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Chapter 871: From the Sea! Pt.2

Facing the giant ship, Huang Jinghan was the first to make his move. He pushed himself to the limit to release a sword against the charging ship. He flew out together with his sword, and without much suspense, he was sent flying back in after a loud blast resounded in the air. He tumbled through the air in a sorry state and Pang Jingyun had no choice but to grab him hastily.

It seemed as though his attempt was useless when it came to stopping the ship, but as one of the peak-tier experts of the Azure Ascension World who was second only to Kou Chongxue, the flying ship was forced to stop for a second before it continued to advance.

At the same time, 2 more sword lights emerged from the city. One of them was a little strange, while another was nimble and sharp. They slashed at the ship from both directions.

Their sudden attack didn't manage to catch the experts of the Azure Flame World by surprise. How could the experts of the Azure Flame World allow them to do as they wished to stall the giant ship as it flew towards the city.

When Yifeng and Jiu Du made their move, 4 figures appeared beside the ships to stop them.

At the same time, the experts of the Azure Flame World launched another offensive. The other 2 ships started to advance towards the city.

It was then that a sudden change happened. The void around the other 2 ships solidified and as they tried to advance, cracks started to appear in the space around them. With the sudden interference, the ships showed signs of tilting towards each other and if they didn't correct their direction, they would smash into each other.

They desperately tried to shift their direction while lowering their speed, no longer caring about smashing into the city any longer. As such, those from the Azure Ascension World managed to get even more time to recover.

With their efforts to change the bearing of the ship, they managed to avoid a head-on collision with each other. However, they scraped against each other without much either side could do about it.

Along with a loud screeching sound ringing through the air, massive pieces of the giant ships fell like rain.

Fortunately, they managed to change their course to a certain extent and despite the damages, the foundations of both ships weren't damaged.

The next second, a short halberd tore through the void and stabbed into a certain point in space. The sound of a mirror shattering entered the ears of everyone on the battlefield and Lu Wuzi tumbled out from space. He held the fragments of his Halo Mirror as he beat a hasty retreat.

Behind him, the Cangming Halberd continued to tear through the void as it chased after his leaving figure.

At the edge of the north of the city which was connected to the sea, Lu Wuzi tried his best to return. However, the surface of the sea beneath him exploded when he was hundreds of feet away. A figure appeared below and charged at the unprepared Lu Wuzi.

An expert at the fourth soul of the Martial Sage Realm, Heavenly Sea Guest, charged at Lu Wuzi with a Whale Lance in his hand. The lance was also a Ninth Heaven Divine Weapon, and his timing was impeccable. It was precisely when Lu Wuzi was about to pass through the grand formation to return to safety within the city. More importantly, his ability to remain hidden in the water was too amazing. It didn't matter if it was Huang Jinghan or other experts at his level. Even Shang Xia who had the assistance of the grand formation and amazing sensitivity with his divine will, failed to notice him! No one discovered his presence even though he was merely hundreds of feet away from the city!

With his Whale Lance tearing through space, it connected with Lu Wuzi's body. Lu Wuzi was turned into countless pieces as it shattered like broken glass. Eventually, Lu Wuzi's figure tumbled out from the void hundreds of feet away as a rank five Reunion Talisman in his hand shattered.

Before he could heave a sigh of relief, the void behind him ripped apart again. It happened so quickly that his body was also torn in half.

Yuancang Ming, who was wielding the short Cangming Halberd, revealed himself. He stared at Lu Wuzi's body that was turning into some strange crystal-like object before looking below only to see Lu Wuzi fleeing in fright. A sinister light flashed in his eyes when he tilted his head up to look at Yuancang Ming and Heavenly Sea Guest as he rushed into the city.

Only several short breaths of time had passed, and Lu Wuzi lost his Halo Mirror that didn't seem any weaker than a powerful divine weapon. He also used up a rank five protective talisman, and he also had to sacrifice a Fate Dipper Clone before he could escape with his life.

Lu Wuzi failed to gain any advantages, and neither did Yifeng and Jiu Du. Facing 4 Martial Soul experts, they failed to gain an advantage as they retreated into the city.

Fortunately, they were sharp enough and weren't forced into a corner by their enemies. Huang Jinghan also didn't care about his injuries as he went over to assist their return, allowing them to run from a lot of trouble.

After everything that had been through, they failed to stop the first giant ship from crashing into the city wall. They could only watch as it came barreling towards them.

When everyone thought that Yanlin City would finally be breached by the giant ship that would smash into them with full force, its weight seemed to multiply by hundreds of times when it entered a 1000 feet radius of the city. It crashed headfirst into the ground below.

The experts of the Azure Flame World weren't the only ones who were shocked. All of them were prepared to use the ship to destroy a portion of the city walls before smashing straight into the city and they would start their assault, but they were stopped dead in their tracks. The experts of the Azure Ascension World in the city also stared at whatever was going on with a blank look on their faces.

Only Huang Jinghan and the other peak-tier experts, along with the Formation Grandmasters on the platform, knew what happened.

Even so, they still didn't quite believe their eyes.

He actually did it... He actually managed to project the 'Restrict Space' ability of the grand formation 1000 feet outside the city!

As the giant ship smashed into the wall, it barely shattered the protection barrier and a portion of the wall. The wall started to crumble, but that was about it. The ship emitted loud creaks as it was smashed in half!

No one knew how many cultivators on the ship were killed by the impact, but with its destruction, the Yanlin City also suffered considerable damage.

At the same time, many pillars of light emerged from the remains of the ship. They took the chance when the protection barrier around the city walls had yet to recover to rush into the city.

Yanling Jue was among those who entered the city and there were many Martial Sages behind him. None of them looked to be in great condition.

Clearly, all of them expected the giant ship to tear a clean hole through the city wall before emerging to fight. With Yanlin Jue who was familiar with the city leading the way, the experts of the Azure Flame World thought that the situation would be broken easily!

It was a shame none of them expected the ship to fall at the very last second. They might have forced their way in, but everyone on the ship was in for misfortune. Only the strongest among them managed to keep themselves alive while maintaining some sort of combat strength. Their forces that entered the city were far from what they were expecting.

Of course, their combat abilities might have been affected, but with the lead of Yanlin Jue, the experts of the Azure Ascension World also took great losses despite their efforts to salvage the situation.

Huang Jinghan, Jiu Du, Yifeng, Lu Wuzi, and the rest couldn't be bothered with their injuries at the moment. They didn't even have time to rest as they brought several experts to stop those who were trying to enter the city as the protection screen was restored. They couldn't even care about Yanlin Jue and the others who entered the city.

After the modification from the Formation Grandmasters of the Azure Ascension World, the grand formation managed to maintain its special properties of being connected to every single structure in the city. The experts of the Azure Ascension World might be royally outnumbered in terms of individual fighting strength, but they could draw upon the strength of the grand formation to forcefully stop those who were still trying to enter.

Yanlin Jue and the others were no fools. The moment they entered the city, they started to move with a clear objective in mind. They rushed at the three-story platform in the core of the city!

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In order to breach the Yanlin City, the Azure Flame World lost 2 giant flying ships.

Even so, no one from the Azure Flame World even had the thought of backing off. Those from the Azure Ascension World were also sure there was no going back now that things had reached its current state.

The experts of the Azure Flame World started a new round of assault under Yuancang Ming's lead.

With the defensive lines of the Yanlin City breached, the experts of the Azure Ascension World had to go all out to stop the Martial Sages from the Azure Flame World from breaking through. Only by pushing themselves to their limit were they able to barely hold the experts from the Azure Flame

World outside the city. However, Yanlin Jue and several others had already entered the city. Huang Jinghan and the others were truly spread too thin.

“What are we going to do now?” On the platform, the Martial Dipper Realm Formation Grandmasters had already moved out to stop Yanlin Jue and the others. Of the Martial Extermination Realm experts left, Chu Jia could only stare at Shang Xia’s clone with a helpless look on her face.

The clone was flickering in and out of existence as it had exhausted too much energy and he could only force a laugh, “You can see what state I’m in right now... After releasing the power of the grand formation earlier, I lost too much energy. It’s too late to enter the Holy Land to call my true body over now...”

“Is there no other way?” Chu Jia sighed with disappointment.

Shang Xia’s clone turned to look at the air above the city and muttered, “All we can do is hope that everyone else is able to drag things out. After all, there are only 5 to 6 Martial Sages who entered the city...”

The number of experts from the Azure Ascension World stationed in the city numbered less than 100. They were far from comparable to the number of experts from the Yanlin Clan.

However, one had to admit that of the Martial Extermination Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World who entered the Celestial Remains back then and were dragged over to the Azure Flame World, all of them were experts in their own right. Most of them had the potential to reach the Martial Dipper Realm, and there was no need to question their fighting strength.

All of them knew that after the city was overrun by the Martial Dipper Realm experts, their fate would be sealed. As such, even if they hadn’t crossed paths with an expert one realm higher than them, they had no choice but to go all in and fight. They couldn’t hold anything back!

Borrowing the power of the grand formation in the city, the Martial Extermination Realm experts in the city gathered together. They started to launch desperate attacks at the Martial Sages who entered.

Structures started to crumble as explosions happened one after another. The Martial Extermination Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World screamed miserably.

Those screams seemed like an exaggeration as there might be many instances of them being unable to hold their opponents back, but many of them managed to escape with their lives.

After all, the main goal of Yanlin Jue and the rest wasn’t to kill the low-level experts on the other side.

It didn’t take long for the situation in the city to change again. Yanlin Jue and the others fell for a trap that had been laid down by more than 20 Martial Extermination Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World.

As the strongest expert among them, Yanlin Jue got out of the ambush easily. He was quickly followed by 2 others who were third soul Martial Sages. However, those behind them weren’t so strong, or lucky. They were held back by the restrictions that intertwined with the many structures that were covered in the grand formation.

If the 3 of them turned back to help their companions, it wouldn't take long for them to destroy all the restrictions with brute force. However, that would take some time and energy, and they would fall right for their opponents' plan to buy some time.

However, if they gave up on the other 3 who were held back, the restrictions might not be able to harm their companion, but their battle strength would be reduced.

Either way, it would be what the outsiders wanted to see.

