

## King Hall 1081

Chapter 1081: On a Killing Spree! A Sudden Whim!

"Roar!"

"Kill!!!"

The two nearly identical five-clawed golden dragons wrapped around the seven great geniuses, continuously maneuvering with the Tai Chi yin-yang split-and-merge stance, launching assault after assault on the Northern Dipper Deadly Formation, with each strike more powerful than the last, terrifying the seven who feared the formation map might be breached.

"Damn it, is this guy still at the eighth level of the Fanxu Realm? How is this combat power stronger than a typical False Merged Path Realm?!"

"Hang in there, he must have used some secret technique, temporarily enhancing his combat power, but he surely can't maintain it for long. Once he can no longer hold on, it's our turn to strike back!"

While the seven were shocked at Mu Jinyu's terrifying strength, someone guessed Mu Jinyu must have employed some secret technique, hence his frightening combat power, urging everyone to hold on.

"Boom!!!"

Seeing the prolonged assault was finding no success, and knowing the "Dragon Transformation Scripture" couldn't support such combat power indefinitely, with a gap after each secret power usage, Mu Jinyu's eyes sharpened as he hurled out the Bi Fang Cauldron.

No longer intending to test the power of the twin dragons' attack!

"Rumble!"

The Bi Fang Cauldron was thrown, unleashing a sea of fire that rolled down like the sun collapsing, endless true sun fire cascading down, causing the formation map of the Northern Dipper Deadly Formation below to twist and destabilize, as if it could be incinerated at any moment.

"This is bad, everyone hold on, let's all use secret techniques together, enhance our strength to fend off this wave!"

The owner of the formation map, seeing that with Bi Fang Cauldron joining the assault, the map was about to be destroyed, turned pale and shouted to the other six.

The other six saw this as a key moment in their stalemate, gritted their teeth, and all used secret techniques to enhance their combat power, whether by consuming elixirs, burning essence blood, or using forbidden artifacts...

Under the impetus of secret techniques, their combat power was instantly elevated to the level of a False Merged Path Realm!

Consequently, the Northern Dipper Deadly Formation, which protected them yet appeared unstable, also began to stabilize with their increased strength.

It seemed as solid as a rock, no longer breakable by Mu Jinyu.

"Hmph, unable to break through for so long, what else do you have? Go ahead and use it, don't exhaust your tricks."

One person, seeing the stabilization of the formation map, felt much assured, then smirked and mocked Mu Jinyu.

Hoping to psychologically destabilize Mu Jinyu, causing him to lose composure, thus disrupting the twin dragon's assault.

"Roar!"

At this moment, they were horrified to find that the two golden dragons, unable to breach the formation map for a long time, suddenly stopped ramming into it with their dragon bodies and instead moved towards the suspended Bi Fang Cauldron.

As if performing Twin Dragons Play with Pearls.

But what's even more terrifying is...

The flames cascading down from the Bi Fang Cauldron, under Twin Dragons Play with Pearls, were even more terrifying, dozens of times stronger than when Mu Jinyu himself fully controlled and activated it, totally equaling in might to a top-grade spiritual treasure activated by a true powerhouse at the Merged Path Realm!!

"Bang!"

In an instant, the previously stabilized Northern Dipper Deadly Formation, accompanied by an earth-shattering explosion, was directly like a rag being thrown into a pit of fire, immediately reduced to ashes.

Exposing the seven protected by the formation map completely to the sea of fire from the Bi Fang Cauldron!

Everyone who saw this scene was absolutely frightened out of their wits!

The one who had ridiculed Mu Jinyu was utterly stunned, completely unable to believe Mu Jinyu still had other means to break their defenses!

And the remaining six, really wished they could kill the one who mocked Mu Jinyu. Damn it, why did you have to be so mouthy for nothing?

Now that the formation map was broken, they all had to risk their lives with him!

But it was not the time for internal strife, the remaining six didn't have the time to deal with him, desperately trying to use their last-resort survival techniques to protect their own lives.

"Bang!"

"Bang!!"

"Boom!!"

The sea of fire poured down, fiercely burning towards the seven below.

But at this point, everyone had brought out various survival techniques, either bursting into dazzling light that turned into protective barriers encasing their bodies, preventing them from being burned by the sea of fire, or being incinerated only to reappear anew in a safe spot.

This was the Substitution Technique!

In any case, they each used their last-resort survival techniques, whether defensive, substitutive, or narrowly dodging at the most critical moments, even in the face of an anger-infused strike from a Merged Path Realm powerhouse, they could withstand it.

Only one person's mentality was not as rock-solid as the others, in the chaos picked up the wrong talisman, mistaking it for a life-saving ace, and was burned alive.

His unbelievably tragic dying scream made the remaining six shiver.

The one who brought out the formation map was inwardly upset over the destruction of the Big Dipper Seven Stars Formation. Yet seeing the fire growing stronger, showing no signs of ceasing, and with his protective shield about to be destroyed, he reluctantly grit his teeth and brought out the Five Elements Formation Map again.

Protecting himself and the other four.

And the only one left outside.

Was naturally the one who had just recklessly taunted Mu Jinyu.

Though the formation map bearer knew Mu Jinyu's rage really had nothing to do with his reckless mouth, he couldn't be bothered to manage more, wanting to vent his own frustration and displeasure, leaving the mouthy one to fend for himself!

"Ah!"

"No! Save me..."

Though the mouthy one had many life-saving cards, how long could they last? How could he compare with the safety of uniting everyone's strength under the formation map?

When he realized he was abandoned outside, isolated from the Five Elements Formation, he let out a ghastly scream.

Unfortunately, the remaining five just watched him with cold indifference.

After all, the formation map was in the hands of the Divine Formation Sect heir, and if they plead for the mouthy one, who could guarantee the Divine Formation Sect heir wouldn't save him only to throw the pleader outside to enjoy the struggle for survival alone?

Moreover, they too were annoyed by the mouthy one, naturally not speaking up on his behalf!

"Bang Bang Bang!"

Soon, all of the mouthy one's life-saving cards were incinerated by the Bi Fang Flame empowered with Union Realm Power.

And that mouthy one, with no defensive capability left, could only let out a scream full of endless resentment and regret, vanishing into ashes.

"Boom Boom!!"

After burning the mouthy one to death, the relentless Bi Fang Flame once again swept towards the remaining five protected by the Five Elements Formation Map!

"Damn, this guy is too rampant, taking down three of us so swiftly!"

"How is his combat power still so terrifying? Just what secret technique can prolong his combat power for such a duration?"

The remaining five, all under the protection of the Five Elements Formation Map, trembled with fear.

"Hmm?!"

Mu Jinyu manipulated the twin dragons to drive the Bi Fang Cauldron, burning towards the remaining five, only to find the Five Elements Formation Map, even with just five people, was more daunting and difficult to break than the previous Big Dipper Seven Stars Formation, causing his brow to furrow.

Then he suddenly understood, this was the Five Elements Formation Map.

With the Five Elements mutually generating, its power was endless, indeed the strongest formation map in defense apart from the Bagua Nine Palaces.

As Mu Jinyu frowned, contemplating whether to use other means before the sixth-layer secret power of the Dragon Transformation Scripture dissipated to annihilate these five.

Suddenly, his chest was wracked with sharp pain, as if his entire heart was being clenched.

Stopping even the twin dragons' assault.

"What's happening?"

"Is... something wrong with Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan?!"

Mu Jinyu's face turned pale, quickly deducing that something must have happened to Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, who were also in the secret realm, otherwise his impulse wouldn't be so intense.

Thus, Mu Jinyu looked at the five in front shielded by the Five Elements Formation, his gaze turning steadfast, intending to decisively kill them to eliminate future threats, and then head out to rescue Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan.

Chapter 1082: Sweeping Through and Hunting Down

Mu Jinyu took out a treasure vase, and directly pulled the cork out, then threw it toward the five people protected by the Five Elements Formation Map.

"Bang!"

With a crisp sound, the treasure vase immediately shattered into powder.

"Awoo!"

Accompanied by a sky-shaking roar, the five people protected by the Five Elements Formation Map were suddenly appalled to discover that yet another dragon had been summoned by Mu Jinyu.

No!

That's not a dragon!

The crowd suddenly noticed in a daze that the new black dragon appearing before them couldn't strictly be called a dragon, besides its dragon-like form, it also had a pair of Phoenix Wings circulating with purple-black flames growing from its back.

And upon its steel-like dragon body, dense dragon scales sprouted numerous bone spurs, looking extremely horrifying and terrifying.

What kind of monster is this?!

The remaining five people stared blankly at the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, while waves of panic surged within them.

"Awoo!"

As soon as the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend appeared, it immediately raised its head to let out a roar filled with resentment, then it fixed its gaze on the five people ahead, opened its mouth and sprayed fiercely.

Suddenly, an eerie purple-black Dragon's Breath spurted from its mouth, rushing toward the Protective Shield swirling with five-colored lights.

