

King Hall 1151

Chapter 1151: The Great Reckoning! Searching the Treasure Pavilion!

"Hmph!"

Mu Jinyu stood with hands behind his back, watching as the Third Elder rushed over to attack. His eyes flashed coldly, and with a snort, the Third Elder's body trembled, instantly collapsing into a pile of rotten flesh.

"Ah!"

The flesh fell towards the ground, and at that moment, a transparent phantom shot up, attempting to flee into the air.

It was precisely the Soul of the Third Elder.

Mu Jinyu wouldn't let him escape. He reached out and grabbed him with a slow motion, but instantly brought him back.

The crowd saw Mu Jinyu's hand clutching a transparent tiny figure, its body held in his grip, with its head exposed outside his tiger mouth, struggling desperately, its eyes filled with resentment and unwillingness.

"Hmph!"

Mu Jinyu snorted again, then threw the Soul of the Third Elder into the Dragon Spear.

Since he was so eager to find Zhang Huairen, Mu Jinyu decided to send him off to meet Zhang Huairen, allowing him to enjoy the blessing of Soul-Extracting and Spirit-Refining together.

"Ah!!!"

When the Soul of the Third Elder was thrown into the Dragon Spear, the crowd could faintly hear the Third Elder's heartrending screams.

Following the Third Elder into battle, the Fourth Elder, Fifth Elder, and others were shocked beyond words when they saw Mu Jinyu kill the Third Elder without lifting a finger.

They felt both fearful and fortunate, realizing their decision just now was correct. Given Mu Jinyu's strength, if he truly could break into the Divine Formation Sect, not only would Zhang Huai ren and the Third Elder perish, but probably none of them would survive either.

Just as they were feeling relieved by their decision, Mu Jinyu suddenly turned his head, his eyes abruptly fixed on them.

His gaze was icy, devoid of any emotion.

This gaze made their hearts jolt with a sense of bad luck, wondering if Mu Jinyu, having killed the chief culprit Zhang Huai ren, the Great Elder was already dead, and the Third Elder had just perished by his hand, wouldn't spare them either.

"You..."

The Fifth Elder panicked, opening his mouth to say something.

But Mu Jinyu directly pointed at them.

"Bang!"

"Bang!"

"Bang!!"

Like setting off fireworks, Mu Jinyu pointed, and the Fourth Elder, Fifth Elder, Seventh Elder, Ninth Elder, and other Supreme Elders of the Divine Formation Sect all had their bodies shatter and explode!

"Ah!!"

The crowd screamed incessantly.

They never expected Mu Jinyu to start such a slaughter, their hearts trembling with fear that they might be the next to be reckoned with.

"Whoosh!!"

As the Supreme Elders of the Divine Formation Sect died, transparent figures dashed from the remnants of flesh, fleeing in various directions, trying to escape.

"Hmph!"

A ạch hnh snort sounded, followed by popping noises, as if these transparent figures were pierced by needles, bursting into specks of white light.

Completely Soul Scattered!

Mu Jinyu wasn't fond of tormenting people.

These Supreme Elders of the Divine Formation Sect, in the pursuit to hunt him down, although they tried their best to force him out by encroaching on the innocent.

But ultimately, the malicious plan wasn't proposed by them, nor executed by them. They just moved their mouths to encourage support. Although they were accounted for, there wasn't enough reason for him to waste time tormenting them slowly.

Just as he would also grant a swift end to the disciples who executed Zhang Huairen's cruel plan, unlike the torment he inflicted on Zhang Qihuai.

He understood that grievances have a head, debts have a master.

The surviving Second Elder, Sixth Elder, Eighth Elder, and other elders initially thought they would die too, but eventually found that Mu Jinyu did not act against them.

At that moment, they pondered a bit and realized that the deceased elders were those who strongly supported the cruel plan proposed by Zhang Huairen on that day.

This seemed to prove they truly deserved to die!

And as they had strongly opposed the plan back then, although opposition was ineffective, it ultimately spared them from disaster today.

This caused them to feel deeply that one should never be too ruthless and relentless.

Otherwise, if the aftermath cannot be entirely eradicated, one will inevitably reap the consequences.

After killing these elders, Mu Jinyu turned and looked at the three old servants behind him, his eyes flashed, then projected the portraits he extracted from Zhang Huairen's Soul Search into the Sea of Consciousness of the three.

Once they received the portraits, Mu Jinyu spoke indifferently, "These are the disciples who followed those people's orders to execute the plan of exterminating everyone in my path. Go give them a quick end."

"Yes!"

The Chen Family Ancestor and the other three promptly responded respectfully, and then spread their Divine Sense to search for those disciples in the Divine Formation Sect, executing them one by one.

After assigning the task, Mu Jinyu flew towards the Treasure Pavilion of the Divine Formation Sect.

Seeing this, the Second Elder and others smiled bitterly and hurried to follow.

Mu Jinyu arrived in front of the Treasure Pavilion, while breaking the Restrictions he spoke without turning back, "Don't worry, I won't empty out your Treasure Pavilion entirely, I'll just take what I need as compensation."

Upon hearing this, what could the Second Elder and others say?

Even if Mu Jinyu decided to clear out their Treasure Pavilion and the Scripture Pavilion, they wouldn't have the ability to resist.

Since he stated he wouldn't empty the Treasure Pavilion, that's a fortunate thing amidst misfortune.

As for the Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures taken by Mu Jinyu, they would count as compensation for his losses since their Divine Formation Sect was the first to wrong him.

And while Mu Jinyu worked on breaking the Treasure Pavilion's Restrictions, the Second Elder and others harbored thoughts of observing Mu Jinyu's formation skills.

They wanted to see how long it would take Mu Jinyu to break open the Treasure Pavilion's Restrictions?

If he could break it within an hour, it would prove Mu Jinyu's previous claim of being able to easily break into the Divine Formation Sect wasn't a lie.

If, after more than an hour he still couldn't break the Restrictions, it might mean that Mu Jinyu was merely scaring them, and his prior intrusion into the Divine Formation Sect might not have relied on his own formation skills, but on some Magic Treasure.

If so, they would feel even worse.

However, to their surprise, it took Mu Jinyu only fifteen minutes to break the Restrictions of the Treasure Pavilion, he then leisurely stepped inside.

"This..."

The Second Elder and others were astonished by this scene, realizing Mu Jinyu's previous words were indeed not bluffing, leaving them feeling even more powerless.

Given his formation skills, during his vengeance this time, the sects and noble families that had targeted him might not have a chance to escape.

Upon entering the Treasure Pavilion of the Divine Formation Sect, Mu Jinyu swept his Divine Sense around the First Layer. Finding nothing of interest to him at the moment, he didn't take anything.

He then proceeded directly to the Second Layer.

The Restrictions from the First Layer to the Second Layer were much simpler than the Treasure Pavilion's main door, so Mu Jinyu broke them swiftly within a few minutes.

Thereafter, Mu Jinyu walked all the way to the Fourth Layer of the Treasure Pavilion.

Along the way, in the Second Layer and Third Layer, he took only some of the treasures, causing heartache to the Second Elder and others.

"There really is..."

At this point, as Mu Jinyu stood in the attic of the Fourth Layer, he swept his Divine Sense, his expression suddenly froze for a moment, then his eyes lit up with joy.

Because he finally found one of the last four Twelve Flavors of Spiritual Medicine in the Treasure Pavilion of the Divine Formation Sect.

Chapter 1152: Heading to the Boundless Sect! Visitors from the Heavenly Palace!

"Soul-Hiding Flower! I never expected to find it within the Divine Formation Sect."

Mu Jinyu gazed intently at the green flower resembling a pitcher plant, and murmured joyfully.

The Soul-Hiding Flower is one of the Twelve Flavors of Spiritual Medicine that solves the problem of Soul Seizing. Its function is that during the process of solving mutual Soul Seizing, it provides a temporary place for the souls of Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan after being stirred and detached from their bodies, allowing for a secure way to erase the parts of Sea of Consciousness and body that have been assimilated by another soul due to long-term body swapping.

This thoroughly resolves the Soul Seizing issue, enabling them to regain significant portions of their cultivation talent after exchanging bodies back.

However, the Soul-Hiding Flower is extremely rare, with only a few found in the Kunlun Ruins over hundreds of years.

Similar to the Nether River Flower found in the Kui Dragon Tribe, there are currently no leads on these spiritual medicines in the Heavenly Palace, and Hua Yunfei has not yet provided him with any information.

Mu Jinyu originally thought that obtaining the Soul-Hiding Flower would require a considerable amount of time and effort.

At least three to five years.

Unexpectedly, it was found today in the Treasure Pavilion of the Divine Formation Sect.

Indeed, these top-grade great powers of the Kunlun Ruins do have some methods, directly searching their Treasure Pavilion seems to be the fastest way to gather those Twelve Flavors of Spiritual Medicine.

"This..."

Seeing Mu Jinyu constantly staring at the pitcher plant-like green flower, the Second Elder and others were puzzled about why Mu Jinyu valued this spiritual medicine so much.

In their view, this spiritual medicine seemed a bit of a relic.

Although it can indeed preserve a soul for seven days after detachment, the flower will wither after seven days, having no further effect.

