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Chapter 1241: The War Emperor's Welfare

As the Crystal Pagoda in Mu Chen's body quivered slightly, his expression remained unchanged. However, deep in his eyes, shock flashed.

He had not thought that the Flame Emperor's strength would be so strong. After all, with just one look, he had been aware of the Crystal Pagoda inside Mu Chen!

Unless... Heavenly Sovereigns could sense it?

Mu Chen frowned as he pondered this thought. If this was so, it would obviously not be good news for him. After all, it would be a big problem if he were to get into trouble with the Budur Ancient Clan.

However, this speculation was soon ended by Mu Chen, for he could feel that even the West Heaven War Emperor did not perceive the Crystal Pagoda inside of him. That was to say, not all Heavenly Sovereigns had this terrifying ability, only the ones who had already reached the level of the Flame Emperor.

However, a character like the Flame Emperor was a legendary existence in the Great Thousand World, meaning that it was very rare to encounter him. Thinking of this, Mu Chen relaxed.

As Mu Chen was pondering these things, the Flame Emperor retracted his gaze. As he did so, however, a look of astonishment flashed across his eyes.

The pagoda seems to be something unique to the Budur Ancient Clan... the Flame Emperor thought, then immediately smiled. It seems that young Mu Chen has a very interesting background...

In order to cultivate this kind of pagoda, one must have the bloodline of the Budur Ancient Clan, but there were no such people who appeared beside Mu Chen at all. Furthermore, Mu Chen seemed to be hiding the pagoda from everyone. This was quite intriguing.

The Flame Emperor smiled, but did not pursue the matter further. After all, Mu Chen had deliberately hidden it, so he would not be annoying and reveal it.

But that pagoda seems a bit unusual... The Flame Emperor, who often had encounters with the Budur Ancient Clan, rarely saw such a sacred pagoda. Obviously, the quality of the pagoda is quite extraordinary!

It has only been a month's time! He's impressive to have made such progress.... The Flame Emperor smiled. He was feeling gratified, as it seemed that his judgment of Mu Chen had been right.

"Flame Emperor, how do you feel about my Western Kingdom Continent?" The West Heaven War Emperor asked with a smile.

The Flame Emperor glanced at this White Jade Square, with many heroes gathered within it. He saw that the the line-up was indeed luxurious.

He nodded and replied cryptically, "The Western Kingdom Continent has many hidden dragons and tigers."

The West Heaven War Emperor smiled, then sighed. "Compared to the Endless Fire Territory, there's a huge gap between the two."

His words were sincere, for though he was proud, he was not arrogant. The Endless Fire Territory's strength and reputation in the Great Thousand World was something that the Western Kingdom War Temple could never match.

"War Emperor, you are too modest." The Flame Emperor smiled and offered him a few words of consolation.

The West Heaven War Emperor did not continue to comment on this further, but instead glanced at the square. As his eyes swept across Mu Chen and Luo Li, he waved his palm.

Whoosh!

Four streams of light swept out and landed before the West Heaven War Emperor, now appearing as four figures. They then kneeled down respectfully and said, "Respects to the Temple Master!"

As soon as these four figures appeared, they immediately caught the attention of many people in the square. If these people hadn't been afraid of Liu Xingchen, Su Mu, and Chu Men before, they were most definitely terrified now!

These four silhouettes were the Four Holy Children of the Western Kingdom War Temple. They were also the anticipated victors of the Battle Trials.

"Are these the other three Holy Children?" Mu Chen gazed at the three figures solemnly, as he could sense a vaguely dangerous aura emanating from them.

"Beware of those three people." Luo Li reminded him gently, her eyes somber.

Mu Chen nodded, understanding that the three men must have impressive prowesses to be the anticipated victors. This could also be seen from the dread in the eyes of the contenders around them.

As Mu Chen stared at the three Holy Children in the square, Liu Xingchen, Su Mu, Chu Men, he could clearly see that they were slightly fearful. They then looked at each other, something cryptic flashing in their gazes, then returned to their original calm states.

"Haha, what does the Flame Emperor think of the four of them?" The West Heaven War Emperor looked at the Four Holy Children and smiled.

The Flame Emperor's gaze swept across the four, before stopping on Ling Zhanzi, who seemed to be the most ordinary among them. He remarked, "The War Emperor has trained them well, as these four are indeed extraordinary."

The West Heaven War Emperor glanced nonchalantly at Mu Chen and asked, "Does the Flame Emperor think that they have a chance of winning in this Upper Earthly Sovereigns Battle?"

Upon hearing this, the Flame Emperor could not help but smile, as he naturally understood what the War Emperor was implying. He commented casually, "The probability is not small, but there are no absolutes. Sometimes, there will always be some unexpected circumstances."

The War Emperor's gaze flickered. He could see that the Flame Emperor apparently still held some inexplicable confidence in Mu Chen.

Immediately, he smiled at Ling Zhanzi and the other three Holy Children and said, "Since the Flame Emperor thinks that there will be some unexpected circumstances, then you must pay more attention not to topple the boat!"

"Understood!" Ling Zhanzi's, Ling Jianzi's, and Ling Longzi's gazes flickered, as they did not really respect the Flame Emperor's words. However, when facing such a character, they did not dare show their disapproval, only responded respectfully.

The West Heaven War Emperor nodded, then looked at the White Jade Square. His nonchalant voice rang out, "It's time. Prepare to start the battle."

As he finished speaking, he suddenly swung his sleeves, causing countless light spots to burst out and fall in front of everyone in the square.

A spot of light landed in front of Mu Chen, then immediately transformed into a battle seal that was engraved with shining spears and armored horses, which were symbols of war. On the battle seal, a spiritual light surged and emanated a unique wave.

"Every contender will have a battle seal, as this is your battle. If your seal is taken, then you will fail. Those who fail will be sent out of the battlefield immediately. The one with the greatest number of battle seals in the end will be the Western Kingdom Continent's Child of the Continent!" The West Heaven War Emperor looked at the Sovereigns in amusement as he spoke.

He then added, "To encourage you to fight to the best of your ability, I will offer you some benefits. After you have entered the battlefield, you will be able to view the War Emperor's Treasury by infusing your spiritual energy into the battle seal. You can then obtain many of the Sacred Objects, Super Powers, Spiritual Arrays, and so on that are housed therein."

As soon as the War Emperor announced this, envy and greed filled the eyes of countless Sovereigns. After all, within the War Emperor's Treasury, there would surely be countless precious treasures, and if they could get their hands on just one of them, their trip would be worth it!

"But, the only currency in the battlefield is the battle seal. So, if you want the treasures, try to grab as many of the others' battle seals as you can. In addition, in order to make it easier for you to target them, as long as someone has more than two battle seals, his position will appear on the battle seal, thus making him easier to find." At this point, the War Emperor's face was absolutely giddy. With these unique motivations, the Child of the Continent Battle Trials would surely be intense and exciting!

In the square, many Sovereigns had their greed triggered by the War Emperor's words. Hence, they stared at each other hostilely.

"This West Heaven War Emperor desires to see the world plunged into chaos." When Mu Chen heard this, he sighed helplessly.

Indeed, the Heavenly Sovereign was above all of them, and a random command from him would have many of the top Sovereigns fighting for such treasures as hard as they could. Moreover, the War Emperor's Treasury was tempting indeed.

After dropping such big bait into the waters, the War Emperor waved his hand, somewhat quieting the bustling atmosphere. In the sky above, the space sharply twisted, then finally transformed into three huge space whirlpools.

"Complete Earthly Sovereign, enter." After the emperor's words, there was an outbreak of eight vast spiritual powers, and eight silhouettes instantly rushed into one of the space whirlpools.

"The Complete Earthly Sovereign battlefield has only eight people," someone in the crowd said.

Everyone was envious when they heard this, as the Upper Earthly Sovereign battlefield would probably have more than 200 people in it, and the Lower Earthly Sovereign battlefield would have at least double that amount.

But, everyone knew that this situation was inevitable, as Complete Earthly Sovereigns were few and far between, even in the vast territory of the Western Kingdom War Temple.

After the Complete Earthly Sovereign battlefield was opened, in the next moment, hundreds of figures burst out and disappeared into the whirlpool of space.

"I'll go first." Mu Chen smiled at Luo Li.

"All the best, and be careful." Luo Li nodded and smiled radiantly at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen nodded, and with a flash, he transformed into a stream of light and surged into the whirlpool along with the others. As the Upper Earthly Sovereigns entered the battlefield, the Lower Earthly Sovereigns, such as Luo Li, also set out quickly. In the midst of innumerable fervent gazes, they entered the last space whirlpool.

After the last person disappeared in the space whirlpool, the square was filled with an uproar, as countless people were looking forward to these battles. Luo Tianshen was among the crowd, and as he looked at those vanishing space whirlpools, he took a deep breath, anticipation emerging on his wizened face.

The Western Kingdom Continent's Child of the Continent Battle Trials had finally begun!

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Chapter 1242: Three Spirits Battle Array

When Mu Chen's body passed through the whirlpool of space, his eyes opened again. Wherever he looked, he saw that the sun was crimson like blood, the sky was yellow, and the whole space seemed to be wrapped in complete silence and desolation.

"Is this the battlefield of the Child of the Continent Battle Trials?" Mu Chen wondered aloud as he stared at the vast yellow space in front of him.

It was clear that this battlefield was a small space that had been opened up by the West Heaven War Emperor. Now that all of the Upper Earthly Sovereigns had entered it, an extremely fierce battle was

brewing very quickly. Everyone in the battlefield would be involved in this battle, and no one could escape.

However, Mu Chen was not anxious. After a slight pause, he clenched his palm and found a battle seal that was emanating an extraordinary fluctuation.

This battle seal was extremely important for him as he took part in the Child of the Continent Battle Trials. After all, if the seal was taken away, it meant that he had been defeated. Then, he would be immediately expelled from this space.

More importantly, the battle seal was connected to the War Emperor's Treasury, which was a Heavenly Sovereign's treasury. As such, it was of extraordinary value.

Mu Chen grasped the battle seal and infused a wisp of spiritual power into it. Suddenly, a Spiritual Energy Screen flashed in the battle seal. It showed a dazzling array of treasures, and even though it was only an image, it still emanated a luxurious aura and was incredibly tempting to the eye.

"Grand Super Power, Star Summoning Divine Art, ten battle seals."

"Hundred Dragons Staff, Lesser Sacred Object, four battle seals."

"Myriad Mountains Spiritual Tablet, Middle Grade Sacred Object, thirteen battle seals."

"Spiritual Divine Celestial Body, 99 Sovereign Celestial Body List 79th rank, nine battle seals."

Mu Chen murmured aloud as looked at that row of treasures. His eyes were full of desire.

The War Emperor's Treasury was indeed worthy of being among a Heavenly Sovereign's collection. After all, if each of these treasures was placed in the Great Thousand World, it must be worth a fortune!

"Myriad Mountains Spiritual Tablet! This is a Middle Grade Sacred Object!" Mu Chen murmured as he gazed at a treasure that he had seen before.

In fact, he deeply coveted it. Come to think of it, the Starry Suppression Tower that was in Mandela's possession was also a Middle Grade Sacred Object. As for himself, he only had the Divine Wind Fan and the Seal of Tumbling Sea with him at the moment, and these were only Lesser Sacred Objects.

The conditions for exchange are thirteen battle seals. That is to say, I have to snatch one battle from thirteen Upper Earthly Sovereigns...

