

Emperor 3751

Chapter 3751: Scarlet Moon Seal

“Wow, a dao lord weapon.” Others shuddered and some even felt the urge to prostrate while staring at the seal.

Even Hu Ben and Phantom Sacred Child stared carefully at this artifact.

“How many can just take out a dao lord weapon like her?” An expert murmured.

“Senior Sister Xiaoyue actually has, has a dao lord weapon...” One student from Duality couldn’t believe it.

The crowd simply didn’t expect her coffer to be so deep.

“That’s a descendant of a dao lord for you.” Some students took a deep breath.

Someone close to her said: “I’ve heard rumors that she’s from an ancient clan with a dao lord. Seems like it’s true.”

“She has to be the strongest out of the five heroes.” An older student commented.

Chi Xiaoyue has always kept a low profile and rarely fought anyone. In terms of authority and fame, she was far inferior compared to Li Xiangquan and Zhang Yunzhi. In fact, even Lin Hao was more popular.

In reality, she always kept a distance from most events and matters. That’s why even her stepping up today came as a surprise.

Because of this, most didn’t remember her. Zhang Yunzhi and Li Xiangquan were too bright in comparison.

It seemed that they should have been paying more attention to her because she actually had the most resources out of the five heroes.

The other two certainly had a prestigious background. However, they definitely didn’t have a dao lord weapon on them.

“Duality Academy has some hidden dragons and crouching tigers.” The experts here had this thought.

Hu Ben and Phantom who were far more famous might not have a weapon of this level either, unlike Chi Xiaoyue.

Only Dugu Lan had a calm expression as if this was expected.

“Scarlet Moon Seal from Scarlet Moon Dao Lord.” Liu Huaishi recognized the weapon.

“It’s only an incomplete treasure, not comparable to a real one.” Xiaoyue wasn’t complacent.

“Is that the genius dao lord whose fate is unknown?” One ancestor talked among his peers.

This dao lord had limited influence since he disappeared right after becoming one. He didn’t leave behind legendary tales and contributions. [1]

During his youth, some actually considered him as the number one genius in Eight Desolaces. His fate was truly tragic and people forgot about him.

He died too early and didn't finish refining this seal. It couldn't be considered a complete dao lord weapon.

Nonetheless, Liu Huaishi still had a serious expression.

"Looks like there's hope." Excitement returned to the students of Duality.

"She'll definitely be able to pull out a win now with that thing." Another student said. There was no doubt that her chance of victory was far higher now.

"So that's why she accepted the challenge, she came prepared." One genius who was worried at the start concluded.

"Let's get started again. Eight Celestial Dragons!" Huaishi roared and swung the whip.

"Boom!" Sixteen dragons came down from above, swinging their claws at Chi Xiaoyue.

"Break." She was undeterred by this special move and leaped into the sky with her seal in front.

The power of the seal contained the might of a dao lord. Even the strongest beings would be reduced to ashes.

This was naturally the case for the dragons. Liu Huaishi groaned from the impact and was blown away; his whip disintegrated.

"Yes!!" The spectators from the holy ground applauded.

"Well done!" Another shouted excitedly, looking joyous.

"You're the light of our academy!" One student loudly shouted.

It became a tie now so everyone could breathe easily. The atmosphere prior was just too much to take. At least it looked like an even fight between Buddha and Righteous now.

"So strong..." Liu Huaishi had blood streaming out of his mouth as he said.

"Brother Liu, you haven't gone all out yet. It's time now." Xiaoyue calmly said without a hint of arrogance after the successful blow.

"I have to if I want to leave alive." Liu Huaishi smiled wryly.

The crowd couldn't believe it. Huaishi's power earlier was enough to deter all the geniuses here. He was still holding back?

Anxiety returned to the geniuses after hearing this.

"Don't worry, Senior Sister Xiaoyue has a dao lord weapon." One student said. Who knows if it was to cheer for Xiaoyue or just to convince himself about the chances?

"Clank! Clank! Clank!" Huaishi's hand started shaking before another whip appeared.

This whip was different from the one prior. It looked like a thick chain consisting of golden links.

Gales started blowing away the clouds above after he held it. It emitted the power of a supreme. He seemed rather unstoppable after summoning this weapon.

Chapter 3752: Chi Xiaoyue's Power

Liu Huaishi gave off an unstoppable aura. Just one hand wave could cut down Eight Desolaces. The whip, in particular, could beat the immortals above and the devils below.

The members of Buddha Holy Ground took a deep breath while looking at the whip. They could easily sense its might. In fact, it was most likely on the same level as Chi Xiaoyue's Scarlet Moon Seal.

"Righteous Sect is no slouch when it comes to resources." One commenter said.

Liu Huaishi's personal abilities were impressive enough. Now, he became a tiger with wings, virtually unmatched in this place.

He was a real disciple from Righteous Sect. Of course, he wasn't comparable to someone like Righteous Scion but still far above Thunderblade Xiao Fengyun.

The Xiao was a powerful clan but still far inferior compared to the actual Righteous Sect.

"It's fortunate that Senior Sister Xiaoyue has a dao lord weapon." One student said after seeing the powerful whip, becoming very worried.

Nonetheless, there was still a chance for Xiaoyue.

"This is your real weapon." Xiaoyue stared at the whip and said.

"This is given to me by a senior in the sect, a legacy from a wise sage. I can't exert it to its fullest potential and will only besmirch its reputation." Liu Huaishi didn't reveal the whip's name but it certainly had an illustrious origin.

"It belonged to Soaring Crane Heavenly Sovereign, the master of Heaven Devourer Dao Lord. Its name is Divine Goldwhip." Dugu Lan sitting under the tree revealed the name of the weapon.