In the end, the problem with the soul will still arise.

It has some life-saving aspect, but its effect is limited, otherwise it would have long been placed in their Sect Leader Jing Haosi's storage bag, instead of being left in the Treasure Pavilion to gather dust?

Despite their bewilderment, Mu Jinyu took the Soul-Hiding Flower, carefully stored it, and then continued to search the ample nine floors of the Treasure Pavilion.

Yes, the Treasure Pavilion of the Divine Formation Sect is nine floors high.

Compared to the Heavenly Sword Faction among the Four Great Sects of the Yan Kingdom, which only has a four-layered Treasure Pavilion, the Divine Formation Sect, being the top-grade hidden sect, has a nine-layered Treasure Pavilion, which is filled with countless treasures.

After spending half an hour, Mu Jinyu plundered nearly half of the valuable items from the nine-layered Treasure Pavilion.

This made the hearts of the Second Elder and others bleed.

However, they dared not voice their complaints, only hoping the loss would avert disaster. After this incident, they planned to completely close the mountains and lock the sect of the Divine Formation Sect, becoming a truly hidden sect.

At least they wouldn't emerge for a century.

After taking nearly half of the fine items from the Treasure Pavilion of the Divine Formation Sect, Mu Jinyu finally left the pavilion.

"Whew!"

As he stepped out of the Treasure Pavilion, the Chen Family Ancestor and the other two stood before him, reporting, "Master, not a single person meant to be killed was spared."

"Hmm." Mu Jinyu responded, not dismissing it.

Instead, he intended to verify it, using his Divine Sense to probe into their Sea of Consciousness, examining if they missed anyone who should have been eliminated.

After a simple check, confirming that all the truly guilty had been executed, Mu Jinyu said, "Let's go, to the Boundless Sect."

"Yes."

The three answered, then followed Mu Jinyu, leaving the Divine Formation Sect and heading towards the direction of the Boundless Sect!

Watching the four leave, the Second Elder and others sighed with relief.

"Alas, it hasn't even been a few months, and he has already reached this step, forcing even our great Divine Formation Sect to submit without resistance."

"What do you mean? Haven't you noticed that the Chen Family Ancestor, the Sect Leader of the Baiyang Palace, and the Sect Leader of the Wuji Sect all call him Master? He's already established, not even those in the Unity Realm Stage are his match."

"Indeed, fortunately, he kept his promise and didn't exterminate us completely. Otherwise, the sect that has been passed down for thousands of years would be annihilated, and we would be ashamed before the ancestors."

After sighing, they set about activating the Mountain Protection Array to thoroughly enclose the Divine Formation Sect, planning not to emerge for at least a century.

However, after they worked on it for two hours...

"Boom!"

Someone suddenly began attacking their Mountain Protection Array, causing a considerable commotion.

"What's happening?"

"Could it be that he's back again?"

"Doesn't seem right. No reason for him to attack anew."

Despite their confusion, the Second Elder and others hastened to unlock the restrictions of the Mountain Protection Array.

They felt unlucky; if given a little more time, by then the Mountain Protection Array would have been fully activated, making the Divine Formation Sect's mountain gate almost disappear from the Kunlun Ruins, and using Mu Jinyu's formation wisdom, he couldn't have found them.

Unless Mu Jinyu could enter their Treasure Pavilion without lifting a hand, then such proficiency in formations could have found the hidden Divine Formation Sect.

Sadly, before reaching that level, they had already been discovered.

He didn't dare continue closing the mountain, fearing how Mu Jinyu might react if he burst through the Mountain Protection Array!?

"Boom!"

The Mountain Protection Array of the Divine Formation Sect was once again unlocked, and the Second Elder and others came out to greet.

Surprisingly, it wasn't the returning Mu Jinyu.

Instead, it was a mysterious person shrouded in a black robe, wearing a mask.

Judging by the aura subtly emanating from him, he was clearly a Unity Realm Stage power.

Moreover, perhaps stronger than their Sect Leader Jing Haosi when he was alive.

This made their hearts skip a beat, fearing any neglect, they quickly saluted, "We are honored to receive the senior. May I know your purpose?"

The man in the black robe looked over them and hoarsely said, "Where's Mu Jinyu? Has he already left?"

"Yes, he left just over two hours ago."

When the man in black spoke, the Second Elder and the others felt an oppressive force, their hearts trembled, not daring to hide anything, and promptly answered.

Meanwhile, they were anxiously pondering who this Unity Realm Stage being was.

Why do they have no impression of him?

Given their status as Supreme Elders of the Divine Formation Sect, they were aware of every Unity Realm Stage figure in the top-grade forces of the Kunlun Ruins.

They even recognized the Chen Family Ancestor and the other two who accompanied Mu Jinyu.

However, the aura of this man in black was completely unfamiliar, leaving them puzzled as to which force he hailed from.

Hearing their replies, the man in black coldly asked again, "Do you know where he's headed?"

The Second Elder hesitated, uncertain about divulging Mu Jinyu's whereabouts, but in that moment, a Chain of Divine Order instantly wrapped around his neck, causing suffocating pain.

"Don't play tricks on me, I'm here to avenge you. Aren't you pleased? If your ancestors knew, they'd be infuriated."

Hearing the black-robed man's words, the Second Elder's heart quivered, and he immediately answered, "To the Boundless Sect, he has gone to the Boundless Sect."

Chapter 1153: Lei Yongshou Attempts to Flee! The Boundless Sect is Breached!

"Cough, cough..."

After the Man in Black Robe left, the Second Elder felt the suffocating sensation dissipate and coughed loudly a few times. Only then did he look in the direction where the Man in Black Robe had left, deep in thought.

"Who exactly is that person? How can there be a Unity Realm Stage powerhouse we are unaware of?"

The Sixth Elder and other Elders supported the Second Elder and began discussing with unease.

"And what did he mean by what he just said, something about our Divine Formation Sect's patriarch getting angered to death?"

"Could it be... our Divine Formation Sect's patriarch isn't dead yet?"

The Eighth Elder exclaimed in surprise.

"He should be from the Heavenly Palace..."

At this moment, the Second Elder regained his breath and said in a low voice.

"What? Someone from the Heavenly Palace? Since when did the Heavenly Palace have a hidden Unity Realm Stage powerhouse?"

The Sixth Elder exclaimed in surprise.

The Second Elder sighed slightly and said, "I've gathered some clues long ago. It's very likely that the patriarchs of our various major forces didn't die but remain alive in this world. They just chose not to stay in our sects and noble families but have fully devoted themselves to the Heavenly Palace."

"I was not too sure about this clue initially, but it seems it's true now."

"That Man in Black Robe just now is very likely a patriarch of some sect or noble family, enraged by Mu Jinyu's massacre of dozens of sect leaders at once, forcing them to finally step out of the Heavenly Palace and take action against him."

Upon hearing the Second Elder's words, the Sixth Elder and the others instantly became excited and thrilled.

"So, our Divine Formation Sect's patriarch might still be alive? We still have a guardian in this world?"

"In that case, should our Divine Formation Sect continue to close the mountain and lock the sect to prevent enemies from taking advantage while we're weak to attack us?"

"Let's observe the changes quietly for now. This may not necessarily be good news."

The Second Elder's eyes held worry as he sighed faintly and said.

He always felt that even though a Unity Realm Stage powerhouse from the Heavenly Palace was born, it might not necessarily be able to deal with Mu Jinyu anymore.

Because Mu Jinyu has already truly become a force to be reckoned with now.

'It seems an upheaval is imminent.'

This sentence from the Second Elder was not spoken aloud but sighed in his heart.

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Mu Jinyu, who was heading to the Boundless Sect, was still unaware that people from the Heavenly Palace had already tracked the Divine Formation Sect and were following the clues to hunt him down.

Since the Boundless Sect wasn't too far from the Divine Formation Sect, Mu Jinyu arrived at the mountain gate of the Boundless Sect in a little over one shichen.

Like the Divine Formation Sect, learning that dozens of Unity Realm Stage powerhouses all perished in the pursuit of Mu Jinyu, the sect leader of the Boundless Sect, Lei Yongshou, although not killed in the battle where the Divine Formation Sect besieged Mu Jinyu on that day, decided to fully activate the Mountain Protection Array to prevent Mu Jinyu's revenge after he was heavily injured in that battle and did not continue to hunt Mu Jinyu.

"I wonder what happened to that Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend."

Mu Jinyu stood in front of the Boundless Sect's mountain gate, recalling that battle where the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend fought against Lei Yongshou's Five Beasts Spirit Fan, before disappearing without a trace afterward, and its whereabouts unknown even now.

"I hope it doesn't cause a disaster. After I settle accounts with this batch of enemies, I'll look into where it went."

Mu Jinyu muttered in a low voice, snapped back to reality, and directly started attacking the Boundless Sect's Mountain Protection Array!

Because unlike the Divine Formation Sect, where both Unity Realm Stage powerhouses, the sect leader and the Great Elder, had died, the person he needs to settle accounts with, Zhang Huairen, is a disciple whom they would naturally hand over to survive.

But the person he wants to settle accounts with at the Boundless Sect is their sect leader Lei Yongshou.

