greatly due to the sudden change in situation. Because of the previous few rounds, all of them were exhausted.

Those 4 experts from the Spirit Abundance World who appeared had been storing up their energy for a long time before they arrived. It was no surprise they managed to turn the tables with a single move the moment they arrived.

Whatever it was, everything pointed to a very simple fact. The Azure Worlds were truly at a disadvantage when faced with an invasion from a higher world.

They might have fallen onto the back foot with their battle formations scattered and battle initiative lost, but the experts of the Azure Worlds didn't immediately crumble and die.

Several experts from the Azure Worlds stood out and engaged the 4 experts who just appeared. Without their terrifying reserve of stored up energy, they weren't as scary as before. The cultivators of the Azure Worlds were suppressed, but they were still able to hold out for quite some time.

How long would the Azure Worlds be able to sustain under such circumstances, no one knew.

Without utilizing their battle formations, the cultivators of the Azure Worlds lost the ability to kill or heavily injure their opponents in a short amount of time.

Things were worse when everyone looked at the spatial tunnels. Those 4 experts had already regained control over the area surrounding them. With their protection, the existences at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm from the Spirit Abundance World would be able to send their fellow members to the region of sealed space.

"What do we do now?!" Shen Baisong asked.

Yi Jingzi, Lady Yu, and Gong Xinlan turned to the youngest member on their team in unison.

Unknowingly, the youngest Martial Dipper Realm expert of the Tongyou Institution had already become the core of their 5 man squad.

"We have to retreat!" Shang Xia predicted that something like that might happen before the battle started, but calling for a retreat was pretty hard to accept.

"What about the rest?" Shen Baisong didn't want to leave. He wanted to borrow the strength of those present to rescue Luo Baixu of the Changbai Holy Land from the mess that the entire region would devolve into.

Of course, if they tried to save Luo Baixu, they would have to attempt to save Shang Bo of the Tongyou Institution and the expert of the Heavenly Star Palace. As such, Shen Baisong was having second thoughts.

Despite having the plan in mind, he didn't dare to request for Shang Xia to go out of his way to provide assistance. After all, Shang Xia was currently holding the group together with his abilities.

One could even argue that because of his timely adjustment of their battle formation and inner qi flow, their combat strength doubled! Moreover, after seeing how he fought, no one believed that he was a weak pushover.

"Where are we supposed to go after we retreat?" Yi Jingzi also had the same idea in mind but a trace of helplessness filled her heart.

The Spirit Abundance World was too powerful and they would definitely get rid of any lingering threat. If their invasion was successful, there was nowhere for the experts of the Azure Worlds to go. After all, the new world was right behind them. They wouldn't be able to run forever.

"Fuck it. How are we going to get away?" Gong Xinlan asked. She might have been thinking about whatever was going to happen next if they didn't but she seemed to have stumbled upon the reason behind Shang Xia's decision.

"The 3 Elysiums and Holy Lands have been preparing for this day for some time now. It's impossible for them not to have anything else up their sleeves." Shang Xia reassured everyone before he continued, "Did you realize that no matter how messy the situation is turning out to be and despite the deaths of many experts, those from our side have been instinctively gathering near a certain spot..."

Staring at each other in confusion, their gazes eventually returned to Shang Xia. They shook their heads in unison.

Their divine will couldn't cover an extensive area like what Shang Xia could do and it wasn't as strong either. They were basically blind to the situation around them with all the powerful spatial fluctuations and shockwaves all around.

Lady Yu chuckled, "I guess we can only follow you blindly from now on."

After thinking about it, the others discovered that with their level of strength, they would definitely die a horrible death if they split up. They could only nod slightly after hearing what Lady Yu said.

Shang Xia wasn't surprised by their decision. He nodded and spoke in a low voice, "Alright. Since all of you choose to trust me, please stay close. I'm afraid we can't be too far away from each other for what is going to happen next..."

Leading the way, Shang Xia's squad started to move about the border of the sealed space. The 4 spatial tunnels started to show signs of activating as profound light poured out from them. 8 experts who were circulating their protection barrier appeared.

No one moved to stop them this time. The 4 pairs of experts killed their way into the battlefield immediately and their strength was similar to those who came before. One of them was at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm while the other was at the second element. The situation turned even worse and the experts of the Spirit Abundance World seemed to have gained the upper hand.

Shang Xia's squad wasn't able to avoid trouble as they were quickly targeted by a pair of experts.

Luckily, Shang Xia and the rest weren't planning to hold them back. They cared more about traveling around the sealed space and even though their opponents were strong, they were far from comparable to Brother Xie and Brother Wu who arrived in the previous waves. Shang Xia and the others maintained their battle formation and prepared to deal with any change in the situation.

When they were still running around, the experts of the Azure Worlds started to retreat in one of the directions. They started to gather close to each other.

Even though the experts of the Spirit Abundance World seemed to have gotten the upper hand, they hadn't completely surrounded the experts of the Azure Worlds. They could only watch as the experts of the Azure Worlds gathered together to force the situation into a stalemate.

At that moment, Shang Xia brought them over to the spot where everyone had gathered. The pair from the Spirit Abundance World who were hunting them down felt that they wouldn't be able to do anything and decided to leave for the time being. They continued to harass Shang Xia's squad across space but nothing changed.

Gathering in a single spot might allow the experts of the Azure Worlds to resist the invaders, but with the presence of those 4 god-like experts in the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm, the stalemate wouldn't last for long.

A loud roar rang through space the next moment. "Now that things have progressed to this point, Seniors, are you truly planning to force my Yuanchen Sect into extinction?! You should know that there is no hair without skin... The 3 of you possess powerful abilities and hold great knowledge! Are you really going to watch on as the Spirit Abundance World swallows our new world?"

The experts of the Azure Worlds who had gathered together broke out into discussion. They could tell that the voice came from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion 30000 miles away. When they heard the words 'Yuanchen Sect' next, all of them turned to look at Huang Jinghan and Wen Jingda who were among them.

The Yuanchen Sect actually sent 3 Martial Dipper Realm experts to join the battle. Unfortunately, Cai Jingyan was killed earlier. Wen Jingda also lost a Fate Dipper Clone. Huang Jinghan was the strongest of the 3 and he was a peak-tier expert at the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm. He was one of those who stepped out earlier to hold off the 4 supreme experts of the Spirit Abundance World for the others to escape.

Now that the voice of someone from the Yuanchen Sect came from 30000 miles away, that would mean that they possessed another powerful expert stronger than Huang Jinghan!

What truly shocked them was the meaning behind those words.

Several guesses ran through the crowd and many people guessed that he was directly scolding the existences of the 3 Elysiums who were in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm.

However, who in the right mind would have the guts to do that?

Those were existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. They were the main strength behind the resistance of the Spirit Abundance World. How could he question those existences like that?! Even if he had the Yuanchen Sect backing him up, no one knew where he got his confidence.

When everyone was still wondering what would happen, an aged sigh rang like a thunderclap in the ears of those present. "You appeared at a great time!"

