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Chapter 371: Surrounded By The Empyrean Walkers, I Was Just Getting Started

“Silverlight Sword Technique!”

Li Fuping struck out with his sword and unleashed another ray of pristine sword ray.

His heart sank upon realizing that he could barely defend against Chu Kuangren’s simple sword ray with two of his full-force attacks.

‘How’re his abilities so much better than mine? We’re both sword cultivators. Is this the power of the Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart?’

‘Looks like my Crescent Moon Physique is far inferior compared to Chu Kuangren’s physique.’

Li Fuping thought, reluctant to face the truth.

The Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart was considered as a Sword Dao Supreme Daoist Physique — one that was much sought after by many sword cultivators, yet very few could seem to obtain it.

Although Li Fuping was aware of that fact, it did not ease his unhappiness.

“Come, let’s continue,” said Chu Kuangren calmly.

At that, a mystical stream of Daoist Rhymes surged on his body and the Sword of the Heavens formed above him as the surrounding sword qi manifested into a garden of green lotuses. It was the conjuration of the Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart.

With the Daoist Physique Transformation in its full form, Chu Kuangren’s combat strength increased.

The empyrean walkers started to get worried.

“It looks like we need to use our trump cards too!”

“The Ascended Heavens Palace!”

Ling Xiao thrust his spear into the ground as he let out a deafening battle roar.

Followed by the emergence of terrifying Daoist Rhymes, a display of golden light suddenly lit up behind Ling Xiao and transformed into an elegant palace!

It was a transformation technique that originated from the Cloud Nine Empyrean!

It was also an Emperor Technique.

Upon the display of his Emperor Technique, Ling Xiao’s Daoist Rhymes spontaneously gushed out and his vast spiritual energies flowed continuously.

“Dry Well of Death!”

Gui Wuchou grunted as he cast his Daoist Rhymes to form a well above him that was overflowing with death qi.

At that moment, a grim and malicious aura radiated around Gui Wuchou, almost as if he had become the manifestation of Death itself.

“Dazzling Pelagic Moon!”

As Li Fuping leaped forward, he unleashed large amounts of sword qi from his body.

The sword qi weaved together to form an endless ocean, and on the ocean’s horizon, a dazzling moon gradually rose above the surface.

It was the transformation of his Crescent Moon Sword Physique, the Dazzling Pelagic Moon!

“Ethereal Enigma of the Realms!”

The empyrean walker from Ethereal Rapture, Xue Zheng cast his technique and his aura turned ethereal and unpredictable.

From the spectator’s perspective, Xue Zheng seemed as though he would vanish in the air at any given moment.

To those that were endowed with a keen sense, Xue Zheng had become more dangerous. Having concealed his aura, Xue Zheng’s attack was now elusive and hard to detect, which made him an intimidating opponent in any battle.

The four empyrean walkers, each with their distinct forms of Daoist Rhymes, had completely surrounded Chu Kuangren in the middle.

Chu Kuangren, however, was beaming with excitement. “So these are your trump cards? Interesting! Come, show me what you’ve got!”

“Attack!”

Ling Xiao took the lead and hurled his spear, which was imbued with the power of the Ascended Heavens Palace’s golden light, outward.

“Serpent Oceanbreaker!”

A blinding light erupted from the ravaging spear and charged towards Chu Kuangren like a sea typhoon.

In face of Ling Xiao’s spear ray, Chu Kuangren was not afraid at all. He simply made a swipe with his sword and shattered Ling Xiao’s spear ray.

At that moment, a chilling sensation encroached from behind Chu Kuangren.

Gui Wuchou from the Sacred Palace of Death had made his move.

He had a finger pointed outward. On it emanated a terrifying aura of death that rotted any lifeforms that had the misfortune to come near it.

“Finger of Despair!”

Once cast, this technique would instill a sense of overwhelming despair in its victim, stripping all hopes and sense of control they had over their lives!

It was the Sacred Palace of Death's strongest offense technique!

It was an unfathomable Emperor Technique!

Noticing his attack, Chu Kuangren imitated Gui Wuchou's posture and pointed a finger at him, releasing a mystical surge of Daoist Rhymes that transformed into an enormous dark finger in the void

"Heart Piercing Finger!"

A technique that could pierce through its victim's Daoist Core!

When their attacks clashed, Chu Kuangren remained unbudgeable as he endured the sudden surge of death qi with only his raw power.

Meanwhile, Gui Wuchou could feel Chu Kuangren's technique affecting his Daoist Core. His entire body froze before Chu Kuangren's finger strength sent him flying backward like a line-broken kite as he violently spat blood all over. His aura was much weaker now.

Chu Kuangren had made it clear in just a few seconds that Gui Wuchou's cultivation was no match against his.

"Hmm?"

Just when Chu Kuangren had defeated Gui Wuchou, he felt the quiet onslaught of fist qi charging towards himself.

"White Lotus Light of Purification!"

Chu Kuangren subconsciously activated his defensive technique.

Despite that, a formless fist qi shattered his garden of white lotuses and charged toward Chu Kuangren with a strong force.

Chu Kuangren slew the fist qi apart with a horizontal slash of his sword, his eyes now beaming with excitement. "Ah, what an interesting technique to be able to attack with this level of stealth! I was so close to being in harm's way."

At a distance, Xue Zheng was smiling smugly as his body phased in and out of thin air. "The attacks of Ethereal Enigma Realm are difficult to notice. Be warned, Brother Chu."

If this was a solo fight, it would not be as difficult for Chu Kuangren to channel his attention onto Xue Zheng and observe his moves.

However, Chu Kuangren was now battling against multiple empyrean walkers, hence Xue Zheng posed a larger threat than he typically would as Chu Kuangren was unable to focus solely on him.

"Interesting."

Chu Kuangren's interest was piqued. "Now I can finally feel the excitement in this battle!"

"I'd like to see just how powerful you can get!" Li Fuping grunted and swung his long sword.

In the air, surges of sword qi that bathed in the pristine moonlight appeared before they pierced through the void and reached for Chu Kuangren.

“Boom!”

With a light grunt, Chu Kuangren destroyed the sword qi with his palm technique and unleashed another fist technique onto Li Fuping’s transformation.

The devastating fist qi relentlessly pounded onto Li Fuping’s transformation. Cracks now formed on what was a pristine and dazzling moon.

Li Fuping channeled his spiritual energy, attempting to restabilize his transformation’s power.

Meanwhile, Gui Wuchou, who had just been blasted away by Chu Kuangren, exploded with a strong life force, recovering his once injured body to its peak!

“Reincarnation!”

“This is the greatest feat of the death Dao!”

Gui Wuchou said proudly to Chu Kuangren.

“There’s me, Jin Bujue, too! I shall not be defeated so easily!”

From another corner, Jin Bujue, who was previously sent flying by Chu Kuangren’s punch, had recovered most of his energy after he consumed a medicinal pill.

With his golden sword held high, Jin Bujue cast his Daoist Rhymes to conjure the manifestation of an enormous golden mountain.

Boom!

Meanwhile, a surge of energy exploded from another corner.

“Chu Kuangren, today you shall be defeated!”

Zhan Long, Ye Xin, Guo San, and Feng Yaorao had rejoined the battle after defeating Chu Kuangren’s sword qi clone.

There were now nine empyrean walkers surrounding Chu Kuangren, blocking all of his escape routes.

The nine distinct auras of the empyrean walkers flooded all of Empyrean Peak, and in the middle of them stood a proud Chu Kuangren.

The spectators held their breath as they stared deadly at what was about to unfold.

Apart from Chu Kuangren, there may be no other sky-pride who could survive the combined attacks of nine empyrean walkers.

“Heh, looks like you’ve all shown me what you’re truly made of. However, I was just getting started.”
Chu Kuangren smiled. What followed next was a burst of unfathomable and destructive energy surging from his body, occupying the void!

Chapter 372: Defeating Nine Empyrean Walkers, The Appearance Of The Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique

Rumble!

Along with battle intent, boundless ferocious qi gushed out of Chu Kuangren's body and formed into a dark shadowy figure behind him. Then, a loud screech echoed throughout the realm. Chu Kuangren had called forth the Infallible Tormented Physique!

Meanwhile, various forms of Daoist Rhymes circled around Chu Kuangren. There were the sword Dao, spear Dao, Buddhist Dao, Five Ways Dao...

These Daoist Rhymers were combining to form the Transcendental Might!

It was the activation of the Transcendent Coalescence Daoist Physique.

With three Supreme Daoist Physiques cast at the same time, it unleashed a force so strong that the Empyrean Peak trembled violently, forcing the empyrean walkers to retreat.

"Now that you've shown me your skills, it's my turn," said Chu Kuangren calmly.

After taking a sweeping glance at his surroundings, Chu Kuangren fixed his sight onto Zhan Long and unleashed a fist technique.

The power of the boundless ferocious qi that was accompanied by Transcendental Might shocked Zhan Long, who then let out a battle roar in a spontaneous counterattack.

"Sky Conqueror Fist, Crumble!"

Zhan Long channeled his spiritual energy and Daoist Rhymes surged outward, forming an enormous black fist sign that instantly crumbled upon contact with Chu Kuangren's attack.

Under its sheer force, Zhan Long was sent flying hundreds of meters away before he crashed into a mountain. His aura was instantly obliterated.

A single fist technique had rendered Zhan Long completely immobilized in this battle.

"Again!"

Chu Kuangren began searching for his next target.

However, the remaining empyrean walkers had already channeled their spiritual energies into their offensive moves while Chu Kuangren was dealing with Zhan Long.

"The Ascended Heavens Palace, Torrential Spearstorm!"

"Finger of Despair!"

"Big Dipper Let Fall!"

"Endless Sky Moon!"

"Millenium Fragrance!"

“Ethereal Enigma Realm, Palm of Heavenly Foundation!”

“Golden Mountain Stamp!”

“Grand Mountain River Stamp!”

The eight empyrean walkers each unleashed their greatest techniques. The sky was clouded with a torrential spear qi, the Big Dipper sword qi transformed into a dense sword ray, a luminescent sword ray glowed with magnificence, the Daoist Rhymes of guqin music echoed throughout the realm...

