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Chapter 371 - 371 Star weapons

Nodding his head inside the 'Stone of Time', Little Black then continued

"Right, master! Above the gold-grade is the star-rank.

Star weapons are extremely powerful weapons that only Dao Emperors and above would normally wield.

Unlike bronze, silver, or even gold-grade weapons, star-rank weapons are considered to be on a tier of their own.

After all, each star-rank weapon has a small part of a certain Dao infused inside it when it is created, making the person who wields that weapon, be able to draw the strength of that Dao as well.

It's not an exaggeration to say that a thousand rank 3 gold grade weapons can't even compare to a single star rank."

Waves of shock filled Shun Long's heart the moment that he heard Little Black's explanation.

"A small part of the Dao?"

As this thought flashed through his mind, Shun Long closed his eyes before he sent his spirit sense inside the star rank weapons in front of him, in an attempt to sense the Dao inside it.

The moment that Shun Long's spirit sense entered inside the black sword, Liu Mei saw the various patterns on the sword's surface lit up, as sparks of lightning covered the sword's surface.

"The Dao of Lightning!" Shun Long mumbled to himself in a voice filled with disbelief, before he retracted his spirit sense from the black sword.

"There really is a Dao hidden inside a star-rank weapon!"

At the same time, Shun Long could sense that the Dao of Lightning inside the sword was definitely extremely strong!

Curiosity had also filled Liu Mei's stunning black eyes as she stared at the lightning sword in front of her.

At the same time, Shun Long sent his spirit sense inside the translucent armor, curious about the type of Dao that was contained inside it.

This time however, Shun Long wasn't able to recognize the Dao inside the armor.

Although he could feel that it was some kind of abnormal energy, he was unable to identify what it was.

Seemingly as if he could sense Shun Long's puzzlement, Little Black's voice that had hints of surprise inside it once again sounded in Shun Long's head

"Master, this is an extremely rare Dao called the 'Dao of Reflection'!

The armor in master's hands was definitely created by a Dao Emperor who had insights in the Dao of Reflection!

It's too bad that that person's comprehension wasn't deep enough, otherwise this armor may have even managed to become a 2-star weapon.

However, that is not to say that the armor is useless right now!

It is actually a life-saving treasure for any cultivator below the Dao Emperor realm, as it should actually be able to weaken any attack that doesn't come from a Dao Emperor by 30 percent.

Of course, if someone's comprehension of the Dao has actually exceeded the Dao Emperor's who created this armor, then the Dao of Reflection inside the armor will be useless in front of them, making it just slightly better than a peak rank 3 gold-grade armor!"

Shun Long was still shocked when he heard about the armor's ability.

Reflecting 30 percent of someone's attack? Wouldn't that mean that whoever was wearing this armor would have their survivability increased by many times?

After all, even without the Dao of Reflection, the translucent armor in front of Shun Long was still stronger than a peak rank 3 gold-grade armor!

Shun Long hadn't even seen a peak rank 3 gold-grade weapon before, and yet, there were 2 of them in front of him and Liu Mei right now.

After explaining to Liu Mei what he had learned about the star-rank weapons from Little Black, Shun Long said

"Mei'er, you should keep both this black sword and the armor.

Since I am also a body refiner, I am not in as much danger of dying as you are.

After all, as long as I have enough energy, I can heal most wounds on my body even without consuming any pills.

Additionally, there should only be 2 months until the test of that so-called Holy sect starts.

We also don't know how dangerous the test will be or what it will contain, making the situation even more dangerous.

As for the black sword, since you are more proficient in using swords than I am, it's better for you to have it anyway."

Liu Mei instinctively wanted to refuse, but she knew that Shun Long's words made sense.

She was indeed in much more danger of dying compared to Shun Long, even though she had an army of skeletons and undead knights at her command.

At the same time, during the past 2 years of training in the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', Liu Mei had also realized her own weakness.

It was sneak attacks!

Although her skeletons and undead knights could take care of any cultivator at the same level as Liu Mei, or even those who were stronger than her with their sheer numbers, if Liu Mei didn't have her army around her, she was at most, as strong as a weak peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator.

However, the moment that Shun Long finished his words, Little Black stared at the black sword from the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', before he said in a serious voice

"Master, although it's fine to give her the armor with the Dao of Reflection, master should still hold that black sword.

The Dao inside it is the Dao of Lightning, while Liu Mei's Dao, is the Dao of Death.

The Dao of Lightning and the Dao of Death are naturally opposing Daos and they don't mesh well with each other.

Instead, they both counter each other to a certain extent!

Not only would it not help Liu Mei to have this sword, but it could instead weaken the strength of her undead creatures!"

During the past 2 years that Shun Long and Liu Mei had trained inside the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', and since Liu Mei had followed Shun Long inside the 'Dragon Lord's villa', Little Black no longer felt aversion towards 'this human', as he started to slowly accept her existence in Shun Long's life.

Once Liu Mei heard that the black sword may weaken her skeletons and her undead knights, she didn't even wish to so much as touch it.

After all, for a cultivator, their own Dao was the most important thing.

Nodding his head, Shun Long placed the black sword to the side, before he took out the wooden chest from the 'Stone of Time' and placed it in front of him.

Chapter 372 - 372 Elderwood King tree

Looking at the wooden chest in front of him, Shun Long was actually stunned for a moment, as he then mumbled to himself in a voice filled with disbelief

"This is... actually made from an 'Elderwood King tree'?"

Although Shun Long hadn't noticed this back in the 'Dragon Lord's villa', since he had grabbed the chest in a hurry and placed it inside the 'Stone of Time', now that he observed it carefully, he was shocked when he realized this 'minor' detail.

At the same time, after hearing Shun Long mumbling to himself in a shocked voice, Liu Mei couldn't help ask curiously

"Long-ge, is this 'Elderwood King tree' very rare?"

Nodding his head, Shun Long looked at Liu Mei before he said

"It isn't only rare, it is also extremely valuable, even among rank 6 trees. A rank 6 'Elderwood tree' will take a thousand years to mature. Upon reaching maturity, its wood becomes extremely durable, and can be used to create powerful gold-grade weapons like bows, arrows and staffs.

Among a thousand rank 6 'Elderwood trees' however, there is a small chance for a single rank 6 'Elderwood King tree' to appear! That tree will continue to grow, and it will take 7000 years until it reaches maturity.

Not only is the wood of the 'Elderwood King tree' even sturdier than the normal 'Elderwood trees' by many times, but it can also be used as a supplementary ingredient to create high-grade and even top-grade rank 6 pills."

Although Liu Mei wasn't an alchemist or a formation master, it wasn't difficult for her to realize the value of the 'Elderwood King tree' after hearing Shun Long's explanation.

This tree was a real treasure that could be used to create both rank 6 pills, as well as gold-grade weapons.

And yet, such a tree had simply been used to create a simple-looking chest.

As he continued to stare at it, Shun Long also noticed various runes that were carved on the chest's surface.

