

Unparalleled 581

Chapter 581: Swordsman Mei's Mission, the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, All You Need to Do Is to Kill Him

Inside the Forbidden Barren Wasteland.

After saving Leng Ningyu and Chi Yue, Chu Kuangren assigned Swordsman Mei to a mission.

At this time, besides Swordsman Mei who had left to carry out her mission, Chu Kuangren still had Leng Ningyu, Chi Yue, and mini Jian Changfeng with him.

They were all chatting casually. Since Leng Ningyu arrived at the Forbidden Barren Wasteland earlier than Chu Kuangren, she was more familiar with the area.

She was informing Chu Kuangren about the current situation in this forbidden area.

It included information such as the Opportunities of Fortune that each of the outlawed sky-prides have obtained and the strongest ones who were exploring in the deeper parts of the forbidden area right now.

The Forbidden Barren Wasteland was split into three areas — the Inner Circle, Outer Circle, and Core Area.

The deeper they explored, the greater the Opportunities of Fortune were.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren, Leng Ningyu, and the others were now at the transitional area between the Inner Circle and the Outer Circle. Most of the top-notch and outlawed sky-prides were in the Inner Circle as of now.

As for the Core Area, there were still quite a lot of seals and had yet fully opened, so no one could explore that area.

Midway during their chat, Swordsman Mei's message arrived through the communication compass at Chu Kuangren's waist.

"Oh, she's right on their tail."

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Somewhere in the Forbidden Barren Wasteland.

Princess Chi Lian, who was recuperating from her wounds, uttered fearfully, "I can't believe that a sky-pride like him exists. This is truly unbelievable."

She was an outlawed sky-pride who possessed incredible power.

However, she could not even take two sword attacks from Chu Kuangren. His strength was just too terrifying.

"Sovereign, that person's combat strength may already be on par with a Sovereign!"

"If I want to have a chance of fighting him, I'll have to get stronger and reach a Top-notched Boundary Emperor at the very least. By then, coupled with my Red Serpent Poison Flame, I might be able to exchange a few blows with him."

Judging by Chu Kuangren's sword qi, Princess Chi Lian deduced that his spiritual power was at a Top-notched Boundary Emperor's level.

Among the outlawed sky-pride, only a few of them were at a Boundary Emperor's level, let alone a Top-notched Boundary Emperor.

"I'm here, Princess."

At this time, a person suddenly arrived. It was Li Celong.

Princess Chi Lian's expression turned grim upon seeing him. The reason she got injured was mostly because of him. Hence, she asked him coldly with a long face. "Who the h*ll was that person? You'd better give me a proper explanation."

Li Celong then told her everything about Chu Kuangren. At the end of the explanation, he added, "I didn't know this person would suddenly appear as well."

"Chu Kuangren. So he's the one who single-handedly overpowered a group of outlawed sky-prides? He's indeed quite remarkable. However, his arrival has completely disrupted our plan. With him around, it'll be extremely difficult to get to Leng Ningyu," Princess Chi Lian said with a gloomy face.

"I'm well aware of that too. That's why I've come to offer you some help, Princess."

"Oh, so you've decided to tell me the location of the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame?"

Princess Chi Lian's eyes lit up. The reason she would collaborate with Li Celong was because of the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame.

"That's right, Princess. Based on your current power, you're no match for Chu Kuangren. However, once you've refined the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, things might be a little different."

"Very well, don't you worry. Once I'm done refining the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, I'll surely honor my end of the deal. Leng Ningyu will definitely return to your arms soon."

"No, I want those two b*stards to die together!"

Li Celong snorted with hatred in his eyes.

Princess Chi Lian was a bit surprised by his reaction. However, she seemingly figured it out, and a playful smile was etched on her face. "Looks like my poison flame worked. It was you who couldn't compete with Chu Kuangren. Then again, when it comes to appearance, you'd be blown ten kilometers away before the likes of Chu Kuangren. If it were me, I'd choose him too."

"Hmph, you better watch your mouth, Princess. Otherwise, I'll find someone else to do this instead."

Li Celong's expression turned grim.

'Appearance, appearance, appearance. Is that the only thing that women truly desire?'

Every woman was mesmerized by Chu Kuangren's handsome face. Even Princess Chi Lian, his enemy, also praised his good looks in front of Li Celong.

'Why the f*ck is this happening?!'

"Alright, I get it." Princess Chi Lian lifted her hands and said.

There was a hint of disdain in her eyes. However, she hid it so well that Li Celong did not notice it.

"Let's go. The Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame is quite a distance from where we are now."

"Alright."

Princess Chi Lian instantly perked up and became excited when he mentioned the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame.

After the two of them left, a ghastly black figure appeared.

It was Swordsman Mei, who had been following Li Celong in secret.

Specialized in Dark Dao and Stealth Dao, even an outlawed sky-pride like Princess Chi Lian would have trouble detecting her presence within a certain distance.

"Sure enough, it's just as what Master predicted. Li Celong does have something to do with Princess Chi Lian. It's because of the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, huh? No wonder Princess Chi Lian would cooperate with someone like him."

"I'll let Master know about this."

Once the message was sent, Swordsman Mei took out the Queen Snow Jade Bug and continued following them.

About a day later.

Li Celong and Princess Chi Lian arrived at a swamp.

The swamp was filled with mists of miasma, which made it look so gray that it was impossible to see what was inside.

"This is where the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame is?"

Princess Chi Lian furrowed her brows. "There's such an abundance of water qi here. How is it possible for an uncommon flame to grow here?"

"There's no reason for me to lie to you. Just follow me."

Li Celong replied. Then, he took a poison resistance pill and walked into the mists of miasma.

The mist of miasma was highly poisonous. If proper precautions were not taken, even a Boundary Emperor would die on the spot from poison.

However, Princess Chi Lian had nothing to fear.

The mists of miasma were poisonous for ordinary people. Yet, with the body of a wild beast and the Red Serpent Poison Flame, the mist of miasma was akin to fresh air to Princess Chu Lian, and it brought huge comfort to her.

Swordsman Mei appeared after the two of them entered the mists of miasma, which she looked at with a troubled expression. "I don't have any poison resistance pill, so my life will be in danger if I just barge into the mist hastily. My presence will be known to them too, and it'll affect Master's plan. I should wait for Master to get here."

Meanwhile, Princess Chi Lian and Li Celong had ventured deeper into the swamp.

Soon, Princess Chi Lian saw a crimson bundle of flame among the mists of miasma. She could also feel a scorching fire-based qi coming from it.

"The Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame really is here!"

"Of course, there is. Although this is a swamp, there is a fire-based leyline passing beneath this land. It is the nourishment from the merging of the swamp and the mists of miasma that eventually produced the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame. However, because this place is very secluded, rarely anyone would come here. My Honorable Teacher and I discovered it while we were collecting herbs in the area."

Li Celong and Princess Chi Lian walked closer to that bundle of flame as he spoke.

At a closer look, it was a crimson flame that resembled the shape of a lotus, surrounded by surges of fiery miasma.

Princess Chi Lian licked her lips and looked at the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame with desire in her eyes.

If she could refine the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, which was the best among the other poison flames, it would greatly benefit her.

"Huh, that's not right. Why is someone else here?"

Suddenly, Princess Chi Lian noticed a figure under the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame. It was a middle-aged man who was unleashing several Daoist Arts towards it.

He was attempting to refine the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame.

"That person is my Honorable Teacher, Master Daoist Li."

"What? Your teacher is already refining the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, so why did you bring me here? Are you messing with me?!"

Princess Chi Lian uttered coldly.

"No worries. He can't move right now because he hasn't completely refined it yet. You just need to kill him, that's all."

Li Celong said calmly.

Chapter 582: He's Still My Honorable Teacher After All, I Don't Want It Anymore

"You just need to kill him, that's all."

Li Celong said apathetically.

Princess Chi Lian beside him was shocked. "Is he really your Honorable Teacher?!"

"He is. But alas, he's too useless. He can't even cure Lady Leng Yue's illness, which ruined my relationship with Ningyu in return. If he were truly capable, he wouldn't have been unsuccessful in pursuing Lady Leng Yue for so many years. Otherwise, Ningyu would've been my partner by now."

"Things wouldn't turn out in such a manner as well."

Li Celong uttered resentfully.

He looked coldly at the Honorable Teacher, who had taught him every skill he knew. "Besides, with his current strength, he won't be a match for Chu Kuangren even if he manages to refine the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame fully. However, an outlawed sky-pride like you is different. You'll even be able to fight Chu Kuangren once you refine this flame."

"I want to make Chu Kuangren and Leng Ningyu pay!!"

Princess Chi Lian tutted in amazement. "You've completely renewed my understanding of how low humans can go. You're very despicable indeed."

"Hmph, don't you forget, I'm doing this to help you as well."

"Don't worry. I'm well aware of your intentions. Once I'm done refining the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, I'll definitely help you get your revenge."

Princess Chi Lian said while she lifted her hand and unleashed a palm attack towards Master Daoist Li's back.

As his full attention was on refining the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, Master Daoist Li's awareness of his surroundings was the lowest at that moment. He did not expect anyone to enter this poisonous miasma-riddled swamp.

That sudden palm attack sent him flying as he vomited blood, critically injuring him within an instant.

"Who's there?!"

Master Daoist Li's expression changed when he saw Princess Chi Lian.

She emanated an incredibly strong spiritual power fluctuation that contained a unique surge of innate ferocious qi. It was clear that he was not a match for her.

Subsequently, he saw Li Celong standing nearby.

His figure moved in a flash and appeared in front of Li Celong. Without even turning his head, he said, "We need to go. This person is extremely strong. I'll try to stall her as long as I can."

However, before he could finish speaking, a sword thrust through his chest from behind.