"From Soaring Crane Heavenly Sovereign?" The crowd became startled, even those from the previous generation.

Heaven Devourer Dao Lord was none other than the man who revitalized Righteous Sect. Under his leadership, the sect became mighty again, enough to push back the formidable Buddha Holy Ground.

His master wasn't as famous as him. Nonetheless, he was still a top Heavenly Sovereign. His whip allowed him to be uncontested as the sect master of Righteous.

The whip was definitely not weaker than Xiaoyue's Scarlet Moon Seal.

"This shows that Liu Huaishi is an important disciple there, they're focusing on grooming him." Others were shaken after realizing this.

"I have nothing but the utmost admiration for your knowledge, Fairy Dugu." Liu Huaishi didn't try to hide at all while cupping his fist towards Dugu Lan.

“Be careful now.” Chi Xiaoyue showed no sign of hesitation after the revelation.

She immediately attacked with her seal after one warning. It swept forward like a majestic mountain and crushed everything in its path.

“Rumble!” Time and space shattered. The seal appeared in front of Liu Huaishi’s chest before others could blink once.

“Crack! Crack!” The area in front of his chest shattered as well even before the seal made contact.

“Good move!” Liu Huaishi laughed and flicked his wrist. A series of whipping noises could be heard and the whip coiled into a great wall to stop the incoming seal.

“Boom!” The resulting blast was deafening. Everyone felt as if the world was spinning.

Both combatants staggered three steps backward after the exchange.

“Seems even.” Others noticed after the direct confrontation.

“The whip is really strong.” One commenter spoke on the whip.

Remember, the seal was a dao lord weapon yet the whip was competitive. Of course, this was partly due to the seal being incomplete.

“Activate!” Liu Huaishi shouted, not daring to underestimate Chi Xiaoyue. He knew that if he didn’t go all-out, defeat would be inevitable.

He released all of his vitality. Eleven palaces appeared and lined up, turning the vitality into a vast ocean of blood. The true fate protected by the palaces looked like a deity with an oppressive aura.

“Grand Dao Sacred Physique!” One spectator shouted.

Liu Huaishi finally showed his real cultivation realm by revealing the palaces.

“Impressive.” Xiaoyue praised but didn’t relent: “Activate!”

Her auspicious energy and vitality soared to the sky like a reverse waterfall. Numerous geniuses nearby were blown flying by the shockwaves.

Her vitality was dense and pure, seemingly endless. Just this alone was startling. However, she also had eleven palaces in her blood ocean.

“E-eleven palaces!” The crowd became astounded.

At first, even the students from Duality couldn’t believe it. Some rubbed their eyes and recounted again.

Sure enough, eleven palaces. This meant that she was in the sacred physique realm.

As one of the five heroes, the majority was in the Myriad-form realm. Lin Hao himself was considered strong at the grand level of this realm.

That’s why everyone thought that she would be in this realm as well. After all, she wasn’t as famous as the others.

Right now, her true cultivation realm caught everyone by surprise.

"I think Senior Sister Xiaoyue is number one among the five." One student said, realizing that Xiaoyue has been hiding her true abilities.

"I have nothing to be proud about when there are so many hidden experts at the academy." Lin Hao became sentimental. Someone far stronger than him kept a low profile all this time. There was no need for him to be prideful.

"The academy is mighty indeed." Liu Huaishi was moved as well.

"You're no regular disciple from Righteous either." Xiaoyue returned the compliment.

It seemed obvious by this point that Liu Huaishi was an elite even in that sect.

"It's my lucky day to be able to see a dao lord's art." Liu Huaishi raised his whip, ready to fight again.

"I can't wait to see the secrets of Righteous as well." Chi Xiaoyue said seriously.

The Chi had a dao lord before but Righteous Sect had a far deeper history. She had no advantage to speak of in this fight.

Chapter 3753: Heavenly Scripture's Power

Eleven palaces against eleven palaces; Scarlet Moon Seal versus Divine Goldwhip.

The crowd watched with bated breath. Both sides were evenly matched, whether it be their cultivation or weapon.

"Who will win?" The Duality students became anxious.

Those who were cheering for Chi Xiaoyue earlier stopped. It was impossible to tell the victor right now.

"It's not quite Righteous versus Buddha, nonetheless, still an amazing spectacle." One big shot found this fight interesting enough.

At this point, both the young and old, even the ancestors, wanted to watch this high-level fight.

"Miss Xiaoyue, after you." Liu Huaishi cupped his fist and let Xiaoyue start first.

His attitude made her worry inside. The danger was certainly there but she had no choice but to fight.

"I won't be reserved then." Xiaoyue answered. Her eleven palaces issued loud explosions. The true fate became resplendent. Numerous dao laws began to descend like heavenly waterfalls, seemingly covering the entire region.

Her pure vitality churned and rotated at an increasing pace while issuing detonations. The ocean of blood gradually turned into an all-devouring maelstrom.

Once the process finished, the spectators couldn't look straight at the maelstrom any longer. They became dizzy and lost their balance, feeling awfully nauseous.

"I'm gonna puke if it keeps spinning!" A few young ones couldn't handle the rotational impact.

Though the maelstrom wasn't sucking anything in, it was affecting the orders of heaven and earth. This changed everyone's worldly perceptions as well, being affected by the continuous rotation. By this point, some dropped to the ground; others finally vomited.

This move affected everyone and robbed them of being able to fight back. They would have stood zero chance against her.

"Go!" The seal in her hand activated and released a bloody beam. It looked like a spear piercing through the sky. The next moment was a bright explosion blinding the crowd.

"Boom!" A bloody moon floated up from her ocean of vitality. This was another form of the seal.