In an instant, Yanlin Jue and the others fell into an open scheme of the Outsiders and whatever decision he made would be on him.

Even his hesitation was something they were willing to see.

One of the third soul Martial Sages who broke out with Yanlin Jue earlier growled, "They won't be in any danger for the time being. We can't back down any longer and our only hope is to destroy the grand formation. Only then can we allow those outside to enter the city!"

Stuck between a rock and a hard place, no matter what decision he made would be better than making no decision at all!

Yanlin Jue eventually chose to continue rushing deeper into the city.

On the platform, Shang Xia's clone faced the 3 powerful auras rushing over.

Since they smashed into the city with the giant ship, less than the time to burn a stick of incense passed. 20 to 30 Martial Extermination Realm experts from the Azure Ascension World had already been sacrificed to hold them back despite most of their forces surviving the onslaught of the Martial Sages. Of course, those who lived weren't completely fine. They suffered injuries of varying degrees. The losses they suffered were countless times worse than in the Celestial Remains.

Shang Xia's clone stared at the air above the city. Even though it seemed as though nothing was there, he was sure that it was where Kou Chongxue was. The only thing he didn't know was how long the patriarch needed to consolidate his foundations at the grand completion stage.

All of a sudden, the lucky Martial Ancestor Realm survivors of the Azure Flame World also managed to crawl their way out of the wreckage and started to fight their way over to the trapped Martial Sages. They fought Martial Extermination Realm experts along their way.

As Yanlin Jue and the others closed in on the core region, 2 auras that had been concealed earlier suddenly appeared beside 2 structures in the city! The owners of those auras pincer the 2 third soul Martial Sages behind Yanlin Jue.

They were none other than the Martial Dipper Realm Formation Grandmasters who left the platform earlier!

Even though their cultivation realms weren't exactly the highest, they were the only existences with combat strength in the Martial Dipper Realm at the moment.

Under such circumstances, they had no choice but to take action!

Fortunately, they had the geographical advantage in the city. As Formation Grandmasters, they could make use of formations to bring out extraordinary fighting strength. That was how they weren't sent flying the moment they appeared.

Despite their advantage, they weren't feeling too great at the moment. They could rouse whatever inner qi they had to rush at the enemy.

They were extremely close to the core region of the city, and it seemed as though they would be able to breach it if they took another step. However, the 2 Martial Sages beside Yanlin Jue were intercepted just like that!

The appearance of the 2 Martial Dipper Realm experts forced Yanlin Jue to make another choice. Would he stay behind to help them or would he enter the inner city?

It was then that a helpless sigh entered Yanlin Jue's ears. "Are you really not afraid that close to 100,000 of your clansmen will have to be buried with you if you make that choice?"

Yanlin Jue's footsteps paused slightly. He already had half a foot in the core region, but he seemed to be stepping into an endless abyss. It was as though the moment he took that step, he would regret his actions for his entire life.

"Yanlin Jue, what the hell are you doing?!" An enraged cry came from behind him. Along with several loud crashes, several structures came crumbling down.

"Yanlin Jue, you best forget the promise you made us. Are you going to forsake our Azure Flame World?" Another roar came from behind.

It was obvious those third soul Martial Sages behind him were the ones speaking.

They were from the Cangming Clan and the Northern Chihuang Continent, and even though they assisted him in breaking through the city, they were also there to keep a watch on him.

After all, everyone knew that no matter the outcome of the battle, the Yanlin Clan would no longer be ranked among the 3 strongest factions of the Azure Flame World.

As a peak-tier expert of the Yanlin Clan, Yanlin Jue might have already become a thorn in someone else's side.

The soothing voice rang in Yanlin Jue's ears the next moment. "I forgot to tell you. The 80,000 or so clansmen and Yanlin Ju surrendered willingly. All of us swore not to kill them and we merely trapped them in the Yanlin Holy Land."

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"Yanlin Ju?! Is he still alive?!" A complicated light flashed in Yanlin Jue's eyes. He was feeling nothing but shock at the moment.

On the platform, Shang Xia's clone heaved a sigh of relief when he saw the hesitation on Yanlin Jue's face. The smile on his face widened as he continued, "That's right! Ever since Yanlin Ju chose to save the race, there were 17 Martial Ancestors who also chose to give up fighting. There are close to a hundred cultivators of your race in the Third Order of the Primary Realm and many more of lower cultivation realms. However, all of their cultivations have been sealed at the moment and they are quietly living in the Yanlin Holy Land. We made an oath such that after we leave, they will definitely regain their freedom."

Pausing slightly, Shang Xia seemed to be giving Yanling Jue a chance to take in the information. After some time, Shang Xia continued, "After all, our goal isn't to exterminate your race or to carry out a massacre. It holds more meaning to us. Moreover, we won't be here for long!"

Shang Xia's clone seemed to reveal a lot of information in the short conversation with Yanlin Jue, and he also understood the meaning behind Shang Xia's words.

Yanlin Ju was still alive!

He was the most promising junior of their clan. As long as he was alive, there would still be hope for their Yanlin Race. Moreover, Yanlin Ju was already a Martial Sage and he was part of the clan's foundations.

With the exception of Yanlin Ju, there were many low-level cultivators of the clan still alive! Their lives, along with the existence of the Yanlin Clan's complete inheritance would ensure that their clan's legacy had a chance to live on!

One had to know that after the city fell, Yanling Jue had been trying to gather all surviving members of the clan.

However, those in the city were either slain or were in bad shape. One had to know that the clansmen in the Yanlin Holy Land consisted of more than 50 percent of the clan's foundations! No matter how hard Yanlin Jue worked outside the city, those he could save, or had already saved, were far from being able to revive the clan! That was because of those he saved, most of them were ordinary citizens. There were barely any cultivators. If those were all of the Yanlin Clan that remained, their days as one of the 3 strongest factions of the Azure Flame World were over!

Yanlin Jue knew the implications, and that was why he was willing to be used by Yuancang Ming and the others as they besieged the city. He chose to be part of the vanguard for a chance to take revenge for his clansmen. He was even prepared to sacrifice himself to get rid of the grand formation and drag a few Outsiders down with him.

Now that he entered the city, he heard that a good portion of his clansmen were still alive! They were trapped in the Yanlin Holy Land and his dying heart was reignited with hope.

Naturally, he wasn't worried that the other party was trying to lie to him in order to buy them some time. After all, no one would lie with a blood oath on the line. The higher one's cultivation was the greater the impact of them breaking an oath.

That wasn't all. What shocked him even more was the fact that the Yanlin Holy Land was still intact!

What does this mean...

The reason the Yanlin Clan was able to maintain their spot as one of the 3 strongest factions of the Azure Flame World and to monopolize the Southern Yanlin Continent was because of their foundations of 8 Martial Sages, and also the presence of their Holy Land!

They might have suffered a massive setback due to the invasion of the Outsiders, but Yanlin Jue was a peak-tier expert of the Yanlin Clan and he was still alive! Yanlin Ju, their most promising junior, was also alive and well. If those injured Martial Sages of their clan could recover, along with the low-level cultivators of the clan... The Yanlin Clan would be able to retain their status of a second-tier power in the Azure Flame World!

If they managed to retain control over their Holy Land... It wouldn't be a dream for them to regain the glory of the past!

Ignoring the cries of the 2 who should be keeping an eye on him, Yanlin Jue took half a step back. Even though his heart was stirred, he maintained his calm. He asked in a low voice, "Why are you doing this?"

Shang Xia might seem relieved, but he didn't relax even though he managed to calm the other party down. He replied seriously, "It's simple. I believe all of you can already tell that we're trying to buy time. Once we're done with what we need to do, we will leave your world. When that happens, the restriction on your clansman will be released and they will regain their freedom."

"Even though I don't know your goal, even if you keep your promise, do you think the other factions will allow us to regain our strength after you leave?" Yanlin Jue sneered.

Shang Xia's clone remained silent on the platform.

He could see the entire situation clearly. The Yanlin Clan might be one of the 3 strongest superpowers of the Azure Flame World, but the other factions wouldn't give them another chance to make their rise. Once they left, it was entirely possible that the Yanlin Clan would be eaten up and split up by the various powers.

Shang Xia's clone could have easily said that it wasn't his problem, but that would definitely infuriate Yanlin Jue. He didn't know how to answer.

His silence clearly pissed Yanlin Jue off, and his voice rang in Shang Xia's ears again. "I'm afraid your companions won't be able to hold them off for long!"

Shang Xia's clone snapped back to reality as he stared at the battle that was taking place. Those Formation Grandmasters might be in the Martial Dipper Realm, but they were far too weak. Even with the help of formations, they were forced back repeatedly by their opponents. They would be defeated at any second.

With his heart trembling slightly, Shang Xia asked, "What do you propose then?"

Waving his hand towards Shang Xia's clone, Yanlin Jue muttered, "As long as you swear a blood oath to destroy the entrance of the Holy Land when you leave, I'll accept."

Shang Xia's clone didn't understand what was going on, and he asked, "Oh? Why is that?"

"All you need to do is to make the oath. You don't have to concern yourself with anything more. After all, it concerns a secret of our race." Yanlin Jue growled.

Shang Xia's clone didn't quite know what to do, but the third soul Martial Sages who had been held back earlier felt a little uneasy after seeing everything that was going on. The moment Yanlin Jue made an agreement with the Outsiders, the 2 of them would most likely be killed when Yanlin Jue turned against them.

"Yanlin Jue, do you know what you're doing?! They created the Beast Tide and destroyed your city! They're the culprits who massacred your clansmen!"

"Yanlin Jue, you're falling for their trap!"

No matter how hard they screamed, Yanlin Jue didn't seem moved. All he wanted to do was to ensure the safety of the 80,000 clansmen in the Yanlin Holy Land. After all, they're the foundation that would ensure the rise of the Yanlin Clan again.

For the 80,000 clansmen that consisted of thousands of cultivators, Yanlin Jue could do anything!

"There should be another entrance to the Yanlin Holy Land, am I right?" Another voice came from the skies above.

Yanlin Jue's expression changed and he raised his head to see a figure appearing from the void. He gritted his teeth and growled, "Sage Kou, it really is you!"