"Hiss!"

The purple-black Dragon's Breath contained extremely potent corrosiveness and destructive power, even though the Five Elements Formation Map circulated endlessly, it was momentarily stalled, then shattered with a roar, unable to protect the five people behind it.

"Boom!"

Just as the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend roared again, preparing to swoop down and devour the five people in one gulp, the golden shimmering Dragon Soul suddenly broke free from the strikes of the Yin and Yang division, stood before the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, and suppressed it with its Dragon's Might.

"Run!!"

The elegant man, the successor of the Divine Formation Sect holding the Formation Map, and the remaining three, decisively prepare to scatter and flee after the Five Elements Formation Map is broken.

At this moment, they no longer hold the aloof superiority of overlooking Mu Jinyu, nor maintain the arrogant disdain demanding Mu Jinyu to hand over the Hedao Fruit, otherwise be crippled, all fleeing in panic just to keep their lives.

"Boom!!"

Unfortunately, Mu Jinyu, eager to rescue Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, fearing to let these few escape only to be tracked and targeted later, is determined to absolutely kill them, leaving no chance for future troubles!

The Five-Clawed Golden Dragon formed from various domains roared upward, swooping down to intercept the three scattered not far away.

Meanwhile, the Bi Fang Cauldron swayed to intercept the successor of the Divine Formation Sect holding the Formation Map, came crashing down, and the flames burned up the Formation Map hastily put forth, covering him under the cauldron!

"Clang! Clang!"

Fierce struggles and collisions continually resonate from inside the Bi Fang Cauldron, with the successor of the Divine Formation Sect deploying various means to escape the suppression of the Bi Fang Cauldron.

Mu Jinyu, however, has no time to focus on these four, rushing towards the elegantly escaping man.

"Weren't you wanting my Hedao Fruit? Why leave now?" Mu Jinyu shouted.

"Taoist Brother, it was my mistake today, spare me this time, Xuu Someone will surely repay you generously afterwards, my Xuu Family will help you resist the Wu Family..."

The elegant man, seeing Mu Jinyu actively pursuing him, frightened to the bone, quickly promised Mu Jinyu in a panic.

"No need, let me send you off, and I'll be sure to visit your Xuu Family later!" Mu Jinyu coldly said.

Then, he accelerated "Fleeting Light Shadow", instantly catching up to the elegant man.

"I'll fight you!"

The elegant man sensed Mu Jinyu's approach, knowing there's no escape, a trace of viciousness flashed in his eyes, suddenly turned, and raised his hand, throwing several forbidden artifacts.

These were all handcrafted by his father, containing the mighty strike from a peak Unity Realm Stage power, any ordinary peak Fanxu Realm cultivator who dared to touch them would undoubtedly be doomed.

"Whoosh..."

Mu Jinyu could feel the threat from the forbidden artifacts, yet remained fearless. At this moment, he maintained the secret power from the "Dragon Transformation Scripture", raising his hand to perform the "Killing Character Secret Technique", evolving the sword technique struck out by Wu Xiongfei outside the secret realm.

With a palm strike, he captured a small portion of the fragments from the grand path, within the Heaven and Earth Laws, suddenly, those forbidden artifacts shooting over were all struck and shattered by Mu Jinyu's palm!

"How is this possible?!"

The elegant man saw this scene, stunned, his heart chilling to the core.

He truly did not expect, Mu Jinyu, a mere Eighth Level of Fanxu Realm cultivator, would already possess the qualifications to battle a Unity Realm Stage power?

If it truly is so, then he is surely doomed today, completely unable to escape Mu Jinyu's pursuit!

"Bang!"

Mu Jinyu smashed the forbidden artifacts, once again swung his palm, capturing fragments of the grand path, charging towards the elegant man.

"Kill!"

After three exchanges, it was ultimately Mu Jinyu who with a palm smacked the elegant man's head into his belly, killing him on the spot!

Then, Mu Jinyu turned his position, aggressively pursuing the three trapped by the Golden Dragon Domain.

After a few exchanges, the three who were without Formation protection, as anticipated, perished under Mu Jinyu's palm in the same manner.

Finally, Mu Jinyu couldn't spare time to refine the successor of the Divine Formation Sect inside the Bi Fang Cauldron, put away the Bi Fang Cauldron, dispelled the Golden Dragon Domain, and summoned the Dragon Soul to suppress the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, chasing towards a direction he sensed!

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On the other side.

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, along with Zhuo Yue, faced a deadly encirclement from dozens of people who had finally stabilized the secret realm passage, and successfully entered the secret realm.

"Their pace is just too slow, when will they lead us to find that Mu Jinyu!"

"Truly running out of patience, I just want to sweep them all dead with one sword!"

Dozens of people chased stumbling towards Wen Rou and the other three in the small grove, some impatiently said.

"I feel like they're fleeing in the wrong direction, do they not know where that guy is hiding either?"

"Could be possible? Why not give it a try!"

One person said, looking at Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan with eyes full of mockery, disdain, and cruelty, then he raised his hand, flicked his fingers.

Immediately two Sword Qi burst out, directly attacking Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan.

"Hiss!"

Accompanied by the sound of silken fabric ripping, Wen Rou's and Jian Ruyan's clothes torn in many places, revealing large areas of snow-white skin, yet the Sword Qi did not stop, continued ravaging across their bodies, covering them in bloodied wounds instantly, transforming them into people of blood.

"Ah!!"

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan couldn't help but let out a scream, already heavily injured while on the run, now they couldn't endure any longer, thumping to the ground.

"You go, I'll hold them off!"

Seeing this, Zhuo Yue knew the pursuers finally couldn't resist humiliating and brutalizing them, to force Mu Jinyu to appear.

Mu Jinyu had shown him great kindness, how could he allow Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan to suffer such humiliation?

Thus, he gritted his teeth, ordered the Little Phoenix to keep them fleeing, while he stayed behind to hold off!

Chapter 1083: A Forceful Arrival!

Little Phoenix heard Zhuo Yue's words, naturally knew he wanted it to continue escaping with Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan.

Without any hesitation, its form suddenly enlarged, reaching over ten feet long. Then it flapped its left wing, instantly carrying Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan onto its back.

"Screech!!"

A phoenix cry rang out, and Little Phoenix, enduring the fierce wound on its right wing, flapped its wings to take Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan away.

"You think you can escape?"

Dozens of people behind them, seeing this scene, showed no emotion or change on their cold and cruel faces. One person sneered, pinched a sword technique with his hand, and immediately a flying sword shot through the air like thunder, heading straight towards Little Phoenix.

"Hah!"

Zhuo Yue, also covered in wounds, remained resolute. As if feeling nothing, he let out a light shout and fiercely leaped into the air, throwing a powerful punch towards the flying sword!

This punch was unmatched in power, like a meteor falling from the sky or a mountain collapsing, and with a bang, it struck the flying sword.

The sword, as bright as a cascade, was struck by Zhuo Yue's punch, shook a few times, and lost its divine speed, unable to continue pursuing the fleeing Little Phoenix carrying the two women.

"Taoist Brother, this won't do!"

Someone couldn't help but sneer upon seeing this.

The person who acted snorted coldly at these words, his face somewhat displeased. He pinched the spell in his hand again.

"Clang!!"

The flying sword vibrated intensely, once again bursting out with dazzling divine light. Then, with one sword slash, it severed Zhuo Yue's right arm, and without any pause, it passed through the air again, slicing off both wings of the Little Phoenix, which was about to fly away from the small grove!

"Screech!!"

The Little Phoenix, having its wings severed, let out a heartbreaking screech. Although it very much wanted to take Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan away from this place, in the end, it was unable to.

The massive body crashed to the ground!

"Boom!!"

The phoenix body hit the ground, creating a deep pit. Blood splattered, dust filled the air—a scene of tragic heroism.

"Even like this, that guy hasn't appeared. I guess he really was torn to pieces in the void passage!"

"Let's just kill them; there's no time to waste. We need to find the Hedao Fruit."

The group spoke coldly, about to take the heads of the three people and the bird to give an explanation to the Wu Family.

Just as they were about to act with indifferent expressions.

"Boom!!"

Suddenly, in the distance, a dazzling golden light surged, like a blazing sun falling from the sky, so bright that it almost blinded their eyes, making it impossible to see what was rushing over.

The few powerful ones forced themselves to endure the sting of their eyes, tears flowing, and opened their heterochromia eyes to finally see what was coming.

It was an incredibly majestic Five-Clawed Golden Dragon, exuding endless majesty, and on its dragon head stood a young man with an incomparably cold expression.

Those who saw this scene, upon recognizing the young man, all shuddered, showing expressions of disbelief.

"Did they really force him out?"

"Being beaten so badly by Wu Xiongfei, he's actually unharmed? Moreover, he regenerated his severed limb and his strength increased?"

"Did he gain some heaven-defying fortune in the Secret Realm?"

