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Chapter 461: The Sky-prides Become Sages In Succession, Xiao Jingchen's Challenge

Inside the Illusive Mirage.

Chu Kuangren was currently observing the White-Robed General's condition.

Even if the White-Robed General had broken free, the ferocious qi within him was still depleting continuously. It had slowed down a lot since then, but it had yet to stop.

"White-Robed General, one of the three kings in the Ancient Battlefield..."

Chu Kuangren used the Eye of Revelation to check his condition. "The foundation within his body has suffered damage. Innate ferocious qi depletion is imminent. Physical body weakening and dying. If no countermeasures are implemented, the time of death is estimated to be around seven days from now..."

Chu Kuangren frowned upon receiving the information from the Eye of Revelation.

'Seven days. He only has seven days to live?'

'Hmm...What should I do?'

Chu Kuangren pondered deeply.

"Brother Chu, I'm well aware of my current condition. Before I pass on, I wish to see my descendant one last time, is that alright with you?"

The White-Robed General requested. His expression was calm, as if he was not bothered at all by the fact that he was going to die in a few days.

To him, he was already a dead man. It was only because of the secret technique the Lou King's princess had used to keep him alive that he could still roam the realm until this day. Now, his only wish was to see his descendants one last time.

They were his and her descendants after all...

"I won't reject your request to meet them. However, I don't think it's a good idea for you to see them in this current state of yours."

"A single glance will suffice for me."

"Stop joking. Focus on getting better for now, and we'll talk about this after that."

"This body of mine is like a candle in the wind. Nothing can heal me anymore," the White-Robed General replied with a wry smile.

"If I say it's possible, then it's possible."

Chu Kuangren replied. He then took out a black altar that swirled with innate ferocious qi and a strange aura.

“Let’s take a gamble. This Innate Ferocious Altar was used by Daoist Sha to increase his foundation levels. Since your foundation level has been damaged, perhaps this item might be of use to you. If something bad were to happen, it wouldn’t be as bad as your current situation.”

Chu Kuangren explained.

The White-Robed General hesitated for a while and looked at the Innate Ferocious Altar. Then, he took a deep breath and replied, “Very well. I’ll try it then!”

Being the great general who was always decisive in battle, he stood up and walked towards the Innate Ferocious Altar once he decided to give it a try.

As if sensing something approaching, the four black pillars on the altar shook and emitted a faint black light.

Following that, all the innate ferocious qi within that altar gushed out towards the White-Robed General before it seeped into his limbs and bones.

Even someone like him could not help but let out a muffled grunt from the pain.

Countless innate ferocious qi penetrated his body. During that process, his physical body was modified, while his foundation was restructured.

Such a modification process was extremely brutal as even the White-Robed General himself had no idea how to gain control of it. He could only let the innate ferocious qi go on a rampage within his body, breaking apart and rebuilding it from scratch.

“Shall we stop?” Chu Kuangren uttered. He was already prepared to use his mind power to pull the White-Robed General away from the altar at any moment.

However, the White-Robed General stretched out his hand to signal and said, “No, there’s no need. Although these innate ferocious qi are violent, I can feel that... It’s working!!”

Chu Kuangren activated his Eye of Revelation. “White-Robed General, foundation recovery in process, physique modification in process, overall completion status – one percent...”

“It seems like luck is on my side here. That gamble was the right call after all.”

Chu Kuangren chuckled.

Based on the rate of progress, the White-Robed General would require at least half a month to recover fully. In other words, he would have to endure the pain and suffering of being reshaped and modified for half a month — a feat that would be unbearable for most ordinary cultivators.

However, when Chu Kuangren noticed the determination in the White-Robed General’s eyes, he knew that the time required would not be a problem at all.

The White-Robed General’s willpower was not something an ordinary cultivator could compete with.

“Best of luck. I hope that when we meet half a month later, you’ll be as good as new!”

Chu Kuangren said.

After that, he activated the Illusive Mirage's defensive forcefield and placed multiple runic seals to conceal the whole fairy boat within the void.

"Next, I shall enter the final stage to unlock this seal."

Chu Kuangren murmured.

He gave Lan Yu complete control over the Illusive Mirage and went into one of the lofts to start his closed-door meditation. He was prepared to fully unlock the seal within him.

Meanwhile, the Firmament Star was extremely lively during this period.

After Xiao Jingchen became a Sage, the Nine Heavens sky-prides also went and ascended into Sages in succession. It was as if they had agreed beforehand, and each of them caused quite the sensation as well.

Each of the heavenly tribulations they underwent was extremely powerful.

Two amongst them had the same Seven Colored Heavenly Tribulations Xiao Jingchen, which shocked most of Firmament Star.

Those two were Wang Tianteng, who was ranked fourth on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard, and Zhan Hongying, who returned to the second rank after becoming a Sage!

The two of them were unprecedented sky-prides in their own ways. Having gone through the Seven Colored Heavenly Tribulation to ascend into a Sage, their accomplishments were no less than Xiao Jingchen.

Besides those three, there were a few other sky-prides who deserved to be known as well. Among them was Daoist Sha, who was ranked sixth on the leaderboard. He became a Sage in the Ancient Battlefield with the power of ferocious qi. Although his heavenly tribulation was not seven-colored, what he went through was still incredibly terrifying and no weaker than one as well.

However, some of the sky-prides who went through their heavenly tribulations and had become Boundary Sages before were not to be outdone as well. All of them had broken through to a Sage with the help of various Opportunities of Fortune and treasures.

As the sky-pride Sages appeared one after another, the Sages of the older generations were thrown out of the spotlight. They were reduced as tools for the new Sages to challenge and gain fame for themselves. As such, their lives were very miserable.

On this day, a piece of news broke out to the Firmament Star!

It was from the Heavenly Golden Palace!

A great voice suddenly erupted from a mountain peak.

"I, Xiao Jingchen, wish to invite Chu Kuangren to a showdown at Skyquake Mountain three days from now. I also humbly request that Chu Kuangren accept this challenge and arrive on time!!"

The cultivators were stunned upon hearing the voice, and they immediately went to spread the word. Soon, everyone in the whole Firmament Star knew about this.

Everyone was extremely shocked.

Xiao Jingchen wanted to challenge Chu Kuangren!

He wanted to challenge Chu Kuangren, who single-handedly wiped out the whole Craggy Ocean Tower!

That battle attracted the attention of many great ones.

“Xiao Jingchen’s Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique is many times stronger compared to Xiao Lintian. Besides, he ascended through a Seven Colored Heavenly Tribulation to become a Sage. Perhaps, he might stand a chance to contend with Chu Kuangren.”

“That’s right. Chu Kuangren is under the Heavenly Punishment Seal, so he can only use his runic techniques. By the looks of it, Xiao Jingchen stands a great chance of winning.”

“Interesting...”

“Where is Chu Kuangren? What’s his response to this?”

Just when everyone was excited about Xiao Jingchen’s challenge to Chu Kuangren, another sky-pride spoke out.

This time, it was the Ancient Battlefield’s Daoist Sha. He, too, wished to challenge Chu Kuangren.

Everyone was incredibly shocked to hear this.

Xiao Jingchen’s challenge was understandable. After all, he was an ancient sky-pride from the Heavenly Golden Palace, a sect that had a deep grudge against Chu Kuangren. Hence, it made sense for him to challenge the latter.

However, why did Daoist Sha want to challenge Chu Kuangren?!

Inside the Ancient Battlefield.

Daoist Sha was sitting inside a palace with resentment seething from his gaze. Compared to Xiao Jingchen, he despised Chu Kuangren even more!

He had investigated thoroughly and found out that his Innate Ferocious Altar was stolen by Chu Kuangren, which prevented his foundation from reaching its maximum potential.

He had the opportunity to build a Seventh Grade Sage Foundation at first, but he only had five because of Chu Kuangren.

The difference was only two grades, but the potential, talent, and capability between those two grades were worlds apart. It was only normal for Daoist Sha to hate Chu Kuangren.

In fact, he hated him to the very core of his being!!

He could not wait to break his opponent limb by limb and skin him alive.

Chapter 462: Slandering Chu Kuangren, Daoist Sha Breaks Into The Formation, Nothing To Do With Them Anymore

News of Xiao Jingchen and Daoist Sha challenging Chu Kuangren spread across the whole of Firmament Star. Every cultivator was following the incident as it progressed.

Everyone was waiting for Chu Kuangren's response.

However, three days had gone by. It was past the deadline of the challenge, yet there was no response from Chu Kuangren at all, let alone any sign of him.

All the great ones were looking for him at that time.

Their spiritual thoughts swept through the whole Firmament Star but to no avail.

Based on how powerful Chu Kuangren was, it would be a piece of cake for him to hide. If he wanted to, no one could ever find him.

'He has hidden from the world?!'

That possibility stunned the cultivators who heard it.

'Chu Kuangren has hidden?!'

'By the heavens.'

'Are you kidding me? That's Chu Kuangren we're talking about here, the best cultivator throughout history. How could a lunatic like himself hide from the world?'

Most people would rather believe that he might be held back by some issues.

However, that was not what the disciples from the Heavenly Golden Palace thought. They thought Chu Kuangren was afraid of Xiao Jingchen and did not dare accept his challenge.

"Hmph, so that's the mighty Chu Kuangren's response?!"

"Ha! Before the young master, he's nothing but a spineless coward."

Chu Kuangren was a terrifying person.

That was a well-known fact to the public.

Even the ones at the Heavenly Golden Palace knew of that as well. It was because of this that they were humiliated by Chu Kuangren.

Now, they finally had a chance to retaliate.

Chu Kuangren's inability to accept the challenge was not important. What was important was the fact that Xiao Jingchen had challenged him, and he did not show up in the end. That alone was enough for them to boast about.

The Heavenly Golden Palace's propaganda had turned Chu Kuangren's image into a coward who was so scared of Xiao Jingchen that he did not dare accept the latter's challenge. As such, Chu Kuangren's name was dragged into the mud.

