

Eternal Heart 661

Chapter 661: One Against Two

The power of the Spatial Realm could only be profoundly understood and manifested as an immensely powerful force by those who had reached the status of a Sky Sea Realm Venerable.

Take for instance the Thousand Stone Venerable, who comprehended the unique Spatial Realm and formed the “Hundred-Zhang Sandstorm.” Ordinary Guiyuan Realm cultivators, once near it, would be annihilated by this force without the Thousand Stone Venerable needing to lift a finger.

At this moment, the Spatial Realm Power displayed by Chen Yu, although not as formidable, clearly showed the same potential.

You must understand that the difficulty of comprehending the power of intention between those below the Sky Sea Realm and a Sky Sea Realm Venerable is starkly different.

Moreover, spatial power has always been extremely profound; among a hundred exceptional individuals, at most only two or three could comprehend such a power.

This was exactly why Cui Ming was so shocked!

If Chen Yu were to break through to the Sky Sea Realm and comprehend the unique power of the Spatial Realm, he would be nearly invincible among his peers! f

Crack!

The silver light shield around Cui Ming, under continuous bombardment from Chen Yu, broke again.

Cui Ming, enduring fifty to sixty percent of the palm's force, was sent flying downwards and almost crashed headfirst into the ground.

"Chen Yu, what exactly do you want?"

Cui Ming, knowing he couldn't escape, clenched his teeth and shouted at Chen Yu.

He was sure that Chen Yu would not dare to kill him, and thus spoke in such a manner.

"As a loser, you still dare to be so arrogant?"

Chen Yu frowned slightly and launched another Space Palm Technique.

Boom!

The soil erupted; Cui Ming's figure was blasted ten Zhang away.

"Chen Yu, think it through. If you kill me, there will be no place for you in the Southern Domain. The moment you step out of Black Demon Valley, my Cui Clan will never let you go,"

Cui Ming climbed up, still arrogantly threatening Chen Yu.

"So what if I kill you?"

Chen Yu's expression was icy as he slashed with his sword.

Indeed, he didn't want to provoke the trouble of the Cui Clan, but even Chen Yu's patience had its limits.

"You

Cui Ming's eyes widened in disbelief.

Did Chen Yu really dare to kill him?

Feeling the imminent danger, Cui Ming's cold body immediately scrambled up and activated his High Grade Inner Armor for defense.

However, he was too late in triggering it; the shield was only half-formed when Chen Yu's sword descended, shattering it.

Splat!

A sword fell, and blood sprayed, severing Cui Ming's right leg from his body.

"Ah

Cui Ming's scream echoed through the forest.

His body was covered in cold sweat, his forehead's veins bulged, and his expression was one of utter panic.

Even now, he seemed unable to believe that Chen Yu truly dared to kill him!

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Above the forest, You Lie and the purple-dressed woman were flying quickly.

"That damn Cui Ming, he ran off first!"

You Lie cursed.

Original plans were to trap the Thousand Stone Venerable, but after Cui Ming learned that the tribe's treasury had been breached, he fled first.

You Lie and the purple-dressed woman, faced with the increased difficulty of killing the Thousand Stone Venerable alone, also retreated.

While You Lie cursed Cui Ming, he harbored even greater hatred for the thief who had stolen their spoils.

"I hope Cui Ming hasn't already found that person and hoarded all the loot for himself,"

The purple-dressed woman said, her pretty face covered with frost.

Cui Ming was the first to withdraw, leaving them to fight the Thousand Stone Venerable for a while. When they arrived at Thousand Stone Mountain, they found nothing and began searching everywhere.

"He'd better not dare!"

You Lie huffed angrily.

Just then, a miserable scream came through.

"It's Cui Ming!"

The purple-dressed woman reacted instantly.

The two exchanged glances and immediately flew towards the source of the sound.

Soon, they saw two figures, one of which was Cui Ming. But at that moment, Cui Ming was severely injured, in a sorry state, and even had a leg severed!

And the man opposite Cui Ming, emanating a murderous aura, was Chen Yu!

"How could this happen?"

The purple-dressed woman's lips parted slightly, her gaze fixed on Chen Yu in disbelief.

She too knew of Chen Yu; on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, he had defeated Cui Ming and many other geniuses of the Cui Clan and had made a name for himself.

But if it were an open battle, Cui Ming's "Flowing Light Bloodline" should have been highly effective; even if he couldn't defeat Chen Yu, escaping should have been no problem.

How could Cui Ming end up so miserably, his leg even chopped off?

"Quick, kill him! The treasures inside Thousand Stone Mountain, and the Earth Origin Crystals, are all on him!"

Cui Ming roared madly, seemingly having lost his reason.

Once a proud and handsome talent of the Cui Clan, now crippled by Chen Yu, how could he remain calm?

At this moment, all he wanted was to kill Chen Yu, and he didn't care about anything else; even losing face before the members of the You Clan didn't matter as long as he could kill Chen Yu...

You Lie's dark, fierce gaze fixed on Chen Yu, his expression grim.

He hadn't expected that the one stealing their spoils would be Chen Yu!

Understanding Cui Ming's strength well, he realized that Chen Yu, to have pushed Cui Ming to such a state, must be even stronger than he had anticipated.

But he, You Lie, would not fear Chen Yu.

"Chen Yu, daring to sneak into Thousand Stone Mountain and steal the spoils that rightfully belong to us while we were confronting the Stone Tribe," You Lie bellowed full of power, "If you willingly hand them over now, this young master will forgive and forget!"

"Hand over the Earth Origin Crystals!"

The purple-dressed woman shouted coldly.

A talent from a renowned family herself, and with You Lie leading the charge, how could she be intimidated by a nobody like Chen Yu?

"What belongs to someone remains theirs; now you openly committing robbery, you're no different from bandits. Is this how the so-called talents of major clans behave?"

Chen Yu chuckled.

You Lie called him a thief, so he compared You Lie and the purple-dressed woman to robbers.

"It seems you're unwilling to hand it over!" You Lie's brows furrowed, his eyes intense with force.

"In this world, the capable seize what they can! If you have the ability, come and take it yourself!" Chen Yu was fed up and couldn't bother with niceties anymore.

The capable occupy it? Was You Lie not as good as Chen Yu?

Rage flared in You Lie's heart!

"Fine, then I'll take everything you have on you!" You Lie shouted coldly.

If possible, he would have taken Chen Yu's life as well!

Whoosh! You Lie made his move in an instant, lifting his blade and chopping down fiercely; the dark green vicious blade's aura stirred up a storm, sweeping towards Chen Yu.

In terms of attack, You Lie greatly surpassed Cui Ming and his vigorous assault exerted enormous pressure, clearly indicating that he was a fierce and battle-skilled fighter.

Chen Yu had long found You Lie displeasing to the eye and now did not hesitate to strike ruthlessly.

Demonic Qi Slash! Chen Yu's form slightly crouched as his sword drew a huge pitch-black crescent.

Boom! At the moment the sword and blade collided, Chen Yu took the initiative to charge in.

Boom! Amidst the chaotic explosion, a ferocious and domineering pitch-black sword glow burst forth!

You Lie, reckless and fearless, clashed hard with Chen Yu once again!

On the third strike, Chen Yu reached You Lie's side and hacked down savagely with his sword.

At that moment, You Lie felt intense oppression and swung out a dark green violent blade with all his strength.

Clang! The sword and blade collided, emitting a metallic uproar and a terrifying storm enveloped both of them.

Close combat brought out Chen Yu's strengths to their fullest extent. At the moment of the clash, You Lie's arms went numb, nearly losing sensation, and his legs were fully entrenched in the soil.

Then, the explosive storm detonated right in front of him.

Chen Yu's physique and defensive abilities were robust, and with the High-Grade Inner Armor, he was barely affected.

But You Lie, who hadn't activated his inner armor, clearly couldn't withstand the force and was blown backwards, crashing through three stout ancient trees, his mouth trickling blood.

"You Lie!" A woman in purple screamed in shock.

Who would have thought that the valiant and skilled You Lie would be repelled by Chen Yu upon their first exchange!

Chen Yu was apparently even stronger than the talents nurtured by the royal family!

You Lie's eyes darkened, and he roared, immediately activating the Green Flame Bloodline!

Boom! Green flames erupted, and You Lie soared into the sky.

At this moment, his dark green skin flaunted flame-like eerie patterns, his green hair wildly dancing, emitting an overwhelmingly ferocious aura.

Before You Lie could strike, Chen Yu's speed suddenly exploded, and he actively closed in on You Lie.

After that strike, even with the Bloodline Power activated, You Lie was quite hesitant to engage in close combat with Chen Yu!

"Green Flame Storm Blade!" You Lie swung his blade, slashing fiercely, launching enormous blade edges tens of meters long, creating a vicious storm of blades.

Chen Yu somewhat despised You Lie and didn't plan to hold back, even wishing to severely crush his opponent.

Thump! Thump! Thump! Chen Yu's heart pounded, doubling his speed and strength!

Activating the Demon Scale Shield, he plunged into the green blade storm, subsequently executing the Sword Technique Demon Light Sword Spin!

Roaring! Wave after wave of pitch-black sword ripples slashed out, forming a black cyclone of Sword Qi which spun and ravaged through its path.

Two opposing storms of blade and sword eroded each other.

Ultimately, the Demon Light Sword Spin dissolved the Green Flame Storm Blade from within!

"Impossible!" You Lie's eyes widened in shock.

He immediately activated a black iron wrist guard, forming a black-patterned barrier to block the extra force of the Demon Light Sword Spin.

But at that moment, on the black-patterned barrier, a bloody red light appeared!

The next instant. Puff! The black-patterned barrier was penetrated by the bloody red light, a sword of blood-red light piercing You Lie's shoulder, drawing a trail of blood!

You Lie's form wavered, and the defensive power of the barrier weakened, shattered by the Demon Light Sword Spin, a demonic wind blast sweeping him over ten meters away.

"You Lie, let's strike together!" Seeing the dire situation, the purple-clad woman also sprang into action.

Previously, You Lie would never have agreed, since he did not need to outnumber others with his strength, able to handle his peers single-handedly.

But now, having been wounded by Chen Yu even after activating his Bloodline Power, You Lie reluctantly admitted that Chen Yu was stronger than him.

"Haha, then bring it on!" Chen Yu saw two Half-Step Sky Sea Realm talents teaming up against him and, instead, felt invigorated by the challenge, sparking a shred of battle intent.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! From a distance, several figures rushed over, all cultivators participating in the assessment.

With the defeat of the stone clan, they had searched around and now found their way here.

"What happened to Cui Ming? He's so badly injured?"

"Look, You Lie is actually teaming up with Tong Wei against Chen Yu!"

Many young men and women were drawn by the scene before them, their expressions flickering repeatedly.

In the Demon Wind Sword Domain, Chen Yu faced two top-tier Half-Step Sky Sea Realm talents alone.

His ferocious and domineering manner and offensive forced the two talents back, causing everyone to hold their breath in astonishment, rooted to the spot!

Chapter 662: Sweeping Everything

Within the Demon Wind Sword Domain, Chen Yu seemed like a peerless demonic fiend, utterly ferocious, closing in on You Lie with his movement technique speed for close-quarters combat.

"Get lost!"

You Lie bellowed, his voice slightly trembling.

Chen Yu was a virtual Human-shaped Beast, and even the valiant and combat-skilled You Lie dared not engage him in close quarters, instead trying to meet his attacks while dodging.

But in terms of movement technique speed, You Lie had no advantage, especially since Chen Yu had employed the Golden Phoenix Wing.

You Lie was unable to dodge Chen Yu's attacks; each clash forced You Lie to retreat several steps, filling him with anger yet leaving him powerless.

On the other side, a purple-dressed woman "Tong Wei" kept swinging her sword, as transparent water-light Sword Qi, imbued with chilling Sword Intent, shot out rapidly.

Despite her superior swordsmanship, it wasn't much use in this battle.

Facing Tong Wei's Sword Dao attack, Chen Yu was fearless and withstood it relying on his own defensive measures.

With the protection of the Demon Scale Armor as well as Chen Yu's own defensive power, he wasn't overly concerned about Tong Wei's attacks.

Moreover, using the Golden Phoenix Wing, Chen Yu could occasionally dodge her Sword Dao attacks as well.

As long as he defeated You Lie, the remaining Tong Wei would not be fearsome, and then this battle would end.

"How can this be?"

The purple-dressed woman "Tong Wei" looked as if she had lost her spirit.

She had thought that with her joining the fray, along with You Lie, they would surely defeat Chen Yu.

To her realization, her intervention could not influence the course of the battle at all.

Chen Yu ignored her completely, and despite Tong Wei's relentless attacks, she was unable to injure him, which inflicted a strong sense of defeat upon her.

Not far away, Cui Ming, who was lying on the ground, was also dumbfounded.

You Lie and Tong Wei, joining forces, still could not defeat Chen Yu!

"Chen Yu, you must die!"

Cui Ming's face contorted sinisterly, his veins bulging all over.

Having had a leg taken by Chen Yu, if Chen Yu did not pay with his life, how could Cui Ming face returning to the Great Yu Realm?

"Star Soul Strike!"

Suddenly, Cui Ming initiated his spell, gathering a vast spiritual power within him that coalesced into a dark grey globe of light, like a star.

Whoosh!

Under Cui Ming's control, the dark starlight suddenly shot towards Chen Yu.

"What?"

Chen Yu, engaged in fierce battle with You Lie and Tong Wei, his expression suddenly changed.

He hadn't expected someone to launch a surprise attack on him.

And this spirit attack was very powerful, capable of inflicting serious damage or even killing Chen Yu's soul.

In this critical moment, Chen Yu immediately channeled his spiritual power into the "Four Jade Soul Bead," which sprang two spots of bright light, forming a light circle around Chen Yu.

