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### Chapter 241 - Great Swallowing

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Chen Xiang's complexion sank, he knew these people hated him, and they would certainly seize the opportunity to kill him, which made him extremely furious.

"What do you want to do? Are you forgetting I've saved you before!" Chen Xiang stood up and clenched the hilt of the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, his complexion turned even more gloomier. Although his True Qi was thin, the monstrous Slaughter Qi, which was hidden in his Slaughtering Heart, became uncontrollable and was completely released due to his anger. It caused those disciples of the Proud Sword Sect and the Beast Martial Sect to halt their footsteps.

"So what? Chen Xiang, you, dying in my hands is your blessing. At least you'll not be eaten by those guys." Gan Jiujuan laughed and said, he was currently still uncertain how much of Chen Xiang's strength was remaining, however, seeing Chen Xiang's haggard complexion, he knew that Chen Xiang had suffered serious injuries.

"You forgot what my Dean had said? If you took action against me, then your sect would be destroyed by the Extreme Martial Sect." Chen Xiang coldly shouted as he frowned. A blade-like sharp glint flashed through his eyes, making Gan Jiujuan and the others somewhat hesitant.

"So long as no one from us speak about it, who will know we have killed you?" Gan Jiujuan shouted, "Don't be afraid of him, he is just putting on airs. He is seriously injured! Everyone, let's kill him together, then we will divide his treasure."

The wealth on Chen Xiang was also an attraction to many, and many people knew he was overflowing with riches. Chen Xiang, while looking at the greedy look on their faces, felt incomparably cold. His desire to kill them was soaring in his heart.

"Attack!" Gan Jiujuan shouted as he rushed greedily towards Chen Xiang. He knew that the blade in Chen Xiang's hand was very excellent. With a casual wave, it actually had cut off his proud spirit weapon.

Those ten men rushed over to Chen Xiang, including two 5th level True Martial Realm martial artists. As for the rest of them, they were either in the 3rd level or 4th level of the True Martial Realm. Their overall strength could be described as good, and they originally believed that even if Chen Xiang wasn't injured, all of them together would be able to defeat Chen Xiang. It was just that they would need to pay a bigger price.

"Haha..." Suddenly, Chen Xiang burst out into an insane laughter, which made Gan Jiujuan and the others to suddenly halt their steps. Chen Xiang's laughter was hair-raising, and they could not help but feel jittery as a shiver ran down their spine. Chen Xiang's insane laughter was like that of a devil, drowning their hearts in fear.

"Ungrateful things, what's the difference between those devils and you?" Chen Xiang's countenance turned incomparably hideous. He stared at them with bloodshot and wide-open eyes as his voice turned completely malevolent.

"Don't be afraid, he is seriously injured..." Just as Gan Jiu Jian's voice fell, a white light suddenly flashed from Chen Xiang's arm. Drawing up the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade from the ground, he fiercely brandished it horizontally towards those ten figures not so far away.

A white powerful Qi from the huge blade shot out and transformed into a huge white semicircle, which passed across those ten figures. In the next moment, Gan Jiu Jian and the others suddenly spat out blood and fell down on the ground one by one; all of them had a look of horror, fear and disbelief.

A moment ago, Chen Xiang had relied on Long Xueyi, and that was equivalent to one shot of Long Xueyi's complete strength. It was also his hidden card, and unless it was an extremely dire situation, he would never use it.

Long Xueyi's True Qi was very mysterious. When it permeated into their body, it destroyed their viscera from the inside.

"Haha... Didn't you want to kill me? Why are all of you lying on the ground?" Chen Xiang laughed and said. From his body, more and more Black Qi surge out, and a bizarre power enveloped Gan Jiu Jian and the others.

"You... what are you going to do?" Gan Jiu Jian screamed. All of them had suffered serious injuries, but the True Qi within their body was still there. They could still attack, however, they felt as though their True Qi was out of control, hastily leaving their body.

Chen Xiang's complexion turned gloomy. Black Qi emerged from his eyes; he had casted the Engulfing Devil Technique, causing the Black Qi to jump and soar while absorbing the other's True Qi. It was the second level of the Engulfing Devil Technique, and now there was no need for him to touch his target's body. He could directly engulf his opponent's True Qi, however, the premise was that the other party was injured.

"True Qi... The True Qi within my body is leaving me!" A man shouted in shock, before he suddenly let out a shriek as a bright fog broke out from his body and drifted over to Chen Xiang. The others were all experiencing the same; the True Qi within their respective body was flowing out and fluttering towards Chen Xiang, assimilating into Chen Xiang's body as he continued to spew out those Black Qi.

"Devil... Chen Xiang you big devil! You are actually using this kind of vicious devil technique on us... The righteous sects will not let you go..."

"Too long, I saved you, yet not only were you ungratified, you even took advantage of my injury to kill me! How can you still think yourself as righteous sect's people? What's the difference between how you act and the devils? I just want you to pay blood with blood, that's all!" Chen Xiang glared at that Proud Sword Sect disciple before two beams fiercely shot out from his eyes, penetrating that man's head to death. This was the Penetrating Heart Devil Eye, and it was also Chen Xiang's first time using it on a human.

A martial skill which could engulf other's True Qi, not to mention those from the devil path, even among the righteous path, it was a skill sought after. Gan Jiu Jian clenched his teeth as he glared at Chen Xiang, his heart was filled with regret. Originally, there was no conflict between him and Chen Xiang, and moreover, Chen Xiang had even given him a chance last time. However, because of his arrogance, his fate had suddenly turned for the worst.

Not long ago, Chen Xiang had saved them, and Chen Xiang had even blocked the Black Armored Crocodile so that they could escape, making him suffer some injuries. When Chen Xiang needed help the most, they actually did even worse than pigs and dogs, they actually wanted to kill Chen Xiang and seize his treasure. In truth, they were the devils.

Gan Jiu Jian felt the True Qi in his body was slowly disappearing. With each passing moment, he felt increasingly regretful; if they were not hostile to Chen Xiang from the beginning, then they could have become friends with Chen Xiang. However, in this world, there was no dan for regret.

"Chen Xiang... You waste, you bastard..." A Beast Martial Sect's disciple cursed, but before he could even finish with his cursing, two beams shot out from Chen Xiang's eyes and penetrated his head.

Very quickly, the pure and vigorous True Qi from those ten disciples were absorbed by Chen Xiang. However, in Chen Xiang's opinion, their true Qi had too much impurities, so he still needed to refine it. But before it, he had to first slaughter all of them.

"Gan Jiu Jian, the outstanding young disciple of the Proud Sword Sect, you, dying in my hands, can be counted as your blessing." Chen Xiang, seeing Gan Jiu Jian's face which was covered in fear and remorse, mercilessly waved the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil in his hand, beheading Gan Jiu Jian.

Seeing the blood spilled, all those people lying on the ground were frightened. They knew that the next one to die would be them. Feeling that death was so close, they felt nauseous. Only now did they know how precious life was. All of them had become True Martial Realm martial artists, many mortals, in their eyes, were akin to ordinary existence. But at this moment, all them were no different from those mortals; they were inevitably going to die.

One by one Chen Xiang beheaded them with the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade. Whenever the blade in his hand fall, a head would be separated from the body. Whenever blood violently shed, those disciples who were still breathing would feel their heart stop as endless fear engulfed their body...

The sky was completely dark, while the ground of the ghastly forest was littered with corpses. Blood was dripping from the blade in Chen Xiang's hand, as if an execution from hell had just occurred. Chen Xiang heaved a long sigh and released some flames. After burning off the corpses, he quickly left, seeking for a place to refine the True Qi he had absorbed.

## Chapter 242 - Nine Turn Dragon God Technique

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This time, he had engulfed the True Qi of many people, and among them, there were two from 5th level of the True Martial Realm. It was the first time Chen Xiang had engulfed so much at once, and at this point, his entire body was bearing the brunt of the tyrannical True Qi. With his huge divine sense, he could still suppress it, but he must quickly refine it, otherwise, it would be dangerous.

Chen Xiang was now in the 2nd level of the Immortal and Devil Body and was also cultivating Shinto, that was why his overall strength was so strong. Otherwise, Bai Youyou, a moment ago, would have prevented Chen Xiang from engulfing their True Qi. Furthermore, it was fortunate that the ones he had

engulfed were righteous people. Although their True Qi was tyrannical, compared to devil sect disciples, it could be considered modest.

"If you want to cultivate Shinto, don't use the Tai Chi Subduing Dragon Exercise to cultivate the divine sense. Use the Nine Turn Dragon God Technique!" Long Xueyi said, "There is a lot of True Qi left within your body, you have enough to cultivate your divine sense."

Chen Xiang was hiding within the hollow of a tree while operating the Tai Chi Subduing Dragon Exercise to refine the True Qi he had engulfed. Hearing Long Xueyi's words, he hastily asked, "Is this Nine Turn Dragon God Technique powerful or not?"

"Nonsense, of course it is formidable! Only dragons from our Imperial Dragon Family know how to cultivate it! The Dragon Slayer Divine Martial Skill are many, but only ten of them can be considered the strongest. Your Tai Chi Subduing Dragon Exercise is one of them, and this Nine Turn Dragon God Technique is the main exercise of our Imperial Dragon Family. We use it to cultivate Shinto!" Long Xueyi, seeing someone was suspicious of her Imperial Dragon Family's Exercise, proudly explained.