The moon dragged up the bloody maelstrom and caused untold destruction to the spatial fabrics.

Both the moon and the maelstrom crushed everything along the way, whether it be spatial-temporal affinities or dao powers. No technique or force could stop this move.

"Blood Moon Ascension, a supreme technique of Scarlet Moon Dao Lord." One ancestor was horrified.

Others who haven't heard of this technique before became emotional. This title was apt.

"Can Liu Huaishi stop this?" Many started at Huaishi, wondering what technique he would use.

"Senior Sister Xiaoyue got this." The younger members of the audience found hope for her victory.

Liu Huaishi made his move as the moon and maelstrom were crushing down on him. His whip moved like a dragon towards the incoming attack.

Strangely enough, the whip didn't carry the same fanfare as Xiaoyue's technique. It looked inferior in both momentum and power so the crowd became surprised.

They thought that it was impossible for him to stop Xiaoyue's technique.

This wasn't the case. "Bam!" After the whip hit the moon, both the moon and the maelstrom were greatly affected. Their power and momentum fully stagnated.

This was akin to a fire inside a cauldron being temporarily pushed back by a pot of cold water.

People couldn't believe how effective the whip was. Just a while ago, Blood Moon Ascension displayed such a wondrous and domineering visual phenomenon.

On the other hand, the motion of the whip looked feeble in comparison. Nonetheless, it still stopped Xiaoyue's move.

"What's going on?" The youths had no idea why.

"Why is this happening?" They found this extremely bizarre.

Dugu Lan's eyes flashed brightly before speaking: "Evil Devourer Seven Chapters."

These words stirred the listeners right away.

"Evil Devourer of the Supreme Four Truths." An ancestor became frightened after knowing the origin of this move.

Righteous Dao Lord found the Evil Devourer section of the fourth truths during his youth. After finishing his dao, he wrote seven chapters and passed them down to his disciples.

“Supreme Four Truths is a legendary heavenly scripture, others have no chance of seeing, let alone cultivating it.” Dugu Lan went on.

“You think too highly of me, Fairy.” Liu Huaishi shook his head: “It’s embarrassing to say this but I lack the talent to learn it. I barely know the basics of one chapter.”

“Yes, Force Devourer Chapter.” Dugu Lan nodded: “This is far beyond the basics. You have reached grand completion already.”

“I’m not even close compared to the scion.” Liu Huaishi said.

The crowd couldn’t believe it. Dugu Lan said that he was at grand completion yet he claimed to be surpassed by the scion. Just how far did the scion get with this chapter?

“A heavenly scripture...” Others became afraid.

No one doubted the power of Evil Devourer Seven Chapters because their holy ground had one too. Buddha Dao Lord also found one part of the Supreme Four Truths - Buddhamization.

Chapter 3754: Evil Devourer Seven Chapters

Force Devourer Art was a part of the seven chapters, one of the best merit laws in Righteous Sect.

Just like its name, it could absorb all offenses regardless of their power. This was the reason why Liu Huaishi was able to stop Chi Xiaoyue’s Blood Moon Ascension with a casual lash.

“Go!” Chi Xiaoyue didn’t give up and released more vitality. A resplendent tsunami emerged with loud fanfare. The blood moon emerged again, still pushing down with an unstoppable momentum along with the maelstrom.

The power of this move was definitely awe-inspiring. The dao lord aura accompanied was oppressive. People couldn’t help shivering with fear.

Liu Huaishi remained calm and performed another lash, issuing metallic clanks. The whip still traveled like a soaring dragon to hit the floating moon.

“Boom!” The power of the moon immediately extinguished, akin to fire met with an overwhelming amount of water again.

After another failed attempt, Chi Xiaoyue trembled once and instantly retreated to keep a safe distance.

The crowd took a deep breath. Chi Xiaoyue’s move was immensely powerful; no one could refute this. However, the whip still effortlessly stopped it.

“It’s inscrutable.” One ancestor concluded.

“Force Devourer can absorb anything. The only way is for the attack to be overwhelming, otherwise, Chi Xiaoyue’s attacks are nothing but delicacies.” An aged high elder added.

Force Devourer was the most effective when used against someone at a similar power level. If the difference was too great, it would no longer work. For example, the current Liu Huaishi wouldn't be able to absorb an attack from an actual dao lord or peak Heavenly Sovereign. Even if he were to master the art, it still wouldn't make up for the difference.

The issue here was that the two were evenly matched. Thus, Chi Xiaoyue's techniques were rendered ineffective.

"What can she do in this situation?" A spectator wondered.

She had her hands tied at the moment, having no better plan against Force Devourer. This was her first time facing the seven chapters from Righteous. There was no previous referencing point.

Of course, in reality, having references and experiences simply didn't work. She just needed to use overwhelming force. Skills and techniques didn't matter here.

"Is there a way to defeat these seven chapters?" One youth asked.

"Is there a way to defeat World Crossing?" An ancestor answered rhetorically. [1]

The youth had nothing to say. World Crossing was Dhyana Dao Lord's technique originating from Buddhamization.

World Crossing and Evil Devourer Seven Chapters were both merit laws at a similar level.

In history, no one has been able to stop World Crossing. One could be stronger and shoulder it but to fully nullify it? Impossible.

Therefore, if solving World Crossing was impossible, the same would apply to Evil Devourer Seven Chapters.

"The seven chapters are worthy of being from a heavenly scripture, it's truly unique." Chi Xiaoyue has to admit.

"This is all I have managed to learn. The scion's attainment is far greater." Liu Huaishi humbly said.

"How many chapters have he learned?" Dugu Lan suddenly spoke.

