

King Hall 1011

Chapter 1011: Hatred Drives to Madness! Stunned on the Spot!

Mu Jinyu was like a whirlpool in the sea, frantically seizing the endless dragon qi around him.

The commotion was so great that even some of the monsters who were meditating and refining dragon qi couldn't help but frown and open their eyes.

"What the hell is this guy doing?"

"What cultivation method is he using to cause such a big commotion?"

"Damn, he's absorbing so much dragon qi, does he want everyone else to die?"

At first, these monsters doubted whether Mu Jinyu was deliberately causing trouble because he couldn't refine dragon qi himself, to disrupt them.

But soon, they discovered that it seemed Mu Jinyu didn't just create such a huge commotion; the dragon qi was entering his body without flowing back out.

The dragon qi entered his body and disappeared instantly, with no sign of flowing back out. It was unclear whether it had been refined, but this indicated something was wrong.

So, they didn't bother to criticize Mu Jinyu and hurriedly closed their eyes again, immersing themselves in cultivation to speed up the process of forging their dragon souls.

Otherwise, if the dragon qi was all snatched away, they'd completely lose the final competition eligibility!

"That guy is really a freak!"

The ordinary geniuses who witnessed this scene, especially the one who previously joked about being a monster like Mu Jinyu, were left speechless.

'How is this guy doing this?'

Standing outside the Hidden Dragon Square, Jian Ruyan was also stunned seeing Mu Jinyu's movements.

Afterward, a slight smile unconsciously appeared at the corners of her mouth behind her veil.

'At this rate, he might soon become a hidden dragon emerging from the deep...'

Meanwhile, as Mu Jinyu continued to immerse himself in deploying the True Dragon Art to capture dragon qi crazily.

"Roar!"

Suddenly, an indistinct dragon's roar echoed in the Hidden Dragon Square.

People turned to look and saw a giant python, golden all over, suddenly appear above Ji Changxin, who was sitting cross-legged on the ground. It had four bulging lumps on its abdomen, and two small sharp horns on its snakehead.

It was a giant python about to shed its skin and grow four legs and dragon horns!

"My goodness, is Ji Changxin that fierce? So quickly forging his dragon soul?"

"No wonder he is the Crown Prince of the Dayan Dynasty and has a natural advantage on their main battlefield, easily forging a dragon soul ahead of others!"

"Damn it, I need to hurry up too."

Monsters like Gu Rulong, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, Chen Huaiyu, and Lingxiao felt pressured seeing Ji Changxin already forge his dragon soul and start swallowing even more dragon qi to strengthen it further. They quickly closed their eyes again, drawing in dragon qi to rapidly forge their own dragon souls.

These monstrous figures felt a sense of crisis seeing Ji Changxin forging his dragon soul first. But those ordinary Heaven's Pride who knew it was hopeless to forge a dragon soul and were satisfied with refining a small portion of dragon qi, continued to watch Ji Changxin and Mu Jinyu with interest!

"Hmm, that's strange. Ji Changxin wasn't making much noise, yet already forged a dragon soul? Mu Jinyu is causing such a commotion and hasn't stopped, so why hasn't he forged a dragon soul?"

"Or maybe he's just stealing the dragon qi, hiding it using special means, and doesn't actually have the ability to refine dragon qi?"

"It's possible, but at eighteen years old and in the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, I think it's more likely he's preparing for a big move, ready to forge a flood dragon in one go?"

"Heh heh, if that's the case, then this year's Hidden Dragon Conference is going to be incredibly exciting!"

Time slowly passed.

The golden dragon qi Mu Jinyu absorbed increased more and more, and he was like a greedy Pixiu, only taking in and not letting out. The Hidden Dragon Square, once filled with golden light and dragon qi, gradually faded.

Finally, the entire square was left with only wisps of mist-like dragon qi!

Only then did Mu Jinyu, as if finally full, stop the frenzied seizing of dragon qi.

But because of the insufficient dragon qi in the Hidden Dragon Square, the result was...

"Puff, puff!"

Above Xuanyuan Qianqiu's head, dragon qi condensed into a...

Little carp!

Yes, the dragon soul he forged wasn't a majestic giant python like Ji Changxin's, but just a little carp.

It's not that Xuanyuan Qianqiu liked carps; he didn't want it this way either.

If there had been enough dragon qi for him to forge a great python, how could he possibly go for a little carp?

But due to the lack of dragon qi, he had no choice. The bit of dragon qi he refined wasn't enough to condense a big snake.

So he thought about it and remembered the story of the carp leaping over the dragon gate, figuring that although his dragon soul was just a small carp, in the upcoming competition, he could snatch others' dragon qi, ultimately enabling his dragon soul to transform from carp to true dragon!

Thus Xuanyuan Qianqiu gritted his teeth and eventually forged his dragon soul into a little carp!

Among the many monsters present, it wasn't just Xuanyuan Qianqiu who forged such comical dragon souls.

Gu Rulong had his dragon qi form into a little tortoise.

Though a bit humiliating, he thought of the Baxia from The Nine Offspring of the Dragon, reckoning that since tortoises are related to true dragons, should he make it to the end, he could still turn the tortoise into a true dragon!

And Lingxiao, forged a little kitten.

He originally wanted to forge a Suan Ni resembling a lion, but unfortunately, as soon as the dragon qi condensed into a feline figure, it was insufficient.

In the end, with no other choice, he forged a kitten dragon soul.

Enraged to the point of gnashing his teeth, he didn't know whether this kitten could eventually transform into a dragon!

Damn it, others might be carps and tortoises, silly though they are, at least they have a real shot at becoming dragons!

But he had no confidence that his little kitten could morph into a Suan Ni and then a dragon!

And yet, Lingxiao wasn't the worst off among them!

Among the monsters, some had learned dragon qi seizing techniques not that powerful, and with insufficient dragon qi, they barely managed to condense a small snake the size of a yellow eel.

They were so angry, they almost vomited blood!

Afterward, they turned their eyes towards Mu Jinyu, who had remained motionless ever since.

It was all his fault, he took all the dragon qi, yet he didn't even forge any dragon soul himself, causing them such misery!

"He must've used some trick to seal away the dragon qi, intending to wear it down with time to forge his dragon soul!"

"Right, at least 80% of the dragon qi was taken by him. Let's grab him and make him hand over the dragon qi!"

Just as the numerous monsters were itching to fight, preparing to take action against Mu Jinyu.

"Roar!!"

Suddenly, a loud dragon roar resounded throughout the Hidden Dragon Square.

Then, under the stunned gazes of everyone, an eighty-zhang-long giant dragon appeared above Mu Jinyu's head.

This gigantic dragon had deer-like golden horns, four limbs under its belly, but not five claws, nor reverse scales under the throat...

This... was a flood dragon!

An eighty-zhang-long giant dragon coiling above Mu Jinyu's head, dragon qi soaring, golden light erupting majestically, with a sublime aura surveying across all directions.

All present were entranced.

Chapter 1012: The Appearance of the Transforming Dragon Platform! The Mystery of the True Dragon Art!

"This, this, this..."

"How can a Flood Dragon be born so early? Isn't it supposed to be born in the final showdown?"

"Damn it, why am I just a little loach, while he refines a Flood Dragon? I'm not convinced!"

The crowd stared at the golden Flood Dragon floating above Mu Jinyu's head, their eyes turning red with jealousy.

Yet, in the Hidden Dragon Square, perhaps only Ji Changxin remained calm.

He stood in place, with a giant python ten zhang long above his head, spewing out rolling Dragon Qi. The two small horns on its head had grown longer, increasingly resembling a Flood Dragon.

The reason why he was so ahead of everyone was that he was the first to forge a Dragon Soul, and it was even a Giant Python. Though most of the Dragon Qi was stolen by Mu Jinyu, he still managed to absorb quite a bit of Dragon Qi through his Dragon Soul!

Looking at the eighty-zhang Flood Dragon above Mu Jinyu's head, Ji Changxin laughed softly and said, "Kunlun Dragon Qi is measured by one stone; Brother Mu occupies eight dou, everyone else shares one dou, and I also take one dou."

The crowd shuddered at Ji Changxin's remarks.

Indeed, when the Dragon Vein's Qi initially appeared in the Hidden Dragon Square, it was truly a hundred zhang long.

And now, Mu Jinyu had condensed an eighty-zhang Flood Dragon body, while Ji Changxin had condensed a ten-zhang Giant Python body. As for the others, they could only manage tiny loaches, eels, carp, turtles, and even little kitties...

Mu Jinyu indeed took the lion's share!

As Mu Jinyu's Flood Dragon Soul condensed, there was no more Dragon Qi left in the entire Hidden Dragon Square.

Thus, the competition for Dragon Qi was over!

"Ah!!"

At this time, those in the second, third, and fourth layers of the Fanxu Realm, who had mostly been idling and watching, let out a miserable cry as they were inexplicably driven out of the Hidden Dragon Square!

Just like those who hadn't passed the Bone Age test when crossing the Dragon Gate were promptly driven away.

Originally, talents like Wu Zhiming in the fifth and sixth layers of the Fanxu Realm had a chance to share some Dragon Qi and forge their own Dragon Souls...

Then participate in the next round!

But because Mu Jinyu took eight dou and Ji Changxin another dou, with the remaining dou snatched by other monsters, these people could only watch in regret.

