

Chaotic 2621

Chapter 2621: The Decisions of the Empires

As Tong Wuming, Zhou Zhidao, and Lieyan Wuji retreated in defeat, the elite forces they had brought from their three organisations suffered heavy losses as well. They retreated under the attacks of the Four Symbols Alliance, and in just a short moment, several Primordial realm experts fell.

The Four Symbols Alliance had launched an all-out offence. They used all the forces of the alliance without holding back at all. It was not just Godhood elites and Primordial realm experts. Even Origin realm and Sainthood cultivators took part in the battle.

Even though they were weak, they could unleash power beyond their cultivation when they fell into formations together.

As a result, the cultivators that surged out of the Four Symbols Alliance were like a flood. There were so many of them that there were at least two or three million.

On the other hand, the Righteous Alliance had never expected experts to come from the Desolate Plane, so they had only brought their elites to minimise their casualties. They were all at Godhood at the very least. They only had around two hundred thousand people across the three organisations, so they were obviously at a numerical disadvantage.

They did not even have as many Godhood cultivators or Primordial realm experts as the Four Symbols Alliance.

If the Martial Soul lineage had not been pinned down, they would have had more than enough power to deal with the Four Symbols Alliance.

However, the Martial Soul lineage was already struggling to deal with their own predicament, so they were unable to provide any assistance at all. Ever since the betrayal, the Righteous Alliance's strength had plummeted. It was impossible for them to be the Four Symbols Alliance's opponent.

"Great elder!"

At this moment, a sorrowful cry rang out. The head of a Chaotic Prime great elder from the Righteous Alliance had exploded from a punch. His soul failed to escape, so he directly died there.

Two Chaotic Primes from the Four Symbols Alliance had killed him. They worked together to successfully kill someone during this period of time.

At the same time, Lieyan Wuji roared out furiously as he retreated. His voice was filled with grief.

The Chaotic Prime who had died was a great elder of the Firegod clan. Losing such an expert was a heavy loss to any peak organisation on the Cloud Plane.

"No one hold back! Use your full strength! Kill, kill, kill them all..." An old voice boomed out. It was filled with evident fury and killing intent.

A Chaotic Prime great elder from the Four Symbols Alliance called out. His eyes were bloodshot as gave this ruthless command.

During the past few days, the Four Symbols Alliance could only hide in their protective formation and wait for their deaths under the combined efforts of the Righteous Alliance and the Martial Soul lineage. They could not afford to take a single step out, as leaving meant death.

As a result, the entire Four Symbols Alliance was extremely vexed. They felt aggrieved and were filled with the fear towards death. Now that the tides had turned, and they finally saw a glimmer of hope in the darkness of death, all of them valued this opportunity very much. They all used their full strength to rapidly enlarge this glimmer of hope that they had obtained after so much difficulty.

In contrast to the Four Symbols Alliance, which basically unleashed a hundred and twenty percent of their strength, the Righteous Alliance's morale was low. They fought as they fled, and their casualties rapidly increased.

"Hahahaha, Xi Emperor, it looks like the situation of your Righteous Alliance has taken a turn for the worse. The Righteous Alliance has begun running. They're not the Four Symbols Alliance's opponent." In the imperial palace of the Blood Sun Empire, the Blood Emperor was overjoyed. He was extremely happy. He had almost begun dancing in joy.

"The Righteous Alliance seems to have lost a Chaotic Prime. The battle is just too intense. It's basically the final battle to the death between the two alliances. Xi Emperor, it's best if you take part in something like this." The Blood Emperor acted like he was trying to persuade the Xi Emperor, but he was actually scoffing at him.

The Xi Emperor said nothing. He took a step and immediately vanished, leaving the Blood Sun Empire. He used his speed as a Chaotic Prime to cross through the southern region and quickly returned to the Xi Empire.

The two other Chaotic Primes of the Xi Empire, Xi Haoxuan and Xi Haoming, had already emerged from seclusion. They gathered together sternly.

The Xi Emperor directly appeared before the two of them. He was stern as well.

"Ziyun, you're the emperor of the Xi Empire. What do you think we should do about this?" Xi Haoxuan asked sternly. Not only was he the ancestral emperor and ancestor of the Xi Empire, but he was also the Xi Emperor's father.

"Sound the war drums. Gather all the experts of the Xi Empire and ready all armies for war..."

"Immediately summon experts from all the organisations and sects in the Xi Empire to gather in the imperial capital..."

"Immediately summon experts from all the ancient empires, divine kingdoms, and so on in the northern region to gather in the imperial capital..."

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As soon as the Xi Emperor returned, he passed down order after order as the emperor of the Xi Empire. Every single order was an imperial edict and was carried out as quickly as possible. Not only did it reach

the organisations of various sizes in the Xi Empire, but even the independent ancient empires had received the Xi Emperor's edict.

Immediately, the entire northern region was shaken up.

The Xi Emperor used his actions to show his decision. He planned on gathering the power of the entire northern region to fight alongside the Righteous Alliance.

At this moment, the current emperor of the Zihao Empire in the eastern region passed down the same orders as the Xi Emperor. The entire eastern region immediately began to surge.

The three Chaotic Primes of the Zihao Empire all emerged from seclusion. They were extremely stern as they said with authority, "At a time like this, we cannot retreat. We can only face everything courageously and assist the Righteous Alliance against the Four Symbols Alliance. After all, if the Righteous Alliance is defeated or destroyed, our Zihao Empire will face a terrible fate."

"Our Zihao Empire will rise and fall with the Righteous Alliance..."

The two ancestral emperors stood atop the imperial palace of the Jinjian Empire. They stared at the southern region deeply.

"Ancestral emperors, do we mobilise our experts to provide support?" The emperor of the Jinjian Empire stood politely beside the ancestral emperors and asked carefully.

"There's no need to hurry. The Righteous Alliance is at an inferior position right now. If no accidents happen, they will definitely suffer defeat. The Martial Soul lineage has encountered powerful opponents, and they're already struggling with their own predicament. As such, the distribution of power on the Cloud Plane will probably undergo an upheaving change. If we take the wrong side, what awaits us is destruction."

"We should just observe and not take any actions just yet. We should make our decision at the final moment," an ancestral emperor of the Jinjian Empire said sternly.

Chapter 2622: Assaulting the Martial Soul Mountain

It was also at this moment that the everlasting empires in the eastern, northern, and western regions made their decisions simultaneously.

As powerful emperors that reigned over an entire region, their decisions could affect all the organisations in their respective region.

Among the three regions, the Xi Empire and the Zihao Empire had already mobilised, gathering their forces against the Four Symbols Alliance's.

The Jinjian Empire chose a different route from the eastern and northern regions. As a member of the Righteous Alliance, they chose to remain quiet instead. They did nothing.

In outer space, the sun condensed from Xu Zhiping's Laws of the Sun radiated with dazzling light and terrifying heat. Its effects on the Cloud Plane rapidly weakened.

This was because their battle location in outer space constantly shifted as they constantly moved away from the Cloud Plane. After reaching a certain point, the influence from the Laws of the Sun on the Cloud Plane would decrease.

Xu Zhiping currently sat within the huge sun as he stared at the mountain soul. As time went on, he gradually frowned.

“Just how much energy is in the Martial Soul Mountain? It is under the constant attack of my Laws of the Sun, but its energy hasn’t decreased much at all,” thought Xu Zhiping. After a moment of thought, he looked at Gongsun Zhi, who was being led around like a dog by Yue Chao. He called out, “Leader, don’t waste anymore time with him. The difference between your cultivations is far too great. If he doesn’t want to fight with you, you can’t catch up to him. I’ve already trapped the Martial Soul Mountain, so hurry up and come over to attack the Martial Soul Mountain with your protector sword. The Martial Soul Mountain definitely won’t be able to last much longer given the might of the protector sword.”

When he heard Xu Zhiping’s words, Gongsun Zhi’s eyes suddenly lit up as he ‘hunted’ Yue Chao down. He immediately abandoned Yue Chao and flew towards the Martial Soul Mountain.

Yue Chao hovered in the distance. As he watched Gongsun Zhi fly towards the Martial Soul Mountain, he immediately guessed Gongsun Zhi’s intentions. His expression suddenly changed.