So, even if the Boundless Sect's Elders and disciples wanted to sell their master to save themselves, they don't have the strength to do so.

Therefore, he couldn't be bothered to waste words and directly started breaking through the Mountain Protection Array.

"Boom boom!!!"

"Bang bang bang!!!"

Mu Jinyu used all his strength, bringing out the Dragon Spear and the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron to strike at the Boundless Sect's Mountain Protection Array, causing the mountains to shake and the earth to tremble, alarming everyone within the Boundless Sect.

"What happened?"

"Is there a great enemy invading?"

All the disciples were in panic, faintly guessing who had arrived, feeling as if the sky was about to collapse.

After all, Mu Jinyu had killed so many Unity Realm Stage powerhouses, and their sect leader Lei Yongshou, not to mention his injuries were not fully healed, even their sect's treasure, the Five Beasts Spirit Fan, was tainted and damaged by the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend and could not exert its full power.

With Mu Jinyu attacking now, how could they possibly resist?

"Has he finally arrived?"

Lei Yongshou's face turned pale as he suddenly looked up in the sect leader's secret chamber, eyes filled with venomous intent, staring towards the sky.

His gaze was icy and sharp as if he could see through the Mountain Protection Array, seeing Mu Jinyu attacking outside.

For Mu Jinyu, there wasn't really deep hatred between them initially, he just didn't want such a monster to rise and disturb the balance of the Kunlun Ruins, which is why he was invited to besiege him.

But during that battle, he got inexplicably poisoned, which still lingers, unable to be expelled, and the Five Beasts Spirit Fan had its True Phoenix Feathers consumed by the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, greatly reducing its power.

Their grudge deepened immensely since.

Originally, he planned to wait until he recovered and, if Mu Jinyu was left unscathed, to hunt him down through the Utmost Blue Wilderness wherever he had fled to, until his demise.

But unfortunately, before he could recuperate fully, the shocking news came about dozens of Unity Realm Stage powerhouses falling at Mu Jinyu's hand, leaving him utterly powerless.

Now that Mu Jinyu was at the doorsteps, his hatred was mixed with a new sense of fear, prompting thoughts of escapism, waiting to strike back when chances arose.

"Bang bang bang!"

"Sect Leader, Sect Leader, what should we do? The formidable enemy approaches, and the Mountain Protection Array can't hold much longer..."

At this moment, the True Disciples protecting Lei Yongshou outside the secret chamber, all cried out in panic.

"Don't worry, he won't break through our Boundless Sect's Mountain Protection Array all at once."

Lei Yongshou said solemnly.

He then pressed a button inside the sect leader's secret chamber, revealing a hidden passage leading outside as a stone slab tilted open silently.

This was the escape tunnel from the secret chamber to the outside world.

Finally, he made up his mind to flee, waiting to nurse his wounds and return later to settle the score with Mu Jinyu.

As for what would become of the Boundless Sect's Elders and disciples in his absence, potentially facing a tragic extinction? He couldn't be bothered.

So long as he was alive, he reserved the chance to recruit anew, allowing the Boundless Sect to flourish once more.

If he were to die, then the Boundless Sect's end would truly come.

As Lei Yongshou finally left.

"Boom!!"

An earth-shattering noise erupted.

The Elders and disciples of the Boundless Sect felt as if heaven and earth had collapsed.

Subsequently, the entire world seemed to transform, no longer appearing as the formerly seemingly splendid but lifeless formation world.

Their mountain gate of the Boundless Sect was entirely exposed to the world of the Kunlun Ruins.

Chapter 1154: Cease the Fighting! The Ferocity Is Overwhelming!

Mu Jinyu broke through the Mountain Protection Array, standing high in the air, looking down at the expression of panic and helplessness on the disciples and elders within the Boundless Sect below, his demeanor indifferent.

Then, his gaze slowly swept over the mountain base of the Boundless Sect, not seeing the figure of Lei Yongshou, but discovering that suddenly there was the sound of escaping motion near the Boundless Sect's mountain gate.

"Trying to escape?"

Mu Jinyu's eyes flashed, realizing that Lei Yongshou hadn't stayed for a death battle when he broke their Boundless Sect's Mountain Protection Array, but took the opportunity to escape.

He uttered a light shout, his foot treading, and ripples appeared in the void beneath him, spreading outward.

And Mu Jinyu's figure instantly disappeared from the eyes of the terrified people of the Boundless Sect.

"Why did he leave?"

The true disciple of Lei Yongshou guarding outside the Sect Leader's secret chamber saw this scene, feeling relieved.

They didn't know that their master, who had asked them to stand guard first, had already slipped away when the opportunity arose, and Mu Jinyu had gone to pursue and kill Lei Yongshou.

"Buzz!!"

Mu Jinyu instantly treaded into the void, catching up with the fleeing Lei Yongshou, "Where do you think you're going!"

With an angry shout, the Dragon Spear suddenly appeared in his hand, like a burst of electric light, zipping towards Lei Yongshou!

"Boom!!"

The sound of breaking through the air came, causing the void to shatter.

Lei Yongshou felt the deadly pursuit from behind, cursing the plight of a fallen worthy bullied by dogs, wanting to use his movement technique to shift his position, but found himself unable to escape the lock of the sharp attack from behind.

He looked back, seeing the Dragon Spear zooming in, and exclaimed in shock: "Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasure?"

He never expected that Mu Jinyu, whom they had almost killed when the three Great Sect Masters surrounded him with Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasures, now possessed such a treasure himself.

He believed that Mu Jinyu definitely did not have this Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasure before, or else he would have used it in such a crisis for self-preservation.

Which means he obtained the Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasure afterward?

Instantly, jealousy surged in Lei Yongshou's heart.

After all, his Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasure, the Five Beasts Spirit Fan was almost destroyed by Mu Jinyu, so how could he, after such a narrow escape, obtain such a treasure?

"Ha!!"

Though filled with unwillingness, Lei Yongshou knew the crisis at hand and dared not be careless, quickly taking out the Five Beasts Spirit Fan and waving it forward.

"Whoosh!!"

Suddenly, the Five-Colored Divine Light fiercely surged, seemingly transforming into a Five-Colored Divine Bird, striking straight at the Dragon Spear!

Yet upon careful observation, it could be found that within the Five-Colored Divine Light, the red color was noticeably weaker than the other four colors.

This was caused by the Phoenix Feathers in the Five Beasts Spirit Fan being consumed by the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend.

Lei Yongshou had yet to repair it.

"Boom!!"

The divine bird formed by the Five-Colored Divine Light collided directly with the incoming Dragon Spear.

Without any surprises, the illusory Five-Colored Divine Bird couldn't even slightly block the fierce advance of the Dragon Spear and was immediately destroyed by the spear light!

"Screech!!"

After the Dragon Spear demolished the Five-Colored Divine Bird, its power remained undiminished, continuing to charge towards Lei Yongshou!

"Ah!"

The speed of the Dragon Spear was too fast, the collapse of the Five-Colored Divine Bird was too swift, Lei Yongshou was caught off-guard, having no ability to resist, watching the Dragon Spear fly in to pierce through his head, his heart secretly cried: 'It's the end for me.'

"Tap!"

Yet, at this moment of certain death.

With a "buzz" sound, spatial ripples rose beside Lei Yongshou, followed by a figure in a black robe appearing, raising a hand to grasp the Dragon Spear.

"Screech!"

A discordant sound, the sleeve part of the black robe man's arm was destroyed, revealing a dry, stick-like arm, which couldn't withstand the sharpness of the spear either, splitting the skin as blood gushed out crazily.

"What a Divine Spear!"

Even in slightly embarrassing circumstances, injured by the Dragon Spear, the man in the black robe spoke, his tone showing no pain or shock, instead, he made a commendation.

Though the Dragon Spear caused him some distress when seized, evoking its sharpness, the majority of its power was ultimately subdued, unable to continue threatening Lei Yongshou.

"Thank you, Friend, for rescuing me."

Lei Yongshou, believing he was doomed, hadn't expected the timely intervention that saved him, and once his fear settled, he expressed his gratitude eagerly.

"Who are you?"

Mu Jinyu looked at the man in the black robe with suspicion, coldly asking.

He could sense an indistinct aura from the other party, knowing their cultivation was certainly in the late stage of the Unity Realm and higher than Wu Xiongfei's, thus not immediately attacking.

"You needn't care who I am, just know that I come from the Heavenly Palace."

The man in the black robe raised his head, his face concealed by the robe, which seemed to have restrictions preventing probing, making Mu Jinyu unable to see his face, he said indifferently.

"Heavenly Palace?!"

Upon hearing these words, Mu Jinyu's pupils instinctively contracted slightly, even his heartbeat sped up a little, but he quickly calmed himself.

These people indeed came out.

Mu Jinyu felt slightly angered inside but managed to suppress his emotions, asking, "Might I know what the senior's purpose is here, and why prevent my revenge?!"

"Are you questioning me?" The man in the black robe did not answer Mu Jinyu's question, instead coldly answering back.

"You can think of it like that." Mu Jinyu's tone turned cold at his words, calmly stating.

At this point, he no longer feared the Heavenly Palace, if things were to turn sour, it wouldn't matter!