Ye Wushuang watched with relief, knowing he had managed to condense a little loach with the help of his senior brother.

As those who failed to forge a Dragon Soul left.

"Boom!"

A thunderous rumble resounded, and then in the sky, another shimmering layer of golden light appeared, accompanied by the century-long East-coming Purple Qi of the Dayan Imperial Capital.

In no time, on the Hidden Dragon Square, a massive stone platform of ten or so zhang gathered!

This is the final battleground!

The Transforming Dragon Platform!

In previous Hidden Dragon Conferences, a Flood Dragon wouldn't appear so early during the Dragon Qi competition, but rather, numerous Dragon Souls of snakes and pythons would appear, with the final victor decided at the Transforming Dragon Platform in the sky, resulting in one True Dragon and ten Flood Dragons! Google search N0velFire.net

However, there was actually one last challenge, which was to ascend the Transforming Dragon Platform!

Indeed, the Transforming Dragon Platform appeared, but not just anyone could go up there. Those without a Dragon Soul had no chance to ascend it, and those with a Dragon Soul needed sufficient potential and strength to have a chance to ascend!

It is said that within the Transforming Dragon Platform, like the Enlightenment Stone, lies a supreme secret technique. Some say it is a Secret Heavenly Rank Art, others say it surpasses the Heavenly Rank.

But no matter what, the secret technique is indeed real.

And every participant standing on the Transforming Dragon Platform, though unable to fully comprehend the secret technique, nonetheless gained immensely!

Like those Heaven's Pride and monsters, the reason they could refine and absorb Dragon Qi much faster than ordinary people wasn't just due to superior talent, but also because their predecessors had, to some extent, comprehended ways to manipulate Dragon Qi.

Thus, this stage of the Ascend Dragon Platform is equally anticipated.

However, except for Mu Jinyu and Ji Changxin, Gu Rulong, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, Chen Huaiyu, Lingxiao, and Ye Wushuang were all gritting their teeth and not so optimistic anymore.

After all, they've only managed to condense little loaches, little tortoises, little carps, or whatnot into Dragon Souls, and they lacked confidence in ascending the Transforming Dragon Platform within just an hour!

Yes, there is a time limit to ascend the Transforming Dragon Platform.

The drifting purple Qi above would only remain for an hour before dispersing. Without it, they couldn't comprehend any secret art and would miss the ultimate confrontation!

Gritting their teeth, Gu Rulong and Xuanyuan Qianqiu began to climb with their little carp and little tortoise Dragon Souls carrying them towards the Transforming Dragon Platform!

At this point, they felt the Transforming Dragon Platform weighing down like ten thousand catties, suppressing the world, making it difficult for them to climb even an inch. Without their Dragon Souls, they probably wouldn't even have the chance to challenge the platform!

"Damn it! How did we fall into such a pitiful state? It's all because of that guy Mu Jinyu!"

"If I get the chance on the Transforming Dragon Platform, I'll teach you a lesson!"

Everyone viciously made promises to themselves, planning on giving Mu Jinyu a hard time once they ascended the Transforming Dragon Platform!

How could they not begrudge Mu Jinyu? If it weren't for him, they could've forged much stronger Dragon Souls, absolutely having the chance to ascend the Transforming Dragon Platform, and plenty of time to comprehend some secret art from it...

But now, they had to race against time to climb up, lest they get eliminated in this third round that they originally thought insignificant!

Mu Jinyu stood in place, watching Gu Rulong and the others struggle with their little tortoises and little carps to inch their way skyward, finding it all amusing.

Then his four-clawed Flood Dragon moved its head, bursting out in golden light. A resonant dragon roar echoed through the entire scene, instantly teleporting him to the Transforming Dragon Platform above!

Gu Rulong, Ye Wushuang, and others were almost knocked back to the ground by Mu Jinyu's dragon roar.

They cursed him furiously in their hearts!

Ji Changxin smiled lightly at the sight, his giant python also starting to writhe about, then landing beneath his feet and carrying him to fly towards the Transforming Dragon Platform above.

Yet, although he was far stronger than Gu Rulong and the others, not having to climb inch by inch, he still couldn't instantly teleport to the Transforming Dragon Platform like Mu Jinyu.

Each of his leaps was extremely arduous.

It would probably take him at least twenty minutes to reach the Transforming Dragon Platform in the sky!

And while these Heaven's Pride and monsters were painstakingly climbing the Transforming Dragon Platform.

Mu Jinyu, who had already reached the Transforming Dragon Platform, closed his eyes, quietly sitting cross-legged to comprehend this fabled secret technique.

His mind sank into contemplation for just about three minutes.

Mu Jinyu suddenly opened his eyes, a burst of astonishment flashing within them.

"What's going on? The Heaven Rank secret technique on the Transforming Dragon Platform is actually...the True Dragon Art that my master passed on to me!"

Chapter 1013: Catching Up Quickly! Facing Doubts!

Mu Jinyu felt astonished.

The "True Dragon Art" he practiced was a secret technique taught to him by his master, Mu Shao'ai, from a young age. From the start, he was told it wasn't very useful, but if practiced for a long time, it might, like Xiang Mantang, awaken his bloodline power.

Therefore, Mu Jinyu often cultivated, but even by the time he was eighteen, he hadn't been able to display the potential of this secret technique. It was only when Xiang Mantang performed the "Blood Phoenix Slaughter Art" and activated his Blood Phoenix Bloodline, losing control in a state of killing intent, that Mu Jinyu was able to use this secret technique to calm him down.

This situation continued until Xiang Mantang was possessed by a ghost shadow, greatly activating his Blood Phoenix Bloodline. It was only during their interaction that Mu Jinyu tried once more to perform the "True Dragon Art" and successfully activated his Azure Dragon Bloodline...

But initially activating the Azure Dragon Bloodline wasn't very useful, only adding some life origin force to his True Yuan, much like a miracle elixir.

It wasn't until later, when he absorbed a large amount of the Dragon Clan's Bloodline in the Dragon Marrow Immortal Spring, that his "True Dragon Art" was able to temporarily increase his cultivation.

It was then that he realized this "True Dragon Art" was in no way inferior to the Five Emperors Technique's "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art."

And until he participated in the Hidden Dragon Conference now, it was only then that he was amazed to find out that the "True Dragon Art" is actually the secret heavenly rank art hidden in the Transforming Dragon Platform?

No wonder...

Mu Jinyu suddenly understood why when he just performed the "True Dragon Art," he could monopolize eight bushels of Dragon Qi!

Because the "True Dragon Art" originally came from the Transforming Dragon Platform!

But...

How did Master acquire this "True Dragon Art"?

Did he accidentally get it from someone else? Or did he also participate in the Hidden Dragon Conference and comprehend this "True Dragon Art" from it?

Mu Jinyu was unsure about these past events and couldn't think of any clues at the moment. He decided that after the Hidden Dragon Conference ends, he would inquire about it to see if any of the Heaven's Pride participants in past Hidden Dragon Conferences were named Mu Shao'ai.

After all, being able to reach the third round is enough to prove their talent and strength. Anyone who has paid attention to the past Hidden Dragon Conferences would certainly know whether Mu Shao'ai was present among them!

With a slight shake of his head, Mu Jinyu no longer thought about it and decided to focus on comprehending the "True Dragon Art" himself.

Indeed, when he noticed the shadow of the "True Dragon Art" among the secret techniques hidden in the Transforming Dragon Platform, Mu Jinyu realized that what he practiced was essentially a fragmented version.

Perhaps it shouldn't be called a fragmented version, but rather that his master, Mu Shao'ai, had partially comprehended and transformed it into a unique secret technique solely suitable for him, not for others.

This was the reason why over the years, Mu Jinyu hadn't made much progress in practicing the "True Dragon Art."

And now that he had the opportunity, Mu Jinyu was determined to comprehend and develop his own unique "True Dragon Art" from the Transforming Dragon Platform!

With his mind fully immersed in comprehending the secrets of the Transforming Dragon Platform, given his solid foundation in the "True Dragon Art" and his outstanding comprehension, Mu Jinyu quickly became intensely focused and deeply absorbed.

Time slowly passed by.

In no time, twenty minutes had elapsed.

At this moment, the Dayan Crown Prince, Ji Changxin, finally climbed onto the Transforming Dragon Platform, driven by his Great Ran Dragon Spirit!

"Finally, someone has ascended!"

"As expected of the Crown Prince, there's hope now. When the decisive battle begins, after the Crown Prince defeats that fellow, whatever Dragon Qi he has collected will have to be spat out!"

"I hope those other monstrous talents can also reach the Transforming Dragon Platform soon, otherwise this Hidden Dragon Conference will be uninteresting!"

When Ji Changxin reached the Transforming Dragon Platform, the spectators outside the Hidden Dragon Square excitedly discussed.

No one wanted to see just Mu Jinyu alone in the third round, unable to climb the Transforming Dragon Platform!

In that case, there would be no True Dragon decisive battle, and Mu Jinyu would become the sole True Dragon by default, rendering it meaningless!

After Ji Changxin ascended the Transforming Dragon Platform, he gave a deep look at the cross-legged-sitting Mu Jinyu but didn't say anything. He dared not take advantage of the situation to strike.

