## **Unparalleled 1311**

Chapter 1311: Guanyin's Successor, the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe, That Person Is Here

"A wise move."

Loong Zhen was a little impressed by Chu Hong's quick decision.

Although Chu Hong was powerful, she could not take on Huang Yuyi and Loong Zhen alone. Escaping would be the best choice for her right now.

She was very aware of her situation, and that fact alone had put her ahead of Huang Yuyi.

"Then again, do you think you can run off that easily?" Loong Zhen said calmly.

Countless Daoist patterns suddenly appeared in the void, transforming into a great net surrounding the area.

With the path ahead of her blocked, Chu Hong's expression changed a little. "What is this?"

"This is the Great Heavenly Net, a Gilded Immortal Weapon specially used to seal off the whole area. With your current strength, it'll be hard for you to escape from it."

A voice rang out, followed by a young man in white robes walking out from the void.

That man was quite handsome, with an extremely powerful Heavenly Dao aura emanating from his body.

He was Heavenly Daoist Huang, one of the Daoists from the Heavenly Dao Sect!

"There's nowhere you can run off to anymore. Just be a good girl and hand over all your items and inheritance. If you're willing to submit to me, I shall spare your life," said Heavenly Daoist Huang with a coveting look.

Chu Hong was a divine beast that had awakened its bloodline seven times. If he could subdue and tame her, it would certainly be the coolest thing he had ever done.

"Submit to someone like you? In your f\*cking dreams!" Chu Hong said with disgust.

"In that case, don't blame me for what's going to happen next."

Heavenly Daoist Huang suddenly struck out a palm attack. His Daoist pattern and Immortal's Core energy turned into a huge golden palm that covered the sky!

Within it contained a majestic, tyrannical, and heavenly force of nature!

"Divine Godly Phoenix Howl!"

Chu Hong unleashed her ultimate technique, sending violent Phoenix Flames outward that immediately shattered the golden palm.

Heavenly Daoist Huang was sent flying from the impact of her attack, and his expression changed. He had never looked so fearful of someone before.

"As expected of a seventh-awakened divine beast, she's powerful."

Although he was a top-tier sky-pride, Heavenly Daoist Huang was still not powerful enough to deal with Prodigies like Chu Hong.

He would surely lose against Chu Hong in a one-on-one battle.

"Surrender now, Chu Hong!"

Loong Zhen attacked once more. With a swing of his Heaven Scorching Lance, his Dragon Flames converged and turned into a huge lance apparition. That attack instantly shot through the void.

"Never!"

Chu Hong did falter and continued her attacks!

As she swung her great standard, waving the great flag tied onto it, waves of golden Phoenix Flames spread through the surrounding area, drying up anything in its path!

Everyone was shocked as they witnessed such an immense power — beyond their imagination — erupt from that seemingly delicate figure of hers.

"What an extraordinary Godly Phoenix," said the Holy Violet Imperial Commander. "If it weren't for her relationship with Chu Kuangren, I would be tempted to join the fight and tame her for myself."

"Imperial Commander, if you join the battle, I'm afraid none of them can be a match for you," Fire Boy standing beside him said flatteringly.

Although his words were meant to flatter, there was some truth to them.

After all, the Holy Violet Imperial Commander was considered one of the most top-tier Prodigies out there.

"Don't worry. Let's continue observing the fight."

The Holy Violet Imperial Commander watched the battle and thought, 'With Chu Hong in danger now, I suppose Chu Kuangren should appear soon, right?'

He was waiting for Chu Kuangren to appear as he wanted to see for himself how powerful Chu Kuangren, the monster that could kill Prodigies, was!

Besides the Holy Violet Imperial Commander, a few Prodigies were also hiding in the shadows, waiting for Chu Kuangren's arrival.

Somewhere in the void, a female Bodhisattva dressed in white and holding a suet white jade vase was looking at the battlefield apathetically.

"Chu Kuangren, sworn enemy of the Buddhist world, when are you going to appear?"

Suddenly, she sensed something and looked toward a mountain peak somewhere.

A man in long black robes had appeared out of nowhere, and a peculiar aura was spreading from his body.

It seemed to be the fluctuation of some Immortal Physique.

"That's the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique's aura. Is he from the Celestial Demon Tribe?"

"It can't be. There's only a handful of Chaos Celestial Demon Physiques in this universe. This person's aura is unlike the true Chaos Celestial Demon Physique in the scriptures. Is he one of the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe<sup>1</sup> cultivators?"

No one knew when those rumors were spread throughout the Interstellar Arena, but word had it that about a group of cultivators who possessed the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique recently became quite active everywhere.

Those rumors were just unbelievable.

Chaos Celestial Demon Physiques were incredibly rare and valuable, which was why that physique was almost on par with the Honorable Supreme Immortal Physiques.

How could a bunch of people with that physique suddenly appear out of nowhere?

However, it was later confirmed that those hosts of the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique only possessed an inferior version of the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique.

Although that was the case, the inferior Chaos Celestial Demon Physique still contained immense power. It enabled that group of cultivators to make a name for themselves in the Interstellar Arena, known as the Pseudo Celestial Demon cultivators.

Atop the mountain peak, that Pseudo Celestial Demon cultivator in long black robes was surprised to notice the female Boddhisatva's gaze.

"Oh, this female Buddhist cultivator has quite the keen sense, I see. To think she noticed me the moment I appeared. She must be another Prodigy."

"Holding a suet white jade vase in one hand, huh? Could she possibly be Guanyin, one of the Eight Great Bodhisattvas in Buddhism? Guanyin's successor, huh? That's someone remarkable."

Among the Eight Great Bodhisattvas in Buddhism, Guanyin<sup>1</sup> was said to be the best among them. Only Ksitigarbha was on par with her.

Those two Bodhisattvas had a similar status in Buddhism. Although they did not gain enlightenment and become a Buddha, they were almost as powerful as ordinary Buddhas.

The successor of someone like those two would surely become a formidable cultivator too.

"Oh well, whatever. Guanyin's successor isn't my main objective this time. I'm here to verify whether Chu Kuangren is as powerful as the rumors say. I have to find out whether he is qualified to be compared with Brother Wushen!" the black-robed cultivator thought.

The person he mentioned, Wushen, was the strongest cultivator among the younger generation of Pseudo Celestial Demon cultivators. He could even be a match to the true Celestial Demon Physiques too!

He was that great one's greatest creation, after all!

The black-robed cultivator continued observing the battle, waiting for Chu Kuangren's arrival.

"Chu Kuangren, I hope you appear soon. If the likes of Loong Zhen and Huang Yuyi are enough to make you cower, you do not deserve to be the host of the Celestial Demon Physique, let alone be compared to Brother Wushen!"

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Meanwhile, on the battlefield, Heavenly Daoist Huang activated the Great Heavenly Net, preventing Chu Hong from escaping.

Hence, Huang Yuyi took the opportunity to attack again.

With the orb above her and armed with the Immortal Sword, she released great Phoenix Flames toward her opponent.

Meanwhile, Heavenly Daoist Huang just stood by the sidelines to maintain the formation technique. He would sneak attack Chu Hong from time to time, breaking the momentum and tempo of her battle.

As for Loong Zhen, he just held his pike and watched from the side.

From what he could tell, there was no way Chu Hong could escape.

Having Huang Yuyi and Heavenly Daoist Huang take action was already enough. If he were to join the fight, it would stain his reputation as a Prodigy.

Boom!

Huang Yuyi unleashed a slash, sending Chu Hong flying with her Phoenix Flame sword qi.

"Now's my chance!"

Heavenly Daoist Huang's eyes lit up when he saw an opportunity to attack. He then channeled his Immortal's Core energy. "Heavenly Dao Punch!"

His punch was aimed at Chu Hong's back!

That attack was so powerful that if Chu Hong were hit, she would surely be critically injured even with the Arch Gilded Immortal armor on!

"Hum!"

At that time, a snort sounded like lightning rumbling, and the surrounding area trembled!

A dazzling strand of sword qi, stunning even the gods, was approaching from a distance.

In the void, the sword qi brutally tore apart the countless Daoist patterns of the Great Heavenly Net!

That sword qi shot through the skies, tearing apart the Daoist patterns and great net in the sky. It even destroyed Heavenly Daoist Huang's fist energy without effort!

In the process, the terrifying power contained within that sword qi also blasted Heavenly Daoist Huang away.

That single attack stunned even the gods, trembled the void itself, and shocked every single sky-pride present.

Everyone could not help but look in the direction where the sword qi came from. At that moment, only A thought popped up inside their minds.

"He's here!"

Chapter 1312: Killing Heavenly Daoist Huang, Do You Have To Be Such Perverted?

"He's here."

As an astonishing sword qi broke through the air and tore open the Great Heavenly Net, everyone was frightened.

At a mountain further away, a white-robed figure glided across the air. Every inch of his body was covered in Immortal Sparks and interweaving Daoist patterns while bursts of incomparably terrifying aura spread from him.

With every step he took, the void shook.

Under his feet, inches of mountains and rivers shattered and exploded!

As if he was the Nine Heavens Immortal King reincarnated, his Immortal Sparks illuminated all directions and shocked hundreds of millions of living beings!

Everyone looked at the person who had come with a solemn expression.

"Chu Kuangren!"

