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Chapter 841: "Sage Kou"

Even with Kou Chongxue acting from the inside to help them accurately locate the Azure Flame World, the heavenly screen was still present. Shang Xia wasnt able to directly transport them into the Azure Flame World, and the Beyond Heavens Pavilion was the furthest he could go.

The scene seemed mighty familiar. It was like how the Spirit Abundance World was attacking the Azure Ascension World. They were only able to send their experts to a point in space 30000 miles outside the Beyond Heavens Pavilion. It was where the massive battle happened back then.

Even though Kou Chongxue plotted against close to half the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World, most of them realized what was happening when they were transported over and already made their preparations.

The moment they emerged from the spatial transfer, they had already stored up their energy and were ready to fight.

In stark contrast, the experts of the Azure Flame World were caught off guard when the group of foreign experts arrived.

Even though they had the experience of a foreign expert barging into their world several years ago, they hadnt killed or chased him out. Due to his appearance, it wasnt as though the members of the Azure Flame World didnt think that they would be invaded. That was also the reason why they increased the number of Martial Sages above the heavenly screen.

However, more than a dozen years passed and nothing happened. None of them noticed traces of their foreign guest leaving and entering, and it seemed as though he arrived in their world through an accident. They were a lot less cautious and they started to let their guard down.

Just like that, the invasion of the Azure Flame World took place before anyone could react!

The first item to fly at the heavenly screen was actually a bronze sword, and the sword seemed to swallow sword qi tens of thousands of feet around it. Anyone who saw it would understand that the sword was no ordinary treasure.

A Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon! Thats a Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon! At least 5 Martial Sages above the heavenly screen noticed the appearance of the bronze sword and they rushed towards where it was falling.

All of them understood what a Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon represented!

Any expert in the Azure Flame World who had a treasure at that level was a supreme expert in the land!

A Martial Sage who had a Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon could even fight opponents who had 1 or 2 more Martial Souls than them. [1]

2 Martial Sages who were closest to the weapon made their moves at the same time as they tried to snatch the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon.

It was a shame they couldnt even get close as the weapon seemed to detect traces of danger. It shook slightly before sending out 2 strands of sword qi at them.

Instead of being shocked, the 2 experts were overjoyed. *The divine weapon actually had spirituality!* 

The fire in their eyes burned with greater intensity and their desire to obtain the weapon only increased.

Unfortunately, they werent the only ones who had their eyes on the treasure. There were other Martial Sages in the distance who noticed it.

When the 2 of them had to face the sword qi that shot out from the sword, another 2 Martial Sages approached from different directions. They didnt hesitate to sneak attack the first 2 Martial Sages.

How dare you!

You despicable bastards!

A divine weapon might be amazing, but with their lives under threat, they couldnt bother thinking about the weapon. As they resisted the attacks, the 4 of them tangled into a bunch.

The bronze sword continued to accelerate and the final Martial Sage from the Azure Flame World seemed to have lucked out as he rushed over in an attempt to intercept it.

The 4 who were locked in a bitter struggle turned to stare at the final expert the next instant, and they attacked in unison.

Despite possessing considerable strength, the last Martial Sage couldnt resist the combined might of 4 experts of the same level!

He might have reacted quickly due to the distance between them by forsaking the weapon and releasing his Martial Soul Protection Barrier to protect himself, but one of his Martial Soul Clone was destroyed before he finally got away.

Because of the brief interlude, another 2 experts from the Azure Flame World flew over to try to intercept the sword together.

The 4 experts had their own considerations. After unleashing their joint attack, they immediately started fighting with each other. They didnt expect there to be others waiting to take advantage of the situation.

They couldnt retract their attacks in time and they could only watch as the 2 experts blocked the sword qi that was released before reaching for the sword.

Stop right there!

You thieves! We wont let this rest!

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With no ability to stop them physically, they could only resort to threats.

However, they were immediately caught off guard when they saw the other experts hand grabbing the sword.

Originally, one of them was supposed to suppress the blade while the other was preparing to retrieve it. Who would have thought that the weapon would twist at the very last second and sever the hand of the expert who reached for it?

That wasnt an injury they could heal quickly by sacrificing a mere Martial Soul Clone!

As the expert who had his arm severed retreated rapidly, his companion roared with rage. Preposterous!

3 Martial Souls emerged the next moment as it attempted to suppress the sword.

The Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon seemed to be affected as it froze in space.

When the second expert tried to reach for it, a miserable cry came from behind him.

Turning around abruptly, the second expert noticed that the foreign expert they knew as Sage Kou had already arrived under the heavenly screen. He was the person who launched a sneak attack on his companion. Just like that, a Martial Sage was killed by a formless sword qi Sage Kou sent out.

When the foreign expert entered their world back then, he proclaimed his name to be a mere Nobody Kou and that was what they knew him as. Due to his reckless actions that provoked the Azure Flame World, their native experts simply shortened his name to Kou while they tried hunting him down. Eventually, due to his tyrannical strength that was comparable to peak-tier experts of the Azure Flame World, they eventually added the Sage behind his name. He was finally known as Sage Kou.

You You deserve to die! Rage filled the heart of the second expert. However, he didnt immediately launch his attacks on Sage Kou to avenge his junior brother. Instead, he started to retreat while maintaining his suppression of the bronze sword.

He wasnt exactly stupid. In fact, he managed to remain extremely calm during the encounter. Sage Kous formless sword qi had already thoroughly weakened his junior brothers life force. There was no way to even create a Martial Soul Clone, and if he tried to help at the moment, he would only fall into the enemys trap.

Sage Kou had been rampaging about the Azure Flame World for many years and all of them knew how much of a crafty asshole he was. The expert in question also knew that he was no match for the man, and running as far away as possible as quickly as he could was the best option. After all, he wouldnt have to suffer the same fate as his junior brother.

Oh? You didnt fall for it! Sage Kou sighed while swinging his arm casually at the body beside him. He erased the final traces of life from the body.

Just like that, the energy contained in the body of the slain cultivator started to return to the world. However, Sage Kou moved quickly and he managed to extract a Martial Soul before it was completely gone. He obtained a strange crystal-like object that seemed slightly different from what would be produced by a Fate Dipper Clone.

Fucking thief! The Martial Sage who suppressed the bronze sword screamed. Fellow cultivators, the enemy is right before us! Please assist me in killing this beast!

The Martial Sages who were fighting over the weapon a moment ago immediately stopped after Sage Kous appearance. When they heard the request for help, they rushed over to surround him immediately.

Hmph, Yin Tou, the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon doesnt belong to you yet. Well settle this after everything is over!

The Martial Sages grunted coldly, but their gazes remained fixed on Sage Kou.

Yin Tou growled, If we manage to kill him, I am willing to give up the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon!

By that time, the number of Martial Sages had grown by quite a bit and there were more people gathering in the area.

Sage Kou, who was about to be fully surrounded, not only didnt seem interested in breaking out from the encirclement, he even sighed softly at those around him. A complex gaze could be seen on his face.

Chapter 842: Invasion, From the Back!

The commotion at the heavenly screen quickly attracted the attention of many Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World.

The appearance of a Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon seemed to intensify their interest in the matter.

However, that wasn't all they were attracted to. The fact that the foreign expert who wreaked havoc in the Azure Flame World was surrounded also grabbed their attention. They were so caught up in the fact that they managed to surround him that they didn't even notice the changes thousands of miles away from the heavenly screen.

Shang Xia used the Origin Holy Artifact to release a huge amount of world origin in order to successfully complete the Spatial Transfer. However, Hidden Frost Sword was the catalyst used to cut open the spatial tunnel in the first place and it was the first to arrive.

After the appearance of the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon and Sage Kou, a good portion of the attention of those from the Azure Flame World was drawn over. 3000 miles away from the heavenly screen, Lu Wuzi and Yi Jingxu were the first 2 to be thrown out from the void and they tumbled out unceremoniously.

The moment they arrived, they discovered the heavenly screen that was 'right in front of their eyes'.

Of course, even though they were the first few to arrive, they didn't immediately try breaking through the heavenly screen to enter the foreign world. Other than the fact that they knew nothing about the new world, Lu Wuzi and Yi Jingxu needed to wait for the rest of the experts on their side to arrive, while covering their arrival.

Who would have thought that the experts of the various factions weren't what came next? Large pieces of debris, shattered mountains, and broken fragments of land flew out from the void and went straight for the heavenly screen.

If there were true powerhouses in the world, there was no way such a huge disturbance would be able to be hidden.

Lu Wuzi and Yi Jingxu exchanged a glance and noticed that it was actually a pretty good way for them to probe the strength of the foreign world. They could also use the cover provided by the mess to close in on the heavenly screen.

The cultivators from their respective factions soon arrived before them. After all, with Shang Xia's successful activation of the Origin Holy Artifact, all of them were able to arrive safely.

The moment the thought flashed across Lu Wuzi and Yi Jingxu's minds, they got to it right away. They concealed themselves in the destruction as they soared closer to the heavenly screen.

By then, the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World noticed everything that was happening in the void. Unfortunately, everything was too damn close and they didn't have the ability to stop it from crashing into the heavenly screen.

Of course, that didn't mean that they didn't do anything. They started to act one after another in order to stop as much as they could from smashing into the heavenly screen.

In the space within 1000 miles from the heavenly screen, loud blasts could be heard in succession. Land fragments and even debris from the Celestial Remains were shattered or turned back into the sea of stars.

With the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World acting to stop the destruction from crashing into the heavenly screen, the original crowd that surrounded the Hidden Frost Sword and Kou Chognxue left. Only the 5 that arrived originally to snatch the Hidden Frost Sword remained.

It was then that Sage Kou made his move.

Released 2 strands of formless sword qi, he struck at the 2 Martial Sages closest to him! At the same time, he rushed at the Yin Tou who was suppressing the Hidden Frost Sword.

Even though he was the person surrounded by 5 Martial Sages from the Azure Flame World, Sage Kou took the initiative to make the first move. Moreover, he didn't choose to break out of the encirclement immediately. Instead, he seemed to be trying to pull them closer to him instead.

The 3 of them who came under attack felt endless pressure. The other 2 who hadn't been targeted knew how crafty and hard to deal with Sage Kou was and they immediately moved to help to prevent their target from escaping.

What they didn't know was that they fell straight into Sage Kou's trap. That was what he wanted in the first place.

The weakest among those attacking Sage Kou had 1 Martial Soul, while the strongest had condensed 3 Martial Souls. Despite his strength and the strange and powerful properties of his formless sword qi, Sage Kou couldn't overpower 5 of them directly. He was quickly forced into a slight disadvantage.

However, the way of which he adapted during battle gave them a strange feeling. The formless sword qi he used not only seemed as though it wasn't protecting him, it also seemed to be forced to the limit while only resisting the combined strength of his 5 opponents. It was as though he was afraid to scare them all away by using his full strength.

"When are you 2 going to make your move? Are you really just going to watch from the side?" Sage Kou yelled at the void, but the 5 surrounding him only felt slightly incredulous.

A feeling of unease filled Yin Tou's heart and he yelled in fright, "Everyone, be careful!"

As the words were leaving his lips, a pillar of light emerged from the void and landed on the weakest Martial Sage attacking Sage Kou.

It was as though Sage Kou had already expected the assistance to come from the void as a formless sword qi sliced at the expert who had been locked in place by the pillar of light. His target was beheaded directly.

An expert who had condensed a Martial Soul possessed extremely sturdy life force, but without their head, there was no way they could continue living.

