

Unparalleled 1551

Chapter 1551 Kneel And Greet, New Ruler Of Underworld, Embodier Bend Down

The three great reincarnation mechanisms were being rebuilt under Chu Kuangren's Samsara Universe.

The three mechanisms were originally one but were later divided into three parts by the previous Divine Underworld Daoist.

Now, they were being united once more by the same divine ability.

One could say that the reincarnation mechanisms had gone through their own reincarnation.

After uniting the three great reincarnation mechanisms, Chu Kuangren felt that his control over the Underworld had reached an omnipotent level.

"It's done?"

"But nothing's changed."

"Yeah. What changed?"

Many of the Arch Gilded Immortals looked at the dispersing Daoist law energy, but nothing really changed.

"It changed. Everything has changed now."

Only the three Embodiers in the sky sensed the omnipresent changes happening.

Before the merge, the Yin qi of the Underworld was like the spiritual energy of the Living World, scattered all over the place and circulating in a specific order.

Now, all the Yin qi seemed to have created a link with Chu Kuangren, and it contained even more pronounced Samsara Dao.

The three Embodiers embodied the Samsara Dao, yet they felt like they were being thrown into a terrifying reincarnation cycle.

They felt like they were being dominated and controlled by the omnipresent energy, which they were supposed to have embodied.

A Dao that dominated Embodiers?

It was unbelievable and unimaginable!

They dared not imagine what else could Chu Kuangren do in the Underworld now that he had dominated the Underworld.

"Chu Kuangren, you shall die!"

Unlike the Embodiers, King Yanluo and the others did not sense the changes happening to the Underworld.

They glared at Chu Kuangren in the sky and simply assumed that his rebuilt had failed.

King Chujiang even attacked out of impatience.

Kaboom!

Rumbling Arch Gilded intent erupted and attempted to drown Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren, however, did not even flinch.

“My King!”

Jue Wushen and the others were in shock, but what happened next left all of them in awe.

The tremendous Arch Gilded intent that was blasted toward Chu Kuangren dissolved into a mere breeze before it could even touch him.

“What happened?”

Horried, King Chujiang’s pupils shrank in fear.

If Chu Kuangren did something to disperse his Arch Gilded intent, he would not be so afraid.

However, Chu Kuangren did not even move, yet King Chujiang’s Arch Gilded intent dissolved into a mere breeze. Even he had no idea what just happened, which struck fear in his heart.

The uncontrollable fear rose from the deepest part of his soul.

“Attacking the king is a despicable crime!” Chu Kuangren said indifferently as he glanced at King Chujiang.

Daoist laws then appeared out of thin air and enveloped King Chujiang entirely. Even as an Arch Gilded Immortal, King Chujiang could not resist the power and was disintegrated into dust. He did not even get the chance to make a sound.

Everyone else was stunned as immense fear shrouded them, suffocating them as they tried to wrap their heads around the situation.

“What happened?”

“What did Chu Kuangren do? How did he make an Arch Gilded Immortal disintegrate in a second?”

“It’s horrifying!”

All the other Arch Gilded Immortals were in shock.

Daoist laws appeared behind Chu Kuangren and quickly formed a black throne.

He sat on it, propped his head on his right hand, and peered down at all of them like an ancient emperor.

He said indifferently, “Kneel.”

An indescribable fear flooded the entire Underworld like a cataclysmic tsunami.

From the most common dead souls to the most prestigious rulers of Underworld cities, all of them fell on their knees uncontrollably and knelt before the ruler of the Underworld.

"H-He has become the new Divine Underworld Daoist!"

King Yanluo looked at Chu Kuangren with overwhelming fear.

The other great ones of the Underworld knelt before Chu Kuangren with pounding hearts. and looked at the man on the throw in disbelief.

He did it! He had become the new Divine Underworld Daoist!

The great ones back in the Living World communicated with each other through their Immortal Consciousness, and all of them expressed their shock about Chu Kuangren becoming the new Divine Underworld Daoist.

"I did not see this coming."

"My goodness. The new Divine Underworld Daoist is born!"

"I can't believe the three great reincarnation mechanisms used to be one and that Chu Kuangren has reunited them and rebuilt the mechanisms, he has mastered the strongest power left behind by the previous Divine Underworld Daoist!"

The great ones were in a heated discussion, especially those from the two great Immortal Halls. They were beyond infuriated.

"Now that he's the new Divine Underworld Daoist, what's next? Is he going to rule over the Living World as well? Is he going to rule over both the living and the dead?"

"Damn it! Is there anyone who can stop him?"

The great ones from the Immortal Halls looked at Chu Kuangren with utmost anger and jealousy.

It was then that Chu Kuangren looked up into the sky of the Underworld, and it was as though he locked eyes with the great ones back at the Living World.

"This is the Underworld's affairs. Who allowed you to pry into my business?" Chu Kuangren said.

As soon as he said that, the entire Underworld reacted by blasting immensely powerful Yin qi forward, shutting off the Immortal Consciousness from the Living World.

The great ones from the Immortal Halls were not only shut off, but they were also blasted away by the Yin qi.

Chu Kuangren had no mercy for them.

"Damn you, Chu Kuangren!"

The great ones of both the Immortal Halls clenched their teeth in anger but dared not continue to look into the Underworld.

The Underworld had its own ruler now.

Chu Kuangren sat on his throne and peered down at all beings of the Underworld. The great ones of the Underworld and hundred of millions of Underworld soldiers got down on their knees.

“And you two, kneel,” Chu Kuangren said indifferently as he looked at Yanluo Forefather and Luyou.

His words shocked both the Embodiers.

He wanted the Embodiers to kneel as well?

It was inconceivable!

They were Embodiers, some of the strongest people in the Immortal World and the universe!

“Fengdu Ghost Emperor, don’t get ahead of yourself!” Yanluo Forefather said coldly.

“Correction. It’s not Fengdu Ghost Emperor anymore. It’s Underworld Ghost Emperor,” Chu Kuangren said.

He raised his hand at the two Embodiers and clenched his fist.

The two of them were instantly clamped down by a stronger Dao. They were immobilized, and their bodies fell from the sky.

Bang!

They were forced down onto their knees before Chu Kuangren!

The Embodiers knelt!

“You!”

The two Embodiers looked at Chu Kuangren in disbelief.

“Shocked? You two might be Embodiers, but the Samsara Dao that you embody is nothing compared to the entire Underworld,” Chu Kuangren said.

It was at that moment that they knew the Embodiers had their own ranks as well.

The late Divine Underworld Daoist was at the peak of the Embodier Realm, and Yanluo Forefather and Luyou were forced to kneel before his power.

Now that Chu Kuangren had mastered the power left behind by the late Divine Underworld Daoist, he was able to suppress the two Embodiers with ease.

“It’s my fault. If I remained at Taishan, he wouldn’t be able to reunite the three great reincarnation mechanisms!”

Luyou looked at Chu Kuangren in horror. He finally understood that the siege at Yincao was to lure Yanluo Forefather out from hiding, while the fight with the high priest was to lure him out.

Everything Chu Kuangren did was to make the two Underworld cities lose their respective reincarnation mechanisms so that he could rebuild them!

Chapter 1552 Meeting The Underworld Ghost Emperor, Chaos Fragment, A Storm Raging In The Living World

“You’re right. I never took Yincao seriously. My real goal was to lure the two of you out of hiding,” Chu Kuangren said to Yanluo Forefather and Luyou.

He had been planning it since he returned from the Three-Lives River, and the siege on Yincao City was just a part of the plan.

The army from Fengdu, the reinforcement from the Holy Violet Emperor Planet, Yincao, Taishan, and even the High Priest were all his chess pieces to lure Yanluo Forefather and Luyou out here.

His real goal was to reform the reincarnation mechanism.

As a matter of fact, he did not know about Luyou’s existence, but it did not disrupt his plan.

If Luyou was out of the equation, he could have eliminated Yincao and turned his attention to Taishan later. The outcome would be the same regardless because the three great reincarnation mechanisms must be rebuilt.

Chu Kuangren peered down at the people from his throne. “From now on, the Underworld no longer has a Divine Underworld Daoist or three great Underworld cities. Only the Ghost Emperor exists!”

He slowly stood up and released an immensely powerful and domineering aura outward, covering the entire Underworld.

Endless Immortal Sparks shone across the old and the new as if they lit up the path to reincarnation.

“I’m the Underworld Ghost Emperor, Chu Kuangren. From now on, chant my name on the path to reincarnation, and your soul shall be protected!”

Chu Kuangren’s voice echoed across the Underworld and reincarnation paths like the Heavenly Might.

No one dared to doubt his words anymore.

Even the Embodiers were forced to kneel before him.

He had proven himself with absolute power.

“Hail the Underworld Ghost Emperor!”

The Underworld Terracotta Army was the first to kneel. Then, General Skull, the souls from Fengdu and Jue Wushen, and his men from the Holy Violet Emperor Planet all chanted Chu Kuangren’s name.

“Hail the Underworld Ghost Emperor!”

