

Unparalleled 1121

Chapter 1121: There's Such An Elite In The Empire, Seven Wings Planet Is In Danger

The light barrier of the Spacetime Crystal swept across the entire Imperial Palace.

Within the barrier, even Immortals found it difficult to break free from the restraints of being locked in time and space.

Only the manipulators and those allowed by the manipulators could move freely in the barrier.

That was the trump card for the woman in the black dress and others to assassinate!

Swish, swish, swish!

The woman in the black dress and others excitedly dashed toward Queen Linglong with all sorts of weapons in their hands.

Shortly after, the woman in the black dress noticed something was wrong.

Queen Linglong seemed too calm in the face of the assassination, and her eyes were as indifferent as ever, without the slightest fear.

'What's going on?'

'Could it be that Queen Linglong has a way to escape our assassination?'

'No. That's impossible.'

The Spacetime Crystal was so mighty that it could only be utilized once. Even the Ninth-grade Immortals and Earthen Immortals would not be able to break free from its control.

They had done an investigation to find that the strongest in the entire Firmament Empire were the Earthen Immortals, who could not stop them at all.

Hundred kilometers, ten kilometers, one kilometer...

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It was about to succeed.

The woman in the black dress was delighted.

However, she and the others suddenly became terrified when they noticed that they were locked in mid-air and could not move!

'What's happening?'

"The spacetime... It has been locked!"

Being the Spacetime Crystal's manipulator, the woman in the black dress was keenly aware of something and knew how terrifying the matter was.

Someone had locked the spacetime again under the Spacetime Crystal's spacetime energy!

'Just how terrifying is the person's spacetime energy to perform such an act?!'

She dared not even think about doing such a thing.

Further away, a figure in robes as white as snow walked slowly into the palace.

As he walked past the Spacetime Crystal, he pointed at it. In a split second, the Spacetime Crystal, in which half of its spacetime energy had been depleted, cracked and shattered into pieces.

Spit!

Having taken the brunt of the impact, the Spacetime Crystal's manipulator cum woman in black dress spit a mouthful of blood, and her face was as pale as paper.

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"Who is it?!"

The Seven Wings Planet's messengers wondered too.

They felt a bone-piercing coldness, as if their bodies had been entangled by a poisonous snake, and they could not help shivering.

An unprecedented fear overwhelmed them.

"How foolish." Chu Kuangren approached them and said.

Following that, they saw a sword ray gush out from his fingertips and covered their vision.

Shortly after, the woman in the black dress witnessed her companions' bodies engulfed in the sword ray and turned into countless blood-colored orbs that dissipated. To her surprise, the sword ray disintegrated them!

'D*mn it!'

'I can't believe such a terrifying existence exists in the Empire!'

'What exactly is going on?!'

The woman in the black dress was horrified.

At that moment, a white light beam that had a majestic might approached from afar and smashed toward Chu Kuangren.

"Oh."

Chu Kuangren eeked and knocked down the light beam.

Meanwhile, the spacetime energy that enveloped the surroundings dissipated.

"An opportunity!" The woman in the black dress flew toward the distance immediately after breaking free from the shackle of the spacetime energy.

Unfortunately, she did not notice that a violet sword ray had shot across the void and silently entered her body.

“D*mn it!”

“How dare you assassinate the Queen!”

Having recovered, the furious crowd wanted to hunt down the woman in the black dress. However, a white-clothed figure dashed out and blocked them with light beams created by a white mirror.

“It’s Tian Jingzi!”

“Hmph. Isn’t this traitor dead yet?!”

The crowd glared at the person who had come.

Tian Jingzi was Heavenly Mirror Orthodoxy Ruler and also a traitor who colluded with the Seven Wings Planet as investigated by Gu Linglong.

“Let’s get out of here!”

Tian Jingzi grabbed the woman in the black dress. Then, the mirror in his hand radiated with mysterious brilliance and led them into the void.

Chaos Daoist Celestial and others were about to hunt them down.

“Forget about chasing them.”

Just then, an indifferent voice sounded.

It was Chu Kuangren who spoke.

In the grand pagoda, some people looked at Chu Kuangren with suspicion and wariness.

After all, most of them were newcomers to the Empire.

One of them stood up, looked at Chu Kuangren, and asked, “Who are you, and why are you here?”

Before he could figure it out, a few people dashed toward Chu Kuangren excitedly.

That scene made everyone even more puzzled because those people were not of low status. They were all veterans, such as the Chaos Daoist Celestial, Luo Shui, Sword Daoist Celestial...

Even Gu Linglong treated Chu Kuangren with courtesy.

No one had ever seen those people lose control of their emotions. Yet now, they were all so excited in front of the person. Their eyes were filled with joy and admiration.

Some people already had a rough idea of who the person was.

“King, when did you come back?” asked Chaos Daoist Celestial excitedly.

King...

Everyone took a deep breath upon hearing the title. They knew that besides a queen, the Empire had a king, the founder of the Firmament Empire. However, most newcomers had only heard about him from rumors and never seen him before.

Now that the legendary figure was standing before them, they found it unbelievable.

“Sure enough...” Some people were amazed.

Besides the rumored King, who else could make Chaos Daoist Celestial, Luo Shui, and others so excited?

“When the King’s guards, Lan Yu, Chu Hong, and Shang Honghua suddenly returned two years ago, some people speculated that the King had also returned. However, he was never seen, and the speculation was inconclusive.”

“Now, it seems like the King has returned for real.”

Some newcomers who had only heard of Chu Kuangren in the rumors secretly thought to themselves as they looked at him with curiosity in their eyes.

‘What kind of outstanding character could create such a huge Empire and receive the respect of Chaos Daoist Celestial, Luo Shui, and others?’

“Welcome back, King.”

After the Chaos Daoist Celestial calmed down, he took a few steps back, bowed, and made a fist salute. The rest did the same too.

Seeing that the veterans had done so, the rest of the people also followed suit, greeting Chu Kuangren’s return with a fist salute.

“Please, stand,” said Chu Kuangren. Then, he kept the Chaos Daoist Celestial and other people he knew with him and dismissed the others.

“King, you’ve been hiding your return from us, and so has Lan Yu and the rest. You should’ve told us that you’re back,” complained Luo Shui.

Chu Kuangren chuckled. “Heh, I didn’t want to create a scene. If it weren’t because Linglong was in danger, I probably wouldn’t have appeared, and I would continue to be Master Chu in the Heavenly Will Pavillion.”

“So Master Chu is the King.”

“As I’ve said, how could the Queen entrust a strange cultivator with an important task?”

“By the way, King, how are you planning to deal with the Seven Wings Planet?” asked the Chaos Daoist Celestial.

Everyone recalled that it was Chu Kuangren who stopped their enemy from hunting them.

“Leave the matter to me. All of you shall continue helping Linglong manage the Empire,” said Chu Kuangren as he looked coldly into the distance.

Seven Wings Planet was in... danger!

Chapter 1122: Chu Kuangren Arrives, All You Rebels Shall Go To Hell

Two figures — one black and one white — appeared outside the Firmament Star. They were the woman in the black dress, who had just escaped from the Firmament Star, and Tian Jingzi, the Firmament Star's traitor.

"Tian Jingzi, I didn't think you were still alive," the woman in the black dress said in surprise as she looked at Tian Jingzi.

"Mm."

Tian Jingzi looked displeased. "Although I was lucky enough to escape, my orthodoxy is gone."

At the mention of that, his tone was filled with resentment.

It was the orthodoxy that he had built for countless years, and it was gone just like that. Anyone in his shoes would feel as terrible as he was.

"That's alright. After the Planet Ruler annexes the Firmament Star, you can build another Heavenly Mirror Orthodoxy that's even stronger than before," said the woman in the black dress.

Then, she thought of something, and there was a hint of horror in her eyes. "Do you know the person who stopped us?"

That person was too terrifying.

She even wondered whether the Planet Ruler would be as vulnerable as them in the face of that person.

'No. That's impossible.'

'The Planet Ruler is mighty. He can't be that weak.'

"If I'm not mistaken, the person should be the founder of the Firmament Empire... Chu Kuangren," said Tian Jingzi solemnly.

"I've heard about Chu Kuangren, but I didn't expect him to be so powerful. He's so good at Spacetime Dao that even the Spacetime Crystal can't hurt him. He'll be our greatest obstacle."

"First, let's go back and see the Planet Ruler," said the woman in the black dress.

"Alright." The man nodded.

Then, the two figures turned into a flash and dashed into the distance.

They were cautious for fear of being discovered by the people of the Empire. However, what puzzled them was that no one stopped or hunted them down along their way as if the assassination did not happen.

Nevertheless, they fled for their lives without thinking too much about it.

A few months later, Tian Jingzi and the woman in the black dress returned to a planet.