Besides the Heavenly Golden Palace, the Ethereal Rapture, Acheron Manor, Sacred Death Palace, Bottomless Chasm — namely orthodoxies that had a grudge with Chu Kuangren in the past took the opportunity to slander his image and reputation.

“Chu Kuangren is nothing but a p*ssy. He doesn’t even dare to accept someone’s challenge now. Oh, how far has he fallen.”

“That’s right. The era now belongs to Xiao Jingchen and the others.”

“Ranked first in the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard? That’s nothing but a joke.”

The disciples of those few orthodoxies continued to slander Chu Kuangren’s name.

Some did not believe it at first.

However, the defamation soon grew and became more terrible. Even so, there was still no sign of Chu Kuangren, let alone a response.

It was as if he had hidden as the others said.

As time went by, the people who believed in Chu Kuangren gradually wavered. All of them started to doubt whether Chu Kuangren was afraid.

These people were not to blame either.

After all, news of Xiao Jingchen’s heavenly tribulation had shocked the world. Since Chu Kuangren had the Heavenly Punishment Seal on him, it was natural that he would not be a match for Xiao Jingchen.

It made sense why he did not dare to accept Xiao Jingchen’s challenge to a fight.

As time went by, Chu Kuangren had seemingly taken on the title of a coward.

“The name of Chu Kuangren is nothing but a disappointment.”

The Heaven Golden Imperial Palace released a statement regarding Chu Kuangren’s inability to accept the challenge, and Xiao Jingchen’s reputation rose even more.

Compared to Xiao Jingchen, Daoist Sha’s reaction was much more intense.

He immediately announced that if Chu Kuangren did not appear, he would slaughter his way into the Black Heaven Sect and murder everyone inside!

However, there was still no response two days after he made that statement.

“Hmph!”

“If that’s the case, don’t blame me for what I’m about to do, Chu Kuangren!”

Inside the Ancient Battlefield.

Daoist Sha snorted coldly as his figure dashed into the sky.

Not long after, he appeared outside the Black Heaven Sect’s mega formation.

Lots of people on the Firmament Star noticed his actions and knew that he had arrived at the Black Heaven Sect looking for trouble.

"It looks that Daoist Sha is a man of his words. He threatened to wipe out the Black Heaven Sect earlier, and now he's at their doorstep. I wonder if he'll be able to break through that formation?"

"It seems impossible if you're asking me."

"That's right. This formation is not that easy to break into."

Everyone discussed as they fixed their eyes on Daoist Sha.

At that moment, he was standing outside the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation with ferocious qi swirling all over him. It was as if he was a demonic god that had just walked out of the Ashura battlefield.

"A mere formation technique dares block my path? What a joke!"

Daoist Sha then dashed into the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation.

Since the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation blocked spiritual thoughts from entering, everyone could only just sense the large energy fluctuations that constantly came from within the formation.

After a day and a night.

Daoist Sha walked out of the mega formation with a grim face. His aura was weak, and his hair was messy. Although there was no clear sign of injury on him, he looked disheveled.

Behind him, the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation continued operating as usual.

It was clear that he had failed to break into the formation.

Everyone fell silent.

Although they were surprised by this outcome, they thought it was reasonable. After all, that mega formation had taken countless lives three years ago with its mysterious sea of clouds. It was since known as the number one formation in the whole of Firmament Star!

Even a Sage Ruler would not dare to enter it hastily.

Hence, they were not that shocked to see Daoist Sha fail.

"D*mn it. I did not expect the Black Heaven Sect to have a formation like this, with countless formations interlocking with each other. They were impossible to dodge. Also, I can't believe that Cloud Dragon's strength is on par with mine. If I didn't use the Innate Ferocious Bell at the last second, I'm afraid I wouldn't have gotten out of this formation in one piece..."

Daoist Sha turned and glanced at the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation behind him with a complicated look in his eyes. "Formation techniques like this are quite rare even the Nine Heavens. Where the h*ll did Chu Kuangren obtain this?"

"D*mn it! This formation is too hard to break into. I'll have to think of another way."

News about Daoist Sha's failure to break into the formation was spread, which made many secretly laugh at his failure. Everyone felt that he was quite disgraced by his own actions and failure.

However, what he did next stunned everyone even more.

After failing to go through the formation, Daoist Sha did not give up on forcing Chu Kuangren out. Instead, he changed his methods.

Utilizing his strength, he took control of a few orthodoxies and ordered them to look for a few people for him.

Those people were disciples of the Black Heaven Sect!

To be more precise, they were former disciples of the Black Heaven Sect!

All those years ago, when Black Heaven Sect was under siege from multiple forces, no one thought that they would be able to turn the tide and survive. Hence, many disciples either left the Black Heaven Sect, wandered into the world, or joined other forces.

Now, Daoist Sha had kidnapped all of these people.

That was when he announced that for every day Chu Kuangren did not appear, he would kill a thousand people!!

Such an act of madness stunned all the cultivators in the Firmament Star and made them wonder just how much hatred he had for Chu Kuangren.

The first day.

Chu Kuangren did not appear.

Inside the Ancient Battlefield, a thousand heads fell!

The second day.

Chu Kuangren still did not appear.

Daoist Sha burned a thousand people to death.

When the news spread to the Black Heaven Sect inside the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation, they were incredibly enraged by Daoist Sha's actions!

"D*mn it. That Daoist Sha is worse than a savage beast!"

"No matter what, those people were former disciples of the Black Heaven Sect. Although they have nothing to do with us anymore, we can't possibly turn a blind eye to Daoist Sha's actions. He's clearly doing this to provoke our Sect Leader."

"What should we do, Elder Ruyan!"

Inside the Longevity Hall.

A crowd of elders had gathered there.

Elder Ruyan took a deep breath and uttered calmly, "We shall observe for now and wait for the Sect Leader to show himself."

An elder hesitated. "But those disciples..."

"What disciples?" Elder Ruyan asked in return.

The elders were silent.

"They have nothing to do with the Black Heaven Sect anymore. I've never blamed them for leaving the Black Heaven Sect, but there's no need for us to risk ourselves for them too," Elder Ruyan replied.

No one blamed her for being cruel. After all, she was making that decision to protect the Black Heaven Sect.

"Understood."

"Then, we shall wait until the Sect Leader to show up before we make any decisions."

Chapter 463: Daoist Sha Fights Murong Xuan And Nangong Huang, The Purple Haze That Shrouds The Horizon

News of Daoist Sha killing the Black Heaven Sect's former disciples caused a huge uproar in Firmament Star, attracting the attention of many.

However, none of them dared to accuse him, let alone come forward.

On the other hand.

Orthodoxies who resented Chu Kuangren like the Heavenly Golden Palace were delighted to see this, and they increased their efforts to slander his name even more.

"How can Chu Kuangren be so cruel and heartless? No matter what, these people are former disciples of the Black Heaven Sect. Why is he not interfering?"

"Tsk. It seems that in order to protect himself, he has forsaken the lives of his disciples."

"So that's how the Black Heaven Sect Leader does things? How deplorable."

The voices defaming him grew every day.

Meanwhile, inside the Ancient Battlefield.

Daoist Sha looked at the sunrise in the distance and smirked. He then looked at the large group of horrified cultivators behind him and said, "It seems that your Sect Leader didn't show up today as well. That means... all of you will have to die now."

"Why are you doing this? We're no longer disciples of the Black Heaven Sect, so there's no need for Chu Kuangren to show up for us. It'll be meaningless even if you kill every one of us here," one of the cultivators yelled.

"Whether this works or not, it's still worth a try."

Daoist Sha replied.

He then lifted his hand and gathered the ferocious qi from his surroundings, preparing to kill another thousand people again.

However, a sword ray suddenly shot across!

Along with an extremely sharp aura, that incredibly bright sword ray struck toward Daoist Sha's arm.

As the sword ray slashed its way across, Daoist Sha's arm trembled. The sword ray did no harm to him at all.

"Oh, it looks like someone is here to die."

The ones who arrived were two young men armed with swords.

Daoist Sha revealed a playful look on his face when he saw both of them. "Murong Xuan and Nangong Huang, ranked forty-nine and fifty-one respectively on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard. I didn't expect both of you would come seeking your deaths first instead of Chu Kuangren."

"We still don't know for sure who's going to die."

Nangong Huang replied indifferently.

A surge of incredibly powerful energy erupted from his body as a mighty Sage's Aura swept out like a crashing tide.

Beside him, Murong Xuan also released his aura.

"Oh, I see you've become Sages. No wonder you both have the gall to look for me. However, do you think that you can rival me just because you've become a Sage? You should know your place!"

With a sneer, a surge of Sage's energy several times stronger than both Nangong Huang's and Murong Xuan's erupted from Daoist Sha's body.

That overbearing energy immediately suppressed both of them!

"The sky-prides in the top ten are truly extraordinary."

Nangong Huang remarked seriously.

He had long known that both of them were no match for Daoist Sha. However, they could not stand by and do nothing!

These days, the entire Firmament Star saw Chu Kuangren and the Black Heaven Sect as a joke. The amount of slandering and defamation they got grew day by day.

Hence, they had come forward this time not to save the others.

In fact, it was to protect their orthodoxy's image and reputation!

"Attack!"

Nangong Huang uttered as a Divine Yinyang Light swirled in his eyes and resonated with the Sacred Sword in his hand. With that, his combat strength increased to its fullest potential.

With a swing of his sword, surges of sword qi merged with Divine Yinyang Light, unleashing a powerful attack!

Murong Xuan gave it his all as well.

Large amounts of sword qi gushed out from his body and gathered in the air to form several fiery red suns in the sky!

“Nine Sol Emergence! Attack!”

The nine suns formed into a line before it struck out!

In the face of two different incoming sword qi and Daoist Rhymes, a look of disdain flashed across Daoist Sha’s face. “Both of you are too weak.”

Then, he lifted his arm to channel the ferocious qi.

