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Chapter 471: Unique Stone Tablet, I'll Be Back In A Moment, Killing You In Three Moves

Chu Kuangren had destroyed four top-notch orthodoxies with four great Emperor Techniques!

His supreme prowess shocked all the great ones in Firmament Star.

Those consecutive bursts of energy waves had especially attracted the attention of those ancient beings from Forbidden Areas.

These ancient beings began doing something they rarely did, and that was to release their spiritual thoughts to the outside world to scout for more information. Only then did they know of Chu Kuangren's presence.

As of current times, even these almighty beings could not help but feel impressed.

However, Chu Kuangren did not know about all these.

Even if he did, he would not be bothered.

Currently, his spiritual thought was hovering back and forth over whatever ruins or remnants left of the four great top-notch orthodoxies. Whenever he found something valuable, he would transport them back to the Black Heaven Sect's treasury via the Spatial Conveyor Skill.

This power made things extremely convenient for him. Wherever his spiritual thought went, the Spatial Conveyor Skill would be used.

In other words, Chu Kuangren would be able to lock down his attack on any area he desired and move any item to any designated location. Only a few unique locations were an exception to this ability.

"This God-tier skill is really god-like."

Chu Kuangren exclaimed to himself.

"Eh?" He suddenly seemed to have realized something.

When his spiritual thought scanned through Acheron Manor, he found a black stone tablet in that shattered sarcophagus. On top of the tablet flowed with surges of strange wicked Daoist Rhymes that contained some sort of powerful Emperor Aura.

He was surprised that his Spatial Conveyor Skill could not work on this stone tablet.

"Come on. I just complimented this skill's wonders, and now it's letting me down." Chu Kuangren laughed as he shook his head.

In truth, it was not that the Spatial Conveyor Skill was not strong enough. Rather, it was because Chu Kuangren's cultivation level was still not strong enough to move this unique stone tablet.

He narrowed his eyes at this stone tablet and remembered it by heart.

"Alright. I'm left with one last orthodoxy now." Chu Kuangren smiled as he stared at that last wooden talisman in Lan Yu's hand.

With the lift of an arm, millions of runic swords were summoned. Each of them contained a surge of incredibly terrifying Sage Aura!

These runic swords even had enough power to destroy Acheron Manor and the other three top-notch orthodoxies another time again.

“Heavenly Golden Palace, your parcel has arrived.”

Chu Kuangren chuckled.

Countless runic swords shot into the sky and disappeared. When they reappeared above the Heavenly Golden Palace, they abruptly swooped downwards!!

An incredibly ruthless runic aura enveloped the entire land, prompting Heavenly Golden Palace’s Sage Ruler Changqin and the isolated forefathers no choice but to show themselves.

“Defend with full force!!”

Sage Ruler Changqin screamed frantically.

A gigantic defensive formation covered the palace whole. As soon as the runic swords made contact, explosive bursts rang out.

On top of a mountain, Xiao Jingchen stared at those ubiquitous runic swords with fear creeping through his eyes.

He did not dare imagine.

What would have happened if Chu Kuangren had agreed to his one-on-one challenge back then?

Like Daoist Sha, he would have been slapped to death in one palm technique. How was it possible for such an appalling sky-pride to exist on Firmament Star?!

Even those outlawed sky-prides from Nine Heavens would not be his match.

Boom, boom, boom...

In just a few seconds, Heavenly Golden Palace’s defensive formation collapsed, and the sky full of runic swords rained down on them with immense speed.

Sage Ruler Changqin and the rest of them yowled as they desperately tried to defend themselves.

Even though the combined power of several Sage Rulers did manage to block quite many runic swords, countless surges of sword qi still made it through and bombarded the Heavenly Golden Palace. Sounds of explosions carried on incessantly while debris rose into the air and the ground crumbled.

“Our Heavenly Golden Palace disciples did nothing to deserve this. Chu Kuangren, such callous acts of yours makes you no different than the devil. I wish upon you a terrible death!!”

Some Heavenly Golden Palace elders lamented toward the sky.

However, as soon as the runic swords rained down on them, no more voices were heard.

Out of the blue.

Something dashed in from afar.

It was a blood-eyed crow whose body coursed with tremendous energy. In no time, it had arrived above Heavenly Golden Palace.

This crow let out a loud croak. With a flap of its wings, majestic spiritual power unleashed, and combined with a gush of horrifying Daoist Rhyme, a turbulent storm was formed. In the blink of an eye, the sky full of runic swords shattered.

"It's Senior Wuyue!!"

Sage Ruler Changqin was extremely delighted.

Seeing Wuyue gave the people a glimmer of hope.

Back at the Black Heaven Sect, Chu Kuangren's lips curved upwards. He placed his hand on the Descendant Self Sword by his waist. "Finally, an interesting character has shown up."

"I'll be back in a moment." Chu Kuangren smiled softly. Then, he stepped forward, and the fabric of space twisted before he suddenly vanished on the spot.

When he emerged again, he was already in the space above the Heavenly Golden Palace.

He looked at Boundary Emperor Wuyue, who was in front of him. "I've said that nobody can protect Heavenly Golden Palace from what's about to come. If you insist on stopping the inevitable, you're as good as dead."

"You're a Supreme Sage, so there's no doubt your combat strength is extraordinary. But you have just cast consecutive Emperor Techniques to destroy four orthodoxies. How much spiritual power do you reckon you have left? How many moves do you think you can withstand from me?"

Boundary Emperor Wuyue's massive body rapidly shrunk, returning to her usual demeanor of a graceful lady. She stared into Chu Kuangren's eyes coldly.

She had just witnessed Chu Kuangren's dreadful power that wiped the four great orthodoxies from existence. She could not deny that he was at a Boundary Emperor's level.

He could even be graded as one of the top amongst Boundary Emperors!

Nevertheless, she did not believe Chu Kuangren had adequate spiritual power left after summoning such a power successively. Even with the help of an Emperor-grade Supreme Elixir, he would not be able to replenish the sheer scale that he had exhausted in such a short time.

"Three moves!"

Chu Kuangren answered casually.

"Alright, three. At least you know where you stand."

Boundary Emperor Wuyue chuckled softly.

"No. What I mean is I'll only need three moves... to kill you!"

“You... you’re out of your mind!” Boundary Emperor Wuyue scoffed as a gush of incredibly domineering Boundary Emperor Aura erupted from her body. It was so much more powerful than Boundary Emperor Chang Kuang and Boundary Emperor Hai Ye’s auras.

From a distance away, Xiao Jingchen muttered under his breath, “With this kind of strength, Boundary Emperor Wuyue should be ranked average among all Boundary Emperors.”

Due to the non-emergence of dharma at the Era of Dharma’s End, the Boundary Emperors could not ascend into Emperors. However, this did not mean that the Boundary Emperors’ strengths remained the same all this while. With time, the Boundary Emperors had figured out ways to increase their own powers.

In fact, some of the Boundary Emperors’ destructive powers were no weaker than an Emperor either. Yet, they could not be as strong as Emperors because of certain Daoist Rhymes restrictions.

Xiao Jingchen looked at Chu Kuangren, who stood proudly in the air, with curiosity in his eyes. In the face of Boundary Emperor Wuyue, how would this guy respond? Did he really have sufficient spiritual power in his body to defeat Boundary Emperor Wuyue?

High up in the air, Boundary Emperor Wuyue made the first move after having been seemingly provoked by Chu Kuangren. She waved her hand elegantly, and a dark light surged out from nowhere like a lightning bolt.

This dark light coursed with immense Daoist Rhyme and spiritual power. Its sinister energy was stronger than a Sage Ruler by countless folds.

With a clang, the Descendant Self Sword unsheathed from Chu Kuangren’s waist, and a flash of purple sword ray bolted down from the top of that mountain.

It was the Emperor Technique, Heaven-Slaying Sword Drawing Technique!

This sword technique was the purest of all sword techniques!!

The sword swung out and clashed with that dark light. The moment the two gushes of energy made contact with each other, their Daoist Rhymes collided. The impact immediately blasted all the people around them off their feet, and most of the buildings collapsed.

Not even Sage Rulers could resist being blasted back tens of meters away.

Nonetheless, this was merely a repercussion of the impact. The ones who took the full brunt of this huge collision were Chu Kuangren and Boundary Emperor Wuyue.

“I can’t believe he still has so much spiritual power left!”

Boundary Emperor Wuyue was forced back several hundred meters. Although she had a sturdy Boundary Emperor body, blood still trickled out from the corner of her mouth.

However, she was shocked when she saw Chu Kuangren, who was surprisingly unscathed despite this immense collision!

It seemed that his body was even more terrifying than hers!

Chapter 472: Sentencing Punishments On Behalf Of The Heavens, Head Over To Slay You, Best In The World

A Sage body was already far stronger than an ordinary cultivator's.

Furthermore, Chu Kuangren's was a Supreme Sage body!

How terrifying could his physical form be?

Even Boundary Emperor Wuyue's sturdy strange beast body was far inferior to his. Unironically speaking, if Chu Kuangren was standing rooted on his spot now, not even a Sage Ruler could deal any damage to him.

On top of that, he had the Immortal Body too!

This indestructible Supreme Sage body coupled with the Immortal Body...

This combo was just downright outrageous!

Chu Kuangren could even declare that nobody below the Emperor's level could kill him!

Having pulled through these two immense collision forces with this incredibly tough body, Chu Kuangren then charged towards Boundary Emperor Wuyue.

"Here, take my second sword attack!"

Chu Kuangren gripped the Descendant Self Sword. Its sword energy flowed on the tip of the sword before it shot out a purple sword ray that made Boundary Emperor Wuyue sense a grave danger ahead!

She could not afford to take on this sword attack head-on!

Boundary Emperor Wuyue reached a judgment in an instant, and her eyes glowed with a blood-red gleam. This was the specialized skill of the Blood-Eyed Crow, the Blood Crow Mystification!

It was a skill that could confuse one's mind.

Even those at the same cultivation realm as Boundary Emperor Wuyue would be affected by this skill. She may not be the strongest among all Boundary Emperors, but not many in Nether Abyss Valley would dare to pick on her because of this skill alone.

A blood-red light shot out from Boundary Emperor Wuyue's eyes and shone onto Chu Kuangren's body.