Kou Chongxue had been rampaging about the Azure Flame World for dozens of years and there were many people who recognized him. It could be said that 'Sage Kou' was actually the culprit who caused their world to be invaded!

When Shang Xia's clone saw Kou Chongxue, he finally managed to calm himself down.

However, he soon became curious. He didn't know if there was really another entrance to the Yanlin Holy Land. From the look on Yanlin Jue's face, it was probably real.

For there to be another entrance to the Yanlin Holy Land...

Why didn't Yanlin Jue bring the experts from the Azure Flame World into the Yanlin Holy Land from the other entrance? Wouldn't it make taking back the city a lot easier?

Kou Chongxue nodded once at Yanlin Jue and continued, "This old man can make the blood oath to leave behind the last trace of hope for your Yanlin Clan. I also promise not to destroy the Yanlin Holy Land. We will also destroy this entrance when we leave."

Yanlin Jue stared at Kou Chongxue and muttered, "How would you like to deal with the 2 of them? Are you planning for me to help you?"

Kou Chongxue chuckled in response. "There's no need for that. In order to prevent suspicion, I can deal with them for you."

Kou Chongxue didn't bother hiding his discussion with Yanlin Jue. After hearing their conversation, the third soul Martial Sages forced their opponents back before turning to run.

A soft laugh came from Kou Chongxue's lips. His figure disappeared into the void and 2 miserable cries came next. The sign of 2 Martial Sages being slain appeared in the skies above the city, causing some chaos outside the city.

There were several Martial Sages struggling against the Martial Dipper Realm experts making use of the formations in the city, but there were already 40 Martial Extermination Realm experts holding them back. From how things were looking, they were afraid they would have to leave their lives behind.

The death of the 2 third soul Martial Sages behind them caused their emotions to be greatly affected.

A massive commotion broke out outside their encirclement the next second. A blood-soaked Yanlin Jue broke through the encirclement and grabbed them. "Hurry and run! This is a trap! A supreme expert from the other side is hiding in ambush!"

With the fear of their third soul Martial Sages being slain filling their hearts, they saw how bad of a state Yanlin Jue was in. There was no hesitation as they followed behind Yanlin Jue to escape the city.

The next moment, a cold sneer came from the fluctuating space where the 2 Martial Sages fell. "Do you really think it's going to be so easy to escape the trap I laid down?"

"Oh no!" Yanlin Jue roared and he stopped to cover for those who were escaping. "Hurry and run! I'll hold him back!"

"Brother Yanlin..."

Yanlin Jue didn't even turn back as he cried, "If I die, I hope you guys will take care of the Yanlin Clansmen I left behind. Now... Run! Leave me! As long as any of you manage to escape, my death will not be in vain!"

Cupping their fists towards Yanlin Jue, they rushed towards the weakest point of the protection formation which was at the south of the city at the moment.

As they were about to reach the edge of the city, a mind-numbingly powerful sword intent appeared in their divine will. Yanlin Jue's miserable cry rang through the skies next.

They stepped out of the city successfully, and when they turned back to look, they saw a distressed Yanlin Jue turning into a streak of blood light that was forced out of the city. He tilted his head over to them and forced a smile before passing out.

Grabbing the heavily injured Yanlin Jue, the 2 of them started to make their escape. However, they discovered that Yanlin Jue's cultivation had already dropped back to a third soul Martial Sage. Clearly, he sacrificed a clone to get away from the supreme expert earlier!

Chapter 874: Backlash from the Azure Flame World

A dense cloud shrouded the city and the rain that was pouring down showed no signs of stopping.

Along with the torrential rain, the gale that blew from the seas seemed to grow rougher and more powerful.

Shang Xias clone arrived in the skies above the city and stood beside Kou Chongxue.

Because of the repulsion of the aura around them, the rain formed a circular shaped curtain around them.

If you didn't awaken earlier, they might have already forced their way into the city Shang Xia muttered. There was a trace of celebration in his voice.

Kou Chongxue tilted his head over and stared at Shang Xia. Since you used the lives of 80,000 Yanlin clansmen as a threat, there was no way he would do it.

It's a shame Shang Xias clone mumbled before looking at Kou Chongxue. Patriarch, why don't you seem surprised that there's another entrance to the Yanlin Holy Land?

What are you trying to get at? Kou Chongxue asked.

Shang Xias clone chuckled softly. Does our Tongyou Paradise also have a second entrance?

Obviously? Kou Chongxue shot him a strange glance. He was wondering if the clone before him was a little dumb. How could he actually ask something as simple as that? A look of confusion appeared on Kou Chongxues face. Didnt you guys enter the Beyond Heavens Pavilion from the second entrance of the Holy Land?

Of course, there was nothing wrong with saying that. The look Kou Chongxue was shooting Shang Xias clone at the moment also didnt seem weird anymore now that he thought about it.

Heh. Shang Xias clone snorted once before forcing a laugh, Patriarch, are you treating me like Im three years old? Im asking if there is any hidden entrance to our Tongyou Paradise in the void

Do you wish to know? Kou Chongxue snorted back in response. Wait till you take over your grandfather as a deputy patriarch of the institution! Ill tell you then!

Even though Kou Chongxue didnt seem to give him an answer, his avoidance was enough of an answer.

Hehe! Even my true body didnt notice anything Looks like it doesnt matter if it's the Yanlin Holy Land or our Tongyou Paradise The second entrance seems to be hidden really well! The thought flashed through Shang Xias clones mind. However, he turned to look outside the city next. The situation out there isnt too optimistic. Arent you planning to make a move?

Kou Chongxue stared at him with his jaws agape. Didnt they fail to barge into the city? What the hell are you all worked up about? Didnt I kill those third soul Martial Sages earlier? My inner qi is fluctuating too wildly. How can I join the battle again?

With a look of shock on his face, Shang Xias clone didnt know how to respond. He could only cup his fists at the patriarch before returning to the Yanlin Holy Land to his true body.

In the Holy Land, a five colored light tore through the air and returned to Shang Xias true body that was hovering above the cauldron. Everything that happened quickly assimilated into Shang Xias memories.

His expression changed slightly. He couldnt tell if the old man was actually lying about being unable to make a move after killing the third soul Martial Sages

He was probably feeling some discomfort with his inner qi rampaging in his body, but he definitely had other concerns for not attacking immediately.

Whatever it was, it didnt matter to Shang Xia. He was on Kou Chongxues side anyway!

His physical body started to blur and he separated yet another clone. It rushed to a certain spot in the Holy Land.

It was where 80,000 Yanlin clansmen were contained after their cultivations were sealed.

It didnt take him long to find Yanlin Ju.

He didnt bother with the formalities and he asked directly, Is there another entrance to your Holy Land?

Yanlin Jus expression changed.

Is the other entrance above the heavenly screen? Shang Xias clone continued.

Originally, Yanlin Jus face was already deathly pale from having his cultivation sealed. Now that he heard what Shang Xia was asking, it actually managed to turn a shade whiter. He stammered, You You What do you want?! How did you know?!

Hmm. Looks like Yanlin Jue wasnt lying to me. Shang Xias clone mumbled to himself.

Who?! Yanlin Jue?! Eighth Uncle? Yanlin Ju was shocked to hear the name from Shang Xias clones lips. He seemed extremely stirred up and he stuttered, How did he How You! You guys! What did you do to him?

Can you calm down? His decision was the same as yours. In order to protect your clansmen and the Holy Land, he chose to make a deal with us. Shang Xias clone explained.

When he was done, he briefly explained what happened when he met Yanlin Jue. He also told Yanlin Ju about the deal Kou Chongxue made with Yanlin Jue.

Finally, Shang Xias clone concluded, Before we leave, we will definitely release the restrictions on your cultivation before shattering the spatial tunnel in the city. When that happens, all of you will be trapped in here. Only after Yanlin Jue opens the second entrance above the heavenly screen will you guys be able to leave! Otherwise

Otherwise, we can only wait for death here! Yanlin Ju completed what Shang Xia wanted to say.

After the spatial tunnel leading to the city was destroyed, one would only be able to open the second entrance from the outside. If they tried to smash their way out, they would only cause their Holy Land to collapse.

Shang Xias clone nodded slowly. When the time comes, well leave you guys some rations and you can split it however you wish. I hope you guys dont panic and mess everything up

I dont need you to teach me what to do! Yanlin Ju snapped. However, he seemed to realize his tone wasnt exactly right when talking to someone who would be allowing their race to live and he sighed softly, ... Many thanks

Shang Xia chuckled under his breath. Theres no need to go so far. We are from different worlds and we have our own needs. Moreover, whos to say that we wont have any way of working together in the future?

What do you mean by that?! Yanlin Ju raised his head violently, but Shang Xias clone was gone. His expression flickered uncontrollably and no one knew what he was thinking about.

As Shang Xias clone returned to his true body, Shang Xia no longer created any more clones. Instead, he focused fully on drawing world origin.

The main reason behind him not doing anything was because Kou Chongxue had already consolidated his foundations at the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm. He would be ready to deal with any threats and there was no need for Shang Xia to care about the situation outside any longer. Of course, Shang Xia didnt believe Kou Chongxues bullshit about not being able to make a move because of his fluctuating inner qi.

Another reason he wasnt planning to take part in anything out there was because he felt as though he was about to make another small breakthrough.

It wasnt related to his cultivation. Instead, it was of his Five Element Arts.

Shang Xia used his crappiest naming sense to name it the Five Element Art before. It described the art with no problem, and Shang Xia didnt have the time or luxury to think of the most badass name he could use to describe it.

As time passed, especially in the Azure Flame World where he was absorbing world origin non-stop, he hadnt stopped circulating his Five Element Art.

Under such circumstances, he gained a better understanding of the Five Element Art. Perfecting it and reaching a higher boundary in the Five Element Art was a matter of time.

Just as he was about to take the final step and complete the breakthrough, the battlefield changed once again. Chaos broke out and the sound waves emitted were so powerful that the spatial barrier around the Holy Land failed to stop it.

Shang Xias expression sank. He could hear loud roars and the earth under the city started to tremble even with the suppression of the grand formation.

What the hell was going on?