Chen Xiang was elated in his heart, "You little girl, why have you not given it to me early on?"

"Fart, do you think this Nine Turn Dragon God Technique can be casually passed on to you? Only after considering for a long time did I decided to pass on the contents of the first turn. But just from first turn, you can cultivate till the Nirvana Realm." Long Xueyi said in a tender voice; she had spent some time with Chen Xiang, and although she often bickered with him, she already knew his character. Moreover, she also had some feelings for Chen Xiang.

"By passing the Nine Turn Dragon God Technique to you, I'm violating the rules of the Imperial Dragon Family. If they came to know it, I'll be in trouble." Long Xueyi exhorted, "That's why not in a million chance could you let any other dragon know."

"Rest assured, I understand!" Chen Xiang solemnly said, "If because of this matter you get punished, I'll definitely not let those dragons succeed."

"Humph! Even though you cultivate powerful Dragon Slayer Divine Martial Skill, you are looking down too much on my Imperial Dragon Family." Although her mouth said so, in her heart, Long Xueyi felt sweet. Someone concerned about her made her feel very warm.

After a short while, in Chen Xiang's mind, there was now a lot of information. The Nine Turn Dragon God Technique's content was too much. Just the first turn was already unbearable. Fortunately, it was transferred through divine sense, otherwise god knows when he would be finished learning it.

Dragon God: it refers to the dragon cultivating Shinto, eventually becoming a powerful god. The exercise of cultivating Shinto was very profound. Under the heaven, perhaps only dragons, this kind of lifeform, could create this kind of powerful and profound exercise.

Chen Xiang very quickly comprehended it, and in accordance with the cultivation method, he directly operated the True Qi within his body. A large amount of True Qi in his body circulated in all his limbs and bones, washing his meridians, bones and muscles, making his body stronger. At the same time, it produced pure True Qi and spiritual power, the True Qi entered his dantian, while the spiritual power entered his consciousness.

Operating the Nine Turn Dragon God Technique and the Tai Chi Subduing Dragon Exercise at the same time didn't cause any conflict, that was why the refinement of those impure True Qi became very quick. This made him feel as if he was flying, especially when looking at the Divine Soul growing in his consciousness, he felt very comfortable.

Chen Xiang secretly decided that after he refined all the engulfed True Qi, he would give Long Xueyi some True Elemental Dans. After all, she sacrificed so much for him, and against the rules of her clan, she even passed him the powerful Nine Turn Dragon God Technique.

Ten days passed, and in Chen Xiang's dantian, two hundred fifty True Elemental Grains were now illuminated. One must know that the more True Elemental Grains he lit up, the difficulty to lit up more would increase. It would require even more True Qi to be compressed in order to illuminate these True Elemental Grains; this would also make his true Qi incomparably vigorous.

He had engulfed ten people's True Qi, and after refining the dregs in these True Qis, the leftover True Qi was just ordinary. After its integration, Chen Xiang made continuous breakthrough and finally strided into the 5th level of the True Martial Realm.

"You brat, it's best that you don't get infatuated with this way of increasing your strength!" Su Meiyao softly snorted and said.

"Yes, if this continues, your foundation would become unstable, and it will greatly affect your future." Bai Youyou said.

Chen Xiang nodded his head. In cultivation, one must steadily advance. One was required to let some True Qi precipitate, and only under repeated use of this True Qi could they solidify their foundation. Otherwise, in the future, his True Qi would be very weak.

A lot of sludge overflowed from his body, after quickly taking a bath, gave Long Xueyi five hundred True Elemental Dans, made Long Xueyi sweetly smile again and again.

"If I encounter the Black Armored Crocodile again, father will absolutely not get so battered and exhausted again!" Chen Xiang, while clutching the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, felt the rise of heroic spirit in his heart. He could not wait to find a Black Armored Crocodile and try his strength again. However, he had more important things to do; because of cultivating for a few days, he had already been delayed for some time.

He still need to find the disciples of the True Martial sect, the Lotus Island and the Danxiang Taoyuan to warn them about the devil path sect's conspiracy. At the same time, he also need to ask them to converge with everybody in order to deal with the devil sect disciples.

Chen Xiang looked all around for a while, walking about in a circle. Very soon he quickly found the way to the next ambush point. He immediately started running; he had been cultivating for a few days, and in these few days, many things could have happened.

He ran for a while before he saw many traces on the ground and the trunk of some trees.

"These are of black wolves! And there are also some human footprints." Chen Xiang, while observing the ground, speculated that someone was attacked by a pack of wolves. However, during the fight, they could only escape, and these black wolves were in hot pursuit.

Looking at the footprints on the ground, Chen Xiang's complexion changed, "The footprints of these wolves seem to be a bit bigger, furthermore, so many of them were chasing at the same time. It seems that they are not being manipulated. Are they Devil Beasts themselves?"

The true Devil Beasts were much more formidable than those controlled by a puppeteer.

Chen Xiang immediately gave chase along the footprints, he knew that it was not far away from the ambush point. Before, with his battle against the Black Armored Crocodile, they had caused a huge ruckus, definitely disturbing the devil sect disciples at the nearest ambush point. He believed that the next ambush point would not have any devil sect disciples.

Following those footprints, Chen Xiang, in his heart, was secretly surprised. There were some scratches on many trees in the front, and there were also a few trees which had been bitten off. According to his estimation, those being hunted were hiding in the trees, however, these wolves very quickly bitten off these trees.

"At most, ten puppets can attack together. However, they will not be so fierce. But these true Devil Beasts are so frightening, and they are also in such a large number!" Chen Xiang was secretly worried. Currently, he had already arrived at this kind of ghastly place, and of course, many of those Devil Beasts were much more powerful. He did not hope to see any righteous disciples dead; if he could save them, then he would definitely do his utmost to save them.

He quickened his pace, and soon he saw blood on the ground. This kind of blood was certainly from those Devil Beasts, because it was different with human blood. Human blood would quickly dry up, but the Devil Beasts' blood would remain sticky on the ground.

"Junior brother, be careful!" A girl's shout came, which was then followed by a sound of battle, Chen Xiang immediately disappeared and rushed ahead with his fastest speed.

## Chapter 243 - Red Wolves

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It was originally a forest, however, in front of him there was a very open space, where one could see many tree roots, but no trees could be seen whatsoever.

At that moment, Chen Xiang could see many wolves with completely red bodies gnawing on some trees while besieging four people.

These red wolves were as big as adult cows, with a black vertical line in between their eyebrows, and two huge sharp red teeth protruding from their mouth, making them seem extremely terrifying. These red wolves' bodies were as if they had been soaked in blood, exuding a nauseating stench. The noxious Devil Qi they were releasing was nothing Chen Xiang had encountered before; it was even richer than the black wolves from before.

"It's the disciples of the True Martial Sect, three male and a female!" Chen Xiang muttered. Those three men looked very handsome, while the female was extremely beautiful and moving. However, all of

them were in a very sorry state at the moment, their whole bodies were covered in black blood, while one man among them had his long sword broken.

Before, he had saved disciples of the Beast Martial Sect and the Proud Sword Sect, and they repaid him by trying to kill him, now he was considering whether he should save these people or not.

"Save them! In any case, it's just a matter of little effort for you. Furthermore, with your current strength, there is no need to be afraid of their retaliation. If they want to move against you, then you don't need to be polite either!" Su Meiyao said.

Chen Xiang lightly sighed before taking out the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade. He jumped over and landed in front of those four.

"Chen Xiang!" All four of them suddenly exclaimed together in unison while retreating two steps back. Their faces were now filled with panic.

Chen Xiang looked at them, slightly smiled and said, "Don't worry, I didn't come to kill you."

These True Martial Sect's disciples were not like the Beast Martial Sect and the Proud Sword Sect. From the expression in their eyes, Chen Xiang could determine that these four people were not the ones who could not wait to kill him.

What was totally out of Chen Xiang's expectation was that, among these four, the strongest was the girl who was just at the 3rd level of the True Martial Realm. The other three were all in the 1st level of the True Martial Realm, and it was no wonder to Chen Xiang that they would be hunted down till here. But seeing that they could run so far was also not bad.

"Is there no 5th level True Martial Realm disciple left in your True Martial Sect?" Chen Xiang asked with a frown. Although he had killed a lot of True Martial Sect disciples, the True Martial Sect could not have such little strength.

"We have, but... but the Dean felt that we are useless, so he made us come here." The girl indignantly spoke, her gaunt beautiful face was filled with anger and helplessness.

The three men were also the same.

At this point, the pack of red wolves swooped over. Chen Xiang fiercely turned around and waved his blade towards those wolves. Numerous azure lightning from the blade's tip madly surged out, and one after another, as if those lightning transformed into a giant blade, ruthlessly falling down on the ground, killing a greater part of the red wolves.

Although these red wolves were powerful, when facing Chen Xiang with the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade in his hand, they were not worth a straw. With one strike, Chen Xiang had beheaded more than a hundred.

"On the count of three, jump with all of your power, leave the ground!" Chen Xiang hastily shouted, "One...Two...Three... Jump."

Although the four True Martial Sect's disciples didn't know what Chen Xiang was planning on doing, they still jumped up. Chen Xiang also jumped up with them as the red wolves surrounding them swarmed and swooped over.