The property of the "Four Jade Soul Bead" was to strengthen spirit defense, even if the enemy's spiritual power was slightly stronger than Chen Yu's, it could still hold up against the attack.

However, if the Spiritual Artifact's defense were to be shattered, it would cause permanent damage to the "Four Jade Soul Bead" itself.

As Chen Yu's spiritual power had already reached the level of Half-step Sky Sea Realm, it wasn't much different from Cui Ming's and, coupled with the fact Cui Ming was not primarily focused on the spirit soul aspect, the defense capability of the Four Jade Soul Bead safely blocked the strike.

"A soul defense Spiritual Artifact, the Four Jade Soul Bead?"

Cui Ming's mouth gaped open, expressing his surprise.

Items like the "Four Jade Soul Bead" which had excellent defensive performance, were considered high-quality among soul defense Spiritual Artifacts even in the Great Yu Realm.

"Truly thought I wouldn't dare to kill you!"

Chen Yu snorted in anger, and the "Demon Flood Dragon Sword" whirled into action, dozens of sword lights flew out, forming a demonic Qi sword light whirlpool, tearing forth.

"No, you dare

Cui Ming's face changed drastically; he was grievously wounded, with a leg severed, trying to escape, but he was a step too late.

Boom!

Chen Yu's sword move fell, blasting a nearly thirty feet wide crater in the ground, within which lay Cui Ming's mutilated body.

"Cui Ming is dead!"

A few young elites who were watching the battle nearby stood frozen in their tracks.

Chen Yu had too much nerve; he actually dared to kill Cui Ming!

Cui Ming was a genius of the King's lineage Cui Clan, and now having fallen here, the Cui Clan would never let this rest.

"Kill!"

Taking advantage of this opportunity, You Lie and Tong Wei launched a counterattack against Chen Yu.

You Lie slashed out twice consecutively, and the domineering dark green saber-light raised a sharp and biting whirlwind, sweeping out.

Tong Wei thrust out fiercely with her sword, her Sword Qi condensed and powerful, turning into a sword energy water pillar, piercing through.

Boom bang!

Chen Yu activated the High Grade Defense Inner Armor, crossing his arms in front of him to block the attack of the two.

The desperate counterattack of the two geniuses was formidable, and after holding up for a moment, the defense barrier of the inner armor broke apart with a “bang” sound.

Subsequently, their attacks landed upon Chen Yu’s arms.

The Demon Scale Armor on Chen Yu’s arms was completely destroyed, and small cuts from the blade and sword were left on his arms.

But with Chen Yu’s regenerative ability, these cuts healed at a visibly fast rate.

"Damn it, this guy is like a monster cast from copper and iron!"

You Lie cursed inwardly upon witnessing the scene.

"Tong Wei, use the killing move!"

You Lie transmitted his voice.

Tong Wei, stunned, hadn't expected that the two of them, joining hands against a Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak opponent, would need to resort to a killing move.

Boom!

Chen Yu closed in on You Lie, slashing out with his sword as an explosion sounded.

Right after, You Lie staggered backwards, his arms spasming, seemingly having lost feeling.

In fact, if not for the tremendous enhancement provided by the Green Flame Bloodline, You Lie's arms would probably be rendered useless by now.

"Green Flame Ghost Slash!"

With no other options, You Lie used his Bloodline Secret Technique.

He bit his finger, drawing blood across the blade, and the Green Pattern Treasure Saber burst into roaring green flames, forming a fierce ghostly figure.

Then You Lie cleaved down with his saber, as the massive whirlwind saber-light, ablaze with green fire, emitted shrill howling sounds, sweeping towards Chen Yu.

This was the second time You Lie had activated his Bloodline Secret Technique today, and after doing so, the Bloodline Phenomenon on his body significantly weakened; his Bloodline Power could no longer support him for much time.

On the other side, Tong Wei burst out with an incredibly sharp Sword Intent, wielding a forbidden sword move!

"Falling Silver Secret Sword!"

She swung her sword, and countless sword qi as fine as hair, like numerous silver needles, all aimed at Chen Yu!

Faced with the ultimate moves of two great geniuses, Chen Yu sensed a trace of crisis.

He flapped the wings on his back, rapidly retreating backward.

The attacks of the two adversaries came hammering head-on.

At that moment, Chen Yu suddenly stopped, and his heart began to pound.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

With his heart erupting, Chen Yu's physical strength doubled. Within the Demon Wind Sword Domain, he executed the mighty Demon Light Sword Spin!

Amplified by various enhancements, the Demon Light Sword Spin burst forth with unprecedented power.

Boom!

The attacks of the three collided, creating an expanding storm of destruction.

"He actually blocked it!"

You Lie, with his somewhat dimmed eyes, displayed a look of shock.

At this moment, a bright sword light of blood flame cut through the darkness and chaos, stabbing at You Lie!

You Lie's expression turned to panic. His heart filled with intense fear, and considering he was somewhat powerless at this moment, his chest was pierced by the Yangming Sword Point.

Cough! Cough!

He coughed up a large mouthful of fresh blood, and the Bloodline Phenomenon on his body completely dissipated.

At the same time, Tong Wei was also wounded by Chen Yu's Yangming Sword Point.

The two geniuses had just unleashed their trump cards when they were most vulnerable. Moreover, Chen Yu had blocked their deadly strikes. Now was the low point of their morale.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Chen Yu launched a series of attacks, sending You Lie and Tong Wei flying back.

The two hit the ground, with You Lie in so much pain and weakness, he couldn't even get up.

You Lie and Tong Wei, defeated!

Onlookers in the distance were stunned as if they were petrified!

The outcome of this battle caught everyone by surprise.

Just then, more young geniuses rushed over, including two prominent members of the Cui Clan.

"Big Brother Cui Ming!"

The two saw Cui Ming torn apart in the pit not far away and expressed their anger and fear.

"Chen Yu, despite beating us, there are other geniuses here. You stole the spoils of war that belonged to us, including the Elemental Crystal; they will not let you off!"

As You Lie lay on the ground, he let out a cold laugh.

In reality, You Lie wanted to use others to take revenge and kill Chen Yu.

If he said it outright, it would reveal his incompetence. Besides, these people might not want to help, especially since both You Lie and Tong Wei were defeated by Chen Yu.

So You Lie changed his rhetoric, telling everyone that Chen Yu had encroached on their interests.

"Elemental Crystal!"

"How despicable is Chen Yu, taking advantage of our battle with the stone race to steal treasures!"

The others suddenly saw Chen Yu in a different light, their eyes filled with dissatisfaction and anger.

The Elemental Crystal was an object that could help a cultivator breakthrough to the Sky Sea Realm.

"You beat us and killed Cui Ming, and your strength has been significantly drained. You must be at the end of your rope. If you hand over the treasures you stole, we might spare your life!"

Tong Wei was also trying to stir things up.

"Chen Yu, for killing Big Brother Cui Ming, you will pay with your life!"

The two members of the Cui Clan were the first to charge out.

Seeing someone take the lead, others grew bolder and rushed out, ready to kill Chen Yu and retrieve the treasures.

"Ignorant of death!"

Chen Yu looked at the approaching crowd with an indifferent expression.

Swoosh!

His wings flapped once more, blazing with firelight; Chen Yu soared to the skies.

With Chen Yu's current speed, if he wished to flee, no one would be able to stop him!

But why would he flee?

Chen Yu from high above unleashed a Space Palm Technique.

Boom!

The Space Palm Technique was impossible to dodge, and two geniuses were hit by a massive gray palm light and smashed into the ground.

Among his peers, there were few who could withstand Chen Yu's Space Palm Technique. Those whose cultivation was lower than Chen Yu's were either sent flying with a single palm strike, severely injured, or even killed.

Before long, only three people continued to besiege Chen Yu; the rest lay on the ground, those still alive stared at Chen Yu with eyes filled with deep fear.

At this time, Chen Yu's True Yuan was somewhat strained.

After successive battles with the stone race's Half-step Sky Sea, Cui Ming, You Lie, Tong Wei, and others, especially with the continuous use of the Golden Phoenix Wing, the consumption of True Yuan was indeed substantial.

"This is our chance! His True Yuan is almost depleted!"

A short-haired man spoke up, his eyes gleaming with excitement.

If even You Lie and Tong Wei fell to Chen Yu, if he could kill Chen Yu, he would rise to fame in one fell swoop!

Boom!

Chen Yu did not employ any more palm techniques; he transformed into a streak of gold and black light and suddenly swooped down.

The short-haired man's heart tightened as he targeted Chen Yu with a purple water palm light.

He had not witnessed Chen Yu's battles with You Lie and Tong Wei, so he was unaware of Chen Yu's formidable defensive power.

Boom!

Chen Yu, diving down like a meteor, shattered the purple water palm light into fragments.

The next moment, Chen Yu was in front of the short-haired man, throwing a punch.

Boom!

The tremendous force caused the short-haired man's face to cave in, blood and flesh becoming indistinct, his body slammed into the ground, his fate unknown.

Then, drawing on his powerful physical strength, Chen Yu engaged in close-quarters combat, defeating all remaining enemies!

All the geniuses, all down!

Chapter 663: Seven Hundred Slaughter Points

At that moment, Chen Yu single-handedly defeated everyone.

This reminded them of the time on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder when Chen Yu alone swept through the genius of the Cui Clan.

"Is this the true definition of a prodigy?"

Tong Wei stared at Chen Yu, her beautiful face incredibly moved.

Compared to Chen Yu, she, along with Cui Ming and You Lie, felt embarrassed to be called geniuses.

With the potential Chen Yu showed at that moment, entering the "Prodigy List" would be no problem.

"Chen Yu, we don't want the treasures anymore, they are all yours."

"The capable prevails, we are not as good as you, the items are yours."

A crowd of geniuses pleaded for mercy.

Whenever they saw Chen Yu, they were reminded of their current miserable state, which was unbearable and made them feel intense shame.

Chen Yu had turned into their nightmare, and at this moment, they just wished for Chen Yu to leave.

Chen Yu didn't speak, but slowly walked toward a burly man he had defeated.

"What do you want to do?"

The burly man stared at Chen Yu, his body trembling slightly.

"Hand over all the Slaughter Points you have obtained on this trip."

Chen Yu's face was cold, his words direct.

"Why should I?" The burly man naturally refused.

The Slaughter Points were crucial for his potential entrance into a prestigious three-and-a-half star faction.

"As the defeated party, do you think things can just end like this?"

Chen Yu sneered.

The burly man lowered his head and said nothing, thinking Chen Yu surely wouldn't dare to kill everyone present, which would offend nearly ten family forces!

Therefore, he dared to refuse Chen Yu's request.

"If you don't give them to me, I'll break your leg!"

Chen Yu threatened.

Hearing these words, the burly man shuddered.

Previously, Cui Ming had his leg broken by Chen Yu, and later when Chen Yu fought with You Lie and Tong Wei, Cui Ming tried to sneak attack Chen Yu and ended up being killed by him.

If Chen Yu dared to break Cui Ming's leg, he would certainly dare to break his.

Getting new Slaughter Points is possible, but losing a leg isn't easy to deal with; he is considered a handsome young man in his clan, and becoming a cripple would be frightening just to think about.

"Fine, they are all yours."

The burly man conceded, handing over all the Slaughter Points to Chen Yu.

There were a total of five Slaughter Points, two from the Late Guiyuan Realm and three from the Peak of Middle Guiyuan Realm, totaling twenty-six points.

"Why so few?"

Chen Yu frowned slightly, his look disdainful as he glanced at the burly man before putting the Slaughter Points into his storage bag.

Then, Chen Yu moved to the next person and said the same thing, "Hand over all the Slaughter Points you have obtained on this trip."

If Chen Yu had said this to everyone at once, it would certainly have caused them to unite against him.

But proceeding one by one made things much smoother, as people generally don't care about affairs not concerning them.

However, sometimes there were exceptions.

"Dream on!"

A tall woman refused to hand over the Slaughter Points.

"If you have the guts, kill all of us here."

The tall woman cleverly dragged everyone into the situation.

"I won't kill you, but I will take a leg!"

Chen Yu said indifferently, seeming to stick to his principles.

Although he had killed some people before, those were unintentional, and killing everyone here would get him into a lot of trouble.

The tall woman still refused; she arrived later and hadn't seen Cui Ming's leg being broken, so she didn't believe Chen Yu would really dare to do it.

But in the next moment, Chen Yu proved he would follow through.

Thud!

A black light flashed, and a True Yuan blade sliced down; the tall woman's fair and smooth leg was severed from her body.

"Ah... you actually cut my leg, my leg

The tall woman instantly lost her reason, screaming wildly.

Chen Yu paid her no mind and approached the next person. Before he even spoke, this person voluntarily handed over the Slaughter Points.

"It seems using a bit of force occasionally proves to be more effective."

Chen Yu muttered to himself.

It didn't take long for all the geniuses' Slaughter Points, except You Lie's, to become Chen Yu's spoils of war, including those of the already deceased, as Chen Yu emptied out their storage bags.

"Hand them over!"

Chen Yu omitted many words.

"You killed Cui Ming, the Cui Clan won't let you get away. If you join our You Clan, you might save your life."

You Lie began negotiating with Chen Yu.

Chen Yu borrowed You Lie's words and said, "Now, hand over the Slaughter Points, and you might save a leg."

"You

You Lie found Chen Yu somewhat stubborn, failing to judge the situation.

"Chen Yu, in the future we are all disciples of the Black Demon Valley, I advise you not to take things this far."

"There are many Inner Sect Disciples in Black Demon Valley, even True Disciples, who are from our You Clan!"

You Lie declared coldly, his words carrying a threat.

Though he lost this time, as long as Chen Yu stood against him, he would make sure to eliminate Chen Yu.

Many from the You Clan have gone to train in Black Demon Valley and have deep ties there; once Chen Yu enters Black Demon Valley, a doomed outcome is almost certain.

"I'm not familiar with them, so you better just hand over the Slaughter Points!"