Shang Xia couldnt be bothered with the improvement of his Five Element Arts at the moment. He extended his divine will out of the Holy Land and was greeted with a massive storm. Loud cries from all sorts of creatures filled the air and it was as though armageddon had arrived.

Without any hesitation, Shang Xia created another clone and sent him to the platform that housed the eye of the grand formation.

Whats going on?! He asked the moment he arrived.

The Formation Grandmasters on the platform were so busy that they were running around without rest to strengthen and modify the grand formation as needed.

Hearing his question, no one bothered to stop to explain what was going on. Instead, a voice rose from the chaos. Lightning storms, hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, beast tides, sea beast tides Everything is hitting the city as we speak!

What?! Shang Xias clone gasped in fright.

It was then when the Azure Flame Worlds Will roared in pain once again.

Shang Xia managed to fill the Stellar Cauldron up to the 70 percent mark!

The instant he did, he noticed that the Azure Flame World seemed to go crazy.

Chapter 875: Chaos

The Southern Yanlin Continent seemed to be dragged into the abyss as the heavens seemed to split open as torrential rain fell upon the land. It painted a sorry sight for the Azure Flame World.

At the northernmost point of the Southern Yanlin Continent where the city was located, bright flashes could be seen from time to time.

A lightning storm flashed continuously above the city as bolts slammed into the city. More accurately, they slammed into the spatial tunnel connecting the city to the Yanlin Holy Land.

If one were to look closer, the lightning bolts traveled into the Yanlin Holy Land and went straight for the Stellar Cauldron that was on the central platform!

In the skies above the city, a circular-shaped light screen could be seen as it blocked a good portion of lightning from the city. Those that passed through it were greatly weakened, and they would mostly scatter and land on the various structures in the city.

Despite the powerful lightning storm, a good portion of the power of the grand formation was used to strengthen the earth below.

The strong vibrations originated from the depths of the world, and it was more than enough to flatten the entire city if no one did anything about it.

With multiple Formation Grandmasters drawing the power of the grand formation to stabilize the city the best they could, they ensured that there wouldnt be too much destruction.

On the platform, Shang Xias clone gasped. The power of the grand formation is basically shifted away at this point Why hadnt the Beast Tide and Sea Beast Tide hit us yet?

Another powerful tremor came from the earth below as multiple Formation Grandmasters gave it everything they had to stop the shaking. No one had the energy to reply to his question.

Raising his head to look at the lightning storm above before feeling the shaking under his feet, he knew that it wouldnt be long before the Formation Grandmasters would be unable to hold out. He reached his hand into the void and made a single gesture.

In the Yanlin Holy Land, Shang Xias eyebrows jumped slightly and he understood the intentions of his clone. He swung his arm and tossed the Five Element Ring out.

When the Five Element Ring reappeared, it was held firmly in the hands of his clone. A massive light ring emerged and filled the platform. The next moment, 30 percent of the tremors from under the earth had been dealt with and the city became a lot more stable.

The Formation Grandmasters who were close to their limits earlier found a chance to breathe, but the short interference caused the dipper qi stored in Shang Xias clone to be completely used up.

Even though he was unable to maintain his current state, Shang Xias clone still left the platform and flew towards the chaotic battle happening outside.

The situation outside the city wasnt great at the moment as it was extremely chaotic.

Because of the amount of world origin Shang Xia was absorbing, the Azure Flame Worlds Will started to counterattack directly.

It didnt matter which force of nature it was. Everything was caused by the Worlds Wills backlash.

Creating lightning storms, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other heavenly phenomena wasnt all the Worlds Will did. With the decreasing heaven and earth spiritual qi in the air, the creatures in the Azure Flame World seemed to feel the danger as they started to rush in the direction of the Yanlin City.

Originally, the threat of the Beast Tide that was gathering would be of great threat against the Yanlin City. However, a good portion of the beasts who were stirred up due to their instincts didnt care about friends or foes at the moment. No matter how angry the Worlds Will was, it was nearly impossible to influence the beasts to target a specific party.

Some high level beasts might have some level of intelligence, but with the Beast Tide and Sea Beast Tide at such a massive scale, they were unable to influence it in the slightest. The Beast Tide and

Sea Beast Tide were unable to differentiate between friends and foes. Those from the Azure Ascension World were their enemies, and so were the cultivators of the Azure Flame World! In fact, they even attacked fellow beasts!

By the time the massive beast tides gathered around the city, the creatures were attacking without a care for each other! The experts of the Azure Flame World were also surrounded by the spiritual creatures and were dragged into the mess.

The experts of the Azure Ascension World were actually the ones benefiting from the chaos that was happening outside.

The experts of the Azure Flame World had half a mind to retreat. However, by the time they realized they were surrounded by countless spiritual creatures, it was too late! With the experts of the Azure Ascension World intentionally tangling with them, they were forced to resist the beast tides with everything they could.

By the time Shang Xias clone arrived in the vicinity, the battle was so chaotic and intense that he couldn't tell who was who. He even discovered his divine will warping due to the intense fluctuations.

It was then that a mighty sword qi arrived. It forced a path through the chaotic battlefield without much restraint.

When Shang Xias clone first felt the powerful sword qi, his entire body tensed up as he prepared to fight with whatever combat strength he had left. However, he quickly felt a familiar aura surrounding the sword qi and he heaved a sigh of relief quietly.

Kou Chongxues disheveled self finally emerged from the city as he arrived beside Shang Xias clone.

Staring at Shang Xias clone with a strange gaze, he muttered, Hows the situation at your side?

Understanding how urgent things were, Shang Xias clone didn't hesitate to respond. The Stellar Cauldron is already 70 percent full and is still filling up at the moment. We can leave at any time. Patriarch, you can start recalling everyone to the Holy Land now

Glancing at the chaos before them, Kou Chongxue pressed his lips together and mumbled in a worried tone, Im afraid things aren't going to be this easy

Shang Xia knew what Kou Chongxue was referring to. He wasn't referring to how they would leave the Azure Flame World. Instead, he was worried that gathering everyone from the Azure Ascension World wouldn't be easy.

Shang Xias clone seemed to fall deep into thought, but he managed to form some sort of connection to his true body. After some communication, he muttered, Why don't we let the experts of the Azure Flame World leave?

Huh? Kou Chongxue grunted once before turning to look at Shang Xias clone.

Im afraid they have also suffered catastrophic damage. The moment we stop trying to fight them, they will definitely try to run away the first chance they get. After all, it doesn't matter if we're talking about the Beast Tide or the Sea Beast Tide. They're here to destroy the city and those experts of the Azure Flame World would be more than happy to sit at the side to watch us get destroyed.

They probably cant wait to reap all the benefits after were beaten down by the beast tides Shang Xias clone explained.

Yeah, you said it yourself. Theyre waiting to reap the benefits after were beaten Kou Chongxue raised an eyebrow in response.

Shang Xias clone quickly continued, Yeah? But my true body has already gathered enough world origin!

Hm Kou Chongxue seemed to finally realize Shang Xia wasnt spouting rubbish and he grunted, Continue. Tell me the rest of the plan.

The spiritual beasts are following their instincts at the moment. Even if they barge into the city, they wont know what to do. They wouldnt know how to locate the entrance to the Holy Land either. At the very most, theyll destroy everything in the city. After the experts of the Azure Flame World leave to watch from the side, they will have to force their way through the beast tides if they wish to stop us! By allowing them to leave right now, we will be able to buy ourselves even more time. Shang Xias clone concluded.

Nodding slightly, Kou Chongxue finally agreed with his plan. Alright. Well carry out your plan. Ill help those in trouble to retreat but Im afraid you might also need to make a move when the time comes.

Naturally, Kou Chongxue wasnt referring to Shang Xias clone at the moment. He was referring to Shang Xias true body.

After filling 70 percent of the Stellar Cauldron with world origin, they reached their goal. As such, Shang Xia could stop absorbing world origin whenever he wished to join the battle.

Of course, if the situation permitted, Shang Xia wouldnt mind storing more world origin

Chapter 876: Ding Ding Ding, Round 2!

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In the Beyond Heavens Pavilion above the Azure Ascension World...

With a massive spatial fluctuation that was visible to the eye happening 10,000 miles from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, a massive spatial tunnel that resembled an endless void started to form.

Almost every single Martial Extermination Realm expert and those with higher cultivation realm were stationed in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion at that point as they stared at the giant spatial tunnel that was forming.

Compared to the previous invasion of the Spirit Abundance World where they managed to intercept them 30,000 miles away from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, the Sixth Order Ancestors of the Azure Ascension World seemed to have given up on their resistance. They allowed the spatial tunnel to slowly expand above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion and didnt seem to put up any sort of resistance.

10,000 miles away, the second and third spatial tunnels also started to form.

Despite the formation of those spatial tunnels, there was no sign of any experts from the Spirit Abundance World descending. Those spatial tunnels merely continued to expand.

The Martial Extermination Realm experts in the Beyond Heavens Pavilion could feel the spatial fluctuations clearly at that point and they were starting to feel an oppressive pressure overwhelming them.

“Why... Why didn’t the experts of our world stop the spatial tunnels from forming?”

Many Martial Extermination Realm experts started to whisper among themselves as they turned to their seniors for an explanation.

“How do you know no one tried to stop it?” A Martial Dipper Realm Ancestor growled. “If no one was doing anything, do you really think there will only be 3 spatial tunnels? The exchange between Sixth Order Ancestors isn’t something you can understand!”

“Ancestor, how exactly is the conflict of the Sixth Order Ancestors carried out? Are they fighting in the sea of stars?”

“Ahem... That isn’t something you can understand and there’s no need to think too much about it. All of you should focus on improving your cultivation and strive to refine your Fate Dippers as soon as possible.”

Yet another Martial Extermination Realm expert asked, “If we are unable to do battle outside the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, wouldn’t that mean that our Azure Ascension World will suffer great damages once the battle begins?”

One of the Martial Dipper Realm experts decided to chip in and explain to their juniors, “You might not know what is going on, but the Beyond Heavens Pavilion is the strongest barrier we have against experts of other worlds. Only here would we be able to obtain the greatest advantage of our world. The experts from the Spirit Abundance World will be greatly restrained by the World’s Will when they are here.”