As he jumped into the air, a dazzling azure aura from Chen Xiang's palm suddenly flowed out. With a thunderous roar, he smacked a palm towards the ground. Through the majestic and powerful Azure Dragon True Qi, a huge azure palm appeared, and like a storm, the soaring True Qi plundered through all four directions as the huge palm fiercely landed on the ground.

BOOM!!!

A loud explosion occurred; it was so loud that it made everyone's ear ache. The explosive sound echoed throughout the surroundings, while from below, the miserable howls of wolves soon followed. Many crevices appeared on the ground; the fierce tremor had made the giant trees in the greater part of forest to collapse in the blink of an eye. The ground was like a tide rolling through with a vast momentum. What had just happened was rather soul stirring, sending shivers down the heart of those four disciples from the True Martial Sect; it was pretty hard for them believe what had just happened.

When they landed from the sky, they landed on top of a just created little mound. Majority of those red wolves were now buried in the soil.

"Thanks a lot for saving us!" After the girl took a deep breath, she cupped her fist and spoke with a gratified tone; her eyes were filled with respect.

As for the other three, they not only repeatedly thanked Chen Xiang, they also had a look of worship. There was not much difference between their age and Chen Xiang, and in fact, Chen Xiang was even a little younger than them, but he was already so powerful. With just a palm, he wiped out those red wolves, which almost killed their group, in one fell swoop. This kind of strong martial artist was truly worthy of their respect. Although Chen Xiang and the True Martial Sect were enemies, Chen Xiang not only did not kill them, he had even saved them. This kind of chivalrous behavior made it harder for them to hate him. Not to mention that from the beginning, there was no direct hatred between them and Chen Xiang.

"First leave here!" Chen Xiang smiled and said, leading the group.

On one side, Chen Xiang was walking, while on the other, he warned them about the conspiracy of the devil path sects, and this scared the hell out of them. They completely believed Chen Xiang's words. At this time, Chen Xiang came to know that all four of them didn't have any status in their sect. Although they were in the True Martial Realm at such a young age, the True Martial Sect's Dean was worried about the death of some disciples with high potential, that was why he elected to just send these four.

"You don't need to be worried. As long as we work together, we would eventually walk out alive from here." Chen Xiang comforted them. All of their faces were filled with sadness, because they knew they were the weakest in here, while the lineup of the other sects was rather strong. Both the Divine Weapon Heavenly Empire and the Icewind Valley had sent their strongest disciples. Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan, these kind of talented and outstanding girls were sent. The Extreme Martial Sect had also sent ten, and there was no need to question Chen Xiang's strength.

"Thanks a lot, Chen Xiang!" The girl thanked in a light tone.

"Chen Xiang, I didn't expect your character to be so good. It is way different from what those elders told us; a heinous devil beyond redemption." A slightly young boy laughed and said.



"As long as no one attacked me, I will not attack them either! Liao Shaoyun from your True Martial Sect first took action against me and almost killed me. Because of my bounty, the others also came to attack me. Otherwise, I wouldn't even bother with them." Chen Xiang said.

"All of these weirdos are too greedy and too arrogant, otherwise, they will not create so much noise." A man said.

"Don't say this anywhere else. After you return to the True Martial Sect, it is best that you don't mention that I have saved you. It's for the better if none of you talk about it, otherwise, your Dean or Liao Shaoyun, both of them would become even more hostile to you." Chen Xiang smiled and said.

"No, I want to speak! As long as I leave here in one piece, I'll separate myself from the True Martial Sect. They don't look at as a human, not even a little bit." The girl coldly harrumphed, this kind of personality made Chen Xiang greatly appreciate her.

One by one, the three men also voiced out their thoughts. The True Martial Sect had sent them here to die, which made them hold a grudge in their heart.

Chen Xiang eyes lit up, laughed and said, "If you have no place to go after leaving the True Martial Sect, you can always come find me in the Extreme Martial Sect."

## Chapter 244 - Wei Hongdao

Chen Xiang was drawing them in, those four True Martial Sect disciples could also see that clearly. However, they thought Chen Xiang was going to make them enter the Extreme Martial Sect, which was impossible in the Chenwu Mainland. Once someone entered a sect, they could never enter another sect ever again. Even if they left, the other sect would still not receive them.

Chen Xiang told them the route back, he had left many marks along the way as he was traveling. As long as those marks were found, one could very easily reach the outermost periphery simply by backtracking these marks, then they could converge with disciples of the other sects.

Chen Xiang still had some leftover business here, after all, he still had not found the disciples from Lotus Island or Danxiang Taoyuan.

Danxiang Taoyuan and the Extreme Martial Sect had pretty good relations, so Chen Xiang did not need to worry about getting attacked by them. As for the Lotus Island, Chen Xiang had yet to come in contact with them. Although Lotus Island was located near the shore, they were in-charge of a greater portion of the Chenwu Mainland, as such they were also one of the relatively stronger forces.

After the True Martial Sect's disciples left, Chen Xiang continued on his journey to the next known ambush point, to see if he could find the disciples of Danxiang Taoyuan and Lotus Island.

Just as Chen Xiang entered the ghastly forest, his hair stood up on its ends. The noxious aura surrounding them was extremely dense accompanied by an extremely nauseating stench.

Suddenly, a red aura flashed through the dark forest. Chen Xiang felt a cold shiver run down his spine before he hastily reacted by jumping into the air. He was drenched in cold sweat as he saw the ground

he stood on a moment ago replaced with a deep gully dug out by that red aura. If that attack had landed on him, the aftermath would have been disastrous.

Both the speed and strength from that earlier blow was quite frightening. However, the most crucial factor was its concealing ability. If not for Chen Xiang having gone through countless fights, allowing his instincts to help him react in a split second, he would have been killed.

"Ha ha..." With utter astonishment, Chen Xiang suddenly heard a very sharp ear-piercing laughter that could cause anyone who heard it have goosebumps.

After Chen Xiang landed on the ground, he immediately took out the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade. At this moment, that blood red aura flashed once again. Chen Xiang had already made preparations to deal with any kind of attack with his blade. Using the huge body of the blade, Chen Xiang resisted the powerful oncoming attack.

It came from a very long sword, completely blood red glistening in a crimson light. The person holding the sword surprised Chen Xiang even more, it was a young man with shoulder length hair, which was also blood red! Even his eyes were bloodshot and he seemed like a very bizarre and frightening monster.

The young man suddenly opened his mouth and a very long red tongue stretched out. He licked that blood-red long sword making the scene look even more hair-raising and bizarre.

Chen Xiang retreated a few steps before he coldly asked, "Who are you?" He was sure this guy was a disciple of a devil sect, moreover, he was definitely very strong.

"Tsk ts..." The red haired man shook his head and sneered, "You are Chen Xiang, the top youngest martial artist of the Extreme Martial Sect, with name reverberating like thunder. I had not thought you were so ignorant, you really don't know who I am?"

Chen Xiang snorted, said, "I don't know exactly who you are, but you're definitely a disciple of a devil path sect."

"That being the case, I'll introduce myself so that you can die knowing who's responsible for your death. However, it seems my reputation is not widespread, you actually don't know who I am!" The red haired man suddenly put on a red gown and proudly said, "I'm Wei Hongdao of the Blood Refining Clan."

Chen Xiang frowned, the Blood Refining Clan was one of the strongest among the five major devil sects. He had indeed heard a little about Wu Hongdao, his age was similar to Chen Xiang's and both of them possessed frightening strength at such a young age along with stunning talent.

However, in light of their reputations, Wei Hongdao and Chen Xiang were miles apart, Wei Hongdao was truly a devil, he specifically slaughtered civilians in cold blood, burning and looting were just a some of his deeds, he had committed many unimaginable crimes.

"You came here to die?" Chen Xiang squinted his eyes. Killing this kind of devil, would allow his state of mind to reach sublimation, he would never have any scruples to attack people like Wei Hongdao. Not to mention the fact that Chen Xiang had just strided into the 5th level of the True Martial Realm, and had been worried he would have no opportunity to try out his newfound strength.

The devil path sect actually sent a disciple with such high potential into this battle, it was totally out of Chen Xiang's expectations. One must know, there were not that many True Martial Realm martial artist in the devil path sects, it was much less than the righteous sects. As for outstanding disciples, they were even fewer.

"Humph, you really have a big mouth. Don't think with your little reputation, you have the right to be arrogant in front of me! Aren't you just lucky, and managed to create some large commotion just because of fortunate opportunities? Let me tell you, not to mention you with this sort of strength, even a 9th level True Martial Realm martial artist would die by my hands!" Wei Hongdao furiously said, while he swiftly and violently brandished his blade very fast. It was like a red lightning bolt suddenly shot towards Chen Xiang.

In the case that Chen Xiang was prepared, this kind of speed was still very easy to deal with, moreover he had already been vigilant. When Wei Hongdao attacked, Chen Xiang also brandished his Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade at the same time. With an azure flash, the two weapons collided together. Qi waves burst forth one after the other from the impact as a storm burst forth that even made the trees around them smashed into mere splinters in the blink of an eye.

Even while just chatting, a casual wave of their weapons could result in such a frightening shockwave. It even seemed that their strength was equal.

The Blood Refining Clan was a devil path sect which made people terror-stricken just from hearing their name because of their sect's Blood Refining Great Devil Technique, which was simply cultivation using blood. Under this technique, the cultivator required a vast amount of blood during the cultivation, while crystal stones were thrown in the sea of blood. The cultivator immersed themselves within this concoction, this way of cultivation was already very nauseating.

