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Chapter 941: Forming the Connection

Shang Xia was surprised to see the 4 of them, but it wasn't completely outside his expectations.

He gave his greetings, and they revealed cheery looks when they saw him. They weren't shocked by his arrival either. However, looks of shock flashed in their eyes when they examined him properly.

As expected, Yifeng's maniacal laughter rang through the air. "WAHAHAHA... I knew it! I guessed that Kou Chongxue would definitely send you over. I was right!"

The fuck? Is there even a need to guess that I'll be here? Shang Xia balked inwardly. However, the wide grin on his face didn't fade in the slightest. "We didn't really have too many choices and I had to come... It's a shame our Tongyou Institution hasn't been established for long and we have weak foundations! We're lacking in talent! However, I should be surprised that all of you were sent here. Are the various Ancestors really willing to send experts at your level over in our current situation?"

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Without a doubt, Lu Wuzi, Yifeng, Jiu Du, and Huang Jinghan were the ones who received the next strongest blessing of the world after Kou Chongxue and arguably Shang Xia. Their cultivation levels should have risen sharply as they refined their fifth fate dipper. They also made use of the spirituality of the continent and stepped through the last barrier and comprehended their martial intents! All 4 of them were experts in the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm!

That was also why Shang Xia felt a little strange. Kou Chongxue truly sent him over because he had no choice. He was the only Martial Dipper Realm expert in the Tongyou Institution who was comparable to the 4 of them. None of the others even came close! Of course, comparable was an understatement at that point. He could probably crush them easily.

Also, due to his rapidly rising cultivation, his foundations weren't as stable as the 4 old monsters. It was a little too early to consider breaking through to the Six Direction Realm.

Shang Xia initially thought that the 4 of them would be preparing to advance their cultivation once again and didn't have time to waste on whatever they were supposed to do in the Star Origin City.

With the deep foundations of the 4 Elysiums, they most likely had more experts in the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm. There might even be hidden experts whose cultivation was in the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm! Even if there weren't any initially, some might have been produced after the Spirit Luxuriant World was formed.

At the very least, from what Shang Xia learned from Kou Chongxue, before the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World, the Elysiums sent their core disciples to the Land of Star Origin to avoid the entire confrontation.

Those core disciples received the task of maintaining the inheritance of the Elysium and even if their cultivation weren't comparable to the 4 of them, they wouldn't be too far off. They had the qualifications to represent their Elysiums, but none of them showed their faces.

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Hearing Shang Xia's question, all of them maintained smiles on their faces and no one could see through their actual thoughts.

Eventually, Jiu Du muttered, “They might be thinking about strengthening our Spirit Luxuriant World by sending us over!”

Including Shang Xia, the Spirit Luxuriant World sent 5 super experts in the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm over. From a certain point of view, their appearance could bring about a massive ripple in the Star Origin City. It might be even stronger than when a Martial Void Realm True Immortal or two were to come!”

Whatever it was, those 4 were probably aware of the true reason they were sent over.

Shang Xia’s gaze swept across Lu Wuzi and he thought to himself, *The others might have their reasons... hehe, this fellow is probably afraid he would be devoured by Master Xuansheng after he advances in the Spirit Luxuriant World...*

After the Spirit Abundance World was forced to retreat, the news of how Zhang Xuansheng entered the second tier of the Martial Void Realm was revealed. He devoured the void origin and soul of another Martial Void Realm expert of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect who was pushed to advance during their period of peace back then.

As the person most likely to enter the Martial Void Realm in the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Lu Wuzi was probably afraid he would become the next sacrifice for Zhang Xuansheng to grow stronger once again.

At the very least, if he advanced like the expert before him, it would be much easier for Zhang Xuansheng to kill and devour him! After all, he was way stronger than before.

Huang Jinghan stretched his back and broke the silence, “Alright, since we’re here now, we can finally carry out the matter of connecting a fixed spatial tunnel from our Spirit Luxuriant World to the Star Origin City!”

“Right, let’s not waste any more time.” Jiu Du added.

A strange cackle left Yifeng’s lips. “I’ve already notified the Star Origin Guards in charge of protecting the Star Relay. They should be here soon.”

As soon as the words left his lips, Shang Xia discovered a slight fluctuation not too far away. He turned his head to look at a corner in the massive hall made of stone and saw a bald elder stepping out from behind a pillar. He was clad in Star Robes and he was slightly taken aback by Shang Xia’s gaze.

Shang Xia quickly bowed, “Greetings, Senior...”

The others also noticed Shang Xia’s actions and turned to give their greetings.

Chuckling softly, the elder told them to be at ease. However, he swept his gaze across all 5 of them and examined them carefully. A look of shock soon appeared in his eyes. From the aura they emitted, he could tell that all 5 of them had comprehended their martial intents! All of them were in the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm

How is this possible?!

Isn’t the Spirit Luxuriant World who just made the application a Spirit World that existed for less than 5 years?

Even powerful Spirit Worlds that existed for a long time should find it difficult to bring out so many experts at this level, right?!

The elder was a Martial Void Realm expert and despite his surprise, he maintained a casual expression on his face and he sighed softly, "All of you should be the cultivators who applied to open the fixed spatial tunnel to your Spirit Luxuriant World, right? I heard that you managed to resist the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World during your world ascension. It's truly an impressive feat!"

The members of the Spirit Luxuriant World shot each other a glance, and Huang Jinghan, who had the steadiest demeanor, replied, "Senior, we wouldn't dare to receive your praise. The Spirit Abundance World didn't go all out against us. We had to go all out and risk everything in order to make them retreat temporarily..."

The bald elder nodded with satisfaction. Huang Jinghan's response was neither servile nor overbearing. Not only did he respect the other party's strength, he wasn't arrogant that they managed to fight back. At the same time, he also displayed their powerful desire to defend their world at any cost.

"Hm..." Grunting once, the bald elder seemed to think of something and he continued, "You can call me Liu Jiuzhen. I am the Second Captain of the First Camp. Over there, I'm also known as Baldy Liu!"

Huang Jinghan and the others naturally wouldn't dare to call him that. Looking at each other and shooting Yifeng a warning gaze, everyone greeted him in unison. "We greet True Immortal Liu!"

"Hehe... There's no need for such formalities!" Liu Jiuzhen waved his hand and muttered, "Of the worlds that formed an official connection to the Star Origin City, there are 2 Essence Worlds, 4 Spirit Worlds, and 7 Azure Worlds. The Spirit Worlds that are connected are the Spirit Abundance World, Spirit Tinkle World, Spirit Thistle World, and the Spirit Mammoth World. The Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance Worlds are the closest to becoming an Essence World. In order for them to take the next step, both worlds are in constant conflict. The Spirit Tinkle World and Spirit Thistle World are usually swept up in the storm and would usually be baited to side with either of them."

"Of course, those worlds aren't the only ones who formed alliances with the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World. They existed for thousands of years, and our Star Origin City barely crossed the 1000 year mark of existence."

The Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World were no fools. They bowed once again. "Many thanks for True Immortal Liu's guidance!"

Liu Jiuzhen waved his hands and muttered, "It's nothing. I'm getting old and like to nag. As long as you don't find me annoying, that would be great. Alright. Since you wish to open the spatial tunnel, please follow me!"

Huang Jinghan and the rest quickly followed behind him.

It didn't take long for them to arrive beside a massive stone platform that was surrounded by many stone pillars.

There were 6 Martial Dipper Realm experts clad in Star Robes already waiting for them when they arrived.

Shang Xia looked at them before turning back to True Immortal Liu. He understood that the 7 of them made up a squad in the First Camp of the Star Origin Guards.

According to Luo Qi's explanation, any squad would be able to suppress most experts under the Martial Void Realm. If they didn't have a Martial Void Realm expert among them, an entire camp of 49 people would be able to resist a Martial Void Realm expert. With True Immortal Liu, the moment they formed their battle formation, they would most likely be able to suppress a Martial Void Realm True Immortal or two.

Of course, that would depend on how strong their opponent really was.

Shang Xia couldn't tell how strong Liu Jiuzhen was with his sense of sight alone, but there was no way he would dare to try anything more.

"Fellow cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World, this is the foundation of the formation used to maintain the spatial tunnel in the Third Void Hall." Liu Jiuzhen explained while pointing at the platform before him.

The platform was 200 to 300 feet wide, and there were complex carvings on its surface. It formed a massive formation.

Even though Shang Xia wasn't extremely adept at the art of formations, he had been interacting with Chu Jia for a long time. He wasn't clueless about formations either. He might not be able to see through the entire formation, but he could tell where the eye of the formation was!

There were dozens of indentations at the corner of the formation.

"Fellow cultivators, I believe you brought along the Void Imprint of the Martial Void Realm experts of your world. Once I activate the formation and establish a connection with them, Please place high-grade essence crystals in every indentation. Once that happens, we will be able to establish the fixed spatial tunnel and you will be able to activate it from your side. You won't need the Martial Void Realm experts to act personally any longer." Liu Jiuzhen explained while gesturing towards the 36 indentations along the formation.

36 high-grade essence crystals were no small sum!

Despite their preparations, Huang Jinghan and the others still felt a sense of profound heartache when they heard how many were needed.

Lu Wuzi asked suddenly, "Do we have to use 36 high-grade essence crystals every time we need to activate the spatial tunnel in the future?"

"Of course not. In the future, all you need is to use 36 mid-grade essence crystals." Liu Jiuzhen smiled.

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World heaved a sigh of relief. 36 mid-grade essence crystals might not be a small sum, but it was still within an acceptable range.

Jiu Du seemed to recall something and he asked, "How many people can pass through the spatial tunnel each time?"

"No more than 10 cultivators under the Martial Void Realm can be transported each time." Liu Jiuzhen responded.

"That's too little!" Yifeng blurted out without thinking.

With a wide smile on his face, Liu Jiuzhen turned to explain, "Actually, I didn't explain myself properly earlier. We need to activate the spatial tunnel from both sides, and you need to use 36 mid-grade essence crystals here. From your world, you will also need at least 36 mid-grade essence crystals to start the transfer."

"At least 36?" Shang Xia caught the key point instantly.

Liu Jiuzhen explained patiently, "If the Formation Grandmaster in your world isn't up to par, you might need to use a lot more essence crystals in order to activate the formation. You might even need your Martial Void Realm experts to give you a short boost when the time comes."

Liu Jiuzhen couldn't help but shake his head and chuckle after mentioning the last part.

Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and continued asking, "Is it possible to hire the Formation Grandmasters of the Star Origin City to activate the formation?"

Turning serious, Liu Jiuzhen muttered, "Of course it's possible! Actually, there are Formation Grandmasters in the city. There are even rank five Formation Grandmasters available! The only problem is... Are your Martial Void Realm experts willing to expose your world to a spatial tunnel controlled by Formation Grandmasters of other factions?"

Shang Xia decided to keep quiet after thinking of the possibilities.

Seeing their reaction, Liu Jiuzhen eventually chuckled softly, "Alright, please place your essence crystals into the formation!"

36 high-grade essence crystals were thrown out in a flash. All of them were comparable to the Fate Dipper Fragment Shang Xia obtained in the past.

No one knew how the Martial Void Realm Ancestors of the Spirit Luxuriant World came to their agreement, but whatever it was, Lu Wuzi took out 10 pieces from the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. Yifeng of the Eternal Palace, along with Jiu Du of the Divine Capital Sect, took out 8 each. Shang Xia and Huang Jinghan produced 5 each.

With 36 high-grade essence crystals in place, Liu Jiuzhen spoke. "Please stand in the middle of the platform. I will activate the formation with my fellow Star Origin Guards and attempt to use the Void Imprints to contact your Martial Void Realm True Immortals before stabilizing the spatial tunnel."

Shang Xia and the others went over obediently and noticed Liu Jiuzhen's robes puffing up all of a sudden. It turned into a Star Curtain that sparkled in mid air before shooting into the skies above.

Chapter 942: Fifth Spirit World!

The moment Liu Jiuzhen and the Star Origin Guards activated the Spatial Formation, Shang Xia managed to accurately determine Liu Jiuzhen's cultivation level!

