

Unparalleled 1001

Chapter 1001 Immortal Progenies Are Furious, He's Playing

"Am the one and only throughout eternity, the one and only that'll rule for eternity!"

The arrogant words resounded in the clouds and shocked everyone!

Every cultivator looked at the white-robed figure in a daze as if they were looking at the King of Immortals who shocked the ages. Even the Immortals were shocked.

"He's indeed an anomaly." Gong Yue shook her head.

"Chu Kuangren will be the one and only to rule for eternity? Such strength and courage are rare in ages."

"He's not the Fated One, but his vigor and strength are astonishing compared to the Fated One. He's an anomaly."

The Immortals looked at Chu Kuangren and were secretly amazed.

In the arena, the Immortal Progenies looked at the majestic and domineering Chu Kuangren with an unprecedented solemn gaze.

Then, without another word, everyone made their moves.

The first who took action was Yuan Xu, Great Yuan Divine Dynasty's Crown Prince. His source energy surged as he waved the longsword in his hand, seemingly transforming into a powerful army of thousands that shocked the world.

The Fated One's strength was extraordinary.

Not to mention, Yuan Xu was a reincarnated Immortal. The power of his sword attack had reached the level of a top-notched Half-Immortal or even close to the level of an Immortal.

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However, Chu Kuangren still stood proudly and drew on the void with his sword hand sign.

A sword attack as powerful as thousands of horses could not even break him.

Instead, the army of thousands was broken by a sword attack!

"Come on. Show me your full strength." Chu Kuangren had one hand on his back and the other forming a sword hand sign that pointed at the ground. He stood proudly while looking down on the world below him!

"Attack!"

"Divine Fire Great Dao, Sky Blazing Earth Transforming!"

As Lin Yan took action, several kinds of divine fire powers swept out, each of which contained enough power to kill a Pseudo Immortal.

On the other hand, the Crimson Dragon Young Master also activated the source energy in his body. Then, he released a palm attack, and a blazing crimson dragon shadow containing a terrifying flame was no worse than divine fire surged towards Chu Kuangren.

The divine fire and dragon shadow attacked Chu Kuangren, one on the left and one on the right!

Chu Kuangren smiled faintly before waving his sword hand sign in the void. A purple sword ray surged from his fingertips, split into two in the void, and attacked towards his left and right, smashing the divine fire and dragon shadow one by one.

The sword ray's remaining power did not diminish as it attacked Yuan Xu and Lin Yan next.

Boom!

Boom!

After two loud bangs, the two Fated Ones were blasted hundreds of meters back.

"So powerful!"

"No matter how powerful a person is, there must be a limit to his abilities. Continue attacking!"

After the attacks of the two Fated Ones failed, other Immortal Progenies took action to cast various powerful Immortal Techniques.

"Cerulean Ocean Technique!"

"Boundless Buddhist Light!"

"Centurial Raging Saber!"

Saber techniques, sword attacks, palm qi, fist ray — all kinds of attacks contained Immortal Spark, slamming into Chu Kuangren.

Even an Immortal could not resist such violent energy. "Heh..."

Chu Kuangren chuckled and could not care less about them. Pointing his sword hand sign forward, sword rays gathered in the void and turned into blossoming purple lotuses.

The purple lotuses appeared in the sky, and as thousands of Immortal Techniques slammed on them, several explosions erupted in the void. The horrifying shockwaves swept out thousands of kilometers!

"Did you make it?!"

"No!"

"Stop joking. He's Chu Kuangren. He won't be easily defeated. Keep the attacks going!" an Immortal Progeny roared.

Upon hearing that, a stern look appeared on the crowd's faces.

Indeed. They were now facing the heaven-defying, Immortal-slaying Chu Kuangren, who wanted to rule for eternity. How could he be defeated so easily?

Suddenly, a wave of Emperor qi gushed out, and the smoke dissipated, revealing a figure in white.

Chu Kuangren was standing proudly and arrogant as always. His white clothes were spotless, and he was unscathed!

That scene shocked everyone present.

They did not expect to defeat Chu Kuangren this round, but it was ridiculous to think that he was unscathed!

'Is he even an Immortal Progeny?' 'A real Immortal isn't so powerful, is he?'

"I now think that this is a very unfair battle."

Chu Kuangren spoke up all of a sudden. As he looked at the crowd, he said, "It's inconsiderate to ask you guys to defeat me or hurt me."

Everyone's faces darkened.

'What does he mean?'

'Is he looking down on us?'

'Is he insulting us?'

"Why don't we do this? One step." Chu Kuangren stretched out a finger and said, "As long as you guys can make me move one step, I'll consider you the winner and give up this Immortal Weapon."

Then, he stepped onto the arena, and his vast power trembled the arena, sinking his foot down to form a footprint. The crowd understood Chu Kuangren's intention. He would lose as long as they could make him move away from the footprint.

Everyone fell silent.

Following that, indescribable anger burned in their hearts, making them furious.

"What a joke!"

"We will win if we can make you move one step?! Chu Kuangren, you're too arrogant! Not only do we have to move you, but we also have to defeat you!"

"D*mn, who do you think we are?"

The Immortal Progenies were furious, especially those King Immortal Progenies.

Their faces flushed red as they stared at Chu Kuangren. They were so angry that their eyes almost burst into flames.

Immortal Progenies were arrogant beings, especially the King Immortal Progenies.

To them, it sounded like Chu Kuangren was humiliating them!

No matter how much he looked down on someone, there should be a limit to it.

What was he doing? Treating them like a colony of ants?

Gu Wuqing and Gu Liufang, who were not far away, could not help but feel afraid at the Immortals Progenies' anger.

A group of furious top-notch Immortals Progenies was terrifying as they could cast combat strength that exceeded their existing cultivation base.

"Master Chu is too bold."

"I'm also a little angry actually."

Gu Liufang said while scratching his head.

Even his people had lost it. One could only imagine how furious the Immortal Progenies were facing Chu Kuangren.

However, as the culprit, Chu Kuangren could not care less about how they were feeling. He hooked his fingers at everyone and said, "Come on."

It was a frivolous gesture and an indifferent tone.

His words ignited all the Immortal Progenies' anger. "Chu Kuangren, I'll make you regret it!" "Attack! Defeat him with all the techniques you've learned in your entire life!"

At that moment, all Immortal Progenies put aside their grievances and, for once, joined forces to defeat Chu Kuangren before them!

They utilized their weapons, mobilized what they had learned, and attacked Chu Kuangren without holding back. Dazzling Immortal Sparks, the tyrannical source energy fluctuations, and even Immortal weapons were taken out. The Immortal Progenies did everything they could. Ambush, frontal attack, mystify illusion technique, joint formation, poisoning... The Immortal Progenies did whatever they could.

However... Those methods were all useless!

Chu Kuangren stood on the ground and drew in the air with his sword hand sign. His moves and techniques were exquisite, and his every moment had an unrivaled divine might.

Water and fire were inaccessible, while saber and sword were not attached. Thousand Lotus Sword Intent that he cast isolated all kinds of source energy.

As for illusion technique attacks, they were like a mayfly shaking a tree. They could not shake his Daoist's core or his soul at all.

"No flaws!"

"It's perfect and... impeccable!"

Immortals outside the arena were shocked to see how easily Chu Kuangren disintegrated all kinds of attacks with his gestures.

"He's... fooling around?!"

"He can defeat everyone effortlessly if he wants to, but here he is, fooling around. He wants to see the Immortal Progenies' strength, especially the King Immortal Progenies and Fated Ones."

Gong Yue uttered after taking a deep breath.

The Immortals shuddered in shock.

“How could there be such an Immortal Progeny?” That question appeared in everyone’s minds.

Chapter 1002 It’s Time To End, Unleashing Sword To Kill The Dragon Immortal, Obtaining Binding Dragon Rope

“Divine Fire Great Dao, Eight Wind Scorched Earth!”

When Lin Yan activated the divine fire on his body, several divine fires merged to form a colorful torrent of flames, brewing a violent force that was about to turn the world into scorched earth. The attack was aimed at Chu Kuangren.

The Crimson Dragon Young Master roared, and surges of dragon qi gushed out.

“Crimson Dragon Claws!”

The giant flaming claws made a grab towards Chu Kuangren!

The power was unparalleled and unstoppable!

“Thousand Troop Technique, Sword Ways Potent Dao!”

Yuan Xu threw the sword in his hand high up, and it spun wildly in the air.

One, two, ten, hundred, thousand...

Countless sword shadows emerged like an army of thousands. “Rip him apart!”

With a grunt, thousands of sword shadows gushed out like a torrential wave. “Cerulean Ocean Technique!”

“Centurial Raging Saber!”

“Long-lasting Rainbow Sundown!”

Immortal Progenies that could still fight also cast their most powerful moves.

However, Chu Kuangren formed a sword hand sign and cast the Thousand Lotus Sword Intent. Immediately, purple lotuses surrounded the void, blocking the various Immortal Techniques that came at him. All of the Immortal Progenies were stupefied. “How is this possible...”

“We’ve cast all our techniques, yet we still can’t move him!”

A sense of despair overcame the Immortal Progenies.

Upon seeing that, Chu Kuangren formed a sword hand sign again. A sharp sword aura surged, shrouding the sky and covering the entire arena!

“It seems like that’s all of your limits. I’ve had enough, and it’s time to end this,” uttered Chu Kuangren.

He raised his hand gently and pointed his sword hand sign toward the sky. “Heavenly Sword Qi Web!”

