

Unparalleled 1161

Chapter 1161: Yin Yang Life and Death Symbol Versus the Grass Sword Art, I'll Allow You to Hold On to That Hope

"Who told you that an Earthen Immortal cannot defeat a Heavenly Immortal? Who told you that I only have the Heavenly Samsara Physique?" As soon as Chu Kuangren's voice rang out, an incredibly powerful Celestial Demonic qi erupted from his body!

Following that, a surge of Life and Death intent emerged!

Life, death, and rebirth!

The Celestial Demon Physique and the Heavenly Samsara Physique activated all at once!

With the energies of the two physiques activated simultaneously, a somewhat mysterious resonance happened between both of them, causing Chu Kuangren's aura to increase tremendously!

"Chaos Celestial Demon Physique!"

Not far away, Master Daoist Qing Ling gasped.

He looked at Bei Ming who was standing beside him, took a deep breath, and said, "I see. No wonder you have chosen to help him."

Bei Ming chuckled. "Trust me. It's in your best interest not to harm him. Your Three Clarity Daoist Sect won't be able to handle our Celestial Demon cultivators' wrath!"

"Well, this will depend on how capable he is. Although there are only a few orthodoxies stronger than us, Three Clarity Daoist Sect, they are there."

The Celestial Demon cultivators may be strong, but it did not mean no one would be a match for them.

For instance, there were the two ancient Immortal Halls.

"With the Battle of Heavenly Champions ongoing, those old guys won't take action so easily. Besides, I believe he'll emerge victorious among the younger generation."

Great confidence shone in Bei Ming's eyes. 'So what if everyone knows about Chu Kuangren's Heavenly Samsara and Chaos Celestial Demon Physique?'

'Those two are not even the most terrifying things he has.'

Master Daoist Qing Ling looked at Bei Ming and then at Chu Kuangren. Then, his gaze narrowed upon sensing the Celestial Demon Physique aura emanating from Chu Kuangren's body.

"And this Celestial Demon Physique has such a unique aura!"

"It has a greater potential compared to ordinary Celestial Demon Physiques!"

The Chaos Celestial Demon Physique was included among the Ten Great Supreme Immortal Physiques because of its inconsistent potential.

Although the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique was strong, some Celestial Demon Physiques were only on par with Supreme Immortal Physiques and slightly inferior to Honorable Supreme Immortal Physiques.

Only the most top-tier Celestial Demon Physique could rival the Honorable Supreme Immortal Physiques.

It was no doubt that Chu Kuangren's Chaos Celestial Demon Physique was the most top-tier one of them all.

"It's hard to predict the outcome of this battle."

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On the Battle Peak, as the powers of Chu Kuangren's two physiques emerged, Chu Kuangren was brimming with Immortal Sparks. Rebirth cycle intent spread everywhere, slamming terrifyingly into the surrounding void.

If Ye Zhu, the host of the Green Leaf Sword Vision, were an unparalleled and supreme sword god at the precipice of power, Chu Kuangren would then be an Immortal King that ruled over life and death itself!!

"Chief, you are indeed worthy of witnessing my full strength. Prepare yourself for my final attack!" Ye Zhu said sincerely.

"Do you think that's all I have?"

"Don't forget, I'm the Hundred Academy's Chief!"

Chu Kuangren laughed.

Sounds of Daoist chimes echoed in the sky as apparitions appeared one after another.

It was the Hundred Scholar Assemblage Diagram!

A cold chill swept through the air as a snowy mountain range emerged, looming with a sense of emptiness and loneliness. That was the Scholarly Snowpeak Heart Conjunction!

"Oh my, so he even has this hidden under his sleeve," Bei Ming uttered in shock.

The power of each of those two conjunctions was no weaker than a Supreme Immortal Physique, let alone having two of those conjunctions on a single person.

"I shall defeat you until you're convinced!"

The two conjunctions hovered above Chu Kuangren's head while the cycle of rebirth's power swirled around him.

The heavens and earth of all realms shook with his boundless divine might!

Upon seeing that, everyone in the Three Clarity Immortal Sect was dumbfounded.

It was their first time seeing such a frightening cultivator. 'Is this really the power of a mere Earthen Immortal?'

“Grass Sword Art, release!” Ye Zhu let out a long roar and slashed forth with his sword!

The green sword shadow contained such endless razor-sharp sword qi that everywhere it went, the void would crumble, and a sword qi hurricane would break out.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren wielded the power of life in his left hand and the power of death in his right.

Reincarnation Tribulation Light radiated from the surface of his body.

As he merged the power of life and death, a gigantic Yin Yang Life and Death Symbol appeared, covering the skies above. Then, he imbued it with the Reincarnation Tribulation Light and launched that attack!

Under the help of two conjurations, the boundless rebirth cycle intent slammed against the void, wiping out any lifeform in its way.

When the green sword shadow and the Yin Yang Life and Death Diagram collided, a powerful explosion of energy erupted!

Sword qi, life and death qi, and the power of samsara spread forth everywhere from the collision. It was as if a raging wave had emerged, wrecking everything in the surroundings mercilessly.

The Battle Peak beneath them was reduced into ashes within an instant!

However, the terrifying shockwaves continued the spread. If not for an Arch Gilded Immortal like Master Daoist Qing Ling, the area within a ten-million-kilometer radius would have been decimated because of the battle.

Boom, boom, boom...

The void crumbled!

The green sword shadow and the Ying Yang Life and Death Symbol were still fighting each other.

Ye Zhu channeled his Immortal’s Core energy to the ultimate limit. In his eyes, the two leaves were gleaming with Immortal Sparks and filled with sword intent.

“Face it. You can’t stop my attack.”

Unlike Ye Zhu, Chu Kuangren was much calmer.

Right after that, the green sword shadow started to break until it eventually shattered!

The Yin Yang Life and Death Symbol continued charging forth!

Ye Zhu was eventually engulfed by the Yin Yang Life and Death Symbol. Under the rebirth cycle intent’s impact, his Immortal body began to tear, and blood soon started to flow from his wounds.

After the Yin Yang Life and Death Symbol dispersed, Ye Zhu collapsed onto the ground, covered in wounds.

However, Master Daoist Qing Ling was relieved.

Ye Zhu was still alive.

Losing, to the sect, was considered a blessing in disguise.

At that thought, Master Daoist Qing Ling felt grateful toward Chu Kuangren.

It was because he knew Chu Kuangren was capable of killing Ye Zhu. Even if he did kill Ye Zhu, the Three Clarity Daoist Sect would probably not seek vengeance on him.

After all, it was the Battle of Heavenly Champions, and with the protection from the Celestial Demon Tribe and the Hundred Academy, Chu Kuangren had nothing to fear.

However, he had kept Ye Zhu alive instead.

Similar to Master Daoist Qing Ling, the heavily injured Ye Zhu understood that fact as well. He forced himself up into a half-kneel and looked at Chu Kuangren with a mix of shock, gratitude, unwillingness, and many more emotions in his eyes.

“How powerful are you at full strength?” Ye Zhu asked in a weak tone.

Standing with both arms behind him, Chu Kuangren replied, “You shouldn’t trouble yourself with this question because my strength will grow! Tomorrow, I will be much stronger than I am today!”

“You can only catch up to me today! As for tomorrow, I’ll be someone you’ll never be able to catch up to!”

After that, Chu Kuangren turned and left. Meanwhile, Ye Zhu looked at him, took a deep breath, and uttered. “I shall become stronger. Be it the you today or tomorrow, I’ll certainly catch up, surpass, and even defeat you!”

“I’ll allow you to hold on to that hope. If this is the driving force you need to become stronger, I look forward to the fun you’ll bring me in the future,” Chu Kuangren replied without looking back.

At the same time, Ye Zhu’s vision gradually faded away before he collapsed and fainted.

From that day onward, surpassing Chu Kuangren became his goal in life.

Perhaps he could become stronger because of that.

However, it was also sad because there was no way he could catch up to Chu Kuangren.

Even following behind him would already be an insurmountable task.

Master Daoist Qing Ling, the sect elders, and others looked at the ruins of that battle with a complicated expression.

Any sky-pride who possesses either the Heavenly Samsara Physique or Chaos Celestial Demon Physique could already stand at the peak of power among their generation.

However, Chu Kuangren alone possessed both of them and two other top-tier conjurations.

Furthermore, those might not even be all of Chu Kuangren’s abilities as well. He certainly had more secrets hidden up his sleeve!

“Sigh. To think such a monster has appeared in the Battle of Heavenly Champions. The other Heavenly Champions must feel very pressured,” Master Daoist Qing Ling lamented.

Chapter 1162: Mastering the Green Leaf Sword Vision, the Nine-Leaf Soul Herb, Master Daoist Qing Ling’s Visit

Ye Zhu lost, and news of his defeat spread rapidly throughout Three Clarity Daoist Sect.

Everyone was talking about the Hundred Academy’s Chief.

However, the Hundred Academy’s Chief, who was the topic of everyone’s conversation, had gone into closed-door meditation inside an ordinarily small mountain peak.

That mountain peak was the location of Gong Yue’s residence.

Gong Yue, Shang Honghua, and the others were not surprised about Chu Kuangren defeating Ye Zhu.

After all, he had been undefeated amongst the younger generation back in Planquilon Immortal World, and no one was a match for him. They had since gotten used to it long ago.

What shocked them more was the fact that Chu Kuangren was able to deal such a huge blow to the Three Clarity Daoist Sect, so much that the latter could only stay silent despite what he had done.

They were more astonished about that than him defeating Ye Zhu.

“The Celestial Demon Tribe...”

“What a terrifying force he has behind his back.” Gong Yue shook her head and lamented.

She did not know much about the Celestial Demon Tribe but only after asking around for a few days did she realize how terrifying that tribe was and that they had Chu Kuangren’s back.

As for Bei Ming, he had already disappeared long ago. After all, he was the manifestation of a strand of Celestial Demonic qi, so he could not stay for long.

“Teacher, my King has been inside there for so long. Could he have injured himself during the battle against Ye Zhu?” Shang Honghua asked anxiously.

“Don’t worry. Our boss is a powerful person. He’ll be fine.” Lil Fox, who was standing aside, reassured her.