Although Mu Chen yearned for the item, after seeing the exchange conditions, he sighed helplessly. It was clearly going to be quite a challenge if he accepted the terms.

"It's all too expensive." Mu Chen murmured after browsing for a long time. He then sighed. There were many treasures that he desired, but their exchange conditions were quite high.

According to normal conditions, even if an ordinary Upper Earthly Sovereign had some ability and luck, they would get about six or seven battle seals at most. Even if they exchanged all of them, it was still not enough to obtain a Middle Grade Sacred Object.

Unless there were some unforeseen circumstances, he would probably lose his chance to compete for the only place once he paid such a high price for the treasure. After all, the only spot of the Child of the Continent would go to the one with the largest number of battle seals in the end.

Hence, anyone who wanted to compete for the only place would not be willing to exchange treasure from the War Emperor's Treasury, even if they really wanted it. To put it this way, the War Emperor's Treasury was like a consolation prize for those who could not obtain the one coveted title!

"Are there no good treasures that are cheap?" Mu Chen pursed his lips, while his fingers tapped on the Spiritual Energy Screen. He then shook his head exasperatedly and intended to close the screen.

However, just as Mu Chen was about to close it, something at the corner of his eye caught his attention. He paused as his eyes focused on it.

Three Spirits Battle Array! What Mu Chen's eyes locked onto was a rather rare battle array. Surprisingly, there were only three men in it!

This was quite strange. After all, a battle array was a war troop dispatcher's main means. The troops that were controlled by a war troop dispatcher had at least tens of thousands of men, and the most powerful often had millions

What the hell is this so-called three-man battle array?

Mu Chen glanced at it in amazement, then tapped on it gently. As he did so, a great volume of information came to his mind. Once he received it, astonishment flashed on his face.

It turns out that this Three Spirits Battle Array was created by a war troop dispatcher during the ancient times of the Great Thousand World. It was a war troop dispatcher who was capable of producing 5 million battle runes. Such a high level war troop dispatcher could be counted as extraordinary, even among the Upper Earthly Sovereigns!

However, this war troop dispatcher was very strange, as his army did not have thousands of soldiers, but only two people! To be exact, was made up only of his two twin brothers! However, these two people were both Upper Earthly Sovereigns.

From a normal point of view, it was simply impossible for a million-battle-rune war troop dispatcher to use two Upper Earthly Sovereigns as a source of fighting spirit, as the latter was simply too strong.

As such, the resulting fighting spirit would be full of self-awareness. If a million-battle-rune war troop dispatcher tried to take control of it, he would only end up being rejected and suffer the backlash.

However, this million-battle-rune war troop dispatcher was different. This was because the twin brothers had their hearts connected and were able to fully accept each other's self-conscious fighting spirits. In this way, the twin brothers, at least while they were in the hands of the war troop dispatcher, were worth millions or even tens of millions of elite troops!

By virtue of this wonderful connection, coupled with the mysterious power of this Three Spirits Battle Array, this million-battle-rune war troop dispatcher had dramatically risen in the ranks to challenge a Complete Earthly Sovereign. Furthermore, he had actually won and killed him!

Normally, even if three Upper Earthly Sovereigns joined hands, they would not be able to compete with one Complete Earthly Sovereign. However, the million-battle-rune war troop dispatcher had killed a Sovereign who was a rank higher. This outcome had utterly shocked countless Sovereigns!

"I didn't think that there would ever be such an astonishing occurrence in the world!" As the information flowed into his mind, Mu Chen was awed.

This was the first time that he had heard that a million-battle-rune war troop dispatcher could use two Upper Earthly Sovereigns as an army! However, it was hard to replicate his method because they were twins who had an unusual connection. Thus, they could hold the powerful idea of manipulating their own consciousness, while still not being swallowed up.

Of course, in the end, they were able to kill a Complete Earthly Sovereign mostly because of the Three Spirits Battle Array. This mysterious battle array had really united them together, allowing them to achieve dazzling results.

However, although other people could not replicate that, it didn't necessarily mean that Mu Chen couldn't.

Mu Chen stared at the Three Spirits Battle Array, excitement burning in his dark eyes. Although he didn't have two twin brothers, he did have the Qi into Trinity!

It was his incarnation that he had transformed himself. So, the degree to which the mind was connected to him was stronger than that of the twin brothers'. So, in a way, the Three Spirits Battle Array was even higher in conformity with him than it was with the triplet brothers! This was a battle array that was perfect for him!

Mu Chen licked his lips, and for the first time, there was a rush of greed in his eyes. It was only his guess for the time being, but in any case, he had to try it!

With this battle array acting as an assistant, his Qi into Trinity's combat effectiveness would increase significantly! Mu Chen looked at the Three Spirits Battle Array's price tag.

Three Spirits Battle Array, four battle seals.

Looking at these exchange conditions, Mu Chen was slightly relieved. Although this battle array was wonderful, the requirements were too specific. In this world, there were obviously not many people who were war troop dispatchers and had twin brothers. Therefore, the value of this Three Spirits Battle Array was only about the same as a Lesser Sacred Object in this War Emperor's Treasury.

However, its worth to Mu Chen far surpassed that of a Grand Super Power. So, Mu Chen tapped on the light screen gently, then clenched his fist and kept his battle seal. He then looked at the yellowish world, a smirk surfacing on his face.

It seemed that he must get four battle seals as soon as possible. Otherwise, the Three Spirits Battle Array might be obtained by someone else. That would really be a great loss!

Slowly clenching his fingers together, Mu Chen smiled and said to himself, "Then, the next step is to start my hunt!"

He laughed gently, and without further hesitation, he waved his sleeves. He then transformed into a stream of light and charged towards the Upper Earthly Sovereigns Battlefield.

Now, his first goal was to seize the four battle seals by any means!

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Chapter 1243: Man in Flame Robes

Whoosh!

Looking at the endless yellow sky, a flaming red silhouette swept by. In the stream of light, a man was dressed in scarlet red robes.

His body was ablaze. As the flaming spiritual energy he practiced was highly exuberant, it appeared externally as a flame robe in order to protect him.

At this moment, the man donned in flame robes surveyed his surroundings sharply, like a hawk on the hunt. He was looking for prey, hoping to find a weaker opponent and then take his battle seal.

In this battlefield, however, the identity of the hunter and prey changes at any time. Thus, the man in flame robes was being extremely cautious. As soon as he was aware of how dangerous his opponent was, he would immediately stay away.

By virtue of a unique fire-based Super Power escape technique, he had confidence in his own superior speed. Not many Sovereigns of the same rank would be able to keep up with him.

If his opponent was in pursuit of him, then he could use this advantage of speed to slowly wear the other party out. In that case, he would have a great advantage. He had successfully obtained a battle seal with this kind of technique many times before.

The man donned in flame robes held two battle seals in his hand, which slowly rotated in the center of his palm. He smiled, as he knew that in such a powerful battlefield, with his strength, he was not qualified to compete for the only title of Child of the Continent at all.

Thus, his goal was really to seize as many battle seals as he could, then exchange them for a treasure from the War Emperor's Treasury. When he got his treasure, he would then withdraw from the competition in satisfaction. Let the other guys fight for the position!

As the man was pondering, his expression changed and his eyes squinted at the distant mountains, where he perceived a subtle spiritual fluctuation that was faintly retreating. The origin of the fluctuation was apparently trying to hide his spiritual power, but had clearly failed to escape the man's perception. Flames converged in his eyes and his sight penetrated the far distance as he saw a silhouette deep in the mountains.

When the man saw the young figure, he froze before reacting. Soon, amusement surfaced on his face, as he thought, Is that Mu Chen?

In the Upper Earthly Sovereign battlefield, the only Lower Earthly Sovereign would be Mu Chen!

When the man donned in flame robes discovered Mu Chen, the latter seemed to be aware of it as well. Mu Chen retreated at once, turning into a stream of light and moving through the mountains in an attempt to leave.

"Hehe, do you think you can escape?" The man in flame robes grinned and stamped his foot, while scarlet red flames burst out of his body.

As the flames flashed, his figure disappeared into thin air. He then appeared directly over the mountains and dealt a massive blow.

The flame-robed man was obviously a cautious man. He had heard of the clash between Mu Chen and Xiong Ba in the Western Kingdom War City, so he knew that it was best not to have direct spiritual energy contact with Mu Chen.

Therefore, he struck without getting close to Mu Chen. Instead, he bombarded him with spiritual energy from a distance!

Boom!

The massive spiritual energy palm that was burning with fire instantly emitted a fiery heat that quickly turned a large forest that was in the mountains into a sea of fire.

Crash!

Although the giant palm landed, Mu Chen evaded it at the critical moment. However, the ferocious blazing shock wave still shocked him a little. But, Mu Chen had no time to slow down, so he dashed away swiftly.

"Running away?" The flame-robed man scoffed, but he did not immediately chase him.

Instead, he glanced sharply at the mountain range. After sensing the absence of any other subtle spiritual fluctuations, he chased after Mu Chen amid a blaze of flames.

In this battlefield, where every Upper Earthly Sovereign was no pushover, it was difficult to obtain anything. Thus, it was obviously easier to take things from the hands of a Lower Earthly Sovereign. That being said, he had to take the necessary precautions in order to avoid capsizing in the gutter when the time came.

With these thoughts in mind, the flame-robed man immediately caught up with Mu Chen. From time to time, he blasted a spiritual attack that was full of destructive fluctuations from the sky, which wore Mu Chen down constantly.

Along the way, mountains were continuously burned into seas of fire, and in front of those seas of fire, a figure was constantly running away.

Western Kingdom War City, above the White Jade Square.

Around the square, a massive crowd gathered to look at the light screens that were appearing in the air. On the light screens, there were all kinds of scenes, and in each one, there was a fierce and bloody battle ensuing.

Clearly, these screens of light were depicting the scenes of the three major battlefields at this time. Once a battle was about to happen in the battlefield, it would immediately be projected so that countless people could watch.

"That Ling Zhanzi is really formidable, as in such a short time, he has defeated three Upper Earthly Sovereigns!"

"Ling Jianzi and Ling Longzi are not bad either! They have each defeated two Upper Earthly Sovereigns."

"No one can stop Luo Li on the Lower Earthly Sovereign battlefield."

"That Ling Feizi's battle outcome is an amazing feat too!"

While watching the fierce battles, there was a deafening sound of collective exclamations occurring around the square. As Luo Tianshen looked up at the light screens from among the crowd, he could not help but be proud of Luo Li as she roared through the Lower Earthly Sovereign battlefield.

It was not long before Luo Li broke through the Lower Earthly Sovereign, as she had an incredibly strong foundation because of the Luo God Inheritance. Some of her means were so powerful, even Luo Tianshen was unfamiliar with them. Obviously, this power did not belong to the Luo God Clan, but was directly from the Luo God Inheritance!

Luo Li has not yet used the Luo God Celestial Body. Since this is so, there must only be a few who could threaten her in the Lower Earthly Sovereign battlefield. Luo Tianshen stroked his beard, then glanced at the light screens, frowning lightly.

During this time, he did not see Mu Chen. That was to say, Mu Chen did not break out in battle. This inefficiency, compared with Ling Zhanzi, was obviously telling...

However, Luo Tianshen also knew how difficult it was to rely on the strength of a Lower Earthly Sovereign against Upper Earthly Sovereigns. Therefore, for now, he could only pray secretly, hoping that Mu Chen's battles would be as smooth as possible.