It was not Seven Wings Planet but a planet without Heavenly Dao. It was also where the Seven Wings Planet Ruler had gathered all forces to fight against the Firmament Star.

At the moment, in a palace on the planet.

“Greetings, Planet Ruler.”

The woman in the black dress and Tian Jingzi knelt before a middle-aged, majestic-looking man who had a square face, dressed in a golden robe and wore a crown on his head.

He was the Seven Wings Planet Ruler.

“You’ve failed your mission?” The Seven Wings Planet Ruler frowned.

Both of them looked ashamed when they heard that.

“Ruler, you told me to cause a dispute within the Empire, but for some reason, it exposed the Heavenly Mirror Orthodoxy instead. Since my subordinate violated your trust, please punish me.” Tian Jingzi dared not quibble.

Next to him, the woman in the black dress then reported the assassination.

“Oh, Chu Kuangren...”

Seven Wings Planet Ruler’s eyes flashed at the mention of the name. “I’ve heard of this person before. He’s very famous in the Firmament Galaxy and Jade Emperor Galaxy, but I heard he has gone to the Planquilon Immortal World. I didn’t expect him to return at this time.”

“Perhaps he returned much earlier but has been hiding behind the scene.” The Seven Wings Planet Ruler made a guess.

Suddenly, he seemed to recall something. “That’s not right. If Chu Kuangren had taken action, how could both of you escape safely? Besides, did you encounter any obstacles on the way back?”

“We moved about secretly and were not discovered.”

“Foolish!”

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler snorted. “Quick! Get all Sect Masters and Planet Rulers to leave here immediately.”

As if having understood something, both of their expressions changed.

The Planet Rulers and Sect Masters immediately acted when they received the notice from the Seven Wings Planet Ruler, wanting to escape from there.

A Planet Ruler flew out into the planet’s extraterritorial region and wanted to escape as fast as he could.

However, he slammed into an invisible barricade that had suddenly appeared in space.

“What’s going on?”

“D*mn it. Our whereabouts have been exposed!”

Some people’s expressions shifted as they thought of something while some others carefully observed the barricade.

The barricade was covered with countless Daoist patterns and Immortal Sparks flowing through it, containing surging spacetime energy.

“It is a Spacetime Barricade formed by spacetime energy!”

“Who can form a Spacetime Barricade like that? Could it be an Immortal who is proficient in the Spacetime Dao?”

Seven Wings Planet Ruler said solemnly to the black-dressed woman next to him, “Did you say Chu Kuangren is proficient in Spacetime Dao?”

“Yes.”

“It looks like he’s already here.”

Boom, boom, boom...

Some Planet Rulers and Sect Masters refused to be trapped on the planet, so they channeled their powers non-stop to bombard the Spacetime Barricade.

The barricade made a roar but only circles of ripples spread on the surface.

The crowd’s attack could not destroy the formation.

“D*mn it. The barricade is too powerful.”

“Who is it?”

While everyone was puzzled and shocked, a figure in white gradually approached and penetrated the barricade.

It was a transcendent-looking figure with a white-jaded ancient sword and a scroll tied around his waist. He had waist-length hair, and his clothing was as white as snow. The terrifying aura he emanated swept across the universe like a raging wave as if an Immortal King had arrived!

“Let me introduce myself. I’m the King of the Firmament Empire. Why aren’t all of you kneeling before a King?” asked Chu Kuangren indifferently.

Shortly after, the energy on his body soared again, and his terrifyingly domineering aura made almost all cultivators present kneel as if they were welcoming the king.

Only a minimal number of Earthen Immortals could withstand it.

“W-What a terrifying power!”

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler and others panicked.

If his aura was alone already so powerful, how earth-shattering would an attack from him be?!

Everyone could not dare to imagine it, but they knew the person before them was not an existence they could defeat!

He was horrifying!

“H-How did you manage to find us?” asked the black-dressed woman.

Chu Kuangren glanced at her and pointed out a sword finger sign. In an instant, the woman exploded on the spot, and sword qi began spreading outward from her body, killing some of the cultivators lying on the ground.

“This is my answer. If it weren’t because you guys had to lead the way, do you think both of you could get out of the Empire?” Chu Kuangren said while looking at Tian Jingzi.

When Tian Jingzi appeared to save the black-dressed woman, Chu Kuangren had already decided to let them leave so that he could trace their location with the help of sword qi, which he had secretly left on the black-dressed woman.

“Run!”

Tian Jingzi’s expression changed. He wanted to flee because he knew he could not defeat Chu Kuangren, but the Spacetime Barricade blocked his way.

The Spacetime Barricade was an Immortal Technique developed by Chu Kuangren based on the Spacetime Dao. Even a Heavenly Immortal would need a lot of effort to break the barricade, let alone an ordinary Earthen Immortal like Tian Jingzi.

“All you rebels shall go to hell!” Chu Kuangren said coldly. His murderous intent was so overwhelming that everyone present trembled with a hint of despair in their eyes.

Chapter 1123: Killing The Seven Wings Planet Ruler, Devouring Stars Again, The Giant Stellar Beast

“All of you rebels shall go to hell!”

Chu Kuangren’s voice was as cold as ice. His murderous aura swept across the entire star and caused everyone present to shiver in horror.

“Let’s fight him!” roared the Seven Wings Planet Ruler.

A blood-red light was burning on his body. He had decided to use the Life Essence Ignition Technique.

With the help of Life Essence Ignition energy, the Seven Wings Planet Ruler’s strength increased rapidly, and he pushed through to a Ninth-grade Earthen Immortal!

“Kill him!”

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler roared as he dashed toward Chu Kuangren. At the same time, a dark red spear, a top-notched Earthen Immortal Weapon, emerged in his hand.

The moment he thrust his spear forward, Daoist patterns covered Chu Kuangren like a stormy tornado.

“You’re too weak.”

Chu Kuangren raised one of his fingers. When his slender finger collided with the spear, a clanging sound echoed, and surges of majestic energy gushed out in all directions.

The surrounding mountains exploded and collapsed.

Some weaker cultivators could not defend themselves against the tyrannical power, so when the shockwaves hit them, they perished right there and then!

“What?!”

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler watched the scene unfold in front of him in disbelief.

Chu Kuangren had stopped his attack with a finger.

“H-How is this possible?!”

The next moment, Chu Kuangren flicked his fingers and pointed them at the spear.

With a bang, the spear trembled wildly before it began to crack, inch by inch, under the Seven Wings Planet Ruler’s horrified gaze and shattered into pieces.

Chu Kuangren had shattered an Earthen Immortal Weapon by flicking his fingers.

How powerful was he?!

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler fell into despair.

He would not have dared to provoke the King of the Firmament Empire if he had known earlier that Chu Kuangren was such a terrifying existence!

“Come here.” Chu Kuangren raised his hand to his mouth and sucked.

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler’s body flew towards him uncontrollably.

“Oh no.”

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler immediately activated the Heavenly Dao energy in his body to enhance his strength and then unleash a punch.

It was a powerful punching Immortal Technique.

However, the attack disappeared as soon as it landed in Chu Kuangren’s palm.

It was the Enchanted Sleeve, which had devoured the Seven Wings Planet Ruler’s energy!

On top of that, after capturing the Seven Wings Planet Ruler, Chu Kuangren activated his Heavenly Devouring Daoist Art to absorb his opponent’s Heavenly Dao.

Soon after, the Seven Wings Planet Ruler’s Heavenly Dao gushed out like a surging river as Chu Kuangren absorbed it all.

The Seven Wings Planet Ruler could not retaliate at all.

“Go to hell.”

After absorbing the Heavenly Dao, Chu Kuangren slapped the Seven Wings Planet Ruler, the most powerful cultivator at the scene, away with his palm, turning him into a blood mist.

Everyone was incredulous at that power.

“How is this possible...”

“M-Monster!”

“Retreat. We aren’t his opponents!”

“Where do you think you can escape to?”

“M-My King, please spare my life. We won’t do it again, and we’ll follow your lead...”

Some people felt hopeless, some fled, and some knelt and begged for mercy.

No one dared to resist in the face of absolute power.

However, no matter what measures they took, Chu Kuangren’s expression remained indifferent and unmoved.

As he pointed his sword hand sign forward, a magnificent Heavenly Intent fluctuation spread and transformed into Sword Intent. Then, the Sword Intent turned into sword qi that swept outward.

Bang, bang, bang!

Like a storm, the sword qi caused a mess everywhere it landed.

In just a few seconds, the planet before him collapsed into cosmic dust.

Besides Chu Kuangren, everyone was dead. Some corpses were left with broken limbs, while most had nothing left of them!

After killing those people, Chu Kuangren unlocked the Spacetime Barricade.

Then, he took out a piece of Jade scroll and sent a message to Gu Linglong and others, informing them that he had killed the Seven Wings Planet Ruler and other crucial people.

