

King Hall 671

Chapter 671 This is My Confidence!

After Chen Tianlong was defeated by Xu Changsheng,

it wasn't long before Lin Xiao, who had been desperately hanging on, could no longer hold out and was struck by Gu Xunchao. He vomited blood and flew backward!

"I concede,"

Gu Xunchao said calmly, looking at Lin Xiao who was struggling to get up from the ground, his face filled with unwillingness.

"Hah..."

Lin Xiao wanted to say something, but blood spewed out of his mouth instead.

Gu Xunchao didn't look any longer at Lin Xiao, the defeated, and turned to Xu Changsheng, gesturing, "Please!"

"Please!"

As soon as Xu Changsheng finished speaking, he flicked the hem of his garment; his slender body suddenly burst forth with the terrifying speed of a cheetah and instantly charged towards Gu Xunchao!

"Shh!"

He flicked open his folding fan, and as the fan unfolded, its surface, made of special materials, slashed towards Gu Xunchao's throat, brimming with lethal intent!

"Hmph!"

Gu Xunchao snorted lightly, his eyes flashing coldly, yet his reaction speed was extremely fast. With a slight tilt of his head, he directly dodged Xu Changsheng's assassination attempt!

After that, he shouted loudly, raising his fist to strike toward the heart of Xu Changsheng, who was now right before his eyes!

"Boom!"

The punch caused a gust of wind, visible to the naked eye, which swept towards Xu Changsheng!

"Break!"

Seeing this, Xu Changsheng suddenly shouted.

His voice boomed like thunder, deafening, and in a flash, it dispersed the fist strength wind generated by Gu Xunchao's punch!

"Bang!"

"Crackling!"

The two continued to fight fiercely.

Onlookers from afar atop Jade Emperor Peak watched their battle, their hearts pounding with fear.

The few surviving Divine Realm Warriors felt a deep sense of inferiority when they saw the oppressive aura exuded by Xu Changsheng and Gu Xunchao's fist strength.

Originally, they had been proud of their breakthrough to the Divine Realm, believing themselves invincible in the martial arts world, noteworthy figures in their right.

But now, seeing several of the seasoned Divine Realm Warriors, who ranked at the bottom of the Divine Rankings, demonstrating such terrifying power, how much more fearsome would the top-ranked ones be?

It turned out they were still far behind!

Thinking this, their path of cultivation began to waver!

Those with weaker wills even lost their confidence to bravely continue improving themselves!

"Let's take this chance to get out of here!"

At this moment, someone noticed that Chen Tianlong and Lin Xiao were already sitting cross-legged, starting to practice cultivation and recuperate from the injuries caused by the previous fight, and urgently called out.

With this call, everyone's gaze immediately shifted from Xu Changsheng and Gu Xunchao's battle to Chen Tianlong and the others, feeling anxious. Seeing that they were not focusing on them, many saw it as a good opportunity, and someone couldn't help but rush toward the mountain path!

Chen Tianlong had previously suggested clearing them out first, but Gu Xunchao thought it too time-consuming, hence they did not swing the slaughtering knife at them. And Lin Xiao had casually killed more than fifty people in his previous encounter with a Divine Realm Warrior, showing that they regarded human life as worthless.

If they didn't take this opportunity to escape now, once Gu Xunchao and Xu Changsheng decided the outcome, they would probably end up leaving their lives behind!

As some took the lead to flee Jade Emperor Peak and were successfully getting away since Gu Xunchao and Xu Changsheng were too involved in their fight to pay them any mind, even more people surged forward, running towards the mountain path to leave this place!

"Brother, hurry up and go, if we don't leave now, we're dead for sure,"

Mu Jinyu naturally wouldn't follow the crowd and leave, for he was still waiting to get his hands on Tai Sui. As he was enjoying the drama unfold, a familiar voice suddenly sounded in his ear.

"Hmm?"

Upon hearing this, Mu Jinyu turned his head to look, and saw that the speaker was Xiao Yang, the henpecked husband who had kindly warned them to leave when he first arrived.

"It's okay, you guys go first, I want to watch the excitement a bit longer."

After all, it was an act of kindness from the other party so Mu Jinyu wasn't going to say anything unpleasant. He declined with a slight smile.

"You... hey hey hey..."

Xiao Yang was anxious and wanted to persuade him more, but his wife Liu Qingqing pinched his ear before he could continue, causing him to cry out in pain.

"Big trouble is coming, and instead of running away quickly, you're still here dilly-dallying with someone else..."

Liu Qingqing looked coldly at Gu Xiyan and the others, a flash of jealousy in her eyes. Then, she released Xiao Yang's ear, no longer caring about his fate, and prepared to take her parents and leave!

However, it was already too late!

Because everyone else was thinking about escaping from Jade Emperor Peak, only their side was still in the midst of conflict, which immediately caught the attention of the Dan Pavilion.

When Wang Mao saw Mu Jinyu, his eyes flashed with surprise.

He didn't expect Dragon King Hall to show up as well.

At first, he was somewhat afraid that Mu Jinyu would come to settle accounts with them over the alchemy incident, but then he thought that since Gu Xunchao was there, what did he have to fear?

He called for his men to swarm up and surround them!

"Hey, what are you doing? Why are you blocking our way?!"

Liu Qingqing was ready to let Xiao Yang fend for himself and to take her parents and leave, but just as they were about to go, they were blocked by the people from Dan Pavilion and couldn't leave the mountain, so she shouted out in urgency!

"Leave? Why leave?"

Wang Mao said disdainfully and looked at Mu Jinyu, his eyes filled with a bit of wariness.

This was, after all, the Master of the Dragon King Hall, as well as the three Divine Realm warriors from their Dan Pavilion who went to the auction in Jiangnan Province and whose whereabouts were unknown afterward, very possibly dead at the hands of Mu Jinyu—it didn't allow him to be less cautious!

But now was the best opportunity to deal with Mu Jinyu; he absolutely couldn't let the Dragon King leave alone, for there may not be such a good chance in the future for the Ancient Elder to face him alone and subdue him!

"Are you the Pavilion Master of the Dan Pavilion?"

Mu Jinyu saw Wang Mao leading people to block their way, took a good look at him, and immediately recognized Wang Mao's identity.

Last week at the auction, after he had bid on the alchemy technique and the Shennong Cauldron, the Dan Pavilion sent three Divine Realm warriors to kill him, planning to steal the Shennong Cauldron and alchemy technique. He had thought of going to Luo City to settle accounts with Dan Pavilion, but later felt that enhancing his own strength was more important, so he didn't go and just remembered the debt.

He never expected that they would dare to come to him proactively, interesting!

Mu Jinyu could tell that Wang Mao was only at the strength of Peak Energy Transformation. Knowing that three Divine Realm warriors were no match for him, he still dared to come—was he unafraid of death?

Or did he have some sort of backing?

"Correct, the Dragon King, is it?"

Wang Mao didn't hide his identity, nor was he afraid of Mu Jinyu suddenly attacking him, as he knew that Gu Xunchao was about to win and was confident that he could block a few of Mu Jinyu's attacks until the Ancient Elder could intervene and subdue Mu Jinyu.

"You come here to surround me, are you trying to rebel? I haven't settled the previous account with you yet, where do you find the courage to confront me?"

Mu Jinyu looked at Wang Mao, seeing his self-assured demeanor, not at all like others who were panic-stricken and trying to flee Jade Emperor Peak, and asked curiously.

"Bang!"

At that moment, in the battlefield over there.

Xu Changsheng was no match for Gu Xunchao and was finally struck by a punch from Gu, spitting blood as he was blown away!

He hit the ground hard, creating a long bloody trail on the surface!

Seeing this scene, Wang Mao's smile grew more intense, and pointing at Gu Xunchao, he said, "This is my confidence!"

Chapter 672: The Specific Division of the God Realm!

Xu Changsheng was blasted away by Gu Xunchao, his body uncontrollably fell to the ground, and he dragged himself across the broken ground for several meters.

If not for the protection of his True Yuan, just that friction would have left his back without a single piece of intact skin!

"Cough cough..."

Xu Changsheng lay prone on the ground, coughing violently a few times, coughing up strands of blood, and feeling intense burning pain in his chest and throat.

However, he didn't care about these pains; as soon as the burning sensation in his throat eased slightly, he immediately said hoarsely, "How... possible? You've already reached the 'Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm'?"

"Surprised?"

Gu Xunchao, looking at Xu Changsheng's incredulous expression, remained calm but his eyes revealed a hint of smugness.

"Did you think I was doing nothing during this time? To boost my strength and break into the top twenty of the Divine Rankings, I specifically went to Changbai Mountain and captured a 'Purple Leaf Seven-Star Ginseng,' which allowed me to break through to the 'Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm'!"

Hearing Gu Xunchao's words, Xu Changsheng and Lin Xiao and Chen Tianlong, who were getting up, all froze, "Purple Leaf Seven-Star Ginseng, a Level Four Spiritual Medicine?!"

"Of course," Gu Xunchao said with a light smile.

But inside, he felt a bit regretful.

Originally, he did not intend to consume the Level Four Spiritual Medicine directly; he wanted the people in the Dan Pavilion, after learning Alchemy, to refine it for him.

This would have been more effective, and he could have boosted his strength even more!