"Haha, isn't that the guy called Mu Chen?"

"Why is he in such an embarrassing state, being pursued like this? Looks like a Lower Earthly Sovereign in an Upper Earthly Sovereigns battlefield is still too much of a stretch."

"Who asked this fellow to be so arrogant that he would underestimate our Western Kingdom Continent? Hmph, now he knows how formidable Upper Earthly Sovereigns are."

As the crowd was murmuring among themselves, a sound suddenly rang out, causing them all to quickly turn their attentions to a light screen. There, they saw scarlet red flames sweep through, burning mountains as it went.

In front of a sea of fire, a figure was running in a slightly humiliated state. It was Mu Chen!

As more people began looking at the scene, they burst out in laughter. They had heard of Mu Chen's prowess before, but it now seemed as if those were merely rumors.

However, when Luo Tianshen saw the situation, his eyes narrowed slightly. Yet, unexpectedly, he did not show any signs of worry, as he had a rather good understanding of Mu Chen's power.

With Mu Chen's strength, he would not have been pursued in such a humiliating way by an Upper Earthly Sovereign. Thus, he would do it for only one reason...

He is feigning weakness in front of the enemy, thus leading the enemy into a trap!

Boom!

The massive palm of fire roared down, once again turning a mountain into ashes. The man in the fire robes looked down at Mu Chen, who was still running. He frowned, his impatience growing.

I can't drag this out any longer. It's going to attract other people, and I'm afraid there's going to be unexpected circumstances that arise. The flame-robed man's gaze was somber. He looked at Mu Chen, and without hesitation, he waved his sleeve.

Suddenly, a cloud of fire flew out and transformed into a Fire Cloud Shield. It then enshrouded the mountain range where Mu Chen was now hiding.

After sealing off the mountain, the flame-robed man turned into a stream of light. He then appeared above the mountain, gazing at Mu Chen expressionlessly.

"Why don't you continue running?" The flame-robed man laughed sarcastically, his eyes cold.

However, in the face of his ridicule, Mu Chen looked up with a smile. "You're really too cautious. In order to make you let your guard down, I had to make a long detour."

Hearing this, the flame-robed man's pupils shrank. Instantly, flames appeared under his feet as he activated his Fire Escape Super Power in order to leave this place.

Whether what Mu Chen had just said was true or false, the prudent man preferred to be safe. If Mu Chen was deceiving him, he would simply catch up with him again.

Snap!

However, seeing how fast he reacted, Mu Chen only smiled. He then snapped his fingers as a crisp sound rang out.

Boom!

The mountain suddenly vibrated, while countless spiritual energy light pillars soared to the sky. They formed a huge spiritual array, which immediately enveloped the world.

The spiritual array took formation, while nine massive spiritual energy dragons circled the sky around the flame-robed man.

Mu Chen glanced at the man, whose face had now twisted in fury. Mu Chen then smiled and said, "Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, the completed form! You're welcome."

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Chapter 1244: First Battle

The nine giant dragons that had great spiritual power occupied the sky, each of them emanating terrifying spiritual fluctuations. They were like surging waves, twisting the space.

Among the nine mighty dragons, the flame-robed man looked at Mu Chen, who was smiling atop the mountain. He understood how he had fallen into his trap!

Mu Chen's floundering escape was completely fake!

"Cunning brat!" The flame-robed man was furious.

Mu Chen smiled and said, "Hand over the battle seal."

"Dream on! Do you think you can beat me with a mere spiritual array?" The flame-robed man laughed mockingly.

Although the spiritual array in front of him was extraordinary, Mu Chen was still only a Lower Earthly Sovereign. The most he could do was to entangle him in a fight.

Boom!

A startling red spiritual energy burst out from the Fire Cloud King's body as it dyed the sky red. The temperature between heaven and earth rose rapidly at this time.

Mu Chen smiled nonchalantly. If his Nine Dragons' Deicide Array could still only gather seven dragons, it was impossible to pose a threat to an Upper Earthly Sovereign. However, his Nine Dragons' Deicide Array had reached its complete form!

Mu Chen had failed to set up this complete form of Nine Dragons' Deicide Array a number of times before, but finally, with the help of the Crystal Pagoda, he was able to convert and increase the spiritual energy of his body and succeed!

The Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, which was originally a Middle Grade Ancestral Master's Spiritual Array, once completely arranged, was absolutely strong enough to counterbalance an Upper Earthly Sovereign! Moreover, now that this Nine Dragons' Deicide Array had made a little change in Mu Chen's hands, it should have a remarkable effect when it was actually used!

Roar!

Mu Chen waved his sleeves and activated the massive spiritual array. In the next moment, nine massive spiritual energy dragons let out a skyward roar.

Nine spiritual energy dragons' breaths surged out like torrents, charging towards the Fire Cloud King. Where the dragons' breaths swept through, the space shattered, revealing the array's extremely domineering and destructive power.

Although the Fire Cloud King was arrogant in word, he did not dare to underestimate the spiritual array in action. He summoned red clouds of fire, which had been used to cover the mountains.

The red clouds of fire surged and formed a Fire Clouds Shield around his body. On it, the blazing flames continued to rise, burning and warping the space.

Boom! Boom!

Dragons' breaths swept through the sky and bombarded the Fire Clouds Shield. Sparks of fire flew as it rippled, and the dragons' breaths were on the edge of teetering.

"Hmph, that's it, yet you want to break my Fire Clouds Shield?" Seeing that the dragons' breaths had been blocked, the Fire Cloud King sneered.

Then, flames gradually converged under his feet. His gaze flickered, and he intended to use his Fire Escape Super Power to escape the spiritual array.

At this time, he also gave up on trying to seize Mu Chen's battle seal. After all, with the help of this spiritual array, Mu Chen was basically in an invincible position. As such, continuing to fight him would be pointless.

"It's actually a Lesser Sacred Object that is used for defense." Mu Chen looked at the Fire Clouds Shield around the Fire Cloud King and was surprised. Although a protective sacred object had less attack power, it was very effective for defense.

"My Nine Dragons' Deicide Array is at least as powerful as a Middle Grade Ancestral Master's Spiritual Array, so a Lesser Sacred Object won't be able to protect you against it." Mu Chen chuckled lowly as he conjured a seal with one hand.

"Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, Nine Dragons into One, Deicide Dragon!" As Mu Chen's seals transformed, there were changes in the spiritual array.

The nine massive dragons erupted in millions of beams of spiritual light, which immediately surged and fused together. As the brilliant spiritual light surged, the nine massive dragons quickly disappeared. A few moments later, a small colorful dragon appeared within the spiritual array.

The dragon looked as if it had been set with brilliant gems. It looked extremely beautiful, but when the Fire Clouds King saw it, his face twisted dramatically.

He could feel how terrifying its spiritual energy was. Even an Upper Earthly Sovereign would be fearful of this magnitude of spiritual energy!

Although Mu Chen is only a Lower Earthly Sovereign, his talent at spiritual arrays has reached that of an Intermediate Ancestral Master! What a freak!

As these thoughts swirled in his mind, the Fire Cloud King's expression was downcast and a deep fear emerged in his eyes.

I have to get out of here now!

As the thought crossed his mind, the fire at his feet burst out. He immediately sought to escape from the scope of the spiritual energy.

Whoosh!

However, when the fire flashed at his feet, the beautiful dragon disappeared into thin air. More accurately, it did not disappear, but turned into a ray of light, shuttling through the space at a speed that was undetectable to the naked eye.

In a flash, before the flames could envelop the Fire Cloud King, a crackling sound rang out and a hole emerged in the Fire Clouds Shield. At that moment, the colorful dragon appeared before him. It then opened its mouth and gnawed at his arm!

Crack!

As it clamped down, the Fire Cloud King's entire arm was torn away. Blood was gushing everywhere!

"Ah!" The Fire Cloud King let out a pained cry.

However, he was also a decisive man, so he was somehow able to temporarily disregard his torn arm and change his seals. Instantly, flames enveloped his body and he vanished.

When he appeared again, he was ten thousand feet away, having successfully evaded the scope of the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array. After escaping the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, the Fire Cloud King stared at the spiritual array that was enshrouding the mountains in horror.

He then looked at his torn arm and gnashed his teeth. Although this kind of physical injury was nothing serious to an Upper Earthly Sovereign, it was humiliating to have been so embarrassed by a Lower Earthly Sovereign!

Mu Chen glanced at the Fire Cloud King, who had managed to escape the scope of the spiritual array, and sighed. Upper Earthly Sovereigns are formidable indeed!

By virtue of this Fire Escape Super Power, as long as the Fire Cloud King did not encounter the handful of people that were the hardest to deal with, he could come and go freely.

"Brat, I will remember this. We are not done with this feud!" The Fire Cloud King was somber as he roared at Mu Chen in the distance.

Boom!

However, just as he finished yelling, Mu Chen suddenly burst out. He had left the spiritual array and was headed straight towards the Fire Cloud King!

Upon seeing this, the Fire Cloud King was stunned. He had not expected that Mu Chen would take the initiative to leave the spiritual array, as with the help of that spiritual array, Mu Chen could force him into such a humiliating state, but once he left the array, in his eyes, Mu Chen was nothing but a Lower Earthly Sovereign!

"No, the boy is as cunning as a fox. There must be some deceit afoot, as he shows no fear!" However, the Fire Clouds King quickly came to his senses, figuring that something was amiss.

He immediately became even more cautious, as he no longer wanted to fall into Mu Chen's traps. Gnashing his teeth, he retreated swiftly, ignoring Mu Chen, who had just left the array.

"Oh, so you finally wised up? But still, you can't escape!" Seeing the Fire Cloud King backing away decisively, Mu Chen raised his eyebrows.

He then stretched out his palm and grabbed at the Fire Cloud King, a strange smirk appearing on his face. Seeing Mu Chen's action, the Fire Cloud King's heart jolted. He quickly summoned the Fire Escape Super Power.

"Seal!" Mu Chen rumbled lowly.

A faint crystal light shone in the Fire Cloud King's broken arm. Then, the fire that had risen in his body dissipated at a strange speed.

The sudden scene startled the Fire Cloud King, causing an appalled expression to surface on his face. At this moment, he was aware of some strange crystalline spiritual power that had entered his body. Wherever it passed, it sealed his spiritual energy temporarily.

"Da*n it! When did his spiritual energy invade me?" The Fire Cloud King exclaimed in disbelief.

He had been cautiously guarding himself from Mu Chen's strange ability. However, he had somehow still succumbed to it!

Soon, he was aware of his broken arm, which cause his pupils to shrink. It turns out that the small colorful dragon possessed the crystalline spiritual energy. When it had torn off his arm, it had invaded his body!

"Do you understand now?" Mu Chen sneered. He had appeared in front of the Fire Cloud King just as the realization of what had just happened dawned on him.

The Fire Cloud King's face changed. He immediately urged his spiritual energy inside of his body to eliminate the crystalline spiritual power that had invaded it.

Although this crystalline spiritual power had the power to seal his energy, it was a rootless source after all. Hence, it could be sealed for no more than ten minutes.

Tap!

As he frantically tried to remove it, a slender palm gently landed on his shoulder. Instantly, a steady stream of crystalline spiritual power poured into his body.

His face turned deathly pale as Mu Chen's other hand appeared before him. Seeing this, the Fire Cloud King struggled for a while before taking out two battle seals in despair.