As for the aftermath, he would leave it to them to deal with whether they wanted to punish or wipe out the civilization. Anyway, it could not threaten Firmament Star.

Following that, he looked at a star in the distance with flickering eyes. “It has been a long time since I devoured a planet. It’s time for me to increase my raw physical strength.”

His figure turned into a flash of light and dashed towards the distant star, soon penetrating the deepest part of it.

A few months later, Chu Kuangren had devoured the entire star. As a result, he felt that his Stellar Undying Body had improved again.

“Since Firmament Star doesn’t need my help for now, I’ll travel around the universe to strengthen my Stellar Undying Body,” mumbled Chu Kuangren.

As a planet devourer, he traveled the major galaxies and devoured planets. If he came across some galaxies with multiple stars, he could devour more of them.

As time went by, the rate at which he devoured stars increased, and he became more efficient at it. In just three years, he had managed to devour eighteen stars!

All galaxies knew about his existence, and they were afraid of him, to say the least. He would leave behind a trail of debris of the planets he devoured.

Cultivators who knew him would make a detour and avoid passing these planets for fear of encountering him.

On that day, Chu Kuangren had just devoured a star when he sensed that his raw physical strength had reached a terrifying level several times higher than before.

Now, his raw physical strength alone was no match for ordinary Heavenly Immortals.

However, he noticed that although his efficiency and speed of devouring stars got better each time, the effect was less pronounced.

Devouring one or two stars could no longer help him much. Based on that, his raw physical strength could only be strengthened significantly if he devoured hundreds of thousands of stars.

"The universe is vast, while planets are like the sand on the Ganges. I'm not worried about not being able to strengthen it, but what I don't have is time," mumbled Chu Kuangren.

"Roar!"

At that moment, a strange roar sounded in the distance.

A strange look appeared on Chu Kuangren's face. Then, he mobilized his Immortal Consciousness and immediately found the source of the roar.

It was a giant beast!

Its size was more than ten thousand kilometers, its appearance was similar to a whale, and there was starlight circulating its body.

It was a... Giant Stellar Beast!

Chu Kuangren's eyes lit up.

Giant Stellar Beasts lived on a star, and their most prominent feature was being incredibly gigantic, hence the name giant beast!

Due to their gigantic body, not many things could provide them with energy, and one of them was... planets.

Planets were their food.

Some could devour stars like Chu Kuangren, but they generally lacked wisdom.

They acted according to their instincts like ordinary beasts.

The Giant Stellar Beast before Chu Kuangren was devouring a Ninth-grade planet. Although there was a civilization on the planet, it was too weak in the face of the Giant Stellar Beast.

A few mouthfuls would destroy the civilization in one fell swoop.

Some weaker civilizations were just meals for the Giant Stellar Beast as they did not possess the power to resist.

Chu Kuangren watched them from the side but did not manage to take any action because the civilization was almost destroyed when he arrived.

It made no difference even if he took action.

Chapter 1124: Entering The Giant Stellar Beast's Body, The Immortal Worlds Begin to Merge

Looking at the Giant Stellar Beast that had devoured a Ninth-grade planet in two or three mouthfuls, Chu Kuangren felt that the Firmament Star was very lucky.

At least they did not encounter such a terrifying disaster as the Giant Stellar Beast before the Firmament Star grew stronger. Otherwise, the tiny star might not even be enough for the Giant Stellar Beast.

After devouring the Ninth-grade planet, the Giant Stellar Beast hovered in the universe, with starlight radiating from its body.

It was celestial energy, and the Giant Stellar Beast was digesting the Ninth-grade planet that it devoured.

"Hold on."

Further away, Chu Kuangren's eyes lit up.

"Having devoured the planet, the Giant Stellar Beast's body must contain a lot of celestial energy. Can I absorb the energy with Stellar Undying Body and use it as my own?"

"Lil Ai, analyze it for me." The more Chu Kuangren thought about it, the more he thought it was possible. As such, he immediately made Lil Ai analyze the Giant Stellar Beast.

The result of the analysis satisfied him.

The feasibility of that idea was as high as eighty percent.

"Great."

"It looks like I'll have to break into the beast's belly today," mumbled Chu Kuangren.

His figure flashed and flew toward the Giant Stellar Beast.

The Giant Stellar Beast that was digesting its food moved its head as it seemed to have noticed something. Its pair of eyes, which were bigger than some asteroids, stared in Chu Kuangren's direction.

"Roar..."

The roar resounded throughout the universe, crushing some nearby asteroids into pieces.

Immediately afterward, a thick, blue light beam gushed out from the Giant Stellar Beast's body and shot toward Chu Kuangren.

Although the Giant Stellar Beast lacked wisdom, it could still sense danger.

In the Giant Stellar Beast's eyes, Chu Kuangren was tiny but threatening.

"An attack formed by high-purity celestial energy?"

Chu Kuangren looked at the gushing blue light beam while sensing its power, which even an ordinary Heavenly Immortal could not withstand.

However, instead of dodging, he attacked with a punch.

Boom!

An incomparably violent hurricane erupted in the universe!

The majestic punch unleashed and smashed into the blue beam of light. When the two energies collided, the impact made the surrounding planets explode one after another.

"It may not be a cultivation technique, but a simple laser could launch such an attack. As expected of the Giant Stellar Beast," mumbled Chu Kuangren.

No wonder there were rumors that some kings among the Giant Stellar Beasts, or even Arch Gilded Immortal, dared not provoke it.

Although the Giant Stellar Beast before Chu Kuangren was not a king, it should not be weak among the Giant Stellar Beasts.

After blocking the attack, Chu Kuangren's figure turned into a flash of light as he dashed into the giant beast's body through the gap between its teeth.

Once Chu Kuangren entered the giant beast's body, incomparable celestial energy immediately enveloped him.

"Such a huge amount of energy."

"It's powerful."

The terrifying celestial energy attacked Chu Kuangren's body and intended to smash him into pieces.

Ordinary Heavenly Immortals would not have been able to withstand such energy crushing them, but Chu Kuangren's raw physical strength was strong. Hence, he could hold his own.

He saw some of the wreckage from the giant beast devouring the Ninth-grade planet earlier. It was being decomposed by the celestial energy and transformed into new celestial energy to keep the Giant Stellar Beast moving.

"Let's begin."

Chu Kuangren took a deep breath to activate his Stellar Undying Body and devour the giant beast's celestial energy.

With that, the endless stream of celestial energy gushed toward him from all directions. Chu Kuangren felt that it was ten times more efficient than devouring stars himself. "It looks like it's worth the trip."

Chu Kuangren stayed in the Giant Stellar Beast's body to devour the celestial energy that it had accumulated for countless years. Just like that, the energy that the giant beast worked hard to get for many years was absorbed by Chu Kuangren.

In the outside world, the Giant Stellar Beast made a low roar as it felt a little hungry and wanted to look for food again.

The outside world was facing unprecedented changes while Chu Kuangren was devouring the Giant Stellar Beast's energy.

The Immortal World was gradually merging!

In the entire universe, all forces began to feel excited upon sending the merging of the Immortal World.

"After so many years, the Immortal World is finally merging."

"Haha. I foresaw the occurrence of this incident countless years ago. After many years of planning, the opportunity has finally arrived."

"That's great."

"A new era is here!"

In a magnificent palace somewhere in the universe, eight light projections approached one after another, and along with them, a surge of terrifying Heavenly Dao energy descended from the sky.

A white-robed elder appeared before the eight light projections.

"Greetings, Sect Master."

"Mm." The white-robed elder nodded. "The Fragmented Immortal World is merging, the complete Immortal World is about to emerge, and the Battle of the Heavenly Champions is about to kick off. We placed our Heavenly Dao Sect in various Fragmented Immortal Worlds just for this day, and all of you have become Heavenly Champions."

"I suppose I don't have to tell all of you what to do next. Go on and enter the complete Immortal World. Regardless of who it is, as long as one of you wins the Battle of the Heavenly Champions, you'll be the next Heavenly Dao Sect Master!"

Bodies of the eight light projections shuddered after the white-robed elder finished speaking.

One of the light projections said indifferently, "Compared to the position of the Heavenly Dao Sect Master, I'm more concerned about the position of supreme Immortal World Ruler."

"I must be the Immortal World Ruler!"

An unparalleled aura erupted from the light projection.

Upon hearing him, the others looked at him surprisingly.

Immortal World Ruler...

The position of Immortal World Ruler was more attractive than the Heavenly Dao Sect Master. However, they could only keep their thoughts to themselves as none of them was confident in winning the position of the Immortal World Ruler.

There were too many sky-prides and demons involved in the battle.

“You really do live up to your name as the strongest one, Heavenly Daoist Tian. You have great courage, and I look forward to your performance.”