He was a second tier Martial Void Realm expert! His cultivation was comparable to Yang Taihe and Liu Jidao who advanced after the ascension of their world!

When Liu Jiuzhen and the rest of the Star Origin Guards around him released their power to activate the spatial tunnel, the aura that descended vaguely surpassed Dugu Yuanshan, the strongest expert Shang Xia knew!

Dugu Yuanshan of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake of the Spirit Abundance World was a true powerhouse at the third tier of the Martial Void Realm. Even in a peak-level Spirit World like the Spirit Abundance World, he was considered one of their strongest experts!

Liu Jiuzhen was able to surpass that level, and that proved that the squad possessed battle prowess closing in on that of the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm when their battle formation was fully activated!

On the surface, Liu Jiuzhen looked like he would be able to burst forth with the abilities of an expert who was one small cultivation realm higher than his original level. However, it proved that the Star Origin Guards' battle formation was extremely powerful when considering the fact that the other experts part of the battle formation were merely Martial Dipper Realm cultivators.

From that point alone, the battle formation that could be used by those wearing Star Robes could be considered a peak-level battle formation!

As the Spatial Formation beneath the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World started to activate, the Void Imprints they possessed started to display its might.

Lu Wuzi had Zhang Xuansheng's Void Imprint, and it was made from a single strand of the Ancestor's Void Origin Qi. A Scarlet Tortoise quickly crawled onto his shoulder.

Yifeng's sword started to hum and when he drew it, he carved out an exquisite-looking palace in the void in front of him. It looked similar to the Eternal Elysium back in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Jiu Du simply opened his palm as a ball of brilliant light appeared before condensing to form a Nine Storied Pagoda.

As for the Void Imprint given to Huang Jinghan by Liu Jingsheng, it seemed a lot more elementary compared to what the others used. It was a simple writing of the word 'Chen' from the Yuanchen Sect on the back of his hand.

Kou Chongxue's Void Imprint was also activated as Shang Xia retrieved a Spirit Extermination Gourd from his sleeves and a small flying sword emerged.

With all 5 Void Imprints gathered, Liu Jiuzhen could make use of the Spatial Formation to look for the precise location of the Spirit Luxuriant World in the vast sea of stars. When he formed a connection with the Martial Void Realm True Immortals there, they would be able to start the construction of the spatial tunnel.

Powerful spatial ripples emerged from the Spatial Formation and the moment they appeared, Huang Jinghan and the others had no choice but to step off the platform. They retreated a good distance away to observe the spatial tunnel being constructed.

In the center of the platform, space started to fold and every layer seemed to reveal a strange sight in the vast sea of stars. Liu Jiuzhen was making use of those Void Imprints to locate the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World, and the next moment, the Void Imprints started to soar into the air above the platform as though to help Liu Jiuzhen locate their owners.

It didn't take too long as the Void Imprints jerked violently before a powerful aura descended. That was the sign that the Void Imprints had formed a connection to their owners! Indicating that the location was found, Liu Jiuzhen grunted loudly, "Nice!"

The next second, the Star Curtain above the platform trembled as starlight seemed to be dragged into the spatial folds all around.

The illusory-like image of the starry stars in the sky was frozen in place suddenly as everything seemed to be dragged closer and closer. The speed at which everything was moving also seemed to speed up with each passing second and eventually, the various stars formed streaks of light that extended into the stone platform.

No one knew how long had passed, but the movement seemed to stop abruptly. The mesmerized look in their eyes disappeared as a familiar-looking patch of space appeared before the eyes of those from the Spirit Luxuriant World.

It looked familiar enough as they had seen the sights from their respective Beyond Heavens Pavilion in the past, but it was their first time seeing their own from another angle.

Staring at the other end of the spatial tunnel, the 5 of them could tell that it was tens of thousands of miles away from the Beyond Heavens Pavilion, but still pretty close to the world in general.

Yifeng's laughter rang in Shang Xia's ears the next moment. "Three Unity Island... Hehe... They actually connected the other end of the spatial tunnel to it..."

Shang Xia recalled how he passed the Three Unity Island when he was returning to the You Continent and sent his voice transmission to the others. "Why do I feel like there's something off with the position of the Three Unity Island?"

Yifeng's soft chuckle entered Shang Xia's ears again. "Seems that way, but after the war back then, the Martial Dipper Realm experts of our factions have been doing some moving. They went to gather a bunch of asteroids and land masses before throwing them around the Three Unity Island to form a giant maze. There are even hidden formations guarding the entire region."

"Obviously, they don't fully trust the Star Origin City even with their strong foundations." Huang Jinghan interrupted suddenly. His tone was extremely serious as he continued, "After all, we just ascended to a Spirit World and it doesn't hurt to be too careful."

Shang Xia didn't say anything anymore. His attention was quickly drawn to the stone platform again.

That was because he felt Kou Chongxue's aura, along with the rest of the Martial Void Realm Ancestors. He was extremely sure that he was feeling the aura of the experts themselves and not their Void Imprints.

Liu Jiuzhen's voice rang through the air the next moment, verifying his guess. "Fellow cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World, is that you? I am Liu Jiuzhen from Star Origin City and I would like to greet all of you."

A moment later, a distorted sound wave passed through the void and rang across the platform. "Well met, True Immortal Liu! I am Yang Taihe of the Eternal Palace and True Immortal Li Jidao of the Divine Capital Sect is beside me. The others are True Immortal Zhang Xuansheng of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, True Immortal Liu Jingsheng of the Yuanchen Sect, and True Immortal Kou Chongxue of the Tongyou Institution. We greet True Immortal Liu!"

Liu Jiuzhen laughed, "Fellow True Immortals, there's no need for such formality. I, Liu Jiuzhen, would like to congratulate you on behalf of our Star Origin Lord for successfully becoming a Spirit World. I hope that with the successful construction of this spatial tunnel, we can establish a better relationship. Anyway, let's not waste any more time and we should establish the spatial tunnel first. It's not too late to converse after it's done."

A moment later, Yang Taihe's voice came once again. He didn't speak too much and he simply acknowledged everything Liu Jiuzhen said with a simple, "Yes."

After he spoke, brilliant light lit up the Star Curtain above the platform. A large amount of energy emerged from the platform and smashed into the violent spatial fluctuations descending from above. Eventually, they fused with each other.

If both sides were using the might of their cultivation level at the Martial Void Realm to communicate with each other, there was no longer a need for that as they were stabilizing the spatial tunnel. They would truly connect the Star Origin City to the Spirit Luxuriant... To the Three Unity Island outside the Spirit Luxuriant World.

From a certain perspective, they would exhaust a lot more resources connecting the spatial tunnel to the Three Unity Island instead of the Spirit Luxuriant World itself.

As Liu Jiuzhen continued to release his energy and the spatial fluctuations continued to rise, Huang Jinghan and the others had no choice but to leave the Void Hall in order to avoid getting swept up in it.

Only then did Shang Xia and the others realize there were many experts in the Star Relay observing the disturbance. The second they stepped out from the Void Hall, they attracted everyone's attention.

Shang Xia raised his head to look at the skies above the hall and saw that it had already turned into a region of chaos.

Numerous voice transmissions rang in his ears the next moment as the experts gathered around tried to ask about their origins and what was going on in the Void Hall.

"Enough. Everyone, please take 100 steps back!" A cold voice rang from inside the Void Hall.

There were 2 other squads of Star Origin Guards in the area and they were led by a slightly short female captain. With 14 Star Origin Guards spreading out, everyone took 100 steps back. Shang Xia and the others were no exception.

Some of the cultivators in the crowd who were a little more familiar with the female captain couldn't help but ask, "Captain Feng, what's going on in there?"

Her chilly voice rang through the air the next moment. However, that seemed to be her usual self as there wasn't any sort of malice or anger hidden in it. "All of you are really lucky. Today, our Star Origin City is forming a stable spatial tunnel with a fifth Spirit World. It's an event that hasn't happened in hundreds of years!"

After she spoke, she turned to stare at the space above the Void Hall. One had to know that she was an expert at the same level as Huang Jinghan and the others.

"The fifth Spirit World to connect to the Star Origin City?" Someone in the crowd wondered out loud. "Is this a new Spirit World? If they just ascended, there might be huge opportunities there!"

Shang Xia and the others quickly became the center of attention again. However, there were less cautious looks this time. Even with their cultivation at the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm, they were unable to control their greed.

The next moment, multiple Martial Void Realm aura descended from the void. Liu Jiuzhen, who was controlling the chaotic space above the Void Hall on his own earlier, was no longer the only Martial Void Realm expert they felt!

Shang Xia clearly sensed the looks of greed disappearing the moment the power auras descended.

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The auras of 5 Martial Void Realm experts descended on Spirit Origin City and signaled the completion of their spatial tunnel construction.

As soon as their auras were felt, many experts in the crowd rushed to restrain their greed.

The experts with sharper senses sense that Huang Jinghan and the rest were in the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm, and even though being at that level didn't mean that they would enter the Martial Void Realm for sure, as long as a few of them successfully broke through, the strength of the new Spirit World would probably be comparable to the Spirit Thistle World...

Also... If the new Spirit World could send so many experts at the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm to the Star Origin City, they might have even more of them back at home!

The more they thought about it, the greed in their hearts was quickly squashed.

Seeing as the process was almost complete, Captain Feng decided to reply their question from earlier. "Indeed. This is a new Spirit World and they just completed their ascension not too long ago."

Her response roused the flame in their hearts again.

Although... How can a newly ascended Spirit World possess 5 True Immortals?!

That was the first thought running through their minds. After all, in ordinary circumstances, a newly ascended Spirit World would be considered to be doing quite well if they had a Martial Void Realm True Immortal or two.

If there were 3 Martial Void Realm True Immortals, the Spirit World would be considered to possess strong foundations and possess enough capabilities to grow even stronger.

For there to be 5 Martial Void Realm True Immortals... They felt that Captain Feng was messing with them.

Seemingly able to read their thoughts, Captain Feng added, "Actually, it hasn't been 4 years since they ascended to a Spirit World from an Azure World!"

Less than 4 years?!

Many thoughts started to form in the hearts of those experts around the Void Hall. Their thoughts were mostly filled with greed though. That was because the more recently a world ascended, the more treasures they would possess. There were more chances to obtain rare treasures and the new Spirit World might also possess treasures that could only be found there!

If they were able to enter the new Spirit World and go on a looting spree... Or if they took advantage of the experts from that world who didn't know much about those new treasures, they would be able to make a fortune!

Cultivation was an arduous process and the higher one's cultivation level became, the more difficult it would be to grow stronger. Most of the time, the path ahead would be veiled in a layer of fog, or one might have even reached the end of the path they were traveling. Those people would be crazy enough to risk it all and try whatever method it took for a chance to grow stronger again!

Shang Xia didn't know what many of them were thinking about, but he could sense the violently fluctuating feelings of those standing around. Someone took the chance when Captain Feng wasn't speaking any more to ask, "Captain Feng, how should we address this new Spirit World? After the spatial tunnel is established, are we able to enter and trade with them?"

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World weren't rookies in the cultivation world and they knew exactly what those assholes were planning. Shang Xia and the others quickly expanded their divine wills to look for the person who spoke but to no avail. They seemed prepared and their voice quickly disappeared along with their presence. There were even some strange fluctuations in the region created by other experts to disrupt them whether intentional or not.

On Captain Feng's well-rounded face, a mocking sneer seemed to appear, "Oh. This new Spirit World is called the Spirit Luxuriant World and If I'm not mistaken, they were called the Azure Ascension World before they ascended."

The Spirit Luxuriant World naturally had to communicate with the Star Origin City before they could form the connection and it was no surprise they had their information.

As soon as the words left Captain Feng's lips, a formless clamor broke out among the crowd. It was as though a bucket of cold water was thrown over them.

Someone gasped in shock, "Azure Ascension World? Are they the ones who caused a huge stir back in the Star Origin City when they resisted the invasion of the Spirit Abundance World twice?!"

"From what I know, that's exactly what happened. The second time they were invaded was also before they truly ascended to a Spirit World!" Captain Feng grinned.

