

## **Martial 4111**

### Chapter 4111 – Blocking

It was a difficult battle. On the flatland, armies from opposing sides were clashing with one another. The battlefield seemed to have turned into a mincer as countless swords fell apart and their glow turned dim. On the battlefield, hundreds of thousands of swords were locked in an intense melee!

On one side, was the army led by Yang Kai. On the other, was an army led by a Gold Sword.

Previously, Yang Kai had occupied six mines and it took his 300,000 soldiers 4 months to find a single gold ore. After absorbing the power within the gold ore, he successfully became a Gold Sword.

Nevertheless, this approach was too inefficient. No one knew when he would be able to find the next gold ore. In order to further improve himself, it was better to look for another Gold Sword and kill it.

In this world of swords, there weren't many Gold Swords, so it took a month of searching by several teams to finally find one.

Without hesitation, Yang Kai summoned his armies and waged war against the enemy.

Hundreds of thousands of swords clashed. Countless swords had been broken, but there were also swords that absorbed enough power and ascended to the next grade.

However, this was not the key to winning the war, the battle in the sky was.

Presently, two Gold Swords were circling around as though they were dancing in the sky. Their Golden Sword Qi broke through the void in an imposing manner. Both swords were incredibly fast with one of them appearing noticeably brighter than the other.

On the battlefield, Lang Qing Shan looked up at the sky and gazed attentively at the movements of the dimmer Gold Sword, who was none other than Yang Kai. He had just achieved a breakthrough, so he paled in many ways when compared to the other, older, Gold Sword. Be it his sturdiness, sharpness, or the power of his Sword Qi, Yang Kai was slightly weaker than his opponent.

Nevertheless, he had the capital to fight against a Gold Sword now! It was unlike in the past when he was completely powerless to resist such an enemy. As long as he had this qualification, Yang Kai stood a good chance to gain victory. That was the reason he had the guts to launch an attack on an army led by this Gold Sword.

Knowing that he was less powerful, Yang Kai directly expended all his energy when dealing with his opponent. The Gold Sword had never expected Yang Kai to be so ferocious, so despite the fact that he had a stronger heritage, he was dumbfounded when fighting against his enemy.

However, he was still at an advantage due to his greater strength, and after pulling himself together, he started attacking Yang Kai and made him suffer quite a few setbacks.

Half a day later, many gaps had appeared on Yang Kai's blade. Even though the Gold Sword wasn't in a better state, he obviously fared better than Yang Kai did. Yang Kai's fierce attacks would always result in harming himself as well.

If this battle dragged on, Yang Kai was bound to lose his life in this place. Although he was fully aware of this fact, he didn't intend to change his plans as he continued hacking at his opponent.

Two hours later, the Gold Sword turned around and shot downwards. He was still able to keep fighting as he was in a better state than Yang Kai, but he was damaged as well. In order to heal himself, the best way was to kill the swords on the battlefield and absorb their energy.

Yang Kai's gaze brightened as he yelled, "Qing Shan!"

He had been waiting for this chance, and it had finally come.

After one year of waging war against different armies, Yang Kai realised that these swords were all terrified of death. Once they became severely damaged, they would try to repair themselves before anything else. They would only risk their lives if they were left with no other choice.

The fact that the Gold Sword had made such a move suggested that he was now seriously damaged.

In the blink of an eye, the Gold Sword reached the battlefield as he swirled around and shot out a Golden Sword Qi at a mass of swords. His attack covered a large area, and he didn't care if he might harm his own subordinates.

The Golden Sword Qi was extremely sharp. Those who weren't Gold Swords would be unable to resist.

"Dream on!" Lang Qing Shan bellowed with a cold expression on his blade. With him as the leader, over thirty Silver Swords followed him as they charged forward in an imposing manner.

This was a team that had been specifically formed to deal with this kind of situation. All the Silver Swords in the team had reached the peak of their grade. As long as there was golden liquid, they could achieve a further breakthrough.

Silver Sword Qi shot out from these Silver Swords and turned into more than thirty dazzling blades of light as they clashed with the Golden Sword Qi.

\*Hong hong hong...\*

The golden light and the silver lights collided. The former turned dim while the latter collapsed.

Although Silver Sword Qi was no match for Golden Sword Qi, with over thirty of them attacking, they could still weaken the golden light.

\*Chi chi chi...\*

The team of Silver Swords led by Lang Qing Shan shot out Silver Sword Qi again.

They did it three times in a row, unleashing over a hundred beams of Silver Sword Qi that were promptly shattered by the Golden Sword Qi. However, now, the Golden Sword Qi only had half of its original power left, and its glow had dimmed significantly.

There was no time for them to send out Sword Qi again, so without hesitation, Lang Qing Shan led his Silver Swords to escape. They wouldn't dare to clash with the Golden Sword Qi directly.

Although half of the Golden Sword Qi's power had vanished, it could still easily destroy these Silver Swords. Once they were struck, they would break into pieces.

When the Golden Sword Qi was about to reach the swords, another Golden Sword Qi appeared out of thin air and slashed across the first Golden Sword Qi, which disintegrated upon impact. Without stopping, the second Golden Sword Qi struck the swords.

In an instant, thousands of swords lost their lives as beams of light shot into Yang Kai's figure and helped repair the chips on his body.

Undoubtedly, Yang Kai was the one who had cast the second Golden Sword Qi. Not only had he foiled his opponent's plan by destroying the other Golden Sword Qi, he had also managed to heal himself.

After the incident, Yang Kai's power became greater than that of the Gold Sword, so without hesitation, he dashed towards his opponent.

The face on the Gold Sword's blade appeared both shocked and exasperated. He thought that his opponent was extremely cunning as the latter had come up with such a wicked idea.

Before he could curse though, he had no choice but to deal with Yang Kai's intense attacks. While Yang Kai had been restored, he was still damaged, so his power was already much weaker than when he was at his peak. At that moment, he was at a disadvantage.

For the next few hours, the Gold Sword made several attempts to repair himself, but on the battlefield, Lang Qing Shan and his team of Silver Swords did nothing else but keep an eye on the Gold Sword. Wherever he went, the team would follow. As soon as they saw that he was trying to heal himself, they would immediately block his Golden Sword Qi in an attempt to weaken it, after which Yang Kai would destroy it.

Even after seven or eight attempts, the Gold Sword did not succeed.

One day later, the Gold Sword wasn't even able to fly stably. He was shaking in the sky. Unable to use Golden Sword Qi anymore, he could only let out a sword wave from the tip of his blade.

Apparently, he was already on his last leg as he had used up all his energy.

Now, he had no choice but to fight a desperate battle to stay alive. On the other hand, Yang Kai remained calm and collected as he dealt with his opponent.

There came a moment when the last bit of energy left the Golden Sword as he plunged from the sky and obliquely jabbed into the ground. The face on the blade looked dejected and livid.

Upon reaching him, Yang Kai swirled around and slashed at him. The Gold Sword closed his eyes and awaited his imminent death.

Nevertheless, Yang Kai stopped just short of him and grinned and shouted, "Qing Shan!"

Lang Qing Shan rushed over and said respectfully, "Yes, Sir."

“Kill him,” Yang Kai said, “I’ve already confirmed he’s used up all his strength.”

Upon hearing that, Lang Qing Shan became startled for a moment before replying, “Sir, I don’t deserve it!”

He knew that if he killed this Gold Sword, he would most probably also become a Gold Sword; however, this was the prize Yang Kai had spent two days fighting for, so how could he take it instead?

Yang Kai explained, “If you break through as well, you’ll become a Gold Sword just like me. If we ever come across a Gold Sword again, the battle will be much easier for us as we can work together. I will only gain some power by killing him, so it’s not worth it. End his life now. Don’t give him any chance to restore his strength.”

Hearing that, Lang Qing Shan stopped hesitating and grunted in agreement. Then, he leapt into the air and slashed across the Gold Sword.

Following a loud clang, Lang Qing Shan trembled while the Gold Sword wasn’t harmed one bit; after all, the Gold Sword was of a much higher grade. Although he had no more energy left, his blade was still extremely firm.

Not giving up, Lang Qing Shan repeatedly hacked at the same spot, but he couldn’t achieve his goal.

There was a derisive expression on the Gold Sword’s blade.

Seeing that, Yang Kai rose in the air and reached the Gold Sword. After targeting a particular spot, he shot out a golden light from the tip of his blade. His attack easily caused a huge crack in the Gold Sword’s blade and almost cut it in half.

Understanding Yang Kai’s intention, Lang Qing Shan mercilessly hacked at the gap for one hour before he managed to end the Gold Sword’s life.

A golden glow streamed out of the Gold Sword and poured into Lang Qing Shan. Then, it turned into a dazzling golden mist and engulfed him.

When the golden light dissipated, it was no longer a Silver Sword that was standing in front of Yang Kai. Just like him, Lang Qing Shan had turned into a Gold Sword. A golden glow swirled around his blade, making him look majestic.

“Many thanks, Sir.” Lang Qing Shan was grateful. Realising that he had become much stronger, he appeared elated.

In order to become a Gold Sword, one could either swallow the golden liquid in a gold ore or kill a Gold Sword and absorb its power just like what Lang Qing Shan had done. Yang Kai used the first method while Lang Qing Shan took the second approach.

Turning around, Yang Kai swept a glance over the battlefield.

After the Gold Sword was killed, the noises on the battlefield died down. The Gold Sword’s soldiers stopped resisting and gazed at Yang Kai with admiring looks on their faces.

It was the rule in this world. As long as one could kill the leader of an army, he could take over his soldiers without any hindrance.

Yang Kai originally had 300,000 soldiers while the Gold Sword had 400,000. There were 700,000 swords in total that had battled against one another for two days. Now, only half of them were still alive.

Although the number of soldiers had shrunk, their collective power didn't decrease one bit. Among these over three hundred thousand soldiers, there were many Silver Swords and countless Black Iron Swords.

In any battle, as long as one wasn't shattered, he would reap a handsome reward if he managed to survive in the end.

#### Chapter 4112 – Lightning Strike

When a loud crack was heard, a Gold Sword broke into pieces. A golden light streamed out of the sword and enveloped Yang Kai, which nourished and strengthened him.

It had been a year since Yang Kai helped Lang Qing Shan destroy the first Gold Sword.

During this period of time, Yang Kai led his army to wage war in different parts of this world of swords. There had been difficult as well as easy battles. As they destroyed army after army, countless Gold Swords had been shattered by Lang Qing Shan and him.

Presently, both of them had reached the peak of their powers as Gold Swords, and they were unable to improve any further. Besides that, there were over ten Gold Swords that worked under them now.

They couldn't find a way to upgrade themselves, so they could only let their subordinates gain the benefits.

Nevertheless, Yang Kai was still on top of everything as he couldn't let his subordinates overpower him lest any unexpected events take place. After one year of campaigning, he had amassed over 1 million soldiers.

There wasn't even a single Rusty Iron Sword or Bronze Sword among these 1 million swords. The lowest grade ones were Black Iron Swords, while the majority of them were Silver Swords.

It was apparent that his army had smashed countless swords in the past year, which was why they had grown to be so powerful.

The reason he had gathered all his soldiers together today was to prepare for the final battle.

When they were on an expedition half a year ago, they found a gigantic mine where there were over 1 million swords, which was as great as Yang Kai's army. There were over ten Gold Swords on the opposing side as well.

Moreover, that location was the only remaining mine in this world of swords they hadn't raided. As long as Yang Kai could destroy the other party, he would have no more opponents in this world. By then, perhaps he and Lang Qing Shan could leave this world.

This was the only clue he had found, so Yang Kai would never let it slip through his fingers.

After a rest, they set off on their journey. The Sword Qi of these imposing 1 million soldiers surged and penetrated the sky. Wherever they went, Heaven and Earth seemed to pale.

Half a month later, they finally arrived at the last mine. Looking from afar, they could see that their enemies' Sword Intent was equally majestic. There were many Gold Swords and countless Silver Swords on the opposing side.

Without any unnecessary investigation, Yang Kai directly led his 1 million soldiers to charge forward.

Although the other party was ambushed, they were not flustered at all. Soon, they formed into an array and calmly fended off their opponents.

Over 2 million swords took part in the final battle in this world of swords. With every breath, swords were shattered. Even Silver Swords seemed trivial in this expansive battlefield, and they were unable to ensure their own safety. If there was any negligence, they would be hacked into pieces.

Only the Gold Swords were able to take charge of everything.

Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan joined forces and flew back and forth in this battlefield as they specifically targeted enemy Gold Swords and killed them. Both of them had reached the peak of their powers as Gold Swords, so even if either of them was on their own, they were able to easily destroy the average Gold Sword, not to mention now that they were working together.

Over ten Gold Swords had been shattered on the opposing side. Yang Kai had also suffered immense losses as half of his Gold Swords were gone. Nevertheless, the losses were worth it as the situation tipped in their favour.

After days of intense battle, the originally 2 million swords had shrunk to 1 million. 70 percent of them belonged to Yang Kai while the remaining 30 percent of them were on the opposing side.

Basically, there was no mystery as to who the winner would be.

There was only the last Gold Sword who was in charge of everything on the opposing side. Even though countless of his subordinates had been killed, he had remained dispassionate in the past few days. However, Yang Kai could feel an indescribable pressure coming from that Gold Sword.

With Yang Kai leading the way, 7 Gold Swords hovered in the air as they confronted the last enemy Gold Sword from a distance.

Presently, the Gold Sword was hovering on an exquisite throne. The face on the blade appeared majestic even though he lacked emotion. It was as though he was an indifferent deity and even if the world around him fell apart, he would not bat an eye.

This Gold Sword was a little different from the ones Yang Kai had come across before as there was a purple gemstone embedded in his hilt that exuded a faint purple light, which looked extremely odd.

Yang Kai stared at the purple gemstone and frowned as he wasn't sure if the gemstone contained any mysterious power.

The face on the blade slightly raised his eyes and took an impassive glance at Yang Kai and the others before his stern voice reverberated, "Surrender, or die!"

Yang Kai swirled around and yelled, "Kill!"

\*Chi chi chi chi...\*

Beams of Golden Sword Qi broke through the void and came at their target. They were so horrifying that it was as though they could tear space apart.

Countless enemy swords rushed over to protect their Master, but all the Gold Swords on the opposing side had already been killed. The ones that had come over were all Silver Swords, so how were they supposed to parry the Golden Sword Qi?

Upon impact, they immediately shattered. Despite that, those Silver Swords were not afraid of death as they continuously charged forward to block the attack.

The Golden Sword Qi shot past them, leaving countless metal scraps behind.

Yang Kai was stunned because the beams of Golden Sword Qi had been worn down greatly, to the point that when they reached the enemy Gold Sword, they disintegrated and didn't harm their target one bit.

In order to stop these beams of Golden Sword Qi, several tens of thousands of Silver Swords had been destroyed in an instant.

What was strange was that the silver lights from the Silver Swords destroyed by Yang Kai's army didn't shoot towards Yang Kai's side; instead, they flowed towards the leader on the opposing side.

The purple gemstone on this sword's hilt glowed faintly. Following that, he whirled around and slashed out.

The whole world seemed to turn pale. No words were good enough to describe this sword's noble bearing. Instead of Golden Sword Qi, the other party had seemingly unleashed a purple lightning strike.

Following a thunderclap, all the swords on the battlefield, regardless of which side they were from or their grade, trembled.

Yang Kai's expression changed as he yelled, "Qing Shan, dodge!"

Upon finishing his words, he immediately evaded.

The purple lightning strike skirted past him. At that moment, time seemed to have slowed down significantly. Yang Kai could clearly see that one part of his extremely sturdy blade dissolved upon impact, sending a sense of terror shooting up his spine.

He had already reached the peak of his power as a Gold Sword, so initially, Yang Kai believed that no one else could harm him in this world. However, he hadn't expected his blade to be so frail when it was struck by the purple lightning.

Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan reacted quickly and dodged the attack in time; however, their five subordinates were not so lucky.

The purple lightning strike flew past Yang Kai's blade and shot towards his subordinates. Silently, the five Gold Swords vanished into thin air as though they had never existed before.

There wasn't even any trace that could prove they had existed previously. The lightning strike was truly horrifying.

Turning around, Yang Kai didn't dare to underestimate his opponent as he stared fixedly at the purple gemstone on his hilt, knowing that it was the key to everything.

This world had its own rules. When one killed another sword, he could absorb the other party's energy to strengthen himself. However, the gemstone was able to subvert this rule.

Earlier, Yang Kai and the others had destroyed several tens of thousands of Silver Swords, but the powers within those weapons didn't come to them. Instead, they were absorbed by the leader on the opposing side and turned into this lightning strike.

At this moment, after the five Gold Swords were shattered, five golden lights penetrated the enemy leader's blade and the purple gemstone on his hilt flickered.

Yang Kai felt his heart pounding as he was engulfed in the aura of death. While he was still lost in his thoughts, he saw a purple lightning strike breaking through the air and coming at him like a great serpent.

There was no way he could parry it! Yang Kai immediately shot away, but the purple lightning was relentless. Left with no choice, Yang Kai flew around in the sky in an attempt to shake off the attack.

After several attempts, he realised that he was unable to do so. The purple lightning seemed to have targeted his aura, so it could easily follow him around.

Gritting his teeth, Yang Kai plunged and shot into the ground. A sword wave swirled around on the tip of his blade to bore a tunnel for him.

Only after a long time did he break out from the ground. The purple lightning had finally been exhausted and dissipated.

Turning around, he saw that Lang Qing Shan was already fearlessly battling against the enemy Gold Sword. A pleasantly surprised Yang Kai realised that the Gold Sword wasn't as strong as he had imagined. Just like Lang Qing Shan and him, the Gold Sword was at the peak of its grade.

Yang Kai came to this conclusion upon seeing that Lang Qing Shan and the Gold Sword were equally matched. The enemy's overwhelming power was built around the purple gemstone, which could unleash purple lightning.

In order to use the purple lightning though, he had to absorb a lot of energy first. For the first strike, he used the energy of all those fallen Silver Swords, and for the second strike, he sucked in the powers of five Gold Swords. If there was no free energy for him to take in, he might not be able to release the purple lightning.



Instantaneously, Yang Kai figured out everything. Without hesitation, he charged towards the battlefield and joined forces with Lang Qing Shan to launch a series of attacks against the enemy Gold Sword.

At that moment, sword waves were seen glittering as the three Gold Swords were locked in an intense battle.

All of them stood at the peak of Gold Swords, but Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan were at an advantage as it was two against one. Over the past two years, they had joined forces countless times to deal with numerous enemies, so they could read each other's intentions without any verbal communication.

Presently, the situation was in their favour; however, there wasn't a tinge of fluster behind the enemy Gold Sword's gaze. Instead, he sported a derisive expression.

Yang Kai had no idea why the Gold Sword was still so calm and collected, but based on his observation just now, as long as the Gold Sword had no chance to absorb any energy, there was no way he could use the purple lightning, without which Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan could definitely defeat him.

Just as Yang Kai thought this though, the purple gemstone on the Gold Sword's hilt flickered.

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As the purple light flickered, a mysterious power streamed out of the gemstone and spread around.

The next instant, Yang Kai's expression changed because under the influence of that power, he saw that a thread of golden aura was streaming out of his figure and penetrating the leader of the enemy forces.

The same thing was happening to Lang Qing Shan. They traded glances and saw the horror behind each other's gazes.

The last Gold Sword on the opposing side was able to forcefully absorb powers from other swords!

Upon that realization, Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan hurriedly sealed off their own auras to prevent them from leaving their bodies. They had reached the peak of their powers as Gold Swords, so their blades were extremely sturdy, and they were able to resist the purple light's effects.

However, the other swords on the battlefield were not capable of doing that. Cracking sounds were continuously heard as countless swords broke apart for no reason. Lights of different colours wafted from the broken swords and gushed into the leader on the opposing side from all directions.

At that instant, several tens of thousands of swords, regardless of which side they were from, shattered.

The purple lightning appeared again, like a Thunder Dragon coming right at Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan! Certainly, they wouldn't dare to parry it as they separated and dashed in opposite directions. The Thunder Dragon ignored Yang Kai and raced after Lang Qing Shan as though it was determined to kill him.

Seeing that, Yang Kai returned and swept a gush of Sword Qi against the Gold Sword. Presently, he was unable to lend Lang Qing Shan a hand. The purple lightning was too horrifying, and anyone would immediately lose their life when struck by it. He could only pray that Lang Qing Shan was smart enough to shake off the lightning.

Yang Kai and the Gold Sword were equally matched as they launched into an intense struggle. Neither of them could gain the upper hand as they were both at the peak of their grade. Although Yang Kai's blade had been damaged by the purple lightning earlier, he was more experienced than the Gold Sword when it came to battles, which was why he wasn't at a disadvantage when going against the other party.

After a stick of incense, Lang Qing Shan came back with a battered figure. Yang Kai took a glance at him and realised that his blade had been damaged by the purple lightning, but he wasn't at risk of losing his life.

Instead of immediately assisting Yang Kai, Lang Qing Shan ordered their remaining troops to retreat and stay as far away from the battlefield as possible.

Seeing that, Yang Kai breathed a sigh of relief and thought that Lang Qing Shan was truly clever. If he were Lang Qing Shan, he would've done the same thing.

The purple gemstone on the Gold Sword's hilt was too unpredictable. Not only could it intercept the powers that were supposed to go to the killers, but it could also forcefully absorb energy from the swords that were still alive. If the 700,000 or so remaining swords stayed, they would only serve as a source of power for the Gold Sword to use the purple lightning again.

Soon, all other swords were out of sight. A moment later, Lang Qing Shan returned to the battlefield. All of his damaged parts had been restored, and the glow on his blade was dazzling. Apparently, he had healed himself.

Upon returning to the battlefield, he traded glances with Yang Kai. No words were needed as they could read each other's minds. They had decided to wear the Gold Sword down!

They were not afraid of the Gold Sword's individual strength and there was no way he could defeat the two of them. Nevertheless, they were wary of the purple gemstone on his hilt and the purple lightning he could cast. With that said, there must be a price to pay in order to use the purple lightning.

For the first strike, he had absorbed the powers of over several tens of thousands of Silver Swords, and for the second strike, he had sucked in the powers of five Gold Swords. As for the third strike, which happened just now, he had taken in the energy of several tens of thousands of swords around them, which caused them to break apart on the spot.

Now, all of Yang Kai's army had retreated, and only about 150,000 swords remained on the opposing side. The Gold Sword could only cast the purple lightning five more times at most.

As long as they could escape from these five strikes unscathed, they would gain victory. Rather than waiting passively though, they decided to launch an attack to seize the initiative. Yang Kai gave Lang Qing Shan a look to hint at him to stay in this place and hold down their opponent. Then, he moved and charged towards the crowd.

At that instant, all the swords became flustered. Although there were 150,000 swords on the opposing side, none of them could oppose Yang Kai. For every flash of Golden Sword Qi that Yang Kai released, he could easily destroy innumerable swords.

As expected, even though the swords were killed by Yang Kai, the powers in these swords didn't go to him. Instead, they were all absorbed by the purple gemstone. The light on the purple gemstone became increasingly brighter.

"Qing Shan, watch out!" Realising that it was about time the purple lightning was cast, Yang Kai slashed across hundreds of swords, upon which their powers streamed into the purple gemstone. Then, the purple light finally reached its limit.

The Gold Sword shook and shot a beam of purple lightning at Lang Qing Shan, who had been engaging in an intense battle with him.

A fully prepared Lang Qing Shan left the battlefield as soon as Yang Kai called out to him, but instead of going somewhere else, he headed straight to the enemy swords in an attempt to make use of their powers to wear out the purple lightning.

At the same time, Yang Kai charged towards the Gold Sword and engaged him in combat.

\*Kacha...\*

Wherever the purple lightning flew, countless swords shattered. In the blink of an eye, several tens of thousands of swords were broken again.

Once again, a purple light flickered on the purple gemstone on the Gold Sword's hilt. Yang Kai felt his chest tightening as he hurriedly retreated and left the battlefield. The next instant, the Gold Sword sent out another ray of purple lightning.

Yang Kai turned around and fled while the Gold Sword turned into a ray of golden light. At the same time, the purple lightning was racing after him.

"Sir!" Lang Qing Shan suddenly exclaimed.

Yang Kai turned his head and saw Lang Qing Shan coming to him. His gaze brightened as he realised his intention. Then, he moved and dashed towards him as well.

Two golden rays of light broke through the void as two beams of purple lightning respectively raced after them in a menacing manner. In the blink of an eye, they became very close to one another, and just as they were about to collide, they dodged slightly to shoot past one another. Both of them were not harmed.

