

Unparalleled 1411

Chapter 1411: The Dragon Clan Near Their Demise, Chu Kuangren Is Too Good At Pretending

In the sky above the Dragon clan, the Million Strong Underworld Army attacked, with Gilded Immortals and Arch Gilded Immortals among them.

Coupled with the Eighty Demonic Generals' help, Chu Kuangren formed an army alone and put the entire Dragon clan in despair!

Although the Dragon Clan Forefather was an Arch Gilded Immortal, he was eventually killed after a round of combat with the Skeletal Yin General. Even the rest of the Dragon clan Gilded Immortals fell one after another.

"We're doomed..."

A Dragon clan's elder looked at what was left of the Dragon clan with a dejected expression.

Meanwhile, Jing Hui walked out from another ruin. Initially imprisoned, she was released when Chu Kuangren turned the Dragon clan into chaos and destroyed the Dragon clan's defense force.

Looking at the countless Underworld Soldiers and Generals, as well as the Dragon clan's disciples who were killed and injured, Jing Hui was so shocked that her delicate body trembled.

Had she walked into a hell on earth?

"Amitabha..."

A look of pity appeared on Jing Hui's face. She pressed her palms together, sat down with her legs crossed, and recited the Rebirth Mantra.

Soon, the Buddhist Light manifested to be salvation for all dead souls.

Chu Kuangren sensed the Buddhist Light and looked over, where he noticed Jing Hui. Immediately, he knew she was the target of his trip this time.

"The Dragon clan has imprisoned her, but she is trying to help them find peace?" Chu Kuangren chuckled.

However, he did not think what Jing Hui did was wrong as it was about her personal Dao.

He did not want to judge her either.

The next moment, Hell's Gate operated, and countless Underworld Soldiers returned to the Yin Space.

Yin qi in the air gradually dissipated.

Only the Dragon clan's ruins and frightened Dragon clan's disciples were left.

In the ruins, Buddhist Light emerged with only the sound of Jing Hui's chanting reverberating in the air. The solemn and calming effect it had relieved the Dragon clan from their panic.

However, they still looked at Chu Kuangren like a devil!

Chu Kuangren approached Jing Hui and released Shang Honghua from his Enchanted Sleeve.

Shang Honghua breathed a sigh of relief when she saw that Jing Hui was safe and sound. Seeing that she was chanting scripture, Shang Honghua did not step forward to disturb her.

“My King, Jing Hui is kind, and she’s a Buddhist. Please forgive her.”

Shang Honghua was worried that Chu Kuangren would be displeased with Jing Hui’s act of trying to help the Dragon clan’s people.

Chu Kuangren did not take it to heart. “It’s fine.”

Following that, he looked at a Dragon clan Gilded Immortal and slowly walked toward him.

He was the only Gilded Immortal left in the Dragon clan.

Unfortunately, he was severely injured by the Yin Army, which left him with little strength and his aura weak.

On top of the terrifying series of incidents, he was frightened upon seeing Chu Kuangren approaching him. “D-Don’t come near me!”

Chu Kuangren mobilized his thoughts and imprisoned the Gilded Immortal with silver-white Daoist patterns. It was the Spacetime Sealing Technique.

“It will be a question and answer session from now on. If your answers satisfy me, you and the rest of the Dragon clan can live.”

“W-What do you want to ask me?” the Dragon clan Gilded Immortal asked while calming himself down.

“Why did the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist and others come to the Dragon clan?”

“The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist... The East Sovereign Immortal Hall’s people came here to take the Arcane Deity Order.”

At that point, the Dragon clan Gilded Immortal had nothing to hide. He told Chu Kuangren everything he knew for the sake of the remaining Dragon clan disciples.

The Arcane Deity Order was a treasure the Dragon clan obtained by chance.

It was said that the order was related to the Nine Heavens Deity, a top-notch Gilded Immortal in ancient Immortal times.

The Nine Heavens Deity, who was the most powerful female cultivator under the West Ruler Matriarch, had left behind an orthodoxy called the Arcane Deity Sect on the Holy Violet Emperor Planet.

According to rumors, that orthodoxy was guarding some of the treasures the West Ruler Matriarch left behind.

The Arcane Deity Order was the Arcane Deity Sect’s token and key to entering the Arcane Deity Sect and obtaining those treasures.

Chu Kuangren's eyes lit up with interest upon hearing that statement.

Those ancient Immortal Embodier great ones seemed to be preparing something by leaving some of their treasures for those in the current era.

Perhaps they were like Xu Wu, cultivating living energies to resist the Void Egg?

First, it was the Jade Pool in the Kunlun Secret Realm, and now the Arcane Deity Sect on the Holy Violet Emperor Planet...

They were all left by the West Ruler Matriarch.

Chu Kuangren was interested to take a look at it.

"Amitabha..."

At that moment, Jing Hui was done with her chanting.

She looked at Shang Honghua and nodded. "I'm relieved that you're fine, Benefactor Shang."

"These are your prayer beads."

Shang Honghua returned the prayer beads, which were an Arch Gilded Immortal Weapon, to Jing Hui. To a Prodigy, they were also considered a precious treasure.

"Oh..." Jing Hui suddenly eeked.

Then, she looked at Shang Honghua and furrowed her brows. "The evil qi in your body hasn't been completely eradicated?"

"Yeah."

Shang Honghua nodded. "Although it hasn't been completely removed, I have no risk of falling down the path of evil at any time, as it was before."

"My Buddhist world has a Restful Mantra that can clear one's mind and soul. I'll pass it on to you, and hope it'll be of great help to you," said Jing Hui.

Before this, Shang Honghua had the risk of becoming evil at any time and could not calm herself to cultivate the Restful Mantra. However, since most of her evil qi had been expelled, she could cultivate it now.

"Well.."

Shang Honghua was a little surprised. "The Restful Mantra is a Buddhist cultivation technique. Will it affect you if you pass it on to me?"

All advanced cultivation techniques were strictly guarded by their respective orthodoxies and could not be easily passed on to others.

"Rest assured, Benefactor Shang. This Restful Mantra isn't a precious cultivation technique."

"Many thanks for it."

At that moment, Chu Kuangren approached them.

He took out a crystal-clear pearl that contained intense Buddhist Light. "For helping Honghua several times, please accept this as a gift."

"The Bodhi Heart?"

Jing Hui was shocked.

The Bodhi Heart was the Buddhist world's most precious treasure. It had the protection of a Daoist core and contained a Buddhist cultivator's understanding of Buddhist cultivation at the Bodhisattva level.

Only a Bodhisattva-grade existence could form the Bodhi Heart.

Even a Prodigy like Jing Hui dreamt of having a treasure like that.

"I-It's too precious."

Jing Hui immediately waved her hand to reject Chu Kuangren's offer.

"It's useless to me, so it's a waste if I keep it," Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

He had obtained the Bodhi Heart from the killing of Huijue, the Buddhist Samantabhadra's successor, and had been keeping it ever since. However, he had yet to have a chance to use it.

It could not be a better idea to give it to Jing Hui as a reward.

He could be regarded as the Buddhist world's enemy because he had killed Buddhist Prodigies like Huijue and Buddha's Sword and even possessed the Papiyas Might. However, he could always deal with matters and people clearly.

Since Jing Hui helped Shang Honghua, he gave her the Bodhi Heart.

If he and the Buddhist world became enemies and fought in the future, he would not hesitate because he owed them a favor.

After Jing Hui heard Chu Kuangren's words, the corner of her mouth twitched.

'The Bodhi Heart is useless and a waste if kept with him?'

'How many treasures does he have? So many that the Bodhi Heart, a Buddhist treasure, has become a decoration?!'

'Chu Kuangren is too good at pretending.'

"If that's the case, I'll accept it."

Jing Hui took a deep breath and solemnly accepted the Bodhi Heart.

At first, she was afraid of Chu Kuangren after knowing that he killed all the Dragon clan disciples,

However, when she saw his handsome look, she suddenly felt that Chu Kuangren was not that scary anymore.

Chapter 1412: Gilded Soul Realm, Nine Heavens Lapis Lazuli Realm, Violet Eye Clan

After dealing with the Dragon clan, Feng Yu, Second Young Master Feng, Shi Ying, and the Iceworm Ru Xue came over.

Second Young Master Feng gulped and gasped in awe as he scanned over the wreckage of the Dragon clan. He was deeply shaken.

He was looking at the remains of the Dragon clan, which was stronger than the Feng clan and known as the leader of the Eight Golden clans!

The former glory of the Dragon clan was reduced to ashes and rubble.

“So this is Chu Kuangren’s power?”

The Second Young Master Feng looked at Chu Kuangren’s back with an inconceivable gaze.

“He shall be the one and only champion in the Battle of the Heavenly Champions, the one who rules over the Immortal World.”

The fanatic admiration that the Second Young Master Feng had for Chu Kuangren grew stronger.

He had only met Chu Kuangren for the first time today, yet he was already convinced by Chu Kuangren’s outstanding demeanor.

Feng Yu felt the same as well. She even had a feeling that with Chu Kuangren’s help, the Feng clan’s reputation would surely rise to a new height.

“Chief.”

Shi Ying and Ru Xue came over.

“Huh?”

Jing Hui reacted strangely to Shi Ying as though she sensed something in the girl.

“What’s wrong?” Chu Kuangren casually asked.

“Nothing.” Jing Hui shook her head. Then, she subtly turned around and murmured to herself, “What is she up to again?!”

“Hm. Interesting.” Chu Kuangren chuckled. He knew Jing Hui must have found out something, and it further proved his speculation that Shi Ying was originally from the Buddhist world.