“Oh no, he’s trying to attack the mountain soul. The protector sword poses a much greater threat than both Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun. The mountain soul probably won’t be able to last very long.” Yue Chao’s heart sank. He immediately pursued Gongsun Zhi in an attempt to stop him from approaching the mountain soul.

“Haha, Yue Chao, weren’t you pretty good at running before? You didn’t even want to make contact with me. Now that I’m about to attack the Martial Soul Mountain, you’ve finally begun to panic. However, it’s useless even if you panic now. Once I destroy your Martial Soul Mountain and disrupt your so-called Martial Soul Array, your Martial Soul lineage will become lambs for slaughter in my hands.” Gongsun Zhi laughed aloud. He ignored Yue Chao’s frantic attacks. He guarded himself with the impenetrable power of the protector sword as he approached the Martial Soul Mountain with lightning speed.

Yue Chao’s expression was ugly. He launched several attacks, but he failed to harm Gongsun Zhi who was protected by the power of the protector sword. As a Ninth Heavenly Layer Chaotic Prime of the Martial Soul lineage, there was nothing he could do to Gongsun Zhi.

“So what if you have a protector sword? You’re still just a Godking.” Yue Chao snorted coldly. Suddenly, he struck out again. Terrifying energy surged in the space there as he directly threw a punch at the space in front of Gongsun Zhi.

Immediately, the space there collapsed, forming a huge crack right in front of Gongsun Zhi.

Gongsun Zhi’s expression changed slightly. He immediately stopped and stared at the crack through the light around him. When he saw the temporal vortices in the crack, he could not help but become slightly afraid.

“Those temporal vortices are the most terrifying objects in spatial cracks. It’s said that millions or even billions of years can pass in an instant once someone falls into them, or maybe time can regress by millions of years. Let alone millions of years, would I still exist in this world after regressing a hundred thousand years?” Gongsun Zhi’s heart shivered as he stared at the temporal vortices.

A hundred thousand years ago, he was not even born yet.

Without any hesitation, Gongsun Zhi immediately retreated. He pulled far away from the spatial crack to stop himself from falling in.

However, Yue Chao clearly wanted to trap Gongsun Zhi like this. He constantly threw his fists in the distance. Every punch would fly over with astonishing power, smashing through space and constantly creating spatial cracks around Gongsun Zhi.

At that moment, Gongsun Zhi was stuck. He felt an instinctual fear towards the temporal vortices that wreaked havoc in the spatial cracks. He dared not set his foot in there.

This was because he had no confidence that his protector sword could fend off the power of the temporal vortices.

“Hmph!” At this moment, a cold snort rang out. A streak of light shot towards the Martial Soul Mountain. It was extremely bright, illuminating the surroundings and directly landing on Yue Chao.

Immediately, Yue Chao let out a grunt and was sent flying. His chest had been penetrated, leaving behind a bowl-sized hole.

At the same time, a bright light condensed from the Laws of the Sun reached Gongsun Zhi’s feet. It flickered with golden light as the golden solar flames burned on it.

“Leader, step onto it. I’ll guide you over.” Xu Zhiping’s voice rang out in Gongsun Zhi’s head.

Gongsun Zhi hesitated slightly as he looked at the surging solar flames on the golden bridge. He glanced at the protector sword in his hand before gritting his teeth in the end and setting foot on there.

The golden bridge began to shrink. As Gongsun Zhi stood on it, he rapidly approached the mountain soul.

During this time, Hun Zang tried interfering to prevent Gongsun Zhi from approaching the Martial Soul Mountain, but he was firmly pinned down by Huangfu Guiyi. He could not break free.

In the end, Gongsun Zhi arrived before the Martial Soul Mountain very soon under the guidance of Xu Zhiping. He directly entered the colossal sun condensed from the Laws of the Sun.

“Quick, attack the Martial Soul Mountain with your full power,” Xu Zhiping said sternly as he stood beside Gongsun Zhi.

Gongsun Zhi nodded. He looked at the mountain soul that hovered before him, and he experienced joy from the bottom of his heart.

In the past, let alone standing before the Martial Soul Mountain, even just catching a glance of the mountain soul was a wild thought for him, as he did not possess that right even as the lord of a peak.

As for all the successors of the Martial Soul lineage, they were undefeatable existences in his eyes. In particular, Hun Zang, Chu Jian, and Yue Chao stood like insurmountable mountains.

However, not only was he standing so close to the Martial Soul Mountain now, but he would even personally destroy it. Gongsun Zhi struggled to remain calm over such a difference between his past and the present.

“From today onwards, the Martial Soul lineage will cease to be our Radiant Saint Hall’s greatest enemy because they will no longer possess that right,” Gongsun Zhi said slowly. He raised the protector sword high up and directly swung it at the mountain soul with astonishing power.

Boom!

With a deafening rumble, the strike from Godslayer’s sword completely exceeded Xu Zhiping’s previous attempts. It struck the mountain soul with a terrifying blow, immediately causing the protective barrier of light to tremble and flicker.

Even the entire mountain soul shook from the attack.

“So powerful. That strike has already reached the Fifth Heavenly Layer. It might even be at the Sixth Heavenly Layer.” Xu Zhiping was secretly astonished. The might of Godslayer’s sword shocked him.

“And that’s only because Gongsun Zhi’s personal cultivation is insufficient. If he possessed Xuan Zhan’s strength, the protector sword would be even more terrifying in his hands. He might even be able to destroy the screen of light with a single strike,” thought Xu Zhiping. His desire for a protector sword became stronger.

Even if he could not use the protector sword, he could let his clansmen control it. Once that happened, his Xu family would gain great renown across the Saints’ World.

“Sha Yun, stop your attacks. Work with me to keep the Martial Soul Mountain trapped so that they don’t run away. Leave the rest to the leader,” said Xu Zhiping.

“Alright. You two keep the Martial Soul Mountain trapped and leave the rest up to me.” Gongsun Zhi was brimming with courage as he continued his assault on the mountain soul.

Chapter 2623: The Power of Eight

Deafening booms constantly rang out in outer space. Terrifying sound waves and devastating shockwaves swept through the area, reducing the space there to shards.

Gongsun Zhi shone brightly as he wielded Godslayer’s sword. He launched relentless attacks at the mountain soul. Whenever he swung down, the might created would be enough to cleave worlds into two. Space would shatter. His power was extremely astonishing.

On the other hand, the mountain soul seemed like it had sunken into quicksand under the restraints from Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun. It moved in an extremely sluggish manner, so it was unable to avoid Gongsun Zhi’s attacks.

As a result, the mountain soul could only depend on its sturdy barrier to block Gongsun Zhi’s violent attacks.

“The mountain soul can’t last much longer. The protector swords from the Radiant Saint Hall are too powerful,” Chu Jian said sternly from inside the Martial Soul Array on the Martial Soul Mountain. He was extremely solemn.

The danger that their Martial Soul lineage faced this time was much greater than what they experienced back on the Desolate Plane.

This was all because of the protector swords from the Radiant Saint Hall.

The protector swords were just too powerful, with Godslayer’s sword in particular. Gongsun Zhi clearly could not unleash its full power, but the might of the attacks were no weaker than the Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance’s.

A figure shot over with lightning speed. He moved extremely quickly as he headed directly towards the mountain soul.

He was Yue Chao. Originally, he was responsible for keeping Gongsun Zhi busy. Now that Gongsun Zhi was set on attacking the Martial Soul Mountain, he had been freed up as well. He could only return to the mountain soul.

Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun naturally discovered Yue Chao’s approach. A cold light flickered through Sha Yun’s eyes immediately. He was about to deal with Yue Chao.

“Don’t pay attention to him. Concentrating your power on keeping the Martial Soul Mountain trapped is the priority. Once we scatter our power, it’s extremely likely for them to flee with a secret technique. Once they really do escape, there will be endless future problems,” Xu Zhiping said sternly.

With that, Sha Yun immediately held back his urge to attack. He sniggered and said, “Fair enough. It’s extremely likely that Yue Chao is purposefully trying to pass through our seal despite all the risk just to lure us into attacking him. We’re currently doing all that we can to keep the Martial Soul Mountain trapped. If we really do scatter some of our power, even if it’s just a tiny sliver, it’s extremely likely for the Martial Soul lineage to escape.”

Yue Chao returned to the mountain soul successfully. He appeared before Jian Chen and the others immediately.