After seeing Mu Jinyu's strength, everyone couldn't help but feel terrified and had thoughts of retreat.

After all, Mu Jinyu was a super tough guy. At the seventh layer of the Fanxu Realm outside, he once killed the next head of the Wu Family, Wu Zhiyuan, in one move and fought against Wu Qiyuan of the False Merged Path Realm with ease. His strength was truly unfathomable!

Now that his cultivation had gone up another layer, reaching the eighth level of the Fanxu Realm, they all understood that even dozens of them combined wouldn't be a match for Mu Jinyu.

If they had known earlier that being beaten so badly by Wu Xiongfei didn't harm him, and that he gained heaven-defying fortune in the Secret Realm, becoming even stronger, they would never have tried to pursue and kill Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou.

But who could have imagined that?

So none of them felt any fear, joining forces to chase down Wen Rou and the others.

Zhuo Yue's right arm was severed again, his expression sorrowful. He once called himself Iron Fist Zhuo Yue, invincible on Earth, ranking third on the Spiritual God Ranking, but unexpectedly, he continually lost his arm during this time.

But what he hated most was being powerless to protect Mu Jinyu's family, only being able to watch as a group of people tried to kill those two weak women in the Divinity Transformation Realm!

Just as Zhuo Yue gave a miserable smile, preparing to self-destruct to take down one opponent, he too saw the dazzling golden light coming from the sky, and sensed a familiar aura.

"It's... it's Mu Brother who's back?!"

Zhuo Yue froze for a moment, then the desolate expression on his face dissolved, replaced by excitement.

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, laying on the ground, watched as the Little Phoenix, with its wings broken and barely alive, cried with tears streaming down their faces.

Even when their bodies were being ravaged by Sword Qi, covered in bruises, they hadn't shed a single tear. But when the Little Phoenix tried to carry them out of here, only to suffer such brutal treatment and crash down to protect them, they couldn't hold back their tears.

"Little Phoenix, hang in there, we'll find Jinyu and let him heal you..."

Wen Rou sobbed.

Her usually kind heart was filled with great hatred, hating herself for being so weak, only able to let others protect her, unable to protect others.

Jian Ruyan didn't speak, only silently weeping. She knew that the chances of finding Mu Jinyu were slim.

Since entering the Secret Realm, learning from Little Phoenix that Mu Jinyu was being hunted by Wu Xiongfei of the Late Stage Hedao Realm, she understood Mu Jinyu was likely in grave danger.

On the platform at the Secret Realm's exit, they waited for Mu Jinyu for five whole days, but he never came.

Jian Ruyan understood, Mu Jinyu might have been killed by the Wu family at the moment he was about to enter the Secret Realm.

And it was also because they refused to give up and leave the entrance, waiting until the passage stabilized, that they directly encountered dozens of newcomers.

Otherwise, hiding deep in the Secret Realm, they might not have encountered anyone or been hunted by so many people.

At this moment, Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, their faces wet with tears, suddenly seemed to sense something, lifting their heads to look at the brilliant golden light like a blazing sun coming from afar.

In the eyes of others, it was too bright to gaze at directly, almost requiring eyes to bleed to see clearly. But in the eyes of Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, it wasn't sharp or aggressive but gentle, allowing them at a glance to see Mu Jinyu standing on the dragon head, with an expression as cold as ancient ice not melting for ages!

"Little Mu... Little Mu is finally here..."

Wen Rou cried out in excitement, then looked down and stroked the little Phoenix with eyes gradually fading, saying, "Little Phoenix, hold on, Little Mu has come to save us..."

Jian Ruyan watched Mu Jinyu with a dazed expression, showing excitement as well as doubt.

In her view, after Mu Jinyu hadn't entered the Secret Realm for five whole days, and even those from major powers came in, how could he still enter here?

This was simply a miracle among miracles.

"Kill!!!"

Seeing Zhuo Yue's severed arm, Little Phoenix's broken wings, and Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan's grievous wounds, Mu Jinyu's face turned extremely icy, shouting angrily, and the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend restrained by the Dragon Soul was immediately released from its bonds.

Freed from its confinement, the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend roared skyward, instantly diving at the dozens of people frozen in place!

Chapter 1084: Killing Intent Soaring to the Skies!

"What the hell is that?!"

Dozens of people had long abandoned the idea of annihilating Wen Rou and his group. Upon seeing the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend diving toward them, their expressions changed, and they scattered and fled in all directions.

The Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend looked incredibly bizarre and terrifying, with its body covered in a dense array of bone spurs, extremely disturbing. They instantly felt it was dangerous and dared not confront it.

"Aowooo!"

Mu Jinyu was reluctant to let the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend devour more origin sources to enhance its power, making it uncontrollable in the future. So even when confronting the eight people earlier, he didn't have the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend devour them but took them down himself.

But now, upon seeing Wen Rou and the others' injuries, his anger finally erupted uncontrollably, feeling that simply slaughtering these people was too lenient.

They deserve to be nourishment for the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, with their souls devoured altogether, erasing any chance of reincarnation to cause harm again!

Hence, Mu Jinyu directly released his restraint on the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, letting it aggressively hunt down and kill everyone!

"No!!!"

"Save me!!!"

From afar, several people were crushed to pieces as the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend rushed through, only to be swallowed whole by it.

Their heart-wrenching screams before death sent shivers down the spines of those fleeing in all directions.

At this moment, many had realized that the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend's speed was much faster than theirs, equivalent to the speed of a cultivator at the second or third layer of the Unity Realm Stage.

They knew that escaping from the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend's pursuit would be challenging, even if they could momentarily outrun others letting them die first. Eventually, they too would meet their end once everyone else was dead.

Therefore, the only chance for survival was to subdue Mu Jinyu, forcing him to stop this demonic thing!

Hence, they all turned around in unison when the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend went after others fleeing in a different direction, collectively pressing in on Mu Jinyu!

"Kill!"

This group, hailed as the young generation's prodigies, had long achieved the Peak of the Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, preparing to rely on the Secret Realm's Hedao Fruit to charge into the Unity Realm Stage. How could they be easy opponents?

Composing themselves, they let out a battle cry like a flood, each wielding their life-bond spiritual treasures, unleashing their strongest divine skills, driving their magic treasures to bombard Mu Jinyu!

They were cold and ruthless, thinking that although any one of them alone might not be a match for Mu Jinyu, the monster, surely with a dozen of them besieging him, they couldn't possibly not be his match, could they?

Mu Jinyu was in the midst of healing the gravely injured Little Phoenix, choosing to sustain its life rather than re-grow its severed wings immediately.

At this moment, facing the dozen Peak Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm experts proclaiming battle cries, each unleashing their divine skills and spiritual treasures, Mu Jinyu had no choice but to turn around solemnly, blocking their assault.

Otherwise, Wen Rou and the others wouldn't be able to withstand the collision of so many attacks!

"Ignorant fools!"

With cold light flashing in his eyes and hair flying wildly, Mu Jinyu watched the group, who didn't know their place dare turn back to deal with him, snorted coldly, and raised his hand, throwing out the Bi Fang Cauldron.

With a clang, the cauldron lid opened, throwing the Sect Hierarch's successor from the Divine Formation Sect, who was suppressed inside, out of the cauldron!

"Puff puff!"

"Bang bang!!"

"Clang clang!!"

Various divine skills, sword techniques, forbidden artifacts, and spiritual treasures bombarded in succession. At this moment, the person standing in their way, even if at the First Layer Hedao Realm, would not have an easy time resisting, needing to avoid their sharpness. Someone like Wu Qiyuan or Ji Ran at the False Merged Path Realm would undoubtedly die.

But the Sect Hierarch's successor from the Divine Formation Sect's life-preserving trump card would mostly remain unharmed unless encountering a top-grade hierarch at the late stage of the Hedao Realm.

That's why he survived the intense tempering within the cauldron when others would've been incinerated alive by the Bi Fang Cauldron.

Now that he was thrown out of the Bi Fang Cauldron, he hadn't had time to rejoice when faced with the onslaught of attacks.

"Boom boom boom!"

After a wave of bombardment.

The successor of the Divine Formation Sect had the strongest defense against the Unity Realm's methods, while the opposition wielded attacks powerful enough to threaten mighty beings of the Unity Realm, coupled with being suppressed and refined for so long by the Bi Fang Cauldron...

Thus, unsurprisingly, after resisting for a while, he finally met a tragic end!

"That scream just now...seemed like it was Brother Mu from the Divine Formation Sect?!"

"Whatever, our priority now is survival! Who cares if he lives or dies!"

"Kill!! We must quickly capture this guy, or we are doomed!"

The dozen remained ruthless, even upon realizing that the successor of the Divine Formation Sect might have died at their hands, with no change in expression, and with murderous intent, launched a terrifying offensive against Mu Jinyu once again!

Nobody begged Mu Jinyu for mercy.

They all knew that Mu Jinyu had killed Wu Family Members, and they had just attacked those around him. How could he possibly spare them?