Master Daoist Li looked at the sword's tip on his chest with disbelief. "How..."

With a slash, the longsword was pulled out from Master Daoist Li's body.

Li Celong then raised his hand and sent Master Daoist Li flying again with another palm attack.

Having been heavily wounded by Princess Chi Lian and being stabbed by Li Celong right after, Master Daoist Li was now lying on the ground on the verge of death.

“Celong, why would you do this?!”

Master Daoist Li could not believe his eyes. He stared at Li Celong, feeling confused and shocked.

“Don’t blame me, Honorable Teacher. You only have yourself to blame for being so useless, for not being able to help me defeat Chu Kuangren.”

“You... you d*mn traitor!”

Although Master Daoist Li could not grasp the sudden turn of events, he felt incredibly enraged and ashamed of his disciple’s betrayal. As such, he looked very depressed.

“Why don’t you send him on his way, Princess?”

“Can’t you do it instead?”

Li Celong sighed. “He’s still my Honorable Teacher, after all. I can’t do it.”

Princess Chi Lian was dumbfounded.

She had never seen such a shameless human before.

‘He thrust that sword into his teacher so smoothly, yet he’s saying he can’t do it?’

“Humans really are hypocrites.”

Princess Chi Lian snorted. She then released a surge of Red Serpent Poison Flame onto Master Daoist Li’s body.

Master Daoist Li was soon burned to ashes by the scorching poisonous flame.

Li Celong walked towards the scorched corpse and took the Yin and Yang ring from it. Sensing its contents with his mind, he let out a satisfied smile. “Being a physician for so many years has earned the old man a lot of rewards. Just as I suspected, there are quite a lot of treasures here.”

He took out a golden Jade scroll, which had mysterious runes carved all over it. “He even has an Emperor-grade Fleeing Light Talisman too.”

The Fleeing Light Talisman was a type of rune that could turn the user into a ray of light, enabling them to move about with extreme speed.

An Emperor-grade Fleeing Light Talisman was extremely rare.

That item was widely used as a means of escaping. Whenever this item was used, even an Emperor would not be able to prevent the user from escaping.

“I’ll start refining this Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame then.”

Princess Chi Lian could not help but feel incredibly excited when she looked at the crimson flame in front of her.

She placed her hand into the flame. In an instant, the wisps of flame entered her body through her hand.

As a wild beast specializing in poison flames, she could strengthen her divine power, the Red Serpent Poison Flame by consuming other poison flames.

That was why the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame could not even injure her at all. For someone like her, it was a great supplement instead.

“What pure and vast uncommon flame energy. This is wonderful!”

Princess Chi Lian was very delighted.

The Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame was an uncommon flame that was one of the highest-ranked natural uncommon flames in this world. For any cultivator that specialized in Fire-based Dao, an uncommon flame like this was a priceless treasure.

Although Princess Chi Lian had consumed several uncommon flames before, none of them could compete with the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame that she was now absorbing.

However, they were all similar in terms of energy purity and quantity.

Just as Princess Chi Lian was absorbing the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, a sudden streak of sword qi appeared. It tore through the poisonous miasma and sliced off her arm effortlessly.

Princess Chi Lian screamed and immediately retreated. Then, she turned to look at the source of the sword qi source with caution.

Being able to unleash a sword qi that could cut off a part of her wild beast body, that person must not be an ordinary cultivator.

Moreover, that sword qi was incredibly familiar to her as well.

“It’s him!!”

“It’s definitely him!!”

Princess Chi Lian stared at the poisonous miasma. Li Celong, too, was bewildered by what happened.

A figure then walked out of the poisonous miasma.

The person who came was wearing white robes with black hair flying in the wind. There were three stunning beauties with him as well.

Other than Chu Kuangren, who else could they be?

He looked at the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame playfully and chuckled. “The Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame, huh? This Opportunity of Fortune is truly worth letting you go in the past.”

“Why are you here, Chu Kuangren?”

Li Celong almost could not believe his eyes.

Why was Chu Kuangren everywhere they were?

Why did this person always have to appear and foil his plans?!

“Hold up. Letting me go? So you deliberately let me go in the past? But how did you get here?”

“Why don’t you take a guess?”

Li Celong went silent for a while before he felt his waist, the place where he kept the Queen Snow Jade Bug. “It was you who stole my missing Queen Snow Jade Bug all along!”

“Nice. At least you’re not that much of a fool.”

Chu Kuangren chuckled. “I simply used what you’re best at against you.”

“That palm attack in the past was not meant to kill me, but to inject the Snow Jade Bug powder into me!”

“That’s right. It’s the same bug powder that you injected into Sister Leng.”

Li Celong’s expression was incredibly unpleasant. He did not expect the method that he used to deal with Leng Ningyu would be used against him instead.

“You imbecile, that’s quite some trouble you’ve caused me.”

Princess Chi Lian gritted her teeth and glared at Li Celong. After that, she looked at Chu Kuangren and said, “Brother Chu, this is all because of Li Celong. He was the one who came to me, offering me the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame for my help in return. For every debt, there is a debtor. Since he’s the one who’s responsible for all of this, you should go settle this matter with him. I have nothing to do with this. As for this Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame...”

She looked at the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame and said unwillingly. “I don’t want it anymore. Just take it, Brother Chu.”

She knew she was no match for Chu Kuangren, so it would be impossible for her to snatch the uncommon fire from him. Instead of going against him head-on, she might as well think about saving her life first.

Chapter 583: Li Celong’s Obsession, Refining the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame

“You almost killed Sister Ningyu and me that time. Yet, you dare say that you have nothing to do with this?”

Chi Yue sneered.

Chu Kuangren remained quiet as he looked at Princess Chi Lian. However, he clearly had the same thoughts as Chi Yue.

With a clang, half of his sword unsheathed from his waist, and an incomparably sharp and chilling Sword-based Daoist Rhyme spread everywhere.

“Chu Kuangren, killing me means that you’ll be going against the whole Divine Serpent Tribe. You should think it through. Is it truly worth killing me?”

Princess Chi Lian gritted her teeth and said.

“Is that a threat? Interesting. Now that I’ve gotten more curious, what can the Divine Serpent Tribe do after I kill you?”

Chu Kuangren replied indifferently as his Sword-based Daoist Rhyme surged out.

His Descendant Self Sword fully unsheathed itself, unleashing a frightening sword ray that aimed at Princess Chi Lian and tore through the ground!

“Let’s go!!”

Suddenly, Li Celong grabbed Princess Chi Lian and crushed a Jade scroll in his hands.

The two of them instantly turned into a ray of light that moved with such speed. Even Chu Kuangren could not react in time with his Spatial Conveyor Skill.

“Sheesh, some sort of item for fleeing?”

He was slightly shocked to see the escaping duo. However, he ignored them and turned his attention to the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame beside him.

“Even ten Emperor-grade Supreme Elixirs combined are inferior to a natural uncommon flame of this level.”

Chu Kuangren slowly reached out his hand towards the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame.

Swordsman Mei quickly reminded him. “Please be careful, Master. This uncommon flame is highly poisonous.”

“Oh, it’s nothing really.”

Chu Kuangren nodded slightly. His hand was already inside the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame at that time, and large bundles of poisonous flames were rapidly corroding his body.

Compared to the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame’s energy level, the concentration of poison within it was just as high.

Since Chu Kuangren possessed the body of a Supreme Sage and his physical body was far stronger than that of a wild beast, the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame’s poison could not affect him at all. However, if the overpowering energy of the uncommon flame were not handled properly, forcibly absorbing its power would even burn a Boundary Emperor to ashes.

Then again, Chu Kuangren could refine all sorts of uncommon energy in the world with his Universal Cauldron Physique.

That included the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame too!

With a flicker of his mind, the boundless natural uncommon flame instantly rushed into Chu Kuangren’s body. It was then quickly refined and converted by his Universal Cauldron Physique into spiritual power.

Upon seeing Chu Kuangren refining the uncommon flame, Swordsman Mei immediately stood guard beside him.

Leng Ningyu and Chi Yue also placed several sealing restrictions around the area when they saw what he was doing.

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A ray of light flashed across the skies and landed on a mountain peak.

It was Li Celong and Princess Chi Lian who had escaped earlier using the Emperor-grade Fleeing Light Talisman.

Both of them were still trembling with fear despite having fled from their opponent. It took a while before they recovered their composure.

"D*mn it. D*mn it!!"

Li Celong roared angrily while punching with his fists everywhere, mercilessly damaging the surrounding mountains, rocks, and plants.

Princess Chi Lian was in quite a bad mood too.

She had been searching for that Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame for a very long time. Once she refined it, her combat strength would undoubtedly increase to a higher level.

However, her human form's arm had been cut off, let alone increasing her combat power.

"Chu Kuangren, just wait. I, Princess Chi Lian, shall never forget this. I shall make you pay when the time comes!"

She gritted her teeth and uttered.

Following that, she looked at Li Celong at the side and asked coldly. "Are you done venting? Come and heal my injuries when you're done."

Seeing that her injuries had not fully recovered, Li Celong was able to help her as he was a physician.

"Hmph, you better watch your attitude, Princess. I was the one who saved you just now."

"We're in this mess, thanks to you. If it weren't for your stupidity, for not realizing that you got the bug powder..."

Upon mentioning the bug powder, Princess Chi Lian's expression changed. "You idiot! Go and get rid of the bug powder inside your body this instant!"

The Queen Snow Jade Bug and its offspring could locate each other. For every day that Li Celong had the bug powder inside him, he would never be able to escape the Queen Snow Jade Bug's tracking.

Li Celong panicked a little when he heard this and quickly channeled his spiritual power.

The bug powder's presence in one's body would be hard to detect under normal circumstances.