“That’s right. There’s no need to worry, Honghua. We saw how that battle ended. It’s clear that Brother Chu isn’t injured at all. He must have his reasons for going into closed-door meditation at such a time,” Gong Yue replied with a smile.

‘Injured?’

On the contrary, she was even more worried about Ye Zhu’s condition. If something bad were to happen to him, Chu Kuangren’s relationship with the Daoist Sect would further worsen.

As for Chu Kuangren...

‘Hm...’

She could not recall seeing him injured before.

‘Now that I think of it, he never seems to get hurt, eh?’

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Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren was still in closed-door meditation. Sitting with his legs crossed on the bed, a small bundle of blood was levitating before him, and it was Ye Zhu’s blood!

“I’ve done it!”

Chu Kuangren suddenly opened his eyes.

A green flash of light appeared in his eyes, and there were two leaves with razor-sharp sword qi surging within them.

If anyone else were here, they would be incredibly shocked.

Chu Kuangren had mastered the Green Leaf Sword Vision!

“As expected of one of the Ten Honorable Supreme Immortal Physiques. Although it’s incomplete, this physique can still increase the power of my Sword Dao by quite a lot.”

“Hmm, not bad... Not bad at all.” Satisfied, Chu Kuangren smiled.

During Chu Kuangren’s battle with Ye Zhu, he sneakily collected some of Ye Zhu’s blood to analyze and replicate the Green Leaf Sword Vision.

That was precisely why he went into closed-door meditation, and with help of the Tome of Physiques, the process was smooth for Chu Kuangren.

However, it was a shame that the Green Leaf Sword Vision was incomplete, so its power was inferior to the complete version of that Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique.

Then again, even if that was a complete Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique, he still could not analyze it just by relying on some blood.

“With the Tome of Physiques, perhaps I might be able to perfect and fix this Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique,” Chu Kuangren mumbled.

It was simply unimaginable to think that the Green Leaf Sword Vision, Heavenly Samsara Physique, and Chaos Celestial Demon Physique were all possessed by one single person.

Not to mention, he also possessed the Transcendental-tier Ultimate Almighty Source Physique!

Chu Kuangren’s proficiency in Daoist Physiques was unlike any other.

“Also, I’ve verified the Heavenly Samsara Physique and the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique’s compatibility through this battle.”

“It seems that I’ll have to research more about the rebirth cycle intent.”

He ended that battle with a combination of his Reincarnation Tribulation Light and the Yin Yang Life and Death Symbol. He came up with that move in a flash of inspiration, meaning that the move still had not been perfected.

However, if that imperfect move could already defeat Ye Zhu, its strength would surely increase a lot once it was perfected.

Not only that, but it was a combination of the two Daoist Physique's divine abilities.

He still had not combined both Daoist Physiques, and that was what Chu Kuangren really wanted to research.

If he managed to combine those two Daoist Physiques, he could then use the power of the rebirth cycle and any of their divine abilities whenever he wished.

In other words, he gained a lot from that battle.

"Let's do a gacha roll then."

Since he was in a good mood, he opened his Fantasy Roulette.

"Congratulations, Host! You have obtained a God-tier item, the Nine-leaf Soul Herb!"

'The Nine-leaf Soul Herb?'

Chu Kuangren's eyes lit up.

"The Nine-leaf Soul Herb, the Superb-tier Immortal Herb?"

Immortal Herbs and pills correspond to the Immortal cultivation realms, and Superb-tier Immortal Herbs were known to be at the Gilded Immortal level. It meant that those Immortal Herbs could benefit even Gilded Immortals.

The Nine-leaf Soul Herb was the best of the best among Superb-tier herbs.

Besides that, it was also the rarest Soul Herb of all and could be used to increase the level of one's soul.

"Excellent. It's been a while since my Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement has been stuck in the Eighth Cycle. It's time for an increase."

"This Nine-leaf Soul Herb came just right on time."

Chu Kuangren did not use the Immortal Herb immediately as he had something more important to attend to. "Judging by the time, he should be coming to pay me a visit by now."

Outside the hut, an elderly man holding a whisk suddenly arrived.

Upon seeing him, Gong Yue quickly bowed and greeted him.

"Greetings, Sect Leader."

It was Master Daoist Qing Ling.

At that moment, Gong Yue was feeling very nervous. After all, she was well-acquainted with Chu Kuangren, who made a huge mess in the Three Clarity Daoist Sect.

‘The Sect Leader wouldn’t do anything bad to me, right?’

“There’s no need to be so formal.”

Master Daoist Qing Ling did not show any emotion. Then, he looked at Shang Honghua nearby and nodded with a smile. “Not bad, With this cultivation level at your age, you can truly be a match for the Heavenly Champions.”

“I don’t deserve such praise, Sect Leader,” Shang Honghua replied.

“I’ve completed my investigation into your matter, and I’m here to deliver you the final verdict. Starting from today, you shall be known as the core disciple of the Daoist Sect, and you’ll enjoy the same treatment as the other Heavenly Champions.”

Shang Honghua was stunned for a while before she said, “Thank you very much, Sect Leader.”

Having been treated so poorly in Three Clarity Daoist Sect, she had once thought of leaving them. Would it not be nice to just be by Chu Kuangren’s side?

However, she could not do it.

Gong Yue and all the previous Jade Clarity Immortal Sect’s disciples were still here. If she were to leave, their lives would certainly become even worse.

Not to mention if Master Daoist Qing Ling would interfere, most of the higher-ups were usually so swamped with work that they would not have the time to bother with petty squabbles among the disciples.

Hence, Shang Honghua decided to stay. She wanted to climb to the highest position in Three Clarity Daoist Sect to protect her Daoist Brothers and Sisters. Doing so would also be the best reward for Gong Yue, who had been taking care of her the entire time.

Besides, if she left just because of that reason, would it not make her appear weak?

“Sect Leader, is there anything else for your visit?” Gong Yue asked.

She refused to believe that Master Daoist Qing Ling had come here just to tell Shang Honghua that. Any of the elders could have been sent to deliver the same message.

Seeing that the Sect Leader personally made his way here, she suspected that there must be something more important on his mind.

“I would like to see Brother Chu,” Master Daoist Qing Ling said as he looked at one of the rooms nearby.

Gong Yue secretly confirmed her guess. ‘Just as I suspected.’

At that moment, they heard a creak, and the door to that room opened.

“Please enter, Master Daoist Qing Ling.”

Chu Kuangren's voice came from inside. Clearly, he was not surprised by Master Daoist Qing Ling's visit. Some could even say that he anticipated it.

Chapter 1163: Exchanging Immortal Scriptures, Gilded Soul Trait, Combining the Three Great Immortal Scriptures

"Greetings, Sect Leader Qing Ling"

Chu Kuangren looked at Master Daoist Qing Ling and greeted him.

As Master Daoist Qing Ling looked at the young man before him, a conflicted look flashed across his eyes. Then, he let out a helpless sigh.

"I suppose you must know why I'm here, Brother Chu."

"Naturally."

Chu Kuangren nodded gently, and a mysterious energy fluctuation soon emanated from his body. That was the energy fluctuation of the Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture.

"As I suspected, it is the complete Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture. May I know where you obtained this Immortal Scripture, young man?" Master Daoist Qing Ling asked seriously.

"Penglai."

"Penglai... Penglai... It's the Jie Sect!"

Master Daoist Qing Ling's eyes widened as if he finally understood something. "I can't believe you obtained the Jie Sect's inheritance."

"I suppose you can put it that way."

Chu Kuangren nodded.

"Frankly speaking, my sect's Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture has been incomplete due to some circumstances. That's why I've come to request this complete version of the Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture from you, and of course, I shall reward you tremendously for this."

Master Daoist Qing Ling immediately stated the purpose of his visit.

"I don't mind giving you the Immortal Scripture, but I have one simple request in return. In exchange for this, I want you to give me the complete version of the Primeval Jade Clarity Scripture." Chu Kuangren stated his offer.

That was the reason he purposely revealed the Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture's energy fluctuation and kept Ye Zhu alive.

It was all because he wanted to create an opportunity for him to exchange Immortal Scriptures with the Three Clarity Daoist Sect.

"You want the Primeval Jade Clarity Scripture?"

Master Qing Ling frowned for a while before a thought hit him, and he widened his eyes in shock. "You want to combine the three Immortal Scriptures!"

"Oh, I was caught."

"There's traces of Gong Yue cultivating the Supreme Clarity Moral Scripture, which I suppose you must be responsible for. Seeing that you now want the Primeval Jade Clarity Scripture, you surely intend to combine all three of them!"

"It seems like people have attempted this before in Three Daoist Clarity Sect."

If not for that, Master Daoist Qing Ling would never think about the idea of combining the three Immortal Scriptures right away.

"That's right. Some resonance does exist between the three Immortal Scriptures. The great ones in this sect once suspected and attempted to combine the three Immortal Scriptures. However, all of them... ended up going mad and were reduced to nothing upon death!"

Master Daoist Qing Ling said seriously, "Brother Chu, you are a talented and powerful person, but I must warn you not to mess around with this."

"There's no need for you to worry, Sect Leader Qing Ling," Chu Kuangren replied.

"As you wish."

Master Daoist Qing Ling did not pursue the issue any further.

After exchanging the Immortal Scriptures with Chu Kuangren, he left.

Now, all three Immortal Scriptures were in Chu Kuangren's possession.

"Going mad, huh?"

"Interesting. Let's see how it'll make me go mad then." Chu Kuangren decided to start another closed-door meditation session after obtaining that Immortal Scripture.

During that time, he told Lan Yu and the others to guard him.

Although the Three Clarity Daoist Sect would not dare to do anything to him, he handed his last strand of Celestial Demonic qi to Lan Yu in case something happened.

Just like that, Chu Kuangren openly started his closed-door meditation session again in Three Clarity Daoist Sect.

Master Daoist Qing Ling, the sect elders, and others, who were watching his movements, could feel their mouths twitching in anger, and their faces were ashen.

He had already embarrassed them by killing their Heavenly Champion and an elder of theirs, and now he was having a closed-door meditation session in their sect?

How much more arrogant could he be?

"This person's character is truly extraordinary!"

Master Daoist Qing Ling lamented. “He knows the Three Clarity Daoist Sect won’t dare to lay a finger on him, so instead of going into closed-door meditation somewhere else, he might as well stay in our territory and use us as protection!”