Unfortunately, the people in the Dan Pavilion were really too useless, utterly incompetent. Despite having been guaranteed the Alchemy skills and Shennong Cauldron, they even let it be snatched away by the Dragon King Hall!

That was truly disappointing!

So, to be more certain of snatching back the Alchemy skills and Shennong Cauldron from the hands of the Dragon King Hall, he had no choice but to consume the 'Purple Leaf Seven-Star Ginseng,' propelling him from the "Third Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm" to the "Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm."

He truly achieved the transformation from the Early Stage of the Divine Realm to the Mid Stage of the Divine Realm!

That was why Xu Changsheng was completely no match for him!

"No wonder, no wonder..."

Xu Changsheng, along with Lin Xiao and Chen Tianlong, upon hearing Gu Xunchao's words, all showed faces full of dejection, repeatedly sighing.

Their hearts were filled with envy and frustration at Gu Xunchao!

They hadn't expected that Gu Xunchao, who hadn't been much different from them, could break through to the Mid Stage of the Divine Realm so quickly, widening the gap between them, to the point where breaking into the top twenty of the Divine Rankings wasn't out of his reach.

The Divine Rankings of Huaxia had a total of thirty-six spots!

The top fifteen were all at the Mid Stage of the Divine Realm!

That is, at minimum the Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm!

The ones ranked among the top ten were generally at the Fifth or even Sixth Layer...

And the last twenty-one were at the Early Stage of Divinity Transformation, some at the Second Layer, some at the Third.

The Divine Ranking experts who ranked from sixteen to twenty were generally at the Third Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm.

And those ranked from twenty to thirty-six were essentially at the Second Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm!

Originally, the four of them were at the lower levels of the Divine Rankings, all at the Second Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm, but as spiritual energy was revived, they all broke through from the Second Layer to the Third Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm!

Their strengths were still not much different!

But after Gu Xunchao obtained the Level Four Spiritual Medicine and managed to break through to the Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm, the gap became huge!

Though it was no longer possible like before, with the strength of Mid Stage of the Divine Realm, to enter the top fifteen of the Divine Rankings since everyone's strength was also progressing madly, "Divinity Transformation Fourth Layer? Could it be that the full name of Divine Realm is Divinity Transformation Realm? And does it have multiple levels?"

Mu Jinyu whispered to himself as he observed the total amount of True Essence Power in Gu Xunchao's body. He calculated that he must also be at the Fourth Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm, but he was about to reach the fifth!

"It seems my improvement during this period has been quite significant," Mu Jinyu concluded, not feeling disheartened but rather satisfied.

After all, he had awakened during turbulent dark times and unknowingly broken through to the Divine Realm, which must have been the First Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm back then.

But he never had the time to cultivate until the dark turmoil ended, only then did he begin to consume Spiritual Medicine and cultivated together with Wen Rou and others.

His progress was swift, rapidly reaching the second layer!

Later, obtaining a large amount of Spiritual Medicine from the True Martial Hall's Medicine Field, he relentlessly consumed the medicine and cultivated to resist Ye Wushuang, thereby reaching the Third Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm!

At that time, he felt he was about to break through to the Mid Stage of the Divine Realm, but the threshold was high and not easily crossed.

Even returning to Yinlong Mountain and consuming Spiritual Medicine daily was insufficient.

Not until he mastered Alchemy and produced several Level Four Elixirs did he smoothly enter the Mid Stage of the Divine Realm.

And this week's continuous consumption of pills was also bringing him close to the Fifth Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm!

Thinking this, Mu Jinyu whispered in his heart again, "According to what they say, only the Mid Stage of Divine Realm is barely qualified to enter the top twenty of the Divine Rankings. So Ye Wushuang, who is eighth on the Divine Rankings, must be much stronger than I imagined!"

"At least at the Fifth Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm, or possibly the sixth..."

"It seems I cannot afford to slack off!"

Mu Jinyu reminded himself not to let his guard down just because the Mountain Protection Array was nearing completion.

After all, the Mountain Protection Array could only protect him within Yinlong Mountain without fear of Ye Wushuang, but once outside, he would not be able to contend with Ye Wushuang.

But could he really stay in Yinlong Mountain forever?

Impossible!

"Ancient Elder, the Dragon King is right here and he has no underlings with him. Hurry over and capture him!"

While Mu Jinyu was deep in thought, Wang Mao saw Gu Xunchao stop talking with Xu Changsheng and start walking towards Tai Sui, and he quickly called out anxiously.

"Oh?"

Hearing Wang Mao's shout, Gu Xunchao instantly stopped in his tracks and turned his head to look towards Mu Jinyu's group!

With this glance, he immediately realized that Mu Jinyu and Gu Xiyun were indeed not from the Dan Pavilion.

He had noticed earlier that the others had all left Jade Emperor Peak, except for Wang Mao's group, but he had thought these people were from the Dan Pavilion and had not paid more attention. Unexpectedly, someone from Dragon King Hall had also mixed in!

Were they here to muddy the waters?

Looking closely at Mu Jinyu, Gu Xunchao's expression subtly changed.

"Also at the Fourth Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm?!"

He found it hard to believe, astonished that the new Dragon King of Dragon King Hall had, within a short period of time, advanced from just entering the Divine Realm to the Fourth Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm!

He had originally thought that after consuming Level Four Spiritual Medicine and entering the Fourth Layer of Divinity Transformation Realm himself, he would easily surpass Mu Jinyu!

And smoothly help the Dan Pavilion regain the techniques of Alchemy and the Shennong Cauldron!

This was now proving to be a bit tricky!

Gu Xunchao's expression grew serious as he directly addressed Mu Jinyu, "Dragon King, are you also here to vie for Tai Sui?"

"What do you think?" Mu Jinyu replied with a slight smile, deciding to test his skills against Wang Mao as he had yet to face an opponent of his own level.

Chapter 673: Can You Escape?

Wang Mao and the members of the Dan Pavilion, upon hearing Gu Xunchao's words, couldn't help but feel perplexed.

Hadn't the Ancient Elder already advanced to the Fourth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm?

He was qualified enough to aim for the top twenty in the Divine Rankings, so why would he need to be so courteous toward a mere youngster, a newly ascended practitioner of the Divine Realm, even if the opponent was the New Dragon King from the Dragon King Hall?

As they pondered this,

Gu Xunchao spoke again.

"Very well, since the Dragon King wishes it, Lin Xiao, Chen Tianlong, Tianlong, what more are you waiting for? Strike now!"

As soon as he had spoken,

"Hmph!"

Xuu Changsheng, Chen Tianlong, and Lin Xiao grumbled reluctantly, then turned their heads, their eyes showing hostility as they looked at Mu Jinyu.

They were all men of their word, having previously agreed that the loser of the duel would help the victor fend off any external thieves targeting Tai Sui. They would put forth their best effort!

Wang Mao and the members of the Dan Pavilion were even more astonished. Did they really need so many people to take on the young leader of the Dragon King Hall?

At this moment, Gu Xunchao once again spoke: "You handle his four companions at the Early Stage of Divine Realm. He's in the Mid-Stage of Divine Realm. I'll deal with him myself!"

"Fine!"

The three, Xuu Changsheng, quickly agreed.

To confront Mu Jinyu together wasn't something they feared. However, since Mu Jinyu was accompanied by four Divine Realm women, naturally, they would face them.

"What?!"

Upon hearing the conversation between Gu Xunchao and Xuu Changsheng, Wang Mao broke out in a cold sweat!

Mu Jinyu wasn't just a beginner in the Divine Realm; he was a formidable contender in the Mid-Stage of the Divine Realm, fully capable of challenging the top twenty in the Divine Rankings!

If he had known earlier that Mu Jinyu was such a powerful opponent, he wouldn't have dared to block Mu Jinyu and call for Gu Xunchao's intervention!

Wasn't this courting death?

No wonder Mu Jinyu had just asked where he found the confidence to challenge him.

Xiao Yang and Liu Qingqing, along with their families who were blocked by the Dan Pavilion from escaping, also were shocked to nearly bite their tongues!

They hadn't expected that Mu Jinyu and the four, mistakenly thought to be simple tourists visiting Jade Emperor Peak, were all Divine Realm powerhouses.

It wasn't that they didn't appear capable of Martial Arts, looking like tourists, but rather their own strengths were too weak to recognize the high cultivation level of the others.

No wonder Mu Jinyu and his crew had calmly stated they were just there to watch, showing no intention to leave, when Xiao Yang was persuading.

It turned out they were entirely confident, and they even had their sights on Tai Sui!

Liu Qingqing stared intently at Mu Jinyu, thinking to herself!

Unfazed by the reactions around him, Mu Jinyu heard Gu Xunchao's plan and then spoke to Jian Ruyan and the others:

"Little Yanzi, just provide backup from the side when necessary. These three are enough for Wen Rou to handle! But if Xiyuan or Sister Mei are in danger, remember to help them."

"Okay," Jian Ruyan rolled her eyes, agreeing to his terms.

Rolling her eyes was in reaction to being called Little Yanzi, but as a member of the Dragon King Hall, it was her duty to protect Gu Xiyuan and the others if Mu Jinyu asked.

"Attack!"

