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Chapter 201: Five Element Ruins

The atmosphere in the Oceanic Desert was extremely adverse with sandstorms sweeping through and gales raging about frequently. Although the Oceanic Desert was said to have entered a period of dormancy now, it was still exceedingly dangerous and adverse at the depths of the desert, and numerous places of extreme danger that even Rebirth Realm cultivators wouldn't be able to survive once swept into them existed.

This Five Element Tempest was an infamous and terrifying existence within the Oceanic Desert, as this type of tempest was matchlessly overbearing and covered an area of 500 kilometers, and it obliterated any living creature everywhere it passed.

Moreover, at the center of the tempest was a vast expanse of ruins. These ruins were the main battlefield of the battle between gods and fiends from a few tens of thousands of years ago, and innumerable formidable fiends and cultivators had fallen here. The remnants of will, blood, shattered weapons, and various other fiendish things had been left behind by these fiends and gods when they fell, and after experiencing a few tens of thousands of years, they'd developed boundless fiendish demon beasts. These demon beasts were able to conceal themselves within the tempest and move about within it, and so long as any cultivator fell into the tempest, they would swarm over together and tear the cultivator into pieces or suck out the cultivator's vitality while the cultivator was still breathing.

It was precisely because of the existence of this ruins and the existence of these fiendish demon beasts that such a terrifying and atrocious weather like the Five Element Tempest would be born.

Now, Chen Xi, Tantai Hong, Huangfu Chongming and the others had encountered the Five Element Tempest.

The five colored tempest was like a multicolored fierce dragon that was raging in the heaven and earth, and Chen Xi even noticed that the space surrounding the tempest was even torn to shreds. Raging winds roared everywhere as the sun and moon were dimmed out, and the layer of sand on the ground of the desert formed into countless vortexes. Every single vortex was filled with a suction force that could swallow anything, and everywhere they passed, some rocks and hills that were 3 km in height would be swallowed up by the vortexes in the blink of an eye.

How large was the Five Element Tempest that covered an area of 500 kilometers?

At any rate, Chen Xi looked towards the extremely distant horizon, yet everywhere was covered by the Five Element Tempest that cut off the path ahead, and if they wanted to go deeper into the Oceanic Desert, then they could only go around the Five Element Tempest.

However, at this moment, the Five Element Tempest had already drawn close to them. Not to mention going around it, even if they fled backward, they would still be swept into it. This tempest moved too swiftly, to the point that it was able to make anyone feel despair!

"Dammit! This Five Element Tempest wanders about all around the Oceanic Desert, yet I never imagined that we'd encounter it. The demon beasts within that tempest are inexhaustible, and once we're swept

into it, we'll be trapped within the Five Element Ruins and encounter wave after wave of demon beast attacks. In the end, our lives will be swallowed up by them!" Huangfu Chongming had an ominous expression as he roared with a low voice, and his eyes flickered with a trace of deep terror.

The expressions of the others weren't any better, as no one had imagined they'd encounter such a terrifying scene as soon as they entered the depths of the Oceanic Desert.

Although they were Golden Core Realm experts that were exceedingly dazzling in the younger generation, when faced with the might of nature, they still seemed to be extremely tiny and without the slightest room for resistance.

"No! I heard once that the Five Element Tempest would vanish every ten days, and once it lost the protection of the tempest, the Five Element Ruins would be exposed in the heaven and earth. So our only way of survival is to enter the tempest and hide within the Five Element Ruins. So long as we're able to persist under the waves of demon beast attacks, we'll be able to leave safely!" Tantai Hong spoke word by word. "Everyone, we already have no way back. So long as we're able to persist until the end, then not only will we be able to survive, it wouldn't be difficult for us to find Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault as well. Because according to the information I know of, the Five Element Tempest will appear once every 1,000 years, and along with the appearance of the Five Element Tempest, some secret realms, treasure vaults, and ruins left behind from ancient times would leave the ground and descend into the world!"

"Persist for ten days? Is it possible? The demon beasts within the Five Element Ruins are inexhaustible. They're all at the Golden Hall Realm, and there are even some much more formidable existences than them. I'm afraid we won't even be able to persist for three days by relying on the strength of us seven." Lin Moxuan frowned tightly as he replied with a question.

"I think it's better to try and experience the dangers of the Five Element Ruins. Perhaps I'll be able to better improve my strength." Xiao Linger smiled, and her eyes revealed a strand of fervor and eagerness.

"You mad woman! You're still joking at a time like this?" Lin Moxuan berated in annoyance.

"Enough!" Huangfu Chongming shouted out explosively, and he said coldly, "Everyone, we have no other way to choose. We must go in! So long as we persist until the Five Element Tempest vanishes, then an exceedingly great fortuitous encounter would be within easy reach. Could it be that all of you aren't moved by it? Don't tell me that all of you don't have some life saving trump cards in your possessions! It's time to utilize them!"

When life saving trump cards were mentioned, both Lin Moxuan and Xiao Linger were stunned, and their eyes flickered indeterminately before not saying anything further in the end.

Rumble! Rumble!

Right at this moment, the Five Element Tempest that blocked out the sky and covered the earth had already swept over, and its energy surged and raged violently, causing space to shatter and crushing everything in its path.

When faced with this scene, an ordinary person would have probably been terrified to the point of being overwhelmed by this fear, yet Huangfu Chongming and the others were instead exceedingly composed, and they revealed extremely formidable strengths and exceedingly firm dispositions.

“Let’s go! We must not break up!” Huangfu Chongming shouted loudly as he flew out and circulated his True Essence to raise up an ‘S’ shaped defensive Magic Treasure, and he actually charged head on towards the Five Element Tempest.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When they saw this, the others could only grit their teeth and withdraw a variety of defensive Magic Treasures before following closely behind him. Amongst these defensive Magic Treasures were bells, shields, and umbrellas. Every single one of them was constructed elegantly, brimming with spirit energy, and covered with flowing runes, and all of them were actually top-grade earth-rank Magic Treasures. Every single one of them wasn’t the ordinary goods sold in the stores and were exceedingly formidable.

“Chen Ke, follow me. You must not get lost while following me!” Tantai Hong shouted out loudly before raising his hand to withdraw a stone tablet Magic Treasure that was inscribed with mountains, rivers, the sun, the moon, and the stars. All of them were brimming with spirit energy as they formed a pure azure colored screen that enveloped him and Chen Xi before he followed closely behind the others.

This stone tablet was similarly a top-grade earth-rank Magic Treasure and coupled with Tantai Hong being a Half-step Rebirth Realm expert, it wasn’t strenuous for him to bring Chen Xi along.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The instant they entered the Five Element Tempest, Chen Xi felt as if he’d entered into spatial turbulence that was a vast expanse of darkness. The entire tempest was filled with an extremely violent tearing force that crackled as it smashed onto the pure azure screen, causing it to flicker and tremble intensely and emit a screeching sound of friction. The terrifying force shook Tantai Hong, to the point his face went pale and blood spilled out of the corners of his mouth, and he was almost unable to hold on.

Fortunately, all of this vanished within an instant, and before Chen Xi had reacted to what had happened, he felt light enter his eyes as the scene before him had already changed completely.

Ruins, broken wall, and numerous shattered buildings collapsed on the ground. Amongst them were some stone pillars that were an entire 3 km in height and were covered in scars. There were even piles of ghastly bones and dark stains of blood that had been dried by the wind since long ago amongst these ruins, causing them to seem desolate, arid, and extremely bloody.

Most shocking of them all was that there were stands of baleful qi that roared and shot into the sky raging on these ruins, and they seemed like the unyielding roars and grievous howls of the fiends and gods that had fallen here, causing it to seem extremely horrifying.

This place was the Five Element Ruins, an enormous building that floated within the Five Element Tempest, and when one took a broad view of the place, it had an area of 500 km, just like an island.

In the surroundings of the Five Element Ruins was the madly revolving tempest that was like an enormous screen that firmly locked the Five Element Ruins within it.

A raging and roaring tempest, and an expanse of ruins that floated silently. One moving, one stationary, creating a strong visual impact for all that saw them. If one didn't enter into the tempest, no one would ever imagine that such a miraculous scene actually existed within the Five Element Tempest.

Roar! Roar! Roar!

A wave of shrill and fierce beast roars resounded out, and then Chen Xi saw dense oddly shaped demon beasts mixed within the tempest as they covered the heavens and the earth and swarmed over like locusts. Various attacks and innate Divine Abilities of demon beasts transformed into countless terrifying lights as they whistled out in the sky above the ruins, and it was sufficient to destroy people into mush.

Within the ruins were over 100 cultivators that were scattered around in every corner, and they were utilizing various Magic Treasures and techniques to resist the wave after wave of demon beast assaults. Numerous sounds of explosions rose and fell as True Essence and Magic Treasures collided with each other, and they formed a dazzling and resplendent brilliance that seemed like gorgeous yet tragic fireworks.

Obviously, it wasn't just Chen Xi's group of seven that were trapped within the Five Element Ruins.

"Everyone, converge at a single place and resist these demon beasts with your full strength!" Huangfu Chongming shouted out explosively, and then he led the others to arrive at a corner of the ruins.

Rumble!

Right when everyone had just descended to the ground, a group of flaming snake demons pounced over. Every single one of these flaming snake demons had the heads of a snake and the body of a human, and their entire bodies were surging with a mist of flames, causing them to seem extremely fierce. Unexpectedly, all of them were existences at the perfection-stage of the Golden Hall Realm and numbered in a few tens of thousands, causing them to seem like a sea of flames, and their method of attack was actually a fire element technique!

This fire element technique was overwhelmingly powerful, its energy violent and surging as if it could melt iron, and within it was boundless fiendish energy mixed within, causing it to be terrifying to the extreme.

"Kill!" Huangfu Chongming shouted out explosively as he struck out with his fist, causing innumerable vortexes to appear and directly smash the techniques of these flaming snake demons, and then the energy of his fist swept out to the surroundings and tore through space. Instantly, a few tens of these flaming snake demons were completely torn apart under his exceedingly ferocious strike.

"Kill!"

"Kill!"

The others didn't dare dally and emitted loud shouts as they attacked out with their full strength.

"Kid! Don't think of sitting back and leaving it to us. You go charge to the front. If you don't die, then after we enter the treasure vault, you'll get a share of the treasures we obtain. If you die, then we can avoid being burdened by you." Lin Moxuan glanced at Chen Xi as a trace of a cold smile appeared on the corners of his mouth and he ordered with a low voice.

Xiao Linger glanced at Chen Xi yet didn't say anything. Obviously, she intended to remain indifferent.

Huangfu Chongming laughed coldly, and he seemed to extremely approve of Lin Moxuan's actions.

"Right! We don't want a piece of trash. You go to the front and reveal your strength so that we can see if you're trash or not. Don't worry, us brothers will guard your back and will surely not allow you to die for nothing under the fangs of these demon beasts." Teng Huaji thoughts of something in his heart, and he spoke gloomily.

"Go quickly! Properly prove your strength!" Teng Huaxu spoke in support from the side.

He'd already understood his Big Brother's plan, and that was to seize the moment Chen Xi was killed by the demon beasts to seize the storage Magic Treasure in Chen Xi's possession. In that way, the Buddha's Pagoda and the Nine Syllables of Truth would be easily acquired. Moreover, it wouldn't draw the attention of the others. After all, it only the storage Magic Treasure of a little fellow at the Golden Hall Realm. Everyone present was a genius with both status and identity, so who would want it?

"This seems...to be inappropriate, right? My junior is only..." Tantai Hong was instantly anxious and spoke out hastily. However, he was interrupted by Chen Xi before he could finish speaking.

"Uncle Tantai, there's no need to say anything further. I'll go now." Chen Xi smiled to Tantai Hong with a composed expression before sweeping the others with his gaze, yet he laughed coldly in his heart before stepping forward immediately to move to the front of the group.

The Teng Brothers looked at each other and revealed a smile of having succeeded in their scheme, then they followed closely behind Chen Xi to stand at his side, and their appearance really seemed as if they were helping to protect Chen Xi.

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Chapter 202: Each Carrying Their Own Motives

The Five Element Ruins was the main battlefield of the battle of fiends and gods from a few thousands of years ago. It was wrapped in broken walls and ruins of buildings, suffused with stains of blood, covered with ghastly bones, and filled with the baleful qi emitted from the fiends and gods when they fell that seemed to be roaring and howling reluctantly, and it seemed exceedingly horrifying.