The voice from 30000 miles away returned. He was neither servile nor overbearing when he spoke, “It’s all for the sake of passing down the legacy of the sect. It’s also to advance another step along the grand path of cultivation...”

Another voice rang through the stars, “Do you know that if you take this step right now, you might be able to reach a higher level of power, but you will never be able to improve again?”

“Junior has reached the end of his path. Also, I don’t think you 3 Seniors would bother imparting your knowledge...” The expert from the Yuanchen Sect spoke again.

This time, a hoarse voice came from somewhere else. “Fine! However, the 3 of us are unable to provide you with enough power to take the final step. Since protecting the new world is the responsibility of everyone present, we shall all provide the world origin the Xiangyang Holy Land needs to ascend to the Xiangyang Elysium!”

The expert from the Yuanchen Sect remained silent for a moment as he didn’t think that the mighty existences of the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm would give in. The sudden change was slightly hard to accept.

Experts from the Azure Worlds who had gathered together were also surprised by what had happened. Their hearts shook violently.

The Yuanchen Sect is about to ascend to an Elysium!

No... That wasn’t all that entailed. That would mean the expert from the Yuanchen Sect would be using the opportunity to step into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm!

That was their true goal. They wished to become a faction comparable to the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Divine Capital Sect, and Eternal Palace! They would possess an Elysium!

Even though the Yuanchen Sect had been rumored to be ready to ascend, those were mere rumors. With the exception of the 3 super powers who had their own Elysium, there was no Holy Land that didn’t wish to ascend.

The goal that was unattainable to most of them would actually be achieved by the Yuanchen Sect!

Everyone could tell that the Yuanchen Sect was using the desperation they had in the face of the Spirit Abundance World’s invasion to force the 3 Elyusiums to support their ascension.

A moment later, the expert from the Yuanchen Sect continued, “Junior has a request I wish to make. We would require the assistance of the various factions, but I will also need the 3 Seniors to make a move...”

The aged voice came from the stars above and it arrived with a loud chuckle. “You heard him. The Yuanchen Sect is only lacking in one final crucial step. They need a horrifying amount of world origin and they can’t use any from the new world. The price has to be paid by all our factions. Our Elysiums will naturally release the most world origin, but we will need to gather the rest from you guys. Go ahead and give as much as you want. Whatever it is, if the Xiangyang Holy Land fails to ascend, you can’t blame the 3 of us!”

Shang Xia and the others no longer needed to maintain their battle formation now that they gathered with the others. Shen Baisong and Yi Jingzi quickly left to gather with the experts of their

respective factions. Lady Yu and Gong Xinlan flew away too and Shang Xia went to find his grandfather. When they finally met, Shang Xia heaved a sigh of relief.

However, he could tell that Shang Bo's condition wasn't optimistic at the moment. He seemed to have exhausted a huge amount of inner qi.

"Grandpa, this..." Shang Xia tried to approach.

Shang Bo waved him off and sighed, "It's already a blessing for me to live after a battle like that. Luckily, I had your Substitution Talisman. I managed to avoid death because of that!"

Shang Bo had only entered the Martial Dipper Realm for a short amount of time and his cultivation was still at the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm. Even though he advanced several years before Shang Xia, he might not be as strong as the little freak.

After they met up, both of them no longer had to worry about each other. Shang Bo chuckled, "Heh, the Yuanchen Sect knows how to scheme alright. If they really succeed, we'll have 4 Elysiums in the future!"

"They're taking advantage of the situation here. Aren't they afraid..." Shang Xia mumbled.

"Heh, they're going to become an Elysium... What do they have to be afraid of?" Shang Bo snorted coldly.

Shang Xia was helpless after hearing his reasoning. "Looks like we're going to be losing out big time..."

Surprisingly, Shang Bo seemed to be gloating in their misfortune at the moment. "Fortunately, we kept a portion of world origin back then. Even if we give it away now, it won't affect our Tongyou Paradise. The other Holy Lands might have absorbed quite a bit of world origin back at the Manyu Continent, but they can't support the birth of a Martial Dipper Realm expert. Now that they have to send another portion to the Xiangyang Holy Land, they're probably cursing and swearing..."

Chapter 736: Liu Jingsheng

The Yuanchen Sect's choice to upgrade their Xiangyang Holy Land at that point seemed to be taking advantage of the situation, but one couldn't deny that it was one of their most effective methods to deal with the danger they were facing.

No matter how unwilling the other Holy Lands were, they had to think of the bigger picture. It was especially so after the 3 Elysiums had spoken. They had to close their eyes and steel their hearts as the world origin they retrieved from various channels started to flow past the World's Will and into the Xiangyang Holy Land.

There was no hope for World Ascension at that point. Everything they did to prepare for the new world's promotion to a Spirit World went down the drain...

Luckily, many factions had already noticed that the situation wasn't very optimistic to begin with. When the Tongyou Institution cut off their connection to the World's Will back then due to the 'serious accident' that occurred, they managed to retain quite a bit of world origin and origin essence.

Chu Jia wanted to use them to further strengthen the Tongyou Paradise, and it would be for the best if they could use the world origin and origin essence to nurture a new batch of treasures as that could directly strengthen the Tongyou Institution's foundations.

Unfortunately, that was nothing but fat hope as they had to assist with the Xiangyang Holy Land's ascension.

Fortunately for the Tongyou Institution, they wouldn't have to weaken their foundations when gathering world origin for the Xiangyang Holy Land. Compared to the other factions who hadn't made preparations, they fared a whole lot better.

Of course those only referred to the Holy Lands in both worlds. They couldn't compare themselves to the 3 Elysiums in the slightest. The 3 Elysiums had close to 1000 years of accumulations and their reserves weren't something the Tongyou Institution could imagine.

Holy Lands of the Azure Worlds would be hard-pressed to give up their world origin to assist the Xiangyang Holy Land's ascension. Most of them would see the space in their Holy Lands shrinking after they coughed up what was needed.

With the assistance of the Elysiums and Holy Lands from the Azure Worlds, the Xiangyang Holy Land received an unprecedented boost and quickly made the attempt.

Within the Xiangyang Holy Land, a hearty-looking elder stood in the center of the space with his hands clasped behind his back.

World origin gathered around him before splitting off to other spots in the Holy Land.

Chaotic world origin that came from many sources were purified after passing through his body once. The moment they did, they received some special qualities of the Xiangyang Holy Land and could then be absorbed directly into the space it contained.

Throughout the process, the person standing there also received huge benefits. The aura that emerged from his body became several times thicker and stronger. In fact, there was a trace of majesty about to be born!

Welcoming the change, the figure seemed to slowly blend into the Holy Land.

"Sigh..." A soft sigh rang through the air and if anyone tried to focus on it, they would feel like it was a passing illusion.

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The Yuanchen Sect laid their cards out on the table at the final moment and the Azure Worlds weren't the only ones who were shocked. The experts of the Spirit Abundance World were also greatly taken aback by the change.