"Boom!!"

At this time, one of the successor's from the Divine Formation Sect did absorb a considerable part of their assaults. Mu Jinyu burned his Essence Blood, fully mobilized the Bi Fang Cauldron, and summoned its Artifact Spirit, the majestic Bi Fang Bird, to attack the group amidst the overwhelming flames.

"Boom boom boom!"

At this moment, after devouring the ten or so fleeing people, the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, intending to escape to hunt other creatures, was still suppressed by the Dragon Soul and had to dash toward these dozen people!

"We're doomed, that monstrous thing is here!"

"Hurry, take out your trump cards, or there'll be no chance!"

Surrounded from both front and back, the dozen felt the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend approaching from behind, causing them to panic, frantically yelling for others to take out their last resorts!

Instantly aggressive, the battle became even fiercer.

One brought out their trump card, which was a spiritual remnant of a major power's Hierarchy, containing part of a late-stage mighty power at the Hedao Realm!

Another trump card produced a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure like the incomplete-level Demon God Tower.

Even further, someone consumed an elixir, allowing their strength to reach the First Layer of the Fanxu Realm...

Mu Jinyu, seeing this, felt the pressure mounting!

If facing any one of them alone, or even seven or eight, he would feel not much, he could still easily kill them.

However, these more than ten Heaven's Pride individuals weren't losing much to him, fighting with all their might, causing him immense pressure.

Gritting his teeth, Mu Jinyu's eyes focused sharply, then chose to release the Dragon Soul's suppression on the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, simultaneously spreading his domain, transforming again into a Golden Dragon, cooperating with the Dragon Soul to drive the Bi Fang Cauldron, fending off everyone's killing moves!

"Caw!!!"

Now, because of Mu Jinyu's healing, the Little Phoenix, having regained much of its spirit, saw the dangerous situation which Mu Jinyu might struggle alone against.

It didn't hesitate much, leaping to struggle into the Bi Fang Cauldron, as a descendant of the Phoenix Bloodline, co-driving the Bi Fang Cauldron, enhancing the might of the descending sea of flames several folds!

Instantly, a terrifying sea of fire, combined with two Golden Dragons attacking collaboratively, along with the uncontrollably aggressive Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, causing utter chaos among the dozen, blood flowing all over the place...

Chapter 1085: The Last Chance!

"Aowuh!"

The monstrous sea of fire and two golden dragons relentlessly swept the battlefield, fending off the desperate assault of more than a dozen of Heaven's Pride.

And as for the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, seizing the moment of regaining its freedom, it did not hesitate to open its massive maw and devour several fragmented Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasure Spirits, which were subdued by the Dragon Soul.

Continuously swallowing the spirits and unique materials of several remaining Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasures, and bathing in the blood of the Specialists, the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend underwent a tremendous metamorphosis.

Originally, the purple-black Phoenix Wings that seemed incongruent with its entire jet-black dragon body had now completely transformed into a deep black color, appearing as if it was born with such wings.

The Phoenix Wings, which were originally two or three zhang in size, had now expanded to dozens of zhang, blotting out the sky like a hanging curtain. With a slight tremor, scarlet Red Lotus Karma Fire bloomed in the void, striking at the struggling dozen or so individuals.

The dragon body of the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, strong as a fortress made of steel, also expanded to hundreds of zhang in size. Bone spurs grew on each dragon scale, glinting with terrifying cold light, all broke off, shooting fiercely alongside the Red Lotus Karma Fire towards the dozen or so who resisted desperately.

Bone spurs like rain, Karma Fire like flowers, faced with such a world-engulfing terrifying offensive, even a true Unity Realm Stage powerhouse would likely be incapable of resisting, only to bow their heads and await their slaughter.

And should they dare to resist, it would only add to their own misery.

"Kill!!"

"Ah!!"

"No!!"

The dozen or so Heaven's Pride brought out their last life-saving cards, faces twisted in rage, prepared to annihilate Mu Jinyu and others to vent their hatred, only to find Mu Jinyu also going all out, completely lifting the shackles on the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, allowing it to unleash an unprecedented world-ending power, destroying all of their life-saving cards!

Thus, their murderous shouts turned into wailing screams, full of despair, unwillingness, and helplessness...

But the battlefield has no mercy, only life and death.

In the end, the entire small grove was destroyed, no longer existing, with blood staining the ground red, and remnants of flesh still vaguely visible...

"Bang!"

The towering sea of fire spewed from the Bi Fang Cauldron had long subsided, the Little Phoenix no longer able to sustain the True Yuan and blood essence to power the Bi Fang Cauldron. Seeing the slaughter finally end, its taut string also relaxed, causing the Bi Fang Cauldron to fall from the sky.

"Aowuh!!"

At this moment, the hollow eyes of the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend stared intently at the flesh remnants and treasure fragments scattered on the ground, extending an extremely long black tongue, like a toad eating, its long tongue rolled up all the flesh remnants into its mouth to chew.

"Crunch crunch!!"

Soon, the flesh remnants of the tragically killed Heaven's Pride were all devoured by the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend.

And it seemed that having drunk its fill of blood and devoured much larger lifeforms and artifacts such as the Fallen Phoenix and fragmented Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, these ordinary flesh could no longer satisfy it, much less allow it to metamorphose and elevate.

Thus, the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend gradually turned its mountain-sized dragon head, gazing backward.

It set its sights on Mu Jinyu, on the Bi Fang Cauldron, and the Little Phoenix within the cauldron, as well as that Flood Dragon body which was nearly transformed into a True Dragon...

These people and things were the ones that could truly allow it to metamorphose again.

Especially Mu Jinyu and the Bi Fang Cauldron, it could sense that both harbored a source of power it desperately craved.

Mu Jinyu, seeing the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend successfully help him block the desperate assault of the dozen or so Heaven's Pride, sending them all to the afterlife, didn't even have time to rejoice before noticing the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend turn back, staring at him greedily, which caused his heart to sink.

"As expected, it's out of control..."

Mu Jinyu sighed slightly in his heart at the sight.

He had anticipated that releasing the Dragon Soul's suppression on the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend might completely unleash its chaos.

But at that time, he had no other choice, as relying solely on the Bi Fang Cauldron and the power of the Dragon Soul was utterly insufficient to withstand the frantic assault of dozens of Heaven's Pride wielding life-saving cards.

Now, although the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend had indeed reversed his dire situation, it also began to backfire, which was within Mu Jinyu's expectation, yet he did not regret it.

To die at the hands of the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend was far better than at the hands of those who bullied Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan.

Furthermore, even if he died, he had already taken the lives of that group with him, making it a worthwhile exchange.

Of course, awaiting slaughter was not his character, and although Mu Jinyu felt the situation slipping out of control, he still refused to give up on suppressing the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend again.

He secretly urged the Golden Dragon Soul, attempting to suppress this Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend once more!

"Aowuh!"

A resounding and thrilling dragon roar sounded, and under Mu Jinyu's control, the Dragon Soul swooped down towards the eager Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend.

"Huff..."

Seeing this, the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend snorted, spraying out two streams of dark Qi from its nostrils, and also sprang into action, rushing towards the five-clawed Golden Dragon emanating a majestic aura!

"Sshhh!"

The two collided and immediately separated.

Under the grave gazes of Mu Jinyu, Wen Rou, and others, the Divine Dragon Soul was instantly dispersed, turning into specks of golden light that scattered into the air.

Mu Jinyu's heart sank; had he finally lost control over this Evil Dragon?

"Aow!"

At this moment, a resounding dragon roar came again from the void, the scattered specks of golden light re-gathering, reforming into a five-clawed Golden Dragon once more.

After all, the Divine Dragon was condensed from the Kunlun Dragon Vein Qi Luck, without actual physical form, torn apart by the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, it still could be re-concentrated again.

But Mu Jinyu realized that while the newly condensed Divine Dragon body still glimmered with golden light and vast divine might, it was noticeably dimmer than before.

Despite having no substance, if torn into thousands of pieces by the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, it might eventually dissipate completely.

"Retreat!!"

Mu Jinyu had no choice but to take advantage of the battle between the Dragon Soul and Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, to quickly lead Wen Rou and the others away from here.

With a wave of his hand, a streak of True Yuan extended like a flying ribbon, enveloping Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, Zhuo Yue, and the Bi Fang Cauldron, as Mu Jinyu prepared to retreat to the previous restricted zone where the Hedao Fruit had been picked.

That place had strong restrictions, although it couldn't be certain they would keep out the out-of-control and increasingly powerful Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, it was the only option now.

It was at this moment.

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

The Little Phoenix weakly poked its head out from the Bi Fang Cauldron, making a few chirping sounds.

"Hmm?!"

Hearing the Little Phoenix, Mu Jinyu's expression shifted slightly, then he turned his gaze towards it.

The Little Phoenix weakly nodded its head, indicating for Mu Jinyu to take action.