In the eyes of Boundary Emperor Wuyue, Chu Kuangren's mind would be so confused in the next moment that he would stiffen in his place, unable to move.

She would then seize this opportunity to end him once and for all.

However, the next thing she saw was Chu Kuangren's sword tip as he struck it out at her without hesitation. The sword rays poured out and enveloped her whole!

Chu Kuangren was not affected by the Blood Crow Mystification at all!

How was this possible?!

Boundary Emperor Wuyue attempted to formulate an alternative quickly. However, before she could manage to, that dazzling purple sword ray was already fast approaching her.

Her one moment's mistake enabled the sword ray to reach her successfully.

With a slash, Boundary Emperor Wuyue painfully endured this sword ray. Huge amounts of blood spurted out from her body as she was sent flying several kilometers backward before smashing onto a mountaintop.

A dreadful sword gash stretched from Boundary Emperor Wuyue's left shoulder all the way to her waist. It was so deep that even her bones could be seen, almost slicing her in half.

"Wow, you managed to survive that. It seems that the elegant black dress on you is not just any innocent apparel."

Chu Kuangren remarked nonchalantly.

He had clearly felt an incredibly strong defensive power which blocked off a good half of his sword ray's power.

It was evident that the black dress that she wore was a piece of Boundary Emperor-grade armor. Otherwise, that sword attack earlier would have already cut her into two halves.

"Cough, cough..."

Boundary Emperor Wuyue coughed out two mouthfuls of blood, looking extremely beaten. She glared at Chu Kuangren's eyes with eyes full of hatred. "You b*stard!"

A gush of overpowering Daoist Rhyme erupted from her body, releasing a tremendous amount of spiritual power that sent the entire Heavenly Golden Palace into a violent quake.

"I will kill you!!"

"Heh, I told you earlier that I'll kill you in three moves. I hope you still remember." Chu Kuangren chuckled.

Following that, massive amounts of spiritual qi surged atop Boundary Emperor Wuyue, where countless mysterious patterns connected and turned into a sky-blue rune. A pillar of light shot down from this rune, covering Boundary Emperor Wuyue's body in whole.

An appalling domineering aura shrouded over her. She trembled as an instinctive fear grew in her.

"What kind of rune is this?!!"

"Just a Lightning Rune... but an Emperor-grade one."

Chu Kuangren responded. All spiritual qi within a ten-kilometer radius was drawn into that Emperor-grade Lightning Rune. In no time, flashes of electricity began to jitter violently inside it, emitting surges of domineering aura.

This domineering aura felt like... the Heavenly Might!!

This was not simply an Emperor-grade Lightning Rune. It was an Emperor-grade Lightning Rune that Chu Kuangren had imbued with Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhymes!!

At this moment, a type of energy that everyone was familiar with emanated from the Lightning Rune.

“This energy feels like... a heavenly tribulation!”

“No way. A rune that contains heavenly tribulation energy? I’ve never heard of something like this!”

The crowd was petrified.

Chu Kuangren was capable of harnessing surges of tribulation?!

“No way. How can someone in this world control surges of tribulation? That’s against the laws of nature! This is impossible!

Boundary Emperor Wuyue was so terrified that her whole face turned pale.

“This isn’t a surge of tribulation. This is... the Heavenly Punishment!!”

“And I shall sentence punishments on behalf of the heavens!!”

Chu Kuangren stood aloft in thin air with his cold and handsome face, emanating with majestic Heavenly Might. He looked like an incarnation of Heavenly Dao itself.

Then, a roar came from within the Lightning Rune, and out flew a malicious Thunder Dragon that stared at Boundary Emperor Wuyue with its merciless eyes.

At this moment, Boundary Emperor Wuyue began to tremble in fear. She looked incredibly helpless that whoever saw her now would think she was a weak, powerless woman instead of an almighty Boundary Emperor.

“Brother, stop this!”

Just then, a frail and old voice rang from the void.

Yet, Chu Kuangren did not heed it. He simply raised his arm and snapped his finger.

“Strike!”

The fearsome Thunder Dragon and the Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhymes swooped down abruptly!

Accompanied by an agonizing scream, Boundary Emperor Wuyue’s body disintegrated under the lightning, reducing into ashes.

By the time the lightning flashes were gone, Boundary Emperor Wuyue was already nowhere to be found.

Nothing remained of her.

“I said that I’ll end you in three moves, and in just three moves, I’ve even helped you clean up your ashes,” Chu Kuangren said with indifference before he looked up at the sky.

Somebody told him to stop earlier.

“Brother, you’ve gone overboard!”

That frail, old voice once again rang out, but there was a hint of frustration to it this time.

“Overboard? Heh, where are you?”

Chu Kuangren chuckled and then asked.

“Why do you want to know?”

“Tell me where you are, so I can head over and... slay you!!”

A bout of thunder rang out when the words “slay you” came out of his mouth.

It was as if the heavens were enraged!

What joke was this?!

He had sworn to annihilate Heavenly Golden Palace by hook or by crook. Hence, when Boundary Emperor Wuyue tried to stop him and even tried to kill him, he had to kill her first. How was this too much?!

If the person behind this frail and old voice had not used some sort of spiritual thought-blocking technique, he would already be standing right in front of that person now.

That frail and old voice fell silent for a moment before speaking again. “Brother, your actions are too malevolent. I hope you’ll be wary of what’s to come!”

After that, the frail and old voice vanished.

“Too malevolent? Well, that’s funny. Were there any elites in this world who did not step on others’ dead bones? As long as I think my actions are justifiable, I don’t care if this world views me as the devil or Ashura. It doesn’t matter to me!”

Chu Kuangren shouted back into the sky.

Then, he gently lifted his arm and looked down at the remaining elders and disciples of Heavenly Golden Palace. Countless runic swords were once again summoned.

“Chu Kuangren, I’m willing to surrender to my own death. Please have mercy on...”

Sage Ruler Changqin pleaded out loud.

However, before he could finish his sentence, Chu Kuangren had already waved his hand gently. “Strike!”

Sword qi pranced wildly wherever those runic swords traveled. From superior Sage Rulers and elders to the most inferior disciples and servants, not one of them survived!

The orthodoxy was effectively obliterated!

No one was left alive!

After completing his act, Chu Kuangren turned around to leave.

Acheron Manor, Sacred Palace of Death, Ethereal Rapture, Bottomless Chasm, and Heavenly Golden Palace... Five top-notch orthodoxies were erased from existence over the span of one day!

Every cultivator who witnessed this was shellshocked.

On this day, they had witnessed the destruction of the orthodoxies and the birth of a Supreme legend.

In everyone's opinion, Chu Kuangren was no longer just the best sky-pride in the world. Even removing the two words 'sky-pride' from his title would still be sensible.

He was simply the best in the world right now!!

Chapter 473: Secrets Of The Acheron Stele, Shang Qingxue Has Gone Missing

Chu Kuangren had wiped out five orthodoxies in quick succession. After removing the seal, he has showcased an extremely incredible combat strength, one which shocked the entire Firmament Star.

Now, he was crowned with the title of the best in the world, not as a sky-pride but as a cultivator!!

Chu Kuangren was truly at the peak of his fame.

Meanwhile, back at the ruins of Acheron Manor.

A black-clad figure arrived and stood there silently. It was a graceful lady who wore a golden mask and a long black robe.

She also had a puff of black mist following behind her. As if it was a living thing, the black mist would make certain noises occasionally.

"He annihilated Acheron Manor with a single palm technique. D*mn, this Chu Kuangren is truly a monster." The black-robed lady glanced at what remained at the scene and mumbled.

She did a search for a while within the ruins. "Man, how poor is Acheron Manor? I can't even find anything valuable here, and they dare call themselves a top-notch orthodoxy? Or were all the goodies destroyed by that palm?!"

"Forget it. I'll just look for that one thing."

The black-robed lady continued scouring through the pile of debris.

By utilizing her special senses, she arrived before the shattered sarcophagus, where she uncovered a bizarre, black stone tablet. Her eyes suddenly lit up.

"I've found it!"

The black-robed lady stared at the stone tablet in front of her with various emotions in her gaze. "After missing for so many years, this thing has finally returned to its rightful owner."

Just when she was about to lift this stone tablet away...

"This is a token of my victory."

An indifferent voice rang out.

She did not know when another figure had appeared beside her.

That person standing on top of the stone tablet had white robes and long black hair that complemented his peerless looks.

The black-robed lady's pupils narrowed when she saw him. She immediately leaped backward and braced herself vigilantly. "Chu Kuangren..."

She knew that things were about to go south really soon.

She stood no chance in taking away something that belonged to Chu Kuangren.

"Growl..."

The black mist behind the black-robed lady let out a hostile grumble. It expanded in size by several folds and extended a sharp claw towards Chu Kuangren.

"Doggo, stay put." The black-robed lady chided gently.

"Woo..."

The black mist being yelped innocently.

"Oh, a demonic realm being."

Chu Kuangren's Eye of Revelation activated, scanning the lady and black mist ahead, analyzing their information in full.

"Underworld demonic wolf, Sage Ruler cultivation level..."

"Zhan Hongying, Ashura Tribe Princess, Sage cultivation level..."

She was Zhan Hongying, the sky-pride ranked second on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard.

"Tell me everything you know about this stone tablet." Chu Kuangren demanded calmly while standing on the stone tablet.

"If I tell you, will you let me have this stone tablet?"

Zhan Hongying asked.

"Sure, but you'll have to fight me for it."

Zhan Hongying was delighted to hear the first word of his sentence. However, the rest of his sentence completely crushed her hopes of obtaining it.

Fight Chu Kuangren for it?

What a joke.

She did not need to be a genius to know that she was not Chu Kuangren's match. One palm attack from him, and she would surely be half dead.

"Brother Chu, this stone tablet is important not just for me, but for all beings in this realm because this item is closely related to the Underworld Demonic Realm!!"

“Oh, mind elaborating further?”

“During the past ancient times, the Underworld Demonic Realm had a mass invasion into Firmament Star. Then, an Emperor showed up and singlehandedly purged all demonic beings back to their own realm. This Emperor also used a one-of-a-kind technique to craft ninety-nine Acheron Steles, sealing all passages that connect the Underworld Demonic Realm to the Firmament Star...”