As Mu Jinyu declared that the three of them should make their move, Wen Rou and Gu Xiyuan felt uneasy, while the battle-hardened Mei Yinxue pulled out a dagger, her pretty face stern, and shouted uncompromisingly before charging at Lin Xiao!

Seeing this, Wen Rou and Gu Xiyuan forced themselves to suppress their panic, then each found an opponent and charged!

Mu Jinyu watched their actions.

His gaze did not show excessive worry.

He had just deduced that he was in the Fourth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm and simultaneously inferred the strengths of the four women.

Wen Rou had first stepped into the Divine Realm, and with her exceptionally strong aptitude and the substantial aid of elixirs in her cultivation, she had advanced to the Third Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm quite early and was not far from the Fourth Layer.

Although Jian Ruyan had started a bit later, her aptitude was almost as good as Wen Rou's. With the aid of elixirs subsequently, she was now also in the Third Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, though slightly behind Wen Rou, still a distance away from the Mid Stage of Divine Realm.

As for Mei Yinxue and Gu Xiyan, their aptitudes were ultimately inferior, but with the help of a vast amount of elixirs, they now possessed the strength of the Second Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm!

It seemed that the strength of Gu Xiyan and the two women was inferior to Xu Changsheng and his group, and they seemingly had no qualifications to battle them.

But do not forget, Xu Changsheng and his group had just fought a major battle, all sustaining injuries and suffering tremendous depletion of their True Yuan, their strength now not much different from theirs.

Moreover, with Jian Ruyan, who had immense combat experience, flanking them, Gu Xiyan and Mei Yinxue's chances of winning might not be great, but there was also no danger, sufficient to serve as a training opportunity!

"Ding ding dang dang!"

"Pi li pa la!"

"Hong long long!"

In an instant, Gu Xiyan and the three women had engaged in battle with Xu Changsheng and his three men.

Wen Rou, due to her lack of combat experience, initially struggled severely against Xu Changsheng, but after several life-threatening moments, the panic in her eyes disappeared, replaced by calmness and composure. She became adept in combat against Xu Changsheng and gradually gained the upper hand.

Mei Yinxue, experienced in combat, went up against Lin Xiao, who had consumed the most True Yuan, and surprisingly, they were evenly matched!

Gu Xiyan, however, had it tough. Being a layer behind and lacking Mei Yinxue's extensive combat experience, she faced Chen Tianlong and was completely overwhelmed.

If it were not for Jian Ruyan's assistance each time Chen Tianlong tried to strike her down, suppressing Chen Tianlong just in time, she might have already perished!

Watching the battle situation of the four women, which posed no danger and could serve their training, Mu Jinyu felt quite pleased and reassured!

"Hmph, come meet your death!"

Mu Jinyu was observing from a distance, not making the first move, and Gu Xunchao behaved similarly, not daring to act first. He feared that if he fought with Mu Jinyu, Mu Jinyu's women would suppress Xu Changsheng and his group and then stab him in the back at a critical moment, together besieging him!

At this moment, seeing that Xu Changsheng and his three men had successfully entangled the four women, with no clear winner in the short term but making it impossible for them to assist Mu Jinyu, he shouted angrily and charged at Mu Jinyu!

"Boom! Boom!! Boom!!!"

Step by step, Gu Xunchao advanced, each step heavier than the last, leaving deep footsteps on the ground that cracked outward like a spiderweb.

His murderous aura and will to fight also escalated rapidly with each heavy step, like beating a drum!

This made the people of the Dan Pavilion who were standing behind Mu Jinyu, along with Xiao Yang and his family, feel somewhat breathless, all of them greatly shocked by the formidable power of the Mid Stage of Divine Realm.

"Go!"

Seeing Gu Xunchao charging towards Mu Jinyu, Wang Mao, despite the pounding fear, shouted to the people of the Dan Pavilion to leave the place, as Gu Xunchao was not specifically targeting them!

At this moment, Mu Jinyu was entangled by Gu Xunchao and definitely had no time to deal with them!

"Can you leave?"

However...

Upon hearing Wang Mao's words, Mu Jinyu did not attend to the gradually approaching Gu Xunchao but instead turned around, looking at the sweating Wang Mao with a slight smile.

His neat row of white teeth, under the moonlight, took on a dazzlingly white appearance!

Then, Mu Jinyu's aura surged wildly, like a thunderclap erupting from the spot, directly forcing Wang Mao and the rest of the Dan Pavilion personnel to spit blood and collapse on the ground, their entire cultivation bodies totally wrecked, unable to leave Jade Emperor Peak for a while!

"Hoo..."

At that moment, Gu Xunchao had already charged behind Mu Jinyu, delivering a punch straight at the back of Mu Jinyu's head, caring not at all if this move was considered a sneak attack!

Chapter 674: The Ultimate Eagle Claw Technique!

Gu Xunchao's surprise attack from behind didn't bother Mu Jinyu in the slightest.

After he calmly suppressed the people from Dan Pavilion, time didn't allow him to turn around and confront Gu Xunchao; the sight made Xiao Yang's heart jump with apprehension!

However, just as Gu Xunchao's fist, which produced a sonic boom, was about to strike the back of Mu Jinyu's head...

"Clang!!"

All of a sudden.

An ancient Bronze Cauldron Furnace, engraved with mountains, rivers, and plants, suddenly appeared out of thin air, initially the size of a wine jar, but then it violently expanded in the wind. In moments, it had grown to over a meter tall, perfectly shielding Mu Jinyu's back!

Gu Xunchao's full-force punch landed right on the Cauldron Furnace without missing by a hair's breadth!

"Is that the Shennong Cauldron?!"

Wang Mao, pinned to the ground, unable to move, saw the Cauldron Furnace suddenly appear behind Mu Jinyu and couldn't help but cry out in his mind!

After the shock, he was very puzzled: how did Mu Jinyu manage to hide such a large Cauldron Furnace and take it out again?

Could it be that he possessed a Magical Treasure capable of "Carrying Mt. Sumeru in a Mustard Seed"?

"Wah Wah Wah..."

When Gu Xunchao's fist struck the Shennong Cauldron, it felt like his fist was about to burst, and he howled in pain.

His lifetime of hand techniques had been almost completely ruined by this oversight!

At that moment, Mu Jinyu finally turned around leisurely, smiling at Gu Xunchao who was covering his right fist with his left hand, incessantly howling and cursing.

Gu Xunchao's just-now punch, which contained his life's cultivation, could have blasted a tank to pieces, but the Shennong Cauldron was bolstered by Mu Jinyu's mana. Combined with the innate toughness of the Cauldron's material, it naturally wouldn't be easily broken by Gu Xunchao!

Instead, he would suffer the consequences of the recoil!

"Rumble Rumble!!"

Just then, a thunderclap exploded!

It carried an endless majesty and righteousness that made all evil spirits hide away in fear, daring not to act rashly.

It wasn't the sound of someone's battle, but the actual sound of thunder!

It turned out that the sky had already been overcast, and a heavy rain was due tonight. However, their continuous actions as God Realm experts, stirring and dispersing nature's spiritual energy, had brought the storm earlier than expected!

"Rumble Rumble!!"

"Whoosh Whoosh..."

With another clap of thunder, the sky suddenly released a dense and fierce downpour!!

The people from Dan Pavilion lying on the ground, unable to move, felt their faces sting from the rain as they couldn't gather the strength to break through the deluge.

Mu Jinyu remained standing in place, a spiral of True Qi automatically forming above his head, scattering the bullet-like rain away, leaving his clothes still dry.

Gu Xunchao was the same, although his fist was excruciatingly painful, he wasn't drenched by the sudden rain, which would have been extremely embarrassing.

Mu Jinyu looked at Gu Xunchao, not engaging him immediately in combat but instead used his fingers to cast a spell, commanding the Shennong Cauldron to shrink and fit back into his pocket, while saying, "Gu Xunchao, ranked thirty-first in the Divine Rankings, you entered the Energy Transformation stage through the External Skill Eagle Claw Technique, and then broke through to the God Realm from the outside to the inside, basing your entire cultivation in your hands. Now, will you continue to use the Eagle Claw Technique?!"

He retracted the Shennong Cauldron, not wanting to continue resisting with it against Gu Xunchao, fearing that the precious Alchemy Furnace, in case it couldn't endure the direct hits, would be destroyed — that would be a loss too great to justify!

"Hehe..."

Listening to Mu Jinyu's words, Gu Xunchao suppressed the pain in his hand and then looked gleefully at the Shennong Cauldron as it shrank to the size of a wine jar and was put away by Mu Jinyu, exclaiming with surprise:

"A Magical Treasure, so that Alchemy Furnace is actually a Magical Treasure, haha, very good, very good..."

"I never expected that today, I could not only acquire the Tai Sui Stone but also obtain a Magical Treasure Level Alchemy Furnace. Dragon King, oh Dragon King, you truly are my little wealth-bringer!"

Hearing Gu Xunchao's wild laughter, Mu Jinyu couldn't help frowning slightly, wondering if this guy had gone mad?

Who gave him the courage to believe that he, with his right hand crippled, could battle against him?

And he even coveted his Alchemy Furnace?