As a stream of palm qi quietly traversed the air across to Chu Kuangren, golden rays formed into an earth-shattering golden mountain that had the power to shake the entire realm.

Death qi and earth qi also created an overwhelming presence on the battlefield!

The eight distinct yet earth-shattering powerful energies unleashed and aimed at Chu Kuangren from all sides!

Even a Great Sage would cower in defeat in face of such an overpowered attack. However, Chu Kuangren’s Divine Ferocious Avatar let out a deafening roar as he concentrated his ferocious qi into his fists, attacking in all directions!

A storm of fist qi was unleashed!

Loud explosions reverberated the void as various Daoist Rhymes intertwined and painted the sky with various colors. It was a magnificent sight to behold and countless spectators could not take their eyes off it.

However, they were aware that contrary to its appearances, the colorful sight was made up of a murderous level of killing intent!

With the Transcendental Might, Chu Kuangren’s ferocious qi continuously erupted while his Divine Ferocious Avatar held off against the combined powers of eight attackers. The collisions created a shockwave so large that it destroyed everything within a thousand kilometers radius.

The Emphyrean Peak was reduced to rubbles.

Smokes and debris clouded the air, blurring everyone’s vision...

The convoluted and chaotic energies that filled the scene also blurred their spiritual senses...

The empyrean walkers stared deadly into the fog only to see a dark figure emerging from within.

It was Chu Kuangren!

He was still standing proudly and arrogantly.

Although the Divine Ferocious Avatar was a formidable transformation, it was still destroyed by the combined attacks from eight empyrean walkers. Its ferocious qi could no longer hold its shape any longer.

Yet, Chu Kuangren was still completely unharmed!

An avatar was all Chu Kuangren needed to fend off the combined attacks of eight empyrean walkers!

Such a strong and formidable combat strength made all of the empyrean walkers widened their eyes in shock. They could not believe their eyes.

“Now it’s my turn.”

Chu Kuangren said calmly as he positioned his guqin, the Lingering Song before his chest. The moment his fingers plucked the strings, the seventh movement of the Eight Celestial Demonic Chords, Synchronous Overworld Anarchy rang out.

Amplified by Chu Kuangren’s Transcendental Might, the tune packed an even devastating power. As it reverberated across the realm, the void ruptured, the earth began to shake violently, and surges of guqin Daoist Rhymes emanated.

“This isn’t good!”

Ling Xiao felt uneasy.

He immediately cast the Ascended Heavens Palace’s Daoist Transformation behind him to fight off against the guqin Daoist Rhyme. However, it began to tremble and crack under the mounting pressure of Chu Kuangren’s guqin music.

With an abrupt bang, the once magnificent palace began to collapse onto its own. The Ascended Heavens Palace’s Daoist Transformation... was destroyed!

Feeling the backlash of the destruction and the mounting attack of Chu Kuangren’s guqin music, Ling Xiao spat a mouthful of blood as the force launched his body into a mountain like a cannonball.

The other empyrean walkers did not have it any better either.

Similarly, Li Fuping’s Daoist Transformation, the Dazzling Pelagic Moon was crushed. The ocean and the luminescent moon that were once made up of sword qi dissipated into nothingness.

Gui Wuchou’s dry well of death qi had also been blasted into smithereens.

Under the guqin music, Xue Zheng’s elusive figure returned to its normal structure and with the attack of the guqin Daoist Rhyme, he was snapped out of the Ethereal Enigma Realm. His face immediately turned pale and just like Ling Xiao, he was blasted away.

Feng Yaorao, Ye Xin, Guo San, and Jin Bujue were all met with similar fates...

The empyrean walkers had never experienced such a magnitude of an attack before, and one by one, they were blasted out of the battlefield.

When the guqin music came to a halt, the Emphyrean Peak was dead silent!

All that was left standing above the mounting hubris was Chu Kuangren. Upon being blasted out of the battlefield, the empyrean walkers laid helplessly on the ground with their auras sapped. They were utterly powerless.

The Synchronous Overworld Anarchy was all it took for Chu Kuangren to defeat eight empyrean walkers!

Adding Zhan Long to the count, none of the nine empyrean walkers could hold against Chu Kuangren's abilities!

"Look at his power! How's he so strong?!"

Ling Xiao was still incredulous.

The empyrean walkers stared at Chu Kuangren, who was no longer a human to them. Rather, he was a relentless monster who could not be defeated!

Which sky-pride in this world could possibly rival against such power?!

"I'm afraid no sky-pride is a worthy opponent for Chu Kuangren. With him around, how could someone beat him to the Emperor Realm?!"

The other empyrean walkers were dumbfounded as well.

Meanwhile, many Sages had also been keeping a close eye on the battle, and they were once again impressed by Chu Kuangren's abilities.

"He's done it! Chu Kuangren has won!"

"He's the strongest in this world!"

"The predictor is right. 'Only one can lead the sky-prides, Kuangren of the Black Heaven it shall be'. Chu Kuangren is undoubtedly the greatest of all sky-prides!"

"How formidable!"

The spectators were astounded too.

Many looked up to Chu Kuangren with a deep sense of admiration.

Just then, a surge of terrifying Daoist Rhymes exploded in the distance and formed a Divine Commander Avatar that radiated with a domineering and supreme aura.

"Chu Kuangren, if you want to be the strongest, I'm afraid you'll have to seek permission from me, the host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique!"

A coercive voice echoed throughout the void. From afar, the enormous Divine Commander Avatar abruptly unleashed a fist technique toward Chu Kuangren.

Its fist qi shot across the air. Just the force from the first along its trail was enough to create a dreadful sense of impending doom.

Chapter 373: Act Of Theft From The Heavens, Crushing The Imperial Physique, Xiao Lintian Fails Miserably

Chu Kuangren was a little surprised by the incoming fist qi. However, he immediately concentrated his ferocious qi and retaliated using another fist technique.

When the two opposing forces collided, a massive explosion erupted with a bang!

A terrible tornado was formed in the aftermath, sweeping the empyrean walkers even further away.

“Who’s that? That’s some amazing strength he just displayed!”

“Did he say the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique? That’s the second-ranking physique amongst all Three-Thousand Daoist Physiques!”

“Oh dear, where’s this guy from?”

The spectators looked toward the source of the fist attack in shock.

A youngster in black robes was standing above a mountain peak. His facial features were hard and prominent, and he radiated an indescribable domineering aura!

Everyone who saw him could not help but feel an overwhelming sense of submission.

The youngster leaped forward, traversing thousands of meters, and arrived above Chu Kuangren. The former looked down at Chu Kuangren and said, “Chu Kuangren, perhaps you’ll have to seek my permission before you make yourself the greatest sky-pride!”

Chu Kuangren activated his Eyes of Revelation as he looked at the youngster.

“Xiao Lintian, an empyrean walker of the Heavenly Golden Palace, host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique. Trained in the Emperor Technique, Golden Seven-Step Technique, Emperor Technique...”

“His combat strength is equivalent to that of a Great Sage...”

The messages from Chu Kuangren’s Eye of Revelation had certainly piqued his interest. “Oh, the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique. Now, that’s interesting.”

Ling Xiao and the other empyrean walkers were surprised too.

“I didn’t think a remarkable physique like the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique would appear in this generation. Just which part of the unknown lands did this person come from?”

Ye Xin, Zhan Long, and several other empyrean walkers were puzzled.

“If my guess is correct, he’s from the Heavenly Golden Palace!”

Then, Xue Zheng gasped and said, “The seniors in my orthodoxy have mentioned that the Heavenly Golden Palace originates from one of the deepest parts of the unknown lands. And at some point in their history, the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique emerged in one of its members, and they maintained dominance for an entire generation.”

“However, the host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique later ascended into the Emperor Realm and ventured into the Misty Ocean, one of the Ten Great Forbidden Areas. That was the last time anyone saw him. Since then, the palace has spent over millennia recreating the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique in the physical world just so they can recover the glory of the palace. And now, it looks like they’ve succeeded...”

A few empyrean walkers gasped in shock.

Supreme Daoist Physiques were already rare occurrences, let alone the second-ranking Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique. Apart from it being a gift from the heavens, recreating a physique in the physical world was a tremendously difficult feat.

They were simply replicating the heavens' creation!

It was an act of stealing from the heavens!

Apart from the empyrean walkers, the Sages were also shocked speechless by the Heavenly Golden Palace's achievement.

"I've always thought that the Heavenly Golden Palace was obsessed with a lost cause. Well, I stand corrected now."

"To recreate the physique after its first emergence is no doubt a tough feat. I wonder how much effort they invested into these operations."

"In that case, perhaps Chu Kuangren has finally met his match!"

The Sages conversed with each other via their spiritual thoughts.

They were eager to observe the upcoming battle.

Who would win? The host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique, or the host of three Supreme Daoist Physiques?

"Chu Kuangren, seeing that you've just finished those rodents off, I shall allow some time for you to recover your spiritual energy."

Xiao Lintian uttered proudly with his arms behind him.

Upon hearing his words, Ling Xiao and the other empyrean walkers grimaced and stared at Xiao Lintian furiously.

Rodents?!

If they had not sustained heavy injuries due to their fights with Chu Kuangren, the empyrean walkers would have challenged Xiao Lintian to a battle even though they were unsure if they were worthy opponents.

"Heh, if you chose to call them rodents, then you're just a slightly fatter one. Even if I'm left with only half of my energy, it's enough to make you crawl."

Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

"Hmph, you're ambitious but ignorant!"

Xiao Lintian grunted and launched a fist attack at Chu Kuangren, where a surge of golden fist strength that packed the momentum of a flood erupted.

It was an Emperor Technique of the Heavenly Golden Palace, Divine Golden Ray Punch!

Xiao Lintian intended to defeat Chu Kuangren in the most glorious way possible, hence he did not hold back at all as he channeled his spiritual energy to its limit!