“Why was the previous battle held 30,000 miles away then?” Another Martial Extermination Realm expert asked their senior.

“Back then, the worlds had yet to fully fuse together. If the battle was held right above the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, we might not be able to make full use of our advantage. We were also afraid to interfere with the process of fusion. Moreover, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World who came back then were merely a small part of their fighting strength...”

The Martial Dipper Realm experts of the various factions recounted everything as they thought back to their experiences back then,

“Actually, there’s another reason behind it.” The gazes of many Martial Dipper Realm experts turned to the You Continent as they spoke. Sneers could be seen on their faces. “A good half of the Martial Dipper Realm experts of our world were made to disappear, and they’re the batch who possessed the greatest fighting strength. Of course we can’t face the enemy out there with them gone!”

In the Beyond Heavens Pavilion above the You Continent where there used to only be a lonely pavilion stood multiple structures that contained many defensive properties thanks to the development of the Tongyou Institution.

Ji Wenlong, Shang Bo, and Yun Jing were stationed there at the moment and they gathered every single Martial Extermination Realm expert of the institution.

“The other powers of the Azure Ascension World seem extremely hostile this whole time... Right now, their hostility is starting to turn to malice. I’m afraid that the moment the battle starts, they will move against us in the dark!” Mu Jianyin, who had entered the Martial Extermination Realm some time ago, muttered worriedly to Yun Jing.

Yun Jing didn’t seem too bothered by it. “If the seniors of your faction were sent to another world without knowing it would happen, would you resent whoever did it?”

“But... Those who have ill intentions are basically throwing all the responsibility of the invasion to us. After all, Patriarch Kou and the others are the strongest experts we have...” Mu Jianyin muttered.

Yun Jing glared at Mu Jianyin from the corner of her eye, and Mu Jianyin quickly swallowed whatever she wanted to say. Seeing as Mu Jianyin was no longer speaking, Yun Jing muttered, “There’s no need for you to worry about this. After all, there are still some people who understood Patriarch Kou’s intentions.”

Mu Jianyin didn’t know how to respond and she could only remain silent.

Finally, Ji Wenlong started to explain at the side. Even though it seemed as though he was filling Mu Jianyin in on the details, his explanation was actually for the rest of the institution. “Patriarch Kou chose not to wait for death to approach and he decided to take a gamble. Now that the experts of the Spirit Abundance World have come, they definitely understand that Patriarch Kou and the rest aren’t here to stop them. They definitely didn’t plan to take action so early either and should be doing so in a hurry.”

Many experts of the institution understood what was going on and their emotions were quickly stabilized.

When the disappearance of so many experts who entered the Celestial Remains first filled the Azure Ascension World, the news of Kou Chongxue being the person who planned it all also started to spread. The Tongyou Institution had to endure quite a lot of pressure even though the 4 Elysiums had already tried to block off a portion of the blame.

The next second, a strange question came from Shang Jian who was standing behind Shang Bo. “The spatial tunnel has been open for some time... Why haven’t their experts arrived yet?”

Shang Bo didn’t reply immediately, but his expression turned incomparably serious. A moment later, he muttered in a soft voice, as though he was second guessing himself. “Even though the experts of the Spirit Abundance World aren’t here yet, the spatial fluctuations coming from those tunnels are still expanding...”

He couldn't help but take a deep breath before releasing a sigh, "I'm afraid... Martial Dipper Realm experts aren't the only ones coming this time!"

The experts of the institution weren't the only ones who could think of something like that. The experts of the Elysiums definitely reached the conclusion earlier.

Once again, the pressure they were feeling started to rise. It was a sense of oppression that reached a horrifying level!

This invasion by the Spirit Abundance World would probably involve Sixth Order Ancestors personally descending to take part in the battle!

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When the Azure Ascension World was about to face the second invasion of the Spirit Abundance World, there was chaos in the Azure Flame World. In the city, Kou Chongxue gathered Lu Wuzi, Yifeng, Jiu Du, and Huang Jinghan before working with them to pull their experts out from the beast tides. Separating them from their opponents from the Azure Flame World, the experts of the Azure Ascension World were brought back to the city and they even gave up resisting the damage caused to the city by the beast tides.

The losses they suffered were catastrophic. Half of their Martial Extermination Realm experts were dead, and there were many Martial Dipper Realm experts who had been slain. Lu Wuzi, Jiu Du, Yifeng, and Huang Jinghan also suffered varying degrees of injuries. They also sacrificed their Fate Dipper Clones and experienced a drop in their cultivation realm. If peak-tier experts like them suffered such a fate, there was less of a need to mention the others. There were some who were even forced to regress back to the Martial Extermination Realm due to their injuries.

Even though all of them were in sorry states and they were exuding a strong aura of despair, their divine wills experienced a round of extreme tempering because of it.

One could say that even though all of them suffered a drop in cultivation realms, as long as they were given enough time and resources, they would definitely be able to return to their peak state. In fact, breaking through might not pose a problem.

At the very least, peak-tier experts like Huang Jinghan and the others could feel a new door opening up in front of them. They had a feeling that they would be able to refine their fifth Fate Dipper and step into the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm!

After getting rid of the danger around them and returning to the city, the experts of the Azure Ascension World watched as the experts of the Azure Flame World beat a hasty retreat. They experienced losses no less than their opponents, and they were more than happy to leave the beast tides to the Outsiders.

Even though they knew that it was what the Outsiders wanted as they would be able to buy themselves more time, with so many Martial Sages killed and a large number of Martial Ancestors dead, they had no choice but to take the risk and retreat. There was also no need to mention that the only 2 surviving flying ships had numerous signs of damage on them.

They watched on as the beast tides rushed into the city!

Chapter 877: 80 Percent, Returning.

When the Celestial Remains opened up in the past, more than 40 Martial Dipper Realm experts from the various factions of the Azure Ascension World entered. Counting the Martial Extermination Realm cultivators, they numbered in the 150s.

With Kou Chongxue and the other peak-tier experts providing support, the number of experts of the Azure Ascension World who managed to return to the Yanlin City seemed extremely pitiful compared to the experts who were brought over. There were 26 Martial Dipper Realm experts, and there were barely 70 Martial Extermination Realm cultivators.

They were only able to keep so many Martial Extermination Realm cultivators as the Martial Dipper Realm experts pushed themselves to their limit on the frontlines to provide cover for all of them.

The situation in the Yanlin City wasn't exactly the best. Other than Kou Chongxue who was an unbeatable existence in the Martial Dipper Realm after entering the grand completion stage and Shang Xia who didn't take part in the battle as he was drawing world origin into the cauldron, no one managed to retain their peak combat strength. Every other Martial Dipper Realm expert had their cultivation regressed to some point because of all the injuries or Fate Dipper Clones they sacrificed.

"Can they really not hold out anymore?! If we only rely on the grand formation, we won't be able to hold out for long. The beast tides in the city seem disorganized, but there are too many of them! There are quite a few rank five beasts among them..." Huang Jinghan's gaze was on the beast tides as he muttered softly. His complexion looked alright, and he didn't seem to be in dire straits.

In the great battle earlier, he had to sacrifice a Fate Dipper Clone to live, but it didn't affect him much as he didn't suffer many injuries otherwise. He was well known to possess sturdy life force anyway, and he had the Yuanchen Sword in hand. It was a powerful divine weapon that allowed him to maintain his combat abilities despite what happened.

Kou Chongxue shook his head and explained, "We have suffered grave injuries and a lot of us have reached our limits. Right now, we're close to storing enough world origin and there is no need for us to risk everyone's lives anymore."

After hearing what Kou Chongxue said, Huang Jinghan wasn't the only one who was surprised. The Martial Dipper Realm experts around him were equally as shocked.

"Is that it? Did we gather enough already?!"

"Are you sure we have enough? How do you estimate the amount of world origin needed anyway?"

"How long has it been? I thought that I would be done for after falling into your trap and getting transported here... I didn't think that gathering enough world origin would be done so quickly!"

"That little kid is pretty impressive... The Tongyou Institution seems to have already found a successor!"

A strange smile appeared on Kou Chongxue's face as he mumbled, "I didn't think that he would be able to gather so much world origin so quickly. Right now, we can leave anytime we wish. There's no point risking our lives any longer, but for every second we manage to hold off, we will be able to gather more world origin. We won't lose much anyway!"

"Of course, of course!"

Many Martial Dipper Realm experts heaved a sigh of relief and they quickly agreed with Kou Chongxue. After all, he reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm and was basically an unbeatable existence on the Azure Flame World. Who else were they going to suck up to?

Lu Wuzi glanced at Kou Chongxue and muttered, "Patriarch Kou, this time we return, the ascension of our world is basically guaranteed. Now that your cultivation has reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm and you refined the Origin Holy Artifact, I believe the Tongyou Institution will benefit greatly once you go back... If there is any leftover world origin after our world's ascension, your Tongyou Institution will most likely be able to advance further and become an Elysium once the world recognizes your contributions. When that happens, Patriarch Kou, you should be able to step into the Sixth Order of the Primary Realm, right?"

The moment the words left his lips, there was a subtle change in the atmosphere.

Kou Chongxue roared with laughter and he didn't plan on hiding anything. "Even though it's going to be difficult, if there is an opportunity, I would definitely risk it all and attempt to break through. No matter who is in my place, they wouldn't give up an opportunity like that!"

Kou Chongxue glanced around him and many people started laughing along. There were also some who congratulated him in advance.

It was then that Huang Jinghan spoke again. "When do you plan on starting the Spatial Transfer to send us back to the Azure Ascension World?"

That was what everyone was concerned about too and the laughter quickly stopped as everything turned to look at Kou Chongxue.

In a low voice, his reply came. "Everyone, do you think the Spirit Abundance World would have received the news of us disappearing and taken the chance to attack the Azure Ascension World?"

The expression of those around him changed once again. After all, the thought had been buried in their minds for some time. Kou Chongxue wasn't the only one who could think of something like that.