"Hiss..."

Sharp intakes of breath could be heard. However, there were some who didn't seem to believe her and yelled in annoyance, "Captain Feng, are you messing with us?!"

Was it really possible for an Azure World to resist 2 invasions from the Spirit Abundance World?! It was even before they fully became a Spirit World!

Even if the Spirit Abundance World didn't go all out, they were still the freaking Spirit Abundance World! They were ranked second among the 4 Spirit Worlds connected to Star Origin City and there were many experts who felt that they weren't actually too much weaker than the top ranked Spirit Mammoth World. The individual combat strength of the experts in the Spirit Abundance World seemed to be even stronger than that of the Spirit Mammoth World!

There were many experts from Spirit Worlds who came to the Star Origin City and even though they didn't expose the coordinates of their world, it didn't affect the fact that they were still from Spirit Worlds! After taking the strength of the Spirit Abundance World into account, they could tell that the Spirit Abundance World was definitely ranked at the peak of Spirit Worlds.

Even if an existence at their level didn't go all out, taking care of an ordinary Spirit World should be a walk in the park, much less an Azure World...

However, reality taught them a harsh lesson. Not only did the newly ascended Spirit World manage to resist an invasion from the Spirit Abundance World, but they did it twice!

What a fucking joke!

Who the hell wants to mess with a freak of a world like that?!

Even though many people were throwing questions at Captain Feng, she maintained her aloof expression and she muttered in her cold voice, "Do you guys really think that the senior True Immortals from the Spirit Luxuriant World would dare to establish a fixed spatial tunnel with our Star Origin City if they weren't absolutely confident in their strength?"

Only then did Shang Xia and the others know what was going on. The Star Origin City was intentionally making the Spirit Luxuriant World look good so that they could establish their prestige among cultivators who were only planning to fish in troubled waters! It was extremely important for them to do something like that to ensure the stability of the city!

When everyone was wondering how they should establish a connection with the Spirit Luxuriant World, another change happened above the Void Hall.

More accurately, the change was happening above the entire Star Relay!

Powerful auras descended on the Void Halls in the Star Relay and every one of them had a cultivation realm in the Martial Void Realm!

... Naturally, the true bodies of those experts wouldn't come. Instead, they sent their projections over.

Even so, the appearance of so many powerful auras around the Star Relay caused the formless barrier around the region to activate. It appeared with full power, but even so, they started to ripple violently.

Silence descended on the Star Relay and everyone present was too shocked to speak. Even Shang Xia and the others felt their hearts pounding in their chests.

It was then that a powerful Star Curtain emerged from the Void Hall and the captains of the 2 squads standing by outside rejoiced. They immediately activated their Star Robes and fused their strength with the Star Curtain above to cover the sky.

Shang Xia could clearly feel that Liu Jiuzhen's strength, which had already slightly surpassed the third tier of the Martial Void Realm earlier, was growing even stronger. It became infinitely close to an expert at the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm and he quickly suppressed a good portion of the aura of the experts who arrived.

Naturally, that was because those existences didn't show their true body. Otherwise, there would be too many of them! Even with the Star Origin Battle Formation, Liu Jiuzhen wouldn't be able to suppress them all!

Of course, Liu Jiuzhen's increase in combat strength wasn't just for show. He truly possessed considerable power at the moment and everyone couldn't help but gasp at the change even if they knew he wouldn't be able to suppress all the Martial Void Realm experts if they came personally.

The Star Origin City is actually so powerful!

One had to know that Liu Jiuzhen was merely 1 of the many Martial Void Realm experts in the Star Origin Guards! Everyone knew that there were at least 3 more existences of that level! Moreover, they had many more squads in the Star Origin Guards...

The moment Liu Jiuzhen made his move to suppress the multiple auras that appeared, Star Curtains rose into the air from various directions in the city. They raced towards the Star Relay and soon, half the city was covered by them.

"Fellow True Immortals... What is the meaning of this?"

Liu Jiuzhen's mild voice was transmitted through the various spatial tunnels created by the Martial Void Realm experts who arrived and rang clearly in their ears.

Chapter 944: Guard Commander

"Fellow True Immortals... What is the meaning of this?" With the additional support from the rest of the Star Origin Guards, Liu Jiuzhen grew a lot stronger. Nothing stopped him from questioning the experts who arrived.

"Hehe... I heard that a new world connected to the Star Origin City and it's something that hasn't happened in hundreds of years! I was overjoyed at the news and decided to come over to take a look for myself! True Immortal Liu, there's no need to lower my spirits!" An elegant voice rang in the air above the platform and seemed to blame Liu Jiuzhen for not understanding the situation.

A soft chuckle left Liu Jiuzhen's lips. "Heh... It's fine if anyone else comes. I couldn't care less. However, it's a different story now that you, the Imperial Uncle of the Dajun Dynasty's Emperor, came. I can't help but think back to the grudge your Spirit Abundance World has with their Spirit Luxuriant World."

The elegance in the voice disappeared and a mocking sneer emerged. "Heh, why do you care? Liu Jiuzhen, are you thinking about interfering with the conflict regarding our world?"

“Our Star Origin City will not interfere in any conflict, but you’re not allowed to cause trouble here!” Liu Jiuzhen also turned serious when facing the powerful existence.

A chuckle filled the air the next moment and the Imperial Uncle of the Dajun Dynasty’s Emperor clearly didn’t seem to care about the warning. However, he didn’t say anything else.

The next moment, a calm voice rang above the Void Hall. “Immortal Liu, you’re too sensitive. With the Star Origin Lord’s overwhelming strength, there’s no need for you Star Origin Guards to threaten us.”

His tone was clearly unfriendly, but his words made it clear that he had nothing against the Star Origin City. He seemed to only be targeting Liu Jiuzhen and there was some element of mockery contained within insinuating that Liu Jiuzhen was merely masquerading around by borrowing the prestige of the Star Origin Lord.

That didn’t stop Liu Jiuzhen from retorting. “Heh, True Immortal He, you really came over from the Spirit Tinkle World. From what I’ve heard, True Immortal He has always been firm and stable when dealing with matters. Right, weren’t you also one who gained your fame through the help of your seniors? Hehe... You truly widened my horizons today... To think that you would use the same term on me...”

“Asshole! How dare you humiliate me?!” The calm voice turned into an enraged cry. Powerful spatial ripples appeared in the skies above the stone platform and it seemed as though True Immortal He would pass through space to personally descend on the Star Origin City to deal with Liu Jiuzhen.

Looks of fear appeared on the faces of those who surrounded the Void Hall and many of them turned pale from the impending threat.

A gentle and feminine voice eventually emerged from the void. “True Immortal He, why are you getting all worked up for? All of us are just joking around with each other. Are you really going to embarrass yourself in front of our juniors? If you continue to mess around with space, even I won’t be able to send any more voice transmissions over...”

As soon as her voice arrived, a sea of stars filled the air and the spatial fluctuations died down immediately.

A cold snort came from True Immortal He, but he no longer spoke after that.

Instead, Liu Jiuzhen was the next to speak. He seemed to be fawning a little as he muttered, “I didn’t think that True Immortal Lu Yan would also come. Apologies, I forgot that the Void Hall connected to the Spirit Tinkle World and Spirit Thistle World is the same...”

True Immortal Lu Yan didn’t seem impressed by Liu Jiuzhen but her voice still remained gentle and cool. “True Immortal Liu, you exaggerate. Even if the Void Hall we are connected to are the same, there’s no way the Void Hall personally designed by the Star Origin Lord would be damaged. Anyway... I understand your goodwill by protecting this place well...”

Liu Jiuzhen laughed in response, “Of course! I have to defend it to the best of my abilities. However, because of the short argument with some people... I’m afraid the essence crystals I’m going to receive in the next cycle will be greatly reduced...”

For someone of his status to publicly bring up something like that was a clear indication that he was shooting for True Immortal He's compensation for whatever he had done earlier.

The Star Origin City was able to maintain its position among the various worlds not just because of its strategic location. The Star Origin Lord's overwhelming strength was the most important factor and the rules he set were law in the city. The Star Origin Guards were the executioners of the law and they did everything by the books!

A cold snort came from one side of the platform, but the True Immortals present understood that it was True Immortal He's acknowledgment of whatever Liu Jiuzhen said.

True Immortal Lu Yan's voice rang through the skies again. "Right, it's not like I completely disagree with Imperial Uncle Xiong and True Immortal He either. For the record, it's truly been a long time since a world was connected to the Star Origin City. It's lonely in the vast sea of stars and all of us are bored to death. We don't interact much and we're out of topics to talk about to those we know. For example, True Immortal Liu and True Immortal He... Aren't you sick of each other already? Shouldn't we host an exchange of some sort?"

Soft laughter came from the space above the platform and from the sound of it, the many True Immortals who gathered were very entertained by the confrontation.

True Immortal Lu Yan continued, "Now that we finally have new people to join our ranks, they can bring a fresh perspective to this pool of stagnant water. We should take this chance to properly interact with each other. At the very least, it's better than arguing like children every time we meet. True Immortal Fei Zhang, what do you think?"

"Hah! This old man thinks that True Immortal Lu Yan makes sense!" A powerful voice rang through the air. "I was afraid of interrupting True Immortal Liu's construction of the spatial tunnel with our fellow cultivators from the Spirit Luxuriant World and didn't dare to speak earlier. Anyway... Right. True Immortal Lu Yan makes sense, but I feel like we should consider the opinions of our fellow cultivators from the Spirit Luxuriant World. After all, they're the people we're actually talking about, hahaha..."

True Immortal Fei Zhang's voice seemed extremely jarring to the ears, but he seemed to be signaling his goodwill to the members of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

His identity seemed extremely special as well. After he spoke, many True Immortals who hadn't shown themselves immediately agreed.

In the skies above the Star Relay, Martial Void Realm experts from the various worlds started to interact with each other. In the wide plaza below, the various juniors were awestruck. None of them had ever witnessed such a grand scene and they focused on everything that was going on for fear of missing anything.

Among them, Shang Xia seemed to notice 2 very important things that stood out.

The first was the fact that more than 10 spatial tunnels formed after True Immortal Fei Zhang made the suggestion.

With Shang Xia's current understanding of the Star Origin City and the Star Relay, every world would only need a single spatial tunnel. That would mean that other than the 4 great Spirit Worlds

that were connected to the Star Origin City, the other 7 Azure Worlds might also possess Martial Void Realm True Immortals!

It wasn't as though the Azure Ascension World of the past didn't possess Martial Void Realm True Immortals in the first place...

If one thought about it logically, it made sense. Without a Martial Void Realm True Immortal, no one would dare to form a connection to the Star Origin City!

As for how those Martial Void Realm True Immortals of the Azure Worlds appeared... It wasn't time to think about all that now.

Secondly... The Martial Void Realm True Immortals of the various worlds were merely communicating from the different corners of the Void Hall. The spatial tunnels they created might have connected to other Void Halls, but Shang Xia could feel that only 3 Void Halls possessed spatial tunnels connecting to the various worlds. They were those in the top right, top left, and bottom left corner of the Star Relay. The bottom right Void Hall didn't seem to possess any aura of a spatial tunnel!

There was no way the Star Origin City would waste resources to construct a Void Hall, only to leave it empty!

When Shang Xia was still thinking about the uses of the other Void Hall, a majestic aura rose from Star Origin City before appearing in the skies above the Star Relay the next moment.

The protection formation didn't seem to affect the newcomer as they passed through it without a hitch.

Starlight fell and covered a third of the Star Relay. It seemed as though the ruler of the stars had arrived.

"Senior Brother Zhuge, you're here!" Liu Jiuzhen was the first to speak. There was a trace of solemnity in his voice.

From what Shang Xia could feel with his divine will, there were more than 10 Martial Void Realm True Immortals above the Star Relay. It was no wonder Liu Jiuzhen was so excited to see another Star Origin Guard.

As soon as Liu Jiuzhen gave his greeting, the Star Origin Guards in the Star Relay spoke in unison. "Greetings, Guard Commander!"

Damn... It's actually the Guard Commander...