Just as Mu Jinyu was puzzled,

Gu Xunchao had already stopped his wild laughter and then, with a cold gaze fixed on Mu Jinyu, sneered, "Dragon King, you must be very perplexed, right? Wondering where my confidence comes from, to contend with you even with an injured right hand?"

"Unfortunately for you, the one mistake you should never have made was to underestimate someone with the surname Gu. Did you think the extent of my reliance was just the perfectly trained Eagle Claw Technique? Sorry, that was just a smokescreen I threw out, my real trump card has always been in my legs, never in my hands. It's just that all the enemies who knew about it, who have witnessed it, are all already dead!"

"Screech!!"

Following this, Gu Xunchao's voice dropped.

He suddenly uttered a bird-like cry from his mouth and then his entire body abruptly soared into the air!

"Boom!!"

Just at that moment, Thunder Light appeared in the sky again, and Gu Xunchao, standing in mid-air, bathed in the light of the thunder, his divine might vast and impregnable, looked as though the Thunder God himself had descended!

After that, he stomped down toward Mu Jinyu, a terrifying momentum like a mountain collapse or a surging wave, overwhelming and pressing down on Mu Jinyu!

"Holy shit!"

Standing below, Mu Jinyu, witnessing Gu Xunchao's move that utilized the Eagle Claw Technique with his feet, couldn't help but curse out loud.

He had calculated a thousand possibilities but never expected that Gu Xunchao's training of the Eagle Claw Technique was actually focused on his feet!

The Eagle Claw Technique that he showed off in combat was all just intentionally revealed smokescreens!

This caught him completely off guard!

"Whoosh whoosh!!"

Gu Xunchao spread his arms wide, like eagle's wings flapping, roaring like thunder, emitting a terrifying sonic boom. His speed in the downward rush was so fast it was as if a real eagle was diving for its prey from high in the sky!

"Zap!"

The speed of the impact was so great that Gu Xunchao's cloth shoes were instantly torn apart, exposing his calloused feet.

His feet pressed together, toes an inch long and hooked, indeed somewhat resembling eagle claws!

They reached straight for Mu Jinyu's head, as if to burst his skull with one claw!

Standing to the side, Xiao Yang, Liu Qingqing, and their family, drenched in the downpour, were stunned by the scene.

Xiao Yang felt extremely worried about Mu Jinyu's situation, inwardly lamenting that Mu Jinyu had been too careless and underestimated his opponent.

If he hadn't assumed that Gu Xunchao, with his injured right hand, was no match for him and hadn't put away that Furnace Cauldron Treasure, he might have been able to use it to defend against Gu Xunchao's attack right now!

But unfortunately, he had put away the Furnace Cauldron Treasure, and now that Gu Xunchao had launched an attack with such a unique move, it caught him utterly unprepared, and Mu Jinyu had no time to take out the magical treasure to block Gu Xunchao's attack!

"One wonders if this Dragon King can withstand Gu Xunchao's Eagle Claw Technique!"

Xiao Yang thought to himself with a sigh.

Jian Ruyan, standing to the side providing cover for Gu Xiyan, upon witnessing this scene, also felt her heart leap. However, she was too far to lend any help to Mu Jinyu.

She could only pray in her heart that Mu Jinyu still had some tactics up his sleeve to cope with this!

Chapter 675: Falcon and Hunter!

Facing the Eagle Claw Technique from Gu Xunchao, who soared into the sky and dived down fiercely, Mu Jinyu's expression turned grave, knowing that it was too late to take out the Shennong Cauldron for defense.

Besides, even if there was time, he dared not gamble with the Shennong Cauldron at this moment. What if it couldn't withstand the attack?

Therefore, Mu Jinyu, at the first moment, did not think of using the Shennong Cauldron to defend against Gu Xunchao's eagle leg attack but initiated an offense to deter him from descending!

"Shh!"

With this thought, Mu Jinyu immediately took action!

"Whoosh whoosh..."

Mu Jinyu formed a spell with his hands and greatly accelerated his True Yuan, drawing the spiritual energy of nature from within a hundred-meter radius, merging it into the Water Qi Vortex above his head to increase its speed even more, faster and more fierce!

What is the sharpest knife in the world?

It is the Water Knife!

The Water Knife utilizes ultra-high pressure water that, through a siphoning of abrasive garnet, forms a high-pressure mixed jet for cold-state cutting!

At this moment, Mu Jinyu, controlling the Heavenly and Earthly Spiritual Power in high-speed revolution and aided by the sudden onslaught of the violent rain curtain, also created a high-pressure water jet cutting field!

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh..."

The Water Vortex accumulating above Mu Jinyu's head was spinning rapidly, emitting intense sounds.

Gu Xunchao, who was about to crush Mu Jinyu's skull with one foot and splatter his brains, looked at the water vortex and felt his scalp tingle, daring not to continue to fall!

He hurriedly flapped his arms frantically, like an eagle flapping its wings, soaring in the sky.

"Pfft pfft!"

At that moment, Gu Xunchao's shoes, torn apart by his claw-shaped feet, fell from the sky, landing right into the Water Vortex atop Mu Jinyu's head, instantly getting blasted into tiny particles and expelled in all directions!

"Damn!"

Gu Xunchao, suspended in midair, watched this scene and felt a chill of fear in his heart.

Had he fearlessly dived straight down just now, he would likely have not killed Mu Jinyu but instead had his own legs ground to mush!

Mu Jinyu, seeing Gu Xunchao's quick retreat, couldn't help but frown and shouted, "Come at me!"

"Your mom!"

Gu Xunchao, hanging in midair, cursed angrily in frustration.

"Hmph!"

Mu Jinyu, upon hearing this, snorted coldly, then immediately formed a spell, directing the raging rain vortex above his head to suddenly spin and slash toward Gu Xunchao!

"Hmph!"

Gu Xunchao saw this and also snorted coldly. Meanwhile, he dodged toward a distant location while forming a spell to draw in the spiritual energy of nature, gathering it in midair into a thirty-foot-tall Water Sword!

With the Water Sword formed, its terrifying Sword Qi was not to be recklessly confronted, charging directly toward Mu Jinyu's water Qi Vortex with a thunderous collision!

"Boom!!"

Ultimate move against ultimate move, Water Sword bombing Water Vortex, an earth-shattering roar erupted, followed by a downpour of intense rain containing traces of Spiritual Power.

Falling on Gu Xiyan and the other two women who were still exchanging blows below, it naturally had no effect, but for the Dan Pavilion people pinned to the ground, as well as Xiao Yang and his family, it was simply a disaster!

The rain shot down like bullets, striking their bodies, piercing holes filled with blood in an instant!

"Ahh ahh ahh!!"

Wang Mao and the other Dan Pavilion people let out agonizing screams of unbearable pain, but regretfully, Mu Jinyu's intimidating pressure from just before left them unable to move for at least an hour. Thus they could only lie there, silently enduring agony comparable to a thousand cuts.

They should feel lucky, for when Gu Xunchao's Water Sword collided with Mu Jinyu's Water Vortex, they neutralized a great deal of True Essence Power and Heavenly and Earthly Spiritual Power!

Otherwise, they wouldn't have been merely grazed by the residual power, with only small blood holes pierced through their bodies!

Instead, they would have been mowed down like bullets flying chaotically!

Liu Qingqing and her parents were initially shocked and stunned by the contrast of the God Realm powerhouses, but after being pelted by the rain and covered in blood holes, they screamed out. Soon after, the three of them held Xiao Yang close, burying their heads in his chest, using his body as a shield!

"Agh!"

Xiao Yang stood in place, his body covered in wounds and grinding his teeth in pain, but hindered by Liu Qingqing's female authority, he didn't dare to push them away and could only serve as their shield!

In the end, unable to bear it any longer, he could only carefully lead his family to the side of the Dan Pavilion crowd, then picked up a person to use as an umbrella for shelter, finally feeling much better!

Setting aside Xiao Yang's experience for the moment, let's talk about Mu Jinyu and Gu Xunchao unleashing their ultimate moves against each other once more, the battle between them fierce and spectacular!

"Boom boom!"

After another clash, Gu Xunchao abruptly created distance from Mu Jinyu, then sneered, "Dragon King, you're still too young. This time, I'll let you witness what an absolute killing move really is!"

"Rise!"

As soon as he finished speaking!

The densely packed rain in the void suddenly trembled, then quickly condensed together, eventually forming a giant net woven from rain!

This rain net was colossal, spanning a hundred meters, enclosing Mu Jinyu in the center, and gradually contracting inward to form a sphere!

The mesh of the net was also very fine, only the size of a fist. An ordinary sparrow might manage to escape from it, but predatory birds like hawks, once caught, would definitely not be able to flee the Heavenly Net of Earth!

If hawks couldn't escape, humans, larger than hawks, trapped inside, naturally had no chance of freeing themselves!

"Huh?!"

Mu Jinyu stood in the void, eyeing the dense net in every direction and sensing the tremendous Spiritual Power within it, realizing that even someone in the God Realm would suffer heavy injuries if they charged into it!

He then understood why Gu Xunchao seemed distracted during their earlier fight—he had been stealthily setting up this large Spiritual Power net!

He wanted to trap and kill him!

And Mu Jinyu, wanting to test his own strength and gain more experience fighting against God Realm powerhouses, had suppressed his Cultivation to match Gu Xunchao's and, not paying enough attention, had actually fallen into his trap!