A flash of hesitation passed through Mu Jinyu's eyes, but he finally decided to give it a shot. If it failed, he'd retreat further!

"Bang!!"

The lid of the Bi Fang Cauldron lifted, and Mu Jinyu struggled to manipulate the massive dragon body within, bringing it out into the world.

"Aowuh!!"

Sensing the immense aura of dragon energy, the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend roared wildly like a shark smelling blood, engaging more fiercely in its fight with the Dragon Soul.

Meanwhile, Mu Jinyu manipulated the Divine Dragon Soul to shatter fiercely, then reconstruct within the dragon body akin to an iron fortress.

Chapter 1086: Soul Lamp Life Tokens Simultaneously Shattered!

"Awooo!!"

An extremely intense dragon roar echoed, like the first sound of the universe opening. Aside from this dragon roar, the world was silent, devoid of any other sound.

That enormous dragon body, already dead and cold, once its dragon soul was reforged within, with a swoosh, the empty dragon eyes suddenly lit up with dazzling brilliance.

As the dragon eyes shone with spirit, an indescribable and terrifying Dragon's Might burst out from the dragon body, spreading across the land for thousands of miles.

On the scene, except Mu Jinyu who could barely withstand this Dragon's Might, Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, Zhuo Yue, and even the Little Phoenix inside the Bi Fang Cauldron were all suppressed, lying on the ground unable to move.

Even the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, who was originally about to charge crazily, was suppressed, as if the time in the space it existed had been stopped, forcibly pausing in mid-air.

This flood dragon, entirely in a dark blue-black color, was after all a super Demon Emperor at the Peak Hedao Realm, just one step away from transcending the divine calamity to transform into a real Divine Dragon. How could it be compared to the Dragon Resentment formed by a mere Dragon Vein grievance?

Under its oppressive Dragon's Might, the once domineering Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, as if thrown into boiling water, did not even have the qualification to move.

The only one able to act was Mu Jinyu. Perhaps due to the dragon blood in his body, or because the dragon soul was controlled by him, the Dragon's Might intentionally spared him a bit. Not overthinking it, he quickly took out a Jade Bottle from his storage bag, uncorked it, pointing the bottle mouth towards the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend stagnated in mid-air.

"Buzz!"

The Treasure Vase, like a Jade Purifying Bottle, flowed with radiant white light from its mouth, with various runes flickering, followed by a bang as it shot out a brilliant light beam, enveloping the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend's massive nearly hundred-zhang long dragon body.

The Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, shrouded in the light beam, instantly began to shrink continuously, slowly being pulled towards the bottle mouth.

Time seemed to pass in an instant, or like an eternal wait. Under the painful watch, the once gigantic dragon body finally shrank to a finger-sized smallness, being taken into the Treasure Vase.

"Buzz!"

Upon trapping the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend in the Treasure Vase, cracks densely dotted the bottle as if it might shatter in the next second.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu took out several specially refined Treasure Vases, stacking them like Matryoshka dolls to encase the one about to crack.

Then, worriedly engraving numerous restriction array patterns on the bottle, he barely managed to stabilize it, preventing any more cracks and ensuring the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend could not escape its confines.

"Phew... it's finally over..."

Mu Jinyu exhaled a long breath, only now realizing his back was soaked with cold sweat.

That scene just now was truly too dangerous.

One slip, and everyone would have perished at the jaws of the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend.

"If possible, I hope to never release this horrific thing again."

Holding the motionless Treasure Vase, Mu Jinyu muttered softly.

Alas, he knew this was likely just wishful thinking.

He had countless times not wished to use the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, but in the end, faced with opponents far stronger than him, he was forced to release it repeatedly to avert crises.

This time, though he managed to slay all his enemies and survive the backlash of the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend.

Who could know if next time, he'd be able to control the dragon body with the dragon soul, suppressing the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend again?

Mu Jinyu had a vague feeling that the Dragon-Phoenix seemed to have birthed some spiritual wisdom, about to become a true monster.

Perhaps, with the peak realm flood dragon body, he could suppress it a few more times, but each time it was released, the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend would surely devour more spiritual objects. When it truly birthed spiritual wisdom, it might not wait for him to control the dragon body to suppress it and directly escape...

Such a situation would result in total loss of control.

Slightly shaking his head, Mu Jinyu stowed away the Treasure Vase, stopping his thoughts on future matters.

"Are you all alright?"

Getting up, Mu Jinyu turned to Wen Rou and the other two behind him, as well as the unconscious Little Phoenix inside the Bi Fang Cauldron.

"N-no problem..."

Wen Rou and the others looked somewhat pale, shaking their heads to indicate they were unharmed.

Mu Jinyu walked to the side of the Bi Fang Cauldron, scooping out the Little Phoenix, then headed towards Zhuo Yue to start healing them and regrowing severed limbs.

Mu Jinyu was very exhausted. It took two whole shichen just to regrow Zhuo Yue's severed arm and regenerate the pair of Phoenix Wings that had been sliced from the Little Phoenix.

Afterwards, forcing himself to remain alert, he said to them, "Let's go to a place first."

He didn't know how many Ninth Layer Fanxu Realm Heaven's Pride had entered the secret realm. If those he killed were not all who entered, then in their currently weakened state, running into two or three more Ninth Layer Fanxu Realm experts could prove very dangerous.

So, Mu Jinyu wanted to lead them to hide in the waterfall lake containing flood dragon essence first.

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Outside.

At the secret realm's entrance.

A group of people awaited the results of those who entered the secret realm, to see who could obtain the relatively few Hedao Fruit compared to those who entered, thus stepping into the Unity Realm Stage.

Meanwhile, Wu Family Head Wu Xiongfei watched grimly from the side.

At this point, the Hedao Fruit was no longer related to the Wu Family. His only hope was that those who entered the secret realm would bring him the heads of Mu Jinyu and his companions.

So he could have good sacrificial offerings when he mourned his daughter and nephew!

Suddenly, someone gasped in shock.

He then took an antique bronze lamp from his storage bag.

"Whoosh!"

The flame on the lamp extinguished the moment he took it out.

"The Young Master... is dead..."

The person stared blankly at the extinguished flame, voicing his disbelief with a hollow tone.

This lamp, called the Soul Lamp, had a function similar to the Life medallion. When a wisp of spiritual thought was imprinted into the Soul Lamp, the flame would stay lit, but if it extinguished, it meant the person had died.

Observing this, representatives from a few major forces also slightly changed their expressions and took out their Soul Lamps and Life medallions.

"Bang! Bang! Bang!!"

In rapid succession, four Soul Lamps and Life medallions shattered, signifying the death of four people.

Those present exchanged glances, realizing the deceased were from the first eight who entered the secret realm.

"Did they wander into some perilous area inside? Otherwise, with their strength, four wouldn't have died at once."

Someone guessed aloud.

And shortly after this person spoke...

"Bang Bang Bang..."

The other four from the first eight to enter had their Soul Lamps and Life medallions shatter consecutively!

The faces of representatives from various factions drastically changed.

"Damn it, I should've brought Remaining Shadow Life Tokens, or I'd at least know how the Young Master died..."

The sect representative behind the deceased Heaven's Pride lamented bitterly, nearly driven mad with fury.

Five days later, as the space channels stabilized, allowing disciples to enter the secret realm, various factions secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

The eight were not weak, and their deaths reduced the number of competitors for the Hedao Fruit.

Yet before they could fully rejoice...

"Crack Crack Crack!"

Like firecrackers during a celebration, dozens of Soul Lamps and Life medallions abruptly shattered together, producing loud and clear noises.

Indicating nearly all who entered the secret realm had perished.

Chapter 1087: Kill Without Mercy!

"What... what on earth is going on?!"

"Who exactly killed them?!"

A group of middle-aged men and elders looked at the incredible scene before them, all furious, their hair rising with anger, emitting billowing white smoke.

This was indeed a world-shaking major event.

Every Heaven's Pride who entered the Secret Realm had been cultivated with immense effort by various factions. Even if they couldn't obtain the Hedao Fruit and break through to the Unity Realm Stage soon, given some time, they could still step into the Unity Realm.

They possessed outstanding talent and were the best heir candidates for each faction, destined to become the Sect Leaders or Clan Leaders of their respective groups...

But now, they all perished in the Secret Realm.

Almost all of them died; nearly thirty people were dead except for one or two survivors!

This truly marked an unprecedented major shift after centuries!

In the Kunlun Ruins, the heirs to various faction leaders had died before, but never all at once like now, almost wiping out the leading figures of the younger generation!

This was an unimaginable event!

It was sure to trigger a massive upheaval in Kunlun Ruins!

"Who exactly killed them?"

"Could it be that Dragon Head Leader, Mu Jinyu?"

"Impossible, he's only at the Eighth Level of the Fanxu Realm. Even if he defied the heavens and killed one or two among them, that's already impressive; there's no way he could kill so many!"

"Indeed, just now, over a dozen died at once! Is he really that powerful? Even I can't do that!"