Chen Yu said impatiently.

He didn't like You Lie, so he disliked wasting words with him.

"Fine!"

You Lie clenched his teeth and forced out a word, his eyes full of anger and resentment.

Then, he took out all the Slaughter Points, which after a quick calculation, numbered a total of one hundred and forty-four points, the most of anyone.

No wonder You Lie was so reluctant to part with them.

Chen Yu organized all the stone crystal hearts together and made a rough calculation—there were seven hundred slaughter points!

He had previously accumulated three hundred and twenty slaughter points, and now he had extorted three hundred and eighty.

"The qualification of Inner Valley Disciple is already in my hands."

Chen Yu's lips curved into a smile.

Although that was the case, there was still over half a month left until the assessment ended, and earning more slaughter points wouldn't hurt.

"Thank you all for the stone crystal hearts."

Chen Yu politely thanked them before leaving the place.

"Damn it, Chen Yu, I will make sure you suffer miserably!"

No sooner had Chen Yu left than You Lie, unable to contain his fury, cursed loudly and punched a tree beside him, sending it flying.

"Ah, the slaughter points are gone!"

"It's been so long already, gathering more slaughter points from now on won't be easy."

The others also sighed and lamented.

Only a few, like You Lie, felt such unwilling rage.

Most didn't have such powerful backgrounds, nor would they target a genius who had just become an Inner Valley Disciple of Black Demon Valley because he had taken some stone crystal hearts.

"Gathering slaughter points is not easy, then let's go rob them!"

A fierce-looking man said.

Their stone crystal hearts had been taken, and they could also rob others.

As soon as he finished speaking, the fierce man suddenly felt a strong unease.

The next moment, a shadow swept over.

Boom!

Almost at the same time, a shocking boom erupted from the ground.

The spot where the crowd had gathered was now replaced by a gigantic stone a hundred yards in size, under which trickled streams of blood.

"What happened?"

The survivors, utterly shocked, exclaimed.

"Could it be that after reaping benefits, Chen Yu turned to kill us?" a woman speculated.

"No... it's not Chen Yu!"

You Lie stared at the enormous boulder before him, his heart also in turmoil.

Just now, he barely escaped being crushed by it.

Chen Yu, while strong, couldn't have hurled such a massive stone at such speed, and the force on the stone was of Sky Sea Realm True Yuan!

Swoosh!

With this thought, You Lie turned around and fled.

At the same moment, a shadow enveloped the area once again.

Boom!

A massive dark yellow figure landed on the boulder, causing it to shatter instantly.

"Thousand Stone Venerable!"

"Sky Sea Realm... Venerable!"

The geniuses were terrified out of their wits.

"All of you, die!"

Thousand Stone Venerable bellowed, his True Yuan bursting forth, causing sand to surge within a hundred yards, turning into a sandstorm.

At that moment, everyone within a hundred yards of Thousand Stone Venerable was subjected to the frenzied assault of the sandstorm.

"Ah

Screams erupted everywhere, accompanied by bursts of blood.

Still, there were some who were already beyond a hundred yards from Thousand Stone Venerable or had special means to escape.

"Stay right where you are!"

Thousand Stone Venerable waved his hand, and the sand in front of him condensed into several yellow stone balls.

Boom!

Thousand Stone Venerable slammed his hand down, and the stone balls transformed into streaks of dark yellow light, rushing in various directions.

Several more geniuses died at the hands of Thousand Stone Venerable.

Then, Thousand Stone Venerable saw You Lie.

Previously, You Lie had been one of three humans who attacked him, and he had been the most aggressive among them.

Buzz!

Sand before Thousand Stone Venerable gathered into a stone ball ten times larger than before!

With a muffled boom, the giant stone ball shot straight toward You Lie!

You Lie's body turned cold.

Previously, he wasn't afraid of Thousand Stone Venerable when they fought together, but now he was alone, and having been wounded in his skirmish with Chen Yu, made him even more vulnerable.

You Lie immediately activated a black iron bracer and formed a dark-patterned barrier in front of him.

Boom!

The giant stone ball struck, and the barrier trembled violently, showing signs of shattering.

You Lie hastily activated his Green Flame Bloodline; its effect was less than before, but it was all he could manage at that moment.

Boom!

The moment the stone ball broke through the barrier, You Lie unleashed a dark green Tornado Frenzy Blade, smashing the stone ball to pieces.

After the stone ball shattered, huge chunks of stone continued their powerful assault.

Pfft!

You Lie spit out a mouthful of blood, using the impact to retreat and then fleeing for his life.

"He's escaped!"

Thousand Stone Venerable let out a breath.

"Had I not been wounded, your death would be certain!"

Thousand Stone Venerable scoffed softly.

The Stone Race wasn't known for their speed, and his injuries meant he couldn't pursue You Lie.

Besides, You Lie wasn't Thousand Stone Venerable's true target.

"Who could it be? To dare infiltrate my treasure vault and steal the precious gems I've accumulated!"

Thousand Stone Venerable's face darkened, his aura spreading, and the giant stone beneath him instantly crumbled into a pile of rubble.

Chapter 664: Human Shield

Chen Yu left and found a hidden crevice in a valley, where he rested and recuperated.

Some ordinary external injuries were negligible to him, but the recovery of True Yuan required some time.

Chen Yu was not in a hurry; after all, he had already reached the standard of an Inner Valley Disciple. Once he left the Stone Cloud Realm, he would be an Inner Valley Disciple of the Black Demon Valley and would enjoy better treatment.

In fact, for the coming period, he could do nothing at all.

During his recuperation, Chen Yu took out the Blood Star Holy Pill.

Buzz!

Connecting with the Dan Spirit, the Holy Pill suddenly blossomed with a dim and deep blood-colored starlight, enveloping Chen Yu all around.

Holding his breath and focusing his mind, Chen Yu's spiritual consciousness suddenly arrived in a strange and dim world, where fierce winds howled, sand and stones flew about, and various chaotic auras rampaged as if it was the end of the world.

In reality, this was a profound and powerful spiritual force.

In front of it, Chen Yu felt like an insignificantly tiny ant, swaying in the vast forces of heaven and earth, possibly to be buried at any moment.

"Hold on!"

Chen Yu told himself in his heart.

The longer he could stay here, the more he could comprehend.

Before long, Chen Yu's spiritual consciousness wavered, feeling a tearing pain.

After enduring a few more moments, darkness suddenly fell before his eyes.

Opening his eyes, his forehead was covered in sweat, and he felt a wave of exhaustion, but his eyes shone like stars, emitting a strange radiance.

Through the Blood Star Holy Pill, Chen Yu's spiritual realm was now very close to the Half-step Sky Sea Realm.

A few hours later, Chen Yu again used the Blood Star Holy Pill to enhance his spiritual realm.

This time, Chen Yu persisted for twenty breaths, smoothly reaching the understanding required for the Half-step Sky Sea Realm.

After that, as long as Chen Yu focused on cultivating and doubled the size of his True Yuan Sea, he would be considered at the Half-step Sky Sea Realm!

In reality, once one's cultivation reached the peak of Late Guiyuan Realm, one could attempt to break through to the Sky Sea Realm, though the hope was very slim.

Later, someone found a transition between these two realms, which was the Half-step Sky Sea.

By further expanding the True Yuan and elevating the spiritual realm, reaching a personal limit, which is after the Half-step Sky Sea Realm, the chances of successfully breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm were much higher.

Only by becoming a Sky Sea Realm is one considered a powerhouse, known to the world as a Sky Sea Venerable.

On the second day, once Chen Yu had fully recovered, he left the area to hunt stone clan creatures for contribution points.

However, not long after Chen Yu made an appearance, he was stopped by a team.

"Are you also here because of Yan Hanshan's promise?"

Chen Yu asked indifferently.

He now knew that Yan Hanshan had put out a word, promising to allow anyone who killed Chen Yu inside the Stone Cloud Realm to join his clan.

"Hmph, we of the Lao Family have joined the Black Demon Valley for cultivation and have deep ties with the valley, so how could we allow a disciple of the Heavenly Jade Sect to enter our clan!"

A long-haired man snorted coldly, whether he was unwilling to admit it or was glorifying his clan.

"Chen Yu, you've slaughtered our Lao family members. If you don't give us an explanation today, don't expect to leave."

A young man in black robe rebuked.

"When did I slaughter your Lao family members?" Chen Yu asked.

Indeed, he had killed before, but he had to ask for clarification.

"Don't pretend to be ignorant; you think our Lao family is easily bullied!"

The leader of the Lao family, at the Half-step Sky Sea Realm, bellowed in anger.

Immediately after, eight geniuses of the Lao family launched an attack on Chen Yu.

But within half an hour, all the Lao family geniuses lay on the ground, obediently handing over all their Stone Crystal Hearts.

After leaving, within ten hours, Chen Yu was ambushed by two more clan teams.

However, the result was the same; they all presented their Stone Crystal Hearts.

This time, Chen Yu was more cautious and asked, "Who told you that I had killed your clan members?"

Since all three waves of clan forces had intercepted him for the same reason, Chen Yu was curious.

While he had killed people, the number was not many. Being targeted by three teams in one day, there might be some problem.

"The You Clan's You Lie told us, you stole all the treasures during their battle with the stone clan, and you even stabbed them in the back, killing more than thirty

A man with a bruised nose and swollen face, filled with fear, immediately spoke up.

Chen Yu couldn't help but smile; he had only killed a few people initially, and most of them had survived.

From what the man said, it seemed that those he had let go probably all died.

Could it be You Lie's doings?

The other party might have killed all the remaining people and pinned it on Chen Yu.

At present, this seemed more likely.

"You are too quick to believe others' words."

Chen Yu left them with these words and departed.

The many men and women lying on the ground looked at each other and helplessly shook their heads.

"Could it not have been Chen Yu who killed them?"

"Don't believe his words; You Lie of the You Clan is a talent of a King's lineage, how could he lie to deceive us."

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"You Lie, you better not let me see you again."

Chen Yu murmured lowly.

Whether those people were killed by You Lie or not, the key was that You Lie framed Chen Yu, which was reason enough for him to kill You Lie.

Chen Yu did not deliberately search for You Lie, and three days passed without encountering anyone from the You Clan.

However, the Cui Clan's people came looking for him, led by Cui Yan'er, a genius of the Cui Clan.

"Chen Yu!"

When Cui Yan'er spotted Chen Yu, she immediately led more than twenty people to attack.

"Chen Yu, how dare you kill Cui Ming, I will have you dismembered into countless pieces!"

Cui Yan'er's face was covered in a frosty chill as she let out a low shout.

In fact, Chen Yu had not only killed Cui Ming, but also two other members of the Cui Clan had died at his hands.

However, Cui Yan'er was cousins with Cui Ming and they were quite close, so she only cared about the death of Cui Ming.

"Your strength doesn't seem to be much stronger than Cui Ming's, do you really think you can avenge him?"

Chen Yu chuckled lightly, without the slightest fear.

After breaking through to the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, below the Sky Sea Realm, there was little to make Chen Yu afraid.

Even if a Sky Sea Realm Venerable came in person, they couldn't do much to Chen Yu.

Originally, at the Kunyun Sacred Land, Chen Yu played all his cards and nearly killed an elder of the Sacred Land from the Sky Sea Realm.

And now, years later, Chen Yu had made even greater progress in his cultivation and strength.

"You

Cui Yan'er gasped for breath in anger, curses rising and falling around her.

She had never been belittled by her peers like this before.

But what Chen Yu said was true; if he could kill Cui Ming, even if Cui Yan'er made a move, she would surely fail to get revenge.

Of course, Cui Yan'er also had no intention of facing Chen Yu in an open and fair one-on-one duel.

"Chen Yu has slaughtered members of the Cui Clan, everyone follow me and capture this man!"

Cui Yan'er coldly shouted, her killing intent piercing.

"Chen Yu, give in and meet your death!"

"Daring to kill members of the Cui Clan, you really must be tired of living."

The prodigies hadn't made their moves yet, but their words were already threatening.

On the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, they had all been blasted away by Chen Yu, and all the disciples of the Cui Clan held hatred for Chen Yu.

They would show no mercy in their moves now, and some were even eagerly activating their Cui Clan bloodline powers.

However, before the people of the Cui Clan could make a move...

Boom! Boom! Boom!

From not far away came a series of loud booms, with massive True Yuan fluctuations rapidly approaching!

"The Stone Clan!"

"Stone Clan Sky Sea Realm Venerable!"

The people of the Cui Clan looked behind and saw faces filled with surprise, shock, or fear and panic.

Chen Yu glanced over and recognized a few members of the Stone Clan; they seemed to be from Thousand Stone Mountain.

Previously, the beings from Thousand Stone Mountain of the Stone Clan had fought with Cui Ming, You Lie, and other prodigies. Although the Stone Clan was defeated, they didn't perish.

Thousand Stone Venerable had gathered the surviving members of the Stone Clan and pursued the thief who had stolen gems from his treasure trove.

The Stone Clan, aside from enjoying sleep, also liked collecting precious metals and stones, treating these items as treasures.

Thousand Stone Venerable had left means on several particularly cherished stones to detect their approximate location.

It was precisely because of this that he had tracked his way here.

"You despicable humans, hand over all of my gems!"

Thousand Stone Venerable had yet to arrive, but his roar shook heaven and earth, sending sand and rocks flying.

"It really is the Stone Clan from Thousand Stone Mountain!"

Chen Yu's heart tightened.

That leading Hill Giant was a Sky Sea Realm Venerable, and there were nearly a hundred Stone Clan beings behind him.

Once surrounded by these Stone Clan members, even Chen Yu would find it extremely difficult to escape.

Suddenly, Chen Yu came up with a plan.

"Cui Yan'er, quickly hand over those metal ores you stole back to the Venerable!"

Chen Yu hid behind the members of the Cui Clan and shouted loudly, pretending to be panicked and afraid of death.