“Hmph! How bold of him.”

“If something bad happens to him, and we don’t deal with it properly, is he planning on putting the blame on us?” one of the elders said unhappily.

“I’m afraid he still has many tricks up his sleeve. Like the Celestial Demonic qi, if he has one strand, he’ll surely have another.”

“That’s right.”

Eventually, everyone stopped caring about Chu Kuangren.

In reality, Master Daoist Qing Ling was very curious about Chu Kuangren’s closed-door meditation session this time. “Combining the three Immortal Scriptures, huh? No one in the history of our sect has ever managed to do this. What about you, I wonder?”

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Master Qing Ling shook his head after thinking about it.

It was simply unbelievable.

There were quite a few Arch Gilded Immortals and even Embodiers that existed in the history of the Three Clarity Daoist Sect. Putting everyone else aside, the founding master of the Three Clarity Daoist Sect, Master Daoist Miao Qing, was someone close to becoming a Primordial.

However, there was no record of him ever combining the three Immortal Scriptures. If someone like him could not do it, what were the chances for Chu Kuangren, who was only a mere Earthen Immortal?

“I just hope he won’t go mad and die here. Otherwise, it’ll be hard to explain things to the Hundred Academy and the Celestial Demon Tribe.”

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“Before I attempt to combine the Immortal Scriptures, I shall first upgrade my Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement to the Ninth Cycle,” Chu Kuangren murmured.

With that, he took out the Nine-leaf Soul Herb.

There were nine pieces of leaves on the herb, all brimming with mysterious Immortal Sparks.

It was a very top-tier Immortal Herb. Undoubtedly, it had the best quality among every herb Chu Kuangren had come across thus far.

After he consumed the Immortal Herb and started refining it, a powerful burst of herbal effect erupted and turned into Immortal Sparks that spiraled around Chu Kuangren. Soon, his Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement started to progress toward the Ninth Cycle.

As time went by, one month passed.

With the help of the Nine-leaf Soul Herb, Chu Kuangren had successfully raised the level of his Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement to the Ninth Cycle!

Inside his mind, his Heaven Soul, Hell Soul, and Earth Soul were sitting in a triangle formation. The three of them were radiating with mysterious and divine Immortal Sparks.

There was a faint trace of golden light circulating the three souls.

It was the Gilded Soul Trait!

The Gilded Trait was unique only to Gilded Immortals and above.

As long as the Gilded Trait remained, one's Immortal body would not crumble, and their Immortal soul would not be destroyed!

However, Chu Kuangren was not yet at the Gilded Immortal Realm, but his soul already possessed a trace of Gilded Trait, which was simply out of the world.

"I've done it!"

Chu Kuangren opened his eyes, which flashed with a brilliant light.

He had finally cultivated that God-tier technique to its fullest potential. However, it would not be that easy for him to increase his soul's level after that.

"Now that my soul has obtained a trace of Gilded Trait in advance, not even a True Immortal's soul will be a match for me."

The quality of a soul could be categorized as Normal Soul, Immortal Soul, True Consciousness, Gilded Soul, Desolation, Requiescence, Chaos, and Transcendence.

Chu Kuangren's soul was now at the peak of True Consciousness level, and he even had a trace of Gilded Trait unique only to the Gilded Soul level.

"Once I can imbue this Gilded Trait all over my soul, I can achieve the Gilded Soul level. However, this won't be an easy task, seeing that most ordinary cultivators would only use the Gilded Trait of their Immortal's Core and physical body to affect the soul when they break through to the Gilded Immortal Realm."

"Having the Gilded Trait affect the soul first is extremely rare in history."

"Unless it's a soul cultivator that specializes in advanced soul cultivation techniques. Alas, my Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement has already reached the peak of its level. It'll be very hard to increase my soul level now."

"Oh well, I'll just put this matter on the backburner for now. Alright. It's time I witness the true form of these three Immortal Scriptures combined," Chu Kuangren murmured.

After that, he started combining the three Immortal Scriptures.

Inside the ocean of his mind, countless mysterious runes were hovering in the air. With the combined effort of his three souls, they gradually turned into a new cultivation technique.

“It doesn’t seem that hard to me.”

Chu Kuangren laughed. His level of cognizance and knowledge of the Dao was just too profound. Not everyone could possess the Moral Scripture and history of the world’s creation as he did.

Combining the three great Immortal Scriptures was undoubtedly an incredibly difficult task even for Arch Gilded Immortals, and that task might even be deemed impossible.

However, to Chu Kuangren, that was not the case.

Chapter 1164: Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, the Three Clarities Are Still Alive? Breaking Through to the Heavenly Immortal Realm

Inside the ocean of his mind, Chu Kuangren’s three great souls were analyzing and deducing the Immortal Scriptures. Countless mysterious runes hovered in the air and gradually turned into a new technique.

As the countless runes dissipated, a white bundle of light appeared in its place.

Chu Kuangren’s soul approached and touched that bundle of light.

However, all sorts of illusions appeared the next instant.

“Oh.”

“No wonder Master Daoist Qing Ling said many have gone mad in their attempts to combine the Immortal Scriptures. So this is why,” Chu Kuangren mumbled to himself.

That Immortal Scripture was just too profound and mysterious.

It was so profound that it could automatically conjure illusions to confuse anyone seeking to comprehend it. To succeed in combining the three Immortal Scriptures, they would have to pass that test of illusions.

Otherwise, they would go mad and be reduced to nothing upon death.

“Alas, these illusions are nothing to me.”

How sturdy was Chu Kuangren’s Daoist core?

It was impregnable. Nothing in the world could ever shake it.

The illusions produced by the Immortal Scriptures might be impressive, but they were not powerful enough to affect his Daoist core.

“Shatter!”

With a low grunt, Chu Kuangren forcefully dispersed the countless illusions before him.

In the next instant, an even brighter and more colorful light emerged from the bundle of light. Then, the light split into three and became three illusory figures.

One was a sharp-browed middle-aged man in a long black robe, who had a dignified demeanor. Another was an elderly man with white hair and eyebrows, possessing a fairy-like and extraordinary

temperament. The third was an elderly man with a child-like appearance and crane-like hair. He was holding a scroll and looked benevolent, similar to a scholarly teacher.

“The Three Clarities...” Chu Kuangren mumbled, subconsciously saying the names of those three.

He had never met the Three Clarities before.

However, he knew that the three figures before him were the Three Clarities.

The three of them looked at Chu Kuangren impressively.

At that moment, Chu Kuangren suddenly had a strong feeling, as if these ancient individuals — the Three Clarities — were not dead yet.

They seemed like they were living somewhere in the corner of the universe, silently observing the changes happening and the vicissitudes of life.

They were even... observing him as well?!

He could not explain the feeling, but it was incredibly strong.

Before Chu Kuangren could think any more about it, the figures of the Three Clarities suddenly dispersed into countless mysterious runes that combined together.

Now, the new Immortal Scripture, combined from the previous three, was displayed before Chu Kuangren. Its name was... Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation!

As Chu Kuangren comprehended the new Immortal Scripture, he felt as if the boundless Dao Techniques of the world before him were endless.

The Immortal Scripture was seemingly the source of all Dao Techniques.

One gave rise to two, two gave rise to three, and three gave rise to the eventual existence of all beings...

That was the transformation of a single qi into the three clarities!

The three clarities were originally one!

A huge amount of profound knowledge flooded Chu Kuangren’s mind.

Inside the Three Clarity Daoist Sect, it was a peaceful day today.

Somewhere in the sect, Ye Zhu walked out of his room with his eyes still closed. Although he looked a little pale, he had already recovered from most of his injuries.

He recalled the battle he had at the Battle Peak that day.

With his Heavenly Immortal cultivation level and the Green Leaf Sword Vision, rarely could anyone among the younger generation be a match for him. However, he was still defeated in the end.

He lost very badly because he could not even injure Chu Kuangren, who was only an Earthen Immortal.

“Senior brother, you’re awake.”

Just then, a few other Heavenly Champions quickly came to greet him.

Ye Zhu nodded gently. "What about the Hundred Academy's Chief?"

"He's now in closed-door meditation."

"Closed-door meditation? Where?"

"In our Daoist Sect," Cheng Yun said while gritting his teeth. 'How dare he go into closed-door meditation inside our sect after he has embarrassed us.'

He was just too arrogant.

"Oh, the Hundred Academy's Chief is quite at ease it seems."

Ye Zhu chuckled, not at all bothered about that.

"Brother Ye Zhu, are you alright?" one of the Heavenly Champions asked worriedly.

Although Ye Zhu's eyes were closed, he was mobilizing Immortal Consciousness, so he could "see" everyone's worried expressions.

He knew everyone was afraid that his spirit would falter.

"Oh, you guys don't have to worry. I'm not that weak."

"Although I've lost terribly this time, it has taught me a lesson that there's always someone better than you out there. I still have a long way to go from being a prideful person."

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After Ye Zhu spoke, he remembered what Chu Kuangren told him before he blacked out.

'You can only chase after me today...'

'I'll allow you to hold on to this hope...'

"Hundred Academy's Chief, Chu Kuangren, I will surely catch up and defeat you one day. Just you wait."

"My Green Leaf Sword Vision will surely stand on the peak of Sword Dao!" Ye Zhu thought.

However, at that moment, a white pillar of light suddenly rose into the sky from a distance!

That pillar of light was seemingly created by countless mysterious runes, and it was gleaming with Immortal Sparks. Then, an incredibly powerful Immortal's Core energy fluctuation began to spread everywhere.

Boom, boom!

The void trembled as the surrounding area quaked.

"This aura... It's a Heavenly Immortal?! Someone has broken through to the Heavenly Immortal Realm. B-But... this is just too much for that! Even Ye Zhu's breakthrough wasn't as terrifying!"

"Also, what are those runes? W-Why do I feel like the Immortal Scripture inside me is going out of control?"

Ye Zhu took a deep breath and gasped. "It's the Hundred Academy's Chief!"

He was sure that only Chu Kuangren becoming a Heavenly Immortal could cause such a ruckus.

'What is this? I just said I'd surpass him, and he immediately became a Heavenly Immortal!'

That slap to his face came too quick.