Moreover, the inexhaustible demon beasts that raged here were different from the demon beasts in the outside world. All of them were derived from the remnants of will, blood, and shattered weapons left behind by the fallen fiends and gods after experiencing a few tens of thousands of years, they were existences that were like beasts yet not beasts. Every single one of them were ferocious, brutal, ruthless, vicious, and without the slightest intelligence.

As they looked at Chen Xi appear at the front of the group, Lin Moxuan and Huangfu Chongming both laughed with disdain. They looked at Chen Xi with a gaze as if they were looking at a dead person, and their gazes were filled with ridicule.

Xiao Linger shook her head, seeming to feel pity and sympathy, yet felt Chen Xi's actions that seemed courageous yet was rash in actuality to be laughable.

Those Teng Brothers were excited instead, and their eyes were filled with ruthlessness. They'd already made preparation to make a move and seize Chen Xi's storage Magic Treasure once he was killed by the demon beasts.

Amongst these people, only Tantai Hong revealed a concerned expression, and his heart was filled with guilt and helplessness towards Chen Xi. After all, it was he who brought Chen Xi over, yet how would he have imagined that such a thing would occur?

I originally wanted to return a favor, but unexpectedly... Alas, how should I explain it to Zixuan if this fellow loses his life? Tantai Hong deeply sighed in his heart. He noticed that even though he was the Patriarch of a clan, when compared with these Core Disciples from the various great sects by his side, he was like a pitiful wretch that couldn't even protect the junior by his side.

Bang!

A loud and oppressive bang instantly drew the attention of everyone, and their eyes squinted when they clearly saw the scene before them and they almost didn't believe their eyes. Because Chen Xi who they thought would undoubtedly die in the blink of an eye had actually killed a flaming snake demon with a single punch!

Exactly. It was a single punch that was all powerful and clear cut. The flaming snake demon was like a piece of paper as it suffered annihilation at Chen Xi's hand.

A flaming snake demon's strength is roughly comparable to the perfection-stage of the Golden Hall Realm, and this kid is similarly at the Golden Hall Realm. How could he possibly annihilate it with a single punch?

This was the question within everyone's minds, yet this strand of bewilderment quickly vanished. Chen Xi's display was outstanding indeed, yet it was merely so. Because this wasn't a battle with a single flaming snake demon, but countless flaming snake demons. It was a group attack that even they didn't dare guarantee being able to completely withstand, so how could they possibly believe Chen Xi would be able to withstand it?

Bang! Bang! Bang!

However, before they could react from their shock, they saw Chen Xi was like a fierce tiger, and his fists were like landslides that swept through the scene. Every single punch he smashed out would take away the life of a flaming snake demon, and in practically an instant, the 10 plus flaming snake demons that had charged forward were wiped out by him!

Sweeping cleanly through all obstacles.

Matchlessly bold and powerful.

At this moment, Chen Xi stood at the front of the group, and he was like a hard rock that lay across a surging flood as he faced the flaming snake demons that were like tidewater as they roared and dashed over. His figure was shuttled back and forth, moving swiftly and indeterminately; his fists like the rain, with a strength that was like hammers, and from the beginning until the end, he didn't take a single step back!

Hmph! It's just foolhardiness, and there's surely a time that he'll become exhausted. At that time, he's bound to die a graveless death! Lin Moxuan grunted coldly in his heart, and his expression was as disdainful as before.

This kid isn't absolutely without merit. With him foolishly charging at the front, it can relieve some of the pressure I face. Huangfu Chongming nodded with an expressionless face.

School of Fiendgod Body Refinement? This fellow is interesting. If he's able to survive, then perhaps I can make friends with him? Xiao Linger blinked her eyes and seemed to be lost in thought.

Big Brother, this kid has concealed his strength deeply. A Golden Hall Realm cultivator like this is already a top figure amongst cultivators of the same realm. Teng Huaxu's gaze flickered indeterminately as he spoke via voice transmission.

Hmph! What's there to worry about? So long as he's blocking at the front, there'll be a time that his strength is completely exhausted by these stupid beasts, and death is only a matter of time for him. Teng Huaji laughed coldly.

Chen Xi instead didn't pay attention to all this. He wasn't doing this for the sake of changing the view these people had towards him as he knew these people were greatly prejudiced towards him and would absolutely rather see him die than change their views due to his contribution.

He even knew that those Teng Brothers were casting covetous gazes at him from behind and were waiting for him to be killed before seizing his storage Magic Treasures.

"Ling Bai, help me keep an eye on those Teng Brothers. They think that these demon beasts are able to wear down my strength, yet how would they know that every single demon beast I kill allows my strength to increase by a trace? I want to seize this opportunity to properly increase my cultivation. At that time, let me see who dares to go against me!" Chen Xi swiftly transmitted a strand of thought to Ling Bai.

It turned out that these flaming snake demons that were killed by him contained a ball of fire essence, and this fire essence from every single flaming snake demon he killed would be absorbed by his Third-Fire Shaman Marking and transformed into Shaman Energy that ceaselessly replenished his strength.

This caused Chen Xi to understand that most of the demon beasts within this Five Element Ruins were probably born from the essence of the five elements. Otherwise, it was utterly impossible for new life to be formed by solely relying on the remnant of thoughts, blood, and shattered weapons of the fiends and gods.

The essence of the five elements was the quintessence energy of the world, and to a cultivator, it was able to be merged it into a Magic Treasure to increase the quality of the Magic Treasure. But to Chen Xi, it could be directly absorbed by the Shaman Markings on his body and be transformed into surging Shaman Energy to ceaselessly increase his cultivation!

This was precisely the formidable aspect of the Universe Starslayer Bodyforging Arts, and it was the fundamental reason why the School of Fiendgod Body Refinement was formidable.

"Alright! These fellows have been an eyesore for me since a long time ago. Let's kill them and seize the treasures in their possession. Young experts? Geniuses? They're a group of rich kids waiting to have

their wealth seized. They can leave their wealth but they must die!” Ling Bai spoke with a murderous look on his face.

“If they dare go against me, then we’ll do as you say!” Chen Xi wasn’t a soft and irresolute person, and when facing enemies, only by killing them would he be able to solve all his troubles.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The flaming snake demons were annihilated one after the other and the fire essence that effused out from their bodies were completely absorbed by Chen Xi to ceaselessly replenish the Shaman Energy in his body. Within the Third-Fire Shaman Marking on his back, a thing that was tiny like a bean and seemed like a star gradually formed and slowly grew in size.

At the Golden Hall Realm of body refinement, the Shaman Marking Star Apertures were already developed and Star Bridges were connected, and if one wanted to charge into the Golden Core Realm, then it would be to condense a Star Core within the Star Aperture. It was formed to put pressure on the Shaman Marking, causing one’s Shaman Energy to be more condensed, purer, and move towards condensation into a liquid state. At this moment, the thing that was small like a bean within the Third-Fire Shaman Marking was a Star Core that was taking shape!

So long as I ceaselessly annihilate these demon beasts born from the essence of the five elements, my strength will rise bit by bit, and perhaps I’ll be able to condense the Star Cores of the five elements. In that way, my Shaman Energy will probably rise explosively by more than five times, and charging into the Golden Core Realm in body refinement wouldn’t be so far any longer... Chen Xi felt the changed in his Shaman Energy as he fought, and boundless joy arose within his heart. This place is truly a gold mine for cultivation!

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Chapter 203: Cloud of Ice Bats

Kill!

Chen Xi’s fighting spirits soared as he stopped resisting on the spot and charged forward instead. He was immersed in the battle, causing the blood in his entire body to boil, and he seemed like an unsheathed sword with condensed and pure killing intent, and a peerlessly ferocious imposing aura.

Numerous flaming snake demons hadn’t even approached him when they were smashed into bits and had their fire essence seized away, and the scene of a single man holding back an entire army caused even the people behind him to be dumbstruck.

Seeming as if they were afraid that Chen Xi would seize away their limelight, Huangfu Chongming and Lin Moxuan snorted coldly before exerting their cultivations at full force, causing rains of sword and saber lights as Magic Treasures and techniques smashed out as if they were worthless. In an instant, over a thousand flaming snake demons were completely annihilated, and the might of their attacks was so strong that it instantly surpassed Chen Xi.

Just think about it, all these people were Core Disciples at the Golden Core Realm from famous sects in the Darchu Dynasty. Not only were their cultivations were much higher than Chen Xi, even the Magic Treasures and techniques in their possessions were existence at the top-grade earth-rank as well.

Moreover, they were still suppressing their cultivations for the sake of participating in the Allstar Meeting in five years, otherwise, with their natural talent, they'd probably have advanced to the Rebirth Realm long ago.

Rumble!

The gorgeous light rain of True Essence sprayed down in streams, causing the space to shatter and the sun and moon to dim everywhere it passed, and patch after patch of flaming snake demons weren't able to struggle in the slightest before transforming into powder and being destroyed.

This benefitted Chen Xi, as after the flaming snake demons met their doom, the fire essence they left behind was exceedingly vast and thick. With a fierce suck from him, he was like a whale swallowing water as of the fire essence was completely drawn into his Third-Fire Shaman Markings before transforming into Shaman Energy that condensed his Shaman Marking's Star Core.

"Hmm? Fuck! This fellow actually dared to seize my fire essence!" Lin Moxuan had withdrawn a bottle gourd shaped Magic Treasure and seemed to want to absorb the fire essence in the sky, yet he never expected Chen Xi would be a step faster than him and bring all the fire essence into his body, causing Lin Moxuan's expression to instantly become unsightly.

Actually, it wasn't just Lin Moxuan. Huangfu Chongming, Xiao Linger, the Teng Brothers, and even Tantai Hong had withdrawn a variety of Magic Treasures with the intention of collecting the fire essences, yet they never expected that Chen Xi would be a step faster than them, and with a single breathing motion, the fire essence in the surrounding area of 300m was brought into Chen Xi's body.

Instantly, the expressions of everyone became unsightly, and all of them looked at Chen Xi with a hostile expression.

Up to this point in the battle, the flaming snake demons that were like tidewater had already become scarce and were almost vanishing, and this caused everyone to be able to see every movement of Chen Xi's with even more clarity.

In their eyes, Chen Xi was like a bottomless pit that contained everything, and he swallowed the fire essence without the slightest worry. Not only didn't it have the slightest side effect, the strength of his body was slowly growing instead!

What body refinement technique is this? Could it be that he isn't afraid of the fire essence melting his body and losing his life? Xiao Linger was stunned. The cultivation technique she used was precisely of the fire element, and she had an even deeper understanding of fire essence. This type of quintessence energy that came from the heaven and the earth was overbearing and tyrannical, and it was a superb treasure for refining Magic Treasures. Yet, once a cultivator was tainted by a single trace of it, the cultivator would instantly have his flesh burnt off before the bones within the cultivator's body melting and transforming into ash.

However, Chen Xi instead used this fire essence to temper his body and increase his cultivation, and this type of abnormal body refinement technique had already completely exceeded her knowledge.

When cultivators of an ordinary body refinement technique absorbed energy from the outside world, all of them would absorb the energy carefully, as they were deeply afraid of injuring their Dao Foundation.

But this kid is instead completely unharmed. It's still the first time I'm seeing this level of body refinement technique. A wisp of burning greed gushed out from the depths of Lin Moxuan's eyes as he thought in his heart. My current qi refinement cultivation is already almost at the peak, and if I want to increase my cultivation, then dual cultivating in a body refinement technique isn't bad. If I'm able to seize this kid's cultivation technique, then I'll surely be able to yield unusually brilliant results in the Allstar Meeting five years from now!

What a profound body refinement technique, it seemed to even be superior to my Nine-Python Body Refinement Arts. But my Nine-Python Body Refinement Arts is a body refinement technique that the Imperial Family considers to be valuable! Huangfu Chongming's eyes lit up as a variety of thoughts flashed within his heart.

Tantai Hong swept the expressions of the others with his gaze and understood instantly that Chen Xi was probably in danger!

Wealth shouldn't be revealed, let alone a such a marvelous body refinement technique!

No wonder Zixuan thought so highly of him! If he didn't follow me into the Oceanic Desert, then perhaps after a few tens of years, he would be another formidable figure whose name shook the world. But unfortunately, his current strength is unable to go against the others, and no matter how profound his cultivation technique is, it will just benefit another... Tantai Hong sighed endlessly in his heart.

Chen Xi completely didn't know that the Universe Starslayer Bodyforging Arts he cultivated had already aroused the greed and intention of seizing it from him in the hearts of the others, but Ling Bai had instead noticed that something was off.