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The Hellion Temple Kings of Yincao, the Magistrates of Taishan, and even their respective Embodiers were helpless against it.

Deep down, they knew if they refused to submit to Chu Kuangren’s might, they would be eliminated in a blink of an eye.

“Hail the Underworld Ghost Emperor!” Yanluo Forefather finally submitted after taking a deep breath.

“Hail the Underworld Ghost Emperor!” Luyou followed as well.

The High Priest wore a relieving smile and knelt before Chu Kuangren wholeheartedly. “Hail the Underworld Ghost Emperor!”

With all three of the Embodiers kneeling, the others quickly followed.

The strongest to the weakest throughout the Underworld all knelt before Chu Kuangren.

The words ‘Underworld Ghost Emperor’ echoed across the Underworld.

After countless eras of not having a united ruler, the Underworld finally welcomed a new one — the Underworld Ghost Emperor, Chu Kuangren!

He had gained total control over one of the two worlds!

“Very well. High Priest, you are in charge from now on. I want to see a new Underworld city soon, and it must be the only Underworld city,” Chu Kuangren said.

“Yes, Your Majesty.”

Chu Kuangren did not have to worry about what happened next.

The High Priest and the other two Embodiers worked together to unite all three Underworld cities, bringing all the tribes and clans under the same banner.

Personal schemes from any person or force were trivial before absolute power.

Meanwhile, back in the Living World, a spatial crack opened up in an ancient mountain ridge.

A cloud of gray mist spread from the spatial crack and shrouded millions of kilometers of land.

The anomaly attracted the attention of many great ones.

“That’s Chaos qi!” cried one of the great ones.

“Chaos qi? Why would it appear in the Immortal World all of a sudden?”

“It’s the Chaos Fragment! Damn it! After all these years, I can’t believe Chaos Fragments still exist. How much more good stuff is hidden in there?”

Before the universe expanded, there was only chaos.

The Great Dao and the Heavenly Dao were nonexistent back then, but many treasures, great Opportunities of Fortune, and even ancient Chaos Celestial Demons were born from pure chaos.

Eons later, the Great Dao derived from pure chaos appeared, and the plans to develop the universe were set in motion. With that, Chaos dispersed, and the Chaos Celestial Demons fell, hence the current universe.

However, due to the sheer size of the universe, Chaos Fragments from the beginning of time were left behind, floating across the current universe and waiting to be discovered.

The spatial crack that appeared before the great ones was indeed a Chaos Fragment!

The news of the Chaos Fragment appearing spread like wildfire across the Immortal World. The sky-prides, especially the Peerless Prodigies, were eager to venture forth for more Opportunities of Fortune and treasures.

Back at the Demon Kingdom, Shi Tianxuan wielded the Godkiller Spear tightly as he stared at the ancient Chaos Fragment. A hint of interest flashed in his eyes.

“There must be great Opportunities of Fortune hidden in the Chaos Fragment. It can aid me in breaking through to the Arch Gilded Immortal Realm.”

His eagerness grew restless.

Chu Kuangren had disappeared from the Living World for some time now, and based on his intelligence network, Chu Kuangren seemed to have ventured down into the Underworld.

In other words, Chu Kuangren might not be exploring the Chaos Fragment, so it would be a great chance for Shi Tianxuan. If he could seize an Opportunity of Fortune, he might be able to surpass Chu Kuangren!

“I have to gather whatever Opportunity of Fortune in the Chaos Fragment before Chu Kuangren comes back.”

In fact, not only Shi Tianxuan, but many other top Prodigies or Peerless Prodigies also shared the same thought.

At the Heavenly Golden Crow Mountain, the Golden Crow Pseudo-Forefather looked in the direction of the Chaos Fragment with a grin. “Chaos Fragment, eh? Interesting. I can search for Opportunities of Fortune there and test my current strength.”

Ever since he merged with the Golden Crow Daoist embryo, his cultivation level had improved.

In the past twenty years, he had been in close-door meditation and hiding from the public’s eye. He did not even fight for the Immortal Ranking, but he believed he had become as strong as Long Xuan, the one ranked first.

Hence, exploring the Chaos Fragment would be a great chance for him to make a name for himself.

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On the other hand, in the Human Emperor Sect, Xuanyuan’s successor also noticed the appearance of the Chaos Fragment.

He wielded the Xuanyuan Sword and had a golden sword qi circulating him while a terrifying aura exuded from his body.

“The Chaos Fragment will be a great chance for me to break through to become an Arch Gilded Immortal!”

Swoosh!

A stream of light arrived before him.

Then, a beautiful lady in a colorful dress emerged. She had fair skin, silky hair that draped over her shoulders, a voluptuous figure, and a stoic expression. She even emanated a dignified aura that trumped that of Xuanyuan's successor.

She was the other hidden Prodigy of the Human Emperor Sect.

"Wahuang's successor, Hua Xi, are you going to the Chaos Fragment as well?" Xuanyuan's successor narrowed his eyes on the woman.

Hua Xi nodded. She said, "The Opportunities of Fortune there are considered great. This should be a great time for us to make our entrance."

"Oh? Us? Is he coming out as well?" Xuanyuan's successor raised a brow.

"No. He doesn't want to come out now. I am referring to the other Peerless Prodigy. They are going restless," Hua Xi said.

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Deep inside the Immortal Hall, a man in golden robes opened his eyes, and a streak of golden light shot out from his eyes.

His condescending and prestigious aura felt like it trumped all life.

"The Chaos Fragment is here. It seems like I should show myself to the world now."

He was the strongest Prodigy of the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, Eastern Sovereign Divine Daoist.

The appearance of the Chaos Fragment garnered the attention of all the Prodigies and even the hidden Matchless Prodigies.

A storm was brewing in the Living World.

Chapter 1553 Chaos Green Lotus Seed, New Reincarnation Mechanism, The Elderly Who Rode The Green Cow

When the situation back in the Living World got chaotic because of the Chaos Fragment, Chu Kuangren had already entered closed-door mediation in the Underworld for several months.

He spent months perfecting his control over the combined energy of the three great reincarnation mechanisms.

The power allowed him to be invincible in the Underworld, and even Embodier had to bow before him.

"The three great reincarnation mechanisms left behind by the ancient Divine Underworld Daoist are really powerful. I wonder how powerful he really is. Beyond the Embodier Realm would be the Primordial Realm, and what power does it hold?"

The stronger Chu Kuangren got, the better he knew the world and understood its vastness.

He was not complacent about conquering the Underworld because he knew many things still had to be done.

“Unfortunately, I can’t bring this power back to the Living World, and I have to leave it down here to ensure the dead souls can travel along the right path to reincarnation,” Chu Kuangren muttered.

However, he did not mind leaving it behind. Even without the Underworld’s authority, only less than a handful of people back in the Living World could threaten him.

“Let’s do a gacha draw first.”

Chu Kuangren summoned the Fantasy Roulette for a gacha draw.

“Congratulations, Host! You’ve won the God-tier prize, Chaos Green Lotus Seed.”

Huh?

Chu Kuangren’s eyes gleamed. It had been a while since he acquired a God-tier prize.

With that, he opened the inventory to look at the prize.

According to ancient legend, the birth of chaos was accompanied by ten Innate Spiritual Roots, which were the pepino melon, the flat peach, the Huangzhongli Tree, the Fusang Tree, and more.

The number one Innate Spiritual Root was the Chaos Green Lotus, an item that contained the manifestation of the Grand Dao and had magical uses.

The Chaos Green Lotus Seed was, as its name suggested, the seed of the Chaos Green Lotus. In order to make the seed sprout, it must be nourished with Chaos qi.

“My Pocket Universe contains a lot of Chaos qi, but once I put this seed inside, it will be a part of the Pocket Universe, and it would be difficult for me to take it out. The universal law of this universe would prevent me from doing so.”

Chu Kuangren pondered on the usage of the seed but could not figure out anything at the moment.

“Hmmm. I wonder how the Living World is doing,” he muttered.

He conquered the Underworld, but there were still enemies back in the Living World waiting for him and matters awaited his attention.

Since he was worlds apart from his clone, the link between them would weaken if he did not make contact with his clone back in the Living World. Moreover, he had barely received any news about the Living World lately.

When he exchanged information with his clone back in the Living World, his eyes gleamed.

“The Chaos Fragment has appeared? What great timing! I was just thinking about making this seed sprout, and the Chaos Fragment appeared?” Chu Kuangren chuckled as he had found a way to sprout the seed.

A while later, the High Priest came to visit.

“Ghost Emperor, I have united all three of the Underworld cities. Please inspect them.”

“I understand,” Chu Kuangren said with a nod.

Massive cities were erected across the land of the Underworld, making the place look majestic and ominous at the same time.

Majestic palaces and pavilions, the never-ending current of the Yellow River, and the different floors of the Moro Hell used to punish the wicked ghost and specters formed the brand new Underworld city.

After Chu Kuangren took over, Fengdu, Yincao, and Taishan combined into one massive city.

The part of the city that Chu Kuangren inspected was more than ten times bigger than the old Fengdu. The palace, located in the center, screamed of extravagance and luxury, built using countless rare materials.