Ears seemingly became longer as everyone stared at Liu Huaishi. Just one chapter, Force Devourer, was enough for him to stop Chi Xiaoyue. What about Righteous Scion then?"

Liu Huaishi opened his mouth, ready to speak. People became excited right away. However, he smiled and shook his head: "Fairy, my cultivation is too shallow to see through him, I'm afraid."

He naturally knew that Dugu Lan wanted to pry more information out of him.

People became disappointed but understood his hesitation due to the contest. If he had learned one chapter, then the scion most likely knew two or three.

"Fairy, I can tell you that the scion has learned at least four out of the seven." Xu Cuimei, who has been standing to the side, suddenly interjected.

The listeners trembled after hearing this. Liu Huaishi with only one chapter seemed strong enough. Even dao lord merit laws were ineffective. What would four chapters be capable of?

Hu Ben and Phantom became serious. They were confident prior but after seeing Force Devourer, their mentality slightly wavered.

Dugu Lan was undeterred. She smiled and said: "Four? Perhaps the scion has learned all seven."

"That's one possibility." Cuimei didn't deny: "You're quite knowledgeable."

"No, it's just that if the scion wishes to become a dao lord, it's essential that he knows all seven. That might be the first goal for any disciple from Righteous and a qualification to prove their dao." Dugu Lan responded.

"Truly logical, impressive." Xu Cuimei slightly nodded while pondering.

The conversation between these two shocked the crowd. Just four chapters were dreadful already, but the entire thing?

"The scion would be unstoppable, right?" One youth said.

"He's already unstoppable last year, he swept through all of Righteous." An expert who has been to Righteous before said.

He wanted to add something else but decided to keep it to himself. He would have said, the scion would sweep through all of the holy ground as well.

However, since so many members of the holy ground were present, that comment would be too offensive.

"So there's no hope?" The youth quietly said.

The scion was obviously far stronger than Liu Huaishi. His attainment in the seven chapters was at another level. Who would be able to stop him then?

Some stared at Dugu Lan only to find that she was still calm. No emotion could be read.

"Miss Xiaoyue, do we still continue?" Liu Huaishi asked. He had no intention of taking this to the bitter end.

The fight seemed decided already. Accepting defeat might be the better choice.

Nonetheless, just thinking about it was tough for the crowd. This would be the holy ground's second loss already.

Chapter 3755: Just A Minor Art

The young ones from the holy ground felt suffocated as if an invisible hand was grabbing their throat.

Chi Xiaoyue's defeat would be another heavy blow to the academy. They stared at her, aware that the reputation and dignity of the holy ground relied on her.

“The seven chapters are indeed special, I’m afraid I don’t have a solution.” Chi Xiaoyue took a deep breath and said solemnly.

The audience felt their heart sinking downward. Is she going to accept defeat? They would never be able to stare a member of Righteous Sect in the eyes afterward.

“It’s not your fault, Miss Xiaoyue.” Liu Huaishi nodded: “For millions of years now, no one has been able to solve these seven chapters. It is understandable...”

Though Liu Huaishi’s tone was polite and he didn’t try to mock the holy ground, the other side still found it unbearable.

“It’s not difficult to solve it, just an incomplete chapter of a heavenly scripture, there’s no deep profundity to speak of.” A leisure voice suddenly interrupted him. [1]

The casual and indifferent tone froze everyone.

Evil Devourer Seven Chapters were derived by a dao lord from the Four Supreme Truths. The speaker’s assessment made it sound inadequate.

“Who is so bold to say this?” Many felt this way.

No one has been successful in solving the seven chapters. Only the top geniuses and masters in history bothered to attempt.

The wise sages have all failed yet this person viewed the topic with such frivolity?

They followed the voice and noticed that it was none other than Li Qiye who was fishing by the creek.

His head was still lowered and hidden by the hat. If he wasn’t the speaker, people would have thought that he was sleeping.

They forgot about him since he didn’t utter a single word from start to finish. Now, his arrogance got everyone’s attention.

“It’s Li Qiye.” Those who have witnessed him in action before thought that they have grown used to his style. Alas, this time still surprised them.

Dugu Lan and the others stared at him. Chi Xiaoyue, in particular, became excited.

“Can he actually break the seven chapters?” A believer of his still remained skeptical due to the historical precedence.

The greatest geniuses have failed. How could a junior like Li Qiye do so?

“Hey, it’s possible. Li Qiye even understood Sword Point from Sword Emperor? No one has done so in history, right?” A student from Duality said.

“But you’re forgetting that Sword Point is just a casual move left behind by Sword Emperor. The seven chapters are from a heavenly scripture. After its derivation from Righteous Dao Lord, it should be far stronger and more profound than Sword Point. Understanding Sword Point doesn’t mean that he can break the seven chapters. The difficulty must be several hundred times greater.” A doubter stated.

“Yes, easier said than done.” Discussions with conflicting viewpoints sprung up everywhere.

“Young Master Li, you believe you can break our seven chapters?” Liu Huaishi’s eyes were heated as he stared at Li Qiye.

“It’s just an incomplete chapter, there’s no difficulty to speak of.” Li Qiye didn’t move at all while responding.

“Young Master Li, though I will be overestimating myself, I am eager to try after listening to you. May we spare?” Liu Huaishi said.

“I don’t need to do it myself over one minor art.” Li Qiye casually responded.

Liu Huaishi and everyone else became speechless. The seven chapters were just a minor art?

Even invincible dao lords wouldn’t dare to make this claim. Li Qiye’s arrogance couldn’t be described with words.

“This isn’t a joke, mind your words.” Hu Ben glared at him.

The other spectators thought that Li Qiye was exaggerating as well.