Currently, Yue Chao was pale-faced and covered with blood. In particular, a bowl-sized hole in his chest stood out. The flesh around the wound had been charred by Xu Zhiping’s Laws of the Sun.

“Third senior brother, how are you?” The faces of everyone in the Martial Soul Array hardened as they asked in concern when they noticed Yue Chao’s wound.

“Third senior brother, were you injured by Xu Zhiping?” Jian Chen looked at Yue Chao’s wound, and his face became rather sunken. He could clearly sense extremely pure lingering traces of the Laws of the Sun.

With the lingering traces of the laws, Yue Chao was unable to recover. His condition would even constantly worsen, so his wounds that were not particularly severe in the beginning would become worse and worse.

“It’s no problem. Our priority is dealing with the danger that we face right now. Come, let’s form the Martial Soul Array with seven people. Let’s see how much first senior brother’s strength will increase once we combine all our strength. It’ll be up to first senior brother to stop them now.” Yue Chao ignored his wounds. As soon as he arrived, he immediately joined them in the Martial Soul Array.

With his addition, the Martial Soul Array immediately became much more powerful. It was far, far more powerful than back on the Desolate Plane.

In the distance, Hun Zang’s face lightened up as he battled Huangfu Guiyi. With Yue Chao’s addition, he immediately felt his strength rapidly increase.

Suddenly, he bellowed out, and his presence surged out like a flood. He directly threw a punch.

He had clearly used some sort of powerful secret technique with the punch. The fist crushed the space there. With astonishing power, it directly colliding with a spear that Huangfu Guiyi had condensed from the Laws of Slaughter.

Boom!

With a great rumble, the spear actually cracked when it collided with Hun Zang’s fist, dispersing into the surroundings as fragments of laws.

Hun Zang’s fist continued onwards without slowing down, hurtling towards Huangfu Guiyi’s face like it was unstoppable. Wherever it passed, space would crumple like paper.

Huangfu Guiyi’s expression hardened. However, he was wearing a set of god artifact armor, so he was fearless. The power of slaughter permeated his surroundings, making him seem like a god of war with an iron heart. Laws condensed on his hands as terrifying energy surged as he directly struck out with lightning speed.

The punch and palm strike collided like worlds. The tremendous explosion and shockwave seemed to split the universe into two. The sea of stars in the surroundings vanished as the entire region of space descended into chaos.

Huangfu Guiyi’s expression immediately changed. He was pushed back uncontrollably by the violent storm of energy as his face became flushed.

With his cultivation as a peak Fourth Heavenly Layer Grand Prime and the Laws of Slaughter he had comprehended, he had still been knocked back by a single punch from Hun Zang.

“This is power that is almost on par with the Fifth Heavenly Layer!” Huangfu Guiyi was stern. He was still able to match Hun Zang before, but now, he had been forced into an inferior position by Hun Zang’s new strength.

Moreover, to his terror, Hun Zang’s strength was not the only thing that had grown. Even his Martial Soul Force had become greater.

At this moment, the protective barrier on the mountain soul shook unsteadily under the attacks of the protector sword. The entire mountain soul shook violently; it was on the verge of collapse.

“The mountain soul can’t last much longer,” thought Hun Zang. Due to the Martial Soul Array, he completely understood the situation of the mountain soul. Once the mountain soul fell, the Martial Soul Array would be disrupted, and the consequences would be unthinkable.

As a result, he did not spend too much time dealing with Huangfu Guiyi. He immediately rushed back to the mountain soul.

“Hun Zang, our battle still hasn’t ended yet.” Huangfu Guiyi immediately blocked Hun Zang’s way. The laws flared around him. Clearly, he was ready to use his full strength to pin down Hun Zang and prevent him from providing any assistance.

“Huangfu Guiyi, you are the one seeking death.” Hun Zang’s voice was frigid. In the next moment, surging Martial Soul Force suddenly shot out of his forehead as an invisible sword, crossing through space and directly slashing at Huangfu Guiyi.

At this urgent moment, Hun Zang could no longer care about the expenditure of the power of his soul. He directly used the Heaven-severing technique.

Even Huangfu Guiyi, a peak Fourth Heavenly Layer Grand Prime, was unable to defend himself before Martial Soul Force. The Heaven-severing technique passed through all of his defences and landed firmly on his soul.

Huangfu Guiyi let out a grunt. The Heaven-severing technique was just too powerful. His soul began to collapse after taking on the attack, where the splitting pain immediately turned him sheet-white.

However, Hun Zang had used up half of the power of his soul after using the Heaven-severing technique.

It was not just him either. Even Chu Jian, Yue Chao, Yun Ziting, Su Qi, Bai Rufeng, Qing Shan, and Jian Chen had all lost half of the power of their souls as they maintained the Martial Soul Array.

Chapter 2624: Hun Zang Heavily Injured

After using the Heaven-severing strike, Hun Zang became rather pale. He seemed slightly haggard.

No one would be well off if they expended half the power of their soul in an instant.

However, this price came with an extremely astonishing effect. Having received the Heaven-severing strike, Huangfu Guiyi was now clutching his head in pain as he rapidly retreated while grunting in agony. His face had become sheet-white.

Two streaks of blood ran down from his eyes.

His sheet-white face and the two horrifying streaks of blood created quite a chilling sight.

At that moment, Huangfu Guiyi had been completely incapacitated. The heavy injuries to his soul had temporarily cut off all his senses from the outside world.

Hun Zang glanced past Huangfu Guiyi coldly while feeling a tinge of pity in his heart.

This was because killing Huangfu Guiyi was a piece of cake in his current state. However, it would take a little more time. The mountain soul’s defences were currently facing the danger of collapsing, and once

that happened, the Martial Soul Array would definitely be disrupted by Xu Zhiping and the others. He did not have the time to kill Huangfu Guiyi at all.

Swish!

With a single movement, Hun Zang vanished. He hurried towards the mountain soul as quickly as he could.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The rumbles near the mountain soul never stopped. Instead, they clearly became more and more hurried and more and more frequent. Gongsun Zhi wielded Godslayer's sword like he had endless power, swinging it at the mountain soul as hard as he could. He moved faster and faster.

The mountain soul shook violently as the barrier of light trembled greatly. It was showing signs of cracking.

The mountain soul clearly could not last much longer.

"The Martial Soul Mountain is almost giving way. Leader, quickly!" Xu Zhiping called out as he continued to keep the mountain soul trapped with the Laws of the Sun. However, there was no joy on his face at all. Instead, he had become extremely stern, and his voice had become rather frantic as well.

He had been constantly paying attention to the battle between Huangfu Guiyi and Hun Zang. He clearly saw Huangfu Guiyi getting heavily injured, so he became filled with fear, or even dread, towards the Heaven-severing technique of the Martial Soul lineage.

He possessed similar strength to Huangfu Guiyi. Since even Huangfu Guiyi had suffered such a horrible fate, it was impossible for him to end up any better if he were struck by the same secret technique.

As a result, he could not help but panic slightly when he sensed Hun Zang hurrying over.

He had completely offended the Martial Soul lineage today. Once the Martial Soul lineage escaped, his Xu family would be the target of the Martial Soul lineage's endless vengeance. That would definitely be a disaster for the Xu family.

To the other side, Gongsun Zhi had also learnt from Xu Zhiping that Hun Zang was hurrying over. After a moment of hesitation, craziness immediately filled his eyes. He suddenly cut open his hands and allowed his blood to spray onto Godslayer's sword.

Immediately, Godslayer's sword shook gently. It produced a deep thrum as if the slumbering sword spirit had begun to awaken under the stimulation of Gongsun Zhi's blood.

At the same time, a devastating power even greater than before erupted from Godslayer's sword. The terrifying energy surged out, sculpting an extremely blurry figure.

Godslayer's sword seemed to gain a certain sense of charm with the appearance of the blurry figure such that the sword became something living.

At the same time, Xu Zhiping's eyes narrowed. He stared right at the blurry figure drawn from the surging energy on the protector sword, and a wondrous light appeared in his eyes.

“I can actually sense the sliver of a presence that belongs to something living from the sword. It looks like these protector swords aren’t as simple as I imagined them to be.” Xu Zhiping was secretly surprised.

However, due to his own, limited power, Gongsun Zhi failed to notice this at all. He bellowed out at the sky and clutched the hilt with both hands. Energy surged around him as he swung the sword at the mountain soul again after being strengthened.