The people of the Cui Clan looked at Chen Yu, stunned for a moment before quickly catching on.

"Chen Yu, what nonsense are you talking about? When did I ever steal any metal ores?"

Cui Yan'er's brows knitted together as she angrily denounced him.

"Chen Yu, stop spouting nonsense!"

"Don't slander us!"

The people of the Cui Clan also started cursing.

At that moment, the Stone Clan powerhouses were only three hundred yards from the Cui Clan.

"Hand over my belongings!"

Thousand Stone Venerable's gaze, heavy as a mountain, landed on the people of the Cui Clan, with the primal energy of the world shaking around them.

"Cui Yan'er, the Venerable is angry, hand over the Earth Elemental Crystals, Ice Crystal Iron, Sunburn Rock, and other ores you stole."

Chen Yu immediately spoke up again, but inside he was chuckling secretly.

"What, Earth Elemental Crystals?"

Cui Yan'er was taken aback, never expecting that one of the treasures lost by Thousand Stone Venerable would actually be Earth Elemental Crystals.

"Follow me and kill these humans!"

Thousand Stone Venerable's eyes brightened, the most valuable gem he lost indeed being the Earth Elemental Crystal—it seemed that it was indeed these humans who had stolen it.

In an instant, the Stone Clan beings all launched an attack.

Thousand Stone Venerable roared, and a sandstorm rose within a hundred yards; then he slammed a giant dark yellow stone fist towards Cui Yan'er.

"Chen Yu, you dare to frame me

Cui Yan'er quickly activated her bloodline, and a layer of white luminescence surrounded her body. She executed an exquisite movement technique to dodge and avoid.

By now she had realized that it was actually Chen Yu who had stolen from Thousand Stone Venerable. But the man was cunning, taking advantage of the Stone Clan's simple-mindedness to shift the blame to her and use the Cui Clan as a shield for Chen Yu.

As for Chen Yu himself, he had already retreated as soon as the Stone Clan made their move.

"Eh?"

Thousand Stone Venerable suddenly felt something.

He had sensed that his treasure was nearby just a moment ago, but now he felt it moving further and further away from him.

Chapter 665: Battle the Venerable

After flying a distance of around fifty or sixty li, Chen Yu finally stopped.

He wasn't afraid of Cui Yan'er and the others, but dealing with them was somewhat troublesome.

Since they were enemies, Chen Yu felt perfectly justified in using them as shields.

"If the Thousand Stone Venerable and other beings of the Stone Clan could slaughter all of the Cui Clan, that would be even better."

Chen Yu chuckled softly.

If that were the case, he would have to sincerely thank the Thousand Stone Venerable for eliminating his enemies.

However, the likelihood of that was not great, as the beings of the Stone Clan were slow, and the Thousand Stone Venerable did not seem to be in his prime, likely injured.

Moreover, with Cui Yan'er possessing the Cui Clan's "Flowing Light Bloodline Power," she would likely be able to flee if she wished, and the Thousand Stone Venerable would probably be unable to stop her.

Suddenly, a massive force of heaven and earth bore down on Chen Yu.

"It seems this move still won't do, huh!"

Chen Yu sighed, his gaze turned upward into the distance.

Boom!

A sandstorm roared in, at the center of which, the Qianshan Venerable loomed like a small hill, exerting a tremendous pressure that weighed on all living things within a hundred li radius.

"Human, you dare to make a fool of this Venerable?"

The deep voice of the Thousand Stone Venerable echoed throughout heaven and earth.

Just now, during the battle with Cui Yan'er, the Thousand Stone Venerable suddenly realized that the connection between him and the gemstones was growing increasingly distant.

Knowing she couldn't defeat the Thousand Stone Venerable, Cui Yan'er used a tactic to escape. The Thousand Stone Venerable simply ignored her and followed the sensation in his heart, searching anew.

Upon seeing Chen Yu, the Thousand Stone Venerable understood. Chen Yu had deliberately misled him previously to make him target the wrong object.

Being played by a late-stage Guiyuan Realm human, the Thousand Stone Venerable was furious beyond measure.

"That's correct."

Chen Yu admitted frankly.

"Heh, you have quite the guts, but there will be consequences for making a fool of this Venerable, and they're not something you can bear!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable laughed in rage and suddenly unleashed a palm strike.

Boom!

A fifty-zhang long, dark yellow palm light surged out, carrying with it a gust of sandstorm.

At that moment, Chen Yu felt as if a mountain was plummeting down on him, the terrifying pressure covering his entire body, forcing his feet deep into the rocky soil.

Hum!

Chen Yu immediately activated his Secret Pattern Demon Body, his body shimmering with a dark, glossy sheen. Mysterious and ancient patterns spread all over his form.

Inside the True Essence Lake, his Demon Pattern True Essence surged, flowing out through his meridians.

On Chen Yu's left arm, the fourth demon pattern surged and emitted a pulling force, drawing in the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

However, with the Sky Sea Realm Venerable present, the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi was centered around the opponent, and Chen Yu was only able to draw in an insignificant amount.

Boom!

His heart charged with energy, amplifying his strength. Chen Yu swung his arm, and a massive black fist shadow surged towards the sky, growing larger and larger.

But compared to the Thousand Stone Venerable's palm, Chen Yu's fist still appeared rather small, much like a child's fist against an adult's hand.

"You dare to defy me?"

The Thousand Stone Venerable's expression cooled.

During this time, he had encountered many extraordinary human talents, but they were all half-step Sky Sea Realm.

Chen Yu was merely at the peak of the late Guiyuan Realm, so the Venerable had not taken him seriously.

Even now, he still didn't take Chen Yu seriously.

Boom!

The dark yellow palm light struck upon Chen Yu's Demon Fist.

The two terrifying forces eroded each other.

In less than a moment, the dark yellow palm light forcefully repelled the Demon Fist.

The next instant, countless cracks appeared on the Demon Fist, which then shattered, consumed by the Thousand Stone Venerable's palm strike.

"A mere late-stage Guiyuan Realm peak dares to defy this Venerable. You're courting death!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable sneered.

He had no fondness for humans.

Had it been a Stone Clan talent who acted like this, he would have been full of praise.

"The Sky Sea Venerable is indeed extraordinary; even with my current strength, I cannot contend against him head-on."

Chen Yu mused.

Boom!

He stretched out his arms, releasing a vast amount of Demon Pattern True Essence.

Simultaneously, the second demon pattern on Chen Yu's body moved, turning into black scales that enveloped his surroundings.

Just then.

Boom!

The remaining force from the Thousand Stone Venerable's palm descended, and the enormous palm light buried Chen Yu in an instant.

"You're beyond redemption!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable walked forward, ready to collect the spoils of battle.

But suddenly, his steps halted.

Boom!

The explosive shockwave gradually dispersed, and a vague black silhouette slowly became visible.

"Human, you're still alive?"

The Thousand Stone Venerable was shocked.

Chen Yu was surrounded by a seventy-zhang-wide crater; everything inside was obliterated except for Chen Yu, who stood tall and erect.

Even though his clothes were somewhat torn and his hair was whipping about messily, he exuded an air of domineering valor.

"Although my attack is inferior to that of the Sky Sea Realm Venerable, my defensive techniques make it very difficult for a Sky Sea Realm Venerable's ordinary methods to kill me."

Chen Yu's lips curled slightly as some of his injuries rapidly healed.

Having blocked a strike from the Thousand Stone Venerable, there was a surge of excitement within him.

But in reality, the Thousand Stone Venerable was injured, and his strike had been a casual one.

"Human, your talent amazes even this Venerable, and because of that, I will not let you go even more."

The Thousand Stone Venerable's demeanor calmed, but he emitted a killing intent.

Previously, he wanted to kill Chen Yu, but it was a trivial matter for him, uninteresting, and he wouldn't emanate killing intent toward such an ant.

But now it was different!

Boom!

Darkness immediately enveloped heaven and earth as a sandstorm erupted.

Ding ding bang bang!

Chen Yu was caught in the "Hundred Yards Sandstorm" conjured by the Thousand Stone Venerable, bombarded by countless sand and stones that struck his body, producing a series of dense explosive sounds.

For an average Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak cultivator, it might be impossible to last even ten breaths against this force of the Heaven and Earth Realm, possibly resulting in death.

But to Chen Yu, this force felt like nothing more than a tickle.

"Die!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable's gaze sharpened, and he threw a punch that pressured down fiercely.

Boom!

The gigantic fist, surrounded by a layer of yellow sand, emitted a vast Heaven and Earth force as it hammered down directly.

This was a serious blow from the Thousand Stone Venerable!

Before the fist even reached him, the earth and rocks around Chen Yu were all ripped out of the ground, lifted by that powerful force.

"You can't hold back your trump cards when clashing with a Sky Sea Realm Venerable."

Chen Yu chuckled softly, his mind sinking into the space within his heart, summoning the Golden Winged Phoenix's Bloodline Power!

"Do not be presumptuous, this blow will take your life!"

Seeing Chen Yu uttering bold words again, the Thousand Stone Venerable roared with rage, the punch accelerating suddenly and descending in front of Chen Yu!

Ding bang!

The punch fell, and the ground's surface layers burst apart.

However, the Thousand Stone Venerable felt a powerful resistance, which halted the momentum of his attack.

In the next moment, a blast of golden dazzling heat radiated from the area, causing the temperature around them to rise abruptly.

"So much Bloodline Power."

The Thousand Stone Venerable's mind quivered, hardly able to believe that Chen Yu possessed such immense Bloodline Power.

Yet, Chen Yu's combat power could not possibly have increased so much from using his Bloodline Power that it was sufficient to block his punch.

Bang ka! Peng!

The massive yellow luminance on his fist rapidly spread cracks across the surface, and in the next instant, it exploded.

A pitch-black Sword Qi, carrying a boundless demonic aura, dispersed in every direction.

The blow from the Thousand Stone Venerable was shattered by Chen Yu!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Behind Chen Yu, a pair of golden fire wings gently vibrated, the flames winding and undulating like numerous serpents.

He held a long, bizarre-looking pitch-black bone sword, his figure slowly rising!

"What kind of weapon is this?"

The Thousand Stone Venerable felt a threat emanating from the weapon in Chen Yu's hand.

"Let's see just how much of a gap there is between me now and a Sky Sea Realm Venerable!"

Chen Yu shouted, his battle spirit soaring.

In fact, with Chen Yu's abilities, he could flee, but he might be relentlessly pursued by the Thousand Stone Venerable.

Another point.

If Chen Yu were to use his Golden Phoenix Wing and the Golden Winged Phoenix's Bloodline Power to escape, it would seem too cowardly.

It would be better to fight the Thousand Stone Venerable, at least to let the opponent know that he is no easy target, not someone you can crush at will!

"Fine, then I shall show you the full extent of my power!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable, completely incensed by Chen Yu's repeated bold words.

Just a junior at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, speaking to him with such disrespect— if he didn't slay this youngster, he decided he would punish himself by...never sleeping again.

Such a strict punishment, the Thousand Stone Venerable thought to himself.

Whoosh!

With a wave of his hand, the Thousand Stone Venerable swiftly condensed a drum-sized giant Stone Ball in front of him.

There were three of these giant Stone Balls!

Peng!

The Thousand Stone Venerable slapped out his palm, and the first giant Stone Ball charged straight towards Chen Yu.

Chen Yu's expression turned grave as he gripped the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword and swung it with all his might.

A massive pitch-black sword light, carrying a storm of golden flames, cleaved through the air.

Boom!

The two forces collided instantly.

Chen Yu's tremendous strength, combined with the superior Spiritual Artifact, the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword, and the Golden Winged Phoenix's Bloodline Power, was enough to instantly kill geniuses like You Lie and Cui Yan'er.

The space slashed by the Sword Qi split open, and the cracks spread rapidly.

The giant Stone Ball shattered, some of the massive stones still hurtling towards Chen Yu, while the residual power of the black Sword Qi targeted the Thousand Stone Venerable.

Swoosh!

The fire wings on Chen Yu's back trembled as he soared upwards, evading the incoming stones.

Meanwhile, Chen Yu's black Sword Qi struck the Thousand Stone Venerable, leaving a shallow mark.

The Thousand Stone Venerable hadn't been concerned, but unexpectedly, the rock at the wound started turning black.

Chen Yu's Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword had an invasive nature. The Thousand Stone Venerable hadn't anticipated this and took a disadvantage.

Peng! Peng!

The Thousand Stone Venerable's eyes sunk with ferocity, his look turning malicious as he pushed out both palms, sending two giant Stone Balls hurtling towards Chen Yu simultaneously.

This time, Chen Yu felt some pressure.

He quickly took out the Golden Phoenix Wing— a curious treasure refined by "Brother Dong."

The curious treasure, the Golden Phoenix Wing, merged with the golden flame wings on Chen Yu's back, emitting a more splendid halo of golden light, and an ancient and primitive Bloodline Sacred Power intimidated all around!

With the sound of a phoenix's cry, Chen Yu's wings flapped several times, and he soared away like a golden Fire Bird, dodging all the giant Stone Balls struck by the Thousand Stone Venerable.

"With the Golden Phoenix Wing fused with my Bloodline, my speed has increased by more than double. Under these circumstances, my speed is comparable to a Sky Sea Realm Venerable."

Excitement flashed in Chen Yu's eyes.

The Stone Race was not known for their speed, so Chen Yu's speed was significantly faster than the Thousand Stone Venerable's.

The superior Spiritual Artifact, the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword, combined with the Golden Winged Phoenix's Bloodline Power, allowed Chen Yu to even wound the Thousand Stone Venerable.

And Chen Yu's defenses could withstand the Thousand Stone Venerable's regular attacks, along with his strong constitution and a heaven-defying recovery ability!

Chen Yu discovered that in all aspects, he wasn't much worse than the Thousand Stone Venerable, and he even surpassed the other in some areas.