Although Shun Long wasn't too knowledgeable regarding formations, he could vaguely make out that the formations on the chest weren't dangerous, but instead, they were used to protect it from any attacks.

Ignoring the formations on the chest's surface, Shun Long took a deep breath, before he pushed the chest open.

Shun Long and Liu Mei, as well as Little Black and even Little Silver inside the 'Stone of Time', all watched with rapt attention as the chest slowly opened.

However, contrary to what Shun Long had originally expected, there was nothing else inside the chest aside from a single white jade.

Shun Long was stunned for a moment, and he didn't even try to pick up the white jade.

He had originally expected that there would either be a spatial ring filled with treasures, or a star rank weapon similar to the black sword and the translucent armor.

After all, since this chest was placed directly in front of the golden throne, and since the chest itself was made from a rank 6 'Elderwood King tree', the chest's contents were certainly valuable.

However, after hesitating for a moment, Shun Long still placed his hand inside the chest and picked up the white jade.

The jade was actually cold to the touch while its edges seemed to have been carved meticulously, but there didn't seem to be anything too special about it.

Before Shun Long could even ask Little Black if he knew what this jade was, Little Black exclaimed in a somewhat surprised voice

"Master, this is a memory jade. This jade is usually used, when a cultivator at the Dao Emperor realm or above wants to record a message and pass it down to their descendants."

Although Shun Long had never heard of the term memory jade before, since this jade was actually stored inside the wooden chest, its contents were definitely nothing simple.

At the same time that Little Black finished his words, a powerful soul sense erupted from Shun Long's body submerging the entire room under its terrifying pressure.

Little Black stared intently at the memory jade in Shun Long's hands, before he shook his head a few moments later, and said in a relieved voice as he retracted his soul sense

"Thankfully, there is no soul inside that jade trying to take over master's body."

It is actually not uncommon for cultivators to hide part of their souls inside a memory jade, and once a 'lucky' cultivator finds the jade and activates it, they will also find the soul hidden inside it invading their body.

If that person is lucky and the soul hiding inside the jade is weak, there will usually be no problem to expel it before it can wrest control of their body.

However, in the case that the soul is too powerful, it isn't impossible for that person to die, and the soul inside the jade to take control of that body!"

Shun Long suddenly realized that he had actually neglected this matter.

Although he had originally been confident, that he could fight or escape against most enemies, he had actually had neglected the fact that Nascent Soul stage experts also had the ability to take over other cultivators' bodies.

It wasn't impossible for the soul of a powerful expert to hide itself inside the jade, and attack him when he wouldn't expect it.

Although Shun Long was confident that there was a very high chance for the 'Stone of Time' to protect him in such a situation since it was merged with his soul, it still wasn't a risk that he was willing to take.

Closing his eyes, Shun Long first calmed down his agitated emotions, before he sent his spirit sense inside the 'Stone of Time' and asked Little Black

"Little Black, how do I activate this memory jade?"

"Master only needs to inject your qi inside the jade to activate it, before you send your spirit sense inside it."

Nodding his head, Shun Long opened his eyes and circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass', before he injected his qi inside the white jade in his hands.

A pale white light appeared from the jade, growing brighter and brighter as Shun Long infused more and more of his qi inside it.

Less than 10 breaths of time later, after feeling that the light from the white jade had finally reached its peak, Shun Long closed his eyes, before his spirit sense was absorbed inside the jade.

Chapter 373 - 373 Huo Wuyi

The moment that Shun Long's spirit sense entered the white jade, Shun Long could feel a blinding white light filling his mind, before a completely new scene appeared in his eyes.

A man in his early 40s who seemed to be even younger than Cui Guoliang, was floating in the air and was staring at Shun Long who seemed to have suddenly appeared in front of him.

Shun Long noticed that this man had black hair and deep silver-colored eyes, while his body was covered by a white robe with mysterious runes and patterns on it.

With just a glance, Shun Long could instantly understand that this man's robes were covered with some kind of formations.

At the same time, Shun Long also noticed, that he was no longer inside the room of the inn, with Liu Mei sitting on the floor directly opposite from him.

Instead, it seemed like he was floating in an empty white world, that had nothing else inside it aside from the white-robed man who was now standing in front of him.

"Is this the scene inside the memory jade?"

As this thought flashed through his mind, Shun Long saw the man in front of him finally move for the first time.

The black-haired man looked at Shun Long and opened his mouth, causing a loud, booming voice to sound in Shun Long's ears, before it reverberated throughout the empty white world!

"Welcome to my palace!

My name is Huo Wuyi and I am the person who created the 'Dragon Lord's villa'!"

As the man's voice reverberated throughout the empty world, Shun Long felt a powerful headache overcoming his mind.

At the same time, he also saw that his surroundings had started to change, before the throne hall at the depths of the 'Dragon Lord's villa' appeared in front of his eyes.

As for the black-haired, white-robed man, he stood in front of the throne as he gazed towards Shun Long's direction before he then continued

"Since you have obtained this memory jade, it means that you have managed to pass through the obstacles of my villa, making you eligible to inherit my legacy!"

As the white-robed man finished speaking, Shun Long saw the throne room that he was standing in slowly fade away into emptiness, before an entirely different scene appeared around him.

It was a young man with short black hair and bright silver-colored eyes, fighting bare-handed against a magic beast that resembled a bear.

Although Shun Long couldn't feel any aura coming from the young man in front of him or the brown bear, he only needed a glance to recognize the magic beast in front of him, that was certainly an early or a middle rank 2 'earth bear'!

As for the young man who was fighting the bear, Shun Long instantly understood from his unique facial features, that this must be the same man who is standing in front of him right now.

At the same time that Shun Long was observing the scene in front of his eyes, the black-robed man who seemed to have also been staring at the same scene took a deep breath, before he said in a voice that was devoid of any emotions.

"I was originally born in this 'Night star continent' as well, in a small clan named the Huo clan. My clan lived in a small village, not too far away from the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range' at the west of the continent.

However, thanks to my talents, my cultivation quickly rose, and within just a few years, I had already reached the peak of rank 9 in the Heaven grade.

I continued adventuring throughout the continent, exploring different places and meeting many new people, until I became a Nascent Soul stage cultivator.

That was when I found the first big opportunity in my life!"

As the black-robed man continued to speak, the scenes around Shun Long constantly changed, almost as if they were allowing Shun Long to observe what the black-robed man had gone through in his life.

Although Shun Long saw the man struggling, laughing and crying, the voice that resounded in his mind, was actually devoid of any joy or sadness, as it continued speaking

"Since I was qualified to participate in the Holy sect's test, despite the dangers that it entailed, and despite having no powerful faction of the 'Night star continent' backing me, I still decided to take the risk and participate in it!

Although I faced some terrifying monsters during that test whose powers could not be measured using common sense, I still managed to pass the test and become a disciple of the Holy sect!"

Shun Long didn't know if the white-robed man had done this intentionally or if it was due to some other unknown reason, but he was actually unable to see anything regarding the Holy sect's test from the man's memories.