Besides...

"If he can already defeat me as an Earthen Immortal, how terrifying will his combat strength be now that he has become a Heavenly Immortal?!" Ye Zhu mumbled.

However, he would not give up that easily.

"Come, let's go check it out."

Everyone's figure flashed as they dashed toward Chu Kuangren's location.

At the same time, all the elders of the Three Clarity Daoist Sect did the same.

Besides Chu Kuangren's Heavenly Immortal cultivation level, they also sensed an incredibly mysterious fluctuation.

That fluctuation was triggering a reaction from the Immortal Scriptures inside their body!

"What the hell is going on?"

"Chu Kuangren. What has he done?"

Everyone was puzzled.

When they arrived at his location and saw the countless runes in the pillar of light, they were baffled.

"These runes... They're like a certain sort of Immortal Scripture..."

"Hold on a second. Why does it seem so familiar to the Primeval Jade Clarity Scripture?"

"No, it's the Supreme Clarity Moral Scripture."

"You guys are wrong. It's the Prime Clarity Spiritual Scripture."

Cultivators who specialized in one of the three Immortal Scriptures could sense that particular Immortal Scripture, which shocked everyone.

'What kind of Immortal Scripture is this?'

Some also attempted to comprehend the contents of that Immortal Scripture.

Those included the Gilded Immortal elites. Although they recognized every single word written in the Immortal Scripture, they could not understand it at all once the words were arranged together.

That Immortal Scripture was just too mysterious.

“Has he successfully combined the three great Immortal Scriptures?!” Master Daoist Qing Ling gasped with disbelief.

When the elders around him heard that, they were stunned and in disbelief.

Ye Zhu and the other Heavenly Champions had also arrived and overheard what Master Daoist Qing Ling said.

They immediately became dumbfounded.

‘Combining the three great Immortal Scriptures? Is that even possible?!’

“There are rumors in the sect that the three great Immortal Scriptures can be combined, but even the Sect Founder couldn’t achieve it. I can’t believe the Hundred Academy’s Chief has succeeded in doing it!”

“Could it be that his talents have surpassed even the Sect Founder?!”

“By the heavens...”

Ye Zhu was a little dazed.

Was he actually aiming to surpass such an existence?

Could he really surpass someone like him?

Chapter 1165: The Great Dreamfog Marsh, the Nine-Headed Snakelet Tribe’s Heavenly Champion, Current Situation in the Underworld Cities

Chu Kuangren had combined the three great Immortal Scriptures, revealing a hidden technique within it, the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation technique. On top of that, comprehending that technique had allowed him to break through to the Heavenly Immortal realm.

The closed-door meditation session was undoubtedly a great success for him.

At that thought, he smiled happily and walked out of his residence.

Following his appearance, the pillar of light and runes dissipated.

“D-Did you successfully combine the three great Immortal Scriptures?” said Master Daoist Qing Ling while looking at Chu Kuangren with shock and horror.

“Yeah.”

“How did you do it?”

“It’s simple. I’m more talented than all of you.”

Those words stunned everyone.

‘F*cking hell!’

‘How direct!’

However, everyone did not refute him because that was the truth.

“What a freak!”

Everyone could not help but lament as they looked at Chu Kuangren.

“Honghua, I’m going to leave Three Clarity Daoist Sect. Do you want to come with me?” said Chu Kuangren to Shang Honghua.

Shang Honghua shook her head. “I want to stay here, my King.”

“Very well.”

Chu Kuangren did not force Shang Honghua to leave with him either. Then, he looked at Master Daoist Qing Ling and said, “I’ll have you know, Honghua is a very important person to me. I’ll leave her in your care, Sect Leader Qing Ling.”

‘Is that a threat?’

‘He’s threatening us, right?!’

Everyone thought.

“In my Three Clarity Daoist Sect, she will surely be valued as long as she can display her full talents,” Master Daoist Qing Ling replied calmly.

“Great. We wouldn’t want whatever happened to Hu Qing to repeat now, would we?” Chu Kuangren chuckled.

There was a hint of sarcasm in his words.

However, there was nothing they could do about it.

After all, he was speaking the truth.

Soon, Chu Kuangren left the Three Clarity Daoist Sect with his party.

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Many things were happening in the Immortal World.

Following the Immortal World’s Convergence, the territory of the whole world had increased tenfold at the very least. With that, many dangerous locations had appeared, allowing a chance for cultivators to adventure and gain experience.

For instance, the great islands in the Endless Oceanic Domains, the untouchable mountains among the Great Ten Thousand Mountains, the ethereal secret worlds hidden within the void...

In the Immortal World, the Great Dreamfog Marsh was one of the dangerous locations that had appeared after the Immortal World Convergence.

However, great treasures would usually be accompanied by great danger, and a tremendous number of treasures have appeared in the Great Dreamfog Marsh.

Therefore, many cultivators had gone there to gain some experience.

“So this is the Great Dreamfog Marsh, huh?”

A young man in black robes arrived at the Great Dreamfog Marsh. His eyes lit up when he saw the great marshland that was covered in thick fog.

“Rumors have it that my great ancestor once lived here for some time. If I can find the items or treasures he left behind, it’ll surely benefit me in my cultivation,” the young man in black robes said excitedly.

At that time, some sky-prides who came adventuring noticed him.

“This guy... There’s a dense yokai qi emanating from him.”

“Who is he?”

“Hey, shut it, and don’t provoke him either.”

When one of the human sky-pride recognized who the young man in black was, he became so afraid that he quickly stopped the others from talking about it.

However, the young man in black robes noticed them.

“Oh, humans that have come seeking treasures?”

A cold chill seethed out from his eyes.

Following that, the yokai qi around him surged into a terrifying gigantic arm that reached out toward one of the humans. With no chance to find back, that human was grabbed and tossed into the air.

The next instant, the young man in black robes revealed his true form — a giant snake with nine heads.

The giant snake opened its mouth and immediately swallowed that human cultivator. The others quickly fled upon seeing that.

“F*ck. We’ve been discovered.”

“As expected, that’s the Nine-Headed Snakelet Tribe among the Yokai Kings of ancient Immortal times. D*mn it!”

The human cultivators fled one after another.

However, a few of them were still caught and eaten.

“Haha, the human race is nothing but food to me. I might as well eat some humans while looking for treasures. After all, human sky-prides are the best food, like the Heavenly Champions,” said the giant snake as it headed into the depths of the marshland, leaving only terror in its path.

After the giant snake left, a young man walked out of the darkness and stared in its direction with interest.

“So even the Nine-Headed Snakelet Tribe’s Heavenly Champion, Jiu Yuan has come, huh? Interesting.”

The young man had a terribly pale face.

He had two followers with him. One of them was dressed in white, while the other was dressed in black. A terrifying death qi was swirling around them, just like the legendary... Hei Bai Wuchang¹!

"Young Master, will Jiu Yuan's appearance hinder our plans?" the middle-aged man dressed in black asked.

"Rumors say that a great ancestor of the Nine-Headed Snakelet Tribe once appeared in the Great Dreamfog Marsh, so Jiu Yuan must be here for that reason. Hence, he has no conflicts of interest with us. Even if something were to happen, we'll just overpower him," the young man with a pale face said arrogantly.

It was as if overpowering the Nine-headed Snakelet was nothing for him.

"The most important thing to do right now is find the fragment of Fengdu City. It'll be bad if the new Ghost Emperor gets there before we do."

The other middle-aged man in white could not help but frown. "When the calamity happened that year, the reincarnation mechanisms of the three great Underworld cities were close to destroyed. However, the damage suffered by Fengdu Underworld City was even more serious compared to our Yincao Underworld City, so no inheritance was left behind. Yet, I can't believe a Ghost Emperor has appeared in this era."

"Oh well, since Fengdu City is badly damaged, only one person can obtain the Ghost Emperor's inheritance. Meanwhile, in Yincao Underworld City, the inheritance of the Ten Hellion Temple Kings still exists. Besides, the inheritors of Taishan City don't seem to be doing anything besides focusing on their precious crumbling reincarnation mechanism. Hence, there's nothing to fear about them."

"Once I've conquered Fengdu Underworld City, I shall do the same with Taishan Underworld City. Then, only one Underworld City shall exist!"

"When that time comes, there shall only be one Divine Underworld Daoist!" the pale young man said with an ambitious look on his face.

He had inherited one of the Ten Hellion Temple Kings' inheritance. Even if he fully utilized the power of that inheritance, he would still only be one of the Ten Hellion Kings, which he was not content with.

He wanted to become the Divine Underworld Daoist and rule over the Underworld and, subsequently, the world of the living. He wanted to become the Supreme Overlord of the world!

As such, he needed the power of Fengdu City.

"Since the remaining nine Hellion Temple King inheritors do not dare to take action, I shall do it. Let's see whether they'll regret it when they see me conquering Fengdu City," the pale young man said.

"Let's go."

With that, he ventured into the depths of the Great Dreamfog Marsh with Hei Bai Wuchang.

Somewhere else, a young man in black robes was killing a large number of dead souls inside the Great Dreamfog Marsh.

He was the inheritor of the Soul Vanquishing Tribe's inheritance and from one of the Ten Demonic Dao Sects at that.

"Tsk tsk. I'm so lucky. I didn't expect a fragment of Fengdu City to be hidden inside the Great Dreamfog Marsh. Just look at all these dead souls here. It's enough for me to create a huge army of dead souls." The Soul Vanquisher was amazed.

His fingers danced rhythmically in the void as dozens of Earthen Immortal and even Heavenly Immortal dead souls engaged in endless slaughter under his control.

"Besides the dead souls, I have to find that Emperor Seal as well. It'll be a key item for me to defeat the Hundred Academy's Chief."

All sorts of people had gathered in the Great Dreamfog Marsh, not wary of the dark force surging beneath it.

Ten thousand kilometers outside the Great Dreamfog Marsh, a group of people were traveling relaxingly.

"This Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation is truly fascinating."

"It's almost like a summary of all Dao Techniques in this world."

After resting, Chu Kuangren continued gaining insights into the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation. The more he learned about it, the more amazed he was.

The Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation was marvelous.

Having gained insights into the Immortal Scripture, Chu Kuangren could sense that his mastery of the Dao had skyrocketed.