“This matters pertains to the reputation of our holy ground. It’s more crucial than anything else. If he can’t back up his claim, Righteous Sect will mock us for a million years.” One youth murmured.

“Please watch your words in order to not besmirch the holy ground’s reputation. The Evil Devourer Seven Chapters aren’t that easy to defeat.” Another easily-stimulated genius told Li Qiye.

“Right, now’s not the time to be flippant and careless.” Another chimed in.

“If you can’t back up your words, you’ll become a sinner of the holy ground for harming its reputation.” One expert snorted.

In fact, many had faith in Li Qiye. It’s just that his comment was too extreme and left no room for failure. This exacerbated the severity of the situation. He would lose both his and the holy ground’s reputation.

Li Qiye turned a deaf ear to the criticism and continued fishing.

“You’re displaying absolute confidence, Young Master Li.” Liu Huaishi took a deep breath, doing a great job at maintaining civility.

The seven chapters were the ultimate arts of Righteous. Many people took pride in being able to learn it. Liu Huaishi’s Force Devourer was his best merit law and a reason for pride.

Others would be livid after hearing Li Qiye disparaging their prized art.

Nonetheless, he stayed calm and didn’t think that Li Qiye would actually be able to do so.

“If you don’t personally do it, how will you break our arts?” He elaborated.

Though he was an enemy, the members of the holy ground nodded in agreement.

“Yes, claiming to be able to break it without doing it himself? That’s a little absurd.” One genius said.

"It's beyond the point of taking back now. How humiliating will it be for the holy ground if he can't do it?" Another scowled.

Chapter 3756: As Easy As Pie

"Young Master, since you are interested in this matter, we can't wait to see." Xu Cuimei seemed invested and smiled.

"Young Master, how will you break Force Devourer?" Dugu Lan asked. She wasn't skeptical of Li Qiye's claim but merely curious.

So far, she herself couldn't come up with a solution. She was considerably stronger than Liu Huaishi and could defeat him. However, to use a merit law or the mysteries of the dao to defeat Force Devourer? She didn't have anything, at least for now.

That's why she wanted to see Li Qiye's method. Perhaps this would be extremely helpful before the fight with Righteous Scion since he learned the same thing.

"Xiaoyue can do it." Li Qiye said without opening his eyes.

Xiaoyue immediately understood and became spirited again. She cupped her first and said: "I'm awaiting your guidance, Young Master."

She then turned towards Liu Huaishi and said: "Brother Liu, let us continue to decide the victor."

"Why not? I also wish to see." Liu Huaishi narrowed his eyes. He thought that if she acted as Li Qiye's proxy, there was only a twenty percent chance of success at best.

In fact, he had sparred with disciples from Righteous Sect previously. Even Righteous Scion who was adept at the seven chapters couldn't come up with a solution.

The Supreme Four Truths were immensely profound. They could only cultivate it, seeing the flaws and openings was impossible.

An outsider such as Li Qiye most likely has never seen the chapters before, let alone learning them. This might be his first time seeing Force Devourer. How could Liu Huaishi take his assertion seriously?

"Clank!" The golden whip in his hand vibrated and issued a noisy aura, looking like a golden dragon.

"Let us get started." Liu Huaishi told Chi Xiaoyue. He was quite curious to see what magical method could break his Force Devourer.

Everyone else had a serious expression at this point, meticulously observing the development.

Chi Xiaoyue stared at Li Qiye since she was relying on him completely.

"No need to make such a big deal when it's just child's play, put everything away." Li Qiye opened his eyes and ordered.

"What?" Some thought that they had misheard him.

"Is he serious? That's basically conceding." One youth said.

"If Miss Xiaoyue were to put her weapon away, she'll be completely defenseless and unable to resist." A genius added.

They saw the power of the Scarlet Moon Seal earlier along with the Blood Moon Ascension. They felt that these things kept her competitive. Otherwise, she would have lost long ago.

Thus, not using these things was akin to surrendering.

"Hmm, not using the dao lord merit law and weapon?" Experts from the last generation were puzzled. Remember, Liu Huaishi had a top-level weapon as well.

"Is this a joke? Is she going to fight bare-handed?" Another questioned Li Qiye.

Hu Ben and Phantom's expression soured due to the lack of logic.

"Is this the right move? She could at least defend with the dao lord weapon." Phantom said.

Liu Huaishi's Force Devourer was devilish indeed. However, even if Chi Xiaoyue couldn't break his defense, she could still guarantee her own safety. What Li Qiye told her to do was akin to suiciding. No one believed that her body could handle the attacks from the whip.

"Don't play with someone's life." Hu Ben shouted: "This is not a game. Just one mistake and Miss Xiaoyue might die. The reputation of the holy ground will go down the drain as well!"

"That's right, we have to take this seriously." Others agreed with this and nodded.

"Miss Xiaoyue, do not listen to him." An older student from Duality said: "Your life's on the line with just one wrong move, please exercise prudence."

"This Li guy, he's actually toying with someone's life." The young ones criticized Li Qiye's ridiculous choice.

Of course, Li Qiye didn't bat an eye despite the rampant criticism.

Contrary to the mass, Chi Xiaoyue actually recalled her seal and Blood Moon Ascension without any hesitation. She then stopped channeling her vitality and chaos true energy.

This shocked everyone, Liu Huaishi included.

"Is this safe?" An ancestor wondered. Going defenseless against that golden whip was too much.

Not to mention Chi Xiaoyue, the ancestors here wouldn't want to fight Liu Huaishi barehanded.

"Are you sure, Miss Xiaoyue?" Liu Huaishi himself became worried. Though she was a capable cultivator, he thought that she had zero chance under these circumstances. Only death awaited.