The man however didn't seem to have noticed anything amiss as he continued speaking

"After becoming a disciple of the Holy sect, not only did I finally obtain a backing and a place to stay in the cultivation world, as well as countless resources, but I also gained the chance to interact with those powerful monsters inside the sect!

At the same time, after sparring with other members of the sect and taking on sect missions, I grew stronger at a rate, countless times faster than when I was still in the 'Night star continent'!

Although I wasn't even close to the strongest disciples of the sect, I was definitely not weak, even among other Nascent Soul stage cultivators!"

For the first time during the narration, Shun Long heard the man's voice suddenly turning emotional

"Once I believed that I was strong enough, I started to take on even more difficult missions, even those that involved traveling to places far away from the sect!

It was during such a sect mission however... that I met the person who ruined my life!"

Chapter 374 - 374 The Dragon Lord's villa's purpose

As Huo Wuyi's voice trailed off, the scene in front of Shun Long's eyes changed.

Shun Long saw the young Huo Wuyi inside a forest, standing in front of a very beautiful young woman who was dressed in white robes.

There was a stunning smile on the young woman's face when she saw Huo Wuyi who was standing in front of her, and had just saved her and her younger brother who had been attacked by a powerful magic beast.

Even Shun Long had to admit that this young woman was extremely pretty.

Even if she wasn't as pretty as Liu Mei, she was definitely not too far off.

As Shun Long looked at the young woman and her brother who were just saved by the young man they had just met, Huo Wuyi's voice that was filled with self-mockery, anger and helplessness resounded in Shun Long's ears once again

"Hehe, this was my Dao partner, Yi Qianyu.

The day that I met her, she and her younger brother were being attacked by a middle rank 5 magic beast and were on the verge of dying.

The moment that I saw her, I was stunned by her beauty, and couldn't bear to let her die like that.

I originally thought that we would each follow our own ways after they thanked me for saving their lives. I had never thought that Qianyu would actually ask me to travel with them.

Hehe, of course I also knew back then, that she had most likely asked me to travel with them only because she didn't feel safe, that she and her brother would manage to complete their journey by themselves, and not because she was interested in me or because she felt grateful.

However, I had no reason to refuse either.

That was when I learned that Qianyu came from a small village, and she was passing through that forest to enter a big city.

However, the more that I traveled with her, the more I could feel myself being attracted to her as well.

Half a month later, after we arrived at the city that she and her brother were heading towards, I confessed my feelings for her, and she responded back.

That was when we first became Dao partners.

Hehe, Dao partners huh... what a foolish pair of words!

We traveled together for many years, and of course, I did everything I could to help my own woman to become stronger and live longer.

I tried my best to help her become a disciple of the Holy sect as well, but whether she could pass the test or not was up to her.

I had never expected that just a hundred years later, she would actually betray me for another man!"

Shun Long was stunned for a moment.

He didn't understand why Huo Wuyi was narrating his life story to him right now, nor what was the reason behind it.

However, he was also stunned when he heard that Huo Wuyi's wife betrayed him for another man.

Although it was said that it wasn't too uncommon for Dao partners to betray each other for an extremely rare and valuable treasure, this was actually the first time that Shun Long had heard about someone betraying their Dao partner for another person.

At the same time, the scene in front of Shun Long changed once again, depicting a young Huo Wuyi who was confronting Yi Qianyu and a handsome young man who was standing next to her, with a nonchalant smile on his face.

Shun Long could easily discern the fury behind Huo Wuyi's voice as he continued his narration

"Hehe, everything changed the day that a young man from a powerful family saw Qianyu, and was instantly enchanted by her beauty!

What I hadn't expected however, was for Qianyu to betray me and follow that man instead, the moment that he said that he was interested in her and wanted to marry her!

Hehehe! Back then I screamed on top of my lungs and cursed her as a shameless bitch before I fought with that man... but in the end, I was miserably defeated."

Shun Long saw the young Huo Wuyi lying in a pool of blood, with his arms both bent unnaturally, while an expression of fury and helplessness had appeared on his face, as tears had welled up in his eyes at the same time.

"However, even though I was defeated, that man didn't have the guts to kill me either. After all, he knew that he was in the wrong, and although the Holy sect isn't the strongest sect in the central region, it definitely wasn't much weaker than that man's family.

In the end, that man simply told me to never approach him and Qianyu again, otherwise, he said that he would kill me no matter which power I belonged to!"

After a brief moment of pause, Shun Long heard Huo Wuyi who started to laugh maniacally before he said

"HAHAHA! Not only did that man steal my woman, but he even threatened me that he would kill me if I ever approached her again! I wonder if any man can live with this kind of shame! A woman who I had always loved and did my best for her, had not only betrayed me for another man, but I was also humiliated by both of them!

As a cultivator, I was simply unwilling to accept this! My heart was unwilling to accept this humiliation and shame!

And yet I knew that I simply couldn't fight against that man.

Not only was his family almost at the same level as the Holy sect itself, but I also couldn't bear to bring myself and ask for help from the sect, to take revenge on the man who managed to steal my wife.

Besides, it's not like just anyone would be willing to help me either.

Thus, I decided to cultivate by myself, until I became strong enough to challenge him and take my revenge.

Although I believe that I am strong enough to seek revenge today, I do not dare to underestimate that man either! After all, I have already fought against him once, and I was completely incapable of even lasting for 10 hits against him back then.

Even in the entire central region, that man can definitely be considered a genius!

This is why after much thought, I decided to first return back to the 'Night star continent' and create the 'Dragon Lord's villa'.

After all, I can't say with certainty if I will be able to return alive either.

Thus, I created trials, and placed many treasures inside the villa, in order to help the natives of my home become stronger in the future.

Of course, the real treasures were actually placed at the depths of the villa, hidden behind the last barrier.

Since you have already obtained my memory jade, it means that you are at the very least, a peak Dao King whose talent isn't too low either!

After all, to break through my final barrier, requires the full-powered blow of someone whose strength is close to a Dao Emperor!

Since you were fated to get my memory jade, I will tell you where my most valuable treasures are actually hidden, but I also hope that you can do one thing for me as well!"

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Chapter 375 - 375 Shun Long's choice

Without waiting for a response, the black-robed man in front of Shun Long took a deep breath before he continued

"My request is, that if you ever become strong enough, you will kill Yi Quanyu and Murong Tian from the Murong family in the central region!

Of course, I know very well that it is more than unlikely that you will even come to the same level as that man, but I still hope that you will try to fulfill this request of mine.

As for my treasures?

I have already placed everything inside a spatial ring, and buried it on the mountain right outside the 'Murong city'.

Hehe, as long as you are willing to bring the chest that this memory jade was placed inside to the peak of that mountain, you will be able to obtain all of my treasures."

Without saying another word, the black-haired Huo Wuyi's figure started to fade, before Shun Long felt the empty world around him that had started to tremble.

A few moments later, he felt his spirit sense returning back to his body as he found himself back in the inn room once again.

At the same time that he opened his eyes, he saw the memory jade in his hand that had started to crack, before it surprisingly turned into a pile of white dust.