At this moment, a bold and crazy thought emerged in his mind: could he possibly slay this Stone Race Sky Sea Venerable?

Chapter 666: Killing Konghai

At that moment, Chen Yu's mind was struck by a crazily bold thought: could he actually kill this Venerable of the Stone Clan from the Sky Sea Realm?

Thinking about this, Chen Yu felt a rush of heat in his head, and his fighting spirit surged even stronger.

If he could achieve that, it would not only prove his own strength but also directly earn him two hundred Slaughter Points.

On the opposite side, the Thousand Stone Venerable saw Chen Yu suddenly increase his speed, dodging his two attacks with ease, and he became furiously enraged.

As a member of the Stone Clan, what he hated most was enemies with fast speed.

Moreover, this enemy was merely at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, yet had achieved such feats in speed, which made the Thousand Stone Venerable extremely envious.

Suddenly, the Thousand Stone Venerable noticed a change in the look in Chen Yu's eyes; it seemed somewhat odd, and even a faint sense of... killing intent!

This human wanted to kill him!

"Hahaha

The Thousand Stone Venerable burst out laughing, finding it hilarious that a human at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak would even contemplate killing a Sky Sea Realm Venerable.

He found it amusing yet was filled with outrage.

The smile on the Thousand Stone Venerable's face quickly vanished, his massive stony face turned dark and ominous, and a fierce light flickered in his crimson eyes.

Boom!

He suddenly threw a punch, a massive dusky yellow fist aura, heavy as a mountain with a raging sandstorm swirling around it, and swept towards Chen Yu.

Chen Yu was fearless, wielding the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword, he struck out a pitch-black, violent sword surge.

Using a top-tier Spiritual Artifact combined with the bloodline of a Golden Winged Phoenix, in terms of attack power, Chen Yu was superior to the Thousand Stone Venerable.

However, the Golden Phoenix Wing bloodline was limited, and using a top-tier Spiritual Artifact rapidly drained Chen Yu's True Yuan; over time, the winner would ultimately be the Thousand Stone Venerable.

"A quick battle must be decided, otherwise it's impossible for me to defeat the Venerable."

Chen Yu made up his mind.

Just then, the Thousand Stone Venerable's second punch arrived.

Whoosh whoosh!

Chen Yu's Golden Winged Fire Wings at his back vibrated swiftly, beating out a swathe of golden flame mist.

He was like a phoenix soaring at high speed, dodging the Thousand Stone Venerable's punch.

Afterward, Chen Yu flew towards the Thousand Stone Venerable. If a quick decision was to be made, it was best to get close and deal some fatal wounds to the Thousand Stone Venerable; fighting from a distance could easily turn into a war of attrition.

Slash!

Chen Yu arrived above the Thousand Stone Venerable, chopping down at his head with a sword, bringing with him a wild, pitch-black sword light carrying a scorching golden flame, descending upon him.

The Thousand Stone Venerable did not underestimate Chen Yu; he raised both palms, and True Yuan fluctuations emerged, forming a dusky yellow dirt-yellow stone wall.

Bang!

Chen Yu's slash was blocked by the dirt-yellow stone wall.

The Stone Clan excelled in defense, and with the Thousand Stone Venerable focused on defending, Chen Yu's strike could not breach his protective measures.

Swoosh!

Instead of retreating, Chen Yu advanced, charging downward and slicing his sword against the dusky yellow stone wall.

This sword strike caused the stone wall to crack, spider-webbing across it.

Thud thud! Thud thud thud!

Chen Yu's heart pounded explosively, his power doubled, and with one strike, he split open the stone wall that was a zhang thick.

Swoosh! Bang!

A pitch-black demonic light of Sword Qi fell upon the Thousand Stone Venerable's head, slicing off a small piece of it.

"Thousand Sand Giant Hand."

The Thousand Stone Venerable roared in anger, lifting his right hand high as yellow sand twirled around it, instantly forming a dusky yellow sandstone hand nearly forty zhang long, reaching out to grab Chen Yu.

"Die!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable was seething with rage, incredulous that he could be wounded by a human.

However, the explosive power that this human displayed in an instant was truly terrifying; he hadn't managed to block the attack.

Swoosh!

Facing the Thousand Stone Venerable's furious counterattack, Chen Yu temporarily retreated, creating a distance between himself and the Venerable.

But that dark yellow sandstone giant hand, composed entirely of sandstone, was incredibly agile, and no matter where Chen Yu flew, the giant hand would immediately follow, not slowing in the slightest.

With Chen Yu's speed, he wasn't worried about being caught, but constantly having to dodge the giant hand was distracting.

"It seems that fighting single-handedly against a Venerable is indeed quite difficult."

Chen Yu confirmed the strength of the Thousand Stone Venerable.

Although Cui Ming, Tong Wei, and You Lie had previously joined forces to land a serious blow on the Thousand Stone Venerable.

But that was because they had the advantage of numbers, leaving the Thousand Stone Venerable unable to guard against everyone. When he defended against one, he would be attacked by the other two.

Chen Yu was engaging the Thousand Stone Venerable in a head-to-head duel, making the difficulty completely different.

In truth, Chen Yu could also summon the Red Flame King to join forces, and together they would have no problem defeating the Thousand Stone Venerable, but Chen Yu preferred to rely on his own strength to fight.

"Huh? The Thousand Stone Venerable's arm

Chen Yu suddenly noticed that the Thousand Stone Venerable mainly used his right arm and seldom his left.

Upon observation, he found that the Thousand Stone Venerable's left arm was a size smaller than his right.

Chen Yu didn't know that in the fight against human geniuses like You Lie, the Thousand Stone Venerable had been injured and his left arm had been destroyed.

But as a member of the Stone Clan, he could quickly grow a new arm, it just needed a longer time to fully assimilate with his body and heal the wound.

Boom!

Chen Yu aimed for the Thousand Stone Venerable's left arm and suddenly delivered a sword strike.

"Not good!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable realized the danger too late, extending his left hand and throwing a rocky and solid giant palm.

Boom bang!

The pitch-black violent sword light surged forth, shredding the rocky giant palm in a breath's time.

From this, Chen Yu noted that the attacks performed by the Thousand Stone Venerable's left arm were significantly weaker.

"It seems that the wound of the Thousand Stone Venerable is on the left arm, which is his weak point."

Chen Yu couldn't help but smile.

Bang!

The remaining force of Chen Yu's sword left a seven-inch deep wound on the Thousand Stone Venerable's left arm, and the edges were tainted black by the demonic essence of the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword, beginning to blacken.

Boom pu!

Thousand Stone Venerable's body swayed, and the huge sand hand in the sky instantly dispelled, only to be immediately recondensed by the Venerable.

"Seeking death, how dare you attack my weak spot."

Thousand Stone Venerable roared, seeming furious beyond measure.

Chen Yu felt this was only to be expected; in battle, if one finds an enemy's weakness, one naturally targets the weakness to attack, regardless of what the weakness was.

Swoosh!

He controlled his wings to increase his speed, dodging Thousand Stone Venerable's attacks.

In mid-flight, Chen Yu's target was always on Thousand Stone Venerable's left arm, occasionally swinging his sword.

By now, Thousand Stone Venerable was on his guard, but still, he was unable to block all of Chen Yu's attacks.

At a certain moment, when Chen Yu swung his sword, he severed Thousand Stone Venerable's arm.

Losing an arm had a great effect on Thousand Stone Venerable, giving Chen Yu an even greater certainty of defeating his opponent.

"Human, I will skin you alive and tear you to pieces."

Thousand Stone Venerable roared in anger.

"Mountain God Fist!"

A surge of intense and boundless True Essence power erupted from within Thousand Stone Venerable.

Having fought the Hill Giant before, Chen Yu knew that this move was a powerful secret technique of the Hill Giants, with tremendous force!

Thousand Stone Venerable released a massive wave of True Essence power, and the surrounding ground rumbled loudly as numerous clumps of earth and rock rose into the air, condensing into a colossal arm.

Boom!

The huge arm, over a hundred yards long like a pillar holding up the sky, hurtled toward Chen Yu.

The fist at the front of the "Mountain God Fist" was even more massive, covering an enormous range as though it could destroy everything.

Before it even arrived, a powerful gravitational field enveloped Chen Yu, making it difficult for him to dodge.

Thump-thump! Thump-thump-thump!

In this critical moment, Chen Yu's heart entered a burst state once more, doubling his speed and strength.

His formidable strength allowed him to counter the massive gravitational field, and his extreme speed enabled Chen Yu to quickly retreat from the attack range of the Mountain God Fist.

Roar!

A fist slammed down, just two meters away from Chen Yu whistling past, blowing on him and making a sizzling noise.

"That was close!"

Chen Yu sighed in relief.

"Damn human, how can you be so fast!"

Thousand Stone Venerable panted heavily with rage, fiercely pounding his chest.

After executing that punch, Thousand Stone Venerable fell into a brief period of weakness.

Seizing the opportunity of his opponent's frailty, Chen Yu immediately launched an offensive.

Now still in his heart's burst state, Chen Yu's speed reached its limit, transforming into a fiery red streak of light, closing in on Thousand Stone Venerable, and sweeping out with his sword.

A storm of black and red intertwined, striking on Thousand Stone Venerable's chest, shattering his outer rocky defensive layer, leaving a black gash five yards long.

It wasn't over yet—Chen Yu pressed his advantage, using his sword technique, Demon Light Sword Spin.

Roar-hu!

A massive vortex of sword Qi interwoven with black light and golden flames collided with Thousand Stone Venerable's chest.

A series of grinding noises accompanied by Thousand Stone Venerable's pitiful screams echoed around.

Bang—

Thousand Stone Venerable retreated six steps, his body trembling, with a black spiral-shaped crater appearing on his chest.

Chen Yu's consecutive two swords almost reached Thousand Stone Venerable's crystal heart.

The Stone Race had strong defensive power, with the crystal heart being the most vulnerable part, easily damaged, leading to instantaneous death.

Escape!

Panic and fear showed on Thousand Stone Venerable's face as the single thought of escape emerged in his mind.

Boom!

An explosive noise came from beneath Thousand Stone Venerable's feet, and then his entire body shot out like a cannonball.

"Stay!"

Chen Yu's goal was to slay Thousand Stone Venerable, and he wouldn't easily let him go.

His Golden Phoenix Wings vibrated rapidly, and within five breaths, Chen Yu caught up with Thousand Stone Venerable.

At the same time, Chen Yu released the Red Flame King.

"Assist me in slaying him."

Chen Yu called out decisively.

"Slaying a Venerable? Not bad, not bad, you have the air of the king's past."

The Red Flame King boasted casually.

"Flame Dragon Locking Body Technique."

The Red Flame King's body surged with flames, opening its mouth to spew out a sea of fire.

Boom boom boom!

An overwhelming sea of fire enveloped Thousand Stone Venerable, and suddenly, six gigantic fiery dragons burst forth, each one fierce and menacing with overwhelming might.

The six fiery dragons attacked in unison, biting at every part of Thousand Stone Venerable's body.

Under the precise control of the Red Flame King, Thousand Stone Venerable was unable to dodge at all.

"Perfect opportunity!"

Chen Yu surged forward, wielding the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword, thrusting at Thousand Stone Venerable's chest.

Inside Thousand Stone Venerable, the crystal heart pounded, sensing the imminence of death.

He roared crazily as his right arm erupted with an unmatched strength, breaking free from a fiery dragon and protecting his chest!

Ting-chi!

In an instant, the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword struck his palm and quickly penetrated it.

Within a breath's time, the Demon Sword pierced through Thousand Stone Venerable's palm, but then its speed slowed, unable to penetrate much further.

"Die!"

Chen Yu's lips curved into a victor's smile.

He activated the second property of the Nine Bone Demon Spirit Sword—transformation.

The nine bone segments of the Demon Sword seemed to come alive, making a scratching sound as each segment elongated, and the whole sword doubled in length, piercing into Thousand Stone Venerable's crystal heart!

Chapter 667: Assessment Ends

Above the Stone Cloud Realm, a uniquely shaped small boat, painted entirely black, was hovering with a green-haired Elder seated cross-legged inside.

This boat was a patrol boat from Black Demon Valley, equipped with a hidden Array that made it difficult to detect even by a Late Stage Sky Sea Realm Venerable without careful observation.

The patrol boat was prepared for this examination.

If a disciple participating in the examination alarmed the forbidden presence within the Stone Cloud Realm, all disciples participating would face merciless slaughter from this presence.

At such a time, the Elder on the patrol boat would intervene to prevent this from happening.

Of course, the Heavenly Jade Sect had some of these patrol boats as well.

Moreover, all the patrol boats were equipped with video recording Arrays that captured everything the boats went through, preventing any cheating between the two sects' forces.

"These little ones are indeed clever and cautious, steering clear of especially dangerous areas," murmured the green-haired Elder.

Up to now, since his patrol began, no such situation had arisen, leaving the green-haired Elder feeling somewhat bored.

Suddenly, a faint light flickered on the ship's helm in front of the green-haired Elder.

"Early-stage Sky Sea Realm!"

The green-haired Elder blinked slightly.

Under normal circumstances, no intervention was needed for an appearance of an Early Stage Sky Sea Realm Venerable.

Since the combined effort of the Half-step Sky Sea young geniuses participating in the examination could counterbalance an Early Stage Sky Sea Realm Stone Clan member.

Out of boredom, the green-haired Elder still decided to maneuver the boat closer to investigate.

Better left unseen, for upon seeing, his eyes immediately sparked with brilliance.

"Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, managing to repel an Early Stage Sky Sea Realm Hill Giant!"

The green-haired Elder's eyes shone with amazement.

Immediately after, the green-haired Elder's attention turned to Chen Yu's strong bloodline and his weapon.

"A top-grade Spiritual Artifact! Even though the Artifact Spirit is injured and has not awakened

A trace of greed slowly surfaced in the green-haired Elder's eyes.