Besides that, he also sensed that his rate of understanding and comprehending Dao Techniques had improved tremendously. It felt like if he could master one technique, he could then master every technique without fail.

Chapter 1166: Technique Upgrade, the Emperor Seal's Reaction, the Seven-Beaded White Lotus

"One gives rise to two, two gives rise to three, and three gives rise to the eventual existence of all beings."

"The laws of men stem from the world, the laws of the world stem from the heavens, and the laws of the heavens stem from the Dao."

"A single strand of qi gave rise to the Three Clarities, transforming a myriad of techniques into one, which could then give rise to the myriad of techniques. Is that why if I master one technique, I'll have no problem understanding every technique?!" As Chu Kuangren gained more insight into the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, his eyes lit up even more, and he learned a lot.

Now that he had ascended into the Heavenly Immortal Realm, his understanding of the Dao and Dao Techniques had become akin to second nature to him.

Taking into account the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, his proficiency in Dao Techniques was already on par with ordinary Gilded Immortals.

Furthermore, that was not even the full potential of the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, let alone his limit. His skills in Daoist techniques still had a huge room for improvement.

Besides that, he had also discovered another great use of the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, which could allow him to analyze and perfect any technique in the world.

That was an incredibly powerful ability.

It could even be considered the most important aspect of the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation!

For instance, although Chu Kuangren possessed the incomplete version of the Jade Pool Immortal's Scripture, he could use the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation to deduce and fill in the missing portions.

That would greatly benefit Chu Kuangren when he planned to create his unique Immortal Scripture in the future.

He already had a rough plan of how to do it.

First, he would use the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation as a foundation to merge all Dao Techniques into one, creating a unique and never-before-seen Immortal Scripture!

"There's no rush to make that Immortal Scripture. Let me do my daily gacha roll."

Chu Kuangren opened the Fantasy Roulette and started his gacha roll.

"Congratulations, Host! You have obtained a God-tier item — Technique Upgrade Card."

'Technique Upgrade Card?'

Chu Kuangren was a little surprised.

It had been a long time since he had obtained items like that.

However, those items would usually benefit him the most.

He looked at the item description. As the name implied, the Technique Upgrade Card could be used to upgrade the level of any techniques he possessed.

His eyes lit up. 'Upgrade the level of any technique?'

'Now that's quite good.'

The high-level techniques he possessed were just too many.

Like the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, Papiyas Scripture, Jade Pool Immortal's Scripture, Stellar Undying Body, Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement, and many more...

However, there was a limit to the Technique Upgrade Card's abilities.

The higher the technique's level, the lower the success rate of being upgraded. Even if that technique could be upgraded, the increase in strength would only be meager at best.

"Lil Ai, analyze all the techniques I have and see which one is most worthy for me to use the Technique Upgrade Card on."

"Understood. Analyzing..."

Soon, Lil Ai had calculated the success rate of upgrading each technique.

The Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation had a zero point zero one percent success rate.

Chu Kuangren was not surprised.

The Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation was just too mysterious and more advanced than every technique he knew.

Although it was not a Transcendent-tier technique, it was almost comparable to one.

The success rate of other techniques was listed as well.

The Stellar Undying Body only had a twenty percent success rate.

The Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement had a seven percent success rate.

The Papiyas Scripture had a twenty-two percent success rate.

The Jade Pool Immortal Scripture had a fifty percent success rate.

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Among them, the level of the Jade Pool Immortal Scripture and Papiyas Scripture did not differ much. However, since the former was in an incomplete state, it was easier to upgrade.

Upgrading that Jade Pool Immortal Scripture would also allow it to be perfected.

There was no need to do that.

With his Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, he could very much do the same thing.

He soon ruled out the Papiyas Scripture, the Jade Pool Immortal Scripture, the Primeval Jade Clarity Scripture, and many more similar techniques. Perfecting them with the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation technique would be enough.

With that, only the Stellar Undying Body and the Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement were left, with the success rate of the latter much lower than the former.

However, once succeeded, the benefits reaped would be tremendous as well.

"The Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement, huh?" Chu Kuangren mumbled, already having a decision in mind.

"Upgrade the Soul Refinement technique."

"Target technique selected. Proceed with the upgrade process?"

“Yes.”

“Technique Upgrade Card successfully used. Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement, upgrade ongoing...”

After two hours.

“Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement upgrade completed.”

“Please retrieve the upgraded technique.”

When the notification sound rang, Chu Kuangren breathed a sigh of relief.

There was a grin on his face. “I have to admit that I was taking a gamble, but thanks to the Lucky Halo, it succeeded.”

A large amount of information erupted inside his mind.

It was a completely new Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement technique!

Having been upgraded, the Soul Refinement technique was now more mysterious. From the previous nine cycles, it was upgraded to the eighteenth cycle — the maximum level of that technique was doubled!

In that case, it should be called the Eighteen-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement technique.

“Great. I can continue my soul cultivation. Perhaps I can even attain a full Gilded Soul before my body and Immortal Core!” Chu Kuangren chuckled.

Meanwhile, at that time, a sudden throb came from inside his body.

“This feeling... The Samsara Emperor Seal?!”

There was a reaction from the Emperor Seal inside his body.

“Ha! It looks like a string of fortunate events are happening to me. First with the Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, then upgrading the Nine-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement, and now, the second Emperor Seal has appeared.” Without a second thought, Chu Kuangren led Lan Yu and the others toward the location indicated by the Emperor Seal.

That location just happened to be the Great Dreamfog Marsh.

As he got closer to the Great Dreamfog Marsh, even his Heavenly Samsara Physique started to react.

Outside the Great Dreamfog Marsh, Chu Kuangren and his party had arrived.

“The fog in this marshland is thick.”

Chu Hong wrinkled her nose.

She was a Fire-based Divine Beast and the symbol of auspiciousness.

However, the marshland was filled with dense water qi, making it hot and humid. Besides that, there were vast areas of bubbling muddy water in the swamp, which made her even more uncomfortable.

“Also, it seems like there are tons of treasures hidden inside this swamp.” Chu Kuangren said calmly.

He gently raised his hand, unleashing a wave of golden-red Phoenix's Flame that burned away a huge area of fog, revealing a stony path for the group of them to proceed.

Just then, a giant black crocodile suddenly charged out from the swamp. Its bloody mouth was wide open as it headed towards Chu Kuangren and his party.

However, a dazzling white ray of light shot forward.

Lan Yu had attacked with a punch. The white beam of light immediately shot through the void and blasted the giant crocodile's skull into pieces.

Some of the cultivators who were adventuring nearby were shocked to witness that.

"That silver-haired woman is so powerful!"

"I can't believe she defeated the Blackwater Crocodile here with one move. I guess she must be a very top-tier Earthen Immortal. That was simply amazing."

Everyone started talking about that.

Chu Kuangren could not care less about what the others were talking about as he continued following that faint feeling, venturing deeper into the Great Dreamfog Marsh.

"Master, look."

Suddenly, Lan Yu pointed at a swamp nearby.

A white lotus was swaying on the ground, and in the middle of it, seven pearl-sized seeds were sprouting from the white lotus's pod.

"That's the Seven-beaded White Lotus, a Superb-tier Immortal Herb!"

Chu Kuangren's eyes lit up. The Superb-tier Immortal Herb was akin to a True Immortal, meaning it could benefit even True Immortals.

That Immortal Herb would provide unimaginable benefits to Chu Kuangren and the others.

"I can't believe I'd get such a lucky find here." Chu Kuangren chuckled.

"There seems to be some natural restrictions and seals around this Immortal Herb," Lan Yu said.

Some natural treasures would generate restrictions and protective seals upon reaching a certain stage of growth to ensure that they could grow safely.

The restrictions and seals could prevent detection from cultivators to a certain extent.

However, since Chu Kuangren and the others were extremely close to the Seven-beaded White Lotus, they did not even need to sense it as they could see it right away. Hence, the Immortal Herb's restrictions had lost their purpose.

"Leave it to me," Lil Fox said.

After that, she immediately ran toward the Seven-beaded White Lotus. The surrounding restrictions were nothing to her as if they were just air.

That was the divine ability of the Moonlight Fox, which enabled them to negate the effects of restrictions. With her current cultivation level, she could bypass any restrictions as long as it was placed by those below the level of a Gilded Immortal. It was an extremely powerful ability she possessed.

Whoosh...

Just when Lil Fox was about to get to the Seven-beaded White Lotus, a strand of sword qi suddenly appeared. It shot through the air, destroying the restriction seals, and headed right toward Lil Fox!

“Watch out!”

Chapter 1167: The Equinox Tribe, Finding the Nine-Leaf Soul Herb Once Again, Jiu Yuan Meets Chu Kuangren

“Watch out!”

A strand of sword qi suddenly appeared, piercing through the void and heading toward Lil Fox.

That was a very powerful sword qi attack, equivalent to the level of a Heavenly Immortal.

Although Lil Fox was quite strong, she still could not fend off such an attack. Adding to the fact that she was caught off guard by the sneak attack, she would likely be critically injured.

“Hmph.”

A light grunt sounded.

A white figure suddenly appeared in front of Lil Fox.

It was Chu Kuangren.

He casually raised his hand and shattered the incoming sword qi attack as he looked coldly toward the depths of the swamp.

“Show yourself!” Chu Kuangren bellowed and waved his sleeves.

The burst of sword qi he released was akin to a violent storm. It instantly dispersed the fog surrounding the area and revealed a few figures standing in the swamp.

They were all dressed in black, with a dark-red mark that looked like an Equinox Flower¹ on their foreheads.

“We, of the Equinox Tribe, are taking the Seven-Beaded White Lotus, so I suggest you hand it over peacefully,” the one leading them said out loud.

Upon hearing that, Chu Kuangren pondered a while.

‘The Equinox Tribe, huh?’

He had heard of the tribe before. The Equinox Tribe was one of the tribes from the ancient Immortal times. Their strength and background were on par with even the Three Clarity Daoist Sect.

Some of the elites from that tribe had even become Embodiers in the past.

The most interesting was that the people of the tribe were said to be somehow related to the Underworld because their tribe founder was once one of the great ones from the Underworld.

All that information appeared in Chu Kuangren's mind, but he ignored it. At that point, he only wished to kill them.