Naturally, both sides didn't stop fighting despite the surprise they were feeling. However, the exchanges weren't as violent as before and both sides seemed to be waiting expectantly for something to happen.

Shang Bo and Shang Xia, who were hiding at the fringes of the experts of the Azure Worlds, sent out an attack each at their opponents while communicating through voice transmissions.

“With the ascension of the Xiangyang Holy Land, they should possess another existence in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. Who could it be?” Shang Xia asked.

Shang Bo’s low voice rang in his mind the next moment. “He isn’t some random nobody in our world. Patriarch Kou once spoke of that person, and he’s called Liu Jingsheng. He’s the real patriarch of the Yuanzhen Sect and he hasn’t shown his face for more than 100 years. There shouldn’t be many people who have heard of him... However, he had already refined 5 fate dippers before his disappearance and he was considered the strongest expert under the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. None of us can imagine how far his cultivation had progressed.”

“If he’s really attempting to take the next step while making use of the Xiangyang Holy Land’s ascension, he should probably be at the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm at the very least. He might have already comprehended his martial intent to become a grand completion stage expert...” Shang Bo concluded.

Shang Xia gasped in fright after hearing Liu Jingsheng’s cultivation level. However, he seemed to be thinking in another direction after hearing what Shang Bo said. “Grandpa, if Liu Jingsheng is planning to step into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm with the help of his faction’s ascension, wouldn’t that mean that he would become like Deputy Patriarch Ji? He wouldn’t be able to leave his Elysium!”

“Of course he would be restricted if that was the case. However, Patriarch Kou made some guesses in the past. The restriction placed on them by an Elysium might be different from a Holy Land. Experts who are restricted by their Holy Lands wouldn’t be able to leave their continents, but by extension, an Elysium covers a much larger area and is built on the World’s foundations. Even if they are still restrained, they should be able to move about a far larger area...”

Pointing upwards, Shang Bo continued, “Take a look. The 3 supreme existences from the 3 Elysiums could send their powers so far to seal off an area as large as this so far away from the Heavenly Screen around our world...”

Shang Xia nodded subconsciously before gasping softly, “So... Did the 3 supreme existences also enter the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm with the help of their Elysiums?”

“That is also something Patriarch Kou had guessed. If not for the fact that the supreme beings of the Eternal Palace and Divine Capital Sect are restricted by some sort of formless power, how will the other Holy Lands come into being in our Azure Origin World back then?”

“If that’s the case, Liu Jingsheng might not have entered the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm... Otherwise, he wouldn’t have chosen to break through like that.” Shang Xia mumbled.

Taking himself as an example, Shang Xia felt that if he had a cultivation level at the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm, there was no way he would be willing to place

shackles on himself by breaking through with the help of the Elysium. After all, doing so would mean that he was severing his future path of cultivation.

Shang Bo shook his head and sighed, “You might actually be wrong. Your cultivation has been smooth the entire way and you didn’t face any bottlenecks so far. Back then, Liu Jingsheng was also full of mettle. He was confident he could break through the restraints of the Martial Dipper Realm and enter the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm with his own abilities. Even so, he disappeared for close to 100 years trying to search for his path forward. With his lifespan growing shorter and shorter, what choice does he have?”

Shang Xia fell silent immediately. He had the Crimson Soul Tablet and with enough world origin, he could raise his cultivation level to a certain level without facing any resistance due to its ability to deduce complete advancement formulas. Obviously, he had no fear...

Shang Bo and Shang Xia were slowly retreating towards the edges of the battle due to their low cultivation level when another change happened in the sealed space.

Profound light poured out from the spatial tunnels as another 8 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm arrived.

The situation turned even more desperate for those from the Azure Worlds.

When the 8 newcomers were about to join in the battle, they were stopped by an expert on their side. They were given other instructions and under the shocked gazes of those from the Azure Worlds, they turned to fly towards the Beyond Heavens Pavilion of the new world.

Shang Bo and Shang Xia weren’t the only ones who guessed their intentions. None of those present were idiots. The experts of the Spirit Abundance World were clearly sent over to prevent the ascension of the Xiangyang Holy Land to prevent the birth of a fourth expert at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm!

Their movement wasn’t exactly bad news to the experts from the Azure Worlds. It proved that the appearance of another existence in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm would threaten the plans made by the Spirit Abundance World!

Realizing that point, the experts of the Azure Worlds wouldn’t allow any of them to approach the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. If given the chance, those cultivators would also bring great harm to the new world!

Before the others could react, the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the 3 Elysiums roared to stop those on their side.

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The 8 experts from the Spirit Abundance World approached the Beyond Heavens Pavilion with great gusto but more than 10 powerful auras appeared. Despite their strength, at least 5 of them were affected by the sudden sneak attack. 2 of them were completely fucked as they were slain immediately and 3 others were heavily injured.

Almost every single faction had retained a portion of their Martial Dipper Realm experts previously and even though most of them had to remain behind in order to oversee matters regarding their factions or because they were restricted by their Holy Lands, defending the Beyond Heavens Pavilion of their world was no problem at all.

Even though those people who were restrained by their Holy Lands could be said to have severed their path of cultivation and had no hopes of entering the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm, that didn't mean that they couldn't grow stronger in the Martial Dipper Realm.

An example would be people like Yun Lu or Hua Lu from the White Deer Paradise. Before he started to scheme against the Tongyou Institution, Yun Lu was a powerful expert at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm! Hua Lu wasn't far behind as she had a cultivation level in the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm. Even though they had to remain in the Ji Continent, they possessed pretty formidable combat strength.

Those experts who remained behind took action at the last second and prevented the Xiangyang Holy Land's ascension from being disrupted.

Naturally, the Spirit Abundance World wouldn't back down easily. Profound light poured out from the spatial tunnels once again and another 6 Martial Dipper Realm experts arrived. 2 of them had cultivation bases in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm or higher, and they arrived through a spatial tunnel each. The other 4 came in pairs.

As soon as the 6 of them arrived, they ignored the battle that was going on as they sped towards the Beyond Heavens Pavilion 30000 miles away.

Chapter 737: To the Death

In the Celestial Remains above the Jiao Continent, Kou Chongxue stood on the Ruined Observatory with his hands collapsed behind his back while leaning on his Hidden Frost Sword.

The vast sea of stars was revealed before him and streaks of light fell from time to time. The rustling of the Starry Tree could be heard behind him as they absorbed a large portion of the starlight that fell onto them.

Only a small portion of starlight entered the stream running through the ruins and allowed the shrunken stream to slowly return to its former state.

Kou Chongxue glanced at the powerful starlight energy for an unknown amount of time before sighing softly, "Looks like our predecessors already found a way forward... The Elysium was destroyed because of some unknown reason and their records were also destroyed... Nothing was passed down to the rest of us..."