Seeing that Shun Long had just opened his eyes, Liu Mei had a worried look on her face as she asked

"Long-ge, are you okay?"

Nodding his head, Shun Long smiled lightly before he started to explain to Liu Mei and Little Black, as well as Little Silver who was also watching from the 'Stone of Time', what he had seen inside Huo Wuyi's memory jade.

The moment that he finished his explanation, Shun Long then turned his eyes to look at the box of 'Elderwood King tree' in front of him before he said with that same smile on his face

"By hiding everything inside his spatial ring and burying it on the mountain right outside the 'Murong city', instead of leaving it in the 'Dragon Lord's villa' along with his other treasures, that

old man practically made sure that whoever inherited his treasures, would at least arrive at the doorstep of that Murong family.

As for whether they would take revenge for him, that would depend on whether they were strong enough to do it."

Little Black nodded his head inside the 'Stone of Time' as well as he agreed with Shun Long's words.

"Long-ge, will you try and kill that Murong Tian?"

After hearing Liu Mei's question, Shun Long fell silent for a few moments without answering straight away.

Half a minute later, he looked at Liu Mei before he said with a solemn look in his eyes

"That will depend on that Murong Tian.

Honestly, I don't even know how strong that person is just yet, nor do I know anything about the real strength of the Murong family either, or Murong Tian's importance in his family.

All I know is, that the Murong family's strength was definitely not too far away from the Holy sect's, at the time that Huo Wuyi recorded his memories in the memory jade.

However, there is no way that I will simply risk my life to get revenge for that old man.

Let alone that I have no feud with the Murong family, saving someone and taking revenge are 2 completely different matters."

After taking a deep breath, Shun Long continued

"Of course, that doesn't mean that I will simply be ungrateful and take everything that Huo Wuyi left without doing anything.

As long as I can help him without placing my own life at risk, then I don't mind killing that Murong Tian if it's actually possible."

The moment that he finished speaking, Shun Long heard Little Black's voice sounding inside his head

"That's right master, you shouldn't think too deeply about this matter just yet! These types of legacies are far too common in this world.

A powerful expert will leave behind his treasures as well as a memory jade, in order to persuade the person who finds it to fulfill his wishes.

However, until master becomes a Dao King, it is better to not get involved in such matters.

After becoming a Dao King, master's strength will surely advance by leaps and bounds, and I can't even guess how strong master's Time Dao will become by then!"

Shun Long nodded his head as he agreed with Little Black.

Indeed, before becoming a Dao King, he wouldn't even think about taking revenge for Huo Wuyi.

After all, just from the fact that the final barrier of the 'Dragon Lord's villa' required the strength of a person who was at least a peak Dao King and was approaching the level of a Dao Emperor, Shun Long had also understood that Huo Wuyi was even stronger than that.

At the same time, Liu Mei exhaled out in relief, while a gentle smile had also appeared on her face after hearing Shun Long's answer.

After all, she didn't want Shun Long to feel burdened by Huo Wuyi's request, before they had even arrived in the central region.

Shun Long then closed his eyes for a few moments, as he started to think seriously over what he and Liu Mei should do next.

Although he had already obtained Huo Wuyi's black sword, the translucent armor and the dragonstone, as well as the chest with the memory jade, he was also certain that he had riled up the entire continent during this time, including the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace', Duan Zhu, as well as the full force of the Shengtian dynasty!

After thinking seriously for a moment, he turned his eyes to look at Liu Mei before he said with a regretful tone

"Mei'er, let's stay in this inn for a while.

I was originally planning for us to participate in the fights in the House of Rankings now that we have both advanced to the peak of the Spirit realm, but it's better for us to not attract too much attention at this point.

There should be a little more than 2 weeks before the test of the Holy sect starts, and we can't expose ourselves until then.

Although I doubt that the Shengtian dynasty will be able to find any clues, it will still be dangerous for us to stroll around the continent."

Liu Mei nodded her head with that same mesmerizing look on her face.

It was obvious that she didn't mind too much whether she participated in the fights in the House of Rankings or not.

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2 weeks passed by in the blink of an eye, before Shun Long and Liu Mei appeared a few hundred miles away from the Heaven's Dome city.

However, before he and Liu Mei could even approach the city gates, Shun Long saw the sky above his head suddenly darken.

Every single person in the entire 'Night star continent' turned their heads to look at the darkened sky above their heads, before a powerful voice resounded throughout the entire continent, shaking the hearts and souls of everyone who heard it

"People of the 'Night star continent'!

The Holy sect's test will start in 48 hours.

Every person whose age is below 300 years old and has reached at least the late-stages of the Spirit realm, can participate in it!

Those of you who want to participate, gather outside the Heaven's Dome city within the next 48 hours!"

Chapter 376 - 376 The test begins

The moment that this powerful voice disappeared, the darkness that covered the continent also faded away allowing the sun to find its way into the 'Night star continent' once again.

The crowd in the Heaven's Dome city however instantly exploded in discussions

"The test of the Holy sect will really start soon! I wonder what kind of test it will be!"

"Hehe, I am thankful I could come to the Heaven's Dome city a month ago! Participating in the House of Rankings against other geniuses really helped me grow stronger!"

"Stronger? Pfft, you are just a middle rank 8 Spirit realm cultivator! Unless you are a Nascent Soul stage expert, your only fate will be to become cannon fodder during the test!"

At the same time that the darkness disappeared, Liu Mei turned her head to look at Shun Long, before she asked in a suppressed voice that held hints of shock in it

"Long-ge, that person was probably even stronger than the Dao King of the Demon Emperor Palace right?"

Although Liu Mei didn't know how strong Duan Zhu really was, even as a peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator, she could discern that the pressure that this voice alone had brought her, was definitely much more terrifying than the feeling she had gotten from Duan Zhu when he had sent an all-out attack towards Little Black in the 'Dragon Lord's villa'.

Shun Long nodded his head with a solemn look in his eyes, before he said

"That person was most likely a Dao Emperor realm powerhouse!"

Shun Long would have asked Little Black to ascertain exactly how strong that person was, but after he started to absorb the dragonstone 2 weeks ago, Little Black had fallen into deep sleep.

Of course, he had already guessed that this would happen, as Little Black had already explained, that the difference in strength between a Dao King and a Dao Emperor is even larger than that of a Nascent Soul stage cultivator's and a Dao King's!

Shun Long knew that as soon as Little Black finished absorbing the dragonstone, he would definitely breakthrough to the rank 7 and be equivalent to a Dao Emperor!

At the same time, Shun Long had also spent the first 6 days that he and Liu Mei were staying in the inn, inside the 'Stone of Time', as he tried to familiarize himself with the black sword.

Although he had never used a sword in the past, but since Liu Mei couldn't use the black sword since it could reduce the strength of her undead army, he decided to use it instead, as it would make no sense for him to keep using the 'Purple Blossom staff'.

After all, in the test of the Holy sect, Shun Long was certain that there would be no lack of those people who would have rank 2 and even rank 3 gold-grade weapons, so not using his own star weapon and use his peak rank 1 'Purple Blossom staff' instead, would definitely put him at a disadvantage.