Countless purple petals emerged in the void, each representing a sword qi. Hence, thousands of petals were thousands of sword qi!

The sword qi wailed like an endless gust of wind, and the Boundless Snaring Web covered the sky, spreading across the entire arena with Chu Kuangren as the center. The Immortal Progenies were all attacked and defeated by the sword qi!

As the sword qi hit the crowd in the arena, only one person stood proudly in his original spot.

"You don't even have the strength to make me move one step. King Immortal Progenies? Fated Ones? Ha! How ridiculous."

Chu Kuangren waved his sleeves and scoffed. All the Immortal Progenies were lying on the ground by now. They were either seriously injured or on the verge of death, and all without the strength to fight again. While looking at Chu Kuangren, a feeling of incomparable desolation arose in their hearts. They felt as if their world was in total darkness.

To know that an Immortal Progeny like that was born in the same era as them... They were too pitiful.

"The one and only throughout eternity, the one and only that'll rule for eternity. Chu Kuangren is the wildest for all ages... Heh! His reputation really does precede him."

"He's an anomaly."

The Immortals not far away lamented and shook their heads.

They looked at their Immortal Progenies with worry, hoping that their Daoist core would remain stable after that battle.

Swish...

At that moment, a red stream swept towards the Binding Dragon Rope!

It was the crimson-haired Dragon Immortal of the Dragon Tribe.

"Hmph, how can the Dragon Tribe be so untrustworthy?" Gong Yue snorted.

Just as she was about to attack, she seemed to notice something and retracted her Immortal's Core fluctuation with a grin. "Interesting."

Chu Kuangren had disappeared, and only one of his footprints remained in the arena.

The Dragon Binding Rope was wrapped around the cave's stone pillar. When the crimson-haired Dragon Immortal arrived before it, he grabbed the Dragon Binding Rope, his eyes filled with desire.

However, at that moment, a figure in white suddenly appeared before him.

It was Chu Kuangren.

"How dare you touch what's mine?"

Chu Kuangren sneered, and a cold light shot out of Chu Kuangren's eyes.

"Get out of here!"

In the eyes of the crimson-haired Dragon Immortal, although Chu Kuangren could defeat all the Immortal Progenies, he was still a level below the Immortals. Therefore, no matter how strong he was, there was a limit to his combat strength.

As opposed to Chu Kuangren, he was an Immortal close to the Higher Third Grade!

Chu Kuangren could not be his opponent.

The crimson-haired Dragon Immortal unleashed a palm attack. A domineering Immortal's Core wailed, and out came a ferocious dragon head that gnawed madly at Chu Kuangren!

"It's not like I've never killed an Immortal before!"

Chu Kuangren became serious.

Hundreds of source energies gushed out from his body. Immediately, the terrifying source energy fluctuations swept across the area!

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Then, he formed a sword hand sign, and a purple sword ray shot out.

Following a loud bang, the crimson-haired Dragon Immortal was forced back more than a hundred meters back.

Countless cultivators were stunned.

The Dragon Immortal was forced back with one sword attack!

"He did not use all his strength in the battle just now!"

Yuan Xu and the rest were shocked to see Chu Kuangren surrounded by hundreds of source energies, glowing with Immortal Sparks, in the arena.

The crimson-haired Dragon Immortal could not help but shudder.

'D*mn it!'

'His combat strength is far beyond imagination!'

"I must deal with him quickly and take the Dragon Binding Rope!"

The crimson-haired Dragon Immortal would not give up the Dragon Binding Rope. With a roar, surges of crimson dragon qi surged out from his body.

Then, he roared again and unleashed a punch. The domineering Immortal's Core transformed into a flaming dragon qi that gushed towards Chu Kuangren.

The crimson-haired Dragon Immortal did not hold back in his attack, which was enough to kill all the Lower Third-grade Immortals.

Even Middle Third-grade Immortals who were not as good as him would be severely hurt!

"Foolish!"

As Chu Kuangren yelled, several Dao Proclamation Seals emerged in the air and resonated with the source energies.

“Thousand Lotus Sword Intent!”

The Descendant Self Sword on his waist instantly unsheathed itself, and a dazzling purple sword ray shot out towards the crimson-haired Dragon Immortal!

The sword ray was so bright that it shrouded the sky.

Then, the sword qi and the wailing flaming dragon qi collided.

However, the flaming dragon qi collapsed under the impact of the sword ray, which subsequently landed on the crimson-haired Dragon Immortal. A shrill dragon roar was heard.

The crimson-haired Dragon Immortal’s body was torn apart by the sword ray!

The scorching golden-red dragon blood splashed all over the earth, igniting a fire on earth. Wherever the dragon blood fell on, the ground was scorched!

Chu Kuangren had unsheathed his sword to kill the Dragon Immortal! The battlefield fell silent at that scene.

The Immortals knew that Chu Kuangren’s combat strength had reached the level of an Immortal, but they did not expect it to be so overpowering! He killed the Dragon Immortal with a sword attack!

Moreover, that was a Dragon Immortal close to Higher Third Grade!

All the Immortals present could not possibly do this, except Gong Yue, the Immortal who stood at the pinnacle among all beings in Planquilon Immortal World!

Everyone was stunned.

All of the Immortal Progenies broke down. With Chu Kuangren’s combat strength, he would be able to kill them with a sword attack even if they become Immortals.

“Chu Kuangren, how dare you kill the Divine Dragon Island’s Dragon Immortal?!” the Crimson Dragon Young Master said in shock.

Chu Kuangren glanced at him. “I’ve already killed an unruly and untrustworthy person, so what can you do?” The Crimson Dragon Young Master then suppressed his anger immediately for fear that he would be killed if he said another word.

‘This man is unreasonable.’

After killing the crimson-haired Dragon Immortal, Chu Kuangren looked at the Binding Dragon Rope on the stone pillar and raised his hand to grab it.

Soon after, a burst of mysterious Immortal Weapon energy filled the air. Countless cultivators looked at the Binding Dragon Rope in his hand with admiration.

It was a True Immortal Weapon.

True Immortal Weapons were rare in Planquilon Immortal World!

However, although they were envious, they dared not go up and snatch the Binding Dragon Rope from Chu Kuangren. It was not only to keep their promise of letting Chu Kuangren have it if he won, but they were also afraid of his strength and feared that he would kill them if they snatched it.

“The Binding Dragon Rope? It’s extraordinary and better than the Three-Headed Six-Arms Resentful Buddha. It’ll be of great use to me if I refine it.” Chu Kuangren thought to himself and kept the Binding Dragon Rope away. He was very satisfied.

Chapter 1003 The Dao Enlightening Land For Immortals, Immortal Tree and Zafu, Daoist Core’s Ordeal

Chu Kuangren kept the Binding Dragon Rope away and then roamed around the cave for a while. In there, he found some broken Jade scrolls, most of which were incomplete Immortal Techniques. Although they were of no use for the time being, Chu Kuangren still kept them for future study.

With the matter of Immortal Weapon decided, everybody intended to continue exploring Penglai Island but on the premise that the Immortal Progenies’ injuries would be treated first.

Chu Kuangren did not kill them since the Immortals had made a decision. Otherwise, none of these Immortal Progenies would have survived.

On the academy’s warship, Chu Kuangren was reminiscing about old times with Shang Honghua.

She told him the incidents that had taken place these days, and Chu Kuangren was surprised to hear that she had become the Fated One.

‘Lil Ai, analyze Shang Honghua,’ Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

The will of the Immortal World’s messages came to his mind one by one.

The will of the Immortal World was like an excellent tonic that would significantly improve one’s cultivation base, understanding of Dao, and other aspects no matter which cultivator obtained it.

“The will of the Immortal World is somewhat similar to the Heavenly Dao. Lil Ai, do you think my Heavenly Devouring Daoist Art can devour it?” asked Chu Kuangren.

At that, he secretly cast the Heavenly Devouring Daoist Art.

The three Fated One, namely Shang Honghua, Lin Yan, and Yuan Xu felt frightened all of a sudden, and they shuddered.

The will of the Immortal World in them could not help but tremble.

“What’s happening?”

“It seems like the will of the Immortal World is afraid of something.”

“Is it an illusion? The King felt so scary to me just now.”

The three Fated Ones wondered.

Shang Honghua, who was closest to Chu Kuangren, subconsciously took two steps back. However, when she came back to her senses, she thought she was rude. How could she be so disrespectful to the King? “According to the analysis, there is eighty-percent feasibility. However, only the wills of the Immortal World in these Fated Ones can be devoured and not the complete will of the Immortal World,” uttered Lil Ai.

“Why?”

“The wills of the Immortal World in these Fated Ones only play a small part. The complete will of the Immortal World can cut off the connection when these wills are threatened, thereby protecting itself.” “I see.”

Chu Kuangren nodded and retracted the energy fluctuation of Heavenly Devouring Daoist Art.

Shang Honghua breathed a sigh of relief. She felt that Chu Kuangren before her had become friendly again.

‘That must be an illusion.’

“The significance behind the Battle of Destiny has not been clarified. I shall observe it for a while and not act rashly.” Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

Those wills of the Immortal World would not disappear for no reason anyway. He could devour them once someone had collected them all and then see what these wills could do. “Eldest Master, where are we going?”

Gu Liufang asked curiously when he noticed that the immortal orthodoxies were not exploring Penglai Island randomly. It was as if they had a destination.

“A place with the most Immortal qi in Penglai Island,” the Eldest Master said with a smile.

“A place with the most Immortal qi in Penglai Island?”