A junior at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak possessing such a Spiritual Artifact must surely be favored by great fortune or have received the inheritance of some formidable being.

The green-haired Elder took out a booklet, flipped through it briefly, and found Chen Yu's information.

"His background... the Beishui Yang Family? Is that all?"

The green-haired Elder showed a skeptical expression.

The Yang Family was merely a two-star force, yet Chen Yu's demonstrated strength and potential were even more outstanding than the talents from the Kingly Clan where the green-haired Elder belonged.

"In this case, once you enter Black Demon Valley, I shall take you as my disciple,"

The green-haired Elder smiled, considering it a fair deal to gain a disciple and acquire a top-grade Spiritual Artifact.

Moreover, later on, he could arrange for Chen Yu to join his own clan.

"I shall save you this time and make you owe me a favor!"

The green-haired Elder made his decision.

Considering Chen Yu's capability to combat an Early Stage Sky Sea Realm, his outstanding talents and abilities were truly astonishing.

Surely other Elders willing to accept Chen Yu as a disciple would not just be him alone.

But with the Green-haired Elder's help here for Chen Yu, it would put Chen Yu in his debt, and surely Chen Yu would not refuse him as a Master then.

Swoosh!

The green-haired Elder controlled the boat and glided downwards.

Just at that moment, the battle situation shifted.

"Hmm? This Spirit Pet is quite powerful,"

The green-haired Elder couldn't help but compliment.

However, what happened next froze his expression in shock.

On the ground, Chen Yu thrust his sword into the Stone Crystal Heart of the Thousand Stone Venerable.

The Thousand Stone Venerable's body trembled, as the life-force within rapidly disintegrated, dissipating into the heaven and earth.

Boom!

The colossal body of the Thousand Stone Venerable fell apart and plummeted down, accumulating into a small hill.

Chen Yu walked over and picked up the Stone Crystal Heart of the Thousand Stone Venerable. The heart alone was larger than Chen Yu's torso.

"The Sky Sea Realm Venerable's Stone Crystal heart is worth two hundred Slaughter Points,"

Chen Yu couldn't help but smile.

Just then, he sensed a powerful Primordial Qi not far away, subtly fluctuating for a moment.

"Who is it?"

Chen Yu instantly became alert.

Fortunately, he did not sense any imminent danger, nor did his heart signal any warning, otherwise he would have definitely fled.

Hum!

In the nearby void, a uniquely shaped black boat, as if suddenly unveiling a veil, appeared in front of Chen Yu.

A green-haired Elder flew out from it, looking at Chen Yu with a faint smile.

"Very strong

Chen Yu's mind tightened, feeling that the green-haired Elder before him was extremely formidable—a match he couldn't hope to face even with all his abilities deployed.

Fortunately, the green-haired Elder harbored no hostility towards him.

And from the boat, Chen Yu spotted the insignia of Black Demon Valley and immediately felt relieved.

"Greetings, elder," Chen Yu said, bowing.

"Well done, to have such cultivation and yet be able to slay an Early Stage Sky Sea Realm."

The green-haired Elder smiled in approval.

"Brother Chen modestly replied, 'The elder flatters me. That Stone Clan Venerable was wounded before the fight, and I managed to kill him only by sheer luck after a tough battle.'"

"Seeing your potential, after the second test is over, you may become my disciple," the elder with blueish hair spoke indifferently before returning inside the small boat.

Then, the small boat vanished again, disappearing from sight. It was unclear whether it was still nearby or had already left.

"He's gone," remarked the Red Flame King with a pout.

"An elder accepting a disciple, it seems I am quite fortunate. Having the protection of an elder after entering Black Demon Valley means even the You Clan or Cui Clan can't touch me," Chen Yu said with a smile.

"Young man, you underestimate yourself too much. With your talents, that old man is not worthy to be your master," the Red Flame King spoke proudly, his head tilted back.

"Even the disciples I had back in the day were better than that old fool."

However, one should take his bragging with a grain of salt.

Despite that, the Red Flame King's words were still a recognition of Chen Yu's capabilities.

Following this, Chen Yu left that place and found a secluded spot to rest.

Fighting with a Sky Sea Realm Venerable had greatly drained Chen Yu. If the battle were to continue, he might not have been able to kill the Thousand Stone Venerable.

Additionally, he had gained many insights from this battle.

The advantage of a Sky Sea Realm strong practitioner lay in their vast True Yuan Sea, the ability to harness Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, and their grasp of the spatial realms—every move they made generated formidable power.

These factors allowed Sky Sea Realm Venerables to easily crush anyone at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, with only a few powerful practitioners at Half-step Sky Sea Realm being able to contend with them.

The gap of the True Yuan Sea could not be filled unless one broke through one's cultivation base.

Harnessing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi was a feat of Sky Sea Realm level spiritual power. If Chen Yu's spiritual power reached the Sky Sea Realm level, he could also wield such abilities.

But attaining that was extremely difficult. Ordinarily, cultivators only reached this spiritual power level during their breakthrough to the Sky Sea Realm, through the baptism and transformation by Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

As for understanding the spatial realm, it depended on comprehension skills and opportunity, yet it seemed that Chen Yu's Spiritual Body and comprehension abilities were not high.

"Right, my Space Palm Technique seems to possess a rather strong power of the Spatial Realm," Chen Yu suddenly recalled, his eyes lighting up.

If he could comprehend the Spatial Realm to a certain extent, he could, like the Thousand Stone Venerable, unleash powers similar to the "Hundred Yards Sandstorm."

"It looks like I need to practice the Space Palm Technique more and find a breakthrough. Once I comprehend it to a certain extent, my combat power will significantly increase," Chen Yu planned in his heart.

The next day, Chen Yu set out again, hunting creatures of the Stone Clan.

Recently, Chen Yu primarily used the Space Palm Technique as his attack method.

Chen Yu discovered that he had an extraordinary talent in the field of space—like with the first technique in the “Xuankong Palm,” he hadn’t practiced it diligently yet had naturally reached the Great Success Realm.

He felt that he could only touch the threshold of the Spatial Realm power by practicing up to the second technique of “Xuankong Palm.”

This couldn’t be rushed; Chen Yu would need to slowly refine his skills.

As before, numerous family powers still sought revenge on Chen Yu.

However, Chen Yu did not kill them. Instead, he amicably defeated them. After some peaceful discussions, as long as they surrendered all Stone Crystal Hearts, all grievances would be settled.

The one-month deadline was fast approaching.

Chen Yu's consciousness entered the "Smoke-spitting Pearl," where he roughly calculated his Slaughter Points.

"One thousand nine hundred sixty-two Slaughter Points!"

Chen Yu was very satisfied and nodded.

He felt that very few could surpass his score.

According to the two sects' rules, at the deadline, all participants of the test would gather together and wait for the sect powerhouses to come and collect them.

Chen Yu soon found a hillside where nearly two hundred participants gathered, all from Black Demon Valley.

"Guest Chen."

Yang Fenghou, seeing Chen Yu in the crowd, was especially excited.

Being unfamiliar with the place and surrounded by talents from major clans, including the King's clans and three-star major families, Yang Fenghou only knew Chen Yu and was very happy to see him.

"Guest Chen, that bastard Hanshan came up with such a strategy to target us," Yang Fenghou said indignantly.

It was clear it wasn't only Chen Yu who was targeted; Yang Fenghou was also a target of several family powers, though the "bounty" on him was considerably smaller.

"Thankfully, Brother Shi helped me, or I might not have been able to return," continued Yang Fenghou, shooting a grateful look at the burly man Shi Wwei beside him.

Initially, just after entering the Stone Cloud Realm, Yang Fenghou met Shi Wwei and joined the Shi Family's team, thus avoiding disaster.

"I wonder how many Slaughter Points Brother Chen has accumulated?" Shi Wwei asked with a smile, his voice filled with curiosity and anticipation.

As long as Chen Yu had accumulated five hundred Slaughter Points, he could directly become an Inner Valley Disciple, vaulting into the inner sect—a feat achieved by only a few in all previous tests, almost all taken as disciples by the elders.

Some people nearby also looked over, curious about Chen Yu's score.

There were also a few men and women whose expressions were quite peculiar, looking at Chen Yu with resentment and sorrow—undoubtedly, they were the ones who had surrendered Stone Crystal Hearts to Chen Yu.

"Hehe

Chen Yu couldn't help but feel a bit smug, just as he was about to speak.

Boom!

A giant ship, fifty yards in length, swiftly approached. The ship was pitch black, its surface covered with intricate array patterns, and the top of the cabin sported two black curved demonic horns, clearly the insignia of Black Demon Valley.

"The test is now over. Everyone, come aboard," said an expressionless middle-aged man wearing a jade crown from the front of the giant ship, his voice very calm.

Chapter 668: 'The Slaughter Ranking List

In the mountainside, all those involved in the assessment boarded the giant ship.

Atop the ship's bow, the old man wearing a jade crown, "Elder Wei," glanced briefly over everyone who had boarded.

Among the Shi Clan, there were some with heaven-reaching abilities, unique races with special abilities; they must not be allowed to disguise themselves as human beings and infiltrate the Great Yu Realm.

Moreover, Elder Wei could sense the earthy power emanating from the crystal hearts of the Shi Clan.

Some people carried with them a lesser aura, while others were drenched in it.

Based on this, he could estimate the number of Shi Clan members those talented individuals had slaughtered. It wouldn't be entirely accurate but could serve as a reference point.

"The aura on the geniuses from the great clan powers is always a bit more intense."

Elder Wei mused silently to himself.

One could imagine that during the hunt for foreign races in the Stone Cloud Realm, most action took place in teams from clan powers, where geniuses from powerful families were naturally able to hunt more of the foreign beings.

There was also the extortion and pillaging of the crystal hearts obtained by smaller clan powers from the great ones.

This situation was beyond the control of the high ranks of both sects; Elder Wei could only hope that the clan prodigies participating in the Black Demon Valley assessment did not turn against the others who were partaking.

After all, the two great sects were betting on the final results of this assessment to determine the winner.

And the number of people who passed the first part of the assessment gave the Heavenly Jade Sect a slight edge.

Elder Wei hoped even more that the geniuses participating in the Black Demon Valley assessment would go and rob those from the Heavenly Jade Sect, thereby increasing the chances of a victory for Black Demon Valley.

"Eh? The scent of crystal hearts on this young man is particularly intense."

Elder Wei's gaze lingered on Chen Yu for several moments longer, sensing him carefully.

The aura of the crystal hearts emanating from Chen Yu far surpassed anyone present and was also the strongest Elder Wei had encountered thus far

"So it's him? The young man who swept through the Cui Clan on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder!"

Elder Wei remembered Chen Yu's performance on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder and nodded slightly to himself.

He had planned to take Chen Yu as his disciple, and judging by the current situation, Chen Yu's results in the second assessment must also be quite impressive.

Elder Wei's resolve firmed up in an instant.

Chen Yu, along with Yang Fenghou, Shi Wwei, and others, boarded the giant ship of Black Demon Valley. However, Chen Yu suddenly felt that the elder from Black Demon Valley seemed to be watching him.

When he looked over, he found Elder Wei observing somewhere else.

Perhaps he was overthinking it.

"Once on board this ship, no one is to remove the crystal hearts until the results are recorded; violators will be severely punished."

At that moment, Elder Wei announced a rule.

This was to prevent clan powers from trading crystal hearts for Slaughter Points.

Some people, lacking a hundred Slaughter Points to pass the assessment, might pay a cost to purchase points from others.

Upon hearing this, many people immediately showed expressions of disappointment.

Some who had brought out their crystal hearts seemed to be in the midst of transactions; they broke into a cold sweat and hurriedly stored their items into their storage spaces.

Next, the giant ship sailed to other places to collect those taking part in the second assessment.

When about everyone was aboard, the giant ship flew to an altitude of five thousand zhang in the Stone Cloud Realm, where a massive space passage existed, stable and durable.

The ship entered it, and before long in the space passage, it brought everyone back to the Great Yu Realm's "Heavenly Ascension Peak."

Back in the Great Yu Realm, everyone immediately felt a sense of familiarity along with the rich Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi; many took deep breaths.

At this moment, below Heavenly Ascension Peak there were only a little over a thousand people; many more were in the Stone Cloud Realm, not yet returned.

Not far away, a genius from the You Clan came to the side of a green-haired elder.

Had Chen Yu been there, he would have recognized the elder as the one who had wanted to take him as a disciple in the Stone Cloud Realm.

"You Lie, how did you fare in the second assessment?"

Inquired the green-haired elder.

Most from the You Clan had smug smiles, clearly with good results; only You Lie and a few other You Clan geniuses had gloomy expressions.

"Third Uncle, we got robbed of our crystal hearts by others."

A You Clan woman exclaimed angrily.

"Oh?"

The green-haired elder glanced at You Lie, clearly seeing that even You Lie's crystal heart had been snatched.

"Could it be Xu Nanyun from the Xu Family, or perhaps Hua Dufeng from the Hua Family?"

Asked the green-haired elder.

The Xu and Hua families were both Three-Star families, with Condensed Star Realm Kings at their helm, shining stars in this assessment.

"Third Uncle, it wasn't the Hua Family or the Xu Family; it was that Chen Yu."

Continued the You Clan woman.

"Chen Yu?"

The green-haired elder frowned, as if recalling something.

"You Lie, you should have no problem entering the inner valley, right?"

The green-haired elder's tone turned stern.

"I was a bit late; they didn't manage to tally up five hundred Slaughter Points for me in time!"

You Lie shrunk back, his voice faint.

After he spoke, he clenched his fists tightly, overwhelmed with shame.

Upon hearing this, the green-haired elder's face suddenly turned grim, his powerful aura spreading out, causing many around to tremble in fear.

"Third Uncle, I must get revenge!"

You Lie's face suddenly twisted with malice, his teeth gritted.