However, as a user of the Queen Snow Jade Bug and a physician, Li Celong naturally knew how to get rid

of it. Once he took out a medicinal pill and ate it, he channeled his spiritual power for a while and coughed out a large mouthful of white liquid. It contained the bug powder that Chu Kuangren injected into his body.

"Let's go. We can't stay here any longer."

Princess Chi Lian said with a deep voice. The two of them then ran quite a distance before arriving at a cave. After placing sealing restrictions around it, both of them breathed a sigh of relief.

Following that, Li Celong started treating Princess Chi Lian's injuries.

At the same time, he was also thinking of ways to deal with Chu Kuangren.

If he did not make his opponent pay, his Daoist core was unstable.

Chu Kuangren had snatched away his beloved and foiled his plans one after another. In order to defeat him, Li Celong was even willing to kill his own teacher.

There was no way he would give up now.

This matter had become his obsession!

"Chu Kuangren, I'll be a living disgrace of a human if I don't get my revenge!!"

Noticing Li Celong's hatred towards Chu Kuangren, Princess Chi Lian sneered. "How can you seek revenge on Chu Kuangren alone?"

Li Celong was not even an outlawed sky-pride, so dealing with Chu Kuangren would be too difficult.

"Just because I can't, it doesn't mean the others can't as well."

"So you're going to seek out the other outlawed sky-prides. Who do you think can match Chu Kuangren in battle?"

Princess Chi Lian had no choice but to acknowledge Chu Kuangren's overpowering strength.

That level of strength was far beyond the reaches of any outlawed sky-pride.

"An outlawed sky-pride might not be able to win against him, but what if they joined forces? Besides, I bet the other outlawed sky-prides have found many great Opportunities of Fortune of their own in the Forbidden Barren Wasteland and have since grown stronger. They might stand a chance of defeating Chu Kuangren when they work together."

"How do you plan to do this?"

"I'll go find Sword Daoist first. Like me, he was once a suitor of Leng Ningyu. If he finds out about her and Chu Kuangren, he'll definitely do something."

Li Celong said coldly.

He was no stranger to Sword Daoist.

In the past, both of them were the only people who were most qualified and capable of pursuing Leng Ningyu. As such, he once saw Sword Daoist as his greatest rival.

Unexpectedly, Chu Kuangren was one step faster than them at holding Leng Ningyu's hand!

Li Celong continued thinking. 'Besides Sword Daoist, who else can I manipulate into doing this?'

'The Wang clan's Wang Quan? The Bai clan's Bai Hongyu? The Nine-Headed Snakelet Tribe's Jiu Yan?'

If those people were still not enough...

Li Celong fiddled with the Yin and Yang ring in his hands. There was something hidden inside Master Daoist Li's Yin and Yang ring — something related to a terrifying being!

He truly did not want to take the risk to seek out that frightening being if need be.

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Inside the swamp, Chu Kuangren was still refining the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame.

The energy contained within the uncommon flame was quite vast and was nothing compared to the Leyline Essence he refined not too long ago.

About a day later, he had fully refined the vast Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame (TN: author used 地脉精元, assumed to be a context error.). It was converted into a horrifying amount of spiritual power that filled his spiritual mound.

Meanwhile, inside his spiritual mound, the vast and dense spiritual power surrounded the Seven Supreme Foundation Levels within his body like a raging ocean. Even a Boundary Emperor would feel ashamed upon witnessing a spiritual power of such scale. Not only its quantity, but its quality also was unmatched.

It was one of the sources of Chu Kuangren's overpowering combat strength, and this was why no one was a match for him within the same cultivation realm.

Chapter 584: A Streak of Emperor Qi, the Ancient Lavish Cave, the Sky-Prides' Movement

Inside Chu Kuangren's spiritual mound, his Seven Supreme Foundation Levels were radiating with immense divine light as the vast sea of spiritual power raged around them.

However, at this moment, the immeasurably pure and vast spiritual power started to trigger the Supreme Foundation Levels to release some golden-colored mists. All seven of them began to rumble and gradually approach each other as if there was some kind of resonance between them.

Chu Kuangren's eyes lit up. "Can this be..."

He continued observing the changes in his Supreme Foundation Levels.

After appearing from the Supreme Foundation Levels, the swirls of golden mist condensed and formed a golden streak of spiritual power.

That spiritual power was greater in quality than the remaining spiritual powers around. Although it was a single streak, its presence was very vast. It was as if it could subdue the heavens itself.

Chu Kuangren took a deep breath, and his eyes lit up with delight. "This... is an Emperor qi!"

The Emperor qi was a spiritual power that could only be used by Emperor Realm cultivators!

Chu Kuangren had produced a single streak of Emperor qi that only Emperor Realm cultivators could.

In the past, streaks of Primordial Emperor's Essence had once appeared in the Firmament Star. However, they were different compared to the Emperor qi.

That Emperor Essence contained mysterious Daoist Rhymes and was only meant for gaining insights on, enabling one to increase their understanding in the Dao. In other words, it was an item.

On the other hand, the Emperor qi that Chu Kuangren produced was a result of his cultivation. It was something that he had full control over, and he could use it to increase his combat strength as well.

"An Emperor qi is far more terrifying than any cultivator's spiritual power. Although I only have one, it's not something to be looked down upon!"

"It seems like my spiritual power's quality has reached the limit of a Boundary Emperor's level. Otherwise, it would not produce a streak of Emperor qi, which is something unique only to the Emperors."

Chu Kuangren laughed delightfully. He had obtained such great results from refining the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame.

Very few Boundary Emperors in Emperor Road had produced their own Emperor qi. Most of the time, only the Sovereigns in orthodoxies with deep backgrounds could do it.

As for the sky-prides, even an outlawed sky-pride would require large amounts of resources and treasures to achieve something like this. Otherwise, it would be impossible.

Chu Kuangren could already overpower most of the sky-prides in the Emperor Road with just that streak of Emperor qi alone!

The resonance between the Seven Supreme Foundation Levels gradually stopped, leaving behind the single dazzling, golden streak of Emperor qi swirling within Chu Kuangren's body.

After swirling around within his body once, the golden Emperor qi returned to Chu Kuangren's spiritual mound. Chu Kuangren could feel as though it had grown a little compared since it was produced.

Chu Kuangren stood up once he had fully refined the Crimson Miasma Lotus Flame. His black hair swayed in the wind while his deep-set eyes shone like stars. He also emanated a terrifying aura.

That was a type of Emperor's Aura!

Swordsman Mei, Leng Ningyu, and Chi Yue's expressions changed. Their bodies were trembling uncontrollably in the presence of his aura.

"Such power. Master has gotten stronger!"

"His rate of progress is just too fast."

Chi Yue tutted in amazement.

"Let's leave."

Chu Kuangren said before leaving the swamp along with Leng Ningyu and the others.

After leaving the swamp, Chu Kuangren's spiritual thoughts swept across a thousand-kilometer radius.

There seemed to be more treasures here compared to their previous location. It was a clear sign that they were in the Inner Circle of the Forbidden Barren Wasteland.

"The Forbidden Barren Wasteland's Inner Circle must contain quite a lot of Opportunities of Fortune. Do you have any leads, Sister Leng?"

Chu Kuangren asked Leng Ningyu.

The Forbidden Barren Wasteland was an extremely ancient location within Emperor Road. Records about Emperors in the Firmament Star were already rare, what more an archaic location like this.

However, things were different for inheritors of archaic orthodoxies like Leng Ningyu.

These orthodoxies possessed deep backgrounds and long heritage, so they were more familiar with the Forbidden Barren Wasteland than him.

It meant that they must know a lot more information about this location than him.

That was one of the reasons Chu Kuangren brought them along in his party. He needed someone familiar with the location to help him determine what his next move should be.

Some Opportunities of Fortune just could not be found with his Treasure Locating Skill.

"Seven Emotions Sect does indeed have a lot of records about the Forbidden Barren Wasteland. There are several specific places with great Opportunities of Fortune here. Every time the Forbidden Wasteland opens, those places will always end up being the most sought-after ones by all the sky-pride. For example, the Ancient Lavish Cave, Ancient Daoist Lake, Eight Wind Dragon Mountain, and many more."

"Those places with great Opportunities of Fortune mostly follow specific patterns whenever the Forbidden Wasteland opens. According to it, the Ancient Lavish Cave will open in a few days."

Leng Ningyu explained after being silent for a while.

Upon hearing it, Chu Kuangren became more amazed.

"Alright. Let's go and check out the Ancient Lavish Cave."

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Besides Chu Kuangren's party, the other sky-prides were heading to the Ancient Lavish Cave as well.

It was a place with great Opportunities of Fortune, after all. None of the sky-prides would let such an opportunity slip by.

At a mountain range somewhere.

A ray of red light suddenly rose into the sky as a dense surge of aura erupted and spread across thousands of kilometers away.

The aura forced every living creature to the ground, trembling.

A figure gradually appeared from the red light. It was a woman in bright red armor holding a long red saber, and that person was Bai Hongyu.

Sensing her own strength in the air, she smiled with satisfaction. "Sure enough, the corpse of an Emperor isn't to be underestimated. I can't believe it has allowed me to break through into the Boundary Emperor Realm so quickly. Since I've already found my own way of Dao, obtained this saber, and became a Boundary Emperor, I'm sure I can even defeat a Top-notch Boundary Emperor now!"

"Next up, the Ancient Lavish Cave that should be opening soon. It's time I go and check out what kind of Opportunities of Fortune it offers."

Bai Hongyu murmured before turning into a red ray of light and disappearing into thin air.

Somewhere else.

A dazzling five-colored light suddenly radiated from within a cave.

Amidst the light, a figure in long robes was seen walking out of the cave.