Now that the spiritual energy in his body was sealed temporarily, if Mu Chen really wanted to kill him, he was at his mercy. Taking the two battle seals, Mu Chen nodded contentedly, then patted the Fire Cloud King. As he did so, a flash of fire was forced out, which finally turned into a flaming cloud that fell into Mu Chen's hands.

As the Fire Cloud King was extremely unwilling to part with it, he looked pained. Although it was only a Lesser Sacred Object, its defense abilities were quite outstanding and had helped him through a lot of difficulties in the past.

The Fire Cloud King gnashed his teeth and glared at Mu Chen. "Are you happy now?"

Facing his ferocious glare, Mu Chen was unconcerned and smiled cryptically. "Your Fire Escape Superpower is interesting indeed."

"You demon!" As Mu Chen finished speaking, the Fire Cloud King's enraged roar reverberated in the sky.

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Chapter 1245: Renowned

In the dim yellow sky, Mu Chen smiled as he held a red scroll in his hand. In front of him, the Fire Cloud King's body had dissipated, as he had lost his battle seal and was kicked out of the battlefield.

After his previous threat, Mu Chen had achieved his goal easily. He had obtained the Fire Cloud King's Fire Escape Super Power effortlessly.

It wasn't too hard to do this, after all, as the Fire Cloud King was already akin to a fish on the chopping board. In this battlefield, life and death were impermanent, so no one could say anything at this time, even if Mu Chen was going to injure or even kill him.

Maybe the Fire Cloud King still had one last shot, but after that, he was going to suffer a lot of damage and after-effects. The consequences were quite serious, so, after a struggle, he chose his life over his Super Power.

"Spiritual Fire Divine Escape!" Mu Chen yelled, while he grasped the scroll and imbued it with his spiritual energy.

Information then flowed into his mind. This Spiritual Fire Divine Escape was only a minor Super Power Technique that would normally not interest Mu Chen. However, its speed and ability to penetrate spiritual arrays were of interest to Mu Chen. Otherwise, he would have been too lazy to threaten the Fire Clouds King with it.

In order to practice this Spiritual Fire Divine Escape, it must first be activated by spiritual energy flames. As Mu Chen's spiritual energy had been integrated with the Unperishable Flame, it allowed him to achieve this condition.

Mu Chen kept the scroll and was quite satisfied with the results. Not only had he obtained two battle seals, but he had also gotten a defensive Lesser Sacred Object and a Fire Escape Super Power.

"Now that I have three battle seals, I have to keep one. So, I need two more to exchange for the Three Spirits Battle Array," Mu Chen murmured to himself.

But, now that I have three battle seals, I'm afraid I don't need to take the initiative to find someone. Instead, someone will come to me. In that case, I just need to make the arrangements, then wait for someone to rob me.

Mu Chen smiled, then soared towards the sky, charging away even further. As the previous place, which had been destroyed by the battle, was no longer suitable to set up a spiritual array, he needed to find another place.

At the end of the battle, in the White Jade Square of the Western Kingdom War City, his Spiritual Energy Screen had dissipated. However, numerous eyes were still looking at where it had just been in a dazed manner.

Before that, they saw how the Fire Clouds King was in hot pursuit of Mu Chen. Then, Mu Chen had produced a powerful spiritual array, which forced the Fire Clouds King to retreat. Next, Mu Chen dared to take the initiative to leave the spiritual array, clashing with the Fire Clouds King head-on.

Upon seeing that scene, many Sovereigns mocked Mu Chen's arrogance, claiming that he was overwhelmed by a moment's advantage. However, before their ridicule had died down completely, their eyes widened as they saw that, in just a few moments, the Fire Clouds King fell into Mu Chen's hands!

It was not until a long time after the light screen had dissipated that many powerful Sovereigns looked at each other, fear and wariness flickering in their eyes. If they had heard about Mu Chen's encounter with Xiong Ba, they might have thought that Mu Chen's means were mostly tricks. However, in this battle, Mu Chen's power that he revealed was enough to pose a great threat to Upper Earthly Sovereigns.

"Who would have thought that Mu Chen was so accomplished at spiritual arrays? The previous one must have reached the rank of an Intermediate Ancestral Master." One of the Sovereigns sighed.

Though they all knew that, in the Luo God Clan, Mu Chen had achieved extraordinary spiritual array attainments, this one was obviously stronger than any of those back then. Many of the Sovereigns couldn't help but comment on this...

"This fellow is strange indeed. He is only a Lower Earthly Sovereign, but his means are no less inferior to Upper Earthly Sovereigns'. No wonder he dared to compete in the Upper Earthly Sovereigns battlefield. He surely has some cards up his sleeve."

"He seems to be a dark horse, but I just don't know how far he can get. After all, given the current situation, I'm afraid he has a long way to go from the first echelon."

"That's right, Ling Zhanzi, who is ranked first now, has six battle seals."

Many whispers spread around the square, but this time, they held no contempt. Everyone now understood that Mu Chen was indeed qualified to fight with the Upper Earthly Sovereigns.

Luo Tianshen heaved a quiet sigh of relief. Although he had an understanding of Mu Chen's means, when he really saw Mu Chen defeat an Upper Earthly Sovereign, he couldn't help but be amazed.

According to his estimate, if he had to face Mu Chen, he would most likely be defeated. This made Luo Tianshen smile bitterly.

The first time he saw Mu Chen a few years ago, Mu Chen was really unremarkable in his eyes. Though he did not look down on Mu Chen, it was clear that he did not regard him as a threat.

Who would have expected that, just a few years later, the young man who had been powerless in front of him would have risen to this stage, even surpassing him?

Luo Tianshen sighed, suppressing his conflicted emotions. He then murmured, "Let's see how far this boy can go..."

Before the War Temple, above the two thrones, the West Heaven War Emperor glanced at the spot where the Spiritual Energy Screen had shown Mu Chen previously. He smiled faintly and said, "No

wonder the Flame Emperor will let Mu Chen enter the Upper Earthly Sovereigns battlefield, as he is also an Intermediate Spiritual Array Ancestral Master."

"But, such a card only proves that he is qualified to compete with the Upper Earthly Sovereigns. It is unlikely that he will win the title," The West Heaven War Emperor remarked nonchalantly.

If the rank of Intermediate Spiritual Array Ancestral Master was Mu Chen's ace card, then he was bound to be unqualified to compete for the title of Child of the Continent. Ling Zhanzi and the others were the best among the Upper Earthly Sovereigns in the land. The spiritual array could deal with Fire Clouds King, but would not pose a great threat to Sovereigns like Ling Zhanzi.

Upon hearing the War Emperor's words, the Flame Emperor smiled in a non-committal way and said, "But, I feel young friend Mu Chen will not waste my Dragon-Phoenix Heavenly Sovereign Pill."

The War Emperor narrowed his eyes as he glanced at the light screens and nodded. He then said in amusement, "I'll wait and see then. Let's hope this boy won't disappoint you..."

In his opinion, if Mu Chen could hold out till the end, that was good enough. As for competing for the championship, haha, when the time comes, the three Holy Children of the Western Kingdom War Temple may teach him a lesson...

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Once he was far away from the previous battle ground, Mu Chen finally slowed down. As he now had three battle seals in his hands, he knew that his position would appear in the other Sovereigns' battle seals. In less than an hour, he sensed several spiritual fluctuations approaching him.

They have come for me...Mu Chen thought, as he landed swiftly. Then, with a wave of his sleeves, numerous spiritual seals descended, then melted into the space quickly.

Although Mu Chen could successfully lay out the complete form of Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, he still had some quirks to iron out. So, he had to make all kinds of arrangements in advance. Otherwise, in a head-on battle with the Upper Earthly Sovereigns, the opponent would certainly not give him enough time to manage it.

After unsurprisingly experiencing two failures, a complete Nine Dragons' Deicide Array appeared again around a sea of forests where Mu Chen was located. As he sat on a huge ancient tree, the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array turned slowly and released powerful spiritual fluctuations. It then sent a wave of spiritual energy waves sweeping through the space.

This time, he did not go out of his way to hide the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array. Last time, he had deliberately tried to lure the Fire Cloud King into it, but this time, someone would run into him of his own initiative.

The person who ran into him would naturally inspect the array carefully. No matter how well it was hidden, a majestic spiritual array of this degree would be discovered by an Upper Earthly Sovereign.

So, Mu Chen would soon see who had the courage to test it out. Once the spirit array was arranged, Mu Chen closed his eyes and pretended to sleep, but he was really waiting for the enemy.

His wait did not last long, as he was soon aware of four powerful spiritual fluctuations that were coming from four directions. They travelled towards him for a while, then finally stopped some distance away in the sky.

The four men who came here were all aware of each other, and now, they were all watching each other from afar. In today's battlefields, everyone was an enemy.

They quickly looked away, then looked at Mu Chen in the forest. All of them paused and began to ponder the situation...

Lower Earthly Sovereign?

It's the outsider, Mu Chen..."

He's surrounded by a spiritual array. So, this boy is an Intermediate Spiritual Array Ancestral Master! No wonder he dared to break into the Upper Earthly Sovereigns battlefield.

Whoever wants the battle seals that are in my hands, come take them.

When they looked strangely at Mu Chen in the distance, the latter opened his eyes and his faint laugh rang out. All four of them frowned at Mu Chen's challenging tone, but no one moved, for they all sensed the danger that was coming from the powerful spiritual array. Moreover, they were on guard against the other three people.

"If you dare not approach, go back and don't waste your time." Mu Chen saw that none of them seemed to show any signs of taking action, so he waved them away.

"Hmph, how arrogant!" Hearing this, an Upper Earthly Sovereign donned in purple robes laughed coldly.

His eyes flickered as he glanced at the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, then looked at the other three Sovereigns. "The three of you, if you don't want to strike, give me the chance to do so. But you have to back off first."

When the three of them heard his words, their gazes flashed. Then, one of them smiled and said, "So it's the Zishan Sect Master. We have long heard that those in the Zishan Sect are experts at breaking arrays. Now that you have targeted this boy, we will give him over to you."

The three people withdrew decisively, as they were unsure if Mu Chen's arrogance was founded. If it was, they would be beaten severely if they clashed with him head-on. If it was not, they could let this Zishan Sect Master be the guinea pig!

These three also knew that the Zishan Sect Master would be on his guard against them. Therefore, they did not conceal themselves, but truly left.

Sensing the three people's spiritual fluctuations going far away, the Zishan Sect Master turned his cold eyes to Mu Chen and sneered. "Ignorant child, do you really think a spiritual array can protect you? I'll break your spiritual array today!"

He then charged swiftly into the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, while Mu Chen smiled cryptically. The three Upper Earthly Sovereigns, after reaching far from the area where Mu Chen was, each stopped. Their eyes closed slightly as they perceived a violent surge of spiritual energy fluctuations in the area.

"Zishan Sect Master really took action! That boy is going to suffer..." one of them said.

They all laughed, then waited quietly. Once Zishan Sect Master and Mu Chen were both wounded, they would then look for opportunities to make their moves. Their wait lasted about 15 minutes, and then their expressions changed, for they perceived that the violent spiritual fluctuations were rapidly dissipating.

"The results are out? So fast?" one of them remarked in surprise.

The three men were a little surprised, so their faces turned solemn. It seemed that they had been fooled by Mu Chen, as the boy was obviously putting on airs.