Several Immortal Progenies exchanged looks with each other.

Chu Kuangren was not surprised at all because, like other Immortals, he also felt that there was a place on Penglai Island which had a particularly strong Immortal qi, far exceeding the rest of the places.

That was where all the Immortals were going.

Soon, the Immortals noticed a mountain in the distance.

The mountain was tens of thousands of meters tall, and on top of the mountain grew a splendid, golden-colored... Immortal tree! Under the Immortal tree was a spotless zafu. If one looked closely, there were countless mysterious Daoist patterns interweaved above the zafu as if it contained Daoist wisdom!

Vaguely, everyone seemed to see an image of a middle-aged man in a Daoist robe and a jade crown walking to the Immortal tree, sitting on the zafu, watching the world go by, and gaining insights into the Universal Dao.

“T-This is the Dao enlightening land of an ancient Immortal!”

“This zafu turned into a treasure that could help people in Dao enlightenment after it came into contact with the aura of that ancient Immortal. The value of this zafu is probably a thousand times more valuable than the previous Binding Dragon Rope!”

“The aura of the ancient Immortal is unfathomable. He must be an elite among the Immortals. I’m afraid that even in the complete Immortal World, he was at the pinnacle of existence. Could he be the Jie Sect Ruler?!”

The mention of the title shocked everyone present.

Such a title was something far beyond all Immortals’ imagination as they had only heard of it in ancient rumors.

“This Dao enlightening land and zafu are huge Opportunities of Fortunes that we cannot miss out on.”

“Also, the leaves on the Immortal tree are medicinal pills and elixirs. There is more than enough to share between us.”

“Indeed...”

Everyone looked at the Immortal tree and zafu. The Immortal tree was leafy and big enough for them to share.

The most important item there was the zafu.

“Whoever gets the zafu will own it.”

An Immortal rushed forward as he could no longer hold back anymore.

“D*mn, he’s so fast!”

“The zafu belongs to me, and no one can grab it from me!”

All the Immortals took action.

Even an elite like Gong Yue was a little tempted. However, she did not act rashly, seemingly having noticed something

Swish, swish, swish...

All the Immortals rushed towards the Immortal tree and the zafu on top of the mountain.

Yet, before they could get close to them, an inexplicable force suddenly spread out from the zafu, forming an invisible energy field.

Boom!

The Immortal that took the lead fell to the ground first.

Boom, boom, boom!

One by one, all the Immortals fell to the ground as if they had encountered an indefensible force, and they looked at the zafu in horror.

“W-What energy is this?”

“Daoist’s core! It’s the suppression of Daoist’s core!”

An Immortal’s expression changed slightly upon noticing something.

The energy that permeated from the zafu was aimed at the Daoist’s core of the cultivators, and it was more frightening than any Immortal Technique.

“The zafu is testing our Daoist’s core,” said Gong Yue.

Then, her figure flashed, and she walked towards the zafu.

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All the Immortal Progenies also made a move. Since it was testing their Daoist’s core and not cultivation base, they should be no worse than the Immortals. However, they were crushed to the ground after taking a few steps. They did not even manage to achieve half of what the Immortals did.

‘What?!’

All Immortal Progenies were stunned for a moment.

“Is our Daoist’s core that bad?”

At that moment, Chu Kuangren’s figure emerged in their mind, and fear arose in them.

They suddenly understood that it was not that their Daoist cores were bad. It was because they were traumatized by Chu Kuangren, and that was the cause of their Daoist cores almost collapsing

In that case, how could they test Daoist’s core?

“It’s Chu Kuangren again!”

“Are we going to live under his shadow for the rest of our lives?”

Some Immortal Progenies gritted their teeth, visibly unsatisfied.

“No way! I’m a Fated One! How could I be subservient to others?!”

The Fated One, Lin Yan, grunted before he got up from the ground and walked towards the zafu.

Some dissatisfied Immortal Progenies also began to force themselves to drag their bodies forward.

Chapter 1004 My Daoist Core is Indestructible, As Long As My Heart Is As Bright As A Beacon, There Is No Darkness Wherever I Go

On the top of the mountain, a group of Immortals and Immortal Progenies were approaching the zafu.

However, the zafu’s test of their Daoist core was too stringent. Even an Immortal like Gong Yue could not approach within a hundred meters of the zafu.

At that moment, many Immortals were already sweating profusely and lying on the ground.

Some Immortals Progenies were even close to fainting

"It's too difficult."

"It seems like there's no way for us to get the zafu," an Immortal said while shaking his head in disappointment.

He was considered the top among the Immortals, but he could not even get within five hundred meters of the zafu.

Right now, he felt that every step he took was a

continue further, his Daoist core would collapse, and the game was not worth the candle.

"It looks like I have to stop here," Gong Yue said while shaking her head. Even she could not proceed any further. All she could do was look at the zafu with disappointment and dissatisfaction.

"Alas, it's fated that it does not belong to me."

Step, step...

At that moment, the sound of footsteps suddenly sounded. A man in white was stepping onto the top of the mountain and walking towards the zafu. In fact, he was walking briskly as if he did not feel the suppression.

The man was Chu Kuangren.

"It's him!"

"Wait. Why does it look so easy on him?"

Lin Yan, the Saber King, and other Immortal Progenies looked at Chu Kuangren horrifically. Every step they took was so difficult, yet Chu Kuangren made it look so easy!

"What's going on?"

Yuan Xu looked at Chu Kuangren, who passed by him, in disbelief.

Being a reincarnated Immortal, his Daoist core was not inferior to Gong Yue's. Although he suffered a hard blow from Chu Kuangren just now, he was not weaker than the other Immortals. Hence, the other Immortal Progenies were far behind him.

He was a little proud at first, but comparing himself to Chu Kuangren now, his Daoist core was nothing

The thought of it caused Yuan Xu's Daoist core to tremble. The power that was aiding his Daoist core suddenly strengthened, crushing him to the ground!

Nevertheless, Chu Kuangren ignored him.

"Who the hell are you?!" Laying on the ground, Yuan Xu murmured while looking at Chu Kuangren's back.

Not only the Immortal Progenies but the Immortals were also stunned.

After walking past the Immortal Progenies, Chu Kuangren began to walk past the Immortals. As he walked past several Masters from the academy, he stopped for a while to nod and greet them, who were so confused.

Then, he continued to walk forward briskly like he was taking a walk in the park until he passed Gong Yue and became the closest person to the zafu. The Immortal Progenies and Immortals gasped. "H-How is this possible?!"

"His Daoist core surpasses all of ours!" "Did he use any tricks?"

"Cheating?"

"This is a test of the Daoist core. How could he cheat? How can a young Immortal Progeny have such a Daoist core?"

Nobody knew.

Long before entering the Immortal Realm, Chu Kuangren once passed through the Demonic Blockade. Since then, his Daoist core had been difficult to shake.

In fact, it had become unimaginably strong!

The zafu was a powerful test of the Daoist core!

Even an Immortal like Gong Yue, who had gone through countless vicissitudes, could not pass the test. Yet, Chu Kuangren... could!

There was nothing that could either break or shake his Daoist core!

"The Thirteenth Master is so capable!" Eldest Master lamented.

The other Masters and students also agreed.

By then, Chu Kuangren was already ten meters before the zafu, and the strength of testing the Daoist core was more than ten times stronger compared to the beginning!

However, Chu Kuangren kept walking toward the zafu.

"My Daoist core is as solid as a rock! What in

mumbled. Countless illusions appeared before him as he got closer to the zafu.

He saw the Empire and Firmament Star's civilization destroyed...

The people and things that he cherished kept disappearing before him. "How crummy."

Chu Kuangren was still unmoved by those illusions.

Then, a magnificent palace emerged before him.

Countless people were standing in front of the palace.

"Greetings, Your Majesty!"

Those Immortals knelt to him, and there were thousands of them.

A splendid throne filled with endless temptation appeared in front of him.

It was as if he sat on it, he could become the Supreme Ruler of the Immortal World who controlled the universe and the power of life and death, dominating heaven and earth!

However, Chu Kuangren glanced at it and then raised his foot to step on the throne. "Dominating heaven and earth? Heh, what a great temptation."

Boom!

The throne collapsed as he stepped onto it!

The countless Immortals in front of him also dissipated like a cloud of smoke.

"Unfortunately, I like to dominate heaven and earth myself rather than rely on an illusion to obtain it," said Chu Kuangren.

He continued to walk forward.

It was then that the sky turned dark.

"Go one step further, and you will die!"

A magnificent voice that seemed to come from all directions sounded in the darkness, making it impossible to judge where the voice was coming from "Interesting, but I like to... live for death!"

Chu Kuangren continued to walk forward.

Immediately, several sword qi flew out in the darkness, piercing through his limbs, and a severe pain hit his mind.

At that moment, he was confused about whether it was an illusion or reality.

However, Chu Kuangren remained calm. Even though his limbs were being pierced through, he continued walking as if he did not notice it.

Surges after surges of sword qi flew out from the darkness, and ferocious ghouls crawled out, tearing his body apart.

It was like the Ashuran Hell.

"As long as my heart is as bright as a beacon, there is no darkness wherever I go," said Chu Kuangren, with blood dripping all over his body.

In an instant, boundless brilliance released from his body, and a few of his injuries disappeared. With that, the flying sword qi dissipated, and thousands of ferocious ghouls melted away as well.

The light lit up darkness, and there was no more haze.

"Good!" A chuckle echoed in the void.

Kuangren changed.