With a boom, the defensive barrier around the mountain soul sunk in with the slash. Where Godslayer’s sword had struck, the surroundings of the barrier constantly creaked as cracks appeared.

Very soon, the power of the slash ran out. It had almost shattered the defences of the mountain soul.

“Hahahaha, Martial Soul lineage, I would like to see how you handle my next attack!” Gongsun Zhi laughed aloud. Through Godslayer’s sword, he knew that the defences of the Martial Soul Mountain had reached its limits already.

Without any hesitation, madness flared up in his eyes, and he lifted the sword high above his head again. His hands trembled as he held the sword.

His essence blood constantly poured out from the wounds on his hands. He allowed the hilt to absorb the blood in exchange for even greater power.

Godslayer’s sword would exhaust quite a lot of Gongsun Zhi’s essence blood with every such attack. This was equivalent to throwing his life on his line, using his own life to fight. Gongsun Zhi could not deal many attacks like that with his current strength.

As Gongsun Zhi slashed out, the blurry figure appeared once again on the sword. It was connected to Godslayer’s sword such that they seemed to be perfectly fused and inseparable. It was the sword, and the sword was it.

However, it was just too blurry. Only a rough silhouette was visible. Whether it be the facial features or the limbs, none of them were clear. It was very easy to confuse it with a chaotic ball of energy.

Gongsun Zhi trembled even more. His face had also paled. He had lost a third of his essence blood, quite a great loss to his vitality.

However, his face was filled with madness and excitement. He clenched the sword and suddenly swung down, erupting with devastating power that could split the galaxies. The sword fell directly towards the mountain soul like a sword of judgement.

“Argh!” At the same time, Hun Zang bellowed out furiously. His presence became astonishing as he charged right towards Godslayer’s sword.

In an instant, he arrived before Godslayer’s sword. All of his energy immediately surged out, forming a huge shield in front of the sword.

Behind him was the mountain soul. In its current state, it definitely could not endure the attack.

Boom!

With a great rumble, the shield condensed with all the power that Hun Zang possessed crumbled like paper before Godslayer's sword. The sword continued onwards without stopping, directly passing through Hun Zang's body.

Hun Zang had been cut into two along his chest. Even his medium quality god artifact armor had been split in half.

At the same time, the expressions of the seven people who maintained the Martial Soul Array all changed. Blood sprayed from their mouths.

They were connected to Hun Zang through the Martial Soul Array. As Hun Zang was heavily injured, they were affected as well.

"First senior brother!" Su Qi cried out as she paled in fright.

The expressions of Chu Jian, Yue Chao, Yun Ziting, Bai Rufeng, and Qing Shan had changed drastically as well.

Boom!

At the same time, a deafening rumble rang out. The sword landed on the mountain soul with a resplendent glow, and the defences finally caved in, shattering under the strike.

Jian Chen and the others who currently stood within the Martial Soul Array were directly exposed before Gongsun Zhi, Xu Zhiping, and Sha Yun.

Chapter 2625: The Rain in Outer Space

Having lost the protective barrier of light around the mountain soul, the seven people who stood in the Martial Soul Array were immediately thrown into the middle of danger.

They could not afford any interference to the Martial Soul Array, as all of their power and vital energies were concentrated on Hun Zang. As a result, they could not use their own power at all unless they stopped the Martial Soul Array.

However, once they stopped the Martial Soul Array, they would have nothing to use against Sha Yun and Xu Zhiping.

However, even though they were basically basically doomed, the seven successors of the Martial Soul lineage showed no despair at all.

It was as if the danger they currently faced could not really threaten their lives.

"Hahahaha, I've finally shattered the shell that has been protecting you. Without the shell, you are all just ants putting a last, desperate struggle in my eyes. Today, the legend of the Martial Soul lineage will end in my hands. I will destroy the greatest enemies of the Radiant Saint Hall. I will be the greatest contributor to the Radiant Saint Hall across its countless years by destroying you."

"I will complete the wish that the past leaders of the Radiant Saint Hall failed to fulfil. At the same time, I will avenge all the Hallowed Saint Masters that have died to your hands during all these years." Gongsun Zhi held Godslayer's sword. Even though Godslayer's sword had sapped his vitality after absorbing his

essence blood twice, he paid no attention to his personal feebleness. He viciously stared at the seven successors of the Martial Soul lineage who were waiting for their deaths as he became extremely excited.

“I, Gongsun Zhi, am destined to become the greatest leader of the Radiant Saint Hall over its countless years in the future. The Radiant Saint Hall will definitely shine resplendently in my hands.” Gongsun Zhi laughed aloud. His laughter was filled with arrogance and haughtiness.

The Martial Soul lineage renowned across the Saints’ World was about to be destroyed under his lead. This made Gongsun Zhi gain an even better recognition of just how astonishing the power he now possessed was.

This made his confidence swell to the point where he felt invincible.

Most importantly, he was about to take back the Method of the Exalted Saint.

Once he obtained the Method of the Exalted Saint, Gongsun Zhi was confident that he would become a supreme figure who stood at the apex of the Saints’ World.

“We can only use our final move,” said Chu Jian sternly on the mountain soul as he stared at Gongsun Zhi who was laughing wildly.

His voice rang out in the heads of the other successors. All of them became stern.

Jian Chen’s heart sank as well. Naturally, he knew what this so-called final move was referring to.

This final move was the final life-saving trump card of the Martial Soul lineage. The move would cause all of the mountain soul’s energy to explode. During the devastating explosion, everyone would lose their bodies and everything they possessed on them—Space Rings, armor, and so on. Only their souls would survive in the end.

A mysterious power would protect their souls during the explosion and send their souls back to the true Martial Soul Mountain. As a result, their souls would not be destroyed.

As long as their souls remained intact, they would not die. They would just need some time to rebuild their bodies, and then they would be able to return to their previous state.

Now that they had reached the end of the road, perhaps this was the only choice they could make.

“Seniors, the price to use that move is far too great. However, I do have a trump card that might be able to deal with our current predicament,” said Jian Chen. He could not afford to leave because he was not alone. He still had many acquaintances and family on the Cloud Plane.

If they really used the final move, the Tian Yuan clan would definitely be destroyed.

With that, an extremely astonishing sword Qi began to radiate from his body. At the same time, his eyes lost their original colors. Two piercing lights began to shine. One of his eyes had become a dazzling violet, while the other had become a deep azure.

The two eyes flickered with azure and violet light. At that moment, Jian Chen seemed quite demonic.

This was the power of the twin swords. Jian Chen had already called out the sword spirits and was preparing to fuse the swords.

He had already reached the end of the road now. Even if he had to expose his identity, he would still do it.

Just as Jian Chen was about to fuse the twin swords, the Heartless Child slowly stood up on the roof of a structure in the imperial capital of the Blood Sun Empire. His eyes pierced through the space there and directly landed on the mountain soul's location.

"The fate of the Martial Soul lineage has nothing to do with me, but Jian Chen is someone crucial. He can't die here. It looks like it's time for me to take action," the Heartless Child murmured as if he had not had enough fun yet. It was like from the beginning till the end, the entire battle had been a play or an interesting performance to him.

Now that the performance was about to end, he felt a slight sense of pity.

"Hun Zang is the strongest member of the Martial Soul lineage. I'll start with him, and then I'll slowly deal with the rest of you." Gongsun Zhi chuckled. His eyes locked onto the bisected Hun Zang, and he raised Godslayer's Sword high above his head. He was about to slash it at Hun Zang without any hesitation.

"Stop!"

"First senior brother!"

Cries rang out from the mountain soul. Everyone's expression changed drastically. Killing intent surged in Jian Chen's eyes as he immediately urged on the fusion of the twin swords.

At the same time, in the southern region of the Cloud Plane, the Heartless Child slowly raised his hand. He pointed at where Gongsun Zhi stood, and just when he was about to take action, his eyes suddenly narrowed. He was surprised, and he muttered, "Hmm? Why has she come?"

With that, a huge crack silently appeared in the space before Gongsun Zhi. The crack seemed to split the world apart. As a result, Gongsun Zhi and Hun Zang now seemed to stand in different worlds.

In the end, Godslayer's sword struck the spatial crack with surging power. It caused quite a great shockwave in the spatial crack, but Hun Zang was fine.