A terrifying Divine Ferocious Avatar instantly appeared!

The moment the Divine Ferocious Avatar swung a punch, its domineering ferocious qi surged out and shattered both Nangong Huang and Murong Xuan’s sword qi!

Nangong Huang and Murong Xuan were forced back dozens of meters from the impact. As a consequence, they could not help but cough out blood.

Both of them had progressed rapidly throughout the past few years, so much that they were now Sages, whose foundations were enough to rival the older generation of Sages.

However, compared to sky-pride Sages like Daoist Sha who came from the Nine Heavens — orthodoxies with long-lasting lineages, — there was still a significant gap between them.

“How can you guys hope to fight me with that level of strength? What a joke! Well, whatever. Let’s see if Chu Kuangren will appear when I’ve killed you both as well!”

Daoist Sha urged the Divine Ferocious Avatar to attack.

At that moment, Nangong Huang took out an item.

It was a magnificent picture scroll.

The picture scroll hovered in the air and manifested into a lush scene of mountains and rivers, where countless strange bestial souls rushed out and attacked Daoist Sha.

“That’s the Craggy Ocean Tower’s Mountain River Scroll. I can’t believe it’s in their possession now.” The Sages watching that battle were very shocked.

The Mountain River Scroll was Craggy Ocean Tower’s Boundary Emperor Weapon.

After the great battle three years ago, that item fell into the hands of the Black Heaven Sect. Then, when Nangong Huang and the others ventured into the world, Elder Ruyan handed it to them.

With the help of that item, Nangong Huang and Murong Xuan’s combat strength had drastically increased.

Among those strange beasts, some were on a Sage's level.

"Hmph, these puny tricks are meaningless!"

Daoist Sha snorted coldly as ferocious qi surged around him, and the Divine Ferocious Avatar unleashed a few punches into the void. Every punch, packed with enough power to rival even a Sage Ruler, was bound to destroy a large amount of strange bestial souls!

Not long after, the countless strange bestial souls were all wiped out.

Since the four strongest wild bestial souls inside the Mountain River Scroll were defeated by Chu Kuangren three years ago, it was no longer as powerful as before.

"What else do you two still have up your sleeves? If there's nothing else, you will have to accept your death!"

The Divine Ferocious Avatar behind Daoist Sha rumbled the void with its ferocious qi rolling among the clouds. It frightened many of the onlooking Sages.

"Daoist Sha's is just too strong."

"Nangong Huang and Murong Xuan are not a match for him at all."

"If this battle goes on, these two sky-pride Sages of the Black Heaven Sect are going to meet their end here. Will Chu Kuangren feel sad if they die?"

Some of the Sages wondered.

Meanwhile, knowing that they were not a match for Daoist Sha, both Nangong Huang and Murong Xuan exchanged glances. Then, they each took out a piece of rune.

It was a Great Shift Talisman!

Those were one of the items obtained from the Serpent Deity's treasury.

That item was also the main reason they dared to seek Daoist Sha.

Although both of them were hotheaded, they were not stupid either. They had prepared a few measures beforehand. In the event they could not defeat their opponent, they would retreat immediately.

Having noticed their plans too, Daoist Sha's gaze turned cold as he immediately attacked to stop their escape.

However, at that moment.

A strange energy wave suddenly appeared in the realm.

The great ones of the Firmament Star were so shocked that they all looked towards the source of the energy wave. Their eyes were filled with disbelief.

Great amounts of purple haze suddenly arose from the horizons while sounds of Daoist Rhymes reverberated. These phenomena were also accompanied by ethereal images of kylins, divine dragons,

phoenixes, white pegasus, and other divine beasts. These auspicious signs gradually covered the entire Firmament Star.

The magnificent purple haze stretched as long as fifteen kilometers!

The scene stunned every cultivator in the Firmament Star!

"It's the purple haze that shrouds the horizon. Legend has it that this is a sign a Supreme Sage has appeared!" a Sage uttered with a trembling tone.

"Who is it? Who has become a Sage?"

"Is it one of the sky-prides on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard?"

"The top ten sky-prides on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard have all become Sages, so there's no way one of them is causing this phenomenon to happen."

"No! There's one person left!"

Someone suddenly recalled.

"Such a phenomenon appeared when Chu Kuangren became a Sage three years ago. It's not possible for two Supreme Sages to appear within three years. Unless..."

At that moment, countless Sages gulped.

They had figured out a possibility, and the very possibility of that happening shocked them a lot.

They were even more shocked compared to the appearance of a Supreme Sage!

"Has Chu Kuangren... broken free from the Heavenly Punishment Seal?!!"

Chapter 464: Crazy Strengthening, Maximum Limit Of A Sage, Heavenly Sage

The phenomenon was not only seen on Firmament Star.

The phenomenon of the purple haze that shrouded the sky appeared in the Nine Heavens and Underworld as well, shocking the great ones in those realms.

"How can this purple haze phenomenon appear twice in the past three years? The probability of something like this happening is just too rare!"

"Can it be the same person?!"

"If so, what did he do to cause such a phenomenon to occur twice? This matter must be investigated thoroughly."

Put aside the responses of the great ones from those two realms.

At this moment, somewhere in the sky in the Firmament Star.

An incredibly large Fairy boat suddenly appeared in the void.

With the squeak, a figure walked out of a room. It was a young man dressed in clothes as white as snow, and he was very handsome. He looked like an immortal who had descended upon the realm.

Compared to the previous absence of spiritual power fluctuation in his mortal presence, Chu Kuangren's aura now was incomprehensible!!

There was already an unfathomable air to him just by standing there.

As Chu Kuangren walked out of the room, the purple haze surged toward him. It was as if the purple haze in the skies had found their home in him.

A tremendous amount of purple haze rushed over!

The purple haze contained an incredibly mysterious Daoist Rhyme within them. Just a little bit of it was enough for a cultivator below a Sage's level to immediately breakthrough to the next cultivation realm.

However, the amount of purple haze entering Chu Kuangren's body right now innumerable, so it was hard to imagine how powerful his foundation would be!

Inside his spiritual mound.

The crisscrossing Heavenly Punishment chains had long disappeared, and in came the endless surge of purple haze, which started to solidify the Lotus Heart that represented the Sage Realm. When the maximum of nine petals had grown on the Lotus Heart, there was still more than ninety percent of the purple haze left. This left Chu Kuangren stunned.

It was too terrifying!

The amount of purple haze was just too terrifying!

Chu Kuangren had once heard that this purple haze phenomenon would appear when a Supreme Sage was birthed. However, that was simply a phenomenon. The amount that he got now was definitely much more than what a Sage would get.

After the huge amounts of purple haze entered his body and solidified his Heart Lotus, they soon started modifying his physical body.

His blood, bones, muscles, and every single cell in his body were constantly being reshaped by the purple haze. He soon entered a state of metamorphosis.

Chu Kuangren's Supreme Sage body was gradually forming!

He could sense that his level of being was rising infinitely while his physical strength was also increasing at a mind-blowing rate.

A hundred times stronger, a thousand times stronger... It seemed as if his rate of growth was endless!

If the cultivators who spent most of their lives strengthening their bodies knew about this, they would be extremely ashamed.

It was no exaggeration to say that Chu Kuangren's increase in physical strength in one second was equivalent to what others spent their whole life training. If word of this were to spread, nobody would believe him,

Soon, Chu Kuangren's Supreme Sage body was complete!

His body at this moment was like a crystal clear gemstone. The meridians, blood, and flesh within his body were visible from the outside.

In that body of his, even a single drop of blood contained a dense surge of Sage Daoist Rhyme, and it was worth ninety percent of the medicinal pills and elixirs in the world.

Lan Yu was stunned as she watched from the side.

Even when Chu Kuangren's body had returned to normal, she was still awe-struck. Chu Kuangren's evolution... was still ongoing!!

He had the Supreme Sage Foundation Level and the Supreme Sage body!

Despite all of that, there was still more than eighty percent of the purple haze left, surging within his body.

The purple haze moved throughout his body. In the end, it rapidly traveled towards his brain as if it had found a new target.

However, they disappeared upon getting close to the brain.

No, they did not disappear.

Chu Kuangren could still feel the purple haze's presence within him.

They were just absorbed by something else instead.

It was... his soul!

The purple haze was going to transform his soul next!

Although the transformation of one's soul was invisible and intangible, Chu Kuangren could feel it. He realized that his mind was clearer than before, and a certain ability of his had greatly increased!

The world seemed to look different to him as well. As long as he wished, he could capture the Daoist Rhyme from the heavens and earth at any moment. That was the sign that his level of cognizance had improved.

His Meditational Clarity Trait already allowed him to understand things at an abnormal rate. So now, on top of the changes the purple haze made to his soul, he started to wonder if he would be able to gain insight into an Emperor Technique at one glance?

However, cognizance was only one of the side effects of a strengthened soul. His mind power, which originated from the soul, had a significant improvement as well!

Chu Kuangren channeled his thoughts, and his invisible mind power swept across the whole of Firmament Star.

That was right. It swept across the whole of Firmament Star!!

Countless information flooded his mind from all directions, which was too much and too complicated to handle. For example, a certain family was holding a wedding, a certain family had recently produced a

genius, a certain family had a new member in the house, a certain area was experiencing an ongoing battle...

He could even see Gu Linglong dealing with government affairs in the Royal Azure Dynasty far away. She, too, seemed to notice his gaze as she looked up towards him, puzzled.

It was too much. There was just so much trivial information flooding in that Chu Kuangren's brain almost had a breakdown.

He quickly cut off the flow of information from the outside world, but from the amount of information he just learned, he was aware of what was happening in the outside world.

For instance, the sky-prides had become Sages in succession, or that he had been challenged...

He had also learned of the incident on the Ancient Battlefield.

A chilling glint flashed across his eyes. "What a show. What a show you've got there indeed, Daoist Sha. You shall be the first one I deal with later!!"

His transformation was still ongoing.