Before he realized it, he was already under the Immortal tree, and before him was the spotless zafu.

The Immortal and Immortal Progenies behind him were stunned.

“H-He made it!”

“He really has made it there. My goodness! Just how powerful is his Daoist core?!”

“Not only is his talent and strength unparalleled, but his Daoist core is also indestructible. This person has no shortcomings!”

“He’s born to be a cultivator!”

The Immortals thought that Chu Kuangren had surprised them enough, but he repeatedly challenged their perception.

He was unfathomable like a bottomless pit.

“Master is destined to stand on the pinnacle of the Immortal Dao.”

Lan Yu looked at Chu Kuangren’s back with eyes full of reverence.

“He is no doubt the King. He can easily do things that we don’t even dare to think about.” Shang Honghua also admired him a lot.

“My boss is the best!” Lil Fox cheered.

In her opinion, Chu Kuangren had almost become synonymous with omnipotence. “I thought I overestimated him, but I can’t believe that I have far underestimated him instead,” mumbled Gong Yue.

Her Daoist core was far inferior to Chu Kuangren’s, and none in the Planquilon Immortal World had one like him.

Chapter 1005 Creating Own Source Energy, Transcending Everything, The Greatest Taboo In The Universe

Under the Immortal tree, Chu Kuangren looked indifferently at the zafu before him. He could sense the mysterious Daoist fluctuations contained in it.

It was a treasure that could help people in Dao enlightenment.

With that, he mobilized his thoughts.

“Perhaps the time has come,” Chu Kuangren mumbled. Then, he sat on the zafu in front of him, and feelings about Dao flooded his heart.

He began trying to create his source energy.

Several source energies were swept out from his body and suspended in the air. There was the Moonlight Source, Massacre Source, Freezing Dao Source, Flame Source, Life Source, Death Source, Spacetime Source...

Hundreds of sources turned into various colors of light wisps and suspended in mid-air like massive stars, transforming the sky into a starry one.

In the distance, the Immortals were amazed.

"It's my first time seeing someone who can comprehend so much source energies. His cultivation of Dao is incredible."

"He hasn't stepped onto the Immortal Path yet. Why has he comprehended so many sources but yet to step onto the Immortal Path?"

Looking at the hundreds of source energies, the Immortals were in awe.

At the same time, they thought it was suspicious, but no one could answer them.

They would never have thought that a Heaven-Defying, Immortal-Slayer could not find his source energy in the universe.

His Dao had no source energy, which was incredible and unheard of.

That made Chu Kuangren's current acts even more shocking!

"My source energy..." "My Dao is Self-empowerment and Invincible Dao, whereas my source is Self-empowerment and Invincible Source. It's the source energy that transcends limits!"

In Chu Kuangren's mind, countless Immortal Techniques, knowledge, and insights into source energies constantly interweaved like a chaotic thread ball.

Now, he was sorting out the thread ball.

His insights Dao strengthened during this process, and he could vaguely sense something. However, he failed to grab it.

"Even this treasure that helps comprehend Dao can't help me with creating my own source energy? Is that all my Dao can achieve?"

A trace of dissatisfaction arose in Chu Kuangren's heart.

"N-No way!"

"Oh, right."

As if he had thought of something, he took out a card.

It was the God-tier Enlightenment Card he had drawn some time ago, which could make one enter a state of epiphany. He used it without saying a word.

Under the double blessing of Enlightenment Card and zafu, Chu Kuangren felt that his insights into his source energy became more apparent.

"That's not enough!"

Chu Kuangren took out the remaining few jars of the Godly Awakening Wine.

With that, his Emperor qi was activated.

Soon after, the wine jar shattered, and the alcoholic qi filled the sky. Chu Kuangren opened his mouth and took a deep breath, sucking the wine into his body.

Godly Awakening Wine, Enlightenment Card, zafu...

With the triple blessing, Chu Kuangren's state of epiphany had entered an unimaginable state. Now, he could quickly master any source that he wanted to comprehend, and he could even become an Immortal right there and then.

However, those were not his purpose. He wanted to create his source.

"The Self-empowerment and Invincible Dao... I am the Dao!"

"I'm the source!"

Chu Kuangren seemed to have caught something, but the inspiration was like a smooth loach that slipped away as soon as it was caught.

"Creating your own source energy? You really are an anomaly in this universe. Heh, well, let me help you. Perhaps you'll have a chance to turn around." A voice sounded in Chu Kuangren's mind.

Boom!

The entire Penglai Island suddenly shook. Then, endless spiritual qi rushed towards Chu Kuangren.

To be precise, it was rushing toward the golden Immortal tree beside him.

"What's going on?!"

"W-What is this situation?"

"The Immortal tree is actively absorbing spiritual qi. It has almost absorbed all the spiritual qi in Penglai Island."

Everyone exclaimed and had no idea where the change came from.

What followed next was even more astonishing. The Immortal tree trembled and stretched out a vine to the top of Chu Kuangren's head where a drop of dew emerged.

When the dew emerged, the Immortal tree immediately withered as if its strength was sucked away.

"What's the Immortal tree doing?! It has absorbed all the spiritual qi of Penglai Island and given up its life essence to form this dew!"

"No, it's not just as simple as dew..."

There was horror in Gong Yue's eyes.

She looked at the dew and could sense that it contained an incomparably terrifying Immortal Consciousness Power!

Compared with the Immortal Consciousness Power, she felt that her Immortal Consciousness was just a drop of dew while that was a big river!

"Could that be the residual Immortal Consciousness of the Dao enlightening land's master?"

“The residual Immortal Consciousness Power still has such terrifying strength after an era. This person must be an elite among the Immortals! He must be one of the few existences who stood at the pinnacle of the complete Immortal World.” “It is indeed Jie Sect Ruler!”

Gong Yue was extremely shocked.

At that moment, the dew that contained Jie Sect Ruler’s Immortal Consciousness Power, Penglai Island’s spiritual qi, and the Immortal tree’s essence dripped onto Chu Kuangren’s head.

Everyone was astonished. They had no idea what Chu Kuangren was doing at the moment, but it must be an incredible Opportunity of Fortune.

The dewdrop was enough to make someone an Immortal and even raise an Immortal’s cultivation base by several levels. Chu Kuangren, who was trying to create his source energy but did not have any inspiration, suddenly felt a chill on his head.

Following that, the inspiration that he could not grasp earlier was firmly held in his hands.

A roar then sounded in his mind as if there was a big explosion in the universe, and lots of insights surged out.

“I’m invincible, beyond myself and everything!

“I am the source!”

A bright spark formed in his body.

Chu Kuangren had succeeded in creating his source!

In the outside world, hundreds of source energies suspended in the sky suddenly vibrated together before burrowing into Chu Kuangren’s body like hundreds of rivers returning to the sea. Source energies that Chu Kuangren had comprehended were blending into the bright spark, which was his actual source energy!

The Self-empowerment and Invincible Source that was initially just a bright spark grew larger in size!

A tyrannical source energy fluctuation that seemed to transcend everything emerged from Chu Kuangren’s body, spreading in all directions.

All Immortals in Penglai Island were shocked, and they stared at Chu Kuangren as a sense of fear overcame them.

“W-What has he done? Why do I feel fear? My source energy and Immortal’s core is trembling!” “What is this feeling of transcendence?”

Chu Kuangren sat on the zafu with his back facing the Immortals. He was like a Supreme King of the Immortals in all the nine heavens and ten earths, as well as in the universe!

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The Immortal Spark on his body glimmered while the tyrannical source energy fluctuations emanated and spread across the entire Penglai Island, Planquilon Immortal World, and even the universe!

At that moment, the Dao in the universe trembled, and the will of the Immortal World's fragments shook.

A source energy that did not belong in the universe and beyond Universal Dao's control was born!

The one who created the source was a cultivator that was not under Universal Dao's control!

The greatest taboo in the universe was born!

Elites of the Immortal World in the entire universe wanted to deduce the occurrence but failed. What was more, they also suffered a backlash.

Chapter 1006 A Great Harvest, Rematch Between The Sword Crown And Saber Crown

Following Chu Kuangren's creation of his own source energy, the greatest taboo of the universe was born, and it shook every corner of the galaxy

Countless great ones worried. They wanted to deduce the situation but could not do as they pleased.

No matter how powerful one's deduction was, it was based on the Universal Path. However, that man had tread beyond the Universal Path, and no deduction would work anymore. A forced deduction would only cause repulsion.

Back at Penglai Island, Chu Kuangren's source energy fluctuation grew stronger. The source energies that he comprehended before were infused into his new Self-improvement and Invincible Source.

The source energy was slowly being complete, and Chu Kuangren was a great step away from ascending into an Immortal.

The day he completed his source energy of his own creation would be the day he ascended into an Immortal. Unlike others, he no longer had to go through the Three Disasters and Nine Dooms.

The Three Disasters and Nine Dooms, also known as the Immortal Path, was a trial from the Universal Path. However, his source energy no longer belonged to the Universal Path, hence the trials did not apply to him.

To a certain extent, it was safe to say that he had transcended.

"I did it! I finally did it!

"I've worked on this for years, and now I've finally created my own source energy!" Chu Kuangren opened his eyes with a hint of delight in it.

Then, he slowly got up and looked at the zafu before him.

The Daoist patterns on the zafu were already shattered. It no longer possessed the ability to help one enlighten their Dao. It was as good as a normal zafu.

The Immortal trees around him had withered as well. Even all the leaves had fallen.