However, what made everyone intolerable of this method of cultivation was that all the blood was obtained through killing powerless mortals in order to procure that vast amount of blood quickly. It was also this reason that no members of the righteous sects could allow the devil path sects to grow, otherwise the majority of the civilians from the Chenwu Mainland would become nothing more than a disposable resource for the cultivation of the devil path sects.

Wei Hongdao's feet moved a bit but he firmly held his ground. Although his face was unspeakably dignified, it was also a bit red. From Chen Xiang's blow, Wei Hongdao could roughly gauge his opponent's strength, which was a lot stronger than the rumor had stated. It was said that Chen Xiang was only in the 2nd level of the True Martial Realm and by relying on mysterious martial skills and his powerful blade, his true strength would be able to contend with someone in the 5th level of the True Martial Realm.

Of course, it also mentioned that Chen Xiang had another status that Wei Hongdao couldn't overlook. As an alchemist, Chen Xiang could eat his own dāns which was a very easy and smooth course for cultivation. The True Qi gained would be even more rich and the advancement of cultivation was definitely not slow.

Chen Xiang had a look of ease on his face. Although Wei Hongdao was in the 5th level of the True Martial Realm and the True Qi in his body was very tyrannical, it was not vigorous enough. The explosive force was strong but it was not sustainable.

After both of them faced each other's strike, they were silent for a moment, before attacking once again. This time, it was actually Chen Xiang who took action first. However, just as he started his attack, Wei Hongdao immediately retaliated.

The Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade flashed towards Wei Hongdao within the blink of an eye. An increasingly dense azure aura and incomparably fierce imposing atmosphere weighed down on him as the cleaving strike seemed to split heaven and earth apart. Weighing a hundred thousand jins, the blow still cleaved like lightning and instantly struck down with an imposing heaven shocking aura.

At the same time the blade was drawn, it made a clean sweep of everything around them. Before it, the dark clouds in the sky trundled, the fierce wind erupted in between the mountains, this earth shattering and nature altering strike, shocked Wei Hongdao to no end. He suddenly felt like his attempt at a counterattack was very, very small and insignificant.

## Chapter 245 - Finally Gathered

Originally, Wei Hongdao thought that his strength was equal or even beyond Chen Xiang's by a wide margin. However, he didn't expect Chen Xiang to actually have such a frightening blade technique. When this blade strike was coming, he practically saw a large wave with thunder and lightning envelop him.

At this moment, it was already too late to dodge. So, he could only block with his long blade and exhaust all his True Qi.

The blade strike Chen Xiang had used was the Wave Strike of the Dragon Slayer's Seven Killing Cut. It was incomparably overbearing and contained infinite power. This was the first time he had used this technique and its might had shocked Chen Xiang too.

Although Wei Hongdao's red long blade was an 8th level spirit weapon, when facing with the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, this divine weapon, it appeared to be insignificant. During the oncoming cleave of the huge blade, the blade body was wrapped in a layer of transparent and formidable power. It was full of destruction, and it carried unparalleled destructive force as it hacked towards Wei Hongdao's head.

When Wei Hongdao felt that tremendous True Qi, his heart shivered with fear. As soon as Chen Xiang's huge blade collided with his red blade, the red blade instantly shattered into pieces. He was already cornered, and in the next moment, an excruciating pain erupted from his body...

The Dragon Slayer's Seven Killing Cut was originally used to kill dragons. It had tyrannical might as well as a fierce imposing manner. There was no way for a human to withstand it, and trying to do so only had one end - annihilation.

After Wei Hongdao was cut with that terrifying power released by the Wave Strike, he vanished in a puff of smoke along with his blade. Chen Xiang kept his blade, and with a calm look, he left the area.

He was in the 5th level of the True Martial Realm, and only someone higher than the 6th level of the True Martial Realm could make him raise his guard. After all, it was already difficult to find an opponent in the same level as him.

After crossing a few high mountains, when Chen Xiang was halfway up a mountain, he suddenly saw slight movements among the trees not far away from him. Looking carefully, he saw many people running in the forest. In front, the disciples of the Lotus Island and Danxiang Taoyuan were running, while from behind, they were being chased by a large crowd of Human Devils!

It was quite clear that those Human Devils were not manipulated by anyone. Otherwise, they would not be so violent, nor would so many of them give chase to humans all at once.

Chen Xiang rushed down, and with a few jumps, he arrived behind the disciples. After those disciples saw Chen Xiang, for some unknown reason, they heaved a sigh of relief in their heart.

Everyone just saw Chen Xiang wielding both of his palms, striking them continuously. Rumbles relentlessly echoed out, and with each palm strike, the ground would severely tremble. Wherever the waves from his palms went, the ground would split and the trees would be uprooted.

The Shocking Heaven Palm was like fierce winds and mighty waves. As Chen Xiang continuously struck like waves after waves, the majority of those mindless and violent Human Devils were simultaneously hit. Near the place where the Shocking Heavenly Palm landed, either both blood and meat flew everywhere, or the Human Devils would spat out black blood as their whole body lay paralyzed. As for those far away violent Human Devils struck by the Qi waves, the True Qi within their body turned even more tyrannical, and as such, many Human Devils weren't able to control the fluctuations of True Qi, causing them to be injured from their very own True Qi.

In just a few moments, Chen Xiang had struck tens of Shocking Heaven Palm, and this kind of power, which shook heaven and earth and overturned the mountain and sea, made the Lotus Island's and the Danxiang Taoyuan's disciples extremely horrified. If it was them in place of those Human Devils, the result would not be any different.

In their front, the forest already no longer exist, and a large part of the trees had all been destroyed by Chen Xiang's Shocking Heaven Palm. Those two to three hundred Human Devils were either turned into a bloody pulp from the vigorous palm force, or were all torn apart, completely collapsed on the ground.

Chen Xiang frowned. He suddenly felt a great movement from far away, as if ten thousand horses were galloping. He reckoned a large number of Devil Beasts were rushing, so he quickly cried, "Walk quickly!"

There were seven disciples from the Danxiang Taoyuan and six from the Lotus Island, besides a few who were injured, the rest of them were all fine. They didn't recklessly fight to death with those Human Devils, but instead, they only chose to flee. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been alive till now, they all knew that they did not come here to fight to death, rather, they came here to survive.

All the way, everyone was running. Chen Xiang, with them, was quite close to the depths of the wasteland. In here, the Devil Beasts were rather large in number, and all of them were quite powerful. Plus, having so many people in the periphery of the wasteland would produce large movement, very easily disturbing some powerful fellows in the depths, and this was something Chen Xiang didn't want to happen.

Everyone has been found, however, the Beast Martial Sect and the Proud Sword Sect's disciples were not only ungrateful, they even chose to attack Chen Xiang, and thus, they were all annihilated by him. However, it was not more than ten people, and those devil sect disciples had more casualties.

After continuously running for three days, Chen Xiang finally brought the disciples of the Danxiang Taoyuan and the Lotus Island to meeting point.

After coming here, Chen Xiang noticed many corpses laid on the ground, and all of them were either of Human Devils or of Devil Beasts. These past few days, all of them has been very vigilant, and although their face was filled with worry, after seeing Chen Xiang arrive, they finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Every one had the very same look; all of them could not bear to smile, because they were all aware that they were in a very precarious position, especially against those powerful Devil Beasts.

Chen Xiang, after seeing a large head of a wolf, immediately knew that these Devil Beasts weren't controlled, and they came from the depths.

"Are all of you all right?" Chen Xiang asked.

"We're all right. Fortunately, we were all together, otherwise, we would have been eaten by those pack of wolves." Leng Youlan said. When thinking about those frightening Devil Beasts, a terrified look once again appeared on her face.

The ground was completely covered in traces of fierce battle. All of them were forced to act together, and only then was it killed. Such deed was certainly marvellous, and even for Chen Xiang, perhaps it would have been difficult to complete, unless he borrowed Long Xueyi's strength.

"We have already buried a lot of corpses. Younger Brother Chen, you didn't know but, we were besieged by a few groups of Devil Beasts and Human Devils. However, their corpses didn't have anything valuable, and we didn't really make money this time." Zhu Rong complained, his face was completely filled with a look of fatigue, as though the battle against the pack of wolves happened very recently.

The disciples of the righteous sect were only forty, but the devil sect's disciples were much more than them, and most of them could even control these Devil Beasts and Human Devils. Thinking of this point, many of them secretly started to get worried; they were all anxious if they would be caught and used as a sacrifice.

Observing everyone's complexion, which was filled with dread and without the least bit of morale, Chen Xiang knew that it was no good, so he shouted, "Who can create an array? A Defensive Array!"

Seeing no one replied, Chen Xiang sighed in his heart, but at this very moment, Xue Xianxian said in a small voice, "Brother Xiang, I can a little bit. However, a lot of crystal stones are required for an array, high-grade and top-grade crystal stones are a must."

Leng Youlan also came beside Chen Xiang and said, "Brother, I also know a little bit, what type of array should I draw?"

After thinking it through, Chen Xiang was able to understand that both Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan were personally taught by Liu Menger. Liu Menger was a Grand Refiner, and with regards to array spirit patterns, she was of course proficient. Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan being able to understand them was not strange.