The white-robed elder smiled calmly. The light projection nodded before it disappeared in the next instant.

The remaining seven light projections were also ready to leave when the white-robed elder spoke, “Heavenly Daoist Kun, I hope you’ll beware of Chu Kuangren, whom you mentioned last time. He is our enemy if he possesses the technique you mentioned!”

The Daoists who were about to leave became interested.

“Oh, Chu Kuangren... Interesting.”

“Is he the person whom the Celestial Demon cultivator, who came to the Heavenly Dao Sect to kick up a fuss the last time, wanted to protect? No Arch-realm cultivators are allowed to intervene in the Battle of the Heavenly Champions. Even the Celestial Demon cultivator can’t protect him.”

A stern look appeared in Heavenly Daoist Kun’s eyes at the mention of Chu Kuangren’s name. “Sect Master, please rest assured. If I meet him, I’ll crush his bones to ashes and bring back his techniques.”

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“Alright.” The white-robed elder nodded.

After the light projections left, the white-robed elder pondered. “Interesting. I can’t believe that a Celestial Demon Physique has appeared in this era. I wonder if he will participate in the Battle of the Heavenly Champions.”

“Besides, those orthodoxies shouldn’t be able to sit still.”

“Who wouldn’t be tempted with the title of Immortal World Ruler? I wonder who will win the title.”

Chapter 1125: The Immortal World’s Four Heavenly Gates Emerge, Hunting The Giant Stellar Beast

Somewhere in the universe, a dazzling white light suddenly rose into the sky amid the boundless darkness. Thousands of Immortal Sparks circulated, illuminating the dark skies, and countless auspicious transformations emerged all over the universe.

Then, a gigantic, magnificent white-jaded Immortal gate emerged in the universe and radiated with Immortal Sparks that traveled countless light-years.

Nine-thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine white-jade dragon and phoenix pillars stood above a planet, followed by the emergence of a majestic aura.

Some great ones in the universe were shocked to see the white-jaded Immortal gate.

“T-That’s the Immortal Ascension Path?!”

“But why is the aura of the Immortal Ascension Path different this time?”

Something strange happened while everyone was in shock.

Daoist chimes suddenly resounded from the gigantic white-jade Immortal gate, and countless Daoist patterns interweaved to form three ancient and powerful characters on the gate — Southern Heavenly Gate!

Upon seeing that, the great ones immediately understood.

“This is the real Immortal Ascension Path!”

“The Immortal World Four Heavenly Gates, namely Eastern, Western, Northern, and Southern, are the passages to enter the complete Immortal World. I guess other Immortal Ascension Paths of the Fragmented Immortal World have been taken away and only these four Immortal Ascension Paths are left now.”

“The Southern Heavenly Gate, huh? Tsk, tsk. I heard there were ancient Immortal Halls in the complete Immortal World, and they, too, had the Four Heavenly Gates that seem to imitate the Immortal World’s Four Heavenly Gates.”

Besides the Southern Heavenly Gate, the other three Heavenly Gates also appeared in the universe, shocking major civilizations and orthodoxies.

On that day, a tyrannical figure stepped onto the Immortal Ascension Path of the Southern Heavenly Gate, where hundreds of dragons and phoenixes soared into the sky, filling it with Immortal Sparks.

“Complete Immortal World, here I come!”

The figure dashed into the Southern Heavenly Gate.

Following the first person’s entry into the Immortal World, sky-prides and senior elites also wanted to enter the Immortal World.

Many people flocked into the complete Immortal World.

At that moment, the forces that had long known that the Fragmented Immortal Worlds would merge had some great advantages.

They had placed their forces in various Fragmented Immortal Worlds for many years, and now that the Fragmented Immortal Worlds were merging, they gathered their forces at an extremely fast speed.

In the complete Immortal World, the wind was billowing while the great forces were busy occupying resources and dividing territories.

Meanwhile, in a galaxy, a Giant Stellar Beast was rapidly devouring planets everywhere as if it was mad hungry.

It shocked some of the forces.

Generally, although planets were Giant Stellar Beasts’ food, they would not devour as many planets as it was now in such a short period. As such, the Giant Stellar Beast’s act puzzled everyone.

Not only that, but some people also noticed that the Giant Stellar Beast showed no sign of energy growth even though it was constantly devouring planets. On the contrary, it was growing weaker.

Such a scene attracted many forces' attention.

If the Giant Stellar Beast was in its heyday, few to no forces would dare disturb it.

However, many people were now tempted because it had become extremely weak for reasons they did not know.

After all, a Giant Stellar Beast's corpse had a lot of value. Its corpse's liquid could help improve cultivation speed, its bones could be used for weaponsmithing, and some Giant Stellar Beasts would even derive a treasure named Stellar Core from their bodies.

A Stellar Core was simply priceless in the universe.

On that day, the Giant Stellar Beast was devouring a planet, and the planet was disappearing at a speed visible to the naked eye.

The strange thing was that the Giant Stellar Beast's body did not show signs of digesting the celestial energy. Instead, its life essence was constantly weakening.

In the distance, a few warships approached and surrounded the Giant Stellar Beast. The leader of the group was a Heavenly Immortal dressed in golden armor with a majestic, imposing aura.

"Attack!"

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal roared, and the warships began to emit energy light beams to attack the giant beast incessantly.

Bang, bang, bang!

Countless energy light beams slammed onto the giant beast, causing it to wail.

Shortly after, starlight flowed on the giant beast's surface, forming a thin layer of energy shield to block the surrounding energy light beams.

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal could not help but frown because the starlight energy shield seemed... weak!

"Why is the Giant Stellar Beast so weak?" asked the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal.

He had seen a Giant Stellar Beast with celestial energy that even a Heavenly Immortal like him feared. However, the one before him was just... far too weak!

Bang, bang!

Countless energy light beams slammed onto the giant beast. Under the continuous bombardment, the starlight shield on the giant beast exploded with a loud bang as it could no longer hold on!

"Roar, roar..."

Daoist patterns circulated the giant beast's body as if it was gathering celestial energy to attack.

Unfortunately, the starlight went out after flickering twice.

"What's going on?"

Everyone was puzzled, but they were delighted to see the giant beast weak. Hence, they attacked more vigorously.

After a while, the weak Giant Stellar Beast died in a miserable howl, and its gigantic body floated in the universe like an island.

“Haha! It worked.”

“We finally succeeded.”

“Quick. Get up there to collect some materials.”

Some cultivators approached the corpse of the Giant Stellar Beast excitedly and began to collect materials. However, they soon realized that something was wrong.

The Giant Stellar Beast contained very few materials.

Its blood and flesh activity was insufficient, and its bone density was so low that it would be difficult to make an Immortal Weapon. They could find the Stellar Core, but its celestial energy had disappeared.

The entire Giant Stellar Beast seemed to be hollowed out not in terms of blood, flesh, and internals but in terms of celestial energy.

“What the hell is happening?”

Some cultivators were furious.

They had spent a fortune gathering manpower to hunt the Giant Stellar Beast, but the gain was far less than expected.

They had lost a lot.

Eventually, a commotion broke out in the crowd.

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal was displeased as he was the one who had initiated the operation, but it ended with disappointment. If there were no explanation for it, he would lose his dignity.

Bang!

At that moment, the corpse of the Giant Stellar Beast under everyone’s feet suddenly trembled, and a beam of light gushed out from the giant beast’s body.

When the beam of light dissipated, a figure emerged.

It was a black-haired, handsome-looking man in white clothes.

What everyone was concerned about was the powerful celestial energy fluctuation that surrounded him.

“What’s going on? How can there be a human in the giant beast’s body?”

“Where did he come from?”

Everyone was confused.

After a while, the celestial energy fluctuation on the figure in white gradually dissipated.

The man was, of course, none other than Chu Kuangren. He glanced at the crowd, slightly puzzled. 'Why are there suddenly so many people?'

He mobilized his Immortal Consciousness while everyone was discussing and finally figured out the reason. Then, he chuckled and shook his head.

"Unfortunately, I've absorbed all the Giant Stellar Beast's celestial energies. Their work was all in vain."

However, if it were not for the fact that he absorbed the Giant Stellar Beast's celestial energies, how could these people manage to kill it?

With that, he ignored them and turned around to leave.

"Stop!" A cold grunt sounded.

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal suddenly stood before Chu Kuangren.

"What's the matter?"

Chapter 1126: One Punch Kills A Heavenly Immortal, Arriving At Northern Heavenly Gate, Four Heavenly Gates Trembled

"What's the matter?" Chu Kuangren stared at the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal indifferently.

Across from him, the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal did the same. "Your Excellency, I believe you owe us an explanation."

"What explanation do you want?"

"It took us quite the effort to hunt this Giant Stellar Beast down, but the celestial energy inside it is all gone, and you happen to come out from it. Shouldn't you explain yourself?" the Golden-Armored Heavenly Immortal said.