Since his soul's endurance was much greater than his physical body and foundation level, it absorbed most of the purple haze. Now, only two or three percent remained.

Then, as if Chu Kuangren had thought of something, he grabbed the Descendant Self Sword at his waist and commanded with his mind. The remaining purple haze instantly went into the Descendant Self Sword.

In an instant, the Descendant Self Sword's soul trembled and let out a surge of sword chant, which echoed in the sky for a long time.

The Descendant Self Sword's strength had risen to another level.

It was now a step closer to becoming an Emperor Weapon. The role of the purple haze just to reveal its potential.

This would be greatly beneficial to the Sword Soul's growth in the future.

As for Chu Kuangren, there was nothing else to be said.

He had the Supreme Sage body, Supreme Sage Foundation Level, Supreme Sage soul. His body, foundation, and soul were at the Sage Realm's fullest potential. Even a Sage Ruler would be inferior to him.

His potential for getting stronger was unfathomable!

That was the might of a Supreme Sage!

No.

Even an ordinary Supreme Sage would not be as terrifying as he was.

It was as if he was now favored by the heavens!

A Heavenly Sage!!

"It seems the Heavenly Punishment Seal is both a type of bondage and test. Is this the result of me passing the test?" Chu Kuangren murmured.

However, he stopped thinking about it.

With a flicker of spiritual thought, he instantly traveled hundreds of thousands of kilometers and arrived in the skies above the Ancient Battlefield.

Inside the Ancient Battlefield.

Daoist Sha and the other Sages were still shocked by the purple haze phenomenon. Even though it had dispersed, they still had not come back to their senses.

"Someone has become a Supreme Sage in the Firmament Star. Who is it? Who the h*ll is it?!" Daoist Sha was in disbelief.

After all, that was a Supreme Sage. In the history of Firmament Star, from archaic ancient times until today, only a handful of individuals had achieved this feat.

Just when Daoist Sha was in disbelief, the sea of clouds suddenly rolled in, and an incredibly horrifying surge of aura descended upon Ancient Battlefield!!

Chapter 465: Take My Palm Attack, Destroying The Ancient Battlefield, Who Can Possibly Survive That?

In the air above the Ancient Battlefield

A tremendous surge of domineering aura suddenly appeared!

That surge of aura was as terrifying as the force of nature, which made everyone at the scene tremble. Even those who sensed that aura with their spiritual thoughts could not help but tremble as well.

"Who is it?!"

"Who could possibly have such a powerful aura? Is it a Boundary Emperor?!"

"Has a Boundary Emperor appeared?"

"No, that can't be. It's not a Boundary Emperor. That's not how a Boundary Emperor's aura is supposed to feel. This aura contains a surge of Sage Daoist Rhyme..."

"Are you kidding me? Is there a Sage so strong?"

'Hold on a second.'

Everyone seemed to recall something.

'Didn't someone just become a Supreme Sage?!'

While everyone was guessing who it was, the clouds above the Ancient Battlefield suddenly blew over, and large amounts of clouds gathered to form a... face!

The expression on that face was cold, and it emanated the force of nature!

Everyone was familiar with that face!

“Chu Kuangren!”

“He has indeed become a Supreme Sage and unlocked the Heavenly Punishment Seal, which no one has been able to in all of history!”

At that moment, all the great ones in the Firmament Star were shocked!!

They felt as if their worldview was on the brink of collapsing.

“So, I heard you’re looking for me?”

In the sky, Chu Kuangren spoke up. His thunderous voice caused the mountains and rivers within thousands of kilometers to tremble.

Daoist Sha’s face turned pale as he stared at the giant face in the sky. He was rendered speechless, and an immense fear welled up in his heart.

Such a domineering aura, such energy...

What kind of being had he incurred the wrath of?!!

“Chu Kuangren, y-you better stop messing around with these tricks of yours. This is just a cheap illusion. I dare you to show yourself right now and fight me!”

Daoist Sha gritted his teeth and yelled.

‘That’s right.’

‘This is definitely an illusion!’

‘How can such a powerful Sage exist in this world?’

‘It’s impossible!’

“Oh, do you think you’re worthy to fight me? Your actions for the past few days have long sealed your fate. Since you’ve chosen to die, I shall grant you your wish.”

“Those who do not wish to die, you can leave the Ancient Battlefield now!”

Chu Kuangren said lightly.

In an instant, Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, and the other kidnapped cultivators all ran from the Ancient Battlefield. Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren’s domineering aura had locked on to the tormented souls of the Ancient Battlefield, restricting their movement.

“One palm attack.”

Once most of the people had left, Chu Kuangren spoke.

“Gather all your might and use up all your trump cards. If you can withstand a single palm attack from me, then I shall allow you to live!”

Chu Kuangren's voice echoed throughout the realm.

All the observing cultivators had serious looks on their faces.

They could not miss this as it was their chance to witness Chu Kuangren's strength. Nevertheless, they were extremely suspicious as well.

They could tell that the gigantic face in the sky was only a manifestation of Chu Kuangren's spiritual thought form. He was not there in person at all.

If that was the case, then how was he going to unleash that palm attack?!

"Chu Kuangren, you should stop looking down on people. I'll have you know that I'm a sky-pride who's ranked sixth on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard. Even a Sage Ruler can rival me. Do you think it'll be hard for me to defend your palm attack?"

"I can probably defeat you for good, let alone defend your attack!"

Daoist Sha roared in anger.

He urged the ferocious qi on his body until its fullest. Once it resonated with the ferocious qi in the entire Ancient Battlefield, a huge Divine Ferocious Avatar was formed. It stood several hundred meters tall, proudly against the force of nature!

"Heh."

Chu Kuangren chuckled. "Then, you're welcome to try!"

As soon as he said those words.

The sky began to distort.

Surges upon surges of terrifying spatial fluctuations started to appear.

"Tathagata Rebirth Mantra!"

Chu Kuangren's voice resounded.

A huge golden palm suddenly appeared from the distortion in the sky. It was like the hand of God, crushing everything in its path!

The incredibly vast and majestic Buddhist Light surged into the void like a crashing tide. Wherever there was light, the tormented souls were instantly purified.

Even the Sage-level tormented souls were no exception.

No one knew where Chu Kuangren was unleashing that palm attack from or how he had sent that attack.

However, everyone shuddered the moment that golden palm appeared.

Its domineering aura was so terrifying and the Buddhist Light was so majestic that they suspected the true user of that gigantic palm was the real Buddhist Emperor himself!

“What!!”

Daoist Sha’s expression instantly turned into horror.

‘How is this possible?!’

‘How can a Sage possibly unleash a palm strength of this level?!’

“Innate Ferocious Bell, activate!”

Daoist Sha took out the bell he had used for slaughtering the Ancient Battlefield’s tormented souls in the past. Along with ferocious qi, waves upon waves of surreal-like sounds waves unleashed towards the horrifying incoming palm attack!

The attacks from the bell were like a drop in the ocean. Multiple ripples did appear on the golden palm, but it was not enough to stop it despite Daoist Sha’s great effort of utilizing his fullest power.

That golden Buddhist palm had caused the whole Ancient Battlefield to tremble like crazy.

As such, some of the stronger tormented souls flew out from their hiding.

“Quick. We must stop this incoming palm!”

“That palm attack must not land!”

The tormented souls yelled in horror.

Chu Kuangren’s palm was not only meant to kill Daoist Sha. If it were to land on the Ancient Battlefield, the whole Core Area would undoubtedly be affected.

At that moment, it did not matter if the tormented souls had any intelligence or not. As long as they could move, all of them within the Ancient Battlefield unleashed their attacks towards the descending golden palm!

The entire Ancient Battlefield banded together like never before!

Boom, boom, boom...

Countless ferocious qi landed onto that palm!

Ten kilometers, a hundred meters...

The gigantic palm was getting closer to the ground.

Daoist Sha roared, and the Divine Ferocious Avatar lifted both of its arms in an attempt to hold back that palm attack. However, as soon as it made contact, the Divine Ferocious Avatar began to disintegrate into ferocious qi and disperse.

Within a few moments, the hundreds of meters tall Divine Ferocious Avatar had collapsed from the Buddhist Light’s purification!

Upon taking the full brunt of the impact, Daoist Sha immediately spat out a mouthful of blood while incapacitated on the ground. Compared to the descending giant palm, he was small like an ant.

Boom!!

An earth-shattering noise resounded when the golden palm landed on the Ancient Battlefield's Core Area, sending terrifying shockwaves that hit the Inner Circle, and then the Outer Circle...

It even affected the mountains and rivers that were dozens of kilometers outside the Ancient Battlefield.

That amount of power was akin to a God destroying the world!

However, the vast Buddhist Light was surging with some weirdly peaceful energy. After that giant palm landed, it spread across the entire Ancient Battlefield and purified all the tormented souls and ferocious qi within the Ancient Battlefield.

The after-effects of the palm attack lasted for a few moments.

When the energy had dispersed, the crowd peered into the battlefield with their spiritual thoughts, only to see a horrifying scene.

The Ancient Battlefield's Core Area had sunk into a crater the shape of a gigantic palm sign, with multiple ravines spreading outwards. It was as if a large web had been placed on the Core Area.

Not a single tormented soul was found once the majestic Buddhist Light dispersed. Even the ferocious qi that filled the air was cleared.

In other words, the whole Ancient Battlefield... was gone!

Chu Kuangren's palm attack had slapped one of the ten Forbidden Areas out of existence!!

Everyone was dumbfounded and speechless by what they saw.

"It seems like you can't do it after all."

Chu Kuangren remarked with his huge face covering the sky.

Everyone was at a loss for words.

'How do you expect anyone to resist your attack when you've slapped the whole Ancient Battlefield out of existence? How many people in this world can possibly hold their own against something like that?!!'

Chapter 466: Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhymes, The White-Robed General Awakens, The Power Of The Spatial Conveyor Skill

The first thing that happened after Chu Kuangren lifted the Heavenly Punishment Seal was to obliterate Daoist Sha and the entire Ancient Battlefield. Not a single cultivator was oblivious to the incidence.