"I don't have high-grade crystal stones, but I have a few top-grade crystal stones."

Everyone was secretly shocked. Before, when they were fighting against the Human Devils and Devil Beasts, both Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan had shown quite a lot of power. Both of them were rather formidable. Their attacks were overbearing and brutal, causing many men to feel ashamed. And now, they would have never expected both of them to call Chen Xiang as 'brother', and it even seems that their relationship was also quite excellent; this made many of them to feel somewhat jealous.

## Chapter 246 Working Together

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Chen Xiang selected a hill, and then explained his plan to everybody. His plan was to dig some cave inside this hill and hid inside there. He was planning to have them wait for the rest of the next two months there, and in order to ensure safety, he suggested to also dug another tunnel inside, which would be connected another side. If it still could not turn the tables against their attackers, then they could escape from that tunnel.

"We will also arrange a large formation, so if we encountered a powerful guy, then we can just open the formation. That way, we can resist for sometime while everybody escapes from the other tunnel." Chen Xiang said.

Everyone here had received the help of Chen Xiang, so they had no objection, and they very much supported Chen Xiang.

"Ok, for the start, everyone should divide the labor and work in cooperation. Those who are in the 4th level True Martial Realm and above should go and patrol, lest we are raided. Xianxian and Youlan will proceed to layout the formation, and as for the others, they should go and dig the tunnel. There is no need for the female disciples to dig, just go help in arranging the large formation." Chen Xiang said.

Zhu Rong curled his lips and said, "Younger Brother Chen, you can't be lazy, you also have to dig the tunnels with us."

Yun Xiaodao nodded his head and said, "Yes, Elder Brother Chen you need to be fair!"

The 4th level or 5th level True Martial Realm disciples were here to protect them, which would allow the others to dig at ease, that was why there was no objection.

Chen Xiang curled his lips, "Hei hei, I'm already in 5th level of the True Martial Realm, so I don't need to dig!"

Everyone was shocked, all of them always thought he was in the 2nd or 3rd level of the True Martial Realm, and the reason he could exert such a terrifying strength was because he was relying on a powerful blade and a mysterious martial skill. However, according to Chen Xiang, he was already at the 5th level of the true Martial Realm; they thought that wouldn't that mean his strength was now comparable to a 6th or 7th level True Martial Realm martial artist?

"True or false?" Zhu Rong was somewhat in disbelief, he knew that Chen Xiang, at the 3rd level of the True Martial Realm, could very well imitate the strength of a martial artist in the 5th level of the True Martial Realm.

Yun Xiaodao, as well as everyone else were also staring at Chen Xiang in disbelief. Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan, who had been very trusting to Chen Xiang, felt that Chen Xiang's sudden increase of cultivation was inconceivable.

"Have you heard of Wei Hongtao? A while back, I have finished him off in the forest." Chen Xiang smiled and said.

Wei Hongtao was an infamous young martial artist in the devil path sect. In the 5th level of the true Martial Realm, he was able to kill a 6th level True Martial Realm martial artist.

"I, with a single blade strike, beheaded him. If you don't believe, does any of you dare to try?" Chen Xiang laughed and said.

Hearing that he beheaded Wei Hongtao with a blade strike, everyone gulped a cold lump in their throat. Before, they had heard a very large commotion coming from the forest, and they of course knew that it was Chen Xiang's deed. But hearing it from Chen Xiang himself, now they couldn't help but believe it.

After knowing Chen Xiang's accurate strength, everyone felt a lot more at ease. In here, there were several alchemists, and with their help, they could recover quickly.

"Brother, are you not going to search for the disciples of the Beast Martial Sect and the Proud Sword Sect?" Leng Youlan asked.

Chen Xiang sneered, "No need to search for them. Those ungrateful bastards have been chopped by me. I, in order to save them, wrestled with a powerful Devil Beast, and finally I was seriously injured, but those guys coveted my treasured blade, and in turn, they came to kill me. Fortunately, I still had a little bit of strength left."

"Brother Xiang, were your injuries serious?" Xue Xianxian hastily ran over, held Chen Xiang's wrist; she very much wanted to check on Chen Xiang's injuries.

"I'm completely fine. Not to mention that because of them, I have entered the 5th level of the True Martial Realm." Chen Xiang squeezed her face, smiled and said.

Yun Xiaodao coldly snorted, "Those guys can go to hell, after we leave this damned place, let's inform the Dean, they'll destroy the Beast Martial Sect and the Proud Sword Sect."

Once the other sect's disciples heard their conversation, they were completely astonished. Prior to coming here, Gu Dongchen had stated that whoever dared to make a move on Chen Xiang, their sect would be completely finished. After they leave, a reign of terror was definite. Gu Dongchen had already cut the Dean of the Beast Martial Sect before, and now it was not difficult to extinguish the Beast Martial Sect. Not to mention the Proud Sword Sect was not on well-terms with many other sects, and they even had history of colluding with devil path sects, because they wanted to seize the crystal stone mine of the Extreme Martial Sect; this caused a rift between both of the sects.

In the hill, a relatively big stone room along with many smaller stone rooms were dug out. The entire hill was made of hard black stone; it was very difficult to dig. However, when encountered a concentration of attacks, it wasn't able to withstand much longer.



The escape passage lead to a forest far away, which was only decided after discussing with many people. The opposite of this forest was precisely that canyon which disappeared, and the trees in that place were relatively bigger. The ground was also hard; all of it was made of very hard stone. If they encountered a group attack, then they could use the lush trees to resist.

Among the forty people, only seven were girls, and no more than thirteen were in or above the 4th level of the True Marital Realm. They made a big part of the group, that was why only twenty were now digging the tunnels. But even if the stone was hard, for True Marital Realm martial artists, it was a piece of cake. Using their vigorous True Qi and spirit weapons, it was not too difficult to dig up.

Leng Youlan and Xue Xiang lead the five girls to the array. This kind of careful work could only be finished better if it was done by girls.

Chen Xiang, from time to time, was watching at the creation of the array. The females also had to do hard work, they had to carve very fine lines on the ground and on the rigid stone wall. Also, there was no room for mistakes. Furthermore, both Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan would release some Cold Qi on the ground to make some markings for the other girls to dig. After they were done marking the ground, they would also participate in digging.

"Qianqian, your flame is very formidable, and you can easily create fine lines. If this goes on, then we would be finished quite early." Xue Xianxian exclaimed, she saw Wu Qianqian, with just a finger, draw on the rigid ground, as if it was in an ordinary mud. Although there was no flame on Wu Qianqian's jade-like finger, the heat it released could still be felt.

"Haha, my flames are only formidable! I'm still not like you, Xianxian, not only do you know how to create arrays, you're also so formidable." Wu Qianqian laughed and said.

Leng Youlan said, "Qianqian, you flames are marvellous. I also use flames, but I'm unable to use flames like you!" She by infusing the flames in her spirit grade dagger, very carefully started carving some lines on the ground.

The other girls were doing marking the ground in unison; all of them were either using their own spirit weapon or True Qi.

"Are the carvings here correct?" Chen Xiang walked over and asked.

"En, but it still needs a very long time to finish. The top of the mountain, the foot of the mountain, and the circumference of the entire mountain should also have some carvings." Xue Xianxian replied.

"This old lady was originally not cut out for this careful work. However, the Dean insisted on passing it to me." Leng Youlan lightly snorted, she seemed anxious to draw the big sword on her back and ruthlessly hack it on the ground.

Chen Xiang slightly smiled and said, "Youlan, then you can go dig the caves. Leave the rest to me."

"You alone?" A girl asked, this was the True Martial Sect's disciple, You Yandie.

Chen Xiang nodded his head. They only saw him wave his arm, before many small specks of flame accurately fell on those drawing on the ground. Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan had spent most of the day in carving these marks; they were now covered in frost and it was very easy to identify them.

Once Chen Xiang's divine sense was transmitted, those small specks of fire suddenly landed onto the ground. Afterwards, they began to move, burning the ground, as easy as burning ice. Not long after, many lines appeared very quickly and easily, and this made all those girls extremely surprised. Everyone, without any exception, looked at Chen Xiang in admiration.

Once those small fire specks were extinguished, Chen Xiang would then wave his hand again, releasing more of those small fire specks.

## Chapter 247 - Profound Fire Exquisite Tower

Leng Youlan patted Chen Xiang's shoulder, laughed and said, "Brother, you're really awesome!"

Xue Xianxian played with her white hair, tenderly smiled and said, "Good sister, you quickly go and dig. Making you do this kind of delicate work has truly wronged you."

Leng Youlan open-heartedly smiled, pulled the big sword on her back and ran towards a cave. The other girls also followed her behind; they all didn't want to remain idle, and they also wanted to contribute. Although they were girls, they could not show any weakness.

"Qianqian, you should also do the same, give it a try!" Chen Xiang said, although he was faster compared to those girls, it would still need some time before the formation would be completed. And even after finishing, there was still a lot of after work left to do.

Wu Qianqian nodded her head. She imitated Chen Xiang and released some small specks of fire from her hands. However, she could only release five specks of fire, unlike Chen Xiang who released many.

At this time, Wu Qianqian realized how frightening the divine sense that was needed in controlling the movements of these specks of fire, and she also realised the exact the amount of heat in order to burn the ground. This made her aware of her own inadequacies, especially the difference between herself and Chen Xiang.

"Brother Xiang, how many top-grade crystal stones do you have?" Xue Xianxian asked.