Chu Kuangren was shocked by what he saw. It seemed like the High Priest and the others put in a lot of effort to reform the place.

“Ghost Emperor, the construction of the new Underworld city is complete, but the most important reincarnation mechanism requires you to activate it,” the High Priest said.

The reincarnation mechanism of the Underworld was created by the previous Divine Underworld Daoist, and now, they were all under Chu Kuangren’s control.

Not even an Embodier could rebuild either one of the reincarnation mechanisms.

“I understand. I will settle it now.”

Chu Kuangren then floated into the air and released countless Immortal Sparks into the sky.

The third divine ability of the Heavenly Samsara Physique, Samsara Universe, was activated.

Countless Daoist laws instantly gushed out from Chu Kuangren’s body and enveloped the entire Underworld city.

Boom!

As the land shook, a massive stone bridge rose from the land at the Yellow River and connected both sides of the river.

The stone bridge had Daoist patterns all over its surface, and its name was carved at the entrance — Naihe Bridge!

Naihe Bridge judged all souls that crossed. If the soul had committed atrocious crimes when it was alive, the soul would be thrown into the Yellow River, and the Underworld soldiers would bring it back for a trial.

Following that, a massive hill appeared beyond Naihe Bridge. Yin-Yang energy circulated the hill as though it was a portal that connected both the Living World and the Underworld.

Beside the hill was a massive stone table with a few words carved on it — Homegazer Terrace.

As its name suggests, one would be able to gaze back to his or her home after death. That would be the last chance for the dead souls to have one last gaze at the Living World to see their home and their family.

After that, they would reside in the Underworld as permanent residents.

Beyond the Homegazer Terrace was a prosperous and lively street with souls busy shuttling around. Shops and stalls were along both sides of the streets where businesses were carried out as usual.

It was the street where the dead souls gathered for all kinds of activities.

At the end of the street was a massive mirror with Daoist patterns swirling inside it. It even exuded a faint amount of Immortal Sparks.

It was the Holy Mirror!

With the mirror set at the end of the street, all crimes and ill thoughts of the dead souls would be exposed by its clarity.

Behind Yinsi Street was an endless path, where both sides were covered with equinox flowers.

The beauty of the flowers extended into the horizon, and that was where the ominous wind came from.

The endless path was known as Revival Street, and souls that set foot on this path would venture into the afterlife.

At the end of Revival Street were six massive gates with endless vortices inside each of them.

Each gate had a massive signboard hanging over the arch.

They were the Gates of Samsara, where the six gates represented the six different pathways that one would reincarnate into — the Heavenly Path, the Human Path, the Asura Path, the Hell Path, the Animal Path, and the Ghost Path.

“From now onward, when souls enter the Underworld, make them go through the Ghastly Checkpoint first, then Naihe Bridge, Homegazer Terrace, and Yinsi Street last so that they can wait for their turn in the Gates of Samsara.”

“The souls eligible for reincarnation must go through trials in the Ten Hellion Temples to judge them for their doings in the Living World. The Underworld soldiers will then guide those who have finished the trails, put them onto Revival Street by batch, and send them into respective Gates of Samsara according to their verdict,” Chu Kuangren said.

That would be the new reincarnation mechanism for the Underworld.

The High Priest bowed with a fist salute and said, “I understand and will carry out as ordered, Ghost Emperor.”

“I will leave you in charge of the Underworld for now. I have to go back to the Living World,” Chu Kuangren said.

“I understand.” The High Priest nodded.

Right before Chu Kuangren left, he suddenly sensed a presence coming from the Ghastly Checkpoint.

A figure slowly emerged through the checkpoint.

It was an elderly riding on a green cow with Daoist rhymes surrounding him. His presence alone was so astounding that even the High Priest was shocked by his arrival.

“This ancient energy presence... How long has he lived in the Living World?!”

Even the High Priest, someone who had lived tens of thousands of eras, found the elderly’s presence to be ancient and even older than himself.

The elderly on the green cow must be someone terrifying.

Chapter 1554 A Familiar Energy, The Three Clarities’ Reincarnation, Return To The Living World

Right after Chu Kuangren set up his new reincarnation mechanism, an elderly riding a green cow came to the Underworld through the Ghastly Checkpost. His ancient energy presence shocked even the high priest.

When Chu Kuangren laid eyes on the elderly, he sensed a familiar energy.

“It’s him!”

Even Chu Kuangren was surprised.

He took a step forward and appeared before the elderly. He smiled and said, “Senior, what are you doing here in the Underworld?”

“What am I doing here? I’m here for the reincarnation, of course,” the elderly smiled.

He then sized up Chu Kuangren from top to bottom and revealed a satisfying smile. “You seem to be cultivating your Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation well. At least you’re a lot smarter than Miao Hua.”

Chu Kuangren was able to confirm the elderly’s identity by hearing his words.

With the green cow, the knowledge of his Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation, and the familiar face, the elderly was none other than one of the strongest beings since ancient times. He was one of the Three Clarities, the Divine Virtue Supreme Clarity Imperial.

He did not expect to welcome such a powerful existence right after he set up the new reincarnation mechanism. It almost felt like Divine Virtue Supreme Clarity Imperial was waiting for him to finish setting it up.

In fact, it might not only be the Supreme Clarity who was waiting for this new reincarnation mechanism.

The gears in Chu Kuangren’s mind spun rapidly as he scanned through all the possible thoughts.

A long time ago, he had a feeling that those ancient beings were still alive even after the Immortal World collapsed. Now, it seemed like he was right all along or at least half right.

“Young man, you overthink too much. I am just here for the reincarnation,” the Supreme Clarity smiled.

“Senior, you should have transcended beyond the reincarnation cycle, why do you want to reincarnate?”

“That’s because I died, and I have to reincarnate,” the Supreme Clarity said with a chuckle.

“Is there anyone else other than you?”

“Of course. Those old geezers are on their way. It’s just that my cow walks faster than them.”

“I see. I have a question that I would like you to answer. May I?” Chu Kuangren asked.

“Sure, ask away.”

“How did you fall?” Chu Kuangren asked straightforwardly. He could tell that the Supreme Clarity before his eyes was a fragment of the original soul.

In fact, the others that the Supreme Clarity mentioned might also be in a similar state.

“The great calamity from the previous era destroyed everything. We are just fragments of our original souls that got lucky to have lived until now.”

“In that case, why wait until now for the reincarnation?”

“That’s because we were waiting for you.” The Supreme Clarity looked at Chu Kuangren with a hint of anticipation.

“Waiting for me?” Chu Kuangren was surprised, but after a quick thought, he knew what the Supreme Clarity meant.

“With your wisdom, you should be able to figure out the answer. The three great mechanisms of the Underworld are a product of the old, and their power alone cannot support our reincarnation. Therefore, we were waiting for someone who could rebuild the entire mechanisms, and only the most complete samsara energy can help us reincarnate.”

Even though the Supreme Clarity was just a fragmented soul, an Embodier or even a Primordial had a fate that surpassed the commons. It was not an easy task for them to reincarnate.

Before the reincarnation mechanism was rebuilt, it did not have the power to withstand such a powerful existence.

Chu Kuangren nodded. “I see. Two more questions. How many more are there like you?”

“There’s not a lot. Those who survived the great calamity are people who have outstanding methods to protect themselves, but I wouldn’t say there’s just a few of us.”

“Alright. The last question: did the Dao contamination qi cause your fall?”

The Dao contamination qi was the strange black qi that Chu Kuangren saw at Spiritual Mountain. It was also the root of the great calamity.

“Indeed it is, but it only caused the previous great calamity. The great calamity of this era is not only about the Dao contamination qi,” the Supreme Clarity said with a smile.

“What do you mean by that?” Chu Kuangren furrowed his brows.

“The calamity from the previous era originated from this universe, but the calamity of this era has something foreign in it. The Celestial Demon Tribe should know more about this than me.”

The Supreme Clarity then looked toward the Gates of Samsara. “Alright, I’m done talking. I should be on my way. I’ll see you in the next life, young man.”

He then rode his green cow over the Naihe Bridge.

It was then that two more figures came in through the Ghastly Checkpoint.

“Senior Brother, wait for us!”

One of them was a middle-aged man in black robes and a valiant look. He was calling out to the Supreme Clarity.

“Hmph. You’re slow. Don’t blame me for that.”

The other figure, an elderly in white robes, grunted.

“Hey, you old geezer! You want to have a go? Come on! Bring it on!”

“I don’t want to fight savages like you.”

The two of them bickered as soon as they arrived.

The High Priest was stunned because the two of them shared a similar ancient energy presence to the Supreme Clarity.

Chu Kuangren recognized the two of them as well. “Primeval Jade Clarity and Treasure Prime Clarity...”

The other two of the Three Clarities had arrived.

“Hey, isn’t that our heir? Nicely done!” Divine Treasure Prime Clarity Imperial, also known as the Heavenly Grandmaster, looked at Chu Kuangren with a satisfying smile.