After being robbed by Chen Yu, he had also suffered an attack from the Thousand Stone Venerable, resulting in the death of many talents.

You Lie blamed Chen Yu for the deaths of these geniuses, setting up Chen Yu as an enemy and adding obstacles.

But as long as Chen Yu lived, the grudge in his heart would be hard to quell.

"Heh heh, isn't that easy?"

The green-haired elder chuckled coldly.

He hadn't expected that You Lie would fail to accumulate five hundred Slaughter Points because of Chen Yu, hindering him from entering the inner valley.

Naturally, he placed the blame upon Chen Yu.

"It's perfect, I've been planning to take him as a disciple, and then have you become his senior brother. What do you think?"

The man with the greenish hair curled his lips, revealing a sneer.

Hearing this, You Lie's eyes sparkled with a glint of light, revealing a malevolently evil grin: "That's right, he's just a nameless nobody. This young master will play him to death with ease."

Just a minor character without a backing—so insignificant in front of an entity like the You Clan.

By then, when Chen Yu becomes a disciple of a powerful member of the You Clan, he'll be completely at their mercy.

"Chen Yu, this is what happens when you offend me. Your life and death will be in my hands. When the time comes, you'll be the one kneeling and begging me for a chance to live

You Lie looked towards the distant Chen Yu, his face donned with a cruel smile full of anticipation and excitement.

An hour later.

All the candidates taking part in the assessment gathered at the base of the Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

Buzz!

The huge spatial passage in the sky slowly constricted before finally closing.

Atop the Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

"Is this all the people that are left?"

"It seems due to the unique nature of this assessment, quite a few talents have perished within."

Two elders from the sects, observing the situation below, chatted casually among themselves.

This time, due to the bet between the two sects, the second part of the assessment was more brutal than usual. Whenever candidates from both sides met, it was almost certain to end in battle, resulting in a higher death rate than before.

About a thousand talented individuals died in the second part of the assessment!

"Members of the Black Demon Valley, everyone seems to be back now. Shall we calculate the final scores?"

An elder from Heavenly Jade Sect, sporting a long beard, suggested.

"Let's begin."

Elder Wei glanced at the other party and nodded slightly.

"The second assessment is over, now we'll begin recording everyone's scores."

An elder from the Black Demon Valley stepped forward, announcing the end of the assessment.

"The recording of scores has begun—I wonder what position I rank amongst all the participants."

"With your strength, you're definitely not making it onto the 'Slaughter Ranking List'."

"I heard the 'Slaughter Ranking List' from both sects only lists the top hundred. Those who make it will receive focused cultivation from the two sects."

People from the two sects formed two long lines, proceeding to ascend the Heavenly Ascension Ladder one by one.

There, stewards from both sects were responsible for checking the crystal hearts and calculating and registering Slaughter Points.

Behind them, two huge steles stood, and soon enough, a hundred names each appeared on them.

However, as data continued to be updated, the names on the stele quickly changed, gradually getting replaced by new ones.

An hour later, half of the participants from both sects were registered.

By this point, the names on the 'Slaughter Ranking List' had more or less stabilized.

"The person ranking first on Heavenly Jade Sect's side has accumulated nine hundred and twelve Slaughter Points, which is two more than the top contender of the Black Demon Valley."

"However, merely relying on the 'Slaughter Ranking List' data makes it hard to tell which sect will come out on top."

Suddenly, the names on the 'Slaughter Ranking List' showed continuous changes.

"It's the Hua Clan, heavens! Hua Dufeng has accumulated one thousand two hundred and thirty-six Slaughter Points."

With the Hua Clan genius's score registered, the names on the Black Demon Valley's stele were quickly replaced, with several Hua Clan geniuses listed on the 'Slaughter Ranking List'.

Hua Dufeng topped the list with one thousand two hundred and thirty-six Slaughter Points, outpacing the second place by more than four hundred points.

Such an achievement had many other talents merely looking up in admiration.

"Hmph, with my performance in this assessment, I should be ranked first, right?"

Hua Dufeng, dressed in a robe embroidered with dragons and phoenixes, walked with his hands clasped behind his back, slowly descending the Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

"Young Master, I heard there's an unwritten rule in the Black Demon Valley that the top scorer in each assessment can become the disciple of a 'Deputy Valley Master'."

A handsome member of the Hua Clan said with a smile.

"Does this mean when the Young Master enters the valley, he can become a disciple of a Deputy Valley Master? I wonder which Valley Master it will be."

Another excited female voiced out.

The Black Demon Valley had five great valleys: Demon Valley, Yinfeng Valley, Evil Ghost Valley, Illusion Spirit Valley, and Blood Demon Valley.

"That's just a rumor. Whom the Valley Masters are willing to take as a disciple is not for us to decide."

Hua Dufeng shook his head slightly, but his face revealed an even more prideful smile.

Suddenly, the crowd around them erupted.

"Look at the stele, Xu Nanyun, with one thousand two hundred and fifty-eight Slaughter Points!"

"Xu Nanyun's Slaughter Points are higher than Hua Dufeng's!"

"Hmm?"

Hua Dufeng turned to glance at the stele behind him, and the smile on his face disappeared without a trace.

"Xu Nanyun!"

Hua Dufeng's gaze turned icy as he forced out the three words.

"Someday, I will make sure you are beneath my feet."

With a cold huff, Hua Dufeng turned and walked away.

Slaughter Points couldn't prove one's strength, talent, or potential—Hua Dufeng firmly believed he would leave Xu Nanyun far behind.

On the 'Slaughter Ranking List', Heavenly Jade Sect's number one had once again overtaken the Black Demon Valley.

Whether it was outsiders, many talents, or the elders atop the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, all were discussing this matter.

Chen Yu, who was queuing up, was also paying attention to the 'Slaughter Ranking List'.

"How come the highest so far is just over a thousand points?"

Chen Yu compared these figures to his own, feeling quite proud in his heart.

"Perhaps the real elites haven't appeared yet. Maybe there will be higher figures in a while."

Chen Yu thought to himself and felt he shouldn't be too proud.

Just then, he reached the Black Demon Valley steward's presence.

"Show me all the crystal hearts you've obtained."

Chapter 669: Everyone's Shock

"Take out all the stone crystal hearts you've obtained."

Deacon Liu glanced at Chen Yu, then lowered his head to organize the data, speaking in a very indifferent tone.

This task of tallying slaughter points was quite tedious and boring, and with the total number of people who had passed the second assessment reaching two thousand, the work was going to take a long time, making the several deacons present somewhat irritable.

But this was a command issued by the Sect Elders, which they could not defy.

If they encountered talents from major families, they might be a bit more polite and exchange a few courtesies.

For someone without fame or family background, an ordinary person, they couldn't be bothered.

"Why haven't you taken them out yet?"

Deacon Liu frowned slightly, looked up at Chen Yu, and felt that the person in front of him seemed quite clever, so why was he so slow in his actions?

"Just a moment

Chen Yu said.

He had accumulated quite a lot of stone crystal hearts, far exceeding the geniuses on the "Slaughter Rankings."

Chen Yu wondered whether he should take them all out or not; among them were hearts from a Sky Sea Realm Venerable, others might not believe it.

But after thinking it over, he remembered that an elder from Black Demon Valley had witnessed him slay a Stone Clan Venerable, so there should be no problem.

So Chen Yu took out all the stone crystal hearts in one go.

Whoosh!

Immediately, a vast number of stone crystal hearts of various sizes piled up on the entire table.

The hearts completely blocked Deacon Liu's face, so Chen Yu didn't see his counterpart's stunned expression.

A burly man in line behind Chen Yu was startled by this scene and blurted out in alarm, "Damn!"

Then, realizing he had reacted somewhat improperly, the burly man's voice trembled with excitement, "Buddy, all of these... so many stone crystal hearts, did you hunt them all?"

"My god, who is this person? To take out so many stone crystal hearts!"

"Damn it, so many stone crystal hearts!"

"Holy smokes, how can there be so many stone crystal hearts, am I seeing things?"

Behind Chen Yu, exclamations of astonishment kept rising.

In front of the table, Deacon Liu parted the stone crystal hearts and stared at Chen Yu with a surprised gaze.

"Did Your Excellency personally hunt all these stone crystal hearts?"

Deacon Liu asked in a hushed tone.

But after speaking, he realized he was stating the obvious.

"Your Excellency, please wait. I will tally your slaughter points immediately."

Deacon Liu got busy, and without even realizing it, his reference to Chen Yu had changed from "you" to "Your Excellency."

Soon, Deacon Liu finished tallying the stone crystal hearts.

“1962 slaughter points!”

Deacon Liu inhaled deeply, expressing his disbelief with astonishment.

Up until now, Xu Nanyun, the prodigy of the three-star Xu Family, had 1258 slaughter points and was ranked first.

Yet now, he was presented with a more astonishing and frightening number—1962!

That was a full 710 points more than Xu Nanyun.

What Deacon Liu found unimaginable was that among these, there was a massive stone crystal heart, emanating the aura of the Sky Sea Realm!

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Below the Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

"What's going on? It suddenly became noisy up there."

"Perhaps the slaughter points of a certain genius are quite astonishing, drawing exclamations from others."

Some people speculated for a while.

In the rear, You Lie, among the talented of the You Clan, wore a cold and gloomy expression.

"Chen Yu, even if you enter the Inner Valley, so what? Once you become a disciple of my third uncle, you will be a plaything in my hands!"

You Lie fantasized about tormenting Chen Yu in the future.

Chen Yu had robbed them of their stone crystal hearts, and his slaughter points would definitely exceed five hundred, enough to enter the Inner Valley.

But even as an Inner Valley Disciple, offending You Lie would still lead to a miserable end.

"That kid's slaughter points must be quite a lot."

The man with greenish hair watched the top of the Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

He had witnessed Chen Yu slay a Sky Sea Realm Venerable; just one Sky Sea Realm crystal heart was worth two hundred slaughter points.

Moreover, Chen Yu had also robbed people like You Lie of their stone crystal hearts.

Suddenly.

The man with greenish hair's expression changed subtly; he saw the stone crystal hearts Chen Yu had taken out, which seemed... a bit too many.

Following that, the name "Hua Dufeng" at the top of the Black Demon Valley's assessment stele suddenly moved down one spot.

Another name appeared, startlingly "Chen Yu."

The slaughter points were... 1962!

In the moment the man with greenish hair saw this, he blinked, even thinking he had misread.

But no matter how much he blinked, the number did not change.

Meanwhile, the long queue on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, those waiting below, and the onlookers around the periphery of the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, all boiled over.

“1962 slaughter points, how is this possible?”

"This must be a registration error; it will probably be corrected soon."

"Oh my god, this number... how is this possible?"

The rumbling sound echoed around the Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

Sitting inside a palanquin and enjoying tea, “Hua Dufeng” frowned and complained, “Why is it so noisy outside?”

"Young Master, someone in Black Demon Valley has exceeded your slaughter points!"

Someone outside responded to Hua Dufeng.

"Exceeded me? Impossible!" novel.cøm

Hua Dufeng immediately shouted and then abruptly flung open the curtain, walking out.

When he saw his name still atop the stele along with the Slaughter Points, he felt as if he had been struck by lightning; the teacup in his hand slipped and shattered to pieces.

Not only that, the appearance of 1,962 Slaughter Points also alarmed two Sect Elders from the with Black and White Palaces atop the Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

Several elders from Black Demon Valley couldn't help but lose some color.

"Not bad, not bad indeed!" Elder Wei praised Chen Yu twice.

You should know that among the elders of Black Demon Valley, Elder Wei was highly influential. Being praised by him was a great honor indeed.

"Who is Chen Yu? Around here, I only remember a two-and-a-half-star power, the Chen Family!"

An elder who hadn't attended the first test expressed his surprise and confusion.

"Hahaha, 1,962 Slaughter Points, that's even over seven hundred more than Xu Nanyun of Heavenly Jade Sect."

An elder with a cheerful personality burst out laughing.

From Heavenly Jade Sect, however, came waves of retorting and rebuking voices.

"Hmph, Black Demon Valley is too shameless to cheat during the assessment!"

The elder with the long beard snorted coldly.

"According to the agreement, cheating during the assessment leads to direct failure in the gambling match."

"This individual must also be severely punished; to cheat during such an important assessment shows complete disregard for me!"

The elders from Heavenly Jade Sect voiced their opinions one after another.

"Hmph, don't you think people of Heavenly Jade Sect are jumping to conclusions too hastily? You haven't presented any evidence, yet you accuse our Black Demon Valley geniuses of cheating?"

Elder Wei was the first to show dissatisfaction, standing up to rebuke Heavenly Jade Sect.

"If you accuse our Black Demon Valley genius without any evidence, then this old man says that everyone in Heavenly Jade Sect cheated."

Another hot-tempered elder cursed.

Black Demon Valley had never gotten along with Heavenly Jade Sect; they would never miss any chance to strike at the other.

Moreover, Chen Yu's result was certainly astonishing; it completely suppressed Heavenly Jade Sect from raising their heads.

This time, it was again a gambling battle between the two sects, with an unpredictable outcome. Maybe Chen Yu's 1,962 Slaughter Points could influence the victory or defeat.

"A Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak accumulating 1,962 Slaughter Points itself is evidence!"

"Do you think that because you don't resemble your father, it proves you're not his biological child?"

The hotheaded elder spoke shockingly, provoking rage from Heavenly Jade Sect.

The high-level members of both sects argued fiercely, and at the summit of the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, the sky churned with clouds, Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi violently stirring.

The people queuing for the assessment below were oppressed by the tumultuous might, gasping for breath.

"It seems things have blown up!"

Chen Yu looked around and finally sighed.

"Sir, your Slaughter Points have been completely tallied."

Deacon Liu said very politely.

As for how to judge Chen Yu's results exactly, that was out of his control; weren't the Sect Elders on the peak of Heavenly Ascension Ladder arguing intensely right now?

