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Chapter 741: Sixth Order to the Rescue

Originally, the Yuanchen Sect and Liu Jingsheng had the opportunity to make their grand appearance as the savior of the world to receive praises from the other Holy Lands.

However, in order to accelerate the process of the Xiangyang Holy Land's ascension, Liu Jingsheng chose to delay the time taken for the ascension process until the Spirit Abundance World invaded. By doing so, he managed to make up an excuse for the other factions to provide the necessary world origin even at the cost of weakening their own foundations. He even hoped that the other Elysiums would assist him to bear the burden of the backlash from the World's Will.

The goodwill and appreciation everyone would have had for the Yuanchen Sect vanished the moment he pulled those stunts.

Obviously, none of those mattered to Liu Jingsheng. To him, everything was worth it if the Xiangyang Holy Land could successfully upgrade to the Xiangyang Elysium. Moreover, he would also step into the Sixth order of the Primary Realm.

With Kou Chongxue calling him out, Liu Jingsheng could no longer delay the process. He finally took the last step.

A massive mirage appeared above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion as the Xiangyang Holy Land completed its ascension. At the same time, Liu Jingsheng harnessed the power of the advancement and touched on the elusive realm he had been dreaming of for more than 100 years.

In the Tongyou Paradise, an existence who was controlling the Holy Land with the help of the grand formation also noticed the changes happening to the new world. The person was none other than Chu Jia, who was in the third layer of the Martial Extermination Realm. With the assistance of the grand formation, her senses were comparable to Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors and such a huge disturbance was clearly felt.

The moment the Xiangyang Elysium took shape, she felt the world origin reserves of their world decreasing by a huge portion. The world itself seemed to be groaning in pain, and there was a trace of rage contained within!

Through the spatial barrier around the Tongyou Paradise, Chu Jia could see the majestic mirage outside the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. She understood where the world origin reserves of the new world went!

At the same time, she thought back to the rage of the world she felt earlier and pretty much guessed the reason behind the Xiangyang Elysium's request for world origin from the other factions back then.

As a cultivator in the Martial Extermination Realm, Chu Jia couldn't interfere with anything happening outside the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, and frankly, she didn't have the qualifications to do so. However, the ascension of the Xiangyang Holy Land left behind a lot of tracks that others could learn from.

The moment the Xiangyang Elysium took shape, the fourth existence in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm appeared.

A majestic pillar of spiritual light rose past the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and appeared close to the region of sealed space in an instant. With the nourishment of the spiritual light, the glass barrier that was faintly discernible started to turn a little clearer.

The cracks it had suffered started to recover at a greater speed but that wasn't all. A ball of light gathered around one of the gaps in the glass barrier where a long range spatial tunnel was.

Along with a loud crack that could only be heard by their divine wills, the fourth spatial tunnel was shattered. The gap was sealed off by a six sided glass barrier that appeared from nowhere and the spatial tunnel was completely obstructed.

That wasn't all. Following which, another pillar of light appeared from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. It fused with the glass barrier before another condensed ray of light shot straight for another spatial tunnel.

At the same time, profound lights emerged from the remaining 3 spatial tunnels. 3 figures wrapped in protective barriers were about to appear and the condensed ray paused for a moment. Just as a figure was stepping out of the spatial tunnel, the ray severed the tunnel along with the cultivator. The gap in the glass barrier was sealed completely and half the body of the approaching figure fell powerlessly. Even his head was sliced cleanly in half.

A powerful cultivator at the Martial Dipper Realm was killed just like that! Under the schemes of an expert at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm, he didn't have a chance to split off a Fate Dipper Clone.

With Liu Jingsheng's successful promotion to the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm, 2 of the 4 spatial tunnels were severed.

However, that seemed to be the extent of his ability. He just entered the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm and that was all he could do for the time being.

Even though spiritual lights swirled constantly around the glass barrier and shook the remaining 2 spatial tunnels, they showed no signs of shattering. It looked like nothing would be able to shatter those tunnels in the near future.

2 experts stepped out from the intact tunnels and stared all around. There were supposed to be 4 of them, but one of the tunnels was severed, throwing an unlucky soul somewhere in the depths of space. The other was ambushed by the new expert in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm and couldn't be more dead.

They were supposed to stop the ascension of the fourth expert in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm but their mission was over before they arrived. They could only throw themselves into the chaotic battle that was happening in order to relieve the pressure on their comrades.

Of course, they merely made the situation a little less dangerous for their fellow cultivators.

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With the successful birth of the fourth existence in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm, the new world started their counterattack. All 4 experts of the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm poured their energy into the glass barrier and spiritual lights continued to swirl about its surface. The final 2 spatial tunnels trembled unceasingly. The moment the spatial tunnels were broken, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World would be like turtles trapped in a jar.

With things progressing up to that point, the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World could be said to have completely failed! The moment Liu Jingsheng stepped into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm, the outcome of the operation had been decided.

The only thing the experts of the Spirit Abundance World could think of at the moment wasn't to send more experts over to take over the new world. Instead, they were thinking of how to stabilize the spatial tunnels to the best of their abilities to get their experts out!

The reaction of those from the Spirit Abundance World was extremely speedy. After the 2 experts from their side emerged, they started to call for a retreat.

Grouping up with the divine weapon wielding experts on their side with cultivation bases in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm or higher, the 2 newcomers covered the rest as they retreated towards the remaining spatial tunnels.

The supreme experts of the Spirit Abundance World who were providing the long range support didn't remain idle. Horrifying rays of light appeared once again from the depths of space as they slammed into the glass barrier like what happened when their invasion first started. They managed to prevent the final 2 spatial tunnels from being destroyed as they bought as much time for those stuck in the region of sealed space.

The experts of the Azure Worlds also knew that the invasion failed completely now that the glass barrier was repairing itself. There was no way they could allow the experts of the Spirit Abundance World to leave as they wished. Since the start of the battle, at least 20 experts from the Azure Worlds suffered heavy injuries or had fallen in battle. The experts of the Spirit Abundance World were worse as the number of deaths and heavily injured surpassed 30 in number.

The grudge they held for each other had reached a point where it was nearly impossible to resolve!

Moreover, the experts of the Azure Worlds knew that even though they resisted the invasion this time, that didn't mean that the Spirit Abundance World would give up. Experts of the Azure Worlds were only able to resist the invasion because the Spirit Abundance World hadn't made enough preparations. The reason they were in such a rush was that they wanted to prevent the new world's ascension to a Spirit World and they hurriedly gathered whatever resources they could to start such a long range battle.

In the future, they would definitely be much more prepared. They would probably attack with everything they had and holding them off would be almost impossible.

The experts of the Azure Worlds took the chance to press forward to kill as many enemies as they could. After all, the more they killed, the more they would weaken the other side.

10000 miles away from the glass barrier, the experts fighting Kou Chongxue also started to retreat when they saw what had happened.

Unfortunately, Kou Chongxue saw through their intentions and his sword intent grew even more intense. The 5 elements in his body showed signs of complementing each other as they created an endless cycle when they were unleashed.

The moment he sent out his sword strike, Kou Chongxue noticed that even though it didn't seem to be a lot more powerful than before, it seemed to contain no weakness at all!

“Haha! So that’s it!” Kou Chongxue seemed to have verified his guess and he also discovered something new about his path of cultivation. He couldn’t control himself as he roared with laughter.

On the contrary, the 2 experts from the Spirit Abundance World felt the pressure increase because of Kou Chongxue’s epiphany. They discovered that they couldn’t find any way to break away from their opponent and if things kept up, they would eventually die under his blade!

“What the hell?! He became even stronger! Was he hiding his strength earlier or did he improve while we were fighting? If it’s the latter..” The experts from the Spirit Abundance World glanced at each other and saw the look of fear in each other’s eyes.

While that went down, the battle formation that consisted of Shang Xia, Shang Bo, Shen Baisong, Luo Baixu, and Yin Wanxiang pressed forward. The number of people they were fighting earlier increased to 3 when everything was happening, but now that the experts of the Spirit Abundance World chose to retreat, the pressure on them lightened up significantly. 2 of their opponents managed to escape, but the unlucky soul left behind was immediately surrounded by the 5 of them. After killing their target, exhaustion swept over most of the experts in their squad. With the exception of Luo Baixu whose cultivation level was the highest among all of them and Shang Xia who was providing support by amplifying the others’ strength, the others were so tired their figures were wobbling as they stood in space.

“Hey brat, why are you always hiding at the back while providing support? What are you planning anyway?” Realizing that the battle formation was basically done for now that 3 of the 5 were unable to fight, Luo Baixu turned to Shang Xia and asked. He wasn’t exhausted to the point where he couldn’t move, but he was pretty tired. He wanted to understand what Shang Xia was actually doing.

The others might believe that Shang Xia was providing support by amplifying their dipper qi by controlling the flow of energy, but Luo Baixu wasn’t on the same level as them. His cultivation and experience far surpassed the others and he could tell that Shang Xia was actually doing something else.

Shang Xia didn’t think that he would be able to hide his actions from Luo Baixu and seeing as everyone was staring at him, he chuckled, “It’s nothing special. I was familiarizing myself with the flow of dipper qi in order to improve my self created rank five martial arts.”

Chapter 742: One Sword to Sever Everything

“Are you creating your own rank five martial arts?! That’s not something you can do easily!” Luo Baixu gasped.

He wasn’t the only one. Shen Baisong and Yin Wanxiang stared at Shang Xia in shock after hearing what he said. The only person among them who knew what was going on was Shang Bo, who chuckled softly at the side.

Shen Baisong couldn’t help but ask, “Patriarch Kou definitely has a rank five martial arts inheritance. His inheritance definitely wouldn’t be weak considering his tyrannical strength and you

can simply take reference to it and modify it a little to suit yourself. Why would you come up with your own rank five martial arts?”

Shen Baisong simply described what most Martial Dipper Realm experts would do.

It was extremely difficult to come up with their own rank five martial arts. It wasn't something one could do just because they invested a little time and energy.

Even if one poured most of their time and resources into it, it might not be good enough. If the end product wasn't great, everything would have gone to waste!

