

After executing the group of men, Chen Hao turned his gaze toward Su Hong, who was already petrified. Her feet were planted on the ground and she did not dare move a muscle.

“Don’t... don’t you dare come near me. I-I am from the Su Family!” said Su Hong in a trembling voice when she saw Chen Hao stepping toward her.

Even at that moment, Su Hong did not forget to make it clear that she was from the Su Family. Her still wanting to use the Su family to threaten Chen Hao showed just how mindless she was.

“Forget about it, Chen Hao!” said Su Tongxin. At that moment, she walked up to Chen Hao and tugged his arm.

After all, Su Hong was still a lady. She was also her biological father’s daughter, and that was why Su Tongxin did not want to cause any more harm to Su Hong.

“Fine!” replied Chen Hao, who gave Su Tongxin a nod and obeyed her instruction.

“You’re Su Hong, right? Listen to me carefully—if you and your Su Family dare to

harm Tongxin in any way again, I promise you that your Su Family will disappear from Ling Province. I am a man of my words!”

However, Chen Hao still wanted to give Su Hong and the Su Family a warning. If not, they would think that Su Tongxin could be easily picked on.

Su Hong did not dare say anything else after hearing Chen Hao’s warning. She could only give him a nod.

After his warning, Chen Hao quickly left the scene together with Su Tongxin.

As for those men who had died, Su Hong and her family would surely think of ways to get rid of the problem. Moreover, those men were hired by them to carry out the job. Hence, it was certain that the Su Family would not dare to make the incident known to the public.

A short while after Chen Hao and Su Tongxin had left the scene, Su Hong finally mustered the courage to call her mother, Liu Caifeng. She narrated the entire incident to her over the phone.

Chen Hao left Ling Province along with Chen Xiao and Su Tongxin after fleeing the scene.

Leaving Ling Province was the only way to stop Su Hong and her family from troubling them since they would have no clue on their whereabouts.

After traveling the entire day, the three of them finally returned to Xuanyang Palace.

As soon as they arrived back, Master Ghost came looking for Chen Hao.

“What is the urgent matter, Master Ghost?” asked Chen Hao, looking at Master Ghost curiously.

“Chen Hao, the portal leading to another realm has opened up. I just wanted to ask if you’d like to travel there,” asked Master Ghost.

Chen Hao looked very astonished after hearing Master Ghost’s words.

He did not expect another realm to really exist in this world.

“Where is this portal that leads to the other

realm, Master Ghost?” Chen Hao paused for a bit before asking Master Ghost urgently.

Master Ghost extended his arms and gesticulated in front of Chen Hao. In an instant, a blue ray shot out of his fingertips, flying toward the distant sky above.

“The portal is at the Sky-Piercing Monument of the Border Realm!” Not long after, Master Ghost informed Chen Hao the exact location of the portal.

“However, if you choose to enter another realm, you must prepare for the possibility of losing some things in the process!” Master Ghost reminded Chen Hao earnestly.

Chen Hao nodded, understanding what Master Ghost was trying to imply.

The next day, Chen Hao bid Su Tongxin and his family farewell before leaving Xuanyang Palace. He then went on his way to the Sky-Piercing Monument of the Border Realm.

Countless people had gathered at the Sky-

Piercing Monument of the Border Realm after news of its opening spread across the entire realm.

This was an extremely significant opportunity for everyone; the prospect of allowing travelers to explore another realm only presented itself once in several decades.

During his journey to the Border Realm, Chen Hao had used the Sound Transmission Amulet to communicate with Zhou Nuo.

The moment Zhou Nuo found out that Chen Hao was heading to the Sky-Piercing Monument as well, she was overjoyed because she was going there herself. Thus, she started her journey to the Sky-Piercing Monument at once and waited for Chen Hao there.

That afternoon, Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo managed to meet up with each other.

Although it had only been a few days, Zhou Nuo missed Chen Hao very dearly. The moment she saw Chen Hao, she hugged him tightly, ignoring the presence of everyone else around her.

Chen Hao was already used to Zhou Nuo's behavior. In addition to that, he knew he did not have the heart to turn Zhou Nuo down.

"Chen Hao, how did you come to know about the news of the opening of the Sky-Piercing Monument?" Zhou Nuo asked Chen Hao, feeling extremely curious. Technically speaking, there was no way Earthlings could come across news of the opening of the Sky-Piercing Monument; only those from the Border Realm would know about it.

"Hehe, I heard it through the grapevine!" Chen Hao put on a faint smile, explaining it plainly to Zhou Nuo.

To be fair, Chen Hao could be considered as half a citizen of the Border Realm since he had mastered the strength of his Mystique Talismans from the Border Realm.