"Sure enough, this monster can't sit back and watch. He's finally here."

Someone took a deep breath. As for Chu Kuangren's arrival, no one was surprised.

After all, given the relationship between Chu Hong and Chu Kuangren, it was normal for him to come.

"So he's Chu Kuangren? Sure enough, he has an extraordinary aura."

Huang Yuyi's beautiful eyes narrowed and turned solemn.

She felt an unprecedented threat that she had never encountered before.

"Chu Kuangren, you're finally here."

Heavenly Daoist Huang looked at Chu Kuangren with resentment in his eyes.

Speaking of that, Heavenly Dao Sect had a deep hatred for Chu Kuangren. After all, among the eight Heavenly Daoists, Chu Kuangren had killed Heavenly Daoist Ri, Heavenly Daoist Yue, Heavenly Daoist Qian, and Heavenly Daoist Kun.

"Brother..."

Upon seeing Chu Kuangren, Chu Hong's face lit up with joy, and she felt a sense of reassurance because she knew she would be safe with Chu Kuangren here.

"No matter who comes today, he can't stop me from taking Huang Jinghuang's inheritance."

Huang Yuyi's eyes narrowed. With the pearl on her head and Immortal Sword in her hand, she mobilized her Phoenix's Flame to its limit and turned it into an apparition of a soaring Godly Phoenix.

However, Chu Kuangren's gaze was indifferent. As he raised his hand, the Crimson Lotus Phoenix's Flame erupted!

It was a Phoenix's Flame versus another Phoenix's Flame!

Huge flame currents swept out and spread in all directions!

While Chu Kuangren did not fall back, some Crimson Lotus Phoenix's Flame splattered onto Huang Yuyi's body after the Phoenix's Flame hit her. Her expression changed, and she felt that something was burning in her body. "This feeling... It's sinful karma! It's the Crimson Karmic Lotus Flame!"

She immediately mobilized her Immortal's Core to suppress the burning of the Crimson Karmic Lotus Flame and looked at Chu Kuangren in disbelief.

He had mastered the Phoenix's Flame! Moreover, his Phoenix's Flame carried the attributes of Crimson Karmic Lotus Flame!

"How is this possible?!"

The Fire Boy beside the Holy Violet Imperial Commander looked stunned. "The Crimson Karmic Lotus Flame is ranked thirteen on the Divine Fire List and third in the Phoenix's Flames. How could those two flames merge?"

Divine fires were like physiques, and they, too, would have conflicts. Hence, it was extremely difficult to merge two completely different divine fires.

"Does he know the Zhurong Divine Flame Art as well?"

In the universe, only the Zhurong Divine Flame Art could merge two high-level divine fires.

"The information I received was that he knew Phoenix's Flame, but I didn't expect him to be so powerful. Interesting," mumbled the Holy Violet Imperial Commander. Then, he continued to focus his attention on the battlefield.

He wanted to witness just how powerful Chu Kuangren was in battle.

Besides him, the rest of the sky-prides and Prodigies, who were secretly watching the battle, turned serious after Chu Kuangren's appearance.

"The Godly Phoenix's flame controlling technique is indeed extraordinary. It can even suppress the Karmic Flame," said Chu Kuangren.

His Crimson Karmic Lotus Flame was no longer the same as it was back then. Now, it could easily take down top-notched Heavenly Immortals, and even True Immortals could not resist the burning of the Karmic Flame.

However, Huang Yuyi was able to suppress the Karmic Flame after she came into contact with it.

The Godly Phoenix, a flame-attributed divine beast, was indeed extraordinary.

"My Godly Phoenix's Flame can devour countless flames, and so can the Crimson Karmic Lotus Flame."

Huang Yuyi gradually recovered from the shock. With her Phoenix's Flame soaring above the sky and her Immortal Sword in hand, alert filled her eyes. This time, she did not make a rash move.

However, that did not mean Chu Kuangren would make a move too.

"Are you all ready to go to hell for trying to take away my sister's inheritance?"

After that, Chu Kuangren's figure flashed and disappeared in place. When he reappeared, he was in front of Heavenly Daoist Huang.

Then, instead of unsheathing the Descendant Self Sword, he pointed out a sword hand sign.

However, Heavenly Daoist Huang's eyes widened in fear as he felt an unprecedented threat from the sword qi on Chu Kuangren's fingertips. It was nothing but terrifying!

If he could not take the attack, he would die!

"Heavenly Rage Technique!"

In an instant, Heavenly Daoist Huang made a decisive move by burning his body's Heavenly Dao energy and mobilizing his cultivation to its limit.

The moment he unleashed a palm attack, the golden palm sign formed by the Heavenly Dao energy slammed outward, and majestic Heavenly Might enveloped the surrounding area!

The blow was no weaker than a Prodigy's attack!

Even so, it was not good enough for Chu Kuangren.

Boom!

With a loud bang, the sword qi easily tore apart the golden palm sign!

Chu Kuangren's attack ripped apart most of Heavenly Daoist Huang's Immortal body, instantly inflicting critical injury on Heavenly Daoist Huang.

Following that, Chu Kuangren turned his sword hand sign into a palm that grabbed his opponent's neck and lifted him in the mid-air like a chick.

"Heavenly Dao Sect, you've been provoking me again and again. When I achieve the status of Arch Gilded Immortal Karmic Being, I'll seek the Heavenly Dao Sect for an explanation!"

"As for now, I'll collect some interests from you all first," said Chu Kuangren.

Having cast the Heavenly Devouring Daoist Art, Chu Kuangren absorbed the Heavenly Dao energy of Heavenly Daoist Huang all in the blink of an eye!

Once all the Heavenly Dao energy left Heavenly Daoist Huang's body, he exploded into a mist of blood right there and then!

A top-notched sky-pride was killed in a split second!

What was more, to a certain extent, Heavenly Daoist Huang could be compared to a Prodigy with his Heavenly Rage Technique.

In other words, Chu Kuangren had killed a Prodigy!

At that thought, some sky-prides could not help but shudder.

The moment Heavenly Daoist Huang was killed, Huang Yuyi had already made a move.

She came up from behind Chu Kuangren. With the Immortal Sword in her hand that was wrapped in boundless Phoenix's Flame, she struck forward!

"A sneak attack? How foolish!"

Without looking back, Chu Kuangren snorted. His Immortal's Core surged like a raging wave and soared through the skies!

The next moment, a swordgrass emerged from his body.

As the leaf on the swordgrass swayed, the surging Immortal's Core turned into an overwhelming sword qi then swept out!

It was the Supreme Immortal Physique, Green Leaf Sword Vision!

The sword qi tore Huang Yuyi's Phoenix Flame apart, and the attack sent her flying backward. Facing the continuous barrage of sword qi, her expression changed, and she took out a golden-red jade seal.

It was the Phoenix Maiden Seal, which was unique to the Phoenix Maiden of Phoenix's Nest!

Once the Phoenix Maiden Seal blockade managed to block the sword qi for her, she let out a breath of relief. However, her heart was soon in her throat again. "Green Leaf Sword Vision! It's not the incomplete Green Leaf Sword Vision as rumored. With that might, it's definitely the complete Green Leaf Sword Vision, which was a Supreme Immortal Physique!"

Not only the Phoenix Maiden, but the rest of the sky-prides were stunned too.

The Green Leaf Sword Vision energy that Chu Kuangren mastered had only been cast in the Sword Immortal's Tomb, so the news had yet to spread.

Many sky-prides had not been updated with the information, and that was why they were astonished to see Chu Kuangren unleash the complete power of the Green Leaf Sword Vision.

"On top of the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique and Heavenly Samsara Physique Chu Kuangren has mastered, he now has the complete Green Leaf Sword Vision too? Must he be so perverse?"

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Chapter 1313: The Collision of Physical Bodies, So What If A Godly Phoenix And A True Dragon Join Forces?

As the Green Leaf Sword Vision energy erupted, the incomparably terrifying might sent Huan Yuyi flying backward.

All sky-prides around were horrified upon witnessing such a scene!

Possessing one of the Supreme Immortal Physiques was enough to create a top-notched Prodigy.

However, Chu Kuangren possessed a few, which was simply an incredible feat.

"There's no doubt he's known as a monster among the sky-prides!" a cultivator lamented.

"Very well, Chu Kuangren. You're more powerful than I imagined!"

"Let me taste your strength!"

Battle intent burst out of Loong Zhen's eyes. Then, as he stepped forward, his figure instantly appeared before Chu Kuangren as if he had jumped through space.

Instead of using the Heaven Scorching Lance, he merely channeled his qi and blood, which he integrated into his Dragon Flame energy. With that, he unleashed a fist attack!

The powerful force smashed the space around Chu Kuangren to pieces!

"It's his raw physical strength. Well, let's try!"

Instead of dodging, Chu Kuangren also channeled his raw physical strength and unleashed a fist attack.

When both fists collided in the void, an explosion erupted!

Like a boulder thrown into the lake, the blastwave set off ripples in space. Under the impact of the blastwave, countless spatial cracks spread across the void!

The two completely different raw physical strengths, qi, and blood shot up into the sky and collided violently.

"Chu Kuangren's physical body is so strong!" someone could not help but exclaim.