"I need to go in and see what exactly happened!"

The crowd was agitated, a group of individuals in the False Merged Path Realm holding various Forbidden Artifacts, all prepared to enter the Secret Realm to see what had happened!

However, unfortunately, without the keys to enter, they simply couldn't get in.

"Act separately, return to your families and sects, and check the Remaining Shadow Life Tokens to find out who killed them, while sending people to gather keys and go in to settle accounts!"

In the end, they decided to seek out the last few keys while returning to view the Remaining Shadow Life Tokens to see what these individuals encountered in the Secret Realm before they died.

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Inside the Secret Realm.

Mu Jinyu was unaware that with the deaths of those Heaven's Pride, the various external forces had already become thoroughly agitated, vowing to uncover the truth and enter the Secret Realm to have the culprit executed.

He didn't know about these things, but he could guess that with the deaths of these people, he would inevitably be thrust into the limelight. Even if the Vice Palace Master of the Heavenly Palace stepped in to protect him, it might not be enough under the wrath of the major sect leaders.

But he had no regrets about his actions.

Even if time turned back and he was given another chance to choose, he would still kill indiscriminately, leaving no one alive!

Because he and these people had long become mortal enemies.

Even if he chose to spare them at the time, they would, unwilling to let their humiliation go unanswered, still join forces to kill him.

At this moment.

Mu Jinyu, along with Wen Rou and two others, arrived once more at the foot of a small Dwarf Mountain.

As they prepared to enter, Mu Jinyu discovered that the restriction he had previously broken with eight others had been restored, blocking their way.

"What is this place?"

Zhuo Yue, standing outside the restrictions, could sense the terrifying aura emanating from the Barbaric Wilderness Mountain Range inside, and asked Mu Jinyu with a hint of worry in his voice.

While working to break the restriction, Mu Jinyu replied, "I'm not sure. It seems to be a forbidden zone of this Secret Realm, right? I ran into some trouble when I first entered and got transported into here. That dragon corpse we just saw was found inside."

"Oh, and I also got the Hedao Fruit in there," Mu Jinyu added, recalling something.

"You got the Hedao Fruit too?" Upon hearing this, Zhuo Yue found it astonishing and unbelievable.

A group of Heaven's Pride entered the Secret Realm with the goal, yet without even knowing its location, Mu Jinyu had quietly plucked the Hedao Fruit. How lucky could he be?

"Yes, there were only nine Hedao Fruits on the Hedao Tree. Initially, I thought I wouldn't be using so many anytime soon and was planning to trade some for Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures with a few others, but they were too greedy, forcing me to kill indiscriminately."

Mu Jinyu said this casually.

At the time, when facing the successor of the Divine Array Sect and the eight others, he didn't intend to escalate to a world-enemy level.

Moreover, he believed that Gu Xiyao and Su Zijin, who were outside, were likely still not in the Fanxu Realm and didn't urgently need the Hedao Fruit.

So, he planned to keep just four pieces for himself and use the remaining five Hedao Fruits to trade with those eight.

But they showed no mercy, wanting to take everything and even made the first move against him.

At that point, he had no choice; he wasn't intent on stirring up great trouble, but that didn't mean he was afraid of doing so.

Now that it had escalated to this point, he could only kill the forces of Kunlun Ruins until they feared opposing him.

And for this, strength was needed!

Thus, he wanted to enter this forbidden zone to continue cultivating in that lake.

Mu Jinyu spent over an hour and finally broke through the restriction.

Then, he led the others into this wild region.

After they entered the forbidden zone.

Not far away, in a cave, a young man's eyes flashed as he murmured, "They've gone inside. Could the Hedao Fruit be in there?"

"The successor of the Divine Array Sect has yet to be found, could it be that he's already in there?"

The young man mumbled for a bit, thinking it highly possible, and without hesitation, rushed toward the entrance of the forbidden zone.

Unfortunately, by the time he reached the entrance, the restriction had already been restored significantly, and with his limited knowledge of breaking restrictions, he couldn't get in.

"Damn it..."

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Mu Jinyu didn't know there was someone hiding behind, observing his actions, hoping to take the chance to enter the forbidden zone at the last moment.

Arriving in the forbidden zone, they were unable to fly and could only walk step by step toward the Dragon Lake they remembered.

It took them more than half a day to finally reach the location of the Dragon Lake.

"Wow, it's so beautiful..."

Seeing the Dragon Lake before them, resembling a green gemstone embedded in the earth, Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan's low spirits lifted, both exclaiming in admiration.

Zhuo Yue, on the other hand, could feel the vast amount of Spiritual Energy contained in the Dragon Lake, and joy flashed in his eyes.

In such a Heaven Cave Blessed Land, while cultivating, he should be able to quickly break through the bottleneck of the Peak Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, reaching the Seventh Layer, fully entering the Late Stage of the Fanxu Realm.

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Meanwhile, as Mu Jinyu and the others began their cultivation at the Dragon Lake.

Outside, as the news of dozens of Soul Lamps and Life medallions breaking spread, after retrieving the Remaining Shadow Life Tokens of their heirs, the major factions viewed the scenes of their deaths, realizing they were all killed by Mu Jinyu alone...

An unprecedented storm began to brew.

Mu Jinyu, a name recently under the world's spotlight of Kunlun Ruins, was once again thrust into the eye of the storm.

But this time, instead of admiration and aspirations to have sons like Mu Jinyu, the talk was...

No Mercy!

Chapter 1088: The Difficulties of Merging Paths

A few days later.

At the entrance of the Secret Realm.

Once again, the situation was turbulent.

A group of people dispatched by the major forces gathered here once more.

However, different from the representatives at the peak Ninth Layer of Fanxu Realm from before, this time, those sent were mostly failed Hedao practitioners like Wu Qiyuan and Ji Ran, who forcefully condensed a Broken Pill.

There are actually quite a few of these experts in such a unique realm within each major force, though they are unknown to outsiders.

They all believe these individuals failed their tribulation and thus died.

But in truth, they are still alive, albeit with slightly weakened Qi-Blood, always searching for a way to refine a Golden Core from the Broken Pill using their bodies as a furnace.

Therefore, they rarely appear and are not exposed to the grassroots cultivators of major forces, leading others to think they truly perished in their tribulation failures.

They can be considered as a sort of "heritage" of the Super Clans and Hidden Sects.

The reason for dispatching them here is that the major forces had already learned of Mu Jinyu's strength from the last image on the Remaining Shadow Life Token of their heirs; even the strongest at the peak of the Ninth Layer of Fanxu couldn't match Mu Jinyu.

True Hedao experts cannot enter the Secret Realm because doing so would cause the realm to collapse under the pressure of their laws.

For various reasons, allowing a Hedao expert to enter the Secret Realm and be destroyed along with Mu Jinyu is a last resort due to the Hedao Fruit and the rare Heaven's Pride still alive within.

Thus, the major forces had no choice but to first send in False Merged Path Realm experts with Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, or Incomplete Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, to encircle and kill Mu Jinyu, paying blood with blood!

After several days, they finally obtained three more keys.

The forces that successfully found the keys were eager to enter the Secret Realm today to surround and kill Mu Jinyu.

"Buzz!!"

The key was already placed into the groove of the stele. After a distortion in the void, a rotating light screen appeared, allowing entry.

A white-haired man, holding a Jade Ruler, stepped forward to enter the passage.

The Jade Ruler he held was called the Heaven-Measuring Ruler, a true Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure, born with an Artifact Spirit, a miraculous life originating from a weapon.

It is the Sect Treasure of the Boundless Sect, the great sect behind the white-haired man.

Today, the white-haired man was to use the Heaven-Measuring Ruler to eliminate Mu Jinyu within it.

Unfortunately, as the white-haired man's body was halfway into the light screen, a section of the Heaven-Measuring Ruler also entered, causing the spatial passage to become unstable, on the verge of collapse.

The distortion was even stronger than when Mu Jinyu attempted to enter while being suppressed by Wu Xiongfei.

"As expected, it still doesn't work."

The Sect Hierarchy of the Boundless Sect, a peak Hedao Realm top-grade expert, sighed lightly upon witnessing this scene. With a wave of his hand, the Heaven-Measuring Ruler in the white-haired man's hand autonomously radiated light and flew back to his grasp.

As a result, the spatial passage stabilized, and the white-haired man's figure disappeared within the light screen.

Witnessing this scene, the forces all sighed lightly, their sighs filled with regret.

They had predicted that the Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure might not be allowed into the Secret Realm when the white-haired man attempted to enter.

A complete Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure not only contains an Artifact Spirit but also intertwines laws and inscriptions of the Heaven and Earth Laws. When the magic treasure attacks autonomously, it doesn't fall short of a full-force strike by an Early Stage Hedao Realm expert.

Therefore, the likelihood of a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure being allowed into the Secret Realm is very low, although they still wanted to try.