In their eyes, Kou Chongxue was a peak-tier expert. His self made rank five martial arts was definitely ranked at the very top of rank five martial arts. Instead of coming up with something completely new, they felt that learning from Kou Chongxue and changing it a little would be the way to go. No one would think that it was that easy for someone to come up with something better than what Kou Chongxue already developed.

That was exactly why Shang Bo and Ji Wenlong didn't try coming up with something on their own. They referenced Kou Chongxue's sword art in order to produce something they could use

Shang Xia shook his head and laughed, “I have my own concept of cultivation and it's completely different from what Patriarch Kou came up with. I am really helpless when it comes to my rank five martial arts. I can only use the most elementary of methods to try to come up with something...”

Luo Baixu and the rest were shocked once again.

If he came up with his own concept of cultivation, that would mean that he was walking down a different path compared to Kou Chongxue and the entirety of the inheritance of the Tongyou Institution.

What did that entail?

Now that Shang Xia has entered the Martial Dipper Realm, that would mean that the Tongyou Institution would gain another complete path of cultivation. From the Martial Realm to the Martial Dipper Realm, whatever Shang Xia practiced would form another road cultivators could take!

One had to know that the Changbai Holy Land, which had hundreds of years of history, also managed to produce 2 complete sets of inheritance...

If that was the case, the Tongyou Institution wouldn't lose out to the Changbai Holy Land in terms of inheritances and cultivation paths!

Compared to Luo Baixu and Shen Baisong who could still be surprised, Yin Wanxiang could only shake his head and chuckle bitterly at the side. He might have entered the Martial Dipper Realm and somewhat eked out a rank five inheritance, but he was clear that he only managed to reach his current state because of multiple lucky factors. It wouldn't be possible for anyone to replicate what he did.

If the Five Mountains Alliance wanted their own cultivation inheritance, an arduous journey awaited them...

Shen Baisong continued to probe, “Looks like your rank five martial arts will be directly related to the increase in your cultivation level, right?”

“Hmm...” Shang Xia muttered, “Actually, it’s not that connected to each other. I already developed the framework for my rank five martial arts and the most difficult stage is already over. I’m merely trying to refine and make it better.”

Shen Baisong felt despondence creeping up on him after hearing what Shang Xia said. Didn’t they say that creating a rank five martial arts required a lot of time and effort?! What the fuck was this?! How the hell did the guy already complete the framework of his rank five martial arts and was starting to improve on it already?

How long had it been since they received news that the grandson of Shang Bo entered the Martial Dipper Realm? It was barely a little longer than Shen Baisong!

Feeling a little unwilling to accept what was going on, he wanted to ask how long it would take for Shang Xia to complete a complete cycle of inner qi circulation. However, he realized that the question would infringe on the other party’s privacy. While he was still hesitating, Luo Baixu’s hand landed on his shoulder.

Turning around, he saw Luo Baixu shooting him a warning gaze. The next second, the older expert turned to the rest and chuckled, “Alright, I can’t remain here. I have to continue dealing with those from the Spirit Abundance World. All of you should remain here to restore your strength. I will have to trouble you to look after Junior Brother Shen Baisong.”

Of the other 4, the most experienced expert there was Shang Bo and even he had only been in the Martial Dipper Realm for close to 3 years. Luo Baixu was a true seasoned expert at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm. He couldn’t hide at the back with the others.

Not too long after Bai Luoxu left, the others managed to catch their breath and restore some of their energy. They were unwilling to stay behind and do nothing and quickly rushed back into battle.

Along the way, Shen Baisong managed to use some sort of strange secret transmission method to call Yi Jingzi of the Heavenly Star Palace over again. They formed another complete squad of 5 and had the ability to fight against a single opponent in the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm. With enough assurance to continue onwards, they charged into battle.

At the moment, several experts of the Spirit Abundance World were holding back experts of the Azure Worlds as their fellow cultivators beat a hasty retreat from those spatial tunnels.

The experts of the Azure Worlds continued to press forward and launch attacks on the other party. They wanted to make the situation as chaotic as possible in order to trap as many experts from the Spirit Abundance World as they could.

Naturally, the members of the Spirit Abundance World were ready for it. The life saving treasures they brought with them were used all at once and the experts of the Azure Worlds suffered quite a bit from it. They even lost 2 strong experts in the Martial Dipper Realm. The others lost quite a few Fate Dipper Clones, weakening the pressure they could place on the experts of the Spirit Abundance World. Profound lights lit up the space around the spatial tunnel as 8 experts were sent back.

Those who retreated first were those who lost the most Fate Dipper Clones. Many of them regressed to a first element Martial Dipper Realm expert and some were forcefully able to keep themselves in the second element. Many true bodies also suffered injuries of varying degrees.

All of them had limited combat ability and their retreat didn't affect the overall situation too much. In the future, they would be able to regain their cultivations if they managed to find suitable fate dippers.

Things might be looking bad for those from the Spirit Abundance World, but it wasn't looking too hot for experts from the Azure Worlds either. Many of them regressed and they seemed to be in an even worse spot.

To be honest, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World had been outnumbered since the beginning. They managed to hold on despite their lacking numbers and if they were to compare individual combat abilities, they were stronger than experts from the Azure Worlds. Of course, everyone had something they specialized in and it was difficult to judge everyone equally.

When the experts of the Spirit Abundance World were trying to retreat, the initiative of the battle shifted over to the experts of the Azure Worlds. Even those from the Azure Worlds whose cultivation had regressed due to the deaths of their Fate Dipper Clones managed to group up to pressure their opponents.

As the spatial tunnels were the only route of retreat they had, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World closely defended the counterattack in a calm and unruffled manner. Compared to the difficulty when they were sent over, retreating was a lot easier. The speed at which the spatial tunnels could work was a lot faster.

The next second, someone from the Azure Worlds yelled, "Even if you guys manage to send away 4 people each time, who will be left behind to hold the line?"

Obviously, someone decided to resort to mental games now that the defensive line of the Spirit Abundance World was remaining steady despite their continuous offensive.

The experts from the Spirit Abundance World who were holding the line were mostly experts in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm or higher, and if all 8 of them were present, they would be able to hold back the experts of the Azure Worlds for quite some time. However, the moment a batch left and the last 4 remained, there was no doubt about it. They would be swamped by the 20 or so experts from the Azure Worlds. It didn't matter how strong they were as sheer numbers would be enough to overwhelm them. If the experts of the Azure Worlds couldn't even kill the last 4, they might as well kill themselves and let the invasion happen. They would be doomed anyway.

Facing the attempt to strike at their mental state, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World didn't bite. They maintained their formation and didn't allow the experts of the Azure Worlds to enter their backlines.

It didn't take a genius to realize that the experts of the Spirit Abundance World were relying on something. Those experts who remained behind to hold them off definitely had a special method to retreat.

All of them were in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm or higher. It wasn't impossible for them to possess special means. After all, the Spirit Abundance World wouldn't let experts at their level turn into cannon fodder. Otherwise, no one would be willing to help the others retreat.

The experts of the Azure Worlds realized that it would be a problem and became even more relentless in their attacks. They wouldn't allow the experts of the Spirit Abundance World to leave so easily!

Even cultivators like Shang Xia who could be considered an expert in the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm rushed forward fearlessly.

The defensive line created by the experts of the Spirit Abundance World shrank again and again and 4 of them even had to sacrifice a Fate Dipper Clone during the process.

A loud grunt came from the back all of a sudden.

Before anyone could turn to look, a powerful sword light flew over their heads.

The experts of the Azure Worlds obviously wouldn't try stopping the sword light. Those from the Spirit Abundance World wanted to do so, but facing the dogged assault, they couldn't spare any effort to do it. They could only watch as the sword light slammed into one of the spatial tunnels behind them.

Kou Chongxue was fighting 1 against 2, and his opponents weren't exactly weaklings. They had the same cultivation base as him, but even so, he was able to release such a terrifying strike at the spatial tunnel.

Where is the limit of his ability?!

That was the thought that ran through everyone's mind when they saw the sword light.

That didn't last for long as another thought quickly filled their heads. The spatial tunnel was created by an existence at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm from the Spirit Abundance World. Was Kou Chongxue's sword light going to be able to do anything to it?

High above the glass barrier, the spatial tunnel trembled once before returning to normal.

It seemed as though Kou Chongxue's sword light didn't manage to shatter it completely. Instead, it only slightly delayed the speed of their retreat.

Looks like it's nothing too impressive...

The experts of the Azure Worlds lamented slightly, but some of them felt slightly relieved at the fact that Kou Chongxue's strength wasn't unnecessarily powerful.

Before everyone could contain their complicated emotions, another sword light sailed past their heads.

He actually sent out another one!

They didn't know if they should be chiding Kou Chongxue for overestimating himself, or if he truly thought the experts of the Spirit Abundance World were useless.

That was what they thought, but they were quickly struck speechless. When the second sword light slammed into the spatial tunnel, it trembled once like before. However, it didn't stabilize itself as it started to crumble from the inside out...

Chapter 743: Retreat

Kou Chongxue actually shattered a spatial tunnel with 2 strikes!

Even though they saw what Kou Chongxue could do when he unleashed his first ever attack and took the lives of several powerful experts, they didn't think the man would be so powerful.

Whatever he was displaying refreshed their understanding of his strength! He struck fear in the hearts of those from the Spirit Abundance World!

One had to say that whatever it was they were feeling, they were undeniably in a state of disbelief when his second sword light shattered the spatial tunnel.

The true experts quickly understood what happened earlier. They woke up from the shock they felt from Kou Chongxue's sword light and realized what happened. They knew that the power contained in the strike wasn't what shattered the spatial tunnel. Instead, the special properties the sword light possessed did all the work.

With the successful promotion of the Xiangyang Holy Land to the Xiangyang Elysium, Liu Jingsheng also stepped into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. The 4 supreme existences had been trying to fix the glass barrier the best they could to seal off any way for the experts of the Spirit Abundance World to leave.

The moment the existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm on the other side discovered that their invasion failed, they started to pour their power into maintaining the spatial tunnels. With 2 spatial tunnels shattered, they knew that they couldn't afford to lose more.

That was why the final 2 spatial tunnels became the location where the existences of the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm on both sides made their final exchanges.