“Oh? It seems like you can extend the practice of Single Qi Three Clarity Transformation. I deem it as a fate of some kind,” Divine Primeval Jade Clarity Imperial said as he nodded. He, too, was impressed by Chu Kuangren’s achievement.

“Come on, Senior Brother is ahead of us. Let’s go.”

“Young man, let’s meet in the next life if fate wills it.”

Divine Primeval Imperial glanced at Chu Kuangren before he headed toward the Naihe Bridge.

“Travel well, Seniors.” Chu Kuangren bowed with a fist salute.

The High Priest was still in shock after sending off the Three Clarities.

He glanced at the Ghastly Checkpoint and wondered who else would be coming. Chu Kuangren was also curious.

However, no one arrived after a few days.

Chu Kuangren could not afford to wait any longer as he had to go back to the Living World to attend to matters.

“High Priest, if there are any more ancient ones coming down here for reincarnation, remember to ask them about their background and let me know,” Chu Kuangren said.

The ancient ones might not be able to do anything a short time after they reincarnated back to the Living World, but once they awoke and regained their previous life’s memories and cultivation, it would start another huge war.

Being able to grasp their reincarnation location and identity beforehand would allow Chu Kuangren to be prepared.

“I understand, Ghost Emperor.”

The High Priest also knew it was important, so he dared not slack on the job.

After assigning the High Priest the important task, Chu Kuangren headed back to the Living World.

Meanwhile, back in the Living World, several cultivators were fighting over an Opportunity of Fortune at a nameless mountain. The fight got fierce quickly.

Then, a vortex appeared above them, and a figure emerged from within.

The white figure emanated dazzling Immortal Sparks upon arrival.

When the cultivators saw the figure in white, they stopped fighting and looked at the figure in horror.

“It’s him!”

“Chu Kuangren! The vortex is overflowing with Yin qi. Is that the portal to the Underworld?”

“He came back from the Underworld? Is it because of the Chaos Fragment?”

“Maybe...”

His arrival sparked a heated discussion among the cultivators, and no one had the intention to fight anymore.

However, Chu Kuangren simply ignored them and headed toward the location of the Chaos Fragment.

Chapter 1555 Immortal Hall’s Preparation, Nine Layers Of Restriction Seals, Seven-Floors Exquisite Pagoda

The news of Chu Kuangren’s return to the Living World reached many great ones’ ears.

All of them were anxious.

Through the fight in the Underworld, they knew that although the Underworld’s authority could not leave the Underworld, Chu Kuangren had broken through to the Arch Gilded Immortal Realm.

His cultivation level would certainly suppress all the younger generation, and if he entered the Chaos Fragment, others would no longer have a fair chance to fight for the Opportunities of Fortune.

“Chu Kuangren is back! We cannot allow him to enter the Chaos Fragment!”

“No one will be his match if he enters!”

“Fortunately, we are prepared for this!”

The great ones of the Immortal Hall had been preparing for Chu Kuangren’s return from the Underworld because they knew how badly Chu Kuangren would affect the other younger generations.

Therefore, they had prepared multiple traps inside and outside the Chaos Fragment. Although they were not confident enough to stop him with mere traps, the longer they stalled, the better it would be for the rest of the Prodigies.

A crowd had gathered outside the Chaos Fragment, and they were all stopped outside by countless restriction seals.

“The Immortal Hall is being ridiculous. Why would they set restriction seals around the entrance? Are they not going to let us explore the Chaos Fragment?”

“Yeah! Unreasonable!”

A number of the cultivators voiced their complaints, but due to the Immortal Hall’s status and influence, no one dared to defy them.

Then, the white figure arrived before the Chaos Fragment.

His arrival shook and forcefully released all the restriction seals.

“It’s Chu Kuangren!”

Someone recognized the figure in white.

“I see. The restriction seals are here to stop Chu Kuangren.”

“Hmm. Interesting.”

Some of the cultivators finally understood why the Immortal Hall chose to set up that many restriction seals at the Chaos Fragment entrance even though they knew it would offend quite a number of cultivators of the Immortal World.

“Hmm. Interesting indeed. I’m just wondering how far you people can go,” Chu Kuangren said with a grin. A hint of frostiness flashed in his eyes.

Then, he took a step closer to the restriction seals.

Bang!

The restriction seals broke, but endless Heavenly Flame burst out from within.

Chu Kuangren remained unmoved. He pointed his sword hand sign forward and cast the Blade of Zhou, Tyrannical Ascension.

The Tyrannical Ascension Sword swept over everything.

The endless Heavenly Flames were slashed in half as though it was a piece of paper.

The rampaging sword qi continued forward like a storm and attacked the rest of the restriction seals.

More restriction seals broke, but when they reached a certain threshold, new restriction seals appeared and transformed into Heavenly soldiers before Chu Kuangren.

An army of Heavenly soldiers appeared, and the leading one bellowed coldly, "Chu Kuangren, you shall not pass!"

The Heavenly soldiers contained a sliver of Immortal Consciousness from the Immortal Hall's great ones.

Chu Kuangren chuckled. "Are you even strong enough to stop me?"

"Charge!"

The Heavenly soldiers charged toward Chu Kuangren.

Raging thunder, unforgiving flames, majestic waves, and all kinds of Immortal Techniques were blasted toward him.

The number of attacks was enough to deter even an Arch Gilded Immortal.

However, Chu Kuangren stood firm before the attacks. He narrowed his eyes as he unsheathed the Descendant Self Sword from his waist. His Immortal's Core energy that contained the Golden Jade Immortal Spark erupted.

"Blade of Zhou, Infinite Void!"

The Infinite Void Sword slashed every single attack blasted at him, and its indomitable sword qi landed on the leading Heavenly soldier.

The leading Heavenly soldier was destroyed without any resistance.

Chu Kuangren then raised his fist. The Arch Gilded intent in his physical body erupted and was transformed into endless crimson lightning. The blast of fist energy destroyed the Heavenly soldiers one after another.

However, that was not the end.

The Heavenly Flame restriction seals were broken, and the Heavenly soldiers were destroyed, but light streaks remained in the void. They seemed to be forming new restriction seals.

"Warning. There are a total of nine layers of restriction seals set up here," Lil Ai said.

Chu Kuangren nodded. "Nine layers? In that case, I shall break them altogether."

He raised his hands, and the dense Yin Yang Arch Gilded intent started to swirl around his hand.

Those who saw it were shocked.

"That's Arch Gilded intent!"

"He has finally become an Arch Gilded Immortal!"

Some of the sky-prides and Prodigies gasped in fear.

It had only been a little over a year since Chu Kuangren challenged the world at the Five Ways Mountain, and he had become an Arch Gilded Immortal!

The speed of his breakthrough was a little too frightening.

“Did he acquire some kind of massive Opportunity of Fortune?”

“Hmph. If those Prodigies can’t secure any massive Opportunities of Fortune in the Chaos Fragment, they would never be able to surpass Chu Kuangren.”

“I agree.”

The crowd shook their heads in awe and felt helpless at the scene.

The speed of Chu Kuangren’s growth left many sky-prides and Prodigies in despair.

Before anyone could recover from their shock, Chu Kuangren released another type of Arch Gilded intent — Samsara Arch Gilded intent!

As it appeared, Chu Kuangren’s left hand was shrouded in a grayish divine light.

It was the Reincarnation Tribulation Light and Divine Yin Yang Rejuvenation Light!

The two divine abilities were merged into a terrifying tri-color beam and were shot at the restriction seals.

Bang!

A deafening explosion went off.

The tri-color beam shattered the glowing restriction seal in one blast!

In fact, it did not stop after breaking one layer. With an indomitable force, it continued forward to the next.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Nine consecutive blasts later, all the restriction seals were finally broken.

The great ones who watched the scene from the dark were left in awe.

“He has grown so powerful!”

“Not even a late-stage Trinity Flower Realm Arch Gilded Immortal can break all the restriction seals so fast!”

“Two Arch Gilded intents? Has he mastered two Arch Gilded intents? He’s really a monster!”

“It has only been a year since he challenged the world. Not only has he broken through to an Arch Gilded Immortal, but he has also mastered two Arch Gilded intent! How did he do it?”

Many of the great ones were confused.

All the other sky-prides and Prodigies were stunned.

“Damn! Two Arch Gilded intents? How did he do it?”

“You have to ask him.”

Comprehending two Arch Gilded intents within a year was beyond comprehension.

Chu Kuangren had become the greatest cultivator of all time!

After breaking through nine layers of restriction seals, Chu Kuangren entered the Chaos Fragment.

However, before he could venture deep inside, a golden light appeared above his head, followed by a seven-floored golden pagoda falling onto him.

He was trapped!

The sky-prides outside the Chaos Fragment saw it and were shocked once more.

“That’s the Seven-Floors Exquisite Pagoda!”

“Isn’t that the supreme treasure of Kunlun Immortal Hall? Are nine layers of restriction seals not enough, and they even prepared the Seven-Floors Exquisite Pagoda? They really don’t want Chu Kuangren to get into the Chaos Fragment, huh?”

“They’ve invested a lot in this attempt.”