Those who mocked and insulted Chu Kuangren were now dead silent.

Nobody dared to utter another word against him.

Chu Kuangren's shocking palm technique had shattered their power fantasy.

In the Heavenly Golden Palace.

Sage Changqin was overwhelmed by terror after witnessing Chu Kuangren's palm technique.

What a frightening scene.

Chu Kuangren's palm technique was so overpowered that Sage Ruler Changqin dared not imagine just how powerful Chu Kuangren had become!

Such a display of power far surpassed a Sage Ruler!

Perhaps even a Boundary Emperor would not be able to rival against him!

Had Chu Kuangren ascended into an Emperor already?!

Sage Ruler Changqin doubted for a second.

"I didn't think Chu Kuangren was capable of such powers. He's ranked first in the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard for a reason."

Xiao Jingchen murmured.

Even Xiao Jingchen had to admit Chu Kuangren's power. Xiao Jingchen knew that even he would not survive if he was at the receiving end of Chu Kuangren's technique instead of Daoist Sha.

At that moment, Xiao Jingchen could not help but feel relieved Chu Kuangren did not show up at his challenge.

He would not want to imagine what would happen to him if Chu Kuangren did show up.

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"Hey, this is crazy!"

"Can you believe that this palm technique came from a Sage? I bet even the outlawed sky-prides of the Nine Heavens are incapable of such a feat."

On top of a mountain range, a young brute gulped as he stared shockingly at the current state of the Ancient Battlefield.

A man who was holding a chiffon folding fan was standing beside the brute. He was just as shocked.

"Is this the doings of the Supreme Sage? We can't underestimate this person. Let's report this to both our clans," said the man.

The brute youngster nodded.

In another location.

The masked lady in black robes had witnessed the groundbreaking palm technique too. "Holy sh*t! Is that palm even from a Sage?! Chu Kuangren... I didn't think such a person would exist in Firmament Star."

"Whimper..."

"Pfft. Now you're scared too?! Well, the next time you meet that b*stard, you better make sure you run the hell away," the black-robed lady pouted her lips.

“Come. Let’s pay the Acheron Manor a visit. It’s time to take back what isn’t theirs,” said the black-robed lady as blood petals bloomed out of her Daoist Rhymes on her palm.

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Onboard the Illusive Mirage.

The fabric of space twisted in front of Chu Kuangren before it resumed its steady state. Chu Kuangren smiled contently. “This Spatial Conveyor Skill is indeed helpful.”

The Spatial Conveyor Skill was a God-tier power that Chu Kuangren previously won from the Fantasy Roulette. It was capable of connecting two points in space-time and transferring elements between them.

It was this divine skill that Chu Kuangren had used to unleash a terrifying palm technique despite being millions of kilometers away.

Chu Kuangren had recited the Tathagata Rebirth Mantra in the Illusive Mirage and used the Spatial Conveyor Skill to release the Emperor Technique’s energy above the Ancient Battlefield.

It was such a useful and convenient skill to have.

“Besides, the power of my Daoist Rhymes has exceeded my expectations. Could this be... the workings of the Heavenly Punishment?”

Chu Kuangren muttered as he stared into his own palms.

There were still remnants of Daoist Rhymes lingering around his palm, and they were unlike any that Chu Kuangren had encountered before. It was not the difference in power but the extremely unique composition.

It was as if this form of Daoist Rhyme was capable of suppressing all other forms of Daoist Rhymes.

Even the Emperor Daoist Rhymes from the Emperor Suppressing All Ability might not be able to dominate over Chu Kuangren’s Daoist Rhymes. It was because Chu Kuangren could now control... the Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhymes!

The Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhymes were a source of power that was granted to Chu Kuangren after he gained insights into the Heavenly Punishment Seal. It was the biggest achievement he had reaped from so many years of effort.

By infusing the Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhymes into his attacks, his combat strength had increased significantly. It was as if Chu Kuangren now carried the Heavenly Might... to punish his opponents on heaven’s behalf!

Chu Kuangren recollected his aura and shifted his attention to the Innate Ferocious Altar. Only then did he realize that the White-Robed General had long lost his consciousness. Chu Kuangren asked Lan Yu, “How’s he doing so far?”

“He was hanging on tightly at first. However, he fainted after absorbing all of the ferocious qi from the altar yesterday,” Lan Yu answered.

“Alright. I understand.”

Chu Kuangren nodded.

He activated his Eye of Revelation to scan the White-Robed General. “Foundation recovered, cultivator’s physique is currently undergoing transformation. Current progress is at ninety-eight percent...”

“It’s almost done.”

Not long after.

When the Eye of Revelation revealed that the White-Robed General’s progress had reached a hundred percent, he abruptly opened his eyes, unleashing a surge of ferocious qi that spread across a hundred-kilometer radius!

The clouds tumbled swiftly in its presence.

That burst of energy was no weaker than that of Daoist Sha.

No, it was far stronger than his.

“The combination of a Sage Ruler cultivation base and a complete Infallible Tormented Physique... Now the White-Robed General shall be one of the strongest cultivators in Firmament Star!”

Chu Kuangren smiled.

Although he also possessed the Infallible Tormented Physique, it had yet to reach its complete form. However, it no longer mattered as much to Chu Kuangren.

The Supreme Sage body was more impressive than any other physiques.

So much so that Chu Kuangren no longer needed to pursue the other Daoist Physiques.

“It looks like I’m in your debt again. My loyalty to you precedes my life.”

The White-Robed General walked down from the altar and came to Chu Kuangren. His tone was calm yet filled with the utmost determination.

Chu Kuangren remained quiet. To earn the White-Robed General’s loyalty had definitely made this detour to the Ancient Battlefield a worthy one.

From today onwards, the Black Heaven Sect had a new Sage Ruler!

Even without Chu Kuangren, few would dare provoke the orthodoxy now.

“Come. Let’s return to the Black Heaven Sect. It’s time to see your descendants.”

Chu Kuangren said.

He stored the Illusive Mirage into his Yin and Yang Ring.

Then, with one hand on Lan Yu and the other hand on the White-Robed General, Chu Kuangren chuckled and said, “No matter what I do, don’t resist.”

Although they did not understand what he meant, Lan Yu and the White-Robed General nodded as they placed faith in Chu Kuangren.

Following that, a surge of mythical spatial energy engulfed the trio before they instantly vanished on the spot.

When the trio reappeared, they arrived just outside the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation, millions of kilometers away from where they had vanished.

The teleportation power surely shocked Lan Yu and the White-Robed General.

“Spatial energy?! Brother Chu, I didn’t know you have mastered such a form of energy,” said the White-Robed General in awe.

“Heh. I do know a fair share of tricks.”

Chu Kuangren chuckled. He had used the Spatial Conveyor Skill to transport the three of them to the outer parameter of the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation.

The only reason why Chu Kuangren did not teleport directly into the Black Heaven Sect was due to the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation’s unique properties. It was capable of sealing an entire region both from the inside and out.

It was the same reason why the Purplevoid Sage could not escape with the Great Shift Talisman during the great war on Black Heaven Sect.

Moreover, Chu Kuangren realized that using the Spatial Conveyor Skill to teleport a person exhausted more energy than teleporting an object.

After all, humans could sometimes resist its effect, which may hinder the effects of his skill.

If it were not for the complete trust that Lan Yu and the White-Robed General had placed in Chu Kuangren, he would have had a much tougher time teleporting them to an exact coordinate.

Of course, if Chu Kuangren’s power far surpassed his subject’s power, any resistance would be of no use.

All in all, Chu Kuangren was increasingly content with this Spatial Conveyor Skill. He felt there was still much-untapped potential to this ability.

Chapter 467: The Five Orthodoxies Panics, The Seniors

The elders excitedly greeted Chu Kuangren and his companions upon their return to the Black Heaven Sect.

All of the orthodoxy members were overjoyed when they learned that Chu Kuangren had unlocked the Heavenly Punishment Seal. It was an auspicious occasion.

“Elder Ruyan, let’s take down the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation tomorrow. The Black Heaven Sect no longer needs to live in seclusion,” Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

Having previously been shackled by the Heavenly Punishment Seal, he was forced to resort to such methods.

Now that the seal had been unlocked, Chu Kuangren no longer feared anyone. The Black Heaven Sect members could now roam freely in Firmament Star.

Chu Kuangren would love to see if anyone was gutsy enough to provoke them!

“Alright.”

Elder Ruyan nodded passionately.

Just the maintenance of the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation itself had exhausted a large number of resources. Reserving the mega formation only for times of need would save the orthodoxy a large sum of costs.

Furthermore, the Black Heaven Sect members could now officially roam freely.

“By the way, where’s Shang Qingxue? I’ve brought someone to see her,” said Chu Kuangren.

“Oh, Qingxue has not returned yet.”

Elder Ruyan answered.

Several outstanding disciples of the Black Heaven Sect had left the orthodoxy to undergo some training while Chu Kuangren was under the seal.

Shang Qingxue was one of them.

“Then, send a message to have her return,” said Chu Kuangren.

“Alright.”

“White-Robed Brother, I’m afraid you may have to wait a little longer.”

“No worries.” The White-Robed General was not anxious at all. He had waited for so many years that an additional few hours would do no harm.

Meanwhile, Elder Ruyan was secretly watching the White-Robed General. She could not resist her curiosity when it came to one of the legendary Seven Great Mysterious Manifestations.

The White-Robed General was a peculiar character. He did not exchange many conversations with Elder Ruyan and the others. Upon finding a secluded corner within the Black Heaven Sect, the White-Robed General made it his temporary home.

Following the removal of the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation, the Black Heaven Sect had officially reappeared in this world!

News about its reappearance soon spread throughout the world.

Now, everyone knew that Chu Kuangren had unlocked his seal.

The otherworldly Chu Kuangren had finally made his return!

Countless sky-prides were so saddened by the news that they whined to the heavens for its unfairness!