Kou Chongxue wasn't the only one who knew what was happening. A good portion of experts on both sides could tell what was going on. Of course, being able to tell that there was a high-level exchange going on there didn't mean that they had the qualifications to take part in it.

Who would have thought that Kou Chongxue would take advantage of the situation where the supreme existences on the other side were locked in combat with those on his side to launch his attack. Both sides were grinding away at each other's strength and had no spare effort to care about him. His strikes landed perfectly on the spatial tunnel, unobstructed by any sort of Sixth Order strength.

That was the intricacy behind his move. He could see the exchange between the experts in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm and understand what was going on.

Discovering the gap between the exchange, Kou Chongxue sent his sword light over and shattered the spatial tunnel. That was what the other experts in the Martial Dipper Realm marveled at.

Losing another spatial tunnel was completely outside the expectations of the Sixth Order experts of the Spirit Abundance World. What was more, it was destroyed by a mere swordsman in the Martial Dipper Realm!

His actions completely disrupted whatever semblance of a plan the Spirit Abundance World had left. In fact, those who had a plan for a proper retreat were thrown into complete chaos.

The 8 experts who were holding the line against the assault of the experts of the Azure Worlds were holding on, but it was a matter of time before they would be overwhelmed.

If everything went smoothly and both spatial tunnels operated perfectly, they would be able to make a proper withdrawal. Unfortunately, with one of the spatial tunnels destroyed, the efficiency dropped by half and before the experts of the Spirit Abundance World could leave, those holding the defensive line would have been crushed.

To the experts of the Spirit Abundance World, all of them were supposed to be able to leave to fight another day. Now that there was only 1 spatial tunnel left, there was bound to be some who would be left behind. No one was willing to give up their lives like that!

The inner conflict that someone was trying to stir earlier finally broke out. The experts of the Spirit Abundance World started to rush to be part of the next group to leave.

Now that there were bound to be some who were left behind, they felt that those who were heavily injured or had no future were more suitable to hold the experts of the Azure Worlds back. Those who were in better condition should be prioritized to return to the Spirit Abundance World as they would be able to recover in the future...

Logically, that was supposed to happen. However, bickering soon turned to screaming and eventually, everyone started to shove their way towards the spatial tunnel. An inevitable clash between cultivators of the Spirit Abundance World broke out.

Since I can't leave, we'll all just die here together! Who the hell cares if you get to leave too? That was the mindset many of them had.

The experts of the Azure Worlds couldn't be more happy that an internal conflict had broken out among their enemies. In contrast, the 8 experts of the Spirit Abundance World who were holding everyone back couldn't feel more disgusted.

We're risking our future and cultivation base to hold experts more than 3 times our numbers back so that we can buy you more time to leave. Instead of escaping, all of you started fighting over who gets to leave...

The 8 of them even thought of abandoning the rest to make their escape the moment it happened. However, their sense of reason soon took over. Gritting their teeth, they continued to hold the line. Their morale obviously took a huge hit as they reached a decision to leave the moment they hit their personal limits. They wouldn't care about those idiots who would be left behind after that as they had done what they were supposed to do to the best of their abilities.

The critical moment of the battle came a lot earlier than they had expected.

Since there was only a single spatial tunnel left, the 4 supreme existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm from the new world used everything they had to seal off the final gap in the glass barrier.

At that point, anyone could tell that the supreme experts of the Spirit Abundance World were reaching their limits. They couldn't maintain the spatial barrier any longer. Since they didn't personally appear to take part in the battle, they could only watch on as the gap started to close around their spatial barrier.

At the very last second before the spatial tunnel was disconnected, the 8 experts who were holding the experts of the Azure Worlds back were covered by a strange energy. When the energy fully enveloped them, they started to shift away from the sealed space contained in the glass barrier.

Everyone from the Azure Worlds guessed that they were relying on some sort of special method to leave, seeing as how they had stayed till the end. They unleashed everything they had at the last second when the spatial tunnel was about to be severed to prevent the group of 8 from leaving.

Unfortunately, the energy around the 8 was extremely strange. It possessed extremely special properties and would be enough to keep them alive if used properly. But among them, there was someone whose cultivation regressed to the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm. He was slightly slower than the rest when activating the layer of strange energy and suffered heavy injuries as a result. He was unable to maintain the layer of strange energy around him and was forced to stay behind.

The others started to fade out of existence. Everyone could still see their figures flying through the air, but the attacks that were supposed to land on them simply sailed past them. The 2 experts who were holding Kou Chongxue back did the same and they were drawn away by the strange power.

Noticing the strange energy enveloping them and they were about to leave the confines of the sealed space, 4 pillars of light appeared from above the glass barrier and slammed into 4 of those who were leaving. 1 of them was the fifth element Martial Dipper Realm expert who was fighting Kou Chongxue.

There was no question about it. The supreme existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm on their side made their move.

Clearly, the strange energy around those cultivators was also a method used by existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. That was why no one could harm them after it appeared.

At the end of the day, they could only hold 4 of them back. The other 6 were dragged away by the strange energy that surrounded them.

With the glass barrier completely sealed and the spatial tunnel destroyed, those 4 weren't the only ones forced to stay behind. There were 5 other Martial Dipper Realm experts filled with despair as they were trapped in the sealed space with no hopes of retreat.

Chapter 744: 'Grace' From the Sixth Order

The 5 of them quickly met their fates. All of them suffered serious injuries and had regressed cultivation levels. In the end, 1 was killed while another self detonated. 2 of them were captured alive after struggling a little and the last gave himself up voluntarily.

As for the 4 who were stopped by the Sixth Order existences, none of them managed to live as the pillars of light eventually dissipated.

The huge battle seemed to finally reach its end as Shang Bo and the others quickly split up to do their own thing. The most important thing was naturally to gather the spoils of war.

Actually, there was something more important. They had to take care of the experts on their side who had fallen in battle.

In order to prevent any conflicts from breaking out, collecting the remains of those who had fallen was left to those from the same faction. If they weren't part of any faction, experts of the 4 Elysiums would collect their remains and their belongings before handing them over to their respective disciples or clansmen.

Even if that was the case, they would only be able to recover 60 percent or so of whatever treasures they held.

A good portion of treasures, including fate dipper essences left behind after their Fate Dipper Clones fell, were destroyed during the huge battle that occurred.

The experts of the Spirit Abundance World had either died or managed to retreat, but the entire region of sealed space was in tatters after the chaotic battle between tens of experts in the Martial Dipper Realm. The region of sealed space showed signs of breaking down and that was why the experts of the Azure Worlds weren't celebrating their victory yet. Instead, they were running about as quickly as they could to retrieve any valuables left behind. From how quickly they were moving, it seemed as though they couldn't wait to leave.

The 3 Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Tongyou Institution managed to live through the battle, but that didn't mean that they were completely out of the woods yet.

Shang Xia held on to a strangely shaped piece of crystal in his hand as his face turned completely pale. A trace of lingering fear could be seen on his face as he stared at a certain spot in the void.

Thousands of feet away, where his gaze was, space twisted in a horrifying manner. A talisman flickered unsteadily before dimming completely.

Shang Bo appeared close to him and the apprehension he felt finally dissipated after seeing that Shang Xia was fine. He sighed softly, "You were careless, weren't you? I told you before, the more valuable the treasures, the more danger there would be when trying to retrieve it. Rather than risking your life, you should just let it be destroyed by the crumbling space."

Shang Xia squeezed out a smile before shaking the crystal in his hand. "Hehe... There are at least 8 fate dipper essences in here. It's not that much of a loss to trade a Substitution Talisman for it."

Shang Bo shook his head helplessly and sighed, "Alright, let's go. I saw Huang Jinghan rushing out of the glass barrier earlier and he should be heading for Patriarch Kou."

"Huang Jinghan?" Shang Xia's expression changed slightly. "Isn't he from the Yuanchen Sect?"

Shang Bo nodded in response. "He's extremely famous and he's a swordsman equal to Patriarch Kou. Earlier, the 4 pillars of light fell on the peak-tier Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Spirit Abundance World and 3 corpses had already been obtained by members of the 3 Elysiums. Huang Jinghan is probably going for the fourth."

Shang Xia understood the considerations of those corpses and he couldn't be bothered retrieving martial dipper essences or other resources from the battlefield any longer. He turned into a streak of light alongside his grandfather and charged towards where Kou Chongxue was supposed to be.

The region of space was crumbling due to the intense battle that happened and no one had the guts to take the risk of running through the regions of collapsed space. All of them could only obediently travel through whatever stable space there was left.

A distance of 10000 miles couldn't be crossed by experts in the Martial Dipper Realm through flight and they would need some time to arrive. As they were flying, Shang Xia thought back to what Shang Bo said earlier and chuckled, "Huang Jinghan might be comparable to Patriarch Kou in the past, but after Patriarch Kou raised his cultivation from the third element to the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm in 1 short year, is there anyone who would dare to mess with him?"

“Did you already forget how the Yuanchen Sect possessed their own Elysium?” Shang Bo glanced at him before snorting softly.

Pressing his lips together, he didn't say more. The Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. That was a realm even the Azure Worlds had no proper name for. However, everyone was clear on how strong they were after observing their role in the battle that happened.

At the very least, those 4 supreme existences were the guardians of the new world. They stood out to stop the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World.

Shang Bo's tone changed again. “Oh right. Speaking of which, you're right. Rather than saying they're swordsmen of the same level, Patriarch Kou has already far surpassed him. Our patriarch should be considered an outstanding talent... After all, Huang Jinghan and the rest gained their reputation a long time ago. Patriarch Kou caught up, and now, he surpassed them.”

“Whatever it is, experts in the Martial Dipper Realm cannot be compared to existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. Even Patriarch Kou has no idea where to start when it comes to breaking through.” Shang Bo sighed.

Slightly unresigned, Shang Xia muttered, “How did Liu Jingsheng enter the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm then?! Hmph, didn't Patriarch Kou appear to hold back their experts at the critical moment to allow their ascension to happen? Patriarch Kou also destroyed the other spatial tunnel...”

“Shush!” Shang Bo glared at him before interrupting. He stared at the glass barrier they left behind earlier and mumbled, “Do you know what an existence at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm entails? Do you know if he will be able to hear you even from such distances?”