The Immortal Hall had heavily invested in the attempt to stop Chu Kuangren from entering the Chaos Fragment.

It was a clear sign that the great ones of the Immortal Hall were afraid of Chu Kuangren.

Chapter 1556 Seven-Floors Exquisite Pagoda, Changes Of Seven Floors Daoist Technique, Breaking Out of The Pagoda

Chu Kuangren successfully broke through the nine layers of restriction seals. However, before he could enter the Chaos Fragment, a golden pagoda fell from the sky and trapped him inside.

The interior of the pagoda was majestic and sparkling. It was forged using bricks of gold that were carved with mystical runes.

A terrifying surge of energy enveloped him entirely and limited his capabilities.

Chu Kuangren frowned. “Wow, Immortal Hall. You guys have really gone the extra mile to deal with me.”

He pointed his sword hand sign forward and wanted to use his sword qi to break out. At the same time, the mystical runes of the pagoda began to shine and swirl before shooting multiple golden sword qi at him.

“Hmph!” Chu Kuangren grunted and shot his sword qi at the incoming golden sword qi.

However, after the blast of the golden sword qi, a huge flame blasted toward him, and its strength rivaled that of the Liuding Heavenly Flame inside the Bagua Furnace.

Chu Kuangren hovered in the air and activated the Drought Demon True Body, which allowed him to be immune to the scorching flames.

He scanned over the pagoda with a sharp gaze. "Lil Ai, analyze for a weak point."

The Seven-Floors Exquisite Pagoda might look like it only had seven floors from the outside, but the number seven did not refer to the floors. It referred to the number of treasures it contained that had seven different kinds of Dao Technique transformation.

The seven treasures included the sword, halberd, umbrella, spear...

The Seven Floors Dao Technique Transformation was channeled by the seven treasures, and the power it contained could even trap an Arch Gilded Immortal.

Flames scorched after the golden sword qi. Although Chu Kuangren had the Drought Demon True Body, which allowed him to be immune to fire, the flame transformed gradually into another Dao Technique.

Spear ray and sword qi attacked from all directions.

A massive umbrella opened above Chu Kuangren and attempted to crush him with immense power.

Then, a whisk swept forward, cleansing heaven and earth, while a massive ruler appeared and crushed the void.

All kinds of Dao Technique Transformations complemented each other as they attacked in near-infinite ways.

Chu Kuangren stood in the air with countless Immortal Sparks surrounding him. The reddish-gold Fusang Tree appeared behind him with extended branches, and the Yin Yang Arch Gilded Intent it contained rivaled the illusive Dao Technique Transformations of the seven treasures.

Both sides were equally matched.

"Damn. He's really powerful. Although he's trapped inside the pagoda, he's doing fine."

"Yeah. It's terrifying. However, no matter how strong he is, it will take him some time to break out."

"The pagoda can at least trap him for a year!"

Some of the great ones of the Immortal Hall were delighted and confident in their prized pagoda.

A year was more than enough for the Prodigies to secure all the Opportunities of Fortune inside the Chaos Fragment.

Until then, even if Chu Kuangren broke out, it no longer mattered.

Back inside the pagoda, Chu Kuangren summoned a bronze halberd.

The halberd overflowed with demonic qi, and its presence shook the land in every direction.

"Analysis complete..." Lil Ai's voice sounded in Chu Kuangren's head.

The pagoda might be sturdy, but nothing in the world was flawless.

In between the Dao Technique Transformations, there was a tiny window that would expose the pagoda's flaw.

That particular flaw would only appear in a split second. Not even an Arch Gilded Immortal could seize the moment to break out.

However, with Lil Ai's help, Chu Kuangren could do it!

In between the Dao Technique Transformations, the flaw revealed itself. As Chu Kuangren wielded the Great Wasteland Halberd tightly, his Immortal's Core energy channeled to the limit, and the roars of nine dragons sounded.

The Battle Secret Technique and Chiyou's Demonic Patterns were activated at the same time.

With the buff from the True Emperor Dragons and the two secret techniques, Chu Kuangren's energy reached an unprecedented level.

He swung the halberd forward, and the massive halberd ray shone brightly.

It was the Great Wasteland Halberd Technique final form, Great Wasteland Subjugation!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The Great Wasteland Halberd's ray extinguished the Heavenly Flame. As the sword qi and the halberd ray dissipated, it ripped a hole in the massive umbrella.

The halberd strike struck the sturdy pagoda structure, causing the entire pagoda to shake.

It started to crack, and when the crack reached a certain threshold, a massive hole opened up in the wall.

Back in the outside world, the crowd was still talking about Chu Kuangren being trapped in the pagoda.

All of a sudden, heaven and earth trembled. The golden pagoda at the entrance of the Chaos Fragment shook violently before a massive hole burst open in the wall.

The pagoda was broken! The golden bricks that formed its walls scattered outward, and massive energy gushed out like a torrential current.

Countless cultivators gasped in fear.

"H-How is this possible!?"

They were almost certain that Chu Kuangren would break out of the pagoda but not so quickly!

He had only been trapped for a while!

The cultivator who claimed that the pagoda could trap Chu Kuangren for at least half a year was utterly embarrassed.

"How did he do it?"

"Wait! I think he managed to catch the flaw of the pagoda and strike its weak point!" said one of the great ones.

His words left everyone in awe.

“The Dao Technique Transformation in the pagoda is illusive and unpredictable. How did he capture that split second in such a short time?”

“Don’t ask me. I don’t have an answer!”

“How did he locate the flaw?”

“Maybe it’s luck?”

“Luck? I would want to have such luck! There must be something fishy going on!”

“Chu Kuangren is unpredictable and cannot be measured by common means!”

No matter how the great ones refused to believe it, Chu Kuangren had broken out of the pagoda, and it was a solid fact.

The white figure flew out from the pagoda wielding the halberd. The Immortals Sparks around him shone brightly, and his aura pressured all life on the land like a peerless Immortal King.

“No matter what method you people use, you can’t stop me,” Chu Kuangren said as he looked into the sky.

Then, he headed into the Chaos Fragment.

The great ones looked at each other helplessly.

“What are we going to do now?”

“What else? He’s already strong enough to break through all our hurdles. The only thing we can do now is to pray for the Prodigies inside the Chaos Fragment. Let’s hope that they are lucky enough to avoid him.”

“I’m worried that even if Chu Kuangren isn’t going after the other Prodigies, the other Prodigies might go after him.”

Prodigies were all proud people, after all.

Although they were all suppressed by Chu Kuangren’s absolute power, once they had the chance to turn the tide, they would take it even if it required a great effort.

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Chaos qi was rampant inside the Chaos Fragment.

Common Immortals could not have made it inside alive. Only Gilded Immortals and above could venture around freely.

The riskier the place, the better the Opportunity of Fortune!

The Chaos qi in the Chaos Fragment might be deterring, but all the treasure hidden inside it could be considered some of the rarest treasures to ever exist.

Then, inside the chaos, shimmering Immortal Sparks shone brightly in every direction.

A dense energy fluctuation spread outward.

Many of the sky-prides and Prodigies sensed it, and it intrigued them.

“This energy fluctuation means some treasure has emerged!”

“Let’s go have a look.”

Amid the shining Immortal Sparks was a jeweled tree growing out of chaos. The leaves were dense, but only two fruits were hanging from the tree.

One of them had green energy swirling around it, while the other had lightning energy. The fruits had Daoist patterns contained in their respective energy.

A figure arrived before the jeweled tree. When he saw the hanging fruits, he was shocked.

“This is...”

Chapter 1557 Thunder Gale Immortal Apricot, Yu Xiao and the Bull Demon, Someone is Getting It Now

The young man had Immortal Sparks surrounding him and a powerful energy presence spreading outward, which were both common features of a top-notch Prodigy.

If Chu Kuangren was around, he would probably recognize him as one of the Divine Daoists of the Eastern Sovereign Immortal Hall, the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist.

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist looked at the jeweled tree with an odd look. “As expected of the Chaos Fragment. It even has the treasure that has been extinct for many years in the outside world.”

“Oh, isn’t that the Thunder Gale Immortal Apricot?”

Suddenly someone else’s voice sounded.

Another young man arrived before the jeweled tree. He had black flames surrounding him and an ominous presence emanating outward.

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist recognized him at first glance. “Oh, it’s you, Yu Xiao.”

It was Yu Xiao, the Prodigy from the Subspecies Restricted Area.

He once fought Chu Kuangren at the Interstellar Arena but was, unfortunately, defeated.

Beside Yu Xiao was another man with bull horns on his head. The young man’s eyes gleamed in green, and his stout but bare upper body had bulging muscles that exuded a terrifying aura.

“Bull horns, green eyes... Is he a subspecies of the Green-Eyed Bull Demon?”

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist was rather surprised.

Legend had it that the Subspecies Restricted Area raised all kinds of subspecies from different Yokai Tribes. Yu Xiao was the subspecies of the Golden Crow, while the green-eyed Bull Demon was a Bully Demon subspecies. Both of them were a lot stronger than their common counterparts.