Gu Xunchao stood outside the dense Spiritual Energy net, coldly watching Mu Jinyu trapped within and the net continuously shrinking. All Mu Jinyu could do was wait for death, and Gu Xunchao couldn't help but lift a cruel, cold smile.

"Dragon King, I admit, you are indeed a natural-born genius. The Eagle Claw Technique I've practiced all my life couldn't touch you, but unfortunately, although that technique is my ultimate move, it is not my trump card!"

"My real trump card is this Heavenly Net of Earth!"

With that said, Gu Xunchao's face revealed a hint of wistful regret, "I have dubbed this move Hawk Sky Net, also known as Heavenly Net of Earth! It was something I pondered and figured out back when I was a Master of Energy Transformation, frequently practicing the Eagle Claw Technique!"

"Back then, I observed eagles and hawks hunting, learning from their spirit and form, but once I saw a hawk caught by mistake in a net, unable to escape, I started to ponder. No matter how fierce the hawk or how sharp its talons, once entangled in a hunter's net, it would only get tighter and tighter, unable to break free!"

"So, I decided not to be the hawk, but the hunter!"

"From then on, I mulled over it incessantly, finally managing, by invoking nature's spiritual energy, to figure out how to arrange a Spiritual Power net and, in the process, stepping into the God Realm!"

In Gu Xunchao's tone, there was an endless sense of arrogance. But the fact that he could step into the God Realm and move beyond his most deeply ingrained technique, the Eagle Claw Technique, surely deserved pride!

Continuing, Gu Xunchao looked back at Mu Jinyu, his tone tinged with a bit of regret, "This Hawk Sky Net was originally prepared to deal with those in the top ten of the Divine Rankings. Today, I encountered you, and reluctantly, I had to employ it. Dragon King, even in death at my hands, you have enough to be proud of!"

"Drink!"

With those words falling.

Gu Xunchao let out a loud shout, vigorously powering up his True Yuan, and suddenly, the dense Spiritual Energy net trapping Mu Jinyu began to contract more rapidly inward!

Chapter 676: The Ultimate Destiny!

Trapped in the net, Mu Jinyu, who had remained quiet without any movement, chuckled lightly and applauded after hearing Gu Xunchao's words, "Indeed impressive, truly praiseworthy. Unfortunately, the person you are up against is me!"

As he spoke, he saw the spiritual energy dense net closing in, shrinking down to a distance of one meter in front of him, forming a birdcage of one-meter size and continuously contracting as if intending to slice him to death. Yet, Mu Jinyu's smile did not wane; he fearlessly reached out to pull at the dense net while calmly saying:

"Do you know? I was never serious. Our recent exchange was just for you to act as a whetstone to sharpen me, enriching my combat experience in the Divine Realm. Look at it now; it's indeed true. If I had crushed you outright from the start, I probably wouldn't have gained this much!"

"For this, I truly must thank you!"

"Rip!"

As the words of gratitude fell, the spiritual qi dense net, which could easily slice a martial artist of the Early Stage of the Divine Realm to death, was abruptly torn apart by Mu Jinyu!

With one side of the net torn, it was as if a side of the birdcage had been broken, and Mu Jinyu, the bird in the cage, leisurely flew out through the gap!

With one step forward.

Mu Jinyu had escaped the restraint and deadly confines of the dense net!

"How is that possible?!"

Gu Xunchao, seeing how Mu Jinyu had easily dismantled his trump card move, his pupils dilated in shock. Only then did he realize that although both were at the Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm, the gap between them was still significant.

He had just stepped into the Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm, while Mu Jinyu had clearly been in the Middle Stage for some time, even nearing the Fifth Layer!

Otherwise, he absolutely wouldn't have had the ability to tear apart his own spiritual qi dense net so easily!

"Escape!"

Without hesitation, Gu Xunchao turned and ran, directly abandoning Xu Changsheng and the other two who were fighting for him below!

"Whoosh..."

He, like a real eagle, let out a piercing cry, spreading his arms wide like an eagle swooping through the sky, and in an instant was a hundred meters away!

"Since you've come all this way, you might as well stay!"

Mu Jinyu, not the least bit concerned about Gu Xunchao's escape as it was within his expectations, spoke while he lightly lifted his hands, his slender fingers gently bending as if he were plucking at harpstrings!

"Swish!!!"

Suddenly, a gigantic net made from nature's spiritual energy reappeared!

Only this time, the giant net was not entrapping Mu Jinyu but was trapping the fleeing Gu Xunchao within it!

And looking at the condensation of spiritual energy in the giant net and the intense murderous aura, this new spiritual qi net was far stronger than Gu Xunchao's!

Indeed, Mu Jinyu had stolen Gu Xunchao's unique skill, the Heavenly Net of Earth!

And had surpassed the master!

"How is this possible?!!!"

"I don't believe it!!!"

Gu Xunchao, moving extremely fast and trapped in the giant spiritual qi net, almost crashed headfirst into the net lines, nearly killing himself, but luckily he stopped in time, barely keeping himself alive!

Yet, as he watched the net that enveloped him and formed a cage-like enclosure, his heart felt stifled and uncomfortable!

His unique skill had been stolen and used against him; what a humiliating and awkward situation!

"How does it feel now? Can you perhaps invent another unique skill on the spot?"

Mu Jinyu controlled the Giant Spiritual Qi Net as it slowly contracted inward, forcing Gu Xunchao to constantly run toward the center, hoping to find a loophole to escape from the net, and he taunted.

"You!?"

Gu Xunchao stood in the center of the net, unable to find any gap that would allow him to safely leave the Heavenly Net of Earth. He felt a wave of absolute despair, and upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, he glared furiously at him!

Wishing he could devour him alive!

"Have you resigned yourself to your fate? Such a pity..."

Mu Jinyu watched Gu Xunchao's helpless demeanor and couldn't help but sigh lightly, "It seems that even though you've cultivated the Eagle Claw Technique, you are still just a little hawk, unable to qualify as a hunter and hunt your kin. Alas, what a pity..."

Having sighed, Mu Jinyu no longer wished to toy with Gu Xunchao, and he suddenly clenched his outstretched hands!

"Shoo!!"

Instantly, the Giant Spiritual Qi Net, which had been slowly contracting, sped up alarmingly. The safe space left for Gu Xunchao, originally fifty meters, dwindled to just three meters in merely three seconds!

Gu Xunchao had been on edge the whole time, and seeing this scene, his heart grew even more anxious. Then, he felt that although Mu Jinyu could use nature's spiritual energy to set up a similar Hawk Sky Net, it might not have the same lethality as his own!

Just now, he did not dare to risk everything, trying to find a flaw to safely escape, but now there was no other choice but to stake it all!

"Puff!!"

With an unyielding stance, Gu Xunchao charged fiercely toward the nearby net threads, and then...

His body was instantly sliced into countless pieces by the fine net threads!

Since the net's openings were only the size of coins, his body was brutally cut into chunks of flesh the size of tofu cubes, which fell from the sky in a clattering descent!

Among the falling pieces of flesh, there was one intact eyeball, which expressed deep terror and despair, along with endless unwillingness...

In his last moments, Gu Xunchao held no resentment towards Mu Jinyu, only a powerless despair and bitterness toward his fate!

Ever since he saw that hawk trapped in a dense net decades ago, he had always sought to escape such a fate and had strived to create the Heavenly Net of Earth, just so he could turn from a hawk into a hunter!

Yet in the end, he still could not escape his fate and died by his own unique technique, the Hawk Sky Net!

What bitter irony!

"Heh..."

Gu Xunchao quietly mocked himself as his bitter spirit finally dissipated!

Watching Gu Xunchao die by his own killing move, turning into countless chunks of flesh falling from the sky, Mu Jinyu's expression remained calm. He glanced at the remains and then no longer paid attention to the deceased Gu Xunchao!

Instead, he turned his attention to the three who were still entangled with Xiyan and her two companions below!

"Hu!"

Mu Jinyu stepped forward and immediately dove downward, quickly arriving behind the four women.

The three with Xu Changsheng, who had been tangled up with Xiyan and her companions, had been frantic to leave when Gu Xunchao attempted to escape.

Unfortunately, with Jian Ruyan by their side forming a battle array, and since the three women had gradually gained a lot of combat experience during their fight, Xiyan was no longer in such a sorry state, hence, they had been thoroughly entangled and unable to leave!

And once Mu Jinyu descended, they were so terrified that they were almost beside themselves with fear!

Even Gu Xunchao, a Fourth Layer Martial Artist of the Divinity Transformation Realm, had died at the hands of this man. They, merely at the Third Layer, severely depleted of True Yuan, how could they possibly stand against Mu Jinyu?!

The three with Xu Changsheng, their eyes red, started to desperately try to leave!

Chapter 677: Gu Xiyan's Enlightenment!

Xu Changsheng and his two companions started to panic and became desperate.

Unfortunately, with Mu Jinyu and Jian Ruyan hovering beside, they had no chance to escape.

In the end, out of fear of Mu Jinyu and desperate to flee, their attacks became increasingly flawed. Lin Xiao was directly caught out by Mei Yinxue, who delivered a fatal blow!