Ding!

Just then, there was a light ring.

Indeed, the sound was coming from the Sky-Piercing Monument, which was just

about to open up.

The Sky-Piercing Monument started vibrating before a vortex gradually appeared on the monument. As the vortex grew in size, so did the intensity of the light. It did not stop growing until a huge passage was formed.

After that, a few men dressed in weird costumes walked out of the passage in the vortex, looking completely different from Earthlings and those from the Border Realm. They came from another realm known as the Celestial Continent.

There was a secret passageway between the Celestial Continent and the Border Realm. It would only open once every few decades, but it would remain open for a year.

Throughout this one-year duration, people would be able to travel between the Border Realm and the Celestial Continent freely. It was considered as a day of convergence between the two realms.

However, people from the Celestial Continent would never leave that place and head the Border Realm; it was only

those from the Border Realm that would travel to the Celestial Continent. It had always been like this every time the passageway opened up.

“Everyone, today is the day of convergence between my Celestial Continent and the Border Realm. I am the guardian of the Celestial Continent, Kong Ming. However, this year will be quite different from the past. According to the latest law of the Celestial Continent, not everyone can enter our realm. You can only proceed after you have obtained the qualifications for it!” The guardian, Kong Ming, looked at the crowd below him as he explained the law to them.

Upon hearing the new law, there was a huge uproar among the crowd. The people felt that the law was too strict. Before this, everyone could go in and out of the Celestial Continent freely. Why was there a new law in place this year?

As soon as he finished explaining, Kong Ming waved his hands. A whole new passage appeared above the original one.

“Inside this passage is called the ‘Challenge of the Illusion Realm’. Every one

of you will have to use your Divine Sense to enter this place. You will not be able to come out once you enter, unless your Divine Sense has been destroyed, or if you have successfully gathered five god stones. Only those who have successfully obtained all five god stones will be qualified to enter my Celestial Continent. The god stone is an item you will obtain as proof that you've defeated another person's Divine Sense!"

"Now, every one of you will have one hour to enter this realm to prepare yourselves. The passage will close half an hour later, and the challenge will officially begin!"

Kong Ming explained the rules in detail once again.

As soon as he finished talking, a rustle spread throughout the crowd immediately. People were scrambling to the entrance of the passageway leading to the 'Challenge of Illusion Realm'. Everyone was getting excited and prepared to accept the challenge that was coming.

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“Chen Hao, we'd better hurry in. If we go in any later, most of the advantageous positions might already be occupied by the others!” Zhou Nuo quickly suggested to Chen Hao when she saw the sight before them.

Chen Hao nodded slightly. After that, he followed Zhou Nuo into the passageway, turning into their Divine Senses before entering the ‘Challenge of the Illusion Realm’.

After turning into their respective Divine Senses, a dense forest appeared in front of Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo as they entered the Illusion Realm. It was refreshing and comfortable, which made them feel like they were in paradise. However, both of them knew that this was the Illusion Realm; nobody knew what danger would be hiding around them.

Moreover, nobody knew exactly how big the Illusion Realm actually was, but it was definitely not a place that housed a forest only.

Indeed, they were right.

The ‘Challenge of the Illusion Realm’

comprised a few different huge locations, including forests, deserts, ancient cities and snowfields. Everyone's Divine Sense would appear at a different place.

However, luck was on Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo's side because the both of them had appeared at the same location. This signified that the Heavens were keeping the two of them safe.

There was still 15 minutes before the challenge began, so Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo had some free time to stroll around the forest for a moment while making conversation.

"Chen Hao, the both of us will have to gather ten god stones in order to enter the Celestial Continent. This means we have to defeat ten people!" Zhou Nuo explained the situation to Chen Hao.

Chen Hao nodded and replied, "That's right. To be honest, this rule took everyone by surprise. Nobody expected the Celestial Continent to enforce such stringent restrictions!"

"There was no such law before this. Previously, people were allowed to cross

the Border Realm into the Celestial Continent freely!” explained Zhou Nuo, who was shaking her head. Nonetheless, those days were gone—times were different now.

“Apart from the both of us who have formed a team, I am sure that there are many other people who have formed alliances as well. We must not ignore the fact that we might face formidable opponents with amazing skills, because there are many strong experts here in the Border Realm!” Chen Hao, who was observing his surroundings, reminded Zhuo Nuo.

Except for Chen Hao, everyone who entered the Illusion Realm were all from the Border Realm; he was the only Earthling among them. Furthermore, there were many skillful opponents in the Border Realm who were adept at camouflaging. It seemed like this trip into the Illusion Realm would be a good experience for Chen Hao.