If it truly wasn't possible, they would bring in an Incomplete Level Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure.

There was a precedent for this; when Mu Jinyu entered the Secret Realm, he had demonstrated the might of the Bi Fang Cauldron. Everyone knew that the Bi Fang Cauldron was not a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure but a top-grade spiritual treasure intertwined with some laws and principles.

Such power was similar to an Incomplete Level Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure.

So if Mu Jinyu could bring the Bi Fang Cauldron into the Secret Realm, they could do the same with an Incomplete Level Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure.

Before he attempted to enter the Secret Realm, the white-haired man had already hidden an Incomplete Level Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure in his Storage Bag.

As expected, after the Heaven-Measuring Ruler was removed, he smoothly entered the Secret Realm.

Following the white-haired man's entry into the Secret Realm, two other False Merged Path Realm experts, with killing intent in their eyes, each holding an Incomplete Level Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure, inserted the keys and stepped into the spatial passage.

One of them hailed from the Divine Formation Sect, and the other from the Wu Family.

"Just waiting for their good news now."

The forces sighed softly, the flames of hatred in their hearts still unextinguished.

Only the true news of Mu Jinyu's death could extinguish their hatred.

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Inside the Secret Realm.

In the prohibited zone.

Mu Jinyu was unaware that three more False Merged Path Realm experts had entered the Secret Realm, each holding an Incomplete Level Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure.

He had been cultivating in Dragon Lake for more than two days.

His cultivation had already reached the peak Eighth Level Fanxu Realm, about to advance to the Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm.

The further he cultivated, although lacking bottlenecks, with enough nature's spiritual energy, he could break through continuously, yet his cultivation speed inevitably began to slow.

Reaching this stage, it was no longer a matter of simply absorbing nature's spiritual energy, converting True Yuan from gaseous to liquid, or comprehending Sword Intent, Intent Domain, and Domain...

These were no longer sufficient to increase the power of a peak Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm expert.

What they needed to do was use their bodies as a furnace, integrate all they had learned, and add a new kindling by using heavenly tribulation to further refine a Golden Core, thereby stepping into a new realm and gaining control over a small portion of the Heaven and Earth Laws.

This threshold was exceedingly difficult, far more challenging than moving from Energy Transformation to the God Realm, harnessing Heaven and Earth Vital Energy for personal use, or advancing from the

Divinity Transformation Realm to the Fanxu Realm to condense a Domain from Heaven and Earth Vital Energy.

If it weren't so, from ancient times to today, only a handful of Heaven's Pride from the Kunlun Ruins had ascended to the Unity Realm Stage, with most only able to condense a Broken Pill and end in obscurity.

Mu Jinyu was about to cultivate to the Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm and was not far from the Unity Realm Stage, and he naturally had to start considering it.

Although he had nine Hedao Fruits in his possession, consuming a Hedao Fruit would only help the user attain a state of Unity of Heaven and Man and gain deeper insights into the laws of nature, not necessarily guaranteeing entry into the Unity Realm Stage.

It would significantly increase the likelihood, and any absolute Heaven's Pride could mostly achieve integration upon consumption.

Yet... it wasn't without exceptions.

A hundred years ago, there was a supremely gifted individual who suffocated his peers, making numerous Supreme Sect Leaders believe he was destined to become the peak of the Hedao Realm, break the shackles, and ascend in glory.

However, he failed at this crucial juncture, ending in regret, life and death unknown.

Chapter 1089: Fanxu Realm Ninth Layer! New Turmoil Arises!

On the third day.

At the location of Dragon Lake where Mu Jinyu was, a sudden fierce wind arose, creating a massive vortex. The essence of Dragon Source in the lake surged towards him!

This astonishing change forced Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, and Zhuo Yue to stop cultivating and open their eyes, looking towards the center of the lake with uncertainty.

"Is he really that strong? I'm just a step away from reaching the Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm, but he's about to reach the Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm?"

Zhuo Yue murmured softly, his expression extremely complex.

Some time ago when he met Mu Jinyu, he was already at the Peak Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, about to step into the later stages of the Fanxu Realm. After entering the Secret Realm, Mu Jinyu took only a few days to advance from the Early Seventh Layer to the Early Eighth Layer of the Fanxu Realm.

Even that was understandable since Mu Jinyu was cultivating in a top-grade Heaven Cave Blessed land with astonishing effects. Breaking through a minor realm in a few days, he could comprehend that.

If it were him, he could do it too.

However, when they really cultivated together in this Heaven Cave Blessed land, he had cultivated for three days, and now, finally, he was just a step away from the Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm.

And Mu Jinyu?

He had already advanced from the Early Eighth Layer to the Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm.

This is simply...

Unbelievable!

Sometimes, comparing oneself to others can really infuriate one.

His aptitude wasn't bad, otherwise, he wouldn't have made a great name in Huaxia and ranked third on the Divine Rankings. But compared to Mu Jinyu, it was really worlds apart.

Wen Rou didn't feel much about this, but Jian Ruyan was deeply moved.

It was once said in Xiang Mantang that Mu Jinyu never really cultivated seriously, basically just working sporadically, yet he could always keep pace with others. If Mu Jinyu were willing to cultivate earnestly, he would have reached Absolute Peak long ago.

Jian Ruyan used to dismiss this as exaggeration from Xiang Mantang, but accompanying Mu Jinyu in cultivation over this period, she witnessed him, in less than a year, soar from the Sixth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm all the way to the Ninth Layer of the Fanxu Realm, about to step into the final major realm of this world, the Unity Realm Stage! Finally, she realized how conservative Xiang Mantang's sentiments were.

Of course, Jian Ruyan also understood that such an exaggerated pace in cultivation was also due to Mu Jinyu entering the Dragon Marrow Immortal Spring, absorbing a sufficient amount of Dragon Qi to activate his Dragon Clan's Bloodline, the cultivation of "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art," and also the mystical little tree hidden in his Sea of Consciousness.

Because of these reasons, he had no bottlenecks in cultivation and didn't need to spend a lot of time stabilizing his realm after breaking through, for fear of an unstable foundation.

But even if those factors were removed, Jian Ruyan believed that within three to five years, Mu Jinyu could still have reached his current level.

And three to five years, how old would Mu Jinyu be?

He would be around twenty-three years old.

Compared to Ji Changxin and Gu Rulong, who once contended with him in the Hidden Dragon Conference, they were already in their forties when at the Seventh or Eighth Layer of the Fanxu Realm.

Their aptitude was simply not on the same level as Mu Jinyu's.

As time slowly passed, half an hour later, the Spiritual Energy tidal wave disappeared, and the Dragon Lake calmed down again.

Mu Jinyu, sitting in the center of the lake, slowly opened his eyes, which were as gentle as jade, appearing peaceful and natural, as if merging with the Great Dao of heaven and earth.

"Ah, I'm really envious..."

Zhuo Yue stepped forward, expressing his sentiment.

Mu Jinyu smiled, said nothing, and had no way to comfort Zhuo Yue.

Zhuo Yue's mindset was also good. Having been in the Kunlun Ruins for so many years amidst a generation of Heaven's Pride, his mentality was already trained to be very resilient.

After discussing the breakthrough experiences with Mu Jinyu, he returned to a deep level of cultivation. This time, he swore not to stop until he stepped into the later stages of the Fanxu Realm.

Mu Jinyu then looked at Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan. Because of their mutual soul seizing, it had always been difficult for them to cultivate. They had only just advanced from the Fourth to the Fifth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

Even though they were cultivating in Dragon Lake, which was stronger than the Heavenly Sword Pool, they still couldn't break through the Sixth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

So their cultivation wasn't too anxious; they weren't in a constant state of furious cultivation all day.

After conversing with Wen Rou for a while, Mu Jinyu prepared to continue cultivating, intending to rush to the Peak Fanxu Realm in one go, then consume the Hedao Fruit to break through to the Merging Paths Realm.

Suddenly, his expression shifted, sensing something.

"Have they sent someone again? Then let's see if you die or if I survive alone."

Mu Jinyu muttered softly, then took the Bi Fang Cauldron and Little Phoenix and left that place.

Because the Little Phoenix's attribute clashed with Dragon Lake, it couldn't absorb the essence of the Dragon Source inside, only a little spiritual energy. But because it once broke into the Unity Realm Stage, Mu Jinyu took advantage of the aftermath of a Heavenly Tribulation to turn it into an egg, and it was reborn through Nirvana. Now that its memory had returned, it cultivated here, its cultivation speed also being astonishing. It had now advanced from the First layer of the Fanxu Realm to the Peak Third Layer.

Mu Jinyu dragged it away. Initially, it was a bit reluctant, but when Mu Jinyu promised to split the spoils of war equally, it followed him away happily.

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At the entrance of the Forbidden Zone.

The pseudo-Merged Path Realm expert sent by the Divine Formation Sect had already tracked down this place.