Because at this moment, the Transforming Dragon Platform was not yet the time for actions. If he dared to make a move, not only would he fail to harm Mu Jinyu, but his Hidden Dragon qualification would also be revoked, leading to his immediate expulsion from the Hidden Dragon Square.

Ji Changxin didn't want to waste any time either, so he also sat down cross-legged and immersed his mind in the concentrated purple qi surrounding him, intending to further refine his family-inherited Dragon Transformation Technique.

"Damn it, Ji Changxin has also ascended!"

While Ji Changxin also closed his eyes to comprehend the secret technique of the Transforming Dragon Platform.

The monstrous heaven's pride contenders below the Transforming Dragon Platform struggled with gritted teeth.

But they didn't dare to get too agitated, as the path to the Transforming Dragon Platform had only a third remaining due to the lead of the Little Tortoise, Little Carp, and Little Loach.

If they became too excited and accidentally fell from the sky, they would basically have no hope of climbing the Transforming Dragon Platform again.

At that point, there would be no place to cry!

Mu Jinyu had no idea Ji Changxin had already reached the Transforming Dragon Platform and was also comprehending the secret technique.

At this moment, he was increasingly immersed in the vastness of this secret technique, feeling it was even more profound than the "Killing Character Secret Technique!"

It seemed that the short time of one shichen wasn't enough to fully comprehend it.

But he wasn't worried, understanding whatever he could was enough, as it was ultimately stronger than the original "True Dragon Art!"

Time slowly passed.

"Buzz!!!"

Suddenly, a dazzling golden light exploded on the Transforming Dragon Platform, illuminating hundreds of miles and blinding the eyes.

People outside the Hidden Dragon Square saw this scene and were instantly excited: "Comprehension! Someone has comprehended the secret technique!"

Their excitement was as if they themselves had comprehended the secret technique.

"Who is it?"

The crowd speculated uncertainly, full of anticipation.

Because the golden light was so dazzling, coupled with the golden protective shield of the Hidden Dragon Square blocking their divine sense from peeking, no one knew whether it was Mu Jinyu or Ji Changxin who comprehended the secret technique!

However, most people believed it should be Mu Jinyu!

After all, Mu Jinyu had ascended to the stage more than twenty minutes earlier than Ji Changxin.

By now, with nearly an hour having passed, his ability to comprehend the secret technique didn't surprise anyone!

However, they were taken aback by what followed...

When the golden light dispersed, they saw that Mu Jinyu was still sitting cross-legged, without a trace of phenomena.

Instead, Ji Changxin, sitting not far from him, was radiating brilliant golden light, exuding an aura of nobility!

Upon seeing this, the crowd was momentarily stunned and then exploded like water splashing into hot oil!

"How could it be Ji Changxin? Not Mu Jinyu?!"

"Yes, that's very strange!"

"What's so strange about it, the Crown Prince is originally astonishingly insightful. Even though he was behind Mu Jinyu by more than a shichen, his earlier comprehension of the secret technique is normal, isn't it?"

"But Mu Jinyu is only eighteen years old! An eighteen-year-old at the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, plus he just monopolized eight bushels of Dragon Qi, and you're saying his insight isn't better than Ji Changxin's? I don't believe it!"

"But the fact is right in front of us, regardless of whether you believe it or not!"

"Moreover, Mu Jinyu at eighteen, being at the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, might seem invincibly talented, second to none, but who knows if his master used some forced method to push his cultivation to such heights! This has happened before in the Kunlun Ruins!"

"I also remember, such individuals, although appearing with impressive cultivation, can't compete in true strength with geniuses who advanced step by step through their own efforts."

Chapter 1014: True Gold is Not Afraid of the Refiner's Fire!

"That's right, I agree with you. You all can be stubborn with your words now, but when the Crown Prince starts fighting that guy later, you'll understand the truth that real gold doesn't fear the test of fire!"

"Hmph, the master of that guy likely never expected that the Crown Prince could also ascend to the Transforming Dragon Platform, did he? He thought that once Mu Jinyu monopolized the Eight Bushels of Dragon Qi, he could ascend the platform alone and easily take the top spot on the Hidden Dragon List. This way, that guy wouldn't have to fight anyone and wouldn't fear being exposed when he won!"

"What a pity, an utter pity! It turns out the Crown Prince isn't easy to mess with either. He got on the Transforming Dragon Platform just a little over a quarter of an hour later than that guy. So, all the scheming of Mu Jinyu and his group will ultimately come to nothing!"

"Even if he monopolizes the Eight Bushels of Dragon Qi now, in the end, it will only be a wedding dress for the Crown Prince!"

Under the clamor of Ji Changxin's supporters, those who originally believed Mu Jinyu to be an unparalleled Heaven's Pride quickly fell silent, unable to find words to argue.

After all, the current situation speaks louder than words; Ji Changxin's performance has always been steady and progressive.

And that Mu Jinyu, who appeared out of nowhere, aside from his brilliant early performance, could not compare to Ji Changxin at all.

Now, with an hour passed, Mu Jinyu, who started comprehending the secret technique of the Transforming Dragon Platform twenty minutes before Ji Changxin, has yet to make any progress.

This means his comprehension is nowhere near Ji Changxin's!

Adding to it his cultivation of Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm at eighteen years of age, something difficult for most to accept, it's easier to believe his cultivation is inflated, and there are people behind him scheming against the Hidden Dragon Conference.

Through the infusion method, Mu Jinyu's cultivation was forcibly raised to the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, appearing highly inflated, and with despicable means, letting him monopolize the Eight Bushels of Dragon Qi, trying to hit the confidence of others, making them voluntarily give up on continuing in the conference!

Unfortunately, this scheme largely declared itself a failure once Ji Changxin also ascended the Transforming Dragon Platform. Even if Mu Jinyu monopolized the Eight Bushels of Dragon Qi now, it would ultimately belong to Ji Changxin.

A scheme that ultimately turns to serve as a wedding dress!

Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou didn't argue with the others as it seemed pointless.

They still watched Mu Jinyu on the Transforming Dragon Platform with full confidence, believing he would eventually comprehend the secret technique.

They had never seen anyone higher in comprehension than Mu Jinyu!

Time slowly passed, and in an instant, two more quarters of an hour had passed.

There were only two quarters of an hour left for the comprehension time on the Transforming Dragon Platform.

At this moment, the golden light on the platform shone again.

All the spectators outside the Hidden Dragon Square eagerly focused their gaze on it.

This time, the number of people who believed Mu Jinyu would comprehend the secret technique was already reduced significantly.

Most people now truly believed the comments that Mu Jinyu's cultivation had some falsity.

Sure enough, as the extensive golden light dissipated, Mu Jinyu still showed no sign of progress, while Ji Changxin had a faint golden light shimmer around him.

"The Crown Prince's comprehension is indeed remarkable. That guy hasn't grasped the secret technique yet, but the Crown Prince has already comprehended two secret techniques!"

"What can they say now?"

"..."

"Oh, Gu Rulong, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, and the others are finally going to climb the Transforming Dragon Platform!"

Someone noticed the monsters who had been arduously climbing the Transforming Dragon Platform were finally nearing the platform, driven by the dragon souls of the Little Tortoise, Little Carp, and Little Loach.

It took only a few minutes.

Once the golden light on Ji Changxin faded completely.

Gu Rulong, Lingxiao, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, Chen Huaiyu, Ye Wushuang, Li Zhexiong, and the others finally arrived on the Transforming Dragon Platform one by one.

Normally, participants who condensed dragon souls like carp or loach basically had no chance to ascend the platform.

However, the situation wasn't normal now as those who previously condensed loach dragon souls typically had a basic strength only around the Second or Third Layer of the Fanxu Realm.

Participants like Gu Rulong originally had a chance to form dragon souls of a more aggressive dragon!

But because Mu Jinyu seized too much dragon qi, they ended up with trashy dragon souls like loach, but their cultivation remained at the Sixth or Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm!

Naturally, they couldn't be compared with previous creators of such dragon souls!

This allowed them to barely reach the Transforming Dragon Platform before the comprehension time ended!

"Whew..."

"I'm infuriated!"

"The comprehension time of two hours was wasted for a whole six quarters by Ji Changxin's progress of grasping two secret techniques! I'm so angry!"

"I really want to hammer that bastard Mu Jinyu to death!"

"Enough with the talk, start comprehending it straight away. You might still comprehend a secret technique!"

Someone reminded, and the other monsters didn't dare waste any more time, glaring hatefully at Mu Jinyu, who had been inactive all along, and sat cross-legged, beginning to comprehend.

Time slowly moved on.

Soon, the comprehension time for the platform had only three minutes remaining.

During this time, Gu Rulong, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, and others also gradually comprehended a secret technique each!

The entire body erupted with golden light.

Of course, compared to Ji Changxin's dazzling golden light, theirs appeared a bit dimmer.

There is no helping it; Ji Changxin had ample time to comprehend.

They had only two quarters of an hour, so the secret techniques they comprehended were naturally less compared to Ji Changxin!

However, they were comforted by the fact that...

During this period, each of them had comprehended a secret technique, perfecting their ancestral secret techniques, while Mu Jinyu remained without any progress.

This made them increasingly look at Mu Jinyu with disdain in their eyes.

Just when there was one minute left of the comprehension time on the Transforming Dragon Platform.