We let Zishan Sect Master gain so much for nothing. The three of them cursed internally, then stormed off, each heading in the same direction.

After a while, they came close to the forest, but at this time, the forest had almost been destroyed. As they stood in the air and looked into it, their pupils suddenly contracted.

They saw a young figure sitting quietly above a huge old tree in the middle of the forest. A massive spiritual array, although a little broken, was still in motion, and it loomed around him.

When the three people saw the young figure, their eyes were filled with horror. They did not expect that Mu Chen would be the one left standing!

Zishan Sect Master was nowhere to be seen. Clearly, Mu Chen had been the victor of their battle!

Fear and disbelief emerged in each of their gazes. Their strengths were around the same level as Zishan Sect Master's, so if Mu Chen took such a short time to deal with him, he would not take much time to deal with them either!

"Do the three of you want to try too?" Mu Chen played with the battle seal that he had just obtained, while smiling at the three of them.

However, his smile suddenly appeared, as he was surprised to see that the three Upper Earthly Sovereigns did not hesitate to retreat swiftly. In the blink of an eye, they had disappeared completely.

Mu Chen looked at the now clear sky, then smiled in an exasperated manner. He stood up and looked at the battle seal in his hand and sighed. He knew that as soon as the three guys ran away and shared what had just happened here, he was going to be famous in the Upper Earthly Sovereigns battlefield.

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Chapter 1246: Ghost Master

As Mu Chen had expected, after the three men escaped from his clutches, his fame spread throughout the Upper Earthly Sovereigns battlefield. However, Mu Chen didn't know exactly how the news spread, and he wondered...

How exactly is this information exchanged?

However, this also caused some trouble for Mu Chen, as he found that now, when he set up a spiritual array and continued to lay in wait, even if Upper Earthly Sovereigns appeared, all of them chose to retreat immediately once they saw the spiritual array.

In the past, they may have underestimated Mu Chen, as he was a mere Lower Earthly Sovereign, but now, everyone knew that Mu Chen was an Intermediate Spiritual Array Ancestral Master. As such, his levels of spiritual arrays were enough to threaten any Upper Earthly Sovereign.

In the Great Thousand World, it was basically common sense not to easily engage in positional warfare with a well-prepared Spiritual Array Master. Thus, no one wanted to get within ten thousand feet of Mu Chen!

This reveal of Mu Chen's identity as a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master was undoubtedly a great deterrent to his opponents, but it was not necessarily good news for Mu Chen. After all, he wanted to win battle seals, but to do so, he must defeat the other competitors!

However, as these guys were all cunning foxes at the moment and would not enter the scope of the spiritual array, Mu Chen could not fight anyone, much less win their battle seals. This made Mu Chen feel helpless.

Of course, the spiritual array was not his only trump card. Yet, he did not intend to reveal his other trump cards. After all, catching people unaware would give him an advantage. Hence, he must save them for a rainy day.

During the next two days, Mu Chen did not obtain a single battle seal. However, there was one Upper Earthly Sovereign who came to break the spiritual array.

When he came, Mu Chen failed to intercept him. This was because he was too slippery and was carrying a Sacred Object that that allowed him to escape through space.

Then, when the interloper saw that the situation was going south, he ran away immediately, and even Mu Chen could not stop him. Mu Chen could only see the prey that was about to fall into his trap vanish before his very eyes!

After this battle, Mu Chen's reputation rose yet again, and no one dared to provoke him. Even if Upper Earthly Sovereigns passed by Mu Chen, they immediately moved away, only glancing back at him from a distance.

Mu Chen could only sigh. However, although Mu Chen was exasperated, he refused to be in a hurry. He knew that the cruel fighting in the battlefield would eliminate more and more ordinary Upper Earthly Sovereigns as time went by, leaving only the elite behind.

These elite would then certainly eye his battle seals covetously, and once they felt that they had found a weakness, they would attack Mu Chen ferociously. Therefore, Mu Chen knew that it was only a matter of time before his time would come.

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At the moment, Mu Chen sat quietly on a mountain, surrounded by innumerable spiritual seals. The space fluctuated violently as the spiritual seals flickered like stars.

A complete and powerful spiritual array was hidden in the surrounding area. Every time the spiritual energy in this spiritual array surged, it would cause huge waves to roll over the sea.

Whoosh!

In a distant place, a whistling rushed through the air. At that moment, a figure emerged in the air.

He then stood in mid-air hundreds of miles away from Mu Chen and frowned at the spiritual array that was surrounding him. After pondering for a moment, he turned and left.

Mu Chen watched as the figure disappear, his eyes shining. He perceived a vast spiritual oppression coming from the figure, like the power of the sea, which was stronger than the Fire Cloud King's and the Zishan Sect Master's, whom he had defeated before.

"They are getting stronger indeed..." Mu Chen murmured.

In these two days, the Upper Earthly Sovereigns who he had encountered were growing stronger. Clearly, after surviving several cruel eliminations, those who remained in the battlefield were all formidable characters.

"In that case, it should be soon..." he murmured.

As the Upper Earthly Sovereigns who were left behind became stronger and stronger, the deterrent effect provided by the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array gradually weakened.

He could feel that, these days, quite a few of the top Upper Earthly Sovereigns were secretly spying on the array, trying to find some flaw in it. That was to say, the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array was starting to lose its intimidation factor. According to Mu Chen's estimation, within one day, someone would most likely come to take a shot at him.

Mu Chen smiled nonchalantly as he closed his eyes. He was interested to see who would be so confident as to come and take a shot at him. Then, that day quickly arrived...

Whoosh!

As the sea surged, the waves slammed heavily on the shore. Their rumbling sound, like thunder, spread far above the boundless sea.

As Mu Chen opened his eyes, a spiritual light emerged in them, then gradually dispersed. He then glanced at a distant island, from which he could vaguely feel some subtle spiritual fluctuations emanating.

Today, the atmosphere between heaven and earth seemed to be a bit grimmer than usual. Those islands almost seemed as if they had covetous gazes.

Mu Chen was akin to a lone wolf among the tigers. If he showed any signs of weakness, he believed that those who were watching him covetously would come in an instant to snatch all of his battle seals!

However, as they were cautious, no one dared to be the first to strike. Thus, they were waiting for the opportunity to arise.

Sunlight fell from the sky and shone on the sea, which rippled and sparkled. As Mu Chen looked at the shimmering sea, his gaze suddenly fixated on something.

He looked up a little and saw the distant sea suddenly turning a scarlet color. The scarlet waves roared as the wind howled and thunder rolled.

In just a few minutes, the scarlet waves appeared tens of thousands of feet high, then slowly stopped at the edge of the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array. The scarlet waves surged as a figure that was donned in blood robes slowly appeared. That familiar malicious face belonged to Xue Lingzi from the Blood God Clan!

He glared chillingly at Mu Chen, his gaze akin to a hunter locking onto his prey. He looked brutal and ferocious.

"So it's you, old dog..." Mu Chen froze when he saw the figure.

He then smiled bitterly and said, "I could sense your presence these past two days. But, you kept hiding like a rat and didn't dare to show yourself. Why have you appeared now?"

Upon hearing Mu Chen's tone, Xue Lingzi's face turned cold. He then replied, "Brat, you are at death's door! How dare you be so arrogant?"

Mu Chen looked at him and said nonchalantly, "I'm not sure if I will die, but I'm sure that you are in deep trouble today."

Although his voice sounded nonchalant, there was a trace of murderous intent in it that could not be concealed. Mu Chen had long wanted to get rid of Xue Lingzi.

It was said that Luo Li's father had died because of him. Also, Luo Tianshen had been severely damaged by his blood poison for many years.

Luo Li's return to the Luo God Clan had also been because of Xue Lingzi, as she suffered a lot of pressure and was even under the threat of death! So, in a sense, Xue Lingzi was the Luo God Clan's great enemy!

Although Luo Li never showed hatred for Xue Lingzi in front of him, Mu Chen could feel it. She just didn't want Mu Chen to risk his life to kill Xue Lingzi, so she was careful to always restrain her emotions. Also, she was hoping that, after she grew up, she could end Xue Lingzi herself!

Hence, Mu Chen naturally had strong murderous intent towards Xue Lingzi due to the above reasons. As such, he was determined to find an opportunity to annihilate Xue Lingzi. Now that the old fellow had come on his own accord, this fulfilled Mu Chen's wish!

"Hah, what a conceited brat!" Xue Lingzi laughed at him mockingly, then said chillingly, "Did you think that you could continue to be so proud just because you have an Intermediate Ancestral Master's Spiritual Array? Did you think that there were no Spiritual Array Ancestral Masters in our Western Kingdom Continent?"

With a wave of his sleeves, a black light flashed beside him. Then, in the next moment, a thin old man in gray robes appeared.

As soon as the old man in gray robes appeared, his small eyes swept towards the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array, which still surrounded Mu Chen. He then nodded his head and said with a smile, "It is an Intermediate Ancestral Master's Spiritual Array indeed, so it's no wonder that no one dares to deal with him these days."

"Haha, Ghost Master has been famous for many years, so he is already well-acquainted with Intermediate Ancestral Master's Spiritual Arrays. As such, a young brat like you cannot compare!" Xue Lingzi smiled, seeming to be very pleased with himself.

The old man named Ghost Master smiled and said, "Xue Lingzi, I can help you suppress this spiritual array, but after it is done, half of the boy's battle seals belong to me."

A hint of unwillingness flashed in Xue Lingzi's eyes upon hearing these conditions, but he nodded decisively and said, "As long as you can get rid of this brat, I'll agree to this!"

"Haha, you are very decisive!" Mu Chen heard this and narrowed his eyes and glanced at the gray-robed old man. He then murmured, "So, you engaged a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master to deal with my spiritual array..."

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At the same time, in the White Jade Square of the Western Kingdom War City, countless gazes were drawn to a light screen. When they saw that Xue Lingzi and the old man in gray robes had appeared, a sea of whispers erupted in the crowd...

"Xue Lingzi actually engaged the Ghost Master's help!"

"The Ghost Master has been an Intermediate Spiritual Array Ancestral Master for so many years. If he strikes, Mu Chen's spiritual array will be rendered ineffective immediately."

"He's in deep trouble now. Without his spiritual array, Mu Chen is undoubtedly a toothless tiger, and there is no doubt that he will be defeated."

Amid the commotion, Luo Tianshen glanced at the light screen gravely. He then glared at Xue Lingzi and gnashed his teeth, revealing his immense hatred.

"Xue Lingzi you old dog, you deserve to die!"

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Chapter 1247: Is this Enough?

The boisterous waves surged, carrying with them an immense killing intent. As the people on the surrounding islands looked at the region where the scarlet water flowed, they saw two people standing on the waves.

"Xue Lingzi has invited the Ghost Master here to come deal with Mu Chen..."

"Mu Chen is done for this time."

"The Ghost Master is a well-known Spiritual Array Ancestral Master in the Western Kingdom Continent. He will have no problem dealing with Mu Chen."

The people whispered among themselves, gloating over Mu Chen's misfortunes. After all, he was an outsider, who had been too presumptuous, showing no regard for the top powers in the Western Kingdom Continent!

His behavior had made many people very unhappy. As such, they would not sympathize with him, even if he was beaten and battered.

Xue Lingzi stood on the waves, then smiled viciously at Mu Chen and said, "My hands are tied as long as we are outside. However, if you die in the battlefield, the Flame Emperor cannot hold it against me."