"If Chu Kuangren has returned, what opportunities are there for sky-prides like us? Oh, heavens! How unfair you can be at times!"

"Sigh, three years. It has only been three years, and he has flattened the Ancient Battlefield with a single palm technique upon his return. Chu Kuangren is countless times scarier than he was before!"

"A person like him just can't be rid of that easily."

"Who said his era was over? It's back again."

Every cultivator under the sky was chattering away.

Chu Kuangren became the only news that mattered for now.

While most of the world was shocked at Chu Kuangren's return, some forces were panicking and terrified.

They were none other than the Heavenly Golden Palace, Ethereal Rapture, Sacred Palace of Death, and the other orthodoxies that had previously participated in the attack against the Black Heaven Sect.

They had lost many resources during the war against the Black Heaven Sect and had yet to recuperate their power three years later. These orthodoxies were no longer as formidable as they once were.

The current Chu Kuangren, who had just obliterated the Ancient Battlefield with one palm technique, was not their match anymore. What method could they possibly use to defeat Chu Kuangren?!

The orthodoxies soon called an emergency meeting to discuss this pressing matter.

In the Heavenly Golden Palace.

The Sect Leaders of the orthodoxies gathered together.

"What should we do now? Chu Kuangren is way too strong after he lifted the Heavenly Punishment Seal. We're no match for him at all."

"If Chu Kuangren is here, I'm sure one palm technique will be all it takes to destroy each of us Sage Rulers."

"D*mn it. No one in history has been able to lift the Heavenly Punishment Seal. How did he do that?"

"It doesn't matter anymore. The more pressing issue is how are we going to deal with his revenge plot? I'm sure we're all aware of the Craggy Ocean Tower's fate, and Chu Kuangren has grown terrifyingly stronger since then. Our fate might even be worse than theirs. How should we save ourselves from this situation?"

"Why don't we just surrender? We can't win anyway."

"Surrender? You must be joking. Do you think Chu Kuangren will just let us go if we concede defeat? Stop dreaming now. We're Chu Kuangren's mortal enemies."

The Sect Leaders quarreled with one another, going from one argument to another. They had long lost the usual composure that came with being a Sect Leader.

However, they could not be blamed.

Few would be able to remain calm in the face of an approaching calamity.

Even the Sage Rulers were no exception.

“Alright. Let’s stop quarreling.”

Sage Ruler Changqin halted the arguments and said, “It’s true that we’re no match for Chu Kuangren, but some people can be.”

“Brother Changqin, are you referring to the seniors from the Forbidden Areas?”

The Great Bottomless Chasm Dweller said as he thought of something.

“That’s right.” Sage Ruler Changqin nodded firmly.

“It won’t be an easy feat to convince them. After all, they’ve isolated themselves in the Forbidden Areas for so many years. Why would they agree?”

The Acheron Manor Lord opined.

“Back in the days, our Golden Heavenly Palace’s Boundary Emperor Zhang Guang used to have a close relationship with one of the cultivators in the Nether Abyss. It’s possible that with enough rewards, we might be able to convince them to help us fight Chu Kuangren,” Sage Ruler Changqin said as he took a deep breath.

Finally, the group saw a glimmer of hope.

“If that’s the case, the Ethereal Rapture is willing to sponsor a ton of Celestial cores for the reward.” The Ethereal Rapture Sect Leader was the first to chip in.

“The Acheron Manor is willing to fork in ten billion soulstones.”

“Hmph. The seniors are a group of higher-level beings, so they would never be impressed by mere soul stones. The Bottomless Chasm is willing to contribute ten Deep Sea Treasures!”

The Sect Leaders offered their contributions, each of them lucrative enough for many cultivators to wage a war for.

“In that case, please send over your offerings to the Heavenly Golden Palace by tomorrow. I shall deliver them personally to the Nether Abyss.”

Sage Ruler Changqin said.

While the Sect Leaders were racking their brains over their survival plan, the Black Heaven Sect released a public announcement.

The orthodoxy announced that in three days, Chu Kuangren would launch an attack against the Heavenly Golden Palace, Ethereal Rapture, Acheron Manor, Sacred Palace of Death, and Bottomless Chasm!

A huge commotion ensued amongst the cultivators of Firmament Star.

They knew that after Chu Kuangren had unlocked his seal, he would seek revenge against the orthodoxies that previously attacked the Black Heaven Sect.

However, they did not think it would be so soon.

“This is Chu Kuangren’s announcement of allowing one last chance for cultivators who don’t wish to die to back off.”

“Tsk. I wonder how the orthodoxies will deal with this. However, I guess even if it is Chu Kuangren, he will need to deal with them one at a time. It looks like we have many exciting days ahead of us.”

“Three years ago, when six orthodoxies went against the Black Heaven Sect, they failed miserably and lost millions of cultivators in that war. I can’t believe that three years later, a huge massacre will take place right at the doorsteps of these orthodoxies instead.”

“And so continues the war from three years ago. I think we’re approaching the end of the episode now...”

Many great ones in Firmament Star were prepared to observe the upcoming battle. Yet, at the same time, the five orthodoxies were scrambling around in a state of panic as they sent their most valuable treasures to the Heavenly Golden Palace.

Sage Ruler Changqin immediately set out for the Nether Abyss on the next day.

Their plans were beginning to spring into action.

The cultivators of Firmament Star were eager to observe Chu Kuangren’s journey to the orthodoxies. However, what they saw puzzled them to no end. It seemed like Chu Kuangren had never left the Black Heaven Sect since the beginning.

Chapter 468: Nether Abyss Valley, Boundary Emperor Wuyue, Wuyue Meets Chu Kuangren

The Nether Abyss Valley was one of the Ten Great Forbidden Areas of Firmament Star.

Among the Ten Great Forbidden Areas, the Ancient Battlefield had the shortest span of history and thus was the safest location in the category. The remaining nine Forbidden Areas had a significantly longer history and were far more dangerous than the Ancient Battlefield.

The Nether Abyss Valley was enshrined in thick layers of sinister aura all years along. Any cultivator who visited this place would have their mind invaded by a peculiar form of energy. Few in history were able to walk out of this place alive.

In this instance.

In one of the paths of the Nether Abyss Valley, Sage Ruler Changqin was proceeding with caution. He was surrounded by nothing but dead silence and the formless presence of the sinister aura.

Unknowingly to him, Sage Ruler Changqin’s forehead was covered by a thin layer of cold sweat.

He could feel an insurmountable amount of pain in his state of mind. All of a sudden, sinister hallucinations began to manifest before him.

Sage Ruler Changqin even saw Chu Kuangren appear before his eyes.

The Nether Abyss Valley was capable of making a person's darkest fear come alive before their very eyes, and Chu Kuangren was precisely the person whom Sage Ruler Changqin feared the most!

"D*mn it. If these hallucinations keep on, I would turn insane. No wonder the Nether Abyss Valley is hailed as one of the Forbidden Areas. Even my Sage Ruler cultivation will not last long here. How do the seniors even live in a place like this? They must be very formidable!"

Sage Ruler Changqin could barely hold on with his Sage Ruler cultivation and stamina.

Suddenly, he heard the cries of a murder of crows.

Sage Ruler Changqin had yet to come across any living beings throughout his journey in the Nether Abyss Valley, but he could now hear the caws of the crows.

Sage Ruler Changqin finally saw a glimmer of hope. "Have I found it?"

He followed the sounds of the crows.

Soon, he saw a wooden abode in the distance. Several crows were resting on the branches of a rotten tree before the house.

"I've found it."

Sage Ruler Changqin rejoiced and hastily rushed forward.

However, the crows on the branches immediately stared at Sage Ruler Changqin, their bloodshot eyes reflecting their cautiousness as they cawed incessantly.

Their cawing was so excruciating to Sage Ruler Changqin's ears. It was as if it could pierce through his soul, and he trembled uncontrollably. He immediately halted his footsteps.

Sage Ruler Changqin stared at the crows warily.

He then retrieved a black wooden plaque and said, "I am the current ruler of the Heavenly Golden Palace, Sage Ruler Changqin. I'm here to see Senior Wuyue."

"Oh, the Darkwood Order. How are you related to Chang Kuang?"

The crows began to mutter. Their voices resembled the sharp tone of a lady.

Sage Ruler Changqin was weirded out by what he was witnessing. However, it was not the time to ask questions. "Chang Kuang is the forefather of my palace."

"Why isn't he here, then?"

"Well, Forefather Chang Kuang... He has passed away."

The murder of crows was shocked. After that, they flew into the air and merged into a tall, graceful lady who wore a long black dress.

Wuyue grasped onto the air, sending Sage Ruler Changqin's Darkwood Order flying towards her hands. "Dead? Chang Kuang is a Boundary Emperor. Aside from the entities that reside within the Forbidden Areas, no one should be capable of killing him in the outer world. How did he die?"

Sage Ruler Changqin began narrating the series of events that started years ago. Boundary Emperor Wuyue was taken by surprise. "A Supreme Sage has appeared in Firmament Star? What sorcery! No wonder a ripple of energy appeared in the Heavenly Dao a few days ago."

Boundary Emperor Wuyue toyed around with the wooden plaque and said, "Since he's a Supreme Sage, I'm sure his combat strength is enough to rival a Boundary Emperor. Although I was once well-acquainted with Chang Kuang, my body is still in hibernation. I don't see why I need to fight such a remarkable Sage just for your sake."

Sage Ruler Changqin had foreseen such a response from her. Hence, he retrieved a Yin and Yang Ring and passed it to Boundary Emperor Wuyue. Within it was a collection of the best treasures that the orthodoxies had prepared.

"Senior, as you may know, there are plenty of Opportunities of Fortune in this great era that may be useful to you. I understand it is inconvenient for you to roam in the outer world since you are currently in hibernation. However, if you're willing to help us through this battle, the Heavenly Golden Palace will be in your debt."

Sage Ruler Changqin said.