Right after, Wen Rou also successfully dealt with Xu Changsheng, leaving only Gu Xiyan still entangled with Chen Tianlong!

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu didn't rush to finish off Chen Tianlong but let Gu Xiyan continue the fight, using it to temper her.

Actually, Gu Xiyan was quite clever, and she learned quite a bit from her exchanges with Chen Tianlong. But since she had never killed anyone before, she hesitated. Although there were several times when she could have finished off Chen Tianlong in one move, she missed those chances due to her hesitation.

"Sister Xixian, go for it!"

"Xiyan, just be ruthless and stop hesitating."

After Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue finished off their opponents, like Jian Ruyan, they stood next to Mu Jinyu, watching Gu Xiyan fight Chen Tianlong and couldn't help shouting out their encouragement.

"Don't shout randomly," Mu Jinyu advised. "If you distract her, she might make mistakes like her opponent, and fail to make a decision. If it really becomes necessary, you guys can step in and finish off her opponent."

"Alright, we understand,"

"Sorry, we didn't mean to..."

Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue were momentarily startled by Mu Jinyu's advice but then felt it made sense.

Wasn't it because they were under pressure and desperate to escape that Xu Changsheng and his companions made hasty, flawed moves which led to their downfall?

Although Gu Xiyan wasn't as desperate to escape, the fact that the other two had already finished their fights surely added pressure on her, making her eager to prove she was no less capable than them. A misstep in her technique could indeed make it impossible to defeat Chen Tianlong and even put her in danger!

Since they were there to back her up, Chen Tianlong had no chance of staging a deadly counterattack and escaping, so there was no need for Gu Xiyan to feel rushed or anxious.

It would be just as well if she slowly wore down Chen Tianlong.

Once she had shed blood this time, she would eventually get used to it.

Gu Xiyan, still in the midst of fighting with Chen Tianlong, indeed felt immense pressure and anxiety, wondering why she couldn't succeed as easily as Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue did.

After hearing the encouragement from Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue, she grew even more anxious, nearly making a mistake that would have allowed Chen Tianlong to escape and counterattack her.

Fortunately, she soon heard Mu Jinyu's advice to Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue, which helped her calm down.

She stopped worrying about whether she was inadequate or if she would disappoint Mu Jinyu, focusing instead on not hesitating anymore.

Eventually, her gaze grew colder as she calmly countered Chen Tianlong's moves without being in a hurry to kill him.

As the pressure on Chen Tianlong increased sharply, he finally went into a frenzied state, trying to trade injury for a chance to escape. Gu Xiyao seized this opportunity and delivered a fatal strike, killing Chen Tianlong!

"Bang!"

Chen Tianlong's hefty body crashed to the ground, eyes wide with rage, blood flowing from all orifices, truly dying with his eyes open.

"Huff... Hah..."

Gu Xiyao, breathing rapidly with her chest heaving, stood trembling on the spot, gazing blankly at Chen Tianlong's corpse. Deep in her eyes, fear and unease were still visible...

This was her first kill, but she felt it wasn't so bad after all.

It wasn't as bad as she had imagined; she did not feel a strong discomfort or the urge to vomit.

She didn't feel the urge to vomit nor did she feel any discomfort, she just felt that she had finally... killed someone.

Gu Xiyao found it very strange. Why did she have such a cold-blooded mindset?

Perhaps it was because she had seen too many scenes like this in times of darkness and chaos, some even more bloody and terrifying.

Moreover, she had always been engaged in cutthroat business competition. The market was like a battlefield, filled with endless dangers and hidden threats. Although it wasn't as physically brutal as the fight before her eyes, it was like a sailboat hitting the rocks with fierce undercurrents and a chilling will to kill!

One careless move would result in a complete destruction; not even bones would be left intact after being devoured whole!

After the Beauty Pill was launched, under their management, who knew how many beauty businesses went bankrupt, how many families were ruined and people died?

She didn't intend to kill anyone but when those companies went bankrupt and defaulted on massive debts, there were people with no way out, who ultimately chose death. Didn't all their sins still fall upon her head?

Upon further reflection, Gu Xiyan realized she was not as weak and kind as she had imagined herself to be; she was accustomed to life and death, and she was very cold-blooded too!

"Are you alright?"

Mu Jinyu walked over, patted Gu Xiyan's back, and asked with concern.

"I'm fine," Gu Xiyan replied, her complexion slightly pale due to the excessive loss of True Essence Power.

Turning to look at Mu Jinyu, having understood herself, her beautiful eyes were free from fear and unease. She smiled at Mu Jinyu, "Don't worry, I feel very good."

"Er, that's good then..."

Mu Jinyu originally thought that Gu Xiyan would be like Wen Rou, not necessarily vomiting after killing someone, but certainly feeling greatly discomforted. He didn't expect her to regain her composure so quickly.

This surprised him.

After taking a closer look at Gu Xiyan and seeing that she was genuinely calm, Mu Jinyu truly felt at ease.

He thought to himself that even though Wen Rou's aptitude and talent might be stronger than those of Gu Xiyan and Mei Yinxue, when it came to willpower and mental strength, Gu Xiyan and Mei Yinxue were a bit stronger.

Taking a light breath, Mu Jinyu said with a smile, "Good, you all take a rest for a while. I'll go check the Tai Sui Stone."

"Mm."

Gu Xiyan took a deep breath, nodded in agreement, and then sat down cross-legged on the ground to begin cultivating and recover her severely depleted True Essence Power!

Seeing this, Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue also let down their guard and began to cultivate for recovery.

Only Jian Ruyan, who had hardly participated in the fight, did not adjust her state as they did. Instead, she held her sword sheath, glanced at Mu Jinyu, then at Gu Xiyan and the rest, and finally decided to act as their protector.

Mu Jinyu wasn't concerned about this. Seeing that Gu Xiyan and the others were cultivating to recover their True Essence Power, he nodded gently at Jian Ruyan and walked towards the moss-covered Green Stone in the center of the Jade Emperor Peak plaza!

This Green Stone was the root of much contention, and he wanted to thoroughly inspect it. If it was not capable of retaliating against those in the Divine Realm to death, then fighting this battle tonight would have been somewhat in vain!

Approaching the forefront of the Tai Sui, Mu Jinyu's expression grew serious. He then raised his hand, attempting to strike out a thread of True Essence Power just reaching the strength of the First Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm!

"Shoo!"

This strand of True Essence Power, which could easily blow apart a huge tree, shot towards the Tai Sui. Rather than shattering the Green Stone, it disappeared without a trace...

Not right...

It was not without a trace!

Three seconds after Mu Jinyu's thread of True Essence Power blasted into the Tai Sui, his expression suddenly changed drastically!

Chapter 678: The Mysterious Tai Sui!

Three seconds after Mu Jinyu sent his True Essence Power crashing into Tai Sui, he suddenly felt a terrifying oppressive force descending from the unknown above!

This oppressive force was too dreadful, carrying ill omens, gloom, and a deathly aura, fiercely enveloping Mu Jinyu from all directions!

"Plop!!"

Mu Jinyu's heart instantly seized up, continuously employing True Essence Power and Divine Thought Power to resist this pressure!

However, it had no effect whatsoever, and he ultimately was blasted backward by this terrifying force, vomiting fresh blood and looking quite pitiful!

It seemed that this oppressive force was neither an attack from nature's spiritual energy, Elemental Qi, nor an assault on the soul like Divine Thought Power or spiritual power!

Therefore, he couldn't protect himself!

It was like a butcher's menacing glare, inherently carrying an evil and murderous aura, which, upon anger, made it so that ordinary people dared not make eye contact or speak above a whisper.

Mu Jinyu had just had a dispute with a pig butcher while buying meat, like an ordinary citizen, and after pushing the butcher a bit for some reason, the butcher glared with furious eyes and picked up his slaughtering knife, poised to chop...

And Mu Jinyu himself was scared into stumbling backward, eventually tripping over a stone and taking a hard fall!

"Wow... spurt..."

Mu Jinyu lay on the ground, opening his mouth to once again expel a large amount of fresh blood.

Jian Ruyan, who had been standing by to protect Gu Xiyan and the others, saw this and furrowed her brows, stamped her foot on the ground, and in an instant, leaped forward like a leopard to Mu Jinyu's side, helping him up, "Are you alright?"

"I'm fine..." Mu Jinyu lay in Jian Ruyan's arms, his face pale, eyes filled with shock and uncertainty, inhaled the faint elegant scent emanating from Jian Ruyan, and weakly said, "This stone is indeed very strange, I almost died."

At that moment, he felt both terrified and fortunate. Fortunately, he had not used his full strength to strike at the rock but had only employed about the strength of the First Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm; otherwise, he would have undoubtedly died!

For the force Tai Sui returned was reactionary, escalating to the strength of the Second Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm!

If he had gone all out earlier, using the power of the Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm, perhaps what Tai Sui returned would have been the Fifth Layer?

Or even doubled, amounting to the strength of the Eighth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm?

If it were the latter, that would be indeed terrifying!

Most importantly, the returned attack was unavoidable!

One could only endure it directly!

"It's that serious?"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Jian Ruyan's frown deepened, and she asked with concern, "How are your injuries?"