Xue Lingzi was filled with killing intent as he looked at Mu Chen. He was wary of Mu Chen, as Mu Chen was able to move around freely in the Battlefield of the Upper Earthly Sovereigns, even though he was only a Lower Earthly Sovereign. Judging from his progress, he would possess the strength comparable to a Complete Earthly Sovereign once he advanced to Upper Earthly Sovereign!

As such, Mu Chen was too powerful! And, now that Xue Lingzi and Mu Chen were arch-enemies, Xue Lingzi had to think of a way to get rid of him!

When Mu Chen heard what Xue Lingzi had said, he replied with a smile. "I agree."

The feelings between these two were mutual, as Xue Lingzi wanted to kill Mu Chen, while Mu Chen wanted to help the Luo God Clan get rid of this troublemaker! If Xue Lingzi was eliminated, the Blood God Clan would suffer heavy losses, which would then give the Luo God Clan an opportunity to turn the tables on this war.

However, Xue Lingzi had hidden himself in the Blood God Clan and thus enjoyed the protection of its top powers. That fact, along with the additional topographical advantage that Xue Lingzi had, would make it very difficult for Mu Chen to kill him. Thus, the Battlefield of the Upper Earthly Sovereigns was a great opportunity for Mu Chen.

When Xue Lingzi saw Mu Chen looking at him with killing intent, he sneered. "Do you still dare to make such a comment, even now? You are truly hopeless!"

Having said that, Xue Lingzi turned to look at the Ghost Master, who was beside him. He then said, "Master, let's go into the array. You can suppress the spiritual array, while I will kill the chap!" After all, without the help of the spiritual array, Mu Chen was like a toothless tiger to Xue Lingzi!

"Alright." The Ghost Master nodded with a smile.

The Ancestral Master's Spiritual Array was indeed extraordinary, but he had no problem suppressing it. Moreover, his job was simply to suppress it, whereas Xue Lingzi had to risk his life to fight Mu Chen!

After the decision had been made, the spies and the people in the White Jade Square saw the two of them walking on the waves. The pair then entered the Nine Dragons' Decide Array.

Boom!

The moment the two of them stepped inside, an explosive spiritual energy fluctuation swirled out from the spiritual array. Then, Nine Spiritual Energy Dragons took shape, each exuding an immense oppression, while they fixed their gazes on Xue Lingzi and the Ghost Master.

"This spiritual array is indeed powerful!" The Ghost Master looked at the nine large Spiritual Energy Dragons and exclaimed. "Mu Chen is indeed gifted. He is so young, yet he possesses such a high level of skill in spiritual arrays!"

Xue Lingzi looked grew even colder, and his killing intent became stronger when he saw how gifted Mu Chen was. He then asked, "Ghost Master, are you able to suppress it?"

The Ghost Master said proudly, "Although this array is powerful, it is nothing to me!"

Swoosh!

Having said that, the Ghost Master waved his sleeves, and a spiritual seal whizzed out and merged into the space.

Buzz!

A spiritual array took shape instantly. Space warps started to form, which then turned into nine large Spiritual Energy Chains. The chains pierced through the space and immediately bound the nine Spiritual Energy Dragons.

"My Dragon-Bound Array is able to suppress his spiritual array." The Ghost Master smiled as he changed his seal. The Spiritual Clouds before them dispersed, paving a way for them.

"Go. You will be safe from the spiritual array. After you have killed that guy, the array will disappear," the Ghost Master instructed.

Xue Lingzi's eyes glittered, revealing his fury. After all, he had expected the Ghost Master to destroy Mu Chen's spiritual array, but he had simply sealed it temporarily!

Apparently, it was not as easy to destroy the spiritual array as the Ghost Master had made it seem. Although Xue Lingzi was unhappy about this, he did not say a word. As long as the Ghost Master could suppress Mu Chen's spiritual array, he had achieved his objective.

He nodded at the Ghost Master, then turned into a ray of red light and dashed past the pathway. In a moment, the view before him opened up completely. A mountain then appeared out of the sea, and Mu Chen was sitting cross-legged on its peak, just looking at him calmly.

"Young chap, let me see how you can turn the tables around without the help of the spiritual array!" Xue Lingzi sneered. He rose up slowly and appeared in front of Mu Chen.

Mu Chen looked down at him and said, "Let me show you."

"Drop your pretense. You are doomed! Blood God's Sky-trampling Foot!" Xue Lingzi's eyes looked cold as he yelled and stamped his foot, causing a red light to swirl out and form a large red foot. The foot then moved toward the mountain peak that Mu Chen was sitting on, carrying with it a destructive force and a strong rotten smell.

Boom!

As the large red foot fell down like a meteorite, Mu Chen took a deep breath. A crystal pagoda appeared in his eyes, and the majestic spiritual energy from his body infused into it, turning the crystal pagoda

into a Crystal Spiritual Energy. The Crystal Spiritual Energy then flowed out and covered Mu Chen's entire body.

Mu Chen then lifted up his hand, and a crystalized spiritual energy shot out from it. The light then formed a light shield above him.

Dong!

As the large red foot stomped on the crystal cover, visible shockwaves raged out, smashing the entire space.

Boom! Boom!

Although the crystal cover had fended off the large red foot, the horrifying power of it had still seeped through the crystal cover. As the mountain could not withstand its power, it collapsed instantly. Large rocks started to roll down into the sea, pulling Mu Chen along with them.

As Mu Chen stood on the surface of the water, he lifted up his head to look at the large red foot that had gradually dissipated into the air. If he continued to be pit against Xue Lingzi, based on their spiritual energies at the moment, even though he had the help of the crystal pagoda, he would be at a disadvantage. This was because Xue Lingzi was already an Upper Earthly Sovereign.

Xue Lingzi stood proudly in the sky, looking down at Mu Chen and mocking him. "Young chap, do you now know the difference between you and an Upper Earthly Sovereign? Without the spiritual array, you will not be able to contend with an Upper Earthly Sovereign, at least based on your current spiritual energy."

He knew that Mu Chen's spiritual energy was mysterious, so he did not give Mu Chen a chance to touch him. Instead, he chose to attack Mu Chen from afar, using his spiritual energy. In this way, that Mu Chen would soon know that he was inferior to him!

"Summon your Sovereign Celestial Appearance now, lest you have no more chances in the future!" Although Xue Lingzi was mocking Mu Chen mercilessly, Mu Chen simply smiled at him.

Mu Chen then said, "I don't have to summon the Sovereign Celestial Appearance to deal with you."

"Oh? Are you still so stiff-necked?" Xue Lingzi asked.

Mu Chen smiled and ignored him. He stomped his foot on the surface of the water, causing the waters to surge upwards. In the next instant, about a thousand figures shot up from the bottom of the sea and stood behind Mu Chen!

When the thousand figures appeared, their auras gathered together and exuded a majestic fighting spirit that spread out like an ocean's tide. When Xue Lingzi saw the troop, he squinted his eyes and sneered.

He then yelled, "You have finally summoned your troop! However, if you are thinking of using them to deal with an Upper Earthly Sovereign, I can only say that you are being too naïve!"

Xue Lingzi was familiar with the Spirit-slaughtering Troop that Mu Chen had just summoned. When they were at the Luo River, Mu Chen had used it to trap a Lower Earthly Sovereign from the Blood God Clan.

However, that encounter was their limit. If Mu Chen intended to use the Spirit-slaughtering Troop to deal with him, it would be nothing more than wishful thinking on his part.

When Mu Chen saw Xue Lingzi sneering at him, he curled up his lips and said with a smile, "If this is not enough, then how about another troop?"

Boom!

The minute Mu Chen finished his statement, an indescribable horrifying fighting spirit burst out from the bottom of the sea. The fighting spirit was so powerful, it took Xue Lingzi by surprise.

Several water columns burst out from the sea, while many more figures shot out and stood behind Mu Chen. There were now over 1,000 of them, and they were fully armored. They held black scythes in their hands and ancient runes were carved on their bodies.

Their fighting spirit had far surpassed the Spirit-slaughtering Troop's! This troop was the elite troop of the First Hall Master of the Ancient Celestial Palace, known as the Demon Subduing Troop!

Mu Chen lifted up his head to look at Xue Lingzi, whose expression had changed drastically.

Mu Chen's laughter resounded throughout the area as he asked, "Is this enough?"

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Chapter 1248: The Demon Subduing Troop

Thousands of figures stood still on the boisterous sea. They were utterly lifeless. However, the fighting spirit that exuded from them was so horrifying, many grand forces that were hiding nearby were shocked.

The grand forces in the Western Kingdom Continent had heard of Mu Chen, so they knew that he was both a Spiritual Array Ancestral Master and a war troop dispatcher. This did not come to them as a surprise, as one had to be a Spiritual Array Master before he could become a war troop dispatcher.

However, most people would choose only one of these roles to cultivate, but Mu Chen had somehow been able to excel at both! As they thought of these things, many of the top powers could not help but comment...

"Where did the other troop come from?"

"What an amazing fighting spirit! In the Western Kingdom Continent, only the Western Kingdom War Temple is able to produce such a powerful army."

"What is his background? How can he have such a strong base?"

The top powers were stunned when they saw that the Demon Subduing Troop appear. The grand forces that were in hiding were amazed by Mu Chen's trump card!

Although they were Upper Earthly Sovereigns, they still felt threatened by the fighting spirit that was exuding from the Demon Subduing Troop. Xue Lingzi turned pale as he stared at the Demon Subduing Troop and shivered. He had never seen Mu Chen use this mysterious troop before, and he had not expected it to be so powerful.

Where does this brat come from? Not everyone can have such a powerful troop!

Xue Lingzi was baffled that, in The Great Thousand World, a war troop dispatcher could have his own style and methods, as well as possess such powerful strength! The only setback to this was the difficulty that came with grooming an elite troop.

As it required a lot of manpower and finances, the war troop dispatcher needed to have a strong force to back him up. Moreover, the two troops that Mu Chen possessed were War Puppets, so they were rarely seen.

Only the outstanding warriors could activate their black magic to refine themselves to become War Puppets in order to live. Because of this, the failure rate was high, which was to say, in order to have an elite War Puppet Troop of about 1,000 warriors, the number of warriors had to be more than 10,000 in number when they were still alive.

In the entire Western Kingdom Continent, the Western Kingdom War Temple was the only top force that could cultivate such a big troop. Thus, Xue Lingzi was baffled as to how Mu Chen, who was only a Lower Earthly Sovereign, could possess such a strong base.

"Oh? I thought you were so sure of yourself earlier?" Mu Chen said as he lifted up his head to look at Xue Lingzi.

Xue Lingzi twitched his mouth and said with a cold look, "Don't be so arrogant. It is useless to possess the troops. I don't believe that you can control the two troops, not since the fighting spirit and the troops are so different!"

Although Xue Lingzi did not know how Mu Chen had managed to possess the two troops, he was certain that Mu Chen did not groom them. Since this was the case, it would not be easy for him to control the troops' fighting spirit.

When Mu Chen heard this, he smiled. Logically speaking, the War Puppets still held fast to the beliefs that they had while they were still alive. Thus, they might not be activated, even if one possessed them.

However, it was a different scenario with Mu Chen. Although the Demon Subduing Troop belonged to the First Hall Master, Mu Chen had obtained the inheritance from the Heavenly Emperor. This was comparable to his being the second Master of the Ancient Celestial Palace. Given such a status, he had no problem controlling the Spirit-slaughtering Troop and the Demon Subduing Troop.