Wuyue fell silent after she received the Yin and Yang Ring. Then, she peered into the depths of the Nether Abyss Valley. There were several other Boundary Emperors who were in hibernation just like her.

The Nether Abyss Valley was not the only location with such an activity. The other Forbidden Areas were also home to entities like them.

In the past, when Dharma was nowhere to be found, it was difficult for an Emperor to be born. As a result, many great cultivators could only reside within the Forbidden Areas, isolating themselves from worldly affairs as they await their next opportunity to ascend into an Emperor. Some of them had even hibernated to preserve their combat strengths.

Though now that their opportunities were finally around the corner, the entities of the Forbidden Areas would soon awake from their slumbers.

Boundary Emperor Wuyue thought it would be wise to prepare ahead.

After all, the Heavenly Golden Palace was considered an excellent orthodoxy that could be of great use to her.

However, was it worth it if it meant provoking a Supreme Sage?

Boundary Emperor Wuyue was weighing the pros and cons of her decisions.

At this point, Sage Ruler Changqin had no choice but to retrieve a light blue Supreme Elixir that emanated with mythical surges of Daoist Rhymes.

"This is... an Emperor-grade Supreme Elixir!"

Boundary Emperor Wuyue's eyes lit up.

"That's right. It's capable of extending a Boundary Emperor's lifespan by at least ten thousand years. Please receive our offerings."

Even Boundary Emperors had a limited lifespan.

The older they were, the weaker their bodies, the lower their combat strengths would become. Otherwise, why would so many Boundary Emperors choose to go into hibernation to preserve their energy?

An Emperor-grade Supreme Elixir that could extend a Boundary Emperor's life by at least ten thousand years was no small temptation at all.

Although Boundary Emperor Wuyue still had a long way to go before she reached the Heavenly Deterioration Stage Five, she just could not resist at all.

"Since Chang Kuang and I used to be friends, I guess it would be rude of me to make a waste of such sincere efforts from you."

Boundary Emperor Wuyue said before she grabbed the Emperor-grade Supreme Elixir from Sage Ruler Changqin.

"Thank you, Senior Wuyue." Sage Ruler Changqin was smiling from ear to ear.

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It had been almost three days since the Black Heaven Sect declared their intention to destroy the five orthodoxies.

It was midnight now. After the sun rose, it would be time for Chu Kuangren to make his move.

To everyone's confusion, Chu Kuangren had never left the Black Heaven Sect in the past three days at all.

How was he going to destroy the orthodoxies?

At midnight.

The moon hung brightly in the air.

In the Towering Heaven Palace of the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren was sitting with his knees crossed as he familiarised himself with the energy within his body.

His eyes opened abruptly as he cast his sight to several hundred kilometers away, just outside the Black Heaven Sect.

A black-dressed lady approached. She did not emit any energy waves at all as if she was one with the night.

The lady walked into the Black Heaven Sect like it was no man's land.

Apart from Chu Kuangren, no one else could detect her presence.

"You sure have some guts to come in uninvited, thief."

Boundary Emperor Wuyue picked up on Chu Kuangren's voice before she saw Chu Kuangren descending under the moonlight.

Boundary Emperor Wuyue could not help but be amazed at what she saw. "I've always heard that the Black Heaven Sect Leader is a person of elegance and nobility. Now that I've seen it with my own eyes, it looks like the people weren't lying after all."

Chapter 469: It's Sunrise, No One Can Escape, Flipping Plaques

"Although what you say is true, it doesn't negate the fact that you've attempted to trespass the Black Heaven Sect. Speak, what are you here for?"

By then, his Eye of Revelation had already activated.

Information about Boundary Emperor Wuyue began appearing before his eyes.

"Wuyue, a strange beast that's known as a Blood-Eyed Crow, Boundary Emperor cultivation level. She possesses the divine power of Blood-Eyed Frenzy and is trained in the Boundary Emperor Technique, Wrath of Carrion Crows..."

"Currently manifesting as a spiritual thought form..."

Chu Kuangren was amused by what he read in the information.

He could not help but smirk now.

As he expected, Hai Ye and Chang Kuang were not the Boundary Emperor to exist in this world. After all, it had been one hundred and fifty-thousand years since someone last ascended to an Emperor. So logically speaking, there should be more than just a few Boundary Emperors around.

That was not considering the Boundary Emperors that had hailed from past and archaic ancient times.

"Sect Leader Chu, it's remarkable how you've ascended to a Supreme Sage at such a young age. This is an unprecedented feat. What's more, you've done such an impressive job in managing such a powerful orthodoxy. What an admirable character..."

Boundary Emperor Wuyue was keen on getting on Chu Kuangren's good side. If it was possible, she preferred to settle Sage Ruler Changqin's affairs peacefully.

Unexpectedly, Chu Kuangren lifted his hand, and a brush and paper appeared before them. Boundary Emperor Wuyue was puzzled, to say the least.

"Here's a brush and a piece of paper. If you've come just to flatter me, you may leave your compliments on this paper and leave. I'll be sure to read them when I have the time," said Chu Kuangren nonchalantly.

Boundary Emperor Wuyue's lips twitched at his words.

It looks like all her verbal effort had gone to waste.

“Sect Leader Chu, you’re funny. I’m Wuyue, and I’ve come to pay a visit on behalf of the Heavenly Golden Palace.”

“We’re done. You can leave now.”

Chu Kuangren interrupted Boundary Emperor Wuyue before she could even make her proposal.

“You...”

Boundary Emperor Wuyue’s face turned grim, and she did not seem pleased now. “Sect Leader Chu, you’ve done nothing but chase me away ever since we met. Don’t you think this is a tad too rude?”

“This is my territory. It’s on you for coming uninvited. The Heavenly Golden Palace and the Black Heaven Sect have never gotten along, yet here you are trying to speak for them. You’re rude and unreasonable. I think I’m playing it nice enough if all I ask is for you to leave,” Chu Kuangren said.

Boundary Emperor Wuyue was now speechless.

Moments later, she took a deep breath and said, “Well, Sect Leader, it looks like your verbal prowess is as strong as your cultivation level.”

She then leaped forward, abruptly unleashing a boundlessly terrifying aura towards Chu Kuangren.

“Then, let me put it this way. I’m in charge of protecting the Heavenly Golden Palace and the other orthodoxies. Do you understand now?!”

Boundary Emperor Wuyue snapped. There was no longer room for pleasantries.

“You could’ve skipped all the nonsense and started with that.”

Chu Kuangren said calmly as his body emanated a surge of strong Sword-based Daoist Rhymes that was equally powerful as Boundary Emperor Wuyue’s aura!

“Then, let me be clear as well. I’ll make sure that these orthodoxies will be destroyed, and no one can save them!”

Their auras locked onto each other but did not seep out at all. Other than the twisted fabrics of space around them, the rest of the Black Heaven Sect’s territories remained unaffected.

The Black Heaven Sects’ disciples were still in deep sleep, not knowing that two incredibly powerful entities were currently confronting each other nearby.

Under the clear starlit night, Chu Kuangren and Boundary Emperor Wuyue refused to yield to their opponent’s power as their energies surrounded the space.

One was a newly ascended Supreme Sage, a remarkable sky-pride of his generation.

The other was the spiritual thought form of a Boundary Emperor who had lived for countless years.

Both were among the strongest cultivators that existed in this world.

“I’m afraid you don’t have what it takes to protect those orthodoxies.”

Chu Kuangren's Self Descendant Sword shook lightly before it abruptly unleashed an enormous surge of Sword-based Daoist Rhymes. In an instant, Chu Kuangren overpowered Boundary Emperor Wuyue's aura.

After all, it was just her spiritual thought form.

Although she could unleash the combat strength of a Sage Ruler, it was no longer sufficient to defeat Chu Kuangren. Boundary Emperor Wuyue would consider herself lucky if her clone could survive a single sword technique.

At that moment, the night was interrupted by a single ray of the morning sun.

As the clouds unfurled apart, the sun rose.

It was getting bright now.

Chu Kuangren muttered calmly, "It looks like it's time."

"Chu Kuangren, you're more savage than I thought, but I've made it clear that I'll be protecting these orthodoxies. If you still insist on attacking them, this will have to end in a fight between us!"

Boundary Emperor Wuyue said firmly.

She knew her negotiation strategies had failed and that her spiritual thought form was not a threat to Chu Kuangren. Hence, Boundary Emperor Wu Yue intended to leave.

"Oh, you think you can leave after tossing those harsh words around? In your dreams."

"No one can stop me from leaving."

Boundary Emperor Wuyue uttered before her spiritual thought form turned into hundreds of carrion crows that swooped in every direction.

Each crow was part of her spiritual thought form. As long as one of them survived, her spiritual thought form would not be destroyed.

"If I wish to make someone stay, no one can escape either."

Chu Kuangren said as he lifted his palms, casting his formless mind power into all directions and sealed the entire region in an instant.

With that, all of the crows were frozen in the air by his mind power.

The crows were evidently frightened.

"What did you do?!"

"Have your true form come to seek the real answer."

Chu Kuangren said and proceeded to mobilize his mind power.

Almost immediately, the hundreds of carrion crows vanished into a cloud of black smoke.

Ever since Chu Kuangren ascended into a Sage and had his soul transformed by the purple haze, his soul power had drastically enhanced. His spiritual thought, which had long surpassed that of a Sage Ruler, had reached an incomprehensible level of power.

Just with his spiritual thought alone, Chu Kuangren could easily defeat most of the Sage Rulers with ease. If Chu Kuangren combined his runic techniques in the process, even a Seventh-Step Sage Ruler would not likely survive past a few rounds of exchange.

Hence, killing a couple of crows was an absolutely simple feat for Chu Kuangren.

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In the Nether Abyss Valley.

A loud grunt could be heard from the inside of a wooden abode.

"D*mn it, Chu Kuangren! Very well, I shall fight you in my true form then. Let's see how you can survive the full power of a Boundary Emperor!"

Firmament Star, beyond the Black Heaven Sect.