"Haah... Actually, that's not entirely correct either. Before my appearance, the experts of the various Holy Lands had already scoured the place countless times. They probably retrieved whatever historical records they could and it would be especially so for the Divine Capital Sect and the Eternal Palace. They might actually know the origin of the Celestial Remains... Oh right, there's the Yuanchen Sect too. Liu Jingsheng probably allowed his Xiangyang Holy Land to ascend at this moment because they found something here. Looks like they have some sort of in-depth understanding of the Celestial Remains!" Kou Chongxue continued to mutter to himself.

"However, my Tongyou Institution will probably have to be added to the list of those who knew what happened to the Celestial Remains after today." Kou Chongxue

raised his head to look at the vast space before him that was filled with spatial cracks and regions of shattered space. There seemed to be a deep hum filling the region and everything felt like it was trembling slightly.

The next second, the Celestial Remains jolted violently. Large regions of space collapsed and its vastness shrank by half.

Kou Chongxue's expression shifted slightly as with the connection from the Stellar Cauldron, he could feel that the world origin contained in the new world had been shrinking.

As the Origin Holy Artifact of the once powerful Elysium, the Stellar Cauldron had the ability to swallow world origin from the world the Elysium was built on. Now that the Celestial Remains was breaking down, the cauldron definitely played a huge part in it.

Also, the shrinking world origin reserves of the new world caused the Stellar Cauldron to be unable to suck up so much of it any longer. It wasn't surprising for the space to be greatly reduced now that they didn't have enough support.

A frown appeared on Kou Chongxue's face. Looks like the ascension of the Xiangyang Holy Land has already begun. The Spirit Abundance World's invasion definitely forced the 3 Elysiums to feel the pressure. Otherwise, they wouldn't allow another existence that could rival their power to appear.

Looks like I can't stay here for much longer...

Kou Chongxue's gaze landed on the vast sea of stars above the Ruined Observatory and lamented inwardly, Who would have thought that a star diagram would exist so deep within the sea of stars? Once I get out of here, I won't be able to return until the Celestial Remains is about to be completely destroyed...

Leaving his spot in the Ruined Observatory, Kou Chongxue didn't head over to the spot he entered from. Instead, he simply slashed his Hidden Frost Sword before him.

A four colored light that shone gold, blue, green, and yellow seemed to flash before him and by the time the light dissipated, the afterimage of his sword was all that remained. The movement of his sword looked like an illusion.

The moment the spatial gate was formed, Kou Chongxue took a single step into it and disappeared. A few moments later, the gate collapsed. Several regions of weaker space within the Celestial Remains also started to crumble and only the strongest ones could remain for him.

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The experts of the Azure Worlds understood that the Yuanchen Sect had forced them into a corner and would be profiting by drawing on their reserves of world origin.

Unfortunately, despite how much they wanted to shred the Yuanchen Sect to pieces, all of them knew they had to deal with the threat before them before doing anything else. They poured the world origin they had towards the Xiangyang Holy Land without holding anything back.

The appearance of experts from the Spirit Abundance World clearly arrived to obstruct their plans.

Those 30 or so Martial Dipper Realm experts from the Azure Worlds left were at their limits. However, reinforcements were pouring in from the Spirit Abundance World and everyone who came next tried to stop the ascension of the Xiangyang Holy Land.

Anyone who was left in the new world due to their inability to leave their territory was called up and they joined forces in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion to give the experts of the Spirit Abundance World a rude awakening. They exerted their dominance by striking decisively. They managed to kill several and wound a few from the first batch, but the experts the Spirit Abundance World sent next were terrifying. There were at least 2 of them who were in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

Those guarding the Beyond Heavens Pavilion weren't exactly the strongest ones either. They could barely hold on by cooperating with each other to swarm their opponents.

It went without saying that the Spirit Abundance World made their preparations after setting their sights on the Azure Worlds. The experts of the second wave regrouped with the first and fought those from the Azure Worlds defending the Beyond Heavens Pavilion to a standstill. Profound lights emerged from the spatial tunnels again and the next batch of experts were about to pour into the sealed space.

A deep voice rang wearily above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion the next moment. "Fellow cultivators, haven't all of us been hiding in our secret regions to make our move during critical times like this?"

The voice barely fell when a resplendent ray of light shot into the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. Even those in the sealed space 30000 miles away could see the strength of the light ray.

The faces of an expert in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm from the Spirit Abundance World changed. He turned around and left behind a Fate Dipper Clone before retreating at the fastest speed possible.

As the ray of light faded, an elder whose head was filled with white hair revealed a resolute expression as he stared at the Fate Dipper Clone. He allowed the Fate Dipper Clone to approach and attack him as he chased after the fleeing cultivator. He ignored the attack and allowed one of his Fate Dipper Clones to shatter in his place while speeding towards the fleeing invader.

Now that things had reached that point, the expert from the Spirit Abundance World knew what the other party was trying to do. Realizing that he wouldn't be able to dodge it, he turned to scream at the incoming cultivator. "You crazy asshole, do you really think you can drag me to death with you?!"

2 protection barriers intertwined as they slammed together heavily in the depths of space. A powerful shockwave filled the area and brilliant rays of light emerged. They seemed to have turned into a mini sun as the energy fluctuation eventually rocked the region. A massive crater seemed to appear in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and it only restored itself after a long time.

Thousands of miles away from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, a figure wobbled out from space with unsteady feet. He looked to be in an extremely haggard situation as he looked at the spot where the explosion happened earlier. He was the expert in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm who was screaming earlier.

He wasn't killed by the other party's desperate detonation but his aura was extremely weak. He might not seem injured when he emerged, but from his rapidly fluctuating inner qi, one could tell that he was even weaker than Shang Bo and Ji Wenlong who had entered the Martial Dipper Realm not too long ago.

Even though he managed to narrowly avoid death, he sacrificed 2 Fate Dipper Clones in the process. His cultivation level dropped from the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm all the way back to the first.

Cursing his drop in level, he grumbled about his teammates in his heart. None of them tried to assist him in the critical moment. If they managed to stall the person who appeared for just a split second, he would have been able to deal with the situation in a much more appropriate manner. At the very least, he wouldn't have suffered such serious injuries.

When he finally looked around, he discovered the reason why no one came to his aid. The same scene was playing out everywhere!

At least 5 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm appeared from nowhere before pouncing at their enemies with the intention of perishing together.

Those experts who appeared were either at the end of their lifespans and were forcefully holding on, or had all hopes of future cultivation severed. There were even those whose fate dippers were imbalanced. They were using vast resources from their Holy Lands in order to remain alive for a little longer.

Ordinarily, all of them were hiding in secret regions of their respective factions while struggling at death's door. They had long since been forgotten by the outside world, and even disciples of their factions might not know who they were.

With the invasion of their world, all of them chose to play their part. Those who maintained a final burst of strength cashed it in before choosing to sacrifice themselves. They hoped they would be able to cause great damage to those from the Spirit Abundance World in exchange for their life!

Their sudden assault killed 2 experts at once. A second element Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Spirit Abundance World lost a Fate Dipper Clone and a third element Martial Dipper Realm expert lost 2 Fate Dipper Clones.