"I don't care which tribe you're from since you're going to die anyway!"

Without another word, a green light seemed to flash across his eyes. Then, he made a sword hand sign and activated his Sword-like Heavenly Intent, unleashing a burst of sword qi across the air.

"What?!" The members of the Equinox Tribe could not help but tremble in horror at that sword qi attack.

There was no way they could defend against that sword qi!

They had provoked someone that they should not have provoked!

Boom, boom, boom!

Several bundles of blood mist exploded in the air.

All the Equinox Tribe members were killed on the spot, with no survivors remaining!

However, the moment their blood splashed onto the ground, several dark-red colored Equinox Flowers started sprouting from it.

Chu Kuangren glanced at the scene and then looked away. Rumor had it that the Equinox Tribe members would turn into Equinox Flowers upon their death, and it was true.

'What a peculiar tribe of people...' Chu Kuangren thought.

However, he did not think too much about it.

"Let's go," he said to Lil Fox and the others.

By then, Lil Fox had already obtained the Seven-Beaded White Lotus.

After they left, many cultivators arrived and looked at them in amazement as they left.

"Who the hell is that guy? He's so powerful. I can't believe a single sword attack from him killed all those Equinox Tribe members."

"That's right. His sword qi is incredibly lethal."

"Dressed in white, with an ancient sword and scroll at his waist, followed by a silver-haired woman and a Godly Phoenix... I know who he is now. He's the Hundred Academy's Chief, who's been quite famous recently. Apparently, he even defeated Lil Zhurong..."

Someone soon figured out Chu Kuangren's identity.

In the Battle of Heavenly Champions, many sky-prides had made a name for themselves.

Having obtained Fengdu City's inheritance and having become its Ghost Emperor, Chu Kuangren had quite some reputation. Hence, it was no surprise that many people could recognize him.

"I never thought the Ghost Emperor would also be attracted by the Great Dreamfog Marsh."

"I heard that the disciple of Yincao City's Chakra Tribe has also shown up here. I wonder whether that's true."

"Tsk tsk. None of them should be taken lightly."

At that moment, another group of people arrived.

The one leading them was a young man in red robes, and all of them had the mark of the Equinox Flower on their foreheads.

They, too, were members of the Equinox Tribe.

When they saw the Equinox Flowers on the ground, the young man in red immediately became enraged.

"Who was it? Who killed the members of my tribe?"

His gaze swept across the surroundings, filling the atmosphere with a cold and deadly aura.

Anyone who met his gaze immediately shuddered uncontrollably, and they all looked at the young man in red robes with fear.

Whoosh...

The red-robed young man disappeared in a flash and arrived before one of the cultivators, whom he glared at. "Speak. Who killed the members of my tribe?"

"I-I don't know."

That cultivator did not wish to meddle in the matter.

However, the moment he said that, a blood-colored light radiated from the red-robed young man's body and engulfed that cultivator.

Following a bang, a mist of blood exploded in the air!

After killing one person, the young man in red robes went and grabbed another cultivator, asking him the same thing coldly, "Who? Who killed my tribe's people?"

"I-It's the Hundred Academy's Chief," that cultivator answered with his voice trembling.

"Hundred Academy's Chief... The Hundred Academy's Chief, huh? I'll remember that name. You shall pay dearly for killing the people of my tribe!" the young man in red robes said coldly.

Following that, he ventured forth into the depths of the swamp with his men.

The remaining cultivators breathed a sigh of relief.

"What a terrifying aura of death. That guy must be the Equinox Tribe's Heavenly Champion. I'm assuming he's already a top-notched Earthen Immortal."

"I wonder if he'll be a match for the Hundred Academy's Chief."

In the depths of the great swamp, Chu Kuangren continued searching for the Emperor Seal by following the faint reaction inside him.

Suddenly, a cold aura appeared before him.

That was when he saw dozens of dead souls coming toward him in groups from a distance.

"Oh, these are dead souls."

"It looks like we're getting close to my destination," Chu Kuangren mumbled.

With a wave of his sleeves, a grey vortex suddenly appeared in the void, and a chilling surge of death qi emerged from it.

That was Hell's Gate!

As the Fengdu City's Ghost Emperor who possessed the Heavenly Samsara Physique and the Emperor Seal, Chu Kuangren could open the Gates of Hell whenever he wished. By doing so, he could travel back and forth from the Underworld, as well as guide the dead souls into Fengdu Underworld City.

In the void, the Gate of Hell that was the grey vortex soon emitted a surge of suction force to drag all of the dead souls into it.

After that, Chu Kuangren and the others continued their journey.

Meanwhile, sounds of a fierce battle rang out from afar.

He mobilized his Immortal Consciousness, only to see a group of cultivators fighting over an Immortal Herb in the distance. Chu Kuangren was no stranger to that Immortal Herb.

After all, that was the Nine-leaf Soul Herb he used previously!

"I can't believe such a great herb has sprouted in this great swamp. How surprising," Chu Kuangren mumbled.

He had consumed the Nine-leaf Soul Herb once before. Its effects were so powerful that his soul's power was immediately raised to a peak True Consciousness level.

It even allowed his soul to attain a trace of the Gilded Trait.

If he could consume one more of that herb, on top of the recently upgraded Eighteen-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement, the Gilded Soul Traits would surely improve a lot.

He got a little excited thinking about it.

"Roar..."

At that time, a long roar sounded from the battle in the distance.

Before Chu Kuangren could join the battle, a giant beast had already rushed into the scene. It was a giant snake with nine heads.

“Oh, it’s the Nine-Headed Snakelet Tribe’s Heavenly Champion,” Chu Kuangren murmured.

On the battlefield, Jiu Yuan, the Nine-Headed Snakelet Tribe’s Heavenly Champion had joined the battle. As Daoist patterns and Immortal Sparks swirled all over his body, Jiu Yuan unleashed a terrifying burst of water and fire energy everywhere.

Many cultivators were sent flying by his water and fire energy.

“This Nine-leaf Soul Herb is mine. Do you lowly humans dare fight against me? Hmph. Now get out of my sight!”

Jiu Yuan’s gigantic body immediately charged toward the Nine-leaf Soul Herb. There was a greedy look in his eyes.

Although he did not specialize in cultivating Soul Dao, if the herb could increase the strength of his soul, he could still benefit from it.

Just as he was about to get the Nine-leaf Soul Herb, a white figure suddenly appeared beside it.

However, he did not care.

That figure was too tiny compared to him.

“Out of my way, annoying human! Now die!”

Chapter 1168: Jiu Yuan’s Fortunate Encounter, the Fragment of Fengdu City, With One Command, Thousands of Dead Souls Kneel

“Out of my way, annoying human! Now die!” Jiu Yuan roared.

A powerful surge of yokai qi erupted from his body as he opened his mouth. Once he had gathered enough Water and Fire Daoist patterns within, he unleashed several beams of water and fire.

Nine-headed Snakelets were masters in controlling water and fire, especially a pure-blooded Nine-headed Snakelet like Jiu Yuan, whose mastery over water and fire was even more powerful.

However, Chu Kuangren simply lifted his head and stared at Jiu Yuan. Having formed a sword hand sign, he casually swiped his finger across the air, unleashing a strand of sword qi.

His sword qi tore through the beams of water and fire.

Jiu Yuan’s eyes widened as the sword qi came toward him, instantly filling his field of vision and enveloping the whole sky!

It was as if that sword qi was the only thing left in the world!

Horror! Fear! Shock!

Jiu Yuan’s head could not even make a sound before it was chopped off by the sword qi, and lots of blood started spurting out.

One of his nine heads was cut off by that sword qi attack!

Furthermore, that was just a simple attack from Chu Kuangren.

It was not even ten percent of his full strength.

Jiu Yuan instantly knew he was no match for Chu Kuangren and immediately turned around to escape. He even set alight his life essence just to increase his speed of escaping.

“Oh.”

Just when Chu Kuangren was about to end his opponent, a black figure suddenly charged toward the Nine-leaf Soul Herb at lightning speed.

Someone was trying to take advantage of the situation!

That person was a Heavenly Immortal of the older generation.

“You’re too slow, old man,” Chu Kuangren said indifferently.

His figure disappeared while making a sword hand sign. As the old Heavenly Immortal was about to reach the Nine-leaf Soul Herb, Chu Kuangren reappeared and stood in the old Heavenly Immortal way.

“What?!”

The old Heavenly Immortal’s expression changed. “He’s so fast!”

His speed was already top tier among the Heavenly Immortals, yet Chu Kuangren still managed to block him without trouble.

‘Are all the younger generation cultivators so overpowered?!’

“Hmph! This Nine-leaf Soul Herb is mine, so f*ck off.”

The old Heavenly Immortal immediately unleashed the full might of his cultivation level.

He was not afraid of any karmic consequences of interfering with the Battle of Heavenly Champions. After all, even if he did not want to admit it, he was only a Heavenly Immortal.

An older Heavenly Immortal like him would not be affected much even if he interfered.

Only those elite among the Immortals would have their powers limited if they did take action.

“You’re not strong enough to do that!”

Chu Kuangren’s figure remained unmoved, like a towering mountain.

Then, he formed a sword hand sign, and a chilling burst of sword qi shot out from his fingertips.

It was so powerful that the old Heavenly Immortal could not do anything to resist. In an instant, he was swallowed in that attack.

As a mist of blood exploded in the air, the old Heavenly Immortal was dead!

At that sight, the surrounding cultivators got incredibly terrified.

“This Heavenly Champion... is so terrifying!”

“He’s certainly not an ordinary Heavenly Champion. He must be a Heavenly Immortal, at least. I bet he can even go against the Higher Third-grade Heavenly Immortals.”

“If I’m not mistaken, he must be the Hundred Academy’s Chief.”

There was a lot of discussion among the crowd.

However, Chu Kuangren ignored them and took the Nine-leaf Soul Herb away.

In the meantime, Jiu Yuan appeared in a mountain range somewhere, looking like a mess.

One of his heads was sliced off, and it was bleeding non-stop. His remaining eight heads were not looking so good either.

“Who the hell is that person?!”

“That sword qi of his... He’s surely not some nameless cultivator. Which orthodoxy does that Heavenly Champion belong to?” Jiu Yuan said with a grim expression.