“Alright, Hong Hua. You, go cultivate the Restful Mantra with Jing Hui and learn how to control the evil qi in you.

“As for Feng Yu, I want you to investigate the Arcane Deity Sect for me.”

“Yes, Master.” Feng Yu nodded.

After that, she sent the order to Breeze Seeking Inn and devoted all the Feng clan’s resources to the investigation of the Arcane Deity Sect.

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"Congratulations, host! You have won a God-tier prize, the Ninth Rebirth Heavenly Soul Pill!"

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Chu Kuangren was doing his gacha roll on that particular day.

It had been a while since he got something useful, and that prize somehow caught his interest.

The Ninth Rebirth Heavenly Soul Pill was an ancillary pill that could boost one's soul energy.

"Soul energy is difficult to level up, and it has been a while since my soul realm got any enhancement. The Ninth Rebirth Heavenly Soul Pill came just at the right time," Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

He took the pill out without hesitation and consumed it for refinement.

The moment the pill went down his throat, a large amount of soul energy erupted inside him.

His mind ocean shook!

All three souls were awoken, and the Eighteen-Cycle Trinity Soul Refinement was used to absorb the overflowing soul energy in him.

Heaven, earth, human, all three souls combined and separated repeatedly until the Ninth Rebirth Heavenly Soul Pill boosted his soul realm to the Thirteen Cycle!

All three souls in his mind ocean were basking in golden light that could outshine the sun!

The Gilded Soul realm!

All three of his souls had reached the Gilded Soul realm!

Normal, Immortal, True Consciousness, Gilded, Desolation, Requiescence, Chaos, and Transcendence were the eight realms of the soul.

Chu Kuangren had achieved the Gilded Soul realm, which only a Gilded Immortal could possess. In addition to that, not only one but all three of his souls were in the same realm.

It was terrifying because he could easily overpower most of the Gilded Immortal in terms of the soul realm.

"Not bad." Chu Kuangren smiled.

It was then that the jade scroll at this waist buzzed.

He got a message from Feng Yu regarding the Arcane Deity Sect.

"Arcane Deity Sect, Nine Heavens Deity, Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm... the Luo clan!"

The information clearly stated that the Arcane Deity Sect settled down in a place called the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm. After it was destroyed, the secret realm was closed and got lost in the river of time.

Now, it was under the control of the Luo clan, one of the Eight Golden clans. Although they kept it a secret, the Feng clan had its ways to pry open the seams.

However, some of the sky-prides managed to get hold of the news and learned of the existence of the Ninth heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm. A number of them were going to the Luo clan to access the secret realm, and that included the Mountain Ghouls, Divine Daoists and company.

“Luo clan, huh? Let’s go pay them a visit,” Chu Kuangren murmured.

Since Shang Honghua was cultivating the Restful Mantra with Jing Hui, only Chu Kuangren, Shi Ying, and the Iceworm Ru Xue went to the Luo clan.

Meanwhile, in the Luo clan’s territory, schemes and plots were brewing in the dark.

The sky-prides that caught wind of the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm came flocking like birds.

“Let’s open it up.”

The elders of the Luo clan were discussing the matter inside the main hall. As the sky-prides came flocking, it left the Luo Clan Leader no choice but to open it up.

The other elders sighed but were helpless against it.

The Luo clan might be one of the Eight Golden clans with a reputation on the Golden Continent, but they were no one in the grand scale of the Immortal World.

Each and every sky-pride had a massive and substantial background, and they were not equipped to face the pressure from the outside world. Therefore, they decided to open up the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm.

“Don’t worry, Clan Leader. We might have to open up the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm, but based on our experience in the countless expeditions into the secret realm, I’m confident that I can secure a lead and bring glory to the family. I might even locate the legendary Arcane Deity Sect and acquire the treasures from the West Matriarch Ruler,” said a young man in white.

The young man with the thin brows was the most outstanding sky-pride of the Luo clan, having broken through to the Higher Third Grade cultivation base.

It was worth noting that only a handful of sky-prides in the younger generation had achieved a Higher Third Grade cultivation base.

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However, it did not mean they could rival the top-notch Prodigies. At most, they could qualify as a common Prodigy. The reason why they were able to achieve such a high cultivation base was because of the rich spiritual energy on the Holy Violet Emperor Planet and their advantage in cultivation.

Therefore, his cultivation base was enough to make him stand out from his peers, which fueled his confidence in the expedition into the secret realm.

“Luo Yifeng, you and Yan’er are our only hope in this expedition into the secret realm. We are relying on you two to make us proud,” Luo Clan Leader said.

The Yan'er that the Luo Clan Leader mentioned was the other sky-pride of the family, Luo Yan.

"I understand. Sister Yan'er and I will do our best," Luo Yifeng said with a nod.

Outside the Luo clan, sky-prides and Prodigies alike were gathering, waiting for the Luo clan to open up the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm.

They were not worried about the Luo clan rejecting them because they knew the Luo clan had no choice but to succumb to pressure.

While waiting, the sky-prides sized up one another carefully. After all, they were all rivals in the Battle of Heavenly Champions.

"I didn't expect the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall to send three of their Divine Daoists and Divine Maiden here. What a scene."

A number of the sky-prides recognized the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist, Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, and Great Arbiter Divine Maiden from afar.

Each and every one of them was a top-notch Prodigy on their own, especially the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist as he had awoken the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique. He was labeled as unmatched among the younger generation.

"Other than the three from the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, we should pay attention to the others as well. Even that clan is here."

Someone looked into the void and saw a group of people in violet robes that had patterns of eyes sewn onto them.

They were the oldest clan in Holy Violet Emperor Planet, the Violet Eye clan.

"The Violet Eye clan rarely shows up in public. It seems they can't stay in the dark anymore now that this great era has arrived."

Chapter 1413: Yu Zhi And Qing Feng, Scarlet Tear, Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm Opened

Sky-prides and Prodigies alike gathered above the Luo clan's territory.

Other than the three Divine Daoists and Divine Maiden from the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, even the old Violet Eye clan was there.

There was another deity-like figure with an unmatched aura, basking in Immortal Sparks, hovering above the clouds. Her jade-like skin and exquisite beauty attracted all the attention, and they complemented her long, silky hair.

She was none other than Yu Zhi, the Jade Pool Maiden Sage who had made a reputation for herself in the Interstellar Arena.

She came here to the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm with a clear goal, which was to obtain the West Matriarch Ruler's treasure protected by the Arcane Deity Sect.

“Qing Feng, do you think I can get the West Matriarch Ruler’s treasure?” Yu Zhi asked the lady with green hair beside her.

The green-haired lady was as beautiful as Yu Zhi, but her energy presence, although not powerful, felt vague and surreal.

Her eyes were blue like lapis lazuli, deep and mysterious.

If Chu Kuangren was at the scene, he would be able to recognize her because she was the daughter of Planquilon Immortal World’s Sycamore Mountain Ruler, the strange Azure Phoenix.

“Since you possess the West Matriarch Ruler’s inheritance, acquiring the treasure is only natural for you, Maiden Sage, as it is destiny,” Qing Feng said.

A massive amount of mystical runes were flashing in her eyes. She was no longer her previous inexperienced self anymore.

The strange Azure Phoenix was a rare breed among the Godly Phoenix, and after cultivating for many years, she had finally awakened her bloodline power.

A while back, when she was traversing the Interstellar Arena, she was ambushed by a bunch of Prodigies, and Yu Zhi coincidentally saved her.

That was when she found out that Yu Zhi possessed the West Matriarch Ruler’s inheritance. Since the old legend stated that the Azure Phoenix used to accompany the Matriarch Ruler, she willingly became Yu Zhi’s follower.

“Destiny? I’m looking forward to that.” Yu Zhi smiled.

She had cultivated the Jade Pool Immortal Scripture to its highest level and was one step shy from advancing it to the next level.

Unfortunately, she had been facing difficulties to achieve it.

Therefore, she placed her hopes on the West Matriarch Ruler’s treasure that was kept within the Arcane Deity Sect. She hoped that by acquiring the treasure, she would have the opportunity to advance her own Immortal Physique.

Suddenly, she sensed an unusual gaze scanning her.

She turned around, only to see the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist from the Immortal Hall. She furrowed her brows and turned away.

“You’re interested in that woman?” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist asked.

“Hm. I heard Zhuo Donglai of the Eastern King School was deeply infatuated with her, and since she’s the West Matriarch Ruler’s successor, she caught my attention,” the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist said with a grin.

He then glanced at the Great Arbiter Divine Maiden beside him.

He realized she was not bothered even when he was looking at other women, and her nonchalance somehow disappointed him.

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist chuckled. "The Eastern Sky is interested, but the Divine Maiden is heartless."

It was no secret that the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist liked the Great Arbiter Divine Maiden. However, he had never confessed his feelings, and she had never given him an answer, hence the awkward relationship.

"That woman is rather interesting," the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said as he spotted another lady further away.

The lady was in a long white robe, yet it did not conceal her voluptuous figure underneath. Her long legs were captivating, but they were not as attractive as her beautiful facial features. The one thing that made her stand out from the rest of the ladies was the scarlet mole at the side of her eye, which granted her a seductive charm.

Many other male cultivators were also brazen with their lustful gaze at her.

The lady possessed beauty that lived up to her name, Luo Yan.

She was the top sky-pride from the Luo clan.

She knew she was gathering unwanted attention and resented all the lustful gaze. However, she could not do or say anything because many of them were stronger than her and the Luo clan.

It left her helpless.