Even Ji Changxin had completely given up on comprehending a third secret technique...

"Clang!!"

Suddenly, a clanging sound resounded throughout the Hidden Dragon Square, even echoing beyond the square, resonating throughout the entire Dayan Dynasty.

"Roar!!"

Then, Mu Jinyu's entire body was enveloped in golden light, with nine five-clawed golden dragons of hundreds of meters long appearing around him, dancing in the sky.

The Nine Dragons soared together, shaking the heavens and the earth!

This spectacle was entirely incomparable to the commotion caused when Ji Changxin and others comprehended a secret technique!

It was as if the hidden dragon was emerging from the abyss, soaring to the heavens!

Those insightful noticed that with the appearance of the nine five-clawed golden dragon phantoms...

The four-clawed flood dragon, which had looked lifeless, condensed from dragon qi above Mu Jinyu's head, also started to change.

Within the golden light, each scale and claw became vivid and lively, its eyes turning spirited, as if it had entirely transformed into a living entity.

If previously the flood dragon soul was more like a lifeless entity, a corpse, now it had gained a soul!

"Roar!!"

The wild and arrogant dragon roars resounded one after another.

Finally, allowing the dazed Ji Changxin, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, and the other monster talents to slowly come back to their senses.

Their faces, mixed with disdain and daze, appeared ridiculous and comical!

"With such a great commotion, what secret technique has he comprehended?"

This thought surged in unison in the minds of Ji Changxin and the others.

Chapter 1015: Dragon's Might Vast! Hidden Dragon List Appears!

At this moment, Ji Changxin and the others also realized that they had been wrong from the very start.

Mu Jinyu didn't have poor comprehension, that's why even after they mastered one or two secret techniques, he still hadn't realized anything.

On the contrary, it was precisely because his comprehension was extraordinarily high that he had been grasping the deeper principles, making him inconspicuous all this time.

It was not until the time for enlightenment at the Transforming Dragon Platform was nearly up that he reluctantly consolidated his insights and comprehended a secret technique that far surpassed their imagination, possibly even stronger than the True Dragon Secret Technique perfected over the years by their backing forces!

This made Gu Rulong, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, and the others feel very complicated.

The opponent's age was lower than theirs, and his cultivation was similar, which they could accept.

But even his comprehension was far beyond theirs, making them feel unreachable, it was too shocking, right?

Even Ji Changxin, who had always maintained a calm mindset, now had an ugly expression on his face.

At the same time, the fighting spirit in his eyes, as he looked at Mu Jinyu, surged out.

Originally being in the Eighth Level of the Fanxu Realm, he felt superior and regarded everyone else with contempt.

Even though Mu Jinyu was only in the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm at eighteen, he only glanced at him.

But now, he finally felt Mu Jinyu's potential and threat.

Ji Changxin understood that today was his first battle with Mu Jinyu, and it might also be the final battle!

No matter who won or lost today, as long as Mu Jinyu was alive, he would have no chance to face Mu Jinyu again as an equal opponent!

After the conclusion of the Hidden Dragon Conference, Mu Jinyu would surely rise from the depths, leaving these younger generation monsters far behind!

Immersed in the perfected "True Dragon Art," Mu Jinyu was unaware of the mentality shift among those present, from looking down on him to seeing him as a lifelong adversary!

He was still engrossed in the new "True Dragon Art" at the moment.

The original "True Dragon Art" could only temporarily raise Mu Jinyu's cultivation by one minor realm after activation.

For instance, he could currently raise his cultivation from the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm to the Seventh Layer!

However, the perfected "New True Dragon Art" now had the chance to raise his cultivation by one to nine layers!

Meaning, if he was lucky, he could leap directly to the Ninth Layer!

His Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm could be temporarily elevated to the Fifteenth Layer!

The Peak Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm was already the extreme, and the next step was to break through to the Unity Realm Stage.

Once breaking through to the Unity Realm Stage, the power would change dramatically, and even ten Peak Ninth Layer Fanxu Realms might not defeat one First Layer Hedao Realm expert!

Mu Jinyu subdued the Demon Phoenix due to a combination of coincidences.

Had the Demon Phoenix dispelled the remnants of the Thunder Tribulation back then, Mu Jinyu wouldn't have dared to fight it; he wouldn't stand a chance!

For this reason, Mu Jinyu referred to the nine-layer elevation as the Fifteenth Layer of the Fanxu Realm.
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For a Peak Ninth Layer Fanxu Realm opponent, he would be enough.

But against a normal state of a Hedao Realm expert, he wouldn't stand much of a chance to strike back, thus calling it the Fifteenth Layer of the Fanxu Realm was fitting!

However, this was just an ideal state and didn't mean that every time he deployed the "New True Dragon Art," he could ascend so many minor realms!

Probably increasing by one to three layers would be about right.

"Sigh, the time was still too short, I had no chance to understand it thoroughly!"

Mu Jinyu sighed with regret.

If Ji Changxin and the others heard this lament, it would probably drive them crazy.

Damn it, their ancestors continuously comprehended one secret technique after another from the Transforming Dragon Platform, improving and fusing over the years. The perfected secret technique only allowed them to refine Dragon Qi faster in the competition for it.

None of these provided the miraculous effect of improving a minor realm.

And now Mu Jinyu perfected his secret technique to temporarily elevate his nine small realms, and yet he was not satisfied?

This bastard!!

"Roar!!"

At this moment, the shadows of nine Five-Clawed Golden Dragons hovering around Mu Jinyu stopped soaring and rushed into Mu Jinyu's body one after another!

Making Mu Jinyu's presence radiant!

"Too terrifying, the Nine Dragons fly, the dragon's roar echoes for miles! This guy's comprehension is terrifying!"

"You all just said he had low comprehension and couldn't fathom any secret technique, haha, do your faces hurt now?"

"Silent as a biting dog, once explosive, he scared you all. Let's see if you still say his cultivation is inflated!"

"I suddenly remember family records that stated a hidden genius once impressively shot forth a Five-Clawed Golden Dragon at the Transforming Dragon Platform and took first place in the Hidden Dragon List!"

"That person struck awe in the audience and seized the top of the Hidden Dragon List. Yet his Martial Path Phenomena only produced one Five-Clawed Golden Dragon, while Mu Jinyu's phenomena boast nine! His talent is terrifying, several times greater!"

Outside the Hidden Dragon Square, the crowd began to discuss animatedly after a moment of silence.

No one was saying Mu Jinyu had poor comprehension or that all his cultivation was fake!

Only occasionally, a few stubborn people claimed the Nine Dragons' ascent was manufactured by Spiritual Treasure and that he wouldn't be a match against Ji Changxin!

But no one paid attention to them anymore.

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On the Transforming Dragon Platform.

Mu Jinyu no longer felt regret, slowly opened his eyes, and a golden light quietly flowed from them, capturing attention and causing fear.

At the same time, the Four-Clawed Jiao Dragon soaring above his head also opened its dragon eyes, surveying the surroundings with disdain, fixing its gaze on the Giant Python above Ji Changxin's head nearby!

As for the small carp and little tortoise dragon souls above Gu Rulong and others, it didn't spare a glance.

But even though the Four-Clawed Jiao Dragon ignored them, Gu Rulong and others who were gazed at by the dragon eyes felt a shiver, as if plunged into an icy cave, and experienced overwhelming pressure!

This is...

The Dragon's Might!!

Mu Jinyu now has showcased the potential of a Flood Dragon Level Genius.

In the past, this Dragon's Might was only displayed by the ten Flood Dragon Level Geniuses who emerged as the Hidden Dragon Conference concluded!

Yet now, at this early stage of passing the third trial, Mu Jinyu has developed such a terrifying Dragon's Might!

Imagine, when the Hidden Dragon Conference concludes and if Mu Jinyu ascends to the top of the Hidden Dragon List, transforming into a True Dragon, how vast and terrifying that Dragon's Might would be!

"Buzz!!"

While everyone was full of apprehension toward Mu Jinyu.

The Transforming Dragon Platform suddenly trembled then began to collapse.

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh!!"

The collapsing Transforming Dragon Platform quickly condensed thirty-six small stone platforms around it, each only enough for one person to stand!

These small stones were spread out around, leaving a large open area in the center.

Soon, in this open area, Dragon Qi swirled and formed a ten-foot-wide Dragon Platform!

This Dragon Platform, vastly different from the Transforming Dragon Platform, was named the Ascending Dragon Platform!

It was the stage for the final battle.

And those thirty-six small stone platforms were also known as the Hidden Dragon List.

Those qualified to stand on these thirty-six small stone platforms were the prodigies of the Hidden Dragon List!

Usually, by this stage of the Hidden Dragon Conference, at least more than fifty people would remain.

And in the competition for the thirty-six Hidden Dragon List positions, about twenty more people would be eliminated, leaving the remaining to have the final Ascending Dragon Battle!

But this edition of the Hidden Dragon Conference...

By this stage, they couldn't even gather thirty-six people...

Chapter 1016: Dividing Dragon Qi! The Contest Begins!

The Ascending Dragon Platform appears.

The two dozen or so demon-like Heaven's Prides present all felt something, sensing their positions on the thirty-six small stone platforms floating in the void.

"Swish, swish, swish!!"

Ye Wushuang and the others narrowed their eyes and swiftly moved, each standing on a small stone platform.