His words attracted the others to gather around.

Chu Kuangren instantly became the public enemy because of those few words, which made it sound like he was a thief who had stolen everybody's spoils.

"Give us an explanation. If you can compensate us, we may let you walk out of this place alive," the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal said.

The other agreed to his suggestion.

"That's right. We can't just leave empty-handed."

"What happened? Tell us the truth!"

Boom!

While the crowd was getting riled up, a surge of cold and sharp energy expanded and blanketed the space.

Chu Kuangren stood with his hands behind his back. "I don't have to explain myself to others. Move, or die."

The tone of his voice was as cold as the wind.

Everyone narrowed their eyes.

They knew they were facing a tough opponent.

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal's sharp senses noticed Chu Kuangren's cultivation level through the energy he released — a Seventh-grade Earthen Immortal!

He grinned. "You're just a Seventh-grade Earthen Immortal, and you have the audacity to spit nonsense before me? Do you know how transcendent a Heavenly Immortal's Daoist techniques are?"

He took a step forward, and the energy of a Heavenly Immortal erupted.

The next moment, he reached out to Chu Kuangren for a grab. A large amount of Immortal's Core energy and Daoist patterns intertwined around his palm.

"Kid, let me teach you a lesson first."

Chu Kuangren did not even flinch at the incoming palm attack, which allowed the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal to get to his shoulder.

With a grin, the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal curled his fingers into a claw and wanted to rip Chu Kuangren's arm off.

However, the look on his face changed when he realized that Chu Kuangren's shoulder was as tough as an Immortal Metal. He could not even dent it with his strength.

'Something is wrong with this person!'

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal wanted to retreat immediately, but it was too late.

A fair and slender hand grabbed his wrist.

"Release me!"

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal channeled his Immortal's Core energy and tried to shake Chu Kuangren's grab. Alas, it was futile as his Immortal's Core energy crumbled when it touched Chu Kuangren. It felt like he was throwing an egg at a rock.

"Is this what you were trying to do?" Chu Kuangren's calm voice sounded.

Then, he twisted his opponent's wrist and pulled. The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal felt an indomitable force pulling his arm, and before he could react, blood spurted out.

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal's arm was ripped off!

"D*mn it!"

He endured the excruciating pain and drew an ancient black sword with his left hand. Then, he injected Immortal's Core energy into it and slashed it out at Chu Kuangren.

The slash was actually a Sword Dao Immortal Technique. Its sharpness was almost unblockable.

A vicious look appeared in the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal's eyes.

He strongly believed that no matter how strong Chu Kuangren's body was, his Immortal Weapon would be able to hurt him.

"Foolish!" Chu Kuangren tossed the broken arm away and raised two of his fingers at the incoming attack. It was so powerful that it could cut a planet in half, but it was caught!

"What?!"

The Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal was stupefied, and so were the others.

Using two fingers to catch an attack from a Heavenly Immortal? What kind of power did Chu Kuangren possess?

"Heavenly Immortal? Daoist techniques that transcend the heavens? Really?" Chu Kuangren scoffed.

He tightened his fingers and pulled the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal closer to himself before he threw a punch forward.

Bang!

A sky-shattering explosion sounded.

The golden armor on the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal shattered upon impact. As a result, he was sent flying backward like a meteor, crashing through a dozen planets before ending up as a pile of meat.

The punch did not only crush his body but also his soul.

Upon witnessing the scene, the others were silenced and stunned.

Everything in space suddenly turned quiet.

A single punch killed a Heavenly Immortal?

What kind of terrifying power was that?

"Not too shabby." Chu Kuangren smiled with satisfaction after feeling how powerful his raw physical strength had grown. After absorbing the celestial energy in the Stellar Giant Beast, his Stellar Undying Body had received a decent boost.

Based on his conservative calculation, he could easily defend himself against a Fifth to Sixth-grade Heavenly Immortal with his current strength.

After killing the Golden-armored Heavenly Immortal, Chu Kuangren flew away, and no one dared to even stop him.

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“The appearance of the complete Immortal World is rather surprising.”

Chu Kuangren’s Immortal Consciousness was collecting all kinds of information throughout that particular galaxy.

He took a piece of communication jade scroll and wanted to contact the Empire, but he realized he was too far away.

“Tsk, this beast can really run.”

As such, he activated his Spatial Conveyor Technique. With his connection to the Heavenly Dao of Firmament Star, he was able to head back to the Empire quickly.

Fortunately, he had already established contact with the Empire halfway through.

The Empire had also learned about the appearance of the complete Immortal World. However, even though the Empire had been developing rapidly in the past few years, it was still rather difficult to enter the complete Immortal World and set up a base there.

With that, Chu Kuangren told the Empire to be patient first.

Soon, he arrived and saw Lan Yu, Shang Honghua, Lil Fox, Chu Hong, and the others together. They were prepared to follow him into the Immortal World.

At the current stage, only the aforementioned few were capable and had the chance to accomplish something big in the complete Immortal World.

The others also had the potential, but time was short, and they had not grown fully yet.

After settling the Empire, Chu Kuangren brought Chu Hong, Lan Yu, and the others into the complete Immortal World.

The nearest Immortal World Four Heavenly Gates, the Northern Heavenly Gate, was the nearest one to the Empire. However, it was still countless lightyears away.

Chu Kuangren and company spent a whole year to arrive at the gate.

“I wonder if the Hundred Academy still exists after the Fragmented Immortal Worlds converged,” Chu Kuangren muttered.

He did not miss anything in Planquilon Immortal World, except for the place he was rather fond of, the Hundred Academy.

Chu Hong and Shang Honghua also thought of Sycamore Mountain and Jade Clarity Immortal Sect respectively.

The convergence of all the Fragmented Immortal Worlds would surely shake up those top immortal orthodoxies of their respective worlds.

“Let’s go.” Chu Kuangren took the lead onto the Immortal Ascension Path.

The moment he stepped in, nine hundred and ninety-nine dragons and phoenixes dashed into the sky, painting an auspicious phenomenon that shook the universe.

Not only the Northern Heavenly Gate but the other three Heavenly Gates also had the same phenomenon.

The entire universe was filled with roars and cries of dragons and phoenixes for the entire day. The boundless Immortal Sparks replaced the stars, and the mystical Daoist chimes became the only sound in the void.

The terrifying phenomena attracted the attention of countless great ones throughout the universe, and they released their Immortal Consciousness to find out what was going on.

At the Northern Heavenly Gate, Chu Kuangren's expression remained indifferent to the vast and auspicious phenomenon.

It was not his first time anyway.

It was just a lot grander and glamorous this time.

Chapter 1127: Academy Combined, Inksnow Academy Causing A Problem, Who Are You To Touch My Things?

All four of the Heavenly Gates trembled en masse.

All kinds of auspicious phenomenons appeared one after another, and they shook the entire universe.

The great ones released their Immortal Consciousness to find out what was happening and eventually noticed Chu Kuangren at the Northern Heavenly Gate. They were shocked by what they found out.

"D*mn. Is he the one who caused all this?"

"I don't think it'll even respond to an Arch Gilded Immortal like that."

"Those who don't mind might even think the Immortal World Ruler is back."

"Who is this person?"

Meanwhile, in a certain corner of the universe, a black-haired middle-aged man suddenly opened his eyes and cackled with laughter.

"Hahaha! As expected of one of the strongest Chaos Celestial Demon Physiques. He really shook the universe this time."

After that, he started to ponder over the situation.

"However, not even a Chaos Celestial Demon Physique can cause such phenomena. I believe all of that happened because of Chu Kuangren and not only the physique he possesses.

"With a never before seen Self-Empowering Dao and the fate of nothingness, his future will be unimaginable..."

As such, the black-haired and middle-aged Bei Ming believed he should protect Chu Kuangren. As long as he could ensure Chu Kuangren's safety, the Celestial Demon Tribe would surely return to its former glory one day.

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Unbothered by the phenomena he caused, Chu Kuangren led everyone inside.

The moment he set foot in the Immortal World, he could already notice the obvious difference between the Fragmented Immortal Worlds and the complete Immortal World.

Not only was the spiritual qi denser and the space stable, even the heaven and earth's Dao and the source energy were more obvious.

In simple words, the complete Immortal World was much better than the fragmented one in every aspect.

"Let's locate the academy first."

Chu Kuangren mobilized his Immortal Consciousness to collect information about the place.

Compared to the Fragmented Immortal Worlds, the boundaries of the complete Immortal World were a lot wider. In fact, it was almost boundless.

Chu Kuangren even noticed that there were other planets in the sky, forming the starry sky of the Immortal World!

The complete Immortal World had its own starry sky!

Soon, Chu Kuangren gathered enough information about the Immortal World.

"The academy has combined..."