The man in the black robe chuckled, not further agitating, calmly remarked: "I came to stop you because this matter has escalated too much, the impact is already very adverse, the Palace Master asks you to cease this rabble-rousing, as it ends here, we will negotiate compensation and explanation with the sects and noble families who previously acted against you."

Lei Yongshou felt great relief upon hearing the man's words and quickly added: "Yes, yes, it was our mistake before, but I was merely confused and deceived by that old ghost Wu, our Boundless Sect will certainly compensate Friend Mu afterward."

In his opinion, since the powers of the Heavenly Palace intervened to end the conflict, Mu Jinyu couldn't stir the trouble further; this matter was bound to conclude here.

As for compensation, in reality, it's just talk, once things settle, he could drag it out, endlessly avoiding giving Mu Jinyu anything. Does the other party dare to offend the Heavenly Palace at the cost of action against him?

"Oh? Asking me to stop now?" Mu Jinyu raised an eyebrow, utterly ignoring Lei Yongshou's words, saying: "Then why didn't you intervene when those sects and noble families were chasing me, stopping them then?"

The man in the black robe answered calmly: "Because we weren't aware of this matter at that time, now we are. If they were still pursuing you, I would equally have made them stop."

"Is that really so?" Mu Jinyu found the man's explanation exceedingly laughable.

Then, containing his murderous intent, he calmly said: "Alright, I'll stop now, return my Magic Treasure to me!"

The man in the black robe shook his head, saying: "Can't return it yet, because this is a never-before-seen Heaven-reaching Spiritual Treasure, exceptionally fierce, I must take it back to the Heavenly Palace for the Palace Master to determine if there is any issue, if problematic it must be destroyed, but if alright, I'll return it to you eventually."

Chapter 1155: For Your Own Good! A Complete Falling-Out!

"Hahaha..."

Upon hearing the words of the man in black robe, Mu Jinyu couldn't help but laugh out of sheer anger, saying, "Who are you to determine the fate of my magic treasure?"

"To say it's too dangerous and must be destroyed, what a ridiculous excuse. Aren't their Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures dangerous too?"

"It's truly laughable!"

"If you want to seize my magic treasure, just say so directly. Why bother with such childish and laughable excuses!"

Mu Jinyu shouted in anger.

The fire in his heart was sky-high.

After the Hidden Dragon Conference ended, he joined the Heavenly Palace.

But when facing pursuits from noble families and sects like the Wu Family, Divine Formation Sect, and Boundless Sect, he had never received protection from the Heavenly Palace, instead continuously hunted by them.

That would have been somewhat acceptable if the Heavenly Palace were truly neutral, he could barely understand that.

If there's a conflict, you solve it yourselves; the Heavenly Palace wouldn't intervene.

But now, this man in black robe is clearly siding with sects like the Boundless Sect, trying to make him give up.

Yet that might be somewhat acceptable; if the Heavenly Palace could really make those forces compensate him, offering treasures for their lives, he wouldn't mind letting them go once.

But this fellow intends to seize his Dragon Spear, using such a laughable excuse, and finally, Mu Jinyu couldn't withstand it and shouted in anger.

"How impudent!" Before the man in black robe could speak, Lei Yongshou's face suddenly darkened, and he scolded, "Who do you think the elder is that he would covet your Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure? Don't you know some Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures are inherently extremely dangerous, with artifact spirits that might rebel and turn against their master unexpectedly? The elder wants to take that spear away for your own good! Yet you dare question a senior!"

On the surface, he appeared righteous, acting as if for Mu Jinyu's good, but inside, he was probably laughing joyfully.

He knew that as long as a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure is refined by its master, nothing would go wrong. No matter how fierce a demonic weapon is, it might at most look unpleasant, like the Demon-Suppressing Tower with its eerie white bones, but it wouldn't turn against its master.

After all, a magic treasure is just a magic treasure; whether it becomes a killing destructive demonic weapon or a saintly artifact beneficent to all beings depends on how its master uses it.

Collaborating with the man in black robe like this, if Mu Jinyu's powerful Dragon Spear is indeed taken away, he would truly be glad to see it.

After all, he was jealous that Mu Jinyu survived their pursuit and even acquired a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure. Making him lose the Dragon Spear would balance things a bit for him.

"Hmm." The man in black robe was initially displeased by Mu Jinyu's rebuke and was ready to act against him, but hearing Lei Yongshou's words, he slightly nodded, saying, "Indeed, why would I covet your Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure? It's not something I'd value; I'm merely trying to save your life from the artifact spirit's future backlash."

"You're really thick-skinned, aren't you? I'm afraid even my Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure couldn't harm your face," Mu Jinyu sneered.

"Spare me your 'kind' intentions, hand me back the Dragon Spear!"

After saying this, Mu Jinyu directly reached out to grab the Dragon Spear from the man in black robe's grasp!

The Dragon Spear, sensing this, acted up, shaking off the man in black robe's restraint, flying towards Mu Jinyu!

"How dare you defy your superiors!"

The man in black robe was furious when he saw the Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure about to escape his grasp. Coupled with Mu Jinyu's constant mockery, his killing intent soared.

"Seize him!"

Thus, with a shout of fury, he hurled a silver chain as if the Milky Way were cascading down from the heavens.

"Clang-lang!"

The chain, crafted from Silver Essence, exuded the power of a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure, akin to a great python, under the man in black robe's control, one end attempted to bind the Dragon Spear, the other Mu Jinyu!

He intended to capture both person and treasure!

"Humph!"

Mu Jinyu coldly snorted, fully unleashing the Dragon Spear's might. Immediately, dragon roars shook the heavens and the earth. The cold, hard spear shaft transformed into a swift, agile dragon, entangling and combatting the silver chain that resembled a silver python.

And gained the upper hand!

The man in black robe, witnessing this, was simultaneously astonished, enraged, and delighted, surprised that the Dragon Spear possessed such power that it could almost be deemed a top-grade Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure.

Hence, his admiration for the Dragon Spear only grew!

"Die!"

Meanwhile, Mu Jinyu summoned the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron, aiming to suppress the man in black robe head-on, using its immense weight to crush him into pulp!

"Hmm?!"

The man in black robe was overjoyed seeing Mu Jinyu wield another unseen Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure, surprised by the potential gain in dealing with Mu Jinyu.

Although his silver chain magic treasure was already fiercely battling the Dragon Spear, leaving him without any other tool to resist a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure, he remained unfazed, being a superpower at the peak of the Hedao Realm.

Not someone like Lei Yongshou of the Hedao Realm's standing could compare to.

While others couldn't withstand a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure barehanded, he certainly could.

Moreover, Mu Jinyu's cultivation was merely at the fourth layer of the Hedao Realm.

"Clang!!"

The man in black robe stretched out his hand, enlarging it several feet in size, ready to seize the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron directly.

However, when his palm touched the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron, hidden beneath the black robe, his face suddenly transformed drastically.

"Boom!!"

When his palm made contact with the three-footed base of the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron, his entire hand was instantly destroyed, leaving only a bloody, pitiful wrist to retract.

"You..."

The man in black robe, filled with a mix of shock and fury, looked at Mu Jinyu incredulously, "How can you, clearly at the fourth layer of the Hedao Realm, wield power equivalent to the peak of the Hedao Realm?"

"Die!"

Mu Jinyu, unwilling to waste words with the man in black robe, having decided to kill him and sever ties with the Heavenly Palace, saw no further need for conversation.

"Boom!!"

The Dragon Phoenix Cauldron surged with Dragon Phoenix Qi, evolving Yin and Yang energy, striking fiercely at the man in black robe!

"Go!"

Lei Yongshou, initially delighted by Mu Jinyu and the man in black robe fighting, hoping Mu Jinyu would die at the hands of the man in black robe, so he wouldn't have to fear Mu Jinyu settling scores, but upon seeing the man in black robe seemingly falling in battle, his eyes gleamed, opting not to assist the man in black robe, turning to escape instead.

"Hehe..."

Cold laughter rang as three individuals, the Ancestor of the Chen Family and the Baiyang Palace Master among them, finally tracked Mu Jinyu to the location where Lei Yongshou was pursued and arrived.

Seeing Lei Yongshou about to escape, they immediately took out Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures and collectively trapped Lei Yongshou.

"You're not dead?!"

Lei Yongshou, recognizing the three, was infuriated seeing them reduced to Mu Jinyu's henchmen to block him, and thus became even angrier.

He then noticed the Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures in their hands, his eyes betraying a look of fear.

Purple Gold Divine Thunder Hammer, Bronze Halberd, and the Divine Formation Disc...

These were all treasures of great powers, icons of their respective sects.

To think their sect leaders, killed by Mu Jinyu, had even their Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures taken by Mu Jinyu and bestowed to his subordinates.

Especially the Divine Formation Disc, it stirred an indescribable feeling within Lei Yongshou's heart.

After all, not long ago, he and the Divine Formation Sect Leader, Jing Haosi, had joined forces to encircle and kill Mu Jinyu.

At that time, Mu Jinyu had fled in disarray, but now, Jing Haosi was dead, and the Divine Formation Disc had become a tool in Mu Jinyu's subordinates' efforts to encircle Lei Yongshou.