"The Laws of Space! Who is it?" Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun's expression changed as they kept the mountain soul restrained. They both called out.

The two of them just happened to be afraid of any unexpected incidents happening as they destroyed the Martial Soul lineage. Now that the spatial crack had appeared, their hearts tightened.

Suddenly, Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun both wiped their faces. They looked at the water on their hands that came from unknown origins as they were both left at a loss.

"What? No, this is rain. Where did this rain come from?" Xu Zhiping was surprised. He was currently in outer space, so why would rain appear?

"I- it's raining..." At the same time, Gongsun Zhi could not afford to pay attention to what the spatial crack was all about. Instead, he raised his head to look at the disorienting outer space. He was stunned.

He could clearly see a great swathe of rain appear out of nowhere, and it actually fell onto his head from the empty space. It doused the region of space.

The strange part was that there was clearly no force of attraction, no gravity, in space. Everything floated about, but the rain had truly fallen down from the 'sky' above him. In an instant, it became torrential. There were also flashes of lightning and booming thunder. Grey clouds shrouded the area above him.

Chapter 2626: A Turnaround

Gongsun Zhi became slightly lost. As he looked at the pouring rain that fell down from outer space, he became both surprised and doubtful. He actually temporarily forgot about Hun Zang who was beside him.

Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun were both extremely stern. They realised that their worries had finally come true. In the end, something that they did not wish to see still happened when they tried to destroy the Martial Soul lineage.

With their cultivation, it was impossible for them to not understand that the sudden rain had come from a mysterious expert, a supreme expert that they had failed to sense the arrival of.

Soon afterwards, the powerful senses of Sha Yun and Xu Zhiping's souls erupted from their bodies. Like a great blood, they surged out in all directions in an attempt to find the hidden, mysterious expert.

However, their expressions changed again very soon. They immediately became extremely stern.

The two of them had actually discovered a mysterious and great power that blocked the senses of their souls, preventing their senses from passing through.

"Oh no, we've been trapped," Xu Zhiping called out. His face became extremely ugly as he looked at the surroundings with a sunken face. However, the stars had already vanished from where he looked. A thick layer of grey clouds surrounded them as a great prison.

The thing that blocked the senses of their souls was the grey cloud.

However, Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun would never believe that this was just a 'grey cloud', as the clouds hid energy terrifying enough to make them shiver.

"This is a formation. We've been trapped in a formation." Sha Yun's face was sunken. He was the ancestor of a peak sect from the Desolate Plane, a famed expert on the Desolate Plane. Now that he had been trapped in a formation unknowingly, he felt extremely furious.

"Let's not worry about that for now. Destroy the Martial Soul lineage first," Xu Zhiping called out. He had already fallen out with the Martial Soul lineage completely. If the lineage continued to exist, he would be left forever restless in the future.

Although he was not afraid of the Martial Soul lineage's retaliation, his Xu family was a big deal. The clan could not endure the Martial Soul lineage's revenge.

Sha Yun had also realised the severity of the matter. Although he had no idea why this mysterious expert had suddenly cast down a formation to trap them, their priority was clearly to eliminate the Martial Soul lineage completely.

With that, Sha Yun no longer hesitated. His blade jolted, and he immediately shot out a strand of blade Qi.

He had only swung out casually, but the brutal blade Qi split into eight and shoot towards the eight successors of the Martial Soul lineage.

Even though Sha Yun's attack was nowhere near as powerful as Gongsun Zhi's Godslayer's sword, the eight strands of blade Qi seemed to possess their own intelligence. They all locked onto their target's presence, preventing them from escaping. It was unlike Gongsun Zhi attacks, which could not even hit the shadow of his target.

Xu Zhiping paid close attention to Sha Yun's eight strands of sword Qi as well. He had to devote all his power onto keeping the mountain soul trapped just in case they wanted to flee. As such, there was nothing that he could do. Wiping out the Martial Soul lineage would all depend on this.

"I hope the mysterious expert who cast down this formation has nothing to do with the Martial Soul lineage, or..." Xu Zhiping thought. As he watched the blade Qi rapidly draw nearer, he became utterly nervous.

Crack!

Suddenly, a shocking bolt of lightning exploded in the space there and lit up the surroundings.

Huge chains of lightning danced around like dragons of light in the thick clouds, leading to a resplendent flash. They immediately struck Sha Yun's eight strands of blade Qi with indescribable speed, producing heavy booms.

Sha Yun's powerful blade Qi immediately shattered under the lightning, dispersing into the surroundings. At the same time, the surging energy from the blade Qi was completely absorbed by the formation.

Having personally witnessed this, Xu Zhiping's heart immediately skipped a beat. His expression became extremely ugly.

His greatest worry had ended up becoming a reality. The mysterious expert seemed to have come because of the Martial Soul lineage.

At the same time, the members of the Martial Soul lineage, who were about to use their final move to flee, all raised their heads. All of them were stern and slightly puzzled.

"I- isn't this..." At the same time, Jian Chen forcefully stopped the fusion of the twin swords. He stared at the torrential rain and rolling clouds with interest as he felt extremely surprised.

He had already recognised the formation, and he knew who had cast it down.

"May I ask who you are? Please show yourself!" Xu Zhiping called out.

A blurry figure suddenly appeared in the rain. The power of clouds and rain surrounded the figure, completely obscuring their appearance. All that was visible was an extremely blurry silhouette. It was even impossible to distinguish their gender.

The person just hovered in the heavy rain like this. It was as if they had fused with the rain, and it was also as if they had fused with space. Their presence could not be sensed at all.

Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun's eyes narrowed. They both stared at the blurry figure as they became solemn.

As Grand Primes, they were able to sense and perceive everything with greater clarity. The two of them gained the false impression that the blurry figure was the ruler of the world, someone who could influence the law and order of the surroundings.

Suddenly, Xu Zhiping's heart leapt. He growled and said, "I know who you are. You are the Rain Abbess of the Cloudsurge Empire from the Delight Plane."

"What? She's actually the Rain Abbess of the Delight Plane?" Sha Yun was surprised by that.

He had heard quite a lot of rumours regarding the Rain Abbess. The Rain Abbess' status on the Delight Plane was equivalent to the Celestial Sword Saint's status on the Desolate Plane. They were both supreme experts that no one could defeat, making them extremely aloof. They alone could pressure all the peak experts of an entire plane to the point of suffocation.

As a matter of fact, there were even people who treated the Rain Abbess of the Delight Plane as someone on the same level as the Celestial Sword Saint from their Desolate Plane.

After learning that the figure was the Rain Abbess, both Sha Yun and Xu Zhiping could not help but gasp. They became extremely cautious.

"I don't want to harass you. You can go!" the Rain Abbess said. She gave off a bearing of authority as she spoke to them without leaving any room for refutation. It was as if she did not take Xu Zhiping and the others seniors at all.

"Rain Abbess, are you protecting the Martial Soul lineage?" Xu Zhiping asked with some reluctance to accept the whole situation. If he let the Martial Soul lineage go, all that awaited his Xu family was endless trouble.

"I give you ten seconds. You can leave safely during that time. After those ten seconds, you can no longer blame me for harassing the weak," the Rain Abbess said coldly, directly stating an ultimatum. She left no room for negotiation.

Chapter 2627: The Strength of the Rain Abbess (One)

Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun's expressions became extremely ugly when they faced the Rain Abbess' order-like tone. They even felt furious.

The Rain Abbess was simply far too overbearing. After all, the two of them were famed, peak figures on the Desolate Plane. Even though their cultivation could not rival the Rain Abbess', she had still taken them far too lightly. She actually treated them like she was above them.

As a result, Xu Zhiping and Sha Yun, who usually gave the orders and could determine the situation and direction of the entire Desolate Plane, felt extremely uncomfortable.

“Brother Xu, it looks like the Rain Abbess of the Delight Plane is determined to protect the Martial Soul lineage. What do we do?” Sha Yun asked secretly. He was surrounded by a layer of extremely brutal blade Qi, and his voice was extremely stern.

“Our actions today have already resulted in the development of an unforgivable grievance with the Martial Soul lineage. Based off the Martial Soul lineage’s past behavior, they will definitely seek revenge in the future. Coupled with how they have the Martial Soul Mountain as a place to retreat to, they can immediately vanish with the Martial Soul Mountain if they can’t win. The method of trapping them here today probably won’t work again, so if we don’t destroy the Martial Soul lineage completely today, the ones being destroyed in the future will likely be our Xu family, the Midheaven clan, and your Divine Blade sect,” Xu Zhiping replied sternly. The Rain Abbess’ appearance had thrown him into a dilemma.