Even a Great Sage would be fearful of such an attack.

“Raging Gods Fist!”

Chu Kuangren retaliated with another fist attack!

The moment their fist qi clashed together, a shockwave of Daoist Rhymes swept across the land.

Both cultivators were still in their original position. However, the ground surrounding them had collapsed, and there was a massive crater in the center.

“You’re the first who can withstand the power of my fist technique. Chu Kuangren, it looks like you’re worthy of my fullest power!”

Xiao Lintian said solemnly.

Xiao Lintian then unleashed a surge of powerful aura and his Daoist Rhymes soared upwards, interweaving to form the figure of a Divine Commander.

It was the Daoist Transformation of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique, the Divine Commander Avatar!

As such, Chu Kuangren cast all three of his Supreme Daoist Physiques!

“Come, let’s see if your Supreme Daoist Physique is stronger than my Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique!” Xiao Lintian roared.

He launched a fist attack and the Divine Golden Ray Punch once again made its appearance.

This time, with the support of the Divine Commander Avatar, Xiao Lintian’s fist qi was brought to another level. It packed the force of unstoppable dominance!

The power of this fist qi was even more oppressive than the last!

Chu Kuangren simply shook his head as he observed Xiao Lintian’s attack.

With the Lingering Song before him, Chu Kuangren began to pluck the strings with his finger.

All of a sudden, a silent guqin Daoist Rhymes erupted!

Ripples began to form in the void.

It was the final movement of the Eight Celestial Demonic Chords, the Grand Melodic Void!

The guqin Daoist Rhymes, which the empyrean walkers had never seen before, spread across the void and clashed onto Xiao Lintian’s fist qi.

The devastating energy from the impact not only created an enormous crack in the ground that spanned several hundred meters deep, but it sent a tremor to everything within a thousand kilometers as well.

Meanwhile, Xiao Lintian's fist qi disintegrated swiftly under the power of the Grand Melodic Void and his Divine Commander Avatar exploded!

Xiao Lintian spat out a mouthful of blood as he was sent flying by the impact.

The second-ranking Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique was destroyed with a single piece of Chu Kuangren's guqin music!

It was a jaw-dropping scene for the spectators.

Even the Sages, who were secretly observing the battle, were dumbfounded.

"How's that possible? How's the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique so weak? This doesn't make sense. It's a Supreme Daoist Physique that's ranked second in the world!"

"Even if Chu Kuangren possesses three Supreme Daoist Physiques, none of them could rival the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique. How is this possible?!"

"What a huge difference in abilities."

The Sages said in disbelief.

The one who was most shocked amongst them all was the Heavenly Golden Palace's Sage.

Xiao Lintian was the host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique, which was the result of their countless years worth of tireless effort and endeavor!

They had high hopes for Xiao Lintian to bring honor to their orthodoxy, ascend into the Emperor's Realm, and then dominate the world!

Alas, their greatest hope was crushed by a piece of Chu Kuangren's guqin music!

However, why was Xiao Lintian defeated in an instance while the other empyrean walkers were still able to put on a fight? After all, Xiao Lintian was supposed to be stronger than them.

"He didn't use his full force when he battled us!"

Xiao Ling gulped at that realization.

Having dealt a heavy blow from Chu Kuangren's guqin music, Xiao Lintian could only crawl as he stared at Chu Kuangren in disbelief. There was a hint of fear in his eyes that he could not conceal.

"How's it possible? How's it possible... My Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique is supposed to be undefeatable, yet why have I failed..."

"What more... I failed so miserably!"

Chapter 374: Killing Great Sage Zhang Guang's Clone, Never Been Threatened

Chu Kuangren gradually walked up to Xiao Lintian and looked down at the latter who was on the floor.

"The Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique is indeed remarkable. Unfortunately, you're... just too weak!"

It was true.

Was the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique weak?

Not at all. Second only to the Chaos Physique, how weak could this Supreme Daoist Physique be? It was one of the strongest Daoist Physiques that ever existed!

Many Emperors that came before them did not even have such a physique.

However, would a Daoist Physique dictate one's strength?

Not necessarily.

With three Supreme Daoist Physiques, the reason Chu Kuangren was able to defeat Xiao Lintian so easily was largely due to his foundations!

Chu Kuangren possessed the Six Supreme Foundation Levels, the Immortal Body, and the Universal Cauldron Physique. Although his three main Daoist Physiques were inferior to the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique, he could easily win the battle.

"I'm too weak?"

"Too weak?!"

Xiao Lintian murmured. He was having trouble comprehending that statement.

As an empyrean walker who was the host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique, how could he be weak?!

However, if he was not weak, then how did Chu Kuangren defeat him in a single move?!

Xiao Lintian could not understand. As a result, his Daoist Core suffered damage that it had never before as Xiao Lintian spat another mouthful of blood.

"Chu Kuangren, shut up!"

At that moment, Xiao Lintian said angrily.

The light that was radiating from his body suddenly transformed into a white-bearded elder who was dressed in a yellow robe.

Chu Kuangren activated his Eye of Revelation.

"Great Sage Zhang Guang, the current palace lord of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace."

Oh.

Great Sage, the palace lord of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace.

"The Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace surely takes great care of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique. I didn't think you'd even leave a Great Sage Stamp on Xiao Lintian's body."

Chu Kuangren chuckled and said.

Chu Kuangren could see that although the entity before him was merely the manifestation of Great Sage Zhang Guang's spiritual thought, it was implanted on Xiao Lintian with a secret technique. Hence, even the manifestation of his spiritual thought possessed remarkable combat strength.

Anyone who was below the level of a Great Sage would find it to be a tough fight.

"Lintian, steady your Daoist Core. Don't let Chu Kuangren's words affect you," the Great Sage Zhang Kuang's spiritual thought commanded.

It did not take long before Xiao Lintian regained his composure. His heart raced a little as he stared furiously at Chu Kuangren. "D*mn you, Chu Kuangren, how dare you shake my Daoist Core with your deceitful words?!"

Chu Kuangren could not help but sneer at Xiao Lintian. "I only speak the truth, none of it is a lie. If you must blame someone, blame yourself for having such a fragile Daoist Core."

"Unknown lands? More like shameless lands."

Chu Kuangren said nonchalantly.

By now, Xiao Lintian was not the only one who was fuming with anger. Even the spiritual thought of Great Sage Zhang Guang was enraged!

The Sages of the unknown lands who were watching secretly were also irritated.

After all, Chu Kuangren's statement was an insult to all of them.

'This is between him and the Heavenly Golden Palace, why does he have to drag us into it too?!'

"Chu Kuangren, you're too much now. Do remember that Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace can easily destroy the Black Heaven Sect if we want to!"

Great Sage Zhang Guang snarked crudely...

A cold glint immediately flashed across Chu Kuangren's eyes. "Oh, are you threatening me?"

"So what if I am?!" Great Sage Zhang Guang replied rudely.

Suddenly, Chu Kuangren unleashed a boundless amount of terrifying sword-based Daoist Rhymes.

As his Self Descendant Sword at his waist vibrated, a stream of terrifying sword ray shot out towards the sky and covered Chu Kuangren's body in blood-colored flame.

Nine Deaths Blazing Blood Art, activated!

Three Supreme Physiques, activated!

At the same time, Chu Kuangren's Six Supreme Foundation Levels began to radiate with a divine glow!

Chu Kuangren then unsheathed his Self Descendant Sword and its sword chant echoed throughout the entire firmament.

With a strike forward, the sword blade unleashed a surge of boundlessly terrifying offensive power that was concentrated on its tip at the Great Sage Zhang Guang's spiritual thought. It was as if it could slice the entire realm open!

"What!"

Great Sage Zhang Guang did not expect Chu Kuangren to attack so abruptly. What more, this attack seemed to be packed with his full force!

Even if Great Sage Zhang Guang's spiritual thought clone was strong, he could not defend himself in time. Just like that, he was destroyed by the sword technique!

The devastating sword ray did not stop after it tore Great Sage Zhang Guang's spiritual thought apart and it continued to shoot toward the distance instead!

One mountain, two mountains, four mountains...

Dozens of mountains were destroyed by this sword attack!

A fissure that spanned dozens of kilometers long and several kilometers deep was formed on the ground. At its edge, one could still sense the intimidating presence of the delicate sword qi and the hint of Daoist Rhymes.

The power of the sword technique had mortified the Sages who were watching!

The empyrean walkers were in greater shock!

"T-that's really frightening!"

As a sword cultivator himself, Li Fuping could not help but gulp worriedly. He knew very well that he would not survive the attack even if there were twenty of him!

It sounded preposterous.

The once-honorable empyrean walkers had now been reduced to a measuring unit to gauge the damage of Chu Kuangren's technique. However, Li Fuping could only concede at this point.

That technique had left an everlasting trauma within himself!

"He dares threaten me? Perhaps he should see for himself that I, Chu Kuangren, will never be threatened by another person!" Chu Kuangren exclaimed.

Then, Chu Kuangren's sight fell on Xiao Lintian.

Upon being stared at by Chu Kuangren, the host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique froze. He could almost feel his blood freezing over just by sensing Chu Kuangren's overwhelming hostility.

"Tell your Palace Lord that I've destroyed his spiritual thought clone today, but if he dares provoke the Black Heaven Sect, I will kill his real body and the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace shall never see a day of peace again!"

"If he doubts my ability to follow through my words, then have him visit the Scaled Clan and take a look at how it ended at the Bottomless Chasm!" Chu Kuangren said coldly.

The observing Sages were appalled.

Chu Kuangren was simply too reckless. Did he not know what the Heavenly Golden Palace was capable of?

It was one of the most formidable places of all the unknown lands!

Not even the other territories in the unknown lands dared mess with them. Yet, Chu Kuangren had not only slain a spiritual thought of the Heavenly Golden Palace Lord, but he also threatened him!

Only a person with an insurmountable amount of pride would dare utter such words!

“He’s insane!”

“This b*stard truly lives up to his reputation. He’s reckless and can never be reasoned with.”