"How many top-grade crystal stones do you need to lay out this formation?" Chen Xiang asked.

Xue Xianxian furrowed her brows and slightly pondered for a while, before speaking, "Probably three hundred or so. This is the Profound Fire Exquisite Tower formation taught by my teacher. It is very suitable in this kind of mountainous terrain. You can turn this hill into a tower-like structure, and it would be generally be useful as a defensive structure. It would need a large amount of flames though."

Chen Xiang took out a rather large piece of top grade crystal stone and handed it to Xianxian, "This should be enough!"

Xue Xianxian stuck out her tongue, tenderly laughed and said, "Brother Xiang, you are truly overflowing with riches. No wonder Zhu Lao always wanted me to inquire about your things, but also ask me to speak good things about him in front of you."

These days, Xue Xianxian became familiar with Chen Xiang's friends, and at the same time, she also came to know some of Chen Xiang's deeds from them. Not to mention Yun Xiaodao, Zhu Rong and the others were all very interesting too.

However, what made it unbearable for her was, Yao Haisheng actually called her mistress with a straight face. After Chen Xiang came to know, his belly almost burst; he certainly knew Yao Haisheng already didn't hate him, he knew that it was not wise to do so.

Chen Xiang once again gave many middle-aged crystal stones to Xue Xianxian, they were also used in the large formation. Chen Xiang had no shortage of these crystal stones, and he didn't feel any heartache giving them away. On the contrary, Wu Qianqian and Xue Xianxian were both very surprised, Chen Xiang's wealth was simply amazing.

Xue Xianxian carefully cut those top-grade crystal stones, and only after one hour of meticulous cutting was she finished. At this time, she called Leng Youlan and asked her to help her in setting these crystal stones in their designated place. After finishing setting them up, they still needed to infuse these carvings with pure fire attributed True Qi. And with all the crystal stones linked up, the large formation would then be up and running.

What caused Chen Xiang to become surprised was Xue Xianxian actually knew how to use fire. Before, he had only seen her use cold True Qi, but now, he suddenly understood that Xue Xianxian also had fire and ice veins, and Liu Menger was also the same, that was also why she took her in as her apprentice.

Chen Xiang's master and senior apprentice brother both had yin and yang veins. Liu Menger herself had fire and ice veins, that was why she carefully nurtured Leng Youlan and Xue Xianxian. He knew that the rank of Xue Xianxian's fire and ice veins were definitely not low, and at least, it was heaven level vein, or perhaps, it could even be a divine vein. Otherwise, she would not advance so quickly.

A whole day passed, and the entire hill was completely covered in criss-crossed lines. In between these lines, a crystal stone was placed. Xue Xianxian had evenly embedded those three hundred top-grade crystal stones in the large formation. It was also the first time for Leng Youlan and her to lay out this large formation.

At the end, both Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan were quite doubtful, because the way to lay out the formation they had learned was exactly the same. However, they understood very well the relation of the Divine Weapon Heavenly Empire and the Icewind Valley, that was why they were not that suspicious. Chen Xiang promised Liu Menger that he would not tell Xue Xianxian and Leng Youlan about her identity, but now it seemed Liu Menger had been very good to the both of them and also taught them the same things.

"The only thing it is lacking is powerful flames. Elder Brother, your flames are more formidable, and its density is also very high! If your flames filled this large formation, maybe it could make this large formation become more powerful." Leng Youlan said.

Under everyone's cooperation, the large formation was finally finished. Tunnels as well as the underground passage were dug, while the 4th level True Martial Realm martial artists and above had also fended some attacks off from the Devil Beasts and Human Devils. Although they encountered many problems, in the end, it was all resolved.

Chen Xiang took a leap, jumped up to the hilltop and said, "I'll give it a try!" Suddenly, on his body, flames emerged, and scorching Qi waves suddenly surge towards every directions. Regarding these kind of flames, everyone felt extremely surprised, they now understood why Chen Xiang, at such a young age, was a 4th level Alchemist. Relying on this kind of flame, he was truly worthy of his title.

Chen Xiang, with his fearsome divine sense, controlled the overflowing flames and directed them into those tiny indentations inside the formation. His flames, at this moment, were thoroughly compressed, appearing very small. But in truth, a small speck of it could casually burn the whole forest.

Leng Youlan and Xue Xianxian, using their divine sense, guided Chen Xiang's flames into those carvings inside. At the same time, they made the flames flow into the embedded crystal stones so that they would fuse together. Otherwise, those crystal stones would explode from the incineration of flames. On that hill, there was a good several hundred thousands of crystal stones, and the thought of them exploding at the same time was extremely terrifying.

At night, in a pitch black wasteland, a small hill was glittering in red light. The hill was completely covered in fiery red spirit patterns, which appeared very beautiful as well as extremely profound. Chen Xiang, in a steady stream, continued to release many flames, almost consuming his entire Vermillion Bird True Qi. The richness of his True Qi also made everyone feel shocked, especially those who utilize fire.

Chen Xiang's flames were originally very frightening, and in their opinion, Chen Xiang could not release it for too long. But at this moment, several hours had already passed, and the flames being released by Chen Xiang did not show any signs of weakening.

"Finished!" Leng Yuoulan and Xue Xiang, at the same time, tenderly shouted. Their forehead was sweating profusely, because they had consumed too much of their divine sense. Usually, when they were cultivating, Liu Menger was very demanding with them, especially with regards to their divine sense. That was why their divine sense wasn't lacking.

Many disciples arrived at the same time, and at this moment, there was too much of a difference between themselves and those young and famous disciples. If it was them, they simply could not hold for so long; they obviously knew others had given a lot effort.

Chen Xiang retracted the flames and took a deep breath. On the hill, those red spirit patterns also immediately disappeared, and even those carved lines had not trace left. This made many secretly amazed, they had personally seen the others lay out a large formation, but all of a sudden, not even a trace was left.

These spirit patterns were originally very mystical, and after the spirit patterns absorbed Chen Xiang's flames, Chen Xiang didn't feel surprised from what occurred next.

"If this hill was besieged, what do we do if they broke the large formation?" Zhu Rong worriedly asked. He knew a lot of crystal stones were used, and although the crystal stones were not his, it still made his heart bleed as if it was his.

"Rest assured, this large formation has already been integrated. Unless all its strength has been consumed, or the formation's base was destroyed by someone who knew how to break the formation, it would not be destroyed. Of course this large formation is mainly for stalling time, allowing everybody to

escape using the underground tunnel. If it is just some underlings, we ourselves will simply finish them off." Leng Youlan said.

## Chapter 248 - Greater Crisis

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The devil sect disciples and those ordinary Devil Beasts and Human Devils simply did not pose any threat to them. However, what they were afraid of was encountering those terrifying Devil beasts, such as pack leaders or ancient beasts from remote antiquities, like the Black Armored Crocodile Chen Xiang had encountered before.

Of course, this level of Devil Beasts were somewhat manageable, but if even more powerful beings showed up, like those who reached the Extreme State, they would have no way to resist.

Inside the hill, everyone was together in a circle eating some sort of meat from a demon beast. This had all been provided by Zhu Rong, only he would carry so much food.

"Ahh, two months, only a little amount of time has passed! I'm worried about that altar, this is a huge opportunity for those devil path cultivators to turn things around. They've definitely made backup plans, as long as the altar is there, they are able to communicate with individuals from the Devil Domain. With their help, they could still do many things." Chen Xiang sighed.

Looking at the terrain of the Southern Wasteland, it was almost certain that many powerful existences had been sealed inside. Moreover, there was also a mysterious altar inside. It was quite evident that these must have been left behind from the last Great War between the Three Heavenly Realms.

"I could go with you to destroy that altar." Hao Dongqing suggested.

Chen Xiang shook his head and said, "Senior Brother Hao, you stay here. I'll check it out alone first, if I can't destroy it alone, then I'll come back and we can go together."

Hao Dongqing was in the 5th level of the True Marital Realm and could be considered somewhat powerful, but Chen Xiang going alone was much more convenient given his abilities.

"Brother, I'll go with you!" Leng Youlan said. To travel the world with Chen Xiang has been her dream for a very long time.

"Youlan, this place needs you, be obedient!" Chen Xiang replied. Leng Youlan was also not weak, there were many 2nd level or 1st level True Martial Realm martial artists here, but they didn't have any means to retaliate when facing those devil sect disciples. In order to win, many people needed to remain alive, and to ensure that, stronger martial artists were required to stay behind to guard.

Leng Youlan was somewhat disappointed, but still nodded her head.

"This is a messaging rune. If there's anything urgent, as long as the rune is burned, I will know." Chen Xiang handed Hao Dongqing the rune, Chen Xiang had obtained this from those Free Immortal Sea disciples he had killed before.

Chen Xiang already had decided to go to the altar, but if this place was not safe, he would not be at ease. But now he could go and search for altar without worry.

Chen Xiang knew the location of the Altar, however, it was relatively deeper into the Southern Wasteland. In other words, there were also many powerful Human Devils and Devil Beasts in his way.

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The disciples of devil sects had all gathered together. They had not expected they would suffer so many casualties and even lose Wei Hongdan. Things didn't just end there either, it was unlike what they had planned, and far worse.