Nevertheless, Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo’s skills were not too bad themselves. They could still handle average opponents with ease.

As long as they did not face any opponent in the Immortality Stage, Seventh Tier of Soul Cultivation, or in the stage of True God, the person would not pose much threat to them.

“The countdown starts now!”

At the very moment, Kong Ming’s reminder came from the sky.

“Ten!”

“Nine!”

“Eight... Seven... Six...”

As the final seconds ticked down, Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo exchanged gazes before leaping upward simultaneously onto a huge tree in front of them.

The two of them stood still on a branch, using the leaves to conceal their bodies. If people did not look closely, there was no way anyone would notice their presence.

After all, they did not know what sort of danger lay around their surroundings. Thus, the best method was to wait for their opponents to show themselves. Chen Hao

and Zhou Nuo would then wait for the right opportunity to launch their attack instead of advancing recklessly.

Thousands of people had participated in the challenge this time. Although the Illusion Realm was vast, the probability of stumbling across opponents was still quite high.

“The countdown ends, and the challenge shall begin!”

As soon as Kong Ming announced the commencement of the challenge, the sky fell silent. Even the surroundings were seemingly still. There were no movements except for the sound of leaves rustling in the wind.

Nonetheless, many people were eliminated in no time. These people were mostly the weaker ones, as well as those who did not know how to hide themselves. Hence, they were immediately targeted by people like how animals target their prey.

“Chen Hao, it won’t be ideal for us to stay hidden here, right? Based on our strengths, we should be the ones initiating the fight. Let’s look for those who are weak or

alone!” Zhou Nuo suggested it to Chen Hao. She was feeling annoyed that they had to stay hidden like this. After all, their strengths were already at the Immortality Stage.

Chen Hao felt that what Zhou Nuo said made some sense as well.

“Alright, let’s initiate the attacks. This way, we can gather the god stones and leave this place sooner!” Chen Hao did not turn down Zhou Nuo’s suggestion. Instead, he agreed with her immediately.

With that, the both of them flew down from the tree.

Whoosh!

As soon as they landed on the ground, several arrows shot out from the surrounding trees.

Fortunately, Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo had quick reflexes. They swiftly dodged the oncoming arrows, which buried themselves into a tree behind the two.

After that, three men with bows in their hands leapt out from the trees,

surrounding Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo.

“Hey, brother! It looks like luck is on our side. We found prey so soon!” said the bald man with a wicked smile. He was talking to the man beside him who had a scar.

The three of them were advancing in the surroundings silently when Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo suddenly flew down from the tree. As soon as they saw the duo, they knew this was their chance. Hence, they quickly launched their attacks without a moment of hesitation.

“Huh, there are only two of them. It is not even enough to split among the three of us!” The man with the scar let out a snort and remarked disdainfully.

“Is that so? But the three of you will be enough to split among the both of us!” The corners of Chen Hao’s lips curled up in a strange smile when he heard what the scarred man said.

As soon as Chen Hao finished talking, he unleashed a wave of Sword Energy, killing the three men on the spot.

After the three men were defeated, their bodies turned into three god stones and appeared in front of Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo.

Chen Hao walked toward the three god stones to pick them up. He kept one for himself while giving the other two to Zhou Nuo.

“Here, these two are for you!”

Zhou Nuo was stunned when she heard that. She did not expect Chen Hao to split the god stones in such a manner, giving her two out of the three god stones.

“Chen Hao, you should keep all of the stones since you killed the three of them!”

Zhou Nuo quickly rejected his offer. She felt like these were Chen Hao’s bounty for killing those men. She did not even do a thing, and did not have the audacity to take the god stones from Chen Hao.

“It’s fine. You can take them first. I’m fine with it,” said Chen Hao as he stuffed the two god stones into Zhou Nuo’s hands.

Zhou Nuo had no choice but to accept the

god stones. Nonetheless, she was very moved by Chen Hao's actions.

This was considered as their first encounter within the challenge. However, since these three men came to 'offer' their lives, Chen Hao had to kindly accept their gifts. If not, he would be making a fool out of himself.

There was a Chinese saying: *it would be a grave mistake if one does not seize the opportunity when presented.*

After that, Chen Hao and Zhou Nuo continued their search for the next prey.

However, after walking for almost an hour, the two of them did not cross paths with anyone else, making them feel extremely confused and suspicious. Were there only a few people left in the challenge?

The challenge that welcomed thousands of participants began not too long ago. How could it come to an end so fast?

Although the two of them were perplexed by this, they could only continue their search, and did not stop until they reached a riverbank.

Chapter 840 Challenge of the Illusion Realm



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