At the same time, Yin Tou seemed to have realized what was going on and he screamed again, "Foreign experts are attacking us! Everyone, be careful!"

He felt the presence of someone behind him after he spoke.

Yin Tou was an expert with 3 Martial Souls, and he immediately condensed a phantom behind him. Without turning out, he sent a palm strike at the individual behind him.

## Boom!

The void erupted instantly, and he realized that the person who was carrying out the sneak attack seemed to possess comparable strength to himself.

With the massive disturbance, the sword that he was suppressing seemed to be able to struggle free from his control.

Of course, Yin Tou wasn't willing to let go of the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon he managed to suppress. He couldn't help but focus a little more attention to keep it under control. Since he had to deal with the assault from a foreign expert at the same time, he quickly fell to a disadvantage.

The person Yin Tou was fighting turned out to be Elder Yi Jingxu from the Heavenly Star Palace, and he was a third element Martial Dipper Realm expert. Both of them seemed to possess the same level of strength.

Because of his interference, there were only 3 Martial Sages left to stall Sage Kou. The pressure he felt dropped greatly.

However, with Yin Tou's reminder earlier, the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World were a lot more careful. There were 2 experts from the Azure Flame World who flew at the void where silver light was pouring out from.

However, the 2 of them quickly retreated.

A solemn voice rang from the void the next second. "Kou Chongxue, look at what you've done! You brought this upon yourself. If Mister Yi Jingxu and I leave right now, how will you deal with this?"

Sage Kou, who was having a much easier time dealing with the experts of the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World since there were only 3 of them left, chuckled softly, "I believe you should be Elder Lu Wuzi from the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. This old man believes neither of you will do such a thing. After all, since you're already come, you probably wish to go back as well. The key to returning is on me after all..."

"Hmph!" A cold snort rolled through the void and a powerful sound wave blasted through the minds of the Martial Sages present.

Neither of them thought that the newcomers were comparable in strength to the Sage Kou they were fighting. With Lu Wuzi's sudden interruption, they suffered a huge loss. Their souls trembled and they felt the world spinning around them the next moment.

A pillar of light that seemed to reflect off the surface of a mirror descended next. However, one of them had a protective treasure and he activated it immediately to cause a terrifying hurricane to sweep around the heavenly barrier around him.

The other Martial Sage wasn't as lucky. The pillar of light struck him directly, and without any form of protection, his flesh started to melt. It was a nasty sight and anyone would feel uncomfortable watching what happened.

Fortunately, he didn't just have a single Martial Soul. At the critical moment, he sacrificed a clone and successfully extracted himself from his predicament.

The clone quickly turned into a pile of heaven and earth qi that scattered. Not even the Martial Soul or anything comparable to a fate dipper essence was left behind as it was completely melted away. The pillar of light quickly landed on the heavenly screen and a dense mist was created. No one knew if the pillar of light managed to eat away at the heavenly screen.

It was then that the portion of debris from the Celestial Remains arrived. They slammed into the heavenly screen before tearing through it, landing in different locations of the Azure Flame World.

After the falling debris came the experts of the Azure Ascension World. More and more of them emerged from the void and the experts of the Azure Flame World finally connected the dots. The foreign experts didn't just appear out of sheer coincidence! The entire matter was a premeditated invasion!

"This is a foreign invasion! Foreign experts arrived in massive numbers to attack our world!"

"We cannot allow them to step into the Azure Flame World!"

"Quick, notify everyone! We have to stop them outside the heavenly screen!"

The cultivators of the Azure Flame World started to transmit messages to each other as more and more of them started to fly up towards the Heavenly Screen.

Some of them who came were in the Fifth Order of the Primary Realm and had already condensed their Martial Souls. However, a good portion of them were Martial Ancestors in the Fourth Order of the Primary Realm.

"Kill Sage Kou and the 2 foreign experts!" A Martial Sage of the Azure Flame World yelled.

Kou Chongxue, Lu Wuzi, and Yi Jingxu could already detect that their fellow experts from the Azure Ascension World had arrived through the spatial tunnel and after attracting most of the attention, they started to shift the battlefield towards their reinforcements.

Watching multiple streaks of light tearing through space to fly at them, Yi Jingxu roared with rage, "Kou Chongxue, how long do you plan on hiding your strength?!"

"Hahahah! I'm sorry. My clone has been greatly weakened after the long-distance Spatial Transfer. I'm waiting for him to recover a little." Kou Chongxue roared with laughter.

"How long do you even need?!" Yi Jingxu didn't seem satisfied with his answer and he roared.

The smile on Kou Chongxue's face remained and he responded, "Mister Jingxu, please calm down... Let's do it now!"

With a loud grunt, Yi Jingxu circulated his dipper qi to the limit. The starlight pouring out from the void started to gather around him and they eventually gathered into a single point on his finger. He didn't hesitate to point at Yin Tou.

The inherited rank five art of the Heavenly Star Palace, the Starlight Point!

Even though their reinforcements were about to arrive, Yin Tou didn't dare to let his guard down. His hands formed a seal before his body as his Martial Souls gathered into a point of silver light. It clashed with Yi Jingxu's Starlight Point!

The next second, the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon he was suppressing earlier tore free of its seal and sank directly into his back.

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A divine weapon had spirituality, and even in the hands of a Martial Sage, they would have to refine it continuously before they would be able to use it effortlessly.

That was the reason why Yin Tou didn't wield the sword even after suppressing it back then.

Who would have thought that in the crucial moment between the clash between Yi Jingxu and Yin Tou, the 'sealed' Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon would act up and stab him from the back?

Whatever it was, Yin Tou wasn't an ordinary cultivator. Even with a divine weapon in his back and facing Yi Jingxu from the front, he managed to split off a clone to take his place in death. His true body managed to avoid certain death from being stabbed by the Hidden Frost Sword.

Even though Yin Tou had been dealt with for the time being, Kou Chongxue was still facing 3 opponents. He couldn't exactly ignore them.

Fortunately, Yi Jingxu wouldn't give up an opportunity like that. Yin Tou's defense against his Starlight Point was broken, and it tore through the void. Yin Tou, who just managed to free himself, was struck in the forehead.

A low grunt left his lips as his head trembled violently. The next second, a shadow split off and flipped several times before flying into the heavenly barrier and disappearing.

Yi Jingxu's Starlight Point wasn't able to kill his opponent, but he managed to get another Martial Soul Clone. The sorry figure that was Yin Tou quickly fled back into the Azure Flame World.

"You should have followed up with another sword!" Yi Jingxu yelled from the side.

Kou Chongxue pushed one of those attacking him back before replying without turning his head. "This is their territory and we're not the ones with a great advantage location wise..."

"You... How did you do it?!" One of the Martial Sages who was attacking Kou Chongxue stared at the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon in Kou Chongxue's hand that seemed to release pleasant hums and spat out his question.

Nodding slightly, Kou Chongxue muttered, "Oh? It's nothing too special. It's just that that 'Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon' you guys have been yelling about belongs to me in the first place!"

After the words left his lips, another shadowy figure seemed to appear on the Hidden Frost Sword before nodding at Kou Chongxue. It eventually turned into a streak of light that entered his body.

Facing the 3 Martial Sages, Kou Chongxue stretched his waist and let out a comfortable sigh. His aura, which used to be comparable to the strongest of the Martial Sages standing against him, started to rise greatly and suppressed all of them the next instant.

"You... You're a fourth soul Martial Sage!" Alarm bells started ringing in the heads of the other 3 and they felt a sense of danger ripping through them.

The person standing before them didn't just increase his cultivation by a single level! He was also wielding the 'Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon'!

Sage Kou who was wielding the Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon was a completely different person from the Sage Kou of before!

"Retreat! Hurry up and back away!" The third soul Martial Sage started to pull away from his target as he warned his companions.

"Hmph, you guys can't escape now." Kou Chongxue chuckled softly before swinging his sword across him. 3 strands of Origin Copper Sword Qi flew at the 3 of them.

The second soul Martial Sage who was the latest to retreat was sliced open immediately. He wasn't even able to split off a clone to save himself.

The other second soul Martial Sage wasn't as unfortunate. He managed to split off a clone and used it to stall the sword qi coming his way. Of course, it didn't manage to fully stop the sword qi and it continued to fly at his true body.

Luckily for him, he also had a life-saving treasure. It created a light screen at the very last second and stopped the terrifying sword qi as he flew back through the heavenly screen and ran into the Azure Flame World.

Before waiting for the opening in the heavenly screen to close, a thick silver bolt flashed and it was followed by a miserable cry. A figure fell powerlessly to the ground as the heavenly screen sealed up. No one knew if the Martial Sage who fell was dead or alive.

The third strand of sword qi flew at the third soul Martial Sage and killed one of his clone before it was stopped by reinforcements who finally arrived.

This time, the experts of the Azure Flame World stared at Sage Kou without the original wariness they had. Instead, they had a look of fear stuck on their faces.

A loud cry came from above the heavenly screen again as another silver bolt of lightning flashed across their eyes. A handsome bird landed on Kou Chongxue's shoulder and stared at the multitude of Martial Sages who arrived.

"What do you plan to do now?" Yi Jingxu asked.

By then, the cultivators of the Azure Ascension World had poured out from the void as they grouped up accordingly slightly more than 1000 miles away from the heavenly screen. They understood that they had no other choice now that they were facing a foreign world.

Yi Jingxu, Lu Wuzi, and Kou Chongxue might not have gathered together, but all 3 of them were holding off enemies in a certain direction. However, they were slowly being surrounded.

"We need to hold out positions and open the heavenly screen for the rest to charge in." Kou Chongxue growled.

"Hmph, why should we do that?!" Lu Wuzi asked. His tone didn't sound great at the moment.

Kou Chongxue didn't seem to mind his attitude at the moment and he explained, "We should gather together in order to take action. The Azure Flame World isn't that easy to deal with. We will only be taken down one after another if we move separately!"

"Shouldn't you just say that the World's Will will try to reject us?" Lu Wuzi said suddenly.

With a short laugh, Kou Chongxue muttered, "Looks like you know..."

Lu Wuzi didn't continue to respond. However, Yi Jingxu quickly interrupted with his question. "How would the rejection affect our strength? What about the actual strength of the Azure Flame World as a whole? Do they have Elysiums, Holy Lands, or secret regions? Do they also have Sixth Order existences?"

"Heh." Kou Chongxue grunted once and replied. "If they really do have Sixth Order existences, do you think we'll be able to stand around here and chat freely? Oh right, actually they do have an Elysium but it's created after several powers joined hands. They occupy it together and it's like a secret region that would only be open for a certain period of time. They have several Holy Lands, but there aren't too many of them. With the exception of 3 or 4 factions that have their own Holy Land, the others are created with the alliance of several powers. They also adopted an open concept after establishing those Holy Lands."

Yi Jingxu continued, "That would mean that they're not too powerful... It's no wonder you schemed against everyone in the Celestial Remains and brought us over..."

Kou Chongxue hastily added, "Even so, we cannot be careless. If my calculations are right, Martial Dipper Realm experts like ourselves will be suppressed such that we would only be able to unleash the might of cultivators a small realm below what our actual cultivation levels are. As for the others... Anyone in the Martial Dipper Realm and above will be suppressed. However, the lower their cultivation levels are, the lesser the level of suppression. Martial Extermination Realm

cultivators shouldn't feel the rejection at all. However, it's just that they wouldn't be able to cultivate smoothly by absorbing world origin."

The 3 of them communicated through their divine wills and completed their conversation in a short second.

Lu Wuzi raised his head suddenly and yelled, "They're preparing to descend!"