At the same time, although it was unlikely, Shun Long couldn't rule out the possibility that someone else would also have a star-rank weapon.

Although these weapons were mostly used by Dao Emperors, if one had a powerful background, there was the possibility for them to have such a weapon as well!

Coupled with Shun Long's cultivation at the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm, he would definitely find it extremely hard to face off against those geniuses who had long since reached the Nascent Soul stage if he had weaker weapons as well!

After all, just Yi Mingzhu and Su Shanyuan whom Shun Long had first seen in the House of Rankings fighting against each other, were already at the early rank 1 and the middle of rank 1 in the Nascent Soul stage just 3 years ago!

Shun Long could only guess how strong these people would have become by today. And the most frightening thing was, that those 2 weren't even peak geniuses of the 'Night star continent'!

Compared to the blue-haired Hu Liu who was ranked 3rd in the House of Rankings whom Shun Long had met in the 'Golden Exchange firm' more than 2 years ago, these people couldn't even be mentioned in the same breath!

Thus, Shun Long had spent almost 60 days inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', trying to familiarize himself with the black sword, and compare it with the usage of a staff.

Although the staff and the sword weren't fundamentally too different in the way that they were used, Shun Long noticed distinct differences between the 2 weapons.

"The staff definitely allows someone to be more nimble and flexible with their movements, while allowing also a larger variety of attacks at the same time.

However, the sword has a much higher destructive power and offensive capabilities that are simply incomparable to that of a staff!"

These had been Shun Long's insights during the past 2 months, and although he couldn't be called an expert with the sword, he could definitely use it without too many issues.

As Shun Long and Liu Mei walked towards the plains outside of the 'Heaven's Dome city', more and more people gathered as well, as they flew out of the gates of the city almost as if they were in a race.

In the blink of an eye, 10.000 people had already been gathered, and yet the number was only growing by the seconds.

A full day later, 100.000 people, all of them at the late-stages of the Spirit realm or above, had already gathered outside of the city.

"Look, that is senior Long Hong, the person who is ranked 20th in the House of Rankings!"

"Wasn't Long Hong ranked 5th in the past until he lost to the young white lord though? How did he fall all the way to the 20th place?"

"IDIOT! Who is the young white lord? He is the youngest rising star of the continent! He is already second in the House of Rankings, and the only person above him is Sheng Huang! I have also heard people saying that the young white lord would even have a chance to beat Sheng Huang if the 2 of them fought against each other, but alas...!"

Other people also chimed in when they heard this man belittling Long Hong's 20th place

"Fool! Do you think that being ranked 20th in the House of Rankings is easy? Previously senior Long Hong was ranked 5th, but that was among the cultivators of the Heaven's Dome city! How many people have come to the city ever since he fought with the young white lord? His 20th place now isn't just 20th in the Heaven's Dome city, but in the entire continent instead!"

That person who had criticized Long Hong instantly tucked his head as he fled the scene, unable to bear the crowd's berating any longer.

More and more experts gathered, and Shun Long started to hear even more unfamiliar names, when a sudden name attracted both his and Liu Mei's attention

"Hey! Isn't that Xie Xingyi from the Xie family of the Silver mountain? I heard that she had already taken the 5th place in the rankings more than a year ago."

"That's all you know? Half a year ago miss Xie also fought Hu Liu from the 'Golden Exchange firm' to a draw! However she disappeared shortly after, unable to take the fourth place in the Rankings!"

"Damn! I wish she would have fought more often in the rankings so I could admire her beauty every day!"

As both Shun Long and Liu Mei turned their heads towards the source of the noise, they saw a gorgeous young woman dressed in green robes walking through the crowd.

Her pale blonde hair and her stunning emerald eyes only served to accentuate her gorgeous face and stunning figure, making this woman the object of attraction for countless young men around her.

No matter what, neither Shun Long nor Liu Mei could deny the fact, that this young woman was definitely a kingdom toppling beauty.

Liu Mei had a surprised look in her eyes behind her white veil, as she turned her head to look at Shun Long and said

"Long-ge, she is probably related to madam Xie Rong from the 'Pale Moon guild'."

Shun Long nodded his head in response, as he remembered the beautiful woman from the 'Pale Moon guild' of the Silver sword city, whose facial features were very similar to this woman's.

Of course, Shun Long only stared at her for a few seconds more than he had stared at Long Hong earlier.

No matter how beautiful a woman was, he wouldn't simply be interested in her just because of her beauty.

Besides, Xie Xingyi could at most be considered on par with Liu Mei, even though they both had a different type of beauty.

Time continued to pass and more people continued to gather, but between so many thousands of people, Shun Long wasn't able to see everyone who had made a name for themselves in the Heaven's Dome city during the past 2 years!

Finally, one more day passed as well, marking the end of the 48 hours period that the powerful expert from 2 days ago had set.

More than 200.000 people were gathered in the plains outside the city, when the continent was plunged into darkness for the second time, before the same, powerful voice, once again resounded throughout the continent

"The 48 hours are over!"

As that person finished speaking, a gigantic white gate that spanned for a few miles suddenly appeared in the sky before that person then continued

"Those of you who are eligible to participate in the Holy sect's test, pass through the gates and enter inside!

However, if any of you is already above 300 years old and you still attempt to enter inside, know beforehand that you will die!

Additionally, there are no alliances in the Holy sect's test, and it is also possible, that during the test you will also lose your life!

Now... let the test of the Holy sect... BEGIN!"

Chapter 377 - 377 The first test!

The moment that this voice finished speaking, thousands of people soared in the sky, as they flew towards the gigantic white gate one after the other, almost like they were competing with each other to see who would enter first.

And yet, Shun Long wasn't in a hurry to enter the white gate.

Instead, he turned to look at Liu Mei, before he took out a bottle from the 'Stone of Time' that was filled with purple-colored pills. As he stared into Liu Mei's gorgeous black eyes behind her white veil, Shun Long handed her the bottle of pills, before he said in a serious voice

"Mei'er, be very careful!

Since that voice said that there will be no alliances, it's very likely that they will have everyone split from each other to ensure fairness during the test.

We have no idea what kind of tests we will have to face, so make sure to be careful.

Even if you somehow fail during test, don't be anxious. There will definitely be many other places in the central region for us to go to, it's not like we have to enter the Holy sect no matter what.

However, there is one important thing that you have to pay attention to!

If you suddenly obtain inspiration and have to breakthrough to the Nascent Soul stage, make sure to consume these pills before your breakthrough!"

As he finished speaking, Shun Long didn't say anything else, and instead, he simply patted Liu Mei's head.

Staring at the pills in her hands, Liu Mei nodded her head, before she placed the pill bottle inside her spatial ring.

Then, with a serious look on her face, she stepped forward and hugged Shun Long, placing her head on his chest before she said in a low voice

"Long-ge, you have to be careful too!"

Nodding his head, Shun Long hugged Liu Mei back, before the 2 of them soared in the sky, as they followed the crowd and flew towards the gigantic white gate as well.