After all, Loong Zhen was a pure-blooded True Dragon that had gone through seven bloodline awakenings. Therefore, his physical body was much more powerful than most cultivators who had strengthened their bodies. Moreover, he had specially strengthened his body, so his raw physical strength was almost unmatched in the Interstellar Arena.

However, Chu Kuangren could go against him head-on without falling behind!

"Besides his physique and cultivation, is his physical body as frightening and peerless too?" Holy Violet Imperial Commander mumbled, and his gaze gradually turned solemn.

The Guanyin's successor, Celestial Demon cultivators, and other sky-prides, who were secretly observing the battle, could not help but get afraid.

"What a tough one! Come again!"

Although Loong Zhen was amazed at Chu Kuangren's raw physical strength, he did not give in. The True Dragon's qi and blood in his body, mixed with his dragon aura, were surging frantically.

Daoist patterns interweaved on his body, and dragon scale-like lines were vaguely showing. Even the countless pores in his body were emanating his dragon aura.

That was a sign that he had pushed his raw physical strength to its limit.

Bang! Bang!

Loong Zhen released one fist attack after another, with each wrapped in countless Daoist patterns, and the powerful strength shattered the void into pieces.

Chu Kuangren also wanted to know how strong his physical body was, so he did not dodge or evade. Instead, he waved his fists and hit them with Loong Zhen's fists.

Every collision felt like huge stars crashing into each other, and it was extremely horrifying!

During the collision, Chu Kuangren could feel the raw physical strength he was exerting growing increasingly stronger!

"Sure enough. Although my physical body before was strong, I had never used it to my heart's content. So, some of my strength was hidden and not fully utilized," Chu Kuangren mumbled to himself.

He gradually began suppressing Loong Zhen as his raw physical strength grew stronger.

The suppression was not only in terms of the physical body but also the all-around suppression of combat experience, close combat skills, and many more!

Compared to a True Dragon like Loong Zhen, Chu Kuangren had spent a very short time in cultivation.

After all, no matter how talented those sky-prides were, they had spent hundreds of thousands of years in cultivation, whereas Chu Kuangren had only spent a few decades.

However, in the past few decades, Chu Kuangren had been in countless battles. Coupled with his cognizance, his rich combat experience surpassed even those sky-prides with hundreds of thousands of years' cultivation!

## Boom!

Chu Kuangren grabbed Loong Zhen and punched the latter in the chest, causing dragon scale-like lines to emerge in the area where he punched. Then, his domineering fist energy abruptly smashed through the scales, and the sound of bones breaking rang out. Loong Zhen was immediately blasted away and smashed into a valley like a meteor!

"Hmph. So much for the True Dragon energy!" Chu Kuangren said indifferently while his white robe fluttered in the wind.

After a round of close combat, his aura remained calm. It was as if the fight just now was merely a warm-up.

"His physical body is stronger than Loong Zhen's! With his Green Leaf Sword Vision, defeating him won't be easy."

Huang Yuyi looked at Chu Kuangren with flickering eyes.

She gritted her teeth and then took out a golden-red medicinal pill. "This is the only way to obtain Huang Jinghuang's inheritance!"

After consuming the medicinal pill in her hand, Huang Yuyi's aura skyrocketed to another level!

Her cultivation level had upgraded from the First-grade True Immortal to a Third-grade True Immortal!

Furthermore, her bloodline fluctuation also became extremely violent, and her Phoenix Flame gushed out, revealing a hint of rage.

"Oh, did you take the medicinal pill to enhance your strength by force? Even so, what can you do to me?"

Chu Kuangren stood with hands behind his back and remained calm.

"Chu Kuangren, have a taste of my Nine Transformation Nirvana Scriptures' most powerful killing technique!" Huang Yuyi roared furiously.

Her Phoenix's Flame soared into the sky while her sharp phoenix cry echoed in all directions!

"Godly Phoenix Nine Heaven Dance!"

The Phoenix's Flame that filled the sky combined with countless Daoist patterns in the void to form numerous Godly Phoenix apparitions!

Each of them was lifelike and shook the Nine Heavens!

The expression of surrounding sky-prides turned solemn at the sight of that scene.

The Holy Violet Imperial Commander said calmly, "This move is extraordinary. It won't be easy even for me to block it."

"The Nine Transformation Nirvana Scriptures are the supreme scriptures of Phoenix's Nest, while the Godly Phoenix Nine Heaven Dance is the supreme killing technique as recorded in the scriptures. It's an... Embodier Technique!"

The Guanyin's successor looked at Chu Kuangren with a hint of curiosity in her eyes.

The Embodier Technique was a top-notched cultivation technique above the Arch Gilded Immortal Technique!

After all, it was difficult for even a Prodigy to master the Embodier Technique.

At that moment, Huang Yuyi forcibly cast Godly Phoenix Nine Heaven Dance with the help of the medicinal pill. Its might was so powerful that even she dared not underestimate it.

However, she wanted to know how Chu Kuangren would respond to it.

"Roar!"

At that time, a furious roar sounded in the valley.

Soon, Loong Zhen flew into the sky. With a gesture of his hand, the Heaven Scorching Lance that was impaled into the ground in the distance immediately flew toward him.

Loong Zhen's aura surged as the lance fell into his hand. "Eightfold Flame Dragon Technique!"

As he unleashed an attack, the Dragon Flame erupted with his raw physical strength and then transformed into a ferocious dancing Flame Dragon that swooped down toward Chu Kuangren!

Although that blow was not an Embodier Technique, it was still a top-notched Arch Gilded Immortal Technique!

"Attack!"

Huang Yuyi controlled the numerous Godly Phoenix apparitions, which attacked Chu Kuangren after the Flame Dragon!

The might of a combination of Dragon Flame and Phoenix Flame with a top-notched Arch Gilded Immortal Technique and an Embodier Technique astonished all sky-prides present!

"So what if a True Dragon and a Godly Phoenix join forces?"

"Before me, only death awaits you!"

After that, Chu Kuangren raised his hand to channel his Immortal's Core, and the Hundred Academy's Three Great Conjurations emerged all at the same time.

Countless yokai beast apparitions appeared in the void.

Manticore, Sabertooth, Avarice, Golden Crown, and even Godly Phoenix, True Dragon...

The Divine Myriad Yokai Mimicries were so lifelike that the particular space seemed to have transformed into a world of yokai beasts!

Their terrifying roars resounded across millions of kilometers of land!

"Divine Myriad Yokai Mimicry, Myriad Yokai Diagram!"

Chapter 1314: The Spacetime Sealing Technique Reappears, Killing Loong Zhen, The Buddha Destroyer

"Divine Myriad Yokai Mimicry, Myriad Yokai Diagram!"

As Chu Kuangren channeled his Immortal's Core, countless yokai beast mimicries emerged, one by one, in the void.

Although the Godly Phoenix apparition and Flame Dragon were mighty, they were still inferior in the face of the Divine Myriad Yokai Mimicry!

Following a loud boom, explosions erupted in the surrounding void!

The Divine Myriad Yokai Mimicry tore apart the Godly Phoenix apparition and Flame Dragon. Suddenly, Huang Yuyi and Loong Zhen were enveloped in a surge of incomparably powerful energy while countless yokai beasts gnawed toward them.

"D\*mn it. How can this happen?!"

Huang Yuyi mobilized her Phoenix Maiden Seal to its fullest potential, and the barricade isolated all yokai outside it.

Unfortunately, under the attacks from the countless yokai beasts, cracks gradually started to form on her barricade.

Soon, the Phoenix Maiden Seal's bejeweled light turned dim and shattered!

Huang Yuyi was instantly exposed to countless yokai before her.

The endless innate ferocious qi made her shudder, and her beautiful face twisted in terror.

"Stop! Don't come near me!"

Huang Yuyi had to mobilize her Phoenix Flame to its limit to burn the mimicries. However, there were thousands of them. There was no way she could burn and destroy them all!

In the end, Huang Yuyi transformed into her true form and wanted to escape!

"Chu Kuangren, I'll definitely seek revenge on you!" Huang Yiyu roared.

On the other hand, Loong Zhen knew that he alone was not Chu Kuangren's opponent. With his strong physical body and Dragon Flame, he tore a hole among the countless yokai and wanted to escape too.

"Foolish..." Chu Kuangren said indifferently as he took a step forward.

Numerous mysterious silver-white Daoist patterns spread from him at rapid speed and covered that particular space in the blink of an eye.

The silver-white Daoist patterns were so mysterious that even a sky-pride like the Holy Violet Imperial Commander found them incomprehensible.

Moreover, there was a surge of incomparably powerful space-time energy within those silver-white Daoist patterns. In no time, they had confined the particular space!

It was none other than the Spacetime Sealing Technique, the spacetime-attribute Embodier cultivation technique!

As soon as the cultivation technique was activated, the universe trembled while space-time was sealed. Huang Yuyi and Loong Zhen, who were about to flee, found it hard to move.

"What's happening?"

"D\*mn it. Move!"

Frightened, they frantically channeled their Immortal's Cores to resist the erosion of space-time energy, but it was to no avail!

"Green Leaf Sword Ocean!"

A green light circulated in Chu Kuangren's eye.

In the next moment, countless swordgrass turned into a sword ocean that covered the land.

Caught within the sword ocean, the Spacetime Sealing Technique suppressed Loong Zhen and Huang Yuyi, rendering them powerless to resist and instantly killing them!