Shang Xia thought to himself.

"At ease!" The Guard Commander's voice boomed and soon after, the Star Curtain that covered a third of the Star Relay disappeared. A Star Origin Guard clad in his Star Robes strolled out from the Void Hall Shang Xia and the rest had been in earlier and Shang Xia could tell it was Liu Jiuzhen. Only a blurry mist of starlight remained.

Within the mist, the Guard Commander's voice emerged. "This old man has been in seclusion the entire time and didn't know something so significant would happen today. I apologize for not rushing over quickly."

The blurry mist of starlight spun about slightly the next moment and he seemed to be communicating with the rest of the Star Origin Guards.

“Commander Zhuge is too polite!”

“There’s no need to apologize!”

“We should be the ones apologizing for interrupting Commander Zhuge’s cultivation!”

“...”

Shang Xia heard how many of them had intentions of kissing up to Commander Zhuge now that they had spoken. One could easily see how respectful they were of the Guard Commander! Even if they weren’t exactly respectful, they were at least fearful of him.

He couldn’t tell how strong the Guard Captain exactly was, but Liu Jiuzhen was a second tier Martial Void Realm expert and was already acting so respectfully in front of Commander Zhuge.

True Immortal Fei Zhang eventually spoke again. “Brother Zhuge, since you showed your face today, it looks like you have to be the person in charge of the exchange we’re about to have!”

True Immortal Lu Yan added right after, “Senior Zhuge served the Star Origin Lord for countless years now and is extremely experienced. With you as the host, the upcoming exchange will be the highlight of the Star Origin World that hasn’t been seen in the past hundreds of years!”

Imperial Uncle Xiong of the Spirit Abundance World also spoke up the next moment. “We hope Commander Zhuge can agree to host an exchange between us True Immortals!”

Even True Immortal He, who had been unceremoniously shot down by Liu Jiuzhen earlier, agreed. “Yes, Senior Zhuge, please!”

Commander Zhuge in the blurry mist didn’t agree immediately. Instead, he directed his question into the newly formed spatial tunnel. “Fellow cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World, you haven’t said anything from the start! Even though the other True Immortals have been the ones speaking, you guys are the reason they’re here. What do you think of their suggestion?”

Everyone’s attention turned to the newly formed spatial tunnel the next moment.

Shang Xia couldn’t help but press his lips together in a sneer. Since he had already put things that way, was there a way for the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World to reject the exchange?

There was no suspense as a moment later, Zhang Xuansheng, who had the highest cultivation realm in the Spirit Luxuriant World, responded. “As a newly ascended world, our Spirit Luxuriant World is happy to receive pointers from fellow experts of other worlds!”

Chapter 945: The Sudden Exchange

“As a newly ascended world, our Spirit Luxuriant World is happy to receive pointers from fellow experts of other worlds!”

Since there was no way to reject it, why shouldn’t they accept the challenge gracefully?

Not to mention the fact that if they were truly able to join and show off their strength in an exchange between the various worlds, they would be able to gain recognition from others quickly. The True Immortals from the Spirit Luxuriant World might also gain a better understanding of the path ahead and gain an opportunity to take another step on their road of cultivation!

As soon as Zhang Xuansheng spoke, a mocking sneer that didn't even try to hide their disdain rang through the air, "What a useless world. You guys merely forced yourself into the Martial Void Realm with the help of your Elysiums and there is no future for all of you. How the hell do you sound so casual when accepting the challenge? You're a disgrace to all of us here and you're just staining our ears with your useless words."

The person who spoke came from the Spirit Abundance World, but it wasn't Imperial Uncle Xiong.

When the words of the unknown expert from the Spirit Abundance World rang through the air, Zhang Xuansheng's sneer came. "Right. We're a useless world with garbage means. We don't have too much knowledge either, but we managed to force the Spirit Abundance World back. Oh, wait a minute, we managed to force them back twice. What a shame. I apologize for embarrassing myself in front of the experts of the various worlds..."

If the Martial Void Realm experts of the other worlds roared with laughter after hearing Zhang Xuansheng, nothing much would happen. However, the people chuckling noisily and uncontrollably were True Immortal Fei Zhang and the other experts of the Spirit Mammoth World.

"You... Preposterous! How dare you try to embarrass us?! You're not qualified to do that! Heh, we were only unable to use our full strength because of some other world's interference... If we went all out, you won't even be able to put up the slightest resistance!" The True Immortal from the Spirit Abundance World who spoke was clearly someone who hadn't been through much. He embarrassed himself time and time again and he even sounded flustered by Zhang Xuansheng's retort.

"Oh..." Yang Taihe's voice rang calmly through the air the next moment. "Alright, since that's the case, why don't we just stop pretending to tolerate each other's existence here and fight? I hope fellow experts from other worlds can be the witness to our battle. How's that?"

The Spirit Luxuriant World was obviously not an opponent of the Spirit Abundance World. However, since the Spirit Abundance World started it, there was no point in holding back. Anyway, even if the Spirit Abundance World goes crazy and goes all out, they would most likely be fucked over by the Spirit Mammoth World or their other enemies. As the saying goes, those who are barefooted wouldn't be afraid of getting their shoes wet! An argument or a threat never hurt anyone anyway!

Moreover, the Spirit Luxuriant World had already formed and things were really different. Even if the Spirit Abundance World were to invade again with a much larger force, they would be able to get rid of several powerful experts and disgust the other party as much as they could.

Only with enough strength that could cause the other party to feel a sense of lingering fear from the losses they would suffer would the Spirit Luxuriant World be able to receive the respect they deserve.

Liu Jingsheng of the Yuanchen Sect also spoke up the next moment. “Our Spirit Luxuriant World will advance and retreat together. If True Immortal Yang says that we’ll fight, we’ll fight! Fellow cultivator of the Spirit Abundance World, if you made up your mind to exterminate our world, you better keep your promise to the fellow experts of your world. There’s no need to try again and fail. That will only drag your reputation through the mud!”

The expert of the Spirit Abundance World didn't say anything, but the laughter from experts from the other worlds also stopped.

The Spirit Luxuriant World not only didn’t back down, but their True Immortals seemed to band together! Their unity was something that actually raised some alarm bells in the minds of the experts of other worlds.

“Hmph, talk is cheap! I wonder if you have the ability to back your words up!” A foreign voice came from the direction of the spatial tunnel of the Spirit Tinkle World and he continued, “Since we’re going to exchange pointers anyway, why don’t I get the ball rolling? Fellow cultivators from the Spirit Luxuriant World, please show me how strong you really are!”

After he was done, loud rumbles filled his spatial tunnel and a massive snake emerged from the void. It spat out its forked tongue and hissed, “Fellow cultivators from the Spirit Luxuriant World, who’s going to be my opponent?”

In an exchange between experts, words and trash talk weren’t enough. One would have to back their abilities up and fight for real! After all, one would only be able to convince the masses if their fists were big enough!

As the host, Zhuge Xiang of the Star Origin Guards didn’t seem to want to stop them at all. Instead, he muttered, “True Immortal Qing of the Spirit Tinkle World is a second tier Martial Void Realm expert. Who will meet him in battle, experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World? Anyway, I have already separated the void above the Star Relay. However, I hope that all of you will show some restraint and know when to stop.”

True Immortal Qing continued to hiss, “True Immortal Zhuge, please rest assured. I know the rules. However, you might need to waste your breath with those newbies of the Spirit Luxuriant World...”

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World also heard Zhuge Xiang’s transmission and reminder. A moment later, True Immortal Li Jidao spoke. “I am Li Jidao of the Divine Capital Sect of the Spirit Luxuriant World. True Immortal Qing, please enlighten me!”

The words still lingered in the air when the spatial tunnel that had been opened recently started to rumble. A short silver blade tore through the void and appeared above the Star Relay!

Shang Xia was no stranger to the short silver blade. Back then, he helped Li Jidao heavily injure Zhao Wuhen, and the silver short blade was the weapon Li Jidao was using!

However, the short blade that appeared seemed to be twisting about above the Star Relay as though trying to familiarize itself with its surroundings. It was clearly feeling a little out of place.

Li Jidao’s voice soon emerged from the blade. “Apologies. It’s my first time exchanging pointers through a spatial tunnel and I have embarrassed myself...”

The snake's body twisted and spun around in the air, but the head remained completely steady. It continued to spit out its tongue in a mocking sneer.

However, Zhuge Xiang chuckled casually, "It's fine. True Immortal Li, there's no harm in trying to adjust yourself properly before we begin."

Above the blade, Li Jidao's divine soul swept outwards. "Many thanks, Commander Zhuge. However, I can't take too long and make everyone wait. True Immortal Qing, please."

The sneers no longer came and a burst of hisses came from the snake as it traveled through the air. The next moment, its head plunged into the void while its body remained where it was. It seemed as though the snake had been beheaded...

However, every Martial Void Realm True Immortal surrounding the battle could clearly 'see' the head of the snake appearing above the short blade. It seemed to transform into a giant net as it locked onto the short blade before pouncing at it.

The moment it restrained the short blade, Li Jidao would be completely constrained and there would be no need for the exchange to continue.

It seemed as though True Immortal Qing was extremely confident in his abilities. He wanted to obtain victory on the first exchange!

However... For Li Jidao to reach the second tier of the Martial Void Realm without an inheritance and with his abilities alone, he didn't just rely on pure dumb luck. He fought his way to the top and had a lot of experience. In fact, his path could be said to have been paved in blood!

The moment he was locked on, his short blade spun in mid air and stabbed directly at the head of the snake!

With his immense battle experience, how could he not see that the other party was planning to suppress him with the first move? Since that was the case, Li Jidao would just use the most basic method to fight back. With brute force, he would challenge the other party with the might of his void origin!

True Immortal Qing clearly didn't expect the other party to be so hard-headed and fight him directly. It seemed as though he was fighting a crazy fool! Sighing inwardly, he realized that there was no backing down now. After all, the situation was something he created and if he backed down, he would allow the other party to obtain the initiative!

Since that was the case... He would just meet Li Jidao head-on and decide the victor!

There were many True Immortals around who could tell True Immortal Qing failed to do what he actually planned. However, even if Li Jidao saw through the other party's intentions, he wouldn't be able to counterattack anytime soon. All he did was to brute force his way back to a situation where neither of them had an advantage.

Clang!

A loud blast rang through the skies above the Star Relay and the short blade clashed with the tongue of the beast. Their exchange didn't seem to cause too much of a disturbance and they weren't able to decide a victor regardless. Both sides backed away and separated themselves. It seemed like they were evaluating each other's strength to prepare for a more intense battle.

Shang Xia noticed that even though neither seemed to gain an advantage over the other, the void above the Star Relay crumbled as chaotic streams started to appear. However, the tears and destroyed space were quickly sealed up by a faint layer of starlight. Everything happened so quickly that to the naked eye, their exchange looked like a simple clash that didn't do anything.

Shang Xia also noticed Li Jidao's short blade trembling slightly as he retreated. He was clearly at a disadvantage if they were to compare cultivation level alone. He felt that True Immortal Qing of the Spirit Tinkle World was a little more firm and clear on his path of cultivation compared to Li Jidao!

In other words, the inheritance True Immortal Qing was following was probably a notch better than whatever Li Jidao had developed!

Swish!

The short blade shot out again. This time, Li Jidao had taken the initiative to attack.

Since he knew that both sides were somewhat comparable in strength, Li Jidao didn't plan on letting his opponent attack first and control the pace of the battle. He wanted to strike first!

The True Immortals watching the battle also noticed that even though Li Jidao didn't seem completely familiar with his strength, he had extremely high combat experience.

There was no helping it. The divine souls of the True Immortals gathered quickly swept across the spatial tunnel of the Spirit Abundance World and 'casually glanced' at their experts.

Obviously, they knew where Li Jidao's plentiful battle experience came from!

The next moment, a loud gasp filled the air as many True Immortals expressed their shock. As the short blade was flying at the head of the snake, it opened its mouth and spat out a mouthful of venom.

Chapter 946: You Think You Can Bully Us? Eat My Palm!