Staring at the gigantic white gate in front of him, Shun Long took a step forward before he entered inside.

The moment that his body passed through the gate however, he felt his previously clear vision suddenly getting blurry,

Shun Long could feel the familiar feeling of spatial fluctuations covering his body, before he suddenly felt Liu Mei disappear from his arms.

More than a minute later, he could finally open his eyes again, as Shun Long found himself in a completely unfamiliar environment.

He was standing on a white platform that seemed to have been created by some kind of white jade, while endless grassy plains filled the area around the platform.

However, what startled Shun Long, was neither the white platform nor the green scenery of his surroundings, but that he was actually unable to move a single muscle on his body.

It was like his body had been immobilized, and no matter how much strength he tried to exert, he was unable to break free.

The only thing that he could do was to just stare in front of him, but he was unable to even turn his head to the side.

Shun Long wanted to try and see if he could break free from this invisible restraint using 'blink', when he suddenly noticed people appearing around him, practically out of thin air.

1, 2, 3...

8, 9, 10, 11!

The moment that the last person appeared around him, Shun Long acutely noticed, that none of these 11 people were able to move either.

These people's conditions were similar to Shun Long's own, unable to do move any part of their body but their eyes!

At the same time, Shun Long noticed countless different emotions flashing through these people's eyes.

Some of them observed the people in front of them with curiosity, others looked scared, while others seemed impatient to start a fight, while they were unable to conceal the bloodthirsty look in their eyes!

However, what shocked Shun Long the most, was that most of these people didn't seem to come from the 'Night star continent'.

"Don't tell me that they come from another continent instead? And possibly more than one...?"

As this thought flashed through his mind, Shun Long found it even more plausible with every passing moment, as he continued to observe the people in front of him.

The reason behind this assumption of his, was the way that some of these people had dressed themselves!

Two of them were dressed in luxurious clothes that seemed similar to the way that clothes were made in the 'Night star continent', with powerful formation masters engraving protecting runes inside them, while others were covered with the hides of powerful magic beasts from head to toe.

Of course, the people who were dressed in 'normal clothes' similar to Shun Long's, were still the vast majority.

A few moments later, the familiar, powerful voice that had covered the entire 'Night star continent' earlier, resounded in Shun Long's ears for the second time

"This is the first test to enter the Holy sect!

The first test tests your luck, as well as your resolve to be cultivators.

At the same time, it can also be considered a preliminary test as well.

Cultivators not only need to be lucky to survive, but they also need to be strong-willed!

Unless there is a supreme expert to protect you and help you grow, soft-hearted cultivators will definitely die sooner or later.

The path to be a cultivator is the path to defy the heavens!

You will need to step on the bodies of countless experts if you want to survive and continue moving forward, and this test is no exception!

This is a world where the strong rule and the weak get trampled on!"

Shun Long could feel waves of shock trying to rock his heart, almost as if his emotions had turned turbulent just from this person's words.

However, this feeling barely lasted for less than a moment, before his heart returned to calmness.

After a brief moment of pause, that voice sounded again before it continued in a nonchalant tone

"In front of you there are 11 other cultivators who are participating in the Holy sect's test as well.

However, if you want to pass the test, each of you have to kill 3 people!

If you fail to complete this within half an hour, then you will be considered to have failed the test!

Now... all of you can begin!"

The moment that this voice disappeared, Shun Long felt the restraints around his body disappear at the same time, as he stared at the people in front of him who seemed to have noticed this change as well.

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Author's note: Chapters are coming a bit later than usual these days because I have been experiencing some pain in my wrist. We are still getting our 2 chapters every day, but they will take some more time since I need to take breaks so I won't cause any damage to my hand and be unable to write in the future. <3

Chapter 378 - 378 Dangerous woman

Although the voice told them to begin, no one of the 11 people in front of Shun Long chose to make a move right away.

Instead, they silently observed everyone else in front of them like wolves staring at a group of defenseless sheep.

As Shun Long stared at the people in front of him, a look of shock appeared in his eyes, as his gaze landed on a young woman whose body was covered by a beast hide.

She had short black hair and a big chest, but the muscles in her arms and legs weren't inferior to those of powerful men either.

Additionally, it only took a glance for Shun Long to recognize, that her cultivation was definitely the strongest out of the 12 people here, as it had already reached the early rank 3 in the Nascent Soul stage!

The moment that the bindings around everyone's body disappeared, everyone hurriedly opened up the distance between themselves and this woman, whose gaze roamed around her without concealing her bloodthirsty intent!

This was even more evident when she noticed, that aside from herself there were no other rank 3 Nascent Soul stage cultivators around her.

Aside from a peak rank 1 and a middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage cultivator, the cultivation of everyone else around her was only at the late-stages of the Spirit realm.

This was enough to make this woman stare at everyone else in front of her, with a look of disdain in her eyes.

Of course, Shun Long wouldn't choose to keep his cultivation concealed in this place, and instead, he had immediately circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass' without any hesitation, allowing everyone to see that he was just at the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm.

Otherwise, if he chose to hide his cultivation, it would definitely attract even more attention.

Seeing that the woman at the early rank 3 of the Nascent Soul stage didn't fix her gaze on him, Shun Long wasn't in a hurry to make a move.

Instead, he silently watched the people around him who were all staring at this woman, while he also thought to himself

"That voice said that the rules for this test are, that each person has to kill 3 people in order to pass this test. Although this rule seems somewhat cruel, this is the cultivation world in the end.

I can only hope that Mei'er's group will be relatively easy and that she won't have any serious trouble."

As these thoughts flashed through Shun Long's mind, he noticed the young woman's gaze landing on a young man who seemed to be less than 18 years old, and was standing a few meters away from him.

The moment that this young man whose cultivation was at the middle of rank 9 in the Spirit realm felt this woman's gaze settling on him, his face instantly paled, as he hurriedly took out a saber from his spatial ring and held it in front of his chest.

The woman however smirked when she saw the young man's response, and after kicking the ground, she arrived in front of him almost instantly.

Shun Long felt some shock as well once he saw the woman's speed, before he opened up the distance between himself and the 2 of them seeing that they were about to fight.

Although Shun Long was confident that he could fight against an early rank 3 Nascent Soul stage expert even while he was still at the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm, he knew that it wouldn't be an easy fight either!

Additionally, this woman's speed was definitely nothing to scoff at, making a fight against her even harder!

Shun Long knew that even if his 'Time Prison' could successfully trap this woman for a split second, allowing him to find an opening to attack, more than half of his qi would be sapped during that time, and he still wasn't certain if the 'Time Prison' would be successful either.

At the same time, even if the 'Time Prison' succeeded, Shun Long would have to use it at the most perfect moment, otherwise the slightest misstep would allow the woman to break free from it before his own attack landed, effectively wasting the qi during the process.

After all, although the 'Time Prison' was an extremely powerful move, against opponents whose cultivation base was much higher than Shun Long's, it would only last for a split-second before they managed to break free.