Both Prodigies had fallen!

All sky-prides who had witnessed the scene were terrified.

"Sure enough, he's a monster for being able to kill Prodigies just like that."

"The spacetime-attribute cultivation technique is too terrifying. Even a Prodigy would find it hard to escape it from affecting him or her."

"Indeed."

Due to the Spacetime Sealing Technique, all sky-prides' fear of Chu Kuangren had risen to a higher level.

"The Buddhist world's enemy is not to be underestimated. Papiyas, is he the Buddha Destroyer that you left behind in present life?" the Guanyin's successor mumbled while looking at Chu Kuangren.

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The Buddha Destroyer was a prophecy left by the ancient Buddha of the Buddhist world, and it was that the Desire Realm Ruler, Papiyas, had hidden Buddha-destroying seeds. One day in the future, the seeds would bloom and destroy the Buddhist world eventually!

For countless years, the Buddhist great ones had been searching for Buddha Destroyers, wanting to get rid of them. Alas, they all failed.

However, since Chu Kuangren possessed the Papiyas Might, the Guanyin's successor suspected that he was one of the Buddha-destroying seeds that the Papiyas left behind.

"The Buddha Destroyers have a Papiyas symbol on their bodies, and it's difficult to detect. I have to observe him closely to judge if he's the Buddha Destroyer..." mumbled Guanyin's successor.

Meanwhile, Celestial Demon Tribe's cultivator narrowed his eyes when he saw Chu Kuangren killing Loong Zhen and Huang Yuyi. "Chu Kuangren, you are powerful and qualified to compete with Brother Wushen, but I wonder how far you've cultivated your Celestial Demon energy."

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In that battle, Chu Kuangren utilized most of his raw physical strength and Green Leaf Sword Vision's abilities but not much of other techniques.

Therefore, the Celestial Demon cultivator had no idea how powerful Chu Kuangren's Celestial Demon Physique was.

However, since his Green Leaf Sword Vision was powerful, his Chaos Celestial Demon Physique would not be bad either.

At that thought, an excited look appeared in his eyes. "I heard from the master that Chu Kuangren's Chaos Celestial Demon Physique is the best in the history of the Celestial Demon Tribe and similar to the

master's Celestial Demon Physique. I'm looking forward to seeing it. Only someone with such a Celestial Demon Physique is qualified to be our... King!"

Following that, the Celestial Demon cultivator transformed into a cloud of black smoke and disappeared from his spot.

"Chu Kuangren is a rare enemy in our lives!"

"Killing you will be an extremely challenging task," the Holy Violet Imperial Commander murmured while looking at Chu Kuangren.

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He was not frightened by Chu Kuangren's strength. In fact, Chu Kuangren killing Huang Yuyi and Loong Zhen were within his expectations.

After all, Chu Kuangren had killed many Prodigies, so killing another one or two more must be nothing.

"Since I can't confront him right now, I should find that thing first. Perhaps then, I'll have the ability to kill him!"

The Holy Violet Imperial Commander pondered for a while before he left.

The rest of the sky-prides each had their own thoughts, but none stayed for long either.

With Chu Kuangren's presence, no one dared to get any ideas about Chu Hong's inheritance.

"Brother..."

Chu Hong approached Chu Kuangren. When she saw the familiar face in front of her, she was so delighted that she stepped forward and gave Chu Kuangren a big hug.

"Hah! How old are you? To think you're still so clingy," Chu Kuangren said helplessly while hugging Chu Hong.

It was just that her armor caused him slight discomfort.

"Brother, I knew you would come."

"Actually, I came much earlier."

"What? Have you been watching from the beginning? Do you not love me anymore, Brother?"

Chu Hong looked at Chu Kuangren with tears rolling in her eyes. She looked like a little girl who had been wronged, which was different from her female despot look just now.

Lan Yu, the Dark Fox Maiden Sage, and others lamented while they walked up. Chu Hong would only show such a gesture in front of Chu Kuangren.

"Of course not. I just wanted to see how much you've grown, and you did not disappoint. Your strength has grown a lot, Lil Red."

Chu Kuangren watched as Chu Hong's eyebrows lifted and said with relief.

"Indeed."

Chu Hong smiled happily. "Brother, I can't be too bad since you're so powerful."

Following that, Chu Hong greeted Lan Yu, Cao Yun, and others. They planned to find a place to gather and have a good chat.

"The Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet isn't far from us. Why don't we go there?" Ye Zhu suggested.

The Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet was an extraordinary place in the Interstellar Arena, for it was a venue for cultivators to trade and enjoy.

Chapter 1315: Huang Yuyi's Nirvana, The Fire Boy and Huang Yuyi, The Auction In Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet

Ye Zhu suggested everyone gather at the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet, and Chu Kuangren did not reject that idea.

The crowd happily went to the planet.

Not long after Chu Kuangren and others left, a group of golden-red Phoenix's Flame suddenly emerged in the void. A Godly Phoenix was reborn in the countless interweaving Daoist patterns, with its tyrannical and domineering aura spreading everywhere.

Some sky-prides that had not left were astonished by such a scene.

"A Godly Phoenix bathed in flames? It's Nirvana!"

"Who is it?"

"Who else could it be? It must be Huang Yuyi whom Chu Kuangren killed. I didn't expect her to go through Nirvana. She's so lucky."

Godly Phoenixes did not go through Nirvana successfully every time, and the chances of succeeding were tiny.

Besides one's aptitude and talent as a Prodigy, one must possess a great deal of luck to trigger the Godly Phoenix's Nirvana.

Huang Yuyi was a Prodigy who had gone through seven bloodline awakenings. Coupled with the fact that she was a Heavenly Champion that possessed good fortune, she managed to seize the extremely small chance and succeeded in nirvana!

After going through Nirvana and being reborn, Huang Yuyi was much more powerful. However, her eyes were full of fear as she looked in the direction Chu Kuangren was leaving.

She had become more powerful after going through Nirvana, but she felt she still had no chance of winning against Chu Kuangren.

"That monster definitely didn't use his full strength when fighting Loong Zhen and I just now. His energy is simply horrifying."

"However, Chu Kuangren, Chu Hong, just wait and see. I won't let this go so easily!"

"For now, I must improve my strength as much as possible..."

Huang Yuyi took a deep breath, and a thoughtful look appeared in her eyes.

There were many Opportunities of Fortune in the Interstellar Arena. Therefore, improving her strength was not a difficult thing to do.

The difficult part was surpassing Chu Kuangren!

"Huang Yuyi, do you want to seek revenge against Chu Kuangren?"

At that moment, a voice suddenly sounded.

"Who is it?"

Huang Yuyi's gaze narrowed as she looked into the void.

She saw a young boy in red robes, who looked eleven or twelve years old, walking up to her.

The young boy had red lips and white teeth and looked harmless. However, his eyes were filled with indifference and vicissitudes, which did not match his apparent age.

"You're... the Fire Boy from the Immortal Hall's Flame Division!"

Huang Yuyi looked at Fire Boy and recognized his identity.

There were many sky-prides and Prodigies in the Interstellar Arena. Although Huang Yuyi was arrogant, she still made sure to take note of some powerful sky-prides and Prodigies.

The Fire Boy was one of the few top-notched sky-prides who was not a Prodigy but could catch Huang Yuyi's attention.

Apparently, he was even more talented than the former Lil Zhurong. Unfortunately, his physical growth was restricted due to his mistakes in cultivation in his early years, and that was why he looked twelve. Otherwise, his achievement would not be lower than any Prodigy.

"I think you should know very well that you can't deal with Chu Kuangren alone."

"Indeed. But with you, can we pose a threat to Chu Kuangren? You're not even a Prodigy."

Huang Yuyi sneered and then looked at the void with a hint of fear in her eyes. "Or could it be that the master behind you would like to take action too?"

The person behind the Fire Boy was the Immortal Hall's Holy Violet Imperial Commander.

He was a top-notched Prodigy and one of the most powerful existences in the Interstellar Arena.

Even Huang Yuyi felt that she was not his opponent.

Perhaps they would have a chance to deal with Chu Kuangren if he made a move.

"It's not the time for the Imperial Commander to take action yet. You and I are sufficient to deal with Chu Kuangren. I know you look down on me now, but I have a way to improve your strength," said the Fire Boy.

"Oh, and what's that?"

"The Phoenix's Flame has the characteristics of devouring all flames in the universe. If you can absorb enough powerful flames, you can compete with Chu Kuangren!"

"Hmph. Ordinary divine flames aren't attractive to me, and the Phoenix's Flame can't easily devour some high-level divine flames. If I were to absorb them rashly, I'd only end up hurting myself."

"There's a Flame Fusion Technique in my Fire Division that can help you."

If one were to mention which forces had the most thorough research on Flame Dao, the Immortal Hall's Fire Division would be ranked first.

Huang Yuyi pondered upon hearing his words.

"Even Chu Kuangren could merge Phoenix's Flame and Karmic Flame. As a Godly Phoenix, are you not confident you can do it?"

"Goading me to take action, huh? What a low-level trick. However, I'm interested in the cultivation technique of Immortal Hall's Fire Division. If you can help me integrate the divine flames, I don't see any harm in cooperating with you. So, tell me. How should we cooperate?" Huang Yuyi said.