Chapter 1156: Slaying the Man in Black Robe! The Heavenly Palace Is Shocked!

The three of the Chen Family Ancestor and the Palace Master of Baiyang Palace didn't care how complex Lei Yongshou's thoughts were; they finally had an opportunity to make a contribution. Without hesitation, they manipulated the Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure and launched a fierce attack on Lei Yongshou!

It's a pity that Lei Yongshou, a hero of his generation, had reached the Late Stage Hedao Realm in Cultivation, yet one wrong step led to his severe injury and damage to his fan.

Now, three powerful figures whose strength was not inferior to his surrounded him with their complete Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, naturally leaving Lei Yongshou in a state of utter defeat, unable to resist.

"Ah!!"

He persisted for not long before the Chen Family Ancestor found an opportunity, wielding the Bronze Halberd, fiercely slashing open his chest, almost disemboweling him!

"Buzz!!"

The Purple Gold Divine Thunder Hammer attacked, wild bolts of purple electricity smashed onto Lei Yongshou's head.

With a bang, a sound akin to a watermelon hitting the ground rang out, red and white splattered, and a headless corpse suddenly fell from the sky.

"Puff!"

Amidst the red and white mixture, a translucent phantom suddenly rose, enveloped in burning blood, attempting to escape into the sky!

"Come over here!"

The Sect Leader of Wuji Sect let out a cold laugh, manipulating the Divine Formation Disc, sweeping across the sky, flashing with faint divine light, and sucked Lei Yongshou's Soul into the Divine Formation Disc.

He actually wanted to directly destroy Lei Yongshou's Soul, but who knew if Lei Yongshou's memory might be useful to Mu Jinyu? Therefore, in the end, he temporarily collected his Soul using the Divine Formation Disc.

The battle on this side was concluded; after forcefully suppressing the Five Beasts Spirit Fan that was trying to escape, they immediately turned their gaze towards Mu Jinyu's battle.

Mu Jinyu's battle with the Man in Black Robe had become more intense by now.

The silver chain vibrated and swayed, finally breaking free from the entanglement of the Dragon Spear, returning to the Man in Black Robe's hand, where it was wielded ferociously, clashing head-on with the Dragon Spear and the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron!

"What should we do? It seems we can't intervene in their battle?"

The Chen Family Ancestor and the others planned to assist Mu Jinyu after dealing with Lei Yongshou.

But seeing their fierce attacks now, with the void constantly collapsing, the Laws of Heaven and Earth and the Chain of Divine Order fracturing, they dared not approach for fear of losing the protection of the Law and being annihilated with body and soul destroyed like mortals.

Therefore, they looked worried and ultimately did not dare to go over.

Their worry was not unfounded; at the moment, Mu Jinyu on the battlefield, if not for his body tempered to the strength of a Flood Dragon, might have been utterly destroyed with the collapse of the Laws of Heaven and Earth.

After all, his Cultivation was still somewhat inferior to the Man in Black Robe.

However, fortunately, Mu Jinyu possessed two Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, which in power were far superior to the Kunlun Ruins' sect treasures, and with the enhancement from the Dragon Transformation Scripture, he could stand toe-to-toe with the opponent.

"Ha!!"

The Man in Black Robe and Mu Jinyu were feeling increasingly stifled in the fight; his Cultivation should logically be able to crush the opponent, yet the result was an evenly matched battle, which was an utter humiliation for him.

Unwilling to delay any longer, he roared angrily, and the silver chain in his hand spun like a swimming dragon, shielding him from the attacks of the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron and Dragon Spear. He then shook his arms vigorously, charging towards Mu Jinyu to engage in close combat!

"Good timing!"

Mu Jinyu saw this and lightly exclaimed, while pushing his two Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures to suppress the opponent, he twisted upward, left fist forming the Dragon Seal, right fist forming the Phoenix Seal, as Dragon and Phoenix resonated, clashing fiercely with the Man in Black Robe's fists.

"Boom!!"

"Boom rumble!!"

It was as if thunder suddenly burst from the flat ground, and the sound reverberated across miles, ceaselessly.

Around Mu Jinyu and the Man in Black Robe, the void within a ten-mile radius collapsed instantly, transforming into a pitch-black expanse.

Nearby, the Boundless Sect disciples, ignorant of the situation, watched with trepidation, assuming that night had come early. But when they looked up at the clear blue sky, they were puzzled, wondering what exactly had transpired.

"Ah!!"

At this moment, an anguished and unwillingly despairing scream echoed, sending shivers down the spine of anyone who heard it.

In the battlefield.

Mu Jinyu's double fists broke the Man in Black Robe's fists, and violently striking his chest, tearing it apart with a forceful pull, ripping the opponent in half amidst their dreadful screams.

Even the black robe was torn apart, revealing the opponent's old and sinister face.

Yet this face, due to the excruciating pain, appeared extremely twisted and ferocious.

"Bang!!"

Finally, the Man in Black Robe's head was also forcibly split in half by Mu Jinyu!

Inwardly, Mu Jinyu felt like laughing. What was this old guy trying to compete with him for, choosing to engage in physical combat?

Before reaching the Unity Realm Stage, he had tempered his body to the level comparable to a Flood Dragon, and after encountering the Silkworm King and obtaining a drop of its Essence Blood, he'd undergone countless transformations.

Now, his body was almost on par with a True Dragon.

No matter how strong the opponent's body was, could it compare to his?

"Swish!!"

As the opponent's head was split open by Mu Jinyu, a transparent figure suddenly shot into the sky, enveloped in Essence Blood, attempting an escape using the Blood Escape Technique.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu couldn't help but think these people were bizarre. Knowing they weren't a match for him at full strength, why did they believe they could escape with their Souls after losing their bodies?

"Buzz!"

Mu Jinyu prepared to throw the Dragon Spear, intending to completely obliterate the old guy's Soul.

Yet, thinking it over, since he wasn't clear about the secrets of the Heavenly Palace, and this old man was presumably a high-ranking member of it, might it be useful for a Soul Search.

Thus!

In the end, Mu Jinyu threw the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron, capturing it.

"Ah!!"

The old guy's Soul, captured by Mu Jinyu, immediately let out a shrill scream, then fell silent completely, locked within the Dragon Phoenix Cauldron.

"Master, are you alright?"

At this moment, the trio of the Chen Family Ancestor hurried over, asking Mu Jinyu with concern.

They were afraid that Mu Jinyu might hold them accountable for standing by idly moments ago, and were somewhat apprehensive.

Mu Jinyu understood that in the battle just now, even with their combined strength and holding Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, they still couldn't intervene, which was probably why the Heavenly Palace only sent one person against him.

So Mu Jinyu wouldn't blame them, shook his head, and said, "Let's go, let's first return to the Boundless Sect and take a look."

Although aware he was about to face an even greater and fiercer storm, Mu Jinyu wasn't in a hurry; after all, Lei Yongshou was dead, and the Boundless Sect was nearby. He wanted to first see if there were any Spiritual Medicines he needed in the Boundless Sect's Treasure Pavilion.

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Heavenly Palace.

In a dimly lit room.

Dozens of figures in black robes sat silently around a long wooden table, so unobtrusive that one might not notice their presence without careful observation.

There was no speech, just complete silence, even deathly stillness.

Suddenly.

"Puff!"

A row of gruesome-green candles in the room's corner suddenly extinguished one.

"Hmm?!"

At the instant the candle went out, all the originally meditating black-robed figures opened their eyes.

Their opening eyes manifested multitudes of diverse emotional pupils in the void above them instantly.

"Dead?"

Chapter 1157: The Palace Master Acts! The Whole Story!

"Elder Chen is dead?!"

Inside the Heavenly Palace, many elderly figures cloaked in black robes stared intently at the extinguished candle, with expressions of shock and disbelief.

Although the people present weren't all on good terms with Elder Chen, his mission represented the Heavenly Palace's decree as the Heavenly Palace Divine Messenger, and dying like this was no small matter.

The Heavenly Palace could not settle this matter so easily!

A voice angrily exclaimed, "Revolution! Elder Chen merely asked him to halt, and he dared to kill Elder Chen. This really shows he has no regard for our Heavenly Palace!"

"Is he blaming us for not stepping in when he was being hunted by various forces recently?"

"Humph, regardless of what he thinks, daring to kill the Heavenly Palace Divine Messenger can only be repaid with his own life!"

"Speaking of his strength, it's only around the fourth layer of the Unity Realm Stage, isn't it? How was he able to counter-kill Elder Chen? Could he have lured Elder Chen into a life-threatening zone such as the Extremely Cold Hell and killed him there?"

"Just look and you'll know, but I don't think Elder Chen would be foolish enough to follow him into a life-threatening zone to seek death."

The crowd angrily discussed, and then one person raised a hand to point at the half-quenched candle.

Suddenly, the candle reignited with a ghastly green flame.

Soon, scenes began to display within the candle flame.

From Elder Chen finding Mu Jinyu, to coveting Mu Jinyu's two Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, and finally to the life-and-death struggle with Mu Jinyu, resulting in his physical body's destruction, and finally dying completely at Mu Jinyu's hands during the Soul Search...

After watching Elder Chen's cause of death, all present fell silent and speechless.

From Elder Chen's experience, it seemed like he deserved his tragic ending.