"It really is the Immortal Apricot," a female voice said.

A woman in white came stepping on air, leaving a trail of Immortal Sparks behind her. She also had a prestigious and dignified presence to her.

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist noticed the sheer strength in her presence. It could even rival that of the Great Arbiter Divine Maiden!

"The West Ruler Matriarch's successor, Yu Zhi!"

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist was deterred by her arrival.

The Jade Pool Maiden Sage, also known as the West Ruler Matriarch's successor, had gained strength that could match a Peerless Prodigy.

Other than Yu Zhi, the energy fluctuation from the Immortal Apricots attracted many others. Each of them was at least a Gilded Immortal.

After all, those who could make it into the Chaos Fragment were no longer in the ranks of common sky-prides.

All of them showed brazen eagerness to acquire the Immortal Apricots.

"That's one of the Ten Innate Spiritual Roots, the Immortal Apricot. This is good!"

"Yeah. Every single one of the Ten Innate Spiritual Roots is an extraordinary item. This Immortal Apricot contains the energy of thunder and wind. If taken, there is a chance for one to master the Thunder Gale Arch Gilded Intent. Legend has it that an Immortal once took it and grew wings that contained the power of lightning and wind. He was able to fight marvelously in the Great Deification War!"

"I cultivated the Thunder Gale Dao! If I can consume it, I will be able to master the Thunder Gale Arch Gilded intent and break through to the Arch Gilded Immortal!"

"Stop dreaming. See those Prodigies? Do you think they will allow you to even get close to it?"

The sky-prides looked at the Prodigies who had the jeweled tree surrounded.

They were the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, Yu Xiao, Yu Zhi, Zhuanxu's successor of the Human Emperor Sect, and Cao Yun and Fu Yin from the Hundred Academy.

"There are only two apricots and a dozen of us here. How are we going to divide it?" the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist jokingly said to the others.

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon beside Yu Xiao said coldly, "I'm getting the apricot!"

A terrifying Thunder Gale intent erupted from his stout body. The crowd finally found out that not only did the Bull Demon cultivate his muscles, but he also cultivated the Thunder Gale Dao.

The Immortal Apricot would boost his cultivation by a mile.

"The Subspecies Restricted Area has the biggest advantage here. I have some treasures that I can give away as long as all of you let us take the apricot. How about that?"

Yu Xiao then took a bag of treasures out for the others.

The value of those treasures was not bad. Some of them even tempted the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist.

“That’s the Yin Yang Branch!”

Suddenly, Fu Yin saw the piece of wood that Yu Xiao took out and was a little surprised by it.

“Yu Xiao, it’s unnecessary. If they want to fight us for the apricots, let them have it!” the Green-Eyed Bull Demon cackled with laughter as he glanced at Yu Zhi and the others, revealing his eagerness to fight.

“I would avoid fighting if possible,” Yu Xiao said.

He was not as reckless and rash as the Green-Eyed Bull Demon. Although he was not afraid to fight, he knew it would be a tough battle to engage with the others.

Once they started fighting, he and the Green-Eyed Bull Demon might not even be able to secure the upper hand.

Yu Xiao looked at the others and continued, “The apricots are a great boost for Bull Demons, and we’re getting our hands on it. We’re not afraid to fight, but since the apricots are not that much of a use for you guys, why not take the treasures and leave peacefully? Take it as me asking a favor.”

The crowd pondered.

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist smiled. “A favor from the Subspecies Restricted Area? I will gladly take it. I’ll be taking the Grand Solar Essence Core.”

He took a gemstone from the pile of treasures and stated his intention to withdraw from the battle.

Zhuanxu’s successor pondered for a little longer but ultimately decided to accept the offer.

Yu Xiao was right. The apricot might be a precious treasure, but none of them cultivated the Thunder Gale Dao, so it was not as useful to them.

There were many other places to explore in the Chaos Fragment, so there was no point to fight Yu Xiao at the start of the exploration.

“Fu Yin, what do you say?” Cao Yun asked for Fu Yin’s opinion.

“I want the Yin Yang Branch,” she said.

“Sure.” Cao Yun nodded.

Since the others were withdrawing from the battle, there was no point for him to fight either.

However, just when they were about to get the Yin Yang Branch, Yu Xiao frowned and shot Yin flames at them.

The sudden attack caught the two of them off guard, and they were blasted away with minor injuries.

Their expression turned grim.

“Yu Xiao, what’s the meaning of this?” Cao Yun’s gaze turned frosty.

"I forgot to say that the people from the Hundred Academy are not eligible to take the treasures," Yu Xiao said.

The other sky-prides grew tumultuous.

They knew why Yu Xiao declined the two from the Hundred Academy.

The Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, Zhuanxu's successor, and the other Prodigies gloated at Cao Yun and Fu Yin.

"If I remember correctly, Yu Xiao was once defeated by Chu Kuangren. So, is this revenge?"

"Maybe.

"Tsk tsk. Chu Kuangren has really offended a lot of people. Now, even the Hundred Academy is being boycotted."

"Too bad."

Yu Zhi frowned. She, too, had a good relationship with Chu Kuangren, so she could not just sit back and watch Cao Yun and Fu Yin being bullied.

Just when she was about to step out, a blast of Immortal Sparks came from further away, trembling the Chaos qi in the area.

"Who dares to deny the Hundred Academy from getting the treasures?"

A cold voice sounded.

The moment the voice echoed, all the sky-prides and Prodigies looked toward the origin and were horrified by what they saw.

Cao Yun and Fu Yin were delighted, and so was Yu Zhi, who planned to help.

She took a step back and watched. She knew that person had come back, and someone would be getting unlucky.

Chapter 1558 Together? One Finger Blocked The Bull Demon, Anymore?

"Who dares to deny the Hundred Academy from getting the treasures?"

Chu Kuangren's voice sounded as he came walking on air. Immortal Sparks circulated around him as his domineering aura swept across the area.

Yu Xiao, the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist, and the others were shocked. A hint of reverence appeared in their eyes.

"Chu Kuangren! He's here!"

"He's back from the Underworld!"

Some of the Prodigies with a more efficient intelligence network knew that he went to the Underworld.

They thought he would not be able to make it back to the Chaos Fragment, but it seemed like he came back just in time.

In fact, his timely arrival prevented the two from the Hundred Academy from being bullied.

“So he’s Chu Kuangren?”

Compared to Yu Xiao and the others who were afraid of Chu Kuangren, the Green-Eyed Bull Demon looked eager and excited to fight.

He had just come out from the Subspecies Restricted Area a while ago, and that would be his first meeting with Chu Kuangren. Although it was their first meeting, he had heard a lot about Chu Kuangren.

There was one phrase that left a strong impression on him: the madman who overpowered the universe!

He wanted to see what made Chu Kuangren so capable that he was labeled as such.

“You must pay for bullying the Hundred Academy. I’m taking the Immortal Apricot and the treasures you offered,” Chu Kuangren said indubitably.

Yu Xiao’s expression changed. He said, “Chu Kuangren, you really think I’m the old me who lost to you at the Interstellar Arena?”

“Well, you seem not so different from before.”

“I heard you challenged the entire Immortal World a year back. You’re still as arrogant as ever.”

Yu Xiao then looked at Eastern Sky Divine Daoist and the others and said, “Guys, help me get the Immortal Apricot, and I will reward you with more treasures!”

He knew he was no match for Chu Kuangren alone, so he wanted to drag the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist and the others into the fray.

The option seemed entirely viable, at least to him.

Chu Kuangren had always been arrogant, and all the sky-prides and Prodigies viewed him as a thorn in their flesh. If there was a chance for them to team up against him, they would be more likely to take it.

Moreover, Yu Xiao also promised an additional reward.

Unfortunately, the moment he voiced his offer, no sky-pride or Prodigies dared to answer him.

Some of them even took a few steps back.

Team up against Chu Kuangren? What a joke!

None of them had a death wish.

They were all there when Chu Kuangren challenged the world, and his invincible power swept everyone away. No one was able to stop him!

Yu Xiao had the nerves to challenge him because he had been inside the Restricted Area for decades and had not seen the horror at Five Ways Mountain.

“What’s wrong? Are you all afraid of him?” Yu Xiao furrowed his brows. The outcome did not meet his expectation and somehow fueled his anxiety instead.

“Too bad. If you can do something about Chu Kuangren, I would join you,” the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist said with a pitiful sigh. Then, he quickly hid his presence in the void and disappeared.

He did not attack Chu Kuangren, but due to the grudge between the Immortal Hall and Chu Kuangren, he was not in a position to appear before the monster unprepared.

Zhuanxu’s successor glanced at Yu Xiao pitifully as if he was looking at a dead person.

“Yu Xiao, enough talk. They are all cowards! I don’t want to team up with them even if I have the chance,” the Green-Eyed Bull Demon bellowed.

A terrifying energy presence erupted from his body.

With a step forward, he appeared before Chu Kuangren with a clenched fist. A rampant qi and blood energy exploded as he threw the punch forward.

“Eat this!”