She was eager to improve her strength now, and it would be a wise choice to cooperate with the Fire Boy.

"Let's go to the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet to get a thing."

After that, the Fire Boy turned around and left.

Huang Yuyi stayed for a while before following him.

In the void, the Holy Violet Imperial Commander grinned while watching the Fire Boy and Huang Yuyi leave. "Chu Kuangren, our battle has only just begun..."

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Battles and killings were everywhere in the Interstellar Arena.

Cultivators here were tensed almost all the time, and staying in that state for the long term was not a good thing because they would drive themselves crazy before they could affirm Dao.

Even a cultivator with a strong Daoist core needed to relax.

Therefore, the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet came into existence.

It was a place for Interstellar Arena's cultivators to relax and enjoy. At the same time, it was also a trading place for some cultivators.

There was a rule here that cultivators were not allowed to use their powers. If they broke the rule, they would be severely punished by the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet's enforcer.

Therefore, it was a relatively peaceful place here.

At that moment, inside a restaurant on the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet, Chu Kuangren, Ye Zhu, Lan Yu, Chu Hong, and others gathered around a table with delicious food and wine in front of them.

"Brother Chu, here's a toast to you."

Ye Zhu raised his glass.

"Chief, here's a toast to you too."

Cao Yun, Wang Chentian, and others proposed their toasts too.

Chu Kuangren did not refuse them. With his strong physical body, a little drink would not affect him.

They had a good time drinking.

"Have all of you heard? The Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet will be holding an auction one of these days, so many sky-prides and prodigies must be here."

"That's for sure."

"The Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet's auction can also be regarded as an Opportunity of Fortune. Every time there is an auction, some treasures will emerge."

At that moment, several voices sounded from the restaurant.

Chu Kuangren was surprised. "An auction, huh? Interesting."

"Are you interested in the auction, Brother Chu?"

"Well, a little."

He had a lot of things with him, which some were not of use to him. Therefore, he thought of auctioning them to exchange for some stronger currency, such as Immortal Crystals and the like.

Perhaps he could even exchange them for other Opportunities of Fortune.

"The Myriad Company is the one holding the auction. I know them and can introduce you to them if you need help." Ye Zhu smiled.

"To be honest, Brother Ye, I happen to have something in my hand that needs to be sold."

"Ha! In that case, I'll take you to meet the Myriad Company tomorrow."

"Thank you."

Chapter 1316: Wan Tian's Shock, Three Billion Immortal Crystals, The Auction Begins

At Myriad Company on the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet, Ye Zhu brought Chu Kuangren to a restaurant owned by the company to meet someone the day before the auction began.

The person they were going to meet was Wan Tian, the Myriad Company's Young Master.

He was considered a top-notched sky-pride. On top of the wide network the Myriad Company had in the Immortal World, he made many friends and was considered a well-known person in the Interstellar Arena.

Ye Zhu once went to the Myriad Company to buy some cultivation materials, so he knew Wan Tian.

Wan Tian, on the other hand, was curious when Ye Zhu told him he would introduce a friend to him. However, it was rather mysterious who that friend was.

Ye Zhu did not tell him who it was when he asked and said he would know when they met.

That made him even more curious.

"Ye Zhu is a Prodigy, so even if his friend isn't a Prodigy, he should be an extraordinary person. When we meet later, I must be more prudent and at least leave a good impression on the person." Wan Tian thought to himself once he arrived at the restaurant's entrance.

Soon, he came to the restaurant's lounge that Ye Zhu had agreed on.

He walked into the lounge and immediately saw Ye Zhu. At the same time, he also noticed a figure in white standing by the window with his hands behind his back, which was facing him.

The temperament of the white-robed figure was simply extraordinary. Although he was merely standing, his presence filled the room as if he was the absolute center of the universe.

His back arose a certain yearning in him.

That person must be an extraordinary one!

Wan Tian was not only a Prodigy but also a shrewd businessman.

As a businessman, his observation was not bad. All it took was one glance for him to know the material of the person's clothes, his dress up, and so on.

The person was wearing clothes woven from the finest Immortal silk and engraved with Daoist patterns. Not many tailors in the Immortal World possess such tailoring craftsmanship...

Every piece of such clothing was a treasure in itself.

Therefore, its value was no less than one hundred thousand Immortal Crystals. Some ordinary cultivators could not afford to buy them even with all their assets.

In that case, the person must be wealthy!

The other crucial things were the person's white-jaded Immortal Sword and scroll, which reminded Wan Tian of a sky-pride at the peak of power in the Interstellar Arena!

Could it be him?!

Sensing Wan Tian's arrival, Chu Kuangren turned around and smiled. "Greetings."

Gasp!

Wan Tian gasped while looking at Chu Kuangren. Then, he gulped. "It really is you!"

He stepped forward quickly and greeted Chu Kuangren with a fist salute. "Greetings, Brother Chu. I'm Wan Tian."

"No need for formalities, Brother Wan."

"Brother Ye said he wants to introduce a friend to me today, and I was wondering who that outstanding person could be. I didn't expect it to be you, Brother Chu," said Wan Tian.

Wan Tian was indeed surprised.

Although he was a top-notch sky-pride, his power was far from a top-notch Prodigy like Chu Kuangren. Moreover, Chu Kuangren had the backing of the Hundred Academy and Celestial Demon Tribe. Those two forces combined were much more powerful than his small Myriad Company.

Wan Tian thought that if he could make friends with Chu Kuangren, it would only benefit the Myriad Company...

Following that, he became the host and ordered a feast in the restaurant.

At the feast, Chu Kuangren said he wanted to participate in the auction and trade some things, to which Wan Tian agreed without hesitation.

"Brother Wan, I see you're a decisive person." Chu Kuangren smiled.

Then, he took out a Yin and Yang Ring, which contained all the things he wanted to sell.

After Wan Tian took the ring and had a look, he almost spat out the wine in his mouth.

"B-Brother Chu, are you sure you want to sell all these things?"

Wan Tian's tone trembled a little.

The things in the Yin and Yang Ring were too precious!

There were Immortal Herbs, Gilded Immortal Weapons, and even Arch Gilded Immortal Weapons!

Even top-notched sky-prides might not have them!

Any sky-pride who owned them would treasure them very much, yet Chu Kuangren wanted to sell all of them!

"I'm sure. As long as the Myriad Company can offer me a satisfactory price, I'll sell all these things to you."

He had obtained the treasures from Huang Yuyi, Loong Zhen, Zhuo Donglai, and other sky-prides.

Some of them were already given to Cao Yun, Wang Chentian, and others, while the rest he kept with him.

Since they were useless to him, he might as well sell them.

"Brother Chu, to be honest, your treasures are very valuable. It is difficult for my Myriad Company to buy all of them."

Wan Tian pondered for a while before saying, "Brother Chu, if you trust me, I'll bring them back to discuss with my father and return with a satisfactory response. What do you think?"

"Of course. Do take these treasures with you for a valuation," said Chu Kuangren.

He was not afraid that Wan Tian would flee after taking the treasures.

Wan Tian was somewhat surprised as he did not expect Chu Kuangren to trust him that much.

However, if he were to think it through, it was not because Chu Kuangren trusted him but because he did not think it mattered.

After all, how would the Myriad Company dare to embezzle Chu Kuangren's belongings?

Did they have a death wish?

It was with such confidence that Chu Kuangren dared to have Wan Tian take those treasures back with him for a valuation.

"He's no doubt the most top-notched Prodigy," Wan Tian lamented while feeling a little envious.

Shortly after, Wan Tian responded to Chu Kuangren, telling him that the Myriad Company was willing to pay three billion Immortal Crystals to buy all his treasures.

Three billion Immortal Crystals...

It was even higher than Chu Kuangren's estimated amount.

"I thought it would be two billion eight hundred million, but the Myriad Company has offered me three billion. Do they want to be friend me with the extra two hundred million Immortal Crystals?"

Chu Kuangren smiled and did not reject the offer.

The Myriad Company was the largest company in the Immortal World that was responsible of nearly thirty percent of the trade.

Therefore, it was no harm for him to be riend such a force.

Besides, the Myriad Company could help him when he wanted to buy something.

A few days later, the auction held by the Myriad Company began as scheduled, and it was packed with people.

Everyone had a look of anticipation on their faces, hoping they would find something desirable at the auction.

A top-notched Prodigy like Chu Kuangren had a high status. Hence, instead of being in the same space as other ordinary cultivators, he was sipping fine wine in a private room the Myriad Company prepared for him while enjoying the Immortal servants' service to wait for the auction to begin.

Besides him, some others were treated similarly.

Chu Kuangren mobilized his Immortal Consciousness and wanted to know who those people were.

Unfortunately, those private rooms were surrounded by restrictions, which isolated the prying of Immortal Consciousness.

Chu Kuangren did not take it to heart even though he failed to find out who the others were.

"Let's see if there's anything exciting in this auction."

He, too, looked forward to the auction.

Soon, the auction began.

The first item to be auctioned was a Gilded Immortal Weapon, which looked familiar to Chu Kuangren. It was the treasure he sold to the Myriad Company.

"I see, so they bought the treasures from me and then auctioned them in hopes of selling them for a price higher than three billion. They are no doubt businessmen. That way, they won't suffer too much of a loss."