Chu Kuangren listened intently as Zhan Hongying explained the chronicle to him. There were no changes in his expressions, so it was hard to tell if he bought that.

“You’re telling me that this tablet right here is an Acheron Stele?”

“That’s right. Ninety-nine Acheron Steles will form the Great Acheron Formation, which obstructs the Underworld Demonic Realm’s passage. And this is the most important piece of all the steles, the Acheron Formation Core. It’s an item that the Ashura Tribe has been safeguarding for generations. But many years ago, the Great Acheron Formation experienced a violent quake, and someone seized the opportunity to steal this stele away. Things only changed recently when Acheron Manor revealed itself to the realm, and we managed to confirm the location of this stele through the Eye of Acheron that they cultivate.”

“Now, do you mind giving it back to me, Brother Chu?”

Zhan Hongying asked.

Chu Kuangren pondered deeply after hearing her side of the story and only replied after a long while.

“You can have this steal back, but you’ll have to wait until I’ve finished studying it. Then, you can come and get it from me.”

He did not fully believe her story. After all, this Acheron Stele contained a powerful Emperor Aura, and the marks and symbols on it looked extremely unique. It was as though it contained profound runic wisdom and even some sort of Empyrean insights.

This was a remarkably valuable treasure.

He could not let go of such a precious treasure just because of a few words from Zhan Hongying. This was clearly not something that he would do.

The only chance of him doing something so dumb was if he had a brain seizure.

“In recent years, the Underworld Demonic Realm has been looking for opportunities to seep into our world. I reckon they are prepared to break through the seals at any moment now. If I don’t take back the Acheron Stele, a great demonic army would surely attack us within ten years.”

“Ten years? Who said I needed that much time?”

Chu Kuangren replied nonchalantly.

Did she think that he would require ten years to gain complete insights into a piece of stele?

Even ten days was too much for a person of his caliber.

Knowing that she had failed to convince Chu Kuangren, Zhan Hongying became lost for words.

"If there's nothing else, we will bid our farewells."

Chu Kuangren deposited the stele into his Yin and Yang Ring.

"Boohoo..."

The black mist behind Zhan Hongying cried out twice.

"Idiot. What was I supposed to do? Now that the Acheron Stele has fallen into that guy's hand, who the hell in this world can take it back from him if he doesn't give it up voluntarily?" Zhan Hongying responded rather agitatedly.

"Ahhh, this is so annoying!!"

Zhan Hongying pulled on her hair and lamented. "Let me go and fight someone to vent my frustrations. I wonder if Xiao Jingchen has perished with the rest of them at Heavenly Golden Palace. Otherwise, I can only look for Wang Tianteng."

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Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren was planning to gain insights into that unique stele when he returned to the Black Heaven Sect. However, Elder Ruyan and White-Robed General suddenly came knocking on his door.

"What has happened?"

Chu Kuangren frowned upon noticing the solemn looks on both their faces.

"Sect Leader, I'm afraid something has happened to Shang Qingxue."

"What?"

"Yes. We've been trying to reach her for the past few days, but she has not responded at all," Elder Ruyan explained.

"I plan to go out and look for her."

White-Robed General said.

"Let me help you guys with that."

Once Chu Kuangren finished speaking, an enormous spiritual thought spread outward from the Black Heaven Sect and covered the entire Firmament Star.

Besides some true forbidden grounds, images of all the other places emerged and flashed past his mind like a slideshow.

Still, he could not locate Shang Qingxue's whereabouts.

There were only two explanations for this.

The first was that Shang Qingxue was no longer on the Firmament Star.

Of course, the possibility of this was extremely slim.

This made Chu Kuangren more inclined towards the second reason, which was that Shang Qingxue had entered some kind of spatial secret realm, or that someone had hidden her.

“Where was the last place you had contact with Shang Qingxue?”

Chu Kuangren inquired.

“It was at the Nebula Prefecture, a territory of Parchprime Palace.”

Elder Ruyan said.

“Oh, Parchprime Palace. This name sounds familiar.” Chu Kuangren suddenly took out a letter and continued, “Isn’t Liu Yiqing, that person who infiltrated Black Heaven Sect, from Parchprime Palace? I initially wanted to head there and demand compensation, but I didn’t expect to have my hands full, so I haven’t dealt with them yet.”

“Seems that it’s about time I make a trip there.”

Chu Kuangren mumbled to himself.

Chapter 474: Shang Qingxue’s Whereabouts, Look How Terrified You Made Them

Nebula Prefecture, Parchprime Palace.

Inside a great hall.

An old man was chiding a young man. “You dumb*ss, do you have any idea what the hell you’ve done?!”

“How dare you capture someone from the Black Heaven Sect? Do you not want to live anymore?!”

“Do you really want our Parchprime Palace to end up like Ethereal Rapture, Acheron Manor, and the rest? Have Chu Kuangren head over here and give us a slam too?!”

The old man was so infuriated that his breathing accelerated.

He was extremely angry.

He looked at the grim look on the young man’s face and became even more incensed that he kicked the latter to the ground.

“Your father should never have made a child like you.”

“Father, just relax for a minute. I’m sure Xuan’er didn’t mean it. Who knew so many things would have happened in this short span of two months?”

A middle-aged man walked up to them and said.

Another woman walked up and helped the young man to his feet.

“Exactly. If I knew Chu Kuangren had this much power to unlock the Heavenly Punishment Seal, I would’ve never kidnapped her.”

The young man, Zhang Xuan, explained.

The old man nearly rushed forward to slap him to death when he heard that. “Look at him. This is the precious son that you two have brought up.”

The old man was the Lord of Parchprime Palace.

All this mess started because Parchprime Palace Lord’s grandson, Zhang Xuan, kidnapped a lady two months ago.

This did not really come as a surprise.

Zhang Xuan’s lust for women was a fact widely known amongst Nebula Prefecture. It was not the first time he had captured some young lady back to the palace either.

However, the person that he caught this time around had a special background.

This lady was from the Black Heaven Sect!

If this were to happen two months ago, Parchprime Palace Lord would not care too much about it. After all, the Black Heaven Sect had hidden from the realm two months ago. Everyone thought that with the Heavenly Punishment Seal on him, Chu Kuangren was done for.

What else could he do if they captured one of his disciples?

Yet in these two months, things have evolved way too quickly.

In this period of time, Chu Kuangren had reentered the realm, topped the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard, shocked the entire world with his incredible runic prowess, and also annihilated the Craggy Ocean Tower. After he had removed his seal, the strength he showed was like a living Emperor!

He absolutely dominated all his enemies!!

Five great orthodoxies were obliterated by him in one day!

Everyone in this world was shaking with fear.

Everybody was terrified of Chu Kuangren now.

Yet, Parchprime Palace had captured one of his disciples?!

Was there anything much worse than this stupid act?!

“Father, it’s just a disciple. I don’t think it would cause huge problems for us. At most, we can just offer them some monetary compensation.”

The middle-aged man said.

“Are you dumb? Don’t you know what kind of person Chu Kuangren is? Have you guys done your research? A few years ago, when he wasn’t a Sage yet, do you know how many Sages he killed and how many orthodoxies he demolished just for his disciples?!”

“Now that he is a Sage, nobody can match his power. If he finds out that his disciple has been mistreated here, he will surely reign terror upon us.” Parchprime Palace Lord suddenly felt his head hurt.

He flashed Zhang Xuan a vicious stare and sneered at him. "If it's really necessary, I won't mind sacrificing you for this."

Zhang Xuan's face suddenly turned pale.

"Let me ask you once more, have you done anything to that girl?"

"No, no I haven't."

Zhang Xuan hastily shook his head. "This girl is really obstinate. She would threaten to kill herself every time I got close. All I've done is imprison her inside the boudoir. Nobody else can go inside except me."

"As long as you haven't touched her, we'll have room for negotiation."

She had only been trapped here for a few days, so there should not be any problem.

At this moment.

A disciple suddenly walked in.

"Sect Leader Hui, it's the Daoist. He is back."

A look of delight etched on Parchprime Palace Lord's face. "Yiqing is back."

Liu Yiqing was Parchprime Palace's Daoist and also the most outstanding sky-pride amongst Parchprime Palace's younger generation — someone capable of being placed on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard.

All this time, he was the disciple that Parchprime Palace Lord was most proud of.

"Liu Yiqing... I can't believe that fella has returned."

Zhang Xuan revealed a sinister look.

Everybody in Parchprime Palace adored this Daoist. Even his own grandfather, Parchprime Palace Lord, was extremely fond of this person.

On the flip side, besides having the title as the sect leader's grandson, he had close to no respect from the people of Parchprime Palace.

This made him hate Liu Yiqing a lot.

Hence, he was naturally unhappy about his return.

Liu Yiqing stepped inside the great hall.

"Oh, dear Yiqing, you're finally back. I've failed to reach you this couple of days, I thought something bad has happened to you." Parchprime Palace Lord smiled and said.

Liu Yiqing looked slightly embarrassed.

Over the last couple of days, he had been imprisoned inside Black Heaven Sect with all his belongings confiscated. This explained why Parchprime Palace Lord could not contact him.

"Sect Leader, I've also brought two guests with me this time."

"Hey, Senior Brother Liu, you truly have a large network. Considering you brought back Yin Li last time, I wonder which impressive character you've brought this time," Zhang Xuan replied with an odd demeanor.

"Be careful of what you say, Junior Brother. These two guests are way above my standards."

Liu Yiqing said cautiously.

"Is there anyone who's above the great Liu Yiqing's standards? Come on, you're the mighty Daoist of Parchprime Palace. Are you trying to be humble, or are you looking down on Parchprime Palace?" Zhang Xuan responded mockingly.

"That's enough. Shut your mouth!"

The Parchprime Palace Lord warned Zhang Xuan.

He then turned towards Liu Yiqing and said, "So Yiqing, where are our guests?"

"They're waiting outside the palace."

"Great. Bring them in here."

"Alright."

Liu Yiqing hurried outside. Those two guests had requested him to notify the palace about their arrival out of courtesy, so he dared not make them wait any longer.

"Pfft, look at how anxious he is. If I didn't know, I would have thought he brought a Boundary Emperor guest here."