"Chen Xi, these people seem to want to cause harm to you, you must watch out." Chen Xi was carefully understanding the changes in his strength. As after this slaughter, the volume of the Star Core in the Third-Fire Shaman Marking had become larger and larger and extremely bright, and it was like flames were burning within it, and a strand of dazzling and translucent bright light had appeared within it. It wouldn't be long before it would be able to form into a true Star Core and float atop the Shaman Marking.

When Chen Xi heard Ling Bai, he couldn't help but be stunned and he seemingly unintentionally swept the others with his gaze, causing him to be perfectly clear in his heart. But he instead kept silent and only secretly strained his nerves to be on guard.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Right when the last flaming snake demon was killed by Chen Xi, a peculiar buzzing sound sounded out from the horizon, and then patch after patch of water clouds gushed over here in a frenzy. When looked at carefully, that group of water clouds were actually numerous crystalline monsters that looked like bats!

They were still almost a kilometer away, yet a wave of dense and bone piercing water vapor that was cold like snow assaulted their faces, and it caused the surrounding air to be frozen into patches of frozen fog.

“A cloud of Ice Bats?” When Tantai Hong felt the rapidly reducing temperature in the surroundings, he cried out in shock. “We’ve just finished killing the flaming snake demons, yet another group of monsters has appeared. Based on their numbers, there’s more than 10 times the number of the flaming snake demons. Will this ever end?”

It turned out that the water cloud was actually a group formed from countless crystalline bats.

If it was said that the flaming snake demons from before were a roiling stream, then the cloud of Ice Bats that had appeared now covered the heavens and the earth, and sealed the world in ice.

Everywhere the cloud of Ice Bats flew, the entire Five Element Ruins would be covered in a bone piercing fog of ice, and even the ground had a layer of thick ice frozen atop it. Some stones seemed to be unable to endure such low temperatures, and they suddenly exploded to transform into tiny bits of ice!

When this cloud of Ice Bats saw Chen Xi’s group, they instantly pounced over.

Similar to those flaming snake demons, these Ice Bats had perfection-stage Golden Hall Realm cultivations as well. Moreover, they possessed a technique that allowed them to launch two blade lights that seemed like icicles with a flap of their wing. When innumerable Ice Bats flapped their wings at the same time, it would be a few tens of thousands of ice blades tearing through the sky and blasting over, and it was like the milky way was pouring down from the sky in streaming columns. Just a glance from afar caused one’s scalp to go numb.

“Big Brother, Prince Huangfu and the others are covetous of this kid’s body refinement technique. I’ve suddenly thought of an excellent idea. We’ll make a move and capture this kid, then we’ll take the kid’s storage Magic Treasure before forcing this kid to reveal his body refinement technique and comprehend it with the others. I presume no one will have any objections. What do you think?” Right at this moment of danger, Teng Huaxu suddenly sent a strand of thought to Teng Huaji.

“Excellent idea! These Ice Bats have appeared at an excellent moment and have sealed off his way of retreat. We’ll kill him from behind!” Teng Huaji instantly made a decision.

Bang!

The Teng Brothers looked at each other and revealed a vicious and savage expression from their eyes before brazenly making a move. They took a step forward and smashed their fists towards Chen Xi who had his back towards them.

The two punches roared like dragons and black mist roiled as they moved swiftly like lightning, and everywhere they passed, even space was fiercely plowed open and shattered. This strike contained the entire strength of the Teng Brothers, and what they wanted was to kill Chen Xi with a single strike, and utterly wipe him out!

Moreover, the moment they attacked was extremely vicious and cunning as well. They’d taken advantage of the instant Chen Xi suffered the mixed attacks of the Ice Bats and launched a sneak attack from behind. This sudden scene caused Huangfu Chongming and the others to be surprised, let alone Chen Xi?

“Chen Xi! Watch out behind you! Those Teng Brothers are attacking!” But this scene was instead noticed by Ling Bai, and at practically the instant the Teng Brothers had started moving, he’d already sent a warning to Chen Xi.

Swoosh!

Chen Xi had already strained his nerves earlier and was on guard against the Teng Brothers behind him, allowing him to react as soon as Ling Bai spoke. Without the slightest hesitation and practically instinctively, he turned his waist and sidestepped before tapping the tip of his foot on the ground and transforming into a bolt of lightning that vanished on the spot with a swish. He flew up to midair and caused the attack of the Teng Brothers to hit nothing.

“Dammit! How did he avoid it?” The Teng Brothers were anxious and doubtful.

“Survivors of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect, you’re finally unable to restrain yourselves from attacking me?” Chen Xi let out a long howl into the sky, his voice like thunder as it rumbled within the entire Five Element Ruins.

There were numerous waves of cultivators and dense amounts of demon beasts battling together at other places within the Five Element Ruins, and he’s precisely seized this opportunity to expose the identity of the Teng Brothers and allow everyone to know of it.

Moreover, he was extremely sure that even if he exposed them, they would instead not dare expose his identity. It was none other than because Chen Xi possessed the Buddha’s Pagoda and Nine Syllables of Truth which were things that the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect was determined to obtain. If the others were to find out, what would the Teng Brothers do if the others joined in to seize these treasures? Thus, so long as the Teng Brothers weren’t idiots, they would absolutely not expose Chen Xi’s identity.

As he spoke, the attacks of those Ice Bats had already covered the heaven and the earth as it smashed towards them, and the person that was first to bear the brunt was Chen Xi!

But he wasn’t the slightest bit nervous, and he executed the Grand Astral Palm to head deep within the countless ice blades. With a horizontal sweep, the large palm had already blocked all the attacks, and it even possessed residual strength to crush a few tens of Ice Bats. Those Ice Bats fell like drops of rain before exploding into a ball of water essence that was completely absorbed by Chen Xi into his Ninth-Water Shaman Marking.

“Everyone has the duty to annihilate members of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect. Teng Brothers, if you have the balls then follow up and fight me!” The corners of Chen Xi’s mouth couldn’t help but curl into a trace of a smile when he felt the strands of growth in his Ninth-Water Shaman Energy, and then he shouted out loudly before turning around and actually charging head first into the cloud of Ice Bats that covered the heavens and the earth as they gushed over!

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Chapter 204: Teng Brothers

Bloodcrescent Devil Sect?

The expressions of Lin Moxuan, Xiao Linger, and the others were filled with shock when they heard Duan Ling Tian, and the gazes they shot at the Teng Brothers had instantly become doubtful and anxious.

The Bloodcrescent Devil Sect practically swept through the entire world 3,000 years ago and committed countless slaughters that caused blood to flow into rivers, and almost overthrew the Darchu Dynasty that ruled over the world, so they could be said to be infamous.

At this moment, when they found out that the Teng Brothers might be members of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect from Chen Xi, the shock in everyone's hearts was obvious.

"Everyone, don't listen to this kid's nonsense. How could we brothers possibly be members of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect?" Teng Huaji hurriedly retorted, yet he felt a mix of rage and astonishment in his heart. No matter how he thought, he was unable to wrap his head around how Chen Xi had guessed their identity.

"Yeah, that kid is slinging mud at us brothers for the sake of driving a wedge between all of us. Fellow Daoists, you must not be deceived by him." Teng Huaxu explained hurriedly as well.

As he spoke, their gazes glanced at Huangfu Chongming both consciously and unconsciously.

"Yes, I can guarantee that these two brothers aren't survivors of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect. I presume everyone ought to believe something I say, right?" Huangfu Chongming swept his gaze at the others, and he spoke with an unperturbed expression.

Indeed, he was the Young Prince of the Darchu Dynasty's King Rui's Estate, someone of respectable identity and a member of the Imperial Family. As soon as he stood out to guarantee for these Teng Brothers, he'd instantly dispelled the misgivings in the hearts of the others, and his expression eased up.

After obtaining Huangfu Chongming's guarantee, Teng Huaji was instantly reassured in his heart, and he spoke out right away. "Hmph! I discerned this kid had malicious intentions since long ago. We were kind enough to bring him along to search for treasures, yet he doesn't know how to be grateful and actually dares slander us brothers. His crime truly cannot be forgiven and deserves to die a thousand times. I'll go take this his life right now and wash away the humiliation of us brothers!"

"Right! Everyone, wait for a moment, we brothers will go capture him right now and strip him of his body refinement technique before annihilating him!" Teng Huaxu spoke ferociously.

When the words 'body refinement technique' was spoken, he intentionally spoke with emphasis and the meaning behind his hint was completely revealed, causing the gazes of Huangfu Chongming and the others to light up and not say anything further. Obviously, they'd tacitly approved of the actions of the Teng Brothers.

"Alright! This kid's cultivation is so low and utterly isn't worthy of possessing such a miraculous body refinement technique. You brothers go capture him right now and reclaim his body refinement technique, and then all of us will safeguard and comprehend it together." Huangfu Chongming nodded in a reserved manner.

The Teng Brothers looked at each other and both of them secretly rejoiced without end in their hearts. They never imagined that a turn of events would appear, allowing them to be able to openly annihilate Chen Xi in the end. Such an incident was something that even they had never imagined.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Both of them didn't hesitate in the slightest to flash explosively towards the cloud of Ice Bats.

"Everyone, we'll resist these demon beasts while waiting for the good news. If we're able to obtain the body refinement technique in that kid's possession, then this Prince guarantees that I'll surely allow all of you to comprehend it together and will absolutely not go back on my word." As he watched the Teng Brothers flash into the cloud of Ice Bats, Huangfu Chongming swept everyone with his gaze and spoke clearly and loudly.

"That couldn't be better." Lin Moxuan nodded.

Xiao Linger smiled and obviously agreed with Huangfu Chongming's decision.

Tantai Hong's expression was indeterminate. Before he could say anything, he instead noticed Huangfu Chongming staring coldly at him, causing his heart to jerk instantly, and he didn't dare hesitate to say bitterly. "I'll listen to Prince's instructions."

Huangfu Chongming was self-satisfied and couldn't help but laugh loudly. "Alright, everyone join forces and make a united effort to defend against our enemies while waiting to obtain a benefit. It couldn't be any more wonderful." In his words, Huangfu Chongming had already taken Chen Xi to be a dead man.

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

The instant Chen Xi entered the cloud of Ice Bats, he instantly suffered countless attacks from all directions, and every corner of his surroundings was filled with Ice Bats flapping their wings and the numerous ice blades that blasted towards him like a storm.

These ice blades were sharp, cold, and possessed a might to shatter yellow-rank Magic Treasures, yet when they descended onto Chen Xi's body, they instead caused a string of dazzling and bright sprays of water, and Chen Xi's skin was completely unharmed without the slightest hair being injured.

But due to these attacks being too dense and the strength of the attacks converging together, it was simply not inferior to the attack of a Golden Core Realm cultivator. In the blink of an eye, it had shocked Chen Xi to the point his vital blade roiled, causing him to repeatedly dodge the ice blades, and his situation became extremely hard-pressed.

Grand Astral Palm! Chen Xi didn't dare hesitate to circulate his Third-Fire Shaman Marking, causing a Grand Astral Palm that surged with flames to sweep out in the air with roiling waves of flames and boundless might, and it deterred these Ice Bats that pounced over to the point of hesitating slightly. Seizing this opportunity, the Grand Astral Palm changed once more, the flames residing as a flow of water gushed out, and it carried along a supreme Dao Insight that caused all water in the world to submit as it swept out.

Poof! Poof! Poof! Poof! Poof! Poof!

Seeming as if they'd met their bane, the blood red pupils of the Ice Bats revealed a reverent and panicked expression as if they were subjects that had encountered their supreme Emperor, and they practically didn't resist before being crushed into numerous balls of water essence by the Grand Astral Palm and being completely absorbed by Chen Xi's Ninth-Water Shaman Marking.

In next to no time, a Star Core that was overflowing with water was similarly born within the Ninth-Water Shaman Marking. Moreover, along with the ceaselessly gushing of water essence into it, the size of the Star Core grew at a visible speed.

Nice! Such fortune has actually been encountered by me. If I'm able to annihilate all the demon beasts in the entire Five Element Ruins, then how many times would my strength multiply? As he felt the strength that was ceaselessly rising within his body, Chen Xi couldn't refrain from laughing loudly into the air, and the unhappiness that had accumulated in his chest all along the way was swept away cleanly, causing him to feel happy and satisfied.

