

## The Heavens 801

Chapter 801: Go to Hell! -Actually Killing Feng Yezi-

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When Feng Yezi was running southeast earlier, several Martial Dipper Realm experts who were alerted to his actions were already rushing over.

It didn't matter if they were friends or foes. A battle between Martial Dipper Realm experts was a massive opportunity for cultivators of the same level.

How could they miss something like that?

Of course, there were several among those who were rushing over who had a clear agenda.

For example, Ninth Palace Elder, Jiu Qi, of the Divine Capital Sect. The moment the battle broke out, he immediately identified the escaping party to be Feng Yezi.

He left the Divine Capital City immediately as he raced towards the border of the Si Continent.

Another person who was in a hurry to save Feng Yezi's ass was Yuwen Changqing from the Bing Continent. Yuwen Changqing was curious about how Feng Yezi was intercepted at the border of the Bing Continent, and he wondered if it was a coincidence or a plot by the enemy. However, one thing he knew for sure was Feng Yezi's intentions of heading to the Bing Continent. He had to make a move no matter what!

Ever since the Tongyou Institution became a holy land, Ji Wenlong had been sitting at the border of the Bing, You, and Ji Continents. Yuwen Changqing could clearly feel the pressure.

Ji Wenlong might have advanced to his current position by relying on the Tongyou Paradise and would be unable to step out from the borders of the You Continent, but that didn't mean that he didn't have means of interfering with the activity in other continents nearby.

Yuwen Changqing could also guess why he would run in the southeastern direction after he was ambushed.

When Shang Xia used his Five Element Ring to carve out a separate space and tried to suppress Feng Yezi, the Martial Dipper Realm expert who arrived already acted to interfere in the battle.

A massive wooden staff that had a deer's head carved on one end rose from the Ji Continent and tore through space to smash at the five colored light.

That was the White Deer Paradise's inheritance divine weapon, the Divine Deer Staff!

Clearly, the Martial Dipper Realm expert of the White Deer Paradise had acted.

As it was traveling across the Taihang Mountains, a resplendent mirage appeared in the air above the mountain range.

The mirage was so real that it affected reality. It transformed into an illusory maze and trapped the Divine Deer Staff. Like a headless fly, the staff slammed around in an attempt to destroy what was trapping it.

The mirage would be unable to withstand the might of the divine weapon from the White Deer Paradise, and Yin Wanxiang wasn't an opponent for Yun Lu of the White Deer Paradise. He might

have tried to help, but he wasn't about to go all out and risk his life for the Tongyou Institution. Of course, trapping the Divine Deer Staff for some time wouldn't be too difficult for him.

Inside the separate space, different colored lights bloomed. A profound yellow light appeared, followed by a deep blue ray. A scarlet red light came next, and a powerful jade-green glow came after. A massive cloud also appeared within the separate space while spinning rapidly.

Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors watching the battle were surprised by Shang Xia's ability to separate space, but they were really familiar with Feng Yezi's 'Eye of the Storm'.

As the 'disgrace to the Martial Dipper Realm', Feng Yezi, who was well known for running away, had to give up on his counterattack after experiencing his enemy's strength.

Under such circumstances, everyone could see that he was risking his life, and it also meant that he wouldn't be able to escape!

Those observing the battle couldn't help but sigh regretfully. They tried to imagine themselves in the battle. If their opponent was Feng Yezi, they wondered if anyone would be able to force them into such dire straits... One had to know that Feng Yezi was well known as the expert in the Azure Ascension World who was the best at running for his life.

Many of them shook their heads, depressed. They turned to look at the space that was separated by the five colored light before turning a lot more serious.

It was then that another change happened in the void. A formless power seemed to split the heavens above and crashed down at the five colored light.

At that moment, Feng Yezi's main goal of escaping to the southeast was achieved. Yun Lu from the Ji Continent, and Jiu Qi from the Divine Capital Sect made a move to try to save him, as he expected. Behind him, Yuwen Changqing was also racing over from the Bing Continent.

Seeing as the light ring was about to be cleaved apart by Jiu Qi's strike, a powerful blade light appeared from the border of the You, Bing, and Ji Continents. It tore through the void and seemed to appear beside the light ring. It slashed at the formless speartip Jiu Qi sent.

The scraping of metal blasted through the air and countless sparks flew in all directions. They resembled stars in the midday sky.

Ji Wenlong wasn't Jiu Qi's opponent. Moreover, he couldn't leave the You Continent as he wished! He could only assist from where he was, while Jiu Qi was rushing over while the battle was taking place. He was getting closer with each passing second and all Ji Wenlong could do was stall him a little.

After Yun Lu and Jiu Qi's attempt to help Feng Yezi was stopped, Yuwen Changqing finally arrived.

He should have been the first to arrive in the first place. However, Feng Yezi ran southeast earlier and got really far away from him.

The moment Yuwen Changqing arrived, he circulated his inner qi and slammed it into the five colored light ring.

There wasn't any technique involved. It was a battle of brute force as they were basically comparing their cultivation by slamming their inner qi against each other.

Amidst a heaven-shaking blast, the violent twisting of space affected the light ring that separated the region of space that contained Feng Yezi.

Waves after waves of spatial ripples slammed into it, but the region of separated space remained stable.

Because of Yuwen Changqing, Shang Xia failed to complete his fifth hand seal.

Despite being beaten into a sorry state by the four moves Shang Xia unleashed earlier, Feng Yezi roared with laughter, “Ha... Hahaha! At the end of the day, you still can’t kill me! Now... It’s my turn! I’m going to kill you!”

A malevolent and twisted smile appeared on Feng Yezi’s face and he screamed in a maniacal voice, “Strangle him... Strangle him to death!”

Many people in the Azure Ascension World wanted Feng Yezi dead, and many tried. However, none of them managed to do what Shang Xia did and make him feel like the shadow of death was already upon him.

With his final trace of hope appearing when Yuwen Changqing arrived, Feng Yezi’s desire to live burned the brightest it had ever been.

The rotating cloud and wind started to speed up yet again. The region within the eye of any ordinary storm would be the safest with barely any disturbance. However, things were different when a Martial Dipper Realm expert like Feng Yezi was unleashing his special move. It became the most dangerous area as layers of space folded against each other under the powerful rotation of the cloud. All the energy was sent into the eye of the storm, turning it into a kill zone. At that moment, the eye of the storm was where Shang Xia’s true body was as he sustained the Five Element Ring to maintain the sealed space.

At the same time, a powerful blast came from outside the sealed space and collided heavily into the five colored light ring. With someone acting on the outside along with Feng Yezi’s crazy counterattack, things weren’t looking good for Shang Xia.

No one was clearer about the situation within the sealed space than Shang Xia and he raised his hand to lift the Five Element Ring in his hand. The divine weapon became suspended over his head.

With the protection of the Five Element Ring, it didn’t matter how powerful the spatial ripples were. It shaved away at the many layers of protection he created, but he failed to breach the final one.

Originally, Yuwen Changqing expected that the five colored light ring wouldn’t be able to withstand a third blast from him. Unfortunately, reality proved him wrong. When he roused his energy to blast the light ring, the seemingly thin separation that seemed to be ready to shatter earlier turned incomparably solid!

With the Five Element Ring protecting him earlier, Shang Xia managed to complete his final hand seal to summon the power of the Metal Element!

The separate space created by the five colored light ring that seemingly reached its limit earlier emitted rays of brilliant light! Dozens of streams of Metal Element Dipper Qi gathered and shot at Feng Yezi, turning his Fate Dipper Protection Barrier into a broken sieve. They also pierced through his body.

The powerful life force and physique of a Martial Dipper Realm expert allowed Feng Yezi to remain conscious and alive in a situation like that. With his final breath and control over his energy, he chose to detonate the Wind Pouch he had for years as he tried to drag Shang Xia to hell with it.

After determining that Feng Yezi's fate was sealed, Shang Xia pulled all his energy back into his body and no longer unleashed the power of the 5 moves he released earlier.

The Five Element Ring that was floating above Shang Xia that emitted dimming rays started to glow with a renewed resplendence. The light rays that emerged filled the region of sealed space and flattened every single spatial ripple. Everything turned quiet the next instant.

Yuwen Changqing, who was still blasting the light ring outside, was on his fourth attempt. The seemingly weak 'barrier' that separated the sealed space from the outside world lit up with brilliance and stood strong.

In the sealed space, Feng Yezi finally breathed his last in his desperate circumstance and his body shattered as blood seeped through whatever part of his body that cracked. During the whole process, a torrential amount of heaven and earth qi was produced.

Shang Xia, who was prepared to leave the region of sealed space revealed a strange expression as he reached into the void. He closed his palm and felt a formless item in it.

With the five colored light ring that created the region of sealed space finally dissipating, lightning and rain fell from the heavens and they were accompanied by a howling gale. The phenomenon that would only appear during the fall of a Martial Dipper Realm expert burst forth with full force!

#### Chapter 802: Retreating Completely Intact

When the five colored light ring that formed a region of sealed space finally disappeared, thunderous blasts and a frightening hurricane appeared where Feng Yezi and Shang Xia fought earlier. An endless rain fell upon the land and the density of heaven and earth qi in the area rose by a frightening degree.

Everyone who was paying attention to the battle knew that they were looking at the phenomenon that appeared after the death of a Martial Dipper Realm expert.

The question was...

Which Martial Dipper Realm expert fell?

Could it be Feng Yezi? Or was it Shang Xia?!

It was indeed possible for Feng Yezi to be the one slain... After all, everyone saw how he was forced into a corner after Shang Xia created the separate region of sealed space.

However, there were many who believed that it was more likely for Shang Xia to be the one who was killed. It hadn't been 10 years since he entered the Martial Dipper Realm, and he was besieged on both sides near the end of the battle. He had to face 2 experts of comparable cultivation level. Feng Yezi, who was trapped with him inside the region of sealed space, and Yuwen Changqing attacked from the outside. The golden glow that appeared at the end seemed like what happened when a Martial Dipper Realm expert made a final struggle before his death...

When everyone was still guessing the identity of the cultivator who was slain, Yuwen Changqing seemed to have given them the answer they were looking for as he fell into madness.

With no one in his way, he charged into the frightening storm that appeared after the disappearance of the sealed space.

It was then that everyone realized that Feng Yezi had died!

Under such circumstances, Yuwen Changqing didn't return to the Bing Continent. Instead, he rushed straight into battle. He might have felt that Shang Xia used up a lot of energy earlier in order to kill Feng Yezi, and was planning to take advantage of the situation to weaken the Tongyou Institution.

Strictly speaking, Shang Xia was considered a third generation disciple of the institution, but he was most likely going to be the future pillar of the institution! From a certain point of view, Shang Xia far surpassed Feng Yezi in terms of status, position, and potential in the Azure Ascension World.

If he was able to take the chance to kill the weakened Shang Xia, Feng Yezi's death wouldn't have been in vain. In fact, they would probably make a massive profit. The Tongyou Institution would face the greatest loss in their history... Their future would be severed!

The great experts whose spirits were waning after Feng Yezi's death felt another round of stimulation and they turned their gazes back to the battlefield.

That wasn't all. Yin Wanxiang's mirage maze above the Taihang Mountains was broken and Yun Lu pushed the Divine Deer Staff past the obstruction into the storm.

Ji Wenlong's blade light was also shattered by Jiu Qi, and the blade he sent over was damaged. It rang incessantly as it fell back into the You Continent.

The next second, a formless spear rip rushed into the storm and pierced a massive hole through it. Resplendent rays from the sun fell through the hole, illuminating the curtain of raindrops falling to the ground below.

The instant the 3 Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors entered the battle, the region of space was sealed off. They wanted to prevent Shang Xia from leaving by doing so, and once a certain area was sealed off, they started to disturb the space within in order to force Shang Xia who was hiding in the chaos.