The Star Origin Guards who had scattered earlier when Zhuge Xiang arrived were starting to usher and guide the cultivators from the various worlds who gathered around the Void Hall away.

However, the battle between Martial Void Realm True Immortals was just too hard to pass up. If the Martial Dipper Realm experts in the surroundings could catch a little essence of their moves, it would be considered a great opportunity!

Even though the Star Origin Guards were trying to persuade them to leave, only cultivators under the Martial Dipper Realm evacuated. Most of the Martial Dipper Realm experts decided to continue watching the battle from a distance.

Of course, the Star Origin Guards weren't exactly unreasonable people. Or perhaps, they received instructions from Zhuge Xiang or Liu Jiuzhen to maintain their positions while opening a small entrance in the protection barrier around the Star Relay. If any of the Martial Dipper Realm experts felt that they were no longer able to withstand the shockwaves of the battle, they could run away anytime! After all, there was no point in overreaching oneself and suffering irreversible damage to their divine will when it was completely unnecessary.

One had to say that the move the Star Origin Guards pulled gained them a lot of favors among the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the various worlds.

As Shang Xia and the 4 other Martial Dipper Realm experts from the Spirit Luxuriant World already reached the peak of the Martial Dipper Realm, they were naturally standing as close to the battle as possible. All 5 of them stood in a row in front of every other Martial Dipper Realm expert!

Other than trying to gain inspiration from the battle, they were also extremely invested in the outcome of the battle!

It was then that Li Jidao's short blade went into full attack mode. Even Shang Xia and the others could tell what Li Jidao's plan was. He knew he was weaker than the enemy and had to strike first in order to gain the upper hand!

"What do you guys think?" Lu Wuzi's voice rang in the minds of the other 4 suddenly.

"They're merely probing each other out at the moment... While trying to bait out each other's skills, they also wish to observe the attitudes of the True Immortals of the other worlds to see if they are friend or foe!" Yifeng analyzed in a serious tone. However, despite his trying to be as solemn as possible, there was still a trace of banter in his voice.

Fortunately, all of them there knew exactly what type of person Yifeng was. They had long since familiarized themselves with his attitude.

Huang Jinghan continued in a low voice, "From the looks of it, the Spirit Mammoth World has a certain level of friendliness to us. Well... There's no need to talk about the Spirit Abundance World. The Spirit Tinkle World also seems to possess some sort of enmity with us. They have taken the initiative to challenge us many times now. As for the Spirit Thistle World... We don't know too much about them and they seem to be sitting on the fence."

"Of course, with the exception of the Spirit Abundance World, the attitude of the True Immortals of the other worlds might not represent what their worlds actually feel about us. After all, there are only a few of them present and they have existed for a long time. The number of Martial Void Realm True Immortals has definitely surpassed us. The power structure in their worlds should be pretty complicated and it's hard to say for sure." Huang Jinghan concluded. As usual, he was the serious one and he tried to think about the problem from every angle.

Turning to Jiu Du, Yifeng asked, "What do you think?"

Jiu Du shook his head in response. His attention was placed on the battle between Li Jidao and True Immortal Qing. He didn't really have too much brainpower to consider much else.

"Young Friend Shang, what about you?" Lu Wuzi noticed Shang Xia's expression changing many times since the True Immortals from the various worlds arrived and he couldn't help but ask.

"Oh." Shang Xia muttered absentmindedly, "Actually, the Dajin Dynasty is the strongest power in the Spirit Abundance World. The person who spoke for the Spirit Abundance World initially was addressed as 'Imperial Uncle Xiong', and his seniority

seems to be even higher than the emperor of the Dajun Dynasty. Wouldn't that mean that his position in the Spirit Abundance World would be among the top?"

"Young Friend Shang, do you mean that of the Martial Void Realm True Immortals who spoke initially, all of them can represent the attitudes of their world because of the authority they hold?" Lu Wuzi muttered softly.

Huang Jinghan also hesitated slightly before speaking, "According to Young Friend Shang, that would mean that their attitudes would most likely reflect the position their worlds have towards us... Is that it?"

Yifeng cackled at the side, "Yeah... Sounds about right!"

"Oh no!" Jiu Du yelled suddenly and everyone turned to look in the skies above the Star Relay the next moment.

They noticed that the moment the venom emerged from the snake's mouth, Li Jidao's blade slashed horizontally through the air. It cleaved apart the ball of venom but when that was happening, the snake had already wrapped itself around the blade without a sound.

Li Jidao reacted timely though. The blade twisted slightly to prevent being caught, but the body of the snake slammed heavily into it. The blade was sent flying in an instant.

"Heh, you can't even take a single hit!" A strange cry came from the snake and it swept its tail into the void as it tried to wrap around Li Jidao's weapon again.

Its tongue didn't remain idle either as it flickered violently, producing powerful fluctuations that seemed to affect one's divine soul.

When the tail wrapped around the blade, Li Jidao didn't seem to react.

"True Immortal Qing, you already obtained the upper hand... Why do you want to obtain True Immortal Ji's weapon?" A soft sigh came from the skies above the platform as a ball of energy converged. It transformed into a palm that grabbed the tail of the snake, thwarting its plan of grabbing the weapon.

Li Jidao's short blade was actually the divine weapon that had been passed down the Divine Capital Sect for hundreds of years.;

A soft sigh came from the blade soon after and Li Jidao's voice rang in everyone's ears. "That was close. Many thanks to True Immortal Yang for the assistance. Otherwise, my sect's treasure would have been lost!"

"You're welcome." True Immortal Yang stepped to the side after preventing Li Jidao's weapon from being stolen. He didn't follow up and fight True Immortal Qing and silently admitted defeat on behalf of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

"What's the matter? Are you planning to overwhelm me with numbers?" Seeing as someone else from the Spirit Luxuriant World had made a move, True Immortal Qin roared.

“Hehe... Since that’s the case, This Pagoda Master also wishes to have a taste of fellow cultivators’ strength. I wish to see how those bunch of useless fools from my world lost to you!” A hoarse feminine voice rang in the void above the Star Relay. “I am Shen Bihuan of the Rainbow Pagoda in the Spirit Abundance World! Fellow cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World, please guide me!”

Clearly, the expert from the Spirit Abundance World didn’t wish for the exchange to end so quickly. As such, she wanted to use the excuse of Yang Taihe’s interference in the battle to join the fight.

“Alright, please guide me as well!” It didn’t matter if it was Li Jidao or Yang Taihe. Neither Martial Void Realm True Immortal would back down so easily!

A soft whistle came from the upper left corner of the platform. A Jade Hairpin materialized and tapped the palm that was formed by Yang Taihe earlier.

Shen Bihuan, the Pagoda Master of the Rainbow Pagoda in the Spirit Abundance World, also had cultivation in the second tier of the Martial Void Realm!

The Martial Void Realm experts of the Rainbow Pagoda didn’t take part in the invasion back then!

In one of the other corners of the plaza, Shang Xia felt a fire burning in his heart when he noticed the change. He thought back to the power structure of the Spirit Abundance World. However, he also noticed that the moment the second Martial Void Realm expert on both sides appeared, many Martial Dipper Realm cultivators left.

There was no doubt that the shockwaves of the battle would only become more intense now that there were 4 True Immortals fighting. Those with lower cultivation level wouldn’t be able to comprehend anything from the more intense battle that would happen anyway, and there was no point in staying. If they forced themselves to stay, they might not be able to temper their divine wills and might even cause it to be heavily injured!

“Clang...” A loud cry came from the skies above as the giant palm created by Yang Taihe twisted to flick the space around to get rid of the Jade Hairpin.

A short blade sliced through the air the next moment as countless blade lights fell on the snake and the Jade Hairpin.

Yang Taihe’s palm quickly followed up and tapped in the void in the direction of both the snake and the hairpin. Their teamwork was remarkable. The snake and hairpin were hard pressed to continue their attack. The initiative of the battle was stolen from them and they seemed to be slightly suppressed.

The entry of Shen Bihuan didn’t cause the 2 seasoned Martial Void Realm True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World to embarrass themselves! Instead, it gave them a chance to showcase their teamwork!

Victory or defeat was usually decided in a split second in a battle between experts of the Martial Void Realm.

Even though many things happened, it had only been several breaths of time since the snake appeared to confront Li Jidao earlier.

Shang Xia also noticed that with the violent assault, many Martial Dipper Realm cultivators had closed their eyes as they flew for the gap in the protection screen.

Even Shang Xia was feeling slightly pressured by the battle that happened above. However, he was still able to hold on.

He wasn't the only one. The Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World were also doing fine.

Above the Star Relay, the short blade and the giant palm worked together perfectly and suppressed the experts on both sides.

"Looks like this Old Man Xiao will also have to join in the festivities among experts of a higher order world!" A soft chuckle emerged from somewhere. Xiao Yugang, a Martial Void Realm expert from the Azure Qing World announced himself as he threw himself into the fray.

Naturally, Xiao Yugang wasn't helping the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World. After all, Shen Bihuan and True Immortal Qing had already been suppressed.

Xiao Yugang seemed to possess a cultivation level at the first tier of the Martial Void Realm, and the moment he entered, his divine soul seemed to be burning with a strange orange flame. Streams of orange flames shot out and formed a web that surrounded Li Jidao's short blade.

The moment the fire web fully constricted the blade, he would be able to directly damage Li Jidao's divine soul! Even if Li Jidao could get rid of the restraints quickly, there would be no avoiding some level of injuries!

Chapter 947: Ding Ding Ding! The New Challenger Approaches

Even though the various True Immortals didn't personally descend on the Star Origin City, they sent countless projections over. Their divine souls were also interacting with each other. The event could be said to be something that hadn't happened in hundreds of years!

The exchange that was held seemed like the various worlds were targeting the Spirit Luxuriant World, but that wasn't actually the case.

That was also why even with the slight hostility shown by True Immortal Qing and Shen Bihuan, Zhuge Xiang didn't move to stop them.

After all, everyone who took part in the exchange had a cultivation level comparable to that of experts from the Spirit Luxuriant World. Every world knew their limits and it seemed to be something Zhuge Xiang was ensuring at the side.

Only Xiao Yugang seemed to be truly interested in the exchange when he joined the battle.

He possessed no malice towards either side, but the moment he made his move, he targeted Li Jidao. After sending out the fire web, he didn't do anything else as it was easily shoved to the side by Yang Taihe's palm.

Understanding that his cultivation level was a little low to be taking part in a battle of their level, he no longer made any unnecessary moves for the time being. However, his actions managed to lessen the pressure on True Immortal Qing and Shen Bihuan.

Even though he no longer attacked after making one move, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World didn't sit still. Liu Jingsheng's voice boomed through the air. "Liu Jingsheng of the Yuanchen Sect is here to receive your pointers!"

A stream of energy emerged from their spatial tunnel and the moment it arrived, it transformed into a giant wave that swept towards Xiao Yugang's fire web.

The experts of the Yuanchen Sect were adept at controlling the Water Element, and despite Xiao Yugang's fire possessing special properties, it was completely useless in the face of the giant wave summoned by Liu Jingsheng.

When everyone was thinking about how Xiao Yugang had overestimated himself, they heard a soft sneer from Shen Bihuan. Her Jade Hairpin stabbed into the void and caused a massive rift to form in space. Liu Jingsheng's wave was swallowed by the rift in space and no matter how hard it thrashed about, it couldn't break free!

The situation surpassed anything the True Immortals watching expected and the battle seemed to become a lot more interesting. Shang Xia, who had started to retreat to the corners of the Star Relay, could feel an increasing number of divine souls descending on the Star Relay.

Clearly, there were more and more Martial Void Realm experts from the various worlds gathering after noticing what was happening.

The number of Martial Dipper Realm experts who could still remain was getting lesser and lesser by that point.

Shang Xia seemed to feel something the next moment and he turned around only to notice a person staring at him with a strange grin on his face. It was actually Huang Yu, the person he was supposed to look for!

Oh yeah... With such a huge disturbance, he should have already realized what was happening...

Huang Yu, who had arrived a long time ago, knew that it was a great opportunity to meet Shang Xia with so many other Martial Dipper Realm experts as cover.

