

C23 Shattering the Universe

Under the Flame Dragon Transformation, Guu Tianyi's abilities had significantly enhanced in every aspect.

The martial arts platform was engulfed in surging purple flames, dwarfing Guu Linyuan's offensive might.

"Though both are merely at Martial Cultivator Level Eight, their true strength may well rival that of Martial Master experts."

"Their clash is the genuine battle of fate."

On the platform, Lo Chenfeng positioned the Seven-star Dragon Suppressing Mace before him, his gaze alight with excitement.

"Suppressing Mountains and Rivers!" he bellowed.

In a flash, golden radiance burst forth as the massive Seven-star Dragon Suppressing Mace, fifteen meters in length, plummeted from the heavens.

It was this technique that had bested Guu Moyu.

This iteration of Suppressing Mountains and Rivers was exponentially mightier than their skirmish at the Purple Flame House just seven days prior.

Yet, Guu Tianyi was a changed warrior from the one he was a week ago.

With a slight lift of his hands, Guu Tianyi became enveloped in a brilliant starlight. The flickering light, reminiscent of dragons and serpents, converged upon his hands, mingling with the dark purple flames to slowly take on the embryonic form of a dragon's claw.

The Star Shattering Claw emerged once more!

But the Star Shattering Claw unleashed by Guu Tianyi, in both ferocity and oppression, far eclipsed that of Guu Moyu's attempt.

"Last time, I held back, allowing you to exploit a weakness in Suppressing Mountains and Rivers. Now, with my Genuine Qi at its peak, your former tactic is futile!" Lo Chenfeng declared, grinning.

"This time, I will shatter your Suppressing Mountains and Rivers with sheer force!" retorted Guu Tianyi.

Bringing his hands together, Guu Tianyi conjured a pair of dark purple Starlight Dragon Claws in the void. These energy constructs, born of Genuine Qi and the Power of Stars, seemed even more tangible and formidable than any physical entity.

As the dragon claws clashed with the Hidden Dragon Mace, a shower of sparks flew, accompanied by a piercing screech of friction.

A thunderous boom resonated, and the martial arts platform shook violently. Golden and purple energies wove together, sending powerful waves of energy rippling outward.

Guu Tianyi remained unmoved, standing his ground. Lo Chenfeng, however, was driven back several steps, only regaining his footing at the very brink of the platform.

In the latest clash, Guu Tianyi gained a slight upper hand.

Atop the elevated platform, the Second Elder's fists were clenched tight as he stood up, his excitement palpable.

"Behold the Star Shattering Claw at Great Completion! It's among the most challenging Yellow Level Martial Skills in the Azure Nether Country. I myself have yet to master it, yet this young prodigy has managed to execute it flawlessly! He's truly a genius!" exclaimed the Second Elder.

Many in the audience were familiar with the Star Shattering Claw. The Martial Skill Pavilion of the Star Cloud Sect housed this skill, but few chose to practice it.

Despite its formidable power, the Star Shattering Claw was considered somewhat impractical by many.

For Martial Cultivators and Martial Masters, the agony of absorbing the Power of Stars into their bodies was often unbearable. And once they ascended to Martial Ancestor, they could withstand it, but they typically opted for more potent Profound Level Martial Skills.

Thus, witnessing the Star Shattering Claw at Great Completion was a rarity.

Yet now, Guu Tianyi had mastered it to that very level.

While the Second Elder was thrilled, the Third Elder's eyes brimmed with venom.

"He must know that I sent those Desperado. With his talent now laid bare, if he lives, my peace of mind will be shattered," the Third Elder brooded.

On the martial arts platform, Lo Chenfeng surveyed Guu Tianyi's dragon claw shimmering with starlight and chuckled, "Brother Guu, to think you've grown so much stronger in just seven days. You've truly changed my perception of you."

"That's hardly your style to say. What's next, you concede defeat?" Guu Tianyi retorted.

"Far from it. Your Flame Dragon Transformation is indeed profound, but ultimately, it's a single technique. My First Divine Ability comprises three techniques. Among our peers, you're the first to compel me to unveil my second technique," Lo Chenfeng declared.

"Second technique, Shattering the Universe!" he bellowed.

The Hidden Dragon Mace came to life as the golden dragon atop it roared, seeming to awaken. The Spiritual Energy of Heaven and Earth around them began to converge slowly towards the mace.

Incredibly, a Martial Cultivator's Innate Divine Ability was summoning the Spiritual Energy of Heaven and Earth.