Mu Jinyu was also floating in the void, feeling a strong pull from one of the small stone platforms.

Thus, he instinctively moved his feet, his figure darting over, standing on that stone platform.

"Buzz!!"

As Mu Jinyu stood on his designated stone platform, a buzzing sound suddenly resonated in the sky.

Then, clusters of purple-golden Dragon Qi descended abruptly from the sky.

Upon seeing this, everyone present felt a chill in their hearts.

The Dragon Qi descending from the sky was indeed Dragon Qi, but different from the Heavenly Fate Dragon Qi they fought for earlier.

The Dragon Qi they fought for earlier was Heavenly Fate Dragon Qi.

Now, it was Earth Pulse Dragon Qi!

Heavenly Fate Dragon Qi cannot increase their cultivation; it only enhances their fortune and blesses their families, sects, and nations behind them...

However, Earth Pulse Dragon Qi, like the Spirit Stone mine, can be absorbed to enhance cultivation!

"Whoosh!!"

The Earth Pulse Dragon Qi appeared, divided into more than twenty portions, then descended straight down like pillars of light, falling on the Heaven's Prides on each stone platform.

But the Earth Pulse Dragon Qi was not evenly distributed among everyone.

Visibly, most of the others only received a thin layer of Earth Pulse Dragon Qi, like smoke rising wispily!

But Ji Changxin received much more than them, like raging smoke rising straight to the sky.

However, the one who received the most Earth Pulse Dragon Qi was still Mu Jinyu!

The Earth Pulse Dragon Qi descending on him was so dense it enveloped him like a solid coiled dragon pillar.

Indeed, the distribution of Earth Pulse Dragon Qi depended entirely on who obtained the most Heavenly Fate Dragon Qi, as they could receive the most.

Ye Wushuang and others looked at Mu Jinyu, enveloped by solid Earth Pulse Dragon Qi, and thought with jealousy and hatred in their hearts, may you be overwhelmed and explode to death!

Originally, upon seeing Mu Jinyu had not comprehended the secret technique from the Transforming Dragon Platform, they thought his cultivation of the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm at eighteen might be exaggerated, and his comprehension poor. Even if he had the most Heavenly Fate Dragon Qi and his strength increased by the Earth Pulse Dragon Qi later, they were fearless!

But now, none of them foolishly believed Mu Jinyu's strength was exaggerated, and few present dared to confidently think they could suppress him with his increased power from Earth Pulse Dragon Qi.

This naturally made them jealous of Mu Jinyu.

Soon, Ye Wushuang, Gu Rulong, and even Ji Changxin absorbed their portion of the Earth Pulse Dragon Qi.

However, their cultivation remained unchanged.

If they were at the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, they stayed at the Sixth Layer; if they were at the Seventh Layer, they remained the Seventh Layer!

After all, the Earth Pulse Dragon Qi they received was too scant.

Such a precedent had never happened before.

"Buzz!"

At this time, the rolling Earth Pulse Dragon Qi enveloping Mu Jinyu like a coiled dragon pillar was entirely absorbed by him.

And Mu Jinyu's cultivation...

Reached the Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm!

With the help of Earth Pulse Dragon Qi, he suddenly surged from the early Sixth Layer to the complete Sixth Layer, on par with monsters like Gu Rulong and Xuanyuan Qianqiu.

Only slightly inferior to Ji Changxin!

Seeing Gu Rulong and others with expressions as solemn as water, they felt even more troubled.

"Buzz!"

The Dragon Qi had been distributed, and the final Ascending Dragon battle was about to begin.

The rules for the Ascending Dragon battle are that in each round of battle, the winner can seize a portion of Dragon Qi from the opponent, while the loser will have a portion of Dragon Qi seized!

At this moment, the Dragon Qi distribution was very uneven, and the density of the Dragon Qi on Mu Jinyu was likely enough for him to lose a hundred rounds.

While Ji Changxin's Dragon Qi was sufficient for him to lose twenty to thirty rounds.

And for Gu Rulong and them, it was only enough to lose four to five rounds...

If they exceeded this, their Dragon Qi would essentially belong to the winner, completely cutting them off from the fight for True Dragon Heaven's Pride!

At this time, the Dragon Qi on Gu Rulong and a descendant of a Super Clan suddenly surged.

Gu Rulong and his opponent exchanged glances, knowing they were to face each other in the first match!

The battles on the Ascending Dragon Platform are not allowed to casually choose opponents; they are selected by the Artifact Spirit of the Ascending Dragon Platform!

Otherwise, if they could choose opponents at will, everyone present might challenge Mu Jinyu and Ji Changxin in turns!

Once chosen by the Artifact Spirit, both parties' Dragon Qi will fluctuate evidently, announcing to all that they are the ones about to engage in battle!

"Brother Gu, please!"

"Brother Wang, please!"

The descendant from the Super Clan was named Wang.

Upon seeing his opponent was Gu Rulong, his expression became somewhat stiff, after all, Gu Rulong's physique was exceptionally strong, and few of the same tier wished to face him.

But since he was chosen by the Artifact Spirit, there was no choice but to give it his best shot.

The two landed on the Ascending Dragon Platform, then, under the watchful eyes of the crowd, began the first battle for the Ascending Dragon!

"Crackle, boom..."

After exchanging hundreds of moves, Gu Rulong narrowly won, enduring an Intent Domain Great Divine Power from the opponent, and sent him flying off the Ascending Dragon Platform with a single punch!

"Whoosh!"

As the top of the defeated Wang's head, the Loach Dragon Soul trembled slightly, becoming thinner.

Then a wisp of Dragon Qi flowed toward the Little Tortoise above Gu Rulong's head!

In no time, the Little Tortoise Dragon Soul above Gu Rulong's head grew stronger, even the tortoise shell seemed to grow some long green hair...

Amused by the scene, the crowd couldn't help but snicker.

Gu Rulong noticed, and his face turned green.

Damn it, he shouldn't have thought of forging the dragon soul of Baxia, making him a laughingstock as a Green-haired Tortoise!

Upon the conclusion of the battle between Gu Rulong and his opponent.

The Ascending Dragon Platform chose the next set of opponents.

This time, it was Xuanyuan Qianqiu and another disciple from a Super Clan.

Xuanyuan Qianqiu exchanged fists with his opponent, stretched out his figure, and stood on the Ascending Dragon Platform.

In their fierce exchange of hundreds of moves, Xuanyuan Qianqiu ultimately emerged victorious.

Moreover, the Koi Dragon Soul above his head grew even longer.

If Xuanyuan Qianqiu continues to win, this Koi may grow enough and finally transform into a dragon!

Subsequent rounds ensued.

It was the turn for Li Zhexiong and Lingxiao!

The crowd didn't pay much attention to this battle.

In their perception, Li Zhexiong, at the age of sixty barely meeting the bone age requirement and with only the Fifth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, displayed ordinary performance in the earlier stages of the Hidden Dragon Conference. So how could he be a match for Lingxiao, the great disciple of the Lingxiao Sword Sect?

However, when the battle began, and Li Zhexiong defeated Lingxiao with a single sword strike, the entire place fell into silence.

Chapter 1017: Swallowing Yuan Sword Body! Mu Jinyu Goes to Battle!

"Hoo!"

Lingxiao was defeated; a portion of the Dragon Qi flowed into Li Zhexiong, seemingly extending the Little Loach Dragon Soul above his head!

"I accept your concession."

Li Zhexiong sheathed his sword, his expression shifting from hollow and emotionless back to bewildered as he spoke softly.

Having said that, he flickered and returned to his Secluded Dragon Platform.

"How is this possible..."

Lingxiao still hadn't recovered from the astonishing and decisive sword strike of Li Zhexiong's earlier.

He reached to touch his neck.

There was a damp sensation, and his neck also felt a tingling pain.

He raised his hand to see a smear of blood...

Just a little more.

He nearly got killed in one strike by this Li Zhexiong, whom he had always looked down upon!

If not for Li Zhexiong showing mercy, he might really have lost his head!

Only now did a wave of fear and panic surge through Lingxiao's heart!

This guy was a dark horse as well!

At this moment, the crowd also came to their senses from their shock, their gazes toward Li Zhexiong filled with wariness.

Lingxiao's strength ranked within the top ten among the nearly twenty Heaven's Pride competing in the Ascending Dragon battle, yet he was defeated in one strike by this obscure and unimpressive elder!

Isn't that to say, if Li Zhexiong were to face them, even if he couldn't defeat them in one blow, he could still beat them with a few more strikes?

'What a terrifying Intent Domain!'

Only Ji Changxin discerned the terrifying Selfless State contained within Li Zhexiong's sword strike!

Mu Jinyu's eyes also flashed as he thought to himself: 'This old fellow truly lives up to his reputation as the former number one on the Divine Rankings. He once, at the Seventh Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm, killed a Fanxu Realm expert. Now having reached the Fifth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, he's indeed stronger!'

"Buzz!"

All too soon, the Dragon Qi within everyone's bodies began to stir again.

The Ascending Dragon Platform was about to select the next opponents for the duel.

"Boom!"

At that moment, Lingxiao, still on the Ascending Dragon Platform, his own Dragon Qi boiled up once again, indicating he had been chosen by the platform again!

"Boom!"