The Jade Pool Maiden Sage could rival her in terms of looks, especially with her superiority of a queen. Despite that, most of the sky-prides were looking at Luo Yan.

It was because the Luo clan was a lot weaker than the Jade Pool Sacred Land.

They would rather offend Luo Yan than Yu Zhi due to their difference in background.

"The Luo clan isn't strong enough. Or should I say I'm not strong enough?"

Luo Yan desired more strength than ever when being eyed by the other cultivators.

Following her rising desire and arousing urge, the scarlet mole made her look even more seductive.

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist noticed the change of expression on her face.

"The Scarlet Tear is really as rumored. Too bad she can't bring out the full potential of her physique, or she could be a lot stronger."

The Scarlet Tear was one of the many Immortal Physiques and one of the top Supreme Immortal Physiques, second only to the Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique.

Legend had it that when the owner of the Scarlet Tear was in her saddest state, there was a chance for the Scarlet Tear to unleash a power that could rival the Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique.

However, it was just a myth.

“There are so many sky-prides and Prodigies here.”

A young man among the crowd felt pressured by the presence of the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, the Violet Eye clan, and the others.

The young man had a faint layer of freezing qi around him, and anyone who got closer to him would feel the bone-chilling qi invading their bodies.

He was a yokai from the Great Frost Dragon Mountain, a Prodigy second only to the Iceworm Ru Xue, named Iceworm Feng.

“Too bad the iceworm, Ru Xue, isn’t here, or we might have a better chance,” Iceworm Feng shook his head.

Admiration shone in the eyes of the other iceworms from Great Frost Dragon Mountain behind him when the name, Ru Xue, was mentioned.

To them, as the Divine Maiden of the Great Frost Dragon Mountain, Ru Xue was someone far beyond their reach.

“People from the Luo clan, why are you still keeping the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm closed?” shouted one of the impatient sky-prides.

The sky-pride had a domineering aura and violet sparks around him. He was a Prodigy from the Holy Violet Pavilion.

“Zhuo Tianchang, why the impatience?”

A young man in white came out from inside and stood by Luo Yan’s side.

He was Luo Yifeng of the Luo clan.

“Luo Yifeng, the Luo clan has no choice but to open the secret realm. If you decide to be stubborn, don’t blame us for being rough.”

“I don’t need you to remind me of that,” Luo Yifeng said.

As his words subsided, a pillar of light shot up into the sky from inside the Luo clan.

The pillar of light reached the stratosphere and divided the clouds into two.

As the dazzling light shone, a spatial rift opened before the crowd.

Through the spatial rift, the crowd caught a glimpse of all kinds of wonderful scenery inside.

It was the secret realm, the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm!

“There, it’s opened,” Luo Yifeng said.

He exchanged a quick look with Luo Yan before the two of them flashed into the secret realm.

The other sky-prides quickly responded and charged into the secret realm.

A while later, all the sky-prides had entered the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm.

“Since it’s open, why not make things more interesting?”

There was a look of determination in the Luo Clan Leader’s gaze, and instead of sealing it off, he decided to let the entrance expand.

He wanted to create an opportunity for Luo Yifeng and the others so that they could secure the greatest Opportunity of Fortune within the realm.

The plan was to attract more sky-prides into the realm and make things more complicated, hence creating more chances for Luo Yifeng to explore further.

Slowly, almost half the Golden Continent saw the wonderful scenery in the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm.

Chapter 1414: Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist Snatching The Immortal Herb, Luo Yifeng’s Confidence

The opening of the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm shed its mystical light across the land. Even the cultivators at the edge of the Golden Continent could see the spatial rift.

It became the center of attention for a while as it attracted almost all the cultivators there.

More and more cultivators gathered at the Luo clan.

“Look, that’s the sky-pride from Heavenly One Sect!”

“That’s the cultivators from the Northern Fist Sect! They’re here as well!”

The Luo Clan Leader welcomed all cultivators into the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm.

Since they were forced to open it up, they might as well make things complicated for all of them.

“That’s the Lin clan and the Wang clan!”

Cultivators from the Eight Golden clans were here as well.

While the Luo clan was surprised by the arrival of the Eight Golden clans, a vast and boundless aura descended from the sky and flooded the realm.

The terrifying aura terrorized many of the sky-prides who wished to enter the secret realm.

Some of them were forced to their knees in fear.

“What a terrifying aura. Who could it be?”

“This energy definitely belongs to the strongest Prodigy. Wait, I think not even the elites in the older generation possess such energy presence!”

Amidst their terrified expression, a spatial rift opened up in the void.

A transcendental figure in white walked out in a trail of Immortal Sparks, and a boundless domineering aura emanated.

“It’s him! It’s Chu Kuangren!”

The sky-prides who recognized Chu Kuangren were horrified. Their eyes widened in fear as they stared at him.

The Luo Clan Leader’s eyelids twitched upon his arrival. “Why is he here?”

He originally thought of creating a mess so that Luo Yifeng and company could seize the chance for a better Opportunity of Fortune, but he did not expect it to catch Chu Kuangren’s attention.

It was like a shark arriving in a little pond, which was catastrophic to the little fishes within.

He started to regret his decision to keep the entrance open.

However, he knew even if he closed the secret realm’s entrance, Chu Kuangren would still come here.

“Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm, here I come.”

Chu Kuangren glanced at the Luo Clan Leader but did not speak to him.

He saw the other sky-prides entering the secret realm, so he decided to join them with Shi Ying and the Iceworm Ru Xue.

No one dared to stop him because no one wanted to die.

The Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm was a secret realm similar to the Kunlun Secret Realm. It was spacious as it was its own dimension.

As soon as he stepped into the secret realm, Chu Kuangren mobilized his Immortal Consciousness to scan the place for Opportunities of Fortune.

There were quite some decent ones, but only less than a handful caught his attention.

“I guess I’ll have to search harder.” Chu Kuangren smiled.

He was not in a rush at all.

However, Ru Xue frowned. “I sensed the presence of my kind. They seem to be in trouble.”

The iceworms shared a unique connection with one another.

She sensed the presence of other iceworms from Great Frost Dragon Mountain further away, but they seemed weak, seemingly in trouble.

“Go have a look,” Chu Kuangren said.

“Thank you, Master.”

Ru Xue nodded before her figure flashed and disappeared from the spot.

With that, Chu Kuangren continued the exploration of the realm with Shi Ying.

Following the opening of the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm, sky-prides and Prodigies from all forces came.

As they searched the place for Opportunities of Fortune, they inevitably ran into conflicts with one another, hence fights happened all the time inside the secret realm.

At that moment, an ancient Immortal Herb appeared on a certain mountain peak.

The Immortal Herb was surrounded by dazzling Immortal Sparks.

The sky-prides that sensed its presence came to the mountain peak, eyeing the Immortal Herb with a frantic gaze.

Several stronger presences arrived shortly after.

It was Luo Yifeng and Luo Yan leading the other disciples of the Luo clan.

“The Luo clan claims this Immortal Herb!” Luo Yifeng said as he revealed the aura of a Seventh-grade True Immortal. The pressuring aura deterred and shocked the other sky-prides in the area.

His energy level was much higher than they thought. Some sky-prides were not even True Immortal yet and were no match for him, so they wisely stepped back and left the area.

“Way to go, Brother Yifeng! His aura is unmatched!”

“Yeah! With Brother Yifeng leading us, we’ll get something big in this Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm!”

The disciples of the Luo clan voiced their admiration and respect for Luo Yifeng, which fueled his pride and confidence.

A Seventh-grade True Immortal was considered rare among the younger generatio. Thus, he was able to stand proud in front of others.

“Patience, everyone! I will get the Immortal Herb for us!” Luo Yifeng said as he zipped toward the Immortal Herb.

The desire in his eyes was visible.

The Immortal Herb was a decent one as it contained substantial life energy inside it. It could be considered a treasure for healing and recovery, and although not as good as the Matriarch Ruler’s Undying Elixir, it was still one of the best Immortal Herbs.

Right before his hands touched the Immortal Herb, a powerful energy fluctuation exploded from the void.

“Danger!”

Luo Yifeng’s eyes widened as the explosion of energy numbed his senses.

He retreated immediately.

A black hole with a terrifying distortion field appeared beside the Immortal Herb.

If he continued forward, the black hole would have ground him into pieces.

“You dodged it? Not bad.”

A voice sounded from inside the black hole, which faded and revealed three figures in the void.

It was the Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist, Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, and the Great Arbiter Divine Maiden.

"It's you three!"

Luo Yifeng reacted to their arrival with a grim look in his eyes.

He sensed threats from the three of them.

"Haven't you three heard of first come, first serve?" Luo Yifeng said with his hands behind his back.

"Oh? First come, first serve?" the Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist ridiculed. "You guys are trying to use that on me? Outrageous! I'm getting the Immortal Herb, and what can you possibly do about it?"

"In that case, it seems like we're fighting," Luo Yifeng said as he revealed an Immortal Sword in his hand.

The disciples of the Luo clan looked forward to the fight.

"I wonder who's stronger? Brother Luo or the notorious Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist?"

"Hmph! Of course, it's our Brother Luo!"

Some of the disciples had absolute confidence in Luo Yifeng but not Luo Yan.

She frowned and telepathically said to Luo Yifeng, "Be careful. The Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist is not to be underestimated. He also has the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist and the Great Arbiter Divine Maiden, who are as powerful as him. Don't push it. Leave the Immortal Herbs to them and leave."

"Don't worry, Yan'er. I'm not that weak either." Luo Yifeng smiled confidently.

"Idiot," the Great Arbiter Divine Maiden mocked him with a contemptuous gaze.