Nevertheless, the beams of purple lightning behind them were not as agile. Following a loud boom, they clashed with one another as lightning snakes danced in the air, burning a huge hole in the fabric of space.

Two beams of purple lightning disappeared just like this.

An ecstatic Yang Kai said to Lang Qing Shan, "Again!"

Then, he bolted towards the Gold Sword while Lang Qing Shan used the same trick by madly slaughtering the enemy swords.

According to Yang Kai's estimation, the energy in these 150,000 swords was enough for the enemy Gold Sword to use purple lightning five times. Earlier, Yang Kai had destroyed several tens of thousands of swords, and Lang Qing Shan also managed to make use of the purple lightning to shatter several tens of thousands of swords. Now, there were only 100,000 or so swords left.

As long as they could shatter all of them, the Gold Sword would have no power source to draw from and become unable to use the purple lightning again. Without this fatal strike, there was no way the Gold Sword could defeat Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan.

An incense stick later, Lang Qing Shan finished smashing the required number of swords and the third ray of purple lightning was unleashed. A fully prepared Yang Kai led the purple lightning to the swords where, soon, several tens of thousands were broken and the fourth beam of purple lightning was used as it slashed towards Lang Qing Shan, who had been holding down the Gold Sword.

Both of them used the same trick by leading the two beams of lightning to clash and wear out each other.

Seeing that, the Gold Sword was incensed, but there was nothing he could do.

After several attempts, there were only 30,000 swords left. The powers in these swords were only enough for the Gold Sword to use one more beam of purple lightning.

Presently, Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan were no longer in a rush to destroy these swords. Instead, they joined forces to deal damage to the Gold Sword.

Despite knowing their intention, the Gold Sword had no choice but to activate the purple gemstone and absorb the energy of his remaining subordinates, after which he sent out his last ray of purple lightning.

Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan retreated together. Seeing as the purple lightning had targeted Lang Qing Shan, he quickly fled from this place without hesitation.

There was a grin on Yang Kai's face as he sneered, "There are only the two of us now. Let's fight until either one of us perishes!"

He wasn't worried about Lang Qing Shan's safety. Since Lang Qing Shan was able to get rid of the purple lightning previously, he could do the same this time. His blade would be damaged at most. Nevertheless, with some 700,000 swords on their side, even if he was hurt, he could easily repair himself.

Realising that it was the final battle, the enemy Gold Sword no longer appeared as calm and collected. The face on the blade sported a solemn expression. The golden sword light on the tip of the blade was flicking like a snake's tongue.

As soon as Yang Kai finished speaking, he shot forward and brought himself down on the Gold Sword. His Golden Sword Qi broke through the void and reached the target in an instant.

The Gold Sword parried the attack with his own Sword Qi before diving into a fierce battle with Yang Kai. Both of them were equally matched in terms of power, so no one could gain the upper hand. However, Yang Kai knew that he was already the winner.

One hour later, the fully repaired Lang Qing Shan returned and joined the battle. With it being two against one, the Gold Sword immediately fell into a disadvantage and regardless of how hard he tried, he was unable to turn the tide.

Half a day later, following a slash from Yang Kai, the enemy Gold Sword cracked and broke in half. The face on the blade no longer appeared majestic as he passed away with fury and regret.

A golden light wafted from the Gold Sword and streamed into Yang Kai. There was a hint of dazzling purple light within the golden light.

Yang Kai's damaged parts were instantly restored. Besides that, a purple swirl appeared and whirled around on his hilt before becoming a purple gemstone, which belonged to the Gold Sword that had been killed.

Yang Kai was astounded as he hadn't expected that after he killed his opponent, he would also inherit his purple gemstone, which had made Lang Qing Shan and him suffer some setbacks earlier. Nevertheless, it was useless to him now. This was the final battle, after which he had no more opponents in this world of swords, for all the mines had been wiped out.

Chapter 4114 – Mid-Rank World Fruit

With no more opponents in this world, the purple gemstone was useless to Yang Kai so he remained standing in the same spot as he recalled his experiences in this world of swords and sighed.

This world was more dangerous than the world of bubbles by far. In this world, one might be shattered at any moment. Yang Kai felt fortunate that he was able to make use of the Small Sealed World and enter this place. If Lang Qing Shan were on his own, he might've died or gotten stuck in this world forever.

Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan had joined forces and defeated countless powerful enemies; however, neither of them could defeat the last Gold Sword in the final battle on their own.

At the thought of this, Yang Kai felt worried about Meng Hong, who had also entered a World Fruit. He wondered how the latter was doing. Since he had stayed in this world of swords for two years, a few days should have passed in the outside world.

After waiting for a long time though, Yang Kai furrowed his brows and stared at Lang Qing Shan before asking, "Qing Shan, do you feel anything?"

Lang Qing Shan replied, "No, Sir. Do you feel anything?"

Yang Kai's face fell as the problem was exactly that he felt nothing. He thought that after the final battle, he could directly leave this world and obtain the World Fruit; however, nothing seemed to be happening at this moment.

He and Lang Qing Shan had reached the maximum limit in power that was permitted in this world, and they had killed their last opponent with great difficulty. He was certain that there were no more opponents for them in this world, so why weren't they able to leave? What was the key to achieving ultimate victory?

Then, Yang Kai recalled his experience in the previous world. During the battle against the man surnamed Gou, he was able to use a power that transcended the Open Heaven Realm and burst all the remaining bubbles but one, leaving behind only the key to the world, which was how he found the secret to leaving.

When he thought of this, Yang Kai's gaze brightened and he asked, "Where's the army?"

"Sir, please come with me," Lang Qing Shan replied and led the way for him.

Previously, he ordered their 700,000 swords to leave the battlefield and settled them down on a flatland some distance away so that the enemy Gold Sword wasn't able to absorb their energy. That place was about a thousand kilometres away from their current location.

With Lang Qing Shan leading the way, they soon arrived at their destination.

As Yang Kai slowly descended to where several hundred thousand swords gazed up at him with admiring looks on their faces. These swords had followed Yang Kai on a campaign of conquest in different parts of this world for the past year and were all the best of the best. Although there were no more Gold Swords, there were countless Silver Swords.

Without uttering a word, Yang Kai activated the power of the purple gemstone on his hilt.

A purple light glowed as a ripple spread out. Following the proliferation of the ripple, countless swords fell apart and cracking sounds were continuously heard. Innumerable lights streamed into Yang Kai and helped the purple gemstone become brighter.

Soon, the glow on the purple gemstone reached its limit. The purple light on the tip of his blade flickered, and there were signs that the purple lightning was about to reappear.

This horrifying aura forced Lang Qing Shan to stay as far away as possible.

The purple light was dazzling, and Yang Kai had gathered enough power to cast the purple lightning; after all, previously, the Gold Sword had only destroyed several ten thousand swords before he could make a strike.

Presently, more than 50,000 swords had been shattered; however, Yang Kai wasn't satisfied as he tried his best to stop the purple lightning from appearing and continuously pushed the purple gemstone's power.

Cracking sounds were heard as over 100,000 swords had been destroyed so far. The aura exuding from Yang Kai far exceeded what was seen on the Gold Sword some time ago, which astounded Lang Qing Shan.

The purple light was still undulating as more and more swords were broken into pieces. 150,000, 200,000... Soon, the death toll had amounted to 300,000!

Half of the 700,000 swords were destroyed in a short moment.

Yang Kai's sword body kept trembling as cracks started appearing on his blade. Apparently, he was enduring immense pressure, and once he faltered, he would burst into pieces.

Lang Qing Shan wanted to stop him, but he wouldn't dare to disturb Yang Kai lest he cause an accident.

After 400,000 swords were shattered, more cracks had appeared on Yang Kai's blade as though it would disintegrate at any moment.

When 500,000 swords were broken, a crack was heard as a fracture had also appeared on the purple gemstone.

Yang Kai had reached his limit. There was no way he could suppress the tremendous power within his blade as he turned around and slashed at the sky.

A ray of purple lightning shot out of the blade and turned into a purple light before it blasted into the sky. The entire world seemed to shake at that moment as space itself broke apart.

A gigantic hole was ripped open in the sky.

Yang Kai slumped to the side and plunged from the air. His blade had fallen apart and appeared dim. He had used up all his energy in that strike. Nevertheless, he stared fixedly at the hole in the sky.

A moment later, he became elated and couldn't help but guffaw. While he was laughing, a force engulfed him, and as Lang Qing Shan gazed at him in shock, he slowly disappeared.

The next instant, Lang Qing Shan felt his vision darkening. When he recovered, he was already at the bottom of the 3,000 Worlds Tree.

Yang Kai was just standing in front of him with a glowing World Fruit in his hand.

They had finally left that world! Lang Qing Shan breathed a sigh of relief. Earlier, Yang Kai had amassed the power of 500,000 swords, causing him the worry Yang Kai would really explode.

Now, it seemed that Yang Kai was right to do that. The key to leaving that world was the purple gemstone. As long as Yang Kai could swallow enough power and cast a powerful enough strike, he could break through the World Barrier and leave that world.

Earlier, he shared Yang Kai's thoughts and felt that the purple gemstone was useless since they had no more opponents in that world. He hadn't expected that the gemstone was the key to leaving.

After Lang Qing Shan took a glance at the World Fruit in Yang Kai's hand, his expression changed, "Sir, is this a Mid-Rank World Fruit?"

Yang Kai could barely contain his excitement, "That's right. This is a Mid-Rank World Fruit!"

The World Fruit he had obtained previously was just a Low-Rank one, which could help a cultivator ascend to the Third-Order Open Heaven Realm at most, so it wasn't that valuable; after all, one could easily reach the Third-Order by working hard.

However, this Mid-Rank fruit was different. It was a treasure that could help a cultivator reach the Sixth Order.

A Sixth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master could be a leader of a powerful Sect that ruled over an entire Territory.

It was difficult to estimate the value of this World Fruit. It was especially precious to Fifth-Order cultivators who wanted to ascend to the next Order.

After carefully storing the World Fruit, Yang Kai turned his head and saw that those who were going down the mountain previously were all gone by now. After all, he and Lang Qing Shan had stayed in the world of swords for two years. Although the speed of time flowing in the outside world was different, a few days must have passed already, so all of them should have departed by far.

Then, Yang Kai looked up at the 3,000 Worlds Tree and arched his brow. That was because a small number of fruits were already missing from this tree. In other words, while he and Lang Qing Shan were wandering in the world of swords, some others had obtained World Fruits.

Yang Kai wondered what rank their World Fruits were, but regardless, there was no way their rewards were as handsome as his own.

After the previous experience, Yang Kai found it easier to enter a new World Fruit. He kept Lang Qing Shan inside the Small Sealed World and hid in it as well before passing the Sealed World Bead to the shaved-headed man. Standing on the fruit tree, the shaved-headed man found a World Fruit and plunged into it.

After he entered the world, Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan appeared together.

The mysterious 3,000 Worlds Tree was able to bear 3,000 World Fruits that could help Open Heaven Realm Masters rise to the next Order. However, everyone could only enter it once in their lifetime. If he succeeded, he or she would obtain the fruit. If they failed, they would remain in that world forever.

Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan had entered World Fruits before, so they couldn't have gotten into the current one without using this trick.

There were about forty people hiding inside the Sealed World Bead, so given enough time, and if everything went well, Yang Kai might be able to obtain several dozen World Fruits in the end!

Compared to the Innate Fruit Tree and its Innate Spirit Fruit, Yang Kai was far more interested in these World Fruits.

As soon as he appeared though, Yang Kai sensed the aura in the world and became disappointed. That was because the aura in this world wasn't too strong, so it should be a Low-Rank World Fruit.

The three of them didn't transform into anything else as they still looked the same; however, all of their powers had been greatly suppressed. They weren't even able to use 30% of their full strength under the influence of the World Principles here.

"What's this?" The shaved-headed man found something and looked down at his waist, where there was a bulging pouch. He wondered what was inside it.



“Sir, both of us have a pouch as well.” Lang Qing Shan took a glance at Yang Kai’s waist and his own before realising that they were wearing pouches on their waists.

“Let’s see what’s inside.” The shaved-headed man grinned and took off the pouch before taking a look. Then, he said in surprise, “There are so many worms inside.”

Meanwhile, Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan had also opened their pouches. Just like what the shaved-headed man had said, there were some strange-looking worms inside the pouch. In fact, there were only several dozen of them in the pouch. Just like silkworms, they were as white as snow.

Yang Kai scanned them with his Divine Sense, but he couldn’t find any immense power coming from them. Instead, he could clearly feel that there was a faint connection between his Divine Sense and the worms.