Sha Yun sighed inside. He had never thought the Martial Soul lineage would actually have the backing of someone as powerful as the Rain Abbess. If he had known earlier that the Martial Soul lineage was under the protection of the Rain Abbess, he never would have opposed them even if it meant sacrificing a protector sword from the Radiant Saint Hall.

After a moment of hesitation, Sha Yun continued, *“Why don’t we try negotiating with the Rain Abbess? As long as the Martial Soul lineage can forgive us for what we did today and swear that they won’t make trouble for us in the future, we won’t oppose the Martial Soul lineage again.”* Sha Yun was grim. In the past, the three organisations had never been on any particular bad terms with the Martial Soul lineage. It was all because of Gongsun Zhi that they became enemies.

Xu Zhiping shook his head gently. *“It’s useless. Look at the Rain Abbess. Does she seem like she wants to negotiate with us? And considering how stubborn every single member of the Martial Soul lineage is, they will never agree.”*

At this moment, Huangfu Guiyi, who had been heavily injured by Hun Zang’s Heaven-severing technique, finally recovered. With a sheet-white face and bleeding facial cavities, he flew over from the distance slowly.

The Rain Abbess’ Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood was extremely large. Even though Huangfu Guiyi was relatively far away from the mountain soul, he was still within the range of the formation.

Huangfu Guiyi stared at the hazy Rain Abbess with bloodshot eyes and said sternly, *“Rain Abbess, the Midheaven clan, Xu family, Divine Blade sect, and Radiant Saint Hall are all working together. We now represent the most powerful organisation on the Desolate Plane. We can even represent the entire Desolate Plane. Offending an entire plane for the Martial Soul lineage is not wise.”*

“And, Rain Abbess, it seems like your Delight Plane isn’t very peaceful either. I hope the Rain Abbess can properly consider this all.”

Huangfu Guiyi knew quite a lot about the situation on the Delight Plane. He knew that the Rain Abbess seemed to be interested in conquering the entire place, so over seventy percent of the peak organisations there had secretly formed an alliance. They were ready to oppose the Cloudsurge Empire’s

attempt. As a result, he directly mentioned the situation of the Delight Plane in hopes that the Rain Abbess could realise what he was trying to point at.

The native organisations from the Delight Plane were already enough work for the Cloudsurge Empire. Offending the peak organisations on the Desolate Plane as well would really not be a wise decision.

The Cloudsurge Empire only possessed such a great status because of the Rain Abbess' existence. If the Rain Abbess were gone, the Cloudsurge Empire would even pale slightly in comparison to their Midheaven clan.

This was because the Cloudsurge Empire did not have a second mid Grand Prime.

After saying that, Huangfu Guiyi paid close attention to the Rain Abbess. He hoped that his words would influence the Rain Abbess into retreating due to the difficulties that would be involved.

Unfortunately, they achieved nothing. All that awaited them was a cold sentence from the Rain Abbess. "You still have the final three seconds."

The Rain Abbess did not say much. It was only a few words, but it disclosed her determination. She left no room for negotiation, and she did not take the peak organisations on the Desolate Plane seriously either. She was truly insolent and utterly fearless.

"Hmph, I want to destroy the Martial Soul lineage today. No one can stop me!" Suddenly, Gongsun Zhi bellowed out. Godslayer's sword in his hand shone with dazzling light as an earth-shaking power leaked out. With the sword in hand and light around him, he directly slashed at the Rain Abbess.

He did not know who the Rain Abbess was, nor did he know how powerful the Rain Abbess was. However, he did have Godslayer's Sword in hand. Under the protection of the sword's power, he feared no expert. He feared no threat.

"No matter who you are, I'll cut you to pieces first since you're getting in the way of me destroying the Martial Soul lineage," Gongsun Zhi called out. Godslayer's sword shone brightly as billowing energy erupted like a flood. He directly slashed at the Rain Abbess.

A gleam of vicious light immediately flashed through Xu Zhiping's eyes when he saw Gongsun Zhi attack the Rain Abbess. If there was only him and Sha Yun, he naturally would not have the courage to point his weapon at the Rain Abbess. However, he could give it a try if Gongsun Zhi was included.

Even though Gongsun Zhi's personal cultivation was lacklustre, the sword in his hand could not be underestimated.

"Huangfu Guiyi, let's cooperate with Gongsun Zhi to keep the Rain Abbess trapped. Sha Yun, kill the Martial Soul lineage quickly," Gongsun Zhi said to Huangfu Guiyi and Sha Yun secretly.

With that, Xu Zhiping moved without any hesitation at all. The dense Laws of the Sun around him immediately flared into solar flames. They flooded towards the Rain Abbess as they flickered in an attempt to suppress the Rain Abbess.

Huangfu Guiyi did not hesitate either. Even though his soul was heavily injured, which affected his battle prowess, he could not care about it all at a time like this. He forcefully struck out despite the risk of his soul's wounds rapidly worsening.

He did not dare to leave the Martial Soul lineage alive. If they were not destroyed today, the ones destroyed would likely be Huangfu Guiyi's Midheaven clan instead.

Moreover, Huangfu Guiyi had truly come to understand the strength of the Martial Soul lineage through this battle. The Martial Soul lineage could injure him to such a degree when they were in a hurry. If they had plenty of time to prepare, his fate would probably be far worse than just a wounded soul.

Even he would suffer like this, so the fate of his Midheaven clan would go without saying.

An illusionary river was conjured above Huangfu Guiyi's head. It surged with huge waves. Terrifying and dense killing intent surged out from the river, annihilating the space there.

This was the greatest secret technique that Huangfu Guiyi possessed. He used his comprehension of the Way of Slaughter to conjure a river of slaughter. It crushed down on space along the way and gushed towards the Rain Abbess with a presence of slaughter that could seemingly obliterate anything.

When he used this secret technique, Huangfu Guiyi could not help but cough up a few mouthfuls of blood. It was very harmful to him to use such a powerful secret technique in his current state.

Immediately, Gongsun Zhi, Xu Zhiping, and Huangfu Guiyi struck out against the Rain Abbess simultaneously.

As for Sha Yun, he rushed towards the Martial Soul lineage.

Chapter 2628: The Strength of the Rain Abbess (Two)

"You want to try acting up before me even with your strength? You overestimate yourselves." The Rain Abbess was surrounded by dense power, blurring her figure and appearance. Only a cold voice rang out.

Facing Xu Zhiping, Huangfu Guiyi, and Gongsun Zhi's combined attacks, the Rain Abbess was extremely composed. Her cool, frigid voice was filled with a sliver of disdain towards the three of them.

As a matter of fact, even Sha Yun's attempt to kill off the Martial Soul lineage seemed like a foolish and hilarious act in the Rain Abbess' eyes.

Crack!

Suddenly, thunder exploded loudly in the surging sea of clouds. A huge bolt of lightning shone with illuminating light. It tore through space like a twisting, furious dragon and pierced through the clouds as it travelled directly towards Sha Yun.

The lightning flickered with sparks as if it were covered with a layer of thin hair. Each spark was extremely terrifying. As they danced about, space would become riddled with cracks.

The moment the lightning fell, Sha Yun's expression changed drastically. He became extremely grim.

Regular lightning could not even touch a hair of his with his cultivation as a peak Third Heavenly Layer Grand Prime. However, this bolt of lightning possessed devastating power that made him shiver. The level of the Laws of Lightning within it had completely exceeded his comprehension of the Way of the Blade.

As a matter of fact, he felt that it was possible that the bolt of lightning was no longer as simple as something condensed from the energy of the world. Instead, it was an attack completely condensed from the Laws of Lightning, making it extremely powerful.

The lightning moved far too quickly, arriving with a single flash. Sha Yun was unable to dodge it despite his great cultivation.

At that critical moment, Sha Yun gave up on attacking the Martial Soul lineage without a second thought. He swung the blade in his hand at the aggressive bolt of lightning using his full strength.

The attack condensed the powerful and ruthless intent from Sha Yun's Way of the Blade. It had also fused with Sha Yun's vital energies, so the blade intent that erupted from the attack surged out like a flood, obliterating all the rain nearby.