As an ancient immortal orthodoxy, the Hundred Academy of Planquilon Immortal World was just a branch founded by a student of the original academy.

There was a branch of the academy in all the other Fragmented Immortal Worlds.

Now with all the Fragmented Immortal World having converged into one, the branches of the academy also merged and formed a whole new Hundred Academy.

"It seems like the Dean and the others have moved to this new academy. Let's go and have a look," Chu Kuangren said.

The Hundred Academy was a famed institute in the complete Immortal World, and with the status of ancient immortal orthodoxy, its location was no secret to the public.

At the new Hundred Academy.

"A merger?"

The Planquilon's Dean frowned at the paper in his hands, and before him was a scribe in white robes.

The scribe was one of the higher-ups of the new Hundred Academy.

"Yes. Hundred Academy has too many branches now, and they must be merged into one so that it is easier to distribute resources in the future," the scribe said.

"I understand." The Dean nodded. Despite being unwilling, he knew that, with the current situation and the given circumstances, it was the best outcome for all.

"The higher-ups are planning to put the branches that don't have a Heavenly Champion under those that did, so Planquilon Academy is now under Inksnow Academy."

On the side, Gu Liufang's expression shifted. "Inksnow? No, can we change to another one?"

"This is the decision from the higher-ups. You have no right to choose," the scribe said.

The Dean could not help but frown as well. Inksnow and Planquilon had gotten into some conflict lately, and because Inksnow was overall stronger than Planquilon, them being put under their control would surely end in a bad way.

He could tolerate it, but he did not want to see the students of the Planquilon branch bullied.

"Is there no room for discussion?"

"No. The Immortal World is in a very tense situation now, and the merger must be done as soon as possible. There is no time for you to voice your demands."

The scribe rejected the Dean without a second thought.

"Those from Inksnow Academy will come over for an inspection two days later. They will evaluate your teacher's capabilities and student's quality before deciding how much resources will be given to you."

Several days later, the inspectors from Inksnow Academy arrived, and the leader of the group was a young man in white with a paper fan in his hand.

The young man looked at Planquilon Academy in contempt as he looked around. "Planquilon Academy is really shabby. Look at the teachers and students. There are only a few Immortals. Especially the teachers, they're just common Immortals, yet they've already been given the title of teacher. What a joke. This is embarrassing for the academy."

The young man's name was Lin Xian, one of the most outstanding students of Inksnow Academy, and he was one of the inspectors here to evaluate Planquilon Academy.

It was an inspection on paper, but the truth was that they were here to cause trouble.

Due to certain reasons, he got into some quarrels with the students of Planquilon Academy, so he put them in a difficult situation.

"Lin Xian, don't push it."

Gu Liufang reacted bitterly to his remarks.

"What? Am I being pushy?" Lin Xian said playfully.

"You're doing this to us because we didn't give you the Fusang tree. You're such a prick."

A while ago, when the Fragmented Immortal Worlds merged, Inksnow Academy and Planquilon Academy met, and Lin Xian saw the Fusang tree that Chu Kuangren brought back.

He wanted to take the tree for himself but was rejected, and that was how the little squabble escalated into multiple conflicts.

“Enough, Lin Xian. Do your inspections properly.” The white-robed scribe warned him.

Lin Xian bowed at the man right away. “Yes, Uncle Bai.”

He seemed rather close with the scribe.

Not only the Dean, but even Gu Liufang was shocked when they saw the scene. ‘Did they know each other?’

Did the white-robed scribe purposely put Planquilon Academy under Inksnow Academy because of his relationship with Lin Xian?

The thought put a grim look on everyone’s face.

Lin Xian claimed he would do the inspection properly, but he criticized everything about Planquilon Academy.

“Let me be frank. Given Planquilon Academy’s current situation, we won’t spare too many resources for you. At most, it’ll be one-tenth of Inksnow’s scale,” Lin Xian said.

The Dean reacted sourly to his remarks. “Planquilon Academy has a lot of students with potential.”

“You don’t even have a Heavenly Champion. You don’t have the right to talk about potential,” Lin Xian blurted out without holding back.

Then, he stared at the golden tree further away. “Besides, good steel can only be used to forge a good blade. This Fusang tree is such a waste here, so we’ll be moving to Inksnow Academy.”

Fusang tree could gather spiritual qi, and it could be a huge boost to an Immortal’s cultivation, which was what Lin Xian had been eyeing for a while. Now that Planquilon Academy was put under Inksnow Academy, he would naturally want the tree for himself.

“No! This is Master Chu’s tree. You can’t take it!” Gu Liufang got anxious.

“You have no right to say no,” Lin Xian said with a swing of his sleeve.

“Who are you to touch my things?”

It was then a cold voice sounded.

Chapter 1128: Defeating Lin Xian With One Finger, Kneel, Famed Master Pavilion’s Decision

“Who are you to touch my things?”

A cold voice sounded.

Further away, a figure in white glided through the air as he approached rapidly. He had no aura on him, but he still emanated an unparalleled and transcendent presence.

The man was none other than Chu Kuangren, who had come back to the academy.

The folks from the academy were over the moon upon seeing his arrival.

“Master Chu!”

“Master Chu is back!”

The Planquilon Dean, Gu Liufang, and the others went up to him.

Chu Kuangren nodded at them with a smile and then looked at Lin Xian. He had already grasped what was going on when he was on his way back.

“This Fusang tree is mine. You can’t take it.”

“Oh?”

Lin Xian raised a brow and sized up Chu Kuangren. He had heard about a Master Chu in Planquilon Academy, and this would be his first time meeting the rumored person.

‘There’s really nothing special about this guy other than his looks and temperament. I really can’t tell if he’s outstanding or not.

“I may not be able to pinpoint his cultivation level, but I can tell that he’s not even a thousand years old and not even close to that. No matter how talented he is, he is considered amazing enough if he’s an Immortal at his age. As to his cultivation level, I don’t think he’s even an Earthen Immortal,’ Lin Xian thought.

As he started Chu Kuangren with contempt, he said, “Planquilon Academy is now under Inksnow Academy, and all resources must be distributed accordingly and reasonably. This Fusang tree can only be useful at my place, so—”

“You don’t understand human language or what?”

Lin Xian was interrupted before he could finish, and Chu Kuangren added, “I said, you are not worthy of having it.”

Lin Xian reacted with a cold look on his face. “It seems like I’ll have to teach Planquilon Academy a lesson.”

His aura emanated from his body, revealing him to be a Sixth-grade Earthen Immortal.

He was considered outstanding among his peers, and he could even win against most of the older generations in Planquilon Immortal World.

Angered, Lin Xian wanted to make a move.

The white-robed scribe noticed the little commotion. He took another glance at Chu Kuangren, but that was it. It was clear that he did not want to be involved.

“Maybe you are a one-of-a-kind sky-pride in the Fragmented Immortal World, but now a lot more people in the complete Immortal World are better than you. Boy, you shall have a taste of what a real sky-pride is.”

Lin Xian took a step forward and reached out to grab Chu Kuangren. The Immortal's Core energy in his palm swirled into a vortex and released an explosive suction force.

Normal Earthen Immortals might find it difficult to escape the absorption.

"A student attacking the teacher, huh? I think I need to teach you some manners," Chu Kuangren said.

After that, he put up a sword hand sign and pointed at the center of Lin Xian's palm.

Bang!

The Heavenly Intent turned into sword intent and then sword qi!

Along with an explosive bang, the vortex in Lin Xian's palm disseminated, and the sword qi perforated a hole in his palm.

Lin Xian cried in pain and retreated. Then, he looked at the big hole in his palm in fear.

What happened? His Immortal Technique was destroyed by his opponent's sword attack?

Not only that, but Chu Kuangren did not even reveal any cultivation energy fluctuation from the start to the end, which meant that he did not even use his full strength.

Was it at thirty or fifty percent?

Lin Xian could not believe his eyes. To think the Planquilon Academy that he despised had a top-tier sky-pride after all!

The scribe was also surprised.

Swoosh.

Before the others could react, Chu Kuangren's figure flashed and appeared before Lin Xian.

He simply pointed at Lin Xian, and tremendous pressure enveloped Lin Xian whole.

Then, his finger landed on Lin Xian's shoulder.

"Kneel."

A strong voice with heavenly might exploded in Lin Xian's ears.

As his shoulder could not sustain the heavenly might, his bones started to crack. After his arm was broken, his legs turned jelly, and he fell on his knees.

Chu Kuangren looked down at him condescendingly. He said, "Be it you or the Inksnow Academy, no one has the right to take my things away or tell me what to do. Do you understand me?"

"It is the collective decision of the higher-ups of the academy to put Planquilon Academy under Inksnow Academy," the white-robed scribe said.

"I heard there are more than three hundred and sixty branches across all the Fragmented Immortal Worlds, and they all needed to be merged. Among them, only eighteen have a Heavenly Champion.