Unfortunately, their plan didn't go without a hitch. One of the experts from the Azure Spiritual World failed to grasp the best timing and ran into an expert in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm rushing over to support his fellow comrades. He was sent flying at the last moment and his target was saved.

Of the experts who rushed to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion first, 2 were killed while the others either lost Fate Dipper Clones or were injured.

The 6 from the second batch weren't exactly spared either. 2 of them were killed while 2 more fell back to the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

There were only 10 experts from the Spirit Abundance World who went to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion left from their original 14. With the exception of the 2 who were in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm, there were only 2 who maintained their combat strength in the third

element of the Martial Dipper Realm. 2 more had cultivation levels at the second element while the remaining 4 had all regressed to cultivators at the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm

Chapter 738: Sacrifice

How powerful was the self detonation of a Martial Dipper Realm expert for it to cause such a massive disturbance in space?

The appearance of so many experts in the Martial Dipper Realm from the Azure Worlds with the intention to self detonate to kill those who sought to bring harm to their world really shocked the experts of the Spirit Abundance World. Those who were fighting 30000 miles deep in space were equally as surprised.

“They actually had to resort to this...” Shang Xia mumbled while glancing at his grandfather.

Shang Bo sighed softly, “The history of those holy lands stretches back for hundreds of years. There are some who existed for close to 1000 years... After an expert enters the Martial Dipper Realm, they would possess a lifespan upwards of 300 years. If they didn’t fall midway through their journey, they would basically ride out the rest of their time. Don’t tell me you think that those Holy Lands only had the 2 to 3 Martial Dipper Realm experts that have been revealed to the world...”

Shang Xia shook his head in response. “Of course not. I just didn’t think they would be willing to go that far.”

“You don’t have to think so highly of them. Those people who detonated earlier walked down the wrong cultivation path and became slightly tired of living. They were most probably burdens to their faction and all of them were seeking a way to end their life. Self detonation merely made their deaths a little more valuable.” Shang Bo explained.

Nodding his head in acknowledgment, Shang Xia could understand that those who sacrificed themselves would definitely obtain benefits from their respective factions. They might not be benefiting from it directly, but their clansmen and disciples would definitely be well taken care of.

Well, that was assuming the Spirit Abundance World’s invasion could be stopped. Their sacrifice would mean nothing if there was no world left at the end.

Several voices rang in Shang Xia’s mind the next second and he quickly shot a glance at his grandfather.

Shang Bo turned serious and he nodded lightly. “Yeah. There might be a huge chaotic brawl...”

As Shang Xia reached for the second Substitution Talisman, he wanted to pass it to his grandfather. However, he was stopped immediately. “Keep it. No matter what, I, your grandpa, entered the Martial Dipper Realm several years earlier...”

The words barely left his lips when a loud roar ripped through the air. Shang Xia didn’t know exactly who started it, but it definitely came from someone on their side. Several yells followed as the experts of the Azure Worlds prepared for battle. The next second, they threw themselves at the experts of the Spirit Abundance World.

The sudden engagement from the experts of the Azure Worlds managed to catch the other side off guard.

Unfortunately, the Spirit Abundance World still held the absolute advantage in terms of battle strength. Several super experts at the fourth and fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm stepped up from their side and stabilized the situation. They could even spare some effort to protect their fellow cultivators who were slightly weaker or had suffered some injuries.

With the curtains of chaos falling upon the battlefield, at least 6 experts from the Azure Worlds split off and rushed towards the backlines from the other side.

“Stop them!” The experts leading those from the Spirit Abundance World roared as their countenance changed. They charged at the approaching cultivators in order to force them back.

Those from the Azure Worlds weren't deterred. They erupted with all their might and launched powerful attacks towards their opponents to ensure they couldn't provide assistance to their fellow cultivators.

Even people like Shang Xia and Shang Bo whose cultivation levels truly weren't anything that stood out in a battle like that pressed forward without a second thought.

Unfortunately, of the 6 who made the initial charge, 1 of them was surrounded by 3 experts from the Spirit Abundance World and blown to bits.

The other 5 continued to rush deeper towards the backlines, but 2 of them suffered heavy injuries. They were surrounded and ultimately slain by those from the Spirit Abundance World, but they managed to force the other side to pay the price of at least 3 Fate Dipper Clones.

The final 3 broke through the defenses to arrive at the backlines. With their high cultivation levels, they were like lions who rushed into a pack of sheep. They started their slaughter and in a split second 2 experts of the Spirit Abundance World were slain. At the same time, they destroyed an additional 3 Fate Dipper Clones or so.

Their sudden charge without a care for their lives wasn't actually aimed at killing a few members on the other side. Instead, their goal was to force the situation to turn as chaotic as possible. After sacrificing the lives of several experts on their side, they achieved it.

Their actions caught the Spirit Abundance World by surprise and the high-level experts on their side were fully occupied by the change in the situation. At the same time, the remaining experts of the Azure Worlds continued to press forward in an unstoppable wave.

With the fate of their world on the line, the 20 or so Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Worlds left erupted with their final reserves of strength. Their combined might wasn't something that could be imagined. Even the peak-tier experts of the Spirit Abundance World didn't dare to face them head-on. They pulled out all the stops to avoid getting hit.

A sudden self detonation from an expert of the Azure Spiritual World caught a fourth element Martial Dipper Realm expert from the spirit Abundance World off guard and shifted his attention so much so that he failed to avoid the combined strike from the others. 10 or so attacks landed on him in an instant and he was blasted into smithereens. He couldn't even sacrifice his Fate Dipper Clones in his stead before he turned into cosmic dust.

Obviously, the powerful momentum of the experts of the Azure Worlds didn't stop after killing 1 enemy. At least 3 of them failed to escape and were killed right then and there. There wasn't a need to mention how many Fate Dipper Clones were also destroyed in the process from those who were fleeing.

Unfortunately, that was as far as the experts of the Azure Worlds could go. After facing their combined strike, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World managed to regroup and organize a counterattack.

Those from the Azure Worlds were unable to maintain their formation and quickly fell into disarray. They had to face their opponents individually and a chaotic battle quickly broke out.

Surprisingly, those from the Azure Worlds weren't immediately suppressed. The experts from the Spirit Abundance World lost too many Fate Dipper Clones earlier and their cultivation took a huge hit. Their combat abilities dropped significantly.

The losses suffered by the Azure Worlds were significantly lesser than the other side and those who were part of the battle could maintain a portion of their fighting strength with the threat of the world looming over their heads. They also outnumbered the experts of the Spirit Abundance World and could hold out for quite some time.

Whatever it was, the experts from the Azure Worlds were merely buying time for the Xiangyang Holy Land's ascension.

With the battle reaching a critical point, even if the Spirit Abundance World managed to send their experts over, they wouldn't be able to leave for the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

"I didn't think that we would have experts like that on our side..." Shang Xia sighed. He was obviously referring to the 6 who sacrificed themselves to create the opening for their counterattack.