"Thank you, Brother, this should be fine." She calmly answered, having full confidence in Li Qiye's guidance unlike the others.

She virtually put her life in his hand. Just one mistake and it would end with her death.

Everyone became nervous after seeing this. Some students almost wanted to turn away, their heart hanging on a thread. The atmosphere became awfully tense.

“Sit down, seal your six senses and the grand dao.” Li Qiye casually said.

“What?!” Everyone’s mouth became agape.

“Is he crazy?!” One person shouted.

Chapter 3757: Trust

Sealing the six senses and the grand dao meant becoming a cripple with tied hands and legs.

Against someone as powerful as Liu Huaishi, other geniuses would use their strongest defense and weapon. That’s the only way to survive the whip.

Now, Li Qiye told Chi Xiaoyue to abandon everything including her awareness and her dao. This was nothing short of wanting to watch her die.

She wouldn’t be able to stop one attack. Just one gentle lash would finish the task.

The spectators nearly exploded and launched a verbal onslaught.

“Senior Sister Xiaoyue, don’t listen to him, it’ll be the end of you!” One student bellowed.

“Are you sure he’s trying to defeat Liu Huaishi and not kill Miss Xiaoyue?” One genius said.

“He’s a traitor by trying to do this. We can’t let him get away with it!” One more furiously shouted.

From their perspective, they could only see Li Qiye trying to kill her by giving her a ridiculous order.

Nonetheless, she still followed his guidance - fully sealing her senses and grand dao. This showed how much confidence she had in him.

She was completely defenseless at this point with openings everywhere. Any regular cultivator might be able to kill her now.

“How risky...” One spectator was shocked. No one would let someone else take control of their life, especially not in this ridiculous manner.

Liu Huaishi stared in astonishment as well. His opponent was helpless without a weapon. Just one lash would instantly take her down.

He became surprised at her trust in Li Qiye. He would absolutely never do something like this.

“Are you ready, Miss Xiaoyue? We can start once you are.” He didn’t immediately attack. It wasn’t his style to attack a defenseless combatant, let alone doing it in a sneaky manner.

“Yes.” Xiaoyue calmly said.

This made him hesitate even more. She looked completely confident and unafraid of his attack. Did Li Qiye really have something up his sleeve?

Huaishi became cautious and began ordering his whip to inch closer to her, testing the water.

She still didn’t move at all as if she didn’t sense the incoming whip.

People started sweating for her as the whip drew closer.

“Is this a thing?” One spectator said as the whip looked like a spirit snake trying to scout the situation and ready to deliver the fatal bite.

The fight hasn’t started but anxiety still overwhelmed the spectators. It looked like a match between a venomous serpent and a helpless rabbit.

“Excuse me then.” Liu Huaishi didn’t get anything from the scout so he decided to make his move.

In his mind, her dao lord weapon and merit law weren’t enough to stop his Force Devourer. There was no way she could do anything now.

“Clank!” The whip changed its movement and resembled a true dragon, lashing through the air to hit Xiaoyue.

He activated Force Devourer also. This turned the dragon-like whip into another legendary creature capable of absorbing all offenses. Even the slightest use of force would still be absorbed.

Chi Xiaoyue still remained unmoving as the whip came down.

“Shit!” One spectator turned pale.

“Sister, from above!” A Duality student screamed.

The members of the holy ground thought that she was finished.

“It’s all Li Qiye’s fault!” Another turned their anger towards Li Qiye.

“He needs to pay for this!” Others chimed in.

In this crucial moment, Li Qiye’s voice seemingly echoed in her mind: “Dao with the heart, hand with the law.”

Others wouldn’t be able to grasp this in a split second. However, Chi Xiaoyue was different under her sealed state. Her mind was utterly empty so it became clear to her - even the movement of the whip and the changes of Force Devourer.

The imperceptible mistakes and flaws prior could finally be spotted. She finally made her move - gently closing her palm with the same force as one would when tying their hair.

This action had no offensive or murderous intent. Nonetheless, it contained a profundity not privy to the spectators.

The next thing that happened was a loud bang and Liu Huaishi was blown away by his own whip. It nearly struck his head.

He suffered a backlash from his own Force Devourer. It didn’t stop Chi Xiaoyue’s retaliation but rather, it devoured his own merit law. Nonetheless, he reacted fast enough to prevent his head from being split open by the whip.

Chapter 3758: Solution?

Eyes were wide open watching Liu Huaishi get blown away. The crowd couldn’t believe their own eyes.

Earlier, Chi Xiaoyue used a dao lord weapon and merit law yet couldn't do anything to Force Devourer.

Now, despite being sealed and weaponless while sitting in the meditative pose, Chi Xiaoyue managed to repel Liu Huaishi by just closing her palm.

No one would have believed this illogical development without seeing it in person. Liu Huaishi himself found this astonishing despite personally experiencing it. There was no explanation for how she did it.

"What the hell is going on?" A spectator regained his wits and murmured.

"What kind of top technique is this? So bizarre." One older expert added.

All eyes were on Li Qiye because it was apparent that his guidance made the reversal possible.

However, Li Qiye was still holding on to his fishing rod and had his eyes closed.

"Didn't I tell you? Li Qiye can make the impossible possible, that's just who he is." Someone who trusted Li Qiye prior laughed.

Those who mocked Li Qiye or thought that he was being too arrogant felt their cheeks becoming hot as if he had just slapped them.

Some ancestors had an awkward expression; they also thought that he wouldn't be able to break Force Devourer.

The effortless manner of how he did it naturally shocked everyone.

"What technique was that?" Another ancestor wondered, not seeing the profundity of Chi Xiaoyue's slight hand movement. How was that enough to stop Force Devourer?