Zhang Xuan pouted his lips.

"Yiqing does look a bit off upon his return this time."

The Parchprime Palace Lord had also picked up on how over-cautious Yiqing was. What kind of person did he bring back that deserved so much attention from him?

Even if it were some orthodoxy's lord, he did not need to behave to this extent.

He stared at Zhang Xuan beside him, looking at how nonchalant he was behaving. When he was reminded of the trouble that stemmed from this useless kid, he scoffed and picked up the teacup from the table. He hoped that sipping on some tea would help soothe his frustrations.

At that moment, Liu Yiqing walked into the great hall with his two guests.

One had black hair and was donned in a white robe, looking extremely peerless and handsome, while the other wore a mask, revealing only a pair of ice-cold eyes.

Clang...

Parchprime Palace Lord's hand trembled and the teacup shattered on the floor.

"Chu Kuangren!!"

Parchprime Palace Lord gasped in terror.

He was trying to figure out who Liu Yiqing's guest would be, but he never thought that it would be Chu Kuangren. What the heck was he doing here?!

Could he have discovered about Zhang Xuan kidnapping his disciple?

Chu Kuangren, who had just stepped into the palace, felt rather surprised.

Come on, really?

He knew he currently had quite a reputation.

However, there was no need for such a huge reaction. He was not even here to mass-murder and burn down their whole place, so why was this palace lord so terrified?

This was especially true for Zhang Xuan. Upon hearing Chu Kuangren's name, he immediately stumbled backward and almost fell from his chair.

Look at how terrified he had made them.

Something was not right.

Chu Kuangren narrowed his eyes.

"I didn't expect the esteemed guest that Yiqing mentioned to be you, Sect Leader Chu. If I had known earlier, I would've gone out myself and welcomed you personally."

Parchprime Palace Lord quickly maintained his cool and walked up to him with a smile.

"Not at all. I did not give you any prior notice before my visit, so I do apologize for that, Brother." Chu Kuangren smiled gently.

"Come, please have a seat."

"Thank you."

"I wonder if there is anything I can help you with this time."

"Ah, yes. A disciple of mine went missing in Parchprime Palace's territory. My purpose here today is to ask for Parchprime Palace's help, to locate this disciple. Would you be willing to lend me a hand, Brother?"

The moment he finished his sentence, a pin-drop silence befell the entire hall.

Chapter 475: Where Is She? Demanding For Compensation After Killing People

Upon hearing what Chu Kuangren said, Parchprime Palace Lord did not react. However, Zhang Xuan beside him did not have the same composure. Panic was written all over his face, and Chu Kuangren had picked it up.

There was definitely something fishy going on with Parchprime Palace.

Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

“That disciple of mine is a female, named Shang Qingxue. Beside me here is her ancestor, a Sage Ruler. He has been separated from Shang Qingxue for many years, and his only wish is to see his descendent again. If anything bad were to happen to her, he would never let it rest...”

Chu Kuangren observed the crowd’s reaction as he continued, only to see that Zhang Xuan’s face was drained of color and was now as pale as a sheet of paper. His body, on the other hand, was trembling non-stop...

These minute movements were all caught by Chu Kuangren’s eyes.

“So tell me... where the hell is she?!”

Chu Kuangren raised his voice all of a sudden.

His voice was like thunder, which shook the entire palace.

Zhang Xuan was so petrified that he almost passed out.

Parchprime Palace Lord quickly answered him, “Alright, we’ll come clean, Sect Leader Chu. The disciple that you’re looking for is not in our Parchprime Palace. It’s just a little misunderstanding. I plead with Sect Leader Chu to listen to our explanation...”

“Listen to your explanation or your quibble?!”

Chu Kuangren demanded in a cold, harsh tone. “Bring me to her!”

“Sect Leader Chu, this way please.”

Under these circumstances, Parchprime Palace no longer had hopes for any peaceful resolutions. Hence, he led Chu Kuangren and White-Robed General toward the confinement chamber.

The confinement chamber was a special room Parchprime Palace used to detain disciples who had committed crimes. It was equipped with countless restricting mechanisms, and it could block spiritual thoughts from entering.

This also explained why Chu Kuangren was not able to locate Shang Qingxue with his spiritual thought.

The confinement chamber had many rooms. Chu Kuangren and a few other people walked into the confinement chamber, passed by a corridor, and arrived at a lavish courtyard.

The moment he opened the room door, a blue-gowned lady inside instantly drew a longsword and, to everyone’s shock, held it at her own throat.

“If you dare to step closer, I will... Sect Leader!!”

Shang Qingxue’s eyes met with this incredibly familiar figure before she could even finish her sentence. She subconsciously lowered the longsword in her hand with tears in her eyes.

Chu Kuangren looked closely at her, and his expression turned extremely hostile.

Other than being extremely weak and restricted of her spiritual power, the Shang Qingxue before him did not seem to have sustained any serious injury.

Nevertheless, the image of her subconsciously drawing the sword and threatening to kill herself the moment they opened the door had jabbed Chu Kuangren and White-Robed General's hearts deeply.

What had she experienced for her to use her own death as a threat to defend herself?

What kind of psychological trauma had she been under these past few days?

Chu Kuangren had a rough idea of what that could be even without much thought.

"Qingxue, Sect Leader is here to bring you home." Chu Kuangren took a deep breath, trying his best to soothe the fury on his face.

"Sect Leader..." Shang Qingxue could not hold back any longer as she directly threw herself into his arms with tears streaming down her cheeks.

Chu Kuangren knew Shang Qingxue quite well. Back then, even though he gave her an almost hellish training regime, she was still able to persevere through it.

Yet now, she could not hold back her tears upon seeing him.

Only the heavens would know what sort of trauma she had gone through here.

After a while, Shang Qingxue let go of Chu Kuangren and wiped the tears off her eyes. She tried her best to compose herself and asked, "Sect Leader, how did you guys find me?"

"We'll explain that to you later. First, I need you to tell me who locked you in here," Chu Kuangren inquired.

Shang Qingxue went on to tell the whole story in detail.

Two months ago, she journeyed here while on training and bumped into Parchprime Palace's Zhang Xuan by chance. He lusted for her, so he tricked her into Parchprime Palace, where he proceeded to poison her to lock away her spiritual powers.

Throughout these two months, she kept herself alive by threatening to kill herself every time her captor tried to get close to her. She soldiered on with whatever little amount of spiritual power she had left in her. She did not take a single drop of water nor a single morsel of food from them. She was even too afraid to fall asleep for fear that it would give Zhang Xuan the chance to take advantage of her.

Zhang Xuan, on the other hand, did not rush things and played along with her.

He was sure that she would not hold on much longer.

It was right at this crucial moment that Chu Kuangren showed up.

However, Chu Kuangren knew that even if he did not come here, Zhang Xuan would not dare to hurt Shang Qingxue.

That was because news of him breaking the Heavenly Punishment Seal had already spread to every inch of this land.

Even so, Zhang Xuan would still need to pay the price.

"Sect Leader Zhang, I think you don't need me to tell you what you need to do here, right?" Chu Kuangren asked coldly.

"Sect Leader Chu, Ms. Shang isn't hurt, but we Parchprime Palace are willing to compensate you monetarily. I hope Sect Leader Chu will kindly accept our offer."

Parchprime Palace Lord said.

After all, that was his own grandson. He had to try and save him if he could.

"I'm not going to repeat it twice. Unless you intend to let the entire Parchprime Palace perish with him?" Chu Kuangren's tone of voice deepened slightly.

The Parchprime Palace Lord was left speechless.

"Understood."

A few moments later, Zhang Xuan was held down before Chu Kuangren and his people.

"Sect Leader Chu, please have mercy on me. I won't dare to do it ever again."

Zhang Xuan kept kowtowing to beg for his life.

"Qingxue, I'll leave this to you."

Shang Qingxue did not hesitate at all. As soon as she drew her longsword, a sword ray shot out and Zhang Xuan's head dropped to the floor, where it spun a couple of times.

The immense fear that she had been in for the past two months was also released along with this strike. Shang Qingxue, who had not eaten or drunk for two months straight, and whose spiritual power had been sealed away, finally gave way and passed out.

White-Robed General was a step quicker than Chu Kuangren as he held onto her. Staring into her face, the White-Robed General's ice-cold gaze suddenly revealed a gleam of warmth. "She does look like her. She looks a lot like Ah Yu."

Ah Yu was the Princess of the Lou Kingdom, the lover of White-Robed General.

"Why don't you take her out for a rest in the meantime."

"Alright."

After White-Robed General left, Chu Kuangren pulled out a letter and handed it to the Parchprime Palace Lord. Not once did he bat an eye on the corpse on the floor. "Today, I've come here not just to look for my disciple. There's one more matter to settle."

"That is Liu Yiqing was caught attempting to infiltrate the Black Heaven Sect. If you guys want to take him back, you need to pay up a sum."

Liu Yiqing let out a bitter smile from the side.

He knew that this matter was not over and done with yet.

Parchprime Palace Lord was stunned to see the letter in his hand.

What was going on?

He had killed his own grandson at Parchprime Palace, no less, and now Chu Kuangren still wanted them to pay up??

What kind of logic was this?!

“Also, Shang Qingxue may not be hurt, but she has endured tremendous mistreatments during her time here. You need to add on some compensation for her psychological trauma as well.”

What? Compensation for psychological trauma?

Parchprime Palace Lord was completely baffled, but he obliged upon seeing Chu Kuangren’s icy stare.

There was nothing else he could do other than pay him whatever he demanded.

Not unless they wanted Parchprime Palace to get a slam like those other orthodoxies, which they did not wish.

A day later.

Chu Kuangren received a massive sum of cultivation resources. He took so much that he nearly siphoned Parchprime Palace’s entire wealth dry.

After setting this matter, Chu Kuangren and his people got ready to go back to the sect.

Just when they were about to step out of Parchprime Palace, a beam of light shot through the clouds, and strong energy fluctuations erupted from it.

“Oh, another Opportunity of Fortune has emerged? But I don’t feel an Emperor’s Aura. I wonder what type of Opportunity of Fortune this is.”

Chu Kuangren stood on top of the Illusive Mirage, looking slightly surprised.