All the spiritual qi of Penglai Island were drained empty.

Chu Kuangren could clearly feel an extra set of inheritance in his mind — the inheritance from the Jie Sect Ruler

“The help of the God-tier Enlightenment Card, Godly Awakening Wine, the zafu, the Immortal tree, the spiritual qi of Penglai Island, and the Jie Sect Ruler’s Immortal Consciousness has allowed me to seize that moment and create my Self-empowerment and Invincible source energy.

“No, not only that, but I have worked hard to gain many insights into things over the years, as well as the knowledge from the Scripture Sea. It has been a rough path,” Chu Kuangren exclaimed.

After that, he bowed at the zafu before him and said with sincerity, “Thank you, senior, for all your help. I will forever be indebted to you.”

He expressed his gratitude to the Jie Sect Ruler, albeit the lingering Immortal Consciousness had faded.

Chu Kuangren turned around and left.

The Immortals behind him stared at him in shock, not knowing what exactly happened to him.

Creating one’s source energy was unheard of. Nevertheless, they knew that Chu Kuangren had gotten a huge Opportunity of Fortune.

They looked at the now powerless zafu and Immortal tree in pain. Just like that, the Opportunity of Fortune before them was gone.

Then, they looked at Chu Kuangren warily, certain that Chu Kuangren had taken the Opportunity of Fortune. Would they be able to snatch it from him? At the thought of the source energy fluctuation that he released earlier, the Immortals could not help but shiver. No one dared to make a rash move.

On top of that, the Masters from the academy were also present. That fact alone forced the rest to think twice if they wanted to snatch Chu Kuangren’s opportunity.

The expedition to Penglai Island continued for several months. However, after the Immortal tree absorbed the spiritual qi of the entire island, many of the remaining Opportunities of Fortunes had faded altogether. No one was able to secure anything big after that.

All the orthodoxies arrived at the island excitedly, hoping to secure something big, only to return with nothing but disappointment.

Chu Kuangren was the only one who returned fruitful.

With that, Chu Kuangren and company returned to the academy, together with Gong Yue from Jade Clarity Immortal Sect and Shang Honghua.

“I have not visited the dean for many years now. Maybe this would be a great chance for me to visit an old friend.” Gong Yue simply wanted to visit the dean at the academy.

Shang Honghua, on the other hand, refused to leave Chu Kuangren. She had finally found him after much hardship, so she ought to stay by his side for now.

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After the events at Penglai Island, Planquilon Immortal World seemingly returned to its peaceful days. However, something else was brewing in the dark. The immortal orthodoxies were preparing for something big.

Everyone knew it was calm before the storm.

The Battle of Destiny had yet to come to a conclusion.

Aside from the Battle of Destiny, which remained under the spotlight, many other occurrences and events were also happening throughout the Immortal World.

One, such as a battle, was happening that day in Slumbering Sword Ocean.

A white-haired elderly arrived at Slumbering Sword Ocean, with terrifying sword intentions gushing out and sweeping across the place.

The saber cultivators of Slumbering Sword Ocean felt the sword intents.

“This sword intent... Could it be the Sword Crown?!”

“The Sword Crown is here?”

“Hmph! Has he not accepted his previous defeat?”

Some of the saber cultivators reacted with a heavy look.

Swoosh!

Several figures flew out and appeared before the Sword Crown.

One of them wore a black long robe with a white saber at his waist. He strutted forward with saber intents overflowing from him.

“Sword Crown, how dare you show yourself here?” he scoffed.

“Why not?” The Sword Crown chuckled and scanned his eyes across the crowd.

“What a bunch of losers. Where is the Saber Crown? Call him out!”

“There’s no need to trouble the sect master. I alone am more than enough to defeat you.”

The man took a step forward, and his Immortal’s Core energy erupted.

To him, since the Sword Crown lost to the Saber Crown once before, he assumed that the Sword Crown had lost his former glory. Meanwhile, the man himself had improved tremendously over the years, and he believed he could easily defeat the Sword Crown.

“Dragon Roar Slash!”

However, due to the Sword Crown’s former reputation, the man in black gave his best in his first strike. A powerful saber ray flashed and transformed into a dragon shadow.

The Sword Crown remained still on the spot. The sword intents around him swirled rapidly, and the Azure Lotus Immortal Sword appeared before him. With a simple swing of his sword, a surge of ravaging

sword qi gushed out. With a loud bang, the dragon shadow shattered, and the man in black was struck by the sword qi, which sent him flying backward with blood spurting out of his mouth.

The sword intent around the Sword Crown rose, and it felt like it had reached new heights. The saber cultivators present were shocked by the revelation.

“He has recovered to his former glory?”

“How is this possible?!”

“If he has completely recovered, we are no match for him. Damn it. Things just got complicated.”

The saber cultivators present had a heavy look on their faces.

The Sword Crown used to stand at the pinnacle of Sword Dao. Only less than a handful of people could rival him, and it was said that he could even challenge an Earthen Immortal.

“Saber Crown, come out at once!” the Sword Crown bellowed.

Deep inside the Slumbering Sword Ocean, a surge of tremendous saber intent rose and clashed with the sword intent in the air.

Two people emerged from within, and one of them was none other than the ruler of Slumbering Sword Ocean, the Saber Crown. The other one was a lady in a glamorous dress.

The lady was beautiful. When she laid eyes on the Sword Crown, she quivered uncontrollably, and a complicated look appeared on her face. “Juexin...”

“Cai Yi...” A trace of wistfulness appeared on the Sword Crown’s face.

Then, he switched his attention away from the lady to the Saber Crown. The sword intent around him became even sharper as he said, “Are you ready for another round?”

The Saber Crown said calmly, “I don’t mind defeating you again. This time, I’ll make you accept your defeat. I want everyone in the world to know that a saber is always stronger than a sword!”

“Must you two fight?” There was a hint of sorrow in her complicated expression.

“Sword and saber cannot co-exist,” the Saber Crown said.

“I have to retake my prize. This battle must happen,” the Sword Crown said resolutely.

A while later, the news of the battle between the Sword Crown and Saber Crown spread across Planquilon Immortal World like wildfire. It became the Immortal World’s most anticipated event for the past thousand years. Countless swordsmen and saber cultivators paid close attention to the battle.

The stakes were high for the battle as the future of sword and saber was involved. Many years ago, the Sword Crown’s defeat caused a huge impact on the swordsmanship world, and the number of sword cultivators plummeted.

The saber defeated the sword.

This time, would the sword be able to make a comeback?

All the cultivators had their eyes on the battle.

The battle was very exciting as well. The Sword Crown and Saber Crown fought for three days and three nights, but in the end, the Sword Crown once again lost to the Saber Crown.

The second loss shook the entire Planquilon Immortal World.

Chapter 1007 The Sword Crown Carries A Bad Name, The Sword Qi That Chu Kuangren Released

The Sword Crown fought the Saber Crown again after a thousand years!

The battle was exceptional. However, in the end, the Saber Crown remained the victor.

The swordsmanship world fell into a desolate state once again, making countless swordsmen unhappy. On the other hand, the saber cultivators felt prouder than ever.

The swordsmanship world was crushed by the saber world.

The Sword Crown's defeat also attracted the grudge and dissatisfaction from the other swordsmen.

"Sword Crown? He brings the same to the title!"

"I agree. A thousand years ago, he lost to the Saber Crown. From that day onward, the swordsmanship world has fallen second to the saber world. Now, after a thousand years have passed, they've fought again, and the Sword Crown has lost again. The person who is supposed to be the peak of the Sword Dao has lost twice! Twice! The Sword Crown brings nothing but shame to the swordsmanship world."

"Great, just great. The saber world has crushed the swordsmanship world, and all the swordsmen in the world have to lower themselves from now on. It's all the Sword Crown's fault. Is he dead yet? If not, can someone please replace him?" "Tsk, trash..."

All the swordsmen in the world were clouded by anger, and they all blamed the Sword Crown. For quite some time, the Sword Crown was called all kinds of inglorious names.

After the battle, the Saber Crown hung a broken Immortal sword at the entrance of Slumbering Sword Ocean — it was the Sword Crown's Azure Lotus Immortal Sword.

Beside the sword carved a few lines of words.

"Thousand Lotus Sword Intent doesn't live up to its name. A saber is the strongest among all weapons." That particular line was a great insult to all swordsmen; it was equivalent to slapping on the face. They had the right to be furious, but there was nothing they could do about it.

The Saber Crown was the strongest in Saber Dao and one of the most powerful Immortals out there. Other than those from the stronger ancient immortal orthodoxies, only a few in the world could rival him.

If the strongest of the Sword Dao, the Sword Crown, was defeated, the other swordsmen would stand no chance.

"The Sword Crown is the strongest with the sword, and if even he loses, no swordsmen in the world can win the Saber Crown anymore," said the famous Great Sword Immortal, the Dragon Cry Sword

Orthodoxy's Master Daoist Dragon Cry. His comments killed the last bit of hope in all swordsmen's hearts.

The swordsmanship world welcomed its darkest days in history.

Back at Hundred Academy, after Chu Kuangren came back from Penglai Island, he had been in closed-door meditation to further gain insights into the source energy he created. His mastery over the source energy leaped improvement.

The source energy he created was exceptional, different from the countless source energies that originated from this universe. As such, it was not restricted by the laws within the universe.

The most obvious presentation of its uniqueness was that Chu Kuangren could transform it into any kind of source energy he wished for. He could even use it to gain insights or absorb other source energies to strengthen his own.