No matter how the dark clouds in the area twisted and shook... Even if the space contained within was at the point of shattering, Yuwen Changqing, who was in the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm, Yun Lu, who restored his cultivation to the second element, and Jiu Qi, who was at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm, failed to find traces of Shang Xia.

Did he already escape?!

No way!

With space fluctuating so violently, there was no way for Shang Xia to open a spatial tunnel to make his escape. Doing so would be no different from courting death. They also sealed the area, and with their divine wills covering the region, there was no way for Shang Xia to leave without alerting any of them.

Could he have left for the vast sea of stars?!

That wasn't possible either!

There were countless experts on their sides traveling through the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and watching the battle play out.

There wasn't a need to mention making a spatial tunnel where he was. It just wasn't possible. As for running out in the vast sea of stars... Even if he was tired of living, he would need to pass through the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and cross the heavenly screen of the Azure Ascensions World. He would definitely alert the various experts when he did so. Yuwen Changqing, Yun Lu, and Jiu Qi never received any news from their respective factions that Shang Xia passed the Beyond Heavens Pavilion anyway!

That could only mean one thing. During the battle earlier, Shang Xia sacrificed himself to kill Feng Yezi!

"..." However, that didn't really make sense...

Everyone who took part in the battle several years ago against the Spirit Abundance World personally witnessed many phenomena where Martial Dipper Realm experts fell.

The hurricane and storm that appeared earlier was created due to the death of a Martial Dipper Realm expert, but it was of such a small scale that it could only be caused by a single death.

That would mean that Shang Xia was definitely alive!

Yuwen Changqing also had a way to determine Feng Yezi's status, and he could tell that Feng Yezi was definitely no longer with them.

As the various experts quietly observed the situation, the 3 experts from the Si, Ji, and Bing Continents nearly flipped the space around as they tried to look for Shang Xia/ Eventually, they could only leave, disheartened.

Shang Xia's fate was questionable at the moment, and the way he avoided Jiu Qi, Yun Lu, and Yuwen Changqing remained a mystery. Even his current whereabouts was unknown!

Those who set their sights on the Tongyou Institution because of rumors of Kou Chongxue's disappearance started to rethink their actions after Shang Xia's feat of killing Feng Yezi while evading the 3 Martial Dipper Realm experts. They eventually chose to stop whatever they were doing and to lay down their flags and still their drums.

Feng Yezi wasn't the strongest expert in his cultivation realm, but he was definitely the hardest to kill.

Under such circumstances, Shang Xia still managed to intercept and kill him! The shock he brought to the various powers was something they never experienced before.

The Tongyou Institution... No... They weren't the only ones. The entire You Continent had to be considered. Even with Kou Chongxue not making a move, they still possessed enough strength to threaten other powers!

The most important point was the fact that Kou Chongxue didn't show himself throughout the entire process! If he had died in cultivation or had truly gone missing, why would the members of the Tongyou Institution take such a big risk and put on such a big show to display their strength?!

Shouldn't they be keeping a low profile as they tried not to piss anyone off?

Of course, the frightening battle capabilities Shang Xia showed off during the earlier battle were nothing compared to the sword strike from Kou Chongxue that crossed 30000 miles and dealt with several supreme experts from the Spirit Abundance World.

Everyone still recalled the scene from back then like it was yesterday. As the battle neared its end, the resplendent sword qi that crossed tens of thousands of miles appeared. One of the experts from the Spirit Abundance World was slain directly, and another suffered heavy injuries. The last one only managed to live with slight injuries because the others exhausted a huge amount of power contained in the strike...

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The mystery of Shang Xia's fate didn't remain a mystery for long. 3 days after the battle, Shang Xia didn't hide his tracks as he made his way back to the Beyond Heavens Pavilion from the depths of the sea of stars. He flew into the Beyond Heavens Pavilion with a long streak of five colored light behind him. Soon, he returned to the Tongyou Paradise.

The five colored trail he would leave behind already became his unique signature, and everyone in the Azure Ascension World could recognize it.

Feng Yezi was dead, and Shang Xia was confirmed to be fine!

That wasn't all. More importantly, Shang Xia returned after 3 short days! He didn't seem to have expended as much energy as they thought! His injuries didn't seem too serious either.

Everyone had to reevaluate Shang Xia's combat prowess again, and the effects the battle brought about rippled through the Azure Ascensions World once again.

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He had been cultivating in seclusion for several days in the Tongyou Paradise, and along with his 3 days of recovery in space, he was mostly recovered.

"... How did you do it?" Chu Jia dropped the modification of the grand formation on the ship she was working on halfway through a test drive and returned to the institution after learning that he was back. Several days had passed since he came back, and Chu Jia entered the Tongyou Paradise and barged into the region he was cultivating in seclusion. She didn't seem to care that Ji Wenlong, Shang Bo, and Yun Jing were also there as excitement laced her voice as she asked her question.

Shang Xia stared at the deputy patriarchs a little awkwardly and chuckled softly before muttering, "Obviously, I tore through the void and went to space."

"That's not possible. Even if your Five Element Ring can stabilize space enough for you to do that, there's no way the 3 of them wouldn't have noticed. Moreover, you would have to pass through the heavenly screen and you would definitely have alerted many people.

Seeing the smile on Shang Xia's face, Chu Jia finally noticed the deputy patriarchs standing at the side and her face flushed red instantly. She greeted them with a bow before finding a suitable place to sit. However, she still glared at Shang Xia as she waited for him to reply.

Coughing once, Shang Xia didn't seem to mind the presence of the deputy patriarchs and he whispered, "Do you remember the rank five Teleportation Talisman I told you about?"

Chu Jia wasn't the only one who was curious. Ji Wenlong and the others didn't understand what he was talking about.

However, Chu Jia's eyebrows shot upwards the next moment. "Are you talking about the rank five talisman you came up with after gaining inspiration from the semi-complete rank six talisman?"

Shang Xia nodded before turning to the deputy patriarchs to explain what he told Chu Jia back then. "The rank five Teleportation Talisman can send me directly into space, without affecting the heavenly screen..."

They seemed to have thought of something as their expressions turned serious.

Chu Jia reached another layer of understanding regarding the talisman and she seemed to have thought of something. She couldn't control herself as she asked hastily, "If the talisman will allow you to avoid all sorts of obstruction, including the heavenly screen, would you be able to use it from space to enter a surface world?"

If he could only leave the world and pass through the heavenly screen without disturbing it, things might not be completely unacceptable or unbelievable. However... If the latter was possible, the rank five Teleportation Talisman would be much scarier than they had thought.

The same phrase appeared in everyone's mind that very instant. *Illegal Immigration!*

What worried all of them was the ability Shang Xia's talisman brought about. It came from the inspiration he received from the Spirit Abundance World's rank six talisman... That would mean that it was also possible for them to make use of their rank six talisman to send themselves into the Azure Ascension World without alerting anyone...

### Chapter 803: Agreement

Looking at their expressions, Shang Xia eventually guessed what they were thinking about. He chuckled in amusement, "There's no need to worry. Even though my Teleportation Talisman was based on the half-complete rank six talisman, I made some modifications to it. The rank six talisman won't possess the ability to pass through the heavenly screen."

"But... That's a rank six talisman..." Yun Jing muttered as a trace of doubt flashed through her mind.

She didn't complete the rest of her sentence, but everyone present knew what she meant. If a rank five talisman was able to do something like that, there was no reason a rank six talisman couldn't do it!

Shang Xia chuckled softly to himself and he tried to explain. However, Chu Jia beat him to it. "Could it be because of your Five Element Origin?"

Glancing at her, Shang Xia nodded with a wide smile on his face.

"No wonder you keep thinking of the Five Element Teleportation Formation and keep pestering me to help you with it. You probably got the inspiration from your Teleportation Talisman, right?" Chu Jia gasped.

Shang Xia nodded once again. "Before I completed the rank five Teleportation Talisman, I wasn't certain that it would be able to pass through the heavenly screen undetected. In fact, I only managed



to complete the talisman with its current effects due to luck. Of course, the inspiration for the Five Element Teleportation Talisman came from the talisman...”

Before Chu Jia arrived, Shang Xia already started to describe the battle against Feng Yezi in detail to the 3 deputy patriarchs. Even though she interrupted them midway through his explanation, they didn't kick her out and tell her to leave. As such, she didn't stand on ceremony as she stayed behind to listen to the rest of it.

Ji Wenlong quickly brought them back to the topic they were talking about earlier. “I didn't think that Jiu Qi from the Divine Capital Sect would actually make an appearance. That was something we didn't account for and it nearly caused our plan to fall through. Fortunately, Little Xia's combat abilities were outstanding and he managed to kill Feng Yezi in such a short amount of time. Otherwise, our You Continent would be facing a whole other situation.”

Shang Bo turned solemn and he muttered, “Even though Jiu Qi's appearance was unexpected, it was something we should have thought about. Don't you remember Patriarch Kou's guess back then?”

Everyone fell silent and Chu Jia looked at the rest with a look of confusion. Clearly, there was something she didn't know.

However, she understood that since they hadn't brought it up before, it was definitely related to some sort of secret only known to those at the higher level. Even her current self might not be qualified to learn about it. Or perhaps, if she wanted to learn about them, she would have to go receive permission from Patriarch Kou.

Even though she was still curious, she didn't try to dig deeper and ask questions. She sat quietly while listening to their conversation.

Laughing softly, Shang Xia broke the silence from earlier. “At the very least, we can prove 2 things. Patriarch Kou's conjecture was probably correct, and if that is truly the case, the Bing Continent seems really important to the Divine Capital Sect.”

The deputy patriarchs nodded slightly, and their expressions remained really solemn.

Shang Bo picked up from where Shang Xia left off, but his voice sounded a little hoarse. “From a geographical standpoint, the Bing Continent is closer to the Divine Capital Sect than the Eternal Palace. Our You Continent might be really far from the Si Continent where the Divine Capital Sect is located, but we're even further from the Eternal Palace. Wouldn't that mean that the Divine Capital Sect... Doesn't that mean they were behind the calamity we suffered back then?!”

Chu Jia, who was sitting quietly at the side, was greatly taken aback. She seemed to have heard one of the hidden secrets of the institution.

However, Shang Xia shook his head slightly in response. “The Divine Capital Sect wouldn't have been able to do it alone. Even if we bring the Eternal Palace into this, it still wouldn't be enough. All we can determine from this is that the Bing and You Continent seems more important to the Divine Capital Sect, nothing else.”

“It's a shame. We have no idea what he's doing at the moment and we can't do anything about it. If we tell him what happened during the battle, he will definitely be able to deduce many things...” Yun Jing muttered softly.

The person she was talking about was naturally Kou Chongxue, and Shang Xia decided to reveal what he discovered. "I've observed his cultivation grounds before, and I went there more than once."

Shang Bo could tell that it wasn't all Shang Xia wanted to say and he quickly asked, "What are you trying to tell us?"

Pressing his lips together, Shang Xia muttered, "Actually, even if Patriarch Kou entered seclusion and is in a deep state of cultivation, I am slightly confident of breaking all the restrictions leading into his cultivation grounds without alerting him. It's just that I would need some time to pull it off."

"What?!" The faces of Ji Wenlong, Shang Bo, and Yun Jing changed instantly.

However, they weren't the people who had the strongest reaction. Instead, it was Chu Jia who had stayed silent the whole time.

"Are you really able to break the restrictions Patriarch Kou personally laid down?!" Chu Jia gasped.

Shang Xia nodded in response. "It's not that I won't be able to do it in a short amount of time, but the disturbance I would cause would be huge. It might also cause some damage to the Tongyou Paradise if I tried to break through as quickly as possible."