Beside him, White-Robed General seemed hesitant for a moment before he said, “Sect Leader, I wish to go and have a look.”

“Hold on. What did you just call me?!”

Chu Kuangren exclaimed with shock written all over his face.

“Since my descendent is a disciple of Black Heaven Sect, and you’ve saved my life, I’ve decided to join the Black Heaven Sect for good. It’s only reasonable for me to call you Sect Leader now, isn’t it? Unless... you don’t wish to take me in?”

“Of course not. I welcome you with open arms.”

Chu Kuangren responded.

Chapter 476: Volcano Nourished By Leylines, The Sky-Prides’ Grab For Treasures

The domineering aura that instantly swept through the whole Nebula Daoist State piqued the White-Robed General’s interest. “Since Qingxue still hasn’t woken up yet, I wish to give her a gift for our first meeting. These Opportunities of Fortune here will do just the right job.”

Chu Kuangren nodded. "Yes."

He was interested in those Opportunities of Fortune as well. Using his Treasure Locating Skill, large amounts of information regarding the treasures poured into his mind.

"Oh, there's quite a lot it seems." Chu Kuangren was a little surprised.

Although most of the items he detected did not interest him, there were still some that he could find useful. For instance, he had discovered the presence of a few Boundary Emperor-grade items.

There was even an Emperor-grade treasure as well!

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"Congratulations, Host! You have obtained a Legendary-grade formation technique – Sealing Sword Formation!"

While on the way to the Opportunities of Fortune, Chu Kuangren rolled from the Fantasy Roulette as usual and was quite satisfied with what he got from it.

He had already gotten quite a few Legendary-grade prizes like Emperor Scriptures, Emperor Weapons, and Sword Formations.

However, who would complain about getting more Legendary-grade prizes?

The Sealing Sword Formation was similar to the Four Seasons Sword Formation in the sense that both were extremely powerful sword formations. However, their functions were different.

The Four Seasons Sword Formation was meant for offense, while the Sealing Sword Formation was meant for... sealing!

Chu Kuangren retrieved that formation technique and left it alone.

Soon after.

He and the White-Robed General had arrived at the location of the treasure.

It was a huge volcano opening with extremely hot fire-based energy flooding the surrounding area. Quite a few cultivators had arrived there as well.

"This is a volcano that's nourished by the surrounding leylines!"

Some of the more observant cultivators recognized the true source of those Opportunities of Fortune.

"Rumors have it that leylines can be categorized into non-elemental leylines and elemental leylines. Among them, elemental leylines generally tend to produce more treasures. Since this volcano underground is connected to fire elemental leyline, it seems like the quality is quite good as well. This volcano must have accumulated countless fire-based earth qi throughout the years. Seeing that it's ready to erupt at any moment, it must have reached its limit today."

The Parchprime Palace Lord explained knowledgeably.

His expression also changed slightly upon noticing Chu Kuangren and the White-Robed General in the distance. He then pretended not to see them.

Chu Kuangren ignored him as well.

His gaze swept across the crowd of cultivators that were at the volcano.

He activated his Eye of Revolution.

Most of the cultivators were not even worth his interest.

However, there were some cultivators that attracted his attention.

Those were the sky-prides on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard.

To be precise, the sky-prides who were top ten on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard.

Besides Zhan Hongying whom he had met in the Acheron Manor, there was also Xiao Jingchen, Wang Tianteng, Yuling, and the others.

Those people were the ones that came from orthodoxies with histories as far back as the past ancient and even the archaic ancient times.

What surprised Chu Kuangren the most was Xiao Jingchen.

Besides being ranked third on the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard and descending from the Nine Heaven's Bai family that existed since archaic ancient times, Xiao Jingchen was also the Heavenly Golden Palace's first Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique host from several thousand years ago. He was none other than the one who had challenged Chu Kuangren previously as well.

"It seems he survived from what happened at the Heavenly Golden palace. How lucky of him. Did he secretly flee when I was battling Boundary Emperor Wuyue?"

Chu Kuangren mumbled. His eyes lit up as he looked at Xiao Jingchen as if figuring out whether he should kill him off that instant.

Meanwhile, Xiao Jingchen could not help but shudder upon noticing Chu Kuangren's gaze. He stood afar and did not dare to make eye contact with him. Despite Chu Kuangren having wiped out his orthodoxy, he was still afraid to display any sign of hostility towards him.

He was worried that Chu Kuangren would suddenly seek him out and kill him.

However, Xiao Jingchen breathed a sigh of relief when Chu Kuangren's gaze shifted after a while. He looked too lazy to be bothered by him.

It was as if he knew that he was too weak and was not worth the trouble.

"This person is just too terrifying. As of now, I'm definitely not a match for him. If I can avoid a conflict with someone, he will undoubtedly be the first person that I won't provoke."

Xiao Jingchen thought.

In his opinion, staying alive was the only thing that mattered!

There was nothing to be ashamed of for behaving a little frightened right now.

Upon noticing Xiao Jingchen's expression, Chu Kuangren was able to see through his opponent and make out his thoughts.

Whether he should kill him or not was a thought. After all, killing Xiao Jingchen to him was as easy as lifting a hand. It was effortless.

As such, he might as well keep him alive for now.

Perhaps Xiao Jingchen might be of some use to him in the future.

'Archaic ancient orthodoxies, Bai family...'

'Hmmm, I should be more attentive to the matters concerning the Nine Heavens.'

'The Emperors are all there after all.'

Chu Kuangren thought.

While Chu Kuangren was observing the Nine Heavens sky-prides, they were all checking him out as well. However, they had a frightened and solemn look in their eyes.

"So that's Chu Kuangren?" Wang Tianteng, who hailed from the archaic Wang family, looked at Chu Kuangren and asked seriously.

"This dude really looks good."

A gorgeous and hot woman with a slender figure licked her lips and uttered. There was a brilliant glint in her beautiful eyes as she looked at him, and her five fiery and fluffy tails wagged behind her unconsciously.

That sky-pride was Hu Meiren who hailed from the archaic Heavenly Fox Tribe.

"Hmph, sl*tty fox."

Wang Tianteng glanced at her and grunted.

"Tsk, Chu Kuangren, huh? That guy may very well be the largest obstacle we're going to face in the human realm!" A young man, who was hiding under a cloak, lifted his head to glance at Chu Kuangren before he immediately retracted his gaze.

As for that guy, he was not from the Nine Heavens nor the Firmament Star. Instead, he was a sky-pride from the Underworld Demonic Realm, and his name was Toubu.

Rumble... Rumble... Rumble...

At that moment, the volcano started to rumble violently.

Large amounts of lava began to gush out from it.

Along with the lava, countless leyline-produced treasures were shot out in all directions from the volcanic eruption's huge impact.

Every sky-pride and Sage immediately dashed towards to get their hands on those items.

Most of those treasures were Sage-grade items. Hence, they were quite valuable and rare.

“Haha, these treasures are mine.”

Wang Tengtian laughed as he stepped forward and reached out his hand to form a huge colorful spiritual-power hand with five types of Daoist Rhyme swirling around it. That technique was an incredibly terrifying one since it was a powerful Boundary Emperor Technique.

He reached out and grabbed dozens of treasures at one go, sending the cultivators who were in the way of that palm technique flying.

“Lil Pip, fetch!”

Zhan Hongying ordered.

At that time, the bundle of black mist behind her let out a low growl and immediately rushed towards those treasures.

During that process, the bundle of black mist dispersed and revealed a ferocious black demonic wolf. With its mouth opened wide, it skillfully bit onto a few of the treasures and tossed them into the Yin and Yang ring it had hanging around its neck.

“An underworld demonic wolf? Judging by its aura, it’s part of the highest-ranked alpha wolf species as well.” Toubu, the Underworld sky-pride, glanced at Zhan Hongying in shock and immediately changed his intention of taking action at that time.

The person before him must undoubtedly come from that tribe.

If she discovered that he came from the Underworld, a vicious battle would be inevitable. Hence, he decided to hold back and be patient for the bigger picture.

Meanwhile, somewhere else.

Hu Meiren’s tails wagged, releasing a strangely alluring and seductive scent that permeated everywhere. Some of the cultivators nearby, who had obtained treasures themselves, suddenly found their vision blurry and handed her their items instead.

“Thanks a lot, guys.”

Hu Meiren giggled upon receiving a pile of treasures without any effort at all. This made many cultivators frightened of her abilities, and they cursed her as a demon lady. However, they could not nor were willing to take their eyes off her attractive and provocative figure.

The sky-prides used their techniques respectively to snatch as many treasures as they could.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren’s white-robed figure merely stood still in the air.

Chapter 477: Don’t Drag Us With You If You’re Seeking Death, The Godly Phoenix’s Opportunity of Fortune

Chu Kuangren and the White-Robed General stood still in the air.

Both of them did not move at all.

That was because the treasures which shot out from the volcano at that time were only Sage-grade treasures. Hence, they were not interested in it at all.

Having recently wiped out five orthodoxies, Chu Kuangren had obtained a tremendous horde of treasure. Adding that with the ones he previously accumulated, Black Heaven Sect now had so many Sage-grade treasures that he had no interest in those similar items.

Dozens of Sage-grade treasures shot out during the volcano's first eruption. They were all obtained by several sky-prides and Sages.

Just when everyone was done grabbing whatever they could, the volcano's second eruption started.

Most of the treasures that shot out this time were also Sage-grade treasures. However, they were of a higher quality compared to before and could be considered Great Sage-grade treasures as well.

Many continued grabbing at whatever they could.

Suddenly, Chu Kuangren's expression changed slightly.

"The real treasures are going to appear now."

After that, the volcano erupted for the third time. This time, besides dozens of Sage Ruler-grade treasures, there were also two Boundary Emperor treasures in the mix.

They were two fiery red crystals that emanated an incomparably dense Fire-based Daoist Rhyme, attracting many's attention.

"Those are Earthen Flame crystals! For cultivators who specialize in Fire-based Dao cultivation, these items are definitely a rare and valuable treasure."

"If I can get that Earthen Flame crystal, I can definitely ascend to the level of a Sage Ruler."

Several powerful Sages instantly took action.

Even the other sky-prides joined in on attempting to get those treasures as well.