And even in the scenario where Shun Long managed to kill this woman, he was also certain that the other 2 Nascent Soul stage cultivators would notice that his qi would be depleted after the fight, and wouldn't let him go like that.

Thus, unless absolutely necessary, Shun Long didn't wish to clash with this short-haired, big-chested woman just yet.

As soon as she arrived in front of the young man whom she had targeted, Shun Long saw the young woman's cultivation at the early rank 3 of the Nascent Soul stage erupt at full force, as she gathered her qi in her hands and punch towards the young man's saber!

It wasn't just Shun Long who was staring at this fight, but everyone else as well, including the peak rank 1 and the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul experts.

The moment that the woman's hand punched the saber, the young man who was holding it was sent flying towards the sky like a shooting star, before he landed a few hundred meters away with a bang.

Even from a few hundred meters away, Shun Long could see that the young man's arm that was previously holding the saber, which was now distorted, causing the young man to scream in pain.

At the same time, everyone stared at this young woman with shock in their eyes!

She wasn't even a body cultivator, and yet, she had managed to punch through a rank 1 gold grade weapon with her bare hands!

"Even body refining cultivators at the early fifth stage of body refinement wouldn't dare to punch through a gold grade weapon with their bare hands!"

The moment that the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage expert said this out loud, everyone turned to look at him with shock in their eyes, while Shun Long nodded his head in confirmation.

Indeed, even cultivators who had just entered the fifth stage in body refinement wouldn't dare to punch a gold grade weapon directly, without using qi to protect their bodies. Otherwise, there was no way that they would come out on top without any injuries, even if their cultivation was higher than their opponents.

"Although she managed to conceal it, she definitely used some sort of Dao to do this!"

As Shun Long reached this conclusion, the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage expert who had spoken earlier, as well as the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul expert who was standing the furthest away from that young woman and was staring at her with fear in his eyes, had all arrived at this conclusion as well!

As he saw the young woman approaching him, the young man at the middle of rank 9 in the Spirit realm whose arm was mangled and in a terrible condition, couldn't help shouting in a voice filled with horror

"Wait! WAIT! I QUIT! I GIVE UP!"

The black-haired woman however simply smiled mockingly when she heard this, before she raised her foot above the young man's head.

She then turned around to look at the people who were watching her and smiled brightly, before she brought her foot downwards like a hammer.

Boom!

A small earthquake shook the ground the moment that the woman's foot descended on the young man's head, destroying it in an instant, as blood dyed her bare foot a bright red color.

Without waiting to see who would be this woman's next target, everyone turned around to look for the weakest opponents!

After all, as long as they could kill 3 people, they would pass the test regardless of what that crazy woman did!

At the same time, Shun Long also looked around him to find an opponent, when he felt a piercing gaze staring at him.

Turning his head to the side, he saw a young man who was wearing a beast hide, stare at him like a hungry magic beast that had just found its target!

This gaze belonged to the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul expert! That man had chosen Shun Long as his first target!

Chapter 379 - 379 Fighting a Nascent Soul stage cultivator!

Shun Long's eyes narrowed when he felt the piercing gaze of the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage expert.

After seeing the dangerous woman's power, every single person seemed to have the same thought in their minds

"As soon as I can kill 3 people, then I won't have to be afraid of that monster choosing to fight me against her next opponent!"

Even the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage expert who was the second strongest person in this place after that woman was no exception!

Seeing the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage expert running towards him while holding a long and thick wooden club in his hands, Shun Long smirked inwardly, before he circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass'.

Shun Long's eyes instantly turned golden, while his aura of a peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator exploded from his body, with even more intensity than before.

At the same time, a purple-colored wooden staff appeared in his hands, and looking at the young man who was rushing towards him, Shun Long said in a low voice

"Come!"

Of course, against a peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage cultivator, Shun Long didn't think that he would need to use his black sword just yet, and chose to use the 'Purple Blossom staff' instead!

Of course, if he was fighting against the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage cultivator or that short-haired young woman, then this would be a completely different matter altogether.

Looking at the rank 1 gold grade weapon in Shun Long's hands, the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage young man smiled coldly, before he gathered his qi and infused it in the wooden club in his hands.

Not only was his club a rank 2 gold grade weapon, but his cultivation was also higher than Shun Long's as well.

Thus, he was confident that he could kill Shun Long within 3 exchanges at most, before he moved to kill his next target!

Seeing the wooden club descending towards his head with immense force behind it, Shun Long's golden eyes instantly lit up with a bright blue light, before he took a single step to the side without directly parrying this man's attack.

BOOM

After failing to hit Shun Long, the young man's club struck the ground with his full power behind it, causing it to tremble from the impact and bringing chills to the nearby cultivators who saw the power behind it.

Even the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage cultivator turned his eyes to look at that young man with a serious look in his eyes as he mumbled to himself

"That guy is not weak after all."

However, the tiles beneath Shun Long's and the young man's feet that were made from white jade, didn't seem to have even a single scratch on them.

Of course, since even that terrifying woman's attacks had failed to cause any damage to them earlier, it was impossible for this man's club to do so.

Despite having avoided the attack, Shun Long didn't choose to counterattack right away, and instead, he took another step to the side, the look on his face being completely calm as he stared at the young man in front of him, almost as if he could predict his own movements before him.

At the same time, the young man in the beast hide had a shocked look in his eyes when he saw Shun Long's movements, but his own actions didn't stop, as he swung his club to the side without any delay, looking like he was trying to strike a fly in the air in front of him.

"Don't tell me that he saw through my feint?"

The young man thought to himself in disbelief, unable to understand how Shun Long had managed to see through his attack.

After delivering the first strike, he had left his left side completely exposed, allowing Shun Long to strike him if he wanted to.

However, Shun Long didn't take this chance to attack, and instead, he had taken another step to the side, almost as if he knew that this was a deliberate opening!

"No, this is the first time I have met him, there is no way that he knew about this tactic of mine beforehand! This was just pure luck!"

Certain that it was Shun Long's own cowardice that had saved him, the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage expert suppressed the irritated feeling in his heart, as he delivered attack after attack towards Shun Long, either one aimed at his head, his torso, or his waist.

And yet, Shun Long only dodged these attacks without counterattacking right away.

"Worm! Do you only know how to dodge? Do you think that you can enter the Holy sect like this?"

Unable to reign in his anger any longer after seeing his attacks landing on empty air one right after the other, the man could only shout in an angry and insulting manner, in an attempt to force the young man in front of him to fight him head-on.

And yet, despite knowing that the man in front of him was clearly taunting him, Shun Long smiled lightly before he nodded his head, dumbfounding the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage expert in front of him.

Before the man could react, Shun Long pointed forward with his right hand, before he mumbled in a low voice

"Thunderbolt finger!"

BOOM!

The sound of thunder booming sounded in the air, and before the man in the beast hide could do anything, he saw a sudden thunderbolt flying towards his face.

Raising the wooden club in his hands and placing it in front of his face, the young man hurriedly blocked Shun Long's attack!