Strength, authority, wealth, martial prowess... Everything in this world requires a sort of 'power.' So long as I control a formidable strength, then any schemes or tricks will be destroyed and obliterated before me! Only then would I be able to repay both favors and enmity, being truly free! A cage can't trap my heart, shackles can't trap my body, freely soaring into the nine heavens is the path on the Grand Dao that belongs to me! At this moment, Chen Xi's Dao Heart seemed as if it was cleaned of all dust, a clear mirror that was washed of all dirt, translucent and illuminated, and it was able to reflect his heart. Unknowingly, his knowledge towards the path of his cultivation had become deeper and firmer, and his entire soul seemed as if it had obtained cleansing, advancement, and infinite improvement...

Bang!

The strength of his soul that hadn't broken through for a long time underwent a tremendous transformation at this moment, transforming from Divine Perception into Divine Sense, and it caused the entire heavens and the earth to seem more lively and vivid.

He 'saw' that those traces of the blood of fiends and gods, numerous Magic Treasure fragments, and strands of water element Origin Energy gushed within the bodies of these Ice Bats, and every tiny detail was exposed before him.

He 'saw' baleful qi, killing intent, resentment, True Essence, and various shapeless energies roiling within the heavens and the earth, and they were unable to escape from his senses.

He 'saw' that at the ruins extremely far away, Huangfu Chongming and the others were instigating the Teng Brothers to go against him, and the appearances, clothes, and expressions of the groups of cultivators at the other sides of the ruins were unable to escape his eyes. Amongst them were old acquaintances of his, the central plains Whitecrane Sect's Qing Xiuyi, Pei Zhong, and Xue Chen.

The was the might of a Divine Sense, it was like possessing an eye that belonged to one within the heavens and the earth to detect everything including the tiniest details. Any trace of movement or any shapeless or material thing were unable to escape the detection of a Divine Sense!

Excellent, with my Divine Sense formed, the strength of my soul is already capable of keeping up with Rebirth Realm cultivators, and I'm able to cultivate the God Killer Arts! As he felt the changes in his soul and appreciated the completely different scene in the heavens and the earth, Chen Xi's essence, energy, and spirit were in a miraculous state of being floating above the mortal world and being profoundly merged with everything within the world. In this type of state, he'd practically instantly comprehended the profundity and essence of the God Killer Arts.

“Kid, do you think you’re safe because you’re hiding here?” Right at this moment, two figures charged into the cloud of Ice Bats, and everywhere they passed, the numerous Ice Bats were killed and obliterated, revealing their extremely formidable strength.

These two people were exactly the Teng Brothers, Teng Huaxu and Teng Huaji.

“Chen Xi, under these circumstances, you ought to understand the reason us brothers have come over, right? Obediently hand over those things and perhaps we can give you a swifter death.” Teng Huaji smiled gloomily.

“Right, hand over your body refinement technique as well. Otherwise, don’t blame us brothers for capturing you and utilizing the Blood Soulransacking Arts on you. We’ll extract your soul, causing you to be unable to stay alive nor seek death and suffer endless torture all day and night.” Teng Huaxu added.

“So in this way, I’ll die if I hand over the things, and die if I don’t hand over the things?” Chen Xi asked indifferently with a calm tone that didn’t have the slightest feelings within it.

“Exactly. But if you obediently hand over the things, then I can guarantee to allow you to die slightly swiftly, and you won’t suffer any pain of torture. How about it? It’s merciful enough, right?” Teng Huaji grinned.

“Haha! My Big Brother is right! If it was me deciding, it might not necessarily be like this. Kid, we’ve already given you the chance, it depends on how you take ahold of it!” Teng Huaxu shouted out explosively.

“Since it’s like this... Then we’ll see who dies first!” When the icy cold and indifferent voice sounded out, Chen Xi’s had already swiftly vanished on the spot. In the next moment, he’d appeared 3m before Teng Huaji.

Bang!

A top-grade profound-rank sword that flowed with lightning appeared in his hand, and the lightning arcs flickered and were filled with piercingly cold and explosive auras of destruction. It was tempered from Lightning Steel and the surface of the sword was set up with 16 miniature Lightning Blast Formation, and it was precisely one of the numerous swords that Madam Shui Hua had given him in the Oceanic City’s Treasure Heaven Pavilion, and its name was Sky Lightning.

At this moment, Chen Xi utilized the profundities of the Zhen Sword of Lightning with the Sky Lightning Sword as he swung it out with a stab, and the movement of the sword was swift and forceful as it instantly easily shattered space into power and stab straight towards Teng Huaji’s face.

“Hmph! I knew long ago that you wouldn’t obediently allow yourself to be captured, kid! Chaotic Demon Saber!” Teng Huaji shouted out explosively as his body spun like a top, and a dark red blood colored saber appeared in his hand before spraying out like a chaotic wind. He’s instantly slashed out 108 times, and every single strike was accurate and fiercely slashed towards the tip of Chen Xi’s sword.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Saber and sword collided, lightning shot out violently, and the light of blood overflowed into the surroundings. The cold and chaotic airflow crashed out into the surroundings, causing the Ice Bats in the surrounding 300m to even be unable to dodge in time before being completely wiped out.

Chen Xi's killing blow was actually completely resisted by Teng Huaji!

"Kid, you dare launch a sneak attack against me with this little strength?" Teng Huaji laughed with disdain, yet he wasn't slow in the slightest, and his blood red saber shook before tearing through the sky to chop at Chen Xi's head!

He wanted to seize this opportunity to wipe out Chen Xi's life with a single strike!

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Chapter 205: God Killer Arts

Chen Xi didn't feel that it was unfortunate his strike missed, as if Teng Huaji was so easy to kill, then he would be utterly not worthy of being in a group with Huangfu Chongming and the others.

On the way to the Oceanic Desert, he'd once heard Tantai Hang say that these Teng Brothers both possessed advanced-stage Golden Core Realm cultivations and had mastered various formidable techniques, and their strengths were almost on par with Lin Moxuan and Xiao Linger.

Moreover, these two brothers were twins and possessed a tacit understanding of the heart between each other. Once they joined forces, their strength would double, and even Tantai Hong spoke frankly that if it was under the circumstances of these two brothers joining forces, their strength would completely be capable of fighting a Rebirth Realm cultivator!

Chen Xi knew that when facing an enemy like this, he must first get rid of one of them, as only then would he have an opportunity to seize victory in the battle. It was for this reason that he launched an attack first, and stroke swiftly like a bolt of lightning right off the bat.

Swish!

Right at this moment, Teng Huaji's counterattack had already torn through the sky and arrived before him. The blood red saber swept through the sky like a rising bloody moon, and within the bloody moon was a strand of pale ghastly flames blazing. The white flames covered the sky, and its killing intent was condensed as it swiftly slashed towards Chen Xi.

"Netherblood Ghost Flames!" Ling Bai swiftly transmitted a thought to Chen Xi. Netherblood Ghost Flames are a type of rare cold flames in the heavens and the earth, and it possesses an extremely great might. Once it invades one's body, it will instantly erode the soul and bones before freezing the soul, causing one to become a controlled puppet, and it's atrocious to the extreme. Chen Xi, you must not allow his saber light to touch your body.

God Killer Arts! Chen Xi was just thinking of using force against force by utilizing the Li Sword of Fire that contained Fire Dao Insight, but after Ling Bai's thought entered into his sea of consciousness like a bolt of lightning, he instantly came to an understanding and executed the God Killer Arts he'd just cultivated right away.

In his sea of consciousness, the vast energy of his soul suddenly condensed to transform into a sharp and shapeless blade that shot out through his body. This blade seemed like a sword yet wasn't a sword, its edges revealed a sawtooth shape, and it seemed like the blade of the heavens that killed all evil spirits. In the next moment, it appeared within Teng Huaji's sea of consciousness and slashed down towards his soul!

"So long as this Little Bastard at the Golden Hall Realm is touched by a trace of my Netherblood Ghost Flames, then he'll instantly lose his consciousness and become a puppet that's controlled by me. At that time, let me see if you're able to resist obediently handing over... AH!!" Teng Huaji slashed out with his blade and was laughing ominously and complacently in his heart when a strand of tearing and sharp pain unexpectedly appeared within his sea of consciousness, and it seemed as if his entire soul had been torn into half. It pained him to the point his vision went black, his consciousness suddenly became chaotic, and a trace of sluggishness appeared within his attack.

"Shit! This bastard possesses a soul attack technique! Little Brother, save me quickly!" Teng Huaji was worthy of being a formidable figure that was a well seasoned veteran in battle, as he still opened his mouth and let out an anguished roar in this dangerous situation.

"Want to ask for help? How could I possibly let that happen? Die!" How could Chen Xi let such a good opportunity slip by? Practically at the instant he executed the God Killer Arts, he'd attacked ferociously, and the tip of his foot tapped the sky before his figure struck towards Teng Huaji like an arrow leaving the bow.

"How dare you! Netherblood Spirit Arts!" Right at this moment, the nearby Teng Huaxu reacted to what had happened, and when he saw his old brother almost being killed by Chen Xi's sneak attack, he didn't dare hold back in the slightest, and he abruptly opened his mouth and spat out.

Instantly, boundless white and ghastly Netherblood Ghost Flames gushed out to cover the heavens and the earth, and this large ball of white colored cold flames converged together to form a large devil spirit that was an entire 100 plus meters in height.

The Ice Bats that ceaselessly gushed over from all directions were touched by the Netherblood Ghost Flames, causing patch after patch of them to wither and decay to appear a rotten black color, and all of them were dead, whereas, their souls were absorbed into the Netherblood Ghost Flames and increased the strength of the ghost flames.

These Netherblood Ghost Flames were indeed terrifying to the extreme. Once they enveloped the area, the souls of every living thing would be absorbed away and merged into the ghost flames, and it was even to the extent that the vitality of the airflow that surged in the sky was completely absorbed.

This was an atrocious and predatory cold flame.

To successfully cultivate these flames, one must slaughter a large number of living creatures and seize their souls and blood, and then merge various devil flames and baleful qi with the souls and blood. After experiencing countless temperings, the ghost flames would reach maturity at the end and develop into the Netherblood Ghost Flames that were extremely terrifying.

Roar!

It was slow in writing, yet fast in reality. The instant this enormous devil spirit that was condensed from Netherblood Ghost Flames appeared, it emitted a howl that was shrill like a ghost before raising its hand to fiercely slap down towards Chen Xi.

This attack could be said to be extremely ingenious as it attacked a place that he had to save. If Chen Xi didn't dodge, then even if Chen Xi was able to kill Teng Huaji, Chen Xi would probably have his life seized away by the devil spirit's hand.

It seemed as if Chen Xi could only choose to abandon killing Teng Huaji and dodge...

"Om!" Right at this moment, a cold and faint sword cry abruptly resounded out in the heavens and earth, and accompanying this howl was a wisp of dazzling gold light that shot out explosively from Chen Xi's body and struck right towards the devil spirit's hand that was slapping down.

The gold light naturally was Ling Bai. If it was in terms of cultivation, then the little fellow was a realm higher than Chen Xi and was equal to a Golden Core Realm cultivator. At this moment, when he attacked out brazenly, his entire body transformed into the Seventhgold Sword bamboo that contained the energy of lightning and even contained the supreme Nirvana Sword Dao within it as it stabbed, causing the wind and clouds to roil and lightning to surge, and the might of his sword strike was peerless.

Bang!

The devil spirit's hand was destroyed into pieces by this strike. These pieces were formed by the Netherblood Ghost Flames, yet under the explosive attack of the Seventhgold Sword Bamboo that contained the energy of lightning, it was as if the ghost flames had encountered their bane and were completely obliterated.

At practically the instant Ling Bai attack out, Chen Xi's sword had penetrated Teng Huaji's throat.

Pu!

A ball of gorgeous and roiling blood bloomed into the air as it shot out and sprayed into the sky. Teng Huaji wasn't in time to sober up from the God Killer Art's attack when he'd lost his life on the spot. He didn't even have the slightest room to struggle or resist, and he even didn't have the time to detonate his golden core.

From the beginning of the battle until now, it was at most only a few breaths of time, yet the dangers of the battle was horrifying to the extreme, as a single wrong move could possibly cause Chen Xi to fall into eternal doom.

Fortunately, the tacit understanding between him and Ling Bai was already at the point of not requiring any extra words before being able to understand the thoughts of the other. It was precisely because of the existence of this trump card, Ling Bai, that Chen Xi would concentrate in killing Teng Huaji after executing the God Killer Arts and not be affected by the outside world in the slightest. It allowed his movements to not be the least bit hesitant.