A question quickly followed, "It hasn't been long since we arrived, and there were no signs of our actions before we were transported over. It should be less than 2 months since we left the Azure Ascension World... Is it really possible for the Spirit Abundance World to take action so quickly?"
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Jiu Du's expression was solemn as he replied, "Don't underestimate the determination of the Spirit Abundance World to take over our world. That's a Spirit World we're talking about and the strength and foundation they possess far surpasses us."

Seeing as the mood was turning weird, Kou Chongxue quickly interrupted with a light chuckle, "Well, the reason why I brought it up in the first place is to remind everyone to take the chance to

recover the best you can before we leave. The moment we return, we might be thrown into battle immediately!”

A pointed laugh escaped Yifeng’s lips. “What the hell are we supposed to do in such a short amount of time? Unless you can send all of us into the Origin Holy Artifact to absorb...”

Before he could finish, he was unceremoniously interrupted by Kou Chongxue. “That’s exactly what I meant. As long as you’re willing, all of you can enter the space within the Origin Holy Artifact and absorb the world origin in there to restore your cultivation or recover from your injuries. When we start the transfer back, I will be able to save a lot of effort to control the rampaging world origin within the cauldron. However, if there is something you need to be concerned about...”

“Hehehe, the moment we enter the cauldron, you will be able to control our fate, right?” Yifeng also interrupted Kou Chongxue before he could finish. He didn’t beat about the bush and spoke about the problem immediately.

Kou Chongxue was taking in the changes in expression of everyone around him, but he didn’t seem concerned about it as he continued, “That’s exactly what I meant. Anyway, if you choose to enter the cauldron, you will be able to restore your injuries by absorbing world origin and lessen the burden you feel during the Spatial Transfer. However, to tell you guys the truth, our Azure Ascension World might be able to ascend to a Spirit World at any time, but I have no idea how much world origin is needed. I can only make a conservative estimate. Under such circumstances, all the world origin contained inside the cauldron counts. After all, the world origin that was used to send all of us here was a terrifying amount!”

Everyone fell silent after hearing Kou Chongxue’s explanation. All of them were starting to weigh the risks of entering the cauldron.

Yifeng’s brain worked differently from the others and he quickly asked another question. “Oh? From what you’re saying, your Origin Holy Artifact can contain quite a few people! How large is the space inside?”

“Huh?” Even Kou Chongxue, who had seen his fair share of weirdness, couldn’t fathom how Yifeng’s brain worked. He was confused about the random question thrown his way.

“What I’m saying is... There are more than 100 cultivators in the city at the moment. Can your Origin Holy Artifact house so many of us?!” Yifeng continued.

He didn’t seem conflicted at all to enter the Origin Holy Artifact even though it meant that Kou Chongxue would be able to control his fate to a certain extent. Instead, he seemed pretty excited to do so.

Kou Chongxue responded immediately. “Of course it can house so many of us. However, those of us with higher cultivation levels might have to give up the empty space within and stay submerged in the sea of world origin. After all, our Martial Extermination Realm cultivators might not be able to withstand the assimilation of world origin if they come into contact with the sea of world origin directly. As such, we will leave the empty spaces to them and those of us who suffered heavy injuries.”

“We have to be submerged in the sea of world origin?” Yifeng wasn’t the only one who looked excited after hearing what he said. Huang Jinghan, Jiu Du, and the other stronger experts seemed to have their interests piqued, it was especially so for Lu Wuzi whose injuries were the worst among those present. His combat abilities suffered the most compared to the rest and he needed a large amount of world origin to recover.

As they were concluding their discussion, none of them showed any repulsion to the idea of entering the Stellar Cauldron any longer.

The next second, a loud rumble came from the Azure Flame World once again. This time, it sounded like the world was ending. The entire world seemed to turn a little murky.

Even though the city contained abundant world origin and heaven and earth spiritual qi, everyone present knew that the density of world origin and heaven and earth spiritual qi in the Azure Flame World dropped once again.

Within the Yanlin Holy Land, the Stellar Cauldron was 80 percent filled!

1. yeah, thats the timeskip when Shang Xia was refining his fate dipper essences and how long it took for the Azure Flame World to gather their troops ?

Chapter 878: Yanlin City’s Troubles

The beast tides were still wreaking havoc in the city.

The moment they entered the city earlier, the dense heaven and earth spiritual qi caused all of them to lose their minds.

Originally, all of their consciousness was nudged by the thought of danger produced by the Worlds Will and it led them to rush over to the Yanlin City from the depths of the Southern Yanlin Continent or the sea.

However, the feeling was instinctual and as simple-minded beasts, they had no idea what their sense of danger was pointing them towards.

After entering the city, they had no idea what to do. Following their instincts, they started to cause widespread destruction. Perhaps by doing so, they would be able to get rid of the feeling of danger in their minds!

Actually, using the beast tides to break into the city wasnt a bad idea at all. If they continued to rampage about, they would eventually find the entrance to the secret region that contained the Yanlin Holy Land. They would also be able to locate the Stellar Cauldron which was the source of the danger they were feeling and eventually destroy it.

When that happened, the Worlds Wills intention of causing the beast tides would be accomplished!

Unfortunately, those beasts didnt know what they were aiming for and were moving about in a chaotic manner. It was a perfect opportunity for the experts of the Azure Ascension World to buy even more time. After all, that was all they needed at the moment.

Perhaps it was because of how the grand formation fused with the many structures in the city, but those spiritual beasts were finding it tough to break each and every structure. They started to fuel their strength into leveling the city as if it were a challenge for them.

The Formation Grandmasters on the platform in the core region of the city placed most of their attention on those structures after observing the behavior of the beast tide. They even created some traps before intentionally weakening the protection of some structures to bait over groups of spiritual beasts. They would draw those beasts over with heaven and earth spiritual qi and get them to attack the fortified structures.

Of course, it wasn't as though all the spiritual beasts would be confused by their actions. There were a few high-level beasts that charged straight through the city and they were lucky enough to find a path strength to the core region of the city.

Unfortunately for them, they were extremely few in number. There were too many beasts in the city and they were charging in all directions. The few beasts who managed to charge straight through couldn't threaten the experts of the Azure Ascension World much and they were quickly dealt with.

Kou Chongxue eventually raised his head to look at the skies above before muttering, I will need to personally start the Spatial Transfer. I will have to trouble all of you to hold the line here

All of a sudden, Yifeng spoke up, Since you need someone to take over your position, why not get our little friend out here to move his muscles a little? He hasn't fought since we entered the heavenly screen, right? If I'm not mistaken, he has been cultivating non-stop while controlling the Origin Holy Artifact. With you as the only exception, our little friend should have benefited the most during this trip. This is the perfect opportunity for us to observe his true abilities.

No one knew if he was intentionally making things difficult for Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia, or if he was pulling a typical random Yifeng move.

Everyone standing around was smart enough to pretend not to hear him as they continued to deal with the situation at hand.

Glancing at Yifeng, a strange smile appeared on Kou Chongxue's face. Alright, it's not like the kid didn't do anything, but honestly, I am also curious about how strong he has become.

He seemed to have thought of something the next moment and he continued, Oh right, all of you are more than enough to protect the core region of the city. We shall send the Martial Extermination Realm cultivators of our world into the cauldron first.

No one raised any objections to that.

In the Yanlin Holy Land, Shang Xia wasn't surprised to see Kou Chongxue's reappearance to take control of the Stellar Cauldron.

According to his calculations, Shang Xia knew that filling the cauldron up three-quarters of the way would be enough. Now that he had surpassed the 80 percent mark, it could be said that he managed to exceed all expectations.

Also, the Stellar Cauldron was a Origin Holy Artifact that had already been refined and the person who truly owned it was Kou Chongxue.

It was fine for Shang Xia to temporarily control the Stellar Cauldron and make use of its basic functionalities when Kou Chongxue gave him the authority to do so. However, if they wanted to complete the Spatial Transfer, Kou Chongxue had to control the artifact personally! There was also no need to mention how Shang Xia was far from comparable to Kou Chongxue now that the old man had reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm. The only thing he would be better at would be controlling world origin which wouldn't be needed in the next phase of their plan.

Even though Shang Xia already expected as much, he couldn't help but grumble after realizing that Kou Chongxue wanted to start the Spatial Transfer. Are we really going to activate it now? From the looks of it, it won't be easy for the beast tides to enter the core region of the city. Why don't we take the chance to continue absorbing world origin? We still have some space left in the cauldron anyway!

Kou Chongxue pretty much expected Shang Xia's response. He didn't bother turning back to look at Shang Xia as he chuckled to himself. It's never good to be too greedy! Sometimes, we need to know when to stop!

Once Kou Chongxue regained control of the Stellar Cauldron, Shang Xia could feel a portion of world origin rolling about inside. Soon after, the space above the cauldron tore apart and transformed into a spatial vortex. A powerful divine will entered the vortex and it seemed to be communicating with something god knows how far away.

As though he could still see the look of regret on Shang Xia's face, Kou Chongxue explained while controlling a portion of world origin within the cauldron. Even though it seems like the World Origin Source of the Azure Flame World seems to be one complete sea of world origin, it's actually split into 4 parts that correspond to each continent. Each of the 4 parts would be able to vaguely communicate with each other.

Shang Xia didn't know the reason Kou Chongxue was telling him all that, but he quietly listened at the side.

The communication between them seems pretty limited and the speed of your absorption has already surpassed the speed at which the other parts of the World Origin Source can replenish the sea of world origin that corresponds to the Southern Yanlin Continent. If we continue to draw world origin, the sea of world origin will dry up eventually. The city won't be the only thing affected when that happens. In fact, more than half the Southern Yanlin Continent might be so damaged that it would sink to the bottom of the ocean Kou Chongxue continued.

Shang Xia didn't doubt Kou Chongxue's analysis. After all, Kou Chongxue was an existence at the limit of what an Azure World could contain. He was at the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm and his understanding of the world was at a different level from anyone else present.

Actually, even Shang Xia could faintly feel the sea of world origin drying up. After they left, the city and hundreds of miles around it would most likely be destroyed and would sink to the bottom of the ocean.

After the explanation, Kou Chongxue also seemed to remember something. Oh right. The moment I start the Spatial Transfer, the heavenly screen will definitely react. The experts of the Azure Flame World who are hiding in the shadows to take advantage of the situation will definitely make their

move then. You should head out to help the rest resist the pressure. However Dont fall into any traps and be wary of everyone!