However, Shun Long's attack wasn't as simple as the man had expected it to be!

The peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage expert felt his own arms struggling to keep the wooden club in front of his face, as his feet slid through white jade tiles, looking like he was unable to hold on.

A few moments later, the lightning bolt finally lost its power and dispersed in the air, allowing the young man to heave a sigh of relief, his eyes staring at Shun Long with apprehension and fear inside them!

Even the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul expert and the terrifying young woman had their attention attracted from the powerful thunderbolt, as they turned their attention towards Shun Long!

Chapter 380 - 380 Kill or be killed

Shun Long however simply sighed in response when he saw that the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage expert had managed to defend against his 'Thunderbolt finger' without suffering any injuries, before he mumbled to himself

"Nascent Soul stage cultivators are indeed in a league of their own!"

After all, this wasn't the same 'Thunderbolt finger' that Shun Long had used 2 years ago.

Not only was his cultivation at the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm now, but his 'Thunderbolt finger' was no longer in its infancy stages either!

Shun Long had already reached the third rank of this Mystic high-grade martial skill, bringing it to its peak state!

The middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage expert turned his eyes and glanced at Shun Long for a single moment, before he continued to fight against the early rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator in front of him.

"Thankfully my own opponents weren't monsters like that guy!"

Just like that voice said earlier, luck really is part of your own skills as well, so choosing easier opponents is important too! Of course, there is no way that a peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator would be able to pose any danger to me. At most, I would take a longer amount of time to kill him, so this can be considered that guy's good luck as well!"

Without paying any more attention to Shun Long's and the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul man's fight, the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage expert continued to fight against the opponent in front of him.

A few moments ago, it had only taken him 2 strikes to kill the previous early rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator, and the second target in front of him would be no different.

However, after seeing Shun Long's power, although he wasn't afraid of a peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator, the middle rank 2 Nascent Soul stage expert started to act more cautious as well against his opponents!

At the same time, the black-haired young woman stared at the handsome young man who had fired off the thunderbolt from his finger with a hungry look in her eyes, and after licking her lips once, she turned her attention towards the rest of the late-stage Spirit realm cultivators around her.

She only needed to kill one more person to be pass through the first stage of the test, so she wasn't willing to waste too much time in this place either.

"Although that guy is somewhat interesting... in the end, he is only a Spirit realm cultivator!"

As this thought flashed through her mind, she narrowed her eyes before she turned her attention towards a middle rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator who was fighting against an early rank 9 Spirit realm young woman.

At the same time, although he had felt shock in his heart, the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage expert in front of Shun Long finally felt a sense of danger after receiving the 'Thunderbolt finger' head-on, while a serious look flashed through his eyes as he stared at Shun Long.

Although he had been too anxious earlier, he finally realized that he wouldn't be able to kill the blue-robed young man in front of him that easily.

Of course, he couldn't change targets either, even if he wanted to.

"Since only 3 people can pass through the first test, I will either have to kill this guy, that crazy monster at the early rank 3 of the Nascent Soul stage, or that guy who has already reached the middle of rank 2.

No matter what, fighting against a peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator is countless times better than having to fight against a Nascent Soul stage cultivator at the middle of rank 2! As for that monster, Tan Wei, I'd rather fight everyone else in this place together than fight against her!"

Of course, how could Shun Long not sense the killing intent that was coming from this young man's body?

This time, he didn't wait for the man to attack him first, and instead, he took the initiative to rush forward.

For a moment, it seemed as if Shun Long had turned one with the wind, as his body seemed to have suddenly disappeared.

This was the 5th stage of the Gale steps!

Of course, as a Nascent Soul stage cultivator, the young man in front of Shun Long had plenty of experience, and only needed a second to determine Shun Long's general location.

Even though Shun Long seemed to have turned invisible in the eyes of the late-stage Spirit realm cultivators around him, Nascent Soul stage experts were still able to pinpoint his location without any trouble.

This was the qualitative difference between Spirit realm cultivators and Nascent Soul experts after all.

Once a cultivator had condensed their Nascent Soul, their own existence was elevated to another level.

What others were unable to see with their own eyes, Nascent Soul stage cultivators could easily 'see' with their soul sense.

Of course, Shun Long was already aware that the concealing ability of the Gale steps, was practically useless against a Nascent Soul stage cultivator, which was why he hadn't even trained in this martial skill in the past 2 years.

Appearing by the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul expert's side, Shun Long grabbed the 'Purple Blossom staff' with both hands, before he swung it sideways.

The young man was surprised when he felt a sense of danger coming from the wooden staff which was nothing more than a peak rank 1 gold grade weapon, but he had already been prepared for Shun Long's attack, and raising his wooden club in front of him, he infused his qi inside it as he easily parried the 'Purple Blossom staff' with a mocking look in his eyes.

Of course, the power behind Shun Long's attack wasn't as simple as it looked, forcing the young man to take 5 steps backward until he stabilized himself!

Finally, the confident look in his eyes changed into one of horror, as he looked at the blue-robed young man in front of him and asked in a voice filled with disbelief

"You! You are also a body refiner?"

Although people who dual cultivated in both qi and body refinement weren't common, they weren't abnormally rare either!

It was possible to find one out of 100 cultivators in the Western region who trained in both qi and body refinement cultivation techniques!

The reason why this young man was so shocked, was because of Shun Long's power.

"Just a single martial skill of his was infused with an extremely pure qi, making me have a hard time to defend against it! But now, even the power of his body is this crazy? Where did this monster come from?"

Shun Long nodded his head without explaining anything, as he moved forward and swung the 'Purple Blossom staff' diagonally

This was the second move of the Staff of Obliteration!

The third move followed right after without any delay, then the fourth and finally the fifth!

However, although Shun Long's chain attacks had put him in a tough position, the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul expert knew that he had to hang on and find a chance to counterattack and kill Shun Long!

Otherwise, his hopes of entering the Holy sect would be gone!

Shun Long however couldn't give up either.

This was the test of the Holy sect, and there was only one rule

'Kill or be killed!'

If one didn't have a resolute heart and couldn't kill the enemies who threatened their lives, they could no longer be called cultivators and the Holy sect certainly wouldn't accept them in their midst.

As he stared at the man in front of him and was about to follow up with the 6th move of the Staff of Obliteration, Shun Long's golden eyes suddenly lit up, and without any hesitation, he instantly jumped to the side.

At the same time, the man in the beast hide in front of him had opened his mouth, and spat out a gigantic red fireball towards Shun Long, in an attempt to kill him before he could use the sixth move of the Staff of Obliteration.

At that moment however, Shun Long abandoned the 'Purple Blossom staff' and allowed it to fall on the ground, before he mumbled to himself

'Blink'

Before the fireball could even approach close to him, Shun Long instantly disappeared on the spot, before he suddenly appeared behind the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul stage young man.

Without any emotion in his eyes, Shun Long slashed the illusionary, purple-colored blade in his right hand sideways, towards the peak rank 1 Nascent Soul man's head!