“Hmph, he’s such an arrogant person. Is everyone in the Black Heaven Sect like him? At this point, he’s just an ignorant and rude person. Based on my judgment, it won’t be long before the entire Black Heaven Sect is trampled into a flatland. Things will not end well for Chu Kuangren.”

“By the way, what did he mean by the Bottomless Chasm?”

“Chu Kuangren once messed with the Scaled Clan before, but could he have fought with the Bottomless Chasm too? The Bottomless Chasm is no weaker than the Heavenly Golden Palace.”

The Sages began to contemplate the issue.

In the Heavenly Golden Palace, Great Sage Zhang Guang was sitting on a meditation cushion when his face turned pale and he vomited a mouthful of blood.

The spiritual thought clone that he left on Xiao Lintian possessed one-tenth of his power so it was supposed to be formidable.

Hence, when his spiritual thought clone was destroyed, its backlash would surely cause great damage to his body.

“Chu Kuangren, how dare you kill my clone? D*mn you!”

Great Sage Zhang Guang’s face twisted in fury.

Chapter 375: The Bottomless Chasm Is Ruined, Onto The Ethereal Rapture, Do They Dare

“D*mn it, d*mn it!”

“Chu Kuangren, how dare you kill my spiritual thought clone! Just you wait and see, I will destroy the Black Heaven Sect!” Great Sage Zhang Guang grumbled.

At that moment, a voice echoed throughout the palace hall.

“Calm down now.”

The voice sounded frail and old.

Upon hearing the voice, Great Sage Zhang Guang immediately recollected his composure. "Forefather, why are you awake?"

Great Sage Zhang Guang was confused. The forefathers of the unknown lands had lived for countless years and they rarely showed themselves as they were always in deep slumber to slow the progress of their Heavenly Deterioration Stage Five.

Yet, the palace's forefather was now awake to caution him.

What was going on?

"A few days ago, I was awakened by a frightening aura from afar. I wasn't the only one as the other old ones felt its presence too. That aura was simply too... terrifying."

This made Great Sage Zhang Guang concerned. What kind of entity could possibly strike such fear into his forefather?!

Then, he remembered. "It's the Headless Lady!"

"That's right," said the frail voice.

"But what does this have to do with me seeking revenge from the Black Heaven Sect?" Great Sage Zhang Guang said puzzledly.

"When my spiritual thought was wandering around Firmament Star, I learned a great deal about Chu Kuangren. One of them was his visit to the Scaled Clan in the deep sea, and rumor has it that he even fought one of the cultivators from the Bottomless Chasm during his visit. After your spiritual thought was slain, Chu Kuangren did ask you to witness the fate of the Bottomless Chasm for your own. This is the reason why I've come to stop you!"

"Please elaborate further, Forefather."

"A few days ago, I received news that the Headless Lady has caused a mess in the Bottomless Chasm. Amongst the Seven Great Chasm Dwellers, four of them were killed. In the end, the Headless Lady left, leaving the Bottomless Chasm in a devastated state. This incident happened on the same day Chu Kuangren visited the Scaled Clan," said the frail voice.

At that point, Great Sage Zhang Guang had no reason to distrust his Forefather. His eyes widened in shock as he said, "Forefather, do you mean Chu Kuangren is somehow related to the Headless Lady? And that the Headless Lady helped Chu Kuangren to destroy the Bottomless Chasm?"

"But how's that possible?! It's written in the archives that the Headless Lady's origin is none but a mystery. Never has it been known that she has worked together with anyone else. How's it plausible that she would help Chu Kuangren to destroy the Bottomless Chasm?!"

Then, the frail voice replied, "Regardless of the reason, it's unwise to provoke Chu Kuangren just for a spiritual thought clone."

"Forefather, could this be a coincidence? Perhaps Chu Kuangren is using this incident to intimidate us?" Great Sage Zhang Guang hypothesized.

“As long as there’s a possibility, we should ensure that whatever happened to the Bottomless Chasm does not repeat here. Otherwise, you shall bear all the sins of this palace’s downfall!”

The frail voice cautioned sternly.

“Understood.” Great Sage Zhang Guang nodded reluctantly.

After that, the frail voice no longer said anything else. It seemed like its presence had left the hall.

Great Sage Zhang Guang pondered for a while longer before retrieving his communication compass. “Third Elder, find all the archives that contain any records of the Headless Lady and bring them to my room.”

There was a hint of confusion in his eyes.

“As long as Chu Kuangren is alive, no one else can see the light of day. The chances for the Heavenly Golden Palace to ascend into the Emperor Realm will be even tougher.”

“Be it to avenge my spiritual thought clone or to help my orthodoxy ascend into the Emperor Realm, Chu Kuangren cannot stay!”

“But first, I need to find some ways to deal with the Headless Lady...”

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Black Warrior Domain, Emyrean Peak.

The fights between the empyrean walkers had since concluded with Chu Kuangren’s flawless victory. His overwhelming dominance over the host of Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique was a frightening tale for all to hear.

This battle had cemented Chu Kuangren’s reputation amongst the younger generation. Not even the empyrean walkers were his match.

After the fight, Chu Kuangren met Xue Zheng, who was just about to leave Emyrean Peak.

From his troubled expression, it was apparent that the battle had left a discouraging impact on him.

As an empyrean walker, he was always very confident with his own ability. However, this battle today had taught Xue Zheng just how far he was from the peak!

Compared to Chu Kuangren, Xue Zheng felt that his name was not even worth mentioning.

“Brother Xue, please hold on!” Xue Zheng heard Chu Kuangren’s voice from behind.

Xue Zheng turned around curiously only to see Chu Kuangren. “Brother Chu, what can I do for you?”

“Brother Xue, I wish to visit the Ethereal Rapture. Can you please guide me there?”

“Visit the Ethereal Rapture?”

Xue Zheng was stunned. Then, he connected the dots to the rumors he had heard about Chu Kuangren and his face froze over. He said, “Brother Chu, I’ve willingly conceded my defeat. Why must you go on a rampage? Moreover, the Ethereal Rapture is not a place where you can do as you wish!”

Chu Kuangren was dumbfounded.

Why was Xue Zheng acting all panicky? He was just planning to pay them a friendly visit. Was the Ethereal Rapture that mysterious?

Moreover, what did Xue Zheng mean by 'going on a rampage'?

Xue Zheng was speaking as if Chu Kuangren was planning to cause trouble in his orthodoxy.

"Brother Xue, I'm just interested in visiting. Do you have to use such harsh words?"

"Of course I do! I've heard about all your stories. The Murong clan, the Shang clan, and the Sky Emperor Palace... None of those places were left in one piece after your visit."

Only then did Chu Kuangren finally comprehend Xue Zheng's reaction, but he felt misunderstood. After all, could he be blamed for all those incidents?

Those incidents began with the orthodoxies provoking him. Otherwise, Chu Kuangren would not need to resort to such violent measures.

"Brother Xue, be rest assured that my plan for this visit is to purely look for the Celestial Chalcedony. I have no intention to cause trouble," Chu Kuangren said firmly.

Barring his battle with Xue Zheng today, there was no resentment between Chu Kuangren and the Ethereal Rapture. Chu Kuangren was confident that there would be no unpleasantries happening from his visit.

Xue Zheng looked at Chu Kuangren skeptically and said, "This is a fairly important matter. I'd need to revert this matter to the Sect Leader first."

"That of course," said Chu Kuangren.

Not long after.

Xue Zheng had finished his discussion with the Ethereal Rapture through his communication compass, so he looked at Chu Kuangren and said, "Sect Leader has allowed me to invite you to the Ethereal Rapture."

"Thank you."

Chu Kuangren breathed a sigh of relief. If the Ethereal Rapture insisted on keeping him away, he would not know where else to seek his Celestial Chalcedony.

Although the lower-graded ones could still summon the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation, its power would be greatly compromised.

Chu Kuangren sought to do only the best.

With that, Xue Zheng and Chu Kuangren made their way to the Ethereal Rapture.

"Brother Chu, mind if I ask what these Celestial Chalcedonies are for?"

Curious, Xue Zheng asked during their journey.

Apart from assisting in the cultivation of certain unique techniques, the common use of the Celestial Chalcedony did not differ much from a regular soulstone.

"Brother Xue, I'm sure you're aware that the Celestial Chalcedonies are excellent ingredients in establishing a formation," Chu Kuangren said.

"Oh, you're planning to use it for a formation."

"That's right."

Chu Kuangren said. Of course, the specifics of the formation were not something he would reveal that easily.

Xue Zheng did not ask any further as well.

"Brother Chu, are you not afraid that by threatening the Heavenly Golden Palace, they would mess with the Black Heaven Sect?" Xue Zheng moved onto a new topic of conversation.

"Do they dare?!"

Chu Kuangren snorted coldly, his eyes glaring with hostility.

Chapter 376: Teeth Of A Storm, On Thin Ice, Chu Kuangren Visits Ethereal Rapture

"How dare they?!"

Chu Kuangren exclaimed as a chilly gaze shot out from his eyes.

Xue Zheng's heart shuddered at the sight of that. Was Chu Kuangren truly capable of destroying the unknown lands?!

"Forgive me. I've overreacted."

Chu Kuangren retracted the coldness from his eyes and smiled.

He was truly a good-looking man, especially when he smiled, he looked even more charming. At that, Xue Zheng's nerves calmed a little, and he slowly relaxed.

"Brother Chu, shall we continue our journey?"

"Alright."

Chu Kuangren nodded slightly.

Deep down, he secretly praised himself.

It seemed that he had managed to intimidate Xue Zheng. When the latter got back, he would surely report to the Ethereal Rapture, and by then, their side would be wary of him too.

Did the Black Heaven Sect, or more accurately Chu Kuangren, have the capability of taking on the unknown lands? Truth be told, it would be extremely difficult for him.

Nobody knew how deep the unknown lands' resources ran, but one thing was for sure — their resources were much more than any sage orthodoxy that Chu Kuangren had encountered in the past, so much more...