Sha Yun's attack was powerful, but the bolt of lightning was even mightier. When Sha Yun's blade came in contact with the lightning, there was no impact at all. The blade and Sha Yun was completely swallowed up by the lightning.

His attack only managed to make the lightning dim slightly. That was it.

"Argh!"

Sha Yun's cry, perhaps out of fury or perhaps out of agony, rang out from the blinding lightning. In the next moment, he flew backwards out of the lightning. His face had become completely charred, and it was like he had been burnt black.

It was not just his face. All of his exposed skin had become pitch-black as well. Even the god artifact on him had completely dimmed. He gave off a heavy smell of being burnt.

Having endured the bolt of lightning, Sha Yun seemed to run out of energy. He clutched his blade as he laid in the air powerlessly. Sparks constantly flickered on his charged body, and every time that happened, he could not help but jolt a little.

The Rain Abbess had not laid a single finger on him from the beginning till the end, but Sha Yun had already gotten heavily injured.

At the same time, the Rain Abbess did nothing about Huangfu Guiyi and Xu Zhiping's attacks either. Two swords condensed purely out of rain on her left and right shot towards the two with lightning speed.

Boom!

A great rumble rang out. The sun that Xu Zhiping had transformed into blazed with solar flames and gave off incinerating heat. However, it was as thin as paper before the rain sword from the Rain Abbess. His sun had been cleaved into two by the sword. When the solar flames condensed from the Laws of the Sun came in contact with the sword of rain, they failed to evaporate the rain. Instead, they were put out.

Spurt!

Blood sprayed from Xu Zhiping's mouth as his expression changed from the pain. He had been heavily injured after taking a single strike.

At the same time, the other sword of rain collided with Huangfu Guiyi. The river of slaughter he had conjured through his strongest secret technique clearly could not withstand a single blow from the sword of rain. It was slashed into two and gradually vanished from the space there.

Swish!

The Rain Abbess' sword did not slow down. It shot right through him, passing by Huangfu Guiyi's neck as a hazy streak of light under his shocked gaze.

Hot blood spurted out from Huangfu Guiyi's neck as his head was thrown high up.

Huangfu Guiyi had been beheaded in a single stroke!

Huangfu Guiyi's eyes were filled with shock. Although he knew the Rain Abbess was very powerful, he had never expected her to be so powerful. Even with his great strength that could basically dominate the Desolate Plane, he was so feeble before the Rain Abbess.

Even though he had been injured already and was nowhere close to his peak condition, he was still a Fourth Heavenly Layer Grand Prime after all. It should never have been bad to the point where his head got cut off in a single strike.

Xu Zhiping paled in fright when he saw Huangfu Guiyi's head fly off. He ignored his wounds and arrived before Huangfu Guiyi with a flash. He grabbed the body and the flying head, bringing them together again.

"I heard a few protector swords had appeared in the Radiant Saint Hall recently. The protector swords are indeed very powerful, but in your hands, you're disgracing their names instead." The Rain Abbess did not even glance at Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi. She stared right at Godslayer's sword that Gongsun Zhi swung towards her through the mist and gently shook her head. She raised her hand slowly and caught the sword.

As the protector sword cleaved down with devastating power, the Rain Abbess' slender hand wrapped around its sharp edge. As if her five slender fingers contained unbelievably great power, they formed a claw and locked down on the two faces of the sword tightly.

Godslayer's sword suddenly erupted with terrifying power. It was like a tempest, but it failed to harm the Rain Abbess at all.

The Rain Abbess' hand had erupted with a power no weaker than Godslayer's sword. They wore down each other.

This was a clash between two supreme powers. Although it was silent and caused no disturbance at all, the pressure was alarming. Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi were both shocked by it.

"The Rain Abbess actually caught Godslayer's sword with her bare hands. This..." Huangfu Guiyi's eyes immediately narrowed when he saw this after his head was reconnected.

Xu Zhiping glanced around and said grimly, "It is the formation. The formation is very powerful. The Rain Abbess seems to have fused perfectly with the formation, allowing her to use its power as she wishes. She was already extremely powerful. Now that she has assistance of the formation, she has become completely unbelievable."

Chapter 2629: The Strength of the Rain Abbess (Three)

Having reached such a conclusion, Huangfu Guiyi and Xu Zhiping's expressions became extremely ugly. At that moment, they realised that if the Rain Abbess did not let them leave, they would probably die right here.

The Rain Abbess had already fused with the formation. Within the formation, she was the absolute ruler. Unless the formation was destroyed, they could not leave. Even the powerful, ancient secret techniques that they knew for fleeing were useless in the Rain Abbess' formation.

The Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood was no ordinary formation. As soon as it was completed, it was equivalent to its own, individual world, separate from outside.

Let alone Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi, even if they worked with Gongsun Zhi, they would still be nowhere close to destroying the formation given the strength and might that the Rain Abbess had just displayed.

"Y- you actually caught my Godslayer's sword with your bare hands?" Gongsun Zhi's shocked voice rang out from the light around him.

He understood the power of Godslayer's sword. He even knew its origins, which was exactly why he was shocked when the Rain Abbess caught the sword with her bare hands.

After all, Godslayer's sword was the weapon that the leader of the nine retainers who followed his ancestor in the past had transformed into. His flesh, his cultivation, and all of his vital energies had condensed into the weapon in his hand.

According to the fragments of information he received from the artifact spirit of the Tower of Radiance, he could already guess the leader of the nine retainer's past cultivation. He was a Ninth Heavenly Layer Grand Prime.

Even though he still could not unleash the full power of Godslayer's sword with his current cultivation, he refused to believe that the weapon could just be caught bare-handed in such an easy fashion.

"Do you really think that no one can do anything to you just because have this sword? The sword is very powerful, but unfortunately, the person who wields it is far too weak," said the Rain Abbess with heavy contempt.

With that, her other hand extended out from the power of rain and clouds. It gently pressed towards Gongsun Zhi.

Her palm strike seemed like a gentle breeze. There were no special effects, nor were there any pulses of energy. However, when she struck out, it felt like all the energy in space, or even the world, was contained in the hand.

It was as if the Rain Abbess had not struck out with her hand but with the entire world.

Nearby, Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi's faces both hardened. Their eyes immediately narrowed to the size of pins as they stared straight at the Rain Abbess' hand. As Fourth Heavenly Layer Grand Primes, their senses were extremely sharp. They could sense an invisible power of destruction from the Rain Abbess' gentle strike. The power was so great that it shocked them.

When the Rain Abbess' gentle hand landed on the protective light around Gongsun Zhi, the barrier of light with extremely astonishing defence behaved like it had just received a heavy blow. The entire barrier began to cave in.

It was also at this moment that the Rain Abbess' seemingly harmless hand erupted with supreme power. Like a tidal flood, the power immediately condensed into a rain droplet under the Rain Abbess' precise control. It took advantage of the concave protective light and suddenly shot out like a sword in an attempt to penetrate Gongsun Zhi's defences.

If Gongsun Zhi did not have the protection of the protector sword, just the shockwave from the Rain Abbess' astonishing strike would have been enough to claim his life given his mere cultivation as a Godking.

"Oh no, the Rain Abbess is trying to kill Gongsun Zhi!" Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi's hearts immediately tightened at the sight of this. They became worried.

They did not care about Gongsun Zhi's life. What they really cared about was the promise that Gongsun Zhi had made to them, which was bestowing the remaining protector swords to the juniors in their clans that had become Hallowed Saint Masters.

If Gongsun Zhi died here, everything that they did on the Cloud Plane would have been for naught.

The droplet of rain was like a sharp awl, pushing against the protective light and rapidly deepening.

The powerful defence that Gongsun Zhi took pride in had actually been shaken up by the Rain Abbess.

Gongsun Zhi stared right at the droplet of rain that gradually approached him through the protective light. Sensing the astonishing power within the rain droplet, his face finally changed. He became filled with fear and worry. There was uncontrollable dread in his eyes now.

"The light has almost collapsed! It has almost given way! Where did this Rain Abbess come from? H- how is she so powerful? Endure it, endure it. You have to endure it. Godslayer's sword, you were the most powerful retainer under my ancestor in the past. You have to endure it. You can't fail..." Gongsun Zhi began to panic when he finally faced danger. He prayed inside.