Slightly taken aback, Shang Xia's voice turned hoarse, “No way... It can't be that exaggerated, right?”

“Enough of this. We're here.” Shang Bo interrupted him again.

When Shang Xia looked ahead, he saw Kou Chongxue and Huang Jinghan having some sort of conversation. The corpse of the Spirit Abundance Realm expert wasn't too far away.

Their appearance couldn't be hidden from experts of their level. Huang Jinghan merely glanced at them before turning back to Kou Chongxue. “... That's the gist of it. Everything on the corpse can belong to you, even the Origin Dippers. However, I would need to bring away the corpse itself.”

“Feel free to do so!” Kou Chongxue exclaimed.

Cupping his fists at Kou Chongxue, he then turned to Shang Xia and Shang Bo before nodding once. With a wave of his hand, the corpse was brought away and he turned into a streak of light before leaving.

When they finally approached, Shang Xia could no longer hold back his curiosity. He asked, “Patriarch, why does the Yuanchen Sect want the corpse so badly?”

Even though Huang Jinghan said earlier that the spoils of war would go to Kou Chongxue, he brought the corpse away. Who would know what treasures the dead expert actually possessed?

Surprisingly, Kou Chongxue chuckled in response while pulling out a gray Spatial Pouch from his sleeves. “Relax. Our Tongyou Institution is poor and no matter how much I want to act graciously like them, I can’t bring myself to do it. Everything of value is here and the corpse only contains the Origin Dippers. It doesn’t matter how the Yuanchen Sect deals with it. At the end of the day, we’ll definitely gain an Origin Dipper.”

“So... What does the Yuanchen Sect want with the corpse?” Shang Bo asked.

Glancing at the grandfather-grandson duo, Kou Chongxue chuckled, “Liu Jingsheng was the one who killed him anyway. However, I bought him some time during the critical moment of the ascension. Also, they owe me for something back in the Starry Marsh Elysium. They owe me big time and decided to use the spoils of war as a way to return the favor.”

Shang Xia frowned and wondered out loud, “The Yuanchen Sect seems to have plotted everything down to the last detail. Even Liu... Even their successful ascension was because of your assistance! How can the favor be repaid so easily? Wait... Starry Marsh Elysium? Are you talking about the Celestial Remains?”

Kou Chongxue nodded in response. “That’s right. The Starry Marsh Elysium is its true name. Well... As for the favor, it’s good enough they plan to repay it now that they have an existence at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm. Whatever it is, we can’t be picky now that they chose to give me some compensation... It would really make me seem like someone who doesn’t know how to repay someone else has shown me!”

Even though Kou Chongxue seemed to be joking, both of them could see the trace of mockery in his eyes.

Pausing slightly, Kou Chongxue became a little more serious. “Well, about that corpse... They probably wish to research his cultivation path. No one from the Azure Worlds has entered the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm and they might wish to learn more about his cultivation methods. Even those supreme existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm didn’t ascend after stepping into the grand completion stage!”

Chapter 745: Completely Sealed Off

The Azure Worlds never produced an expert in the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm!

Shang Xia’s heart trembled slightly and he couldn’t help but ask, “This... Patriarch, didn’t you just refine your fourth fate dipper back in the Starry Marsh Elysium? How did you already refine another?”

“Quiet! Is that something you should be asking about?” Shang Bo snapped.

In contrast to his strong reaction, Kou Chongxue didn’t seem bothered. He waved his hand and chuckled casually, “It’s alright. This little brat already saw the Stellar Cauldron back in the Stellar Marsh Elysium anyway.”

Shang Xia thought back to the cauldron that created his rank five advancement medicine and a look of appreciation appeared on his face. However, his tone changed slightly as he asked, “Did your fifth fate dipper come from the Origin Holy Artifact?”

Kou Chongxue nodded slightly but he didn't say more.

Once again, Shang Xia confirmed his guess that Kou Chongxue was truly the son of luck. He didn't give up and continued to question, "Patriarch Kou, do you have an idea on how to enter the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm?"

"Hehe..." Kou Chongxue chuckled softly and continued, "I knew you would ask something like that. Right now, I'm pretty confident that I can reach the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm. I haven't thought of a way to enter the grand completion stage for now..."

Shang Xia couldn't help but feel slightly disappointed at his answer.

However, Kou Chongxue's tone changed the next moment as he laughed, "But the method you brought up in the past about the 5 elements seems pretty interesting. The endless cycle of mutual restraint and propagation might be something we can work on in the future."

Shang Xia felt a trace of embarrassment and he quickly responded, "Disciple doesn't have the qualifications to work on it with you... I'll just listen to your teachings..."

Waving his hands impatiently, Kou Chongxue stopped their conversation. "Alright, we shouldn't waste any more time talking here. We shouldn't remain here for long either. We'll talk about this after we get back."

During their conversation, the region of space around them crumbled even further, making things even more dangerous. The experts of the various factions started to take their leave and they couldn't be bothered with many stray strands of fate dipper essences. They could only watch on as those treasures were destroyed in regions where space collapsed on itself.

The 3 of them were actually 10000 miles away from the main battlefield, but the destruction was rapidly spreading over. It wouldn't take long before the area they were in would be caught up in it.

"Hey, how much did the 2 of you gain anyway?" Kou Chongxue asked. Even though it was a question directed at them, there was an unmistakable sign of him getting ready to gloat instead. After all, even though he arrived the latest, the number of experts he killed was the most. There were at least 7 of them who fell in his hands. The only downside of his extremely powerful attack was that he destroyed a lot of treasures they held. He wasn't able to gather too many spoils of war back then because of the desperate situation they were in, but he still grabbed a few on his way. The amount he gained was still pretty impressive.

Shang Bo was obviously in a mood to humor him. He chuckled bitterly in response, "I didn't do too well. I only managed to grab 5 strands of fate dipper essences. I also obtained an artifact from one of those who had fallen. The artifact is barely passable, but because it comes from another world, it should be slightly valuable."

In contrast, Shang Xia seemed extremely pleased with himself as he reported his gains. "Disciple managed to obtain a treasure resembling a piece of skin that has been transformed by dipper qi. We should be able to get 9 strands of fate dipper essence out of it after refinement. Also, I grabbed 3 strands of fate dipper essence during the battle along with several artifacts from those who had

fallen. With my grandfather's help, I managed to retrieve another crystal-like treasure that contained at least 7 strands of fate dipper essence. Oh right. I also collected another 4 strands of fate dipper essence after the battle ended..."

"Huh?! That's a lot of fate dipper essences..." Kou Chongxue stared at him in disbelief. "Kid, didn't you just enter the Martial Dipper Realm? How many experts of the Spirit Abundance World did you kill?!"

Shang Xia maintained the annoying smile on his face as he chuckled under his breath.

Shang Bo, who was standing beside him, snorted helplessly. "The kid's fate dippers seem to be very effective when it comes to spatial manipulation. When he releases his dipper qi, he can stabilize the space around him temporarily. Because of that, he managed to gain a lot in those regions of collapsed space. However, he almost got swept into a spot of collapsing space too. Just like that, he wasted a rank five Substitution Talisman."

"Damn kid, are you tired of living?" Kou Chongxue snorted. "Oh yeah. Doesn't that mean that you managed to successfully create your second type of rank five talisman?"

"Yup." Shang Xia replied before explaining the process behind creating the talisman.

Kou Chongxue nodded and chuckled softly after hearing what Shang Xia had to say. "Without a doubt, the Substitution Talisman is extremely useful. From what you said, the crafting process is a lot more complicated than the Abyssal Emptiness Talisman. Your progress in the art of talismans is extremely obvious and you can be considered a true rank five Talisman Grandmaster. Heheh... Once news of this gets out, I'll be able to bask in your glory as the patriarch of the Tongyou Institution."

"If not for your assistance back then, I wouldn't have been able to craft a second type of rank five talisman so quickly!" Shang Xia added.

In response, Kou Chongxue sighed. "It's a pity our foundations are shallow. We only possess the inheritance for these 2 rank five talismans. Moreover, you were the one who brought them back..."

Shang Xia chortled softly, "I only managed to get my hands on them because of the help I received from various seniors of the institution. I wouldn't have been able to do so alone."

A smile appeared on Kou Chongxue's face as he continued, "There's no need to act so humbly. Well, we might not have other rank five talisman inheritances, but I can give you something special. It's a type of talisman, but to be more accurate, it's half a talisman."

Nearing the end of his sentence, Kou Chongxue started to feel slightly embarrassed.

"Half? How did you even obtain half a talisman?" Shang Xia wondered out loud.

Shang Xia knew that it had to be something impressive since Kou Chongxue called it special. Even if it was half a talisman, Shang Xia knew that he couldn't look down on it.

With a laugh, Kou Chongxue retrieved the gray Spatial Pouch from his sleeves once again. He reached in there and looked about for a bit before taking out a talisman that was one-third destroyed before handing it to Shang Xia.

Glancing at the talisman, Shang Xia felt a sharp pain in his eyes and he quickly shifted his gaze away.

Even though he barely saw the talisman, he noticed many things. He asked immediately, “That is definitely not a rank five talisman. Moreover, it has been used before. Because of some unknown reason, the activation was forcefully interrupted at the last second but it managed to remain intact for some reason...”

“That’s right. The talisman was initially activated, but a portion of it was destroyed the next instant. That is why only a portion of it is left. This used to be a complete rank six talisman!” Kou Chongxue nodded.

“What?! Rank six...” Shang Xia’s hand trembled slightly and he nearly dropped the talisman in fright.

The smile on Kou Chongxue’s face didn’t fade as he continued, “The talisman is the reason those 8 experts held you guys back without regard for their life. Those 2 who were fighting me had it too. After activation, a strange energy would surround them and it would pull them back to the Spirit Abundance World.”

Shang Xia was tongue tied after hearing the explanation. He stared at Kou Chongxue with a suspicious gaze. “How do you know the talisman can bring them directly back to the Spirit Abundance World?”

One had to know that the existence of the glass barrier wasn’t for show. Moving someone out of the barrier was extremely difficult, much less bringing them back to the Spirit Abundance World that was countless miles away.