Although the Black Heaven Sect had improved by leaps and bounds the last few years, they could never compare with the unknown lands, which had several hundred thousand to even millions of years' worth of resources. There was still a discrepancy between their powers.

They would never win this fight if they just went on them hard.

In fact, slaying Great Sage Zhang Guang's spiritual thought form and threatening the Heavenly Golden Palace was all a gamble!

Moreover, the biggest bluff that he had was the Headless Woman!

He hinted that he had some sort of connection with the Headless Woman, hoping that the Heavenly Golden Palace would be intimidated by him. He did it so they would not dare to act rashly, and he could buy the Black Heaven Sect more time to increase their strength.

That was his last resort given the circumstances back then.

If he had revealed any fear or hesitation, he knew for sure that the Heavenly Golden Palace and even the rest of the unknown lands would strike at him and the Black Heaven Sect.

This was because his mere existence had already impeded all the unknown lands' opportunities of becoming Emperor!

"I'm now in the teeth of a storm. I can be struck down at any given moment." Chu Kuangren stared into the faraway sky and sighed with a forlorn look on his face.

To the outsiders, he was at the peak of his powers, but Chu Kuangren knew very well that he was currently on thin ice. One slip and he, or even the Black Heaven Sect, would not make through this!

However, there was no way back for him now!!

As such, he chose to toughen himself and march forward, battling it out with these pesky unknown lands.

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Soon, Chu Kuangren arrived in front of a mountain peak with Xue Zheng's lead.

The Ethereal Rapture was actually a secret realm, and a moving secret realm at that. It was abstruse and illusory, extremely hard to find.

Only the disciples of Ethereal Rapture would have some sort of searching technique to find it.

"Open!"

Xue Zheng tossed a jade order into the sky. That jade order shone with a bright brilliance, opening up a space passage.

"Brother Chu, after you."

“Let’s go.”

The two stepped into the space passage and arrived at the Ethereal Rapture.

Once they had gotten in, the first thing that met their eyes were mountain ranges shrouded in clouds of mist. There were unique floras grown everywhere on those mountains, and they were surrounded by strange, rare beasts.

“So, this is the Ethereal Rapture. It’s indeed as surreal as the heavens.”

Chu Kuangren complemented.

“Brother Chu, that’s an overpraise,” Xue Zheng said with a smile.

Then, he led Chu Kuangren to the Ethereal Rapture’s main mountain peak. On their way there, they met quite some Ethereal Rapture disciples.

By Chu Kuangren’s observation, these Ethereal Rapture disciples were all top-notch talents. Simply pick one and they would be as strong as a true disciple or even a Daoist of the various great sage orthodoxies in this world.

“Senior Brother Xue.”

A female disciple walked up to Xue Zheng and bowed at him.

She flashed Chu Kuangren a curious glance.

As the empyrean walker of Ethereal Rapture, Xue Zheng was regarded highly amongst all their disciples. Since he had brought a stranger back to their place this time, a little bit of curiosity was warranted.

“Senior Brother Xue, who is this Daoist Brother here?”

This female disciple looked at Chu Kuangren with a dazzled look in her eyes. She found this guy in front of her to be good-looking, more so than any other man she had seen before, including her Senior Brother Xue Zheng.

“My name is Chu Kuangren. Nice to meet you.”

“Pleasure to meet you, Brother Chu. My name is Cai Yun. Are you here as a guest, Brother Chu?” The female disciple, Cai Yun greeted him warmly.

“I guess you can say that.”

“Then you have to stay for a few more days, Brother Chu. We have so many fun attractions here in the Ethereal Rapture. I wouldn’t mind bringing you around then.”

“Sure, thanks for that.”

Beside them, Xue Zheng’s lips could not help but twitch. As the real Senior Brother of his own place, he felt like he was being ignored.

He gave Chu Kuangren a side glance, feeling a little jealous.

He was just that little bit more handsome than Xue Zheng, was he not?

Did she have to treat him with such hospitality?

It was not only Cai Yun. Xue Zheng had, all of a sudden, noticed that quite a lot of disciples had gathered around them too.

Moreover, most were female disciples. All of them were staring at Chu Kuangren with glittering eyes, and some even gulped.

It certainly looked like a scene where a pack of hungry wolves had stumbled upon a sheep.

"I didn't know such a handsome man existed in this world."

"I thought Senior Brother Xue Zheng was the most handsome man I've ever seen. I can't believe there'd be someone in this world who's more handsome than him."

"Who's this guy?"

"Ethereal Rapture has not had any guests for so many years. Could he be a new disciple that Senior Brother Xue has brought back?"

"Is that true? If so, that's great. If he were to become a Junior Brother, I'd surely guide him in cultivating every day."

Seeing the passion amongst the female crowd, the male cultivators felt rather envious.

They flashed Chu Kuangren with hostile looks.

However, after a good moment's glance, they conceded.

"D*mn it. How can there be such a handsome man in this world? If I were a girl, I'd totally sleep with him too."

"Actually, it doesn't matter if it's a guy or a girl to me. The most important thing is that I like what I see."

"Get out of here."

Xue Zheng listened to the heated discussions of the disciples around him and realized that Chu Kuangren's looks were even scarier than his cultivation.

"Alright, Cai Yun. This one's our Sect Leader's guest. We need to go and see the Sect Leader now. See you around."

Xue Zheng explained.

"The Sect Leader's guest?"

Cai Yun was stunned. The Sect Leader's guests should be Sages and whatnot, and those people were usually much older.

What association could this handsome young man have with an old man like the Sect Leader?

Of course, she did not dare say her thoughts out loud.

Just when her mind was going places, Xue Zheng had already left with Chu Kuangren and arrived at a palace on top of the mountain.

Inside the palace were a few elders. The middle one was wearing a blue-white Daoist robe and held a whisk in his hand. He looked extremely transcendent.

This man was the leader of the Ethereal Rapture, Master Daoist Yun Tao.

His cultivation base was similar to that of Sage Ruler Zhang Guang as he, too, was a Sage Ruler.

When his eyes met with Chu Kuangren's, Master Daoist Yun Tao's eyes lit up. He smiled gently and said, "Ethereal Rapture has been blessed by Junior Brother Chu's presence."

Meanwhile, the few other elders looked at Chu Kuangren with different expressions.

In fact, they had no vengeance nor hatred towards Chu Kuangren, but his existence had affected the many great unknown lands' competition of becoming Emperor. This in itself did not give them good feelings about this guy.

Nevertheless, their adversary had not caused any trouble during his visit here so they did not have any reason to take him down.

"Greetings, Brother Yun Tao." Chu Kuangren smiled.

Chapter 377: Ethereal Rapture Makes Things Difficult, That Doesn't Sound Bad At All

"Greetings, Brother Yun Tao."

Chu Kuangren smiled gently as he said. However, Master Daoist Yun Tao and the few other elders frowned at his greeting. The few elders were especially crossed at Chu Kuangren now.

After all, Chu Kuangren was a mere being below Sage's level.

Master Daoist Yun Tao was a Sage Ruler.

Not to mention the gap in their cultivation realm, but in age alone, Chu Kuangren was nowhere close to Master Daoist Yun Tao's age even if he lived another few hundred years.

How dare he greet him as Master Daoist Yun Tao equal?!

Where did Chu Kuangren get that courage?

"Hmph, who are you calling your Brother? Rude."

One of the elders scoffed.

Chu Kuangren glanced at him when he heard that. "What's the matter? Brother Yun Tao is the Ethereal Rapture's leader, while I am the Black Heaven Sect's leader. How was that inappropriate? Are you saying that the Black Heaven Sect is inferior to Ethereal Rapture?!"

He had already seen through the contempt that these few people had for him, and it was not in his nature to go out of his way to gain the favor of his adversaries. Since they were already unhappy about him, he did not care if they developed more hatred towards him.

“Y-you...”

That elder was speechless.

He was surprised that he could not find a word of rebuttal.

“No manners!”

That elder then flicked his sleeves angrily.

At that, Master Daoist Yun Tao spoke up, “Third Elder, let’s show some respect to our esteemed guest here. What Brother Chu said isn’t wrong. He, like me, is a leader of an orthodoxy. It wasn’t wrong for him to greet me as an equal earlier.”

He subconsciously switched from Junior Brother Chu to Brother Chu. Since he had responded, the rest of the elders could not object even if they wanted to.

“Alright, forget all that courtesy stuff. I came to the Eternal Rapture today mainly to trade for some Celestial Chalcedonies. I wonder what’s your opinion on this, Master Daoist Yun Tao?” Chu Kuangren cut straight to the point.

“It’s not hard for us to offer you the Celestial Chalcedony. However, I can’t help but wonder, what are you offering as your side of the trade?” Master Daoist Yun Tao asked.

“Two hundred million Top-tier soulstones for a kilogram of Top-tier Celestial Chalcedony!”

Chu Kuangren listed out his offer nonchalantly.

Chu Kuangren had already done a survey when he arrived at the place earlier. Based on the market price, a gram of Top-tier Celestial Chalcedony was valued at approximately one hundred thousand Top-tier soulstones.

The price that he offered was twice the market price.

“Heh, Brother Chu, what makes you think that we Ethereal Rapture are lacking in soulstones?” Master Daoist Yun Tao said.

“What is it that Ethereal Rapture wants then?”

“Your Emperor Techniques...”

Before Master Daoist Yun Tao could finish his sentence, Chu Kuangren had already turned around to leave.

Master Daoist Yun Tao was momentarily stunned as he did not expect that Chu Kuangren would react this way. Only when Chu Kuangren was at the exit did Master Daoist Yun Tao yelled, “Uh... Brother Chu. Come on, it’s just business. We can still negotiate.”

“Business is all about sincerity, but I haven’t seen any from Ethereal Rapture so far. You want an Emperor Technique for a kilogram of Celestial Chalcedony? That’s the biggest joke ever.”

Did they know how valuable an Emperor Technique was?

The unknown lands aside, there was no guarantee that they would be able to find a complete Emperor Technique in all the sage orthodoxies from the outside world.