"Which sect is it from?" Liu Huaishi asked while staring at Li Qiye.

Alas, Li Qiye didn't say anything. Chi Xiaoyue had no idea either but she didn't ask.

"How interesting, it must have something to do with the secrets of Duality Academy." Xu Cuimei clapped and smiled.

The crowd became startled. Members of the holy ground had no idea; how did someone from Righteous see the clues?

Some turned towards Dugu Lan. She might be the most knowledgeable of the academy's techniques out of anyone here.

"We have a merit law like that?" The students started talking among themselves.

The student body was diverse, originating from all over the world. They also cultivated different merit laws. Alas, none could pinpoint this to any technique from there.

"It can be classified as being from our academy." Dugu Lan pondered for a bit before replying: "But no student has been fortunate enough to learn or understand it recently."

The listeners exchanged glances right away. The students, in particular, became emotional.

If this was indeed a merit law from Duality Academy, how did an outsider like Li Qiye understand it, unlike the rest?

“Very well, let me witness it again.” Liu Huaishi didn’t give up and walked towards Chi Xiaoyue.

He circled slowly around her instead of attacking right away, wanting to see some clues or potentially fatal openings.

The confusing part was that due to the way she was sitting, she was wide open. Any move would be fatal in this scenario.

This made it difficult for him. If an expert had one or two, then those would definitely be mistakes. In this case, they weren’t actually openings. He didn’t know how to start attacking her at all.

Meanwhile, the spectators watched with bated breath, wanting to see Chi Xiaoyue’s next move.

The ancestors were immensely involved with observing her method of breaking Force Devourer. Learning this would mean a lifetime of benefits.

Just think about it, being able to solve a chapter from Evil Devourer was extraordinary.

“Clank!” After a full circle, Liu Huaishi still didn’t know whether to start. Nonetheless, he still decided to release golden laws from his whip.

However, the laws were aimed at her surroundings instead, completely trapping her inside. Not even water could get through.

“Now!” Liu Huaishi lashed and the whip instantly appeared above Chi Xiaoyue’s head. It lingered above and became resplendent.

The dao laws around her also started resonating with the whip. As the light became brighter, a formation eventually appeared on the ground beneath her, the same with the whip above.

It was apparent that Liu Huaishi wanted to trap her in this formation.

“What is she waiting for?” The spectators became nervous for her.

“Clank!” Both the formations exuded golden rays that envelope her. Liu Huaishi also activated Force Devourer. Time and space began to twist along with Chi Xiaoyue’s body.

“It’s getting too dangerous, she needs to do something!” One spectator said. If this continued, she would break down to pieces.

Some shifted their gaze towards Li Qiye again only to find the guy not doing anything.

“Please do something!” A student from Duality was scared out of his mind.

Unfortunately, Xiaoyue had no reaction despite the twisting of her body.

“Die!” Liu Huaishi finally made his move. The golden rays then turned into thousands of swords, ready to pierce through.

She was being affected by Force Devourer and shouldn’t be able to resist.

Chapter 3759: Effortlessly

The golden swords lacerated the spatial fabrics, on the verge of taking Chi Xiaoyue down next.

The spectators gasped; some covered their mouth while others turned away - unable to bear seeing her being turned to a bloody mist.

In this split second, Li Qiye finally spoke again: "Release the dao, Six Sense Break!"

Chi Xiaoyue's grand dao suddenly activated along with her six senses. They instantly buried Liu Huaishi's attack with the might of a primordial beast.

"Boom!" She waved both hands and the formations crumbled. The incoming swords headed for Liu Huaishi instead.

He shouted from horror and pulled back the whip for defense. Despite being as fast as lightning, it wasn't enough to stop the backlash.

"Boom!" He got pushed out of the mountain and free fall until eventually smashing the base - resulting in a huge pit.

Dust scattered everywhere. Mouths were open wide enough to fit a goose egg at this point.

Liu Huaishi was the first one to attack yet he still lost the exchange. People had a hard time calming down.

Once they realized the situation, they became increasingly frightened. When Chi Xiaoyue attacked earlier, numerous ancestors were watching. They still didn't notice anything special and had no idea how she defeated Force Devourer.

"Is Li Qiye still human?" One ancestor glanced at Li Qiye.

"Of course he is, just know that he's the son of miracles too." A teacher from Duality smiled wryly.

This title has been increasingly popular. Those who witnessed him doing so multiple times were at a loss for words.

"He really figured out how to break Force Devourer? That's so heaven-defying. Has it ever been done before?" One big shot asked.

"Break, I'm not sure, but it's definitely effective." Another expert became excited.

The youths from the holy ground celebrated. It seemed that the mysterious Li Qiye has decided to join their cause.

"Bam!" Liu Huaishi got out of the pit, covered in dirt and wounds.

Chi Xiaoyue didn't want to take his life earlier but the injuries were still relatively serious.

"I accept my defeat." Liu Huaishi climbed up the steps and cupped his fist towards Chi Xiaoyue.

"No, I took advantage of the situation, it's an honorless victory." She returned the respectful gesture.

The end of this battle was great news for the members of the holy ground.

“We finally won one.” Someone heaved a sigh of relief.

The battle was nerve-racking for many since Chi Xiaoyue was absolutely an underdog. A second loss seemed inevitable until Li Qiye joined. Just a few sentences from him turned the tides to everyone’s astonishment.

Liu Huaishi then cupped his fist towards Li Qiye but was ignored. He then moved back and stood next to Xu Cuimei.

“Thank you for your guidance, Young Master.” Chi Xiaoyue walked over to the creek and bowed her head.

Li Qiye didn’t answer her either, still focusing on fishing.

A while back, most would have thought that he was being too arrogant and putting up an act. Now, no one saw through him and kept quiet instead.