However, just from that point alone, one could determine that the talisman had to be of the sixth rank...

“I wasn’t the one who said it. Liu Jingsheng mentioned it when he summoned one of the 4 pillars of light. When the light fell, the activation of the talisman was interrupted and the process of pulling the cultivator back to the Spirit Abundance World stopped. That was how the portion of rank six talisman was preserved.” Kou Chongxue chuckled.

So did Shang Xia. “How did they willingly give it up to you then?”

With mockery laced in his voice, Kou Chongxue snorted out loud, “Do you think that there are many rank five Talisman Grandmasters in our Azure Worlds? Heh, even the Yuanchen Sect who has their own Elysium doesn’t have one!”

Shang Xia mumbled in response, “However, with my current abilities, it would be impossible for me to craft a rank six talisman. What’s more, I only have a portion of it left to study...”

“I’m not forcing you to learn the way to craft it from the portion left. Even if you did manage to earn it, where are we supposed to find rank six talisman paper anyway?” Kou Chongxue sneered.

As they conversed, they left the region of sealed space behind and closed in on the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

Only then did Shang Xia recall something. “Oh right. Patriarch Kou, we’ve been talking for a long time but you haven’t told us how much you gained from the battle earlier. How many strands of fate dipper essence did you get?”

A crafty smile appeared on Kou Chongxue’s face. “With the exception of the Origin Dipper the Yuanchen Sect promised me, I obtained 2 complete Origin Dippers. I also grabbed more than 20 fate dipper essences...”

Shang Xia exclaimed in excitement immediately. “That’s impressive indeed... Patriarch Kou, that’s truly amazing!”

“Heh, they left behind quite a few valuables but all you care about are the fate dipper essences. Don’t tell me you already created a suitable rank five martial art?” Kou Chongxue joked.

Sniggering softly, Shang Xia explained, “Well, I learned some stuff from the battle earlier.”

A light flashed in Kou Chongxue’s eyes and he yelled out with no regard for his image, “Hey! How long does it take for you to complete a full cycle of inner qi circulation? Hurry up and speak. You better not beat about the bush.”

“After returning to the institution, I plan to enter seclusion. By the time I emerge, I should be able to complete a full cycle in 6 hours or less!” Shang Xia replied honestly.

“That’s good, that’s good! That would mean that our institution gained another rank five inheritance! Our foundations would be much stronger than before. No wonder you were aiming for fate dipper essences... Hehe, looks like you can’t wait to improve your cultivation.” Kou Chongxue revealed a joyous expression.

In response, a helpless and bitter chuckle left Shang Xia’s lips. “Well, I have no choice but to look for fate dipper essences... You know how I entered the Martial Dipper Realm. I used 10 different fate dipper essences and if I had to look for them myself, I would use an ungodly amount of time!”

Actually, completing a cycle of his inner qi in less than 6 hours was enough to establish his own rank five inheritance. Of course, the most outstanding rank five arts would allow one to complete a cycle of inner qi circulation in 4 hours or so...

Shang Xia had faith that he would be able to further improve and refine his rank five arts to that point, and he wasn’t in a rush to prove himself.

“Hey, take a look at that!” Shang Bo interrupted their conversation suddenly and pointed to their back.

Turning around, they saw the region of sealed space slowly collapsing on itself before being sealed off by the glass barrier.

Chapter 746: Azure Ascension World?!

Because of the invasion by the Spirit Abundance World, the region of space that served as their battlefield suffered greatly due to the massive battles that happened in it.

Even though everything had drawn to a close, the region of space had been absolutely ravaged. Even Martial Dipper Realm experts couldn't easily step foot in it due to the many areas where space had collapsed. There were chaotic flows everywhere because of the destruction layers of space faced in there.

That wasn't all. The traces of battle between existences in the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm and it caused the damage to propagate outwards.

In order to prevent the damage from affecting the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, and to keep the treasures within the battlefield as intact as possible, the 4 Elysiums chose to join forces to seal off the entire region of space.

"More than 40 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm fell during the great war between the worlds. With the multiple Fate Dipper Clones who were sacrificed, the number of Origin Dippers that appeared in there probably surpassed the 100 mark.

Unfortunately, many of them were scattered during the battle. If we count fate dipper essences alone, the number would probably run up into the thousands!"

"The experts of the Spirit Abundance World retrieved a portion when they left, and the experts of our Azure Worlds definitely retrieved more than them when leaving. However, there should be at least half of it left inside the chaotic region trapped in the glass barrier." Kou Chongxue explained while staring at them. "With the entire place sealed off, even the existences at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm would find it hard to extract the treasures. They can only wait for things to turn a lot more peaceful before attempting anything. Perhaps, those fate dipper essences in there would condense to form Origin Dippers by then."

Shang Bo thought about it for a second and muttered, "Close to 100 Origin Dippers isn't a small number at all. Looks like the 4 Elysiums sealed off the space to show that they didn't intend to take them all for themselves..."

Kou Chongxue nodded slightly. "I received news from the Yuanchen Sect that the 4 experts at the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm came to a conclusion that every 20 years, the region of sealed space would recover slightly. Close to 3000 miles would become stable and they would withdraw the seal by 2000 miles for Martial Extermination Realm experts of the factions who took part in the battle to search the area for treasures. Every faction will have 15 chances to enter the region of sealed space in the coming 300 years before the seal will be completely lifted."

"Doesn't that mean that the region will become a land of inheritance for those of the later generation? I didn't expect us to be responsible for its creation... Looks like this event will slowly be revealed to the world and those of the later generation before finally turning into a legend..." Shang Bo chuckled to himself.

In contrast, Shang Xia pressed his lips together and pouted, “We can only enter once every 20 years... Moreover, only Martial Extermination Realm experts will have a chance to do so... Wouldn’t that mean that they’re severing chances for experts at our level?”

Since Shang Xia started cultivation, less than 20 years have passed. When the region of sealed space opens 20 years later, it probably wouldn’t have anything to do with him any longer.

Kou Chongxue and Shang Bo exchanged glances and Shang Bo eventually roared with laughter, “To others, a chance to enter the Martial Dipper Realm every 20 years is extremely hard to come by! Even after entering the Martial Dipper Realm, refining a fate dipper in 20 years is pretty difficult. You’re a special case... Can you not compare yourself to others?”

Shang Xia pouted softly at the side, “I’ll take that as a compliment then...”

Kou Chongxue added, “Those who managed to survive this battle obtained many benefits. Even those who sacrificed Fate Dipper Clones would only need some time to restore their cultivation by refining new fate dippers. They wouldn’t suffer any serious loss.”

“Yeah. After all, fate dipper essences aren’t the only things that were left in there.”

Shang Xia muttered reluctantly.

Chuckling in amusement, Kou Chongxue and Shang Bo no longer bothered with the sulking Shang Xia. The 3 of them returned to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and those who survived the battle had also returned. Most of them lingered somewhere around the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and it was then when a soft sigh entered their minds.

A sense of dejection filled their hearts after they heard the sigh. Even after all the effort they put in and the sense of hope they had that they would obtain a clean victory, they were dealt a heavy blow by the Spirit Abundance World.

At the same time, they understood something. After the fusion of the Azure Worlds and all the world origin they poured into the new world, the World Ascension failed!

Even though they expected as much, they couldn’t help but feel a sense of loss. During the battle earlier, all of them didn’t have a choice as they poured their world origin reserves into the Xiangyang Holy Land. They even drew on the new world’s reserves to complete the birth of the fourth Elysium. Because of that, the hope of World Ascension had been dashed.

During the final moment when the World Ascension failed, a sense of despair filled the hearts of almost every Martial Extermination Realm expert or higher. Those who had a weaker or purer mental state couldn’t help but break out into tears.

There were even several Martial Dipper Realm experts in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion who couldn’t control their emotions. Dejected looks could be seen everywhere as a sense of guilt washed over them.

Kou Chongxue, Shang Bo, and Shang Xia felt their bodies turning slightly rigid.

Kou Chongxue sighed, “I’m afraid that from now on, all of us will have to prioritize the World Ascension from now on. Otherwise, once the backlash from the World’s Will comes, the Yuanchen Sect won’t be the only one affected. Everyone who helped them will suffer greatly.”

“That doesn’t make sense. Why would the World’s Will punish everyone? Would it rather be devoured by the Spirit Abundance World?” Shang Xia asked.

Shang Bo forced a smile and replied, “We fought the battle deep in space and the World’s Will might not have recognized that.”

“That’s a shame.” Shang Xia muttered to himself. However, he no longer asked any more questions on why the World’s Will didn’t feel threatened by the invasion.

There wasn’t a need to mention the fact that the experts of the new world weren’t confident of resisting the invasion at all. If they were to fight close to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion so that the World’s Will could sense what was going on, even if they managed to win eventually, the entire world would face large-scale destruction. The losses then would be even greater!

At least all of them had some time before the backlash of the world came. The various Holy Lands had some time to prepare and everything was as Kou Chongxue had said. They had to prioritize the World Ascension the best they could!

Only then would the Holy Lands be able to avoid the backlash from the World’s Will. In fact, they might even be able to benefit from what would happen.

“Alright, it’s time to go.” Kou Chongxue muttered. His eyes shone with a strange light and no one knew what he was thinking about.

Shang Bo and Shang Xia followed behind him as they arrived right above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion.

“Hehe.” Shang Xia couldn’t contain his laughter and said suddenly, “2 years have already passed since the fusion of our worlds and the disappearance of the spatial barriers around the battlefield between the two worlds...”

“In the future, you will understand how time flows when you’re in the Martial Dipper Realm.” Kou Chongxue smiled.

The Martial Dipper Realm experts of the various factions eventually returned to their respective territories.

The next moment, a mysterious feeling filled their minds once again. This time, their thoughts were taken over by a single word. “Ascension!”

“What does that mean? Is the World’s Will hurrying us to help with her ascension?” Shang Xia asked, bewildered.

“Nope. That’s probably the name our world has given herself. She’s probably calling herself the Azure Ascension World.” Kou Chongxue explained.