This level of technique was absolutely priceless!

Not even ten or a hundred kilograms of Celestial Chalcedony were enough to trade for an Emperor Technique, let alone a kilogram of Celestial Chalcedony!

“Heh, I was just pulling your leg. Don’t be angry, Brother Chu.” Master Daoist Yun Tao smiled at him. It was high time for him to take advantage of Chu Kuangren now, so how would he let that chance go so easily?

Of course, he knew that demanding an Emperor Technique was too much as well.

However, there was nothing else that they lacked other than an Emperor Technique.

“How about this? A billion Top-tier soulstones. Does that work?”

After thinking it through in his head, Master Daoist Yun Tao decided to go for soulstones. Soulstones were a widely accepted currency throughout Firmament Star anyway. They could never have too much of it.

There was nothing else the Ethereal Rapture lacked.

Those other things they wanted from Chu Kuangren would still be too much to trade for just a few kilograms of Celestial Chalcedony. Chu Kuangren would never agree to that.

“A billion Top-tier soulstones for a kilogram of Celestial Chalcedony. Master Daoist Yun Tao, you have really outdone your calculations. Do you think our Black Heaven Sect’s soulstones grow from trees?” Chu Kuangren sneered back.

That price was over ten times the market price!

This was plainly daylight robbery!

“Brother Chu, that is the lowest that we can take. If you disagree with this deal, I have no choice but to ask you to leave. I don’t think it’s that easy to find such Celestial Chalcedonies anywhere else on Firmament Star,” Master Daoist Yun Tao said knowingly.

He had the supply when there was demand.

That was why Master Daoist Yun Tao was so confident.

Chu Kuangren gritted hard on his teeth, cursing this old man deep inside his heart.

The Celestial Chalcedony was very important for him. It was a key material in setting up the Astonishing Sea of Clouds Formation, so he could not afford to let this go.

He even began to consider trading an Emperor Technique.

He was only testing his adversary when he walked straight to the exit earlier. He could only say Master Daoist Yun Tao had over underestimated the importance of Celestial Chalcedony for him.

“Fine, a billion it is!”

Chu Kuangren gritted his teeth and pretended like he was infuriated.

Trading a billion soulstones was still better than trading an Emperor Technique. The worst he could do was to harvest them back from a few orthodoxies in the future.

“Ha, alright. Let me have some people get the goods for you.”

Master Daoist Yun Tao said.

After a while, a disciple came forth to report to him. “Sect Leader, there are not less than a hundred grams left of our Top-tier Celestial Chalcedony reserve.”

Upon hearing this, Chu Kuangren’s face darkened. A cold light flashed in his eyes, and the Descendant Self Sword at his waist began to vibrate.

A terrifying Sword-based Daoist Rhyme filled the air!

Some of the elders fell silent.

That disciple who came to report had beads of sweat all over his forehead. He stared at the incredibly handsome Chu Kuangren with fear in his eyes.

“Is Ethereal Rapture toying with me?”

Chu Kuangren laughed coldly.

“Brother Chu, don’t get mad just yet.”

Master Daoist Yun Tao quickly calmed him. Then, he turned to look at that disciple and questioned, “How could there be less than a hundred grams of Celestial Chalcedony left?”

That disciple’s voice trembled as he explained, “Sect Leader, a few of our Daoists had been more diligent in their cultivation recently, so these Celestial Chalcedonies were consumed much quicker.”

It was the time where the unknown lands were revealing themselves to the world.

To prepare for that, their orthodoxy’s disciples were all focused on cultivating. Therefore, the Ethereal Rapture’s main combat resource — the Celestial Chalcedony was made available to every disciple. Hence, it was consumed very quickly.

“Oh, I see.”

Master Daoist Yun Tao came to a sudden realization. Then, he looked at Chu Kuangren and said apologetically, “Brother Chu, forgive me. I didn’t expect things to turn out this way either.”

Chu Kuangren merely stared at him coldly.

He looked like he was telling Master Daoist Yun Tao to continue his petty act.

‘As the leader of Ethereal Rapture, how could you not have any idea about this?’

This was clearly a pretentious act to make things difficult.

He was now intrigued to see how Master Daoist Yun Tao would fix this predicament. Since he would not get the goods, he must take those one billion soulstones back by whichever means.

Surely Master Daoist Yun Tao would not want to wage war against him like this?

“Hmm, how about this. The Celestial Chalcedony in our reserve may have run out, but there’s a Celestial Chalcedony mineral vein in Ethereal Rapture. There are tons of unmined Celestial Chalcedonies there. Top-tier quality aside, there could even be Exquisite-tier ones too. As an apology, I’ll allow Brother Chu to take however many kilograms of minerals you want.”

“Everything shall belong to Brother Chu, no matter what tier of Celestial Chalcedonies you can mine. What do you say?” Master Daoist Yun Tao said with a warm smile.

Chu Kuangren’s interest was piqued.

Minerals?

That did not... sound bad at all!

Chapter 378: Picking Minerals, Master Daoist Yun Tao’s Extreme Heartache

The Celestial Chalcedony in Ethereal Rapture was almost exhausted, so Master Daoist Yun Tao decided to let Chu Kuangren mine for the minerals.

Very soon, the group of people arrived at a mineral vein.

Over here, many disciples were hard at labor.

Some were mining minerals, while some were breaking rocks...

“Sect Leader.”

An elder who was in charge of the mineral mine walked up to him.

An odd look flashed across Chu Kuangren’s eyes when he saw this person. “Aren’t you the Third Prefect from the First City? I didn’t expect to see you here.”

This Ethereal Rapture elder was indeed the First City’s Third Prefect.

“It’s you, Chu Kuangren!”

The Third Prefect was surprised to see Chu Kuangren as well.

None of them expected to see each other here.

“You two know each other?” Master Daoist Yun Tao asked curiously.

“I guess you can say so.”

Chu Kuangren nodded gently.

“Ah, what a coincidence then. The Twelfth Elder has just only joined Ethereal Rapture not long ago. He had obtained an inheritance that was related to Ethereal Rapture from the outside world. He found us a while back and then joined us.

Master Daoist Yun Tao said with a smile.

Ethereal Rapture had always had Ethereal Rapture empyrean walkers who ventured to the outside world throughout the ages. However, those in the past were not as ostentatious as this current generation. Most of them kept a low profile, mainly with the purpose of understanding current affairs and scout for some good talents for them to nurture.

As such, some of them had left behind inheritances in the outside world.

What the Third Prefect found was such inheritance.

The Third Prefect had sought the Ethereal Rapture for many years, and eventually, he succeeded in joining them with the clues that the Sky Emperor Palace provided.

“Hmm, Twelfth Elder, Brother Chu is our guest now, so I’ve brought him here to get some minerals. Where are the minerals that have been mined?” Master Daoist Yun Tao smiled gently as he said.

“Please, follow me.”

The Third Prefect led the group to a huge pile of mineral rocks, which emanated surges of strong and rich spiritual qi.

Master Daoist Yun Tao said, “Brother Chu, take your pick.”

He had a smirk in his eyes.

“Brother Yun Tao, how much of these would you allow me to pick?”

“Why don’t we do it this way? Since it’s our fault this time and Brother Chu wanted a kilogram of Top-tier Celestial chalcedony, why not I convert that to ten kilograms of minerals from here? And take the surplus as compensation from Ethereal Rapture.”

Chu Kuangren could not help but chuckle.

Ten kilograms sounded much more than the one kilogram he initially wanted.

However, nobody knew if the Celestial Chalcedonies mined from these mineral rocks could be Low-tier or Top-tier. It could even be just a pile of useless rocks.

This was basically a gamble on his luck.

Moreover, it was Chu Kuangren’s first time here. He had no idea how to differentiate between good and bad quality minerals. Who knew what the percentage of obtaining Top-tier Celestial Chalcedony was?

However, he was not bothered by all of this.

The reason being, he could cheat.

“Ten kilograms of minerals. That is what you promised me, Brother Yun Tao. No matter how good or bad the Celestial Chalcedonies are, they’re all mine.”

“Absolutely.”

Master Daoist Yun Tao nodded. He was the only one here who had the clearest probability of mining Top-tier Celestial Chalcedony here. Not even a hundred kilograms of mineral rocks mined could yield him a hundred grams of Top-tier Celestial Chalcedony, let alone ten kilograms of mineral rocks.

From his perspective, Chu Kuangren was destined to take the loss here.

Beside them, the Third Prefect was also looking at Chu Kuangren mockingly.

Chu Kuangren initiated the Treasure Locating Skill.

In an instant, all kinds of information regarding minerals were fed back to him.

Suddenly, he felt an intuition and looked toward the far side of the mineral vein. "I want to go inside the mineral vein and pick a few minerals from there."

"Sure."

Master Daoist Yun Tao did not stop him.

To him, there was no difference between the two areas.

Chu Kuangren turned into a stream of light and dashed deeper into the mineral vein.

After just a short while, Chu Kuangren walked out with a bunch of mineral rocks. Then, he picked another few kilograms from that million-kilogram pile of mineral rocks.

"Alright, this would be all."

Chu Kuangren kept the ten kilograms of minerals inside his Yin and Yang Ring.

"Eh, Brother Chu, are you not going to mine these minerals here?"

"I'll find someone to help me mine them when I get back."

"Brother Chu, you might not know this, but these Celestial Chalcedonies require a unique method of mining. Otherwise, the Celestial Chalcedony would be easily damaged."

Master Daoist Yun Tao explained. He clearly wanted Chu Kuangren to mine off his minerals here at the scene to see how he would react to his impending humiliation in public.

"Oh, if that's the case, let's mine them then."

Chu Kuangren took out the minerals once again.

"Brother Chu, we've already agreed, that no matter how good or bad these Celestial Chalcedonies turn out to be, there is no backing off the deal. We're not going to return those one billion soulstones of yours," Master Daoist Yun Tao said.

"Of course."

Chu Kuangren said as he stared at one of the mineral rocks that was peeling on its surface.

A glint of white light radiated out from it.