After Teng Huaji died, he left behind a golden core that was suffused with a devilish and blood red sheen and a storage Magic Treasure. All of them were blatantly put within the Buddha's Pagoda by Chen Xi.

This golden core was a great thing as the might of its detonation was able to make a Rebirth Realm cultivator avoid it like the plague. For example, during the battle with the Han Clan's Patriarch, Han Guyue, if it wasn't for Ling Bai detonating four golden cores at the last moment, it was utterly impossible for Han Guyue to be killed so easily.

"Big Brother!!" When he saw Teng Huaji being killed and his golden core seized, Teng Huaxu's eyes almost split open and flowed with fresh blood. His own older brother that was always with him for many years had actually fallen right before his helpless eyes, and it was even at the hands of a little ant at the Golden Hall Realm. This was suffering that he was unable to endure!

"Dammit! All of you deserve death! Chen Xi, do you think this is my true strength? I'm going to imprison your soul in the blood pool of extreme evil to suffer the pain of being devoured by a myriad of souls for your entire life, and it'll be impossible to die even if you want to!" Teng Huaxu shouted out explosively with a savage expression. He was completely enraged, and his figure shook as boundless pitch black devilish qi gushed out from his body with a bang, causing wails of ghosts and howls of spirits to sound out as an aura of evil and blood shot into the skies!

At this moment, he didn't conceal his identity as a member of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect any longer, and he revealed his entire cultivation in Devil Techniques.

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Chapter 206: River of Blood

The entire Five Element Ruins were filled with the sounds of slaughter, screaming, and True Essence exploding, and coupled with the cover of the cloud of Ice Bats, Chen Xi killing Teng Huaji didn't draw the attention of the others.

However, when Teng Huaxu was completely infuriated and released the billowing devilish qi within his body without the slightest scruple, he'd instantly charged open a large expanse of empty ground within the cloud of Ice Bats that were dense like tidewater, whereas, his figure was revealed before the eyes of everyone as well.

This is... Devilish Qi?!

Not only did the expressions of Huangfu Chongming, Lin Moxuan, Xiao Linger, and Tantai Hong darken, even the cultivators at the other corners of the Five Element Ruins looked over toward Teng Huaxu who was in midair.

Roiling Devilish Qi!

The aura of blood shot into the sky!

As they looked at Teng Huaji who seemed as if he'd escaped from purgatory and the Bloodcrescent Devilish Qi that flowing around his body, a name had practically instantly arisen in the hearts of everyone — Bloodcrescent Devil Sect.

"This fellow really is a survivor of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect!"

"Looks like that kid at the Golden Hall Realm didn't deceive us."

“The Bloodcrescent Devil Sect. Why has that devil sect that practically tainted the world in blood and poisoned the lands 3,000 years ago have appeared here?”

Lin Moxuan, Xiao Linger, and Tantai Hong’s expressions were anxious and doubtful, and then they swept the nearby Huangfu Chongming with their gazes that were filled with doubt in unison.

Huangfu Chongming’s expression was gloomy to the extreme. Just moments ago, he’d sworn and guaranteed with his identity as Young Prince of King Rui’s Estate that the Teng Brothers weren’t members of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect. Who would have expected that not long after that, Teng Huaxu had exposed his identity as a disciple of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect. Wasn’t this a slap in the face?

Most importantly, Huangfu Chongming knew that if he didn’t clearly explain his relationship with the Teng Brothers, then this incident could even implicate King Rui’s Estate that stood behind him. Consequences like this were something that even him, a Young Prince and a member of the Imperial Family, was unable to bear.

The Bloodcrescent Devil Sect was the enemy of the entire cultivation world of the Darchu Dynasty, an existence that everyone had a duty to kill. As a member of the Imperial Family’s bloodline, if he were to be found out to be related with the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect, then he would have completely become a criminal of the Darchu Dynasty, and even a hundred deaths couldn’t atone for his crimes.

“Everyone, please don’t misunderstand, I was deceived by these two people as well. Don’t worry everyone, I’ll annihilate these Bloodcrescent Devil Sect survivors with my own two hands later!” Huangfu Chongming spoke with a murderous gaze, and he’d practically instantly decided to annihilate Teng Huaxu and separate himself from the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect.

“Young Prince, what are we waiting for? Let’s go kill him now!” Tantai Hong was seething with rage as he spoke fiercely. Actually, he was even more unfairly implicated. These Teng Brothers were the disciples of his benefactor, and it was precisely because of this that he would bring these two people along to search for the treasure vault in the Oceanic Desert. How could he have imagined that these two people were actually survivors of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect?

Most terrifying to Tantai Hong was the Teng Brothers were introduced to him by Huangfu Chongming, so he wouldn’t believe that Huangfu Chongming wasn’t the slightest bit related to the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect. But at this moment, he and Huangfu Chongming both had to wash their hands and cut off any connection they had with the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect, so killing Teng Huaxu had become the pressing matter at this moment. Huangfu Chongming swept Tantai Hong with his gaze and said coldly, “Patriarch Tantai, calm down. Once Teng Huaxu and that Golden Hall Realm kid struggle for their lives and fight to the point that both of them are injured, it wouldn’t be too late to make a move then. At that time, not only will we be able to destroy a survivor of the devil sect, we’ll also be able to obtain that kid’s body refinement technique, and it can be considered to be killing two birds with one stone.”

Tantai Hong was shocked in his heart, and he couldn’t help but sigh inwardly. This fellow is too crazy. It has already come to a time like this, yet he’s still thinking about Chen Ke’s body refinement technique...

When they heard the conversation between Tantai Hong and Huangfu Chongming, Lin Moxuan and Xiao Linger's expressions eased up, and they remained silent. Actually, the two of them were intelligent people as well, yet although they were doubtful, they wouldn't reveal it at this moment.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

Right at this moment, a wave of fierce and vicious beast roars sounded out at practically the exact same time in the entire Five Element Ruins, and then everyone noticed to their shock that all the demon beasts in an area of 500 kilometers moved in groups and waves as they surged towards the location of Chen Xi and Teng Huaxu.

Flaming snake demons.

Golden Vultures.

Azure vine monsters.

Titan Rockbulls.

It seemed as if all the demon beasts within the Five Element Ruins had moved out, covering the heavens and the sun in a formidable array, and they were like a swarm of locusts that roared and howled as they surged over from every direction.

In just the time of a few breaths, Chen Xi and Teng Huaji's figures were already drowned within the boundless tide of beasts, and even the slightest shadow of them couldn't be seen.

"So many!" As he gazed at the swarm of demon beasts that covered the heavens like a dark cloud, Tantai Hong felt his scalp go numb. Fortunately, these demon beasts didn't attack them, and this caused him to feel greatly relieved.

"The demon beasts in the Five Element Ruins are crazy for blood, and the aura of blood is surging around Teng Huaxu. He's simply like a lantern in the dark that's attracting the demon beasts like blood that had encountered flies. We're in trouble now. Even a Rebirth Realm cultivator is unable to escape when surrounded by this infinite amount of demon beasts." Huangfu Chongming frowned and spoke with slight regret. "What a waste of the body refinement technique in that kid's possession. If I knew earlier, I ought to have forced him to hand it over long ago..."

Lin Moxuan nodded in deep agreement, yet Xiao Linger only smiled but neither agreed nor disagreed. At this moment, the demon beasts within the entire Five Element Ruins were attracted over by Teng Huaxu, causing the cultivators in every corner of the Five Element Ruins to heave a sigh of relief, as they didn't have to waste True Essence to persist bitterly. As they replenished their True Essence, they shot their gazes of towards the sky and looked at the place that the boundless demon beasts converged towards.

The unexpected event in the Five Element Ruins had similarly attracted the attention of Teng Huaxu, yet he already didn't care as he'd fallen into an extreme rage, and there was only a single thought within his mind — Kill Chen Xi and take revenge for Big Brother!

"Chen Xi, look! Infinite amounts of demon beasts have already surrounded us, and even the heavens don't want to let you continue living!" Teng Huaxu laughed madly with a warped and savage expression, and his eyes were filled with boundless hatred and killing intent.

"How can a surviving trash from a devil sect like you be able to fathom the intent of the heavens? Truly laughable." Chen Xi shook his head as he spoke in disdain, yet he was secretly vigilant in his heart.

A devil sect disciple at the advanced-stage of the Golden Core Realm fighting with his life on the line wasn't someone that Chen Xi dared face carelessly. Fortunately, he'd already killed Teng Huaji earlier. If these two brothers had joined forces to deal with him since the beginning, then he would really not know if it was better to flee or fight.

"Die! Die!" Teng Huaxu shouted out explosively as the bloody glow around him shot into the sky, causing his clothes and long hair to flutter in the wind, and a fist sized blood colored golden core slowly rose from the top of his head. Bloody Spirits, Nether Devil, Perverse Flames, Ghost Flames, and many other Dao Insights surged atop this golden core, and the most striking of them all was a river of blood that indistinctively contained devils and floating bones as it roared savagely with a bloody aura that shot into the sky.

"The blood in the Netherworld is boundless, as the six desires of men multiplies and inner demons remain eternal, and it's capable of developing anything. With my blood essence, I summon the Netherworld's river of blood to swallow and seize souls and give birth to a myriad of demons! Condense, supreme Blood River Dao Territory!" As he chanted, Teng Huaxu's distorted and savage face actually revealed a wisp of devotion and reverence, and it was like he was praying or offering a sacrifice, causing the scene to seem extremely peculiar.

Rumble!

As he chanted, a roiling and surging river of blood swept out of thin air, and the river was filled with ghastly bones and vengeful spirits. They seemed as if they wanted to struggle free from the river of blood, their hands ceaselessly stretching out from the surface of the river and stretched to the sky as they howled for help, cursed, and wailed, and it was a terrifying scene that was tragic beyond compare.

According to legend, during the absolute beginning of the world, there was a river of blood that was innately formed in the Netherworld, and it converged the foul qi of the heaven and earth while suppressing vengeful spirits, ferocious ghosts, malevolent spirits, and devils. It flowed for eternity without end, and it was the place of convergence of all evil in the heavens and earth, the final destination of all evil in the world.

Obviously, the Blood River Dao Territory that Teng Huaxu had condensed at this moment was comprehended by comprehending the blood river in the Netherworld.

"Blood River Dao Territory! It's actually one of the Supreme Grand Dao's passed down by the devil sects of the primordial era. Daoist, Buddhist, Devil, Taoist, Weapon, Formation, Sword... During the primordial era, the Dao Insights comprehended by the various sects were different, yet all of them were Dao

Insights born naturally from the heavens and the earth. When they're comprehended to the limit, they're capable of pointing straight to the heart of the Grand Dao, and they arrive at the same goal by different routes. This Blood River Dao Territory is an ominous and infamous existence amongst the inheritance of the various devil sects."

When he saw the Blood River Dao Territory utilized by Teng Huaxu, Ling Bai's eyes squinted as he swiftly said via voice transmission, "Lightning destroys all evil! Chen Xi, quick! Use the Sky Lightning sword to execute the Lightning Dao Insight to deal with him, and my body similarly contains the energy of lightning as well. We'll join forces and be able to counter him innately!"

However, before Ling Bai and Chen Xi could take action, Teng Huaxu's attack had already arrived first.

"The blood river overflows and life is annihilated!" Teng Huaxu shouted loudly as he pointed to the sky while standing on the ground like a Devil Emperor. The blood river roiled and roared as it swept out like a blood colored whip that covered an area of 300 meters, causing the nearby demon beasts to have not even approached it before being completely obliterated, and everything in the world was tainted with the dense color of blood.

The heaven and earth turned blood red, and Chen Xi felt innumerable ghosts were struggling before him as countless shrill cries exploded out within his ears. Terrifying and bloodthirsty desire seemed like a dreadful monster that charged at his heart, as a bloodthirsty, frenzied, and cruel feeling surged and raged within his mind.

"My heart is like a clear mirror, untainted by evil; my body is like the cloudless sky, with the scorching sun hanging high above. The force of lightning obliterates all evil!" Chen Xi's Dao Heart was exceedingly firm. In an instant, he'd relied on his supreme will and perseverance to crush all the evil thoughts in his mind, causing his heart and mind to be cleared, and his thoughts were crystal clear. At the same time, he utilized the Sky Lightning Sword to execute the Zhen Sword of Lightning, and it transformed into a peerless glow of lightning that crackled as it annihilated the energy of the blood river that invaded his surroundings with extreme ease.