“Is that it?” Shang Xia wondered. He was more inclined to believe that the World’s Will produced the name because of her unreconciled feelings of failing to ascend to a Spirit World.

The thought barely flashed through his mind before being taken over by ideas of what he should be doing next.

Chapter 747: 3 Years

The 855th year of the Divine Martial Calendar rolled around and the war that happened 30000 miles away from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion happened 3 years ago.

In order to stop the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World, they suffered serious losses. Including those who self-detonated during the battle, close to 30 Martial Dipper Realm experts had lost their lives.

One had to know that there were only 45 experts who went to the sealed space back then. With the addition of those who couldn't leave their territory or those not affiliated with any Holy Lands, the number of Martial Dipper Realm experts in the Azure Ascension World couldn't number more than 70.

That would mean that a good portion of experts at that level were lost and if they had to add in those who lost Fate Dipper Clones, the damage they suffered was huge.

They might have stopped the Spirit Abundance World in the end and retrieved a batch of Origin Dippers and fate dipper essences, there were a lot more fate dipper essences than Origin Dippers. Moreover, what they obtained was only a small portion of whatever was left in the region of sealed space.

In the 3 years that passed, a strange sense of calm filled the Azure Ascension World. The various Holy Lands were licking their wounds and trying to restore the losses they suffered.

Also, because of the battle that passed, the experts of the Azure Ascension World had a new understanding of the Spirit Abundance World.

That was precisely the case as to why no one was celebrating their hard-fought victory.

The Spirit Abundance World wasn't able to prepare much when they started the invasion back then. As such, they failed to unleash their true might.

Not only did the failure not dispel their desire to attack the Azure Ascension World, but it also brought them endless shame and humiliation. In the future, they would attack with renewed vigor. They would be much more well-prepared and they would unleash an even stronger force to take over the Azure Ascension World.

In the years that passed, the experts of the Holy Lands who survived managed to restore their strength to a level before the battle. Many new Martial Dipper Realm experts were born, but the overall strength of the Azure Ascension World was still far from what it was 3 years ago.

In order to maintain the ability to threaten other factions, no one hid the birth of new Martial Dipper Realm experts. Instead, they seemed to be announcing their increased combat capabilities to the rest of the world.

The disturbance created with each ascension to the Martial Dipper Realm was huge. The spiritual qi fluctuation would probably cover an entire continent. However, that didn't mean that only those in the vicinity would learn about their breakthrough. Every time a new Martial Dipper Realm expert

was produced, they would be able to communicate with the World's Will. Every existence in the Martial Dipper Realm or higher who was paying attention would discover their advancement.

If not for the fact that the massive battle against the Spirit Abundance World was made known to cultivators in the Martial Extermination Realm or higher, everyone would think that a new flourishing age of cultivation had arrived.

Naturally, not everyone who tried to break through to the Martial Dipper Realm succeeded. Most of the experts who were produced belonged to the great Holy Lands and they went through strict evaluation before they could attempt the advancement. Even so, not all of them stepped through the gates to become a Martial Dipper Realm expert.

In the 3 years that passed, 13 new Martial Dipper Realm experts were born. However, there were close to 8 or 9 of them who failed. Of those who succeeded, none of them would be able to make up for the lost fighting strength as they were merely in the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

As for the Tongyou Institution, they seemed to have exhausted their reserves. Not a single new Martial Dipper Realm expert was born. However, that didn't mean that their overall combat strength didn't grow. Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo both refined a second fate dipper and experienced a huge increase in strength.

Shang Bo's second fate dipper was called the Triple Rushing River Fate Dipper and it was something Shang Xia picked out specifically for him. It was of the Gui Water Element and it really complemented his Grand Silk Silver Sand Fate Dipper.

The problem came when picking out Ji Wenlong's second fate dipper.

Ji Wenlong used the Earth Essence Fate Dipper when entering the Martial Dipper Realm and it was of the Wu Earth Element. According to what Shang Xia knew, he suggested Ji Wenlong to refine a Metal Element Fate Dipper.

The best choice was Kou Chongxue's Primal Yang Copper Fate Dipper, but the amount of fate dipper essence collected over the years was far from enough. It was even less possible for him to refine the Grand Silk Silver Sand Fate Dipper as Shang Bo hadn't even gotten about refining fate dipper essences.

In the end, Ji Wenlong obtained a Metal Element Clear Essence Fate Dipper and refined it for 3 years. He would have to spend a lot of time to strengthen his control over it in the future.

It was getting clearer that Ji Wenlong's cultivation wouldn't be improving for quite some time.

Shang Xia's suggestion had nothing to do with it. His suggestion wasn't bad, but Ji Wenlong's potential was nearly used up.

Kou Chongxue and Shang Bo understood what was going on, and even Ji Wenlong himself might have long since expected the day to come.

In actuality, if the Tongyou Institution hadn't laid down such a strong foundation for the Tongyou Paradise during its ascension to strengthen Ji Wenlong's cultivation base, he wouldn't have been able to refine his second fate dipper.

As for the third Martial Dipper Realm expert, Kou Chongxue, he didn't spend much time cultivating at all. Using his words, in his current state of cultivation, entering seclusion wasn't a way he could improve his cultivation.

His current cultivation level had already touched upon the ceiling of what was possible in the Azure Ascension World. Unless there was huge progress in the path of cultivation in the Azure Ascension World, he wouldn't be able to do much unless he followed in the footsteps of the 4 Elysiums and upgraded the Tongyou Paradise.

Coming back to the final Martial Dipper Realm expert of the Tongyou Institution, Shang Xia seemed to have improved the most during the period of time.

Because of his special cultivation path, no one could evaluate him like how they would other experts in the Martial Dipper Realm.

After Shang Xia entered the Five Elements Realm, he had been trying to refine fate dippers of the 10 different alignments.

Before he completed the creation of his rank five arts, he could only refine the same fate dipper essences and that left him in a very passive state.

Now that he had created his rank five arts, despite it being extremely crude and elementary, he was able to refine any fate dipper essence as long as it corresponded to the Yin and Yang Alignment of the 5 elements.

With a lot more choices, the difficulty of improving his cultivation dropped by a whole bunch.

In the 3 years that passed, he had been cultivating with his newly developed rank five arts. He managed to gather 20 fate dipper essences from what they gathered back then after the battle. He also managed to completely refine them.

If 10 fate dipper essences were equivalent to a single Origin Dipper, Shang Xia would have refined 2 Origin Dippers in 3 short years!

At the moment, Shang Xia managed to refine at least 3 fate dipper essences per elemental alignment. For someone who was at the elementary level of the Martial Dipper Realm during the battle, his cultivation took a huge leap forward!

Unfortunately, because he was restrained by his unique cultivation method, Shang Xia's aura was comparable to someone at the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

Despite his frightening improvement, Shang Xia still felt that it wasn't enough. Of course, his 'regret' could only be hidden in the depths of his heart so as not to trigger other experts at the same level.

After the battle back then, Shang Xia comprehended many new theories and managed to shorten the time of his inner qi circulation to 6 hours or so. With the 3 more years that passed, he managed to refine his rank five arts even further while refining his fate dipper essences. He was getting closer and closer to his target of completing a complete cycle in 4 hours.

No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't break past that specific mark of 4 hours.

According to his estimations, his rank five arts would undergo a round of transformation the moment he crossed that mark.

The most direct impact of the transformation would allow him to refine any sort of fate dipper essences. He would no longer be limited to that of the elemental alignments and all he had to do was to find fate dipper essences of the 5 elements.

That would also mean that cultivation would become even easier for him. He would be able to transform the yin yang alignment of the 5 elements however he wished.

To give an example in simpler terms, the Primal Yang Copper Fate Dipper Essence was of the Geng Metal Element and the Grand Silk Silver Sand Fate Dipper Essence was of the Shu Metal Element. After the fundamental transformation of his rank five arts, no matter which fate dipper essence he refined, he would be able to transform them into that of the Metal Element and change their yin yang alignment as he wished.

However, that wasn't his end goal. According to Shang Xia, after his rank five arts reached the perfect stage, he wouldn't even have to care about the type of element the fate dipper essence belonged to. As long as it was one of the 5 elements, he should be able to transform it according to the principles behind the propagation and cycle of the 5 elements.

Chapter 748: Pointers

"I don't expect my rank five arts to reach their perfect state. As long as I can shorten the time taken for each cycle to 4 hours and reach the first transformation, there should no longer be any obstacle in my path of cultivation!" Shang Xia muttered to himself as he sat on one of the secluded mountains somewhere within the Tongyou Institution.

Actually, Shang Xia had a chance to gather another batch of 10 fate dipper essences of the elemental alignment he required. Unfortunately, he couldn't be the only one getting all the benefits. Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo both required an Origin Dipper for their advancement and in the end, he lacked a Gui Water and Wu Earth Element fate dipper essence earth.

From Kou Chongxue's experience of refining fate dippers related to the 5 elements, they could verify that Shang Xia's suggestion was pretty legit.

Even though there was still an element of luck contained within, along with Kou Chongxue's slightly exaggerated talent for cultivation, the experts of the Tongyou Institution didn't have to make any detours in their cultivation with a good example leading the way. In essence, the Martial Dipper Realm experts who came next would definitely follow Shang Xia's philosophy of balancing the 5 elements.

Of course, the main reason why no one was trying out a new path was because the Tongyou Institution didn't have the resources to let others experiment as they wished.

That was also why Kou Chongxue retrieved the Flowing Wind Formless Fate Dipper he had given Yun Jing previously. He used to trade with the Changbai Holy Land for an Origin Dipper that corresponded to 1 of the 5 elements.

After Shang Xia verified each fate dipper essence in their possession and received permission from Kou Chongxue, he traded them with other experts in the Martial Dipper Realm for appropriate ones. He didn't hesitate to add some essence crystals to sweeten the deal for the other parties in order to get the fate dipper essences they required.

Since he was in charge of all the trades, Shang Xia managed to learn a lot more about other Origin Dippers.

The only thing Shang Xia didn't trade away was the Imperial Star Fate Dipper that Kou Chongxue had. Even though it wasn't of the 5 elements, it was a high-grade Origin Dipper.

"Teacher Xia, Teacher Xia..." Yells came from the side and brought him back to reality.