Shang Xia was slightly taken aback. He seemed to have realized something and a smile appeared on his face as he left the Yanlin Holy Land.

At the same time, in the air above the city, a powerful pillar of light tore through the heavens. It shattered the heavenly screen above and created a mighty vortex in the dense clouds and lightning.

The second the pillar appeared, it was like a beacon that pointed the beasts in the right direction. The plan of those from the Azure Ascension World also seemed to have reached its final phase.

One didnt need to mention the experts of the Azure Flame World if even the spiritual beasts understood what was happening. They knew that the time had come. The experts of the Azure Flame World prepared to take action as the beasts rushed in the direction of the pillar of light.

When Shang Xia appeared, a good majority of the Martial Extermination Realm experts had already entered the space in the Stellar Cauldron.

A strange smile appeared on Yifengs face when he saw Shang Xia. Hehe, little friend, I was planning to see how strong you really are when you fought alone, but from how things are looking, all of us probably have to work together

Shang Xia nodded slightly and stared in the northern direction of the city. 2 massive flying ships that were riddled with damage reappeared as they charged at the experts of the Azure Ascension World with renewed vigor.

At the same time, the beast tides had already surrounded the core region of the city.

What was even more incredible was the fact that most of the beasts avoided the flying ships as they passed.

Is the Azure Flame Worlds Will actually able to influence the behavior of the beasts to such a degree? Several Martial Dipper Realm experts gasped in shock.

Lu Wuzi glanced at whoever spoke earlier and muttered casually, It has nothing to do with that. Theyre just attracted to the pillar of light

The experts gathered together couldnt help but turn to look at the pillar of light that had pierced a hole in the heavenly screen above the Azure Flame World.

The next moment, Jiu Du turned to look at Shang Xia and muttered, Kid, are we able to attack their flying ship again?

Shaking his head, Shang Xia sighed, Junior has already consulted the Formation Grandmasters of our Azure Ascension World. Too many structures have been damaged and the grand formation isnt as powerful as before. Unless the flying ships arrive in the vicinity of the core region of the city, otherwise, we wont be able to project the power of restricting space onto them.

Huang Jinghan, who managed to recover slightly, held the Yuanchen Sword in hand as he growled, We have no choice then. We have to face it head-on. Lets hope that Kou Chongxue can hurry up and start the transfer

Yifeng seemed more interested in Shang Xia than anything else. Ever since he emerged from the Yanlin Holy Land, Yifengs gaze had never left him.

When he saw the look of contemplation on Shang Xias face, he couldnt help but speak up. Kid, you seem to have thought of something! Why dont you share your idea with us?

Oh. Shang Xia grunted once and looked up, only to realize everyone was staring at him. A smile appeared on his face and he chuckled, Why dont we release the suppression of the grand formation on the land beneath us?

As soon as he spoke, everyone narrowed their eyes while staring at him.

He couldnt help but laugh casually while asking, Whats the matter?

Heh! Little friend, youre really sinister However, I like it! Yifeng roared with laughter.

Lu Wuzi nodded in agreement. Since were going to leave and this place will definitely turn into a wasteland, its fine if we

Well, its not going to be easy. Jiu Du interrupted. How can we ensure that the core region would be destroyed along with the rest of the city if we get rid of the suppression?

If all of you trust me, I can give it a shot! Shang Xia chuckled in a low voice.

As the flying ships raced in the direction of the core region of the city, Yuancang Mings expression was ugly to the extreme.

One of his subordinates ran over suddenly to make a hasty report.

Whats the matter? Yuancang Ming didnt seem to possess the same imposing manner he did before. Instead, he sounded a little short of breath. He fought with Kou Chongxue earlier and was struck by the other partys sword qi.

If not for the fact that he had multiple experts beside him to distract Kou Chongxue, he might have had to sacrifice a clone in order to escape with his life.

The Martial Sage who made the report hesitated slightly before whispering, Yanlin Jue He ran away!

Ran away? Where the hell is he supposed to run off to? Wait Ran.

Before he could finish speaking, a heaven-shaking rumble came from the city. A look of shock appeared on Yuancang Mings face.

Turning to stare in the direction of the city, he noticed it crumbling at a terrifying pace. With the exception of the core region, everything hundreds of miles around it was facing utter destruction!

Chapter 879: Pure Luck

The earth vein under the Yanlin City had been showing strange signs a long time ago. If not for the suppression of the Formation Grandmasters, the city might have already been destroyed when the earthquakes struck earlier!

After Shang Xia raised his suggestion, the Martial Dipper Realm experts didnt agree immediately. They wanted to know if the core region of the city would be alright if they released the suppression.

Actually, Shang Xias suggestion wasnt something they never thought of. Many of them had the same thought in mind. However, the moment they released the suppression of the earth vein, they were afraid that the entire region would come tumbling down.

As the core region of the city was located at a key point in the earth vein, it should be the sturdiest region. If not for the fact that they managed to piss off the Worlds Will, the core region of the city wouldnt be destroyed no matter how strong the earthquakes were.

However, the Azure Flame Worlds Will started its self-preservation method and completely gave up the most important earth vein in the Southern Yanlin Continent. The most secure location turned into the most dangerous spot, and the core region of the city that was located at a key spot on the earth vein was the first to be destroyed the moment it collapsed!

What Shang Xia planned to do was to let the rest of the earth crumble while protecting the core region of the city. If they managed to achieve that, they would be able to achieve their goal of stalling the beast tides!

In order to carry out his plan, Shang Xia would have to withstand the strongest tremor from the earth vein below!

The Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Azure Ascension World exhausted a great deal of inner qi after so many battles and they would rather not fight if it was possible. They would rather take the chance to restore their depleted inner qi. Under such circumstances, Shang Xias suggestion was actually the best idea with the premise that he could maintain the core region of the city.

Despite how sure he sounded, many people were feeling a little doubtful. However, the peak-tier experts of the Azure Ascension World who had experienced Shang Xias abilities before chose to trust him. Under the lead of Yifeng, Jiu Du, Lu Wuzi, and Huang Jinghan, the Formation Grandmasters on the platform were deployed to fully support Shang Xia. With his command, they released the suppression of the land below.

The next instant, a violent storm of world origin erupted deep down in the earth.

Earthquakes tore the land apart as lava burst into the air. Seawater that was brought about by the Sea Beast Tide also poured into the land. Hundreds of miles around the core region of the Yanlin City turned into hell on earth.

A good portion of the beast tides were swallowed by the disasters and nearly every single low-level spiritual beast died. Those of the third and fourth ranks suffered heavy losses and not even the fifth ranked spiritual beasts could remain unaffected in the face of such destruction. Fleeing in all directions, a white mist started to fill the area from the mix of lava and sea water. It quickly shrouded the entire region and it even affected ones divine will.

The flying ships that were flying straight for the core region stopped in mid air and it seemed as though they were contemplating if they should throw themselves into the mess.

They stopped for a good second or so, but they eventually chose to push on.

It didnt take long before they flew deep enough into the mist that they could see the core region of the Yanlin City. They were shocked to discover it was mostly intact. The hearts of the experts of the Azure Flame World trembled. They never thought that it would be possible for the Outsiders to survive in the chaos.

However, the core region of the city remaining intact didnt mean that the Outsiders were perfectly alright. They felt that the Outsiders should have been greatly affected by the outburst from the

Worlds Will earlier and they wouldn't retain much of their fighting strength. Perhaps, it was the best time to take them all down!

The experts on the flying ships seemed to have reached the same conclusion as they sped up towards the core region.

In the core region of the Yanlin City, Martial Dipper Realm experts stared at each other in utter shock. Their jaws dropped in fright.

Shang Xia didn't seem to notice the look on their faces as he reached out to recall his Five Element Ring. He sat on the ground and started to circulate his Five Element Art without a care in the world as the dense heaven and earth spiritual energy rushed into his body in an endless tide.

Huang Jinghan coughed lightly at the side, Everyone, the danger of the beast tides has been dealt with, but the experts of the Azure Flame World are still bearing down on us. It's not time to let our guards down yet.

The moment the words left his lips, a loud howl came from a region that had already been covered with water. Rocks, mud, and the water itself burst open as a giant beast that somewhat resembled a tiger or leopard emerged. It was far larger than an ordinary tiger or leopard, and it rushed straight up into the air.

Who would have thought that the flying ships of the Azure Flame World would arrive right on cue? The debris slammed right into them with extreme force.

They were fortunate the ships were built with special materials. There were tons of restrictions drawn on them as layers upon layers of runes flashed. The debris might have caused the ships to sway from side to side, but it didn't cause too much harm.

It was a shame the debris wasn't actually the real threat. The giant beast came crashing straight into them.

Originally, the beast had been buried beneath the earth because of everything that happened. Fortunately, it already reached the fifth rank and despite being buried alive, it was able to promptly deal with the threat. It swallowed the earth around it and after getting over its initial panic, it burst forth with all its might and leaped into the air above.

Who would have thought that before it could rejoice from saving itself, it would slam directly into one of the flying ships of the Azure Flame World?

Desperately swinging its claws around, the beast tried to stop itself from falling as it spun several times in the air. It actually managed to tear a hole in the bottom of the flying ship before rushing through the opening it created.

With the dense mist surrounding the flying ship, the attention of the Martial Sages on it was placed on the core region of the city. None of them expected a rank five spiritual beast to emerge from the ground below and tear its way onto their ship!

By the time they reacted, the beast was already somewhere in the ship. After narrowly escaping death earlier, the beast was completely on edge. It didn't differentiate between friend and foe as it started a massacre the moment it arrived on the ship.

One had to know that there were many low-level cultivators on the ship to maintain its operation. Martial Ancestors and Martial Sages weren't the only ones on board. Facing a rank five spiritual beast that was rampaging about indiscriminately, they were basically fish on a chopping block.

Of course, Martial Sages quickly responded to the appearance of the beast. However, they needed some time to arrive and in several short breaths, dozens of low-level cultivators were slain.