However, while within the Blood River Dao Territory, the surging and dense blood and the vengeful spirits in his surroundings were inexhaustible. After a wave was killed, another would appear, and it was impossible for Chen Xi to escape the entrapment of the Blood River Dao Territory in a short period of time.

"Nirvana covers the nine heavens, Divine Lightning Destruction!" Ling Bai shouted loudly as he transformed into the Seventhgold Sword Bamboo, and the boundless Nirvana Sword Insight was mixed with surging and warping arcs of lightning as he transformed into an extremely long sword light that swept through the surroundings!

Poof! Poof! Poof! Poof!

The sword was like a great rainbow with the glow of lightning blooming explosively from it, and everywhere it passed, the surging river of blood would be torn into over 100 pieces and an unknown amount of vengeful spirits would be annihilated. But to their shock, the river of blood recovered to its former state in the blink of an eye before once again gushing over madly as if it utterly didn't receive the slightest harm!

Instantly, Chen Xi and Ling Bai had both fallen into a situation of being trapped!

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Chapter 207: Condemn Evil Brush's '十' Character

"Hahaha! I spent half my blood essence to execute this Blood River Dao Territory, and even a Rebirth Realm cultivator will be seriously injured, if not dead, after falling into it. How could it possibly be something your little lightning is able to go against? Chen Xi, I want to kill you, viciously torture you to death, and confine your soul to suffer the pain of being swallowed by a myriad of devils, then make you kneel all day and night before my Big Brother's tomb in repentance!" As he gazed at Chen Xi who was like a piece of straw struggling ceaselessly within the river of blood, Teng Huaxu stood proudly above the river of blood and couldn't refrain from laughing savagely. "Moreover, I want to take back the Buddha's Pagoda, the Nine Syllables of Truth Soul Suppression Talisman, and deprive you of your body refinement techniques. Oh, right! That little fellow as well. He's actually able to merge into one with a Magic Treasure and cultivate like a human. I'm going to capture him and refine him into a supreme devil weapon for myself!"

"Bastard! You actually dare think of refining me into a devil weapon? You're dead! The Bloodcrescent Devil Sect behind you will also suffer complete annihilation because of you!" Ling Bai gnashed his teeth in anger. He circulated his cultivation with his entire strength as the Nirvana Sword Insight combined with surging lightning rampaged about and roared like a dragon, and he wished for nothing more than to slash this arrogant and conceited survivor of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect to death.

Chen Xi instead had a calm expression and seemed as if he'd turned a deaf ear to Teng Huaxu, and he resisted the roiling blood river and vengeful spirits that gushed over as he swiftly thought of a way to annihilate Teng Huaxu in his heart.

Undeniably, Teng Huaxu's Blood River Dao Territory was indeed formidable, and it was even to the extent that it was slightly more formidable than Han Guyue's Slaughter Dao Territory. When one was within its territory, not only would one suffer the attacks of the boundless amounts of vengeful spirits, one would still have to resist the vast force of suppression that gushed out from the river of blood. A slight mistake would cause one to instantly be swallowed by the river of blood before having one's soul seized and swallowed, and then perishing into nothingness.

Up until now, Chen Xi was only able to use the countering effect of the Sky Lightning sword and the Lightning Dao Insight towards evil to barely protect himself, and he was incapable of annihilating Teng Huaxu and escaping the Dao Territory right away.

Blood River Dao Territory. Why do I feel that it's slightly similar to Luo Xiu's Blood Corrosion Dao Territory? They're both surging seas of blood that are overflowing with spirits, and they're both evil and bloody to the extreme... Chen Xi felt a flash of inspiration and suddenly recalled that during the Hidden Dragon Rankings, he hadn't made a move yet the Netherworld Register and the Condemn Evil Brush had automatically obliterated Luo Xiu.

Netherworld Register, Condemn Evil Brush... According to what Luo Xiu said, this pair of treasures contains the aura of the six paths of reincarnation and purgatory. Perhaps they innately counter all these evil spirits? Chen Xi recalled what Luo Xiu had said before and recalled the scene of the Condemn Evil Brush's casual strike that annihilated Luo Xiu, and a plan instantly came to mind.

“Teng Huaxu, do you recognize this?” Chen Xi withdrew the Netherworld Register. As soon as it appeared, a lofty, vast, and righteous aura of the Netherworld gushed out with a bang.

Roar! Roar! Roar!

When they felt the pure and vast aura of the Netherworld, the countless vengeful spirits within the surging river of blood started emitting shrill cries. They had excited expressions as they emitted miserable shrill cries, and they seemed as if they’d encountered their savior and struggled with all their might to grab towards the Netherworld Register.

“The Netherworld Register? Isn’t this the supreme ancient book that my line of devil sects has passed down for generations? The legendary divine book of devils, the Infinite Book of Devils!?” Teng Huaxu’s body shook, and he tightly controlled the energy of the river of blood to cause those vengeful spirits to be unable to approach Chen Xi as he stared fixedly at the Netherworld Register in Chen Xi’s hand. His eyes gushed out with boundless burning greed, and his appearance was exactly similar to Luo Xiu from all those years ago, wishing for nothing more than to swallow the Netherworld Register.

“The Infinite Book of Devils? The devil sect’s supreme book of devils?” Chen Xi instantly understood much more about the Netherworld Register. Never had he imagined that the treasure he obtained from killing Su Leng in the sword tomb all those years ago actually had such a great background!

“Chen Xi, I don’t want all the things like the Buddha’s Pagoda and Nine Syllables of Truth in your possession. So long as you give me this Netherworld Register, I’ll let you go right now. How about it?” Teng Huaxu took a deep breath and forcefully restrained the agitation in his heart as he spoke slowly.

“That can be done. But you have to first tell me exactly what secret is concealed within this Netherworld Register.” Chen Xi spoke indifferently.

“Alright, this Netherworld Register is... Haha! Idiot! Want to acquire the secrets of the Netherworld Register from me? Do you think I’d tell you? Do you think I don’t know you’re intentionally delaying? After I kill you, I can obtain the Netherworld Register all the same!” Teng Huaxu hadn’t finished speaking when he’d already vanished on the spot. In the next moment, he’d already arrived before Chen Xi and raised his hand to grab the Netherworld Register in Chen Xi’s hand.

This fellow did indeed possess a character of one who trod on the path of the devil. He was cunning and everchanging, acted resolutely and ruthlessly, and he attacked without the slightest hesitation. If it was an ordinary person, the person would have probably been caught off guard and lost his life on the spot.

But this was useless to Chen Xi. Teng Huaxu’s attack seemed to have been within his expectations since long ago, and before Teng Huaxu could approach him, the corners of his mouth had already revealed a wisp of a cold smile.

Om!

A brush that was like iron yet not iron, like jade yet not jade, and completely pitch black to the extreme had suddenly appeared before him.

“Kill! Kill! Kill! Kill!” As the Condemn Evil Brush appeared out of thin air, innumerable icy cold and clear shouts sounded out as baleful qi that was piercingly cold shot into the sky, and it intended to judge the world and annihilate all evil.

“Hmm? This is...” Teng Huaxu was horrified in his heart, and his entire soul felt was covered by a feeling of extreme danger, causing his figure to instantly stop moving.

He was a Golden Core Realm Core Disciple of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect that used vengeful spirits and ferocious spirits to offer sacrifice and cultivate his technique and temper his devilish qi since a young age. His hands were tainted with an uncountable amount of blood and had seized the lives of innumerable living creatures. He knew no bounds and acted wantonly, and he utterly didn't know what fear was. However, at this moment, he felt terror that came from the bottom of his heart, and that feeling of terror, uneasiness, and panic charged at his soul, causing his entire body to shiver.

“This is... This is... Judgment...” Teng Huaxu seemed to have recognized the Condemn Evil Brush, yet he seemed as if he'd seen the most terrifying thing in the world as he cried out with a sharp and terrified voice. However, before he could finish speaking, the Condemn Evil Brush had already attacked ferociously!

Om!

An icy cold and clear howl sounded out, and the Condemn Evil Brush seemed as if it possessed intelligence. The appearance of Teng Huaxu seemed to have caused it to become excited, and it rose up into the sky before drawing out a ‘十’ character in the sky.

The horizontal stroke was like an iron cable across a great river, calm, heavy, and indestructible.

The vertical stroke was like the milky way descending from the nine heavens, raging, piercingly cold, and unstoppable.

A horizontal stroke and a vertical stroke crisscrossed together and revealed a strange energy that caused one's heart to palpitate with fear. The flat and clear lines seemed as if they wanted to slash both this heaven and this earth into black and white, keeping order between good and evil, and distinguishing between pure and turbid.

Swish!

Teng Huaxu's pupils constricted abruptly as he gaped, and then his entire body split apart from the center, causing flesh mixed with blood to spray into the entire sky.

Poof! Poof! Poof!

After it annihilated Teng Huaxu, the might of the ‘十’ character didn't reduce in the slightest as it shot out explosively. Chen Xi saw the surging river of blood being directly torn into pieces, then it passed through countless bodies of demon beasts and even directly assaulted the tempest surroundings the Five Element Ruins, shooting open a ‘十’ shaped hole!

A wisp of dazzling sunlight shone through the hole and brought a strand of long lost light into the Five Element Ruins.

Even though this wisp of light vanished in the blink of an eye as the tempest recovered to its original state, the might of this strike had instead caused Chen Xi to feel shock and even fear that came from the depths of his heart.

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Chapter 208: Unexpected Change In The Netherworld Register.

“Seizing the fortune of the heavens and the earth to turn the mundane into something miraculous. Why would such an attack appear at this place?” At a corner of the Five Element Ruins, Qing Xiuyi seemed to have noticed something, and she raised her head suddenly. A strand of lightning exploded out from within her misty eyes, and it seemed to tear through the darkness and detect the entire universe as her gaze stared fixedly onto the place the strand of sunlight had appeared earlier. At this moment, her mind that was calm as a well couldn’t help but ripple.

“Hmm? What happened? Why do I have a terrified feeling?”

“What a terrifying imposing aura! Even though it’s only a strand, it causes me to feel as anxious as if I’m facing a great enemy!”

“Formidable! Could it be that a peerless expert is hidden within this Five Element Ruins?”

At the other side, the eyes of Lin Moxuan, Xiao Linger, Huangfu Chongming, and the others squinted and raised their heads to look towards the extreme distance in unison. But besides the swarm of demon beasts that covered the sky, they didn’t notice anything else, and it caused them to be unable to refrain from feeling anxious and doubtful in their hearts.

Actually, it wasn’t just them, the other people in the Five Element Ruins had more or less felt a strand of oppressive pressure that appeared suddenly, and it caused them be exceedingly terrified and bewildered.

Unfortunately, this sudden aura arrived quickly and disappeared swiftly. When everyone mobilized the strength of their souls with the intention of getting to the bottom of it, they noticed nothing, just like Lin Moxuan and the others.

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Killing Teng Huaxu, destroying the Blood River Dao Territory, flashing through the bodies of a myriad of beasts, and penetrating the walls of the tempest... All of this was done by the might of a casual strike of the Condemn Evil Brush.

This strike seemed to want to judge the time in the heavens and the earth, and isolate the Yin and Yang in the universe. This attack had already attained the level of linking up with the Laws of the Grand Dao and turning the mundane into something miraculous. If it was Chen Xi himself, he didn’t have the slightest confidence to avoid this attack as well!

Om!

After the Condemn Evil Brush annihilated its enemy, it suddenly started vibrating intensely and seemed as if it intended to struggle free from Chen Xi’s restraint. But he grabbed ahold of it and it was fiercely suppressed by Chen Xi who was prepared since long ago, and he put it away in the Buddha’s Pagoda once it stopped struggling.

The Condemn Evil Brush was very strange, it was like a rebellious child that would be uncontrollable once it was allowed to make a move, and it had to be suppressed with great strength before it would go into a quiet state.

Chen Xi has tried many methods, yet was unable to completely refine this brush. As of now, only when he could use the Condemn Evil Brush would he carefully let it out to slaughter his enemies, and he even had to carefully take precautions against it fleeing afterwards.

Roar! Roar! Roar!

As soon as the Condemn Evil Brush vanished, the surrounding demon beasts of the five elements that were like tidewater revealed their ferocity, and then they returned to their old habits of swarming over once more. Within this siege of demon beasts, Chen Xi was like a piece of straw in the boundless ocean and would fall to the fate of being swallowed up by the sea at any moment.