Wang Tianteng looked especially determined that he would get it. After all, Fire-based Dao was included in the Five Ways Dao that he specialized in.

"These crystals are mine!"

As he lifted his hand, a loud bang rang out.

The five-colored light had formed into an incredibly terrifying palm that smacked the Sages who were in its path. Wang Tianteng immediately reached out for the Earthen Flame crystal.

However, a mysterious energy fluctuation suddenly appeared at that time, and the Earthen Flame crystal that Wang Tianteng was so close to obtaining disappeared in thin air.

The crystals had disappeared before everyone's eyes!

"What's going on?"

“Over there.”

Someone suddenly exclaimed.

The Earthen Flame crystal which disappeared in thin air was now in Chu Kuangren’s grasp. He was fiddling with it at that time.

“How did he do it?”

“It’s some sort of spatial technique,” Wang Tianteng uttered. As the closest person to the Earthen Flame crystal, he managed to notice that surge of spatial fluctuation.

A few had noticed it too.

“This spatial technique is most likely the reason why Chu Kuangren was able to unleash his attacks against five orthodoxies despite being millions of kilometers away.”

“Spatial techniques are already quite rare in existence. Nowadays, cultivators can only utilize the most basic form of spatial energy at most. However, that energy is incredibly hard to make use of, let alone controlling it as proficient as him right now.”

“This guy has just too many tricks up his sleeves.”

Everyone discussed with a low voice, feeling a little helpless.

With Chu Kuangren standing before them, no one would stand a chance against him if he wished to compete with them to obtain the treasures.

All they could do was grab the items that Chu Kuangren did not fancy.

That feeling was incredibly upsetting.

While everyone was in shock by what happened, the volcano erupted again.

This time, more Boundary Emperor-grade treasures shot out.

“Let’s get it. Quickly.”

However, before they could even get close, those Boundary Emperor-grade treasures had already been transported to Chu Kuangren via his Spatial Conveyor Skill.

“What the f*ck!”

“How are we supposed to compete with that!”

“This spatial technique is just too overpowering.”

Everyone’s expression was incredibly unpleasant and gloomy. If Chu Kuangren wanted those items, they would never stand a chance to get them.

“Chu Kuangren, this is just too much. How can you take all of these good treasures for yourself and leave nothing for us?” A Sage could not help but criticize Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren looked at that Sage as if he was looking at an idiot.

"It seems you're not satisfied."

"I believe many here have the same opinion too."

The people nearby immediately distanced themselves from him.

"Nope, I certainly do not. Stop talking nonsense."

"That's right. How can we possibly be dissatisfied?"

"These treasures belong to the ones who are most capable of obtaining them. Since Chu Kuangren has that capability, it's only reasonable for him to get these treasures."

Everyone looked at that Sage as if they were going to tear him apart.

'F*ck off!'

'It's fine if you want to seek death, but don't you dare drag us along as well!'

'Same opinions as you?'

'Who else here would be as stupid as you to have the guts to confront Chu Kuangren?'

"Look around. Everyone here doesn't have any comments about this besides you. So, don't you think the problem lies with you instead?" Chu Kuangren said.

"Y-you guys..."

That Sage looked around him. After realizing that no one was willing to speak out for him, he gritted his teeth angrily and quietly returned to the crowd.

Chu Kuangren was currently at the summit of his own power.

Who would possibly dare to defy him?

Were they not afraid that a palm would suddenly crash down upon them from the sky?

At that time.

The surrounding spiritual qi suddenly surged towards the mouth of the volcano. Everyone's gazes were immediately shifted towards it.

Tremendous amounts of lava gushed out.

The number of treasures that shot out was far more than those before.

That was when everyone started to reach out and nab them.

This time, they were only aiming at getting the Sage-grade treasures. As for those Boundary Emperor-grade treasures, nobody was bothered to even go after them.

After all, none of them could win against Chu Kuangren.

Hence, they could only go for the Sage-grade treasures that he was not interested in.

“Quickly. Look over there.”

“There seems to be something inside the lava.”

A cultivator suddenly noticed a blazing golden light radiating at the bottom of the volcano, and it radiated with surges of Emperor-grade energy waves.

Chu Kuangren’s spiritual thoughts moved slightly. “Huh?”

He realized that his spiritual thoughts were burnt by the scorching heat when it got close to the bundle of golden light.

That temperature was so high that even his spiritual thoughts were burnt.

“Interesting,” Chu Kuangren said with great interest.

The rest of the people’s eyes lit up as well.

“An Emperor-grade treasure. This is definitely an Emperor-grade treasure!”

“Produced in the lava that was nourished by the surrounding earth qi... Can it be the rumored Wildfire Earthen Ember? Or an Emperor-Grade Earthen Ember at that!”

Some of the sky-prides were prepared to act, ready to snatch that treasure at any moment.

Although they knew they could not fight over the treasure with Chu Kuangren, they still wanted to try. After all, that was the legendary Emperor Flame.

It was incredibly rare even in the Nine Heavens. If a cultivator could manage to control that Emperor Flame, their combat strength would increase way beyond their peers’.

“Howl...”

At that time, a sharp howl suddenly echoed from afar. The skies in the distance were dyed bloody red by a flaming light as a beautiful Godly Phoenix flew towards them. Every living beast bowed and knelt wherever it passed.

That was the might of a divine beast!

“Lil Red? Why is she here?”

Chu Kuangren was quite surprised.

“Brother, I sensed a powerful surge of fire-based energy from afar which will no doubt be of great help to me. That is why I came.”

The Godly Phoenix Lil Red came before Chu Kuangren and explained.

The Nine Heavens sky-prides could not help but feel dumbstruck at the sight of the Godly Phoenix.

“A divine beast! A divine beast was born in this lower realm?”

“It seems the rumors are true. Chu Kuangren really got a Godly Phoenix to recognize him as its master. His luck is just too terrifying.”

“That’s a divine beast we’re talking about here! Even the archaic beings in the past are inferior compared to it. It will at least be as powerful as a Great Emperor when it grows up in the future.”

“No. Based on the ancient rumors, even a Great Emperor will have to step aside before the might of a fully-developed divine beast!”

Xiao Jingchen, Wang Tianteng, and the others looked at Chu Kuangren with deep jealousy and admiration in their eyes.

Not only was Chu Kuangren a Supreme Sage himself, but a Godly Phoenix also recognized him as its master. Could Chu Kuangren be the child of destiny??

Compared to Chu Kuangren, these so-called sky-prides paled into insignificance.

Chapter 478: The Godly Phoenix Lil Red’s Ascension, I Still Can Do It

“Tsk. If I can attract such a wonderful man like him to be by my side, it will definitely be a huge plus for me.”

The Nine Heavens sky-pride Hu Meiren thought as she smacked her lips.

She obviously found Chu Kuangren very attractive.

He had an immortal-like appearance and otherworldly demeanor.

He was also extremely powerful, so powerful that a Godly Phoenix even recognized him as her master. Then again, he did come from the lower realm, whose background and foundations were not as powerful as the ancient orthodoxies.

However, if a sky-pride like him were to go to the Nine Heavens, there would be many orthodoxies who would undoubtedly want to win him over to their side. As such, he would be able to choose one as he pleased.

Although the Heavenly Fox Tribe was not a tribe of humans, they would not mind having a human elder patriarch among them.

“It seems like that fox has her eyes on that monster. Tsk, I can even smell her thirst all the way from here,” Zhan Hongying uttered in surprise.

Then, as if she had thought of something, she immediately asked the underworld demonic wolf, “Lil Pip, do you think your old gal here can get her Acheron Stele back using that same beauty trick? ”

The demonic wolf visibly froze for a while before it tilted its head and looked doubtful. It was as if it was trying to say, ‘Someone like you?’

“Not holding any punches, huh?”

Zhan Hongying grumpily let out a punch onto the demonic wolf’s skull.

“Howl...”

In the air.

Chu Kuangren turned a blind eye to everyone's unusual gazes.

"I'll let you get it, then."

Chu Kuangren said,

He was going to take the Emperor Flame anyway. However, since that item would provide a great benefit to the Godly Phoenix Lil Red, he decided to let her have it instead.

"Alright."

After hovering in mid-air for a while, the Godly Phoenix swooped down towards the volcano's mouth. It paid no heed to the lava as it dived inside it.

Chu Kuangren stood at the mouth of the volcano like a brilliant divine sword. None of the cultivators around him dared to do anything rash upon seeing that.

That scene suddenly evoked a sense of nostalgia in Chu Kuangren.

"Ah, Lil Red was also born at a volcano's mouth. At that time, countless beasts and monsters were roaming around too. It was quite similar to this scene." Chu Kuangren recalled and chuckled.

Everyone's expression turned unpleasant at his words.

'What does he mean?'

'Are we no different to the monsters and beasts that he's talking about?!'

However, Hu Meiren did not mind much.

After all, she was a type of beast. The only difference was that the bloodline of her species was on a higher level compared to those lowly monsters, so they were worlds apart in terms of existence.

Inside the lava.

The Godly Phoenix turned into a ray of red light and arrived before the bundle of golden light, which was the Emperor Flame. In an instant, it gobbled the whole thing up in one bite.

This sight stunned many cultivators.

That treasure was the Emperor Flame, an item which could burn even a Sage to ashes if they got close to it.

Yet, this Godly Phoenix could swallow the thing whole instead.

"As expected of a divine beast. It's indeed very extraordinary."

"The Godly Phoenix is a fire-attributed divine beast. Since even Sage Rulers have to be very cautious at approaching this Emperor Flame, I believe only she dares to swallow it whole in this world."

Some cultivators uttered in amazement.

Considering that Chu Kuangren was around and that the Godly Phoenix had gobbled the Emperor Flame, everyone already had no intention of obtaining the Emperor Flame.

They only stayed behind because they were interested to see what would happen to the Godly Phoenix after she swallowed the Emperor Flame.

The Godly Phoenix remained inside the lava as time went by.

Boom, boom...

At that moment, the surrounding skies suddenly flashed with bolts of thunder.

A burst of brilliant colored lights appeared as seas of clouds began gathering at the mouth of the volcano, forming tribulation clouds that were as wide as five kilometers!

"It's a heavenly tribulation!!"

"Is this the heavenly tribulation for the Godly Phoenix's ascension?!"