"Those seniors were nearing the end of their lifespan and don't have much hope of progressing any further..." Shen Baisong's voice came from the side and suddenly interrupted what was supposed to be a conversation between Shang Xia and Shang Bo.

Shang Xia quickly glanced at him and wondered out loud, "Was there a senior of your Changbai Holy Land among them?"

Shen Baisong didn't respond immediately but it was enough to verify Shang Xia's guess.

Not too far away from Shen Baisong, Luo Baixu chuckled softly, "You don't have to lament his death. Your Martial Uncle Qu managed to fulfill his wish by doing what he did. No one forced him to rush in earlier. He's exhausted after living for more than 200 years without a chance to advance..."

Shen Baisong nodded slightly but remained somber nonetheless.

Shang Bo and Shang Xia exchanged a glance and understood what each other was thinking. Indeed, the Changbai Holy Land actually had hidden experts like that...

Forcing a laugh, Shang Xia looked around him. Luo Baixu's cultivation was at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm and his cultivation far surpassed the other 4. It was a shame the dipper qi used by the others was too complicated and Shang Xia couldn't fully amplify their strength. However, his mastery of transforming different qi reached an extremely high level and he was able to increase their combat strength by 30 percent or so.

That was right. Shang Xia and Shang Bo actually regrouped with the experts of the Changbai Holy Land in the midst of their charge earlier.

The alliance between the Changbai Holy Land and Tongyou Institution was still active and they cooperated pretty well during the fusion of the worlds. They managed to establish a certain level of trust between them and in such a dangerous situation, they naturally chose to work together.

Of course, there was still a problem. After counting the number of experts on their side, they only had 4 experts. Namely, Luo Baixu, Shen Baisong, Shang Bo, and Shang Xia. In the end, Shang Bo went to drag Yin Wanxiang of the Five Mountains Alliance in the Taihang Mountains over to form a temporary battle formation.

The reason why they chose Yin Wanxiang was also pretty interesting. Even though the Changbai Holy Land and the Tongyou Institution had an alliance, Bai Luoxu's cultivation was just far too high compared to the others. With the cautious nature of those from the Tongyou Institution, they had to pull someone else reliable in order to protect themselves. Both sides understood the other side's consideration, and neither of them said anything about it.

Yin Wanxiang was pretty special too. He entered the Martial Dipper Realm after Shang Xia, and according to Shang Xia, he didn't exactly stand out in terms of combat abilities. Even so, he didn't seem to have suffered any sort of serious injuries.

One had to know that even Shang Bo used up his Substitution Talisman in the battle earlier. He was also greatly exhausted after the sudden counterattack. Looking at Yin Wanxiang, Shang Xia couldn't help but grow a little more curious.

Among the 5 of them, Shang Bo's Grand Silk Silver Sand Fate Dipper belonged to the Metal Element. Shen Baisong's fate dipper was of the Wood Element and Bai Luoxu's frosty dipper qi could somewhat be said to correspond to the Water Element. The problem came when Yin Wanxiang was added to the mix. The space around him would be filled with countless mirages when he made his move and his figure looked illusory. Shang Xia had no idea what element his fate dipper aligned with.

If not for the fact that he was part of their battle formation, Yin Wanxiang wouldn't have revealed the location of his true body amidst the illusions around him. Shang Xia wouldn't have been able to complete the cycle of qi and amplify everyone's strength.

Because of their battle formation, the 5 of them managed to stabilize the situation after the chaotic battle broke out. They were able to kill an expert from the Spirit Abundance World at the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm before holding off a pair of experts at the second and third element of the Martial Dipper Realm after that.

Too bad good things never last and 8 more experts from the Spirit Abundance World poured out from the spatial tunnels to shift the situation against the Azure Worlds.

Chapter 739: Sweeping Everything Away With a Single Sword

With the death charge from the 6 experts earlier, the experts of the Azure Worlds took advantage of the chaos to launch a massive counterattack. Their main goal was to regain control of the situation and stop the experts pouring out from the spatial tunnels.

They succeeded as the 8 experts who emerged from the spatial tunnels didn't have time to make sense of the situation before them before they were dragged into the chaos that was happening. The Azure Worlds were at a slight advantage there but with the appearance of 8 completely fresh Martial Dipper Realm experts who were full of energy, the situation could be easily turned around. Their appearance was enough to send the experts of the Azure Worlds into the depths of hell.

Of course, the newcomers would have to turn the situation around before the birth of the fourth existence in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm if they wished to truly make a difference.

Everything the experts of the Azure Worlds were doing was to buy time for the Zhenyang Holy Land's ascension and Liu Jingsheng's advancement.

The experts of the Spirit Abundance World were no fools. They obviously understood the other side's intentions.

As such, the 8 experts who just arrived were supposed to head over to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion to try their best to interrupt the process. Unfortunately, they were obstructed by the chaos all around.

With things in their current state, the experts of the Azure Worlds understood that the time had come to determine the fate of their new world. No one would hold back. Cultivators like Shang Xia and Shang Bo formed a battle formation with the experts of the Changbai Holy Land and Yin Wanxiang to restrain experts in the second and third element of the Martial Dipper Realm from the Spirit Abundance World after pushing themselves to their limits.

Despite their best efforts, 5 experts from the Spirit Abundance World managed to break through the battle line to rush towards the Beyond Heavens Pavilion 30000 miles away.

With their limited strength, it wasn't possible for anyone to stop them.

The moment those experts approached the new world, they would easily locate the Zhenyang Holy Land. They would be able to interrupt the ascension process and the moment they did, the final hope of stopping the invasion would turn to dust. As long as Liu Jingshen's advancement was stopped, the fate of their new world was sealed.

As those experts crossed 10000 miles in the blink of an eye, they rapidly approached the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. Despair filled the hearts of the experts from the Azure Worlds and they even started to think about what they should do after the Spirit Abundance World devoured the new world...

A tiny spot of light appeared in the distance all of a sudden and it wasn't too eye-catching when it first appeared. Perhaps it was too far away, but most of the experts from both sides didn't seem to pay it any attention.

Only peak-tier experts from the 3 Elysiums and other factions like Huang Jinghan seemed to realize that the tiny speck of light wasn't anything ordinary.

At the same time, the 4 experts from the Spirit Abundance World who wielded divine weapons also managed to capture an inkling of killing intent coming from the speck of light. They roared at

almost the exact same time and their voices rang in the ears of those who were traveling towards the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

“Be careful!”

“There’s an ambush!”

“It’s a hidden expert!”

“...”

By the time their voices arrived, a horrifying ray of light already appeared before them.

Instinctively, the 5 experts of the Spirit Abundance World who were rushing towards the Beyond Heavens Pavilion used every single life-saving method at their disposal.

Unfortunately, even their rank five protection talismans were torn apart in an instant.

Spatial tunnels they created to cross short distances were shattered and the armor they wore crumbled.

The protection barriers around them created from their dipper qi were ripped apart and it didn’t stop the incoming attack for even a fraction of a second.

A second element Martial Dipper Realm expert didn’t even have time to sacrifice his Fate Dipper Clone before he was wiped off the face of the earth.