However, if he left the Star Relay at that moment...

Shang Xia turned to stare at the battle happening above.

Huang Yu noticed Shang Xia's dilemma and he simply smiled once before raising his head to look at the skies above the Star Relay. It was obvious he didn't wish to miss such a great opportunity to watch a battle of that scale.

Shang Xia heaved a sigh of relief before turning his attention back to the fight. However, he was quickly distracted by a sudden thought. *Isn't his cultivation only at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm?! How is he able to remain in the Star Relay to watch the battle?*

Shang Xia could only think about how strong Huang Yu's foundations were. In the future, he would most likely be able to break into the Martial Void Realm as well.

After thinking about it, Shang Xia wanted to glance at Huang Yu from the corner of his eye to look at how strained he was. A sudden change in the battle happening above caught his attention before he could do so.

Liu Jingsheng, who perfectly countered Xiao Yugang, was intercepted by Shen Bihuan and was unable to display his might. He could only retreat for the time being.

The web of fire that had been pushed away by Yang Taihe started to close in on Li Jidao again. Already exhausted from the battle with True Immortal Qing, Li Jidao chose to move away from the fire web.

The moment he moved, Yang Taihe's palm which had been hiding behind his blade was immediately exposed.

True Immortal Qing's snake head dived into the void again and quickly appeared above Yang Taihe's palm.

His palm was still tapping in the void when it smashed into the tail of the snake. Both the palm and the tail of the snake paused for a moment, but the next second, the head of the snake started to close its jaws around the palm.

At the very last moment, the void in the region froze. Yang Taihe's palm made use of the time to send out multiple strikes to force the entire snake back.

The next second, a low but powerful rumble came from the spatial tunnel. It started to fluctuate violently as though a giant creature was trying to force its way through.

"I am Zhang Xuansheng of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect of the Spirit Luxuriant World. Fellow cultivators, please enlighten me!" Seeing as the situation was getting worse, Zhang Xuansheng finally stepped into the battle.

When everyone's attention turned to Zhang Xuansheng, Zhuge Xiang revealed a strange expression. He felt that there was something strange about the experts of the Spirit Abundance World.

According to their unspoken rule, cultivators of the same level would step out to challenge each other. Moreover, the weaker ones would step out first, followed by those with higher cultivation levels.

Ordinarily, the stronger one was, the more they would try to keep themselves hidden. They would make a move in the critical moment and turn the situation around completely to obtain victory. That would be an effective method to awe others.

There were 5 Martial Void Realm True Immortals in the Spirit Luxuriant World, and Zhuge Xiang was sure that Zhang Xuansheng was the strongest of them all. He was a step away from the third tier of the Martial Void Realm and was a powerful expert in his own right. There was another relatively young swordsman who should have advanced recently. He should be the weakest among them, even weaker than Liu Jingsheng! After all, Liu Jingsheng was also a step away from the second tier...

According to his logic, when Xiao Yugang made his move earlier, the swordsman should have been the one to take the challenge!

Even if the swordsman wasn't good enough to challenge Martial Void Realm experts with more experience, he would still have been able to stall the fire web for some time. At the very least, he would be able to ensure Li Jidao wasn't affected.

Instead, the Spirit Luxuriant World chose to send Liu Jingsheng. Not only was he completely countered by Shen Bihuan, but he also caused the others to fall into a trap!

As opponents who failed twice in the hands of the Spirit Luxuriant World, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World should be extremely familiar with the Martial Void Realm experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Now that they were trapped in a dire situation, Zhang Xuansheng, their strongest expert, also stepped out to join the battle. The newly ascended swordsman was placed to the very end and Zhuge Xiang had no idea what was going on.

From the looks of it, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World had already messed up their order and were in chaos. There was no chance of victory any longer. After all, he couldn't fathom them using the newly ascended swordsman to turn the tables!

Chuckling to himself, Zhuge Xiang couldn't help but reveal an expression of disapproval.

Above the Star Relay, Zhang Xuansheng's medium had already passed through the spatial tunnel. It might have affected the entire battlefield and the Martial Void Realm experts of the other worlds who were observing the battle started to turn serious.

The powerful restriction on space not only stopped True Immortal Qing, but it also shattered the spatial rift created by Shen Bihuan to trap Liu Jingsheng's attack.

Without any restraint, Liu Jingsheng controlled his giant wave and regained his powerful aura.

It tore through the void and shattered Xiao Yugang's fire web in an instant. Even the fire seeds that were produced were unable to withstand the might of Liu Jingsheng's wave and flickered unsteadily.

Finally, Zhang Xuansheng's medium showed itself. It turned out to be a palm-sized jade-like tortoise that even seemed a little cute!

Smiles appeared on the faces of the experts present. However, they quickly adjusted their mentality and discovered how special the tortoise was.

At the edges of the Star Relay, Shang Xia was shocked by the appearance of the tortoise. He turned his head to where Huang Yu was standing as though trying to verify something, but there was no one there.

There were barely any grand completion stage Martial Dipper Realm experts left at that point. Even the Star Origin Guards who had their Star Robes for protection were forced to leave, leaving only the strongest behind.

The Jade Tortoise might have turned the situation around, but Zhang Xuansheng was in no rush to make his move. After all, they had an extra expert on their side with his appearance. He had to wait for someone else to join the other side.

Zhang Xuansheng's appearance seemed to cause some ripples among the experts present, but the other side quickly reacted.

A powerful spatial ripple passed through the Star Relay, but it moved a lot more numbly. A rounded jug flew out from the void and lightning flashed everywhere.

“I am Jin Yuliang of the Ancient Origin Sect of the Spirit Thistle World! I have to offend fellow experts from the Spirit Luxuriant World by taking part in his battle!” As soon as his words fell, a silvery-white liquid emerged from the jug. It started to transform into all sorts of shapes as it closed in on the Jade Tortoise.

“Lightning Starch? True Immortal Yuliang’s Lightning Arts are extremely penetrative... He even brought out his Lightning Starch today. Looks like he’s paying a huge price for this...”

“Sigh... It’s because True Immortal Zheng Xuansheng is too powerful. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have sent True Immortal Yuliang. Looks like the various worlds changed their minds... They seem to want to establish their dominance on the newly ascended Spirit World...”

“That’s true... The Spirit Abundance World didn’t just take a single L because of them. They lost twice, and it’s said that during their second invasion, a True Immortal was killed and another was seriously injured. Who’s to say that the Spirit Abundance World didn’t use their resources to push for this to happen today? Hehe... Even if they say they had nothing to do with it, do you believe them?”

“What?! Even experts at our level were killed and another was heavily injured?! It seems like the Spirit Luxuriant World isn’t as simple as they seem...”

“Hush! We’re trying to watch the battle!”

“Oh yeah! The battle is more important. It’s something hard to come by in hundreds of years!”

The cluster of Lightning Starch descended the next moment, swallowing the Jade Tortoise.

The next instant, lightning filled the region and Shang Xia felt a sharp pain in his eyes. Tears fell uncontrollably.

Beside him, several loud gasps were heard as sounds of running could be heard.

After the lightning died down a little, Shang Xia slowly opened his eyes. He didn’t dare to stare directly at the battle. Instead, he glanced to his side only to discover no one else.

When his vision cleared slightly, he seemed to hear a strong exhale from behind him. Turning around, he noticed a Star Origin Guard pressed against the protection barrier with her face pale. Her eyes were wide with shock as she stared directly at Shang Xia.

Shang Xia recognized her immediately. She was Captain Feng of the Star Origin Guards!

Chapter 948: Superhero Landing?

Seeing as Captain Feng was also able to withstand the shockwaves of the battle between so many Martial Void Realm True Immortals, Shang Xia couldn’t help but sigh inwardly about how the Star Origin Guards deserve their reputation as the executioners of the Star Origin Lord. They truly possessed crouching tigers and hidden dragons.

He didn't know that Captain Feng was even more shocked to discover Shang Xia still standing, much less in front of her!

In her eyes, she was a Star Origin Guard! She had the Star Robes that gave the ability to draw on the power of other Star Origin Guards, and the protection formation around the Star Relay. That was the only reason she was able to last for so long. However, she was at her limit after the final exchange that happened earlier.

Her vision was completely blurry at the moment and her divine will was a mess. She couldn't observe the battle clearly at all.

The only reason she was forcing herself to stay was to see how long the mysterious youngster she couldn't see through could last!

However, from the way he turned to glance at her, it was clear that she wouldn't be able to last that long and watch him reach his limits!

The moment the next Martial Void Realm True Immortal joined the battle, she would probably have to leave the confines of the protection formation. Otherwise, her dao path would be affected and her divine will might be at risk of shattering.

This young and mysterious expert from the Spirit Luxuriant World...

From his expression earlier, she could tell that he faced a lot less pressure than herself!

How... How is he able to do it?!

Captain Feng's attention was no longer placed on the battle happening above the Star Relay. Instead, it was glued to Shang Xia.

Naturally... Shang Xia didn't know the interest she was taking in him. His gaze returned to the battle above.

By the time the lightning fully scattered, Shang Xia noticed a not-so-great sight.

The ball of Lightning Starch firmly wrapped around Zhang Xuansheng's Jade Tortoise and Shang Xia could somewhat notice the creature through the ball of Lightning Starch. It had already retracted its head and limbs into its shell, entering full defensive mode.

Actually, it wasn't as though the Jade Tortoise hadn't tried to fight back. It was trying to scatter the Lightning Starch around it the best it could.

Unfortunately, the Lightning Starch was the gathered essence of lightning and if the Jade Tortoise shook the space around it or caused the void to collapse, it would only cause a stronger retaliation from the Lightning Starch.

Zhang Xuansheng understood that point and decided to hide in his shell. He would be able to last for an extremely long time that way and True Immortal Yuliang would have to place all his attention on suppressing Zhang Xuansheng and won't be able to help the rest.

Of course, such methods of dragging the battle out weren't a way to solve the problem. True Immortal Yuliang might have to focus on suppressing Zhang Xuansheng, but his Rounded Jug was able to fly around and interfere with the rest of the battle.

Moreover, if Zhang Xuansheng and True Immortal Yuliang were unable to take part in the battle, the battle would just return to its original state where the Spirit Luxuriant World was at a serious disadvantage.

The next moment, Zhuge Xiang coughed once and prepared to declare the Spirit Luxuriant World's defeat.

Even though there was still another Martial Void Realm True Immortal who hadn't taken action, his cultivation was the lowest and Zhuge Xiang didn't believe he had the ability to turn the situation around.

Moreover, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World were at a disadvantage at the moment. Even if the other True Immortal joined the fight, the others would quickly think of a way to suppress him.

Despite their loss, it was an undeniable fact that the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World stood united with one another. They would definitely be able to find a footing among the other Spirit Worlds in the Star Origin City.

Seeing as the situation was turning south, a sudden whistle tore through the air from the direction of the newly formed spatial tunnel. There was no doubt about it. The last True Immortal from the Spirit Luxuriant World, the person whom everyone felt had the lowest combat capabilities, had entered the fight. Kou Chongxue had come!

In the eyes of many True Immortals present, they felt that his entry would be able to change a thing. Of course, the experts of the Spirit Abundance World knew better.

The young swordsman was actually the person in the Spirit Luxuriant World who possessed the greatest potential and posed the strongest threat! He was actually the person the Spirit Abundance World wanted to get rid of once and for all!

After all, he was someone who advanced to the Martial Void Realm without the use of any advancement medicine! He stepped into his current level by borrowing the power of his world's ascension!

Even though the method he used seemed incredible, there was actually a special term for it. Someone who did what Kou Chongxue did would be called the Son of Fate!

It was someone who received the true recognition of their world! The moment someone like that grew stronger, they would pose a massive threat to other worlds! The Spirit Abundance World was clearly afraid of him since they had already formed an irreversible grudge against the Spirit Luxuriant World.

In fact... He was already a massive threat! After all, not anyone would be able to suppress the third tier Martial Void Realm Dugu Yuanshan when he just advanced!

Even though he had some help and used a Holy Artifact, that didn't mean that he was useless!