"We need them to meet up with us..." Yi Jingxu muttered.

"I can break the heavenly screen, but..." Kou Chongxue spoke suddenly.

Lu Wuzi seemed to know what he was going to say and he grunted, "This old man can definitely maintain the opening in the heavenly screen with my Halo Mirror. You guys can deal with the rest!"

The experts of the Martial Ascension World had already been arranged by Huang Jinghan, Yifeng, and Jiu Du with all the time Kou Chongxue and the other 2 bought.

Every single one of them who arrived already realized what was going on. They understood that the foreign world before them was the key to returning to the Azure Ascension World and only by breaking through the heavenly screen and establishing a foothold of their own could they even dream of finding a way back. Otherwise, they would have to venture around the sea of stars outside the foreign world till the end of their lifespan.

All of them felt a powerful sword qi close to the heavenly screen not too far below and the moment it appeared, everyone could clearly feel the tyrannical might it possessed.

"Motherfucking Kou Chongxue! He actually arrived long before all of us!" There was almost no Martial Dipper Realm expert in the Azure Ascension World who didn't know Kou Chongxue's sword qi. However, there weren't actually too many people present who would dare to curse him so openly. Even though all of them probably cursed Kou Chongxue's 18 generations of ancestors when they were being transferred over earlier, only the crazy Elder Yifeng from the Eternal Palace had the balls to curse Kou Chongxue so openly.

With the Hidden Frost Sword descending, a massive tear that was several miles wide formed on the heavenly screen.

"Stop them!"

Kou Chongxue's strike seemed to signal the next level of the conflict that was about to happen.

In an instant, the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World swarmed Kou Chongxue and the others.

At the same time, Huang Jinghan and the rest who had gathered 1000 miles started their assault. The 3 strongest swordsmen of the Azure Ascension World behind Kou Chongxue led the charge.

Behind them, the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World formed up their basic 5 man battle formations as they followed closely behind. The Martial Extermination Realm experts remained at the very back.

Naturally, the experts of the Azure Flame World quickly tried to intercept them. A massive battle hundreds of miles away from the heavenly screen erupted in an instant.

It was then that a copper mirror started to rise. Ripples formed on the surface of the mirror as rings of light started to spread to the surroundings. When 4 rings of light finally emerged, the surface of the copper mirror seemed to transform into a massive wheel that was shining with a four colored light. It was like a massive moon that maintained the tear in the heavenly screen Kou Chongxue created.

Within the Azure Flame World, many people were witnessing a scene they had never seen before. They saw a giant moon that was sparkling with silvery moonlight contending with the sun and moon of their own world.

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"Heh, so that's what he was using to spy on me!" Jiu Du sneered after pushing 2 Martial Sages back with a single sword strike.

Huang Jinghan muttered in a low voice, "Let's meet up with Kou Chongxue before talking about all these..."

As soon as the words left his lips, the largest of the 4 light rings that were emitted from the Halo Mirror shattered. The gap in the heavenly screen that was more than a dozen miles long shrank by 2 whole miles in an instant!

What happened wasn't caused by the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World. Instead, it was because of the rejection from the World's Will itself and the self-regenerative ability of the heavenly screen.

Lu Wuzi's face turned pale. The light rings were created from his fate dippers and even though one of them shattering didn't mean that one of his fate dippers were destroyed, but his inner qi was greatly depleted and he suffered some slight injuries. He wouldn't be able to exhibit combat abilities of a fourth element Martial Dipper Realm expert for some time.

"Hurry up!" Lu Wuzi roared. Obviously, he wasn't talking to Kou Chongxue or Yi Jingxu. He was hurrying the experts of the Azure Ascension World who were still making their way over.

Yifeng's figure flashed rapidly behind Jiu Du and Huang Jinghan, and every time either of them would face an attack from the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World, he would appear like a devilish specter and launch his attacks from impossible angles behind them. He was akin to a master assassin who would release a strike at the experts of the Azure Flame World before retreating rapidly whether he succeeded or not.

They only had to cover a few hundred miles before arriving at the heavenly screen, and Yifeng released 9 strikes in total. There was at least 1 Martial Sage from the Azure Flame World who died under his sword, and there were at least 3 of them who were heavily injured and had to sacrifice their Martial Soul Clone. There were also others who were injured slightly.

"Hehe... Hehehehe... That fellow from the Heavenly Star Palace doesn't seem like he can hold on anymore!" After forcing one of the Martial Sages who was attacking Huang Jinghan back, Yifeng cackled while pointing at the sorry figure of Yi Jingxu who just sacrificed a Fate Dipper Clone.

Huang Jinghan grabbed Yifeng by the collar all of a sudden and tossed him towards Yi Jingxu as he released a strange cry. "Alright, go help him out then!"

Above the heavenly screen, Lu Wuzi needed to prevent the opening Kou Chongxue created from closing up. Kou Chongxue and Yi Jingxu had to hold off the experts of the Azure Flame World on their own.

Well... Kou Chongxue was a monster and he didn't really have much trouble fighting his enemies. With his Earth Element Fate Dipper Clone returning along with the Hidden Frost Sword, his combat strength more than doubled. His tyrannical sword qi ripped about the battlefield and he held off 7 Martial Sages himself.

On the other hand, Yi Jingxu was no Kou Chongxue! Even with Kou Chongxue enduring more than half the pressure from the battle, he was still surrounded by 3 Martial Sages. He was slowly forced into a disadvantageous position.

If not for the fact that the Lightning Bird on Kou Chongxue's shoulder provided him with some assistance, Yi Jingxu might not have lost just a single Fate Dipper Clone.

Fortunately for him, a miserable cry that resembled the wails of a ghost soon rang in his ears. It sounded extremely jarring to the ears, but it was a strand of hope that arrived just as he reached his limit. Elder Yifeng from the Eternal Palace tumbled through space at a terrifying speed and he eventually stabilized himself. He launched a sneak attack at one of the Martial Sages who was planning to strike Yi Jingxu from behind and heavily injured the other party.

"Many thanks..." Yi Jingxu felt the threat behind him and a trace of lingering fear filled his heart. He couldn't help but thank the strangely crazy Yifeng who just arrived, but he was shoved by the other party the next second and he started to fall towards the opening in the heavenly screen.

"Hah! We don't need you here anymore you fool! Go to the Azure Flame World and pave the way for us there!" Yifeng's sneer came from behind him.

When he was shoved earlier, Yi Jingxu had already cursed Yifeng to the ends of the earth. However, he discovered that he wasn't able to control his body as he passed the heavenly screen and fell into the Azure Flame World.

Soon after, a much more reassuring voice from Kou Chongxue rang in his mind. "Beneath the heavenly screen is the Southern Yanlin Continent! It's one of the 4 great continents of the Azure Flame World. The environment there is nasty and is comparable to our Jiao Continent! All of us will hold the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World back and send our Martial Extermination Realm experts over as soon as we can. We will need Mister Jingxu to protect them for some time while we wrap things up here!"

Yi Jingxu was far weaker than the 4 great swordsmen of the Azure Ascension World and even Lu Wuzi. However, he felt a lot better after hearing what Kou Chongxue said.

Lu Wuzi was mainly holding the opening in the heavenly screen with his Halo Mirror for the Martial Extermination Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World to enter the Azure Flame World. However, they were afraid that the Martial Extermination Realm cultivators would become a pile of scattered sand after they entered if there was no one to lead them.

Yi Jingxu might have lost a clone and his combat abilities took a slight decline, but as long as he wasn't completely surrounded and thrown into a disadvantageous position, he would have no problem fighting a third soul Martial Sage.

After falling through the heavenly screen, Yi Jingxu twisted his body and turned to look at the land below. He felt a wave of hot air pushing against him and his fate dippers felt a little strange. Even the circulation of his dipper qi was slightly affected.

That was the rejection they faced from the World's Will.

After pushing Yi Jingxu through the heavenly screen, Yifeng changed his fighting style. He was no longer the mysterious assassin who launched attacks from the side. A strange feral aura emerged from his body as sword qi raged all around him. He immediately launched an offensive against 6 Martial Sages at the same time and he seemed no weaker than the current Kou Chongxue.

"Old Man Kou, your bird is big and impressive. Why don't you let me play with it?" Yifeng didn't seem to feel any pressure while fighting the experts from the Azure Flame World.

"Stop messing around. A truly powerful expert is here!" Kou Chongxue snorted and slightly reduced the pressure he was putting on his opponents. The 4 Martial Sages who were left fighting him could finally catch their breath. However, his gaze swept across all of them before landing on a buff-looking expert who arrived dozens of miles away.

"What expert are you talking... Ohohohoh? That guy looks pretty interesting. Do you think he's comparable to me?" Yifeng was originally looking down on the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World. However, his sword style was messed up slightly by an approaching expert. He fumbled slightly and even his accent was forced out of him.

Whatever the case, Yifeng was still an elder of the Eternal Palace and one of the 4 greatest swordsmen of the Azure Ascension World. He might have been caught off guard and was yelling non-stop, but he didn't actually suffer any serious injuries. He was also able to forcefully stand his ground.

Unfortunately, with Yifeng caught up with the new expert who arrived, another ring of light shattered.

The tear in the heavenly screen shrank by another 2 miles and Lu Wuzi spat out a mouthful of blood. He yelled angrily, "Yifeng, are you really so damn weak?!"

"Stop asking if I'm weak or not! Go yell at Kou Chongxue and see if he's up for it. He's the one messing around and causing everything!" Yifeng screamed in response.

Lu Wuzi knew that it wasn't too appropriate to start a screaming match with Yifeng and he decisively chose to keep quiet.

It was then that Huang Jinghan's voice rang in their minds. "Everyone, calm down. We're here!"

Chapter 845: Breaking Through the Heavenly Screen Pt.3

Even though Kou Chongxue made use of the Origin Holy Artifact and worked together with Shang Xia to scheme against more than half the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World, the number didn't actually do them justice. If they spoke in terms of Martial Dipper Realm experts alone, Kou Chongxue basically emptied out two-thirds of the Azure Ascension World's fighting strength!

In other words, the current Azure Ascension World was an empty shell that was propped up by the 4 Elysiums! They were in a state of weakness and they were far weaker than before the Yuanchen Sect ascended to an Elysium!

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"So... We don't have much time to waste! We need to wrap things up at the Azure Flame World as soon as possible!" Shang Xia concluded after learning everything from Kou Chongxue's clone.

"Indeed. The disappearance of the Celestial Remains will definitely cause a massive ruckus. The skies above the Jiao Continent will definitely experience a change, alerting every expert in the region. When that happens, the experts of the 4 Elysiums will definitely be able to guess what I did. They should also seal off the news to the best of their abilities. However, with the disappearance of so many Martial Dipper Realm experts, the Spirit Abundance World will learn about it soon enough. They wouldn't give up such a good opportunity..." After Kou Chongxue's Fire Element Fate Dipper Clone spoke, he glanced around the interior of the Stellar Cauldron. There was actually a female cultivator in a coma by the side.

Shang Xia chuckled and reminded the clone, "Patriarch, you said it a lot of times..."

The clone sighed helplessly, "All I'm trying to say is that even though you received quite a lot of benefits from the Stellar Cauldron, you shouldn't waste any more time during the Spatial Transfer. You actually had the time to save some random woman in the chaotic streams of space..."

Shang Xia couldn't help but explain himself, "I wasn't messing around when I did that..."

The clone interrupted him unceremoniously. "This old man gets it. You were using the experience of the Spatial Transfer to perfect your Five Element Teleportation Art..."