The Heavenly Palace had sent him to persuade Mu Jinyu to cease hostilities with the intention of negotiation, not with the provoking attitude that appeared to have angered Mu Jinyu. Moreover, Elder Chen coveted Mu Jinyu's Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, intending to confiscate them under disguise, which led to his death—a complete consequence of his own actions!

Then, several people couldn't help but say, "Regardless, killing a Heavenly Palace Divine Messenger is a death sentence. He must pay the price, I will go kill him!"

"I'll go too; Elder Chen died openly in his confrontation. It's too dangerous for you to go alone. Let's go together!"

"I'm going too!"

In an instant, five or six people responded to the call and planned to go to intercept and kill Mu Jinyu to avenge Elder Chen.

But actually, everyone present knew their true intentions.

All wanted to take advantage of the situation to openly seize the Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures from Mu Jinyu, unlike Elder Chen, who ended his own life recklessly.

"Alright, everyone quiet down!"

Just then, the Heavenly Palace Master, who had been silent, suddenly spoke coldly.

In an instant, those who were fervently determined to intercept and kill Mu Jinyu to avenge Elder Chen fell silent.

The room returned to calm.

"I will personally go and find him."

The Heavenly Palace Master rasped softly.

"What?"

"Such a small issue, there's no need to trouble the Palace Master, right?"

"That's what I mean. We can handle this without alerting the Palace Master personally. This time, there will be no chance for that kid to survive!"

"..."

Everyone quickly tried to persuade.

The Palace Master shook his head, saying, "I have already decided, there is no need to speak further."

No one dared to further persuade him immediately.

Because when the Palace Master said this, it meant his will would not be shaken further; persuading would only anger the Palace Master, risking their own lives. There were precedents, and how could they continue to persuade?

They sighed inwardly; they had a chance to seize two never-before-seen Heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, but now, there was no way; the treasures could only belong to the Palace Master.

The Palace Master really was not understanding; clearly surpassed the Merging Paths realm, yet still competing with them for the spiritual treasures of little meaning to him?

The crowd felt a bit confused.

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Boundless Sect.

Mu Jinyu had already searched the Treasure Pavilion of this sect, but unfortunately, did not find the last three kinds of spiritual medicine he needed.

He had only found some spiritual medicine he was looking for.

Including the five kinds of spiritual medicine from the Dragon Elephant Sect.

A conflict arose.

Mu Jinyu also felt a bit regretful, then took a large portion of the good things from the Boundless Sect's Treasure Pavilion before leaving the sect.

Of course, before departing, he had already performed a Soul Search on the soul of Lei Yongshou trapped inside the Divine Formation Disc and executed all the aggressive elders of the Boundless Sect who pursued him.

Thus, his grudge with the Boundless Sect was finally settled, thoroughly resolved.

After leaving the Boundless Sect, Mu Jinyu finally proceeded with a Soul Search on the Man in Black Robe from the Heavenly Palace.

Despite the Man in Black Robe's various resistances and many restrictions engraved in his soul to prevent enemies from searching his soul if he encountered danger, these restrictions posed no problem for Mu Jinyu, so he quickly succeeded in performing the Soul Search on the Man in Black Robe.

The Soul Search result greatly surprised Mu Jinyu, though upon careful consideration, it also felt natural.

The Man in Black Robe's identity was that of a major religious sect's former sect leader, previously harmed by Mu Jinyu. Hence, his hostility towards Mu Jinyu was strong, always scheming to provoke Mu Jinyu to make the first move so he could eliminate Mu Jinyu with a justified reason.

To avenge his former sect and prevent it from being calculated against.

And at the time, the Heavenly Palace's intent when dispatching him was truly to have Mu Jinyu cease hostilities, but not in such an aggressive manner; it was meant to be more moderate—after stopping hostilities, have all the opposing forces compensate.

It's just that the Heavenly Palace had too many former religious sect leaders like this Man in Black Robe, so the Heavenly Palace Master couldn't directly compel all the forces for an explanation.

After discovering these clues.

Mu Jinyu finally understood why the Heavenly Palace was indifferent and unresponsive during the time he was hunted by major forces.

Considering he had joined the Heavenly Palace, he was one of their own, especially with such astonishing talent—less than twenty years old and already in the Unity Realm Stage. The Heavenly Palace taking this opportunity to save him would make him grateful, and the returns after achieving Peak cultivation would surely be far greater than standing by and observing today.

The Heavenly Palace, if not foolish, should rationally help quell those major forces to support him.

But if...the high-level members of the Heavenly Palace are all previous sect leaders of these forces, then their indifferent behavior suddenly makes sense!

Considering if Mu Jinyu doesn't die and eventually achieves the Peak, they would have sleepless nights.

Mu Jinyu suddenly felt amused; upon learning how vast the Heavenly Palace's influence was, with top-grade talents from various Noble Families and Sects invited to join upon emerging brilliantly.

Networks spanning the entire Kunlun Ruins, establishing itself as the true number one great force.

He once thought that these great forces were rather foolish to allow the Heavenly Palace to infiltrate them like this and ultimately monopolize everything?

Now it appears that rather than the Heavenly Palace infiltrating various forces of the Kunlun Ruins, it has instead been restrained by them due to absorbing talents from all these forces.

Chapter 1158: Heading to the Chen Family! The Wu Family Gathers!

"It seems the pressure from facing the Heavenly Palace this time is no small matter!"

Mu Jinyu slightly furrowed his eyebrows, recalling from the memories of the Man in Black Robe, that there were over twenty unknown peak Hedao Realm experts of the Heavenly Palace.

If even half or a third of them were to be deployed to kill him, he would suffer greatly.

After all, these were peak Hedao Realm super experts, truly the pinnacle of strength in the Kunlun Ruins.

Currently, his own strength was just at the fourth layer of Hedao Realm, barely counting as early mid-stage Hedao. With the "Dragon Transformation Scripture" and two heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, he could easily subdue later stage Hedao experts like Wu Xiongfei and Jing Haosi.

But against peak experts like the Man in Black Robe, he could only fight them to a draw with great effort.

If several of them came to kill him, he truly wouldn't be able to withstand it.

"I've underestimated the Heavenly Palace, this is going to be troublesome. Let's see if I can use the Mountain Protection Array of the Divine Formation Sect."

Mu Jinyu began to consider how to resist the upcoming retaliation from the Heavenly Palace.

His act of killing the Man in Black Robe could be considered as open rebellion; the Heavenly Palace wouldn't just let it go.

But he didn't know how many would come to kill him, so relying solely on his own strength might be difficult to withstand the Heavenly Palace's retaliation. He'd need to leverage the protection of a sect's Mountain Protection Array to counterattack.

Currently, the Mountain Protection Array of the Divine Formation Sect seemed far superior to others.

After all, it was famous across the Kunlun Ruins for its profound formations, which indeed had its capabilities.

His top priority should naturally be to leverage the Mountain Protection Array of the Divine Formation Sect to resist the next wave from the Heavenly Palace.

But he was somewhat worried, fearing that the Heavenly Palace's next retaliators might include the former headmaster of the Divine Formation Sect. If so, using their Mountain Protection Array to counterattack might backfire, trapping him inside.

"Master, are you concerned about something?"

The Chen Family Ancestor and the two others, seeing Mu Jinyu stop in his tracks after leaving the Boundless Sect and furrow his brows as if lacking a target to settle with next, couldn't help but ask curiously.

Mu Jinyu didn't mind explaining the situation to the three of them, as they could now be considered halfway as his own people.

After hearing Mu Jinyu's words, the three also furrowed their brows.

They hadn't expected that the Man in Black Robe from the Heavenly Palace they just faced had such a significant background.

And if the clues Mu Jinyu obtained through soul-searching were genuine and not deceiving, then the ancestral-level headmaster of the Divine Formation Sect was likely still alive within the Heavenly Palace, validating Mu Jinyu's concerns.

"If you're looking to use the Mountain Protection Array of a major sect for defense, why not come to our Chen Family instead?"

After hesitating for a moment, the Chen Family Ancestor suddenly suggested.

"Hmm?!"

Mu Jinyu raised an eyebrow at his words and looked over.

The Chen Family Ancestor explained, "Master, you see, you need a Mountain Protection Array to defend against them, but the Divine Formation Sect is not suitable. After all, you have deep enmity with them. If the Divine Formation Sect's ancestor is still alive, he'll definitely exert every effort to break the array and trap you inside."

"And the second most suitable Mountain Protection Array is your sect, the Heavenly Sword Faction. Although their Mountain Protection Array is somewhat basic, with the protection of the Kunlun Ruins' Dragon Vein, its power rivals that of the Divine Formation Sect."

"But you surely would not want to draw the war to the Heavenly Sword Faction, so the best choice would be the sects or families behind us three old servants."

"Hmm? Makes sense." Mu Jinyu, upon hearing the Chen Family Ancestor's words, nodded slightly.

He did consider whether to return to the Heavenly Sword Faction and harness the power of the Dragon Vein to create a stronger Mountain Protection Array to ward off the next wave of the Heavenly Palace's assault.

But he ultimately abandoned the idea, as a failure wouldn't just lead to his own demise but would also bring disaster upon the entire Heavenly Sword Faction, and he couldn't gamble with their lives.