Luo Yifeng reacted bitterly to the brazen mock. "We shall see how powerful the Divine Daoists from the Immortal Hall are!"

Then, he attacked the Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist.

A fierce fight broke out, but it only took a while for Luo Yifeng to realize the worst.

The Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist shared the same Seventh-grade True Immortal cultivation base, but he possessed the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique, which made him stronger than Luo Yifeng.

"Black Hole, Massive Distortion!"

The Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist used his divine ability and caught Luo Yifeng in the black hole. The terrifying distortion force started to pull Luo Yifeng's body apart, and it looked like he would not last for another second.

"I'm not his match! The difference in strength is too great!"

Fear filled Luo Yifeng's widened eyes.

Chapter 1415: Luo Yifeng's Chickened Out, Luo Clan's Disciples Self-Destructed

“Luoshui Torrential Sword Art!”

Just before Luo Yifeng was devoured by the black hole, Luo Yan stepped up and intervened.

She swung her sword forward, releasing a keen torrential-like sword qi that repeatedly attacked the black hole until it dissolved the darkness within.

“Oh? You dissolved my divine ability. It seems like you have quite the trick up your sleeves,” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said with a grin.

The other Luo clan disciples helped Luo Yifeng up after Luo Yan saved him, and he stared at the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist in disbelief.

They were both Seventh-grade True Immortals, yet the difference in strength remained huge.

Why?!

He was baffled, shocked, horrified, and infuriated!

The other disciples shared the same reaction. They did not expect their respected senior to fail to endure a single hit from the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist.

“Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist, you guys can have the Immortal Herb,” Luo Yan said.

She then wanted to bring the others away, but the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist stopped her.

“Hold on right there.”

“What do you want?”

“You attacked me, and you’re going to leave just like that? How naive.”

“What are you trying to do?”

“You’re Luo Yan, right? Quite a beautiful girl I see. I can spare all of you, but you will have to become my servant. How about that?”

Insulted by his comments, Luo Yan’s expression turned grim.

The other disciples reacted bitterly as well.

“How dare you?”

“Keep dreaming!”

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist’s comments aroused their anger.

To them, Luo Yan was a goddess in the Luo clan. She was kind and caring and always took care of the juniors.

Luo Yan was respected by the disciples of the Luo clan, and her reputation rivaled that of the Luo Clan Leader and Luo Yifeng.

“Oh? I’ll take that as a no then.”

“Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist, I’d suggest you just take the herb and leave,” Luo Yan said with a cold glare.

“No? In that case, I’ll kill him first!”

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist’s figure flashed and appeared before Luo Yifeng, where his Celestial Demon qi erupted and blasted toward Luo Yifeng.

Luo Yan tried to intervene, but the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist forced her back.

“Aren’t you two big men ashamed of bullying a girl?”

The Great Arbiter Divine Maiden stepped aside and decided to stay out of the conflict.

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist enveloped Luo Yifeng whole in the black hole before the immense and unrivaled black hole’s suction force slowly destroyed his body.

“How about now?” The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist looked at Luo Yan lewdly.

Aside from being a beautiful lady, Luo Yan also possessed the Scarlet Tear, which held a high growth potential. If he could take her under his wing, it would help him greatly in the future.

“You...”

Luo Yan found herself at an impasse. Her expression shifted as she watched Luo Yifeng’s body slowly being sucked into the black hole.

“Yan’er...”

It was at that moment, Luo Yifeng spoke.

The disciples assumed he would tell Luo Yan to step away and never agree to the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist’s suggestion.

To them, Luo Yifeng was a courageous and honorable man, hence the expectation.

“Yan’er, just say yes!”

Luo Yifeng’s words left the disciples speechless.

He wanted Luo Yan to agree to the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist’s suggestion.

“What? Am I hearing things? I thought Brother Yifeng liked Sister Yan’er. Why would he tell her to agree?”

“Is love nothing before death? Was it something he could simply throw away just so he could save his own skin?”

The Luo clan disciples could not believe what they just heard.

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist cackled with laughter upon hearing Luo Yifeng’s words. “Luo Yifeng, you wouldn’t find yourself in such a situation if you were any smarter.”

Luo Yan remained hesitant.

“Luo Yan, hurry up! Are you going to watch me die?!” Luo Yifeng shouted.

No one wanted to die, including Luo Yifeng. To him, as long as he could stay alive, betraying the woman he liked and his juniors was acceptable.

Besides, if Luo Yan liked him, she should do something to save him.

Luo Yan trembled.

Her heart remained hesitant, but she did not have time to waste anymore.

Luo Yifeng then looked at the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist. “Lord Divine Daoist, please let me go! I’ll do anything for you! Anything!”

He even discarded his pride as a Prodigy in order to stay alive.

“Oh? Really?”

“Yeah! Spare me, and I will become your loyal follower!”

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist grinned. He released the black hole and granted Luo Yifeng a breathing window.

“Thank you, Divine Daoist!” Luo Yifeng was over the moon.

However, the Luo clan disciples were not happy with the decision. The fact that the strongest Prodigy of the Luo clan lowered himself before the opponent just to stay alive impacted their pride and trust in Luo Yifeng.

“Luo Yifeng, I’ll give you a chance to pledge your loyalty. Go kill every one of the Luo clan disciples,” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said.

Luo Yifeng’s relieved expression changed.

He had to kill his own juniors?

“If you can’t do it, I’ll do it myself. However, you will die after I’m done with them,” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist added.

“Keep on dreaming, Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist! Brother Yifeng isn’t someone who—”

One of the disciples tried to argue and defend Luo Yifeng, but before he could finish, a sword qi removed his head from his body.

It was Luo Yifeng, the senior whom they respected the most.

“What?”

The disciples were all stunned.

Luo Yan widened her eyes in disbelief. “Luo Yifeng, are you out of your mind?!”

Luo Yifeng's dilemma only lasted for a second before a ferocious look appeared in his eyes. "I would have all of you die for me."

He attacked once more, killing the disciples one after another.

Luo Yan immediately intervened and engaged in a fierce fight with Luo Yifeng.

However, the Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist immediately blasted Luo Yan away and injured her.

"Go on, Luo Yifeng. Kill all of them," he said.

"Yes, my lord." Luo Yifeng nodded and continued to swing his sword at his juniors.

Luo Yan's beautiful eyes turned red as she watched Luo Yifeng kill all the disciples. Anger and sorrow overcame her mind. "Luo Yifeng, stop it!"

She wanted to stop Luo Yifeng, but the Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist's black hole prevented her from doing so.

"Sister Yan'er! Go!"

"Sister Yan'er! We'll stall him! Leave now!"

The Luo clan disciples fought back and tried to buy time for Luo Yan to escape.

However, they were no match for the Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist.

"Die!"

One of the disciples ignited his life force and tried to take down the Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist by self-destructing.

When the others noticed his resolution, they decided to join him.

Explosions went off in the void repeatedly. Dazzling Immortal Sparks shone across the sky as the cultivators ignited their life forces and detonated themselves.

"Damn it!"

The Mountain Ghoulish Divine Daoist was forced back by the multiple explosion and forced to retract the black hole for defense.

Further away, Luo Yan watched as her people detonated themselves so that she could escape. Sorrow drowned her, but she knew she could not waste the opportunity because only by escaping alive, she would have the chance to avenge them.

She turned around and wanted to leave, but someone stopped her.

It was the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist.

"Get out of my sight!"

The scarlet mole under Luo Yan's eyes shone brightly as great sorrow overflowed and devoured her. It felt as though the realm had plunged into sorrow.

She swung her sword forward, unleashing the keenest sword ray.

Her attack caught the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist off guard.

As the sword ray blasted him more than ten meters backward, Luo Yan seized the chance and escaped in the form of light.

“I can’t believe her Scarlet Tear has this much power when she’s devoured by sorrow. The legend is true! The Scarlet Tear does have the power to rival an Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique!”

Chapter 1416: Luo Yan’s Advice, Flame Of Revenge, Potential Help

While the Luo clan disciples were slaughtered, the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist reached out to the Immortal Herb on the mountain peak.

A hint of delight flashed in his eyes as he scanned over the Immortal Herb. “With this Immortal Herb, I can regenerate my arm!”

The higher one’s cultivation base, the more difficult it was for the body to regenerate once damaged or destroyed.

The reason why the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist had not regenerated his arm was that he lacked the corresponding Immortal Herb.

Now, with the Immortal Herb in his possession, he was confident that he would return to his prime in the shortest time.

“My mastery over the Chaos Celestial Demon Physique is getting better. Once I recover, I will be stronger than before!” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said excitedly.

He then looked in the direction where Luo Yan escaped. “I always get what I want. Luo Yan, you won’t be able to escape me!”

Luo Yifeng stood by his side in silence, his arm trembling fiercely. After all, he had just slaughtered his people — the people he spent most of his days with.

Even though he had chosen the ruthless path, he was still emotionally affected after killing his people with his own hands.

“Luo Yifeng, open up your mind ocean. I’m planting a restriction seal,” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said.

“Yes.” Luo Yifeng dared not defy his captor.

After implanting the restriction seal in Luo Yifeng, the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist could control Luo Yifeng’s life and death with just a thought.

“The Luo clan must’ve explored the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm before this, right? I suppose you’re familiar with the Arcane Deity Sect. What clues do you have?” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist asked.

That was the reason why he kept Luo Yifeng alive.

“There are several places of interest.”

“Very well.”

The Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist glanced at the Immortal Herb in his hand and then said to Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, “I’m going to refine the Immortal Herb. You guys take him and explore the realm.”