That person was bathed in the five-colored light while surrounded by Five Ways aura, as if the king of gods had arrived.

"Not only has my divine power, the Five Ways Divine Wheel, increased in strength, but my cultivation level has also improved greatly. If I were to be facing a Sovereign right now, I'll definitely be able to put up a good fight. Chu Kuangren, the next time we meet, you will be shocked at my power."

That person murmuring was the Wang clan's Wang Quan.

He looked into the distance and said, "It's time I head over to the Ancient Lavish Cave. I might as well test out how much stronger I've gotten."

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On a mountain peak somewhere.

A young man fiercely opened his eyes, releasing razor-sharp surges of sword qi.

The sword qi sliced through everything around him, instantly destroying the surrounding landscape.

"Now that I've fully refined the Sword Emperor's inheritance, I've become much, much stronger!!"

"Besides, I may have only refined four fingers from that Sword Emperor's corpse, but that amount alone is enough to increase my cultivation level to a Top-notched Boundary Emperor. Despite losing the Four Mystical Sword Emblems, I've still gained a lot this time!" The Sword Daoist said happily.

He took a deep breath and took out two swords. Both of them were Emperor Weapons!

They were the Godly Golden Emperor Sword and the Sword Emperor Qingxuan's Qingxuan Divine Sword.

"Let's see how you'll defeat me with these two Emperor Weapons, Chu Kuangren!"

At this thought, the Sword Daoist was in high spirits.

He then gazed into the distance and said, "I hope I'll encounter you again at the Ancient Lavish Cave. By then, I shall let you know that I'm the only one in this era destined to stand at the pinnacle of Sword Dao!"

At this moment, the Jade scroll at the Sword Daoist's vibrated.

"A signal from the Sword Tribe?"

A little shocked, the Sword Daoist's figure disappeared within a flash as he rushed towards the source of that signal.

Soon after, he arrived at the source of that signal.

Several Sword Tribe members were there, including a familiar person.

"Li Celong, is that you?"

The Sword Daoist took a look at Li Celong and then another at Princess Chi Lian beside him. There was a strange look in his eyes.

"Outlawed sky-pride, Princess Chi Lian, is there a reason why you've called me here?"

The Sword Daoist said as he looked at Princess Chi Lian with a slightly condescending attitude.

Chapter 585: The Sword Daoist's Fury, the Holy Light Religion's Maiden Sage

Princess Chi Lian looked at the Sword Daoist. There was a hint of fear in her eyes.

She could sense an incredibly powerful aura from the Sword Daoist, which made someone like her feel threatened.

The person standing before her was extremely strong.

"It seems like you've obtained quite a few Opportunities of Fortune in the Forbidden Barren Wasteland, Sword Daoist."

Princess Chi Lian chuckled.

Upon hearing that, the Sword Daoist replied indifferently, "Cut the nonsense and tell me. Why did you two call me here?"

"You..."

Princess Chi Lian got a bit frustrated. However, because the Sword Daoist was currently stronger than her, she could only hold back her anger.

She then took a deep breath and said, "It has something to do with Chu Kuangren."

'Chu Kuangren?'

The Sword Daoist's eyes turned cold at the mere mention of that name. "You two have come to look for me because of him? What does that mean?"

“Sword Daoist, I know you’re quite powerful, but let me ask you. Are you confident that you’ll win against Chu Kuangren in battle?”

Li Celong asked.

“Hmph, if I meet him again, I will let him know with this sword that I’m the strongest in Sword Dao!”

“Oh, It seems you’re quite confident in your abilities. Since that’s the case, why don’t I tell you something unfortunate? Leng Ningyu and Chu Kuangren are together.”

Li Celong said.

“What did you just say?” The Sword Daoist’s face turned grim.

“Leng Ningyu and Chu Kuangren are together. Not only that, but their relationship is very intimate!”

“What the f*ck!!”

At that, the Sword Daoist’s expression changed drastically. He was so furious that countless streaks of sword qi flew out from his body!

In an instant, his sword qi slashed the surrounding area with sword marks.

Li Celong and Princess Chi Lian had to endure the full brunt of his terrifying aura.

They were extremely shocked as they did not expect the Sword Daoist’s power to improve so much. However, Li Celong was delighted at the same time.

That was because, to him, they had a higher chance of defeating Chu Kuangren if the Sword Daoist was stronger.

“Chu Kuangren!!”

The Sword Daoist roared as his eyes became red with rage.

“Please calm down, Sword Daoist. Like you, I also possess a deep hatred towards Chu Kuangren. That’s why I’ve come to ask for your cooperation to defeat Chu Kuangren.”

The Sword Daoist took a deep breath and gradually regained his composure.

He knew that Li Celong was also once a suitor of Leng Ningyu like him, so he should hate Chu Kuangren just as much too.

‘The enemy of my enemy is a friend.’

That was why the Sword Daoist did not refuse his offer. “Alright. In that case, let’s go to the Ancient Lavish Cave together. Chu Kuangren might be heading there as well.”

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A fierce battle broke out somewhere in a certain forest.

It was a battle between a silver-haired woman and a wild beast with two heads that looked like a giant tiger.

Both sides were in a heated battle as the surrounding mountains were destroyed from the fight.

“Roar!”

Both heads of the wild beast roared, and the spiritual power contained within its sound waves forced the woman back.

The silver-haired woman stood proudly in the air. She was wearing gorgeous silver armor with runes swirling all over it, making her look extremely mysterious. Her silver hair swayed in the heat of battle while her beautiful face exuded a rare heroic demeanor. A surge of Holy aura was emanating from her body, giving her the appearance of a valkyrie.

“Judgement of Light!”

Large amounts of holy energy gathered in the palm of the silver-haired woman, forming a white spear. She then let out a low cry and launched it towards her opponent.

With the speed of lightning, the long spear brutally pierced into the wild beast’s skull.

Following that, the spear exploded and instantly shattered the wild beast’s head with surges of holy energy. As a result of the explosion, large amounts of white flames spread everywhere and burned the wild beast’s body.

The white flames were incredibly terrifying and hard to extinguish. No matter how the wild beast tumbled around, it could not put it out. The only thing it could do was wail in pain.

Somewhere nearby.

Some of the cultivators in white robes were watching the battle with amazement.

“She’s too powerful. I can’t believe the Maiden Sage has mastered the Holy Divine Fire Art to such an extent.”

“That’s right. This Holy Supreme Physique of hers is indeed the most suitable for this technique.”

“The Maiden Sage descending upon our religion must be the work of our Holy God.”

The cultivators chatted.

Within that crowd, someone was looking at that silver-white figure with a complicated expression.

It was a young man.

He looked at the silver-white figure with a chilling hatred and deep jealousy in his eyes. However, they were mixed with a conflicting hint of admiration too.

At this time, someone placed his hand on the young man’s shoulders.

It was an elderly man among the crowd. He told the young man. “Just bear with it for a few more days, Bachelor Sage. All of this will soon be yours when the time comes.”

“I understand, elder.”

Boom!

Another spear was launched again with great might. Finally, that two-headed wild beast could no longer fight the silver-haired woman anymore and was eventually killed.

After all that, the woman walked up to the wild beast and dug out a piece of crystal from its corpse. That was the wild beast's Spiritual Power Crystal. It was an item that was akin to a cultivator's golden core. Normally, an item like this was worthless to human warriors.

That was because the spiritual power in the wild beast's Spiritual Power Crystal was just too unstable and violent for human cultivators to absorb.

However, as soon as that woman grabbed the crystal, white flames appeared on her palms.

A moment later, the violent aura of the Spiritual Power Crystal gradually disappeared.

The technique she used was very unique. It had enabled her to purify the violent aura from the Spiritual Power Crystal, making it easier to absorb.

"It appears that you've gotten stronger, Maiden Sage."

The crowd of white-robed cultivators came before her, and one of the elders among them said as he laughed.

The silver-haired woman nodded indifferently. "Third Elder, are there any more Opportunities of Fortune in the Forbidden Barren Wasteland?"

"Not far from here, there's a place called the Ancient Lavish Cave. That place has great Opportunities of Fortune. We can go there and try to get our hands on some, but that place is bound to be a great gathering spot for sky-prides. By then, a great battle will be inevitable," the Third Elder said.

"The main reason we've come to this Forbidden Wasteland is for the Opportunities of Fortune. What's the point of coming here if you're scared of being caught in a battle?"

"Ha! The Maiden Sage is right. Besides, with her current strength, even I might not be a match for her in battle, let alone the other sky-prides. I believe you'll be the one who gets the most loot at the Ancient Lavish Cave, Maiden Sage." The young man walked towards her and said with a smile.

His words greatly boosted the morale of the other cultivators.

"Our Bachelor Sage is already an outlawed sky-pride. If he says that too, then it's clear that our Maiden Sage is incredibly powerful."

"That's right, our Maiden Sage will definitely get the most Opportunities of Fortune this time. We shall let the world know the might of our Holy Light Religion."

Despite the countless compliments from everyone around her, the silver-haired woman was not happy at all. Instead, she gazed into the distance and muttered, "I wonder if Master has come to the Forbidden Barren Wasteland too. If so, I wonder if I'll meet him at the Ancient Lavish Cave."

The young Bachelor Sage frowned a little when he heard the silver-haired woman's murmur.

That was not the first time he had heard of her mentioning her Master.

Yet no matter how he asked, she had refused to tell him anything about that person.

“Who is that ‘Master’ person you’re talking about in such an obsessive manner?”

There was a hint of jealousy in the young Bachelor Sage’s eyes.

However, he managed to hide it well. A second later, a bright and gentle smile had reappeared on his face.

Chapter 586: Nangong Huang Appears, We Don’t Welcome The Black Heaven Sect

The Ancient Lavish Cave was a location with countless Opportunities of Fortune within the Forbidden Barren Wasteland.