Chu Jia followed up with another question before he could say more. "How are you actually able to do something like that? When Patriarch Kou laid down his restrictions, I helped him with a portion of it. He personally strengthened them after we were done, and even I have no confidence of breaking it."

Kou Chongxue didn't emerge from seclusion for a long time and the higher-ups of the Tongyou Institution had been thinking of breaking the restrictions since some time ago. Chu Jia was obviously involved in the process, but every time she went to take a closer look, she would notice the layers of sword qi hidden in them. She would tremble in fear with her scalp turning slightly numb.

Shang Xia chuckled, "There's no restriction we can't destroy. The only problem would be how long it would take to do it."

Naturally, Chu Jia was more than knowledgeable about that fact. However, that wasn't what she was asking about at the moment as she examined Shang Xia from top to bottom. "Don't tell me it's because of your Five Element Origin..."

Shang Xia didn't respond, but seeing the look on his face, he basically confirmed what Chu Jia was asking.

The deputy patriarchs who managed to regain their composure turned to stare at him as Yun Jing was the first to ask, "If we had to think of breaking into his cultivation grounds back then, there would be no need for it now. After all, your feat of killing Feng Yezi is enough to shock the various factions and force them into a passive state for some time."

Of everyone present, she was probably the person who had the strongest hope that nothing happened to Kou Chongxue. In fact, she was probably the person who wished to enter his cultivation grounds to verify what was going on the most.

Her way of thinking and what she said might be contradictory, but it was understandable.

“What do you plan to do next?” Shang Bo asked suddenly.

After thinking for a moment, Shang Xia chuckled, “Well, I caught everyone’s attention and I obviously have to lie low for some time. I can’t be the nail that sticks out and becomes a target for those with malicious intent...”

Shang Bo nodded in agreement. “That would be great. Our Tongyou Institution has been gathering fate dipper essence these years and even though the amount of resources in our Azure Ascension World increased, there were many new Martial Dipper Realm experts born in the various factions. There isn’t a need to mention Origin Dippers. Even fate dipper essences are getting harder to find, and the prices have been increasing. Fortunately, when you were patrolling the sea of stars, we managed to obtain some fate dipper essences. Take a look and see if you can use them.”

Ji Wenlong and Yun Jing naturally didn’t oppose what he said. Killing Feng Yezi was a massive contribution that affected many things, and the Tongyou Institution had to reward Shang Xia.

Shang Xia wouldn’t reject such goodwill as it was the best time for him to increase his cultivation.

The next second, he seemed to recall something and the grin on his face grew even wider. “Oh right. It’s not like I gained nothing after killing Feng Yezi...”

When he noticed everyone looking at him, he brought out a crystal bottle that was used to seal precious treasures before shaking it in his hands. He laughed, “Can you see what’s in here?”

The moment he brought the bottle out, he drew their gazes over. However, looks of confusion appeared on their faces in response to his question.

Seeing as the deputy patriarchs were also clueless, Chu Jia snapped, “Hey! What are you playing at? Did you bring out an empty bottle or something?!”

Shang Xia chuckled and carefully passed the crystal bottle that was stacked with multiple layers of restrictions to Ji Wenlong who was beside him.

With a slight frown on his face, Ji Wenlong received the bottle and looked at Shang Xia before staring at the bottle in his hand. Finally, he sent his divine will into the bottle bypassing the restrictions on it. His eyes widened in shock and a surprised gasp left his lips. He then passed the bottle to Yun Jing.

After inspecting it slightly, Yun Jing wasn’t able to discover what was inside due to her weaker cultivation level compared to the rest. She could only hand the bottle over to Shang Bo with a confused look on her face.

After Shang Bo refined his second fate dipper, his cultivation level surpassed even Ji Wenlong. Carefully inspecting the bottle, he couldn’t help but raise his head to ask Shang Xia, “Is this a Wind Fate Dipper?”

Nodding happily, Shang Xia replied, “To be exact, it should be the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper. I obtained it after killing Feng Yezi.”

“Did Feng Yezi already refine his second fate dipper?!” Yun Jing couldn’t help but ask.

However, she seemed to realize the problem after the words left her lips. “No... That’s not right. If he truly refined his second fate dipper, you wouldn’t be able to retain the complete Origin Dipper after killing him. The Origin Dipper in the bottle seems to be complete, right?”

She still couldn’t be sure and she turned to Ji Wenlong for an answer.

Shang Bo seemed to realize they had been ignoring someone the whole time and he turned to the side, only to be met with Chu Jia’s curious gaze. A faint smile appeared on his face as he handed the bottle over.

Chu Jia hastily received it, and she tried to use her divine perception to inspect its contents. Unfortunately, it seemed like an empty bottle to her.

Refusing to accept the fact that she couldn’t feel it, she continued to probe the bottle with her divine perception. A loud smack filled the air, startling everyone as Ji Wenlong slapped his thigh and yelled, “Yeah! That’s a complete Hidden Wind Fate Dipper! It’s said to be extremely rare as even if it was nurtured somewhere, almost no one would be able to discover its presence. I didn’t think that Feng Yezi would be lucky enough to obtain a complete Hidden Wind Fate Dipper!”

Shang Bo nodded before turning to Shang Xia. “Did he not refine the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper at all?”

“Fortunately, he hadn’t refined it. Otherwise, let’s not talk about whether I’ll be able to kill a second element Martial Dipper Realm expert. I might not even be able to discover his whereabouts!” Shang Xia forced a laugh.

Ji Wenlong, Shang Bo, and Yun Jing thought about some simple records about the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper, and a wave of fear filled their hearts. Collectively, they heaved a sigh of relief that Feng Yezi hadn’t refined it.

Ji Wenlong and Shang Bo glanced at each other subtly, and the 2 Martial Dipper Realm deputy patriarchs of the institution seemed to have reached a tacit agreement.

Shang Bo spoke for both of them, “Third Sister, you might be able to attempt a breakthrough to the Martial Dipper Realm...”

#### Chapter 804: I Am The Opportunity

Within Shang Xia’s cultivation chamber, they spoke a little more about matters regarding the institution and their future plans before everyone took their leave.

During their discussion, Shang Xia emphasized the importance of the Five Element Essence Crystals and hoped that the institution would pay more attention to gathering them.

After mentioning it, he received news from Yun Jing that they didn’t just discover elemental essence crystals of the 5 elements. In fact, there were all sorts of essence crystals being discovered in the Azure Ascension World.

The strong powerhouses were gradually discovering the existence of those elemental essence crystals and even though the Tongyou Institution was among the first to discover them and made some progress in discovering their uses, they didn’t manage to get too far ahead.

“Even though the area of the You Continent is smaller than the other continents, after integrating the Tongyou Island and the battlefield between the two worlds, we managed to gain plenty of rewards from the Azure Ascension World’s Will. The main problem we’re facing right now is the lack of population. Be it cultivators or ordinary mortals, there are too few of them in our You Continent!” Yun Jing couldn’t help but sigh.

Actually, the problem Yun Jing brought up had been discussed among the higher-ups of the institution more than once.

The You Continent had been easing the restriction for cultivators of other continents to take up residence in the You Continent in recent years, but as rumors of Kou Chongxue’s death in seclusion or his disappearance created massive waves, the Tongyou Institution had no choice but to limit the entry of cultivators into the You Continent.

Under such circumstances, other than encouraging the growth of the population through increasing the local birth rate, there was nothing much they could do. Even if the plan was carried out successfully, they needed some time for the next generation to grow up.

When Yun Jing left Shang Xia’s cultivation chamber, she went to organize a second batch of experts to be sent to the border of the Bing, Ji, and Si Continents.

Earlier, the first batch of cultivators which consisted of many Martial Extermination Realm experts had been sent to the region where Feng Yezi was killed to pick out whatever treasures remain.

The Tongyou Institution wasn’t the only one. The various powers in nearby continents also sent their cultivators over to try their luck.

The first group of experts to arrive belonged to the Five Mountains Alliance in the Taihang Mountains.

They were led by Shang Pei, one of the founding members of the alliance and Shang Xia’s aunt!

Shang Pei’s position in the Five Mountains Alliance wasn’t low at all. Because of her special status as a member of the Shang Clan and Shang Xia’s aunt, her connections and footing in the alliance were exceptionally solid. Her cultivation also rose throughout the years, and she already refined her third extermination origin and entered the ranks of high-level Martial Extermination Realm experts.

“Elder Shang, is Ancestor Shang Xia of the Tongyou Institution really your nephew?” One of the Martial Extermination Realm experts from the Five Mountains Alliance asked incredulously. He found it slightly unbelievable.

Rolling her eyes, Shang Pei couldn’t help but snort inwardly. It wasn’t the first time she had been asked that question, and she already made things really clear when Yin Wanxiang told them to head over. However, all of them were from the same alliance and were working together at the moment. She couldn’t possibly show her disdain so obviously and she replied helplessly, “Yeah. He usually calls me his Aunt Pei...”

“Damn... That’s really incredible! He isn’t very old either. Sigh... Compared to your nephew, all of us seem to have wasted our life...” The Martial Extermination Realm expert sighed.

Shang Pei felt that her eyes were about to roll to the back of her head.

Fuck, if you wanna say you wasted your life, go ahead. Why the hell are you classifying me with you?

What’s the point of comparing yourself to that little brat?! How many people will feel like they wasted their time cultivating if that’s the case?

“Let’s hurry. The dao intent left behind by the exchange between Martial Dipper Realm experts will start to fade as time passes. You better not blame me if you miss your chance to get a feel of it...” Shang Pei changed the topic helplessly and hurried them up. Of course, she was feeling a multitude of emotions in her heart.

As they closed in on the battlefield, they could feel the change between the heaven and earth. The first thing they felt was a strong wind that gradually turned into a violent gale. As they approached 500 miles of the battlefield, the howling winds around them were powerful as they transformed in unpredictable ways. By the time they actually stood 500 miles away from the battlefield, they basically experienced all sorts of strange winds.

After crossing the 500 miles mark, the clouds around them became a lot denser. The winds continued to howl around them, but rain started to fall. The deeper they went, the stronger the rain became.

By the time they crossed the 500 mile mark, none of the Martial Extermination Realm experts from the Five Mountains Alliance were chatting with each other. They had solemn expressions on their faces as they experienced everything around them in hopes of gaining inspiration.

All of them knew that everything they were experiencing at was the result of Feng Yezi’s death, and it probably contained his knowledge of cultivation. Their true goal was to enter the core of the battlefield as that would be where traces left behind by Shang Xia would be present.

After traveling for 200 more miles, Shang Pei’s expression changed and she yelled, “Something is wrong! Hurry up and release your extermination origin protection barrier!”

Even though her companions didn’t know what was going on, they trusted her and released their protection barriers instantly. Steam rose from them as a soft sizzling sound could be heard as the rain pelted on their protection barriers.

“This...” The experts of the Five Mountains Alliance were greatly taken aback as they released their divine perceptions to inspect their bodies.

Fortunately, they were Martial Extermination Realm experts and even though the rain had some corrosive properties, it wasn’t strong enough to harm their physical bodies.

Of course, that wasn’t where the problem lay. Before Shang Pei’s reminder, the rain fell on them and none of them could feel it sapping away their inner qi. That was the truly scary part.

Their physical bodies were extremely sturdy, and their sense of touch would grow according to their cultivation. However, they failed to discover what happened when the rain was hitting them earlier.

“Feng Yezi... Doesn't seem to possess a power like this, right?” One of the members of the alliance spoke.

“Yeah. Alliance Master Yin brought it up once and said that Feng Yezi only has a cultivation level at the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm. He refined some sort of Wind Fate Dipper and even though he seems to be able to shift the wind and clouds during the battle with Young Master Shang of the Tongyou Institution, all he did was to manipulate the winds to do that.” Someone else added.