"It's a Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation!"

Everyone exclaimed.

Meanwhile, Xiao Jingchen, Zhan Hongying, and the others were stunned when they sensed the heavenly tribulation's aura. It was far stronger than what they had respectively encountered!

They had only gone through the Seven Colored Heavenly Tribulation.

This was the extremely rare Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation!

"This Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation is exactly the same as the one Chu Kuangren encountered during his ascension. This Godly Phoenix truly deserves its title as a divine beast."

"That's not true. This Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation is far weaker compared to what Chu Kuangren went through. Although its aura seems powerful, it's not as terrifying as the one then."

"No sh*t. Don't forget Chu Kuangren dragged several thousand men into his ascension with him, so how can this compare? Not only did he attract a heavenly tribulation, but he also incurred a heavenly punishment."

Everyone was heated in discussion as some of them recalled the scene of Chu Kuangren's ascension a few years ago. They could never forget his magnificent feat of dragging several thousand cultivators along with him during his ascension. After all, that was the only example of such a feat throughout the ages.

Xiao Jingchen, Zhan Hongying, and the others were speechless.

Dragging several thousand men along to partake in one's ascension?

What kind of feat was that?

It was a shame that they did not get to witness it personally.

Boom...

From the mouth of a volcano, a ray of red light suddenly rose into the air.

It was the Godly Phoenix.

The Godly Phoenix soared through the air and let out a screeching howl towards the Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation. The might of that divine beast spread across the whole location.

Chu Kuangren stood in the air and watched the Godly Phoenix emanating a boundless divine might. He suddenly felt like a proud father who knew his daughter had grown up.

“Aren’t you worried about her?”

The White-Robed General asked Chu Kuangren curiously.

“Well, this is something that she’ll have to face eventually. Besides, I believe she’ll be able to get through this ascension trial without trouble. She is a divine beast.”

Chu Kuangren chuckled.

The light of heavenly tribulation soon descended and enveloped the Godly Phoenix within it.

A bolt of lightning as thick as a tree immediately struck down!

The Godly Phoenix flapped her wings, brutally shattering the incoming lightning bolt with her sheer might. The level of physical strength she possessed was extremely powerful.

Following that, the second, third and fourth tribulation lightning struck down. However, the Godly Phoenix had managed to block them all without trouble.

It was not until the sixth bolt when a humongous colorful lightning python appeared.

Streaks of golden flames were set alight around the Godly Phoenix. Having refined more than half of the Emperor Flame and merging it into her own, her flames were now much more powerful.

As soon as the flames on her body collided with the lightning python, the lightning python dispersed.

The Godly Phoenix returned to the mouth of the volcano. While she stared at the tribulation clouds in the sky, the flames on her body continued to burn, and her Daoist Rhyme increased steadily.

The seventh tribulation lightning was in the midst of gathering.

A ferocious lightning dragon soon took shape.

“Bring it on!”

The Godly Phoenix yelled.

Chu Kuangren was not sure if he had misheard, but he noticed that her voice had changed a little. It sounded a little more mature now.

“Roar!”

The lightning dragon[1]roared before it swooped down!

The Godly Phoenix channeled the flames around her body and turned them into a gigantic fireball that was hurled at the lightning dragon.

With a boom, the flames and lightning clashed together and spread in all directions. As a consequence, the volcano's lava churned and gushed out from it continuously.

The seventh tribulation lightning was successfully dealt with.

What came after was the eighth one.

The might of the eight tribulation lightning was so much more powerful than the last that even the Godly Phoenix sustained quite some injuries with her strength.

A lot of her feathers fell off as the Godly Phoenix's blood was seen splashing out.

The cultivators at the scene could not help but gulp upon seeing the feathers and phoenix blood as they were all valuable treasures.

However, they did not dare to make any hasty moves before the might of the Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation.

Chu Kuangren watched from nearby. As he was the closest person to the Godly Phoenix, it pained him to see the Godly Phoenix injured.

He gripped the Descendant Self Sword at his waist firmly. In the event that the Godly Phoenix might not make it past the ninth tribulation lightning, he would take action and stop it without hesitation.

Although he would interrupt the Godly Phoenix's ascension and hinder her foundation from reaching a perfected state, it was still better than losing her life.

"Don't worry, brother. I can still do it."

The Godly Phoenix suddenly spoke.

She then stood up and glanced at the final tribulation lightning that was gradually gathering in the sky with determination. Even if she was injured, she was no less prideful. After all, she was the mighty and supreme divine beast!!

[1] the author wrote lightning python, assumed to be a typo.

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The Godly Phoenix stood proudly in the air with divine splendor surging from her body.

The ninth tribulation lightning of the Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation immediately struck down, forming a pillar of lightning that enveloped the Godly Phoenix.

The boundless lightning energy wreaked havoc on her body and continuously caused damage to it.

Large amounts of flames burned on her body, resisting the thunder.

The Godly Phoenix's blood flowed out as her body continued to sustain injuries.

However, she held on. Determination flashed in her golden eyes while the spiritual power within her body surged against the tribulation lightning.

Eventually, the tribulation lightning dispersed.

The Godly Phoenix fell to the ground. Her body was scorched black, losing the noble and dignified look it had earlier. It was already on the brink of death.

Chu Kuangren breathed a sigh of relief. As long as the Godly Phoenix was alive, he could heal her using his Spring Breeze Healing Technique.

Just as he wanted to go up to her, the Godly Phoenix signaled him to stop with her gaze.

Following that, the Godly Phoenix's head tilted as she severed her life force and fell onto the ground. There was no sign of life or energy in her.

"It's dead?"

"Is the Godly Phoenix really dead? Are you kidding me?!"

"Sigh. I guess even a divine beast is still no match for such a terrifying Nine Colored Heavenly Tribulation. What a shame. After all, that was a divine beast."

Everyone looked at the Godly Phoenix sadly as they discussed.

Meanwhile, some looked at the Godly Phoenix's corpse with desire burning in their eyes. Although it was dead, it was still a Godly Phoenix, so the energy contained within its corpse would undoubtedly be a great treasure to any cultivator.

The phoenix's marrow, blood, and guts were all priceless items.

"Sect Leader..."

The White-Robed General walked up to Chu Kuangren, intending to offer a few words of comfort.

However, he realized that Chu Kuangren was still standing indifferently on the spot. The White-Robed General could not help but feel surprised when he noticed that Chu Kuangren was not as sad as he imagined.

Was Chu Kuangren not as close to the Godly Phoenix as he thought?

"Subject is currently in a state of Nirvana, overall progress – close to fifty-one percent..."

A large number of runes swirled within Chu Kuangren's eyes.

The information that the Eye of Revelation had provided was before him, and it was the reason why he was not sad at all.

The Godly Phoenix was not dead yet!

She was still... undergoing a rebirth through Nirvana!

Boom!

At that time, something loud echoed through the skies.

A gigantic black hand suddenly crashed down and reached towards the Godly Phoenix.

The domineering aura contained in that gigantic hand was so terrifying that it set off a storm that forced the White-Robed General, who was beside Chu Kuangren, back by a hundred meters.

The surrounding cultivators, including the Nine Heavens sky-prides, could not help but fall back as well. When they saw the incoming giant hand, their expressions changed.

“This is a Boundary Emperor’s aura!”

“A Boundary Emperor has taken action! He is attempting to snatch the Godly Phoenix’s corpse!”

Everyone was shocked.

They did not expect that the Godly Phoenix’s death would gain the attention of a Boundary Emperor.

Just as the aura of that giant hand forced everyone back.

“Hmph!”

A cold grunt was suddenly heard.

Chu Kuangren remained as upright as a sword and as still as a mountain!

He gently and effortlessly lifted his hand. However, the moment he unleashed a palm attack, horrifying cyclones swept throughout the whole area, causing the volcano entrance to rumble.

A majestic golden palm sign manifested and launched towards the incoming gigantic black hand.

The moment the two energies clashed, the shockwaves split the volcano apart and caused everything within a thousand-kilometer radius to tremble.

A muffled grunt rang from the void.

An elderly man in black robes was shaken out of the void.

Chu Kuangren activated his Eye of Revelation.

“Bai Liyin, cultivation level – Boundary Emperor, cultivates the Heavenly Dark Ember Devouring Art, a technique which enables the user to absorb fire-attributed treasures to increase their own strength...”

Absorb fire-attributed treasures to increase their own strength?

No wonder he decided to act against the Godly Phoenix.

If someone were to ask which item was the most valuable fire-attributed treasure in this world, the answer would be nothing else but a Godly Phoenix’s corpse.

“The Supreme Sage’s strength is indeed formidable.”

Boundary Emperor Bai Liyin looked at Chu Kuangren with awe-filled eyes. After all, the Supreme Sage had only ever existed in ancient legends.

Now that one has appeared in this world, the level of strength he displayed was extremely terrifying.

Although his cultivation level was considered above average for a Boundary Emperor, he still suffered a loss from facing Chu Kuangren head-on.

“Coveting the Godly Phoenix, I see. How do you want to die?”

Chu Kuangren asked.

The Descendant Self Sword at his waist unsheathed and revealed half of its sword body. A chilling Sword-based Daoist Rhyme swept across the land and enveloped Bai Liyin within it as well.

“Sect Leader Chu, there’s no need for you to be angry. This Godly Phoenix is already dead. I’m willing to trade a few valuable treasures with you for it. How about that?”

Bai Liyin offered.

He had just awakened from the Forbidden Area not long ago. Upon sensing the Opportunities of Fortune from this volcano, he decided to come and check it out, only to find that a Godly Phoenix was undergoing an ascension trial there instead. This Godly Phoenix’s corpse was just too valuable and beneficial to him.

If he could refine it, his potential for great strength would increase a great deal.

He might even become the strongest person below the level of an Emperor in this world.

Hence, how could he possibly let such an Opportunity of Fortune slip away?

“I won’t allow you to take a single feather from the Godly Phoenix even if you trade ten of your lives with me.”

Chu Kuangren replied coldly.

The Descendant Self Sword at his waist unsheathed and unleashed a streak of purple sword ray. An incomparably razor-sharp Daoist Rhyme immediately locked onto Bai Liyin.

Bai Liyin did not expect Chu Kuangren to attack without saying another word.