As soon as they arrived, they released their auras all at once. With the auras of several Martial Sages emerging, the rank five spiritual beast received no small amount of shock. It started to run, and it crashed recklessly around the ship. By the time it was finally stopped by the Martial Sages, the flying ship was rocking unsteadily in the air and looked like it would crash the next second.

Chapter 880: They Left?!

The rank five spiritual beast that barged into the flying ship didn't do much damage to the high-level experts on board and it was quickly surrounded and killed.

However, in the short time it was wreaking havoc on the ship, close to half the low-level cultivators on the ship lost their lives.

For a ship of that size to be able to remain flying would require the world of many low-level cultivators.

Now that they lost a good portion of them and allowed the ship to suffer huge damages internally, no matter how strong those Martial Sages were, they couldn't take over the task of maintaining the flight of the ship the whole time. It greatly affected the workings of the ship.

As the giant flying structure wobbled in mid air, it was no longer able to fly as fast as before. The runes on the body of the ship also dimmed greatly and the entire structure started to sink. Even though it still maintained flight, it was no longer as high or fast as before. It quickly lagged behind the other flying ship.

Fortunately, the cultivators on board managed to prevent it from crashing. Due to the limited number of experts on board, they couldn't spare their forces to take part in the city.

On the other flying ship, Yuancang Ming and the others eventually noticed what happened and sent backup over to the other ship. As they were unable to send too many low-level experts over to control the ship, the help they could provide was limited.

The flying ships that were flying towards the core region of the Yanlin City lost their imposing momentum just like that. They slowed down before hovering about a safe distance away.

If we lose another flying ship...

Of the 4 flying ships the Azure Flame World had, 2 were already destroyed. If they lost another, the losses would be too much to bear. With the deaths of so many Martial Ancestors and Martial Sages, their will to continue fighting might be completely destroyed. At that moment, it was already wavering.

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The core region of the Yanlin City resembled a lonely island as the world crumbled around it.

With the flying ships no longer advancing, Shang Xia, who had his eyes closed while recovering, finally opened them. He got to his feet and said, “The situation here no longer requires this junior’s presence. I shall take my leave first. All of you should enter the Holy Land soon...”

After he spoke, he nodded his head once in their direction before turning to leave.

From the time Shang Xia entered the core region of the Yanlin City to the time he returned to the Holy Land, less than an hour passed. However, the situation the experts of the Azure Ascension World faced already experienced a huge change.

After he left, other Martial Dipper Realm experts also started to return to the Holy Land. Huang Jinghan, Lu Wuzi, and the other peak-tier experts remained outside till the end.

Their gazes were fixed in the direction where Shang Xia left. Jiu Du eventually broke the silence, “Are any of you confident of maintaining the core region of the city while allowing the rest of the city to be destroyed?”

His question was naturally directed to the other 3.

Yifeng didn’t seem bothered and he admitted casually, “This daddy here only knows how to kill and fight. Why the hell will I bother with such weird skills?”

Huang Jinghan was a lot more honest and he shook his head while answering the question directly. “I can’t do it.”

Lu Wuzi growled at the side, “The kid’s skills seem really new. It’s of a completely different style from all of us. Even though his skills seem very specialized, I’m afraid he won’t be any weaker than any of us in a real fight.”

Jiu Du sighed in response. “Once we return, our Azure Ascension World will most definitely be able to complete its ascension to a Spirit World. Kou Chongxue will receive the greatest benefit, and we don’t know if he will be able to enter the Sixth Order. With Shang Xia’s abilities, the Tongyou Institution will grow even stronger. Even if they don’t immediately transform their Tongyou Paradise to an Elysium, they will still possess the power of one.”

Everyone fell silent when he was done speaking. A multitude of thoughts flashed through their minds. A moment later, Lu Wuzi turned to stare outside the city. He discovered that the flying ships hadn’t moved. A long sigh finally left his lips. “The situation isn’t looking too great for all of us...”

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In the Yanlin Holy Land, Shang Xia quickly made his reappearance. When he returned to where the Stellar Cauldron was, the rank five Lightning Bird was already standing on his shoulders. With a smile on his face, he nodded at Kou Chongxue before entering the Stellar Cauldron.

Kou Chongxue was more than capable of sensing what happened outside.

By the time Shang Xia returned, almost every single Martial Extermination Realm cultivator of the Azure Ascension World had already entered the cauldron. Their presence made the space left in the cauldron not occupied by world origin seem a little cramped, but that was it. There were still 20 or so Martial Dipper Realm experts who had to enter the cauldron in a short while.

The space might be cramped, but the moment they entered the cauldron, they would no longer have to worry about not being able to absorb enough energy to recover. With how dense world origin was

in the cauldron, it was extremely useful when it came to healing their physical injuries or their depleted inner qi.

After Kou Chongxue regained control of the Stellar Cauldron, he didn't forget to continue sucking world origin from the Azure Flame World after starting the Spatial Transfer.

From what Shang Xia could tell after returning to the cauldron, the cauldron was filled close to 85 percent of the way.

Even though the speed at which Kou Chongxue absorbed world origin was far from Shang Xia, it wasn't exactly too slow. After all, his attention had been used to construct the spatial tunnel to get them out.

When Shang Xia returned, he quickly went over to where Liu Qinglan was. She was still in a coma, and almost every Martial Extermination Realm cultivator of the institution stood beside her.

Of the 6 Martial Extermination Realm experts sent by the institution, it was fortunate that no one died. Most of the credit for their survival had to be given to Shang Xia who provided them with a ton of protective treasures before they entered the Celestial Remains.

Even so, they didn't seem to be in the best of state at the moment. With the exception of Liu Qinglan who suffered the most, and might or might not be able to grow stronger with her damaged foundations, the others also suffered varying degrees of injuries. Dou Zhong and Tian Mengzi had heavy injuries on their bodies, and Yan Ming also seemed to be depleted of inner qi. Only Sun Haiwei looked a little better off. Other than a trace of lethargy, she seemed to have already advanced her cultivation. The only thing Shang Xia couldn't tell right away was if she was at the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm or if she had already comprehended her martial intent.

Eventually, Chu Jia returned to the Holy Land along with the other Formation Grandmasters. The space inside the cauldron became even more cramped.

Arriving beside Shang Xia and the others, she examined Liu Qinglan before turning to Shang Xia. "Oh right, Lu Wuzi, Huang Jinghan, Jiu Du, and Yifeng are the only ones left outside now."

Nodding, Shang Xia turned into a streak of light before rushing out of the cauldron. He went to Kou Chongxue and asked, "Do you need my help?"

Kou Chongxue knew that Shang Xia's true intention was to observe the entire process of the Spatial Transfer in order to build on whatever he had learned, but he shook his head in the end. "Even after the transfer begins, we will need some time before returning to the Azure Ascension World. You need to recover as much as you can and maintain yourself at your peak state."

Pausing slightly, Kou Chongxue turned to look in the direction of the entrance of the Holy Land before muttering, "If my instincts aren't wrong, a huge battle might be waiting for us when we return."

Shang Xia glanced at the entrance of the Holy Land before muttering, "Do you think the Spirit Abundance World will come again?"

"They won't let us return so easily..." Kou Chongxue mumbled while nodding his head.

Shang Xia still wanted to ask, but he swallowed his words suddenly. He saw Lu Wuzi and the rest returning to the Holy Land.

“Oh? I wonder what you’re discussing? From the looks on your faces, it seems interesting!” Jiu Du chuckled in amusement.

The smile on Kou Chongxue’s face didn’t fade. “This old man was telling the kid that the Spirit Abundance World will most likely take the chance where we’re here to attack. Moreover, they won’t let us return so easily...”

They seemed to have already spoken to each other earlier and Lu Wuzi asked, “Patriarch Kou, do you have an idea of what to do?”

“What other ideas can I have? I can only hope that the 4 seniors managed to protect the Star Observatory!” Kou Chongxue laughed.

Strange looks were seen in their eyes as they glanced at each other silently.

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On the floating ships outside the city, Yuancang Ming’s subordinate quickly relayed the news of what happened to the other ship. By the time he turned to look at the core region of the Yanlin City, a desolate light flashed in his eyes.

He could hear their intentions clearly from the report. The many powers who answered his call to arms paid a massive price. The losses they suffered on the other flying ship seemed to have crossed whatever they could accept and they were no longer willing to risk everything to fight the Outsiders.

According to the report, the other flying ship was barely keeping itself in the air. They reported that it was no longer suitable to be used in battle but Yuancang Ming knew that the conclusion was only reached after the experts of the various factions stationed on the other ship were no longer willing to fight.

With the battle dragging out for such a long time, reports from the other continents have already been pouring in.

Other than the first time the world origin and heaven and earth spiritual qi in the Azure Flame World dipped, the other continents didn’t feel much of a difference as the battle dragged on. In other words, only the Southern Yanlin Continent was hit by the subsequent decrease. The other continents weren’t too affected, and they felt that they shouldn’t be too affected in the short term.

Since that was the case, the various powers no longer saw a need to go all out to get rid of the Outsiders!

After all, their homes weren’t the ones on fire!

Moreover, they had a suspicion that the Outsiders were planning to leave.

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The pillar of light that appeared from the city earlier seemed to have stored enough energy. A spatial tunnel was created after the vortex finally faded away, and a loud blast could be heard the next moment. A giant bronze cauldron rose into the air and slammed into the spatial tunnel. Another

vortex of energy formed after the cauldron was gone, but it didn't take long before the heavenly screen and everything else returned to their previous calm.

“Did those Outsiders...”

“... They left?!”

“They left!”

As though to confirm their suspicions, the core region of the Yanlin City started to crumble the next moment. Whatever was left of the city started to sink into the water below.

“Oh no! The entrance to the Yanlin Holy Land...”

Dozens of light streaks appeared above the flying ships and gathered in the direction of the sunken island. The other flying ship that seemed to be wobbling earlier was surprisingly floating stably in the air even after several Martial Sages left.

One of the experts of the Cangming Clan ran over hastily and cried, “Clan leader, should we look for the entrance to the Yanlin Holy Land?!”

Sweeping his gaze across the sea below, Yuancang Ming turned back and growled, “Bring those 2 over...”

A moment later, 2 Martial Extermination Realm experts who had their cultivation sealed were brought over to Yuancang Ming.