“That would mean that we're starting to come into contact with the remnants of Young Master Shang's dipper qi!” A third expert sighed, “It started to affect us without us realizing anything, and this is only the dregs of his power. We are still pretty far from the place where the battle happened!”

Finally, the fourth and last member of the alliance turned to Shang Pei and asked, “Elder Shang, how many years do you think this region of remnant dipper qi will last?”

“...”

...

“Are you really going to restore the state of the battlefield? Why do you want to do that?” Liu Qinglan stared at Shang Xia with a strange gaze and she continued to ask, “God knows how many Martial Dipper Realm experts observed the battle and everything you wanted to hide should have already been revealed. In fact, they might have even uncovered the fact that you're refining your fate dippers simultaneously. Why would you decide to restore the region affected by the heavenly phenomenon?”

Shang Xia suddenly thought of it after hearing from Liu Qinglan that the institution was planning to send a few Martial Extermination Realm experts over to experience the remnant dipper qi due to his battle with Feng Yezi. However, he was stopped before he could head over by a curious Liu Qinglan.

After all, the Martial Extermination Realm expert who went over would be able to come into direct contact with the dipper qi left behind after the battle and experience it for themselves. Being able to do so far surpassed theoretical teachings from a Martial Dipper Realm expert.

Shang Xia sighed helplessly, “It's not that I'm afraid of exposing anything. If I'm not mistaken, the area affected by the phenomenon would remain there for a long time...”

“Of course it would! Back when Xu Bailing and Yin Dezheng exchanged blows above the sea, the entire region turned chaotic. Even now, the flow of qi there is a little strange. That happened after they barely exchanged blows. It's nothing compared to

what you did! You killed Feng Yezi, a Martial Dipper Realm expert!" Liu Qinglan snorted.

In response, Shang Xia could only sigh. "I mean... The entire region wouldn't be fit for life because of our battle. The lives of low-level cultivators there would be affected and it might turn into a forbidden region for at least 30 to 50 years..."

Liu Qinglan rubbed her forehead and snorted helplessly, "What do you mean the lives of low-level cultivators there would be affected? Do you think there's any life left within a 1000 mile radius of your battlefield?"

Shang Xia was greatly taken aback as he stared at her in stunned silence.

Liu Qinglan continued to persuade him, "You don't have to mind too much about it. The place where the most intense exchange took place was at the border of the Bing, Ji, and Si Continents. The situation there is complex and there aren't many people there. In the end, Feng Yezi intentionally caused shockwaves to affect the land to drag you into the mess."

Shang Xia chuckled bitterly. As someone who took part in the battle, he couldn't be clearer on what had happened. Moreover, there being few people in the region didn't mean that there was no one at all. Throughout the battle, it wasn't as if Shang Xia didn't notice them. Feng Yezi razed at least 5 villages to the ground and the city wall of a small city nearby was completely destroyed. He didn't need to think hard to know that heavy casualties took place there.

Even though Shang Xia wasn't the one who killed them, he couldn't deny that he was involved in some way.

He was unable to accept the fact that such a short exchange between himself and Feng Yezi ended the lives of hundreds, even thousands of people!

Liu Qinglan knew what Shang Xia was feeling and she continued, "Actually, you did a good job by sealing off the region of space when dealing with Feng Yezi. You separated the battlefield, preventing the entire region from being destroyed."

"This is the power of a Martial Dipper Realm expert! An existence who stands at the peak of the Azure Ascension World!" Liu Qinglan left after speaking her piece. She left Shang Xia alone, and no one knew what he was thinking about.

Chapter 805: Five Element Seal

The number of people who died due to the battle against Feng Yezi truly affected Shang Xia. After Liu Qinglan learned about it, she quickly reported it to the deputy patriarchs.

Strangely enough, neither Ji Wenlong nor Shang Bo, the other 2 Martial Dipper Realm Ancestors, said anything to Shang Xia about it. It seemed as though they didn't think it was anything too important and it looked more like they wanted Shang Xia to be able to get over the mental barrier himself.

Fortunately, the psychological effect it had on Shang Xia didn't last for too long. No one knew if it was because Liu Qinglan's persuasion came into effect, or because he wasn't such an emotional person in the first place. It might even be because of his superior cultivation level that he started to



treat things like that with some indifference. It was possible there were other reasons in play, but Shang Xia quickly restored his state of mind. He was able to return to cultivating in peace.

With the assistance of the Tongyou Institution, along with his efforts to gather fate dipper essences, Shang Xia managed to gather a bunch of fate dipper essences. However, he didn't try to refine them immediately.

Despite making advancements in his rank five arts such that he wouldn't need to care about the yin yang alignment of his fate dipper essences, Shang Xia had to prioritize their balance. He would rather hold off on his cultivation until he gathered an entire set of 10 fate dipper essences.

He refined 4 sets of fate dipper essences so far, and based on raw calculation alone, he should be comparable to an expert who had refined 4 fate dippers. Unfortunately, reality wasn't as simple as that. Regardless of his cultivation or his current combat abilities, Shang Xia was far from comparable to one.

The reason was simple. A fourth element Martial Dipper Realm expert had 4 complete fate dippers, but Shang Xia didn't even have a single one! Everything in his body was mere fate dipper essences.

Fate dipper essences were obviously different from complete fate dippers.

No matter how many fate dipper essences there were, it would be difficult to match up to a single complete fate dipper.

Of course, Shang Xia's combat abilities weren't purely related to the number of fate dipper essences he had already refined. What was more important was the Five Element Yin Yang Origin in his dantian.

The Five Element Yin Yang Origin in his dantian would allow him to refine and purify the energy he absorbed, and allow him to possess frightening combat strength. Even without a complete fate dipper, he far surpassed a first element Martial Dipper Realm expert. He was even comparable to those at the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

As the number of fate dipper essences he refined increased, his combat strength would rise accordingly. However, his cultivation level would look the same.

The true transformation would happen when he completed the refinement of his tenth set of fate dipper essences. When that happened, 10 complete fate dippers would appear in his dantian and once they fused with his Five Element Yin Yang Origin, he would turn into a terrifying existence.

When that happened, even Kou Chongxue wouldn't dare to take on a single strike from Shang Xia.

Of course, that would happen in the future. It was still a little too early to be having delusions.

Currently, he had 9 strands of fate dipper essences. Other than the Metal and Water Elements where he gathered both the Yin and Yang pair, he had 2 strands of Wood and Fire Fate Dipper Essences of the Yang Alignment and a final strand of Earth Element Fate Dipper Essence of the Yin Alignment.

During his recent cultivations, he spent a good portion of time restoring the energy he used when fighting Feng Yezi. He used the rest of the time to temper the Five Element Yin Yang Origin in his dantian.

After the battle against Feng Yezi back then, Shang Xia received some inspiration for his rank five Five Element Art. He needed some time and energy to verify some of his ideas before perfecting

them. The most optimistic result would be for him to shorten the time required for a complete cycle of inner qi.

That was a significant step for Shang Xia. The moment he perfected his rank five arts and shortened the time to cycle his inner qi to a certain point, he would no longer be restricted by the type of fate dipper essences he required. It was like how he no longer cared about the yin yang alignment of his fate dipper essences.

Currently, Shang Xia felt that he was on the cusp of breaking through to that level. All he needed to do was to improve his rank five arts a little more. He would experience a fundamental transformation and his process in cultivation would become ever more smooth.

Finally entering seclusion without anyone else to disturb him, Shang Xia spent 4 months restoring his inner qi before consolidating his gains from the battle.

In the following 2 months, he focused on improving his rank five arts and as he was circulating his inner qi one day, he discovered that the time required to complete a cycle shortened to 3 short hours!

Even though he didn't realize what had happened, the transformation of Five Element Yin Yang Origin in his dantian quickly jolted him back to his senses. It might not have reached the point where he didn't have to care about the type of fate dipper essences he was refining, but it was good enough for him to change the yin and yang alignment with greater ease.

As long as he found another strand of Earth Element Fate Dipper Essence, he would be able to complete the fifth set!

Staying in seclusion wasn't important any longer and Shang Xia decided to leave his cultivation grounds immediately. The moment he stepped out, he flew towards space from the Tongyou Paradise.

Because of the sudden improvement of his rank five arts, Shang Xia was elated. He started to work on the Five Element Seal he displayed once during the battle against Feng Yezi.

It was a complete set of rank five martial arts he came up with, and it developed even more smoothly after he obtained the Five Element Ring from the Grandmaster Blacksmiths of the Hundred Weapons Mill.

After he set his mind to killing Feng Yezi back then, he understood that the greatest means at his disposal would be his Five Element Seal and he had been working on it ever since. During the battle, it showed its true worth.

His rank five martial arts were made up of the 'Impale' seal of the Metal Element, the 'Absorb' seal of the Wood Element, the 'Bind' seal of the Water Element, the 'Incinerate' seal of the Fire Element, and the 'Trap' seal of the Earth Element.

Every single seal had the ability to call upon the power of their respective element and it possessed terrifying might. With the amplification from the Five Element Ring, Shang Xia was able to contend against Feng Yezi as long as he used a single one. During the battle, he unleashed all 5 seals and completely suppressed Feng Yezi, eventually killing him in a head-on exchange!

One had to know that Shang Xia hadn't even refined a good amount of fate dipper essences. The moment a complete fate dipper formed from the fate dipper essences he had refined, his Five Element Seal would undergo a heaven-shaking transformation.

That wasn't all. The Five Element Seal might look impressive at the moment, but there was still a lot of room for improvement.

Shang Xia classified the current level of the Five Element Seal to be the Five Word Sealing Art and it was considered its foundation. After some contemplation, he decided that it would also be appropriate to call them the Origin Seals.

He would be able to work on further seals in accordance with their origin and come up with auxiliary seals to create an even more complete and perfect technique.

According to what Shang Xia was coming up with, the complete technique could be tailored to the person training in it. Depending on the type of fate dippers one had refined, they would be able to develop their own path in it.

After Shang Xia came up with the Origin Seals as the foundation of his technique, the direction in which he should be developing his Five Element Seal became a lot clearer.

In actuality, Shang Xia completed his deduction and thought of how to develop his Five Element Seal to become a proper martial intent in the future.

The first and most important aspect of the Five Element Seal would be the ability to create a separate space. Shang Xia was able to use the Five Element Ring to achieve it during the battle with Feng Yezi. After successfully reaching that stage, Shang Xia named the region of sealed space he could create the Five Element Space.

Next was to completely separate the origin energy contained in the Five Element Space from the world origin of the Azure Ascension World. That was something Shang Xia hadn't been able to do. Yuwen Changqing working together with Feng Yezi and nearly breaking through the sealed space was evident that Shang Xia hadn't been able to achieve something like that.

Finally, Shang Xia aimed to be able to sustain the Five Element Space for a long time.

Of course, that didn't mean that he would have to sustain it with his inner qi or some sort of formation. Instead, the Five Element Space would be able to maintain itself without the help of any external factors.

When Shang Xia thought of the possibility of that happening, he felt his scalp going numb. If that would be his martial intent in the future, wouldn't that mean that he would possess the ability to create a Mysterious World by himself?

After entering space, Shang Xia started to use his Five Element Seal again and again. He familiarized himself with his rank five martial arts and he could tell that he became stronger compared to the time he fought Feng Yezi.

The only thing that he found slightly disappointing was the fact that he wasn't able to create the Five Element Space without the assistance of his Five Element Ring.

When he finally returned after several days of training, Shang Xia officially ended his half year seclusion.

Leaving the Tongyou Paradise, Shang Xia went back to the Tongyou Institution and before he could find some time to head back to the Talisman Hall, Yu Duhe discovered his presence. Running over in a state of panic, he quickly intercepted Shang Xia.