Meanwhile, the Loach Dragon Soul above Ye Wushuang's head also soared with overwhelming Dragon Qi!

"Didn't expect it, Senior just defeated you, and now it's my turn to take you down!"

Ye Wushuang sneered, casting a sideways glance at Mu Jinyu filled with killing intent, before striding onto the Ascending Dragon Platform!

Lingxiao quickly calmed down.

Although the current situation seemed like a consecutive battle, having quickly lost to Li Zhexiong before, he hadn't actually expended much Essence, Qi, and Spirit, remaining in top condition!

Thus, he wasn't afraid to face off against Ye Wushuang!

Soon, the two of them started the duel!

Though Ye Wushuang was only at the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, having seen Li Zhexiong at the Fifth Layer defeat Lingxiao with one strike, no one dared to underestimate Ye Wushuang!

Sure enough.

Initially, Ye Wushuang was at an absolute disadvantage in the fight with Lingxiao.

But as time went by, Ye Wushuang gradually began to gain the upper hand.

On the other hand, Lingxiao, battling Ye Wushuang, appeared like a small white flower in a storm, constantly showing signs of being torn apart.

"What's happening?"

"What's going on with Lingxiao? Why is he falling into disadvantage so quickly and finding it increasingly difficult to withstand the opponent's Sword Momentum?"

Gu Rulong, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, and Chen Huaiyu all watched with bewilderment.

Ji Changxin then spoke up, "It's because the opponent's Cultivation Body is unusual; it can absorb Lingxiao's Sword Qi to strengthen itself, thus making it more daring in battle, and despite Lingxiao starting at a disadvantage and failing to seize the opponent, he gradually falls into decline!"

Upon hearing Ji Changxin's insight, everyone observed the duel on the Ascending Dragon Platform with care.

They quickly realized that, indeed as Ji Changxin said, Lingxiao's fearsome Sword Qi couldn't harm Ye Wushuang; instead, Ye Wushuang absorbed it, making his momentum stronger and more daring with each battle!

"What's happening?"

"What Cultivation Method is he using?"

Ji Changxin pondered for a moment, "It should be the long-lost 'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body'!"

"'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body'? What kind of cultivation method is this?" someone curiously asked.

Ji Changxin replied, "'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body' is a cultivation method where one must first destroy one's Dantian, replacing it with a Life Spirit Sword, transforming oneself into a sword, and with the sword as one's spirit to practice. Hence, it restrains all Sword Techniques. Without absolute dominance to overcome a practitioner of the 'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body,' any Sword Cultivator entangled with its practitioner will find no advantage whatsoever!"

"What?"

Everyone, digesting Ji Changxin's explanation, realized that Ye Wushuang's performance was indeed similar to the 'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body.'"

Swaying, everyone remarked, "To train with this requires destroying one's Dantian first; that's quite ruthless!"

"Perhaps it wasn't a voluntary destruction, but rather his Dantian was destroyed, forced to switch to this cultivation method..."

"But reaching this stage of cultivation is quite impressive!"

"Fortunately, I'm not primarily a sword technique practitioner, otherwise, facing off against him might be troublesome!"

Some were glad, while others worried.

Those joyful were naturally not primary sword technique practitioners; they hoped Ye Wushuang would defeat Lingxiao to lighten their burden of top competitors.

Conversely, those worried were like Lingxiao, dedicated to sword techniques.

If even the senior apprentice from the Lingxiao Sword Sect struggled against Ye Wushuang, can they really win?

Mu Jinyu's eyes flashed with animosity.

"'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body'? So this explains it... I was wondering how you could still remain vigorous after I destroyed your Dantian!"

"However..."

"Even if you switched to 'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body,' so what? I defeated you before, destroyed your Dantian; if faced again, I could do it again, or even kill you!"

With this in mind, Mu Jinyu felt killing intent rising within him!

Ye Wushuang had nearly killed Jian Ruyan, ultimately causing Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou to swap bodies, a grudge Mu Jinyu has never forgotten!

As he believed restoring the girls' bodies was more pressing than his grudge with Ye Wushuang, he hadn't initially sought revenge!

But with Ye Wushuang now daring to jump under his nose, he didn't mind ending this lingering grievance!

"Puff!"

It was then Lingxiao made a misstep, seized by Ye Wushuang's opportunity, hurled off the Ascending Dragon Platform in one strike.

After which, the Dragon Soul atop his head shuddered, apportioning a part of the Dragon Ki to surge toward Ye Wushuang's Dragon Soul!

With a further diminishing share of Dragon Ki, Lingxiao's Dragon Soul dimmed to the bleakest, perhaps one or two more losses and he'd be quietly exiting the Hidden Dragon Conference!

"I accept your concession!"

Ye Wushuang sheathed his sword, bluntly said, his gaze wrapped with assassination intent at Mu Jinyu, sneering, then returning to his Secluded Dragon Platform.

Despondent, Lingxiao drifted away.

"Buzz!!"

The Secluded Dragon Platform commenced its selection of dueling opponents once more.

This time it turned out to be Ji Changxin against another member from a Noble Family.

Without a sliver of doubt, Ji Changxin asserted dominance without showcasing much prowess, effortlessly defeating his opponent.

Allowing his Great Ran Dragon Soul to become even more magnificent.

"Buzz!!"

At this moment, the Four-Clawed Jiao Dragon Soul above Mu Jinyu's head suddenly blazed in golden radiance.

It was finally his turn to compete!

The present crowd tensed in anxiety at the sight.

Chapter 1018: Absolute Elegance! Forge an Invincible Heart!

"Buzzing!!"

As the golden light of the four-clawed Jiao Dragon atop Mu Jinyu's head blazed to the extreme.

The loach Dragon Soul above Ye Wushuang, who had just rested for a short while, suddenly glowed with a faint golden hue as well!

"It's him!"

Upon seeing Ye Wushuang's Dragon Soul emit light, indicating he was about to enter the stage to battle Mu Jinyu, Gu Rulong and the others couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

At the same time, a flood of anticipation surged in their hearts.

They all wanted to see, after absorbing a vast amount of Earth Pulse Dragon Qi, how strong was Mu Jinyu, whose cultivation had been elevated from the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm to the Seventh Layer?

Could he easily defeat Ye Wushuang?

If not, wouldn't that mean Mu Jinyu's combat power was still a bit overly inflated?

They also had the chance to divide and devour his Flood Dragon Soul?!

To vie for the true throne of the True Dragon!

"Hahaha..."

Standing on the Secluded Dragon Platform, Mu Jinyu burst into loud laughter upon seeing the loach Dragon Soul above Ye Wushuang's head also emitting a firefly-like glow.

"Very good, I never thought it would be so soon that you'd die by my hand!"

Mu Jinyu's eyes narrowed, a murderous intent exploded unrestrained, shooting out like two sharp swords, chilling the hearts of those who watched!

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Gu Rulong and the others were even more shocked!

Could it be...

Is there enmity between Mu Jinyu and Ye Wushuang?

Otherwise, why would he exhibit such earth-shattering murderous intent and resentment towards Ye Wushuang?

At this moment, upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, a twisted yet grinning expression full of murderous intent appeared on Ye Wushuang's face, "Indeed very lucky, I originally thought I'd have to wait a while longer to avenge the destruction of my Dantian by you!"

"Never thought you would also come to participate in the Hidden Dragon Conference, allowing me to trample your corpse underfoot and embark on my invincible path before the world!"

The crowd's expressions grew increasingly vibrant upon hearing Ye Wushuang's words.

So these two actually knew each other!

The meaning behind Ye Wushuang's words suggested that his cultivation of the "Swallowing Yuan Sword Body" was obviously out of necessity, if not for Mu Jinyu crippling his Dantian, he might not have switched to cultivating the "Swallowing Yuan Sword Body"!

Now, with some success in the Swallowing Yuan Sword Body, perhaps in his heart, alongside resentment towards Mu Jinyu, there was also a sense of gratitude for being pushed to this stage by him!

"Boom!!"

No more words were exchanged, both showcased their forms and stood upon the Ascending Dragon Platform!

As they began waiting for the Dragon Qi to disperse, so they could clash.

Mu Jinyu, hands clasped behind his back, glanced at Gu Rulong, then turned to look at the others on the Secluded Dragon Platform, saying:

"I know, you all have always been unconvinced by me, believing I shouldn't have reached the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm at eighteen, oh no, I'm now already in the Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm..."

The crowd fell silent upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words.

In their hearts, there was both envy and jealousy towards Mu Jinyu!

Mu Jinyu continued, "You all probably think that I shouldn't monopolize the eight bushels of Dragon Qi alone, believing I'm not qualified, but since my debut, I have rarely met enemies, and I've never tasted defeat. I aim to walk an upright and righteous invincible path, from now on, whoever among you crosses paths with me, I will make sure you lose convincingly!"

The crowd's anger surged at Mu Jinyu's words.

Even Ji Changxin felt Mu Jinyu was too arrogant and conceited.

Mu Jinyu laughed and said, "I know, everyone has their own specialties, some excel in pure physical strength, some in extreme divine speed, some in True Essence Condensation, some in Divine Soul Attack, some excel in Intent Domain, and some in Domain..."

As he mentioned each specialty, his gaze would fall upon someone, from Gu Rulong to Xuanyuan Qianqiu, then to Li Zhexiong and Ji Changxin!