As the space above the Star Relay stopped trembling, the Hidden Frost Sword made its appearance.

To other Martial Void Realm experts, a divine weapon might be extremely useful, but it wasn't a treasure that was irreplaceable. It might be difficult to obtain one, but to Martial Void Realm experts, a divine weapon wasn't something too rare.

As such, the appearance of the Hidden Frost Sword didn't raise too many waves among the True Immortals present. At most, some of the True Immortals who had greater knowledge of weapon refining would be a little more interested in the material that made up the sword.

That was about it...

What happened next was what truly shocked the True Immortals present.

A terrifying sword qi swept through the skies the next second and despite the swordsman being at the first tier of the Martial Void Realm, he easily forced back Shen Bihuan's Jade Hairpin!

Everyone could see the sword tumbling awkwardly through the air as the newcomer hadn't fully adapted to the surroundings, but it managed to block Shen Bihuan's Jade Hairpin without any difficulty!

No longer held back by the Jade Hairpin, Liu Jingsheng pushed his giant wave forward. It crashed against the newly formed fire net by Xiao Yugang, and Li Jidao's short blade became a lot more aggressive with the entry of their trump card. With Yang Taihe holding True Immortal Qing's sword down, his short blade chopped off a portion of the snake's tail!

With a single slash, the Hidden Frost Blade turned the situation around!

Clearly, everyone other than the experts of the Spirit Abundance World had underestimated the last True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World. However, a mistake was a mistake. They didn't think that the Spirit Luxuriant World would be able to obtain victory the moment they thought of a way to counter the last True Immortal.

They had one last chance to decide who would join the battle, but it was a crucial decision to choose the person to take part in the battle.

Several True Immortals were discussing who should take part in the battle, but before they could reach a conclusion, someone else jumped into the fray without consulting the others.

"Meng Yuanxiu of the Azure Oddity World greets all of you! Fellow cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World, please enlighten me!" The words rang through the air as a pearl the size of a fist emerged in the void.

"Azure Oddity Pearl!" The True Immortals present couldn't help but gasp when they saw the treasure.

"Why is True Immortal Meng using this treasure?!"

"It's over!"

"This is just a simple exchange... Why is there a need to use a treasure like this?!"

"Can't you tell? Are you blind? Someone is obviously trying to make things difficult for the Spirit Luxuriant World. Why else would they use a treasure like that?"

"That's still taking things too far! At the end of the day, this is supposed to be a simple exchange. We're not trying to destroy each other's foundations..."

"Hehe... That's what you think!"

A massive commotion broke out among the True Immortals who were watching the battle.

Zhuge Xiang also felt that something was off at that point, but both sides hadn't broken the rules. They sent experts with similar cultivation realms out, and he couldn't say anything about it.

Shang Xia wasn't able to eavesdrop on the conversation among the Martial Void Realm True Immortals watching the battle, but he could tell that something strange was happening.

With the entry of Kou Chongxue and Meng Yuanxiu, there were 10 Martial Void Realm True Immortals fighting above the Star Relay. Shang Xia felt the pressure on him increasing yet again, and he chose not to fight it any longer. Acting as though he was overwhelmed, he 'stumbled' back into the edge of the protection formation until he ended up beside Captain Feng.

Shang Xia was clearly no Star Origin Guard. He couldn't draw upon the assistance of the protection formation to withstand the pressure. He noticed Captain Feng a long time ago, and even though she was using external help to stay to watch the battle, he couldn't help but admire her tenacity.

By the time he stumbled back to the edge of the barrier, he noticed that her eyes were shut tight. However, tears were still streaming down her face and she was drawing on the power of the protection formation to barely remain standing.

In her current state, there was no way she was still observing the battle up there.

Standing beside her, Shang Xia asked in a strange voice, "Why haven't you left?"

Even though she couldn't open her eyes, she gnashed her teeth and growled, "You're still here! Of course I can't leave!"

Oh shit! That's why...

Shang Xia couldn't help but chuckle hoarsely, "There are at least a dozen more True Immortals present. Even Commander Zhuge and True Immortal Liu of the Star Origin Guards are still here... Captain Feng, do you really think that I would be able to mess with what is happening?"

Suddenly, Captain Feng realized how stupid she was. She was so triggered that she nearly forced her eyes to open.

Fortunately, she soon realized that her divine will would be threatened if she did and her eyes remained closed. She muttered resolutely, "No. This is my duty. As long as there's a single outsider in the Star Relay, I cannot leave!"

"Alright then..." Shang Xia shook his head slightly.

Hearing what he said, Captain Feng thought that Shang Xia was finally going to leave. She prepared to run out together with him, but he didn't seem to be moving.

Shang Xia still wanted to ask her if there was another reason she was staying, but she beat him to the questioning. "Why aren't you leaving yet?!"

Captain Feng tried to speak as calmly as possible, but she was actually starting to panic. "Can you still withstand the shockwaves of the battle?!"

Shang Xia thought about it for a moment and decided to ask his question anyway. "Oh right, actually, I have something else to ask you. Anyway, as long as you don't open your eyes, you won't have to leave either."

“Can’t you see the tears flowing down my face uncontrollably?!” Captain Feng had a lot to say at the moment, but in order to maintain her pride as a captain of the Star Origin Guards, she spat out a single sentence before keeping the rest of whatever she wanted to say bottled up in her heart.

She didn’t know if Shang Xia understood she was at her limit, or if he didn’t give a shit. Whatever it was, he continued to ask, “Captain Feng, do you know the cultivation of Meng Yuanxiu of the Azure Oddity World?”

Chapter 949: Abrupt Change

“Captain Feng, do you know the cultivation of Meng Yuanxiu of the Azure Oddity World?” Shang Xia didn’t seem to notice, or even if he did, he didn’t care about the tears streaming down Captain Feng’s face. He asked with extreme sincerity, and there wasn’t a shred of disrespect in his voice.

Even though Captain Feng wanted nothing more than to tear Shang Xia to shreds at that point, her rationality told her that she couldn’t lose her demeanor as a captain of the Star Origin Guards. “True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu is one of two Martial Void Realm True Immortals of the Azure Oddity World. Even though he’s only at the first tier of the Martial Void Realm, he’s one of the only known rank six Formation Grandmasters in our Star Origin City!”

“Rank Six Formation Grandmaster?!” Shang Xia gasped.

Captain Feng could guess what Shang Xia was thinking and she muttered, “That is why the moment he arrived, the outcome of the battle was set. Even if he hasn’t truly made his move, there is no way for your world to obtain victory.”

A frown appeared on Shang Xia’s face. “Why is that the case? Is it just because he’s a rank six Formation Grandmaster?”

“Of course.” Captain Feng grunted with certainty before throwing out a question of her own. “Do you even know what a rank six Formation Grandmaster represents?”

Sucking in a long breath, Shang Xia asked, “Captain Feng, please enlighten me...”

Shang Xia’s attitude made Captain Feng feel a lot better and she started to explain patiently, “The Azure Oddity World might only have 2 Martial Void Realm True Immortals, but they hadn’t submitted to any Spirit Worlds or great powers... Even so, they dared to open up a spatial tunnel to our Spirit Origin City. They aren’t afraid of their position being located. Do you know why?”

Shang Xia felt his thoughts stirring as he learned a bit more about the power structure in the vast sea of stars. It seemed as though only Spirit Worlds would have the qualifications to actually form a fixed spatial tunnel with the Star Origin City. Azure Worlds would have to be sufficiently powerful or they would already have submitted to some great powers. According to Captain Feng, the Azure Oddity World was truly a special existence to be able to maintain their independence...

He also learned something about Captain Feng from her attitude towards him. It seemed as though she liked to teach others and liked to ask the other party questions until they slowly got to the answer themselves.

Shang Xia patiently continued his line of questioning in order to learn more. “Seems like it’s because of True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu... How is it actually possible though?”

Captain Feng turned her head in his direction as her eyes slowly opened. A light flashed in them and she muttered, “True Immortal Meng’s achievements in the art of Formations are extraordinary and he managed to create a powerful grand formation that connected the world origin source between continents of the Azure Oddity World. The moment an invasion happens, he would be able to draw on the power of half the world to obtain combat strength in the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm!”

“Fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm?!” Shang Xia couldn’t help but gasp.

He might not have ventured around the Land of Star Origin for long, and neither did he have too many interactions with the experts in the city. However, he understood the differences in the different tiers of cultivation among Martial Void Realm experts.

What did combat strength at the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm represent?!

Since the establishment of the Star Origin City, there was only a single expert in the Star Origin Guards who reached that level! He was Guard Commander Zhuge Xiang!

Shang Xia had once taken part in the battle to suppress Dugu Yuanshan, an expert in the third tier of the Martial Void Realm. He was clear how powerful an existence like that truly was. Back then, they even had the help of the World’s Will! Even when the other party was completely suppressed and unable to fight back, it took him 3 whole years to wear down the other party’s soul with the special properties of his Five Element Dipper Qi!

If an expert in the third tier of the Martial Void Realm was so difficult to deal with, what about someone at a level higher than that?!

Shang Xia was afraid that even if every single Martial Void Realm expert in the Spirit Luxuriant World joined hands, they wouldn’t be able to fight back against an expert at that level!

No matter how hard it was to believe that an existence with such powerful combat strength could appear in a small Azure World, from the resolute look in Captain Feng’s eyes, Shang Xia felt that she wasn’t lying. She had no reason to either.

“How did he do it...” Shang Xia couldn’t help but ask.

Captain Feng shook her head and muttered, “When True Immortal Meng is facing his opponents, the blessing of his World’s Will will allow him to possess combat power in the second tier of the Martial Void Realm. When he draws on the world origin of half the Azure Oddity World, he would be able to grow even stronger! Even Commander Xian once said that even though his cultivation level was at the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm, he would be suppressed by the World’s Will if he tried to go over to the Azure Oddity World. Due to the suppression, he wasn’t confident of beating True Immortal Meng...”

With an expert at Zhuge Xiang’s level admitting it, there was no doubt about it. True Immortal Meng’s strength was proven to be too damn overwhelming.

Shang Xia couldn’t help but sigh, “He’s actually so disgusting...”

“Of course, it’s not as though there are no drawbacks from using that much power..” Captain Feng said suddenly.

Shang Xia didn’t have to press for an answer as she added, “Even though the Azure Oddity World is merely an Azure World, gathering the world origin from half the world would definitely place a massive burden on True Immortal Meng’s body. The only reason he laid down the forbidden formation was because he had faced world annihilation before and had no other choice. Due to the massive influx of world origin, his Void Origin was seriously damaged and he would no longer be able to grow stronger. He is stuck in the first tier of the Martial Void Realm. He wouldn’t be able to maintain his combat capabilities at the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm forever, but no one knows how long he would be able to last...”

Only then did Shang Xia heave a sigh of relief. Even so, Meng Yuanxiu’s achievements were terrifying enough. It was no wonder everyone reacted that way when he joined the battle.

“Wait... Something isn’t right. According to Captain Feng, he would only possess such power in the Azure Oddity World. We’re in the Star Origin City at the moment and True Immortal Meng should only possess the combat strength of someone in the first tier of the Martial Void Realm, right?” Shang Xia soon realized the situation they were in.

Captain Feng seemed to expect Shang Xia’s question and her eyes were already closed after opening them to look at him earlier. She pressed her lips together and raised her chin to gesture to the fight above. “If I’m not mistaken, True Immortal Meng probably sent over a large pearl, right?”

Shang Xia nodded. However, he was afraid that she couldn’t see his actions and he decided to speak out loud instead. “Indeed...”

“That’s called the Azure Oddity Pearl, and it’s also dubbed the World Pearl. It’s the divine weapon True Immortal Meng refined for himself with his knowledge in the dao of formations. It’s an important treasure he uses to control the world origin in half his world. The weapon is too important and he rarely brings it out. Many people heard of the World Pearl, but they had never seen it for themselves. Now that it appeared... Sigh... Did your Spirit Luxuriant World offend someone you shouldn’t have?” Captain Feng explained.