“What are these for?” The shaved-headed man was puzzled.

Lang Qing Shan had ventured into a World Fruit before, so after giving it a thought, he replied, “Perhaps this has something to do with the secret in this world.”

“How are we going to use them? Eat them?” The shaved-headed man picked up a worm and examined it. Besides sniffing at it, he also stuck out his tongue to have a taste.

Lang Qing Shan’s face turned ugly as he watched that.

“Beasts are coming!” Yang Kai frowned and turned his head, only to see several dozen wolves that were as burly as cows coming at them from all directions. As they bared their fangs, they soon surrounded the three of them.

These wolves all exuded very ferocious auras as they kept growling. It seemed that it would be difficult to deal with them.

Chapter 4115 – The World Tree Attacks

“Sir!” Lang Qing Shan sported a solemn expression and approached Yang Kai while the shaved-headed man gulped and turned pale.

The three of them pressed their backs against one another and circulated their strength, preparing to strike back.

Following a howl, the several dozen wolves pounced on them. Yang Kai flicked his fingers and shot out a Moon Blade. Nevertheless, the Moon Blade was much weaker than usual as it was only as long as a palm.

The Moon Blade slashed across a wolf’s shoulder and formed a cut on its body, but it couldn’t kill the beast on the spot.

Yang Kai's expression darkened. His strength had been greatly suppressed in this strange world.

On the other hand, Lang Qing Shan and the shaved-headed man had also made a move; however, their heritage was already much weaker than Yang Kai's, so now that their strength had been suppressed, regardless of how hard they tried, they could only cause some minor injuries to the wolves.

Several dozen wolves surrounded them and took turns to attack them. The smell of blood made them feel excited and turned them increasingly ferocious.

Yang Kai and the others made several attempts to break the siege, but they couldn't find a chance. If this battle dragged on, they would be torn to pieces by these wolves soon.

"Sir, I can't hold on!" As soon as the shaved-headed man finished speaking, he exclaimed as a wolf bit into his shoulder, which caused it to be drenched in blood.

Yang Kai racked his brain in an attempt to come up with a solution. There was always a clue in every World Fruit world. In the world of bubbles, the key to leaving that place lay in a particular bubble. In the world of swords, he could kill other swords to strengthen himself and rise to the top.

There must be some rules in this world as well that he hadn't discovered yet. As long as he could make use of these rules, he could conquer this place. At the thought of this, Yang Kai took a glance at the pouch on his waist and fished out a worm from it.

Presently, a wolf was pouncing on him from the front. The beast had a terrible breath and its fangs glistened with a cold light. Yang Kai surged his Divine Sense and directly threw the worm at the wolf.

What was strange was that the worm immediately turned into a dazzling white light and engulfed the wolf. After the originally imposing wolf was engulfed by the white light, it seemed to have been struck by an immense force as it fell to the ground and shook its head.

At the same time, Yang Kai could feel that there was a faint connection between the wolf's Soul and his own. It seemed that he was able to control this beast now, so without hesitation, he activated his Divine Sense and pressured the beast.

The wolf seemed to be trying to resist, but Yang Kai's Divine Sense was immensely powerful, so there was no way it could fend off Yang Kai's full assault. After just one breath's time, the white light completely penetrated the wolf's head.

A thought flashed through Yang Kai's mind as the wolf turned around and widened its mouth before biting another wolf's neck. Blood started spurting out of the other wolf's wound as the beast staggered backwards.

"We can use these worms to control the wolves!" Yang Kai yelled.

Hearing that, Lang Qing Shan and the shaved-headed man hurriedly fished out the worms from their pouches and threw them at the wolves, just like how Yang Kai had done earlier. The worms turned into white lights and covered the wolves. When the white lights fully streamed into the beasts, they were able to start controlling them.

The tide had been turned as Yang Kai kept throwing the worms out and tamed one beast after another. Lang Qing Shan and the shaved-headed man were doing the same thing.

Soon, Yang Kai figured out the secret behind it. For now, he named these worms as Beast Taming Worms. They could be summoned just like an artifact, but these worms were one-offs. After they were summoned, they would transform into white lights and engulf the wolves. It was at this moment that the user's Divine Sense clashed with that of the wolf. If they could suppress the wolf's Soul, the white light would stream into the beast. If they failed, the white light would burst apart and the worm would perish. Even the cultivator might be harmed.

The shaved-headed man suffered a setback once. He summoned too many Beast Taming Worms at once, and in the end, he couldn't control so many of them. Two white lights exploded, which caused blood to drip down from his nostrils as his face turned pale.

Initially, they were surrounded by these several dozen wolves, but as time passed, the situation was reversed with the help of these Beast Taming Worms.

An incense stick later, half of the wolves were dead, while the remaining ones had been tamed by Yang Kai and the others.

The shaved-headed man was panting heavily and still reeling from shock. Previously, he was hiding inside the Small Sealed World and witnessing Yang Kai and Lang Qing Shan's adventure in the world of swords. Nevertheless, he was just an observer at that point. Although he was horrified by what they had gone through, he hadn't experienced it personally.

After the incident just now, he came to the realisation that it wasn't easy to venture into a World Fruit. If it weren't because Yang Kai had figured out the secret at the most critical moment, they would've lost their lives by now.

"Sir, is this a beast taming world?" Lang Qing Shan asked.

Yang Kai nodded, "Judging from what we've just gone through, that seems to be the case." Nevertheless, he had to explore this world before he could be certain about it.

A few days later, their speculation was proven to be right. This was indeed a beast taming world. There were countless beasts in this world and the powers of Yang Kai and the others had been greatly suppressed. If they wanted to win any battle, they had to rely on the Monster Beasts they had tamed.

The wolves they had tamed some time ago were just the most ordinary beasts. Among the various beasts, there even existed Beast Kings, which couldn't be tamed by using the Beast Taming Worms in their pouches. Yang Kai made several attempts and saw the white lights exploding each time. It wasn't that his Divine Sense wasn't powerful enough to suppress the other party, but the worms couldn't bear the clashes between their Divine Senses.

Yang Kai speculated that there must be higher grade Beast Taming Worms than the white ones they had that could be used against these Beast Kings.

After the three of them suffered a setback when fighting a group of over 100 beasts, they set off on their journey to look for better worms.

Soon, they discovered that there were indeed better Beast Taming Worms than the white ones. They came in different colours, which included black, green, purple, and so on.

By using these High-Grade Beast Taming Worms, they soon domesticated a number of Beast Kings. Once they were tamed, it was easy to subdue the Monster Beasts under them.

There was a huge gap in power between these Beast Kings as well. Yang Kai categorised them into Hundred Beast Kings, Thousand Beast Kings, and Ten Thousand Beast Kings. A Hundred Beast King could control a hundred Monster Beasts while Thousand Beast Kings could control a thousand Monster Beasts. As for the Ten Thousand Beast King, it ruled over ten thousand beasts and was truly powerful.

One month later, they respectively led a 10,000-beast army and launched an attack on the last group of beasts.

There were over 100,000 beasts in this last group, and the Beast King was noble and majestic; a force to be reckoned with. The Beast King was covered in golden fur and was as big as a house. Looking from afar, Yang Kai could feel that the Ten Thousand Beast he rode was apprehensive.

The Beast King on the opposing side seemed to be intimidating to a Ten Thousand Beast King. Yang Kai reckoned that it was no longer a Beast King, but a Beast Emperor!

Soon, the final battle began and countless beasts lost their lives.

Although there were a lot of beasts on the opposing side, and a Beast Emperor taking charge, Yang Kai and the others launched an attack from three different directions and cooperated with one another. As they killed their enemies, they also subdued the Beast Kings on the opposing side. Soon, they gained the upper hand.

Three days later, even though Yang Kai was bitten by the Beast Emperor, he managed to tame it in the end. As soon as that happened, a gentle force engulfed them and sent them out of this world.

When they reappeared at the bottom of the World Tree, Yang Kai was already covered in blood, but he was laughing as he had obtained another World Fruit, even though it was just a Low-Rank one.

After taking a rest, he used the same trick by releasing a different person from the Small Sealed World and telling him to enter a World Fruit while he tagged along inside the Sealed World Bead.

As time passed, more and more people from Yang Kai's team would venture into a World Fruit together, and their collective power was tremendous. Basically, everyone else entered a World Fruit on their own, but Yang Kai had many people to assist him, which was why he was at an advantage.

The worlds inside the fruits were all peculiar. There was a world where they had to overcome everything else by force, and there was a world where they had to reach the maximum limit in power permitted in that world and break free from its suppression before they could leave. There was also a labyrinth where they couldn't even identify what direction they were moving. All the worlds were different.

However, Yang Kai soon figured out a regular pattern. It took a shorter time to break free from a Low-Rank World Fruit. Usually, he would need 3 months at most. On the other hand, it was much harder to get out of a Mid-Rank World Fruit, requiring 1 or 2 years at the very least.

Fortunately, time passed faster inside the World Fruits, so Yang Kai wasn't worried about spending too much time there. Even though he had spent a few years inside various World Fruits now, only ten days or so had passed in the outside world.

One day, one of his subordinates brought the Sealed World Bead with him and plunged into a World Fruit and Yang Kai immediately left the Small Sealed World and released more than ten people who had entered World Fruits before.

However, before he could examine the rank of this world, he suddenly felt an immense rejection force engulfing him, and by the time he recovered, Yang Kai realised that he was already standing at the bottom of the 3,000 Worlds Tree.

The same thing happened to the more than ten people he had released earlier.

A stunned Lang Qing Shan asked, "What happened?"

Yang Kai was also puzzled as it was the first time he came across such an incident. He had no idea why they were ejected from the World Fruit.

Just then, following a rumbling sound, the ground shook as a root abruptly shot out from the soil and swept across Yang Kai and the others like a long whip. This was obviously the root of the 3,000 Worlds Tree.

None of them had expected such a turn of events, so half of the unsuspecting people were sent flying away and tumbled down the mountain.

Yang Kai was agile enough to have dodged the attack. When he turned his head and saw that the people rolling down the mountain were not at risk of losing their lives as they only looked a little battered, he set his mind at ease.

"Ouch!" Someone exclaimed. It was the shaved-headed man who was sent flying away, and the same thing happened to the others at the scene as Yang Kai kept jumping around to dodge the root's attack.

While he was dodging, Yang Kai realised that a pair of eyes were staring at him, and when he turned his head, he was horrified.

That was because a wrinkled face had appeared on the 3,000 Worlds Tree, glaring at Yang Kai!

Chapter 4116 – Insatiable Greed

Yang Kai felt embarrassed at the stare, knowing that the 3,000 Worlds Tree was aware of the fact that he had been cheating. In the Primordial Land, many Divine Medicines had developed their own sentience, which was what happened to Pu Bai Xiong and Little Mushroom, not to mention the 3,000 Worlds Tree, it was just that the tree never revealed any signs of awareness until now.

Yang Kai repeatedly made use of the Sealed World Bead to enter one World Fruit after another, and so far, he had obtained over ten fruits. Even though the World Tree had 3,000 fruits, he apparently could no longer put up with Yang Kai's insatiable greed. If he allowed Yang Kai to keep flouting the rules it had set, most of his fruits would be gone.

Therefore, when he once again detected Yang Kai's aura, he immediately sent him and his subordinates out of the World Fruit. He didn't give them a chance to experience the world inside the fruit. Besides that, he had also sent them rolling down the mountain to prevent them from using the same trick again.

His root danced in the air and swept across Yang Kai one more time in a menacing manner. Nevertheless, he didn't intend to kill Yang Kai; he just wanted to send him tumbling down the mountain.

Yang Kai repeatedly manipulated Space Principles to dodge the attacks.

He had earned some handsome rewards as he had obtained more than ten World Fruits, including two Mid-Rank ones; however, he hadn't gotten even one High-Rank World Fruit, which was why he wasn't willing to give up.

A High-Rank World Fruit would be able to help a High-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master ascend to the next Order. If he could reach the Seventh Order in his initial breakthrough, he could make use of that World Fruit and directly ascend to the Eighth Order!

There should only be a small number of Eighth-Order Masters in those Cave-Heavens and Paradises, so someone in that realm was no different from an overlord. By then, not only could he gain a footing in this 3,000 Worlds, but he could also achieve great things.

As he dodged the attacks, Yang Kai unashamedly pleaded with the tree, "Old Tree, please forgive me and allow us to enter the World Fruit for the last time!"