"They're manageable." Mu Jinyu took a few breaths and said, "It looks a bit ragged, but it's just some superficial damage, no internal injuries, fortunately..."

As he spoke, Mu Jinyu also adjusted his breathing, struggling to rise from Jian Ruyan's arms, staggering to stand on the ground.

"This stone is rather large; it's a bit inconvenient to transport it back to Yinlong Mountain by specialized vehicles, and it's also easy to get robbed on the way..."

Mu Jinyu examined Tai Sui, no longer doubting whether it could be used for Yinlong Mountain's Mountain Protection Array, and began to figure out how to transport it back to Jiangnan Province.

"Right, try the Shennong Cauldron..."

Mu Jinyu's eyes suddenly lit up, thinking of the Shennong Cauldron that could change size.

Thinking that the Shennong Cauldron had the ability to expand and shrink, he wondered if placing the stone inside it could also shrink it for easy transport.

Thinking it, he did it.

Mu Jinyu immediately took out the Shennong Cauldron from his trouser pocket and then activated a spell, enlarging it from the size of a small wine barrel to over ten feet high, then carefully began moving the green stone.

Indeed, as he didn't actively attack it, he didn't suffer any backlash.

Mu Jinyu successfully lifted it and then placed this nearly two-meter-tall Green Stone into the Shennong Cauldron!

"Clang!"

Once Tai Sui was placed inside the cauldron, it immediately emitted a buzzing sound, but fortunately, the Magic Treasure and the Exotic Treasure coexisted peacefully, not colliding inside!

"Shrink!"

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu felt that he had succeeded another step, he relaxed slightly, then pinched a spell and shouted.

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, the over three-meter-tall Shennong Cauldron began to emit a faint clear glow, then, following Mu Jinyu's will, it automatically began to shrink.

Very smoothly!

In the end, the Shennong Cauldron indeed shrank along with Tai Sui back to the size of a wine jug without any abnormal occurrences.

Mu Jinyu took the Shennong Cauldron and peered inside.

He saw that Tai Sui had turned into a fist-sized rock inside, emitting a faint green light, and it looked quite full of Dao Rhyme.

"Hm?!"

As Mu Jinyu curiously watched, he suddenly smelled a familiar fragrance spreading, and a strand of hair tickled his nose, making it a bit itchy.

He looked up.

It turned out to be Jian Ruyan, who, seeing him use the Shennong Cauldron to shrink and store Tai Sui, also felt very amazed and leaned in to see what Tai Sui looked like inside the Shennong Cauldron.

"Fun, right?"

Mu Jinyu guessed Jian Ruyan's thoughts, smiled slightly, and handed her the Shennong Cauldron, "Here, take your time and look."

"Okay." Jian Ruyan took the Shennong Cauldron, her fair and lovely face losing its usual lofty chill, now carrying a hint of curiosity and joy.

Just like a little girl who had received a toy she liked.

Although she didn't want to appear too happy, she still revealed a bit of it.

Mu Jinyu smiled slightly, said nothing, then turned his head to glance at Gu Xiyan and the other two women who were still practicing their cultivation, then shifted his gaze toward Xiao Yang's family and the people from the Dan Pavilion!

He hadn't forgotten, it was just a while ago that these people from the Dan Pavilion had blocked him, provoked him, and then called Gu Xunchao to deal with him.

Although, even if the people from the Dan Pavilion hadn't done so, he would have eventually confronted Gu Xunchao anyway, but this was no reason to let the people from the Dan Pavilion off.

"Hehe, it's time to settle the score with these people..."

Mu Jinyu's mouth curled into a cold smile, then he stepped towards them!

The reason he had not immediately obliterated these people from the Dan Pavilion during the battle with Gu Xunchao, despite having the capability, was precisely to see if the Dan Pavilion had any utilitarian value,

such as, the Dan Pavilion also researched Pills, did they have any Pill Formulas or valuable Spiritual Medicines in their organization!

Otherwise, why would he leave these fools alive at all?

Only ten or so minutes had passed since the battle between Mu Jinyu and Gu Xunchao, and the people from the Dan Pavilion were still immobilized for at least half an hour due to the pressure exerted by Mu Jinyu.

Wang Mao was prostrate on the ground, having not died in the previous brutal rain of bullets, he watched Mu Jinyu approaching him, and his fear escalated endlessly!

He was terrified!

Even the Ancient Elder, who was their reliance, had already been killed by Mu Jinyu with his own power!

Were not these motionless people just like fish on the chopping board, completely at his mercy?

Chapter 679: Dealing with Dan Pavilion!

"Don't come any closer!"

"Don't come any closer..."

Wang Mao watched in desperation as Mu Jinyu steadily advanced toward him, feeling on the verge of collapse, screaming inwardly without cease.

Regrettably, Mu Jinyu neither heard the cries of Wang Mao and those from the Dan Pavilion nor would he have heeded their words if he had, not coming any closer.

In just a few strides, Mu Jinyu reached Wang Mao, then crouched down and tapped a few points on his body.

He used his True Essence Power to undo Wang Mao's paralysis.

"Please, don't come any closer, I beg you!"

No sooner had the paralysis been lifted than Wang Mao's inward screams burst forth audibly!

"Hmm?"

Once he had cried out, Wang Mao immediately realized he could speak again. Could he move as well?

With the thought, Wang Mao sprang up high from the ground and, brimming with excitement, prepared to leave Jade Emperor Peak, abandoning the Elders of the Dan Pavilion!

"Hmph!"

Mu Jinyu let out a disdainful snort, and a tide-like oppressive force gushed forth, immobilizing Wang Mao once again!

"Crack, crack, crack..."

Now unable to move, Wang Mao quickly regained some sense of reason, understanding that with Mu Jinyu present, there was no possibility of escape.

Fear climbed incrementally within him, making him clench his jaw tight, causing an incessant clatter of teeth.

Mu Jinyu stood behind Wang Mao and spoke in a chilling voice, "I'll give you a chance to make a case for your Dan Pavilion. What is your value to me? Why should I spare your lives?"

"Hmm?"

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Wang Mao's despair instantly turned to joy as if the clouds had been torn asunder to reveal the sun.

He then realized he could speak again and quickly said, "Our Dan Pavilion has... has many talented people who can perform alchemy for you, Dragon King. Having acquired alchemy and an Alchemy Furnace, you might not yet be clear on how to carry out alchemy, right?"

"With our assistance, you could save a year or even longer..."

Wang Mao's voice betrayed his fear, yet it carried a hint of smugness.

He was somewhat confident that even if Mu Jinyu was exceptionally quick witted, alchemy was not that simple, and Mu Jinyu couldn't understand it in a short period.

Only their Dan Pavilion, steeped in elixirs for nearly a century, could unravel the mysteries of alchemy in a few years if they obtained the art; then the Dragon King Hall would have an endless supply of elixirs.

That must be why Mu Jinyu had not killed him and instead asked for their value, right?

Wang Mao guessed with eighty percent confidence.

However...

As soon as he finished speaking, Mu Jinyu simply flicked his finger, and a thread of True Yuan shot directly into the chest of one of the Dan Pavilion Elders lying on the ground.

"Ugh..."

The Elder grunted and expired on the spot.

Mu Jinyu then said coldly, "Sorry, but I've already learned alchemy. I don't need your help with that. Continue and tell me your value. With every unnecessary word you speak, one of your Dan Pavilion shall die. If you persist with nonsense, then you will die along with them!"

"Crack, crack, crack..."

Listening to Mu Jinyu's emotionless, icy words, fear nearly consumed Wang Mao's soul, and his teeth began to chatter again!

He simply couldn't believe that Mu Jinyu was entirely indifferent to the art of alchemy!

As for Mu Jinyu claiming he had already mastered alchemy, Wang Mao kept his skepticism.

How could it be possible to master alchemy in just one week?

He didn't believe it!

But he knew his disbelief was irrelevant. Mu Jinyu clearly didn't care for the value they could bring with their alchemical skills.

What value did their Dan Pavilion possibly have left?

Wang Mao pondered for a moment, and then his eyes lit up again. He realized that since Mu Jinyu mentioned he had mastered alchemy, wouldn't he be in need of a large amount of spiritual medicine to practice his skills? Thus, he hurriedly called out:

"Our Dan Pavilion has cultivated countless spiritual medicines, including over a hundred first-level spiritual medicines and several dozen second-level spiritual medicines. We can offer them to you as an apology!"

As his words fell.

"Hiss!"

Mu Jinyu once again shot out a strand of True Yuan, sending another elder from Dan Pavilion to his death!

The remaining four or five elders, lying on the ground, trembled with fear upon seeing another elder die. They were terrified that Wang Mao would say the wrong thing again and make Mu Jinyu turn his butcher's knife towards them.

Mu Jinyu noticed this and in an instant, shot out four or five strands of True Qi, dissolving the stagnant qi stuck in their meridians.

Then, they were able to move again and immediately, one of the elders jumped up, knelt before Mu Jinyu, and said with a trembling voice, "Dragon... Dragon King, our Dan Pavilion can submit to you and serve as your servants..."

Hearing this elder's words, Wang Mao, who had been struggling with how to satisfy Mu Jinyu, had his eyebrows twitch, and anger rose in his heart.