In other words, Chu Kuangren's mastery over the source energy he created allowed him to master other source energies within the universe.

Of course, he would have to gain complete insights into the source energy before he could transform the Self-empowerment and Invincible Source into countless other source energies.

It was indeed a powerful and scary ability as it possessed endless possibilities.

For example, every Immortal Technique in the world required its corresponding source energy to bring out its full potential.

However, with his mastery over the source energy that he created, he could easily use any kind of Immortal Technique with its full potential unlocked.

"Interesting. I wonder how the Self-empowerment and Invincible Source would surprise me in the future," Chu Kuangren said with a chuckle.

Then, he took out Fantasy Roulette for a gatcha draw.

"Congratulations, Host! You have received a God-tier prize, the Three-Days Immortal Ascension Pill."

Chu Kuangren glanced at the description.

"The Immortal Ascension Pill enables one to ascend into an Immortal on the spot!"

The pill enabled one to ascend into an Immortal right away. Such a pill was legendary in Planquilon Immortal World, and the Three-Days Immortal Ascension Pill was a discounted version of it.

Although it enabled one to ascend into an Immortal, its effect lasted only for three days, hence the name.

"Not bad. I can keep it as a trump card," Chu Kuangren muttered.

After getting his prize, Chu Kuangren came out of closed-door meditation.

The news of the Sword Crown's defeat entered his ears as soon as he came out, and his delight was replaced with gloom.

“Sword Crown, you old baby, you just have to cause trouble for me,” Chu Kuangren muttered.

Lan Yu said softly beside him, “Are you going to the Slumbering Sword Ocean?”

“Of course, I’m going.”

No matter what the Sword Crown did, he had been a loyal follower of Chu Kuangren for some days now, so there was no way that Chu Kuangren would sit back and do nothing.

“How’s the Sword Crown now?”

“News is that after the defeat, the Saber Crown has imprisoned him instead of taking his life.”

“Alright. I got it.”

Chu Kuangren nodded. Then, he gestured a sword hand sign, and a stream of sword qi gathered at the tip of his fingers.

When he raised his hand, a surge of sword qi was fired into the void, disappearing almost instantaneously. Every Master in the academy, including the dean and Gong Yue, who came for a visit, noticed the little action. All of them looked in the direction where the sword qi went. “The direction that sword qi is going... it’s the Slumbering Sword Ocean!” “Haha, this is going to be interesting.” “It seems like Master Chu is going to the Slumbering Sword Ocean. I suppose it’s bound to happen. Given Master Chu’s personality, he wouldn’t just sit back while the Sword Crown is bullied. The Slumbering Sword Ocean just got themselves a difficult opponent.”

Somewhere in the academy, the dean and Gong Yue were chatting over some tea.

They, too, noticed the sword qi that Chu Kuangren fired and exchanged a quick look. Both of them shared the same thought.

“Sister Gong Yue, what do you think of Brother Chu?” the dean asked.

Gong Yue thought about it for a while. She recalled what happened back at Penglai Island and the transcendent source energy ripple that she felt from him.

With a shake of her head, she chuckled. “I can’t seem to understand him.”

“It is difficult. Who do you think will have the advantage? Brother Chu or Slumbering Sword Ocean?”

“The Slumbering Sword Ocean has a lot of powerful cultivators and many Immortals, but amongst them, the strongest would be the Saber Crown. His cultivation level is close to the ranks of an Earthen Immortal. With some trump cards, I don’t think a common Earthen Immortal could be his match. As for Brother Chu...”

She thought about it for a moment and then added, “Brother Chu is unpredictable, but he is still not an Immortal. Even if he possesses the powers of an Immortal, compared to the Saber Crown who is close to an Earthen Immortal, I believe there will be some differences.”

“Hoho, Sister Gong Yue, you’re underestimating him.”

“Do you really think Brother Chu can win?”

"I don't think so. I am certain that he will win!"

A hint of surprise flashed across Gong Yue's eyes. "I did not expect this level of confidence you have in him. This is beyond me."

"He is an anomaly, and it's not something that we can deduce or predict now," the dean said.

Further away at Slumbering Sword Ocean, after Sword Crown's defeat, all the saber cultivators savored the feeling of victory, and their admiration for the Saber Crown rose to a new high.

To them, the Saber Crown was a living legend. "The Sect Master is really incredible. Especially that final blow that seals the deal, it's unforgettable!"

"Yeah, he really makes us saber cultivators proud!"

"Did you guys see the looks on those swordsman's faces? It was like they ate a fly. Hahaha, it really makes me feel good!"

"Now those swordsmen will have to be afraid of us."

Several saber cultivators were chatting at the entrance of Slumbering Sword Ocean. Everyone had a look of admiration on their faces as they talked about the Saber Crown and contempt when they mentioned the swordsmen.

It was at that moment that the saber cultivators felt something, and the admiration on their faces changed to shock. Terrified, they looked further away.

"What's that?"

A violet sword ray was flying over towards them, and a terrifying sword pressure enveloped the whole of Slumbering Sword Ocean.

"What a terrifying sword. Whose is it?"

"Sh*t! It's heading to the Slumbering Sword Ocean!"

"Damn it!"

Swoosh!

Several figures came out from the Slumbering Sword Ocean. Powerful Immortal's Core energy fluctuation emanated from them as they emerged.

They were the Saber Immortals of Slumbering Sword Ocean, the strongest of the entire sect.

However, they looked at the incoming violet sword ray with an unprecedentedly heavy expression.

Chapter 1008 Sword Qi-Defeated Slumbering Sword Ocean, Superior Clarity Spiritual Scripture

A powerful violet sword ray was heading towards the Slumbering Sword Ocean.

It was so powerful that the sword pressure enveloped the entire sect, striking fear into many saber cultivators' hearts.

Several figures came out from the sect, and they were none other than the Saber Immortal of Slumbering Sword Ocean.

As they looked at the incoming sword ray, there was a grim look on their faces.

"The sword intents in the sword qi is no weaker than the Sword Crown, and the energy that it emanates... It's the Thousand Lotus Sword Intents!"

"Who sent this?!"

For a moment there, everyone thought of a single name — Chu Kuangren!

In the current Planquilon Immortal World, other than the Sword Crown, the other one who knew the Thousand Lotus Sword Intent was Chu Kuangren.

That thought heightened their concerns.

"Let's put that aside for now. We must stop this sword ray first," the man in the black robes said.

Then, he gripped the hilt of his saber at his waist, and a tremendous saber intent gushed out.

"Slash!"

The unsheathed saber unleashed a dragon-shaped surge of saber qi towards the incoming violet sword ray with lightning speed.

The moment the sword ray and saber qi collided, the void exploded. However, the sword ray's momentum remained as it continued forward without slowing down. "What?!"

The Saber Immortals were stupefied.

The other Saber Immortals wanted to make their moves, but it was too late. The sword ray had arrived and struck the center of Slumbering Sword Ocean.

Along with a loud explosion, sword ray flashed, and countless Daoist patterns swirled around. The light and patterns then converged into a giant violet lotus. The violet lotus shrouded more than half of the Slumbering Sword Ocean, and it started to splinter into countless more sword qi that further expanded its coverage.

The land crumbled, and mountains shook.

The entire Slumbering Sword Ocean fell into panic. All the saber cultivators within tried to dodge the incoming sword qi with their lives, but quite a number of them died. Those who survived either lost limbs or suffered severe injuries.

The entire Slumbering Sword Ocean became a living hell for those there.

Then, a majestic voice came from the sword qi.

"Seven days later, I will visit the Slumbering Sword Ocean."

It was Chu Kuangren's voice, and it left all the saber cultivators in fear.

"It's Chu Kuangren! This sword qi is really from him!"

"This is a challenge invitation!"

"He's challenging the entire Slumbering Sword Ocean!"

Deep inside Slumbering Sword Ocean, a massive saber intent dispersed the sword qi. The Saber Crown stared further away in the distance as he mumbled, "Chu Kuangren, so you're the best in Sword Dao!"

Everyone else gasped at his words. His meaning was obvious. Chu Kuangren was better than the Sword Crown!

It seemed impossible because he has yet to become an Immortal.

A while later, the news of Chu Kuangren challenging the entire Slumbering Sword Ocean spread like wildfire, and every corner of Planquilon Immortal World knew about it.

It shook the entire Planquilon Immortal World, including the hearts of the swordsmen.

"The Saber Crown said Chu Kuangren is the top of the Sword Dao! It seems like he's beyond the Sword Crown! If he can defeat the Saber Crown, the swordsmanship world will definitely make a comeback!"

"Chu Kuangren! The world's swordsmen are counting on you!"

"We cannot miss this fight!"

All the immortal orthodoxies did not want to miss this fight either. They wanted to seize this chance to learn a little more about Chu Kuangren's true strength.

Some of them even wanted to take advantage of the fight to achieve their own goal.

To them, Chu Kuangren had too many secrets that they might be able to take advantage of.

The Immortals of Holy Divine Fire Cult got together, talking about the fight. "Chu Kuangren has killed our Divine Bachelors, and that makes him a nemesis to our sect. His battle with the Saber Crown might be a chance for us."

"I agree. If we can utilize this chance to find out about the secret of the Phoenix's Fire from him, it will be a huge help."

"We cannot miss this fight."

Meanwhile, in the Holy City, the Spear Crown, who was also the Holy City Ruler, took a glance at the maroon spear before his eyes, which flashed with a cold glare.

"Chu Kuangren, you killed my disciple. Do you think I'll let you off just like that?"