Although Mu Jinyu had returned here to erase the traces of the battle, the traces of the Divine Formation Sect's formation map being destroyed were not easily erased. Ultimately, the expert from the Divine Formation Sect managed to discover them.

After discovery, he didn't notify the people from the Boundless Sect and the Wu Family; he intended to deal with Mu Jinyu himself and seize his Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure and various Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures.

Although he knew Mu Jinyu had killed the pseudo-Merged Path Realm's Wu Qiyuan, he was still confident that he could handle Mu Jinyu alone.

After all, Wu Qiyuan didn't have a damaged Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure at the time, but he had one.

Plus, with the top-grade array plate from the Divine Formation Sect, he could unleash the offensive power of the second or third layer of the Unity Realm Stage.

If with such confidence he still couldn't destroy a mere Seventh Layer Fanxu Realm kid, he'd accept his fate.

While he was breaking the restrictions at the entrance of the Forbidden Zone, silently, Mu Jinyu stood before him.

"Who?!"

Feeling something, he suddenly looked up at the front.

He saw Mu Jinyu, who had been on his mind all along, standing within the Forbidden Zone, looking at him with eyes as cold as if staring at a dead man.

"It's you?!"

The elder from the Divine Formation Sect named Jiang Song naturally recognized Mu Jinyu at first glance. His eyes turned cold, and a twisted, sinister smile spread across his face.

"I haven't even come to your door yet, and you come to court death on your own."

The successor of the Divine Formation Sect who had died at Mu Jinyu's hands was his nephew, a talent unparalleled, who, without accidents, was certain to step into the Merging Paths Realm and lead the Divine Formation Sect, bringing glory to their lineage and shaking the Kunlun Ruins.

In the end, his nephew died tragically in Mu Jinyu's hands during the battle for the Hedao Fruit in the Secret Realm; how could he not resent Mu Jinyu to the core?!

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"People from the Divine Formation Sect, no wonder they dare to come courting death!"

Mu Jinyu glanced up and down at Jiang Song a few times, recognizing him from the Divine Formation Sect based on his attire and certain details.

It was the Hidden Sect that had caused him considerable trouble the other day when he was tasked to kill those eight people.

"Hmph, little bastard, if you have the guts, wait while I break the restrictions, stay right here and don't run!"

Jiang Song stared tightly at Mu Jinyu, his hands paused from breaking the restrictions, and spoke viciously.

Mu Jinyu sneered coldly, saying, "Why bother with such trouble? I'll come out this instant to send you, this old undead, and that sect disciple of yours both on your way!"

"Boom!"

Following his words, Mu Jinyu stepped out. Given his expertise in breaking restrictions, coupled with the fact that Jiang Song had already broken most of the exit restrictions, they collapsed immediately, allowing free entry for a short time.

"Hmph! Seeking death!"

Upon seeing this, Jiang Song's expression remained unchanged, he uttered a harsh remark, yet his heart sank secretly.

At his nephew's dying moments, he didn't witness Mu Jinyu's expertise in restrictions being strong, but he knew Mu Jinyu had some skills if he could hide inside them.

He hadn't expected Mu Jinyu's expertise to surpass his own, possibly only slightly inferior to the great capability of the Divine Formation Sect's sect leader.

However, upon thinking about the Divine Array Map stashed in his storage bag, he felt somewhat relieved and confident.

"Boom!!"

Without any hesitation, Jiang Song immediately took out the damaged Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure he specifically brought, a small purple-gold gourd.

The gourd's material was unique, neither metal nor jade, with an organically formed Bagua Diagram engraved on it, exuding an impressive Dao Rhyme and mystical presence.

"Swish!!"

As Jiang Song channeled his True Yuan, the stopper of the purple-gold gourd unscrewed automatically, aiming at Mu Jinyu, from which silver-white river water cascaded out.

It was like the Nine Heavens Galaxy pouring down upon the mortal world, threatening to unleash a world-ending flood!

This item from the Divine Formation Sect was selected specifically to target Mu Jinyu after considering he wielded the top-grade spiritual treasure, the Bi Fang Cauldron.

The water source inside was one of the world's Nine Divine Waters, Primordial Heavy Water, each drop weighing a thousand pounds!

Even though it seemed akin to a heavenly river cascading down, it was a mere illusion, as Primordial Heavy Water is extremely rare; how could there be such a large quantity?

Inside the purple-gold gourd, there were actually just ten drops of Primordial Heavy Water.

"Buzzing!"

As Primordial Heavy Water poured from the purple-gold gourd, a mist of purple energy also surged out, merging with the Nine Heavens Galaxy, intensifying towards Mu Jinyu!

In secrecy, Jiang Song cautiously took out an array map named Nine Nether Locking Evil Soul Destroying Map!

This array was exceptionally malicious, specifically targeting a person's soul attack, without any defense, even one with heavenly merit, would face its soul scattered, leaving only a shell behind.

"Slash!"

After taking out the Nine Nether Locking Evil Soul Destroying Map, Jiang Song infused his True Yuan into it, causing the array to burst forth like a slicing Sword Qi, instantly cutting through the air towards Mu Jinyu.

He vowed internally: 'If this doesn't kill you, I'll kill myself on the spot!'

Mu Jinyu stepped out from the restricted area and was startled to see the Nine Heavens Galaxy surging forth from the small purple-gold gourd, but he quickly calmed down, casually tossing out the Bi Fang Cauldron which housed the Little Phoenix!

"Buzz!!"

"Boom Boom!!"

The Bi Fang Cauldron twirled a few times in mid-air, then the lid lifted, releasing torrents of flame with world-ending divine might, overwhelming the void, clashing against the Nine Heavens Galaxy.

"Sizzle Sizzle!"

The Bi Fang Flame clashed with the Primordial Heavy Water, generating intense burning and evaporation sounds, both sides consuming each other.

Although the Bi Fang Flame was endless, and with Little Phoenix aiding with the Phoenix True Fire, it still lagged behind the Primordial Heavy Water, one of the Nine Divine Waters.

However, due to the meager amount in the purple-gold gourd, just ten drops in total, the collision between the two is fairly matched.

Mu Jinyu felt relieved and prepared to use the Dragon Soul to drive the dragon's body, aiming to annihilate Jiang Song.

Suddenly, a black light flashed, his vision darkened, and a sharp pain erupted from his forehead, his head seemed split open.

Alarmed, he realized he had been careless and was schemed against.

"Buzz!"

As Mu Jinyu exhausted all means to remove the hidden weapon that had penetrated his Sea of Consciousness.

He noticed that his Sea of Consciousness felt normal, absent of that stabbing pain.

His Spiritual Thought entered the Sea of Consciousness, where he saw a special black paper made from metal floating in front of the mystical little tree in the center, emitting an eerie and sinister aura.

"Was this the thing that nearly schemed against me?"

Mu Jinyu looked at the black paper, his heart filled with fear, realizing the Divine Formation Sect possessed forbidden soul attack artifacts.

If not for the mystical little tree in his Sea of Consciousness, he'd be in grave danger.

Faced with such a sudden soul attack, while he might not die, his soul would likely be split, becoming spirit-divided and insane, unable to resist Jiang Song's assault.

After easing his fear, Mu Jinyu gave the little sapling a complex glance, his heart surged with rage.

Then, he focused, his soul gathered in the Sea of Consciousness, transforming into a golden little figure, resembling a miniature version of himself.

Then, the soul little figure sat cross-legged under the mystical little tree, suppressing his spiritual aura.

Externally, amidst the fierce battle, Mu Jinyu suddenly let out a ghastly scream, his piercing gaze dispersed, his body tensed abruptly, and he toppled straight backward.

"Screech!"

Little Phoenix received Mu Jinyu's cue, emitting a mournful cry, then feigning weakness, retreating backward, yet still protecting Mu Jinyu's body from erosion by the Primordial Heavy Water.

"Hmph, little bastard, you've finally tasted the bitter fruit!"

Seeing this, Jiang Song was internally relieved, his face broke into a cruel grin.

Yet he remained cautious, eyeing the movements of the Bi Fang Cauldron, ensuring there was indeed no Mu Jinyu's True Yuan, only the artifact spirit autonomously protecting its owner.

He then observed Mu Jinyu, sensing no spiritual fluctuation from him, just emptiness as if facing a fresh corpse.

Holding a soul-protection magic treasure, Jiang Song cautiously peeked into Mu Jinyu's Sea of Consciousness, intending to examine his condition.

"Slash!!"

Suddenly, a black lightning struck, not only slicing through his Spiritual Thought but also piercing into his Sea of Consciousness!

"How is this possible? Why are you unharmed? You can still control my array?!"

Jiang Song let out a terrified scream, filled with disbelief, but before receiving a reply, he emitted another more severe wail, and his whole body exploded on the spot!

Turning into shattered flesh, scattering across the sky.

"What sound was that?!"

Inside the Secret Realm, people from the Wu Family and Boundless Sect all heard Jiang Song's scream, their expressions shifted slightly, and they immediately dashed away.