Grunting once, Shang Xia turned to see a bunch of young cultivators standing before him at a loss for what to do. "Oh? You guys are here. I was thinking of a problem earlier and lost myself in thought..."

With a simple sentence, he awkwardly tried to gloss over what happened.

Those youngsters glanced at each other before cupping their hands together to respond, "We're the ones troubling Teacher Xia, please forgive us."

Waving his hands nonchalantly, Shang Xia chuckled, "It's fine. I was merely bored after staying in the Tongyou Paradise for so long and I came out here for a breath of fresh air."

The Tongyou Paradise was connected to the Azure Ascension World and the heaven and earth qi contained within was abundant. It was a holy land of cultivation for many cultivators of the You Continent. Even regular students of the institution wouldn't be allowed to enter unless they made great contributions. Here there was someone saying he was bored in the Tongyou Paradise and left for some fresh air.

The students who came to look for Shang Xia weren't too much younger than him and they quickly lowered their heads for fear that Shang Xia would be able to tell what they were thinking through their expressions.

Shang Xia didn't bother with them and he asked, "Is something the matter?"

This time, there were 2 missing faces within the regular group who came to look for him.

Shang Xia sighed silently. This sort of scattered teaching method wasn't beneficial for him to establish his cultivation system in the Tongyou Institution.

With his current cultivation at the Five Elements Realm, his strength, status, and prestige in the institution were obvious. It wouldn't be difficult for him to want to establish his own class to teach others about his cultivation method. No one would try to stop him openly.

Unfortunately, he didn't really care about all those. If not for Kou Chongxue's request for him to teach a little, Shang Xia wouldn't mind not sharing the new path at all. After all, his cultivation was still pretty low in the Martial Dipper Realm and he wanted to focus on it a little more instead of teaching.

He could delegate others to go around teaching his new path of cultivation, but he had to ensure that those people had the basics down and attained some sort of achievement in his way of cultivation before going around to spread the knowledge...

His gaze landed on the 3 people leading the group after thinking about it for a moment. They were his most faithful learners after he started teaching in the institution. They were from the Fifth Class of the Inner Division back then and were none other than Mu Songfang, Shi Huai, and Wang Chenglin.

When Shang Xia imparted his Yin Yang Extremity Formation to the Fifth Class back then, they weren't the only ones who tried to learn from him. However, the once chief of the Fifth Class, Yan Weihai, eventually parted ways with the rest.

In recent years, the Yin Yang Extremity Formation was extremely well-received among the Martial Extremity Realm and Martial Intent Realm cultivators of the institution. However, of those who earnestly tried to learn Shang Xia's path of cultivation, they were the only ones left.

Mu Songfang, Shi Huai, and Wang Chenglin had long since graduated. They had been training themselves around the You Continent and they managed to enter the Martial Intent Realm. Mu Songfang was the strongest among them and she had completed her third divine sense transformation. Shi Huai and Wang Chenglin had completed their second divine sense transformation but even though they were at the same level now, Wang Chenglin managed to catch up to surpass Shi Huai when completing his second divine sense transformation.

With the exception of Mu Songfang, Shang Xia favored Shi Huai a little more than Wang Chenglin due to his steadfast personality. Wang Chenglin was impulsive at times when it came to his actions or his cultivation. Even though Shi Huai's cultivation seemed a little slower, his progress was a lot more stable. His foundations were much stronger than Wang Chenglin.

Glancing at each other, their gazes eventually landed on Mu Songfang.

After a slight hesitation, Mu Songfang muttered, "We understand that Teacher Xia's time is precious but your new cultivation system is really too profound. It's not something we can understand in a short amount of time. Moreover, when we exchange pointers with others, they outnumber us by several times and we will never be able to spread your teachings... Teacher Xia, can you give a lecture or two in the institution? It will serve to help promote the path of cultivation to the others..."

"All of you are really considerate, however..." Shang Xia chuckled silently before his tone changed slightly. "There's no need for such trouble at this time. You don't have to bother about their criticisms. All you should know is that you chose your path. You didn't choose it for their sake. If you can't even maintain your mental state because of things like this, you should back out before you walk too far down this path of cultivation."

Shang Xia seemed to have said it casually, but it sounded like a supreme law in their ears. It struck their souls heavily and their expressions immediately became unnatural. Mu Songfang and Shi Huai seemed a little uncomfortable, but Wang Chenglin's expression twisted even further. Of those who came along with them, there were even some who revealed guilty and hesitant looks on their faces.

Nothing could be hidden from Shang Xia but he maintained a casual look on his face. He chuckled, "There's no need to mention the matter any longer. Anyway, I have some time today and all of you can bring up questions you have about cultivation. I can use the chance to analyze it for everyone."

Joy returned to their faces.

Even though Shang Xia didn't really care about how the other disciples of the institution viewed his cultivation system, he was more than willing to personally give those who wanted to learn from him some pointers.

The treatment was something other disciples of the institution could never enjoy.

One had to know that Shang Xia was in the Martial Dipper Realm! Receiving pointers from an expert at his level was something no one else enjoyed the luxury of!

Mu Songfang was the first to speak. “Teacher, after my third divine sense transformation, my cultivation speed started to slow down and I seemed to have reached a bottleneck. Without even mentioning comprehending my martial intent, I can’t seem to find a way to enter the large completion stage...”

Shang Xia chuckled in response, “That’s because you’re walking down a narrow path. The method you chose to cultivate in the Martial Intent Realm is exclusive and special, but that doesn’t mean that you should blindly follow the inheritance laid out for you. You should take references from others to polish yourself. Of course, the key is to see if what others have is useful when applied to yourself. Go take a trip down to the Scripture Depository and look at the records left behind by seniors of the institution. Perhaps, you could...”

He might have told her to find her own way by learning from what others left behind, but he was giving her the answer directly.

At his current stage, he could see through any problems they had in their cultivation instantly. Anything he said would strike at the problem directly.

After Teaching Mu Songfang, everyone else came to clear their doubts one after another.

Everyone present was listening to his answers intently. What Shang Xia said to their peers might apply to them as well. Even if they hadn’t run into it, it might be something that plagued them in the future. There were some questions that didn’t apply to them, but Shang Xia’s answer could give them inspiration for whatever trouble they were facing...

What Shang Xia didn’t know was that there were a few people among them who truly cared and would remember everything he said by heart. In the future, the records of everything he said would be turned into a classic record left behind in the Scripture Depository for Martial Intent Realm cultivators to reference.

The whole question and answer process lasted for close to 4 hours and Shang Xia didn’t repeat his guidance word for word when he ran into the same question. Instead, he was able to see through their cultivation base and the problems they were facing and would give them personalized pointers from time to time.

When the meeting was finally over and Shang Xia left, Shi Huai muttered to himself, “Actually, this is the most ideal method of cultivation. After all, not everyone would be able to gain the opportunity to receive personal guidance from a Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor.”

Chapter 749: Wei Qiongyi

As Shang Xia strolled about in the institution, students, and a good portion of instructors and deacons couldn’t detect his presence.

That was one of the few methods he developed after entering the Five Elements Realm.

He could use his Five Elements Dipper Qi to twist the space and light around him. The entire area around him would be separated by a spatial barrier and he could perfectly conceal his presence. At the same time, he wouldn’t affect others’ sight. Everyone would be unable to see or detect his presence, thus ignoring him.

3 years after the formation of the Azure Ascension World, the Tongyou Institution expanded to a different scale from before.

Even though it was limited by its population, the requirements the Tongyou Institution had for its students surpassed several ordinary Holy Lands when recruiting outer disciples.

That was also the reason why the overall cultivation level of those in the Outer, Inner, and Upper Divisions had been greatly raised.

In the Tongyou Institution of the past, a third of their students in the Inner Division would enter the Martial Extremity Realm in the second half of the year and they would be considered the most outstanding of the bunch. Now, close to half of them would be able to do that.

Unfortunately, even though the overall quality of students has increased, the number of truly elite students they produced was severely limited.

The number of students who managed to enter the martial Intent Realm in the Upper Division was far from the proportion of students who entered the Martial Extremity Realm in the Inner Division.

It only served to prove that after entering the martial Intent Realm, improving even further wasn't a matter of throwing resources at their students. After all, the Martial Intent Realm could be considered the first true hurdle of cultivation. No matter how much one increased the amount of resources they received, the difficulty of entering the Martial Intent and improving further wouldn't change. It relied on one's belief in the way of cultivation and determination!

The students of the institution weren't the only ones whose standards were raised. The same situation played out in every part of the institution. Those who held responsibilities experienced a similar increase in abilities.

Of course, the Tongyou Institution wasn't the only one expanding and growing stronger in the past 3 years. The Tongyou City had been going through an all-rounded upgrade. The You Continent was also flourishing with activity as everyone went about their business.

As Shang Xia crossed the institution, he arrived outside the Teaching Division and realized that all the students had already been dismissed. Only then did he discover that night was starting to fall.

Sighing helplessly, Shang Xia got rid of the barrier around him before concealing the aura in his body.

Before he got far, someone emerged from one of the training plazas. She was slightly taken aback when she noticed Shang Xia's leaving figure but a smile soon appeared on her face. She chuckled, "Teacher Xia, is that you?"

Shang Xia paused for a second and turned around to look at her. He chuckled in response, "Teacher Wei, why haven't you gone home? It's already so late."

In the 5 or so years that Shang Xia had been in the Martial Dipper Realm, he hadn't been doing too much teaching in the institution. No one knew why, but Liu Qinglan didn't get rid of his position as a teacher of the institution. In fact, his salary was also paid in an extremely timely fashion!

Shang Xia brought it up to Liu Qinglan before, but she brushed it off somehow. Receiving his salary and not doing much made Shang Xia pretty uneasy. As such, he would head over to the Teaching Division from time to time to check on the person who was assigned to plan lessons for

the students. He would also make several amendments to the teaching plan and give pointers from time to time.

Because of that, the role of the Talisman Instructor that would be switched up every year became in extremely high demand. Many Talisman Masters used everything they had to get themselves the spot. All they wanted was to compile and plan out their lessons for the students meticulously before letting Shang Xia review them. Once they did, they would receive his teachings regarding the things they were going to teach as he wanted to ensure they were clear on the topic before passing it down to the students of the institution.