Actually, Captain Feng didn’t need to remind them. Shang Xia could also feel the undercurrents flowing during the ‘simple exchange’ between the True Immortals of various worlds.

Every single world seemed to be trying to suppress them in all sorts of ways!

Shang Xia thought for a moment and muttered, “I don’t know if we offended anyone, but I wish to know how True Immortal Meng plans on making use of his World Pearl. Is he planning to lay down a formation?”

Throughout their conversation, Shang Xia discovered that Captain Feng knew quite a lot about Meng Yuanxiu. He didn’t know if it was because she was interested in the Azure Oddity World and did her own research or if the Star Origin Guards kept information about the True Immortals of various worlds.

He was inclined to believe that the Star Origin Guards had been keeping tabs on the True Immortals of the various worlds connected to them, but he felt that Captain Feng had also done her own research.

According to Shang Xia, a captain of the Star Origin Guards might not be able to gain access to too much information even if the Star Origin Guards had their own information network. Unless Captain Feng possessed extraordinary capabilities or a powerful background, she shouldn't know so much.

... The next moment, Captain Feng snorted, "Of course he's laying down a formation. However, it's not any sort of formation. It should be some sort of battle formation!"

Their conversation seemed to take a very long time, but in actuality, they had been speaking to each other through their divine wills. Only a moment had passed since Shang Xia arrived beside her.

In the skies above the Star Relay, when Meng Yuanxiu appeared with his World Pearl, everyone seemed to have already reached some sort of agreement. The experts of the various worlds pushed their opponents away as they gathered towards the pearl.

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World might not know the capabilities of True Immortal Meng's pearl, but with their vast battle experience, they knew that the other side was plotting something.

With all of the opponents gathering together, all they had to do was attempt to stop them!

The Hidden Frost Sword and the Jade Tortoise were the first to react. They tried to stop both Xiao Yugang and True Immortal Yuliang.

Yang Taihe, Li Jidao, and Liu Jingsheng reacted a split second later as they attempted to stop their opponents.

True Immortal Yuliang seemed to already expect Zhang Xuansheng's move and his ball of Lightning Starch started to return to his Rounded Jug. The next moment, lightning poured out from it and turned into a Lightning Web that attempted to stop the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World for a moment.

A moment was all they needed.

The moment they gathered around the pearl, their combat abilities seemed to be fused together by the World Pearl and a majestic aura descended. Zhang Xuansheng's Jade Tortoise was sent flying away instantly.

Even though it had been surrounded by the Lightning Starch earlier, the Jade Tortoise didn't suffer any injuries. However, when a powerful ray of light emerged when the experts of the various worlds gathered around the World Pearl and smashed into the Jade Tortoise, a deep crack appeared on its shell.

"Get back!" The Hidden Frost Sword slashed at the void behind them and carved out a region of space between them and their opponents.

Unfortunately, another ray of light emerged from the World Pearl and restored the torn space.

Kou Chongxue managed to buy a little bit of time for them as the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World regrouped and stood side by side.

Zhuge Xiang, who was in charge of overseeing the battle, was deciding to announce the end of the battle and stop the fight. However, the World Pearl acted before he could do anything. It seemed to pass through space itself to appear close to the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World. A beam of concentrated orange light shot straight for Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword!

Chapter 950: Five Element Ring and the World Pearl

True Immortal Meng deserved his reputation as a rank six Formation Grandmaster. In a short instant of fusing their power, he was already able to make use of their combined might to fire off a few powerful moves.

Just the first strike alone caused Zhang Xuansheng's Jade Tortoise to nearly lose its shell!

One had to know that even though it had been trapped in the Lightning Starch earlier and bombarded with the power of lightning, it hadn't been injured in the slightest!

The second time he did anything, he fixed the space Kou Chongxue tore apart in order to close in on them!

The third strike quickly came and after testing out the power contained in the World Pearl twice, True Immortal Meng seemed to push its abilities to the limit!

Zhang Xuansheng seemed prepared to lose his Jade Tortoise the moment the final beam of light emerged. He didn't expect it to skirt past the creature before tearing through space to strike at the Hidden Frost Sword. Unexpectedly, Meng Yuanxiu's true target was Kou Chongxue!

Zhang Xuansheng's Jade Tortoise tried to coral to its feet as it raced towards Kou Chongxue's sword to help it block off a portion of the energy, but it was just too slow! By the time it got to its feet and sent out its energy to help, the beam had already passed it.

All Zhang Xuansheng could do was to slow it down for a moment.

Li Jidao's short blade also sent out multiple slashes and tried to shave away at the energy contained in the beam of light, but unfortunately, he was too weak. He couldn't even cause it to slow down like Zhang Xuansheng!

Yang Taihe's palm sent out a trace of energy, but it did nothing to slow the beam. It caused the beam to darken slightly, but that was it.

As for Liu Jingsheng... His giant wave was even more useless.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World did everything they could, but still failed to stop the beam of light. They shaved away a little of the energy it contained, but that was about it.

True Immortal Meng's combination formation superimposed the strength of all 5 Martial Void Realm True Immortals of the various worlds and caused a fundamental change in power contained behind his strike!

The change caused Shang Xia to think back to the time he, Liu Jingsheng, and Kou Chongxue worked together to suppress Dugu Yuanshan back in their world.

However, this time, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World didn't have assistance from their World's Will. They didn't have the help of the Origin Holy Artifact either and their opponents weren't suppressed.

Seeing as the others couldn't do anything, Kou Chongxue had to take on the strike alone!

There was a feeling in his heart telling him that everything that happened was all part of their opponent's plot to deal with him, but there was no time to bother about such useless thoughts at the moment. He had to receive the strike!

A divine weapon possessed some sort of consciousness, and the Hidden Frost Sword clearly felt danger encroaching. It released a heart-wrenching cry as it slashed at the orange beam flying at it.

Clang!

The orange beam turned a lot weaker, but it wasn't destroyed.

Instead, the Hidden Frost Sword was sent flying. The body of the blade suffered heavy damage and even Shang Xia could see that a deep crack stretched through a third of the blade. The Hidden Frost Sword was made with Origin Yang Mysterious Copper in the first place, and it was a treasure rarely seen in the world!

If they compared the material of the divine weapons alone, Shang Xia's Five Element Ring was far from comparable to Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword.

Ever since the sword was created back then, Kou Chongxue used it in every single important battle. The sword was never damaged, but this time, it was nearly shattered!

Shang Xia's expression flickered continuously as he stared at the battle happening above and his expression turned incomparably serious.

The other party had been holding back the whole time to bait Kou Chongxue into the fight!

In a battle among 10 Martial Void Realm True Immortals, it was nearly impossible for anyone to lose control of their strength unintentionally.

As for the reason behind why they were targeting the Hidden Frost Sword and Kou Chongxue, Shang Xia could probably think of a few reasons...

The most important reason was probably because Kou Chongxue wasn't restrained by an Elysium like the rest of the Martial Void Realm experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World. An existence like him was a danger to the other worlds. Especially so for the Spirit Abundance World who had great enmity with the Spirit Luxuriant World. They were more than willing to get rid of a threat like Kou Chongxue.

Another reason might be because Kou Chongxue had only been in the Martial Void Realm for a short period of time and he was the easiest target to get rid of. As a cultivator, one had to prepare for the worst and get rid of any potential threats that might emerge. As the supposed 'weakest' True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World, there were many experts ready to get rid of him!

Moreover, the Hidden Frost Sword was most likely the most important possession of the Martial Void Realm swordsman of the Spirit Luxuriant World. As long as they targeted him, the Hidden Frost Sword would be his weakness!

Ordinarily, a swordsman's sword should be the most powerful possession they had. It couldn't be considered a weakness at all. However, Shang Xia felt that the True Immortals of the other words were too damn smart. They actually caught on to Kou Chongxue's true weakness.

Because of Kou Chongxue's exceptional sword arts and his talent in the way of the sword, the Hidden Frost Sword would be a terrifying existence in his hands. However, if they looked at it from another perspective, once they damaged the sword, Kou Chongxue would no longer be as strong as before!

Maybe even Kou Chongxue himself recognized the reliance he had on his Hidden Frost Sword as his cultivation grew stronger and stronger.

The relationship between a swordsman and his sword might seem obvious and they were supposed to rely on each other, but there were always two sides on a coin.

The moment the sword was damaged, the swordsman would be seriously affected! Would Kou Chongxue be able to continue growing stronger at such a terrifying pace without his weapon?

Shang Xia felt that Kou Chongxue would definitely be affected to a certain extent, and Kou Chongxue himself was probably also aware of the problem.

In fact, Kou Chongxue seemed to have noticed the problem a long time ago. He relinquished the control of his weapon to others in the past in order to reduce the connection between himself and the Hidden Frost Sword. Yun Jing was the one who used it back then to maintain order in the Tongyou Institution.

Despite the preparations, the inevitable still happened. The Hidden Frost Sword was still damaged by his enemies and Kou Chongxue would be affected to some extent!

When Shang Xia was still worried, Zhuge Xiang understood the motive of the experts of those 'sparring' with the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World. The moment they damaged the Hidden Frost Sword, Zhuge Xiang was too slow to react. He could only sigh inwardly about such a precious weapon being damaged. However, he prepared to interfere in the battle.

In his eyes, the Spirit Luxuriant World lost when True Immortal Meng joined the battle. However, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World might not have accepted their defeat then. Now that the Hidden Frost Sword was damaged, he felt that they should be clear about the current situation.

He was about to interfere to stop the battle, but he didn't hear the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World admitting defeat. Instead, they seemed to gather together once again. Another beam of orange light shot out from the World Pearl towards Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword once again.

Seemingly afraid that the Spirit Luxuriant World would admit defeat, the experts of the various worlds launched another attack before Zhuge Xiang could interfere, bringing them back into a state of battle.

A frown appeared on Zhuge Xiang's face. How could someone like him not understand that everything that was happening had been orchestrated by someone?

Anger started to burn in the heart of the Star Origin Guards Commander. Zhuge Xiang was starting to get irritated now. Half of his anger was directed at the people who came up with the scheme, but he was also annoyed at the Spirit Luxuriant World for not admitting defeat.

In his eyes, they had already been beaten up badly. However, they were unwilling to admit defeat. Even if they did, they wouldn't lose anything! They might only lose some influence among the various worlds, but as the organizer of the event, the Star Origin City would definitely compensate them in the future due to their inability to see through the plot of the other words.

“Hmm... It’s truly a shame... The divine weapon was only damaged earlier, but now, it’s going to be completely destroyed! Just like that, a weapon that has the potential to become a Holy Artifact in the future is gone!” Zhuge Xiang sighed to himself. He knew that the moment the orange beam struck it, the Hidden Frost Sword was done for.

When the True Immortals watching the battle were sure of the outcome as some were already starting to celebrate while others were planning to leave, a majestic beam of five colored light emerged from the spatial tunnel of the Spirit Luxuriant World. In an instant, it scattered the beam sent out by the World Pearl!

“What’s going on!”

“Why is there another divine weapon? Does the Spirit Luxuriant World possess a sixth True Immortal?”

“No... That weapon seems to also be controlled by True Immortal Kou!”

“What’s the use of that? Everyone is only allowed to use a single strand of Void Origin to spar. Otherwise, the rules would have been broken.”

“Do you think Commander Zhuge will allow the rules to be broken?”

“Wait... Look at that! They blocked the combined strike!”

“...”

An uproar happened among the True Immortals who came to watch the battle as the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World managed to defend themselves against the combined strike of their opponents.

How... How the hell did they do that?! Is there something special going on?

Zhuce Xiang’s eyes were narrowed at the moment as he seemed to have seen though what was happening. “Battle formation!” he muttered to himself.

“What?!” Liu Jiuzhen who was standing beside him gasped in shock. He didn’t believe what he was hearing.

“It’s a battle formation!” Zhuge Xiang spoke again. “The Spirit Luxuriant World also has some sort of special battle formation! Moreover, it seems comparable to the battle formation True Immortal Meng... Wait... No! That... That is no battle formation! It’s the might of a divine weapon! The Spirit Luxuriant World has a special divine weapon that can combine the strength of their True Immortals!”