A strange, strong, and unique spiritual qi emanated out from it.

That mineral rock's crude outer surface was stripped, revealing a pure crystalline Celestial Chalcedony!

Seeing this chalcedony shocked Master Daoist Yun Tao and the others. "This... Is this an Exquisite-tier Celestial Chalcedony?!"

Exquisite-tier Celestial Chalcedony was rarer than Top-tier Celestial Chalcedony. A hundred kilograms of rocks might not even yield one gram of these Exquisite-tier ones.

Yet, Chu Kuangren's first mineral rock yielded such an Exquisite-tier chalcedony. Judging by its size alone, this was at least ten grams!

"Is this guy really so lucky?"

Master Daoist Yun Tao and the Third Prefect gave Chu Kuangren weird glances.

The mining of mineral rocks continued.

Exquisite-tier chalcedony, Exquisite-tier chalcedony, Exquisite-tier chalcedony...

They had now mined over dozens of mineral rocks consecutively, and they all yielded Exquisite-tier chalcedonies!

An extremely strong spiritual qi filled their surroundings. The disciples who were mining around them had stopped their work and gathered around.

"My gosh, am I seeing this right? There are so many Exquisite-tier chalcedonies!"

"What, what is going on here?"

"We've mined here for so long, and we can't even mine so many Exquisite-tier chalcedonies. How the hell did this guy do it?"

The disciples were discussing among themselves.

Master Daoist Yun Tao was astonished as well, and he was starting to feel a little regretful.

Chu Kuangren had the ability to differentiate mineral rocks!

Otherwise, there was no other way to explain how he could have yielded so many Exquisite-tier chalcedonies. This was bad. Now he was the one who was making a loss here!

"Go on, continue mining." Chu Kuangren did not pay any heed to Master Daoist Yun Tao and the rest of the people as he ordered the disciple who was tasked with the mining.

"Right, we'll get back to it." That disciple was dumbfounded by the sight of a dozen Exquisite-tier chalcedonies in front of him. Only when Chu Kuangren nudged him did he recover his senses. He hastily nodded his head and continued his mining work.

Exquisite-tier chalcedony, Exquisite-tier chalcedony...

The crowd of disciples had already lost it. They did not know what else to say as they stared at those Exquisite-tier chalcedonies that were laid out like cabbages in a market.

Just then, a rainbow light ray beamed into the sky. Rainbow-colored hues dyed the clouds, while surges of rich spiritual qi amassed into a whirlpool.

Seeing this, Master Daoist Yun Tao and the others trembled. They stared at this phenomenon with utter shock. “This is a Celestial Core!”

Celestial Core was also a type of Celestial Chalcedony, and it was the very core of the Celestial Chalcedony’s essence. It was much more valuable than an Exquisite-tier Chalcedony.

For many years, Ethereal Rapture had only managed to mine just over a few kilograms of Celestial Cores, so it was incredibly rare.

“I can’t believe he managed to obtain a Celestial Core!!”

Master Daoist Yun Tao’s heart ached.

A gram of Celestial Core alone could cost several dozen million Top-tier soulstones. Adding that to those Exquisite-tier Chalcedonies that Chu Kuangren had mined earlier, the total value far exceeded the price of one billion Top-tier soulstones!

However, more heartache for Master Daoist Yun Tao was yet to come. Each of the mineral rocks they mined next contained a Celestial Core!

After they had mined the mineral rocks and stripped the surfaces off those ten kilograms of mineral rocks, Chu Kuangren had obtained a kilogram of Celestial Cores and four kilograms of Celestial Chalcedonies. The grand total of their value was... almost impossible to estimate!!

Chapter 379: Come Again Next Time, I’ll Devour His Life No Matter What

“Chu Kuangren!!”

Master Daoist Yun Tao was incensed.

Ethereal Rapture had made an enormous loss this time!!

Everything else aside, just that kilogram of Celestial Cores was enough to top the value of all Celestial Chalcedonies they had mined over the last few centuries.

This was without counting those four kilograms of Exquisite-tier Celestial Chalcedony!

Chu Kuangren had almost siphoned Ethereal Rapture dry!

Amongst the dozen million kilograms of mineral rocks and the entire Celestial Chalcedony mineral vein, how the hell did he manage to scour for this colossal amount of Celestial Chalcedonies?

“Good lord...”

“Throughout my very long time here, I’ve never seen anything quite like this. One kilogram of Celestial Cores? Did he mop up all the Celestial Cores in the whole Celestial Chalcedony mineral vein? This is outrageous...”

Everyone at the scene found it unbelievable.

Even if Chu Kuangren had the ability to distinguish minerals, it should have taken him at least a few months or half a year to search through such a large pile of mineral rocks and the entire mineral vein for that amount of Celestial Cores.

Yet, how long did Chu Kuangren spend?

Not even half a day, and he was out.

This was beyond the logic of just his ability to distinguish minerals. It now looked as though those Celestial Cores had grown legs and ran towards Chu Kuangren by themselves.

“How did he pull that off?”

The same question popped up in everyone’s head at this time.

Chu Kuangren did not care about what the others thought. He simply swept his hand out and deposited all these Celestial Chalcedonies inside his Yin and Yang Ring before he let out a satisfied smile.

What the crowd did not know was that he had the Treasure Locating Skill. He was able to differentiate which one of the mineral rocks had good quality Celestial Chalcedony in them.

“Since the deal here is done, I should get going then.”

Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

“Stop right there.”

“You’re not leaving.”

A few elders suddenly stepped forward and blocked Chu Kuangren’s way.

Several surges of valiant Sage Daoist Rhymes locked Chu Kuangren in his place as the few of them stared at Chu Kuangren with hostility in their eyes.

Chu Kuangren pressed his hand onto the Descendant Self Sword’s handle. He looked extremely composed and emotionless. The only thing that stood out was the ice-cold gaze from his eyes that made people shiver in fear.

“My dear Sages, are you going to go back on your promise?”

Chu Kuangren said indifferently.

Sword-based Daoist Rhyme surged outward and transformed the air around them into surges of chilly sword qi that gave everyone a piercing pain.

“You’ve taken so many of our Celestial Cores and Exquisite-tier Celestial Chalcedony. Do you think we’ll let you go just like that? No way in hell that’s happening!”

“We don’t mind the Exquisite-tier Celestial Chalcedonies, but those Celestial Cores must stay.”

The few Sages said adamantly.

For Ethereal Rapture cultivators, top-quality Celestial Chalcedonies were very important, let alone those Celestial Cores. They were hugely beneficial even to Sages, so there was no way they were going to surrender the Celestial Cores just like that.

“Brother Yun Tao, we’ve already agreed that the ten kilograms of minerals will all belong to me, no matter what kind of Celestial Chalcedony quality they were.”

“What’s the matter? Going to go back on your words now?”

Chu Kuangren ignored the few elders and stared straight at Master Daoist Yun Tao, waiting for his response.

However, the gradually increasing Sword-based Daoist Rhyme on his adversary’s body clearly signified that if Master Daoist Yun Tao were to go back on his promise, Chu Kuangren would not mind resorting to bloodshed.

Master Daoist Yun Tao had, of course, seen through his guest’s intentions. He hesitated for a while, but in the end, he took in a deep breath and ordered, “Let him leave!”

“Sect Leader!”

“We can’t lose that kilogram of Celestial Cores!”

The few elders were shocked.

“Just let him go. We’ve already reached an agreement on this. If I change my mind now, what will that say about Ethereal Rapture?!”

Master Daoist Yun Tao said.

Upon hearing what he said, the elders looked at each other.

Eventually, the elders retracted their aura unwillingly.

“Wise choice.”

Chu Kuangren said calmly.

He picked his head up and strode out under everyone’s scrutiny.

“Xue Zheng, send Brother Chu out.”

Master Daoist Yun Tao pointed at Xue Zheng in the crowd and said.

“Yes.”

Xue Zheng quickly caught up with Chu Kuangren, whom he looked at helplessly.

He now realized that the rumors from the outside world were not fake. Having Chu Kuangren over as a guest was not a good thing!

The last few orthodoxies had their Sages slain, and although Ethereal Rapture had lost so many Celestial Cores and Celestial Chalcedony this time, this little loss was still much better than having a few of their Sages dead.

"Alright, I can go on my own from here." Chu Kuangren reached the secret realm exit of the Ethereal Rapture and said to Xue Zheng and Cai Yun whom he had met on his journey earlier.

"Brother Chu, do visit again when you're free."

Cai Yun said to him, somewhat reluctant to bid farewell.

'Sigh, such a handsome man and he has to leave in less than one day. What a shame.'

"Yes, I'll be sure to come back again when I have the time."

Chu Kuangren replied courteously.

Xue Zheng was so shocked to hear his reply. "Ethereal Rapture's whereabouts are always changing. It could be anywhere, whenever. Since Brother Chu doesn't have the technique of locating it, I'm worried that you won't be able to find it next time, so you can save yourself that trouble."

Chu Kuangren's current visit had almost crippled Ethereal Rapture. If he were to come back again, things would surely go way worse, right?!

"Heh, I'm going to leave then." Chu Kuangren smiled gently.

With that, he turned around and left Ethereal Rapture.

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"Obtaining a kilogram of Celestial Core was very unexpected, but with that, I can now harness the Astonishing Sea of Clouds Formation's power to the fullest. I wonder how it's going on Master Qian's side."

Chu Kuangren thought to himself while he made his way back to the Black Heaven Sect.

There were two major elements to setting up the Astonishing Sea of Cloud Formation. The first was Celestial Chalcedony, the second being Cloudfloor ore. He had now gotten one of the two.

After he returned to the Black Heaven Sect, Chu Kuangren contacted the Four Seas Firm.

He found out that Qian Fugui had already gathered a sufficient amount of Cloudfloor ore, and that they were currently being shipped to the Black Heaven Sect.

'Now I just need to wait for the Cloudfloor ore to arrive and I can then set up the Astonishing Sea of Clouds Formation,' Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

However, before that was delivered, someone else had come knocking on his door. This person hailed from the Acheron Manor of the unknown lands!