Everyone who took on the job improved tremendously in the art of talismans after the year ended.

“Are you here to pick Yuanyuan up? The Inner Division has been dismissed already and she should be home.” Wei Qiongyi approached Shang Xia and they left the institution together. “Oh yeah, because the institution has been requesting for lessons to focus more on the region Across the Ocean, I have been compiling everything I know while looking for additional information about it. That is why I would leave a little later than the rest.”

“The region Across the Ocean?” Shang Xia muttered. His expression turned serious and he continued, “Is the institution planning to send the disciples of the Inner and Upper Division to the region Across the Ocean to temper themselves?”

Wei Qiongyi forced a smile. “You should have heard what happened in recent years. The amount of resources the institution is pouring into the students has increased significantly. Even though there have been more students entering the Martial Extremity Realm, there hasn’t been much improvement in the situation regarding Martial Intent Realm cultivators...”

Seeing how Shang Xia was listening intently, Wei Qiongyi continued, “The Instructors, Teachers, and Custodians... Even the Deacons of several other divisions felt that it was because they lack experience...”

Lacking experience would mean that they didn’t have much opportunity to train themselves in the real world. Shang Xia obviously understood what she was trying to say.

Wei Qiongyi wasn’t done. “All of them felt that after the merger of the battlefield between the two worlds, there would be no point sending our students up north. After all, we are maintaining an alliance with the Changbai Holy Land. There shouldn’t be much conflict breaking out between us and the cultivators of the Liao Continent. Our students wouldn’t be able to get much practical combat experience there. If they rely on pure cultivation to improve themselves, they would need too much time. Even if they manage to break through by relying on their luck, they wouldn’t be able to temper their mental state. Cultivating in the future would become a little more difficult...”

Shang Xia thought to himself and realized that they weren’t wrong. Combat experience was an important factor in helping one to develop and strengthen one’s divine sense. It was especially so if the cultivator in question experienced many life-or-death scenarios.

Of course, actual combat would inevitably lead to some deaths happening. If the institution truly wanted to follow through on their plan, they would have to prepare to suffer some losses.

In the past, the Tongyou Institution had no choice but to send their students into the battlefield between the two worlds as the You Continent didn't have enough resources for them to grow. There, they fought against cultivators of the Azure Spiritual World and spiritual beasts.

Now that the You Continent expanded significantly, their population couldn't keep up and the number of experts they had were considerably scarce. They had more than enough resources, and there was no need for them to take risks like that any longer.

Shang Xia asked suddenly, "How is the situation out there? To be exact, how is the situation with the Triple Frost Palace?"

Chapter 750: Inheritance

If one had to speak of the greatest improvement the Tongyou Institution experienced after the birth of the Tongyou Paradise 3 years ago, their student recruitment wouldn't be the most significant matter. Neither would the huge increase of students in the Martial Extremity Realm or Martial Intent Realm.

Instead, it would be the appearance of many Martial Extermination Realm experts.

Because of multiple reasons, the number of Martial Dipper Realm experts in the Tongyou Institution could rival most of the Holy Lands out there. As a matter of fact, Kou Chongxue could be considered a supreme existence in the Martial Dipper Realm at that point.

The Tongyou Institution hadn't been established for more than 30 years and if they ignored the number of Martial Dipper Realm experts, they used to lack mid-grade fighting strength of experts at the Martial Extermination Realm.

They had been trying to address the problem for a long time, but only after the fusion of the worlds and the birth of the Tongyou Paradise did the situation get better.

60 percent of the battlefield between the two worlds merging into the You Continent, along with a huge number of spiritual beasts seeking refuge in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, with the addition of the treasures nurtured by the Holy Land allowing them to obtain quite a number of extermination origins. Of course, they also obtained quite a few extermination origins through their own efforts or through trade fairs.

With the batch of extermination origins, many members of the Tongyou Institution who were restricted by lack of extermination origins no longer faced that problem. A new batch of Martial Extermination Realm experts was thus produced and allowed the institution to station experts of the Martial Extermination Realm in many key locations after the You Continent's expansion.

As the spouse of the Tongyou Institution's number 1 spy, Wei Qiongyi naturally received special treatment from the institution.

Originally, she entered the Martial Extermination Realm with the help of their super-spy, 'Youshang'. Well, the man was called 'Huang Yu' now, but who cared what he was called? Regardless, she reached the second layer of the Martial Extermination Realm after receiving an extermination origin from the institution.

Back in the Manyu Continent, he agreed to Huang Yu's request to take care of the pregnant Wei Qiongyi.

After returning to the institution, Shang Xia arranged for Wei Qiongyi to settle down close to Hai Min and Yuanyuan. He hired a few attendants to take care of her in his stead.

Shang Bo learned about what happened and in order to avoid possible misunderstandings from arising, he immediately used his authority as the Deputy Patriarch of the Tongyou Institution to stop Shang Xia from handling matters regarding Wei Qiongyi. He arranged for Shang Xi to take charge of matters instead.

Whatever it was, Wei Qiongyi's relationship with Hai Min and Yuanyuan was pretty good.

As they left the institution together, they headed for the eastern residential area of the city before splitting off. Wei Qiongyi returned to her residence while Shang Xia went to look for Hai Min and Yuanyuan.

Like the time Shang Xia first ran into Hai Min, she still preferred living alone in a quiet courtyard without any servants to attend to her needs. She would be in charge of her daily life.

The 10 or so years that passed left no traces on her appearance. Her calm and dignified demeanor continued to attract Shang Xia as always.

Even though he had been going around the past few years, he would find time to return to the courtyard every time he was back in the Tongyou Institution. He didn't even spend much time back in the Shang Clan Manor when he was back in the city.

Recently, Shang Xia discovered that the courtyard was a lot livelier than before.

"Sister Yuanyuan, can you take a look at my stance? I feel like I've been working hard on it, but my mother said that my standard is far from acceptable. She says that I will still need several years before I can be accepted into the Outer Division of the Tongyou Institution."

A skinny-looking young boy asked while maintaining his stance in the courtyard. His question was directed at a young lady who seemed about 15 years of age.

Hai Yuanyuan looked pretty similar to Hai Min, and from the looks of it, she also exuded a calm aura. The only difference between herself and Hai Min was the fact that the young lady's personality was a lot more reserved and cold. She would never intentionally dress up when attending classes in the institution but anyone could tell she was a cold beauty.

Currently, her attention was on a manual in her hand and after being interrupted by his question, she could only place the book down helplessly. She sighed, "Little Zheng, your mother is a teacher of the institution and she's an expert in the Martial Extermination Realm. She should have worked heavily on your foundations... Why would you need my help?"

'Little Zheng' didn't give up as he continued to pester her, "Sister Yuanyuan, please take a look at it! She says that I'm far too lacking in many aspects and I'm not good enough. I feel that I already work really hard... She just can't be satisfied. Every time she lectures me, she will tell me all about how great you are in the Inner Division of the institution and tell me to learn from you!"

Hai Yuanyuan glanced at her mother who was preparing dinner before sighing helplessly, “Little Zheng, actually, your stance is already great. Your mother said that to you in order to make you work harder. There won’t be many kids your age whose foundations will be much better than yours.”

“Really?” A look of joy appeared on the boy’s face and he quickly continued, “When will I be able to enter...”

Boom!

The entrance was thrown open as Shang Xia strolled into the courtyard. He glanced at the little boy and smiled, “Oh? Little Wei Zheng, you’re here too? I heard you yelling when I was still outside. Where do you wish to enter?”

“Uncle, you’re back!” Yuanyuan leaped to her feet and yelled happily the moment she saw Shang Xia.

Wei Zheng scratched the back of his head with slight embarrassment before greeting Shang Xia. “I greet Teacher Shang... I was thinking of asking Sister Yuanyuan if I have the qualifications to join the Outer Division of the Tongyou Institution. Oh yeah, did you see my mother when leaving the institution?”

Shang Xia nodded while chuckling, “Yup, we ran into each other and came back together. She should already be home by now.”

“Oh no! If she knows that I ran out to play again, she’s going to nag at me!” Wei Zheng’s expression changed and he quickly bid his farewell to Shang Xia and Hai Yuanyuan before shouting a goodbye in the direction of the kitchen. Once he was done, he rushed out from the courtyard, all flustered.

“Haha! This little brat. I heard Teacher Wei mention that he’s extremely playful.” Shang Xia muttered before turning in the direction of the kitchen. He went to sit at the table beside where Hai Yuanyuan was.

With a wide smile on her face, Hai Yuanyuan giggled, “Uncle, Little Zheng seems really close to you somehow. He also seems really afraid of you...”

Grunting casually, Shang Xia didn’t really process what she said and he didn’t take it seriously either. His gaze landed on the manual she was holding earlier.

“Is this a book introducing the situation Across the Ocean?” Shang Xia asked.

“Hmm.” Hai Yuanyuan mumbled before handing the manual over. “There are rumors in the institution that the Inner and Upper Division’s training ground will be shifted to the land Across the Ocean That is why I borrowed a book from the Scripture Depository to learn more about things there.”

Shang Xia flipped through the pages before handing it back to her. He muttered, “Learning about the situation there isn’t all you need to do. You need to read a little more about the Changbai Holy

Land of the Liao Continent and the Triple Frost Palace of the Ji Continent from the Azure Spiritual World.”

Hai Yuanyuan knew that Shang Xia wouldn't bring them up for nothing and nodded her head seriously.

After interacting with Hai Yuanyuan for so long, he knew her personality well. She was someone who had her own views and once she set her mind on something, she would probably do it well. As such, he wouldn't need to remind her a second time. He changed the topic and continued, “How is your progress on your sword art at the moment?”

“Everything is going pretty smoothly. After learning from you, it became really easy to fuse the extremities of length and speed through my Yin Yang Origin in my dantian. Should I start trying to comprehend my martial intent for the Yin Yang Realm next?”

It wasn't often that Hai Yuanyuan would reveal a look of anticipation, but that was exactly what Shang Xia was seeing at the moment. He chuckled in response, “Of course. You can try it anytime!”