“So... Are you saying that there’s something strange about the Lightning Bird recently?” Shang Xia asked.

Yu Duhe nodded and started to explain in a solemn voice, “Even though I am unable to directly communicate with the Lightning Bird like other birds, I can tell that it frantically wishes to meet you.”

#### Chapter 806: Lightning Essence Crystals

Shang Xia not only increased his combat strength during his half a year of seclusion, he even managed to improve his rank five secret art once again. The difficulty he faced when cultivation dropped slightly and he also managed to come up with a proper path for his rank five martial arts from his current state all the way up till it developed into a martial intent.

He felt that everything was going really smoothly, but he didn’t expect Yu Duhe to look for him in a state of panic the moment he emerged.

After hearing that something had happened to the Lightning Bird on the Rocky Cliff Mountain, Shang Xia didn’t waste any time as he rushed over to the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range.

The Rocky Cliff Mountain was where the flock of Mutated Rain Swallows chose to nest and it held special importance to the Tongyou Institution. They didn’t just station several experts to guard the region. There were quite a number of Mutated Rain Swallows who had keepsakes of the institution that allowed them to enter the institution as they wished.

Of the Mutated Rain Swallows that entered and left the institution occasionally, the Lightning Bird was never a part of them.

No one knew what was going on, but the Lightning Bird seemed unwilling to enter the Tongyou City no matter what happened. If it wished to meet Shang Xia, it would wait around outside the city.

Now that it could convey a message to Yu Duhe that it wished to meet Shang Xia, the situation had to be extremely dire.

Yu Duhe lived up to his name as a professional bird tamer. He had been unable to communicate with the flock of Mutated Rain Swallows back then, but after Shang Xia made the introductions back then and brought him over to meet the Lightning Bird so that they could track down Feng Yezi, he was able to establish some sort of connection between them.

By the time Shang Xia arrived close to the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, the Lightning Bird seemed to have been waiting for some time and it transformed into a streak of light that rushed over to him.

When the man and bird met, lightning flashed across the skies and rained down on the Lightning Bird. Only after some time did Shang Xia ask, “What’s going on? Why do you need to meet me in such a hurry?”

The Lightning Bird released several anxious cries and flapped its wings urgently. It seemed to be saying that it had no choice but to look for Shang Xia.

“... Are you talking about Yan Ni'er and the other birds?” Shang Xia asked.

The flapping became even more violent and the Lightning Bird flew around Shang Xia once.

“Let's go take a look!” Shang Xia rose into the air and the Lightning Bird led the way as they raced into the depths of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range.

Shang Xia quickly realized that they weren't headed for the Rocky Cliff Mountain. The Lightning Bird was flying southwest, and it didn't take long before they passed the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. Not too long later, the Taihang Mountains appeared in their sights.

The Lightning Bird was extremely fast and even without using its extermination origins, it was able to fly as quickly as Shang Xia who was flying at full speed. The moment the Lightning Bird activated its extermination origin, it would be covered in lightning as its speed would increase to a frightening level. Even Shang Xia would only be able to eat its dust.

The distance of several thousand miles was crossed by the bird and man pair in a short amount of time. They passed through the skies of the Taihang Mountains before long.

Only then did Shang Xia realize where the Lightning Bird's destination was.

“Are you bringing me to the place where I fought with Feng Yezi?” Shang Xia asked with a slight sense of shock.

He received a loud and clear cry in response, and the Lightning Bird increased its speed by 30 percent. Shang Xia had to circulate his fate dippers in order to catch up.

“Hm... Other than the ability to create spatial tunnels, I should look for a practical movement art...” A strange thought that he left behind a long time ago surfaced in his mind again.

With his Five Element Dipper Qi, he had the ability to create spatial tunnels through space to arrive at the location he desired. It allowed him to travel safely through the void before arriving accurately at his destination. However, the method of transport was only suited to Shang Xia and it couldn't be used by others easily.

“In order to create a movement art, I don't have to focus on the speed and the distance I can travel through the void. After all, everyone before me has been working on something like that... I should just focus on maneuverability and make my movements harder to predict...” Shang Xia thought to himself. He seemed to have reached a conclusion on where to start.

“At the end of the day, there are only 2 uses for a flying art. The first is to travel around while the second is to escape. Different movement arts focused on different things. If one only wanted to escape, they could fly faster than whoever was chasing them, or they could choose a way to hide themselves while moving such that no one would be able to discover them.” Shang Xia thought to himself. He had split his consciousness to do multiple things as he thought about a new movement art while flying after the Lightning Bird.

“Actually, I should think about it from the perspective of my Five Element Yin Yang Origin. It doesn’t only mean that it’s restricted to the elements of my fate dippers. The dao of the Five Elements is vast and it includes everything with the heavens and earth. If I only think about it as the elements of my fate dippers, I would be greatly restricting myself.” Shang Xia seemed to recall the first time he stepped into the battlefield between the two worlds back then. He discovered an undead corpse that could walk through the earth and even though it was a crude method of making an underground hole before moving through it, why couldn’t he think of it as an elementary way of moving through the earth?

A lightbulb lit up in Shang Xia’s mind as he seemed to have obtained some sort of enlightenment.

It was then that the Lightning Bird that was flying in front of him released a high-pitched cry. It interrupted his thought and caused him to raise his head. He noticed a region that was covered in a massive storm. It was clearly the location where he did battle with Feng Yezi.

However, there were many Martial Extermination Realm experts observing the region as they tried to gain inspiration from the energy left behind. Those staying near the outer region of the disturbed region were those who had just entered the Martial Extermination Realm. The stronger they were, the closer they ventured into the central region.

Many of them were experts from the You Continent, or had connections to the institution. Shang Xia discovered several familiar faces among them and he even noticed several experts from the Five Mountains Alliance.

After inspecting all of them with his divine will, Shang Xia’s gaze was quickly attracted to figures darting about the depths of the disturbed space. He quickly noticed that most of them were Mutated Rain Swallows, and there were also several mutated birds of other breeds among them. Whatever it was, all of them were third rank spiritual beasts or above.

Shang Xia also understood what they were there for.

Due to the remnant energy from the battle between himself and Feng Yezi, there was a huge amount of stormy qi left behind. There were traces of dipper qi mixed into it and strange flashes of lightning would appear from time to time.

Those mutated birds that came from everywhere, including the Mutated Rain Swallows, were doing the same thing as cultivators.

What Shang Xia found strange was the fact that even though the battle happened more than half a year ago, the region didn’t seem to be calming down in the slightest. Instead, there were signs of it growing more chaotic.

An exchange between Martial Dipper Realm experts would cause huge disturbances, but no matter what, the heavens and earth would slowly return to its natural state.

From how the chaos was spreading, Shang Xia was becoming more and more interested in what was happening.

Hiding himself, he quickly entered the core region of the disturbed space without alerting anyone. It was where Martial Extermination Realm experts didn't dare to tread easily, but he saw several rank three Mutated Rain Swallows and a single smaller Lightning Bird flying around.

The moment Shang Xia appeared, the birds were alerted to his aura and they tried to fly away as quickly as possible, the only exception being the little Lightning Bird. It seemed extremely excited as it cried out with joy while circling Shang Xia.

Those birds present consisted of Yan Ni'er's child, the little Lightning Bird named Yan Lei. It was the mischievous little bird Shang Xia named back then.

As soon as he arrived, he understood why the Lightning Bird called him over. Yan Ni'er and Yan Lei, along with the other Mutated Rain Swallows, had reached the limit of the third rank. They went to the disturbed space in order to borrow the dense stormy qi and lightning qi in the air to condense their extermination origin and advance to the fourth rank!

The advancement process for spiritual beasts was different from cultivators. The moment they failed, there was no second chance. They would definitely die. As the birds required the baptism of lightning when they attempted a breakthrough, not even their bodies would be left if they failed.

The Lightning Bird called Shang Xia over so urgently in order to borrow his strength to help the little birds break through to the fourth rank!

"You really found an incredible helper.." Shang Xia chuckled helplessly. However, he was curious about the breakthrough process and he felt that not only would he be able to lend them a hand, he might also be able to catch a glimpse of their attempt.

Along with several loud cries from the Lightning Bird, the birds that flew away earlier due to Shang Xia's appearance were called back. They started to fly about the cloud that emitted constant flashes of lightning while absorbing the lightning qi in the air.

What Shang Xia could do was to stabilize the lightning qi in the air around them to ensure they didn't fail because they lost control of the rampaging lightning qi.

However, he wasn't omnipotent, and not too long after they started the breakthrough process, one of the Mutated Rain Swallows attracted a powerful lightning bolt as it absorbed too much lightning qi at once. Shang Xia tried his best to rescue the bird, but the lightning qi had already gone amok in its tiny body. The next moment, it exploded into a bloody mess.

The Lightning Bird released a cry of grief as it flapped its wings to fly deeper into the storm.

The next moment, Shang Xia realized something else and he revealed an expression of utter shock.

In just several seconds, the Lightning Bird flew through the multi-colored lightning emitted from the dense storm clouds. Shang Xia noticed a small crystal that was surrounded by tiny lightning bolts in its mouth.

"Is it really a Lightning Essence Crystal?!" Shang Xia gasped in disbelief before tossing the crystal over to Yan Ni'er.

Yan Ni'er swallowed the crystal without hesitation and her body started to glow. A bolt of lightning emerged and flowed along her feathers. It quickly attracted even more lightning qi over from the storm clouds.

Releasing painful cries, Yan Ni'er's feathers stood on end as though they were about to be blown apart by the lightning inside her body and those outside.

Shang Xia already seemed experienced in controlling the lightning qi around him at that point and he immediately released his Five Element Dipper Qi to absorb the excess lightning qi around her. It prevented Yan Ni'er from attracting the wrath of the lightning after absorbing too much lightning qi like one of the other birds.

Even with his help, webs of lightning surrounded Yan Ni'er in mid air.

Eventually, she seemed to become one with the storm clouds as it started to fluctuate violently around her.

"Lightning Origin! That's the sign that the condensation of a lightning extermination origin was successful! Yan Ni'er can be said to have entered the ranks of rank four spiritual beasts!" Shang Xia chuckled while looking at Yan Ni'er whose feathers had been blown off by the lightning earlier. She looked like a naked chicken and Shang Xia found it hilarious.

If it was any other bird, they wouldn't even be able to fly in such a state. However, Yan Ni'er seemed extremely energetic at the moment. Even though she barely had any feathers on her body, she was able to soar through the skies even if she only had half a wing left.

After Yan Ni'er was done, Yan Lei also managed to absorb sufficient lightning qi. He condensed a Lightning Extermination Origin in his body and smoothly entered the fourth rank. He didn't even borrow the power of a Lightning Essence Crystal to do so.

Throughout the entire process, there were 2 other Mutated Rain Swallows that Yan Ni'er hatched circling down below as they observed the process.

With the exception of the Mutated Rain Swallow who failed the breakthrough and was turned into a mist of blood, there were 3 others that tried to break through. Even though the Lightning Bird brought out 2 more Lightning Essence Crystals from the storm cloud and Shang Xia lent them a helping hand, only 1 other bird could cross the barrier of the fourth rank.

6 birds at the peak of the third rank were brought over by the Lightning Bird to break through, and 3 of them broke through at once! Throwing the Lightning Bird into the mix, 4 rank four spiritual beasts sped around the clouds and released high-pitched cries without holding back. They were expressing their joy, but their actions frightened god knew how many cultivators in the area.

After an hour had passed and the 3 newly ascended rank four birds finally expressed all the joy they felt, they were chased away by the Lightning Bird. They met up with the other Mutated Rain Swallows along the region and flew back towards the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range. Alone, it remained with Shang Xia in the core region of the disturbed space.