The World Tree became even more furious. Certainly, he wouldn't agree to his request as he madly wielded his root. However, with the help of Space Principles, Yang Kai was elusive, so how was the tree supposed to accurately strike his target?

Incensed, the World Tree drew out 10 more roots from the soil and covered Yang Kai like a web.

At the bottom of the mountain, Lang Qing Shan and the others looked up and became dumbfounded.

The corner of the shaved-headed man's mouth twitched, "The World Tree must have been enraged by Sir Yang."

"Oh, no! Sir, watch out!" Lang Qing Shan exclaimed.

Upon finishing his words, he dashed towards the peak of the mountain, followed by more than ten others. It was a difficult trek, as they had to keep dodging the deadly insect fog and lightning strikes.

On the peak of the mountain, Yang Kai flitted about, but the ten-plus roots from the World Tree had sealed off the surrounding space, which made it difficult for him to escape.

In a moment of negligence, Yang Kai was struck by a root. Impacted by the immense force, he felt a metallic taste in his throat. Undeterred though, he gripped onto the root and choked down the blood before putting on a fawning smile, "Old Tree, just one more time, please! The previous fruit will do!"

Although he hadn't managed to examine the rank of that world, he was certain that it wasn't a Low-Rank World Fruit. It was most likely a Mid-Rank one, but there was a small probability that it was a High-Rank one.

If he could successfully persuade the World Tree, he could obtain that World Fruit at the very least.

The 3,000 Worlds Tree naturally ignored him and swung his root violently. Unable to shake off Yang Kai, he became infuriated and wielded his other roots to lash at him.

Yang Kai kept grunting and couldn't take it anymore after just three breaths. Although the World Tree didn't have the intention of killing him, its roots were still extremely powerful and painful.

Left with no choice, Yang Kai yelled, "Dragon Transformation!"

Instantly, his figure expanded and transformed into a giant Half-Dragon. A pair of horns had grown on his forehead, and his hands had turned into Dragon Claws. Hot dragon breath puffed out from his nostrils, and he was now covered in extremely sturdy Dragon Scales. His beard flapped in the wind and his enormous figure stood tall atop the mountain, almost reaching the height of the World Tree itself.

In Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, Yang Kai had consumed countless Dragon Blood Pills and started showing signs of transforming into a True Dragon; hence, he was much stronger than he was in the past.

Slapping sounds were continuously heard as the tree's roots kept lashing Yang Kai's back.

Nevertheless, Yang Kai could still bear with it. His defence in his Half-Dragon Form was much greater than that of his Human form.

Yang Kai grinned as he stared at the World Tree, "Old Tree, please let me get into the World Fruit one more time, and after I succeed, I'll leave immediately!" He wasn't willing to give up the previous World Fruit.

As he spoke, he clung on tightly to the root around his waist to show the tree that he was determined.

The World Tree's attacks became increasingly violent, and even Yang Kai's Half-Dragon Form wasn't able to take it. His Dragon Scales fell from his back as blood began to leak from his wounds.

However, Yang Kai's restorative power was incredible. The Wood Element Power in his Dao Seal swirled and his Dragon Blood had been stimulated greatly, so his wounds were rapidly healed.

After an intense stick of deadlock, the World Tree stopped attacking, and the wrinkled face on the trunk was seen sighing.

An elated Yang Kai asked, "Old Tree, you agree?"

The World Tree shot him a disdainful look and wielded his other root.

Yang Kai beamed at him, "Old Tree, what's the point of doing this? This kind of attack is... ah..."

Before he could finish his words, he realised that the root in his hands felt lighter, as it had broken apart on its own. Following that, he was swept across by another root and sent flying down the mountain.

While in mid-air, Yang Kai was dumbfounded as he hadn't expected the 3,000 Worlds Tree to be so obstinate that he would rather break off one of his roots than let him stay.

Following a loud crash, Yang Kai fell to the ground. He quickly got to his feet and looked at the root in his hand as he felt speechless.

Although this root had been abandoned by the 3,000 Worlds Tree, it didn't show signs of withering; instead, it still possessed an enormous amount of vitality. Raising his brow, Yang Kai put it inside the Small Sealed World.

Looking up, he realised that the mountain was covered in a fog and lightning strikes were seen everywhere. He was unable to see through the mist anymore.

A relentless Yang Kai dashed into the fog, but came back out after just ten breaths. The horrifying fog was actually made up of countless tiny insects and even his Half-Dragon Form was unable to take it. After just a while, he was covered in blood.

Then, he saw that Lang Qing Shan and the others were also ejected from the fog. Although they looked battered, they were not at risk of losing their lives, which was the result of the World Tree's mercy. Otherwise, they wouldn't have escaped from the fog safely.

When they turned around and saw that Yang Kai's face was swollen and he was soaked in blood, they were stunned.

Moreover, it was the first time they saw Yang Kai in his Half-Dragon Form, so they were astounded. It wasn't until this moment that they realised Yang Kai had a Dragon Clan's bloodline, and judging from his figure, his bloodline was quite extraordinary.

Yang Kai looked down at them with a hideous expression as he was enraged by the 3,000 Worlds Tree. The tree was so obstinate that he preferred to sacrifice one of his root hairs than give Yang Kai one last chance.

After giving it a thought, Yang Kai roared, "Old Tree, everyone has one chance to enter a World Fruit in their lifetime, yes? How can you seal off the mountain and deny our entry? I still have several dozen people with me who wish to enter the World Fruits. How can you snatch that right from them? This is unfair!"

Upon finishing his words, he raised his hand and released the remaining people from the Small Sealed World.

Lang Qing Shan and the others couldn't help feeling second-hand embarrassment. Yang Kai had obtained more than ten fruits essentially by cheating to repeatedly enter the World Fruits. How did he have the nerve to accuse the World Tree of unfairness now?

Yang Kai went on to say, "I will not enter any World Fruits again, but you have to let them in!"

After he finished speaking, his expression changed as he listened carefully. The next instant, a figure was sent flying out of the fog with a startled shout.

Yang Kai reached out to grab that person and took a look, only to become shocked as he muttered, "Brother Meng?"

The person who was ejected from the fog was none other than Meng Hong, who was still reeling from the shock. Seeing a gigantic Half-Dragon staring right at him, he was stunned; however, upon making out the Half-Dragon's facial features, he asked hesitantly, "Brother Yang?"



Yang Kai nodded and put him down. Then, he returned to his Human form and asked puzzledly, “Brother Meng, why... were you sent out at this moment?”

It was such a coincidence that Meng Hong appeared at this point, which made Yang Kai feel that something was off.

Meng Hong replied, “I have no idea. I was experiencing the world inside the fruit when a force pushed me out. Hm... is this a World Fruit?”

As he spoke, he suddenly took a glance at his hand and realised that he had obtained a World Fruit.

Yang Kai took a look as well and felt speechless, knowing that it was thanks to the World Tree that Meng Hong could leave halfway and even obtain a World Fruit. The World Tree must have realised Meng Hong’s relationship with Yang Kai, so he sent him out.

Upon that realization, Yang Kai sighed, knowing that it was impossible to enter another World Fruit.

The 3,000 Worlds Tree broke off one of his roots and forcefully sent Meng Hong out, even giving the latter a World Fruit for free in order to make Yang Kai give up.

Meng Hong was pretty lucky as the World Fruit in his hand was a Mid-Rank one. He had been wandering in that world for a few years on his own, and he didn’t know how long it would take before he could leave. Just as he thought he was doomed to remain there forever, an unexpected turn of events took place.

Honestly, he couldn’t believe what had happened and was still perplexed.

Two disciples from Great Moon Province walked up to him and briefly explained what had happened. It was then that Meng Hong realised that the reason he could easily leave the World Fruit was that Yang Kai had been pestering the 3,000 Worlds Tree endlessly.

Upon learning that, he burst into laughter. Initially, he intended to get a World Fruit to repay Yang Kai for his many favours, but in the end, he was saved by him. Now, he wasn’t sure whether he still owed him anything or not.

“Brother Yang, please take this World Fruit.” Meng Hong held out the fruit to Yang Kai.

Yang Kai smiled helplessly, “Brother Meng, I’ve already earned many rewards. Moreover, you’ll need this when you become a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, so you don’t have to give it to me.”

Chapter 4117 – The Innate Fruit Tree Appears

Yang Kai was not pretending to be courteous. World Fruits were rare, but he had obtained many of them now. In total, he now had 13 Low-Rank World Fruits and 2 Mid-Rank ones in his possession, so he didn’t need to take this one from Meng Hong.

Nevertheless, Meng Hong shook his head, "My fellow brothers and I have survived in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary thanks to your protection. If it weren't for Brother Yang, we would've lost our lives by now. You have also given us many treasures that have helped us to condense our Open Heaven Realm Elements. If it weren't because of you, we wouldn't have achieved any of this. This Meng has nothing else with me as this fruit is the most valuable thing I possess. Moreover, it was thanks to Brother Yang that I even obtained this fruit. Please don't turn me down; otherwise, this Meng will be too embarrassed to show his face in public again."

Seeing as Yang Kai was about to say something, Meng Hong pretended to be angry, "Brother Yang, if you turn me down, it's no different from looking down on me. I'd rather... throw this World Fruit away!"

Upon finishing his words, he hurled the World Fruit at the peak of the mountain. Seeing that, the people around him exclaimed.

Yang Kai reached out to grab the fruit and felt speechless at that, "Brother Meng, many thanks for your kindness. I will keep this fruit for now. When you need it in the future, you can take it back from me."

Despite saying that, Yang Kai knew that since Meng Hong had made his stance clear, he would never ask for the fruit back.

As expected, Meng Hong guffawed and said, "This Meng is confident that I can ascend to the Sixth Order by myself."

The several dozen people around them were dumbfounded at the sight that neither of these two were willing to accept this invaluable Mid-Rank World Fruit. In the outside world, even those powerful Open Heaven Realm Masters would kill to snatch this treasure; however, the two of them were trying to push the fruit away, almost resulting in it being hurled into the fog and lost forever.

After putting all of the others inside the Small Sealed World, Yang Kai went through the rewards he had obtained so far.

The 16 World Fruits in possession could be said to be a great harvest. The 13 Low-Rank World Fruits could be put aside for now as they couldn't be sold for a good price; after all, they could only help a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master ascend to the next Order, and the maximum limit was the Third Order. However, the three Mid-Rank World Fruits were different.

The maximum limit a Mid-Rank World Fruit could help a cultivator achieve was the Sixth-Order. In other words, it would be best consumed by a Fifth-Order Master. This was an extremely rare treasure.

What made Yang Kai feel regretful was that he didn't manage to get a High-Rank World Fruit. At the thought of this, he burst into laughter and felt that he really was indeed too greedy. Xu Zhen had said that although there were 3,000 World Fruits on the 3,000 Worlds Tree, most of the fruits were Low-Rank, and only a small number of them were Mid-Rank. As for the High-Rank ones, there might not even be one. He was already extremely lucky to have gotten 3 Mid-Rank ones.

Besides these World Fruits, Yang Kai also had a surprising reward, which was a root from the World Tree. Earlier, he had transformed into a Half-Dragon before he shamelessly clung onto this root and haggled with the World Tree, which infuriated the latter. The old tree broke off the root and swept him away from the peak, which was how he obtained this root.

Some time ago, Yang Kai randomly threw it into the Small Sealed World, but after sending his Divine Sense into the Sealed World Bead, he was shocked to learn that the root had burrowed into the ground and turned into a sapling as it swayed lightly with the wind.

Yang Kai couldn't help but be awed by the vitality of this World Tree's root. Only a short time had passed, but it had already started growing strong.

What made him feel even more surprised was that he could clearly feel that the sapling was just like a bottomless pit. All the World Energy in the Small Sealed World was madly streaming into this sapling, and following its growth, the World Principles became more complete, strengthening the world itself.

Beneath the ground, the roots of the sapling had already extended to a hundred kilometres radius, and the tiny roots were still rapidly spreading around. It seemed determined to cover the entire Small Sealed World.

Yang Kai felt his chest tightening and his throat becoming dry.

The roots of World Tree could strengthen the World Principles in the Small Sealed World and further stabilise it, so what would happen if he planted it in the Star Boundary?

In the past, he had asked Giant Spirit God Ah Da about how to save the Star Boundary from collapsing. Ah Da only mentioned the words 'World Tree' to him in response. It had only been a short time since Yang Kai arrived in the Outer Universe, and he hadn't even gained a footing here, so he hadn't managed to find out more about the World Tree.