Thinking of these things and feeling quite confident, Mu Chen stretched forth his hand and waved.

Boom!

At that moment, a powerful fighting spirit burst out from the two troops like a volcano and engulfed the entire area. The sky dimmed and the sun turned a bloody red, while fighting sounds from the Primordial Age resounded throughout the area.

Two vast fighting spirits turned into Fighting Spirit Oceans and circled around Mu Chen. Every time the fighting spirits whizzed out, the space would tremble.

Two large figures took shape in the Fighting Spirit Oceans. These were the Spirits of Fighting Intent. The Spirit of Fighting Intent from the Spirit-slaughtering Troop was a large python, and its body was filled with 1,500,000 battle runes.

The Spirit of Fighting Intent from the Demon Subduing Troop was a large and ferocious tortoise. It had sharp fangs, a huge mouth, and numerous spikes were on its shell, which had about 4,000,000 battle runes on it.

The Demon Subduing Troop was the elite troop in the Ancient Celestial Palace. When it was at its peak, it was able to fend off the Extraterritorial Race during the invasion. Although there were only about 1,000 of them currently, they were still more powerful than the Spirit-slaughtering Troop.

Hiss!

The Python Fighting Spirit cried out in the sky. In the next instant, it shot out and pierced through the space.

Xue Lingzi's heart sank when he saw this violent attack from the Python Fighting Spirit. He immediately formed a seal with his hands and shouted, "Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance!"

As he did so, a Blood Stream burst out from Xue Lingzi's body, and in the next instant, a humongous Blood Shadow appeared behind him. The Blood Shadow was mysterious.

It was like a substance, yet at the same time, had illusionary qualities. This was the Blood God Clan's Clan Suppression Celestial Body, which was ranked number 38 on the List of 99 Sovereign Celestial Bodies.

Xue Lingzi no longer dared to take things lightly after Mu Chen summoned the two elite troops. So, he immediately summoned his Sovereign Celestial Appearance.

Boom!

The Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance stretched out its hand, then struck downward. A Blood Stream gathered in its palm and struck toward the oncoming Python Fighting Spirit.

Bang!

The space surged as the Python Fighting Spirit was being hit. As it contained about 1,000,000 battle runes, it was unable to contend with an Upper Earthly Sovereign.

"Smash it!" Xue Lingzi was in hot pursuit and intended to disperse the fighting spirit so that Mu Chen's Spirit-slaughtering Troop would be affected as well. The Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance grasped its fist and threw out a punch at the Python Fighting Spirit.

Swoosh!

However, just as the Blood Fist was about to punch the Python Fighting Spirit, a huge shadow dashed out from the side and took the blow for the Python Fighting Spirit.

Boom! Boom!

Visible shockwaves raged out and smashed the surrounding mountains up. A tidal wave then swirled out to wash away the debris.

Although the tortoiseshell shook, it successfully countered Xue Lingzi's powerful punch. It then opened its huge mouth and bit off part of the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance's hand!

As the Tortoise Fighting Spirit, which had been formed by the Demon Subduing Troop, had 4,000,000 battle runes, this quantity was enough to contend with an Upper Earthly Sovereign. So, Xue Lingzi would not have as easy of a time dealing with it as he had with the Python Fighting Spirit. As he started to realize this, Xue Lingzi looked gloomy and was surprised that Mu Chen was able to control the Spirits of Fighting Intent so well.

Roar!

Not giving Xue Lingzi the opportunity to strike, Mu Chen caused the Python Fighting Spirit and the Tortoise Fighting Spirit to shoot out simultaneously and attack the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance savagely.

Boom! Boom!

The savage fighting spirits and the bloody spiritual energy collided constantly. Each time they collided, the space would crack and the ocean would break out into several gullies.

The fight was fierce beyond description! The grand forces that were hiding in the dark turned grave as they looked at the fierce fight in the sky.

Mu Chen had two Spirits of Fighting intent. The Python Fighting Spirit was weaker and its strength was comparable to a Lower Earthly Sovereign's, whereas the Tortoise Fighting Spirit was comparable to an Upper Earthly Sovereign's.

Based on the individual strengths of the Fighting Spirits, Xue Lingzi's Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance possessed the greatest combat force of them all, as he had continuously infused his spiritual energy into it. However, Mu Chen had controlled the Python Fighting Spirit and the Tortoise Fighting Spirit in such a way that they complemented each other so well, they easily countered the attacks from the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance.

Whenever the two Fighting Spirits retaliated, the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance would be taken off guard. Hence, this was a tough and fierce fight that was still up in the air regarding who would emerge as the ultimate victor.

Everyone was shocked by the situation. No one had expected that Mu Chen would be able to contend with an Upper Earthly Sovereign, even though he had lost the help of his spiritual array. Xue Lingzi looked at the violent attacks from the two Fighting Spirits and turned pale. He had not expected himself to get into such a situation.

As an Upper Earthly Sovereign, although he had a rich flow of spiritual energy, as long as Mu Chen's troops were not destroyed, Mu Chen could continue to tap into the power of the fighting spirits, and in the long run, Xue Lingzi would lose. Hence, he had to turn the tables around quickly!

Xue Lingzi's eyes glittered as he gritted his teeth and shouted, "Ghost Master, destroy the spiritual array and come help me. You can have all of his Battle Seals, and on top of that, I will give you two more!"

When he shouted, many Upper Earthly Sovereigns shook their heads. This fella is really desperate!

When the Ghost Master heard what Xue Lingzi had said, his eyes brightened. He laughed and said, "Brother, you are so generous. Give me some time and I will destroy the spiritual array!"

A mere second later, several spiritual seals flew out from his sleeve and spikes started to grow on the chains that were around the nine Spiritual Dragons, immediately devouring their spiritual energy. As the spiritual energy dispersed, the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array started to crumble.

There was an uproar when the grand forces and the top powers in the White Jade Square saw what had just happened. When Luo Tianshen saw this, he turned pale and became worried. He was worried that Mu Chen might actually be defeated!

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Chapter 1249: The Black Tortoise Fighting Spiri

Boom! Boom!

Violent spiritual energy fluctuations surged continuously in the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array. The nine Spiritual Dragons struggled to break free, but they had been tightly bound by the chains.

Cold light glittered on the spikes as they devoured the Spiritual Dragons' spiritual energy. The power of the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array started to dwindle under the immense pressure of the invasion.

As Mu Chen was busy dealing with Xue Lingzi, he was unable to summon the power of the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array. The Ghost Master had thus grabbed hold of the opportunity to destroy the Deicide Array. Judging from the situation, the Deicide Array would soon be destroyed.

Mu Chen, who was standing on the Fighting Spirit Ocean, frowned when he saw this change of events. Xue Lingzi was shameless, and what he had just done posed a huge threat to Mu Chen!

"I knew you were arrogant!" Xue Lingzi sneered at Mu Chen when he saw his expression. He was clearly elated. He was willing to pay a high price to see Mu Chen killed, as he hated Mu Chen to the core!

Mu Chen disregarded his mockery and waved his sleeve. The Tortoise Fighting Spirit and the Python Fighting Spirit then attacked the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance even more fiercely, causing it to shake violently. Apparently, Mu Chen's intention was to kill Xue Lingzi before the Ghost Master destroyed the Nine Dragons' Deicide Array.

However, the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance was very powerful. It was also able to switch between substance and illusion. As such, when it faced a powerful attack, it would turn into an illusion and dilute the power of the attack.

When it attacked, it then turned into a substance and attacked fiercely. Its defense and attack made it tough for Mu Chen to deal with it.

"Hohoho, are you trying to kill me first? What a presumptuous guy you are! Do you think you can break through my Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance?" Xue Lingzi mocked Mu Chen when he realized his intention.

The grand forces who were hiding in secret shook their heads. Even as Upper Earthly Sovereigns, they had found Xue Lingzi's Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance tough to deal with. Hence, it came as no surprise that Mu Chen would struggle against it.

Although Mu Chen had powerful fighting spirits, he would not be able to defeat the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance. Thus, the situation was definitely against Mu Chen!

As Mu Chen realized this, he suddenly waved his sleeve. At that moment, the Python and Tortoise Fighting Spirits retreated and encircled him.

"Have you decided to give up?" Xue Lingzi smiled coldly. Mu Chen had finally realized that his dire situation.

Mu Chen looked flatly at him as he formed a seal with one hand. When the seal changed, the two Spirits of Fighting Intent suddenly whizzed down and turned into majestic Fighting Spirit Oceans.

Waves surged constantly in the Fighting Spirit Oceans, and a huge whirlpool surfaced on the water. Everyone could sense that the fighting spirits of the Spirit-slaughtering Troop and the Demon Subduing Troop were trying to merge together. A horrifying fighting spirit fluctuation swirled out continuously.

When Xue Lingzi saw this scene, he was shocked. He then sneered and asked, "Are you thinking of merging the fighting spirits of the two troops? This is a good idea, but it is only wishful thinking to believe it is possible."

If the fighting spirits of the two troops merged together, the result would be extremely powerful. However, it was very difficult to accomplish.

If the two troops had been groomed by Mu Chen, there was still a possibility of accomplishing it. However, it was not so. Thus, he would not be able to merge them together.

The grand forces that were hiding in secret shook their heads. This seemed to be Mu Chen's last resort. Even so, he was likely to fail at it.

Splash. Splash.

The waves in the Fighting Spirit Oceans continued to surge, and the two powerful fighting spirits in the whirlpool kept coming together. Every time the fighting spirits tried to merge, they would only repel one another.

"It seems that you have failed," Xue Lingzi said mockingly as he watched Mu Chen's seemingly futile attempts.

Mu Chen lifted up his eyes and asked, "Oh, you really think so?"

Having said that, he grasped his fist, and a clear ancient sword appeared in his hand. He then slashed the sword down at the Fighting Spirit Oceans.

"Merge!" As Mu Chen shouted the word, a sword radiance went into the Fighting Spirit Oceans, immediately calming the surging waves. The two fighting spirits that had been rejecting each other soon started to merge together!

Boom!

A mighty fighting spirit fluctuation shot up to the sky, engulfing the entire area. The whirlpool in the Fighting Spirit Ocean surged crazily, and a huge object emerged from the whirlpool.

The huge object was a tortoise. Its mouth was ferocious, and it had the tail of a python. The python tail twirled itself around the tortoiseshell, and as the creature hissed, it exuded a majestic fighting spirit.

This creature was known as the Black Tortoise. The Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit's body was packed with around 6,000,000 battle runes! With this amount of battle runes, even an Upper Earthly Sovereign would be fearful of such a powerful Spirit of Fighting Intent.

Xue Lingzi froze when the Spirit-slaughtering Troop and the Demon Subduing Troop merged together to form a new Spirit of Fighting Intent. He had never expected that Mu Chen would be able to merge the two different types of fighting spirits together. It was simply impossible!

Still stunned, Xue Lingzi noticed a deadly aura exuding from the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit. He also noticed the insane amount of battle runes. Such a great number placed it among the highest of the Upper Earthly Sovereigns!

"Ghost Master, destroy the array quickly!" Xue Lingzi shouted sharply as he trembled with fear.

The Ghost Master, who was taking his time, had received a great shock as well. He looked grave, as he had not expected Mu Chen to be able merge the fighting spirits together either.