A succession of spiritual thoughts was activated, each casting their sight over the Black Heaven Sect.

This day was the day when Chu Kuangren would destroy the five orthodoxies.

The cultivators' spiritual thoughts arrived at the Black Heaven Sect and saw Chu Kuangren standing above a mountain peak. They had come just in time to see him destroy Boundary Emperor Wuyue's spiritual thought form.

As the morning sun cast its warm sunlight over him, it created a golden cape that hovered behind Chu Kuangren's body, which further accentuated his glory.

Then, a white ray of light arrived.

It was Lan Yu.

In her hands were five wooden plaques.

The cultivators were confused.

Did Chu Kuangren not swear he would destroy the orthodoxies?

What was he doing there?

"Master, here's what you wanted."

Lan Yu arranged the five wooden plaques before Chu Kuangren.

"Come, pick one of them." Chu Kuangren chuckled.

Lan Yu flipped over one of the wooden plaques that revealed a series of red letters... Acheron Manor!

"Then, let's destroy the Acheron Manor first."

Chu Kuangren said nonchalantly. Yet, to the great ones who were observing the event, they felt as if they were witnessing one of the most bizarre incidents in their life.

Did the fate of some of the most remarkable orthodoxies lie within those wooden plaques?

Whichever name was on the flipped plaque would be destroyed.

Was there anything more preposterous than this?

Then, Chu Kuangren lifted his hands as he gathered the spiritual energies of the realm, forming them into an ancient Buddha statue that manifested in the air. Its Buddhist Light shone gloriously over the region.

It was Chu Kuangren's Emperor Technique, Tathagata Rebirth Mantra.

The ancient statue unleashed a palm attack into the air, unleashing the same amount of power that once flattened the Ancient Battlefield.

Chapter 470: One Palm, One Fist, One Finger, One Sword, Destroying Four Great Orthodoxies

The clouds were thick as the sun cast a warm blanket over the horizon.

Such pleasant weather was a wonderful day to commit murder!

As Chu Kuangren stood on a peak, his body emitted a surge of bright Buddhist Light that manifested as a thousand-meter tall ancient Buddha, shaking the realm.

Chu Kuangren activated his spiritual thoughts and cast them over all of Firmament Star.

He soon locked onto the Acheron Manor's position.

The giant ancient Buddha unleashed a palm technique.

Unexpectedly, the palm technique disappeared as soon as it was released into the air.

Just when the observers were scratching their heads, they noticed a surge of devastating energy suddenly appeared above the Acheron Manor, which was millions of kilometers away!

It was the same form of energy as that of the Tathagata Rebirth Mantra!

They rushed their spiritual thoughts over to the Acheron Manor, only to see a magnificent Buddhist Light appearing in the sky. At the same time, an enormous golden palm descended.

"Oh f*ck! Is that not Chu Kuangren's technique?"

"Isn't he in the Black Heaven Sect?!"

"Oh heavens, he attacked the Acheron Manor from millions of kilometers away. How did he do it?"

The observers were terrified.

It was frightening.

It was extremely frightening.

Any orthodoxy would fear such a display of power.

Just imagine a person sitting peacefully at home when a giant palm descended from the sky. They would not even know where their enemy was, so how could they put up a fight?!

The Sages of Acheron Manor rushed into the open and panicked at the sight of the falling palm.

“Activate the mega formation!”

The Acheron Manor Lord screamed.

Lines of runes appeared above the Acheron Manor and formed into a dark forcefield that covered the Acheron Manor like an inverted bowl.

With a bang, the giant palm made contact with the forcefield.

The ground within a ten thousand kilometer radius shook violently.

Fissures formed on the surface, which spread outwards from the Acheron Manor.

Caught in the impact, many of the Acheron Manor’s disciples spat out mouthfuls of blood as they rebounded backward and stared into the giant palm in terror.

To them, such power could destroy the whole world!

Crack, crack...

At that moment, the defensive forcefield that was cast over the Acheron Manor began to crack.

The Acheron Manor Lord became mortified.

“It’s... It’s breaking!”

“So soon?!”

With the sound of an explosion, the forcefield shattered into pieces!

The Acheron Manor Lord and his Sages could just not just sit by and die. Hence, they channeled all the energies they could muster to unleash Acheron Manor’s strongest Emperor Technique.

“Eye of Acheron!”

Many great demonic eyes instantly filled the void.

The eyes each ejected their demonic ray towards the approaching giant palm.

Alas, it was only capable of delaying the giant palm’s momentum ever so slightly, and it was impossible to disintegrate the attack.

“Chu Kuangren! We’ll never forgive you even in our deaths!”

The Acheron Manor Lord shrieked in desperation.

However, it was no use.

The giant golden palm finally landed on the Acheron Manor, destroying countless palaces and towers within an instance. The lands in a hundred-kilometer radius were all flattened as well!

The debris that resulted from the attack swept outward like the tide, causing widespread destruction to the environment more than ten thousand kilometers away!

Mountain ranges crumbled while the great rivers switched their courses...

The Sages of Acheron Manor were crushed to their deaths. There was no chance for any of their disciples to survive an attack of such scale either.

A single palm descended, and the Acheron Manor was... destroyed!

The observers were so shocked that they were lost for words.

Although some of them had witnessed Chu Kuangren destroying the Ancient Battlefield, they were still similarly shocked to witness it for a second time.

For a moment, they doubted if Chu Kuangren had already ascended into an Emperor!

How would a Sage get such a level of power?!

In the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren's Buddhist Light began to fade.

He was accompanied by the presence of a beautiful lady and surrounded by pristine flora and fauna. Yet, a million kilometers away, his palm had created an apocalyptic scene!

The contrast sure made many shiver in fear.

"Come, Lan Yu. Let's flip another one."

Chu Kuangren said.

Lan Yu shuffled the wooden plaques around, almost as if she was thinking which orthodoxy would be best to destroy next.

The great ones gulped.

Lan Yu's seemingly harmless choice would indicate the destruction of another orthodoxy. In her hands was the fate of countless cultivators.

"This one."

Lan Yu flipped another wooden plaque.

"Oh, the Sacred Palace of Death. So be it then."

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At the Sacred Palace of Death.

The Sacred Palace of Death Lord rushed out of the grand hall as he screamed frantically, "Quick, activate the defensive mega formation! Get all the disciples into the sarcophagus!"

A grey forcefield enshrouded the sacred palace.

Then, a giant mountain rose from the earth. Rather than calling it a mountain, it was actually a gigantic sarcophagus!

The sarcophagus was inscribed with countless runes on its surfaces. The disciples puzzledly ran into the sarcophagus, oblivious to what was happening around them.

However, they knew it was an issue of grave concern.

The sarcophagus would only reveal itself when the Sacred Palace of Death's entire existence was being threatened.

"Look. What's that?!"

One of the disciples said in a panic.

The space above the sacred palace twisted before an enormous fist descended from above! The fist spanned several hundred meters in length and was burning with a raging black fire!

Its unbounded energy shook the entire realm!

"Quick, into the sarcophagus!" The Sacred Palace's Lord yelled.

Then, he quickly retreated into the shelter as well.

The dark fist sign crashed into the forcefield, breaking it within the blink of an eye before it crashed into the giant sarcophagus.

In response, a burst of morbid Daoist Rhymes erupted from the sarcophagus but could not overcome the fist qi's power. The sarcophagus's Daoist Rhymes were continuously destroyed, and the impact of the energies began affecting those within the shelter.

The Sacred Palace's disciples exploded into misty air while the Sages' bodies crumbled from within, filling the sarcophagus with the painful wails.

Then, with a bang, the entire sarcophagus exploded.

The morbid Daoist Rhymes and fist qi's colliding energy formed an enormous energy cyclone that devoured all of the remaining cultivators in its core.

With that, the Sacred Palace of Death was... destroyed!

On the mountain peak of the Black Heaven Sect.

"Next one, Lan Yu."

"Alright... It's the Ethereal Rapture!"

"Okay."

In the Ethereal Rapture.

The Sect Leader rushed out as he screamed frantically, "All of the disciples, vacate this area immediately! Run as far as you can!"

"Sect Leader, what's going on?!"

One of the disciples asked in shock.

"Leave now!"

The Ethereal Rapture Sect Leader screamed desperately.

Alas, it was too late.

A formidable finger strength was already descending from above!

The finger strength was infused with a peculiar form of energy that was capable of questioning one's Daoist core. As its target, each and every cultivator of the Ethereal Rapture froze.

Then, the finger strength erupted, and its force engulfed the entire Ethereal Rapture.

The Ethereal Rapture was... destroyed!

"Next, Bottomless Chasm."

Lan Yu flipped another wooden plaque.

"Since the Bottomless Chasm is in the deep sea, it looks like we need to bring the sword in this time."

Chu Kuangren murmured.

After that, he withdrew his Self Descendant Sword, where a frightening purple sword ray unfolded, eclipsing the sun before it vanished into thin air.

In the next moment.

The sword ray manifested several million kilometers away above the ocean's surface.

The entire ocean trembled violently, and when the boundless sword ray slashed downwards, the sea split in half!

A single sword technique was enough to divide the ocean into two!

The sword ray penetrated straight into the ocean floor and arrived at a complex of majestic palaces. Meanwhile, the Great Chasm Dwellers and several other strong cultivators had long expected the attack.

They resorted to all forms of techniques in an attempt to defeat the incoming sword ray.

However, as soon as the sword ray imploded, it was divided into several million tiny sword rays that swept through the entire Bottomless Chasm like a ferocious thunderstorm. The Bottomless Chasm, a majestic orthodoxy with a hundred thousand years of history, instantly crumbled into pieces!

Only a few from the Bottomless Chasm managed to survive in the aftermath.

With that, the majestic palaces of the Bottomless Chasm were reduced to underwater ruins.

One palm, one fist, one finger, one sword!

Four formidable orthodoxies destroyed!

Those who managed to witness the entire process were utterly speechless. It was all just too much to take in.