Chu Kuangren smiled and did not care about it.

Lots of items were taken out in the auction, but most did not arouse Chu Kuangren's interest. That was until an ancient scroll was put on auction.

At that, Chu Kuangren showed a little interest. "Oh, this is..."

Chapter 1317: Divine Flame Map, Bidding, Chu Kuangren Surrender?

"My Myriad Company's exploration team acquired this scroll from an ancient ruin. It was said that this scroll is related to the first Fire God Zhurong of the Immortal Hall's Fire Division.

"We don't know what it's for, so the company has not put a price on it. It'll all depend on the bidder's taste," said a white-haired elderly.

Many cultivators at the auction started discussing the ancient scroll. They tried to use their Immortal Consciousness to find out more about it, but none got any useful information.

"It's the first Fire God Zhurong's inheritance. I believe it has to be useful somehow."

"The first Fire God Zhurong is a top-tier Arch Gilded Immortal, and his power almost rivaled an Embodier. If this is really his treasure, this must be priceless!"

"Yeah, I agree. However, we just don't know what it's for, which poses a great risk in purchasing. Maybe it's totally useless after you buy it."

Many cultivators hesitated whether to bid for it or not.

Back in the room, Chu Kuangren looked at the ancient scroll with a strange gaze. In the meantime, Lil Ai, the Omniscient Spirit, had started analyzing it.

"Divine Flame Map. It's a map left behind by the Fire God Zhurong, containing the location of all thirty-three kinds of divine flames."

Unlike others, Chu Kuangren found out about the scroll's usage with the help of Lil Ai.

The location of all divine flames intrigued him.

The Phoenix Flame he possessed had the property to absorb other divine flames to strengthen itself, so his Flame Dao was strengthened by consuming flames.

If he could find all the divine flames, it would improve his strength a lot.

"However, the Divine Flame Map is locked behind Zhurong's restriction seals. Only a cultivator who cultivates Zhurong Divine Flame Art can access it. Now, this would be a little troublesome."

Zhurong Divine Flame Art was the highest level Immortal Scripture of Immortal Hall's Fire Division.

It had never been taught to an outsider, so other than the Heavenly Champions of the Fire Division, no one else could gain access to it.

"If I want to get all the divine flame, I would have to find a Fire Division Heavenly Champion and absorb his Divine Flame Art."

Chu Kuangren did not mind doing so, but there were many Heavenly Champions out there. It would entirely depend on his luck to meet one from the Fire Division.

"I guess I'll get it first. Three million Immortal Crystals." Chu Kuangren placed his bid.

He did not need to make his bid verbal. He just needed to use his Immortal Core to display the price he wanted to bid.

Everyone else was shocked by his bidding price.

"Who's this crazy person? To think he's willing to spend three million Immortal Crystals on this unknown scroll?"

The cultivators looked at the VIP room curiously.

"Maybe he's just curious? But spending three million Immortal Crystals on the scroll states how wealthy he is," someone exclaimed.

Those who could be in the VIP rooms at an auction must be sky-prides with a background, so it was not surprising that they possessed wealth that would make one jealous.

"Five million!"

That was when someone else outbid Chu Kuangren's price.

The bid came from another VIP room.

"Seven million." Chu Kuangren continued to increase the bidding price.

Only the highest bidder could win the auctioned item.

"Ten million!" The other VIP room increased the bidding price again.

It seemed like the person inside was determined to get the Divine Flame Map.

"Eleven million."

"Thirteen million."

"Twenty million."

Chu Kuangren's outrageous bidding price sent the crowd into a frenzy.

"Twenty million? That's enough to buy a top-tier Gilded Immortal Weapon!"

"Who is that?"

"He's rich!"

Back in the room, the servant who served Chu Kuangren tea was shocked by the bidding price. She had never seen such a huge amount of Immortal Crystals in her entire life.

'As expected of Master Chu...'

The thought added a hint of seduction to the servant's eyes when she looked at Chu Kuangren.

If she could get close to him, it would change her life entirely. Even if it might just be a one-night stand, she would still earn big time.

However, Chu Kuangren ignored the servant and concentrated on the bidding war.

The price continued to increase.

After Chu Kuangren's twenty million bid, the other room stayed silent for a moment before they increased the price again.

"Twenty-five million!"

Before Chu Kuangren could raise the price again, a surge of scorching and domineering energy erupted from the other VIP room.

"The Immortal Hall's Fire Division is determined to get the Divine Flame Map. I would advise you to surrender it to us."

The voice sounded youthful, but it had a sense of calm that did not fit the tone.

Every cultivator at the auction was shocked.

Immortal Hall's Fire Division?

It seemed like a big player had entered the bidding war.

Chu Kuangren was slightly surprised as well.

Just as he was thinking about where to find a Fire Division Heavenly Champion, a Fire Division cultivator showed up and fought him for the Divine Flame Map.

"Maybe I can do this..." Chu Kuangren's eyes gleamed upon sorting out the plans in his mind. Then, he grinned.

His smile melted the servant's heart.

She had never seen someone's smile as handsome as his.

"You're from Immortal Hall's Fire Division? Why should I trust you?" Chu Kuangren asked in an altered voice, which sounded rougher than his usual one.

"We're getting the Divine Flame Map no matter what. Is that not enough to prove who we are?"

Another voice sounded.

The second voice belonged to a lady, but it was more domineering than the previous one. At the same time, a surge of strong yokai qi emerged as well as a reddish gold flame.

"Phoenix Flame?!"

"The Godly Phoenix Tribe?!"

Someone in the crowd recognized the flame and cried in shock.

Chu Kuangren was also surprised. "This energy presence... It's Huang Yuyi. She's not dead and... it's Nirvana? Interesting."

Just then, an ember flew out from the other VIP room. It emanated an overwhelming presence, on par with the Phoenix Flame.

The ember was colorful, as if it was a combination of different kinds of divine flame.

"That's the Zhurong Flame!"

"They are really from the Fire Division! And not all Fire Division's cultivators could cultivate the Zhurong Flame!"

Chu Kuangren's grin grew wider.

"Now, may I ask you to reconsider?" asked the youthful voice.

Everyone watched nervously, anticipating how things would turn out. Any other common cultivators would have surrendered in the face of the Fire Division and Godly Phoenix Tribe together.

In fact, Chu Kuangren no longer raised the bidding price once he found out it was Huang Yuyi on the other side.

Everyone else thought Chu Kuangren finally surrendered.

"I knew it. Not all have what it takes to offend the Fire Division and Godly Phoenix Tribe together."

"I believe that person in the first room is someone with a background too, but he might not be that powerful compared to the Fire Division and Godly Phoenix Tribe."

"Nonsense. The Fire Division is just a division under Kunlun Immortal Hall, which is the strongest faction in the Immortal World. Who would be so stupid to go against them?"

The white-haired elderly, who was also the auctioneer, glanced at Chu Kuangren's room.

The room might have veiled Chu Kuangren's identity from the crowd but not the white-haired elderly.

Why would that person surrender?

That would be the biggest joke the elderly had heard in his entire life.

However, he was also curious why that person stopped raising the bidding price.

The elderly had no idea, but he had to continue his duty as the auctioneer.

With Chu Kuangren out of the picture, the others were also afraid of the Immortal Hall and did not have the Immortal Crystals to bid for the Divine Flame Map. Hence, it ended in the possession of Huang Yuyi and Fire Boy.

Chapter 1318: Huang Yuyi Sulking, Fire Boy's Big Loss, Celestial Demon Heart

Fire Boy looked happily at the Divine Flame Map he just got from the auction.

"I finally got my hands on the Divine Flame Map! All we need to do now is to locate the flames, and my Kumadhi Divine Flame and your Phoenix Flame can be strengthened. I might even fix the flaws on my body!"

Anticipation filled his face as he said.

On the other hand, Huang Yuyi was looking at Chu Kuangren's VIP room on the other side. She scoffed. "Hmph. And I thought that person had nerves, but it seems like he's a coward."

"Just let it go. At least he's not fighting us for the scroll. Let's stay out of trouble."

"I don't need you to remind me."

After that, the auction continued.

The next auctioned item was a pearl emanating a vast and vigorous flame aura. On its surface, Daoist patterns intertwined, and Immortal Sparks shimmered brightly, attracting many's attention.

Everyone gasped in awe when the pearl was brought to the stage.

"That's an Arch Gilded Immortal Weapon!"

"Oh my goodness! The Myriad Company is auctioning an Arch Gilded Immortal Weapon. This is insane!"

"I'm glad I came to the auction."

Huang Yuyi bolted up in anger when she saw the pearl on the stage, and her expression darkened. She was furious.

The powerful Godly Phoenix's energy erupted and intimidated everyone present.

Someone in the crowd recognized the pearl.

"Isn't that Huang Yuyi's weapon? How did it end up here in the auction?"

The pearl was Huang Yuyi's Arch Gilded Weapon.

After Chu Kuangren killed her once, he took away her Arch Gilded Weapon.

She thought it was with Chu Kuangren, but here it was at the auction.

For a moment, everyone reacted oddly to the pearl being auctioned.

"There's a Godly Phoenix in that VIP room, yet a Godly Phoenix Prodigy's weapon is being auctioned. This is a blatant provocation!"

"The Myriad Company really has the nerves!"