The second third element Martial Dipper Realm expert reacted quickly and split off a Fate Dipper Clone. However, it failed to save him from the horrifying ray of light and he was blown to bits the next instant.

With the sacrifice of 2 experts before them, the third was able to create 2 Fate Dipper Clones to assist his escape. His true body managed to avoid a direct hit, but one of his shoulders was still blown off. After paying the price of a limb and 2 Fate Dipper Clones, he managed to live.

Unfortunately, the fourth expert wasn’t as lucky. He was in the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm and was struck directly by the ray of light because he moved a tad bit too slow. His protection barrier was useless in the face of overwhelming power and there was a confused expression on his face as he turned to dust.

Taking the lives of 3 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm and heavily injuring 1, the ray of light finally lost most of its energy. It revealed itself to be a strand of sword light as it continued to soar through space and the fifth expert from the Spirit Abundance World split off 2 Fate Dipper Clones and tried to run. He finally discovered that his actions were unnecessary as the sword light posed no threat. Looking as though he took a trip down to the gates of hell and back, he didn’t continue rushing towards the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. Grabbing his companion who lost an arm, he turned around to fly back to the region of sealed space where the battle was happening.

What a joke.

There was an existence down there who could kill a third element Martial Dipper Realm expert, 2 second element Martial Dipper Realm experts, and heavily injure another at the third element who was well versed in sword arts. With their current strength of close to 1.5 experts, they wouldn’t be able to do jack shit to whoever it was.

Another thought ran through their minds. How the hell is someone like that still in the Martial Dipper Realm?!

The experts who were running away desperately couldn't think of anyone in their Spirit Abundance World who could unleash a sword light at that level.

Was that an ability from someone at the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm? Or could he be at the large completion stage?

No... It's extremely likely this person has already reached the legendary grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm...

Thoughts ran through his mind, but everything took a mere moment. He was running away desperately and he managed to cross thousands of miles by the time he reached that conclusion.

Everyone who was a part of the chaotic melee in the sealed space who managed to sense what happened felt a trace of confusion.

It was especially so for those who managed to make out the fact that the horrifying ray of light was a powerful sword light. The sword light didn't emit too much pressure, and it wasn't extremely flashy either. It couldn't look more ordinary if it tried. It was even possible for some people to overlook it.

Who would have thought that an ordinary looking ray of sword light could actually shock the experts among them?

In their eyes, the sword light seemed to reach a new state of its own. It even contained a profound way of cultivation!

It contained 5 different dipper qis and they formed some sort of connection between them. The imbalance that existed between fate dippers was nowhere to be found!

That could only mean that the person capable of unleashing a sword light like that could easily have entered the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm. It was entirely possible he was in the mythical grand completion stage!

That would mean that the person who unleashed the sword light had the qualifications to take a step into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm in the future!

Shock wasn't the only emotion that could be seen in the eyes of the experts from the Azure Worlds. They stared at the fading sword light with a complicated look in their eyes.

They couldn't be more familiar with the feeling the sword light gave off. It was also appropriate to say that the sword light left a deep impression on all of them!

From what they could tell, the peerless swordsman, Kou Chongxue, unleashed something similar during the fusion of worlds and cleaved the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range in half. However, what he used back then was far from what just appeared. Just a moment ago, his sword light crossed a distance of nearly 20000 miles and killed 3 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm while heavily injuring another!

What was even more unbelievable was his cultivation level. From what they could feel, he had already refined 5 fate dippers!

One had to know that during the fusion of worlds, the sword qi only possessed 4 types of fate dipper qi. He couldn't even control it properly then...

How long has it been?!

Not only did he refine another fate dipper, but he didn't fall into the trap where his fate dippers fell into a state of disequilibrium. That wasn't all. He could unleash his strength perfectly!

More importantly, his sudden move bought even more time for the Zhenyang Holy Land's ascension!

In the face of desperation, Kou Chongxue's sudden appearance turned the entire situation around!

"Hmph, let me try!" One of the experts from the Spirit Abundance World who was using a divine weapon extricated himself from his opponent before rushing towards the 2 fleeing figures.

A spatial tunnel opened beside them and he appeared. However, he could feel a sense of danger rapidly approaching the moment he emerged.

Reaching out to grab the 2 of them, the expert who just arrived pulled them and shielded them with his body before swinging his long gray hook into the space before him.

Lights flickered in the void as a soft 'clang' rang in the area. Despite the soft soundwave, it slammed directly into the 2 behind him.

The expert who had 2 Fate Dipper Clones destroyed felt as though a heavy blow landed on him. Blood sprayed from his nose and he crumpled into a ball in pain.

The other grunted softly and felt a splitting pain in his mind. However, he was fine for the most part. When he reached out to assist his fellow cultivator, he was sent flying from a powerful force from behind.

The expert who came to save them exchanged a blow with Kou Chongxue and was sent stumbling backwards. He crashed into those behind him and sent them flying.

Chapter 740: Xiangyang Elysium, Backlash From the World

The first move Kou Chongxue unleashed crossed 20000 miles, killed 3 experts from the Spirit Abundance World and heavily injured another.

His second move from 20000 miles away forced an expert with a similar cultivation level and a divine weapon back while injuring the people he was trying to protect.

After taking on the strike, the expert who came to save his fellow experts from the Spirit Abundance World started to hesitate. He didn't dare to continue pressing forward, but he was too embarrassed to retreat.

Those from the Spirit Abundance World who were fighting close to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion with the remaining experts left in the new world turned to run.

All of them were tangled with the Martial Dipper Realm experts who couldn't leave their territory while waiting for reinforcements to arrive. They would work together with those who came to back them up to shatter the defensive line before stopping the Zhenyang Holy Land's ascension process.

The expert who wanted to step into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm would fail the moment they interrupted the process.

Unfortunately, even a peak-tier expert from the Spirit Abundance World who was supposed to head over to back them up was forced to retreat from an attack 20000 miles away. Those who were fighting close to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion knew they weren't a match for the new expert.

Their reactions were fast, but Kou Chongxue's sword was faster!

Several thin streams of light appeared in the void and flew in different directions in accordance to where they were running. 3 explosions happened in the distance as beautiful flowers of light bloomed in space.

The sword light that appeared close to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion was far from comparable to the sword light that appeared 20000 miles away though. The second sword light might have frightened the batch of experts close to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, but it was a lot weaker than what was used previously. Even so, it was more than enough to deal with the immediate threat the new world faced.

Of the experts from the Spirit Abundance World who were desperately being held back at the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, only 2 of them who were in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm managed to remain relatively unhurt. 2 experts in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm and another in the second element fell under the sword light. Even if they were to regroup again, they wouldn't be able to threaten the defenses of the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

The next moment, a tyrannical sword light appeared for a split second before fading out of existence. It appeared the next second, 10000 miles closer to the glass barrier that surrounded the region of sealed space. When it reappeared, it shone brilliantly.