"Actually, that's not all!" A mysterious grin appeared on Shang Xia's face. "Disciple naturally has a reason to remain here. Actually, I was planning to create a stable and hidden spatial gate in the space outside the heavenly screen of the Azure Flame World."

"Are you really about to complete your Five Element Teleportation Art?!" Kou Chongxue's clown gasped.

A smile appeared on Shang Xia's face and he chuckled in response, "It's a little too early to say that. However, I managed to use one of the 5 Origin Holy Artifacts in our Azure Ascension World to

draw on the world origin to solidify the Star Observatory which we made use of using the Stargazer inheritance. It's also not every day that we get to carry out a long-range Spatial Transfer. With so many things taking place, if I don't do something, it would be a great waste!"

"What about the stable spatial gate..." Kou Chongxue's clone couldn't help but ask.

Shang Xia broke out into laughter. "It should be easier if I try it the next time!"

"This old man was planning to make this a one-time transaction... Damn brat, are you planning to turn the Azure Flame World into something you can keep fleecing whenever you wish?" Kou Chongxue's clone sighed.

To that, Shang Xia could only try to act modestly. "It's just a chess piece we're laying down randomly. We can care about whether it will come into play in the future."

Shaking his head lightly, Kou Chongxue's clone no longer harped on the topic. Instead, his gaze landed on the female cultivator nearby and he mumbled in a low voice. "Young lady, since you're awake, what's the point of pretending to be asleep?"

Her breathing froze for a second before she struggled to open her eyes. Trying to push herself up, her gaze landed on Kou Chongxue's clone before eventually turning to Shang Xia. "Were you the one who saved me? Where am I?"

Shang Xia raised his hand slightly and got rid of the formless barrier around her. He explained, "Lady Xinlan, please don't misunderstand. Back then, I noticed you stranded in chaotic space and I moved to save you as I was passing by. After I was done, I brought you into the space within the Stellar Cauldron."

Gong Xinlan's gaze sank slightly, but she quickly raised her head the next second. "I recalled what happened. I was indeed thrown into chaotic space and I sacrificed a Fate Dipper clone in an attempt to survive. My clone was also heavily injured... Brother Shang, I am extremely grateful that you saved my life!"

Shang Xia waved his hands casually. "It's nothing much. Lady Xinlan, please don't be too concerned with it."

Shaking her head, Gong Xinlan started to look all around her. She sighed eventually. "Looks like this is the Origin Holy Artifact... As it turns out, you guys managed to obtain it. Huang Jinghan and Jiu Du wasted their efforts completely..."

Kou Chongxue's clone shot Shang Xia a glance and he immediately understood what he needed to do. In a low voice, Shang Xia asked, "Lady Xinlan, do you recall what happened before you fell into chaotic space?"

Staring at Shang Xia, Gong Xinlan muttered calmly, "Brother Shang, I believe you saw what happened. I might not have run into you in the forbidden region, but from how you managed to obtain the Origin Holy Artifact, you should have been present back then!"

An awkward light flashed in Shang Xia's eyes. "I definitely saw you back then. However..."

Gong Xinlan interrupted him before he could continue. "I understand. The Origin Holy Artifact was up for grabs and all of us were relying on our abilities to obtain it. I am already very grateful that Brother Shang didn't try to stab me in the back. What's more, you even saved my life now…"

Shang Xia immediately felt a lot more comfortable after hearing that she wasn't bearing a grudge. He continued, "Lady Xinlan, what are your plans now?"

He recalled the close relationship she had with the Yuanchen Sect, and after hearing what happened back then from Kou Chongxue's Fire Element Fate Dipper Clone, Shang Xia knew that Huang Jinghan had broken through the forbidden region forcefully without a care for Gong Xinlan's well-being. That was also why he asked if she recalled how she fell into chaotic space.

Gong Xinlan fell silent for some time as Shang Xia shot the clone a glance before he continued, "Lady Xinlan, your injuries are serious and you might not be able to recover in a short amount of time. Now that we have arrived in the Azure Flame World, a massive battle will break out between us and the aboriginal cultivators. I'm afraid it will be difficult for you to take part in it. The moment the battle starts, I might not be able to fully focus on protecting the Origin Holy Artifact. If you don't find it troublesome, I hope you can remain here while recovering and assist me in looking after the artifact."

A strange look appeared on Gong Xinlan's face. "Brother Shang, are you really willing to let me take care of such a precious artifact?"

Obviously, the answer was no. However, Kou Chongxue had already refined the Origin Holy Artifact and no ordinary expert would be able to use it for themselves. More importantly, Gong Xinlan's injuries were severe and she was barely able to maintain her cultivation in the Martial Dipper Realm. Strictly speaking, her combat abilities were barely comparable to an expert at the peak of the Martial Extermination Realm!

Naturally, Shang Xia wasn't stupid enough to say that out loud. Instead, he maintained a serious expression as he continued to explain, "A war between the experts of our Azure Ascension World and the cultivators of the foreign Azure Flame World is about to break out. Of course I can trust you."

Gong Xinlan shot him a deep gaze and muttered, "Many thanks for the trust in me! I will definitely protect the artifact to the best of my abilities!"

By the time their conversation ended, Kou Chongxue's Fire Element Fate Dipper Clone had long since grown impatient. Once he heard the end of their speech, he immediately quipped. "Alright, it's settled then! If we still remain in here, we're about to be royally fucked by the Azure Flame World's Will!"

Shang Xia chuckled and released his dipper qi layer by layer. There were 6 waves of them in total, and Gong Xinlan was shocked by the sudden revelation.

Of course, it was impossible for Shang Xia to possess 6 fate dippers. However, he had already refined the sixth set of fate dipper essences he required!

When he was driving the Stellar Cauldron across the sea of stars, he managed to locate enough fate dipper essences of the five elements and he started to refinement.

That was one of the benefits Kou Chongxue's clone mentioned to Shang Xia when he entered the cauldron back then.

After releasing his Five Element Dipper Qi in the cauldron, it started to tremble violently and the 3 people inside felt the pressure around them weaken considerably.

Even though they couldn't see what was happening outside, they understood that the Stellar Cauldron had already left the spatial tunnel they were in and had arrived in the space above the Azure Flame World.

As the artifact that was the source of the spatial transfer, the moment it arrived, it not only attracted the attention of the experts from the Azure Ascension World. The experts of the Azure Flame World also noticed its existence.

When Shang Xia left the cauldron with Kou Chongxue's Fire Element Fate Dipper Clone, he felt his scalp going numb from all the attention he was getting.

Because of Huang Jinghan and Jiu Du's arrival, along with Kou Chongxue and Yifeng's assistance, they managed to block off a good portion of Martial Sages trying to destroy Lu Wuzi's light rings. The pressure on him was greatly lifted.

It was the first time the 4 greatest swordsmen of the Azure Ascension World were gathered together and fighting alongside each other, and it happened during an expedition to a foreign world!

Their tyrannical strength quickly attracted the attention of the peak-tier existences of the Azure Flame World.

They might be above the heavenly screen and were suffering from the least rejection from the World's Will, but that didn't mean it didn't exist! They were also quickly overwhelmed by the number of experts on the other side and they weren't able to hold their ground as firmly as they would have liked.

Fortunately, the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World started to fly over one after another. The closer they approached the heavenly screen, the stronger the signs of rejection. However, the experts of the Azure Ascension World had one clear advantage over the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World. They knew how to fight in a battle formation!

Just that point alone was enough to counter the disadvantage the experts of the Azure Ascension World faced due to the rejection from the World's Will. It even made up for the difference in numbers!

The Martial Dipper Realm experts streamed in in their squads and forced open a path through the experts who were around the tear in the heavenly screen. Pushing the experts of the Azure Flame World to the side, they created a safe passage for the Martial Extermination Realm experts to enter the world.

The safe passage where the Martial Extermination Realm experts were entering the Azure Flame World was also where the Stellar Cauldron appeared.

There was a peak-tier Martial Sage from the Azure Flame World who was forced out of his seclusion from the commotion happening and he couldn't help but yell the moment he saw the Stellar Cauldron. "World Origin Artifact!"

He flew through space and ignored the battle around him completely. He could only care about the ancient-looking three-legged giant cauldron.

Not too far away from the tear in the heavenly screen, Kou Chongxue raised his head and stared at the expert who was rushing at the cauldron and yelled, "Take my place for a bit! I'll go over and kill that guy first!"

Yifeng's enraged roar came next. "Who would be able to take your position?!"

It was as though Kou Chongxue's request was used to embarrass everyone present.

However, Huang Jinghan's angry snort came next. "Shut up! Don't you know how to work together in a battle formation?!"

Kou Chongxue soared through the air the next moment and 5 Martial Dipper Realm experts arrived to take his place to seal off the gap he created.

However, their actions caused a small gap to be formed in the safe passage the Martial Extermination Realm experts were using. A Martial Sage rushed over and attempted to carry out a massacre on the lower-leveled cultivators.

At the same time, Kou Chongxue's figure was flashing through space. Unfortunately, he was a step slower than the peak-tier expert from the Azure Flame World.

Seeing as the other party was about to arrive beside the Stellar cauldron, his Fire Element Fate Dipper Clone leaped directly at him, in an attempt to merge with Kou Chongxue as he made his way over.

With his final fate dipper clone returning, Kou Chongxue finally returned to his peak state!

The peak-tier Martial Sage thought that the 'World Origin Artifact' belonged to him, but he felt a chill running through his body the next second. It was a feeling he had never felt before.

In his desperation to live, he gave up on the 'World Origin Artifact' decisively. A 4 layered barrier appeared behind him as he grabbed the void before him. A golden mace appeared in his hand the next second.

Ninth Heaven Divine Artifact!

The golden mace was also a divine weapon!

When he pulled his weapon out from the void, a tyrannical Origin Yang Sword Qi had already arrived. It shattered 2 layers of barrier in an instant before slamming heavily into the golden mace. A large region of space around them turned unstable the next moment and the Stellar Cauldron was like a tiny boat in the middle of the raging ocean as it was about to be swallowed by the violent spatial fluctuations.

The expert from the Azure Flame World retreated rapidly and he stared at the source of the sword qi with an incomparably serious expression. He gripped his golden mace with a renewed vigor.

Kou Chongxue had already arrived beside the cauldron at that point as he pointed the Hidden Frost Sword at his opponent in a very obvious taunt.

"Preposterous!" The Martial Sage from the Azure Flame World roared as he slammed his mace at Kou Chongxue through the void.

At the same time, a five colored stream of world origin emerged from the cauldron behind Kou Chognxue before sinking into his protection barrier.

With a slight intention, Kou Chongxue circulated his inner qi and sent it to his Hidden Frost Sword. A strand of Origin Yang Sword Qi was formed, and a second Origin Water Sword Qi appeared right after. Soon after, the Eternal Spring Sword Qi appeared. His Flame Column Sword Qi came next,

and finally, his Mysterious Void Earth Sword Qi formed. He seemed to have reached a higher level of enlightenment the next moment.

Of course, the Martial Sage from the Azure Flame World wouldn't give Kou Chongxue an opportunity like that. He raised his golden mace and slammed down, causing spatial fluctuations to ripple towards Kou Chongxue.

For him to be interrupted at the crucial moment, rage naturally filled Kou Chongxue's heart. His Hidden Frost Sword, augmented by the different types of sword qi, stabbed outwards.

It tore through the spatial fluctuations as though they weren't there to begin with and it parried the golden mace.