There was the 3,000 Worlds Tree in the Primordial Land though, so was it the World Tree that Ah Da had mentioned?

When Yang Kai heard Xu Zhen talking about the 3,000 Worlds Tree, he had already started speculating about this possibility, and after observing the growth of this sapling, he believed that his speculation was right. The World Tree that Ah Da had mentioned might just be the 3,000 Worlds Tree!

In that case, the biggest reward he had obtained during the trip to the Primordial Land wasn't the 3 Divine Medicines or the 16 World Fruits, but the root of the World Tree.

Yang Kai had the urge to throw his head back and laugh out loud as he had just gotten what he desired the most completely by accident.

However, he had to return to the Star Boundary to try it out before he could be certain about it. Previously, Yang Kai had bought a Universe Chart from a Star City and found some possible locations of the Star Boundary in it. Comparing the paths he had taken and the place where he was separated from Zhang Ruo Xi, he already had some clues in mind. Nevertheless, he had to go over and have a look to find out its exact location.

After giving it a thought, Yang Kai decided not to suppress the sapling's growth.

Although it required a horrendous amount of World Energy to support the sapling's growth, the Small Sealed World had greatly benefited from it. In that case, the pros were much greater than the cons. As for the depleted World Energy, he had countless Source Crystals with him, so he could just shatter them and use them to replenish the World Energy.

After working for a while, Yang Kai settled all his issues. Then, he let out a long breath. Now that he had offended the 3,000 Worlds Tree, there was no way he could obtain more World Fruits. It had been a few days since the Primordial Land had opened, so all the treasures and opportunities must have been discovered by now. The only thing that was left was the Spirit Seizing War.

Initially, Yang Kai intended to look for a Metal Element treasure that was suitable for him; unfortunately, he hadn't found any clues yet. In the past, Zhu Jiu Yin had told him that there were only two places in Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary where High-Rank Metal Element treasures might exist. One was Golden Eagle Palace, which was Jin Wu's territory. Jin Wu was a Metal Attribute Divine Spirit, and the power of his Monster Core was what Yang Kai needed. As long as he was willing to help, Yang Kai could easily condense a Seventh-Order Metal Element Power.

However, Jin Wu and Zhu Jiu Yin were arch-enemies, so there was no way Jin Wu would help Zhu Jiu Yin's Bearer. His Bearer had even been ordered to kill Yang Kai at all costs. Unfortunately, he had been killed by Yang Kai in one of the World Fruits.

The second place was the Primordial Land where many opportunities still existed. The Metal Element material Yang Kai needed might just be there; however, up until this moment, he hadn't discovered such a treasure.

While Yang Kai was lost in his thoughts, the world suddenly shook, as though a bolt of lightning had struck the ground. A shocked Yang Kai hurriedly released his Divine Sense to scan his surroundings.

A moment later, the same thing happened again. This time, he could clearly feel that all the World Energy seemed to have been directed to a particular place.

Turning his head, he stared fixedly in that direction. The strange phenomenon happening at the moment suggested that an anomaly had taken place. Perhaps a great treasure was about to appear.

Then, Yang Kai saw many rays of light flying towards the place where World Energy was converging. Just like Yang Kai, they must have noticed the anomaly, which was why they wanted to get their hands on the treasure that was about to appear.

After just a moment of hesitation, Yang Kai leapt into the air and flew in that direction as well.

On his way there, the world shook several times before the illusory phantom of a fruit tree appeared in mid-air. The fruit tree was majestic, translucent, and alluring. As the World Energy streamed into the illusory phantom, it seemed to be slowly materialising.

"Innate Fruit Tree!" Yang Kai's gaze brightened.

He was just wondering where the Innate Fruit Tree was located. Following Pu Bai Xiong's directions, they had found the old tree that he had mentioned, but it was the 3,000 Worlds Tree instead of the Innate Fruit Tree.

It wasn't until this moment that Yang Kai realised why they couldn't find the Innate Fruit Tree previously. It would only appear at a very special moment.

Had someone done something to trigger the appearance of the Innate Fruit Tree? Perhaps, or perhaps not. The Innate Fruit Tree might have just appeared because the time was now right.

Whatever the case, since the Innate Fruit Tree had emerged, many parties would scramble to snatch it. Those Bearers had taken on the responsibilities given to them by their respective Divine Spirits. If they succeeded, they would gain a powerful backer and many riches, but if they failed, their lives would be at risk. With this kind of pressure weighing on them, none of them dared to be negligent.

In Yang Kai's case, Yue He and the others were still in Zhu Jiu Yin's grasp. If he wanted Yue He and the others to live, he had to get the Innate Spirit Fruit.

Many figures were heading to the Innate Fruit Tree from all directions. At this moment, those Bearers who had been trying to conceal themselves had no choice but to show up.

As the Innate Fruit Tree absorbed more World Energy, it became increasingly corporeal.

It wasn't until 2 hours later that Yang Kai finally arrived at his destination and he realised that many people had already gathered together. There were over 30 people that he knew as well as didn't know.

Xu Zhen, Ding Yi, and Xiang Ying were all present. Just like Yang Kai, these guys had entered the worlds inside the fruits. Nevertheless, Yang Kai found a loophole and entered more than a dozen World Fruits, which was why he had been held up for much longer. It was expected that these three people had come out of the World Fruits before he did.

Since they had left the worlds inside the fruits, they must have respectively obtained a World Fruit.

Besides them, the seductress Qu Hua Shang, as well as the little girl Gu Pan, had arrived at this place. Both of them were speaking to each other in a small voice. Spotting Yang Kai, Qu Hua Shang's gaze brightened as she passionately waved her hand, "Little Brother Yang, over here!"

Yang Kai flashed a smile at her and nodded at Xu Zhen and the others before landing beside Qu Hua Shang.

Seeing that, Ding Yi immediately felt envious. Qu Hua Shang was a disciple from Yin-Yang Cave Heaven so she possessed some 'special' cultivation techniques on top of being a stunning beauty. Ding Yi already had his eyes on her, and he wanted to chat her up. Nevertheless, he didn't have the courage as he was worried that he might frighten her off. Seeing as she was so hospitable to Yang Kai, he couldn't help but admire Yang Kai and be envious of him at the same time.

"Senior Sister Qu, Junior Sister Gu," Yang Kai greeted.

Qu Hua Shang looked smilingly at him. There seemed to be some special emotions behind her gaze, "Little Brother Yang, the Innate Fruit Tree has appeared, so this place will become chaotic when everyone starts scrambling for it. You have to protect me well."

Chapter 4118 – The Battle Begins

Right in front of everyone's eyes, Qu Hua Shang was openly flirting with Yang Kai. She was bold and didn't care what others thought of her.

Nevertheless, Yang Kai didn't fall for her tricks and said with a smile, "Senior Sister Qu, you're making things difficult for me. As far as I know, the Innate Fruit Tree will only bear one fruit each time it appears. When it does ripen, all of us will try to snatch it. It'd be best if we don't harm each other, so how am I supposed to protect you?"

It was exactly because there was only one Innate Spirit Fruit that all these Bearers had to go all out. That was why even though Xu Zhen was on good terms with Gu Pan and her, he didn't stand together with them.

It was because all of the Bearers here were competitors.

All of them had been nurtured by the Divine Spirits behind them and had great expectations placed on their shoulders. If they failed, it would make the plans of those Divine Spirits fall through and likely enrage them. By then, their lives would be at risk.

Throughout history, there had been many Bearers who were killed by their Divine Spirits because they couldn't get the Innate Spirit Fruit. Kun Sha had killed a Bearer before, allowing him to obtain the Water Element treasure Moon Essence that Yang Kai had refined. After that Bearer was killed, Kun Sha didn't need the Moon Essence he brought out from the Primordial Land, so he gave it to the Sea Clan.

Besides him, most of the Divine Spirits would do the same. If the Bearers enjoyed the benefits given to them but couldn't complete their task, the Divine Spirits would naturally not let them off.

Qu Hua Shang replied with a sweet smile, "Little Brother Yang, you don't have to be so mean. This is my plan. We can join forces and fend off our opponents for now. You've stayed in the Primordial Land for a few days, so you must have come across some Bearers and become aware of their skills. It's better for us to join forces rather than fight against all opponents on our own. As for the Innate Spirit Fruit, we'll see which one of us will be able to snatch it in the end."

Hearing that, Yang Kai nodded his head, as her suggestion was reasonable. He was powerful, and he believed that if he went all out, none of the people here would be his opponent. However, he couldn't possibly fight against all of them on his own. If they became infuriated by his dominance and decided to all team up to deal with him first, he would definitely suffer a tragic defeat.

If he could get one to two allies at this point, his burden would be lightened greatly.

"Junior Sister Gu, do you second this suggestion?" Yang Kai turned to look at Gu Pan. She was a little timid as she hung her head low most of the time. Hearing that, she gently nodded to make her stance clear.

Yang Kai said, "I don't mind joining forces with you, but are there only the three of us? What about Brother Lin, Brother Xu, and Brother Dao Ran?"

These three were all disciples from Cave-Heavens and Paradises, and they had cooperated once in the past.

Qu Hua Shang pouted, "They're all smelly men, and I don't care whether they live or die. Moreover, at a moment like this, it's not ideal to have too many allies. Little Brother Yang, I believe you should understand this."

A helpless Yang Kai refuted, "But I'm also a man!"

Qu Hua Shang covered her mouth and giggled, "Unlike them, you're quite fragrant and palatable..." Upon finishing her words, she leaned in and sniffed at him.

Unable to take it anymore, Yang Kai hurriedly stepped backwards and nodded solemnly, "It's decided, then. We'll join forces to fend off our opponents for now."

Qu Hua Shang's gaze brightened, "Deal."

They were not the only people who had formed temporary alliances, but not many of them had done so; after all, not many of them knew each other well or even at all. They would rather fight alone and wait for an opportunity than cooperate with strangers who might stab them in the back at any moment.

As they spoke, more and more people arrived at this place. Some of them snuck in while concealing themselves while others appeared in a bold and confident manner. Still, all of them were just waiting for a chance to snatch the spirit fruit.

Lin Feng and Ning Dao Ran had also arrived and stood beside Xu Zhen, soon forming a group of their own.

Two hours later, over 60 cultivators had gathered together in this place. Only the Bearers selected by the Divine Spirits would rush over at this point, attracted to the Innate Fruit Tree. These more than 60 Bearers were now observing the fruit tree and waiting in silence.

That was because only the fruit tree had appeared so far, but the Innate Spirit Fruit was nowhere to be seen. World Energy continuously streamed into the fruit tree, which had become increasingly clear.

Finally, there came a moment when someone yelled, "The Innate Spirit Fruit is about to be born!"

Everyone became agitated and turned their heads, only to see that a petite flower bud had appeared on the top of the fruit tree. The bud absorbed the World Energy and soon became bigger.

A strange aura exuded from the bud and made everyone feel energised and soothed.

Yang Kai was surprised as he found the aura somewhat familiar. Then, he recalled that the aura wafting from the Moon Essence when he refined it was similar to that exuding from the flower bud.

After giving it a thought, he came to the realisation that the Moon Essence was an Innate Supreme Treasure, so it contained some Innate Aura, and it was the same case for the Innate Spirit Fruit. In comparison, the aura coming from the Moon Essence was weaker than that of the flower bud.

The flower bud soon expanded and bloomed into a full flower. Under the influence of the strange aura, everyone fell into a dazed state as they witnessed the birth of a new life. At that moment, countless ideas clashed in their minds as they seemed to gain enlightenment.

These inspirations flashed through their minds and significantly increased their comprehension of the Heavenly Way for a short period of time. Many questions they had about cultivation were suddenly answered at that moment.

Countless ideas passed through Yang Kai's mind as well, and suddenly it seemed as if there was nothing he didn't understand in his Martial Dao. He had built a strong foundation for achieving the Open Heaven Realm, and as long as he could condense all the necessary Elements, he could become a High-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master without issue.

With that said, following the birth of the Innate Spirit Fruit, the inspirations in his head made him come up with a very bold idea. If this idea was feasible, he would obtain an extraordinary power after he became an Open Heaven Realm Master.

Certainly, this idea could only be materialised during his ascension to the Open Heaven Realm, so it was still too early to talk about it.

The Innate Spirit Fruit was truly extraordinary. The process of its birth alone could clear the doubts for everyone in their cultivation journey. All of them had greatly benefited from it.

Soon, the flower petals withered and the Innate Spirit Fruit was formed. The amazing aura slowly dissipated as well.