With that, he hurriedly blocked that attack.

The surrounding spiritual qi started to surge. Since they were at a volcano and everywhere was filled with dense Fire-based qi, this made it the best environment for Bai Liyin to fight in.

As soon as he unleashed a palm attack, countless flame currents turned into a devastating storm.

The sword ray and palm attack collided.

As a consequence, both of them were forced back.

Although they both got the brunt of the impact, the escaped energy had sent countless other cultivators flying as well.

Bai Liyin’s body trembled upon withstanding the impact. Even a Boundary Emperor like him could feel tightness and shortness of breath in his chest, so he was stunned to see Chu Kuangren unaffected.

‘This guy’s Sage body is so strong?!’

“Heavenly Dark Ember Devouring!”

Bai Liyin lifted his hand and started to absorb the Fire-based spiritual power from heaven and earth. As multiple black flame currents formed in the void, he condensed them into a monstrous bundle of flames that emanated with an overpowering Daoist Rhyme and hurled it towards Chu Kuangren.

“Heaven-Slaying Sword Drawing Technique”

Chu Kuangren raised his sword and attacked.

That sword attack contained an even stronger and terrifying aura as it was mixed with a surge of overbearing Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhyme!

With the help of the Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhyme, the might of Chu Kuangren’s sword attack rose to a terrifying level.

The sword qi instantly tore through the terrifying black flame current, shocking Bai Liyin. However, he stretched out both of his palms and struck out an attack. Although he had managed to block that sword ray with great difficulty, his palms were cut.

“What a powerful sword ray, and what the hell was that surge of Daoist Rhyme? It has suppressed my Daoist Rhyme!”

“Just like an incoming... Heavenly Might?!”

“How strong is this guy?”

Tonnes of questions popped up in Bai Liyin’s mind.

However, a surge of sword qi immediately hit him, not allowing Bai Liyin any time to think. Since his Daoist Rhyme was suppressed by the Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhyme, and his foundation level could not overpower Chu Kuangren, Bai Liyin soon found himself gradually losing ground.

“D*mn it!”

“It’ll be bad news for me if this goes on.”

Bai Liyin thought to himself.

Although he felt embarrassed for being defeated by a Sage, his life was still more important than his reputation.

His figure flashed and turned into a ray of light before he darted into the distance.

It was clear he knew he was no match for Chu Kuangren, so he fled.

“Leaving so soon?”

Chu Kuangren let out a low grunt as his spiritual thoughts surged and drew a huge silver-white rune in the void. It was the Spatial Cessation Rune!!

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Bai Liyin was just about to flee when his speed became incredibly slow due to the effects of Chu Kuangren’s Spatial Cessation Rune.

“What!” Bai Liyin’s expression changed as he felt that his surroundings had seemingly turned into a pool of mud. If he was not a Boundary Emperor, he would have been immobilized in midair.

However, even if he could move, his speed was no different than a snail from Chu Kuangren’s perspective.

“Why don’t you stay for a while longer?” Chu Kuangren sneered as the Descendant Self Sword immediately struck out, and a surge of vast Sword-based Daoist Rhyme enveloped Bai Liyin.

Along with strong spiritual power, the chilling Daoist Rhyme mercilessly tore through his body, causing a high and mighty Boundary Emperor like Bai Liyin to scream in pain. He desperately channeled his spiritual power to cover his body with a layer of flame current, hoping that it would help prevent the sword qi from entering his body.

However, the sword qi’s might was far beyond his expectations, and it rendered his efforts futile.

This sword qi was infused with the Heavenly Punishment Daoist Rhyme!

“This is bad. If this continues, I might die here!”

“I have just awakened not too long ago. I cannot die here like that! This is impossible!!”

A look of determination flashed in Bai Liyin’s eyes before his body suddenly exploded. A mist of blood filled the air like a bewitching flower that had bloomed, but what followed were bursts of unimaginably horrifying flame currents!

The expressions of everyone at the scene changed when they saw the burst of flame currents. That energy was lethal even to a Sage Ruler!

“This is no good. We need to step back.”

“A Boundary Emperor was forced to self-destruct?!”

“That’s too horrifying.”

Everyone hurriedly moved back as the flame currents crashed towards them.

However, they merely faced the remaining shockwaves of that explosion. The one who was within Bai Liyin’s radius of self-destruction was Chu Kuangren.

“Self-destruct to break the Spatial Cessation Rune’s restriction? He’s got guts all right. But if he thinks that’s all it takes to escape from me, then I’m afraid he’s greatly mistaken.”

Chu Kuangren uttered indifferently. After that, he lifted his arm to gather countless runes to form an indestructible runic barrier before him, blocking all of the flame currents.

It was then he saw a ray of light darting out from the flame currents towards the distance.

That was Bai Liyin’s spiritual body.

Chu Kuangren’s spiritual thoughts surged out, and he wanted to use the Spatial Conveyor Skill to catch up to his opponent. However, he suddenly recalled something and purposely slowed down the speed of his spiritual thoughts. “Now, let’s see where you can possibly run to.”

He remembered that someone had appeared and interfered with him when he attempted to kill Boundary Emperor Wuyue. Could there be a connection between these Boundary Emperors?

He could use this time to test this theory on Bai Liyin right now.

After all, Bai Liyin could never escape from him anyway.

Just when Chu Kuangren's spiritual thoughts were chasing Bai Liyin, the Godly Phoenix suddenly opened her eyes at the volcano entrance. Its body, which was initially scorched black, was set alight with a golden flame once again, and the Godly Phoenix's aura rapidly increased.

"It's alive. The Godly Phoenix is alive!"

"The Godly Phoenix isn't dead!"

"This is... Nirvana! The legends are true. The Godly Phoenix can really be reborn through Nirvana! And any Godly Phoenix that has rebirthed through Nirvana will become even stronger!"

The onlooking cultivators were extremely shocked.

With a long roar, the Godly Phoenix stood up and soared into the air, shedding her scorched skin and feathers. As a large amount of fire-based energy entered her body, causing the golden flame of Nirvana to burn even brighter, her body began to modify.

At that moment, every flying creature in the Firmament Star looked towards the direction of the Godly Phoenix and let out a loud cry as well. It was as if they were rejoicing.

All the world's birds rejoiced and chirped!

Surges upon surges of Daoist Rhyme reverberated through the realm as if the heavens and earth itself were celebrating the divine beast's successful ascension.

"The Nirvana process is complete."

Chu Kuangren chuckled. Meanwhile, his spiritual thoughts had also picked up on Bai Liyin's last visited location.

"Let's go, Lil Red. We're going to find and kill someone!"

Chu Kuangren raised his arms and enshrouded both himself and the Godly Phoenix with an incredibly mysterious spatial energy. Since the Godly Phoenix Lil Red had complete trust in Chu Kuangren, she had no resistance to the sudden appearance of spatial energy.

In an instant, both the man and Godly Phoenix disappeared before everyone's eyes.

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Inside a cave in the Nether Abyss.

A gray-bearded elderly man in long black robes and sunken eye sockets was resting peacefully.

Suddenly, his eyelids twitched as he opened his eyes and uttered in surprise, "For some reason, I've been feeling restless recently, especially after seeing Chu Kuangren."

A sullen look flashed in that elderly man's eyes when he thought of Chu Kuangren.

He swore that Chu Kuangren was the most arrogant and devious person he had ever seen. The latter even dared to kill a Nether Abyss's Boundary Emperor before his eyes.

However, he had to admit that Chu Kuangren was the most remarkable cultivator he had ever seen, and there was none other like him!

"In this Era of Great Battles, there's a high chance that he can ascend to an Emperor given how strong he is now. If there's no need, it's best not to get into any conflicts with that guy."

The elderly man muttered frustratingly.

"Valley Lord, please save me!"

At that moment, a panicking cry for help suddenly rang out from afar.

The whole Nether Abyss Valley had heard it.

The expression of the elderly man, who was the Nether Abyss Valley Lord, shifted. "That's Bai Liyin's voice. What's going on with him?"

With only his spiritual body left, Bai Liyin rushed into the Nether Abyss Valley shouting for help. His voice startled all the Boundary Emperors who were either in deep slumber or had just awakened in the Nether Abyss Valley. Hence, all of them released their spiritual thoughts to find out what was going on.

Everyone was incredibly shocked by what they saw.

"Isn't this Bai Liyin? Why is he only left with a spiritual body?"

"Seeing that he's in such a panic, who is it that has forced him to this point? Did the Boundary Emperors from the other Forbidden Areas do this?"

"Everyone has just awakened, so who could do something like this to Bai Liyin that fast?"

Just when everyone was startled by what happened, the fabric of space above the Nether Abyss Valley began to twist and out walked two figures.

An extremely domineering aura immediately descended upon everyone!

The two of them were Chu Kuangren and the Godly Phoenix, who had chased after Bai Liyin's trail until they arrived at this location.

The might of Heavenly Punishment and the divine beast swept across the whole Nether Abyss Valley, shocking all the Boundary Emperors in hiding.

"It's a divine beast!"

"Not only that, but the young man beside it is the Supreme Sage who has recently caused a great stir in the outside world. I can't believe that a person like him has come to the Nether Abyss Valley. Seeing Bai Liyin so flustered, it most probably has something to do with this person."

"It seems he is the only person in the outside world who is strong enough to do this."

Inside the cave, the Nether Abyss Valley Lord almost spewed blood in shock. He was just thinking about not provoking Chu Kuangren if possible, and here Bai Liyin was, leading that person to their Nether Abyss Valley. How great of him!

Besides, Chu Kuangren did not look... as well!

As one of the Forbidden Area's masters, the Nether Abyss Valley Lord could not stand idly by as Bai Liyin, one of his men from the Nether Abyss was in trouble. Hence, he sighed helplessly and disappeared from his spot.

Above the Nether Abyss Valley, Chu Kuangren used his spiritual thoughts to scan through the whole area. He noticed there were quite a number of seals and restrictions placed there. It was as if they were there to hide the existence of many powerful beings and stop his spiritual thoughts from looking further.

"It seems that the Nether Abyss Valley, one of the ten Forbidden Areas, is a hiding place for a group of Boundary Emperors. Interesting..." Chu Kuangren let out a slight grin.