The next second, Kou Chongxue swung his sword again and tore through the protection barriers around the Martial Sage completely.

With a third stroke, the golden mace was sent flying.

A fourth swing cleaved down without giving his opponent time to react, and the Martial Sage had to sacrifice 2 clones in order to gain an opportunity to escape with his life. Terror filled his ears.

Kou Chongxue had no intentions of letting his opponent off this time. The fifth stroke was unleashed and before the Martial Sage could scream, he was swallowed by a blinding sea of sword light.

With the final slash, Kou Chongxue seemed to reach a new level of understanding. As his sword qi sundered the Martial Sage, the remnant energy tore open a giant opening thousands of miles long in the heavenly screen.

This time, the Azure Flame World was truly fucked!

Chapter 846: Southern Yanlin Continent.

In a fit of anger, Kou Chongxue swung his sword 5 times in succession. Under the dumbfounded expression of everyone present, he killed a Martial Sage with similar cultivation levels and was also wielding a divine weapon.

Even after killing him, the remnant energy contained in his sword qi tore a hole thousands of miles across the heavenly screen!

The strength he displayed not only shocked the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World. Even the Martial Dipper Realm experts from the Azure Ascension World were greatly taken aback. The chaotic battle that had been raging paused temporarily.

Beside the light rings that held the original gap in the heavenly screen open, Yifeng screamed in his strange voice, "What the fuck! Even I won't be able to block his attack earlier! Did Asshole Kou manage to comprehend his martial intent in the Martial Dipper Realm and enter the grand completion stage?"

Huang Jinghan turned to look at him with a serious expression. "He hasn't yet, but he's just a little bit off earlier. He was interrupted by the cultivator of the Azure Flame World right before he could and it seems as though he really got angry."

Jiu Du chuckled softly at the side. "Heh, that's what happens when someone stops you from pursuing the dao. Anyone would get angry when that happens."

Even though Lu Wuzi was greatly weakened after 2 of the light rings had shattered, his insight didn't lose to any of the 3 swordsmen of the Azure Ascension World. He sneered coldly, "Didn't you see the Origin Holy Artifact boosting his power earlier? That's how he managed to erupt with such terrifying abilities and close in on the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm. I'm afraid it also had something to do with how he nearly comprehended his martial intent!"

Yifeng sighed, "Looks like the boost from the Origin Holy Artifact is really impressive..."

Glancing at each other, Huang Jinghan and Jiu Du seemed to connect the dots after hearing what Lu Wuzi said. Jiu Du eventually mumbled, "I'm afraid the Origin Holy Artifact has nothing to do with it…"

Yifeng noticed the glance they shot at each other and he snapped immediately, "Is there something else we don't know?!"

It was then that Kou Chongxue appeared above the Stellar Cauldron with a wide grin on his face. Dense world origin that was stored in the cauldron from the Azure Ascension World emerged, covered in five colored light.

The Stellar Cauldron started to fly towards the original gap in the heavenly screen that was held open by Lu Wuzi. Every single Martial Sage avoided it like the plague as it passed and no one even tried to stop it.

Huang Jinghan thought about it for a second and realized that it was a matter of time before Yifeng and Lu Wuzi found out for themselves. He decided to explain, "Don't you find it a little weird that someone managed to activate the Origin Holy Artifact even though Kou Chongxue has been in the Azure Flame World the whole time? Do you think he would be able to do it with the 2 Fate Dipper Clones he left behind?"

Yifeng pressed his lips together and snorted, "Who knows?"

However, Lu Wuzi wasn't as clueless as Yifeng regarding the matter. "A Fate Dipper Clone can't possibly pull so much world origin with the Origin Holy Artifact to send everyone in the Celestial Remains to the heavenly screen outside the Azure Flame World!"

Finally, Jiu Du decided to reveal the answer. "It's the newest Martial Dipper Realm disciple of the Tongyou Institution... You can consider him a third generation disciple, and his name is Shang Xia. His cultivation inheritance seems extremely special. Kou Chongxue and the Tongyou Institution did a good job of protecting him and sealing off any information about him. Not many people knew about information related to his cultivation and the most anyone could learn about him was that his talent in the ways of talisman crafting is very high!"

"Is he the one who killed Feng Yezi?" A lightbulb lit up in Yifeng's mind.

Huang Jinghan sighed, "Exactly. Speaking of which, I'm a little ashamed of myself. He managed to barge into the forbidden region that contained the Stellar Cauldron even when I tried to stop him. Elder Jiu Du and I felt that something was wrong only after some time, and with the space contained in the Celestial Remains becoming extremely weak, we finally decided to charge in. Unfortunately, we were too late!"

The 4 peak-tier experts of the Azure Ascension World who were present fell silent.

By then, the Stellar Cauldron had closed in on the gap in the heavenly screen and there was a bunch of Martial Dipper Realm experts following behind.

Lu Wuzi stared at the Stellar Cauldron and Kou Chongxue who were getting closer and he sighed, "Looks like Kou Chongxue exhausted a great deal of energy after killing that person..."

As they streamed into the Azure Flame World, Lu Wuzi knew that there was no need to maintain the opening in the heavenly screen any longer. He started to retract the light rings produced by his Halo Mirror, but several loud scraping sounds could be heard as the surface of the mirror was damaged during the process. Lu Wuzi couldn't help but spit out another mouthful of blood.

Without the support of the light rings, the heavenly screen started to repair itself. Several rash Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World rushed into the heavenly screen as it was sealing up, and they ended up at different distances from Lu Wuzi and the rest. The heavenly screen above the Azure Flame World seemed to serve the same purpose as the Beyond Heavens Pavilion of the Azure Ascension World where space worked differently.

One would be transported a huge distance the moment they crossed the Beyond Heavens Pavilion back in the Azure Ascension World, and it was how the true experts crossed large distances without taking their time to fly across the continents themselves.

Some experts who moved a little faster were still hundreds of miles away from Lu Wuzi and the rest, but some of them who charged in during the closure of the heavenly screen found themselves face to face with Lu Wuzi and the rest. Their fate could be imagined as miserable screams filled the air.

The reason why the experts of the Azure Ascension World didn't experience what happened to the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World and could stick together after passing through the heavenly screen was because of Lu Wuzi's assistance!

Tens of thousands of miles on the surface of the world below could be crossed if one flew a mere 200 to 300 miles above the heavenly screen, and with that calculation alone, Kou Chongxue's sword qi that tore a hole thousands of miles in the heavenly screen was basically a massive catastrophe that seemed to split the heavens open above the Azure Flame World.

Seeing how no other Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World rushed over other than the few who were slaughtered easily by squads of Martial Dipper Realm experts, it was clear that they also realized the problem. They wouldn't dare to rush in recklessly only to be split up and easily dealt with by the experts of the Azure Ascension World.

Yifeng and the rest, who held the backlines, were extremely regretful of the chance they missed to shave off the strength of the Azure Flame World as no one would rush in to give their lives up for nothing.

Finally, they started to close in on the Southern Yanlin Continent of the Azure Flame World. Many experts from the Azure Ascension World felt a stronger sense of rejection from the World's Will, and it was especially so after Shang Xia no longer released world origin he stored from the Azure Ascension World. The sense of rejection started to affect their ability to circulate their dipper qi and it caused their combat strength to drop by a small realm!

"Things might get troublesome now..." Lu Wuzi and the other peak-tier existences of the Azure Ascension World were affected by the rejection from the World's Will the most. Under such circumstances, even recovering to their peak state would prove to be challenging.

"There are already people gathering below. After the Origin Holy Artifact lands, we might even have a good show to watch!" Yifeng's way of thinking was clearly different from the rest as he didn't seem too concerned about their lack of ability to recover quickly.

Huang Jinghan swept his gaze below, but he didn't say a word. It was clear he was still trying to get used to the strange sense of rejection he was feeling from the world.

Jiu Du sighed helplessly. "Looks like all of us will still have to help Kou Chongxue stabilize the situation after we arrive to prevent some short-sighted bastards from ruining it for everyone..."

Huang Jinghan might still be silent, but he seemed to agree with Jiu Du.

With an exaggerated look of shock on his face, Yifeng gasped. "Don't you want to see Kou Chongxue in trouble?"

Rolling their eyes silently, Huang Jinghan, Jiu Du, and Lu Wuzi were too lazy to bother with him or to give him any explanation for the time being. They merely increased their speed as they flew towards the land below.

The experts of the Azure Ascension World had gathered below and when they saw the arrival of the Origin Holy Artifact, all of them started to rush over aggressively. However, they seemed to recall that the crazy Kou Chongxue was still present and they didn't dare to get too close.

Shang Xia also appeared the next moment and he stared coldly at those who were approaching the Stellar Cauldron. The moment the cauldron landed, a massive five colored light ring appeared and pushed everyone away. Martial Extermination Realm experts were thrown into the air while most Martial Dipper Realm experts were forced to take several steps back.

Everyone's faces changed when they felt the powerful wave that slammed into them.

## Chapter 847: Planning

Even the cultivator with the slowest reaction should also have realized that their appearance in a foreign world had something to do with the three-legged Origin Holy Artifact.

When they were above the heavenly screen earlier, the experts of the Azure Ascension World worked together with each other to fight the experts of the Azure Flame World. They were too occupied by the battle to care about the matter. They had to look for a location to settle down before they could care about other matters.

Since they were no longer under immediate threat and would be safe for the time being, they naturally wanted Kou Chongxue to give everyone a proper explanation.

Despite their aggression, the scene where Kou Chongxue killed a peak-tier expert of the Azure Flame World was still fresh in their minds. When they saw a junior from the Tongyou Institution emerging from the cauldron, they eventually understood that even though what Kou Chongxue did

was impressive, he definitely exhausted a good deal of his strength such that he would have to remain hidden in the Origin Holy Artifact for some time.

What they didn't realize was that the junior of the Tongyou Institution who seemed a little young was also someone difficult to deal with. The strange five colored light ring that appeared earlier seemed to come from someone who possessed the strength of a third element Martial Dipper Realm expert!

When they were still surprised that the Tongyou Institution managed to produce such a troublesome junior to deal with, some people started to think that he only managed to exhibit such strength because he had the assistance of the Origin Holy Artifact. However, there were some who managed to recognize Shang Xia as the expert who killed Feng Yezi. None of them dared to move recklessly.

Finally, mocking laughter came from above as Yifeng made his grand appearance. "Hehehe! Looks like all of you don't even need to butt in. They have the ability to deal with this on their own! Hehehe... All of you thought too much!"

When everyone raised their heads to stare at the final group that was descending, they noticed that Lu Wuzi of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Elder Yifeng of the Eternal Palace, Palace Elder Jiu Du from the Divine Capital Sect, and Huang Jinghan from the Yuanchen Sect arriving. There were also ten or so Martial Dipper Realm experts behind them.

A look of joy flashed across the faces of those who already gathered. They felt that Kou Chongxue wouldn't be able to do much now that the experts of the Elysiums had arrived. Moreover, they were silently gloating at the fact that Kou Chongxue had the guts to plot against the 4 Elysiums and were waiting for their reaction to his 'schemes'.

However, there were some who seemed to understand the meaning behind Yifeng's words and the light in their eyes changed slightly.

After the opening of the Celestial Remains, there were close to 40 Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World who entered.

Due to the battle earlier against the Martial Sages of the Azure Flame World, their numbers decreased slightly. 7 or 8 of them were killed. Counting everyone on the Southern Yanlin Continent, there were only 32 Martial Dipper Realm experts left.