At that moment, he could truly feel the threat of death. It made his heart tremble. It made him feel fear.

Moreover, even his Godslayer's sword had been firmly clamped down by the Rain Abbess. As a result, Gongsun Zhi could not even draw the sword back. He could only watch the protective light from the sword be compressed rapidly while being unable to do anything at all.

The Rain Abbess' presence continued to rise. The energy within her erupted violently. All of it gathered on the droplet of rain, providing an endless supply of energy to the droplet. Even power from the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood had been poured in such that the droplet of rain did not weaken at all as it became locked in a stalemate against Gongsun Zhi's protective light. Instead, it grew more and more powerful.

The Rain Abbess had basically ignored Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi. Instead, Gongsun Zhi had become her greatest target.

The Rain Abbess was enveloped with the power of clouds and rain such that her face was shrouded. Otherwise, they would have discovered that her cold eyes were filled with killing intent.

However, when only a thin layer of the protective light remained, an extremely ancient will seemed to awaken from within the protector sword.

At that moment, Godslayer's sword in Gongsun Zhi's hands suddenly seemed to gain life. It had sprung to life.

As the ancient will awakened, Godslayer's sword suddenly erupted with light. It became even more blinding than the sun in an instant. The protective light that had almost fallen to the Rain Abbess' attack was replenished by a tremendous energy, rapidly stabilising and slowly pushing back the droplet of rain.

The protective light had returned to its previous state.

Moreover, its defences were now much more powerful than before.

The awakening of the will did not increase the strength of Godslayer's sword. It only provided the sword with even greater defensive power.

The Rain Abbess snorted coldly. With a single thought, countless bolts of lightning shot over from the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood. Every single bolt was like a dragon as they all moved together. It caused a huge disturbance and created quite a grand scene. All of it landed on the protective light around Gongsun Zhi.

The light endured it all. After being strengthened, it became even more difficult to destroy.

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Seeing how the Rain Abbess' attack had failed to get through his defences and had instead made the light around him become even more powerful, Gongsun Zhi immediately calmed down. At that moment, he suddenly felt like the Rain Abbess was not as terrifying as he imagined her to be.

"Hahahaha, Rain Abbess, you aren't weak, but your strength still isn't enough before my defences. If you have the ability, try to get through them." Gongsun Zhi laughed aloud. The strengthening of the protective light had made him extremely confident. He became even more confident that the protective light would not fall no matter who he faced.

Once his life was no longer threatened, his fear and dread towards the Rain Abbess directly plummeted until it completely vanished.

"Rain Abbess, you better save your efforts. You can't get through my defences with your current strength. If you leave right now and avoid interfering in my grievances with the Martial Soul lineage, I can forget about your offending actions today. Otherwise, you will become my greatest enemy besides the Martial Soul lineage. I'll definitely pay a visit to your whatever Cloudsurge Empire with the other protectors of the Radiant Saint Hall some other time," Gongsun Zhi said in high spirits. He spoke extremely arrogantly, directly threatening the Rain Abbess.

Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi's faces completely darkened after they heard Gongsun Zhi's words. They both cursed at how ignorant he was, even daring to threaten an expert like the Rain Abbess.

Every single expert on the level of the Rain Abbess was revered and well-respected. It would be best to avoid provoking them. Even if there were some minor disagreements, Xu Zhiping and Huangfu Guiyi believed that they should just endure it. Even if they could not endure it, they could not afford to offend the Rain Abbess completely unless they had sufficient strength.

In particular, they were currently trapped in the Rain Abbess' formation. If they completely offended her, a good fate would definitely not await them.

So much for Gongsun Zhi. With a single threat, he directly made the Rain Abbess a complete enemy.

If they still had a chance to reconcile with the Rain Abbess earlier, that chance had been completely wiped out by Gongsun Zhi now.

"How is Gongsun Zhi so stupid? Isn't he just looking for trouble?" Huangfu Guiyi and Xu Zhiping communicated secretly. They had already begun to resent Gongsun Zhi. He was under the protection of the protector sword, so the Rain Abbess would struggle to harm him, but what about the two of them?

They were unable to bear the Rain Abbess' wrath.

If it were not for the temptation of the three remaining protector swords of the Radiant Saint Hall, they would have never been willing to come looking for trouble with Gongsun Zhi.

"Even a mere Godking dares to threaten me. Impressive! Very impressive!" The Rain Abbess' voice rang out extremely coldly.

With that, the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood suddenly jolted. The thick clouds that formed a prison at the boundary suddenly began to surge, causing the entire formation to rapidly shrink.

As the formation shrank, everyone could sense the might of the formation increase.

Afterwards, a tremendous power erupted from the Formation of Cloudsurge and Rainflood. Just like a tidal wave, it swept through the entire space within the formation. In the end, a swathe of raindrops formed there.

Every droplet of rain possessed pure laws of the world.

Every droplet of rain possessed astonishing energy pulses.

Afterwards, the droplets of rain gathered in from all directions, surrounding Gongsun Zhi with surging energy.

In an instant, Gongsun Zhi became enveloped by a huge ball condensed from countless droplets of rain. The earth-shaking power and pure laws of the world pressed against Gongsun Zhi's protective light like maggots, gnawing away at it bit by bit.

The Rain Abbess's actions were very simple. Since she could not destroy it, she would wear it down bit by bit.

Immediately, the protective light around Gongsun Zhi was rapidly compressed. In particular, the outer layer was slowly being gnawed away.

Although the process was very slow, his defences were indeed vanishing.

Gongsun Zhi could not laugh anymore. His expression changed once again, and an ill omen rose up from his heart.

He had already been firmly entrapped by the Rain Abbess. He could not move. He could only endure it all with the defences of the protector sword. There was nothing else he could do.

“Huangfu Guiyi, Xu Zhiping, what’re you waiting for? Hurry up and do something!” Gongsun Zhi called out.

However, Huangfu Guiyi and Xu Zhiping acted like they had heard nothing. They did nothing. They felt completely powerless before the Rain Abbess’ strength. They no longer had any will to fight.

They understood that if they kept fighting, the fate that awaited the two of them was death.

As a result, even when they knew that the situation was against Gongsun Zhi, they did not try to do anything.

They were still slightly hopeful, hopeful that the Rain Abbess would spare them.

As for Sha Yun, he just twitched about while drifting through outer space after being heavily injured by the bolt of lightning. He had not recovered.

At the same time, on the most sacred Star Brilliance Mountain that represented the glory and honor of the Star Brilliance Plane, a middle-aged man in robes riddled with stars sat within a secret room, seemingly cultivating.

He was the renowned Nine Brilliance Star Lord.

Suddenly, the Nine Brilliance Star Lord slowly opened his eyes. Countless stars seemed to revolve in his eyes, shining with starlight.

“I anticipated the betrayal of the native organizations on the Cloud Plane. I also anticipated how the Heavenly King of Azure Brilliance would not miss out on this fantastic opportunity, as well as how Gongsun Zhi would take action. However, I never, ever considered the possibility of the Rain Abbess killing her way over from the Delight Plane.”

“What puzzles me is why would the Rain Abbess assist Jian Chen, or should I say the Martial Soul lineage? According to my understanding, she doesn’t seem to have any connections to the Martial Soul lineage or Jian Chen at all. Is there another side to the story?”

“However, her appearance has rendered my plans null. As a result, I have to find a way to keep her busy. Once the Rain Abbess is removed from the equation, just Gongsun Zhi’s group will be enough to kill Jian Chen. Perhaps Yao’er can survive.”

The Nine Brilliance Star Lord muttered to himself. Afterwards, with a flip of his hand, a communication jade talisman appeared. “Blue Sky, aren’t you lacking the main material for your high quality god artifact, the Watercloud Iron? The Rain Abbess just happens to have a piece of it.”

After sending the message, the Nine Brilliance Star Lord stowed the jade talisman away and said to himself, “With Blue Sky taking part, the Rain Abbess will be completely busy. Now, there shouldn’t be

any unexpected changes to the situation. Moreover, I only sent a single piece of information to Blue Sky to target the Rain Abbess. It has nothing to do with Jian Chen.”

“However, I still can’t get too involved. If I do leave behind some kind of trace and the Anatta Grand Exalt catches it, I’ll be in trouble. Severing a person’s way will lead to unforgivable grievances.”