It didn't remain for long. It started to fade again before reappearing with exceeding splendence. Once again, it pulled 10000 miles closer to the glass barrier.

Everyone understood that Kou Chongxue was unleashing a special skill similar to that of a Flying Sword Art. It allowed him to travel 10000 miles in an instant as he raced towards the battlefield.

The power he possessed was just too fucking terrifying. Even though he was flying through space and was separated by the glass barrier, nothing could cover up the radiance of his sword qi. It was how everyone saw the flickering light approaching quickly.

Noticing the somewhat unreasonable strength Kou Chongxue possessed, the experts from the Azure Worlds felt greatly invigorated. In contrast, those from the Spirit Abundance World were starting to feel a little worried.

The expert from the Spirit Abundance World who went to save those earlier finally managed to retreat. Unfortunately for him, he could feel Kou Chongxue rapidly approaching and he could only turn around helplessly to face the newcomer.

He could tell that the other party used some sort of extremely powerful sword art. The moment someone like that joined the fray, he would be able to start a massacre. The entire situation would tilt in his favor.

That was something the Spirit Abundance World couldn't allow to happen and despite knowing he was no match for Kou Chongxue, he had to face the man.

Luckily, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World wouldn't sit by idly. They were ready to send even more reinforcements now that Kou Chongxue had arrived.

Waving his gray hook before him, he shattered the space thousands of miles away. He managed to obstruct the rapidly approaching sword qi.

A middle aged man that looked pretty unruly and slightly unkempt was forced out from the void.

Looking at Kou Chongxue, the expert from the Spirit Abundance World sucked in a cold breath and asked, "Fellow cultivator, your sword art is truly impressive. What is your name?"

Kou Chongxue was too lazy to respond as he waved his Hidden Frost Sword as a reply. He unleashed his newly developed move of his Origin Yang Thousand Peak Sword Art.

With the blood draining from his face, the expert from the Spirit Abundance World had no choice but to take it head-on.

Luckily, he was no weakling. He was a fifth element Martial Dipper Realm expert and he had a divine weapon in hand. It wasn't entirely impossible for him to resist the strike. Even though he was forced to retreat every time he swung his weapon to stop the incoming sword qi, he was able to hold on eventually. Another expert from the Spirit Abundance World arrived to assist him.

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Actually, after Kou Chongxue's sword light killed so many experts earlier, they knew that none of them would be able to take him on. If they wished to stop him, they had to work together.

As soon as they saw Kou Chongxue making his way over, the other 3 peak-tier experts who held divine weapons tried to pull themselves away from the battle. At the very least, 1 of them would have to head over to help.

Everyone present knew that Kou Chongxue's appearance was the key to turning the tables in the battle within the glass barrier. The experts from the Azure Worlds wouldn't let their opponents leave to obstruct Kou Chongxue if they could help it!

Several Martial Dipper Realm experts from the 3 Elysiums, along with Huang Jinghan from the Yuanchen Sect, drew on whatever strength they had left to hold back the experts in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm or higher. As for those who haven't reached that level, there was no need to worry about them. They weren't capable of stopping Kou Chongxue even if they went over. If they were dumb enough to try to stand in Kou Chongxue's way, they would basically be sending themselves to death.

They knew that as long as they bought enough time for Kou Chongxue to slay his opponents, the strength of the Spirit Abundance World would fall once again.

It was a shame they greatly underestimated their opponents. The experts from the Spirit Abundance World weren't useless fools. No matter how hard they tried, 1 of them still escaped. He left to help his fellow cultivator fight against Kou Chongxue.

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When he arrived close to 3000 miles away from Kou Chongxue, he was greeted with a powerful burst of sword light. Whatever entangled with the long hook-wielding expert earlier expanded greatly and dragged the newcomer into the battle.

Even with facing experts of the same level, Kou Chongxue had no fear. He could deal with them even if it was a 1 on 2 situation.

Because someone left the side of the Spirit Abundance World, the pressure greatly decreased. The experts of the Azure Worlds gradually gained the upper hand again.

“Heh, Patriarch Kou didn’t make his move earlier. The moment he did, the entire situation changed!” Luo Baixu exclaimed softly in admiration. There was even a trace of envy in his voice.

Looks like we really have to maintain a long-term alliance with the Tongyou Institution...

Luo Baixu wasn’t the only one who was thinking that. Yin Wanxiang of the Five Mountains Alliance also had the same thought. However, compared to the Changbai Holy Land which had a strong foundation, the Five Mountains Alliance was more like a pawn. Yin Wanxiang felt that they had to play their role better and mess with the White Deer Paradise a lot more.

Both Luo Baixu and Yin Wanxiang didn’t realize the strange expression on Shang Bo and Shang Xia’s faces due to their own surprise.

The grandfather and grandson duo were also feeling shocked and confused by what they were seeing.

Didn’t he just refine his fourth fate dipper?! How the hell is he at the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm?! No... It feels like he’s about to step into the large completion stage already!

The Spirit Abundance World seemed to have noticed the change that was happening and profound lights poured out from their spatial tunnels. They wanted to send more reinforcements over.

Kou Chongxue, who swung his Hidden Frost Sword once to force both his opponents back 10000 or so miles away from the glass barrier turned his head abruptly and roared in the direction of the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, “Liu Jingsheng, what the fuck are you waiting for?!”

His yell quickly rang through space and even those locked in battle in the glass barrier heard him. Strange feelings filled their hearts.

“Sigh...” A helpless sigh came next. “I believe the 3 seniors understand my current situation and I hope you can help us again.”

What does that even mean?!

Was the Zhenyuan Holy Land and Liu Jingsheng wasting everyone’s time?

Shang Xia glanced at Shang Bo and noticed the look of confusion on his grandfather’s face.

Turning to look at Luo Baixu, Shang Xia could also see the old expert’s brows locked tightly together. He didn’t know if the 2 old men had guessed something.

At the same time, a giant mirage appeared 30000 miles away from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

Anyone who knew what was going on could tell that the mirage was showing the current situation inside the Zhenyuan Holy Land. From what they could see, the space contained within was way larger than any Holy Land out there. Some strange transformation was also happening within.

Holy Lands and Elysiums were all built on top of weaknesses in their world. They would form a layer of protection to plug the weaknesses, and they would form an independent space. Resonating with the world, they would absorb world origin and both sides would gain something from each other's presence.

This time, the Zhenyang Holy Land could be said to have taken a shortcut. They weren't using their own foundations to ascend. Instead, they were using the resources of many other factions.

One could imagine the backlash they would have to face after their successful advancement.

The reason why Liu Jingsheng hadn't stepped out from the Zhenyang Holy Land was because he wanted to borrow everyone's support to reduce the reliance the Zhenyang Holy Land had on the world. At the same time, it would greatly reduce the impact from the backlash of the World's Will.

Unfortunately, his plan was interrupted by Kou Chongxue and he knew he couldn't drag things out any longer. Even so, he still wished to obtain support from the Sixth Order existences from the other Elysiums to share the burden of the backlash.