"So what if you have the academy on your side? The dean retired many years ago and is no longer interested in worldly affairs. Do you think you are safe with the academy's protection?"

"This fight is a chance, and maybe... those guys are starting to grow restless as well." He gripped the Bloodlust Spear tightly, and a sharp screech from the spear echoed in the sky. The screen contained a cold killing intent within.

On an island surrounded by dragon qi, several dragon shadows were gathered.

"Chu Kuangren is going to fight the Saber Crown. This is a great chance for us to find out his true strength. He's not a Fated One, but he's an anomaly who might be a great threat to us in the future. We have to be cautious against him."

"That's right. He even has the Cloud Nine Insignia. If we want to have a union with Sycamore Mountain, the guqin will be a great advantage for us. We have to get it from him. And the Dragon-binding Lasso, it's made from a pure-blooded True Dragon's tendon. I don't think I need to state how great of a benefit it will bring us."

"Not only that, but Chu Kuangren got all the Opportunities of Fortunes in Penglai Island and several top-tier Immortal Weapons. He's like a walking treasure vault. I heard the other immortal orthodoxies are preparing to strike from the dark."

"Hm, send a few men over then. Aside from all the Opportunities of Fortune, we must get our hands on the Cloud Nine Insignia."

A while later, several True Dragons flew away from Divine Dragon Island.

Meanwhile, in a dazzling palace located in the clouds, a ball of golden sparks ferried a Yokai's figure within.

"Interesting. Not yet an Immortal, and he has already offended so many immortal orthodoxies at once, huh? Now he's challenging the Saber Crown? He's bold enough to look death in the eye."

A scoff came out from the sparks.

"Speaking of which, I sent the Golden Crow Guardians to invite him back, but I never heard back. Come to think of it, the guardians I sent were killed. There are only a few in this world bold enough to reject the Honorable Yokai Court's invitation."

"Chu Kuangren is indeed an audacious one."

The sparks then went silent for a while.

After that, a streak of golden light flew out from it, followed by the arrival of several Golden Crow Guardians.

Each of them was the best Immortals among the Golden Crow Guardian.

"Head to Slumbering Sword Ocean. Keep an eye on the fight and wait for the chance to strike. If it's possible, I want him alive. If not, dead is fine too. We must get the Azure Phoenix Mirror back at all cost."

The Golden Crow Guardians looked serious. "Aye."

Once the guardians left, the Yokai figure within the sparks mumbled to itself.

“The Jade Pool Immortal Scripture must be involved anyhow. I wonder if Chu Kuangren cultivated the Immortal Scripture.”

All the immortal orthodoxies made their move secretly. While being in the eye of the storm, Chu Kuangren remained carefree.

The challenge was getting closer, but he continued to teach, garden, relax, and enjoy the scenery in the academy like a retired elderly.

It seemed like everything in the outside world, which started because of him, did not affect him at all.

One day, as Chu Kuangren was sitting at a mountain peak, a mystical set of techniques appeared in his mind.

It was the Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture!

That was the name of the item he got from Penglai Island, and other from creating his own source energy, it was his biggest gain.

In fact, it was the Jie Set Ruler’s inheritance — a complete set of Immortal’s Scriptures!

He had been studying the wonders of the scripture for quite some time now, and it had benefited him greatly.

Now, with Jade Pool Immortal’s Scripture and Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture, the source energy within him continued to grow stronger.

He believed that he would soon be able to master the Self-empowerment and Invincible Source and become an Immortal!

Chapter 1009 Chu Kuangren Arrives At Slumbering Sword Ocean, What Does All The Sword Cultivators In The World Have To Do With Me?

“Before that, let’s kill a few more Immortals,” Chu Kuangren mumbled.

He stared further away in the direction of Slumbering Sword Ocean as the words escaped his mouth with a flat tone.

It shocked Lil Fox beside him so badly that she trembled.

‘Holy sh*t! My boss is freaking awesome! He’s going to kill Immortals like a fly! And it seems like a child’s play to him!’

“Master, are you leaving soon?” Lan Yu asked all of a sudden as a thought popped up in her mind.

“Mhmm. I’m going alone this time. I’m afraid there might be some unforeseen circumstances,” he said.

Once a cultivator reached a certain level of cultivation, his mind would be able to form a kind of connection with nature that allowed him to have premonitions about certain things, especially when it involved himself.

That might be what others called a hunch.

Chu Kuangren had a feeling that since he started cultivating the Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture, that hunch was heightened.

He had a strong feeling that his trip to Slumbering Sword Ocean would not just be a battle with the Saber Crown. If Lan Yu were to follow, she might be in danger.

Lan Yu nodded upon hearing his words. "In that case, I'll wait for Master's victorious return." "Boss, go get him! I know you can!" Lil Fox also cheered on Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren patted Lil Fox and said with a smile, "Great. Just wait for me here. I'll be back soon."

As soon as he said that, his figure flashed and disappeared into the void.

The other Masters in the academy felt it as well.

"He has made his move." "This is a battle worth looking forward to."

There was already a crowd outside Slumbering Sword Ocean. Everyone was waiting for the battle between Chu Kuangren and the Saber Crown to start.

"Has Chu Kuangren made his move yet?"

"I don't know. I heard he's still in the academy, and it has been seven days now. Is he going to chicken out?"

"No way. Is Chu Kuangren that disreputable? If he doesn't show up, the swordsmanship world will be the biggest joke again."

Most of the audience were swordsmen, and Chu Kuangren's absence up until now only fueled their anxiety.

Deep inside Slumbering Sword Ocean, more precisely on a lake within the premise, the Saber Crown was sitting in the center with his legs crossed.

Gray mist rose from the lake and was absorbed by his body. At a closer look, there were numerous broken swords inside the lake. All the swords belonged to all the swordsmen that Slumbering Sword Ocean had defeated, all broken and thrown into the lake.

The lake of broken swords consisted of quite a number of high-tier Daoist weapons, including some Immortal Swords. Unfortunately, all the swords had lost their luster, and most of them were rusty.

The lake was actually a graveyard for swords. However, given its size, it was more like a sea, hence the orthodoxy's name, Slumbering Sword Ocean.

To the saber cultivators of Slumbering Sword Ocean, the lake symbolized their orthodoxy growing stronger by the day. It was a place where they took pride in.

To the Saber Crown, it was a great place for cultivation.

The lake contained a large amount of rageful sword qi, and it was used to temper one's Saber Dao, which was actually the essence of Avici Trinity Slash.

Buzz, buzz...

All of a sudden, the calm lake surface shook and rippled.

The swords at the bottom of the lake started to shake as if they had sensed something.

Confused, the Saber Crown stood up slowly. He channeled his saber intentions and suppressed the buzzing from the swords.

Then, he stared out of Slumbering Sword Ocean with the eyes of a hawk.

"He's here."

Outside the Slumbering Sword Ocean, the swordsmen remained anxious and restless. However, Chu Kuangren was still a no-show. The restlessness slowly turned into disappointment.

"Is Chu Kuangren scared?"

"If he's scared, why issue a challenge in the first place?"

It was then that an elderly in the air sensed something. His eyes shone as he stared into the void. "He's here!"

"What?!"

Everyone was surprised.

Yet, before they regained their composure, the swords in their hands or sheaths started to buzz and flew into the air, releasing sounds of swords chiming.

Sword qi within ten thousand kilometers gathered at a single point in the air and resonated with thousands of swords as if they were welcoming the supreme sword.

The sudden phenomenon left everyone in awe. Following that, a figure emerged from the void.

The figure's robes were as white as snow, free of dirt. His handsome looks and elegant presence felt like the King of Immortals had just arrived.

Sword qi circulated around him and caused the swords to resonate with his arrival.

"Chu Kuangren is here!"

The crowd's eyes were fixed on the man in white.

"What a terrifying aura. Why do I feel he's even scarier than a few Immortals?"

"Is he not an Immortal? This is beyond terrifying."

"This phenomenon... It's the Sword Dao Immortal Physique!"

Someone thought of the sudden appearance of the Sword Dao Immortal Physique at the Cloud Nine Insignia Manor a while ago, and it sparked a heated discussion.

"I heard Chu Kuangren was also present back at Cloud Nine Insignia Manor, which means he must be the one who awoke the Sword Dao Immortal Physique!" "No wonder the Saber Crown said he's the peak of

Sword Dao. It's because he has the Sword Dao Immortal Physique! Hope has been reignited in the swordsmanship world!"

One of the swordsmen stepped up and called out to Chu Kuangren.

"Chu Kuangren, you must make us swordsmen proud! Don't lose to the Saber Crown again like that useless Sword Crown!"

"Yeah, if you lose, the swordsmanship world is finished!"

"You must win!" "You are fighting on behalf of all the swordsmen in the world!" Chu Kuangren simply flung his sleeves at the swordsmen. Terrifying source energy transformed into sword qi and blasted them away.

The one who called the Sword Crown useless died on the spot.

The scene caught everyone off guard and put a pale look on their faces.

"Chu Kuangren, what are you doing?!" asked one nervous swordsman.

Chu Kuangren stared at them coldly with his hands behind his back. "Who do you think you are, asking me to fight on your behalf?"

In the past few days, all the swordsmen in the world had insulted the Sword Crown, and the news naturally got to his ears.

Why would he want to fight on behalf of those bastards?

What a joke. He despised them.