As the second Lightning Bird of the flock, Yan Lei wanted to remain after his breakthrough earlier. However, he was smacked around by the Lightning Bird and tumbled through the air. In the end, he



could only leave with Yan Ni'er and the other Mutated Rain Swallow that broke through in an 'obedient' manner.

After everyone had left, the Lightning Bird stood on Shang Xia's shoulder again and it tilted its head to the side as it raised its wing slowly to point at the dark clouds before him.

It was also where he found the Lightning Essence Crystals in the first place.

Chapter 807: Ball of Lightning

"Can this even be considered a miraculous land such that treasures like the Lightning Essence Crystals can form?" Shang Xia entered the area in the clouds where he sealed off back then when he killed Feng Yezi.

More than half a year had passed, and a massive change happened to the area.

Chaotic remnant energy filled the area, along with space that was fluctuating and twisting strangely. There were all sorts of dipper qi Shang Xia left behind as well. The entire region was a place even Martial Dipper Realm experts wouldn't step into if they had a choice.

Of course, Shang Xia wasn't a part of them. The lightning that appeared from nowhere seemed to allow the Lightning Bird to realize that the area was where Feng Yezi lost his life back then.

The extremely chaotic dipper qi and world origin caused anyone who examined the area to feel their scalps going numb. If they were able to inspect it properly, they would discover that there was actually order in the chaos as the shattered space slowly repaired itself before transforming into a special region.

When Shang Xia brought the Lightning Bird into the storm cloud, the weak equilibrium that formed from the interaction of the chaotic dipper qi was shattered.

However, Shang Xia already discovered the special connection between the elements in the region. He released his Five Element Dipper Qi to restabilize the entire region.

"This entire region can be considered a natural Lightning Formation... That was formed with the five elements as its foundation. This is without a doubt something that appeared from the remains of the Five Element Space after it collapsed. There is a trace of a Wind Fate Dipper, and it was probably left behind by Feng Yezi."

Shang Xia understood how the region formed, and it was something that appeared due to the special transformation and interaction of dipper qis. Even if Feng Yezi revived 10 or so times and Shang Xia killed him the same way, the same region might not be produced.

The strange phenomenon that created the special region could only be accomplished under very specific conditions.

The influence of the Wind Dipper Qi in the region seemed to come into play as the lightning that contained traces of Five Element Qi appeared in all directions to strike at the very center of the special space.

As the lightning bolts that contained different elements interacted with each other before fusing with each other, they finally transformed into a tiny crystal the size of Shang Xia's finger. It contained the power of lightning, and it was none other than a Lightning Essence Crystal!

“Did you obtain those crystals from this place?” Shang Xia gasped while turning to stare at the Lightning Bird with a look of astonishment.

The Lightning Bird seemed to understand how weak the equilibrium of different dipper qis was in the area and knew it would shatter the peace if it was slightly careless. It didn't dare to cry loudly and chirped barely louder than a whisper.

“How did you do it?” Shang Xia stared at the crystal and felt that even if he acted carefully, he wouldn't be able to retrieve it without affecting his surroundings.

The Lightning Bird, that had been standing still on his shoulders the whole time, moved.

A silver streak emerged from Shang Xia's shoulders and shot outwards. It formed a beautiful arc before returning.

The crystal disappeared, and it reappeared between the Lightning Bird's beak. Even though it retrieved the crystal, there seemed to be a slight sense of discontent in its eyes.

The next second, it swallowed the crystal.

Earlier, the Lightning Bird showed off an ability even Martial Dipper Realm experts might not be able to achieve! Moreover, it seemed as though it had done it many times before.

After feeling the remnant lightning energy around the Lightning Bird as it flapped its wings, Shang Xia could tell that it actually reached the peak of the fourth rank!

Shang Xia immediately understood. “Are you planning to borrow the power contained here to gather a Lightning Origin Dipper before attempting a breakthrough to the fifth rank?!”

A clear, but soft cry came from the Lightning Bird's beak. It seemed to be trying to convince Shang Xia to help it in its breakthrough.

Turning serious, Shang Xia growled, “You better think this through. Attempting a breakthrough here is extremely dangerous. There are many Martial Extermination Realm experts in the region trying to gain inspiration from the remnant energy. There might be someone who discovers this place and shatters the delicate environment, causing your breakthrough to fail. In serious cases, your life might even be threatened.”

Releasing another soft but determined cry, the Lightning Bird seemed to have already made up its mind.

Both Shang Xia and the Lightning Bird knew how rare a chance to enter the Martial Dipper Realm was.

Even if the Lightning Bird reached the peak of the fourth rank and wanted to step into the fifth rank, it would still need a lot of accumulation even if it could receive Shang Xia's help.

With the special region that was filled with lightning, it could save a lot of time and assist it in its final transformation.

“Alright. If you're sure, I can definitely help you with the initial guidance of energy. You will have to rely on yourself for the rest...” Shang Xia was thinking about how to

make full use of the special region of land and seeing as the Lightning Bird was determined, Shang Xia summoned the Five Element Ring.

Five Element Dipper Qi emerged from his body and when it reached the peak, it started to assimilate into the special region around him while maintaining the miraculous balance.

Dense lightning emerged and poured into the very center of the space that Shang Xia was calling the Five Element Region now that he imbued his dipper qi into it.

He yelled loudly the next moment, "What are you waiting for?! Hurry up!"

The Lightning Bird released a sharp cry before turning into a streak of silver light that shot out from Shang Xia's shoulder. It leaped into the center of the Five Element Region.

Boom!

A low rumble started to spread from the center of the dense storm clouds. However, a strange multi-colored light emerged and suppressed everything that was going on.

There were at least 30 Martial Extermination Realm experts 100 miles around them, and even though Shang Xia managed to suppress the disturbance, most of them felt it. There were several who had enough power to attempt to probe out what was going on within.

Too bad for them, a powerful aura emerged from the depths of the cloud and scared them all away before they could come close.

When everything was going on, a giant ball of lightning formed from countless lightning bolts in the surroundings and stood at the very center of the Five Element Region.

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Now that the ball of lightning was created, that could only mean that the Lightning Bird had started its breakthrough.

It was obviously impossible for it to complete the advancement immediately, but Shang Xia couldn't protect it forever.

Back then, Shang Xia told the Lightning Bird to bring its flock of Mutated Rain Swallows to the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range in order to keep an eye on the region. They would also take note of any spiritual beasts capable of entering the fifth rank.

He didn't think that the first spiritual creature who would break through to the fifth rank to be one that listened to his commands!

After thinking about it a little more, it seemed as though the Lightning Bird's breakthrough wasn't as unreasonable as it seemed.

Compared to the various rank four beasts hiding in the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, the Lightning Bird hadn't been a rank four spiritual beast for long. However, It had the strong support of its entire flock, along with Shang Xia and the Tongyou Institution.

When calm finally returned to the area, Shang Xia laid down several protection restrictions around the Lightning Bird before leaving.

On his way back, he started to think about the possibility of creating different movement arts based on the five elements.

Everything seemed too much to think about at once, and even after returning to the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range, he failed to come up with anything.

When he passed the Rocky Cliff Mountain, Shang Xia specifically paid a little more attention to the situation there. He wanted to see if there would be any changes to the flock with the absence of the Lightning Bird and 3 new rank four spiritual birds among them.

Who would have thought that he actually discovered something different? There were countless tiny holes on the tallest peak of the Rocky Cliff Mountain created by the Mutated Rain Swallows, and the bird flapping its wings at the very peak at the moment wasn't Yan Ni'er or the other Mutated Rain Swallow who advanced to the fourth rank. Instead, it was Yan Lei, the little Lightning Bird!

The little brat was taking the chance when his father was breaking through to the fifth rank to claim to be the king of the flock!

That caused Shang Xia to realize something. If the Lightning Bird failed to advance and died in the process, it was likely the flock would disband.

Yan Lei might also be a Lightning Bird, and he had Yan Ni'er's support, but he might not be able to control the flock of birds.

Actually... Even if the Lightning Bird succeeded and could return to command the flock of Mutated Rain Swallows, as Yan Lei grew, he had 2 options. He would either challenge the Lightning Bird for the position of the leader of the race, or he would split off from them. Shang Xia felt that the latter was more likely to happen, and the Tongyou Institution was also hoping for that to be the case.

After all, that was the rule of the bird race as they grew stronger.

Yu Duhe actually brought up the matter in the institution a long time ago.

Shang Xia didn't mind it initially as he felt that what Yu Duhe said might not come to pass. However, now that he had observed Yan Lei and the rest, he felt that it wasn't a mere possibility anymore. In fact, it was something that was bound to happen.

Perhaps he should actually start preparing for the flock of birds to split up.

Taking away the connection Shang Xia personally had to the Lightning Bird and its family, the entire race of birds still possessed great importance to the Tongyou Institution and Shang Clan. No matter what, they weren't willing to watch as the flock separated and caused huge losses.

Shang Xia stared at Yan Lei who was flaunting its achievements on the peak of the mountain with a deep gaze before disappearing from the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range without alerting the rest.

When he returned to the Tongyou Institution, he immediately went to the Talisman Hall.

The first thing he did was to summon Ren Huan. When he arrived, Shang Xia asked, "Brother Ren, do you still remember the place we first met?"

"How can I not? Back then, we met at the valley with the strange wind in the battlefield between the two worlds. Even though the battlefield between the two

worlds no longer exists, the strange region still does. Right now, it's close to the northern border of the You Continent." Ren Huan laughed.

Shang Xia continued to ask, "Does it still produce extermination qi?"

Ren Huan chuckled, "There would be traces mixed into the wind that pours out from time to time. The institution stationed an expert there and the moment any trace of extermination qi is detected, they would collect it all. Right now, that region has turned into a source of extermination origins for us."

He paused slightly before he continued, "Actually, the valley entrance with the strange wind isn't the only thing that's still there. Even the strange tree that produces leaves with the properties of wind and lightning still stands tall beneath the cliff."

"Why did you suddenly think of asking something like that today? You might be a Martial Dipper Realm expert, but you experienced a lot back then... Are you thinking about the past?" Ren Huan chuckled.

In the institution, only Ren Huan could joke with Shang Xia like that.

Rummaging about his sleeves, Shang Xia eventually found a seemingly broken pouch and handed it over to Ren Huan.

Examining it carefully, Ren Huan stared at a massive hole extending down one side of the pouch and he couldn't help but wonder, "Is there... Is there something special about this broken pouch?"

Sighing helplessly, Shang Xia explained, "The broken pouch you're playing with is the pouch Feng Yezi always carried around with him."

Ren Huan's hands trembled instantly and he quickly tightened his grip, fearing he would drop it. He praised immediately, "As I was saying, how can something from Brother Shang be some useless old pouch? Hmm... Brother Shang, you spoke about the extermination qi produced from the entrance to the valley... Are you thinking of using it to repair the pouch?"

What a joke! To be a weapon that a Martial Dipper Realm expert carried around day and night... At the very least, the pouch would be a pseudo divine artifact!

Shang Xia nodded in response. "Yeah. I inspected the material the pouch was made of and I discovered that different types of wind extermination qi were infused in every single thread that it was made from. I thought about the place back then. Whether or not the bag can be fixed... Brother Ren, everything is up to you now."

Ren Huan couldn't stop the silly grin from spreading on his face. The pouch might be damaged, but Shang Xia even thought of a way to repair it!

After Feng Yezi's death, everything he had was basically destroyed. The only thing he left behind was the half-destroyed Wind Pouch and the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper.

If not for the fact that Shang Xia forcefully maintained his Five Element Space back then for a short period of time and had his divine will operating to the limit, the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper might have gotten away...

When Ren Huan left, Shang Xia once again gave an order as the head of the Talisman Hall. It was to gather every single talisman inheritance that was related to movement arts. Even though no one knew what he was doing, none of them dared to ask. They could only follow his orders.