"Your Hundred Poison Sect has been flinching, not the little bit useful! Are you good now, not only did you not capture anyone, you've also disturbed the monsters in depths!?" A man shouted. These devil sect disciples were hiding in the ground, they all wore a black robe with a hood, all of them had the same outfit on.

"Humph, we, the Hundred Poison Sect, specialize in usage of poisons, don't you already know how we are in regards to others respects? If no one cooperated with us, we simply could not approach closer to them. It's really windy here too, any kind of poisonous air would be blown away, and could also cause our own side to be poisoned! Our hidden weapons also cannot be used, against these kind of formidable righteous disciples." A hoarse sound retorted.

"Now they're all are hiding. They seem to be aware of our plot, but how could they have found out? We would all rather die than speak. If they don't enter the forests, we simply cannot ambush them and can only fight a head on battle. It's almost like there's not enough of us to kill from the aftermath of the battle! Besides, Boss Wei might also be dead." A lamenting sharp and demonic voice came.

"It seems we can only try that way..." An old sound said.

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Chen Xiang nimbly leapt through the mountain forest. He encountered a lot of Devil Beasts and Human Devils, but he was extremely quick, and managed to escape from those bunch of devil creatures. He was currently somewhat suspicious, it seemed these Human Devils and Devil Beasts knew there were humans in nearby.

"Do these guys have very strong sensibility?" Chen Xiang muttered, before Xue Xianxian and the others at the converging point has been attacked by wave after waves of Devil Beasts and Human Devils, now they were once again rushing towards that place. Chen Xiang could not help but be worried as he sped up towards the altar.

"These Devils Beasts and Human Devils are all in True Martial Realm! But their intelligence is very common, even if their sense of smell is extremely sensitive, they would never think of rushing towards some far away place, unless..." Su Meiyao's tone became solemn.

"This group is being directed by a powerful individual! The Southern Wasteland is an ancient battlefield, maybe those powerful Demon or Devils from time immemorial are here, they may be sealed up, but they could still use their divine sense!" Bai Youyou's voice turned even colder.

Chen Xiang's whole body quivered from shock, "Are those formidable guys sealed in the depths making these Devil Beasts and Human Devils grab humans in order to open the altar and free themselves!?"

At this point, not only the devil sect disciples wanted to free them, those old bastards were trying to free themselves! Things have become more and more serious, which increased Chen Xiang's determination to destroy the altar!

Their guess was definitely fairly accurate. Long Xueyi said, "If that's the case, then those powerful guys are still sealed! Hurry up and destroy the altar! If they come out, then the situation would be too horrible to describe."

"Who the hell was responsible for this place during the Three Realm Great Battle!? In remote antiquity, they actually left such dangerous beings." Chen Xiang secretly cursed.

"Some guys are too formidable and very hard to kill. One only can seal them." Long Xueyi said.

Su Meiyao and Bai Youyou were both silent, especially Su Meiyao. Chen Xiang found she seemed to be worried about something, and didn't have her previous demeanor with that enchanting smiling expression.

These groups of Human Devils and Beasts Devils chased Chen Xiang for a while before giving up. It seemed like they were under control of someone, but Chen Xiang would not allow these groups to go and besiege those disciples in the small hill.

Chen Xiang jumped up in the air, and smacked a palm towards the ground. Universal True Qi transformed into a huge transparent palm, fiercely pressing down on the earth, turning those devil creatures into patties one by one.

"Chen Xiang, be careful! If these things are being controlled by someone, they might know what happened here. Plus, you are now on your way to altar. Perhaps that guy might arrange some powerful creature to try and block you." Su Meiyao exhorted in serious tone.

Not long after Su Meiyao's words fell, a low-spirited and gloomy beastly roars came from ahead, making the dark wasteland even more frightening.

The blowing chilly wind, the inexhaustible Death Qi, the gloomy beastly roars one after another drifting off into the sky along with the continuous shaking of the ground all served to create an incomparably horrifying atmosphere that even sent Chen Xiang into jitters.

"Come then! Father's Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade is not something to be trifled with!" As Chen Xiang clasped the blade's hilt, the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade suddenly flashed with an azure aura. Moreover, it slightly trembled as if it was excited.

Feeling an intention for battle coming from the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, Chen Xiang's blood started seething. The Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade's mission was precisely to slaughter devils, as can be seen by its title. In battle, it could give Chen Xiang even more power in order to cut demons and extinguish devils!"

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The trees in front of Chen Xiang were being torn down one by one with tumbling stones and sand flying around everywhere. The very earth shook, it was as if tens of thousands of horses were galloping towards him.

However, it was not horses but rather Devil Beasts, far larger than any horse. From its howl, Chen Xiang could tell it was a very large wolf type Devil Beast.

Behind Chen Xiang's back, a large bundle of flames suddenly emerged. It formed into a huge pair of wings across his back, making his figure appear like a monstrous fire bird.

Chen Xiang had released the [Vermillion Bird Firewing], the flame's temperature was so high that all the nearby tree spontaneously combusted as a raging forest fire spread everywhere. The sudden sea of flame combined with the billowing smoke, from a far away place, was a spectacular scene to behold.

The wings on Chen Xiang's back became larger and larger. Currently, Chen Xiang had released all of his Vermillion Bird True Qi. He was preparing to use these wings to meet the impact of those hundreds of thousands of Devil Beasts charging towards him. If he wanted to escape, that would have been simple. But he could not escape, otherwise these Devil Beasts would trample over his companions behind him.

As Chen Xiang's body was overshadowed by the billowing pillars of flame, he stared at the oncoming wave of Devil Beasts. Blue veins bulged as he clenched his fists, and along with an insane howl, he moved those hundred zhang long firewings.

With a single flap of those huge wings of flame, a fierce wind erupted as the surroundings were burned to the ground. The stones and soil on the ground turned red hot from the intense heat and the surroundings were covered in raging flames. With that single flap of those huge wings everything in front of them were swept away.

The dim wasteland had been illuminated in a fiery red light. The originally quaking ground settled down, only to be replaced by miserable beastly roars.

After Chen Xiang whipped those huge [Vermillion Bird Firewings] together, an incomparably scorching hot Qi Wave was produced, followed by the instant incineration of everything in its path. The entire stampede of Devil Beasts were submerged in flames.

These were flames released by someone possessing the Heavenly Sun Fire Spirit. Extremely Yang and unbending, these type of flames were unbearable to evil creatures, innately suppressing them. As long as they touched these flames, an excruciating pain would spread throughout their whole body as each cell was burned into ashes. For them, these were the flames from the afterlife, judgement flames specialized in punishing evil.

Just a short span of time passed, and those huge firewings on Chen Xiang's back had already disappeared. His whole body was drenched in sweat, even though he was the one who used the technique, he still felt the scorching heat from all the flames he had released. The environment in front of him was still burning with bellowing flames, and those Devil Beasts were struggling. It was like a scene of eternal damnation from the scorching punishments of hell.



Chen Xiang ate some dāns for restoring True Qi. Holding the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, he entered the sea of flames, which all avoided him like they had a collective conscious to avoid burning him.

After entering the sea of fire, Chen Xiang would brandish his blade and behead any struggling Devil Beasts in his path. The flames had burned for so long, yet a few Devil Beasts still struggled to stay alive, their endurance was extraordinary.

These were all the larger black and red wolves, far stronger than the ones Chen Xiang had encountered before. He speculated that these wolves still had the ability to rapidly reproduce after turning into Devil Beasts, and were also very strong, otherwise there would not be so many of them.

Chen Xiang walked in the direction of the loudest roar. As a monstrous giant black wolf struggling, rolling and howling as it was burned by flames came into his view. Its powerful limbs were being slowly incinerated by the flames, causing it unable to stand.

"It seems that my flame grew along with my cultivation. It could actually burn this kind of big beast." Chen Xiang slightly smiled before he slashed his Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil blade, cutting that humongous wolf in half with a powerful azure Qi.

In the sea of fire, even Chen Xiang didn't know how many wolves he had beheaded. He only knew that the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade was still not completely satisfied. Although he was tightly clasping the blade, the blade was still slightly trembling. From the contact between the blade and his hand, Chen Xiang could feel the soaring battle thirst from the blade.

"There is a powerful guy in the vicinity!" Long Xueyi shouted, "The sky is also covered in a very evil aura, one filled with violence and blood. It seems a powerful guy is waiting for you up ahead, he should be the strongest opponent you have met since you entered this wasteland."

Chen Xiang turned serious, as he swallowed a True Elemental Dan, quickly adjusting his state. He wanted to be in peak condition to face this upcoming powerful threat.

Passing through the sea of flames, the world around Chen Xiang suddenly quieted down. Before long, all those miserable howls had already disappeared, as those wolves had all been beheaded by Chen Xiang. To be precise, many more were burned to death by the flames, smoke was still blowing from that severely burnt forest, a fiery light pierced the sky, brightly illuminating the wasteland. However, the Southern Wasteland was not hot at all. In fact, it had turned even a little bit colder, the chilly winds became more dense, the Devil Qi turned even more tyrannical, it was very strange.

Chen Xiang carried the huge blade on his shoulder. With the Azure Dragon making its battle intentions clear, shimmering in a cold and solemn aura on the blade body, along with the constantly overflow of an imposing manner filled with a majestic aura. Combined, this made Chen Xiang look like he was an evil devil terminator.