However, Chen Xi felt slightly at ease as these demon beasts were obviously interested in the flesh, devilish qi, and shattered pieces of the river of blood that Teng Huaxu left behind after his death, and they rushed over to snatch and swallow it.

“Chen Xi, quickly put away Teng Huaxu’s golden core, you must not let these animals benefit from it!” Ling Bai reminded.

Om!

However, before Chen Xi could make a move, the Netherworld Register in his left hand suddenly emitted a swallowing force that swept out, and everywhere it passed, everything like the shattered piece of the river of blood, the flesh, and the blood in the surroundings were swept away cleanly by it. Even Teng Huaxu’s golden core was swallowed by the Netherworld Register, and it was so swift that Chen Xi didn’t even have room to react.

Bang!

After it swallowed Teng Huaxu’s golden core, the Netherworld Register’s strength seemed to have awoken, causing it to explode out with boundless strength that shocked Chen Xi’s arm to the point it trembled, and he almost lost control of the Netherworld Register.

“Dammit! Why is it like this?” Chen Xi felt a wave of anxiousness in his heart. At this moment, he couldn’t care about anything else, and he circulated his Shaman Energy and True Essence with his entire strength before completely utilizing it to suppress the Netherworld Register. But he was instead like a mantis raising its legs to stop a car, and the effect of his actions was extremely weak. The Netherworld Register rampaged about within his grip, and it was gradually struggling free of his control. If this were to continue, then it wouldn’t be long before Chen Xi would completely lose this mysterious treasure that was reputed to be the supreme ancient book of devils.

Bang!

The Netherworld Register seemed as if it was roaring with rage and making fun of Chen Xi for overestimating his ability, and then it charged abruptly to actually carry along Chen Xi’s figure to shoot out violently.

Poof! Poof! Poof!

The Netherworld Register didn't flee, but instead started a slaughter in the swarm of demon beasts. Everywhere it passed, everything was obliterated by the boundless swallowing energy it emitted, and the flesh and blood left behind by these demon beasts were directly swallowed up by it. Its spirit of sweeping through the entire world and its combat strength that swept through everything caused even Chen Xi to feel terrified.

These demon beasts of the five elements are born from the essence of the five elements and the blood and Magic Treasure fragments of the fallen fiends and gods. Obviously, this Netherworld Register is swallowing all this to increase its own strength... This won't do! If I allow it to slowly recover its strength, then I'll probably be unable to subdue it! Chen Xi's hands gripped tightly onto the Netherworld Register, and he utterly didn't dare let go as his body was brought flying and rampaging about by the Netherworld Diagram. He was like a leaf that was stuck in violent winds and could only be carried along with the wind, and be in an extremely sorry state.

What should I do?

Chen Xi unintentionally swept his gaze towards the surroundings and noticed the Netherworld Register had only swallowed the blood of those demon beasts, yet it didn't touch the five element essence that was left behind, and it caused him to instantly have a flash of inspiration in his heart.

Alright, let's compete. Will it be you who swallows the blood and increases in strength more swiftly, or will it be I who swallows the five element essence and increase in strength more swiftly!? Chen Xi gritted his teeth as he circulated the Shaman Energy within his body with all his might. The Fifth-Earth, Second-Wood, Seventh-Gold, Third-Fire, Ninth-Water Shaman Markings were like sharks that had opened their bloody mouths as they madly swept away all the essence of the five elements in the surroundings.

Wherever the Netherworld Register arrived, Chen Xi would arrive there as well, and the five Shaman Markings would swallow everything there, whereas, those demon beasts instead suffered a calamity. After wave after wave of them was crushed and annihilated by the Netherworld Register, not only would their blood be seized, even their five element essence would be absorbed into Chen Xi's body. In just the time of a few breaths, an entire 1,000 plus demon beasts of various elements had died miserably.

However, these demon beasts were vicious, ferocious, and were without the slightest intelligence. They seemed as if they were born only for slaughter and utterly didn't know what terror and fleeing were. They still gushed over one after the other, causing even Ling Bai to be unable to bear the sight.

This was an absolute slaughter!

If it was an ordinary person, the person would have probably been scared to the point of wetting himself and fleeing since long ago. Yet these demon beasts seemed single-minded and foolishly went over to give away their lives, causing them to seem both laughable and pitiable.

Just like this, the Netherworld Register gradually awoke its strength, and Chen Xi similarly gradually increased his body refinement cultivation. They seemed as if they'd formed a type of competition and neither of them were willing to be surpassed by the other.

Strictly speaking, Chen Xi was actually obtaining an exceedingly great benefit. Because the Netherworld Register still had to emit energy to slaughter the demon beasts, whereas, he instead only had to guarantee that he wasn't thrown off by the Netherworld Register before being able to sit idly and enjoy the fruits of the Netherworld Register's labor. He ceaselessly absorbed the five element essence in the sky and converted it into his own Shaman Energy.

Along with the passage of time, Chen Xi's state of mind gradually returned to calm. Even though he was temporarily unable to suppress the Netherworld Register, he didn't have to worry about it escaping his control.

He placed his mind on the Shaman Markings, and to his shock, he noticed that in this short time of not even 15 minutes, all five Shaman Markings that represented the five elements had developed a Star Core that revealed a crimson, azure, yellow, blue, and gold color that was pure, clean, and translucent like glass, and they emitted a misty glow of starlight.

Even saying he was advancing by leaps and bounds wasn't enough to describe the speed his cultivation advanced, as it was sufficient to compare to a few years of bitter training, and it could only be described as capable of shaking the world.

Under this cultivation speed that exceeded his imagination, the five Star Cores quickly arrived at the state of perfection.

Under these circumstances, the essence of the five elements that were ceaselessly absorbed over was guided by Chen Xi to converge towards the Chaotic Lifesoil that held down the fort within the Fifth-Earth Shaman Marking, and with a slight conversion, they were transformed into the energy of Yin and Yang that gushed into his Shaman Markings.

After one eighth of an hour, a Star Core was condensed within the Great Yin Shaman Marking as well, and it was completely pitch black like a black pearl that didn't contain the slightest impurity, clean and pure.

After that, Chen Xi started to charge towards the condensation of the Star Core within the Great Yang Shaman Marking...

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A peculiar scene had appeared in the sky of the Five Element Ruins.

Within the formidable area of demon beasts that were like a boundless ocean, a figure flashed about aimlessly like a bolt of lightning, yet also similar to an uncontrolled kite, and he was faintly visible within the sea of demon beasts. Everywhere he passed, numerous demon beasts would be obliterated and vanish. He was like a farmer that was swinging about his hoe to plow the fields, and the densely packed demon beast swarm had numerous empty cracks fiercely plowed open within them by this figure, and it caused one to be terrified by the sight of it.

Exactly how terrifying would his strength be to use such a crushing manner to wantonly move about within the swarm of demon beasts as if he was moving through an empty sky?

“Eh! It’s that Golden Hall Realm kid, he’s actually alive! Where’re the Teng Brothers? Could it be that they’ve been killed by him?” Huangfu Chongming’s eyes squinted as he faintly discerned that the faintly visible figure within the swarm of demon beasts was surprisingly Chen Xi.

“Impossible. He’s only at the Golden Hall Realm, whereas, those two Bloodcrescent Devil Sect survivors possess cultivations at the Golden Core Realm. Perhaps they were killed by those demon beasts.” Lin Moxuan shook his head. In his heart, Chen Xi was a dispensable tiny ant, so he wouldn’t believe no matter what that this ant was capable of surmounting a realm to kill the Teng Brothers.

“Then why have the Teng Brothers died, yet he’s still alive? Moreover, look, he seems to be utterly unafraid of those demon beasts, and those demon beasts are instead falling one after the other at his hands.” Xiao Linger spoke with a frown. She wasn’t willing to believe all of this was real either. After all, no one in this world was willing to see an insignificant nobody suddenly grow into an existence that was one’s equal. This type of difference was something Xiao Linger was unable to accept for a time.

“No! That isn’t his strength, but it’s instead the strength of the Magic Treasure he’s holding!” Huangfu Chongming seemed to have noticed something, and his body shook fiercely as his eyes revealed boundless burning greed. “What an intelligent Magic Treasure! It obviously hasn’t been subdued by this kid, this... Could it be an Immortal Artifact? Only an Immortal Artifact would seem to have a spirit of its own like this, right?”

“Immortal Artifact?” Lin Moxuan and the others had shocked expressions as well, and they looked over with all their might towards the swarm of demon beasts.

At the other side, Qing Xiuyi had already seen Chen Xi’s figure clearly, and she’d even seen his appearance clearly. Instantly, she recalled that she seemed to have once seen this person in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion’s Sword Pavilion.

“Xue Chen, was if that person that seized your Six-Winged Blood Dragonbat’s Inner Core?” Qing Xiuyi suddenly spoke out, her voice was clear like a spring in the forest, yet it didn’t contain a strand of emotion.

“Hmm?” The nearby Xue Chen sprung his eyes wide open and said with a frown, “It seems to be that kid.”

“It’s fine as long as it’s him. The might of the Magic Treasure in his hand is extremely great, and it hasn’t been subdued by him. I’ll go seize it later, and it can be considered to be an eye for an eye.” Qing Xiuyi nodded and spoke indifferently, and she seemed as if she was speaking of something that couldn’t be any more ordinary and trivial.

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Chapter 209: Rise Of Malicious Intent

Poof! Poof! Poof!

Everywhere the Netherworld Register passed in midair, the numerous demon beasts of the five elements would be like paper as they crumbled, were obliterated, and vanished. It was like an unstoppable stream of cavalry that caused every place its hooves trampled on to turn into ash.

In this battle that was like a slaughter, the swarm of demon beasts that were like an ocean gradually started to thin down, whereas, the figure of Chen Xi and the Netherworld Register instead gradually appeared clearly in the eyes of everyone.

At this moment, there was already no one that paid attention to deaths of the Teng Brothers. Their gazes stared in unison at the Netherworld Register that Chen Xi held tightly in his hand, and their gazes burned with greed.

Magic Treasure!

A peerless Magic Treasure!

A Magic Treasure that possessed intelligence, yet hadn't been subdued yet!

Is it... an Immortal Artifact?

Only an Immortal Artifact would possess such a terrifying might and such intelligence, right?

"Patriarch Tantai, what's the name of this Golden Hall Realm kid? What's his background?" At this moment, Huangfu Chongming started to reexamine Chen Xi.

Because he suddenly noticed that the little thing that was like an ant in his eyes actually possessed many secrets that others coveted, like the body refinement technique that was capable of swallowing the essence of the five elements, like the mysterious Magic Treasure he grasped tightly within his hand...

But no matter if it was the body refinement technique or the mysterious Magic Treasure, both of them weren't something a nobody ought to possess, and a nobody wasn't worthy of possessing it, so how did he obtain it?

As soon as Huangfu Chongming spoke, the nearby Lin Moxuan and Xiao Linger silently strained their ears. The both of them were the same and had aroused a trace of curiosity towards Chen Xi's background due to the body refinement technique and mysterious Magic Treasure.

"He's called Chen Ke and is from Dragon Lake City. He'd once helped my daughter in the past and as for his background, even I'm not too sure." Tantai Hong hesitated for a moment before speaking slowly.

Chen Ke?

Huangfu Chongming, Lin Moxuan, and Xiao Linger looked at each other, and all of them had never heard of this name. This went without saying, as amongst the three of them, one was from King Rui's Estate and was a member of the Imperial Family that possessed a respected status; the other two were from the remarkable Earthly Heaven Sect and Nine Cauldrons Immortal Sect of the central plains. Moreover, all of them were Core Disciples at the Golden Core Realm, and in terms of status and identity, they weren't inferior to Huangfu Chongming.

How could three outstanding talents of the younger generation have heard of a nobody from the southern territory's Dragon Lake City? Of course, it was impossible for them to recognize him, as Chen Xi was using a fake name...

"So that's how it is. Looks like this Chen Ke is only a lucky bastard that's not worth mention. But it's good like this, we don't have to worry about offending anyone when we ask for the body refinement

technique and that treasure that seems like an Immortal Artifact later. Everyone, are all of you willing to participate and make a move together?” Huangfu Chongming swept the others with his gaze and spoke unhurriedly.

The meaning within his words were in plain view. He obviously wanted to seize Chen Xi’s body refinement technique and the Netherworld Register in a brazen, arrogant, and overbearing way, yet no one felt it was improper.