Yang Kai looked around and realised that everyone appeared elated. Apparently, they all gained something from this brief experience. Without the aura's influence, the inspirations in their heads left them, and they could no longer comprehend anything, causing many to let out a gentle sigh.

Staring around, Yang Kai tried to memorise these faces. If his speculation was right, if these people left the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary alive, they would all become overlords in the 3,000 Worlds.

Besides being nurtured by powerful Divine Spirits, they had all obtained unimaginable benefits in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary. Now that they had this opportunity to comprehend things that they otherwise couldn't understand, they were bound to have excellent achievements in the future.

Soon, rapid breathing could be heard as all stared fixedly at the rapidly maturing Innate Spirit Fruit. Although all of them were silent, everyone knew that this was just the calm before the storm.

"It's time to make a move," Qu Hua Shang secretly spoke to Yang Kai.

Yang Kai, however, refused as he replied, "The first one to make a move will die."

Although he was an expert in the Dao of Space, he wouldn't dare to rashly make a move in front of so many Bearers.

While he was able to suppress his impulses, though, someone wasn't. A gigantic web suddenly appeared out of the void and covered the Innate Fruit Tree. It seemed that the person intended to take both the fruit tree and the spirit fruit away.

"You dare?!" Someone was heard yelling, whereupon countless powerful attacks struck the web.

Before the web could even approach the Innate Fruit Tree, it was crushed into dust. Following a grunt, a cultivator was seen staggering, and blood started streaming out of his mouth.



The web was his artifact, and although it was exceptional, it couldn't possibly withstand the attacks of so many people. The artifact was destroyed, and he suffered backlash as a result.

Before he could even catch his breath though, a sword light slashed across his back and caused him to collapse to the ground. Although he wasn't dead yet, he was severely injured with blood streaming out of the ghastly wound.

Sensing another strike approaching, the man hurriedly rolled away and widened his eyes. The people who attacked him were strangers to him, but he knew that at this point, no one would be soft-hearted. Killing one meant one less opponent, increasing their chances to obtain the Innate Spirit Fruit.

As if some kind of signal had been given, the battle erupted. Over 30 figures pounced on the Innate Fruit Tree at the same time, and before they even arrived, they used different techniques to grab at the fruit. At that instant, artifacts in the form of nets and ropes were seen. There were also more than ten illusory hands reaching for the spirit fruit.

Nevertheless, none of them could get near the spirit fruit using these techniques. All the artifacts and Secret Techniques were destroyed or diverted before they could get close. More and more people joined in the battle, using their own unique methods to try to snatch the prize. Some were injured, while some lost their lives.

On the other hand, Yang Kai remained calmly standing on the same spot and gazing at the battlefield, feeling a bit awestruck.

Most of these people were not famous figures. It had been more than 10 years since the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary opened, but Yang Kai had never heard of most of these people before; however, after they made a move, he realised that all of them were outstanding in their own right. Besides their peculiar artifacts, their Secret Techniques were also stunning. All of these Bearers had condensed Fifth-Order Elements at the very least, while many had condensed Sixth-Order Elements and some even Seventh-Order Elements.

Yin, Yang, and Five Element Powers were seen permeating this small region. The world seemed to have paled, and the universe was trembling.

Many Element Powers obviously came from Divine Spirits. They could make use of their own Monster Cores and Sources to nurture their Bearers to help increase their powers significantly.

Ding Yi had shown some remarkable skills before they reached the 3,000 Worlds Tree some time ago; however, in this place, he was just slightly above average as there were many others more outstanding than he was.

At this moment, only a small number remained on the sidelines. Besides Yang Kai and the two ladies, only seven or eight others kept their calm. Perhaps they were wary of their opponents and wouldn't dare to make any rash moves.

"Are we not going to make a move?" Qu Hua Shang turned and asked anxiously.

"Wait a bit longer," Yang Kai replied dispassionately.

A helpless Qu Hua Shang said, "If we keep waiting, the fruit will fall into someone else's hands."

“If that happens, we can just snatch it back.” Yang Kai flashed a smile at her.

On hearing that, Qu Hua Shang became startled for a moment before realizing he was right; therefore, she also waited patiently.

Chapter 4119 – Fight

After a while, the battlefield became increasingly chaotic. Everyone was trying to pounce on the Innate Fruit Tree, but none of them succeeded. Once anyone got within 30 metres of the tree, they would face a concentrated assault from all sides.

No one could possibly bear all the Secret Techniques that contained Fifth, Sixth, and even Seventh-Order Element Powers.

Yang Kai believed that if he didn't use his Half-Dragon Form, he also couldn't withstand such a bombardment. Even then, he still wouldn't persevere for more than a few breaths' time.

Some of the Bearers had lost their lives because of this, their corpses dismembered. Although they had the support of Divine Spirits, an individual's strength was simply too small in such a melee. If one made a rash move at the wrong moment, they would only put their life at risk.

During the scuffle, the spirit fruit on the Innate Fruit Tree became completely mature. It was translucent and alluring, and although no fragrant scent was wafting from it, everyone was tempted to have a taste of it.

All of a sudden, someone was heard guffawing, “Is that the Innate Spirit Fruit? This Fang will gladly take it then!”

As soon as the person's voice was heard, a figure was seen rapidly approaching the fruit tree.

Upon hearing that, the Bearers, who were locked in an intense battle, became enraged and looked in that direction. They wanted to find out who this shameless guy was. They had been fighting for some time now, but none of them could even get close to the fruit tree. Certainly, they were displeased at this person's arrogance.

However, Yang Kai's gaze brightened as he said in a small voice, “Our opportunity is here. Get ready to move.”

He had been waiting for the best chance, and his patience had paid off. Upon hearing that, Qu Hua Shang and Gu Pan became solemn and secretly circulated their strength.

On the other hand, a figure arrived at the battlefield and directly reached for the Innate Fruit Tree.

\*Xiu...\*

The sounds of breaking through the air were heard and the lights of Secret Techniques and artifacts expanded as they shot towards this person. However, this man was unperturbed as he kept a smile on his face. When the attacks were about to reach him, he moved and yelled, "Stand Eternal as a Mountain!"

A thick and heavy Earth Element Power surged out and a gigantic tortoise illusory phantom was formed, creating an impenetrable defence. Countless attacks struck the illusory phantom and indeed shook it, but they were unable to harm the person inside it.

"This..." Everyone became dumbfounded and fell into a dazed state.

Since the battle began, it was the first time they saw someone using such a powerful defensive technique. The tortoise illusory phantom gave off a feeling that it was so hard that nothing in the world could break it.

"Solid Earth Black Tortoise!" Someone recognised the tortoise illusory phantom.

Since the illusory phantom was of the Solid Earth Black Tortoise, that person must be the Solid Earth Black Tortoise's Bearer. Only the Bearer of that Divine Spirit could activate such a defensive Secret Technique.

The person was none other than Fang Yue. Yang Kai had come into contact with him once and even plundered most of his Space Ring. No one knew where he had been, but he finally appeared because of the Innate Fruit Tree.

The Earth Element Power of the Solid Earth Black Tortoise was Seventh-Order at the very least, so ordinary techniques were unable to damage it in the slightest. Unless Fang Yue's opponent also had a Seventh-Order Element Power of a different Element, it would be all but impossible to deal with him.

Therefore, after the tortoise illusory phantom appeared, someone used an extraordinary Wood Element Power, which transformed into many shadows as they struck out at Fang Yue.

The illusory phantom kept shaking and its light dimmed significantly; nevertheless, Fang Yue was already within 30 metres of the fruit tree as he reached out his hand for the spirit fruit.

"Do you think you're invincible inside that turtle shell? I'll cut you in half!" Ding Yi was heard bellowing as he raised his sword and his entire figure was engulfed in flames. A fire was seen swirling around the blade, and following a howl, a three-legged exotic bird left the sword and swooped down on Fang Yue.

Ding Yi was the Bearer of the Divine Spirit Bi Fang. Bi Fang was a Fire Attribute Divine Spirit who had used his own Monster Core to help Ding Yi condense his Fire Element.

Some time ago, at the bottom of the 3,000 Worlds Tree, Ding Yi had used this move when battling the man surnamed Gou. The power of this slash was majestic, as though it could burn the entire world down.

Fang Yue sported a solemn expression at last. Although the illusory phantom of Solid Earth Black Turtle was remarkable, and it allowed him to ignore most attacks, he was still wary of a Seventh-Order Fire Element Power. Moreover, his defensive Secret Technique had been greatly worn down already.

After just a moment of hesitation though, he still steadfastly reached for the spirit fruit. Following a loud boom, Fang Yue shook a little as countless cracks appeared on his illusory phantom, as though it would fall apart at any moment. Still, it was able to protect him.

On the other hand, after Ding Yi made such a move, all his skin turned red as though he was a shrimp that had been cooked. Steam was billowing from his body, and blood was streaming out of his seven orifices. His sword-holding hand was trembling slightly.

Although his aptitude was not bad, it wasn't good enough to condense a Seventh-Order Element. Be it his Dao Seal or his own physique, neither were able to bear the Seventh-Order Fire Element Power; however, Bi Fang didn't care about this and forcefully had Ding Yi condense that power to increase his chance of snatching the Innate Spirit Fruit.

Therefore, even though Ding Yi possessed a Seventh-Order Fire Element, he wouldn't dare to hastily use it, for it put a huge burden on himself. If he used it too many times, he might suffer fatal backlash.

This was the same case for many Bearers. Without building a solid enough foundation, a High-Rank Element Power was forced upon them by their Divine Spirit. They might appear to be powerful on the surface, but they would be haunted by endless trouble in the future.

On the other hand, the Divine Spirit behind Qu Hua Shang was Fei Yi, who wasn't focused on a particular Element, making it impossible for her to condense a specific Seventh-Order Element. Fei Yi could only help improve her using other ways. This kind of benefit was far more reliable and without any potential trouble.

Although there were many cracks on the tortoise illusory phantom, it didn't show signs of coming apart any time soon.

Following Ding Yi's move, Lin Feng from True Martial Cave Heaven released a roar as a river appeared in the sky. Water was seen moving rapidly as though it was a real flood that was coming at its target.

This guy was abducted by Kun Sha previously. Kun Sha was a Water Attribute Divine Spirit, so it was expected that he would help Lin Feng condense his Water Element.

Nevertheless, since the Water Element was the gentlest amongst the Five Elements, despite it being Seventh-Order, it wasn't as awe-inspiring as Ding Yi's move. Still, there were many ferocious-looking illusory sharks in the river that gnawed at their target.

\*Kacha...\*

The tortoise illusory phantom around Fang Yue dimmed and almost collapsed, but he still guffawed, "This fruit is mine now!"

During this exchange of blows, he had already reached the Innate Fruit Tree and was about to pick the fruit.

Just then, a purple bamboo lightly whizzed towards him. It was Xiang Ying who had made a move!

The purple bamboo was the straw that broke the camel's back. The tortoise illusory phantom finally shattered and Fang Yue's figure was revealed.

The smile on Fang Yue's face froze as a sense of crisis rose within him. Without thinking, he hurriedly moved aside and didn't dare take the spirit fruit.

\*Hong hong hong...\*

Countless attacks struck the place where he was standing just before. If he hadn't fled in time, he would've passed away on the spot since he didn't have the illusory phantom's protection now.

"You..." Fang Yue was exasperated. He was about to obtain the spirit fruit, but failed in his attempt at the last moment. He was so furious that he almost spat blood.

All of them finally fended off this reckless guy who relied on the protection of a turtle shell, but before they could breathe a sigh of relief, their hearts leapt to their throats again. That was because three figures, one man and two women, had silently managed to approach the Innate Fruit Tree. They were none other than Yang Kai, Qu Hua Shang, and Gu Pan.

When Yang Kai heard Fang Yue's voice earlier, he knew that the chance he had been waiting for had arrived.

He had come into contact with Fang Yue once, so he knew that the latter's defence was remarkable. With Fang Yue attracting everyone's attention and attacks, Yang Kai and the two women could easily approach the fruit tree.

Everyone turned to look at the three of them and got ready to strike. Both apprehensive and excited, Qu Hua Shang whispered to Yang Kai, "I can fend off their attacks for one breath."

After she finished speaking, she swung her hair as a red hairband came apart and turned into countless threads before guarding the space around them.

She meant it when she said that she could fend off the attacks for one breath, as one breath later, all the red threads disintegrated. Qu Hua Shang grunted, and her face turned pale.