The Dan Pavilion submitting to Dragon King Hall, and they becoming Mu Jinyu's servants?

He was not willing at all!

However, considering Mu Jinyu's attitude, they offered him their alchemy services, and Mu Jinyu was not pleased; he presented all of Dan Pavilion's spiritual medicines as an apology, and Mu Jinyu still refused!

Perhaps, from the very beginning, Mu Jinyu's intention was to take possession of their Dan Pavilion and turn it into a vassal of Dragon King Hall. That way, whether it was to provide him with alchemy or spiritual medicines, it meant he would want them all!

Thinking of this.

Wang Mao, in order to save his own life, could only swallow his pride!

"Hiss!"

However, to his surprise, even though he had already acquiesced to becoming servants for Dragon King Hall, Mu Jinyu was still unwilling to let them go!

Another strand of True Qi shot out, piercing through the heart of the elder who had knelt down to beg for mercy and declare submission.

"Bang!"

The elder's body fell to the ground, his expression frozen in an unresigned death.

Seeing this, the remaining four elders of Dan Pavilion became even more panicked, but they also dared not speak carelessly anymore.

Fearing they would bring disaster upon themselves, and die before everyone else!

"Servants? Sorry, but my Dragon King Hall does not need you to serve as servants!"

Mu Jinyu spoke indifferently, not even glancing at the dead elder.

After finishing his words, he looked at the stunned Wang Mao, and said lightly, "Still haven't figured out your value for survival? If not, then..."

Pausing, Mu Jinyu's tone suddenly turned chillingly cold, exuding endless intent to killing, "I'll have to send you on your way!"

"Clatter clatter clatter..."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, a group of people's teeth chattered, and among the elders, those who were more cowardly, even wet their pants from fright.

Driven to desperation, Wang Mao suddenly had a flash of inspiration, as if he had thought of something, understanding what Mu Jinyu needed.

What Mu Jinyu wanted was perhaps not their alchemy services, not the spiritual medicines, not them being servants, but...

A magic treasure like the Shennong Cauldron?

An exotic treasure like Tai Sui Stone?

Correct!

Only such items could attract his attention and compel him to come from thousands of miles away!

Finally comprehending, Wang Mao also remembered an exotic treasure from their Dan Pavilion. Seeing that Mu Jinyu was becoming impatient and ready to make a move, he quickly cried out:

"Don't move, don't move, our Dan Pavilion has an exotic treasure, similar to Tai Sui, which you, Dragon King, will definitely be satisfied with..."

As his words ended.

Mu Jinyu, who was about to take action, immediately stopped, and said coldly, "Speak!"

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Wang Mao saw that Mu Jinyu had stopped, his murderous intent subsiding, and he immediately heaved a sigh of relief. Then he nervously explained, "It's a seed. I'm not sure what kind of seed, but when I hold it in my hand for cultivation, I can draw quite a bit of Spiritual Energy from it..."

"Oh?" Mu Jinyu raised an eyebrow upon hearing this, showing a slight interest. He asked, "If you think this seed is extraordinary, why don't you plant it instead of absorbing its Spiritual Energy?"

Wang Mao laughed awkwardly and explained, "I have tried to plant it, but whether I bury it in soil or soak it in water, it will not sprout. In the end, I thought it might be a dead seed, so I just..."

"Alright." Mu Jinyu understood what Wang Mao meant, nodded slightly, and said, "Do you have that seed on you? If you do, take it out and show it to me."

"I do have it..." Wang Mao hurriedly spoke in a sycophantic tone, then took a small box made of special alloy from his pocket, opened it, and revealed a black and plump seed inside.

At a glance, one might think it was an elixir.

But Mu Jinyu knew it was not a finished elixir. Although it emitted an aura of Spiritual Power, there was an overwhelming presence of vitality as well.

And elixirs could never have this kind of vigor.

'What on earth is this?'

Mu Jinyu couldn't see anything special about the seed, though it was emitting a scent of Spiritual Power. It was likely a seed of Spiritual Medicine, but the problem was, ordinary-grade Spiritual Medicines were of no use to him!

'Well, let's keep it for now. Perhaps its use will be discovered later.'

Thinking this, Mu Jinyu raised his hand, and the seed in the metal box immediately flew up and landed in Mu Jinyu's hand.

Having obtained the seed, Mu Jinyu didn't pay too much attention to it; he directly stuffed it into his pocket, planning to store it with the Shennong Cauldron after Jian Ruyan was done playing with it.

"That..."

Seeing that Mu Jinyu had accepted the seed he had offered, Wang Mao internally heaved a sigh of relief and his expression relaxed a lot. Then he cautiously asked, "Can we leave now?"

He always remembered, Mu Jinyu had just said that as long as they showed their value for survival, he could spare them.

Now that he had offered this exotic species and Mu Jinyu had accepted it, his life should be spared by the rules.

But he knew that whether his life could be spared still depended on Mu Jinyu's attitude, so he became somewhat edgy again.

"You may." Mu Jinyu nodded expressionlessly and looked toward the three Dan Pavilion Elders, "What about their value?"

"Uh..."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, a feeling of foreboding rose in Wang Mao's heart.

Did Mu Jinyu mean that the exotic species that he had just shown was only enough to save his own life, but not sufficient to include the remaining elders of Dan Pavilion?

If he wanted to take them along, each of them had to demonstrate a value that would satisfy Mu Jinyu for survival...

But where would he get more exotic treasures or species for Mu Jinyu now?!

With a grim expression, Wang Mao turned to look at the three Dan Pavilion Elders beside him and could see the anxiety and eagerness in their eyes.

While they couldn't speak, they communicated with their eyes, telling Wang Mao that they too wanted to live and urging him to offer treasures to redeem their lives!

'Sigh...'

Letting out a long sigh in his heart, Wang Mao shifted his gaze away in shame, unable to meet the eyes of the three elders.

Upon seeing Wang Mao's dodging action, a sinking feeling uncontrollably filled the hearts of the three elders, and a sense of doom swiftly took over their minds.

Their Pavilion Master was likely going to abandon them!

As expected.

After avoiding eye contact with the three elders, Wang Mao, hanging his head, said, "Dragon Master, I in Dan Pavilion have nothing else that you would want..."

"Oh, is that so?"

Mu Jinyu responded to Wang Mao's words without surprise, glanced at the three Dan Pavilion Elders whose faces were ashen, withdrew his gaze, and said with a light chuckle, "Then deal with them, and you can go."

"Boom!!"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Wang Mao felt as if a bomb had exploded in his mind, turning his face deathly pale.

"This... this..."

Wang Mao dared not look at the faces of the three elders, and stammering, he asked Mu Jinyu, "Why must it be this way?"

Mu Jinyu said indifferently, "Prove your stance!"

"I let you leave, but who knows if you'll turn around and plot against me?"

"I know there are more people from Dan Pavilion here with you. Kill them to prove your stance to me. I will record it and send it to everyone in Dan Pavilion."

After hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Wang Mao's face immediately turned ashen!

Sending a video of him personally assassinating a loyal elder to the core and lower ranks of Dan Pavilion, exposing his true character—what would his fate be?

Naturally, it would be total abandonment!

Wang Mao understood that Mu Jinyu was preventing any potential resurgence, guarding against any malicious intentions he might harbor to harm Dragon King Hall in the future!

"Fine!"

Though incredibly distressed and reluctant, Wang Mao was a person of resolve, otherwise he wouldn't have been the master of Dan Pavilion. He thought that even if Dan Pavilion fell apart, as long as he lived, he could still rise again elsewhere! Thus, he agreed outright!

With a ghastly pale face, Wang Mao stiffly turned his neck, his gaze reluctantly and helplessly shifting to the three elders!

The three elders stared straight back at Wang Mao, their expressions defeated.

Wang Mao exchanged glances with them for a moment, but saw no understanding or acceptance in their eyes, only resentment, despair, and murderous intent...

Wang Mao's heart trembled, knowing that after this incident, even if Mu Jinyu spared them, they would never forgive him!

Wang Mao felt deep sorrow!

Why couldn't they understand him?

If he could just survive, he could later avenge them, rise again; what good would it do for them to take his place and be the sole survivor?

Truly foolish and selfish people!

"You may leave now!"

Furious and embarrassed, Wang Mao loudly scolded, then prepared to strike down the three Dan Pavilion elders who had served him for many years!

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu gave a faint smile and smoothly lifted the oppressive force on the three elders.

Suddenly, the three elders, previously unable to move, felt the heavy pressure on them lift, and as if a great weight had been lifted off their shoulders, they looked around in astonishment. Just then, they saw Wang Mao rushing forward to strike them down!

"Go to hell, you old fool!"

The three yelled in anger and did not hesitate to fight back, launching a fierce attack on Wang Mao!

"Huh? You dare fight back?!"

Wang Mao had thought he could easily handle the three elders, signaling his allegiance to Mu Jinyu, but unexpectedly, they suddenly regained their freedom of movement. He was caught off guard, unable to ponder the implications, and immediately tangled in combat with them!

"Crackle and pop!!"

The fight was extremely intense!

Wang Mao was not lightly wounded and his rage boiled intensely, wishing he could scold them bloodily as he often did in normal times!

Why wouldn't they just obediently die?

Why must they stubbornly resist?!