The cultivation world was like this, realistic and brutal. No matter if it was the sects that praised themselves to be reputable and upright or the ruthless and cunning members of devil sects. For the sake of obtaining something that they wanted, the methods they used were exactly the same. They relied on their fists and background, either in secret or out in the open, and it was no different in essence.

“Alright, I agree.” Lin Moxuan frowned, as he seemed to feel that Huangfu Chongming spoke to directly and too bluntly, but after he pondered for a short moment, he still nodded in a reserved manner and agreed to it.

“I can agree to what you said as well. But, I wanted to know beforehand, how will Young Prince distribute the items once we’ve seized it?” Xiao Linger hesitated for a moment before finally being unable to withstand the temptation and speaking out slowly.

“It’s extremely simple. We’ll comprehend the body refinement technique together, and as for the mysterious Magic Treasure...” Huangfu Chongming thought for a moment before saying with a smile, “We’ll talk about it after we seize it. After all, there isn’t just the few of us within the Five Element Ruins, and there are many formidable figures casting covetous eyes over from other places. Once a battle occurs, the outcome is difficult to predict.”

Lin Moxuan and Xiao Linger nodded. They’d noticed the existence of the other cultivators since long ago. These cultivators were in groups of two to five, and a portion of these groups were outstanding talents in the younger generation from various places in the Darchu Dynasty just like them, and their strengths couldn’t be underestimated.

Especially extremely far in the distance, the Whitecrane Sect’s Qing Xiuyi was surprisingly there as well. This woman was a reincarnated Heavenly Immortal, and no one dared overlook her presence.

“Patriarch Tantai, what about you? Are you going to participate?” Huangfu Chongming asked.

Actually, Tantai Hong was struggling intensely in his heart as well, and his expression was indeterminate. After a long time, he said bitterly, “I can agree, but can all of you promise to not harm Chen Ke’s life? I owe him a favor that I haven’t returned, and I brought him into the Oceanic Desert, so harming him would cause me to have no peace of mind.”

A wisp of imperceptible contempt flashed within Huangfu Chongming’s eyes, yet he smiled brightly instead. “Alright, Patriarch Tantai has a sense of righteousness, and it’s admirable. So long as that kid obediently hands over the things, then all of us will naturally let him off.”

“Alright. Everyone, with all four of us joining forces, even though we aren’t afraid of others, but we must not be careless so as to avoid someone taking advantage of our carelessness. Especially that woman Qing Xiuyi, we have to be on guard against her!” Huangfu Chongming swept the sky with his gaze and

looked at the swarm of demon beasts that were reducing sharply with a burning gaze. "It's almost time. The instant the swarm of demon beasts collapsed is the instant we make our move!"

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Chen Xi was immersed in the wonderful feeling of his strength increasing swiftly, but he didn't dare be careless, as the strength of the Netherworld Register was increasing steadily as well. Once he was slightly negligent, he might lose the Netherworld Register.

Rumble!

After an unknown amount of time, the ninth Star Core was developed within the Lightning Shaman Marking, and it quickly attained a saturated state. This Star Core had clearly defined angles, it possessed lightning arcs flowing and warping around it like silver snakes that were faintly visible, and it emitted a piercingly cold aura of destruction.

Up to this point, all the Star Cores within the nine Shaman Marking had been developed and attained a saturated state. If someone were to see Chen Xi back, they would notice that atop the nine palaces formed from the nine Shaman Markings was numerous Star Cores of different colors that slowly rose up. They were crimson red, golden, azure, black... They were like nine stars that had shrunk a myriad of times. They were connected to each other from afar to form a completely circular nebula pattern that seemed like the symbol of 'Tai Chi', and they were a riot of color that was clear and dazzling.

Perfection-stage of the Golden Hall Realm in body refinement!

In the short time of fewer than three hours, Chen Xi's body refinement cultivation had actually broken through from the initial-stage to the perfection-stage of the Golden Hall Realm in one go. If such a cultivation speed was told to someone, there would absolutely be no one that would believe it, as it was just too shocking.

But Chen Xi didn't have the slightest shred of happiness on his face, and he instead fell into a type of bewilderment because he utterly did not possess the body refinement technique for the Golden Core Realm. If he wanted to cultivate to the Golden Core Realm, he would have to enter the Abode once again and ask Ji Yu for it. However, at this moment, his cultivation in body refinement attaining the perfection-stage of the Golden Hall Realm in an extremely short period of time had already completely exceeded Chen Xi's imagination, and he wasn't able to wrap his head around it no matter how hard he tried.

Most worrying to him was that since he'd advanced with such a swift speed, would it cause his body refinement cultivation to have any flaws?

"Shit! Chen Xi, there are people flying over towards us, and they're coming with ill intentions!" Before Chen Xi could wrap his head around all this, Ling Bai's voice had suddenly sounded out by his ear, causing him to instantly sober up and swiftly raise his head to gaze over.

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Chapter 210: Seizing

After experiencing a slaughter that was without the slightest suspense, the swarm of demon beasts in the sky had already become scattered about in all directions and in a disarray, and they seemed like a piece of tattered cloth that was filled with holes, unbearably horrible to look at.

Moreover, no more demon beasts surged out from the surrounding tempest as well, and it seemed as if the demon beasts within the entire Five Element Ruins had been almost completely wiped out in this slaughter, and they were already of no threat to the cultivators present.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A wave of the 'swooshes' sounded out in the sky, and then Chen Xi saw groups of cultivators surrounding over towards him from all direction. Amongst them, the groups in the foremost included Qing Xiuyi, Huangfu Chongming, Lin Moxuan, Xiao Linger... All of them moved like a bolt of lightning and had dragged open a large distance between themselves and the cultivators behind them. The cultivations of these numerous cultivators that had fallen behind were extraordinary as well, they were made up of both men and women with handsome, beautiful, and talented appearances, and it could be determined from the formidable aura they emitted that they at least possessed a cultivation at the Golden Core Realm.

This group of people flashed over from all directions with cold and grim expressions, and more or less all of them carried a trace of burning greed within their eyes. It was just as Ling Bai had said, they were coming over with ill intent!

They saw that I'm unable to subdue the Netherworld Register, so they want to take advantage of my situation? With just an instant, Chen Xi had seen through the thoughts of these people, and his expression instantly went icy cold. His hands grabbed tightly onto the Netherworld Register as he abruptly exerted all the strength in his entire body as he gritted his teeth and exploded out with all his might.

Om! Om!

The Netherworld Register abruptly stopped in midair and didn't continue fluttering about, but it still struggled intensely to free itself from Chen Xi's hands, and it was simply like a stubborn and unyielding wild horse. Chen Xi had exerted his entire strength and was only capable of guaranteeing it wouldn't fly away, yet he wasn't capable of diverting any more strength to deal with anything else.

In other words, Chen Xi's entire strength was restrained by the Netherworld Register, and if the other cultivators were to jointly attack him, he was bound to be in a situation of imminent danger, and he would even be without the slightest strength to resist!

Under this urgent instant that he was in imminent danger, an unprecedented feeling of danger arose within Chen Xi's heart. What should I do? Could it be that I really have to let the Netherworld Register go? But, even if I let go, it wouldn't be able to flee and would surely be seized by the others. But if I don't let go, I will fall into a hopeless situation...

"Bastard! If you can hear me, then obediently cooperate with me. Otherwise, even if you escape from me, you won't be able to escape the evil clutches of the others! Moreover, I know that you want to increase your strength. So long as you join forces with me to get through this crisis, then I can help you achieve all of this!" Chen Xi seemed calm and composed on the surface, yet he was gnashing his teeth in

his heart, and he urgently sent a thought into the Netherworld Register. This was purely him trying anything in a desperate situation while fuming with rage, and it seemed to be childish and absurd. He himself didn't believe it would work, and he was only holding the attitude of giving it a try.

"Chen Ke, even you can see that you're surrounded from all sides like a cornered rat. Quickly! Obediently hand over the thing in your hand and I guarantee you won't die!" Right at this moment, a voice abruptly exploded out by Chen Xi's ears, and he saw Huangfu Chongming was the first to flash over towards him.

Huangfu Chongming's speed was swift indeed. The Nine Python Dragon Transformation he cultivated gushed out a vast airflow around him, and this airflow transformed into nine jade eyed pythons. Every single python was thick like a bucket and 300m in length, they were either roaring at the sky, staring with a cold and savage gaze, emitting strange laughter, grievously sighing... All of them seemed alive as they shattered through the sky, causing Huangfu Chongming's speed to be like a violent bolt of lightning and far exceed the others.

"Idiot, what're you still standing there for? You want me to make a move myself? Hand it over!" When Huangfu Chongming saw Chen Xi remaining indifferent from over 150m away, he was instantly infuriated and raised his hand to grab fiercely towards the space before him. Nine large pythons roared as they flashed out, wriggling in the sky as they opened their bloody mouths to bite at Chen Xi.

Attacking without the slightest hesitation or delay, Huangfu Chongming's mind was so ruthless and resolute that it was indeed worthy of his status as Young Prince.

"Hmph! You want to capture him? Have you asked my Whitecrane Sect's permission?" Right when Huangfu Chongming attacked, a beautiful figure flew over, the figure was like smoke and mist, with fluttering sleeves, and she was like a fairy walking over the waves of the sea as she instantly arrived at the other side of Chen Xi. It was precisely the Whitecrane Sect's reincarnated Heavenly Immortal, Qing Xiuyi.

Bang!

At the instant she appeared, her white hand lightly pressed onto the space before her, and a collapsing force erupted out. After that, Chen Xi saw that before the nine large pythons had arrived near him, they were crushed into pieces and annihilated into nothingness by the collapsing force that had suddenly appeared in space. Huangfu Chongming's full force strike was easily crushed just like this!

This woman is too terrifying! Chen Xi was shocked in his heart, and he had a deeper feeling towards how unfathomable Qing Xiuyi's strength was.

"Qing Xiuyi, could it be that you want to offend my King Rui's Estate?" Huangfu Chongming's face sank as he took a step forward, and a strand of heavy and deep imposing aura of a king that ruled the world gushed out from him. When facing an opponent like Qing Xiuyi, he didn't dare hold back as well.

"Offend your King Rui's Estate? You think too highly of yourself. There are 13 Young Princes in King Rui's Estate, and you're only one of the most ordinary amongst them. Even if Huangfu Changtian was here, he wouldn't dare speak to me like this." Qing Xiuyi's voice was clinking like a clear fountain within a dark forest, and it carried the charm to cause one's heart to calm. When coupled with her misty and lofty

bearing, she seemed like an otherworldly celestial maiden that one could only be looked at from afar, yet not dare be disrespectful to.

Huangfu Chongming's expression instantly became exceedingly ominous. Huangfu Changtian was his elder brother that had attained the perfection-stage of the Golden Core Realm over 10 years ago, and he was a figure that roared proudly at the heights of the sky while looking down onto the world. Even in the entire Imperial Family of the Darchu Dynasty, he was a top expert that was taken by everyone to be the next inheritor of King Rui's Estate, and it was even to the extent that he'd obtained the current Emperor Chu's guidance in martial techniques. His glory was without match, and he was like the sun that hung in the sky.

When faced with this older brother of his, Huangfu Chongming could only bow his head and swear allegiance, yet Qing Xiuyi had actually compared him with Huangfu Changtian. Obviously, she utterly didn't take Huangfu Chongming seriously, so of course he would be infuriated.

While Qing Xiuyi spoke, the others had rushed over as well.

Lin Moxuan, Xiao Linger, and Tantai Hong stood behind Huangfu Chongming. Pei Chong and Xue Chen stood behind Qing Xiuyi. The others were also in groups of 2 to 5 and stood at different corners of Chen Xi's surroundings as they cast covetous gazes at him, yet were faintly in confrontation against each other, causing the scene to instantly become silent and heavy.

No one dared to make the first move and no one was willing to withdraw themselves, and this had instead won a chance for Chen Xi to catch his breath.

Rumble!

Right at this moment, the tempest barrier that surged ceaselessly in the surroundings of the Five Element Ruins seemed to have lost its source of energy, and it shattered and collapsed with a bang.

Boundless scorching sunlight poured down, whereas, under the illumination of the sunlight, the Five Element Ruins were actually like a mirage, suffused with a string of dazzling ripples before vanishing in the sky in the blink of an eye!

At this moment, the Five Element Tempest and Five Element Ruins had actually completely vanished under the gazes of everyone present, and it was simply as if it had evaporated into thin air.