Yang Kai bellowed, "Dragon Shield!"

After he surged his Earth Element Power, Dragon Shields appeared and hovered around the three of them. Every Dragon Shield was made from a life-like Dragon that appeared quite imposing.

Yang Kai's Earth Element Power was derived from the essence of a True Earth Dragon's Dragon Bead. It was just as solid as, if not more so than Fang Yue's Solid Earth Black Tortoise Power.

Nevertheless, Yang Kai had to comprehend this Dragon Shield Divine Ability on his own, while Fang Yue inherited his technique straight from a real Solid Earth Black Tortoise. Moreover, the Solid Earth Black Tortoise was an expert in defence, so the Earth Attribute Great Dragon was no match for the tortoise in this regard.

Therefore, the defence capability of Yang Kai's Dragon Shield wasn't on par with the one cast by Fang Yue earlier. Still, Yang Kai could condense them in large numbers, so he and the two ladies were surrounded on all eight sides.

Struck by innumerable attacks, the Dragon Shields broke apart one by one. These eight Dragon Shields lasted only three breaths.

Yang Kai reached out his hand and was about to pick the Innate Spirit Fruit the next instant.

“Junior Sister Gu!” Qu Hua Shang exclaimed.

Without uttering a word, Gu Pan fished out a paintbrush that was half her height. Hugging it with both hands, she swiped it at the void and shouted, “Ink!”

It was as though she was about to draw a painting in the sky. Following her move, a gigantic ink dot appeared and rapidly expanded.

The next instant, the entire world turned dim and all anyone could see was darkness. Even their Divine Senses had been shrouded and they could no longer hear anything. All of them had become blind and deaf.

One breath later, the strange anomaly dissipated, and when they all turned to look at the spirit tree, their eyes widened. That was because Yang Kai was already grabbing the Innate Spirit Fruit with an excited expression.

However, his expression soon became awkward, turning from excited to shocked and puzzled.

Chapter 4120 – Got It

Yang Kai became rooted to the spot as everyone was staring fixedly at him.

Qu Hua Shang saw this and exclaimed in exasperation, “What are you doing? Take it and run already!”

The three of them had warded off countless attacks and finally got close to the Innate Fruit Tree; however, Yang Kai was just holding the fruit without picking it. Was he sick of living?

Certainly, Yang Kai also intended to pick the fruit and run, but he realised that he couldn’t grab anything. Both the Innate Fruit Tree and the Innate Spirit Fruit had seemingly materialised, but at the same time, they were illusory and intangible. His hand directly passed through the Innate Spirit Fruit without any hindrance.

Realising that something was off, Qu Hua Shang took a closer look and was astounded. Their Divine Spirits had never told them about such a situation. At that instant, both Yang Kai and she didn’t know what to do.

After giving it a thought, they realised that the Divine Spirits might not have intentionally hidden anything from them. The Divine Spirits might not know what would happen either. They only knew that in order to leave the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, they had to rely on the power of the Innate Spirit Fruit; however, throughout history, the Bearers who had gotten the Innate Spirit Fruits and their Divine Spirits would leave the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary as soon as possible, so the rest of the Divine Spirits would have no idea what happened in the Primordial Land.

[What should we do?] Qu Hua Shang looked anxiously at Yang Kai as she thought.

Gu Pan said in a hushed voice, "Do we keep staying here?"

Everyone stopped attacking and looked dazedly at Yang Kai while furrowing their brows. None of them had expected that the thing they were scrambling to snatch was so uncanny. Since Yang Kai was unable to pick the spirit fruit, the rest of them probably wouldn't be able to either.

At that instant, the place fell into silence. Nevertheless, anyone in Yang Kai's shoes would've felt apprehensive as all eyes were still on him.

Yang Kai continuously tried, but he just couldn't grab the spirit fruit no matter what he did. Furious, he released his Divine Sense to grasp at it.

The next instant, following a crack, the spirit fruit broke apart and turned into wisps of light right in front of everyone's eyes, stunning them all.

Even Yang Kai became rooted to the spot as he felt a cold chill run up his back. He just wanted to give it a try by using his Divine Sense, but he never expected that he would shatter the Innate Spirit Fruit! It never crossed his mind that the spirit fruit was so fragile.

The Innate Spirit Fruit was broken!

Several dozen Bearers bore the missions and responsibilities given to them by their respective Divine Spirits. They scrambled to snatch this Innate Spirit Fruit and some of them were severely injured or even killed, but now, the spirit fruit was shattered by Yang Kai.

A myriad of emotions like shock, puzzlement, and fury came over the crowd. At that instant, all of them looked resentfully at Yang Kai. Without the Innate Spirit Fruit, none of them could explain themselves to their Divine Spirit backers after they left the Primordial Land. If their Divine Spirits were mild-tempered, they might still stand a chance to survive; however, if their Divine Spirits were like Kun Sha, they were bound to die.

What Yang Kai had done had practically cut off their futures. This was an absolutely irreconcilable enmity!

However, what was strange was that after the Innate Spirit Fruit shattered, its spiritual lights didn't dissipate immediately and instead, they streamed into the back of Yang Kai's hand.

At that moment, Yang Kai felt the back of his hand burning, and as more wisps of light streamed into it, a peculiar yet abstruse pattern began to appear on his skin.

Following the formation of the pattern, a realisation suddenly dawned upon Yang Kai. Instantly, he figured out the uses of the Innate Spirit Fruit and the reason that the people selected by the Divine Spirits were called Bearers.

A Divine Spirit needed to use their Bearer's body as a medium for the Innate Spirit Fruit's power in order to escape the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary's restrictions and leave this place.

The Innate Spirit Fruit was always destined to shatter and form this peculiar pattern. These pitiful Bearers thought that they had to pick the Innate Spirit Fruit and bring it back to their Divine Spirits, and even Yang Kai believed that was the case. It was probably how the Divine Spirits thought the spirit fruit was used as well.

In fact, the truth was different from their imagination. Regardless, Yang Kai had now truly obtained the Innate Spirit Fruit!

The turn of events took place too quickly. First, Yang Kai shattered the Innate Spirit Fruit and stunned everyone. Following that, the wisps of lights streamed into the back of his hand and formed an intricate pattern. All of this happened in the blink of an eye.

Although the others had no idea what the pattern was for, they believed that it was the key to their survival and rise. Since the spirit fruit was gone, they had to snatch this key!

In unison, all of them activated their Secret Techniques and attacked Yang Kai.

The expressions of Qu Hua Shang and Gu Pan changed as they hurriedly used their own methods to fend off the approaching attacks. Although they were strong even amongst the Bearers present, there were too many people on the opposing side, so after just three breaths later, they fell into a perilous situation.

Yang Kai activated his Dragon Shield Technique again to protect them before he manipulated Space Principles to bring all of them away. When they reappeared, they were already three kilometres away.

Before he even stood firm though, Fang Yue charged towards him with a solemn expression and bellowed, "Senior Brother Yang, pardon my offence!"

Upon saying so, a stone lotus suddenly appeared beneath his feet. Initially, the stone lotus was small as it swirled around but it expanded rapidly. The lotus leaves probably came in a thousand layers.

Yang Kai arched his brow as he could clearly feel a Divine Medicine's aura coming from this stone lotus. In other words, this stone lotus was a Divine Medicine. He wondered what the stone lotus was capable of doing and when Fang Yue obtained it.

The last time they met, Fang Yue didn't possess such a thing. It seemed that he had come across an amazing opportunity as well.

The stone lotus twirled as its petals turned into sharp blades that loudly cut through the Void. No one dared to go near a radius of 300 metres around him.

Although Fang Yue was outstanding, he had only showcased his defensive capabilities so far. Now that he used such a move, it was apparent that he no longer intended to hide his true capabilities.

"Run!" Qu Hua Shang exclaimed. Now that Yang Kai had acquired the Innate Spirit Fruit, the best plan for him was to escape. If he stayed here, he would put himself in a tight spot after being besieged.

Ignoring her though, Yang Kai extended his hand. Following a Dragon Roar, the Azure Dragon Spear appeared and he thrust out. A fist-sized black hole flashed at the tip of his spear as he shouted, "Brother Fang, defend yourself."

Sensing the spear thrust's terrifying power, Fang Yue became extremely solemn. The black hole expanded right before his eyes, as though it was going to cover the entire world and he felt as if he would never be able to escape from it.



The speed at which the Thousand Leaves Stone Lotus beneath his feet whirled around increased dramatically.

Following a loud boom, a gigantic black hole came into everyone's view. The black hole seemed to have been filled with the aura of chaos and nothingness. The Thousand Leaves Stone Lotus stopped rotating and Fang Yue was sent flying away.

At the same time, Yang Kai staggered back a couple of steps. Even though he successfully warded Fang Yue off with his spear, he had also suffered some impact.

The next instant, countless attacks came right at Yang Kai. Qu Hua Shang's face turned ashen. She was standing alongside Yang Kai, so she was also in the middle of this barrage of attacks. Even if she wouldn't lose her life, being severely injured was a given. At that moment, she had the urge to give Yang Kai a real piece of her mind.

All of a sudden, a Sun leapt out of Yang Kai's back. The Golden Crow was heard cawing and it flew around the Sun. At the same time, a terrifying aura out.

Gold Crow Casts the Sun!

With the Great Sun hanging in the sky, many Divine Abilities melted away before they even got close to Yang Kai while those that remained had their power significantly reduced. Yang Kai wielded his spear as innumerable spear shadows blocked those attacks.

A series of explosions was continuously heard and a moment later, Yang Kai kept his spear while panted slightly.

Everyone stared dazedly at the Sun behind Yang Kai and felt extremely helpless in their hearts. They had heard that a Divine Manifestation was insanely powerful, but not everyone had seen or witnessed it before. It wasn't until this moment that they experienced the might of a Divine Manifestation.

A glimmer of hope radiated from Qu Hua Shang's eyes as she took Yang Kai's arm and urged, "Let's now escape!"

However, Yang Kai patted her hand and flashed a smile at her to get her to calm down. Qu Hua Shang frowned, not knowing what he was up to now.

Many figures swooped towards them from all directions, and even the sky above them had been shaded as everyone surrounded Yang Kai and the ladies. Despite knowing that Yang Kai's Divine Manifestation was horrifying, they were not willing to give up as their lives were at risk now.

Yang Kai swept a glance over them and said slowly, "Does any one of you want to challenge me?"

With the Thousand Leaves Stone Lotus beneath his feet, Fang Yue flew back over and glanced at the Sun behind Yang Kai before heaving a sigh. He had given it his all just now and knew that he was no match for Yang Kai, so he didn't want to embarrass himself again.

Although some people were eager to give it a shot, they wouldn't dare to make the first move.

A moment later, someone bellowed, "Yang Kai, although you are indeed peerless here, it doesn't mean you can defeat all of us. Since you've obtained the Innate Spirit Fruit, why are you still trying to

embarrass us? Do you enjoy taunting us? In that case, we'd rather kill you and go to Hell together. None of us can escape unscathed anyways!"

Hearing this, many people nodded in agreement.

Yang Kai shot that person a glance and put on a smile, "Fellow Brother, you've misunderstood my intentions. I'm not trying to embarrass all of you; instead, I want to make a deal with you all."

Xu Zhen sighed and called out, "Brother Yang, please just speak plainly."

He was on good terms with Yang Kai, so he wasn't sure if he should make a move now. If he did nothing, he couldn't explain himself to Zhu Yan. Nevertheless, even if he made a move, he might not be able to gain the upper hand.

Yang Kai raised his right hand, and the peculiar pattern on the back of his hand immediately attracted everyone's attention, "I have no idea why the Innate Spirit Fruit has turned into this pattern, but this should be what the Divine Spirits want. If I'm not mistaken, as long as anyone can kill me, this pattern will also be transferred to that person."

Hearing that, everyone broke out into a commotion, and several of the gazes turned piercing.

Qu Hua Shang turned to look at Yang Kai and became anguished. Was this guy an idiot? Why would you reveal such a secret at this point in time?

Yang Kai grinned widely seeing the crowd's reaction and continued, "However, anyone who intends to do so should be prepared to be killed by me."

He paused for a moment before mentioning, "Also..."

Then, he disappeared all of a sudden. Their expressions of everyone changed as none of them noticed how Yang Kai disappeared despite the fact that they had surrounded him and locked onto his aura.

Before they could figure out what happened, Yang Kai's voice was heard coming from a different direction, "If I want to flee, none of you can stop me."