Chen Xiang halted his steps, and took in mouthful of air. Suddenly, a man appeared in front of Chen Xiang. This man had a very skinny build, with all his limbs were completely covered in white cloth. His face was very dark, very cold, like that of a dead man. However, red light could be seen from the pupil of his eyes, making others feel strange. In his hand was a very long bone spear. The snow white bone spear was actually wrapped in mysterious black encryptions and appeared to be a good weapon.

Feeling the intense Devil Qi spewing out from this man's body, Chen Xiang concluded this man must be a Human Devil, and also a very formidable who had retained its spirit wisdom.

"What are you going to do at the Altar?" That man asked. This voice was stiff as well as cold, devoid of any emotion whatsoever, it was very creepy.

Facing such a man, the normal reaction would be becoming alert and maybe frightened, but Chen Xiang just grinningly smiled and said, "First of all, me going to the altar is none of your business. However, if you really want to know, I can tell you. I'm going there to take a piss!"

Chen Xiang's reply made that man's stiff face twitch. From those red eyes, a bloody light flashed through, making Chen Xiang momentarily smell thick Death Qi surrounding him with the iron smell of blood.

"I'm that altar's guardian! I am also its priest, you have blasphemed our sacred altar! I will use your blood, your heart, your soul and offer it to the Devil God." Although that man's voice was stiff, it sounded very excited, when he spoke of Devil God, his high-pitched voice was full of respect and humility, completely in conflict with his earlier emotionless speech.

Seeing this, Chen Xiang was somewhat surprised. He sneered and said, "I'd like to see if you even have the ability to stop me."

Just as Chen Xiang finished speaking, he saw a red light flash towards him. In that split second, he fiercely leaned his head to the side, just to see a small amount of his hair drifting away in the cold bitter wind. At that very moment, the long bone spear with many spirit patterns was resting on the side of his cheek. Feeling the Cold Qi gushing out from the bone spear, a chill ran through Chen Xiang's back.

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The original snow white bone spear was bathing in a crimson light, as if it was suddenly bleeding, looking very peculiar. After missing his thrust, the priest didn't continue with the second thrust, instead, he received the bone spear back and retreated a few steps. Both of his hands were holding the bone spear tightly as he raised it in the sky. With a loud shout, a huge black whirlpool suddenly appeared in the sky, and all the Devil Qi of the Southern Wasteland suddenly surged over his head.

"Quickly stop this guy, although I don't know why he can suddenly gather such strength, if you allowed him to succeed, you might be in trouble." Su Meiyao hastily shouted.

"This guy seems to be communicating with the Devil Domain, the spell he is chanting is from the ancient scriptures during the immemorial time of the Devil Domain, which only a few people can understand. It seems he is really a priest." Bai Youyou said.

Chen Xiang's dantian sank, the Tai Chi Yin and Yang diagram started to revolve insanely as the True Qi in the five divine beast forms fiercely surged out. Then they fused together in his dantian, transforming into the Universe true Qi.

With the infusion of such vigorous True Qi into the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, its weight insanely rose, however, Chen Xiang didn't feel any sort of change. He only felt that with this blade, he could cut everything in the world.

Chen Xiang had no idea what the priest was doing, but he knew that at the moment, the guy was doing something very terrible. If he let him succeed, the Chenwu Mainland would certainly be in danger.

The continuously trembling Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade suddenly calmed down as Chen Xiang yelled, "You fiend, go to hell!"

While speaking, the giant blade suddenly flashed as an immense righteous aura, followed by an azure light, burst forth. Afterwards, a dragon roar filled with majesty spread through all directions.

At this moment, Chen Xiang also felt a very strong power in the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade. He was already aware that he himself knew little about this blade. The strength hidden in this blade was very vast, and today, he came to know that within the blade, there was actually a kind of righteous aura, which was mostly fatal for depraved demon or devils.

Chen Xiang jumped over, with each step as fierce as a dragon and a tiger, providing him an immense strength. He brandished his blade and cross-chopped towards that bone spear raised towards the sky. At that very moment when the giant blade slashed over, a dragon roar resounded in all directions, and the righteous aura broke through that black whirlpool high in the sky. The land was as if it had a dragon who was waking up, and followed by that melodious high-pitched dragon roar, the land fiercely shook.

BOOM!

High in the sky, numerous azure and red lightning suddenly flashed, as a fissure presented itself in those thick dark clouds. This fissure was the result of the collision of powerful Qis that came from two different sources, and it was as though it was splitting the sky, bring about a spectacular view.

The huge black whirlpool above the priest's head disappeared, and only the intertwining azure and red intertwining was left, while various sounds were echoing in the Southern Wasteland. It took a while before the land slowly calmed down, and after the echo disappeared, the Southern Wasteland once again fell into a death like silence.

That fire sea behind Chen Xiang was also blown away from the impact, and in all-around these two men, only a flat piece of land was left. One must know that just a few moments ago, the now flat land was all filled with trees and hills.

Chen Xiang's hands were somewhat numb, he didn't expect that the Bone Spear would actually have such a strong power. He not only failed in cutting down the bone spear, his Five Zhang and Six Fu were also shaken up and squeezed together. But at the very least, he was still successful in preventing the dangerous task the priest was doing.

The priest furiously looked at Chen Xiang. From his mouth, black blood flowed out as black Qi appeared in those glittering red eyes of his. Red lightning wound around his white bone spear as his rage turned into Devil Qi, surging forth from his body.

"You are actually capable of preventing me from accepting the leftover strength of the Devil God here! You made me miss the sole opportunity granted by the Devil God! I'll make you wish you would

rather die than live." The priest's voice was cold; it was filled with bitter resentment, as if coming from the fiends of hell itself.

Chen Xiang, in his heart, was secretly shocked. Accepting the leftover strength of a Devil God? Wouldn't it be most of the Devil Qi in the Southern Wasteland? That would be rather terrifying.

"Sister Youyou, where the hell did this guy come from? That thing in his hand is very terrifying. It is same as my Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, and I was not able to cut that thing." Chen Xiang hastily asked.

"Ancient Devil God, they are the strongest cultivator in the Devil Domain. During the Great Battle of the Three Realms, the Ancient Devil God would leave behind this kind of place, along with an altar and a priest nurtured by the Devil Qi. Once defeated, as long as the priest and the altar is still there, it is possible for them to return to the Devil Domain through the Altar, or receive the Ancient Devil God's instruction from the Devil Domain. In short, it is a method for the majority of the devils to be reborn after death. Of course, after the altars around the world were found, they were all immediately destroyed. In some worlds, the residents are simply not aware of them. But because majority of the ancient battlefield are all sealed, nothing will really happen to them." Bai Youyou readily described, and unlike her usual demeanor, she was rather talkative at the moment.

Chen Xiang, in his heart, cursed the devil path guys. They actually knew such a dangerous thing, and they even planned to let the devil creatures in here once again see the light.

"The devil path sects should have obtained some records, however, the records they received are not very comprehensive. They perhaps don't even know what exactly is in this place." Bai Youyou said.

Chen Xiang suddenly suspected Bai Youyou was a resident of the Devil Domain, otherwise, she wouldn't know these stuff in detail; even Long Xueyi and Su Meiyao both didn't know about these things.

"The thing in his hand is very good, your blade wasn't even able to cut it. But even though it is somewhat evil, you must still obtain it." Long Xueyi said.

Just as she finished speaking, the priest let out a strange howl as he fiercely thrust the bone spear towards Chen Xiang. Before the bone spear even arrived, a sharp and powerful Qi with had already come over with 'Xiu Xiu' sound. It was like an invisible arrow piercing the air. Chen Xiang reacted a bit slowly, and a bloodstain was left behind by the powerful Qi on his cheek. However, he still dodged the bone spear.

At the moment the bone spear's attack arrived, although there was not much large movements, Chen Xiang could still sense the power contained inside it. If he was stabbed, the consequence would be simply unimaginable. The priest had dedicated himself in stabbing Chen Xiang's head, realizing this point, Chen Xiang finally realized his current predicament.

The bone spear was not only incomparably hard, it also had a very special effect. To be precise, it could, in the blink of an eye, gather a large amount of power at its tip. Once it was thrust, that power from the tip would burst out. If a thrust was weak and missed the target, the power would then immediately return back to its user, thereby decreasing the consumption to the minimum.

Chen Xiang was attacked twice, and during those times, he had carefully paid attention to the power flow in the bone spear, that was why he could speculate this. It was indeed not a bad weapon, He had the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, but it would be nice to have another powerful weapon, though the Bone Spear didn't seem to have anything righteous about it.

"This guy is just a one trick pony. He only knows how to use that thing to stab you. Maybe he doesn't even know any other devil techniques." Long Xueyi said.

Just as she finished speaking, she immediately knew that she was wrong, because the priest stretched his five fingers apart, and in the blink of an eye, it transformed into a huge skeleton claw. The huge skeleton claw whisked towards Chen Xiang, with bloody-red aura winding around it. As it got closer to Chen Xiang, dark cold Devil Qi shot out towards all directions. Chen Xiang knew that if he was hit, then his head would certainly be torn in half.

That huge skeleton claw hastily struck towards Chen Xiang, however, when he was hit, Chen Xiang's figure burst into mist.

It was a virtual image created from mist. Suddenly, Chen Xiang appeared behind the priest. With both of his hands clasping the Azure Dragon Slaughtering Devil Blade, which was infused vigorous and firm True Qi, he very quietly slashed towards the priest from behind.