Chen Yu nodded and left the place.

As he descended, everyone in the long queue stared at Chen Yu, expressions varied.

"Brother Chen, you've really made a name for yourself this time!"

Shi Wwei ran over and stared at Chen Yu for a while before bursting into laughter.

You should know, the total number of people participating in the assessment of the two three-and-a-half-star forces was more than ten thousand!

In the first test, Chen Yu had made a stunning debut.

As for this second test, Chen Yu had shocked everyone.

1,962 Slaughter Points, thoroughly dominating the competitors. The second place was far behind Chen Yu, with an insurmountable distance.

"Hehe, just luck."

Chen Yu smiled.

But that was the truth; in Stone Cloud Realm, clan forces continuously troubled Chen Yu, who had no choice but to hand over their stone crystal hearts, leading to this terrifying amount.

You should know, in the Stone Cloud Realm, stone clan beings were limited; it was not like Guiyuan Realm late-stage creatures could be found everywhere.

And to rob an entire clan's force was also quite difficult and time-consuming.

Chen Yu's situation was different, those clan forces had delivered themselves to his doorstep.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Around Heavenly Ascension Ladder, numerous shadows seemed to receive some command, all flying up to the summit.

Among them was the green-haired elder who once had an encounter with Chen Yu in the Stone Cloud Realm.

"Hahaha

Shi Wwei laughed loudly, seemingly speechless.

Even he somewhat couldn't believe that Chen Yu was just lucky.

At that moment, a group of talents from Cui Clan approached.

"Hehe, Chen Yu, you really don't know what's good for you; daring to cheat in such a situation, and so cluelessly announcing to everyone that you cheated."

Cui Yan'er sneered repeatedly, "The Sect Elders will surely investigate this, and soon not only will your result be canceled, but you will also receive the most severe punishment."

She utterly disbelieved Chen Yu could accumulate so many Slaughter Points; therefore, she was convinced Chen Yu cheated.

"That's none of your concern."

Chen Yu said indifferently.

He felt that since he hadn't cheated, Black Demon Valley would certainly defend him vigorously, so there would be no issues.

"You... concerned about you? Truly shameless."

Cui Yan'er's almond-shaped eyes widened in anger, but she soon calmed down.

She didn't think she needed to argue with Chen Yu; in no time, Chen Yu would definitely be severely punished for cheating.

Suddenly.

A commanding and loud voice came from atop Heavenly Ascension Ladder.

"After verification, Chen Yu's result is authentic; no cheating has been found, and therefore, the result stands valid!"

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"After verification, Chen Yu's score is true and no signs of cheating were found, thus the score is valid!"

The high-level officials of both sects ordered all personnel who had patrolled the Stone Cloud Realm to retrieve the patrol boats, activate the image recording Array on them, and review the recorded footage.

However, no boat recorded any clues regarding Chen Yu cheating.

In fact, some boats' Arrays captured footage of Chen Yu robbing the heart of a Crystal stone.

Among them, the patrol boat of the You Clan's elder with azure hair even recorded a scene of Chen Yu slaying a creature from the Sky Sea Realm belonging to the Stone Clan, a scene which left the higher-ups of both great sects profoundly shaken.

The doubts about the origin of the Stone Clan Venerable's heart were thus dispelled.

Black Demon Valley's faction was overjoyed, not only clearing Chen Yu of suspicion but also acquiring such an incredible talent while simultaneously dealing a blow to the Heavenly Jade Sect, killing three birds with one stone.

On the other hand, the higher-ups of the Heavenly Jade Sect were silent, their expressions ranging from cold to furious.

Considering that Chen Yu's score might not convince outsiders, Black Demon Valley's upper echelons declared publicly,

"Brother Chen, your score is valid!"

Shi Wwei looked shocked, never expecting this outcome.

Facing Chen Yu, the geniuses from the Cui Clan were all dumbfounded, and Cui Yan'er was particularly stunned into silence, her pretty face flushing red with embarrassment as if she'd just been slapped several times.

"Miss Cui, I did tell you there's no need for your concern."

Chen Yu's lips curled up in a slightly smug smile.

"How is this possible? What despicable means did you use?"

Cui Yan'er's chest heaved violently, her expression agitated, and she uttered in disbelief.

"Oh? Are you suggesting that the judgment of the elders from Heavenly Jade Sect and Black Demon Valley is incorrect?"

Chen Yu scoffed.

Cui Yan'er was about to speak but suddenly stopped herself, realizing her impulsiveness.

Even if the judgments of the elders from Heavenly Jade Sect and Black Demon Valley were wrong, she couldn't speak such words here.

In this world, where martial power is respected, even if the words of the powerful are incorrect or wrong, the weak cannot object.

Many others held the same thought as Cui Yan'er.

But since the higher-ups of both sects had spoken, they had no choice but to believe.

If there were truly issues with Chen Yu's score, as a rival faction, how could Heavenly Jade Sect hold back exposing it?

In contrast to most people's skepticism and denial, only a few of the Yang Family's Disciples were visibly delighted and excited.

"Amazing, Brother Chen is going to dominate all the geniuses."

"Hehe, even if I were to enter Black Demon Valley as a menial worker, with Brother Chen covering for me, I'd still stand out among them,"

Several disciples from the Yang Family said excitedly.

"Did he really come from a minor realm?"

Yang Fenghou looked up and mused.

Back then, he even thought Chen Yu was just a country bumpkin and took the initiative to challenge him.

Look at him now, Chen Yu stands atop the heads of countless clan geniuses.

Thinking back to these events, Yang Fenghou found it somewhat hilarious. Yet, he anticipated reminiscing about this affair with pride when he grew old.

Whoosh—

Atop the pinnacle of Ascension Peak, several figures flew down.

Among them, the elder with azure hair approached the You Clan disciples.

"Uncle, is our sect mistaken? Chen Yu must have cheated!"

You Lie had a look of terrified disarray.

Chen Yu's score truly frightened him.

"Shut up, this matter is settled,"

The elder with azure hair sharply rebuked, releasing an invisible force that jolted You Lie back from his panic.

You Lie then realized he had just voiced doubt against Black Demon Valley's high-level decision-makers.

"Uncle, no matter what, I must seek vengeance. You must take him under your wing and bring him under our You Clan's control."

You Lie calmed down, his face filled with dark resentment.

"With Chen Yu's performance in this assessment, there are probably not a few elders who want to take him under their wing. Fortunately, I have had early contact with him, and there's a fair chance to take him under,"

Said the elder with azure hair, his expression grave and inscrutable.

On hearing this, You Lie felt reassured.

"Not right!"

Suddenly, the elder with azure hair seemed to recall something, his complexion changing abruptly.

"With Chen Yu's scores in the two assessments outstripping everyone else and becoming the top new disciple, then I definitely can't take him as my disciple, his Master will be

The elder with azure hair muttered to himself, his expression suddenly solemn.

You Lie listened closely and also seemed to realize something, then exclaimed in shock, "Uncle, that can't be possible, does Black Demon Valley actually have such a rule?"

You Lie had heard that every five years, the one who entered Black Demon Valley with the top score in the assessments would be taken as a disciple by one of the five great Valley Masters!

The five great Valley Masters of Black Demon Valley, each a legendary figure in the Southern Domain!

"Usually, the one who enters Black Demon Valley with the top score also boasts the highest talent and indeed will be taken under one of the five great Valley Masters

The elder with azure hair slightly frowned and explained.

Of course, if the scores of the first, second, and third places are not significantly different, and a Valley Master prefers the latter, they can also take the latter as a disciple.

In any case, those with excellent scores possess this qualification, and the specific choice depends entirely on the Valley Master's preference.

"Five great Valley Masters taking disciples!"

You Lie felt as if struck by lightning, his body stiffening on the spot!

Meanwhile, Chen Yu had become a well-known figure, attracting attention wherever he stood.

Thus, at Shi Wwei's invitation, he went to rest inside his carriage.

Outside, many others who participated in the assessment were still registering their scores.

On the "Slaughter Ranking List" of Black Demon Valley and Heavenly Jade Sect, names continually disappeared and new names appeared, with the number of Slaughter Points ever increasing.

However, very few could come close to Xu Nanyun's 1,258 Slaughter Points.

As for Chen Yu's freakishly high score, it was simply a number everyone could only look up to but never reach.

Quickly, the scores of all the disciples participating in the assessment were fully recorded.

"The new disciples' assessment has now ended!"

"Black Demon Valley will release the list of those who passed the assessment tomorrow. Everyone must report to Black Demon Valley within three days!"

"Heavenly Jade Sect will announce the disciples who passed the assessment tomorrow, who must report within five days, or their places will be forfeited!"

After the high-ranking members of the two sects had spoken, the assessment of the two major three-and-a-half star forces came to an end.

"I wonder who won the bet between the two sects this time?"

A disciple from the Shi Family was very curious about this.

"That's not something we can control."

Another person said with a smile, shaking his head.

"Brother Chen, now that we both are eligible to enter Black Demon Valley, why don't you come with me?"

Shi Wwei invited Chen Yu.

"That would be an imposition."

Chen Yu replied courteously.

Shi Wwei exchanged a few polite words with a smile.

In fact, given Chen Yu's performance in this assessment, he had made a name for himself in the Southern Domain, and certainly, many family forces wanted to recruit him.

Shi Wwei had just received a message from the Shi Family's higher-ups, asking him to manage a good relationship with Chen Yu and preferably bring him to the Shi Family.

Afterward, Chen Yu and people from the Yang Family followed the Shi Family's team and left Dengtian Peak.

Shi Wwei, Chen Yu, and the Yang Family were very clear about their scores, so they would not head to Black Demon Valley until three days later.

One day, the Shi Family's flying ship arrived outside the Canglin Mountain Abyss.

Black Demon Valley was located in the midst of Canglin Mountain Abyss, where dangers lurked outside the valley and fierce beasts roamed.

Recently, because Black Demon Valley was recruiting new disciples, a pathway specially cleared by the disciples of Black Demon Valley allowed unobstructed access directly to the mountain gate of Black Demon Valley.

"Brother Chen, what do you think Black Demon Valley looks like?"

Shi Wwei stood on the bow, pointing to the distance and asking.

"Is that Black Demon Valley?"

Chen Yu focused his gaze into the distance.

He saw in the gloomy forest of the mountain abyss a series of enormous basins where majestic buildings rose from the ground, enveloped by Array Power, emitting strong and solemn fluctuations of aura.

"Like a footprint?"

After observing for a while, Chen Yu immediately said.

"Exactly, the entire Black Demon Valley is shaped like an immense footprint."

"The palm of the foot is the outer area of Black Demon Valley, and the five toes are the core areas of the inner valley."

"Each of the five toes represents one of the five great valleys of Black Demon Valley: Demon Valley, Yinfeng Valley, Evil Ghost Valley, Illusion Spirit Valley, and Blood Demon Valley."

Shi Wwei explained with a smile.

"I didn't expect it to be so intricate."

Chen Yu looked again, this time taking in the entire scene and feeling that Black Demon Valley resembled a footprint even more, faintly sensing an immense and dominating aura, which made his heart tremble and instilled a sense of reverence.

At that moment, Chen Yu noticed that the flying ship was descending.

"Other than the people from the inner valley of Black Demon Valley, entering the Canglin Mountain Range does not permit high-altitude flying."

Shi Wwei explained.

Such was the power of a three-star overlord force; the rules set by the sect had to be followed by any who approached.

Before long, Chen Yu, the Shi Family, and the Yang Family entered Black Demon Valley from the position of the heel of the footprint.

Like them, there were many others who came to report.

Chen Yu glanced at the large stele in front of the mountain gate. It was covered with densely packed names, all of them new disciples of Black Demon Valley, totaling over two thousand people.

Among them, Chen Yu's name was at the very top.

Not long after proceeding forward, Chen Yu and the others arrived at a plaza where all the newcomers who had come to report were gathered.

Around them were disciples and elders from the five valleys of Black Demon Valley; many people were gathered nearby.

"Should I choose Yinfeng Valley or Demon Valley?"

"Demon Valley, currently the strongest among the five valleys of Black Demon Valley!"

Directly ahead in the plaza, there was a hall where faint figures could be seen moving inside.

Chen Yu's arrival immediately caused a sensation.

"Chen Yu, is he the one who scored more than nineteen hundred Slaughter Points?"

"Who exactly is this person to be so formidable?"

"And, who knows how he achieved his score."

Voices of discussion arose, making Chen Yu suddenly the center of attention, even attracting several glances from inside the hall, giving Chen Yu the sensation of having his inner secrets seen through.

At that moment, a man clad in a golden brocade robe, surrounded by many promising youths, walked towards Chen Yu.

The man in the brocade robe had a stern expression, his hands behind his back, and his clear, proud eyes briefly sizing up Chen Yu.

"Hua Dufeng!"

Shi Wwei and Yang Fenghou, among others, immediately tensed up and didn't dare to speak.

Hua Dufeng was the favored son of the Hua Family, a three-star major clan. If it weren't for Chen Yu, his score would have been the first!

Chen Yu looked over, sensing a wave of hostility emanating from Hua Dufeng.

Just then, a figure suddenly emerged from inside the hall, standing amidst the mist, and a ethereal voice echoed, "Hua Dufeng, would you like to come and cultivate under this old man?"

"A core elder personally taking a disciple!"

"Indeed, worthy of Hua Dufeng!"

Hua Dufeng's gaze immediately shifted from Chen Yu to the elder, "Disciple pays respect to the Master."

"Hua Wuliang, are you willing to become a disciple under this Venerable?"

At that moment, an elder in a black robe from Illusion Spirit Valley suddenly spoke.

The talented individual called Hua Wuliang, who had yet to choose which valley to enter, immediately went to where Illusion Spirit Valley was located and knelt on one knee, "Disciple is willing!"

"Brother Chen, have you decided which valley to choose?"

Shi Wwei asked.