Rumor had it that before the Forbidden Wasteland was formed, it was home to some of the world’s earliest Emperors. One of them was known as the Lavish Emperor.

The Ancient Lavish Cave was once the residence of the Lavish Emperor.

The Lavish Emperor had laid countless seals throughout the trove, where multitudes of treasures would be produced from time to time.

Each time the Forbidden Barren Wasteland was opened, the Ancient Lavish Cave would attract many cultivators to visit.

An enormous stone wall that spanned several kilometers tall stood erected with many stone caves built on the surface. The caves seemed to be interconnected with one another like a formation as they seethed with a mysterious aura. Inside the caves, though, were filled with the presence of palpable spiritual powers.

The spiritual powers manifested as a layer of fog that clouded the vision from outside the ancient caves. However, from time to time, the cultivators could vaguely observe the glittering of treasures within those caves.

These were the Ancient Lavish Cave.

The Ancient Lavish Cave did not refer to one but all the caves built on the wall’s surface.

Many sky-prides had been gathering outside the stone wall.

Some of them arrived individually while others were in groups. Regardless, they were patiently waiting for the appearance of the ancient cave’s treasures.

“Looking at the time, the treasure surge of the Ancient Lavish Caves should happen anytime now.”

“Hmm, indeed. Once the spiritual powers of the Ancient Lavish Cave reach its peak, the treasures will emerge.”

“Hiss. Such a shame that the Ancient Lavish Cave is laden with seals. Otherwise, I would’ve gone in to take a look.”

“True...”

Swoosh...

A red light dashed in from the distance and revealed a lady in red armor within. It was none other than Bai Hongyu.

The cultivators were not surprised to see her.

After all, the outlawed sky-prides would not want to miss out on a huge opportunity like the Ancient Lavish Cave.

The sky-prides could not help but take a few steps back when Bai Hongyu arrived.

They knew they were no match for her once the treasures appeared. Luckily for them, there was more than one cave to go around. The stone wall was several dozens of kilometers long and covered with more than a thousand caves. There was no need to obsess over any particular cave and end up getting caught between the outlawed sky-prides.

After Bai Hongyu's arrival, the other outlawed sky-prides gradually appeared as well.

The sky radiated with a colorful array as a cultivator descended on a five-colored light disc in a triumphant manner. His aura shook everybody present, as if a Holy God had arrived.

"Oh, it's Wang Quan!"

Bai Hongyu squinted her eyes.

Rumble...

At that instance, the ground shook while the surrounding mountains trembled incessantly.

A single-horned brute with dark skin leaped forward. With each step he took, the earth shook under his weight.

It was Niu Dali, the outlawed sky-pride of the Bull Demon Tribe.

"Looks like the archaic beasts are here."

The outlawed sky-prides made their entrances at the Ancient Lavish Cave.

Just then, a sword ray swooped into the scene, causing the cultivators' swords to tremble uncontrollably in its presence.

It was as if the swords were worshipping the arrival of their king.

The swordsmen were surprised to see this phenomenon, to say the least.

"I know this sword ray. It's him, the Sword Daoist!"

Upon its arrival, the sword ray transformed into a golden-robed youngster in the air. It was indeed the Sword Daoist!

The other outlawed sky-prides could almost sense the overbearing weight of his exceptional sword qi.

“What a powerful sword qi! Has he reached the level of a Top-notched Boundary Emperor? Besides, his Sword Dao must be at the Expert stage at least!”

“Looks like he’s gotten some decent Opportunities of Fortune in order to achieve such tremendous improvements.”

Bai Hongyu grasped onto her Fiery Dragon Phoenix Saber tightly as she looked at the Sword Daoist in disbelief.

Here she was thinking that she had acquired a decent chunk of Opportunities of Fortune. She did not expect the Sword Daoist to improve faster than her.

Boom!

A sudden surge of ferocious qi exploded between the mountain ranges.

The terrifying ferocious qi swarmed into the air to form an enormous dark figure, who let out a deafening battle roar that echoed through the firmament!

Many cultivators were affected by the intimidating ferocious qi battle intent and immediately lost control over their spiritual powers.

“Oh, heavens! Which outlawed sky-pride is it now?”

“Is this aura from the legendary Supreme Daoist Physique, the Infallible Tormented Physique?!”

“Who is it?”

The cultivators looked towards the source of the ferocious qi and saw a black-robed youngster gliding across the air to the Ancient Lavish Cave. His body was seething with thick ferocious qi, and his aura was no weaker than that of the Sword Daoist!

Bai Hongyu was shocked. “Oh, it’s Sha Wushe, the outlawed sky-pride of the Ferocious Tribe!”

The Ferocious Tribe was an archaic tribe of the Nine Heavens.

Just like Bai Hongyu, Sha Wushe was an outlawed sky-pride who hailed from the Nine Heavens.

“Looks like the fight over at the Ancient Lavish Cave is going to be interesting.”

The Sword Daoist crossed his arms and uttered softly as he stared at Sha Wushe with a hint of battle intent in his eyes.

In the Sword Daoist’s opinion, Sha Wushe was the most fitting opponent amongst all the sky-prides present at the scene.

After Sha Wushe’s arrival, another forbidden sky-pride made his entrance. It was Touheng of the demonic tribe.

Touheng’s aura was similarly domineering. It was evident that he, too, had his encounters with Opportunities of Fortune. However, Touheng was still a level weaker compared to the Sword Daoist.

In the crowd.

The cultivators lamented the increasing presence of the outlawed sky-prides.

“There sure are many sky-prides h in this era. Who knows who’ll ascend into the Emperor’s Throne in the end?”

“Such an unprecedented era.”

One of the cultivators was staring at the outlawed sky-prides with passion. He was dying for a challenge against them.

It was a sword-wielding youngster, whose eyes were shining with a pair of Yin and Yang light.

“I wonder if my capabilities are enough for me to handle these outlawed sky-prides.”

The sword-wielding youngster murmured.

He had the sudden urge to challenge one of the outlawed sky-prides to a duel.

However, he resisted the temptation as the youngster knew it was not the right time to do so.

“Eh, it’s you, Nangong Huang.”

Someone sounded surprised.

It was Touba, who had just noticed Nangong Huang within the crowd.

Nangong Huang was surprised too. He did not expect to be recognized.

“What is it, Touba? Do you know that person?”

Touheng asked Touba.

Touba nodded. “He’s from the Black Heaven Sect of Firmament Star, one of the sky-prides who made it to the Soaring Dragon Leaderboard.”

Upon hearing this, the other cultivators’ gaze became indifferent and disinterested.

“It’s only a sky-pride from the outside world. What’s there to care about?”

“You’re right, but the fact that he’s from the Black Heaven Sect makes him special.”

Touba grinned and said, “The Black Heaven Sect Leader is none other than Chu Kuangren.”

Gasp...

The outlawed sky-prides immediately diverted their attention towards Nangong Huang.

“It’s Chu Kuangren’s disciple!”

“Hmph! How I hate hearing that name!”

The Sword Daoist, Wang Quan, and Bai Hongyu immediately stared at him with hostility.

Since they hated Chu Kuangren a lot, they were naturally not fond of anyone from the Black Heaven Sect.

“We don’t welcome the Black Heaven Sect here. Get lost!”

Bai Hongyu said firmly.

Nangong Huang had realized when Toubu recognized him that the situation was not in his favor anymore. He was well familiar with how much trouble his Sect Leader had stirred outside in Emperor Road.

“The Ancient Lavish Cave doesn’t belong to you. You don’t have the right to lay claim over it.”

Nangong Huang’s ancient sword was trembling as he uttered calmly.

He had been wanting to test these outlawed sky-prides out, but he never thought that an opportunity would present itself so quickly.

Chapter 587: Three Person Versus Bai Hongyu, The Sword Daoist Attacks

“Rights? Are you telling me about my rights?!”

Bai Hongyu sneered before she lifted her hands and summoned an enormous red seal in the air that descended upon Nangong Huang.

It was an Emperor Technique of the Bai clan, the Divine Bai Clan Seal!

The appearance of the seal released such majestic power that caused the grounds around Nangong Huang to crumble inwards.

“Is this the combat strength of an outlawed sky-pride?”

“Indeed, they cannot be underestimated!”

Nangong Huang was worried yet excited at the same time.

He proceeded to unsheathe the sword at his waist. Although the sword was only a Boundary Emperor Weapon, its Yin and Yang traits resonated well with Nangong Huang’s Daoist Physique, Yinyang God-eye.

“Yinyang Flame!”

Nangong Huang unleashed a glorious sword ray that burned in a dual-colored flame of black and white.

The unstoppable sword ray sliced onto the Divine Bai Clan Seal.

A heavy explosion ensued as both Nangong Huang and Bai Hongyu’s attacks imploded, causing many sky-prides to retreat.

Bai Hongyu’s face sank.

Nangong Huang had managed to parry her attack!

“Looks like I’ve underestimated you. Even so, I wonder how long you can last.”

Bai Hongyu grunted and began using her Fiery Dragon Phoenix Saber.

That was an Emperor Weapon!

Seeing that put the cultivators in awe.

An outlawed sky-pride was forced to use her Emperor Weapon against an ordinary sky-pride of the outside world. It seemed like Nangong Huang was an extraordinary cultivator.

He could not rival the outlaw sky-prides, but he was among one of the most powerful sky-prides.

“Heavenly Worship Saber Art!”

Bai Hongyu grunted and swung her swords downwards, unleashing a red sword shadow with her boundless spiritual powers!

The sword shadow made the celestial demons kneel instinctively and worship the Transformation!

Bai Hongyu’s attack packed devastating damage. There were no doubts that any sky-prides weaker than the outlawed sky-prides would have perished under her attack.