Just like that, another year passed and the 861st year of the Divine Martial Calendar rolled around. Shang Xia might still be cooped up in the Talisman Hall, but he didn't ask about anything that was going on. Not many people knew what he was doing either.

Seeing as the once a year trade fair was about to take place on the Three Unity Island, everyone in the Talisman Hall was thrown into a frenzy. After all, their part during the trade fair was indispensable.

Who would have thought that during the critical moment, the head of the Talisman Hall would emerge from seclusion and start to summon a bunch of rank one Talisman Disciples into the Tongyou Paradise? After some time, they would be sent out in a state of disorientation.

The other Talisman Masters in the Talisman Hall quickly started to make their inquiries but those who were brought into the Tongyou Paradise didn't know much either. All they knew was that the hall master was getting them to test out new talismans. The entire process frightened those who took part in it. They would be buried in the ground or tossed into a pool of water. Sometimes, they were required to jump over blazing basins. They might be required to drill into a piece of wood or to slam into metal carpets. The more they learned, the weirder it became.

Not too long later, Shang Xia started to grab rank two Talisman Masters.

Because of his actions, everyone in the Talisman Hall was starting to feel some fear. There was a strange atmosphere in the air. Even though entering the Tongyou Paradise was something they could only wish for, an unsettling feeling filled their hearts after hearing what happened to the rank one Talisman Disciples.

The operation of the Formation Hall was starting to be affected. There wasn't a need to mention the rank three Talisman Masters. Even the 2 rank four Talisman Grandmasters were starting to let their imaginations run wild as they tried to guess what Shang Xia was doing.

More than a month passed like that, and the rank two Talisman Masters reemerged. Those who were brought in were called over by the others to ask about what was going on.

This time, they were finally able to paint a clearer picture. According to them, the hall master was creating a new talisman. He seemed to have deduced a new secret art from it, and it's related to movement arts."

"Back then, why were they talking about so many strange ways the experiments were carried out?" That was what Lou Zizhang cared about. He had a sneaking suspicion that Shang Xia would eventually call upon him to jump over a basin of fire or something.

One of the rank two Talisman Masters replied, "That's because their cultivation wasn't sufficient to do much. He had to do that in order to gain inspiration. Most of us were in the Martial Extremity or Martial Intent Realm. We don't have to do any weird things like that..."

After getting his answer, Lou Zizhang felt a lot more reassured.

Several more days passed, and Shang Xia gave another order to summon several rank three Talisman Masters into the Tongyou Paradise.

Those who went in seemed to understand what Shang Xia was up to, and they were a lot more accepting than before. They were suddenly interested in what Shang Xia had created, and there was even a trace of anticipation as they entered the Tongyou paradise.

Due to the disturbance in the Talisman Hall, the operations of the Tongyou Institution had been disrupted. Qian Sitong, who was in charge of the trade fair, personally headed over to ask about their progress.

The mid to high-grade talismans of the Tongyou Institution had already made a name for themselves in the trade fair. With them, the Tongyou Institution would gain quite a lot during each trade fair.

The Tongyou Institution would use them to trade for a lot of cultivation resources they required!

With Shang Xia's actions affecting the output of the Talisman Hall, Qian Sitong was under huge pressure.

Unfortunately, Lou Zizhang and Fan Yuanhui were powerless when it came to matters regarding the hall master. When Qian Sitong heard that the reason behind their poor output was Shang Xia, he could only slink away quietly.

After some more time had passed, the rank three Talisman Masters who were summoned returned.

Lou Zizhang and Fan Yuanhui, who thought that those rank three Talisman Masters would gain quite a bit from their time with Shang Xia, saw looks of fear in their eyes. There were even some among them who suffered heavy injuries.

“What's going on?! What happened in there?” Fan Yuanhui asked.

One of the rank three Talisman Masters muttered powerlessly, “You'll know once you head in. He's waiting for you in there right now.”

Fan Yuanhui couldn't even ask anymore when another rank three Talisman Master sighed, “The hall master is doing really unconventional things in there. We might not have a high enough cultivation level, or our insight into talisman crafting isn't good enough. We have no idea what he's doing. Deputy hall masters, you might know what he's thinking if you go in there.”

Seeing how they weren't able to get any useful information from them, Lou Zizhang and Fan Yuanhui knew that their unavoidable fate had arrived.

As the deputy hall masters of the Talisman Hall and Martial Extermination Realm cultivations, they obviously had the qualifications to enter the Tongyou Paradise.

It didn't take long for them to find him and he broke the silence with a tone that showed he had been reflecting on his actions. “I was too hasty and thought that I would be able to create a rank five movement art just because I developed a new rank five talisman. I didn't think I would run into so many obstacles. There were even times when they were placed in danger. I hope I didn't scare any of you.”

Fan Yuanhui laughed, “So you're coming up with a new movement art. It's no wonder so many things happened... It's just simply unavoidable.”

He continued with a sigh, “There have been cases of heavy casualties in the other factions when they did some testing for new talismans... How many lives are lost every year because of mistakes made during the crafting process? Right now, our Talisman Hall hasn’t even lost a single life. There are some with injuries, but there’s no need to think too much about it.”

Shang Xia was afraid the 2 of them misunderstood him and he laughed helplessly, “It’s not really the case. Since I dared to let them test it out, I would have methods to ensure they stayed alive. As for the injuries those rank three Talisman Masters suffered... That was because I succeeded!”

Lou Zizhang and Fan Yuanhui were immediately confused.

Shang Xia stared at them before waving his sleeves. Several rays of light fell and landed on them.

“This is a new Five Element Evasion Talisman I came up with. Right now, it only reaches up to the third rank. After one reaches the Martial Intent Realm, they can use it as they wish. Martial Extremity Realm cultivators would be able to use them with some special methods.” Shang Xia muttered.

Lou Zizhang finally seemed to understand what was going on and he muttered, “So... Were those special methods burying them and drowning them?”

“Originally, I didn’t need to make it so complicated. It was just that I wanted to make sure everything went smoothly and made use of several more extreme methods...” Shang Xia chuckled.

Fan Yuanhui held a scarlet rank three Evasion Talisman in his hand and activated it. The talisman turned into a blaze and he disappeared along with it.

“Huh?” Lou Zizhang gasped. Even with his senses, he couldn’t tell where Fan Yuanhui went after he disappeared! That was a rank three talisman they were talking about, and he was in the Martial Extermination Realm!

Moreover, he was a rank four Talisman Grandmaster no matter what. His understanding of talismans was vast, and he knew exactly what it meant for the rank three Evasion Talisman to be able to avoid the senses of a Martial Extermination Realm expert.

The next second, he felt a strange rush of energy coming from below and before he could move, Fan Yuanhui bore out from the ground below and gave him a good scare.

Lou Zizhang couldn’t be bothered by Fan Yuanhui’s antics at the moment as he stared at Shang Xia with a look of amazement. “This... Is this the Five Element Evasion Talisman?! Do you only have them in the third rank?”

Shang Xia sighed helplessly, “I was planning to lower the standard of the talisman to the point where even rank two Talisman Masters will be able to craft them. However, the use of Martial Intent is an unavoidable process. Not only would crafting this talisman require a rank three Talisman Master, but they would also have to be in the Martial Intent Realm.

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Shang Xia didnt hide anything during his explanation in the Tongyou Paradise. He told Fan Yuanhui and Lou Zizhang the exact method of crafting it.



The Five Element Evasion Talisman Shang Xia came up with could be considered a new talisman inheritance. However, the lowest rank of the talisman was of the third rank and they would need to use treasures containing the power of the five elements in order to succeed in its creation.

The effects were as Fan Yuanhui had experienced earlier while playing with the talismans. When he used the Fire Evasion Talisman, he summoned a ball of flames before making his escape. When he reappeared later, there would also need to be flames burning in that place. He used the Earth Evasion Talisman next, and the earth was his medium of escape.

If Shang Xia was able to create a rank four Five Element Evasion Talisman, the reliance for the elements would decrease greatly. For example, a rank four Fire Evasion Talisman wouldnt need one to summon a ball of flames to disappear. He would need a mere strand of fire qi in order to use it. Also, it would hide the tracks of experts using the talisman even better. The distance one would be able to travel would also increase greatly.

Actually, according to Shang Xias design, there should be a rank five Five Element Evasion Talisman. However, it was obvious it wouldnt be easy to create one.

Moreover, if he was to consider the distance a rank five Five Element Evasion Talisman could allow one to travel or the ability to hide ones tracks, there was supposed to be absolutely no point in creating it. The point of an evasion talisman was so that one would be able to move quicker to get to their destination, or for them to escape from their enemies.

Since he already came up with the rank five Teleportation Talisman, it was better than the Five Element Evasion Talisman in all aspects.

However, the true reason Shang Xia started to come up with the Five Element Evasion Talismans changed ever since he obtained the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper. He wanted to make it such that he would be able to break through restrictions and enter a region he wished with the Five Element Evasion Talisman.

After learning about the Hidden Wind Talisman and discovering what abilities one would gain after refining it, Shang Xia would be lying to himself if he said he didnt care much about it.

If Feng Yezi managed to refine it, the threat he would pose would be extremely significant. He would be a terrifying enemy for them!

That wasnt just because of his ability to conceal himself. It was because after refining the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper, he would be able to pass through many different types of restrictions or formations unhindered.

Of course, he couldnt do it to every sort of restriction, but since Shang Xia learned about what was possible, he decided to come up with a talisman possessing similar abilities.

Shang Xia might be cultivating the Five Element Origin True Dippers and had frightening abilities when it came to breaking through restrictions and formations, breaking and entering was a different matter to entering without being detected.

If Shang Xia managed to create the rank five Five Element Evasion Talisman according to his new design, any sort of formation or restriction would lose their effect against him as long as they had the power of any of the elements!

He might be unable to craft the rank five Five Element Evasion Talisman at the moment, but that didn't stop him from telling Fan Yuanhui and Lou Zizhang his plan. As rank four Talisman Grandmasters, they were qualified to exchange pointers with Shang Xia and discuss the art of talisman crafting. Shang Xia was also willing to share and he hoped that they would be able to play a part in it as that would mean that he would be able to complete the new talisman inheritance as soon as possible.

He didn't expect them to stare at him with their mouths agape like they were looking at a monster after he finished his explanation.

Only after a good minute did Fan Yuanhui force a cough. Hall Master, have you thought that it would be difficult for our Talisman Masters to craft the rank three Five Element Evasion Talisman?

What? Why? Shang Xia raised an eyebrow. However, he quickly realized the problem. An unsightly expression appeared on his face and he muttered, Are you talking about Their martial path?

Fan Yuanhui and Lou Zizhang exchanged a look and the latter added, Exactly. Your Five Element Evasion Talisman was created based on your martial dao. Even if you manage to craft rank four and five talismans in the future, the number of people who would be able to craft it might be few and far between even if you tell the whole world the exact method of creation

Shang Xia sighed. You're right

Everything stemmed from his cultivation at the end of the day. The higher his cultivation became, the more it would affect everything he was doing. The effects of a different cultivation system would also be shown and it would only grow bigger.

Actually, Shang Xia never gave up on passing down his cultivation system in the Tongyou Institution. He only restricted himself because he was afraid of causing mass chaos as his cultivation method was too different from the mainstream path used by the institution. As such, he had been controlling it to a certain extent.

Rather than trying to dump his ideology everywhere, he might as well keep the benefits close to himself and teach those who really cared.

Everything needed time, and Shang Xia trusted that time was on his side!