Most of the slightly smaller powers in the Azure Ascension World only had a single Martial Dipper Realm expert at the helm. If they died during the battle against the Azure Flame World earlier, their faction would probably disappear once news of their ancestor's death returned.

As for the larger powers, they would also suffer a lot with the death of a Martial Dipper Realm expert. Unless they were factions with deep foundations that had a Sixth Order Ancestor, the loss of a Martial Dipper Realm expert would mean a great drop in overall strength!

After the deaths of their Martial Dipper Realm experts in the battle against the Spirit Abundance World back then and even more now that they fought with the Azure Flame World, the number of Martial Dipper Realm experts in the Azure Ascension World might seem plentiful, but their strength was far from what it was back then.

"Everyone, we might have entered the heavenly screen to arrive in the Azure Flame World, but it won't be long till the various powers start to surround us again. Do you really think it's time for us to be fighting among ourselves?" Lu Wuzi might not have lost a clone, but 2 of the 4 light rings he summoned shattered and his strength took a large hit. He might be weaker now, but he still had a lot of prestige and speaking rights among the experts of the Azure Ascension World. The Northern Sea Mystic Sect backing him was still the strongest Elysium in the Azure Ascension World and his words quickly suppressed the stupid thoughts forming in the minds of those present.

"How should we deal with this now that we have been transported over to a foreign world like this without even knowing what happened?! There have been many experts who were sacrificed, and more than a dozen Fate Dipper Clones were killed. We also lost 20 to 30 Martial Extermination Realm disciples! How are we supposed to take this?!"

After a moment of silence, someone in the crowd voiced the question that everyone was thinking of.

Even though they tried to mask their voice to ensure no one would be able to discover who it was, no one would actually give half a shit about who spoke up at that moment.

Lu Wuzi muttered, "Kou Chongxue has already refined the Origin Holy Artifact. If any of you think you're strong enough, go fight him and try to take it back. Whatever it is, we will need to borrow the power of the Origin Holy Artifact if we wish to return."

Kou Chongxue's actions definitely enraged everyone present. However, since he already refined the Origin Holy Artifact, no one could be sure that he wouldn't detonate the Origin Holy Artifact if they tried to snatch it.

Lu Wuzi might not have said it outright, but everyone present understood his meaning.

"That would mean that he's holding all of us hostage here! We have no choice but to fight a foreign world and we can't even do anything to the person who forced us to do this! Do we also have to follow his instructions next? Kou Chongxue can't possibly have sent us here for fun, right?" Another strange voice rang in the crowd without revealing the identity of the person who spoke.

Huang Jinghan coughed heavily once and grunted, "Everyone, we have to look at the bigger picture here!"

However, another mocking sneer came from the side. "Looks like Patriarch Kou already reached a hidden agreement with the Elysiums..."

Finally, Yifeng couldn't control his temper any longer and he snapped, "What the fuck are you all going on about? If you're not happy with us, you can leave right now! No one is stopping you! If you aren't leaving, shut up and listen to us. Since Kou Chongxue has the ability to bring all of us over to the Azure Flame World, he's definitely responsible for sending us back as well!"

Yifeng's sudden outburst caused a lot of people to reveal looks of anger, but none of them dared to say anything else, Naturally, no one would know what they were thinking in their hearts.

Snorting once, Yifeng didn't even bother hiding the look of ridicule in his eyes when he looked at those present.

No one knew if he was pissing everyone off intentionally or unintentionally at that point.

Seeing as no one else was talking, Jiu Du coughed lightly. "Kou Chongxue, hurry up and come out!"

Shang Xia, who had been standing at the entrance of the cauldron, remained silent the entire time. However, his expression changed slightly and he quickly leaped off the top of the cauldron.

Kou Chongxue, who restored his lost energy inside the cauldron, appeared where Shang Xia stood earlier.

"Looks like everyone has already met!" Kou Chongxue, still garbed in clothes with the style of experts from the Azure Flame Continent, greeted everyone. He no longer bothered restraining his unruly aura as it was on full display at the moment.

Even though he made his appearance, he wasn't going to bother giving them an explanation. After all, he was clear of what was going on. Now that things had already happened, there was no point in an explanation. As such, he wasn't going to bother giving one.

Feeling the gazes on him, Kou Chongxue turned to stare back at them. Whenever he met their gaze, they would turn to look away.

A strange feeling filled Lu Wuzi's heart and it didn't matter what he thought at that point. With things progressing up to that point, he already reached a silent agreement with Huang Jinghan, Yifeng, and Jiu Du. He broke the awkward silence. "Patriarch Kou, what are your plans now?"

Kou Chongxue used so much effort to bring more than half the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World over to the Azure Flame World, and there was no way he didn't have a plan.

Nodding slightly at Lu Wuzi and the rest, Kou Chongxue finally started to speak. "It's simple. The Southern Yanlin Continent is the weakest of the continents in the Azure Flame World and they have the least population. However, it's home to the Yanlin Clan, one of the 3 powers of the Azure Flame World. They possess a secret region that is comparable to a Holy Land and the Southern Yanlin Continent can be said to belong to them. To prevent the other factions from interfering with us, we should exterminate the Yanlin Clan and obtain their Holy Land."

"Why should we do that?" Someone in the crowd couldn't contain their curiosity any longer and asked.

"That's because if we wish to return to the Azure Ascension World, we will need to use the Origin Holy Artifact to draw on the world origin of this world! The easiest way to do so is with the connection the Holy World has with the world!" Lu Wuzi explained the situation in Kou Chongxue's stead and he grunted softly, "I'm only going to say this once. Don't bother asking so many questions in the future."

Obviously, everyone knew that Kou Chongxue's plan wasn't to occupy a single Holy Land just to send everyone back to the Azure Ascension World.

There were definitely a lot of things they couldn't be sure of, and there were many things working in the background.

However, it was obvious that Kou Chongxue and the experts of the 4 Elysiums weren't willing to talk about any of those.

"Alright, how strong is the Yanlin Clan?"

"They definitely have a powerful grand formation if they manage to establish their Holy Land. How should we destroy the formation?"

"What if experts of other factions arrive to help them?"

"We are facing a rejection from the World's Will at the moment and we can't display our full strength!"

"Our injuries aren't fully recovered as well..."

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Seeing as Kou Chongxue and the rest aren't going to talk about their true reason for coming to the Azure Flame World, everyone could only inquire about matters related to the Yanlin Clan.

In an unhurried voice, Kou Chongxue muttered, "I have been operating in the Azure Flame World for many years now and I have a clear understanding of the strength the Yanlin Clan possesses. They are one of the 3 strongest factions in the Azure Flame World, and they have sole control over the Southern Yanlin Continent. They're definitely not weak by any means, and they have 6 experts in the Fifth Order of the Primary Realm on the surface. However, they should also have some hidden experts lying around. There shouldn't be more than 3 of those hidden experts, but I don't know how many of them died in the battle earlier. I also have no idea if all 6 of them returned…"

Lu Wuzi thought for a moment and he summarized the situation. "There shouldn't be more than 10 experts at that level. It's not impossible for us to run them over immediately. However, what about the formations they possess? The moment they activate their grand formation, we might not be able to destroy it in a short period of time. When the experts from the other powers arrive, we will face attacks from all sides!"

Surprisingly, the person who spoke next wasn't Kou Chongxue. It was actually Shang Xia, who was standing under the cauldron. "Senior Lu Wuzi, please leave the formation to me."

"You?!"

Chapter 848: Urging the Beast Tide

You?!

Yifeng started to size up the youngster before him with a suspicious gaze. The youngster seemed slightly mysterious and he couldnt help but ask, Are you the one who activated the Origin Holy Artifact to send us here? Even though Kou Chongxue was the person who planned it all, youngster, you should be the executor, right?

Yifengs sudden mention caused many of those who still harbored malicious thoughts to turn their gaze to Shang Xia.

Without a change in expression, he laughed, Many thanks for Elder Yifengs recognition! I am truly grateful

Hoh? Youre not humble at all! Yifengs eyes lit up and he seemed a lot more interested in the situation than he was a moment ago.

Shang Xia chuckled softly, but he didnt respond any longer.

Ever since learning about Kou Chongxues scheme, Shang Xia knew that he had to be mentally prepared to stand against the experts of the Azure Ascension World. He understood what would happen, but his true confidence in doing so was because he believed in his own strength.

How are you going to break the formation exactly? How long will you need? You need to tell us clearly, right? We cant possibly believe you just because you said you can deal with it. Yifeng continued to fire questions at him. He was strangely excited about the whole situation and even though he sounded like he was making things difficult on purpose, he was actually doing a proper assessment of what needed to be done before they started their attack.

After a short moment of contemplation, Shang Xia decided to reveal a portion of his abilities. Juniors dipper qi can disrupt the operation of a formation and it can greatly reduce the strength of their grand formation!

Yifeng didnt intend to stop there. The art of formations is limitless. Moreover, this is the Azure Flame World, not the Azure Ascension World. How would you be able to break their formation without even experiencing it before?

Its true that the art of formations is limitless, but everything stems from the true principles of creating one. If I say I can break it, I can break it! Shang Xia muttered.

What a presumptuous junior! Yifeng snorted. However, he roared with laughter the next moment. Well I like it!

Lu Wuzi growled in a low voice, If our little friend is really capable of doing it, we will be able to exterminate their clan before the experts of the other factions interfere.

Kou Chongxues voice rang through the air next. Anyway, about the Worlds Will rejection on all of you, the Origin Holy Artifact is able to greatly reduce the effect on you. However, it will exhaust a good deal of world origin we stored. As such, I will not use it easily.

Jiu Du asked all of a sudden. Kou Chongxue, how many times can you use the sword style?

Understanding that he was referring to the moves he unleashed above the heavenly screen, Kou Chongxue revealed a wide grin and replied, It shouldnt be a problem to release 2 of them in succession.

Shooting him a glance, Jiu Du no longer spoke.

Even though Kou Chongxue said that he would be able to fire off 2 of them in succession, with his personality, releasing a third shouldnt be a problem

Actually, he might even be able to use it an additional time. After all, the Origin Holy Artifact was right beside him and he would be able to replenish his energy as soon as he used up a portion of it. No one there knew how much world origin Kou Chongxue stored from the Azure Ascension World in the first place!

Oh, wait a second, there should be someone who knows

Jiu Du turned to look at the youngster standing beneath the cauldron the next second.

Shang Xia felt a little uncomfortable from the way Jiu Du was looking at him and he started to take some precautions. However, he wasnt able to sense any danger incoming.

Finally, Huang Jinghan declared in a loud voice, Alright, well go with this. Lets not waste any more time in case things go wrong!

Kou Chongxue lightly tapped the Stellar Cauldron beneath his feet and he soared into the air while roaring with laughter, We should have done this from the start! Anyway, we wasted all this time talking in order to prevent some accidents from happening Everyone, please follow me!

After he was done, he flew towards the north of the Southern Yanlin Continent.

The 4 great continents of the Azure Flame World were namely the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent, Western Wenchen Continent, Northern Chihuang Continent, and Southern Yanlin Continent. Among them, the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent and Western Wenchen Continent possessed the most abundant resources and talent.

The population in the East and West surpassed 70 percent of the population in the Azure Flame World, and most of their experts came from those continents too. The Azure Flame World had 1 Elysium and 8 Holy Lands in total. The East and West had the only Elysium in the Azure Flame World and 5 Holy Lands combined.

They might possess the greatest number of experts, but that didnt mean that the other 2 continents were actually backward to the point where they were useless. The martial dao in the other continents was also very well developed.