However, Nangong Huang remained in place instead and leaped forward to unleash a tirade of spiritual powers with his tremoring long sword!

“Yinyang Thunder, Empyrean Destruction!”

Nangong Huang’s Yinyang God-eye was spinning incessantly as he continuously channeled his energies into the longsword. White and black thunderbolts began to intertwine on the sword, radiating a terrifying energy wave.

As he swung his sword forward, the black and white thunderbolts fused into a relentless sword ray that greeted the incoming sword shadow!

The moment the sword ray and sword shadow collided, the surrounding mountains crumbled.

The impact blasted Nangong Huang away by several hundreds of meters, and his lips began to froth with blood. Bai Hongyu could not help but retreat several steps back as well. Her pretty face was now angrier, and her eyes were grimmer.

How did she not finish Nangong Huang off with her Emperor Weapon?!

She even noticed that the sky-prides around were staring cheekily at her as if doubting their abilities.

What was wrong with her? She was an outlawed sky-pride, yet she failed to finish a sky-pride from the outside world?

She might as well just quit her role.

Although the cultivators did not say anything, Bai Hongyu could tell their thoughts from the way they looked at her.

“Screw it! One more move to finish you off!”

Bai Hongyu was infuriated. Her Emperor Weapon once again radiated in a bright red color, and a dragon and a phoenix apparition began to dance around the blade. With that, a thick Emperor’s Aura began to emanate. It was evident that Bai Hongyu was mustering all her strength to finish Nangong Huang off in the next move.

“Die!”

The power of the Fiery Dragon Phoenix Saber erupted, manifesting as a dragon and a phoenix apparition that charged towards Nangong Huang.

At that crucial moment, a fiery sword ray was discharged from one side, and a devastating frost qi exploded from the other. Each of them unleashed a wave of energy that respectively targeted the dragon and the phoenix.

The fiery and frost energies rained across the battlefield as it either froze or burned all the elements that were present.

Suddenly, Nangong Huang was flanked by a man on one side and a woman on the other.

“Murong Xuan, Qingxue!”

Nangong Huang stared at the duo in shock. They were his fellow Daoists of the Black Heaven Sect, Murong Xuan and Shang Qingxue.

“Hey, Nangong Huang, you look like you need some help.”

Murong Xuan chuckled and said to Nangong Huang.

“That’s an outlawed sky-pride over there. Did you challenge her?”

Nangong Huang pouted. It seemed like he still had some room for improvements before he could face an outlawed sky-pride.

Shang Qingxue rolled her eyes. “Are you two still bantering at this moment?”

She retrieved a green liquid and poured it into Nangong Huang’s mouth.

A strong living force immediately awakened in Nangong Huang and healed most of Nangong Huang’s injury. Even a large proportion of his spiritual powers were replenished.

“Fortunately, I still have some Wood Elemental Leyline Essences to spare.”

Shang Qingxue said as she stared cautiously at the outlawed sky-prides in the air.

It was a tricky situation for them.

Facing one outlawed sky-pride was enough trouble, let alone a few who probably resented them.

“That’s the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence. How are you related to Chu Kuangren?”

Bai Hongyu barked. Since the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence was a valuable resource, Chu Kuangren would definitely not share it with anyone not close to him.

“That’s none of your business.”

“Hmph, never mind then. I didn’t want to kill anyone today, but you guys are surely irritable. Don’t blame me for not holding back.”

The blade on the Fiery Dragon Phoenix Saber began to glow brighter.

“It didn’t seem like you were holding back anyway.”

Murong Xuan sneered.

“Slay!”

Bai Hongyu grunted. Without another word, she concentrated her spiritual powers to unleash yet another saber ray.

Murong Xuan and the other Daoists joined forces in defending her attack.

The trio had encountered various Opportunities of Fortune across Emperor Road and had seen tremendous improvements in their abilities. As such, their combined power was not something Bai Hongyu could easily defeat in a short span.

This irritated Bai Hongyu even further.

After all, she had acquired many Opportunities of Fortune throughout the Forbidden Barren Wasteland and had drastically improved her abilities.

Bai Hongyu had initially planned to challenge Chu Kuangren to a fight.

However, she now realized that she could not even defeat three of Chu Kuangren’s disciples. How was she supposed to put up a fight with Chu Kuangren?!

The more she thought about it, the angrier Bai Hongyu became, which reflected in her increasingly unforgiving attacks.

The majestic saber rays accompanied by the frightening sword shadows formed an incessant display over the realm.

Murong Xuan swung his sword around and unleashed a series of fiery sword rays that could burn the fabrics of this realm apart. His cultivation had surprisingly reached the level of a Boundary Emperor. Coupled with his formidable Emperor Techniques and high spiritual power quality, Murong Xuan could put on a tough fight even against the more outstanding Boundary Emperors.

Shang Qingxue was no weaker too. Ever since she acquired the resources of Heavenly Pool Mountain, her Daoist Physique had been elevated to a Supreme Daoist Physique, allowing her to unleash terrifying frost qi.

The frost qi came like the tide, one sweep after another.

Her attack patterns could put even the most remarkable Boundary Emperors on high alert.

Nangong Huang’s Yinyang God-eye spun as he transferred his spiritual powers into his sword rays.

The trio fought Bai Hongyu in an intense battle. At that moment, the Daoists seemed like they were inching closer to victory.

The crowd could clearly deduce that Bai Hongyu would have been defeated by now if not for her Emperor Weapon.

“Hmph, what an embarrassment to the outlawed sky-prides.”

The Sword Daoist snorted and attacked.

He lifted his hand and unfurled three beams of sword rays that forced the Daoists to retreat.

The Sword Daoist leaped forward and landed just in front of them, unleashing an explosion of Sword-based Daoist Rhymes so powerful that almost suffocated the trio.

Although the Sword Daoist was also an outlawed sky-pride just like Bai Hongyu, the former was far more powerful than the latter.

“Three attacks! If you can survive three of my sword attacks, I’ll let all of you go!”

The Sword Daoist said triumphantly.

“Oh, why don’t you test those attacks on me then?”

A clear voice resonated through the realm.

Then, the horizon shone with a majestic aura.

Chapter 588: Lan Yu Battles The Sword Daoist, Don’t Get Too Cocky Now

“Why don’t you test those attacks on me instead?”

A clear voice resonated through the realm.

A burst of white light erupted in the distance, discharging a plentiful amount of holy energy.

The boundless holy energy engulfed the whole area and covered half of the sky.

Touheng squinted his eyes at the eruption of holy energy. As creatures who were naturally inclined to darkness, the demonic cultivators were displeased at the presence of this holy energy. However, some of the non-demonic black-robed cultivators were frowning too.

“Judging from the aura, it seems like those pretentious b*stards have arrived.”

“But the voice doesn’t sound familiar. Besides, when has anyone in the Holy Light Religion displayed such strong holy energy?”

The black-robed cultivators were unsure.

On the other hand, Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, and Shang Qingxue were excited. They had seemingly thought of something.

“It’s her!”

A silver-haired lady dressed in a set of elegant armor emerged from the majestic light.

Everywhere she went, a plentiful amount of light energy intertwined and manifested into dozens of holy white flames that paved a pathway of light for her entrance.

It was as if the holy flames were marking the arrival of a Maiden Sage!

Many were instantly bewitched by the lady’s appearance.

“Oh my, what a beautiful person.”

“How majestic! Could she be a goddess from heaven?”

“Who’s that lady? Her aura is very extraordinary.”

The cultivators were blown away by her presence. Even the outlawed sky-prides were moved by it.

The trio of Black Heaven Sect could not contain their excitement.

“It really is Lan Yu!”

“She’s here. It looks like she has gotten a few folds stronger since her arrival at the Emperor Road.”

“What a powerful aura. That is no doubt Lan Yu.”

The lady was the newest-appointed Maiden Sage of the Holy Light Religion, who also happened to be Chu Kuangren’s closest disciple of the Black Heaven Sect. It was Lan Yu!

Soon, many cultivators of the Holy Light Religion appeared behind Lan Yu.

Their entrances riled up the cultivators at the Ancient Lavish Cave.

“The Holy Light Religion! They’re from the Holy Light Religion.”

“The Holy Light Religion and the Dark Shadow Religion are the two major religious orthodoxies of Emperor’s Road. They’re said to be the most ancient of the archaic orthodoxies to date.”

“The lady possesses a remarkable battle presence. Look! Even the Holy Bachelor Sage, an outlawed sky-pride, is standing behind her. I can’t imagine this lady’s status within the Holy Light Religion!”

Lan Yu’s spectacular appearance and holy aura had become the focus of attention at the Ancient Lavish Cave.

Even the Sword Daoist, who was a man who had seen a lot of attractive ladies, was in awe.

“When did the Holy Light Religion have someone like you? Bai Tianxing, do you care to explain all of it?”

Bai Tianxing lightly chuckled and said, “She’s the newly-appointed Maiden Sage of the Holy Light Religion.”

“The Holy Light Religion has lacked a Maiden Sage for many years, but it looks like you’ve finally filled the spot. However, why are you interfering in this affair?”

The Sword Daoist asked calmly.

Bai Tianxing was unsure too.

Lan Yu did not care to elaborate. She merely stared at the Sword Daoist and uttered, “If you wish to hurt them, you’ll have to get past me.”

The Black Heaven Sect was Chu Kuangren’s orthodoxy, and it was also her home.

Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, and Shang Qingxue were like a family to her. How could she sit back and watch the Sword Daoist hurt them?

“Well, it seems like you’re determined to interfere in our issue.”

The Sword Daoist frowned.

Although Lan Yu’s remarkable beauty had caught him off guard, it was not enough for the Sword Daoist to show them mercy.