After passing down the rank three and four Five Element Evasion Talisman inheritance to Fan Yuanhui and Lou Zizhang, Shang Xia continued to talk to them about any ideas they might have,

Because of that, they were immediately thrown into a dilemma. If the Five Element Evasion Talisman was still a talisman at the end of the day, Shang Xia's question consisted of other considerations. He based the Five Element Evasion Talisman on his Five Element Movement Art that was in progress. Would there be anyone who could successfully cultivate it if they didn't have a basic understanding of the five elements?

Even though Shang Xia disguised the confusing conversation as a discussion, Fan Yuanhui and Lou Zizhang had no idea what he was talking about. All they could do was to record everything he said before handing it to the Scripture Depository. Whatever it was, the institution would gain another movement art inheritance.

In conclusion, the Five Element Movement Art would be a lot more difficult to learn than the creation of the Five Element Evasion Talisman even if one had an understanding of the path of the five elements.

If one had to be in the Martial Intent Realm if they wanted to use a rank three Five Element Evasion Talisman and Martial Extremity Realm cultivators would have to use treasures that consisted of the corresponding element of the talisman they were using, the barrier of entry to learning the Five Element Movement Art was way higher. Even if one had an understanding of the five elements, they would need to be in the Martial Extermination Realm at the very least.

That was because Shang Xia discovered that in order to train in it, they would need to utilize world origin. Only experts in the Martial Extermination Realm and above would possess the ability to utilize world origin.

After such a long conversation, Shang Xia discovered that even though Fan Yuanhui and Lou Zizhang were pretty interested in the Five Element Evasion Talisman and could chip in from time to time, they were completely useless when it came to his questions on the Five Element Movement Art.

Finally sending them away, Shang Xia's figure disappeared with a mere thought. By the time he reappeared, he was located in a secret region filled with all sorts of restrictions.

Those who were supposed to be there had already arrived. They were Ji Wenlong, Shang Bo, and Yun Jing, the deputy patriarchs of the Tongyou Institution. In addition, there were Liu Qinglan, Shang Lubing, Bu Jingshuang, Liu Zhiyuan, and other higher-ups of the institution.

Chapter 810: Entry

Is this the spatial transportation technique you came up with? Liu Qinglan was the first to ask and she did so in front of everyone present. She seemed a little confused. It can actually conceal spatial fluctuations to such an extent

Shang Xia chuckled in response, Instructor Liu, you might not know, but this isn't a mere transportation technique! It's my Water Movement Art!

After he spoke, he waved his arm before him and water qi started to condense to form faint traces of cloud qi.

Water Movement Art? Yun Jing fell into contemplation. I heard that you've been working on a movement art and your evasion talismans for a whole year. You even messed with all the Talisman Masters in the Talisman Hall to the point they were slightly traumatized. Is this Water Movement Art related to your Five Element Movement Art?

Shang Xia chuckled in response, Disciple originally came up with it after a stroke of inspiration and I was merely thinking of looking for more methods for the disciples of our Tongyou Institution to preserve their lives.

As the head of the Outreach Division and a deputy patriarch of the institution, Yun Jing would be the one in charge of matters regarding the institution in Kou Chongxue's absence. As such, she had long since learned about what happened in the Talisman Hall.

However, she could feel that Shang Xia was hiding something and she stifled a smile and asked, If that's what you came up with originally, what happened next?

After realizing what the Hidden Wind Fate Dipper could do, I started to think if I could create a movement art that could avoid detection by high-level experts. After that, I thought about the heavy restrictions that would exist in many hidden and forbidden regions and hiding from everyone didn't really matter. As long as I managed to enter the region without causing the restrictions or formations to activate, that would be considered true skill

Shang Xia's sentence wasn't even complete when the faces of everyone present changed.

If he was truly able to come up with such a strange and mystical movement art, there would be nothing holding him back! Nothing would be hidden from him!

Yun Jing's eyebrows twitched and she muttered, Are you sure you're able to come up with a skill like that?

How is that possible? Shang Xia chuckled.

Liu Zhiyuan sucked in a long breath and laughed, That's what I thought. How can there be such an amazing movement art in the world?

None of the others could continue, and all of them could tell that Shang Xia hadn't finished what he was saying. Seeing as no one was backing him up, Liu Zhiyuan's expression turned unsightly.

Shang Xia continued, It's not possible to pass through formations and restrictions without anyone noticing. However, if it's just passing through them without causing them to activate, it's not entirely impossible.

They finally realized what he was talking about. He was confident that his movement art would be able to pass through restrictions without activating them. However, he wasn't sure if the person who laid it down would be able to discover him.

Yun Jing asked with a tinge of worry, Wouldn't that mean that when you pass through the restrictions, you will alert the patriarch?

The higher-ups of the institution were gathered there in order to force open Kou Chongxue's cultivation grounds. The only thing they were gathered for was to discuss the method they should use to do it. From the looks of it, no matter what they concluded, Shang Xia was going to be the one to carry it out.

Hearing Yun Jing's worry, Shang Xia forced a smile and chuckled helplessly, If Patriarch Kou really is inside, it doesn't matter what method we use. We will definitely affect him. Do you really think all of us have a way to avoid his senses?

Shang Lubing interrupted all of a sudden, Wouldn't that mean that you think he isn't in there anymore?

I have no evidence to back my guess up. Shang Xia muttered after some time.

Bu Jingshuang frowned as he asked, If your conjecture is correct, why would he leave without telling us?

Shang Xia shook his head and sighed, I'm afraid only Patriarch Kou will be able to tell us his reason. However, the deputy patriarchs and I have some guesses. It's possible that the matter relates to the Elysium's No To be exact, it might be related to the Sixth Order existences.

Everyone felt their hearts thumping heavily. No one present would misunderstand what Shang Xia meant by that. Even Liu Zhiyuan, who wished nothing more than to doubt Shang Xia, understood that those Sixth Order existences wouldnt be wishing Kou Chongxue well.

Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshuang glanced at each other once and no longer spoke. It seemed as though they were planning to leave the decision of opening Kou Chongxues cultivation grounds to someone else.

Glancing at the deputy patriarchs, Liu Qinglan eventually spoke. The patriarch spent tens of years nurturing the Tongyou Institution with his blood and sweat. Now that he left without so much as a word, that can only mean one thing. He doesnt wish to trouble us.

Liu Zhiyuan couldnt help but add, If we barge in right now, would we be affecting his original plans?

Shang Bo mumbled softly, Regardless of whether hes in there or not, we have no choice but to enter and see for ourselves.

When he saw the looks of confusion he was getting, Shang Bo explained, The 20 year mark is approaching and its time for the Celestial Remains to open once again.

Everyone present was someone important in the institution or closely related to Kou Chongxue. All of them knew about the existence of the Starry Marsh Elysiums remains, and they knew that every faction would send their experts into it every 20 years.

Ji Wenlong muttered, If Little Xias guess is correct, they will be able to discover the strangeness behind Patriarch Kous disappearance when they enter.

Is his disappearance related to the Celestial Remains? Bu Jingshuang asked in surprise.

Shang Xia was the one who replied this time. There is a Star Observatory within the Celestial Remains, and there might be some clues there. If Patriarch Kou really left for the vast sea of stars, it would definitely be related to the Observatory. He might even need to use it in order to return. Also, when Patriarch Kou and I entered in the past, he managed to discover something really important. Even though he appeared during the battle, he didnt bring it out. Now that the Celestial Remains is opening again, we cannot allow the treasure to fall into the hands of others!

Bu Jingshuang sighed, Looks like we have no choice. We have to forcefully enter his cultivation grounds.

Yun Jing followed up immediately. We will waste too much time if we try to break it slowly. We can only go with Little Xias plan.

She turned to Shang Xia after she spoke. Try it out and see if your movement art can allow you to enter the cultivation grounds. If its not possible, we can only use the other method you came up with and destroy it from the outside.

The other method she was talking about was the one Shang Xia came up with initially. He would batter the restrictions with his Five Element Dipper Qi and wear down the energy it contained before finally canceling it out.

Chu Jia already laid down a concealment formation around the entire region. It would ensure that the disturbance caused by Shang Xia wouldn't propagate outwards and cause a huge ruckus. As such, the disciples of the institution wouldn't know what had happened.

Shang Xia nodded once and swept his gaze across everyone before muttering softly, "I'll be off!"

After he spoke, a soft gray mist surrounded him as he disappeared into it.

Shang Xia glanced at the mist that was dissipating slowly and sighed, "This should be the Earth Movement Art he mentioned before, right?"

Shang Lubing hesitated slightly and asked, "Is there a difference between the Earth Movement Art and the others?"

The person who replied to him wasn't the deputy patriarchs. Instead, it was the Formation Grandmaster, Chu Jia. From what he says, the Five Element Movement Art can be split into 3 different grades. They can be known to be of the third, fourth, or fifth rank. The lowest ranked movement art of the third rank doesn't really differ much to the rank five movement art. The only difference is the distance he can travel with it and apparently, he will be able to move through the earth or rocks.

After she spoke, Chu Jia shook her head and she didn't seem too sure of what she was saying either. Soon after, she continued, "However, the rank three Five Element Movement Art needs to be activated through some sort of medium. It might be a lot more discreet, but it's not too convenient to use. After advancing to the fourth rank, one would no longer be reliant on the medium. They would be able to activate the movement art as long as there is any sort of Five Element Qi. Well, as for the fifth rank, things will become extremely mystical. According to what he says, the moment a rank five Five Element Movement Art is activated, nothing will be able to stop him!"

"What an exaggerated statement!"

That was what everyone thought. However, no one would speak it out loud at the moment. Not Liu Zhiyuan, who disliked Shang Xia the most of everyone present, nor Shang Bo, someone of the older generation.

No matter what they thought, they realized something after Shang Xia slayed Feng Yezi. In the Tongyou Institution, there was no one who was more qualified to speak about matters regarding cultivation with the exception of Kou Chongxue.

Yun Jing regained her calm expression by then and she muttered, "Alright. Let's wait for him to do his thing."

When everyone was feeling uneasy about what was going on with the matter regarding Kou Chongxue's cultivation grounds, Shang Xia stared at his surroundings while shaking his head helplessly.

Turning to look at the complicated and powerful restrictions around his cultivation grounds, no one would think that it was a mere dud.

Of course, it was so convincing that even Chu Jia couldn't see through it. Everyone in the Tongyou Institution was spending their time racking their brains while wondering if they should break through forcefully.

After Shang Xia passed through the restrictions easily, he could tell that Kou Chongxue was not located within without even going to where Kou Chongxue was supposed to be. At the very least, his true body wasn't there.

Coughing lightly, the sound transmitted to the depths of the cultivation grounds.

Even though Shang Xia was sure Kou Chongxue wasn't present, he couldn't help but give a proper greeting before walking deeper.

As the echoes of his voice rang through the area, Shang Xia could tell that Kou Chongxue was so lazy that he didn't even bother laying down restrictions that stopped sound transmission.

Shang Xia's divine will extended deeper and it quickly reached the deepest point. To his surprise, he discovered someone. Or to be more exact, he discovered a figure.

Huh? Shang Xia felt his heart tighten for a moment. He regained his calm the next moment as he continued to make his way deeper without the slightest bit of hesitation.

Standing before the figure, Shang Xia could easily tell that it was Kou Chongxue despite the darkness that shrouded them. Shifting his gaze slightly to look at the figure's chest, Shang Xia could see a dull yellow ball of light glowing softly.

Grunting softly, he released his Five Element Dipper Qi and it resonated with the dull yellow light.

Indeed Shang Xia muttered to himself as the dipper qi around him started to transform. Eventually, a pure strand of dipper qi that shone the same color fused with the ball of light in the figure's chest.

The glow disappeared with an explosive bang and it seemed to come to life. The figure started to condense to form a clone of Kou Chongxue. Opening his eyes slowly, he glanced at Shang Xia before asking his first question. How long have I been asleep?