"I guess they don't know a Godly Phoenix would be here."

"Myriad Company is only responsible for the auction. They didn't kill Huang Yuyi. If the Godly Phoenix wants to hold them responsible, it's the Godly Phoenix who's narrow-minded."

"But this pearl should be in Chu Kuangren's possession. How did it end up here? Is Chu Kuangren here?"

The question evoked fear in everyone's heart.

They released their Immortal Consciousness to scan the place from top to bottom, except for the VIP rooms. However, no one located Chu Kuangren or any traces of him.

Despite assuming that Chu Kuangren was not around, the crowd dared not be reckless because there might be a chance Chu Kuangren was inside one of the VIP rooms.

"Auctioning an Arch Gilded Weapon? Chu Kuangren is ridiculously rich."

"The Arch Gilded Weapon is precious even to a Prodigy, yet to Chu Kuangren, it's not even worthy for him to keep."

Everyone was awestruck.

Meanwhile, Huang Yuyi wore a grim look on her face.

Watching the Arch Gilded Weapon she held dearly auctioned in public was a terrible feeling.

On top of that, the possibility of Chu Kuangren being at the auction evoked fear in her.

If he found out she was still alive, what would he do?

The rules of the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet might not hold him back.

The more Huang Yuyi thought about it, the more possible it became. Suddenly, her rage was replaced by fear, and the flush on her face faded into paleness.

She was stronger after Nirvana, but it was still not enough for her to win against Chu Kuangren.

Fire Boy frowned and offered his consolation.

"Calm down. He might not be here, or he would've done something given his personality."

Huang Yuyi took a deep breath and regained her composure.

Fire Boy sighed. He believed only a monster like Chu Kuangren could terrify a Prodigy to that extent.

With that, the bidding continued.

Huang Yuyi stared at it intently, determined to retrieve her pearl. However, after the battle with Chu Kuangren, she lost everything to him and was penniless at the moment. To retrieve her pearl, she would have to ask Fire Boy for help.

Fire Boy was certain that Huang Yuyi would be stronger with her Arch Gilded Weapon. Since her strength would be useful in the upcoming mission, he agreed to help her.

In the end, Feng Yuyi took back her pearl at the price of two billion Immortal Crystals.

Some interested parties tried to bid for the pearl, but Huang Yuyi deterred them with her identity.

The crowd soon found out that it was Huang Yuyi in the VIP room. She was lucky enough to escape the battle with Chu Kuangren alive and even achieved Nirvana.

"Huang Yuyi was lucky Chu Kuangren did not kill her in that battle."

"The Godly Phoenix's Nirvana is a scary ability."

"Fortunately, it has a low chance of success, or the Godly Phoenix Tribe would be invincible."

Huang Yuyi was over the moon after taking back her pearl.

However, the next item for auction was a top-tier Gilded Weapon, an Immortal Sword.

Huang Yuyi's expression turned grim again when she saw the sword.

"Fire Boy, lend me another billion Immortal Crystals."

"Why?"

Fire Boy frowned. He might be rich, but he was almost out of money after getting the pearl back for Huang Yuyi.

"That sword is mine as well," Huang Yuyi said while gnashing her teeth.

Chu Kuangren sold her pearl and sword like they were disposable!

Fire Boy took a deep breath. "I don't have a billion Immortal Crystals. Trade it with other items. I have several Gilded Immortal Weapons I don't use."

"Thank you."

Fire Boy spent almost all his money to help Huang Yuyi retrieve her items.

He looked at the Divine Flame Map in his hand as his wallet bled. "Let's hope everything goes smoothly, or I'll lose a lot."

The auction continued.

The other auctioned items after the Divine Flame Map did not catch Chu Kuangren's attention.

He looked at Huang Yuyi and Fire Boy's VIP room with a smile. "Please don't let me down, you two."

The servant beside him was infatuated with his handsome smile.

Lan Yu and Chu Hong both knew Chu Kuangren well enough to understand that Huang Yuyi and Fire Boy would soon suffer.

"The next item is a unique one. It is called the Celestial Demon Heart!"

The white-haired elderly opened the box, revealing a heart sealed inside a crystal ball with Daoist patterns.

A surge of strong and boundless energy emanated from the heart.

The Celestial Demon Heart, as its name suggested, was the heart of Chaos Celestial Demon Physique.

The moment the Celestial Demon Heart was revealed, one of the VIP rooms released a surge of powerful Celestial Demon qi. Its terrifying aura filled and pressured the auction hall.

Everyone looked at that VIP room in fear.

"This energy belongs to the Celestial Demon Physique!"

"It's the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe, who has been the hottest topic lately. This is going to be interesting."

Chapter 1319: East Sovereign Immortal Hall, Mountain Ghoul House, The Rulemaker

The appearance of the Celestial Demon Heart attracted a powerful Celestial Demon qi from one of the VIP rooms.

Chu Kuangren looked at the particular room with a pondering expression.

Bei Ming once told him about the Celestial Demon Tribe, so he knew of their existence.

"I didn't think I would run into a cultivator from the Celestial Demon Tribe. I wonder what this Celestial Demon Heart has to do with him or them?" Chu Kuangren murmured.

However, he decided to stay put and observe first.

"Who auctioned this Celestial Demon Heart?"

A cold voice sounded from that VIP room. It sounded like the owner of the voice was trying to suppress his boiling rage.

The white-haired elderly glanced at the VIP room. "This involves the client's privacy, and Myriad Company has the responsibility to keep them confidential. We can't reveal it to you. Please understand."

The Celestial Demon cultivator paused for a moment and continued, "One billion Immortal Crystals for the Celestial Demon Heart. It's mine."

Since they were at the auction, he decided to retrieve the heart through bidding.

One billion Immortal Crystals was not a small amount.

The Celestial Demon Heart might be precious, but everyone knew it was not an Innate Celestial Demon Physique Heart but a Pseudo one. Although it could also perform wonders, it was not worth one billion, so the others did not bid for it.

"If it's the Innate Chaos Celestial Demon Physique Heart, people would buy it even if it cost ten billion or one hundred billion," someone said.

The Chaos Celestial Demon Physique was the best physique there was as it was no weaker than other Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique. The heart of it had many great uses, be it refining into a weapon or pill, or using it to comprehend the Celestial Demon Dao. It could even allow one to master the true might of the Celestial Demon Physique, just like with the pair of Green Leaf Sword Vision back at the Sword Immortal's Tomb.

However, the Pseudo Celestial Demon Physique Heart had no such value.

"One billion Immortal Crystals? It seems like the Celestial Demon Tribe is quite rich," someone said coldly.

Several powerful auras exploded from yet another VIP room and enveloped the entire auction hall in the blink of an eye.

Immortal Sparks shone from inside the room, and a vast amount of Daoist patterns with powerful Immortal Technique's energy fluctuation were blasted toward the Celestial Demon cultivator's room.

## Bang!

The restriction seals were crushed, and the room exploded.

The scene left everyone in shock.

"Who has the nerve to start a fight at the auction?!"

"This isn't just any auction. This is an auction held on Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet. Are they not afraid of the local enforcers?"

Everyone looked at the room that launched the attack in fear and saw several figures in black armor walk out of the room.

The leader of the group emanated a strange and eerie aura.

"It's them! The East Sovereign Immortal Hall's Mountain Ghoul House!"

Those who recognized the cultivators in black armor gasped in fear.

There were two great Immortal Halls in the Immortal World — the Eastern Sovereign and Kunlun.

The Kunlun Immortal Hall had Six Royals and Four Divisions, while the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall had Nine Heavenly God Houses.

The Nine Houses that ruled the Eastern Sovereign Hall consisted of Eastern Sovereign House, Cloudy God House, Eastern Sky House, River God House, and more.

The Mountain Ghoul House was one of the Nine Houses.

"Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall's Mountain Ghoul House. What are they doing here?"

"Why are they after the Celestial Demon Tribe?"

The crowd was confused.

From the rubbles of the room that was attacked, three figures — two men and a woman — emerged.

Each of them carried vast and boundless Celestial Demon gi.

The lady Celestial Demon cultivator had a tall physique and sky blue hair that complemented her delicate features. Her Celestial Demon qi was a lot stronger than the other men, making her the leader of the trio.

"Mountain Ghouls, you killed Lin Yue and used her Celestial Demon Heart to lure us out."

The lady, named Lin Qiu, glared at the Mountain Ghoul cultivators with frosty eyes.

"So what? That's because our Divine Daoist doesn't like the Celestial Demon Tribe," the leader of the Mountain Ghoul cultivators sneered.

"Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist! The Celestial Demon Tribe will make sure he pays for his actions one day!"

"You people might be able to scare us if you're the real Celestial Demon Tribe, but you're just the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe. There's nothing to be afraid of. Attack!"

The Mountain Ghoul cultivators unleashed their powerful aura and charged toward their opponent.

Powerful Immortal Technique's energy fluctuation exploded, sending the whole auction hall into chaos.

All the unrelated cultivators immediately fled the scene.

Fire Boy frowned at the sudden outbreak. "Why is the Mountain Ghoul House here? What a bummer."

The Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall and Kunlun Immortal Hall were mortal enemies since they both wanted to be the strongest in the Immortal World.

With two Immortal Halls existing in one Immortal World, it was natural that the two forces would fight.