“Make your move!” Lan Yu said firmly.

“Let’s see what the Holy Maiden Sage is made of.”

The Sword Daoist began to unleash a boundless wave of domineering sword qi, and all the swords in the vicinity began to tremble uncontrollably.

“As I’ve said, I’ll let them live if they can survive three of my sword strikes.”

“And since you wish to be the hero, you’ll be the one bearing these strikes instead!”

The Sword Daoist swung his sword and cast his first sword attack!

Like a pouring rain, the torrential sword qi descended from above!

Remaining in her place, Lan Yu’s palm began to burn with a ball of holy white flame.

As she struck out with her palm, her holy flame shot toward the sword ray!

The moment the two energies collided, the holy flame went out and the sword ray shattered!

The impact forced the surrounding sky-prides to retreat.

Meanwhile, Lan Yu stood unmoved. “Is that all your Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart has to offer? Compared to Master’s, yours is way weaker!”

It seemed like Lan Yu’s Master also possessed the Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart.

At that, the cultivators immediately connected the dots.

The Sword Daoist was stunned. “By Master, do you mean Chu Kuangren?!”

In the distance, Bai Tianxing, the Holy Bachelor Sage was surprised too. It turned out her Master was Chu Kuangren all along.

“Come, show me your next move. Let’s see how close you can get to Master’s level with your full strength.”

Lan Yu did not explicitly answer the Sword Daoist.

In the crowd’s opinion, it was understood as a sign of admittance on her part.

The cultivators were dumbfounded.

“Tsk, I never would’ve thought the Holy Maiden Sage would have such a level of admiration for Chu Kuangren. What a surprising revelation.”

“Chu Kuangren has way too many hidden surprises.”

“Indeed.”

Among the crowd, Li Celong’s eyes were burning with envy as he stared at Lan Yu.

F*ck. Why did all the outstanding cultivators have ties with Chu Kuangren?!

Leng Ningyu, Swordsman Mei, and now Lan Yu...

Each of them was a stellar sky-pride, and each of them possessed remarkable status in the world of cultivation.

“Those who stand with Chu Kuangren are my enemies!”

“The Holy Maiden Sage shall be no exception!”

The Sword Daoist grunted, and a powerful Sword-based Daoist Rhymes erupted from his body. Then, his spiritual powers began to converge and form an illusionary sword shadow.

As he swung his sword downwards, a devastating typhoon swept out. Like a mirror, the fabrics of the realm tore apart, and a white crack appeared.

“Wind of the Sword!”

Facing this Wind of the Sword, Lan Yu stood firm in her poise as her silver-white armor glittered majestically and emitted an endless amount of holy light aura!

“Holy Light Shield!”

Her holy light energies erupted and formed a divine shield before her that burned in white flames.

The blustery sword crashed into the divine shield with a clunk so loud that the surrounding earth rumbled.

With that, the shield broke into pieces, and the remaining power of the Sword Daoist’s attack managed to hit Lan Yu and force her back by several steps.

“Not too bad.”

Lan Yu patted the dust away from her armor and said calmly, “You still have one more left!”

“You won’t survive the last attack!”

“Don’t get too cocky now.”

“Hmph!” The Sword Daoist’s spiritual power began to mount. All at once, his Three Great Daoist Physique Transformations manifested.

As it was his last attack, the Sword Daoist pushed his spiritual powers and Sword-based Daoist Rhymes to its limit. A four-colored sword shadow then formed with the power of the Four Mystical Elements. The Sword Daoist did not have the sword emblems, but he still possessed the Four Mythical Sword Dao.

In fact, refining the Sword Emperor’s inheritance had given him a new level of insight into the Four Mythical Sword Dao.

The Sword Daoist struck out with his sword, channeling the power of Four Mystical Elements to form a dazzling sword shadow that aimed at Lan Yu!

“Spear of Judgement!”

Lan Yu’s Holy Divine Fire burned brighter and turned into a divine spear. In an instant, it was launched into the air!

The divine spear and the sword shadow collided violently!

The impact sent Lan Yu and the Sword Daoist each a few hundred meters back.

Chapter 589: The Outlawed Sky-Prides’ Intimidation, You’ve Grown Some Guts

“So strong! The display of power in that move may be close to a Sovereign’s!”

The sky-prides were in awe of the display of power brought forth by the collision of Lan Yu’s divine spear and the Sword Daoist’s sword shadow.

Even the outlawed sky-prides were concerned.

All the while, no one amongst the sky-prides had managed to attain combat strengths that resembled a Sovereign’s. If any, they were mostly Boundary Emperors who possessed an endless amount of resources.

However, the emergence of the Emperor’s Throne had granted the sky-prides access to a lucrative amount of resources. With tremendous improvement, some sky-prides now managed to exhibit combat strengths that were close to that of a Sovereign.

“I told you not to get too cocky.”

Lan Yu said. After receiving three sword attacks from the Sword Daoist, she still managed to come out unscathed. There were no questions that her combat strengths were as strong as those of the outlawed sky-prides.

In fact, she was no weaker than outlawed sky-prides like the Sword Daoist.

“Hmph. I didn’t even use my full strength.”

Slightly embarrassed that his opponent had survived three attacks, the Sword Daoist could only give a low grunt.

However, his statement was not entirely false.

After all, the Sword Daoist had not used his Emperor Weapon.

“Well, you can say anything now that you’ve lost your chance.”

Lan Yu uttered indifferently. Then, she stared at the rest of the cultivators and said, “Now, is there anyone else who wishes to hurt them?”

The crowd went silent.

Lan Yu's overwhelming display of power had made even the outlawed sky-prides unwilling to underestimate her.

Among the crowd, the black-robed cultivators merely exchanged glances, which carried a hint of shock and fear.

These were the cultivators from the Dark Shadow Religion, the rival institution of the Holy Light Religion. Both entities had been in a perpetual state of conflict for countless years now.

"The Holy Bachelor Sage is already tough to deal with. Yet now, we have to deal with another Holy Maiden Sage. I'm afraid the battle is going to get tougher."

"You're right. The Dark Shadow Religion must not be left behind. We must find our next Dark Maiden Sage as soon as possible."

The Dark Shadow Religion's cultivators were conversing with their spiritual thoughts.

Just then, a surge of dark aura approached from afar.

"This aura... It's Master Bachelor Sage."

The Dark Shadow Religion's cultivators stared passionately into the horizon.

"Haha, interesting, Holy Maiden Sage! Well, I insist on killing those whom you wish to protect!"

A palm strength infused with an unforgiving dark aura unleashed and covered the entire sky. The palm was coming straight for Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, and Shang Qingxue!

"Don't you dare!"

Lan Yu roared and stepped in between the Daoists and the palm qi.

A copious amount of holy light aura surged out. Lan Yu retaliated with a palm technique, sending white wildfire towards the black palm strength.

An earthshaking explosion ensued as darkness and light intertwined relentlessly. The fabrics of space were directly torn apart.

The devastating shock waves came one ripple after another.

Amidst the frightening atmosphere, a black-robed cultivator dashed from afar.

"It's Feng Mo, the Bachelor Sage of the Dark Shadow Religion!"

"Now that the outlawed sky-prides of Holy Light Religion and Dark Shadow Religion are here, should we expect a battle?"

"It's possible."

It was a widely known fact that light and darkness were always at odds with one another.

Many crusades between the religions had been fought since archaic times in the name of their beliefs.

"Feng Mo!"

Bai Tianxing froze in surprise. "Your aura seems much stronger now."

"It's just my fate. Bai Tianxing, I didn't expect that you'd let a lady crawl over your head."

Feng Mo mocked.

Bai Tianxing's face sunk for a moment before he stared coldly at Feng Mo. "If you're looking for a fight, I'm more than ready!"

"I'm more interested in this Maiden Sage for now."

Ignoring Bai Tianxing, Feng Mo averted his attention to Lan Yu, who was staring back at him with an ice-cold gaze.

After all, Feng Mo tried to kill Shang Qingxue and the other Daoists.

It was more than enough to trigger Lan Yu's murderous intent.

"Holy Maiden Sage, I've told you that I'll kill anyone you wish to protect!"

Feng Mo taunted mischievously.

He did not even know Nangong Huang and the other Daoists, but the more Lan Yu wished to protect them, the more he wanted to kill them!

In fact, it was his first time meeting Lan Yu.

However, if light and darkness could never coexist, then Feng Mo and Lan Yu were destined to be enemies.

"You're looking for trouble!"

Feng Mo's remarks had deeply triggered Lan Yu's murderous intent.

The raging fire of light instantly erupted!

The majestic holy energies surged endlessly from Lan Yu's body, forcing Feng Mo several steps back into safety.

"You're strong. No wonder you can get above Bai Tianxing."

"However, have you experienced the despair of darkness?"

Feng Mo snorted and discharged a powerful dark qi that contrasted with Lan Yu's holy energy!

As light and darkness could not coexist, an explosion ensued!

The impact of the opposing energies caused the surrounding earth to fissure while the cultivators were forced to retreat outside the battlefield.

"Spear of Judgement!"

Without further delay, Lan Yu unleashed her most powerful technique.

Lan Yu forged a divine spear out of her holy flame and launched it fiercely towards Feng Mo. Its magnitude of power had taken Feng Mo by surprise.

“Sword of Despair!”

Feng Mo drew a black longsword that had several glittering gemstones carved into its handle. Nonetheless, the gemstones were also radiating the presence of pure dark energy.

By focusing the dark energy of despair into his blade, Feng Mo managed to the incoming divine spear by swinging his sword forward.

Boom!

An even more explosion ensued this time.

It blasted both Feng Mo and Lanyu away.

“Dark Realm Annihilation!”

Feng Mo regained his poise and channeled a powerful dark spiritual energy into his longsword.