It was the power of his physical body, and it already contained the power close to an Arch Gilded intent!

His punch was almost impossible to block for those Gilded Immortals, but it was weak to Chu Kuangren.

“Huh?!”

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon felt something stopping his punch. When he had a closer look, his green eyes shrank in fear.

A slender and fair finger landed on his punch and stopped his rampaging fist! No matter how hard he tried, he could not push it any further!

“Impossible! He blocked my punch with a finger?!”

More importantly, the Green-Eyed Bull Demon could sense that Chu Kuangren did not use any of his Immortal’s Core energy! He simply blocked the punch with his raw physical strength!

Fighting the Green-Eyed Bull Demon with one’s raw physical strength was probably one of the most outrageous things.

Everyone knew that the Green-Eyed Bull Demon possessed one of the strongest, if not the strongest, raw physical strengths among the Yokai Tribe.

A weak human blocked the Green-Eyed Bull Demon’s punch using only a finger?

It sounded impossible and unimaginable, but it happened right before everyone’s eyes.

It shattered the Green-Eyed Bull Demon’s comprehension of strength.

“So, is this the raw physical strength of the Green-Eyed Bull Demon? It’s a little disappointing, to be honest,” Chu Kuangren said as he flicked his finger.

Bang!

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon felt like he was hit by a massive planet. His bones trembled, and he was sent flying backward with his arms shaking violently.

“What is his body made of? Is it made of Immortal Metals like those guys from the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area?!”

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon looked at Chu Kuangren in fear.

“Don’t hold back! Give it your best!” Yu Xiao bellowed.

He then blasted a sliver of black flames at Chu Kuangren.

The flames felt like they could scorch the heavens and turn earth into purgatory!

It was the Nether Flame from hell!

Bang!

Chu Kuangren stood firm on his spot and allowed the flame to engulf him whole.

In a blink of an eye, the Nether Flame successfully swallowed him entirely and started burning his body.

The flame rampantly attacked every follicle on Chu Kuangren’s skin as if it was trying to burn him from the inside out!

“Fool! You didn’t dodge the Nether Flame?!” Yu Xiao cackled with laughter. He simply assumed Chu Kuangren’s arrogance had gotten him killed.

However, what happened next stunned him.

Chu Kuangren took a deep breath and sucked in all the Nether Flame like a whale consuming water.

“What?!” Yu Xiao was dumbfounded, and so were the others.

Yu Xiao’s Nether Flame was terrifying. Those who had not fought him before might not know its power, but judging from the energy alone, it was definitely something terrifying.

The Nether Flame was the embodiment of calamity and disaster! It was the flame that only existed in hell!

Yet, Chu Kuangren sucked them all into his body.

“Any more?” Chu Kuangren asked.

All of them were at a loss for words. Chu Kuangren had sucked in all the flames as if he was drinking water.

“Die! Chu Kuangren!”

Infuriated, Yu Xiao channeled his Nether Flame to the limit and blasted it at Chu Kuangren.

It left a trail of scorched Chaos qi in its wake, but Chu Kuangren remained unmoved.

He opened his mouth and sucked in all the flames again!

That was when the crowd saw some mystical Daoist patterns flash on his body.

Chapter 1559 One Punch At Bull Demon, One Stomp Killing Yu Xiao, Shi Tianxuan Ascending Into Arch Gilded Immortal

“Drought Demon True Body?!”

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon narrowed his eyes with a grim look as the thought rushed into his mind.

“Oh? You’re quite knowledgeable.” Chu Kuangren looked rather surprised.

“Are you related to the Jiangshi Restricted Area?” The Green-Eyed Bull Demon furrowed his brows.

“Nope,” Chu Kuangren said.

“Hmph! In that case, how about this?”

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon bellowed. Other than the blood and qi of his physical body, the endless Thunder Gale energy erupted as well.

The endless gale and the rumbling lightning coupled with the blood and qi of his physical body boosted his power to a new height.

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon had used almost all his strength to launch that attack at Chu Kuangren. He threw a punch out, unleashing a storm combined with his blood and qi.

However, Chu Kuangren simply raised his hand and responded with a punch of his own.

His punch was simple and plain. There were no Immortal Sparks, no unusual phenomenon, but when he punched, the Chaos qi around the area exploded!

With a bang, the simple punch crushed the wind and lightning!

The raging fist energy from the simple punch landed on the Green-Eyed Bull Demon’s chest.

As his bones cracked in succession and his blood veins were ripped apart, blood gushed out from the Green-Eyed Bull Demon’s mouth.

His eyeballs almost fell out from his eye sockets, and bits and pieces of his organs spewed together with the blood from his mouth.

The punch blasted him away.

All the others could see was a blurry streak flying away and nothing else.

“Damn! He’s probably dead already!”

“He’s badly crippled if not dead!”

The others quivered when they landed their gazes on Chu Kuangren.

They could tell that Chu Kuangren had not even used his full strength. He was simply toying with the two Prodigies from the Restricted Area.

“Let’s go!” Yu Xiao’s expression changed. He wanted to leave the battlefield, but he realized he was already surrounded by silvery-white Daoist patterns.

It was the Spacetime Sealing Technique!

“Chu Kuangren, you can have all the treasures—”

“I can take them myself.”

Chu Kuangren then stomped on Yu Xiao’s head with a loud thud.

As black and white energy swirled around his leg and the Yin Yang Arch Gilded intent erupted, a massive Yin Yang Symbol appeared!

It was the Yin Yang Life and Death Symbol, the divine ability of Duality Rites Immortal Physique!

Yu Xiao did not even get the chance to make a noise before his head was crushed into a pile of meat.

The others were shocked and horrified by the gory scene.

One stomp was all it took for him to kill a top Prodigy?

Other than Chu Kuangren, no one else in the younger generation could do it.

“That energy... If I’m right, that’s an Arch Gilded intent!”

“Yeah, it is.”

Someone gulped in fear when he realized the horrifying fact behind the stomp.

“Has Chu Kuangren broken through to the Arch Gilded Immortal Realm?”

His words made the crowd tumultuous.

All the sky-prides and Prodigies present gasped in fear.

“Brother Chu, you have surpassed me again.” Yu Zhi smiled as she shook her head amusingly.

She was half a step shy from breaking through to the Arch Gilded Immortal Realm herself.

“He’s already an Arch Gilded Immortal. How are you going to deal with this, Eastern Sovereign Divine Daoist?” the Eastern Sky Divine Daoist muttered as worries clouded his heart.

“He’s already the strongest among the younger generations, and now, he has broken through to the Arch Gilded Immortal Realm. I wonder how you’re doing, Xuanyuan’s successor?” Zhuanxu’s successor muttered with furrowed brows as he looked in a certain direction.

After killing Yu Xiao, Chu Kuangren found a violet pill on the body.

The pill was engulfed in Nether Flame as the body disintegrated into ashes.

Chu Kuangren’s eyes gleamed. He disregarded the Nether Flame and picked the pill up with his bare hands. “Look at this. A surprise find.”

The pill contained the essence of Yu Xiao's cultivation, and it would work wonders for his Drought Demon True Body.

"Chief!"

"Master!"

Fu Yin and Cao Yun quickly came over after the battle.

Chu Kuangren nodded and gave the Yin Yang Branch to Fu Yin. "Here, take this. It's useful to you."

"Thank you, Master," Fu Yin said with a smile. She was originally a spirit of the Fusang Tree, and through Chu Kuangren's guidance, she had comprehended and mastered the complete power of the tree itself.

Since Fusang Tree contained both Yin and Yang energy and Fu Yin cultivated the Yin Yang Dao, the Yin Yang Branch could assist her in comprehending the Yin Yang Arch Gilded intent.

"Cao Yun, this is for you."

Chu Kuangren gave Yu Xiao's Yin and Yang Ring to Cao Yun. It contained several of treasures that were mostly useless to him but rather useful to Cao Yun.

"Brother Chu." Yu Zhi came over to greet him.

"Ms. Yu Zhi, long time no see," Chu Kuangren said with a smile. After he came out from the Bagua Furnace, he had traveled to the Five Ways Mountain and then the Underworld.

Hence, he did not have the time to visit some of his old friends.

"Yes. It's been a while. If I didn't come here, I bet you would've forgotten about me," Yu Zhi said with a slightly disheartened gaze.

Chu Kuangren scratched his nose awkwardly. "It's my mistake. Since everyone is in here now, why don't we explore the place together?"

"I have the same thought," Yu Zhi nodded.

Then, Chu Kuangren kept the Immortal Apricots together with the jeweled tree in his Enchanted Sleeve.

The Immortal Apricot had a certain chance to allow one to gain insights into the Thunder Gale Arch Gilded intent.

Since he planned to gain insights into the other Arch Gilded intent to strengthen his Invincible Self-empowerment Dao, the Immortal Apricots would be useful to him.

Further away, the Green-Eyed Bull Demon survived Chu Kuangren's punch, but he was not in a good shape. As such, he consumed a pill to help him recover and stop the bleeding.