They had been fighting, both secretly and openly, for countless years.

"Who cares. We've got the Divine Flame Map already. All this doesn't matter anymore," Huang Yuyi said.

She could not care less about the life and death of the Celestial Demon cultivators.

To her, it would be better for the Celestial Demon cultivators to be dead.

It was well known that Chu Kuangren possessed the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique, and since Huang Yuyi hated him, it would be natural for her to hate the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe as well.

Bang!

A series of explosions went off in the void.

The Mountain Ghoul's energy clashed with the Celestial Demon qi. Together with countless Daoist patterns and shimmering Immortal Sparks, the endless pressure shadowed the realm.

Chu Kuangren watched from afar and had no intention to intervene.

"The Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet's enforcers should be here anytime soon," Chu Kuangren murmured as the commotion got louder.

The enforcers of the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet existed to ensure no one would fight on their territory, so Chu Kuangren did not have to worry about that.

Soon, a middle-aged man in gray robes arrived. His powerful energy presence overwhelmed the scene and suppressed everything in its proximity.

"Who dares to start a fight on Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet?" said the enforcer coldly.

The Mountain Ghoul cultivator showed no intention of stopping the battle. He said aloud, "We're here on the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist's order to kill the Celestial Demon cultivators. This is between us, Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, and the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe. Please do not interfere!"

The middle-aged man reacted strangely upon hearing those words.

The Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall was one of the few forces no one would want to make enemies of.

If he decided to intervene, he would definitely be standing against the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall.

In name, he was the enforcer of Heavenly Ancient Merchant Plane, but he was actually just someone elected by the many forces to maintain the stability of the planet.

He might have the name of an enforcer, but deep down, he knew he was just a pawn controlled by the player.

If he offended the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, his cultivating journey would come to an end prematurely, no matter how capable he was.

With that in mind, he conserved his aura and stood aside reluctantly.

The others sighed.

"It's just fancy saying that the Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet is protected by its enforcer when, in fact, the powerful forces can just ignore the rules here."

"Well, those forces set the rules. They're the rulemakers. It's just another word for them to overthrow what they have set."

Chapter 1320: Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist Appeared, The Same Celestial Demon Tribe, Chu Kuangren Moved

Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall's Mountain Ghoul House ignored the rules of Heavenly Ancient Merchant Planet and started a fight with the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe.

The scene worried many of the cultivators who deemed the planet as a sanctuary from conflict.

The rules were made by the elites, yet they could also ignore them as they pleased.

The rules served only the strong, and the essence of that phrase was on full display.

"Lin Qiu, you three shall die today, and no one can save you!" the leader of the Mountain Ghoul cultivators shouted.

Then, he revealed a powerful Gilded Immortal Weapon and tossed it up to the air, instantly blanketing the battlefield with countless mystical Daoist patterns.

The Gilded Immortal Weapon was one used to set up boundaries and ensnare its target. It was similar to the Great Heavenly Net used on Chu Kuangren.

With the battlefield sealed off, Lin Qiu and her men could not escape anymore. They glared at the Mountain Ghoul cultivators with sheer determination as if they were prepared to perish.

"Even if it kills me, I'll drag you down with me!" Lin Qiu shouted.

Powerful Celestial Demon qi erupted from her and crashed upon the Daoist patterns restriction.

She wielded a pitch-black Immortal Sword and slashed toward the Mountain Ghoul cultivators in a flash.

The sword qi containing mystical Daoist patterns crashed on its target like a tidal wave.

That slash she performed had reached the level of Prodigy.

Shocked, the leader of the Mountain Ghoul cultivators immediately retreated but failed to escape unscathed. The sword qi caught and landed multiple cuts on his body.

"Damn it! This woman is much stronger than I thought!"

The Mountain Ghoul cultivator cast his Immortal Technique repeatedly and sent ghoul-like apparitions at Lin Qiu. However, all of them were destroyed before they could even reach her.

The crowd was shocked by the scene.

"No way. The Mountain Ghoul cultivators set the boundary to ensnare their target only for it to become their own cage?"

"If they're not powerful enough, why come?"

"That's the Mountain Ghoul House? What a bunch of fools."

The other cultivators thought the Mountain Ghoul cultivators were powerful for being one of the nine houses of the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, and no one expected them to be weaker than Lin Qiu.

"Hmph!"

Suddenly, a frosty grunt sounded in the void, followed by a boundless aura that crushed Lin Qiu's sword qi effortlessly.

"A bunch of useless garbage," the voice said.

A figure in black, surrounded by swirling Daoist patterns, emerged from the VIP room. His appearance caused an eerie aura to spread across the field. Agonizing wails and horrifying screams sounded in the void as though ghouls were unleashed following his arrival.

"It's him! The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist!"

The ones who recognized the man gasped in fear.

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist was a powerful Prodigy whose reputation in the Interstellar Arena could rival that of Imperial Commanders.

No one could believe that a man of his caliber had come to Ancient Heavenly Merchant Planet!

"Please forgive us for not being able to carry out the task successfully, Divine Daoist."

The leader of the group came kneeling before the Divine Daoist with an embarrassed look.

"You will receive ten strokes when we head back," the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said.

The Mountain Ghoul cultivator's face turned pale when he heard his punishment.

The stroke that the Divine Daoist mentioned was not just any stroke. It was a kind of punishment invented by the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, and a specialized Immortal Weapon would be used to perform the strokes.

Ten strokes would easily cripple him, a True Immortal, even if he survived the punishment.

However, he dared not defy orders, so all he could do was nod.

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist then turned to Lin Qiu and the others. "It seems like I'll have to do this myself."

Without saying anything, Lin Qiu unleashed another slash. Her Celestial Demon qi gushed forward like the rising tide and tried to flood her opponent.

Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist, on the other hand, responded with a punch. His Immortal's Core energy erupted and unleashed a black tornado that tore the sword qi into shreds and blasted Lin Qiu away.

"He's strong! The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist is a Prodigy, and I'm not his match," Lin Qiu said grimly.

"Lin Qiu, let's attack together!"

The other two Pseudo Celestial Demon cultivators unleashed their Celestial Demon qi as well.

Their Celestial Demon qi was different from one another. One was like a scorching flame, whereas the other one was like rumbling lightning.

"Fire Celestial Demon Physique, Lightning Celestial Demon Physique, and Water Celestial Demon Physique. It seems like the person who created Pseudo Celestial Demons like you three is someone amazing," the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said.

The Chaos Celestial Demon Physique was extremely rare, so to mass produce Pseudo Celestial Demo cultivators, it was evident that the person's capability had reached a terrifying level.

That person might even be one of the strongest in the Immortal World or the whole universe.

However, the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist was not afraid of that mysterious elite.

First of all, the Easter Sovereign Immortal Hall, where he was from, was also a strong force to be reckoned with in the Immortal World. Its influence and reputation were almost unchallenged.

Second, it was the Heavenly Champion's battle, and if the Pseudo Celestial Demon cultivators joined and died in the process, the person behind them would have no say in the matter either.

"Now!"

Lin Qiu led her men to attack together, and three different elements of Celestial Demon qi erupted, shaking the void.

"Even if the three of you attack together, you're still not my match," the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist sneered.

He stood in the air proudly. As he raised his hand, his black Immortal's Core energy gushed forward in the form of a tornado and tore all the Celestial Demon qi into shreds.

Following that, he took a step forward, and the surging Immortal's Core energy in the void formed an apparition of a black mountain!

"Mountain Ghoul Art, Black Mountain Suppression!"

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist resembled a Mountain God that could move lands. As he raised his hand, the mountain behind him released an eerie energy presence that crashed upon Lin Qiu and her men.

## Kaboom!

A deafening explosion erupted. Lin Qiu and her men could not withstand the sheer power of the attack and were blasted away with blood spurting out from their mouths. Their Immortal bodies even suffered cracks, and their faces turned pale.

"Such power! I believe only Brother Wushen can win against him!"

"He's so powerful! We are no match for the Immortal Hall's Divine Daoist."

Lin Qiu and her men were feeling hopeless at the outcome.

"Why are you after us, the Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe?"

Lin Qiu was prepared to die but not with unanswered questions.

The Pseudo Celestial Demon Tribe was a fairly young force in the Immortal World, and they had no conflict with the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall whatsoever.

Why was the Immortal Hall after them?

"Dead people don't need answers."

Instead of giving them a direct reply, the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist raised his hand and mobilized his Immortal's Core energy to end the three of them.

Lin Qiu took a deep breath and forced herself up from the ground. At the same time, her Celestial Demon qi was mobilized to its limit to strengthen her aura.

She was igniting her life essence!

"Lin Qiu!"

The other two cultivators were shocked by her determination. They exchanged a quick glance and decided to do the same — to risk their lives for one last time.

"Even if the three of you waste all your life essence, you won't change the outcome."

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist continued to channel his Immortal's Core energy. Again, Daoist patterns gathered in the void and formed the black mountain.

Yet, his aura overpowered the three of them.

Just before both sides clashed for one last time, a sigh echoed in the realm.

"Sigh. Since we're all Celestial Demon cultivators, I guess I can lend you guys a hand."

The sigh came from one of the rooms.

As though an ancient Celestial Demon had awoken from its slumber, a terrifying aura swept the field like a typhoon and shook the universe.