Boundless Dark Daoist Rhymes released and formed into a frightening sword ray that brought upon utter darkness and destruction in its path!

“Divine Cosmos Illumination!”

Lan Yu lifted her hand where a large concentration of light aura converged into her palm.

A ray of majestic, otherworldly light lit up the entire sky, as if it was the first light that lit up the world!

Light and darkness fought each other in the air until a sky-shattering explosion erupted. It was so loud that even the clouds ten thousand kilometers away tumbled.

Light and darkness dispersed over the realm.

In the end, they both returned to their sources.

“Maiden Sage, let me help you.”

Bai Tianxing said. As the Bachelor Sage of the Holy Light Religion, he had the duty to fight against the Dark Shadow Religion.

Since he offered his hand, the Sword Daoist was keen to join the fight too.

“I won’t stand by and watch you outnumber your opponent.”

Although the Sword Daoist was no ally to the Dark Shadow Religion, he did not mind helping them just for the sake of spiting Lan Yu.

After all, Lan Yu had close ties to Chu Kuangren.

“We don’t welcome anyone who’s related to Chu Kuangren!”

Bai Hongyu said and stood beside Feng Mo.

“Heh. Although I don’t wish to provoke the Holy Light Religion, you can only blame yourself for wanting to protect Chu Kuangren’s disciples.”

Wang Quan stared insignificantly at Lan Yu and the Daoists as he spoke.

“Haha. How can the demonic tribe not get involved with harming Chu Kuangren?”

Touheng leaped to the front. The demonic qi that seethed from his body was almost similar to Feng Mo’s dark qi, except it had another layer of eeriness to it.

The Dark Shadow Religion, Sword Tribe, Wang clan, Bai clan, and the demonic tribe were now working together to defeat Lan Yu!

Bai Tianxing frowned slightly, showing signs of backing out from the battle. “Maiden Sage, this isn’t good. Your Master seems to have offended way too many people.”

Lan Yu ignored his remarks and stood firmly in front of Nangong Huang and the rest. “My stance remains. If you want to hurt them, you’ll have to get past me!”

“If that’s the case, don’t blame us then!”

The Sword Daoist sneered coldly.

Just before the outlawed sky-prides were about to attack.

A majestic longsword, imbued with remarkably sharp sword qi, flew across the horizon and implanted itself firmly in the center of the battlefield.

The boundless sword qi surged out from the sword blade and spread in all directions!

The outlawed sky-prides could not help but retreat under such overwhelming power.

“You’ve surely grown some guts for wanting to hurt my Black Heaven Sect members!”

A firm voice echoed through the realm, as if it was preceding the arrival of a godly being!

Chapter 590: One Move To Defeat Bai Hongyu and Wang Quan, It’s All Just A Game

“You’ve all surely grown some guts for daring to hurt my disciples!”

The ancient majestic sword planted itself firmly between both sides of the battlefield before a person’s voice echoed clearly throughout the realm. His voice was so cold that it could freeze the air.

The voice was riled with a hint of murderous intent.

The clouds rolled over, revealing a handsome white-clothed figure that descended from the sky.

The person was none other than Chu Kuangren.

There were also three spectacular ladies behind him. They were Leng Ningyu, Chi Yue, and Swordsman Mei.

Sword Daoist was seething with hatred at the sight of it.

Swordsman Mei was an excellent sky-pride of the Sword Tribe who once craved his affection, whereas Leng Ningyu was someone he was deeply in love with.

Yet, both ladies were now standing by Chu Kuangren's side, and Swordsman Mei, especially, was glowing with admiration.

It fueled the Sword Daoist's hatred to the brim.

Among the crowd, Li Celong was burning with anger and jealousy too.

"Chu Kuangren, these sky-prides are no longer as helpless as they used to be. Let's see how you can defeat them!"

Chu Kuangren glided across the air and landed beside the Self Descendant Sword.

Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, and Shang Qingxue were overjoyed.

After a brief moment of disbelief, Lan Yu instinctively stood behind Chu Kuangren and tried to contain her overwhelming excitement. "Master, it's been a while."

She glanced across the three ladies who accompanied Chu Kuangren, attempting to gauge their relationships with Chu Kuangren.

"Yes, it's been a while indeed. How's everything been going for you?"

"Everything's fine."

Except that she missed him deeply.

Of course, Lan Yu's stubbornness would not allow her to express such feelings for Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren smiled. Reuniting with Lan Yu had put him in an exceptionally good mood.

However, when he turned around to face the outlawed sky-prides, his smile disappeared. Instead, it was replaced by an unforgiving expression.

"You guys have gotten cockier now."

Chu Kuangren's voice stirred a dramatic reaction in the surrounding natural qi, causing a freezing chill to blow over momentarily.

"We're cocky because we can afford to be so. Chu Kuangren, our abilities aren't what they used to be anymore. Do you think you can still emerge on top?"

Bai Hongyu grunted coldly and summoned a red blinding saber ray with her Fiery Dragon Phoenix Saber.

As she struck out with her sword, a saber shadow conjured in the air. Suddenly, a transformation of a scene depicting celestials worshipping the sky emerged in the void, where a pair of dragon and phoenix rampaged through the sword shadow!

Bai Hongyu had drawn all the power she had from both her Emperor Weapon and Emperor Technique!

It was a move that would put anyone below a Sovereign on edge.

If this had been the previous battle, perhaps even Chu Kuangren needed to be careful.

However, the outlawed sky-prides were not the only people who had improved drastically.

Chu Kuangren's advancement was far greater than anyone would have imagined!

With his finger, Chu Kuangren merely stroked across the air and unleashed a magnificent purple sword ray at Bai Hongyu's attack.

The sword ray shattered the saber shadow, slain the dragon and phoenix, and proceeded to hit Bai Hongyu's body mercilessly.

Even with the protection of her red armor, Bai Hongyu could not help but spat a mouthful of blood. Like a broken kite, her entire body was sent flying away, and her once domineering aura instantly dwindled. She was in complete disbelief as she laid helplessly on the ground.

She was certain that she had improved a lot, yet a single sword ray had defeated her.

Having been defeated so quickly was... simply a disaster!

"So is this why you can afford to be cocky?"

"Woman, I'm shocked at how stupid you are."

Chu Kuangren stared down into Bai Hongyu's and said indifferently.

Upon witnessing the scene, the other sky-prides were incredulous too.

After all, Bai Hongyu was, at the very least, an outlawed sky-pride!

Yet, she was defeated just like that?

Such... such combat strengths were just too much to take in.

"His abilities have gotten much stronger."

Wang Quan said solemnly.

He knew that despite his drastic improvements, he would not be fully confident of parrying that move.

"One move!"

"I only have one chance to make a move! If I can't defeat Chu Kuangren in this move, then it'll be the end of me!"

Wang Quan took a deep breath and leaped forward, unleashing a display of glistening five-colored aura above him that turned into a five-colored wheel. Like the endless tidal waves, his boundless spiritual powers spread outward endlessly.

Not only that, but he also retrieved his Emperor Weapon.

It was a bell!

A five-colored bell carved with the depiction of the mountains!

It was the Wang clan's Emperor Weapon, the Five Ways Mountain Bell. The Wang Clan Matriarch had previously used this to battle Chu Kuangren.

"Chu Kuangren, come and experience the combined power of my upgraded Five Ways Divine Wheel and this Five Ways Mountain Bell!"

Wang Quan roared.

The Five Ways Divine Wheel began to radiate brightly as the Five Ways Mountain Bell let out a groundbreaking toll.

"Five Way's Grip of Capture!"

Wang Quan clawed forward with his hand, and his fingers projected a five-colored array that manifested as a gigantic palm reaching for Chu Kuangren!

The boundless aura eclipsed the sky and shook all the mountains in the vicinity.

"I see you've mastered the Five Ways energy pretty well. Unfortunately, your Five Ways techniques are no match for my sword technique!"

Chu Kuangren glimpsed at the Self Descendant Sword, which immediately unplucked itself from the ground and levitated to his side. As the sword spun in its axis, it unleashed a brutal sword ray from the tip of its blade!

Like a flash of lightning, the sword ray pierced through the sky and penetrated the Five Way's Grip of Capture.

The enormous palm immediately shattered under the sword's effortless maneuver.

Wang Quan was horrified as he hastily placed the Five Ways Mountain Bell before him to block the sword ray's attack.

To his surprise, the Five Ways Mountain Bell was flung out of his hand before the remaining sword ray blasted on his body and destroyed the Five Ways Divine Wheel above him. Wang Quan felt more than several bones broken into pieces as his body was blasted into a mountain peak nearby.

The mountain peak immediately collapsed into rubble.

"This bell seems like a fine addition."

Noticing the flying Five Ways Mountain Bell, Chu Kuangren retrieved it by using his spiritual thoughts.

The Five Ways Mountain Bell attempted to resist but was overpowered by Chu Kuangren's coercive spiritual thoughts.

"He has become so strong!"

Touheng had initially wanted to join in the fight against Chu Kuangren. However, after witnessing Wang Quan and Bai Hongyu's fate, he was so afraid that he stepped back quietly.

The rest of the sky-prides were dead silent as well.

At that moment, a brutal burst of Sword-based Daoist Rhymes erupted, causing all of the cultivators' swords to shudder in its presence.

Chu Kuangren could recognize the Daoist Rhymes. He turned to Sword Daoist and said, "Looks like it's your time to shine now."

"Chu Kuangren, I shall achieve my vengeance today!"

"Vengeance? Heh, to you, it's vengeance. But to me, it's all just a game."

Chu Kuangren chuckled.

He had never taken the Sword Daoist seriously. After all, the Sword Daoist was no different than an insignificant ant.

Who would seek vengeance from an insignificant ant?