Black Heaven Sect, in the Longevity Hall.

A black-clad cultivator stood solemnly with his arms crossed at the back. An eerie Daoist Rhyme flowed on his body.

Chu Kuangren squinted slightly when he saw this person.

The energy was familiar. He was a demonic cultivator.

On top of that, he was a Sage-level demonic cultivator.

“Greetings, I’m Blackwillow, an elder of Acheron Manor.”

Blackwillow Sage made a fist salute when he saw Chu Kuangren.

“What brings you to the Black Heaven Sect, Blackwillow Sage?”

“I’ve caught word that our empyrean walker from Acheron Manor has had a conflict with Brother Chu some time back. My trip here today is to settle that matter.” Blackwillow Sage smiled.

He took out a Yin and Yang Ring and said, “Here are one billion Top-tier soulstones. I hope Brother Chu will accept this humble offering and bury the hatchet with my people.”

“Heh. A billion Top-tier soulstones. Not bad, Acheron Manor.” Chu Kuangren looked rather amazed.

Chu Kuangren might have given an impression that a billion Top-tier soulstones was nothing to him, considering that was the amount he traded with Ethereal Rapture for Celestial Chalcedonies. However, for a sage orthodoxy, one billion Top-tier soulstones was still a lot.

Back when Chu Kuangren had won those several billions of soulstones in the First City, it was already a painful loss to the sage orthodoxies who had lost the bet.

“Since we’ve already buried the hatchet, it’s my fervent hope that Brother Chu could return us Wudao’s Yin and Yang Ring.” Blackwillow Sage continued.

“Who told you I agreed to your demands?”

Chu Kuangren said nonchalantly, which made Blackwillow Sage’s expression turn grim. The smile on his face gradually disappeared as well.

“Brother Chu, is this amount of soulstones still not enough?”

“It doesn’t matter how many soulstones you’re willing to offer. Yuan Wudao instigated the Underworld Palace to poison my Black Heaven Sect. There’s no way I’ll let him off the hook. Go back and tell him that I’ll devour his life no matter what! Nobody can save him now!”

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“Go back and tell Yuan Wudao that I’ll devour his life no matter what! Nobody can save him now!!!” Chu Kuangren said in a harsh tone.

One billion soulstones?

Was that a lot?

Aside from the fact that Black Heaven Sect was not lacking in soulstones, one billion soulstones would never make up for the lives of Black Heaven Sect disciples.

“Brother Chu, can’t you spare him some mercy?”

Blackwillow Sage’s expression turned solemn as well.

However, Chu Kuangren did not care at all. He remained seated on his chair and even took a sip of his tea. "That's all I have to say. Now please, scramble."

"You! Chu Kuangren, this is too much!"

Blackwillow Sage was incredibly enraged.

"What? You're a demonic cultivator, and I've offered to let you leave this place alive. What do you have to be dissatisfied with?"

Chu Kuangren looked up and said to him.

He never had a good impression of the unknown lands, but he reserved a deeper hatred for a demonic unknown land like Acheron Manor. It was especially amplified since Yuan Wudao was bold enough to instruct the Underworld Palace to poison the Black Heaven Sect disciples.

If not for the fact that the formation had not been set up at the Black Heaven Sect then, rendering them incapable of defending against the unknown lands, he would have drawn his sword and annihilated each one of them.

"I can leave, no problem, but not without Wudao's Yin and Yang Ring." Blackwillow Sage tried hard to suppress his anger when he said it.

"Oh, why so adamant about that Yin and Yang Ring?"

Chu Kuangren chuckled and took out a jade amulet. It was the Heavenly Jade Amulet that he looted from Yuan Wudao's Yin and Yang Ring.

He held it in his hand and toyed with it before he glanced at Blackwillow Sage and said, "Are you concerned for that Yin and Yang Ring, or for this Heavenly Jade Amulet?"

"You know about this jade amulet?" Blackwillow Sage's expression changed.

This was not possible.

Throughout the ages, any records about Emperors on the outside world should have been all cleared by the unknown lands.

How did Chu Kuangren know about this Heavenly Jade Amulet?

"Why does it matter if I know or don't know about it? Either way, I'm still keeping this jade amulet," Chu Kuangren said nonchalantly.

Blackwillow Sage stared deep into Chu Kuangren's eyes. "Brother Chu, are you not afraid of becoming a public target for being so lawless?"

Chu Kuangren, who was playing with the jade amulet initially, stopped. The atmosphere in the room suddenly became solemn, and even Blackwillow Sage could feel an incredibly oppressive force fill the entire hall. He instantly became more vigilant.

"A public target? Am I not already one?"

"Acheron Manor, would you like to have a go first?"

Blackwillow Sage kept silent for a good while.

Then, he scoffed. "Farewell!"

He turned around to leave the place.

Despite being a Great Sage, he did not dare to take Chu Kuangren on like that.

After Chu Kuangren had threatened the Acheron Manor publicly, many of the unknown lands secretly went and investigated the Bottomless Chasm's current condition. They found out that the Bottomless Chasm was severely damaged, and all of it was most likely related to Chu Kuangren.

"Sect Leader..."

Elder Ruyan could not help but look at Chu Kuangren with concern. Even someone as smart as her could see the current predicaments that Chu Kuangren and the Black Heaven Sect were in.

"You guys have me."

Chu Kuangren did not add on further.

Nevertheless, these four words had made Elder Ruyan feel relieved.

"We, the Black Heaven Sect, will share weal and woe with you, Sect Leader!"

Elder Ruyan said with resoluteness in her eyes.

"What weal and what woe. Stop being so dramatic. It's just a few shameless lands. Don't make it sound like doomsday."

Chu Kuangren laughed it off, trying to lighten the mood.

Just then, his communication compass vibrated.

"Yes, it's me. What's up?"

"Sect Leader Chu, I bring grave news. Those Cloudflow ores that you wanted have been ransacked at the Outer Seas." Master Qian's voice was heard from the other side of the communication compass.

A cold gaze swept across Chu Kuangren's eyes when he heard that.

"Tell me, what happened exactly?"

"We weren't so sure ourselves. Just a while ago, our firm's team tasked to transport the Cloudflow ore was robbed by someone at the Outer Seas."

"Who did this?"

"No idea. Everything happened so quickly. We're still investigating what went on."

"Alright, I got it. I'll make a trip there personally."

Chu Kuangren said.

He turned off the communication compass.

After that, he gave Elder Ruyan some orders before leaving the Black Heaven Sect. His figure turned into a stream of light and swooped towards the direction of the Outer Seas.

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At the Outer Seas.

A few big ships were docked at the shore of Ravengale Island.

Numerous people walked down from the ship, but they were all handcuffed as they were ushered down to the island.

“What do we do with those ores on the ship?”

A man in black asked a Golden Core cultivator.

That Nascent Soul cultivator then licked his lip while he looked at those piles after piles of Cloudfloor ore on the ship behind him. “These ores must be incredibly valuable. Find a good place to stash them away. When it’s time, we will sell them.”

“Where shall we keep it? Also, there are so many ores, and it’ll be easy for people to find them. If the elders find out that we’re secretly storing ores, we won’t be let off the hook. Oh, if only we have a high-tier Yin and Yang Ring.”

That black-clad cultivator said helplessly.

Most low-tier cultivators did not own a Yin and Yang Ring. Even if they did, it would be some lower-tier Yin and Yang rings that were only about one or two cubic meters.

“I have one here, but it can’t store all of it.”

The Golden Core cultivator pondered for a while before he said, “How about this. Ask someone to hide a third of these ores in the valley not far away from here. As for the remaining two-thirds, just give them all to the elders.”

There was no way they could secretly keep so many ores for themselves.

“Alright.”

The two of them split up to do their respective tasks.

Not long after that, an elder walked up to them.

“How’s it going?”

“Elder Hui, we’ve captured a total of one thousand and thirty-six people this time. On top of the people we captured on the previous occasions, we’ve already gathered ten thousand people. This will be enough for us to make a sacrifice to the Serpent Deity this time,” the Golden Core cultivator said.

Then, he brought that elder before those few commercial ships.

When the elder saw the Cloudfloor ore on the ships, that elder’s eyes lit up.

“Oh, so many Cloudflow ores. They are even Top-tier ones. They must really cost a lot. Wait up, these... Are these ships from the Four Seas Firm?”

The elder looked closely at one of the commercial ships and was surprised.

However, he did not give it too much thought.

The Four Seas Firm was indeed very famous, but they had no business deals with Ravengale Island, so it did not matter that they had ransacked their ships.

“Lu Jia, you’ve done well this time around. Once we’ve finished this sacrificial ceremony, I’ll take you in officially as a true disciple.”

“Many thanks, elder.” Lu Jia responded delightedly.

“Now, gather these people up, and let’s head to the Serpent Deity’s Oceanic Domain tomorrow.”

“Yes.”

The next day.

A big ship that had over ten thousand people on them departed from Ravengale Island.

It was on this day that Chu Kuangren had arrived at the Outer Seas too.

The Four Seas Firm may not have found out who ransacked the Cloudflow ores, but Chu Kuangren had the Treasure Locating Skill that had sharp senses towards treasures. Especially since such a large amount of Cloudflow ore was gathered at one place, the energy it emitted was sufficient for Chu Kuangren to pick it up from several thousand kilometers away.

He used the Treasure Locating Skill throughout his whole journey, and finally it locked down on an island.

This island was very huge, and it was surrounded by a lot of smaller isles. The island had over a hundred thousand cultivators too.

The Outer Seas was clearly not just any ordinary cultivation orthodoxy.

Despite that, Chu Kuangren was not too bothered by this. He came to the top of the largest island, lifted his arm, and activated his spiritual energy to gather spiritual qi.

Within a second, the wind and clouds around him began to swirl violently. With Chu Kuangren as the center, surges of incredibly terrifying Daoist Rhyme spread in all four directions.

Every cultivator on the island immediately felt this extraordinary energy, and they all looked up to the sky, baffled by what they saw.