"In other words, the rest of the branches are supposed to be placed under the eighteen branches that have their own Heavenly Champion. Am I right?" Chu Kuangren said as he looked at the scribe.

"That's right."

"What if Planquilon Academy has its own Heavenly Champion?"

After that, a surge of immeasurable and mystical energy erupted from Chu Kuangren — it was the will of the Immortal World!

The scribe and Lin Xian were both shocked to sense the will of the Immortal World from Chu Kuangren.

Even the teachers of Planquilon Academy exchanged a surprised look with each other.

"Heavenly Champion! You're a Heavenly Champion!" the scribe said with a serious look on his face.

"Yes," Chu Kuangren simply replied as he swung his sleeve.

"How is this possible?" Lin Xian was in disbelief. He could not believe that a mere branch like Planquilon Academy could produce its own Heavenly Champion.

The scribe mulled over the situation. Since Planquilon Academy got its own Heavenly Champion, things could not end up the way they intended to.

Every Heavenly Champion must be prioritized because they would eventually be the ones to participate in the Battle of the Heavenly Champions. Who knew whether the future Immortal World was among them or not.

"I will escalate this situation to the Famed Master Pavilion. Whether Planquilon Academy will be the nineteenth independent academy or continue as an appendage of Inksnow Academy is yet to be determined. Just wait for our notice," the scribe said.

The Famed Master Pavilion was where the higher-ups of the academy gathered, and the leader of the group was the Head Dean of the new Hundred Academy.

"Very well." Chu Kuangren nodded.

Then, he looked at Lin Xian and said, "Take your men and leave."

"I'll remember you," Lin Xian said with his teeth gnashed.

After that, he brought his men away.

The scribe returned to Famed Master Pavilion and reported what happened.

An elderly at the Famed Master Pavilion, who emanated the presence of a wise man, mumbled, "Chu Kuangren, eh? An interesting boy. Other than him, are there any noteworthy ones at Planquilon Academy?"

The scribe recalled who he saw back there and replied, "There's a Moonlight Fox by Chu Kuangren's side, a cultivator who was once a Fated One, a Winged Human who has acquired the inheritance of an elite in Winged Human Tribe, and a pure-blooded Godly Phoenix. The other students have potential, but they pale in comparison to the aforementioned few."

“That’s quite a lot of talented young ones there. If that’s the case, Planquilon Academy shall be the nineteenth independent academy,” said the Hundred Academy’s Head Dean, Mister Lu.

“I understand.”

Having sent out the notice, things at Hundred Academy swiftly settled down.

Famed Master Pavilion remained the leading group of all the branches and the nineteen branches of the academy, including Planquilon Academy, governed over the rest.

Each of the nineteen academies had its own Heavenly Champion representative.

Chapter 1129: The Weakest Heavenly Champion Is Chu Kuangren? Maybe I Overestimated Him

Conflict happened everywhere in the Immortal World.

As one of the ancient immortal orthodoxies, Hundred Academy completed its merger earlier than others and was developing steadily.

The nineteen Heavenly Champions of the academy were also growing stronger in secret.

Although they were cultivating secretly, they were still the Heavenly Champions. That alone attracted a lot of attention.

Most of the Heavenly Champions had more or less shown their strength in public before, and so, as people grew to know them, a list was formed by interested parties to measure each of the Heavenly Champion’s strengths. The ranking list was arranged according to the strength they displayed.

However, no matter what the ranking was, it was hard to convince everyone of it because a Heavenly Champion’s strength was difficult to measure.

No one had seen a Heavenly Champion displaying his or her full strength before, and since no limits were met yet, it was only natural that no one knew exactly how powerful they were.

If their true strength remained unknown, how could they be arranged based on their strength?

Therefore, the ranking list only garnered attention for a while before it was forgotten.

One thing worth noting was that no matter how the Heavenly Champions were ranked, there was one particular Heavenly Champion who ranked the last.

It was Chu Kuangren of Planquilon Academy.

There were two reasons for that.

First, Planquilon Academy was the weakest branch out of the nineteen branches, and as its representative, it was natural to assume that Chu Kuangren was the weakest.

Second, Chu Kuangren was the youngest. According to those interested parties, they estimated that Chu Kuangren was around five hundred years old or less.

Most people thought that, given similar circumstances and the same level of talent, the determining factor would be the cultivator’s age. The longer one cultivated, the stronger one would be.

Chu Kuangren, who came from Planquilon Academy, was the youngest, so he was assumed to be the weakest Heavenly Champion.

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The rumor spread among the academy, but most of the time, it remained as whispers.

After all, the weakest among the Heavenly Champion was still a Heavenly Champion, and his status was far higher than the common academy students. All the Heavenly Champions were prioritized by the academy to be raised into the future contender of the Battle of Heavenly Champions.

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Back at Planquilon Academy, Chu Kuangren got ready and left for an outing.

He was going to visit the biggest and deemed the strongest branch of the academy, the White Deer Academy.

“So this is the Scripture Sea of White Deer Academy?”

Chu Kuangren stared at the library archive that reached clouds and lamented. A hint of anticipation flashed in his eyes.

The reason he stayed in Hundred Academy was for this Scripture Sea, which was far bigger than that of the Planquilon Academy.

A long time ago, Chu Kuangren had understood that knowledge equaled power, to commoners and cultivators alike.

With White Deer Academy having such a huge Scripture Sea, he had to visit them.

Besides, as one of the academy’s Heavenly Champions, one of the perks he gained was the right to enter different academies at will and access their Scripture Sea for study.

“Look. It’s Chu Kuangren, the last Heavenly Champion!”

“He’s really handsome!”

“I know, right?”

Many of White Deer Academy whispered to each other, especially the female cultivators whose eyes glimmered like stars as they stared at him.

Chu Kuangren had quite the reputation in Hundred Academy. After all, he was a Heavenly Champion, and despite being called the weakest, his looks preceded his reputation, which won him a bunch of female fans.

Out of the nineteen Heavenly Champions, Chu Kuangren had the most female fans, and it was widely talked about.

Under many pairs of admiring eyes, Chu Kuangren entered the White Deer Academy’s Scripture Sea. The vast collection of books in the billions was a spectacle to look at.

Chu Kuangren found a corner and used his Immortal Consciousness to read through all the knowledge available.

The first book he found was about Immortal Dao cultivation.

He had come across the same book in Planquilon Immortal World before, but the previous one was incomplete.

Most of the cultivators in Planquilon Immortal World only knew that the Immortals were categorized as common Immortal, Earthen Immortal, Heavenly Immortal, and more.

Other than that, there was nothing else about the Immortals in that world.

Now, Chu Kuangren had gotten the complete knowledge with the book he found in this Scripture Sea. There were more ranks above Heavenly Immortal, starting with True Immortal, Gilded Immortal, and then Arch Gilded Daoist Nirvana, also known as Arch Gilded Immortal. Above that would be Embodier.

An Arch Gilded Immortal was already considered the strongest of Immortals, and the Embodier, who was above the Arch Gilded, was the strongest of the strongest.

Even in ancient times, only a number of Embodiers ever existed.

As for Primordials, a rank above Embodier, only a handful had ever been recorded in history.

“Based on what I know, the current Hundred Academy’s Head Dean, the ruler of Famed Master Pavilion, is an Arch Gilded Immortal.

“Moreover, he’s one of the strongest in his ranks. I wonder whether there are any hidden Embodier among the Arch Gilded Realm,” Chu Kuangren wondered.

If there were none in Hundred Academy, what about the Celestial Demon Tribe? Would there be one there?

Without further ado, he continued reading through the knowledge in the Scripture Sea. With his inhuman cognizance, he was able to consume all kinds of knowledge rapidly.

Three years went by in the blink of an eye.

Chu Kuangren had barely cultivated for the past three years because he spent most of his time studying in White Deer Academy’s Scripture Sea.

To the others, Chu Kuangren became a reclusive nerd, which somehow matched his title as the weakest Heavenly Champion.

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“How are the Heavenly Champions doing?”

Back at Famed Master Pavilion, the Head Dean, Mister Li, asked another famed teacher.

The teacher was in white robes. He was the scribe who inspected Planquilon Academy a few years ago. His name was Bai Rui.

Bai Rui looked at Mister Lu with respect.

In the academy, not all had the privilege to be called Mister. It was a title given to the most respectable elders, and at the same time, it was a symbol of his strength.

In the current academy, only two had earned the title of Mister. One of them was Mister Lu, and the other was Mister Zhang, who always traveled the world and was barely in the academy.

"Mister Lu, the Heavenly Champions are as usual. Bai Yun of White Deer Academy has reached Ninth-grade Earthen Immortal, and I believe it's a matter of time before he ascends to a Heavenly Immortal," Bai Rui reported.