That was how the Yanlin Clan could be one of the 3 strongest powers in the Azure Flame World and possess their own Holy Land.

Unfortunately, the condition of the Southern Yanlin Continent was similar to the Jiao Continent of the Azure Ascension World and the weather there was terrible. There were poison miasma and extreme humidity, and there were countless strange creatures and poisonous insects growing in the region. A good portion of the land was unpopulated. Only the most northern part of the continent had been developed by the Yanlin Clan over dozens of generations, allowing it to be the most populated and livable region in the continent.

The core of the Yanlin Clan was naturally located there, along with their holy land.

Kou Chongxue had been hiding in the Azure Flame World for so many years, and he knew it like the back of his hand. He had his reason for bringing the experts of the Azure Ascension World to the Southern Yanlin Continent and he had obviously been scheming against the Yanlin Clan for some time.

As one of the 3 strongest factions in the Azure Flame World, the Yanlin Clan didnt allow the other factions to interfere in their matters and took the Southern Yanlin Continent for themselves. They had always acted tyrannically and not many people like them in the world. As such, were going to attack them first. Other than the fact that theyre isolated and would find it difficult to receive reinforcements, there are many factions who are antagonistic against them and might not bother helping them against us. Or at the very least, they wont do their best in helping the Yanlin Clan.

Along the way, Kou Chongxue introduced the situation to the experts of the Azure Ascension World.

To the other powers in the Azure Flame World, we might be experts from a foreign world, but our goal should be to snatch the world origin from them. In front of serious matters like this, how can the other factions of the Azure Flame World care about their grudges with the Yanlin Clan? Hu Dexun of the Triple Frost Palace clearly didnt see things the same way as Kou Chongxue and he asked.

To that, Kou Chongxue roared with laughter. Elder Hu, your words might seem reasonable, but youre forgetting one very basic thing!

What did I miss? Hu Dexun couldnt help but ask.

How would the powers of the Azure Flame World know that were here to steal their world origin? Kou Chongxue grunted.

Hu Dexun was slightly taken aback by the sudden question.

Kou Chongxue didnt stop there and he continued, Elder Hu, youre assuming that the experts of the Azure Flame World knows what were here to do. That is the only reason they would ignore the grudges they have with the Yanlin Clan to band together against us. However, youre forgetting one thing. They dont have an existence at the Sixth Order, and theyre an Azure World thats a lot more secluded. Would they know what were here for?

Hu Dexun immediately suppressed his voice to ask, Do you mean Do you mean that they havent recognized the danger we pose?

Kou Chongxue chuckled with confidence. They should have an inkling of what we plan to do, but they will feel that its their best chance to weaken the Yanlin Clan. By the time they realize what were truly here for, everything will be too late!

When Kou Chongxue was leading the experts of the Azure Ascension World to the Yanlin City, Shang Xia decided to stay at the back of the group and he found Chu Jia and the others.

How are Instructor Lius injuries?

Kou Chongxue had long since noticed them. He also discovered that Liu Qinglan was in a comatose state. It was just that in their current situation, he couldnt say anything about it.

Chu Jia sighed, She was severely injured in the Celestial Remains and after that, her injuries got worse because of the spatial transfer. Her foundations were injured.

Shang Xia was shocked. With her foundations damaged, she wouldnt be able to take another step in the path of cultivation.

Who did it? Shang Xias tone turned chilly the next moment.

It Its a wandering cultivator called Mister Han Mo Sun Haiwei described everything that happened again.

Dou Zhong, who hadnt been talking much in front of Shang Xia, revealed an expression of regret. I caused Instructor Lius injuries. If I had chosen to give up the book earlier

Enough! Theres no need to say such things again! Shang Xia interrupted him without hesitation. Since he already set his sights on you, theres no way he would have let you off. Thats because he cannot afford to offend our Tongyou Institution!

Seeing the complex emotion appearing on Dou Zhongs face, Shang Xia growled, Since things have already come to this point, theres no need to feel regret. All you need to do is to think about how you should get revenge!

Seeing the look on Dou Zhongs face, Shang Xia sneered mockingly, Dont tell me youre not confident in yourself. Wheres the Dou Zhong back then who was yelling about surpassing me?

Theres no need to try to spur me on with your negative remarks. Dou Zhong took a deep breath before raising his head to stare straight into Shang Xias eyes. I know what to do!

Grunting once, Shang Xia continued, I already noticed that theres another foreign face among those in the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. Its probably the person you just described.

He actually went to find someone to back him up Chu Jia muttered.

Sun Haiwei added, Theres nothing surprising about that. Since he failed to silence us, he can only wait for our Tongyou Institution to retaliate. He has to find a faction that has the ability to stand against us!

Shang Xia turned to look at Dou Zhong and he muttered, Its not time to tear off all pretense with the Northern Sea Mystic Sect yet. You still have some time to catch up

Nodding heavily, Dou Zhong hesitated slightly and eventually mumbled in a soft voice, Many thanks

Seeing as Shang Xia was preparing to leave, Chu Jia suddenly stepped up and asked, Are you confident in breaking their formation? Do you need me to do anything?

Theres nothing for you to worry about! Shang Xia grinned.

Once you do it, there will be many people who will set their sights on you Chu Jia tried to give him a warning, but the smile on his face didnt fade.

He laughed confidently, There wont be many people who will be willing to offend us at the moment! Even if there are some stupid ones, no one knows who will emerge victorious

With her eyes widening in shock, Chu Jia turned to look at Shang Xia as though something had changed about him. Her brows eventually furrowed together and she asked, Did your cultivation increase again? What youre saying doesnt seem like you at all!

Shang Xia continued to chuckle in acknowledgment of her conjecture.

The next moment, Sun Haiwei seemed to have noticed something and she wondered, Wait, something isnt right. Wheres the Lightning Bird? Why isnt it with you or Patriarch Kou?

Were about to arrive in the Yanlin City. Youll know soon! Shang Xia grinned.

The next second, poison miasma burst forth from the majestic mountain range they were flying over as countless beasts and poisonous insects emitted loud cries. It felt as though something was chasing them as they rushed in the northern direction.

Beast Tide? Sun Haiwei wondered out loud. She thought of something and she looked at Shang Xia with a complicated expression. Is the Lightning Bird urging the Beast Tide to happen?

The Lightning Bird cant do it alone. Havent you realized that there are a lot less Martial Dipper Realm experts up ahead? Shang Xia laughed.

Soon, Shang Xia realized that the Martial Extermination Realm experts of the Tongyou Institution werent the only ones who reacted. There were many Martial Extermination Realm cultivators who revealed looks like they couldnt bear to witness what was happening. He turned serious the next second and yelled, This is a war between 2 worlds! Theres nothing wrong or right about this! Keep your merciful thoughts to yourself!

Chapter 849: Attack!

Why did Kou Chongxue plot against the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World to get them to the Azure Flame World in the first place?

Even though Kou Chongxue and the 4 Elysiums didnt give everyone a proper explanation, many people could somewhat guess Kou Chongxues true intentions.

The Azure Ascension World failed when it was a step away from successfully becoming a Spirit World.

Under the threat of the Spirit Abundance World that was bearing down on them, the Azure Ascension World would be hard-pressed to produce another existence in the Sixth Order.

The only way to solve the problem was to increase the world origin they had, and force the world to ascend!

Only after becoming a Spirit World would they possess the ability to resist the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World. Only then would they be able to release the limitation on the ceiling of cultivation and allow everyone to take another step on the martial path.

Among them, those who assisted the Azure Ascension World from obtaining the most world origin would be greatly favored by the Worlds Will, and the main job they had after arriving on the Azure Flame World was clear. They had to assist their world with the world ascension!

That was the bigger picture Lu Wuzi was talking about!

That was also why everyone was willing to follow Kou Chongxue in his escapades.

After all, the moment they succeed, the Azure Ascension World wouldnt be the only one who benefits. Those who took part in the operation would also receive huge gains!

From the start, that was what Kou Chongxue had been banking on for everyone to listen to his commands!

Naturally, as the person who started it all, Kou Chongxue would definitely receive the largest share of the pie when they returned. Perhaps, he would be able to step through the gates of the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm directly!

In the eyes of many, that might be why Kou Chongxue started the whole motion. With his current strength, no one would be able to rival him the moment he stepped into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm!

Lu Wuzi, Yifeng, Jiu Du, and Huang Jinghan could vaguely feel that when Kou Chongxue had the assistance of the Origin Holy Artifact, he possessed a might that only Sixth Order Ancestors could suppress, but they werent 100 percent sure of it.

The only thing they were sure of was the fact that as peak-tier existences of the Azure Ascension World themselves, they were no longer able to borrow the strength of their Elysiums to enter the Sixth Order. Helping Kou Chongxue with the ascension of the Azure Ascension World might be their only chance of advancing their cultivation path.

Since the 30 over experts of the Azure Ascension World decided to attack the Yanlin City which was the core of the Yanlin Clan, they wouldnt be stupid enough to charge over openly.

The conditions of the Southern Yanlin Continent were horrible to ordinary experts, but it was where many ferocious beasts and bugs chose as their territory. Several Martial Dipper Realm experts joined hands with the rank five Lightning Bird and easily created a Beast Tide by disturbing the peace within the mountain ranges. As more and more beasts rushed out, a beast tide like never seen before in the past 100s of years rushed at the city.

Seeing as their plan was complete and the Beast Tide had formed, the experts of the Azure Ascension World changed their direction and rushed towards the city from another angle.

The beast tide went up north and trampled everything in their path. Forests, fields, and even the commoners werent spared. Villages were razed to the ground and low-level cultivators couldnt do shit against it. Even smaller towns were destroyed easily. The mid-tier cultivators couldnt even run away in the face of such a terrifying Beast Tide. Even Martial Ancestors who were equal in strength to Martial Extermination Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World couldnt resist the neverending tide.

News of the terrifying beast tide quickly reached the higher-ups of the Yanlin Clan. Naturally, the person who received the news wasnt a fool. The upper echelons of the Yanlin Clan learned about the battle above the heavenly screen from the experts in their clan and also knew that the outsiders had entered the Southern Yanlin Continent.

When the news of the beast tide arrived, they understood that it had something to do with the outsiders.

With their foundations in the Southern Yanlin Continent, they knew that they had to help now that their clansmen were in trouble.

Hastily sending out 4 Martial Sages and slightly more than 10 Martial Ancestors, they headed south of the city in an attempt to stop the Beast Tide.

In order not to be picked off by the outsiders, the Martial Sages of the Yanlin City stuck together. Facing the massive Beast Tide, they couldnt do much with all of them gathered close together. They could only protect their clansmen as they retreated north.

They even made up their minds in the event they faced attacks from the outsiders to retreat to the city immediately. They wouldnt bother about anything else and give the outsiders an opportunity to take them down easily.

Sending their experts down south wasnt the only thing they did, the Yanlin Clan sent some people to the other continents to request help from the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent and Western Wenchen Continent.

The Yanlin Clan might have been in sole control of the Southern Yanlin Continent and even offended many other factions, they couldnt help but force themselves to lower their heads to ask for help.

That might be the case, but Kou Chongxues plan was complete.

After all, their true goal isn't to actually kill every last member of the Yanlin Clan. All they wanted was to occupy the Holy Land.

When Shang Xia finished his conversation with Chu Jia and the others earlier, he brought them over to meet up with Kou Chongxue.

Seeing the comatose Liu Qinglan, Kou Chongxue started to ask about her injuries.