He took a deep breath and threw out more spiritual seals to hasten his speed in destroying the spiritual array. He knew that if Xue Lingzi was defeated by Mu Chen, he would not be able to take Mu Chen on single-handedly.

At that moment, Mu Chen lifted up his head and looked coldly at Xue Lingzi, who was no longer looking arrogant, but was indeed rather pale.

"Tear him apart!" Mu Chen shouted and waved his hand, causing the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit to roar and open its mouth.

A vast stream of fighting spirit swirled out, a large number of battle runes glittering within it. As it shot up into the sky, fighting sounds emitted from it.

"Blood River Rampart!" As Xue Lingzi dared not take the attack of the Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit lightly, he changed his seal, causing the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance to open its mouth and spew out a stream of Blood River to form a sticky Blood River Rampart.

Boom!

The stream of fighting spirit blasted on the Blood River Rampart, dissolving the Blood River before it blasted on the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance. At the crucial moment, Xue Lingzi activated the

Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance to turn it into an illusion. Thus, when the stream of fighting spirit blasted on the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance, most of the fighting spirit went through it.

This allowed the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance to remain unscathed, aside from the appearance of a single hole on its body. Then, as the Blood River flowed into it, the hole sealed up in no time.

When Xue Lingzi saw this, he loosened up and relaxed a little. Although Mu Chen possessed a powerful Spirit of Fighting Intent, he would not be able to deal with his Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance!

Boom!

Mu Chen remained calm and flicked his fingers. The stream of fighting spirit whizzed out crazily again, blasting the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance.

When Xue Lingzi saw it, he immediately switched to the defensive mode. He kept switching the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance between substance and illusion in order to avoid the deadly attacks. As long as he could hold it until the Ghost Master had destroyed the spiritual array and joined forces with him, they would be able to kill Mu Chen!

The fight in the sky was intense, and the grand forces that had hidden themselves started to frown. Although Mu Chen's Black Tortoise Fighting Spirit was overbearing, it did not seem to be having any effect on Xue Lingzi's Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance.

Due to this reason, Xue Lingzi had managed to buy some time while he waited for the Nine Dragons' Decide Array to crumble...

Boom!

After yet another blast, the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance became illusionary in order to avoid the latest attack. Xue Lingzi stood on the Celestial Appearance and sneered. "Young chap, when are you going to stop using this useless method? Are you really nuts?"

Even after Mu Chen heard his mockery, he remained calm. He then stared at Xue Lingzi and sneered. "Is it truly useless?"

Mu Chen then lowered his head, focusing all of his energy forward, while several clear light spots appeared on the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance. They were glittering like fireflies!

When Xue Lingzi saw the clear light spots, he came to a sudden realization, which caused him to turn pale and cold. Mu Chen smiled when he saw this, then formed a seal with his hand and said within his heart... Seal!

At that moment, the clear light spots burst out. As the rays swirled out, they covered the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance, causing it to dim instantly.

This was because it lost the support of the spiritual energy! Although Xue Lingzi had activated his spiritual energy to support the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance, it continued to shrink.

It is his obscure spiritual energy!

When did it invade my Sovereign Celestial Appearance?

Did it happen whenever it went through it?

Xue Lingzi turned frantic, myriad thoughts and panic rushing through his mind. He finally knew why Mu Chen had pressed on with his attacks, even though the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance had managed to dodge them. Mu Chen's intention was not to use his fighting spirit to destroy his Sovereign Celestial Appearance, but it was to utilize his obscure spiritual energy instead!

I must gather the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance again! Xue Lingzi gritted his teeth and decided to cut off his connection from the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance. However, a clear light came down from the heavens at that very instant, while a large crystal pagoda covered him and the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance.

The crystal pagoda shrunk instantly into the size of a palm, then landed on Mu Chen's palm. When the grand forces and the Ghost Master saw it, they were shocked. No one had expected the formidable Xue Lingzi to be trapped in Mu Chen's crystal pagoda in mere seconds!

Mu Chen ignored the looks of the people as he stared at Xue Lingzi, who was looking flustered from within the crystal pagoda. Mu Chen was filled with killing intent, and his laughter resounded in the area.

He then yelled, "Old coot! Let's see where you can run to this time round!"

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Chapter 1250: The Death of Xue Lingzi

The crystal pagoda stood quietly on Mu Chen's palm, with the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance and Xue Lingzi within it. Xue Lingzi was dumbfounded.

It had never occurred to him that the momentary loss of concentration would provide the opportunity to capture him into the crystal pagoda. Although he did not know the purpose of the crystal pagoda, he had noticed a dangerous aura exuding from it. He tried to activate the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance with his spiritual energy in order to break through the pagoda.

"Since you are already in there, don't even think of getting out." Mu Chen smiled flatly and changed his seal.

As he did so, crystal flames appeared in the crystal pagoda and swirled out. Soon, the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance was on fire.

Xue Lingzi turned pale. When his Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance caught fire, it dimmed instantly and dissipated. The spiritual energy that had supported the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance had evidently lost its power. Without the support of the spiritual energy, any Sovereign Celestial Appearance would dissipate, as it no longer possessed any combat strength.

"Have these flames sealed up my spiritual energy?" As Xue Lingzi had traveled widely, he immediately realized what was going on.

He received his power from the spiritual energy, and once his spiritual energy had been sealed, it would pose a fatal threat to him, even if it was only for a short period of time. Without the protection of the spiritual energy, an Earthly Sovereign would become weak.

Since the crystal flames in the crystal pagoda had been formed by the crystal spiritual energy, this caused the pagoda to be quite overbearing. Since Xue Lingzi had already fallen into the pagoda, he would be unable to escape from it! It appears that one moment of folly had caused him to lose everything!

The Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance dissipated quickly under the effects of the crystal flames. Then, Xue Lingzi's real body appeared.

Xue Lingzi was alarmed when the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance dissipated. Mu Chen had tried so hard to destroy the Blood Shadow Celestial Appearance when they were outside the pagoda, but to no avail. However, it dissipated in no time when it was inside the crystal pagoda.

Boom!

Vast spiritual energy burst out from Xue Lingzi's body, as he dared not stay in the pagoda. The Blood River whizzed crazily and attacked the walls of the crystal pagoda.

Buzz!

The crystal flames whizzed out again, then hit the majestic Blood River, causing it to dim and evaporate. It was as though it had come into contact with molten magma.

When Xue Lingzi saw this, he turned cold and became fearful. He had not expected for Mu Chen's crystal pagoda to be so powerful. Once one fell into it, there was no way to escape.

Crackle! Crackle!

As the crystal flames swirled toward him, Xue Lingzi felt his spiritual energy start to seal up. If this continued, he would lose his combat force once his spiritual energy sealed up completely!

"Mu Chen, if you let me go, I will give you all of my Battle Seals! I can even give you all of the Blood God Clan's 500,000,000 in Sovereign Spiritual Liquid!" Xue Lingzi pleaded with Mu Chen.

Mu Chen raised his brows upon hearing the rather large amount. Xue Lingzi was indeed generous. This quantity must be all that the Blood God Clan possessed. With this amount, Mu Chen could purchase a Middle Grade Sacred Object.

However, Mu Chen was still not tempted. After all, Xue Lingzi was cunning and vicious, so Mu Chen would miss this opportunity to kill him.

He simply smiled and changed his seal. The flames in the crystal pagoda rose up and burnt more fiercely. It continued to seal off Xue Lingzi's spiritual energy, and in a few minutes, his spiritual energy calmed down.

It was as though it had gone into a deep sleep. He would need many hours to recover his spiritual energy, but by that time, he would be dead.

"Mu Chen, if you kill me, my clan will not let you off! They will attack the Luo God Clan and make sure that they pay a high price!" Xue Lingzi shouted.

"In that case..." When Mu Chen heard this, he smiled and said flatly, "I will just have to destroy the Blood God Clan."

When he sensed that Xue Lingzi's spiritual energy had been completely sealed, he triggered his thoughts, as this was the best time to kill Xue Lingzi. The crystal flames in the pagoda burst out and turned into a flaming hand, which immediately grabbed Xue Lingzi.

Boom!

The crystal flames went into Xue Lingzi's body and burnt him up, as his body was no longer protected by the spiritual energy.

Ah!

Xue Lingzi screamed in pain. After he had screamed for a while, his cries gradually died down. Xue Lingzi's body had been completely wiped out by the flames.

Fortunately, Xue Lingzi's spiritual energy had been sealed. Otherwise, Mu Chen would not be able to kill him. After all, an Earthly Sovereign had a strong will to live, so even if his body had been burnt, he could have activated his spiritual energy to recover. However, anyone that fell into the crystal pagoda would be completely drained of all power, regardless of how strong-willed he was.

"This pagoda is indeed overbearing!" Mu Chen exclaimed.

It was no wonder that the Budur Ancient Clan had such a strong base in The Great Thousand World. The power of its bloodline was indeed amazing!

Xue Lingzi's screams resounded in the area before he passed away. Upon hearing his screams, the grand forces who were hiding in the dark turned pale. When they looked at Mu Chen again, they were filled with fear.

They had not expected that Mu Chen would be so powerful. In slightly more than 10 minutes, he had managed to kill an Upper Earthly Sovereign!

They knew that Xue Lingzi had been completely eliminated, as they could no longer feel his spiritual energy fluctuation. One had to be extremely powerful to kill an Upper Earthly Sovereign within such a short period of time!

Those grand forces that had intended to deal with Mu Chen now became fearful and changed their minds. They knew that Mu Chen was a tiger disguised as a sheep! If anyone thought that he was only a Lower Earthly Sovereign and trifled with him, they would be digging their own grave!

"Mu Chen has the prerequisites to vie for the one and only position!" one of the grand forces exclaimed.

When the people in the White Jade Square heard Xue Lingzi's screams, they quieted down and looked fearfully at Mu Chen. Just a while ago, Xue Lingzi had suppressed Mu Chen, but in the next instant, Mu Chen had trapped him in the pagoda!

From the wretched screams, they knew that Xue Lingzi had been killed. This outcome came as a great shock to them. After all, Xue Lingzi was an Upper Earthly Sovereign and a top-notch master!

If Xue Lingzi was in the Western Kingdom Continent, he would have been a grand force. However, he had been killed by a young Lower Earthly Sovereign!

The people swallowed hard and looked at Mu Chen in fear. Those who had thought that Mu Chen was digging his own grave by entering the Battlefield of the Upper Earthly Sovereigns now knew that he indeed had the capability to do so. He might even become the dark horse at the Battlefield of the Upper Earthly Sovereigns.

After this fight, no one dared to look down on Mu Chen anymore. As the people looked at Mu Chen in fear, Luo Tianshen was totally taken aback.

After a long while, he came back to himself and asked, while trembling, "Is Xue Lingzi dead?"

His eyes then turned red. Xue Lingzi had been his clan's arch-enemy for years. Luo Tianshen had wanted to kill him, but instead, he had been poisoned by Xue Lingzi. If not for the Flame Emperor, Luo Tianshen would have died from the poison.

He had thought that he had to wait for Luo Li to become stronger, so that she could kill Xue Lingzi. But, Mu Chen had killed him this very day!

Luo Tianshen lifted up his head to look at Mu Chen. He then smiled. "If Luo Li learns about this, she will be very happy."