“Splitting up? Not a bad idea.”

“Master, what about Luo Yan?”

“Don’t worry. As long as she remains in the realm, she won’t be able to escape me,” the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist said.

He made nothing of the entire Luo clan, let alone Luo Yan.

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Swoosh!

A stream of light zipped through the forest.

Luo Yan had just escaped death, but she was in a wretched state.

Bang!

She crash-landed into a mountain, and blood gushed out from her mouth, leaving her face pale.

She unleashed her strongest sword attack at Eastern Sky Divine Daoist to escape, but it drained almost all of her Immortal’s Core energy.

The thought of her people dying before her eyes infuriated her. Not even her beautiful eyes could conceal the boiling rage in her.

“Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist, Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, and... Luo Yifeng!

“I, Luo Yan, swear that even if it costs me everything, I will avenge my fallen brethren!”

She took a deep breath and calmed herself down.

She knew she was no match for the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist in her current state and that the Immortal Hall made nothing of the Luo clan.

The thought fueled her grievance.

“Right, the Arcane Deity Sect! Legend has it that they possessed the treasure the West Matriarch Ruler left behind. Maybe there’s something there that can help me avenge them. I must find the Arcane Deity Sect first!” Luo Yan murmured.

After she readjusted herself, she headed toward the possible locations the Luo clan had marked where the Arcane Deity Sect might be.

Along the way, she spotted two unusual figures.

The one in white robes emanated a transcendental aura, and each move he made looked like a deity from heaven.

More importantly, the man was extremely powerful.

A ferocious wild beast that rivaled a Fifth-grade True Immortal attacked the man but was killed with just a swing of his hand.

The vast Immortal's Core energy that the man released felt like it could sweep the planet and destroy everything.

"He's... Chu Kuangren?"

Luo Yan's eyes widened in fear. "I didn't expect him to come to the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm."

Then, a sudden thought popped up in her mind, and she flew toward Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren was extracting the Yokai Pill from the wild beast's carcass.

The wild beast was a powerful one, and the Yokai Pill inside its body contained pure energy. It was a great source of energy for cultivators.

Chu Kuangren was not interested in it, but there was no harm in collecting.

Suddenly, he sensed someone flying toward him.

"Oh? Someone trying to snatch the Yokai Pill?" Chu Kuangren murmured.

A lady in white appeared before him. Her voluptuous body and beautiful facial features were complemented by the scarlet red mole under her eye.

"Scarlet Tear?"

Chu Kuangren narrowed his eyes. He had heard of the Immortal Physique before, but it was his first time seeing it with his own eyes.

"Brother Chu," Luo Yan greeted him with a fist salute.

"What is it?"

"I am here to inform you that the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist is here in the Ninth Heaven Lapis Lazuli Realm and has acquired an Immortal Herb. I believe he will recover to his prime soon. The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, Great Arbiter Divine Maiden, and the betrayer, Luo Yifeng are with him. Please be careful, Brother Chu," Luo Yan said.

She remembered Chu Kuangren and the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist were enemies.

The enemy of her enemy was her friend.

She informed Chu Kuangren of the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist's presence as an act of goodwill. If she could acquire his help to avenge her fallen brethren in return, it would be great.

"I understand," Chu Kuangren said calmly and wanted to bring Shi Ying away.

Luo Yan was surprised at how calm and nonchalant Chu Kuangren's reaction was.

"Brother Chu, aren't you worried at all?"

"Why should I?"

"Once the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist recovers to his prime, with the help of Eastern Sky Divine Daoist and the others, they will come for you."

"If they come, I'll send them to the next life. What's there to worry about?" Chu Kuangren said calmly.

Luo Yan was at a loss for words.

'Is this the confidence of a top-notch Prodigy? If I have his confidence and strength, I would be able to avenge my people,' Luo Yan thought.

She clenched her fists tightly.

Chu Kuangren was confident because he had absolute power.

'I need more power!'

"Alright. Since Brother Chu is confident, I'll be taking my leave," Luo Yan said.

She turned around, leaving to search for the Arcane Deity Palace, and she must hurry.

Her mind was occupied by vengeance.

"Chief, that woman seems strange."

Shi Ying found it strange that Luo Yan came to inform Chu Kuangren of the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist and then left without doing anything.

"Yeah. It's not strange when someone is consumed by flames of vengeance."

Chu Kuangren noticed the resentment in her. In addition to her mentioning the betrayer, Luo Yifeng, Chu Kuangren had a general idea of what Luo Yan had been through even if he did not see it himself.

"Scarlet Tear. Legend has it that when its owner is under absolute sorrow, it can evolve and rival the Honorable Supreme Immortal Physique. Given her flame of vengeance toward the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist and the Immortal Hall, maybe she can be the one."

Chu Kuangren had his own plans in mind.

It was almost certain that he would confront the two great Immortal Halls in the future.

As they were the dominating forces of the Immortal Hall with outstanding history, going against them would not be easy.

Even though Chu Kuangren was confident, he would still have to search for people who would side with him against the Immortal Halls or even the Void Egg and other forces. He already had Jue Wushen from the Celestial Demon Tribe and Ye Zhu, the host of the Green Leaf Sword Vision, by his side.

Luo Yan might potentially become one of his allies.

Chapter 1417: The Arcane Deity Sect Emerges, the Obsessed dead souls, Zi Yuhan

At a location somewhere inside the Nine Heavens Lapis Lazuli Realm, two figures were venturing together.

They were the Jade Pool Maiden Sage, Yu Zhi, and the Azure Phoenix, Qing Feng.

"I can clearly sense it within me. There's something here resonating with me!" said Yu Zhi as she looked at the void ahead.

Then, she took a deep breath, and Immortal Sparks radiated from her as she channeled the power of her Holy Jade Pool Physique to the maximum.

That resonating feeling she vaguely sensed earlier eventually grew stronger.

The next instant, colorful rays of light emerged from the void!

The rays of light expanded and rose into the clouds, illuminating the skies!

Under the brilliant radiance of those rays of light, several magnificent palaces and Immortal mountains soon appeared in the void.

"This is the rumored Arcane Deity Palace!"

Yu Zhi's eyes lit up with excitement.

"Let's go!"

She then dashed towards the entrance of the Arcane Deity Palace with Qing Feng.

Following that, many figures appeared from all directions. It was a group of charming and elegant female cultivators.

However, they had sullen expressions on their faces, and their eyes were void of all life. A dense and potent rage qi emanated from them, making anyone shudder upon contact.

When that group of female cultivators appeared, the Arcane Deity Palace was suddenly shrouded by an eerie aura.

"What's going on? Where did those people come from?"

Yu Zhi's expression changed slightly.

When Qing Feng beside her saw that, several runes began to appear from her clear glazed eyes. It was the Azure Phoenix's Eye, and she had activated it!

In an instant, it provided her insight into the dead souls!

"All of these people... are dead souls!"

Qing Feng was shocked. "These female cultivators are all dead souls. Judging by the way they dress, I think they're cultivators from the Arcane Deity Sect."

The Arcane Deity Sect was destroyed long ago, and the cultivators of that sect had all turned into dead souls. Yet, instead of passing over into the afterlife, they remained in the Arcane Deity Sect instead!

What was that about?

Qing Feng and Yu Zhi were a little confused.

Just when the dead souls were planning to attack the two women, they seemingly sensed something and quickly halted.

“What’s going on now?”

Yu Zhi and Qing Feng exchanged gazes.

Suddenly, Qing Feng realized something. “The Arcane Deity Sect’s sole mission was to stand guard over the items and treasures left behind by the West Ruler Matriarch. Even though they’ve become dead souls, they still remember that. Besides, Holy Maiden Yu Zhi, you’re the one who possesses the Holy Jade Pool Physique and the West Ruler Matriarch’s inheritance. I believe the dead souls here must’ve identified you as an emissary of the West Ruler Matriarch, like the Nine Heavens Deity. That’s why they didn’t attack you.”

As for her, she was an Azure Phoenix.

According to legend, the West Ruler Matriarch was always accompanied by two Azure Phoenixes on both sides. As such, the Azure Phoenix was not an enemy to the dead souls.

“I see.”

Only then did Yu Zhi understand what was happening, and she looked at the eerie dead souls before her with respect.

Even when turned into dead souls filled with deep resentment, they still remembered their sole mission.

The strength of their beliefs was commendable.

With that, she bowed toward the dead souls. “Let’s go, Qing Feng. The West Ruler Matriarch’s treasure should be somewhere around here.”

As the West Ruler Matriarch’s successor, she had already assumed ownership of the treasures here.

Just as Qing Feng prophesized, that was her destiny!

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With rays of light and Immortal Sparks radiating in the sky, many people were soon made aware of the Arcane Deity Sect’s emergence.

The sky-prides inside the Nine Heavens Lapis Lazuli Realm immediately rushed toward the Arcane Deity Sect the moment they learned of the news.

“The Arcane Deity Sect has emerged!”

Luo Yan frowned upon seeing the Immortal Sparks in the distant sky.

She had been searching all over the Luo clan for the Arcane Deity Sect's whereabouts and had gone to many potential locations, yet she still could not find it.

Little did she expect the Arcane Deity Sect would appear at that moment.

"Oh, how timing and fate seem to always toy with me. It looks like luck isn't on my side, huh? I've been looking high and low for the Arcane Deity Sect, and now it has finally shown itself."

Luo Yan sighed.

However, a determined look then flashed in her eyes. "Since timing and fate are not on my side, I shall seek to gain something through sheer effort!"

Her figure disappeared in a flash as she rushed toward the Arcane Deity Sect.