Shang Xia gave a brief summary of what Chu Jia and the others told him, and Kou Chongxue fell silent for some time after hearing it. Place her in the Stellar Cauldron to recover for the time being. World origin is abundant there and it might help her injuries.

Shang Xia nodded. That was exactly why he brought her over.

What about the rest? Kou Chongxue asked.

Theyre doing alright. The Lightning Bird returned after causing the Beast Tide. I told it to follow Senior Sister Sun and the others. They shouldnt run into much danger. Shang Xia replied.

Nodding slightly, Kou Chongxue turned to Chu Jia and muttered, The task of every Martial Extermination Realm cultivator who came with us is to head out there to intercept the envoys the Yanlin Clan sent out. At the same time, coordinate with us to seal off the Yanlin City. However, youre a Formation Grandmaster and have great synergy with Little Xia. Now that the little kid went out there and told everyone he would be able to shatter their grand formation with so much confidence, you should back him up and prevent any accidents from happening. After all, we cant trust anyone else for this.

Chu Jia nodded in acknowledgment.

Alright, Ill be off then! Shang Xia addressed Kou Chongxue before turning to Chu Jia. I am confident I will be able to pass through their grand formation easily, but its not quite possible for me to shatter the entire thing at once. The best method will be to create a few regions of weakness. If you work from the outside, you need to locate the weaknesses I create and deal with the rest.

Chu Jia giggled softly in response. I got it, I got it. After all, I wont be the only Formation Grandmaster when that happens. Nothing will go wrong!

Shang Xia turned around and unleashed his Water Movement Art. He quickly rushed in the direction of the city according to the directions Kou Chongxue pointed out.

Looking in the direction where Shang Xia disappeared, a strange look appeared in Kou Chongxues eyes. He turned to ask Chu Jia who was beside him, Did the brat really not break the formation we laid down in order to enter my cultivation grounds?

Chu Jia seemed pretty close to Kou Chongxue as well and she understood his temper and personality really well. She sighed helplessly, Didnt you leave a clone in there? How would you not know what happened? You even hid it from all of us

Hahaha! Using a short laugh, Kou Chongxue tried to hide the awkward look on his face. I had no choice! After all, if I don't handle it well, the entire institution will be buried with me! The fewer people who know about this the better!

As one of the 3 strongest factions in the Azure Flame World, the Yanlin Clan took the entire Southern Yanlin Continent as their own backyard. They had their own Holy Land, and they actually had 7 Martial Sages who were known to the world!

During the battle above the heavenly screen, they lost 1 forever and 2 of them lost a clone each.

In other words, even though they sent out 4 Martial Sages to deal with the Beast Tide, the 2 Martial Sages in the city still had the ability to activate their grand formation. They could assist those who left earlier and wait for reinforcements from other factions.

Moreover, no one knew if there were other Martial Sages hiding in the Yanlin Holy Land.

When Shang Xia concealed his aura and arrived at the city, he noticed that they had already activated their grand formation in order to prevent any accidents from happening.

As he closed in, he noticed that their style of formations seemed different from that used in the Azure Ascension World.

Rather than creating a full protection barrier around the city, they fused it with the city walls. They also arranged a void prohibition formation in the air above the city walls to prevent anyone from flying over the walls.

In other words, if the experts of the Azure Ascension World wanted to occupy the Yanlin Holy Land, they would have to destroy the city gates or city walls before they could do anything!

Interesting. Shang Xia could clearly see the void behind the protection formation and he rubbed his chin with interest. However Its just a little more interesting than usual! Its nothing amazing!

With the dipper qi around him turning into the color of the ground, he seemed to fuse with his surroundings. He arrived beneath the city walls without being detected. He directly pressed his hand against the barrier that had formed.

Oh? Looks like I have to hurry up! Shang Xia frowned. The Five Element Dipper Qi on his palm started to transform rapidly and a ray of light soon flashed brightly. He disappeared from his spot and the entire wall seemed to emit light ripples before returning to normal.

Not too long after Shang Xia passed through the walls, a ray of light landed on the city walls and revealed an old man who was pretty short and tan.

His gaze flickered across where Shang Xia passed through, but he failed to notice anything. He could only leave empty-handed.

Chapter 850: Breaking Into the City

As one of the 3 strongest factions of the Azure Flame World, the minimum they had was to control a complete Holy Land.

Speaking of the 3 strongest factions in the Azure Flame World, they were the Yanlin Clan of the Southern Yanlin Continent, the Yuancang Clan from the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent, and the Chenwu Clan from the Western Wenchen Continent.

Under Kou Chongxue's lead, everyone from the Azure Ascension World passed through the heavenly screen to enter the Southern Yanlin Continent.

Even though the various powers failed to stop the mysterious group of foreign experts from entering their world, it didn't mean that they would let their guards down and let the outsiders do whatever they wished.

The strength of the outsiders left a trace of fear in the hearts of those in the Azure Flame World, but they still sent their experts over in secret to spy on them. To them, the most important thing they wanted to know was the true motive of the outsiders.

Some of the sharper ones might have thought of gathering all the experts in the Azure Flame World to resist or drive out the outsiders, but it was a mere thought in their minds. If they really wanted to achieve something like that, it would take a lot more than what they were currently thinking about. After all, the Azure Flame World never had the experience of gathering all the experts in their world. If they really wanted to try, who would have the authority and prestige to band them all together?

Perhaps, there would be hope if the 3 strongest powers of the Azure Flame World banded together and tried to push for it, but the situation stood as such. The Yanlin Clan wasn't well received due to its reclusive and exclusive nature. There might be many powers who might be gloating silently now that the outsiders had descended onto the Southern Yanlin Continent and were waiting to watch them embarrass themselves. Not many would provide their assistance at that point.

Moreover, they felt that no matter how great the scale of battle in the Southern Yanlin Continent, as long as the outsiders didn't step into the other continents, none of them would be affected.

None of them gave a shit about what happened to the Southern Yanlin Continent.

The only ones who actually tried anything were the Yuancang Clan in the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent. They were extremely wary of the outsiders. The Eastern Nuanyuan Continent was the most prosperous among the continents and thus possessed the greatest strength. Unfortunately, the relationships there were pretty complicated. Even if the Yuancang Clan wanted to help, they didn't have the ability to. They could only maintain their stance and watch as the situation unfolded. They would only provide limited assistance if they felt that the situation reached a critical point.

As for the Chenwu Clan, their peak-tier Martial Sage and clan leader, Chen Baixing, was killed by Kou Chongxue above the heavenly screen. Their hatred for the outsiders should be the most and they shouldn't rest till they take revenge. Unfortunately, the situation was far from that. After Chen Baixing's death, the Martial Sages who had the authority to fight for the position of clan leader were awfully busy fighting over the position. The high-level experts of the clan were still trying to sort themselves out and none of them could be bothered with what was happening in the Southern Yanlin Continent.

Even if they finally decided to get revenge for their late clan leader, they would probably have to wait till a new leader was elected and quelled the inner strife in the clan before they could take action.

Whatever it was, the powers of the Azure Flame World were unable to band together to deal with the outsiders at the moment. At the end of the day, it was because they had no idea what was going to happen next and their opponent's true goal.

It was a shame. They would probably only start to band together after all of them suffered greatly from the invasion of the outsiders when their world was damaged...

Then again, would the experienced experts of the Azure Ascension World give them a chance to do so?

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Outside the Yanlin City.

When Kou Chongxue and the others arrived, the Yanlin City's grand formation was already active.

After the battle above the heavenly screen, the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World numbered slightly more than 30. There might only be 10 of them who arrived first, but they brought with them a whole bunch of Martial Extermination Realm experts.

"Huh? Where's the Shang Kid who was confident about breaking the barrier? Why haven't we seen him?" Yifeng shook his head in an exaggerated motion. He started to look in all directions, but he failed to catch sight of Shang Xia.

Yi Jingxu stared at the runes that were shining on the city walls and he muttered in a soft voice, "Looks like things will get troublesome. Their protection formation is clearly different from that of our Azure Ascension World."

Glancing at Kou Chongxue who still seemed exceptionally calm, Yi Jingxu turned to the others and spoke, "Everyone, we brought many experts well-versed in the art of formations. Please take a look and evaluate the foundation of the formation around the city."

The Martial Extermination Realm experts they brought were naturally Formation Grandmasters, and Chu Jia was a part of them. After a short discussion, one of the Formation Grandmasters whose cultivation stood above the rest in the Martial Dipper Realm spoke. "We will need to personally observe the strength of the formation before we can come to any conclusions!"

A frown formed on Yi Jingxu's face, but another Martial Dipper Realm expert beside him muttered, "Which means we need to launch an attack on it, right? Alright, it's easy then! Let this old man test it out for you!"

Yi Jingxu knew the person who spoke, and he was called Xun Yingsheng. He was from the Lushan Sect of the Yang Continent, and he was a second element Martial Dipper Realm expert.

"Let's do it together. It's said that there are 2 Martial Dipper Realm experts in the city and there might be more in hiding. We will attack different points in the formation so as not to fall into their trap." This time, Mister Tian Jun from the Tianjun Palace was the one who spoke. The Dongjun Palace was from the Ye Continent, and Tian Jun was also a second element Martial Dipper Realm expert.

After they spoke, they started to rush at the Yanlin City from different directions.

When Tian Jun made his move, a seemingly ordinary black sword appeared in his hand as he swung it horizontally. He was using the inheritance sword art from the Dongjun Palace, the Great Heavenly Sword Art, and his sword qi swept at the barrier with an unstoppable momentum. From the looks of it, his style of fighting with the sword seemed similar to Huang Jinghan.

On the other side, Xun Yingsheng yelled before sending a giant palm light flying at the city.

When they made their moves, they deliberately avoided the city walls as they tried to make their attacks land in the city itself.

Who would have thought that the next moment, the 2 of them would feel their visions blurring? The city walls seemed to reach a massive scale that made them seem like ants. They felt as though they were staring at the walls of heaven after launching their attacks.

Without any fanfare, their attacks slammed into the walls.

Rumble... Rumble...

Loud blasts rang through the air as runes started to flash on the walls. The attacks they sent were gradually nullified as the energy was spread across the wall.

In the end, they managed to leave behind a 3 foot long scratch and a tiny palm print on the city walls.

## "What's going on?"

Obviously, the other experts wouldn't think that the 2 of them would be unable to control their attacks to the point they would miss their target and smash it into the wall. Questions quickly flew their way.

Tian Jun frowned and explained what he felt while Xun Yingsheng agreed at the side. Their expressions were ugly.

The Formation Grandmasters immediately broke out into discussion.

The next moment, a bold voice rang from inside the city. "Martial Sages who come from another world, why would you raise your weapons against my Yanlin Clan the moment you arrive? All of you traveled so far in the sea of stars... If there's anything my Yanlin Clan can help you with, why can't we settle it over a nice chat? The Southern Yanlin Continent is massive and it's more than enough land for us to coexist peacefully!"

Yi Jingxu looked at Kou Chongxue and Yifeng who could be said to be in charge of the entire operation and he couldn't help but remind them, "I feel like he's just trying to buy some time..."

Cao Xinyang from the Zhenyang Gate couldn't help but add, "If our little friend from the You Continent isn't continent in breaking the formation, there's no point for us to conceal ourselves any longer! We should go all out and shatter the formation. The longer this drags out, the greater the possibility we will have to face the reinforcements from the other continents!"

Cao Xinyang's words barely left his lips when a deep rumble came from beneath the city. The sturdy wall started to shake. Under the looks of amazement of everyone present, it collapsed!