"Damn it. His one punch almost killed me. I can't believe his physical body is so strong that it has comprehended the Arch Gilded Intent already. Yu Xiao's energy presence is gone, so it means he must be dead by now."

The Green-Eyed Bull Demon looked rather sad about Yu Xiao's passing.

However, he then narrowed his eyes coldly. "I must inform Xue Kunpeng. The Subspecies Restricted Area cannot let this go!"

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Somewhere else in the Chaos Fragment, a man wielding a massive spear opened his eye.

Massive surge of destructive energy expanded outward, and it somehow contained a strong Arch Gilded intent.

A beautiful flower bloomed above the man's head. The Third Grade Immortal's Core Flower looked exquisite.

"The Chaos Strange Fruit has boosted me to the Arch Gilded Immortal realm and allowed my Immortal's Core Flower to reach third grade!"

The Life's Core Flower and the Soul Flower would follow after that, and the three flowers would form the Trinity Flower realm of an Arch Gilded Immortal.

Each flower had twelve grades, and when all three flowers reached twelve grades, one would be able to challenge the Five Qi Realm.

"Now that I have ascended into the Arch Gilded Immortal Realm, I wonder how Chu Kuangren is doing?"

The man was none other than Shi Tianxuan, who was holding his Godkiller Spear.

He had the habit of comparing himself to Chu Kuangren whenever he made a breakthrough.

"He was a Ninth-grade Gilded Immortal a year ago, and it's not that easy to break through to the Arch Gilded Immortal Realm. Maybe he hasn't gotten there yet."

The thought delighted Shi Tianxuan, and he somehow looked forward to meeting Chu Kuangren again.

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"Achoo!" Chu Kuangren sneezed.

Fu Yin, Cao Yun, and Yu Zhi looked at him oddly.

"No way. Has the Chief caught a cold?" Cao Yun said with furrowed brows.

"Not a cold. It's just that some jerk is talking behind my back." Chu Kuangren smiled and was not overly bothered.

He knew that he had countless enemies who wanted him dead, so it was not surprising that they would curse him behind his back.

The group continued forward until they saw a reddish-golden light ahead.

At a closer look, they realized the light was from an ancient tree.

The tree's branches were red, and the leaves were gold. Its trunk was formed by two merging trees, and they had countless Daoist patterns on the surface.

The group was shocked to find the tree.

“That’s the Fusang Tree!”

In front of them now was indeed the Fusang Tree of ancient times, which should be ruined by now.

However, the Fusang Tree was not as powerful as the original one, and it seemed like it was just a seedling.

“Who would have thought we would run into a Fusang Tree here? It may just be a seedling, but it’s yours,” Chu Kuangren said to Fu Yin.

Fu Yin was captivated by the Fusang Tree as she felt a strong sense of familiarity coming out from it.

It was Chu Kuangren’s words that pulled her back from her trance. She nodded and said, “It seems like coming into this Chaos Fragment was the right choice.”

“Go. We’ll protect you.”

“Will I be disrupting your plans, Master?” Fu Yin looked worried.

“Don’t worry. I have things to prepare as well.”

Chu Kuangren referred to the Immortal Apricots and the pill he got from Yu Xiao.

Fu Yin then headed to the Fusang Tree, sat down underneath, and started cultivating. The Fusang energy on her emanated and began to resonate with the tree behind her.

She was gaining insights into the Yin Yang Arch Gilded intent through resonance.

“Brother Chu, you’ve also gained insights into the Yin Yang Arch Gilded intent. Why don’t you strengthen it as well?” Yu Zhi asked out of curiosity.

Arch Gilded Intent was divided into seven phases, from shallow to deep.

Ascending to a new phase was like a whole new world, and when one gained insights into all seven phases, one would be able to comprehend the Daoist law.

“I don’t need it.” Chu Kuangren nodded.

He gained insights into other Arch Gilded Intent solely for the purpose of reverse-deducing his Invincible Self-empowerment Dao, so there was no need for him to strengthen the other Arch Gilded Intent.

He looked at Yu Zhi. “You, on the other hand, should go. The West Ruler Matriarch has many Dao, and one of them is the Yin Yang Dao. Why don’t you seize the chance to gain insights into the Yin Yang Arch Gilded Intent yourself?”

“The West Ruler Matriarch is indeed a magnificent person, but I am only her successor. I am not her. I can’t master multiple Dao at once. Right now, I’m cultivating the Longevity Dao,” Yu Zhi said with a smile.

The Longevity Dao could be considered one of the most common Dao.

After all, a cultivator cultivated to achieve immortality, so everyone started with the Longevity Dao in some way or another. What was there left for her to seek?

However, Chu Kuangren knew that the West Ruler Matriarch's Longevity Dao was unlike the common one.

The Immortality Pill that the West Ruler Matriarch refined could allow one to live for a whole era and grant the person ability to revive the dead and regrow flesh from mere bones.

The Longevity Dao might not have any special advantage in offense, but with Yu Zhi's Golden Jade Pool Immortal Physique, which allowed her to purify her Immortal's Core to produce the Golden Jade Immortal Sparks, the Longevity Dao might be able to work wonders in her hands.

It might also compensate for her lack of offensive methods.

"The Longevity Dao might seem simple, but all cultivators cultivated to live longer. Many look down on it, but only a few could truly comprehend the Longevity Dao since ancient times. Ms. Yu Zhi, I hereby congratulate you on your success in advance," Chu Kuangren said.

Then, he took the pill and the Immortal Apricot under the tree to refine them.

His talents allowed him to refine the items quickly.

After absorbing Yu Xiao's pill, his Drought Demon True Body reached a new height. On top of that, refining the Immortal Apricot allowed him to master the third Arch Gilded Intent, the Thunder Gale Arch Gilded intent!

"Nice rewards."

Chu Kuangren opened his eyes, and they gleamed sharply.

He looked at Fu Yin, who was still gaining insights into the Fusang Tree. However, he could already sense the Arch Gilded intent forming around her.

With that, he summoned the Fantasy Roulette for a gacha draw.

"Congratulations, Host! You've won the God-tier Prize, Green Tide In Your Heart!"

Huh? Green Tide In Your Heart?

He took the prize out and realized it was a music sheet for a guqin. It was one of the strongest, if not the strongest, musical sheets in existence.

Speaking of guqin, a thought rushed into Chu Kuangren's mind. He looked at Yu Zhi and went over to her.

"Ms. Yu Zhi, do you have that Immemorial Echoes with you?"

"Yes, I do." Yu Zhi nodded and brought it out.

Chu Kuangren smiled at her guqin before swinging his sleeves and revealing three more guqins, which had Immortal Sparks swirling around them.

When all four guqins appeared, their respective Immortal Sparks intertwined and vibrated in resonance.

The strings vibrated, and the guqin music echoed throughout the realm.

The mystical scene left Yu Zhi in shock. "Brother Chu, you've collected all four of Fuxi's guqin?"

"Yeah. It was quite the hassle," Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

The Cloud Nine Insignia was from the old fragmented Immortal World, while the Daybreak Lightning was from the Heavenly Dao Spire.

As for the Thundering Rumble, it was from Ji Feiyu, the Prodigy of Ji clan.

Including the Immemorials Echoes from Yu Zhi, all four of Fuxi's guqin were finally together.

"Brother Chu."

Yu Zhi looked at Chu Kuangren with a profound gaze, and Chu Kuangren understood what her gaze meant.

He raised his hand, channeled his Immortal's Core energy, and shot it at all four guqins.

The vast Immortal's Core energy pulled all four of the guqin together. The closer they were, the louder and more vigorous the guqin music was.

Guqin music echoed and shooked the chaos in the area.

Any common Gilded Immortals would be blasted away by the sound wave itself.

Chu Kuangren glanced at Fu Yin, who was still cultivating under the Fusang Tree, and took out the Divine Genesis Source Orb to protect her from the echoing sound waves.

Chang! Chang! Chang!

As the guqin music echoed, it started to shake heaven and earth.

"I'll help!"

Yu Zhi also joined Chu Kuangren in infusing her Immortal's Core energy into the four guqins.

Cao Yun helped as well. Although his strength was nothing compared to Chu Kuangren, he wanted to be of assistance as well.

With all three of them channeling their Immortal's Core energy, the four guqins finally merged. Upon impact, a massive amount of Immortal Sparks erupted and formed a massive ball of light to envelop all the guqins.

Shortly after that, the ball of light exploded, and a powerful Immortal's Core energy blasted outward.

Chu Kuangren pointed his sword hand sign to form the barrier using his sword qi and blocked all the energy blasts.

The few of them then looked at the center of the blast and saw that the four guqins had merged into one.

The guqin had a plain design but a jade body, and it had white Immortal Sparks surrounding its strings that resembled a silk thread.

The strings might look fragile, but they could tell they were stronger than a dragon's tendon.

"So this is Fuxi's Guqin?"

Fuxi's Guqin was considered a Source Supreme Treasure.

Legend had it that it was owned by the Human Emperor Fuxi. However, it had been away from people's sight for as long as its existence and was split into four pieces.

On that day, the four fragmented pieces circulated around the Immortal World and finally became one again.