Besides her, many others were also making their way to the Arcane Deity Sect.

"You worthless trash!"

"You've been leading the way for so long, yet you can't even find the Arcane Deity Sect! We even had to wait until it appeared on its own!"

With a grim expression, the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist kicked Luo Yifeng to the ground.

"These locations were all previously marked as potential places by the Luo clan. I'm only guiding you according to the Luo clan's information."

Luo Yifeng did not dare to talk back. He even chose to put all the blame on the Luo clan instead.

At that point, he did not consider himself a part of the Luo clan anymore.

"Hmph. Let's go!"

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist also could not be bothered with Luo Yi Feng, and his figure disappeared, immediately rushing toward the Arcane Deity Sect.

"The Arcane Deity Sect, huh? Interesting!"

Meanwhile, several cultivators in violet long robes murmured as they looked into the distance.

Those people were cultivators from the Violet Eye clan.

The Prodigy of the Violet Eye clan, Zi Yuhan, who led the group to the Nine Heavens Lapis Lazuli Realm, looked toward the Arcane Deity Sect. Then, he said with interest, "I heard a few days ago that Chu Kuangren was seen around here. If he learns of the Arcane Deity Sect's emergence, I bet he'll hurry over as well. Hmph. It's time I make him pay for the One-eyed Dragon's death."

Besides being the leader of the Thirteen Yellowstorm Riders, the One-eyed Dragon was also a member of the Violet Eye clan.

However, because he was not talented in soul techniques, the One-eyed Dragon was not that well-known in the Violet Eye clan. That was why he decided to venture out and eventually become a sand bandit.

“Although the One-eyed Dragon isn’t that reputable in the clan, he’s still a member of the Violet Eye clan. Since Chu Kuangren dares to kill him, he must expect to die!”

“Chu Kuangren is a formidable opponent, though. I’m afraid he won’t be easy to deal with.”

Zi Yuhan chuckled. “Do you think I’ll go against him head-on? Have you forgotten what the Violet Eye clan is most well-known for?!”

The Violet Eye clan specialized in soul techniques.

Since soul techniques were generally strange, unpredictable, and unavoidable, they were the reason Zi Yuhan was so confident.

“Let’s go!”

Every sky-pride and Prodigy rushed to the Arcane Deity Sect.

Soon, the area outside the Arcane Deity Sect became very lively.

Despite having arrived long ago, the sky-prides and Prodigies did not dare to step foot inside because of the group of female cultivators roaming within the Arcane Deity Sect!

Putting it in another way, it was a group of female cultivators who had turned into dead souls!

Those dead souls had little reason, and only their obsession remained, which was to guard the West Ruler Matriarch’s treasure.

Should anyone enter the Arcane Deity Sect, they would be attacked.

Furthermore, those female cultivators were not to be underestimated. Although they had been dead for many years, most of them still retained their True Immortal Realm strength.

Some of them might even be Gilded Immortals.

“It looks like a whole lot of trouble is waiting for us.”

“Everyone, the dead souls will not be easy to deal with. Why don’t we team up and go in together?” Suddenly, someone suggested.

Upon hearing that, everyone gladly agreed.

“When we enter later, I want everyone to stay close to me and not stray too far out. Okay?” said the Iceworm Ru Xue to the Frost Dragon Mountain cultivators beside her.

“Understood.”

Iceworm Feng and the others nodded.

After that, everyone entered the Arcane Deity Sect together.

The moment they step foot into that domain, the female cultivators immediately react by charging forward to attack everyone.

The battle between the living and the dead had begun.

While everyone was inside the Arcane Deity Sect, another group of cultivators dashed in, and the dead souls were not aware of them.

It was the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist and others.

They were holding an insignia of sorts. It was brimming with Immortal Sparks and formed a barrier of light around them that made the dead souls surrounding the place turn a blind eye to them.

Chapter 1418: You'll Have to Ask For My Permission First, the Dead Souls Trembled, Heraldng the End of the World

"It's an Arcane Deity Order!"

One of the sky-prides could not help but express his admiration upon recognizing what the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist was holding.

The Arcane Deity Order was a prized insignia held only by the Arcane Deity Sect disciples in the past. With that item in hand, the dead souls of the Arcane Deity Sect would identify the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist and others as members of their sect. That was why the dead souls did not attack them.

"That barrier looks like it can still fit a few more people. I wonder if they're willing to let us join them?"

Another sky-pride's eyes lit up.

"Wait a minute. Why is the Luo clan's Luo Yifeng with the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist?"

Some soon noticed Luo Yifeng's presence.

Everyone then looked confusingly at Luo Yan within the crowd. However, they realized she had an unpleasant look on her face and that she was glaring at Luo Yifeng angrily.

"Interesting."

At that sight, the Holy Violet Pavilion's Zhuo Tianchang grinned.

"Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, my name is Zi Yuhan of the Violet Eye clan. Will you be so kind as to help my men and I? The Violet Eye clan will reward you generously, of course."

Just then, Zi Yuhan spoke up, requesting help.

"The Violet Eye clan, huh?"

A glint flashed in the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist's eyes as he, too, knew of that clan.

"I heard this clan is well-versed in soul techniques, and they seem to be related to that orthodoxy as well. Hmm... If I can build good relations with that orthodoxy, perhaps it'll benefit me greatly in the future," the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist thought.

He was not interested in the Violet Eye clan but in the orthodoxy supporting them instead. Even the Immortal Hall was very secretive when it came to information about that orthodoxy.

'Perhaps having strong relations with them is not a bad choice.'

At that thought, the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist stopped in his tracks. As he opened the barrier, he announced loudly, "Fellow friends of the Violet Eye clan, please enter the barrier."

"Many thanks."

Zi Yuhan chuckled as he led his men inside the barrier.

Upon seeing that, the other sky-prides also wanted to do the same.

However, they were immediately rejected by the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist. "The space within the barrier is limited, and that's all it can fit now."

"How can that be? There's still space inside the barrier."

"I'm willing to trade my treasure for a spot inside."

No matter how everyone else pleaded, the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist did not budge.

At that time, Luo Yifeng spotted Luo Yan among the crowd and said indifferently, "I didn't expect you to be here, Luo Yan."

"You traitor!" said Luo Yan coldly as she glared at him.

"I'm only doing what's best for me according to the situation! If you submit obediently to the Mountain Ghoul Divine Daoist, I'm sure I can ask the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist to let you in."

"Hmph. In your dreams!"

"Since you're unwilling to do so, I shall leave you here to perish," said Luo Yifeng. After that, he left with the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist and others.

Luo Yan, Iceworm Ru Xue, and the other sky-prides continued battling the dead souls of the Arcane Deity Sect. Slowly but steadily, they progressed deeper into the Arcane Deity Sect.

While Luo Yan did not want to enter that barrier earlier, Iceworm Ru Xue also did not want to enter because her master, Chu Kuangren, was enemies with the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall. As for Zhuo Tianchang, he was from the Holy Violet Pavilion, which was under the Kunlun Immortal Hall's rule. Since the Kunlun Immortal Hall was not on friendly terms with the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, he did not ask for the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist's help.

Those cultivators continued fighting the dead souls. As they ventured deeper into the Arcane Deity Sect, they also obtained a few treasures along the way.

There were many treasures inside the Arcane Deity Sect, so other than battling the dead souls, they had been able to obtain quite some treasures too.

For instance, right now, a lotus-shaped Immortal Herb had sprouted beside a pool of water in front of them.

That Immortal Herb radiated with colorful Immortal Sparks and surrounded by intertwining Daoist patterns. It also emanated an unusual Daoist Rhyme that stunned many cultivators at first sight.

Everyone looked at that Immortal Herb with coveting gazes.

“This is certainly the most top-tier Immortal Herb. I bet it can help me greatly if I manage to get it.”

“That’s right. Then again, there are quite a lot of dead souls near the Immortal Herb...”

Although the Immortal Herb was quite extraordinary, there were many more dead souls surrounding it than anywhere else.

The moment they dashed the Immortal Herbs, the dead souls would surely be alerted of their presence, resulting in a huge fight between both sides.

“We may be big in numbers, but no matter how wonderful that treasure ahead is, there’s only one of it. Even if we get it in the end, it’ll be troublesome to split it among everyone here. I don’t think it’s worth the risk to get it.”

At that moment, Iceworm Ru Xue spoke up, and everyone thought her words made sense.

“Iceworm Ru Xue is right. There’s no need for us to get that Immortal Herb,” Luo Yan added.

“Well, since all of you have made your decision, this Immortal Herb shall be mine!” Zhuo Tianchang chuckled, and his figure disappeared in a flash as he dashed toward that pool of water.

He dashed ahead at lightning speed.

Within moments, he passed through the huge crowd of dead souls, arrived at that pool of water, and plucked that lotus from the ground.

However, the countless dead souls in the surroundings managed to catch sight of him plucking the lotus. In the next instant, they charged toward him and attacked.

Several Higher Third Grade True Immortals were even among the bunch of dead souls.

As the dead souls attacked, their Yin qi shot through the roof.

Although Zhuo Tianchang’s cultivation was not bad, he was still no match for the number of dead souls currently heading toward him.

However, he did not panic. As if he already had a plan beforehand, he immediately ran back in the direction he came, toward Iceworm Ru Xue and the others.

“Oh no!”

Iceworm Ru Xue immediately figured out what he was trying to do, and her expression sank. “Run!”

However, it was too late for everyone as the dead souls had caught up and now had them surrounded.

A violent battle was inevitable.

“Damn you, Zhuo Tianchang. I can’t believe he’s using us as human shields!”