He could not help but feel terrified when he thought about that sword qi attack earlier.

Nevertheless, he forced himself to suppress that feeling. “I, a mighty Nine-headed Snakelet, am afraid of a human?!”

“Hmph. D*mn that human. Once I find the treasures left here by my ancestor, I’ll surely make him pay for cutting off one of my heads!” Jiu Yuan said.

Then, his eyes lit up as he suddenly sensed something. “This feeling, could it be...”

He followed that feeling and arrived in front of a cave.

It was a deep cave. Even the light from outside could not reach its end.

There were tall wild grasses growing all around the cave’s entrance.

However, Jiu Yuan could vaguely sense a familiar aura coming from within that cave, and it resonated with his bloodline.

“Let’s take a look inside.”

Jiu Yuan immediately walked into the cave. It did not take long for him to reach the depths of the cave, where he saw a pool of blood surrounded by a sealing formation.

“Could this be the blood essence left behind by my ancestor?”

With that, Jiu Yuan got closer to the formation.

That formation did not affect him at all.

“As expected, this formation technique is only effective against every being but the Nine-headed Snakelets. This truly is my ancestor’s treasure.”

“Haha! This is wonderful.”

Jiu Yuan looked at the pool of blood with a fiery gaze.

He thought of Chu Kuangren. "Once I'm done refining this pool of blood and increasing my cultivation level, I'll definitely make you pay for what you've done!"

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At that moment, Chu Kuangren and his party arrived at the ruins of an ancient city.

That ancient city was full of dead souls.

"This is a fragment of Fengdu City," Chu Kuangren murmured.

The whole area was filled with vast amounts of rage qi and death qi. Due to the fact that the mechanism responsible for the Six Realms of Reincarnation was destroyed, the dead souls had been devouring each other.

The scene was almost identical to the Fengdu Underworld City he previously found.

As Chu Kuangren ventured deeper inside, he could sense the Emperor Seal's aura growing denser. "It's close."

"The aura of the living?"

Suddenly, a cold voice echoed throughout the whole area.

An armored dead soul, emanating with rage qi and death qi, soon appeared before Chu Kuangren and his party. Then, he screamed, "Attack!"

The armored dead soul charged toward Chu Kuangren and attacked with his Heavenly Immortal cultivation.

On the other hand, Chu Kuangren raised his hand to form a sword hand sign and unleashed an attack.

Bam!

The sword qi shot forth, immediately blasting the armored dead soul away.

"This living person possesses formidable strength."

The armored dead soul was shocked. After that, he let out a long roar as if summoning his companions, and many dead souls suddenly headed toward his location.

The number of dead souls gathered was countless, filling the surrounding area.

At that moment, they seemed to have plunged the whole place into darkness.

Their screams, cries, howls, and shrieks were endless.

"Living beings. Those are living beings."

"Living beings... Kill, kill, kill!"

Countless dead souls surrounded Chu Kuangren and his party like the end of the world had started.

Far away, many cultivators who came to the Great Dreamfog Marsh and arrived at Fengdu City soon noticed the large gathering of dead souls.

“Look at how the dead souls are reacting. What the hell happened?”

“Interesting.”

“Something extraordinary, I bet.”

Some cultivators stealthily approached the scene to prevent the dead souls from detecting their presence. Only then did they notice it was Chu Kuangren and his party who were surrounded by the dead souls.

“Tsk tsk. It looks like they’re the culprits who caused the dead souls to gather in such huge numbers. Well, with just a few of them, they’ll be dead in a few moments,” said one of the cultivators while shaking her head.

They also noticed a few Heavenly Immortals and dozens of Earthen Immortals among that large group of dead souls, while the remaining dead souls were seemingly uncountable.

Only a True Immortal could handle such a situation.

Otherwise, it would be hard for anyone else to survive.

“Living person, you can only blame yourself for coming to this forbidden place. Only death awaits you all now.”

The armored dead soul yelled, “Attack!”

Countless dead souls immediately charged toward Chu Kuangren and his party.

Boom!

A terrifying aura suddenly erupted.

Standing with his hands behind his back, Chu Kuangren looked at the dead souls indifferently. However, to the dead souls attacking, the aura exuding from his body was incomparably vast and mighty.

That aura signified the ultimate suppression of a higher being!

It was something that the dead souls could not resist!

“W-What is happening?!”

The armored dead soul was trembling all over.

“Kneel!” Chu Kuangren said out loud indifferently.

In that instant, the countless dead souls suddenly felt their knees turning weak. Be it a Heavenly Immortal or Earthen Immortal, everyone knelt on the ground against their will!

With one command, thousands of dead souls knelt to the ground!

Chapter 1169: The Soul Vanquisher’s Decision, Thousand Eyes Formation, Refining The Emperor Seal

Countless dead souls knelt to the ground!

Chu Kuangren stood with hands behind his back, and before him was an army of dead souls, who were all kneeling on the ground.

No matter Earthen Immortals or Heavenly Immortals, everyone was stunned to see such a scene.

‘What’s going on?’

‘One word of his, and countless dead souls knelt to the ground!’

“Who is he?”

“How did he do it?”

Everyone was puzzled, while the countless ghouls were terrified.

Under the terrifying gazes of the crowd and ghouls, Chu Kuangren walked slowly to the armored dead soul with indifferent eyes.

He stared at the back of the armored dead soul and noticed a thread in a place that none could see.

It was an invisible thread!

“It’s the Soul-Vanquishing Tribe again. What a small world.” Chu Kuangren chuckled.

He had met the tribe in Fengdu Underworld City before and did not expect to meet them again here.

Just when he was about to make a move, he realized that the invisible thread was broken and had disappeared.

“Oh. It has escaped pretty fast.”

A glint flashed in Chu Kuangren’s eyes.

On the other hand, the armored dead soul felt that the power restraining him had disappeared. He knew that it must be Chu Kuangren before him that the Soul Vanquisher was afraid of.

“Who are you?” the armored dead soul asked in a trembling voice.

Chu Kuangren raised his hand to show the Emperor Seal. “I’m your Emperor!”

It shocked many dead souls that had a consciousness.

‘Ghost Emperor!’

‘He’s the Ghost Emperor!’

Now, they understood why they could not resist Chu Kuangren.

It was insane to make an enemy of the Ghost Emperor in Fengdu Underworld City. What was more, they were only a group of souls.

Even in other places, the Ghost Emperor had absolute power over the souls. After all, he was the king of ghosts.

“Let’s go. Bring me to the Imperial Palace,” said Chu Kuangren.

“Alright.”

The armored dead soul no longer resisted. Even a Gilded Immortal Soul in Fengdy City could only obey Chu Kuangren, let alone a Heavenly Immortal like him.

“So he’s the new Ghost Emperor.”

“The rumored Hundred Academy’s Chief is such a magnificent figure. No wonder he could defeat Lil Zhurong.”

Everyone was amazed as they watched Chu Kuangren leave.

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In the Imperial Palace, the Soul Vanquisher suddenly opened his eyes and furrowed his brows. “I didn’t expect Chu Kuangren to come so quickly. This is surprising.”

He looked at a huge black seal in front of him.

It was the Samsara Emperor Seal.

“The difficulty of refining the Emperor Seal is beyond my imagination, and with my ability, I can’t refine it in a short period.

“Shall I take it away with me?

“No. Chu Kuangren is already here. Since he also has an Emperor Seal, the seals must be able to sense each other. If I bring it with me without refining it, I’d be revealing my location at any time. It’s not wise to make an enemy of Chu Kuangren in Fengdu City.”

“Leave the Emperor Seal and retreat!”

The Soul Vanquisher changed his mind and made a decision. He gritted his teeth and decided to leave behind the Emperor Seal, which was comparable to an Arch Gilded Immortal Weapon.

“Chu Kuangren, I must prepare some gifts for you before I leave.” With that, the Soul Vanquisher took out a jade scroll and crushed it.

In an instant, countless runes flew out from the jade scroll, carved themselves onto the Imperial Palace’s walls and pillars, and then disappeared.

“Chu Kuangren, I hope you’ll like this Thousand Eyes Formation.”

After that, the Soul Vanquisher’s figure flashed and disappeared in place.

An Emperor Seal was left suspended in the air.

It did not take long before Chu Kuangren and all the dead souls arrived at the Imperial Palace.

Chu Kuangren could feel something was wrong the moment he stepped into the palace.

Hum...

Ripples appeared in the void.

On the walls and the pillars around the Imperial Palace, dark purple eyeballs appeared in large numbers and stared at Chu Kuangren.

Then, a strange energy fluctuation emerged.

It was the soul energy!

Behind Chu Kuangren, the dead souls howled miserably under the impact of the soul energy fluctuation. Some souls were even crushed to the core.

However, Chu Kuangren was unaffected and merely stood where he was.

His soul was beyond strong as it already possessed a strand of Gilded Trait. Therefore, the soul energy fluctuation could hardly influence him.

“Is this a technique combining rune and soul?”

Chu Kuangren mobilized his Immortal Consciousness and transformed it into an invisible force to block the impact of the soul energy.

A soul technique was the most suitable means to deal with the attack because an ordinary Immortal’s Core would not produce a significant effect unless one’s realm was far stronger than his opponent.

On the other hand, an Immortal Consciousness was the soul energy’s extended technique.

Chu Kuangren formed a sword hand sign and infused his Immortal Consciousness into the sword qi. As soon as the sharp and majestic sword qi surged out, it tore all the surrounding runes down.

The Thousand Eyes Formation collapsed in an instant!

Further away, the Soul Vanquisher, who had left Fengdu city, was slightly surprised. “As expected of Chu Kuangren, he has broken my Thousand Eyes Formation so quickly.”

He closed his eyes and pondered. It would be a lie to say he did not resent Chu Kuangren for being defeated twice in a row.

However, the Soul Vanquisher was aware that he was not Chu Kuangren’s opponent for the time being. He would be courting death if he made a rash move.

“Although I don’t want to confront him head-on, I can give him some trouble.”

“I heard the people from Yincao Underworld City are here too. They should be interested in the Samsara Emperor Seals.”

“If I spread the news about Chu Kuangren obtaining another Emperor Seal, it should be able to catch the attention of many people,” said the Soul Vanquisher mischievously.