Mister Lu nodded. To him, an Earthen Immortal and Heavenly Immortal had almost no difference.

However, to the other Heavenly Champions, a Ninth-grade Earthen Immortal was considered one of the best, and there were only a handful of Heavenly Immortals among them.

"The Battle of Heavenly Champions is going to be a special one. There are many powerful and promising candidates, and each of them promises infinite potential. No one knows how far they can go, but if they are one step behind, they'll lose their momentum. Tell them to work hard," Mister Lu said.

Then, he suddenly thought of someone. "What about Chu Kuangren?"

Bai Rui frowned at the mention of the name. "He's still spending his time in the Scripture Sea as if he is going to read every single book in there. As for cultivation, I haven't seen him cultivate for as long as he arrived."

"Is that so?"

Mister Lu furrowed his brows. The Scripture Sea was vast, and even he could not read it all.

He could not believe that with the Battle of Heavenly Champions happening, Chu Kuangren had immersed himself in reading and ignored his cultivation. It was undeniably a disadvantage to him.

"There are many books in the Scripture Sea, and it would take at least tens of thousands of years just to finish it, let alone understand everything. If he has wasted that much time in there, the battle is already over before it has even begun." Bai Rui shook his head.

"He doesn't know how to manage his time. Maybe I've overestimated him. What about the others around him?"

"Lan Yu and Chu Hong might not be Heavenly Champions, but their cultivation level has grown rapidly. They are almost on par with the other Heavenly Champions."

"Hmm, maybe they are more worthy of our attention."

Chapter 1130: Scholarly Snowpeak Heart, Trouble Issues From The Mouth, Head Goes Boom

"Greetings, Master Chu."

"Master Chu, you're back!"

"Mmhm."

Back at Planquilon Academy, Chu Kuangren was welcomed by the students' warm greetings when he came back from White Deer Academy.

He nodded at every student warmly and kindly.

When he returned to his place, he glanced at the rooms of Chu Hong, Lan Yu, and the others. With his sharp senses, he noticed that their energies were growing stronger.

He nodded happily.

Then, he returned to his room and sat with his legs crossed. He was not cultivating but trying to deduce his technique.

He had spent the past few years absorbing all kinds of knowledge from the Scripture Sea because he was preparing to create his own technique.

A month later, Chu Kuangren opened his eyes. His brows furrowed as he muttered, "Creating my own technique is not easy, especially when I try to base it off my Invincible Self-empowerment Dao. It's even more difficult than it already is."

Based on the knowledge he acquired and his cognizance, creating his own technique should not be that difficult. The problem was to create a suitable technique based on his Invincible Self-empowerment Dao.

"Maybe I should visit the Three Clarity Daoist Sect when I have the time," Chu Kuangren muttered.

Three Clarity Daoist Sect was a top-tier immortal orthodoxy in the current Immortal World and also the Jade Clarity Immortal Sect's predecessor.

Like Hundred Academy, Three Clarity Daoist Sect had merged when the Immortal World converged, and they were growing stronger by day.

He wanted to visit the sect because he had his eyes on the Primeval Jade Clarity Scripture. All the three Immortal Scriptures combined might be able to give him some inspiration.

"I can also visit Honghua and see how she's doing."

A while ago, Gong Yue came by and brought Shang Honghua back to Three Clarity Daoist Sect to train her, and apparently, she was doing well.

"Let's do a gacha roll first," Chu Kuangren muttered.

"Congratulations, Host! You've obtained a God-tier item, the Scholarly Snowpeak Heart!"

"Scholarly Snowpeak Heart?"

Chu Kuangren tapped on his inventory with his interest piqued.

In the cultivation world, people with vast knowledge had the ability to utter wisdom with every word they said. Moreover, when the ability matured and reached a higher level, it would produce something called the Scholarly Heart.

The Scholarly Heart was a type of talent that enabled a wise person to combine and master everything he learned, henceforth increasing his cognizance.

The Scholarly Snowpeak Heart was one of the highest level Scholarly Hearts.

On top of that, if the possessor could fully develop the Scholarly Snowpeak Heart, it would further allow him to master all Scholarly Hearts.

“Scholarly Snowpeak Heart, huh? Sounds great.”

Chu Kuangren smiled happily. This Scholarly Snowpeak Heart was probably the best prize he had gotten in recent years.

Right after he took Scholarly Snowpeak Heart out, he could already notice the difference. In his mind, a picture of a grand snowy ridge and the sky and land covered in white snow appeared.

It felt vast but empty, which gave him a sense of intangibility that he had never felt before.

“So is this the Scholarly Snowpeak Heart? Interesting,” Chu Kuangren muttered.

He was a knowledgeable person, to begin with, and only a few could rival him. With this Scholarly Snowpeak Heart in his possession, it felt like he was born with it.

Perhaps he did not even need the gacha prize, and it was just a matter of time before he mastered the Scholarly Heart talent.

The gacha prize only sped up the process.

On the second day, he headed to White Deer Academy’s Scripture Sea as usual.

There were many students there, and none were surprised by Chu Kuangren’s visit. It had been a few years since his first visit, and he somehow became a regular.

“Look. The nerd is here.”

“Tsk ts. Is he really planning to read all the books here? Not even the Dean can do it.”

“Hmm. If he continues to waste his time here, the other Heavenly Champions will surely overtake him.”

“Yeah. He really doesn’t know how to manage his time.”

Many doubted him.

One of them glanced at Chu Kuangren and said, “I think he can’t even defeat me now, let alone the other Heavenly Champions.”

The one who said it was none other than Lin Xian of Inksnow Academy.

It was apparent in his eyes how much he hated Chu Kuangren. He was still bothered by the insults he got several years ago.

However, since Chu Kuangren was a Heavenly Champion, Lin Xian was in no position to criticize him. All he could do was rant secretly.

“But to be honest, Chu Kuangren is really handsome. He’s the perfect match for Inksnow’s Heavenly Champion,” said the young man beside Lin Xian.

Lin Xian widened his eyes in shock and glared at the young man. "Nonsense! Chu Kuangren is a slob. He's in no position to be compared to Inksnow's Heavenly Champion!"

As he was feeling upset, his voice was raised, which attracted the attention of the other cultivators in Scripture Sea.

"Inksnow? The Heavenly Champion of Inksnow Academy? I heard she's also the most beautiful woman there, and I think Lin Xian adores her as well."

"No wonder he's upset."

"Too bad Inksnow's Heavenly Champion doesn't like him."

As though he realized that he had overreacted, Lin Xian quieted down and wanted to leave.

That was when someone stood before him and stopped him from leaving — it was Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren had heard what he said.

"Do you know what the meaning of trouble stems from the mouth is?"

Chu Kuangren glared at Lin Xian.

"Chu Kuangren, this is the Scripture Sea. Even if you are the Heavenly Champion, you're not allowed to start a fight here!" Lin Xian said confidently.

The Scripture Sea was an important place to the academy. Even the branch's Scripture Sea would not tolerate violence.

Otherwise, the offender would be punished severely, including the Heavenly Champions.

"You're right. It would be a shame to hurt all the valuable books here," Chu Kuangren said.

Then, he pointed his sword hand sign at Lin Xian.

"What are you doing?!"

Shocked, Lin Xian felt a tremendous pressure enveloping him. Chu Kuangren's sword hand sign was getting closer by the second, but he could not move at all, let alone dodge.

Pop.

Chu Kuangren pointed his fingers at Lin Xian's forehead, and the terrifying pressure faded right away.

Lin Xian fell to the ground while drenched in his own sweat. Horrified, he stared at Chu Kuangren and asked, "W-What did you do?"

Chu Kuangren did not answer the question. Instead, he said, "Try to feel it."

Then, he simply sat down in a corner and started reading.

"Nonsense!" Lin Xian grunted before he got up and left. For some reason, the lingering fear troubled him.

“Wait for me!” The young man beside Lin Xian took a glance at Chu Kuangren before he chased after his friend.

“Hah. What a pity that you’re going to die,” Chu Kuangren muttered.

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Lin Xian strode out of the Scripture Sea with icy-cold eyes.

It was the second time Chu Kuangren embarrassed him, and this time, in public.

He was so scared that he fell to his knees and embarrassed himself in front of his peers.

“I’ll make him pay! I must go to my brother! He’s second only to the Heavenly Champion of Inksnow, and he might be able to overpower Chu Kuangren!”

He strode fast as the thought of vengeance filled his mind.

That was when he felt that something was wrong. An excruciating pain hit his body, and it got more intense with each step. The pain spread to his head, and after a bang, he lost all his consciousness.

“Lin Xian, hold up— Ah!”

The young man screamed in shock while trying to catch up to Lin Xian. Fear was written all over his face.

He had just seen Lin Xian’s head bursting into blood and brains right after he walked out of the Scripture Sea.