“Taking the treasure and using us as his escape plan? That guy really had it all planned! That b*stard!”

Soon, everyone was caught in a terrifying battle against the dead souls. Various Immortal Techniques and divine abilities flew across the field!

Meanwhile, taking advantage of the chaos caused by the battle, Zhuo Tianchang fled the scene with a powerful technique.

“Damn it!”

Iceworm Ru Xue’s freezing qi swirled around her, blasting away every dead soul that was charging at her.

With her power, she could also flee the area in time. However, Iceworm Feng and the others were still there. She could not forsake the people of her clan.

Meanwhile, some wished to escape but were powerless. Since they were not as strong as Zhuo Tianchang, they were stuck battling the dead souls instead.

Boom! Boom!

Various energies and Immortal Techniques erupted in succession.

Everyone struggled to hold their ground against the dead souls and soon found themselves falling to a disadvantage.

“No, I can’t allow this to continue any longer.”

“Blizzard Overworld!”

The yokai qi within Iceworm Ru Xue’s body erupted and turned into a powerful and endless freezing qi that swept across the land. In an instant, the whole area was frozen to the ground!

That also included every dead soul who was frozen in place and immobilized.

After that attack, Iceworm Ru Xue’s yokai qi was severely depleted. However, it was still being consumed as her technique was still activated!

“Quick! Get out of here!” Iceworm Ru Xue yelled.

Upon seeing that, the iceworms from the Frost Dragon Mountain gritted their teeth and immediately fled.

Iceworm Feng looked at Iceworm Ru Xue with a hint of helplessness in his eyes and then at the dead souls who could break free at any moment. In the end, he gritted his teeth and left.

The remaining cultivators also left the area in a hurry.

Boom! Boom!

At that moment, the Higher Third Grade True Immortal dead souls broke free of the ice and immediately attacked Iceworm Ru Xue!

In the face of a situation like that, she had no strength left to fight back.

“I guess this is the end for me.”

Somehow, she was not thinking of the Frost Dragon Mountain in the last moments of her life.

Instead, a figure in white robes appeared in her mind.

“Perhaps this is not a bad way to die either. At least I won’t be controlled by that demon anymore,” Iceworm Ru Xue murmured.

To her, Chu Kuangren was no different than a demon.

“Trying to break free from my control, huh? Well, you’ll have to ask for my permission first!”

At that moment, a familiar but emotionless voice sounded beside Iceworm Ru Xue’s ear, followed by a vast and domineering aura descending from the sky.

Upon sensing it, the countless dead souls immediately started to tremble as they were slammed onto the ground!

Their ferocious and hideous faces were filled with nothing but horror.

The dead souls trembled, seemingly heralding the end of the world!

Chapter 1419: Your Life Belongs to Me, You Have No Right to Decide, the Two Cages

Just when Iceworm Ru Xue was about to be devoured by the dead souls, a terrifying and domineering aura descended from the sky.

That aura had some sort of suppressive effect on the dead souls, seeing as all of them were immediately slammed onto the ground, trembling. It was as if the end of the world had arrived!

Upon seeing that, everyone gasped.

‘What powerful aura is this?!’

None of them understood what the dead souls were feeling at that moment. For the dead souls, however, they were facing a horrifying being superior to them in every aspect!

A white-robed figure with an ancient scroll and an ancient sword tied to his waist, a sharp gaze, and a handsome face approached them through the air.

His otherworldly demeanor stood out amidst the countless Immortal Sparks around him!

“It’s him!”

Luo Yan could not help but exclaim when she saw who it was.

The other sky-prides were surprised as well.

“I can’t believe the Nine Heavens Lapis Lazuli Realm has attracted someone like him.”

“He’s here too.”

Following Chu Kuangren’s arrival, a powerful aura emanated. Within that aura contained his Ghost Emperor’s authority, which had a suppressive effect on the dead souls.

Even the True Immortal dead souls did not stand a chance before that suppressive power.

“Master!”

Upon seeing Chu Kuangren’s arrival, Iceworm Ru Xue guiltily shrunk her neck.

“Oh? Am I your Master now? Aren’t I a demon?” Chu Kuangren teased while looking at Iceworm Ru Xue.

Knowing that he had heard her mumbling earlier, Iceworm Ru Xue immediately said, “I didn’t mean any disrespect. Please forgive me, Master.”

“It’s alright. You can continue serving me with respect as usual,” Chu Kuangren replied indifferently.

Then, he looked at Iceworm Ru Xue and was quite satisfied with her actions earlier.

Despite being in a critical situation, she still had her clan members’ safety and well-being in mind. She was even willing to sacrifice herself to save them too. That proved she was a very loyal and affectionate person.

Having Iceworm Ru Xue serve him would be many times better than someone else with malicious intent.

“However, you have forgotten something. The moment I became your Master, your life is no longer yours but mine!”

“You’re only allowed to sacrifice yourself for me and me alone! You have no right to make any decision!” Chu Kuangren said apathetically, his gaze piercing through her like lightning.

Iceworm Ru Xue trembled. She knew he was unhappy with her willingness to sacrifice herself for her clan members.

‘How could such a tyrannical person exist in this world?’ Iceworm Ru Xue muttered in her heart.

After that, she looked at Iceworm Feng and the others and let out a soft sigh.

She had put her life in danger to save them earlier.

However, all of her clan members were only thinking of saving themselves at that critical moment. None of them ended up helping her, not even Iceworm Feng, who admired her the most.

Although it was her choice to do so just now, she could not deny the disappointment she felt.

“I understand. From this day onward, my life is forever yours, Master,” Iceworm Ru Xue said.

‘Oh well, I’ve recognized him as my Master anyway. Besides, he saved me back then, so it’s only normal that my life belongs to him.’

At that moment, Iceworm Ru Xue had truly accepted the fact that Chu Kuangren was her master.

“Very well.” Chu Kuangren nodded gently.

Iceworm Feng and the others were a little further away, but they could still hear Chu Kuangren and Iceworm Ru Xue’s conversation clearly.

At that moment, all of them were stunned and confused.

They could not believe that Iceworm Ru Xue, their noble, untainted, and mighty goddess, had recognized Chu Kuangren as her master.

At that thought, a strong dissatisfaction filled Iceworm Feng.

He hated himself for not being able to save Iceworm Ru Xue just now and was dissatisfied with the fact that Iceworm Ru Xue had recognized Chu Kuangren as her master.

“You b*stard!” Iceworm Feng said through gritted teeth.

The other iceworm clan members were all red with rage as well. Their anger grew as their impression of their goddess shattered.

They would rather have Iceworm Ru Xue die in the hands of the dead souls than be Chu Kuangren’s slave. At the very least, she would still be that pure goddess they had known.

Just then, a white-robed figure came before Chu Kuangren and spoke to him while panting. “Chief, a horde of dead souls is coming our way.”

“Oh.”

Chu Kuangren blinked and looked into the distance.

Countless dead souls were heading toward that location from all directions. It seemed they had sensed the energy fluctuations coming from this place earlier.

“By the heavens, that’s too many dead souls.”

“Most of them are Earthen and Heavenly Immortals too. There’s even a few True Immortals among them.”

“Rumor has it that the Arcane Deity Sect is a sacred cultivation orthodoxy for all female cultivators on the Holy Violet Planet. Apparently, every female cultivator would dream of coming here, which seems true.”

The onlooking sky-prides were shell-shocked as they looked at the number of incoming dead souls.

Some cultivators who successfully escaped that battle earlier immediately retracted their aura. They tried concealing their presence as best they could, fearing that the dead souls would notice them.

“They’re dead.”

Iceworm Feng looked at Chu Kuangren in the distance.

Even a Gilded Immortal would be trampled to death with the ridiculous number of dead souls coming toward them, let alone Chu Kuangren and a few others.

Besides Iceworm Feng, many others also believed that.

However, if they were better informed about the current news, they would have learned of Chu Kuangren wiping out the Dragon clan. Perhaps they would change their opinion if they knew that.

The Dragon clan had dozens of Gilded Immortals, yet Chu Kuangren killed them all.

What were those dead souls to him?

As thousands of dead souls charged towards their location, their Yin qi swept out, rushing to fill the land and sky.

All of those dead souls were female cultivators.

Each of them used to be an elegant and charming female Immortal. Now that they been reduced to ferocious dead souls, the only thing on their minds was to protect the Arcane Deity Sect.

Chu Kuangren's expression remained indifferent when he saw them.

He simply waved his arm, and three Samsara Emperor Seals flew out from him.

Then, he immediately channeled his Ninth-grade True Immortal's Core energy. A vast surge of Ghost Emperor authority roared out and instantly enveloped the surrounding area!

That aura was incredibly terrifying to many cultivators.

However, to the dead souls, that aura was not only terrifying, but it also brought an instinctive sense of respect they had deep within them!

The three Samsara Emperor Seals hovered in the air, illuminating the whole area with their Immortal Sparks!

The dead souls trembled under the radiance of the Immortal Sparks as they were slammed onto the ground.

There were thousands or millions of dead souls bowing before Chu Kuangren now. One could only imagine how magnificent the scene was.

Meanwhile, the cultivators who initially thought Chu Kuangren would not survive were even more stunned.

"They possess a deep obsession, so instead of getting reincarnated, they willingly imprison themselves at the Arcane Deity Sect?"

Chu Kuangren looked at the dead souls as he pondered. 'Could all these female cultivators be obsessed with this place?'

He mobilized his Immortal Consciousness to cover most of the Arcane Deity Sect.

It did not take long before he noticed something was not right with the place.