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In the Imperial Palace, the eerie soul fluctuation dissipated as Chu Kuangren broke the Thousand Eyes Formation with a sword attack.

Then, he glanced around him but found no trace of the Soul Vanquisher.

"It looks like he has left. I must say that he escaped pretty quickly. Is he playing a game of cat and mouse with me? Heh, interesting."

Chu Kuangren did not take it to heart.

In his opinion, the Soul Vanquisher was a mouse that hid in the dark. In that case, he would trample the Soul Vanquisher to death when the latter emerged.

He looked at the Emperor Seal that was suspended in the air.

As he stretched his hand out, the Emperor Seal automatically fell into his hand as if being summoned.

"All of you can safeguard me from the outside. I want to refine this Emperor Seal in the Imperial Palace," Chu Kuangren said to the armored dead soul and the others.

"Understood, Ghost Emperor."

The armored dead soul and others dared not rebel.

"Lan Yu, Lil Red, and Lil Fox, these Seven-beaded White Lotuses can be of great use to you. Lan Yu, you take three. Lil Red and Lil Fox, each of you take two. All of you can have a closed-door meditation and refine them here," said Chu Kuangren.

The Seven-beaded White Lotuses were Superb-grade Immortal Herbs beneficial to True Immortals.

Chu Kuangren reckoned that with Lan Yu's competency, she could reach the Heavenly Immortal Realm after refining the three lotus seeds.

"Alright."

After dividing the lotus seeds, the three women each found a place to refine them.

With that, Chu Kuangren began to refine the Samsara Emperor Seal. Previously, with Shenshu's help, the Emperor Seal recognized him as master without him having to refine it.

This time, he had to refine the seal himself, but it was not a difficult task for him to refine the Emperor Seal because he possessed the Heavenly Samsara Physique.

When Chu Kuangren and others were in closed-door meditation, the news of him obtaining the second Emperor Seal and being in Fengdu City spread rapidly.

Many cultivators rushed to the Fengdu, but they dared not enter rashly even if they wanted the Emperor Seal.

After all, Fengdu City was Chu Kuangren's home field.

They could only wait for Chu Kuangren to come out from the closed-door meditation.

Chapter 1170: All Parties' Reactions, Ox-headed And Horse-faced Demons, Successfully Refining The Emperor Seal

On a mountain peak in Great Dreamfog Marsh, a man dressed in white suddenly opened his eyes, and a powerful surge of Immortal's Core spread from him.

"I've finally broken through to the Heavenly Immortal Realm."

"Adding the Heavenly Dao strength in me, I can even fight a Higher Third-grade Heavenly Immortal," mumbled the man in white.

The Heavenly Dao Sect was known throughout the universe for utilizing the Heavenly Dao strength, and the man in white was Heavenly Daoist Kun of the Heavenly Dao Sect!

He was also one of the Heavenly Champions involved in the Battle of the Heavenly Champions.

"I wonder where Chu Kuangren is now. There are rumors that he has become the Hundred Academy's Chief and Fengdu's Ghost Emperor. It really is surprising. I wonder how far his Heavenly Dao energy has developed?"

Heavenly Daoist Kun furrowed his brows at the thought of Chu Kuangren.

He and the entire Heavenly Dao Sect were concerned about Chu Kuangren's strange technique of devouring the Heavenly Dao.

He had a hunch that if he could master the technique, his cultivation in Heavenly Dao would progress rapidly and surpass Heavenly Dao Sect's first Daoist, Heavenly Daoist Tian!

"Now that I've broken through to the Heavenly Immortal Realm, and since the Battle of the Heavenly Champions hasn't started for long, not many people should possess the same cultivation as me. It seems like dealing with Chu Kuangren can be brought forward on my schedule." Heavenly Daoist Kun said with a confident smile.

Soon after, he left the mountain peak and wanted to find some Opportunities of Fortune in the Great Dreamfog Marsh. That was when he heard some rumors.

"Have you heard that there is a fragment of Fengdu City in the depths of the Great Dreamfog Marsh? That was where the Hundred Academy's Chief obtained the Samsara Emperor Seal."

"Hiss... The Hundred Academy's Chief, Chu Kuangren? He has already got an Emperor Seal, but now he's got another one?!"

"That's amazing."

"He's no doubt the Fengdu Ghost Emperor."

"Indeed."

'There's a fragment of Fengdu City in the Great Dreamfog Marsh?'

'Chu Kuangren is in Fengdu City?'

Heavenly Daoist Kun's eyes lit up upon learning the news. "I can't believe I've looked everywhere only to find him here. How effortless!"

"Chu Kuangren, I'm coming!"

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In the meantime, Jiu Yuan was suspended above the Blood Pond with his legs crossed in a cave in Great Dreamfog Marsh. Countless blood qi was constantly gushing into his body, altering his bloodline and improving his cultivation.

After day and night, Jiu Yuan finally opened his eyes, where a blood-colored glint flashed within.

As he sucked the remaining blood essence in the Blood Pond, surges of terrifying yokai qi gushed out like a flood and shook the entire mountain range.

"I've successfully broken through to the Heavenly Immortal Realm, and my bloodline has gone through its fourth awakening."

"Haha. Except for those direct ancestral lineages, only a few divine and wild beasts can achieve the fourth awakening."

"Whoever has hurt me, you shall wait and see!"

Jiu Yuan soared into the sky and smashed through the mountain range.

The first thing he did was investigate Chu Kuangren.

He remembered his features, the ancient sword, the scripture scroll, and sword qi, which should all stand out.

Sure enough, it did not take long for him to find out Chu Kuangren's information.

"The Hundred Academy's Chief, Chu Kuangren?"

"He's in Fengdu City, huh? Alright. I'll go and find you right now!"

Jiu Yuan's eyes were cold.

He took a step forward and dashed toward Fengdu City's location.

Boom, boom!

Countless death qi was filling the air as a black figure raised his hand and blasted several giant crocodiles in the swamp into blood mist.

Next to the figure, a pale-faced young man, the Chakra Tribe's successor of the Yincao Underworld City, had a gloomy expression and was slightly displeased.

"What exactly is going on?"

"Why haven't you found the fragment of Fengdu City after searching for so long? I was told that Fengdu's aura appeared here some time ago," the Chakra successor said in a cold tone.

"Please be patient, Young Master. The Great Dreamfog Marsh is huge, and finding the fragment of Fengdu City isn't easy. We'll find it soon as long as it is there." Hei Wuchang comforted the pale-faced young man.

A white figure suddenly approached.

He was one of the followers of the Chakra successor, Bai Wuchang.

“Young Master, I have news.”

“Oh, tell me.” The Chakra successor’s eyes lit up.

“There are rumors out there that the fragment of Fengdu City has emerged in the Great Dreamfog Marsh, and the Ghost Emperor, Chu Kuangren, is in Fengdu now!”

Upon hearing that, the pale face of the Chakra successor darkened. “I’ve searched for so long and found nothing. I can’t believe the new Ghost Emperor is one step faster than me at getting the Emperor Seal. D*mn it!”

“Young Master, Chu Kuangren has already obtained two Emperor Seals. I’m afraid it’s unwise if we were to confront him head-on,” said Hei Wuchang.

“Do you want me to watch him get his hands on the seal that I was supposed to have?” the Chakra successor asked coldly.

“Not necessarily so.”

Beside him, Bai Wuchang continued. “According to the investigation, someone deliberately released the news of Chu Kuangren being in Fengdu City. All forces are heading to the Great Dreamfog Marsh now, and it seems they may take action. Perhaps we can utilize their strength.”

“Great!”

The Chakra successor said coldly, “Since he’s a Ghost Emperor, we’ll have to face him sooner or later, and we might as well take this opportunity to kill him?!”

With that, he raised his hand and hit the void.

A gray vortex emerged in the void, and the power of samsara spread outward.

It was the Hell’s Gate, which the Underworld specially used to extradite dead souls!

After a terrifying, gloomy, and deadly aura gushed out from the vortex, two extremely tall, giant-like figures walked out of the vortex.

One of the figures was ox-headed and holding a metal trident, while another was horse-faced with the Fangtian Painted Halberd. Along with them, surges of horrifyingly eerie qi swept through.

They were the Ox-headed and Horse-faced Demons, the Underworld Soldiers’ Commanders of the Yincao Underworld City!

Besides them, countless armored Underworld Soldiers also rush out of the vortex, soon filling the space.

“Greetings, Young Master!”

“Greetings, Young Master!”

The Ox-headed and Horse-faced Demons came before the Chakra successor and greeted him.

“Well, I’ve dispatched both of you from the Underworld City to come with me and deal with someone.”

“Who has caused the Young Master to move so aggressively, so much that my brother and I have to dispatch a hundred thousand Underworld Soldiers?” asked the Ox-headed Demon in a buzzing voice.

“It’s the Ghost Emperor!”

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In Fengdu Underworld City, Chu Kuangren had successfully refined the Emperor Seal. It was the Ghost Emperors of the East, Yulei’s Emperor Seal. Unlike Shenshu, Yulei did not leave behind his Immortal Consciousness. Therefore, it took Chu Kuangren some effort to refine the seal.

With two Emperor Seals in hand, Chu Kuangren felt that he had a better grasp of the power of samsara now.

As he mobilized his thoughts, everything in the fragment of Fengdu City came into view, and he also noticed the changes in the outside world.

“Oh. The location of Fengdu City’s fragment has been exposed, and many people have come. Interesting,” Chu Kuangren said with a smirk.

Although many people had come, none could get near the Imperial Palace because of the protection of the armored dead soul and other dead souls.

Chu Kuangren checked Lan Yu and others’ conditions.

They were still refining the lotus seeds.

Among them, Lan Yu’s aura was much stronger. She had reached the Great Perfected Ninth-grade Earthen Immortal and was only one step away from the Heavenly Immortal Realm.

He reckoned she would not take long to break through.

Chu Kuangren nodded with satisfaction. “The Radiant War Immortal Physique is truly amazing. It looks like it still has a lot of room for growth.”

He looked at Chu Hong and Lil Fox.

One was a fourth-awakened pure-blooded Godly Phoenix, whereas the other was a strange Moonlight Fox of the Nine-tailed Celestial Fox. They, too, were performing well in their own ways.