Filled with confidence, Mu Jinyu continued, "Next, I will defeat each of you in your own strongest field...making you lose convincingly!"

The crowd's anger gradually dissipated, left speechless in astonishment.

No one had ever dared to claim they could be invincible across all domains!

Even Ji Changxin, almost unanimously considered the top of his generation, would only dare to claim unmatched in terms of True Essence Condensation Degree and Domain.

Yet, for pure physical strength or Divine Soul Power, he wouldn't dare claim no one was stronger!

But today, Mu Jinyu dared utter such arrogant words, wanting to honorably defeat them in each of their strongest fields, making them lose convincingly!

What supreme confidence and dazzling style!

Was this mere overconfidence, or did he truly have something to rely on?

No one knew for sure.

But they all noticed, as Mu Jinyu's words spilled out, his aura became overwhelmingly terrifying.

If previously, Mu Jinyu's aura wasn't so sharp, not revealing his true colors, like a Flood Dragon lingering in the clouds, only to be glimpsed when the mist clears!

Now, Mu Jinyu was a Hidden Dragon rising from the abyss, breaking through the clouds and mist, openly displaying his scales and intended to show his sharp claws and fangs to the world.

'He intends to step on us to establish his invincible belief!'

Ji Changxin trembled and shouted inwardly.

Yet, though he understood Mu Jinyu's plan, Ji Changxin was filled with bitter helplessness.

Because he couldn't do the same with Mu Jinyu, for he didn't believe he could truly defeat everyone honorably in every domain.

Like Gu Rulong, the heir of the Dragon Elephant Sect, he had no confidence in competing in pure physical strength...

At this moment, an unexpected anticipation arose in Ji Changxin's heart.

He was eager to witness the sight of Mu Jinyu truly defeating these unparalleled Heaven's Pride, making them lose convincingly!

"Rumble!"

By now, the isolating Dragon Qi encapsulating the Ascending Dragon Platform was gradually dispersing, indicating that Mu Jinyu could soon engage Ye Wushuang in combat!

Mu Jinyu withdrew his gaze from the crowd, turning back to the iron-faced Ye Wushuang, and sneered, "And now, you're the first one I'll deal with!"

"Your forte is probably Sword Dao, isn't it?"

"Then I'll crush you in Sword Dao, letting you fall into the dust, and make sure in your next life, you won't dare to conceive the idea of learning the sword again!"

"Boom!"

With those words, the barrier of Dragon Qi conveniently dissipated.

"Boastful words!"

Ye Wushuang's face was iron blue with rage, letting out a shout as he brandished his sword to strike at Mu Jinyu!

"Sword come!"

Mu Jinyu gave a light shout, forming a sword technique with his hands as a green light surged.

"Boom boom boom!!"

In an instant, enormous wood attribute Sword Qi, akin to a Heaven-reaching Building Wood, descended from the sky, wielding colossal power as it pressed down towards Ye Wushuang!

This was Mu Jinyu's long-unseen Top Yellow Grade Divine Skill, Great Freedom Heavenly Wood Sword Qi!

However, this wasn't the genuine Great Freedom Heavenly Wood Sword Qi!

After all, the caliber of Great Freedom Heavenly Wood Sword Qi was merely Yellow Grade, not fit for the battlefield of the Fanxu Realm.

This was an enhanced version of the "Great Freedom Heavenly Wood Sword Qi" derived by Mu Jinyu using the "Killing Character Secret Technique"!

Chapter 1019: Using Humans as Swords, Controlling Humans with Swords!

"Boom boom boom!!"

Gigantic Heaven-reaching Building Woods descended with overwhelming and unstoppable might, pressing straight down towards Ye Wushuang from above, cutting off all his escape routes!

"Hah!"

Ye Wushuang, unafraid, let out a sharp cry, and his entire body erupted in a hazy Mixed Yuan Light. He stood firmly in place, as if intent on resisting Mu Jinyu's earth-shattering killing move!

"Sizzle sizzle sizzle!!"

The Swallowing Yuan Sword Body, being extraordinary, allowed Ye Wushuang to consume the Great Freedom Heavenly Wood Sword Qi, which Mu Jinyu unleashed through the Killing Character Secret Technique, leaving him unharmed!

Meanwhile, the Spirit Sword in his hand gleamed with a sinister light, as if brewing a lethal surprise attack!

"Kill!!"

Once the Heavenly Wood Sword Qi dispersed, Ye Wushuang sneered at Mu Jinyu, his eyes sharp as swords and his aura imposing, as he swung his long sword fiercely forward!

"Boom!!"

Instantly, a Sword Light shimmering with radiant splendor shot out straight from the sword tip!

"Roar!"

The Sword Light erupted like a latent dragon emerging from the abyss. With a chilling dragon roar, a terrifying sword dragon with dragon scales as sharp as swords charged at Mu Jinyu!

"This move is a secret technique I comprehended from the Transforming Dragon Platform, combined with the 'Only Sword' Intent Domain I created. It's the perfect opportunity to honor you as a sword sacrifice, to prove divine might!"

Ye Wushuang spoke coolly.

Despite his disdainful words towards Mu Jinyu, he harbored no contempt in his heart. His True Yuan was pushed to the limit, and the 'Only Sword' Intent was driven to the peak, throwing him into a frenetic state!

"Hmph!"

Mu Jinyu, seeing the Sword Qi like a dragon lunging at him with teeth and claws, ready to devour him, stood with hands behind his back and snorted coldly.

"Roar!!"

Suddenly, the Four-Clawed Jiao Dragon hovering above his head let out an earth-shaking roar, no longer coiling above Mu Jinyu, but instead, charging fiercely towards the Sword Qi dragon!

As expected by everyone present, the Four-Clawed Jiao Dragon easily shattered the Sword Qi dragon into pieces, leaving it with no power to counter!

After all, the Sword Qi dragon, though in dragon form, lacked Dragon Qi, while Mu Jinyu's dragon soul, though in Flood Dragon form, boasted the Kunlun Eight Fights Dragon Soul. How could a mere Sword Dragon stop its edge?

"He can actually control the dragon soul to attack now!"

"But he doesn't seem able to completely crush his opponent in Sword Dao either!"

The many Heaven's Prides on the Secluded Dragon Platform watched the fierce battle between Mu Jinyu and Gu Rulong with heavy expressions, whispering in a low voice.

"Puh!!"

With the Sword Qi dragon shattered following its full effort, Ye Wushuang suffered a backlash, immediately vomiting a mouthful of fresh blood, his black hair disheveled, appearing rather battered!

Yet, his expression remained fearless, his eyes as sharp as swords, with a chilling Sword Qi exuding from him, as if two genuine Sword Pills were embedded in his eye sockets!

He was determined to fight desperately!

Standing silently on another Secluded Dragon Platform, Li Zhexiong's eyes had unknowingly transformed from a puzzled state to a hollow gaze.

Watching Ye Wushuang's condition with his vacant eyes, his expression remained cold and indifferent, his lips moved slightly as if he wanted to say something but eventually stayed silent.

The 'Swallowing Yuan Sword Body' and 'Only Sword' Intent Domain Ye Wushuang cultivated were chosen by Li Zhexiong himself as the most suitable for Ye Wushuang, providing the best countermeasures against Mu Jinyu!

But he never expected Mu Jinyu would also come to the Kunlun Ruins, progressing rapidly even more than Ye Wushuang, who had been cultivated with decades of treasured resources!

This present battle was the sole opportunity in Ye Wushuang's life to compete neck and neck with Mu Jinyu.

If he intervened now to save Ye Wushuang, even if Ye Wushuang's life was spared, his life tied to the Sword Dao would result in frequent Heart Demon occurrences, causing his cultivation to regress, eventually leading to an early demise from unrelenting frustration!

Sword Cultivators must always advance with unwavering resolve!

Though opposed by millions, I shall still go forth!

Forcefully interrupting this battle, would leave Ye Wushuang in a fate worse than death!

So, Li Zhexiong finally closed his eyes and refused to watch further...

"Hah!"

On the Ascending Dragon Platform!

Ye Wushuang's eyes emitted Sword Light, like two sharp swords shooting forth, as he let out an earth-shaking roar, his body bursting open, drenched in blood, turning him into a figure of blood!

Then, with Ye Wushuang as the origin, within a fifty-meter radius around him erupted multiple swords varying in shapes, forming a Sword Domain!

"This Sword Domain is quite underwhelming!"

Gu Rulong and others, upon witnessing Ye Wushuang's fifty-meter Sword Domain, frowned slightly and shook their heads.

Although Ye Wushuang was only of the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, a fifty-meter Domain seemed decent, it was only so for ordinary Fanxu Realm cultivators.

Like Yan Chengyun and others!

For monstrous talents like themselves, even if they hadn't mastered a hundred-meter Domain, at least eighty meters should be expected.

The more they watched, the more they felt Ye Wushuang's defeat was almost certain.

Of course, this also depended on Mu Jinyu. If Mu Jinyu hadn't comprehended a Domain yet, the final result would remain uncertain.

They were unaware that Ye Wushuang's fifty-meter Domain was his current limit!

Because when he arrived at the Kunlun Ruins, he was but a ruined Seventh Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm individual.

With Li Zhexiong's assistance, he managed to cultivate various Divine Skills and comprehend the Intent Domain!