The Chen Family Ancestor continued, "The primary choice is the Mountain Protection Array of the forces behind us three old servants. If the ancestor of our lineage is not dead, out of regard for relations, they

wouldn't disclose the method to break the Mountain Protection Array to any Heavenly Palace ancestors."

"However, the Mountain Protection Arrays of the Wuji Sect and Baiyang Palace were both founded thousands of years ago by the headmaster of the Divine Formation Sect. Although they've been modified over the millennia, there are still potential issues, whereas our Chen Family's Mountain Protection Array was established by the ancient ancestor of the Chen Family, with far fewer concerns."

"Therefore, if the ancestor of the Divine Formation Sect attempts to break it, it won't be that easy, and if the Chen Family Ancestor is alive, he will surely be concerned about our Chen Family's safety and would not cooperate, making our Chen Family the best choice."

The Chen Family Ancestor explained in detail, speaking with great sincerity.

"Alright, then we shall go to your Chen Family."

After a brief hesitation, Mu Jinyu finally nodded in agreement to go to the Chen Family to make arrangements.

After all, the life of the Chen Family Ancestor was entirely in his hands, and there was no reason for him to plot against him, not to mention situating the battlefield at their Chen Family. If an accident occurred and the situation got out of control, the Chen Family would be on the brink of annihilation.

Surely, he wouldn't dare to act recklessly.

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The super clan Chen Family of the Kunlun Ruins was located in the southwest region.

Mu Jinyu took the three old servants and headed straight for the Chen Family.

Unbeknownst to him, the Wu Family had already gathered many people.

By this time, all major powers were aware of Mu Jinyu's reckoning with the Divine Formation Sect and the Boundless Sect and had seized a large portion of valuables.

In the eyes of all the major powers that had chased Mu Jinyu, his next target was undoubtedly the Wu Family.

After all, technically speaking, the Wu Family was truly the main culprit that set Mu Jinyu against all major powers of the Kunlun Ruins.

Even though Mu Jinyu had once taken advantage of the tribulation lightning and dealt a heavy blow to the Wu Family, killing numerous Wu Family elders at the false Unity Realm stage, he didn't have time to raid the Wu Family's Treasure Pavilion.

Now, after ambushing and eliminating the various sect leaders who pursued him and surviving successfully to exact vengeance on all those who hunted him, he would definitely not spare the Wu Family.

And over twenty forces that had pursued Mu Jinyu, upon learning the consequences faced by the Boundless Sect and Divine Formation Sect, finally resolved to unite and, rather than waiting helplessly, surround and kill him during his next raid.

As the Divine Formation Sect had two Hedao Realm experts, the Sect Leader Jing Haosi and the Great Elder, other forces had either one or two Hedao Realm experts.

On the day they cooperated with the Wu Family and Divine Formation Sect to chase Mu Jinyu, the sects that had two Hedao Realm experts only dispatched one expert each.

Thus, among the over twenty major powers gathered at the Wu Family now, they had assembled five Hedao Realm experts.

Though they were only at the fifth and sixth layers of Hedao Realm, weaker compared to Wu Xiongfei and Jing Haosi's cultivation, they were still considered strong.

Unfortunately, they lacked heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, having only about a dozen top-grade spiritual treasures.

They weren't confident they could absolutely kill Mu Jinyu, but at this point, they could only take the risk and fight.

"He's coming!"

After waiting for half a day, the leaders of the major powers gathered at Wu Family City saw a figure appear in the distant sky.

The figure was clad in a black robe, his face obscured, but his strength was clearly that of a Hedao Realm expert.

"Is that Mu Jinyu? Doesn't appear to be the right build!"

"How could you tell with the black robe on? Either way, it's Hedao Realm; it should be him!"

"No more discussion, let's strike first!"

After examining the black-robed figure for a while, the five Hedao Realm experts guessed it was likely Mu Jinyu coming for reckoning. They opted for the initiative, shouted angrily, and charged with top-grade spiritual treasures, ready to strike first.

Chapter 1159: Heavenly Palace Patrol, Block the Path and Face Heaven's Wrath! The Chen Family Encounters an Old Acquaintance!

"Boom!!"

The power of a dozen top-grade spiritual treasures erupted, causing the heavens and earth to shake, and even the void to distort.

Although the power of top-grade spiritual treasures is not as great as that of heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, at this moment, a dozen top-grade spiritual treasures were dispatched. Coupled with the fact that they were urged by five powerful figures at the Unity Realm Stage, their explosive power was enough to match two or three heaven-reaching spiritual treasures.

In the eyes of the Wu Family and others, with the unexpected attack and Mu Jinyu only being at the fourth layer Hedao Realm, even if by some miracle she survived, she would suffer a great loss!

But unexpectedly, "Mu Jinyu" merely let out a cold snort. The dozen or so top-grade spiritual treasures that came crashing down immediately hung motionless in mid-air, and the brilliant divine light they unleashed was forcibly suppressed back.

Many top-grade spiritual treasures showed cracks on their surfaces due to the forced suppression of their power, almost shattering as a result.

"This... how is this possible?!"

"Is this guy already this strong at just the mid-Hedao Realm?"

"Then who in the world can do anything against him?"

The crowd was shocked, their faces pale as if they had eaten a dead rat, filled with fear and despair.

At this moment, the five powerful figures at the Unity Realm Stage narrowed their eyes and said, "No, he's not Mu Jinyu!"

"His cultivation is at least at the peak Hedao Realm!"

"Who is he?"

"Could he be our ally?!"

The five powerful figures at the Unity Realm Stage hesitated and speculated, about to ask for the person's identity.

The man in a black robe then coldly spoke, "Heavenly Palace out on patrol, those who block will face divine punishment!"

"Boom!!"

As the words fell, a dozen top-grade spiritual treasures that were suspended in mid-air, along with five or six fragmented heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, suddenly shattered!

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh!!"

As these magic treasures disintegrated, their fragments instantly shot out in all directions, carrying destructive power.

"Rip!"

"Bang!"

"Ah!!"

The fragments of the treasures flew out, slashing through the throats of countless people, penetrating countless skulls, and shattering their souls.

But what terrified him was that all the people who died were those who had previously attacked the man in a black robe.

Including those five powerful figures at the fifth and sixth layer of the Unity Realm Stage, none could withstand the fragments of the magic treasures, and they all perished!

"Such terrifying strength, even the powerful figures at the Unity Realm Stage couldn't withstand a single move!"

"Who on earth is he? Heavenly Palace out on patrol, those who block will face divine punishment, could it be..."

"Is he the Heavenly Palace Master?!"

Some of the people who had been lucky enough not to make a move earlier and thus survived looked up at the man in a black robe, their eyes full of fear and dread, guessing his identity.

But the man in a black robe no longer paid attention to these people; he stopped in the void, quietly waiting for Mu Jinyu's arrival.

He shared the same thought as everyone else, believing that Mu Jinyu would surely settle accounts with the Wu Family later.

Instead of searching aimlessly for Mu Jinyu, it was better to wait quietly here for Mu Jinyu to arrive.

However, what he did not expect was that Mu Jinyu had been much more cautious long ago. Upon learning that the Heavenly Palace had so many powerful figures at the peak Hedao Realm, he decided not to continue settling accounts with those enemies but to prepare for the Heavenly Palace's retaliation.

Thus, the two of them missed each other by chance.

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In the Southwestern Region of the Kunlun Ruins, Mu Jinyu spent almost an hour hurriedly bringing three old servants to the mountain gate where the Chen Family was located.

Unlike the Wu Family, the Chen Family did not establish a large city to absorb fresh blood, but rather founded a large family similar to sects.

However, the disciples within the sect were all Chen Family disciples.

At the entrance of the mountain gate where the Chen Family was located.

There were already elders of the Chen Family Clan and younger generation disciples coming out to welcome them.

"Ancestor, you have finally returned."

The Chen Family People saw the return of the Chen Family Ancestor and enthusiastically came forward.

But facing Mu Jinyu, they had long known that their ancestor had now become a subordinate of Mu Jinyu. At this moment, they felt awkward and embarrassed, not knowing how to address him.

Should they also call Mu Jinyu their master, like their ancestor did?

Wouldn't that mean the entire Chen Family Clan would become Mu Jinyu's servants? This was something they could not accept.

Of course, the Chen Family Ancestor did not want to see this scene happen. After all, it was one thing for him to be a servant, but to drag the entire family down to become servants would make him a sinner for all eternity in the Chen Family.

But since his life was in Mu Jinyu's hands, he dared not say much, just looked at Mu Jinyu with difficulty, biting his teeth as if he wanted to say something.

Mu Jinyu saw their difficulty and said calmly, "Don't be too restrained. The grievances between Old Chen and me are between us, and you are not involved. You don't need to mind me."

Hearing this, the Chen Family Ancestor was greatly relieved and finally said to his descendants, "Just call him Master Mu."

"Master Mu!"

"Greetings, Master Mu..."

The Chen Family People also breathed a sigh of relief and greeted Mu Jinyu.

At this time, among the Chen Family People, there was a woman who appeared to be in her thirties, still charming, who was stunned in place when she saw Mu Jinyu's appearance, with eyes full of disbelief.