He found countless Daoist patterns buried deep underneath the Arcane Deity Sect, intertwining and forming a great formation.

"Lil Ai, analyze this formation."

"Very well."

Lil Ai's analysis was soon completed.

The great formation possessed a soul-binding effect that trapped the souls of the many female cultivators of the Arcane Sect here, turning them into earthbound souls.

As the name implied, earthbound souls were souls bound to the land and could never escape.

“This great formation and the female cultivators’ deep obsessions are the reasons why the millions of female cultivators’ dead souls exist in the Arcane Deity Sect. Even if they have passed on and become dead souls, they can never be reincarnated.”

Chu Kuangren mumbled, finally seeing the truth hidden within the Arcane Deity Sect.

‘Placed upon this land, this great formation is akin to a physical cage for the dead souls.’

‘And the deep obsessions they had before they died has ended up a spiritual cage for them.’

‘Being trapped by these two cages, how could any of these female cultivators possibly move on and be reincarnated?’

Chapter 1420: The Gates of Hell Appears, Formation Destroyed in a Single Slash, What Kind of Explanation Do You Want

As the formation technique trapped the dead souls, the dead souls were, in turn, trapped by their respective obsessions!

Having understood why the countless dead souls remained in the Arcane Deity Sect, Chu Kuangren could not help but shake his head.

As the Ghost Emperor of the Underworld, he was extremely uncomfortable knowing that there were dead souls who could not reincarnate. Furthermore, the number of dead souls stuck in here was simply ridiculous.

“Just look at these dead souls that aren’t going to reincarnate. If everyone does this, what’s my Underworld city’s reincarnation mechanism for? Decoration?”

“Hmph!”

At that thought, Chu Kuangren mobilized his thoughts, and a huge surge of Yin qi suddenly erupted!

The towering Gates of Hell appeared out of thin air!

With the Gates of Hell’s appearance, the suppressive force weighing upon the dead souls increased many times more. The onlooking sky-prides inside the Arcane Deity Sect, too, noticed the change in the dead souls’ behavior.

“That’s the Gates of Hells!”

“Is a successor from the Underworld here?” The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, who was venturing deeper into the Arcane Deity Sect, said with a slight frown.

Beside him, the Great Arbiter Divine Maiden chuckled. “Even the Underworld’s successor will find it hard to summon the whole Gates of Hell. Only one person I know can do it.”

“The Ghost Emperor, Chu Kuangren!” said the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist with a stern look in his eyes.

“So, he’s here as well.”

Zi Yuhan looked at the Gates of Hell in the distance. Even he was stunned by that magnificent Gates of Hell.

However, he still believed he would win against Chu Kuangren.

He was confident in himself.

“No one can stand a chance against the Violet Eye clan’s soul techniques!”

Besides, even if the Immortal Hall’s Imperial Commander or Divine Daoist were his opponents, he would still be confident in fighting them. With his Violet Eye clan’s soul techniques, he had nothing to fear!

After all, he had battled a fair share of opponents with a higher cultivation level than him. However, all of them died in his hands in the end.

Meanwhile, Yu Zhi of the Jade Pool and Qing Feng were already at the deepest part of the Arcane Deity Sect.

They arrived at a palace, where there was a statue of a peerless and elegant woman inside.

Just when the two ladies entered the palace, the towering Gates of Hell appeared in the distance, causing the ground to rumble.

“That looks like the Gates of Hell!”

“It’s Brother Chu!”

Yu Zhi was overjoyed when she saw the Gates of Hell.

Qing Feng, on the other hand, was surprised by Yu Zhi’s reaction. After all, Yu Zhi had always kept an emotionless appearance when it came to the advances of men and would rarely express her joy in front of anyone.

Since Qing Feng had traveled with Yu Zhi for a long time, Qing Feng naturally knew who Yu Zhi was referring to.

“Chu Kuangren, the one with a non-existent destiny. So, we meet again, huh? Is Chu Hong doing well, I wonder?” Qing Feng murmured.

“Maiden Sage, let’s enter the palace first.”

“Alright,” said Yu Zhi, who was excited to see what treasures the West Ruler Matriarch had left behind.

She also could not wait to see Chu Kuangren again.

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As the Gates of Hell appeared, a powerful suction force spread outward. Then, the countless dead souls were all sucked into it and sent to the Underworld’s Fengdu City.

Under the influence of the reincarnation mechanism there, those dead souls would gradually regain their consciousness.

Chu Kuangren had also notified Bai Mei, Ao Yue, and the others beforehand, ordering them to be prepared to receive the dead souls from the Underworld's side.

While the dead souls were continuously sent to Fengdu City, the whole Arcane Deity Sect trembled, and a surge of mysterious energy seeped out from the ground below.

That peculiar energy was resisting the Gates of Hell's power.

Eventually, more and more dead souls broke free from the Gates of Hell's effects.

"Oh."

Chu Kuangren's gaze narrowed as he looked below.

He knew that the great formation beneath the Arcane Deity Sect was affecting his Gates of Hell.

"How dare a mere formation technique foil my plan to reincarnate the dead souls! Hmph. In that case, you shall cease to exist!" He let out a cold snort.

An incredible burst of Immortal's Core energy erupted from him, and it attacked the surface of the ground!

Under the impact of that terrifying energy, almost the entire Arcane Deity Sect shook. As the ground cracked open, and the surrounding landscapes leveled, a few mysterious Daoist patterns shone from the ground.

That was the great formation beneath the Arcane Deity Sect.

Chu Kuangren moved his foot and stomped like a god. The whole area shook while the Daoist patterns underground beneath weakened and dimmed. With Chu Kuangren's action, the formation trembled non-stop.

The next instant, the ground beneath Chu Kuangren's feet rumbled, and out came a mountain from the ground below!

Chu Kuangren stood at the mountain's peak, his cold eyes glaring at the great formation deep beneath the Arcane Deity Sect.

"What... What is he trying to do?"

Many sky-prides were stunned and confused by Chu Kuangren's actions. None of them had any idea what he was doing.

However, judging by his rising energy level, everyone could tell that Chu Kuangren was going to do something incredible!

"Descendant Self."

When Chu Kuangren called out softly to his sword, his Descendant Self Sword unsheathed itself from his waist. Amidst the dazzling Immortal Sparks, its countless Dao Proclamation Seals lit up one after another on the body of that sword and emanated a boundless sword aura!

The moment he held his sword, Chu Kuangren's aura peaked.

The Hundred Academy's Three Great Conjurations appeared in the air!

His Battle Secret Technique was unleashed!

His Green Leaf Sword Vision activated!

"Blade of Zhou, Infinite Void!"

With a cold grunt, devastating surges of sword qi rose into the sky, where countless Daoist patterns intertwined to form a horrifying sword shadow that could seemingly destroy everything!

That attack was nothing short of terrifying!

As the sword shadow fell from the sky, the space itself tore open!

Boom!

Following a tremendous explosion, everything as far as the naked eye could see was split in half by that sword qi attack!

The great formation of the Arcane Deity Sect broke down right away!

Having withstood the passage of time, the formation technique was already severely weakened. On top of that, when Chu Kuangren attacked, he aimed at the formation technique's weakest location, which Lil Ai's analysis showed him.

Once the formation technique was destroyed, the Gates of Hell's power erupted once again to suck the countless dead souls into it.

Soon, the whole area was emptied of any dead souls.

With a wave of his sleeves, the Gates of Hell instantly disappeared.

The spectating sky-prides from afar had yet to recover from their shock.

"What a horrifying technique."

"That attack of his split the whole Arcane Deity Sect into half. It's simply unbelievable."

"Not only that, but he sent all the dead souls here to the Underworld. Is that his Ghost Emperor's authority?"

Everyone was stunned by the series of events that happened.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren, who had come down from the mountain peak, gazed into the depths of the Arcane Deity Sect and said, "Let's go."

He was going to venture into the Arcane Deity Sect with Iceworm Ru Xue and Shi Ying.

At that moment, Iceworm Feng and the others approached them. He immediately called out to Iceworm Ru Xue, "Stop."

"What's the matter?"

"Iceworm Ru Xue, have you really recognized Chu Kuangren as your master? Did he threaten you to do this?"

Iceworm Feng took a deep breath and asked.

He was still holding onto that last sliver of hope. He wanted to believe that Iceworm Ru Xue was forced to serve Chu Kuangren and not of her own will.

Well, she was forced to do so at the beginning.

However, things were different now.

She felt that she would have a better future staying by Chu Kuangren's side as he was someone who could expand her views of the world!

"This is a matter concerning me and my Master, Iceworm Feng. There's no need for you to care."

"Master? Iceworm Ru Xue, have you lost your pride? Just look at yourself, calling him your 'Master'. Have you forgotten your identity as the Frost Dragon Mountain's Prodigy?"

Iceworm Feng was disappointed to hear what Iceworm Ru Xue said.

Not only he but even the Iceworm clan members were staring daggers at Iceworm Ru Xue, their faces red with anger.

Some among them even had eyes filled with hatred.

It was as if Iceworm Ru Xue herself was at fault for ruining their image of her as a goddess.

Upon seeing that, Iceworm Ru Xue felt a stab of pain in her heart.

She had risked her life to save her clan members, only to receive their hate and disdain.

She had had enough of them.

"I'm going to go now. Farewell."

Not wanting to stay any longer, Iceworm Ru Xue turned around and was about to leave.

"No, you must give us an explanation today! We can't allow you to trample the Frost Dragon Mountain's image just like that!"

Iceworm Feng wanted to stop her.

However, he immediately froze in place the next instant because Chu Kuangren's gaze had landed on him. "What kind of explanation do you want?"