And until recently, he hadn't been able to grasp a Domain.

With Li Zhexiong's help, plunging him into a deathly situation, facing life and death, his unyielding spirit led him to forcibly comprehend the Sword Domain, carving a path forward!

But he only managed a half-Domain state, not truly effective, unable to be utilized at will in crucial moments!

Hence, in a fit of rage, he desperately forced the Sword Domain into existence, rendering him severely hurt and near death!

This strike would determine success or martyrdom!

He swore to slay Mu Jinyu!

"That guy, he's truly letting his opponent desperately unleash his ultimate killing technique!"

Xuanyuan Qianqiu, seeing Mu Jinyu standing calmly, allowing Ye Wushuang to build up Sword Momentum, privately whispered to himself.

Though Ye Wushuang's Sword Domain was only fifty meters wide, the lethal intent it exuded was enough to make their hearts shake with fear, and if it were them, they would surely intervene to stop Ye Wushuang, not allowing him to complete the move fully!

Yet until now, Mu Jinyu remained true to his promise, intending to defeat them all in their most skilled Domain, making sure they were genuinely convinced of their defeat.

Even as Ye Wushuang prepared to unleash his ultimate killing move, Mu Jinyu stood indifferent!

"Hah!"

"Sword, come!"

Enduring the excruciating pain almost tearing him apart, Ye Wushuang let out an angry roar. His entire skin ruptured, leaving no intact skin on his body.

Then, the fifty-meter Sword Domain didn't envelop Mu Jinyu but instead wrapped around Ye Wushuang like a dumpling encasing him.

"Whizz whizz whizz!!!"

Blinding Sword Lights rose to the skies, with Ye Wushuang wielding man as sword, and sword guiding man, like a blood sword charging fiercely at Mu Jinyu!

At this moment, as he drew his sword, the surrounding empty space shuddered violently.

The void itself seemed unable to withstand the edge of his sword, as if it was about to shatter!!

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"Hiss!"

As the crowd watched Ye Wushuang's move, they couldn't help but gasp!

"This is the forbidden technique of using a person as a sword and controlling a person with a sword, he actually dares to use it!"

"Such a forbidden method possesses immense destructive power, but it can easily destabilize a Sword Cultivator's sword heart, turning them into a Sword Slave without realizing it!"

"He's really fighting desperately!"

Amidst the exclamations of admiration from people like Gu Rulong.

Standing quietly in a corner of the Ascending Dragon Platform, Mu Jinyu finally blinked and spoke softly, "I let you unleash your full strength, is this all you can do?"

"A sword is ultimately just a weapon, a tool for killing. It should be used when needed and discarded when not. If you can give a weapon some respect, then that should satisfy the sword!"

"Yet you actually submit to the sword, staking your life entirely on it; the death of the sword means the death of the person. You've taken the biggest wrong path!"

"The Only Sword practitioner can break through everything, establish nothing, achieve the impossible, yet the Only Sword practitioner is no longer oneself!"

"A sword is not used in this way!"

Mu Jinyu, with hands behind his back, expressed his understanding of and attitude towards the sword, word by word.

This stood in stark contrast to Ye Wushuang's "Only Sword" Intent Domain.

It was precisely his "Only Me" Intent Domain!

At this moment, Mu Jinyu stood tall and majestic, his gaze haughty, exuding an air of selflessness in the world!

As he finished saying "A sword is not used in this way", Ye Wushuang advanced with a sword, killing his way to Mu Jinyu!

Mu Jinyu merely extended a finger, piercing through Ye Wushuang's Sword Domain, which was unmatched and shattered all who faced it, pointing at the center of Ye Wushuang's forehead!

From his fingertip, a fierce burst of Sword Qi erupted!

"Bang!"

A sorrowful little red flower bloomed from Ye Wushuang's forehead!

As this little red flower blossomed, the sword web swirling around Ye Wushuang spiraled out of control and rampaged, and his pupils began to dissipate rapidly.

This sword point from Mu Jinyu, concentrated and unwavering, gathered to a point, shattering Ye Wushuang's soul in an instant!

Even if Li Zhexiong were to act now to save Ye Wushuang's physical body, he couldn't save his junior brother!

"Boom!!"

At this moment, Ye Wushuang's uncontrollable Sword Domain completely exploded, shredding Ye Wushuang into pieces instantly, as he couldn't control his True Yuan to protect his body, then erupted toward all directions!

However, a flash of white light flickered around Mu Jinyu's body, and this out-of-control Sword Domain disappeared in an instant.

Indeed, it was Mu Jinyu forcibly suppressing this out-of-control Sword Domain with his own Domain, causing it to condense to a point and explode, ultimately dissipating it completely.

"He... managed to break such a terrifying sword with just a finger?!"

"Such a dreadful Sword Dao, he completely crushed Ye Wushuang beneath the dust on the path of the Sword Dao!"

"Did you not notice? Just when the Sword Domain went out of control, the white light flickering around Mu Jinyu made the Domain disappear!"

"This indicates that his Domain is just as terrifying!"

"That's right, though it was only a flash, I'm sure his Domain is no less than Ji Changxin's!"

"..."

Amidst the heated discussions of the crowd, Li Zhexiong quietly opened his eyes, expression neutral, silently gazing at Mu Jinyu on the Ascending Dragon Platform, his gaze turning puzzled, murmuring, "How many years ago was it, exactly when was it, I clearly remember..."

On the Ascending Dragon Platform.

As Ye Wushuang perished, his physical body reduced to nothing by his own Sword Domain, Mu Jinyu stood calmly for a while, his haughty gaze gradually restoring to tranquility.

In the face of Ye Wushuang's death, Mu Jinyu felt no delight or joy in revenge!

Because from the beginning to the end, he never truly regarded Ye Wushuang as a threat; before stepping on to the Ascending Dragon Platform, he was well aware that he would certainly survive, and the one to die would only be Ye Wushuang!

Why then would he be overwhelmed with excitement because of this?

And the culprit who caused Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan to switch bodies, Ye Wushuang, is dead!

So then...

Mu Jinyu turned his head toward the distant Secluded Dragon Platform, looked at the bewildered Li Zhexiong and squinted slightly, a glint of killing intent flashed.

Though he had no conflict with Li Zhexiong personally, nor ever faced him in a life and death struggle.

But Li Zhexiong is ultimately Ye Wushuang's senior brother, and he might not necessarily avenge Ye Wushuang, as Ye Wushuang did for his apprentice Ye Chen!

However, originally Ye Wushuang had his Dantian destroyed by a sword, and even alive, he posed little threat to the Dragon King Hall, pending future reckoning.

Due to Li Zhexiong, even with a destroyed Dantian, Ye Wushuang was still able to take the sword as his primary, to become the Dantian, finding a new path!

If Ye Wushuang hadn't decided to join the Hidden Dragon Conference, but directly avenged the Dragon King Hall after breaking through to the Fanxu Realm...

This scenario, Mu Jinyu dared not even think about!

Thus, although Li Zhexiong had no direct conflict with him, because he was Ye Wushuang's senior brother, because he helped Ye Wushuang to retaliate, their enmity had long been established!

Mu Jinyu would not simply let Li Zhexiong go because of Ye Wushuang's death!

Though they had no personal animosity, the differing positions destined them to face each other in a life and death showdown!

"Swish swish!!"

At this moment, where Ye Wushuang died, threads of Dragon Qi suddenly rose, flowing into the Flood Dragon Dragon Soul above Mu Jinyu's head, making it slightly more majestic, its scales more vividly alive!

This Dragon Qi, naturally, was from the Loach Dragon Soul once belonging to Ye Wushuang, and as he died, it all transferred to Mu Jinyu!

"Buzz!!"

In the midst of everyone's sighs and exclamations.

The Flood Dragon Dragon Soul above Mu Jinyu's head suddenly radiated dazzling golden light.

Indicating that the next round's combatant is still him.

This situation mirrored what happened previously when Lingxiao faced off against Li Zhexiong and Ye Wushuang in successive battles!

Though this was somewhat rare, it occasionally occurred.

The audience wasn't too surprised.

"Is it my turn again next?" Mu Jinyu's demeanor remained unchanged, laughing, "Just perfect, I don't need to go down!"

"Buzz buzz!"

At this time, on the Secluded Dragon Platform, someone else's Dragon Soul was emitting rolling Dragon Qi.

But unexpectedly, this time, it wasn't just one person rising with rolling Dragon Qi!

But two people!

Meaning the upcoming battle is a chaotic fight among three people!

This was an unprecedented scene since the start of the Hidden Dragon Conference!

The crowd couldn't help but feel bewildered!

And the other two individuals chosen to ascend the Ascending Dragon Platform were Gu Rulong of the Dragon Elephant Sect and Chen Huaiyu of the Chen Family Clan!

"What does this mean? A chaotic fight among three of us? Or for the two of us to join forces against Mu Jinyu?"

Gu Rulong glanced at the flickering golden light above Mu Jinyu's head, then turned to look at the turbulent Dragon Qi beside him, from Chen Huaiyu, muttering slightly displeased.

Chen Huaiyu's expression also looked a bit troubled, a three-person melee was tricky to fight, and if they both teamed up against Mu Jinyu.

If they won, it would not look good on their record, if they lost, it would make them even more embarrassed!