Mu Jinyu, who was originally planning to walk around the vicinity of the Chen Family's mountain gate and make some adjustments to the Mountain Protection Array, also felt this unusual gaze and looked over.

Upon seeing the woman's appearance clearly, he too was stunned for a moment.

Even though he had only met this woman once, he would not forget her.

Because she was Wen Rou's birth mother, Chen Shuyi.

After the dark turmoil had ended, she had come out from the Kunlun Ruins to take Wen Rou away, but due to her poor attitude, she had even attempted to slap Su Zijin, and he had taught her a lesson.

Mu Jinyu had indeed speculated whether the Chen Family to which Chen Shuyi belonged was the same as this top-grade powerful Chen Family.

But he had not dared to be certain because Chen Shuyi's cultivation was very weak, and the trusted aides she had brought out were not return to the Fanxu Realm or Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators, but just ordinary Energy Transformation Martial Artists.

Under normal circumstances, these Energy Transformation Martial Artists could indeed easily sweep through a large group of people when they came to Huaxia, but they were evidently inadequate against the Dragon King Hall, so why did Chen Shuyi only bring such trusted aides with that level of cultivation out despite her weak cultivation?

At the time, Mu Jinyu had guessed that Wen Rou's family, the Chen Family, might not be strong, so he didn't pay much attention to it.

But now it seemed, how could Wen Rou's family not be strong?

This was the top-grade power, the Chen Family.

It was just that it seemed Chen Shuyi herself didn't have great cultivation, which caused her to have no status in the Chen Family. Coupled with the fact that she eventually married Wen Rou's father, this left her with even less status in the Chen Family. Even when she abandoned Wen Rou to return to the Chen Family, she couldn't change this situation...

"Master, you..."

The Chen Family Ancestor saw Mu Jinyu staring at Chen Shuyi, thinking he had taken a liking to her, and was secretly delighted, ready to ask Chen Shuyi to serve Mu Jinyu.

But at this moment, Mu Jinyu suddenly smiled and said, "Mother-in-law, I didn't expect you to be really from the Chen Family."

"Mother-in-law?"

Everyone was stunned to hear Mu Jinyu's words.

What was going on? When did Chen Shuyi have a daughter? How could Mu Jinyu call her 'mother-in-law'?

"So, it really is you who have recently stirred up the storms in the Kunlun Ruins..."

Chen Shuyi looked at Mu Jinyu with a complex expression and sighed, "How is Wen Rou?"

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"It's alright..."

Mu Jinyu gently nodded in response to Chen Shuyi's inquiry, without saying much more.

Because right now, Wen Rou couldn't really be considered alright either. After all, she and Jian Ruyan had swapped bodies, but this isn't something you can just announce in front of everyone, right?

Moreover, the mother-daughter bond between Chen Shuyi and Wen Rou was quite weak. If it were another mother, mentioning Wen Rou's situation might prompt her to care about Wen Rou. But for Chen Shuyi, she'd probably feign concern due to his current power, though she wouldn't truly care.

Mu Jinyu couldn't be bothered to say much to her.

Yet when he goes back, he would tell Wen Rou about Chen Shuyi's situation honestly. As for whether Wen Rou would reunite with Chen Shuyi, that would be her decision.

He wouldn't interfere too much.

"That's good then..."

Hearing Mu Jinyu's response, Chen Shuyi smiled as she spoke, but her smile appeared somewhat forced and awkward.

Clearly, she didn't know how to converse with Mu Jinyu anymore, and the former overbearing demeanor was gone from her expression.

Back then, she had gotten a divination from the clan's elder, revealing that a child she left behind in the outside world of Huaxia would bring unpredictable changes to the Chen Family and most likely lead to its prosperity.

Though not many in the Chen Family took this divination seriously, she, having little status in the Chen Family, considered it perhaps her only chance at redemption and set out to the Kunlun Ruins again to find Wen Rou.

Upon finding Wen Rou, she was displeased with Mu Jinyu's womanizing ways, aggressively intended to hit her in-law, and finally, she left in disgrace, forced out by Mu Jinyu.

Recalling the past, Chen Shuyi indeed felt deep regret.

If she had known Mu Jinyu would rise to his current position within less than a year of entering the Kunlun Ruins, even having their Chen Family Ancestor serve him as a servant, how could she have treated Mu Jinyu that way back then?

That divination turned out to be accurate, but alas, she hadn't seized the opportunity.

The people of the Chen Family listened to Mu Jinyu and Chen Shuyi's dialogue with great suspicion. When did this woman have a daughter? And with Mu Jinyu's wife?

If this were true, then wouldn't their Chen Family have dramatically stumbled upon the Dragon King Temple?

The Chen Family Ancestor was even considering whether this situation might give him a chance to escape serving Mu Jinyu as a slave.

"Let's go, let's go, let's head inside first..."

Finally, noticing the tension between Mu Jinyu and Chen Shuyi, the Chen Family Ancestor tried to ease the atmosphere by ushering everyone in.

Once within the Chen Family's mountain range, Mu Jinyu wasted no time and set to work rearranging and upgrading their Mountain Protection Array, rather than communicating with his mother-in-law, Chen Shuyi.

Understanding he wouldn't be of any help, and could only cause trouble, the Chen Family Ancestor didn't seek out his son or grandson, but went directly to Chen Shuyi instead.

This was a descendant he wasn't sure belonged to which generation of his clan.

"Ancestor..."

Seeing the Chen Family Ancestor approach her, Chen Shuyi was genuinely flattered and exclaimed warmly.

Yet she understood why the Ancestor was there — to inquire about Mu Jinyu and her daughter Wen Rou's relationship. Thus, amid her excitement, she also felt a mix of emotions.

If her relationship with Wen Rou was truly good, this change would undoubtedly place her among the highest in the Chen Family.

No one would dare do anything to her!

But unfortunate was her strained relationship with Wen Rou. The last time they met, over ten years later, they had a falling out. Knowing this, while the Chen Family would still give her a high degree of respect and status externally, it would merely be superficial, offering little substantive benefit.

There was a world of difference between the two scenarios.

"Hmm, whose child are you?" the Chen Family Ancestor asked.

Suppressing her complex and regretful thoughts, Chen Shuyi answered, "Ancestor, my great-great-grandfather was Chen Xuansheng..."

"Oh, so you're the great-granddaughter of Xuansheng's kid..."

The Chen Family Ancestor nodded, his expression somewhat complex.

In the past, Chen Xuansheng was a Heaven's Pride in the Chen Family, a promising figure among his nephews. However, he failed in his attempt to pass the Hedao Tribulation and had long since passed away.

Unexpectedly, in a blink of an eye, even his great-granddaughter had grown to such age...

And his master, Mu Jinyu, seemed to have marital ties with his descendant's daughter?

The relationship is quite tangled.

Slightly shaking his head to dismiss these thoughts, the Chen Family Ancestor said, "I just heard you and my... master mention something about a mother-in-law? You..."

He also felt a bit awkward, his speech somewhat unclear.

Chen Shuyi, having already guessed the Ancestor's intentions, bitterly replied, "Yes, my daughter I lost to the outside world is his woman, named Wen Rou..."

Not daring to hide anything from the Ancestor, she recounted the past entanglements with Wen Rou's father, Wen Yue, and how she had abandoned Wen Rou before, later returned to Huaxia to find her, but parted on bad terms.

"I see..."

After listening, the Chen Family Ancestor's brows remained furrowed deep in thought.

He wanted to scold Chen Shuyi for her actions but dared not due to her current status.

After all, no matter how bad her relationship with Wen Rou was, they were still mother and daughter, and surely Mu Jinyu would afford her some respect.

"You were so foolish. Sigh, in the future, try to mend things with your daughter and strive to improve our Chen Family's relationship with the master."

After saying this, the Chen Family Ancestor left the room with hands clasped behind his back.

"Sigh..."

Once he left, Chen Shuyi sighed deeply, internally chastising her past foolish actions.

"Sister Shuyi..."

"Sister Shuyi, I heard your daughter is Young Master Mu's woman, is that true..."

At this moment, over ten female peers from the Chen Family, all having successful cultivation making them appear like young girls in their prime, rushed into Chen Shuyi's room with cheerful greetings once the Ancestor left.

Chen Shuyi watched them with a sense of detachment, scoffing at herself internally.

In the past decade, she felt Wen Rou was a burden and after returning to the Chen Family with worse aptitude, she was ignored by the Chen Family. These peers hadn't even given her a glance back then.

Now, just because of a word from Mu Jinyu, they audaciously came over to greet her.

It truly was laughable.

"Sister Shuyi, I'm so envious of you, having such a great daughter. If I had known earlier, I would've married and had kids sooner, and I wouldn't still only be at the Divinity Transformation Realm now..."

"Yeah, you really turned things around this time..."

Listening to their envy-filled chatter, Chen Shuyi couldn't help but feel both amused and tearful.

Some of these women knew she'd had a daughter outside and that her loss of Elemental Yin Force diminished her already average aptitude further, and they mocked her stupidity for marrying an outsider and having a child.

Now, they envied her great daughter, wishing they too had a daughter that found favor.

It was truly amusing.