"I came for the Sword Crown and the Sword Crown only. All the swordsmen in the world have nothing to do with me. If you people want to fight, you can do it yourself. If you have to rely on others to fight your fight, you people are just a bunch of cowards," Chu Kuangren said straightforwardly.

Embarrassed by his swords, the swordsmen were rendered speechless.

Without wasting his time on those swordsmen, Chu Kuangren glanced over at the void before him. He could sense quite a number of presence hiding in the void, and every one of them was there with a hidden agenda.

"As expected. Other than the Saber Crown, there are quite a number of busybodies in the void. I hope you people can control yourself and behave," Chu Kuangren muttered. Then, he headed into Slumbering Sword Ocean.

A powerful saber intent rose and shook the entire area. The moment it clashed with Chu Kuangren's sword intent, a powerful shockwave that left everyone in fear spread outward.

Terrified, everyone quickly retreated. "That's some powerful aura!"

"It's only his aura, but it's so far beyond us. If the two of them fight, I can't imagine how big it will get."

The Saber Crown looked at Chu Kuangren from the void and said coldly, "Our meeting last time ended in a hurry, and we did not get the chance to fight. Now, let me see how far you have reached in your Sword Dao."

"The Sword Crown is my follower regardless. I will finish what he could not."

Chu Kuangren put up a sword hand sign, and violet lotuses bloomed from the void. Thousand Lotus Sword Intent instantly enveloped their surroundings and shook even the universe.

Chapter 1010 Suppressing The Saber Crown, Saber Crown's Avici Trinity Slash

Chu Kuangren arrived at Oceanic Sword Grave to challenge the Saber Crown.

When sword and saber intents collided in the air, the entire structure of Oceanic Sword Grave shook.

As violet lotuses bloomed around Chu Kuangren, the Saber Crown narrowed his eyes and said, "This sword intent... It's the Thousand Lotus Sword Intent!"

"This is my version of Thousand Lotus Sword Intent," Chu Kuangren said.

The technique that he created, Heaven-Slaying Sword Drawing Technique had successfully been into an Immortal Technique, and it was fused with the Thousand Lotus Sword Intent.

It was no longer just the basic Thousand Lotus Sword Intent as he recreated the technique into his own version.

"Either way, it's the same. The Sword Crown lost using it, so do you think your version of Thousand Lotus Sword Intent can defeat me?" the Saber Crown said coldly.

Then, he drew his saber, whose hilt resembled a green python. It was none other than the infamous Azure Python Saber.

Following the saber's appearance, ferocious qi swept across in all directions.

"Today, you shall fall to the might of the Azure Python Saber, just like the Sword Crown," the Saber Crown said coldly.

Then, he raised the saber high and swung it down on Chu Kuangren. Following the eruption of a powerful Immortal's Core energy, numerous Daoist patterns intertwined in the air and formed the shadow of a dragon.

It was Oceanic Sword Grave's exclusive Immortal Technique, Dragon Roar Slash!

Chu Kuangren remained on his spot. Without unsheathing the Self Descendant Sword, he simply put up his sword hand sign and cast the Thousand Lotus Sword Intent.

A massive violet lotus bloomed before him. When the dragon's shadow collided with the lotus, an earth-shaking explosion went off.

Both of them made their first move, with Chu Kuangren on the defense and the Saber Crown on the offense. However, the dragon's shadow shattered, and the violet lotus continued to dance in the air, blooming beautifully.

The little exchange proved that Chu Kuangren had a slight advantage.

“Is that all? That’s all the Oceanic Sword Grave’s saber can do? Why don’t you try my sword?” Chu Kuangren said coldly.

Then, he put up his sword hand sign, and the Self-empowerment and Invincible Dao inside him transformed into the Sword Dao Source energy. One strike from him released a violet sword ray that shot across the air, going straight for the Saber Crown.

“Nice one!”

The Saber Crown’s eyes lit up as he gripped the saber tightly and performed another one of Oceanic Sword Grave’s Immortal Techniques. “Mighty Saber Art, Dominating Eight Winds!” Dominating saber intent rose to the sky, followed by a green saber ray that shone across half of the horizon and collided with the violet sword ray.

The collision between the violet sword ray and green saber ray caused another massive explosion that quaked the ground

Mountains across tens of thousands of kilometers crumbled under the sword and saber qi’s impact, disintegrating them into dust.

“This is great! You are as powerful as the Sword Crown... No, you are even stronger than him! Defeating you will reward me with a higher sense of achievement, and I can prove that the saber is superior to the sword!”

The battle intent in the Saber Crown’s eyes intensified.

On the other hand, Chu Kuangren reacted with a calm look on his face. He said, “I’ve always found the ideals of Oceanic Sword Grave hilarious. Both swords and sabers are just weapons, tools if you will. The power lies in the wielder, not the weapon.”

“Spare me the talks! Fight me with all you’ve got!” the Saber Crown cackled in laughter. The saber intent around him was channeled to its

peak.

As the strongest Saber Immortal, his beliefs and Dao were not something Chu Kuangren could break with a few words.

Now, all he had in mind was to defeat Chu Kuangren.

He had a strong feeling that once he defeated Chu Kuangren, the one who stood at the top of Sword Dao, he would be able to prove his Dao’s superiority. Until then, he would naturally be able to break through into the level of an Earthen Immortal.

Swoosh!

The Saber Crown’s figure flashed and reappeared before Chu Kuangren.

He swung his saber that glared brightly, and Chu Kuangren responded with his sword hand sign with sword qi swirling at the tip.

Clunk! Clank! Clink!

The sword hand sign collided with the saber ray multiple times, each hit causing a series of loud, endless clunks.

The sword and the saber shone in their respective way in this battle.

The Saber Crown's saber was domineering and rampant. Every action from him was brutal and ferocious. It felt like they were all trying to cut Chu Kuangren in half with no mercy at all.

On the contrary, Chu Kuangren responded casually with his sword hand sign, mitigating the Saber Crown's attacks. Both the sword-user and the saber-wielder were at the peak of their respective Dao and possessed unrivaled strength.

The battle was fascinating, and it captivated the audience.

"I didn't expect Chu Kuangren's Sword Dao to be at this level. It's the best of the best. Who else in Planquilon Immortal World can rival him?" Master Daoist Dragon Roar of Dragon Roar Sword Sect was impressed.

Nevertheless, the battle continued.

In terms of techniques, the Saber Crown had a difficult time breaking Chu Kuangren's defense. Having realized that, he quickly retreated backward and held his saber tightly to prepare for another Immortal Technique.

At that moment, a massive saber shadow was heading for Chu Kuangren.

Seeing that, Chu Kuangren put his sword hand sign up and cast the Thousand Lotus Sword Intent. A violet sword ray shot out. The crowd thought this clash would be evened out again, similar to the previous exchange. However, the sword ray's momentum remained this time.

Bang!

The saber shadow broke, and the sword ray hit the Saber Crown, sending him flying several hundred meters away. He even coughed out a mouthful of blood.

Chu Kuangren stood in the air with his snow-white robes. He pointed at the ground, looking proud. "Is that all your saber can do?"

His voice was cold, but it struck the chords of everyone who heard it.

Although the swordsmen present were unhappy with Chu Kuangren's arrogant attitude earlier, none could deny his strength.

They even felt proud to be standing on the same side with him.

The swordsmanship world had been crushed badly by its counterparts.

Chu Kuangren might be an arrogant one, but to the others, he was considered the representative of the swordsmanship world.

"The Saber Crown won't lose so easily," Master Daoist Dragon Roar said.

“That’s right. He hasn’t unleashed his full strength yet,” said a man in fiery red robes with enthusiasm overflowing. He was the elder of Holy Divine Fire Cult, second to the ruler of Holy Divine Fire Cult, Sunfall Immortal

Back then, during the battle between the Sword Crown and Saber Crown, many Immortals paid close attention and knew how powerful the Saber Crown was.

Right now, the man was not even fighting to his fullest yet, so it was still too early to jump to the conclusion that Chu Kuangren had won. “Hahaha...”

The Saber Crown’s laughter echoed. His battle intent remained strong as he bellowed, “I am sure that once I defeat you, my Saber Dao will reach new heights, achieving the union between man, saber, heaven, and earth! The Earthen Immortal realm!”

Chu Kuangren reacted with a cold look on his face. “Too bad you won’t have that chance.”

“Is that so? Let me show you my true strength then!”

The aura on the Saber Crown changed, and ferocious qi erupted from him all of a sudden.

Chu Kuangren narrowed his eyes at the scene. “Oh, this energy, this technique? It’s the Avici Trinity Slash.”

He had seen the technique from the Saber Lord before, but because the Saber Lord was weak, he did not take it seriously back then.

However, it did not mean that the Avici Trinity Slash was useless. Quite the opposite, the particular technique was incredibly powerful, more so than the Thousand Lotus Sword Intent.

Now, having been cast by the Saber Crown, the power it contained was heaven and earth apart compared to the Saber Lord.

“Chu Kuangren, ever since I started my Dao, I have defeated countless swordsmen, and their rage qi were all used to temper the Immortal Technique, Avici Trinity Slash. Do you have what it takes to endure all three of my slashes?”

The Saber Crown’s eyes were burning with battle intent. The rage qi around him started to boil and formed a vortex with countless ghouls and ashuras wailing and crying eerily, trying to escape. It really looked like Avici Hell had descended on earth.

Chu Kuangren remained quiet. He simply lifted his sword hand sign again. Violet lotuses bloomed around him, and the Sword Dao Source energy was channeled. “Even if this becomes a hell on earth, I am still invincible with the sword in my hand!”