Golden light enveloped everything around them, and the resounding roar of a golden dragon echoed in their ears. In a fleeting moment, they found themselves within a golden expanse.

As the Hidden Dragon Mace descended, the entire golden realm and all within it faced imminent annihilation. This was the formidable Second Move, Shattering the Universe!

"I must be stronger! I cannot afford to lose!" Guu Tianyi resolved within himself.

"Let the Power of Stars burst forth! Star Shattering Claw!" he bellowed.

Every last vestige of the Power of Stars within him surged into his claws. In an instant, the purple flames were subdued, and his dragon claws shimmered as if forged from pure starlight. They were dazzling, magnificent, and brimming with a lethal purpose.

The golden world started to crumble, an ominous aura of destruction creeping in from every direction. The Hidden Dragon Mace loomed above, its formidable power a terrifying force to reckon with.

Guu Tianyi, with arms raised heavenward, extended two Starlight Dragon Claws, seizing the Hidden Dragon Mace firmly in their grasp.

"Shatter!" he clenched his teeth, his bloodline feeling as though it were igniting. The Star Dragon Claw quivered,

fissures spreading across its form.

Simultaneously, the Hidden Dragon Mace emitted a resonant noise. For a tense moment, the dragon claw and the mace were locked in a stalemate.

It was a deceptive calm, marking the most pivotal and fierce moment of their confrontation.

Guu Tianyi's gaze was steely, his eyes alight with a purple inferno.

"Purple Polar Dragon Eye, Void Discerning!" he cried out.

His eyes swept the area, pinpointing a particular weak spot in the golden world.

"Purple Polar Dragon Eye, Void Refinement!" he called again.

A torrent of purple flames erupted, tearing a breach in the golden world.

"The Golden Dragon Universe has been breached. It seems I must conclude this battle sooner than expected," Lo Chenfeng mused.

With a resolute glint in his eye and a decisive air, Lo Chenfeng uttered a single word, "Shatter!"

The Golden Dragon Universe, the golden realm entrapping Guu Tianyi, was no more. In a flash, the cosmos fractured, and a pair of colossal Star Dragon

Claws emerged. A surge of violent Purple Fire followed, engulfing the martial arts platform like a volcanic eruption.

Spectators, from the formidable figures on the high platform to the audience below, were left speechless at the sight. Could it truly be that two Level Eight Martial Cultivators had unleashed such an assault?

Faang Yunhe and Tang Yun simultaneously displayed a look of unwavering determination. Unable to secure Guu Tianyi, they were resolute in their quest to claim Lo Chenfeng, regardless of the cost.

As the golden glow faded and the Purple Fire extinguished, Guu Tianyi and Lo Chenfeng found themselves at opposite ends of the martial arts platform. Their appearance suggested a prearranged battle; both were in tattered clothing, their faces smeared with dust.

"Brother Guu, this is merely the Heavenly Fire Competition. Do you really need to risk your life to battle me?" Lo Chenfeng, gasping for breath, propped the Seven-star Dragon Suppressing Sword on the ground. His recent use of Shattering the Universe had taken a significant toll on him.

"You've always been the more relentless one," Guu Tianyi quipped, rolling his eyes.

Lo Chenfeng, enduring the Void Refinement's Purple Fire, had executed the final maneuver of Shattering the Universe. Had Guu Tianyi not held back, Lo Chenfeng would have faced grave injuries or worse.

Similarly, Lo Chenfeng had spared Guu Tianyi from the full brunt of the Star Shattering Claw. By dissipating the lethal force just before impact, he ensured that Guu Tianyi escaped serious harm.

"Alright, Brother Guu, you've proven yourself formidable. Among our peers, you're the first to push me to such limits. Fame may not interest me, but I've made a vow to my father to secure first place this time. Grant me this opportunity, and I'll be in your debt," pleaded Lo Chenfeng.

Guu Tianyi shook his head, replying, "First place holds great significance for me as well. We should both compete to the best of our abilities."

Lo Chenfeng paused, taken aback, then exhaled a resigned sigh and managed a wry smile. "I truly didn't want to resort to that technique against you. Once unleashed, it's not my will but the Heavenly Power that commands the Seven-star Dragon Suppressing Sword. Should you get hurt, I'll have no choice but to seek your forgiveness later."

In that moment, the seven stars upon the Seven-star Dragon Suppressing Sword burst forth with blinding brilliance.