Despite a lack of response, Chi Xiaoyue still bowed one more time before leaving.

“Alright, ladies and gentlemen, my mission is complete. The scion will come to spar against the heroes of the holy ground. We can’t wait to see your great techniques.” Xu Cuimei smiled and told the crowd.

The geniuses that were rejoicing earlier felt the pressure again. She woke them up from their celebration.

Chi Xiaoyue’s victory was only a minor one. Righteous Scion was still coming. The next battle was the true test between their holy ground and Righteous Sect. But who could actually take him on?

Xu Cuimei then cupped her fist and left with Cloudwhip and Thunderblade.

Silence took over the area.

“Take your leave, everyone.” Dugu Lan said: “Righteous Scion won’t make it here instantly. If anyone wishes to challenge him along the way, go for it. But don’t force yourself.”

No one responded due to their pessimistic mood.

They all saw how powerful Thunderblade and Cloudwhip were. Righteous Scion was definitely stronger.

No one dared to challenge him. This meant that he would be able to walk straight to Minor Sacred Mountain - something truly shameful for the holy ground.

Though the humiliation was unbearable, there was nothing they could do.

They understood that fighting him would be great information-gathering for Dugu Lan. The problem was, who would dare to step up?

“I shall return to Divine Ghost to ask for a weapon.” Phantom Sacred Child told Dugu Lan then left.

His solemn expression told everyone that this would at least be a dao lord-level weapon. It certainly made the crowd feel better.

"I'll talk to the elders in the court, we'll do everything to help you, Fairy." Hu Ben cupped his fist and hastily left as well.

Their hasty departure was due to the pressure stemming from Thunderblade and especially Cloudwhip.

Just one chapter from Evil Devourer was dreadful enough. The scion knew at least four chapters. Thus, the two needed to prepare more than ever before.

One genius started leaving after another. Some truly wanted to help Dugu Lan but they lacked the abilities.

They would have had a hard time dealing with Cloudwhip. Therefore, they might not be able to last two or three moves against the scion.

"Listen, let Li Qiye participate in the last battle, this might be enough." A few geniuses had this idea as they were leaving.

"Hmm, the cultivation gap is too great." One peer disagreed.

"Right, but he's Li Qiye. Senior Sister Xiaoyue won by following his order." A student added.

Chapter 3760: I'm Fishing

It didn't take long before only Dugu Lan was left on Minor Sacred Mountain. She came over to the creek and bowed deeply towards Li Qiye: "This disciple from Duality Academy greets you, Young Master."

"What is it?" Li Qiye slowly opened his eyes to look at her and nodded. He went back to focusing on fishing as if nothing was more interesting to him. He only gave a top beauty like her a single glance.

She became quite curious - was he really just fishing? She stopped thinking about it and got to the point: "I believe I might not be the scion's match."

Li Qiye shook his head: "Absolutely. Your defeat is certain."

Dugu Lan wasn't offended by this statement. Anyone else would have been a bit peeved because it was too early to say. This was definitely an insult towards her ability.

She bowed again and asked: "That's why I am seeking your guidance, Young Master."

She spoke with sincerity and humility. These traits always earned some points, not to mention that she was beautiful and talented.

"I have nothing to teach." Li Qiye smiled: "Your comprehension of the grand dao is exceptional among your age group. You already know what to do."

"I saw that Young Master could break Force Devourer. I'm sure that you can..." She paused for a bit before adding.

"Yes, I can break Righteous Sect's seven chapters." Li Qiye chuckled.

Others might be surprised but this was within her expectation. The seven chapters were profound and wide-ranging. Just solving one was amazing, let alone all seven.

“Do you think you can win even if I teach you this method?” Li Qiye asked.

“Hmm...” She took her time before answering: “I haven’t fought him so I can’t say, I will just try my best.”

“Good mindset.” Li Qiye smiled: “The truth is that victory isn’t certain even in that case.”

“I’m sure Young Master has a way to defeat him.” Dugu Lan said softly.

Li Qiye didn’t answer right away. He stared at his fishing pole for a bit before replying: “Yes, there are millions of methods to defeat him. I can pick any random one.”

His nonchalant comment would incite skepticism. Who was Righteous Scion? The current number one genius in the southern West King. His grand dao was at a peerless level.

“It’s to be expected. If you join the fray, you’ll shock all of Eight Desolaces...” She responded.

“Okay, don’t flatter me now.” Li Qiye interrupted her with a hand wave. He then asked: “Do you want to win or something else?”

She met his gaze straight on and answered: “For me, nothing is better than actually winning but losing is understandable as well. My cultivation is inferior and there’s a large gap in our actual battle prowess. It’s not shameful to lose to a better combatant.”

She paused for a bit before moving on: “The only problem is that I’ll be letting down my sect and the holy ground. Of course, the holy ground has been standing strong for eras, this defeat doesn’t matter in the grand scheme of things. It’s more of a personal shortcoming, that I am not excellent enough to do everything perfectly.”

She had a natural expression as she admitted this.

“Well said, well said.” Li Qiye laughed and approved of her.

She smiled gorgeously in response. “Young Master, will you join?” She asked afterward.

“Did you say that the holy ground will be just fine after this defeat? It still has all of its foundations and plenty of hidden experts. This contest is trivial and doesn’t affect me in the slightest.” Li Qiye said.

“Yes, but given your status, you can represent the holy ground, you’re its...” Dugu Lan couldn’t help but say.

“You’re mistaken, I don’t represent the holy ground nor Vajra. It’s all a misconception, I only represent myself and have no other identity.” Li Qiye waved his hand.

Nothing he had said surprised her until now. She stared at him with uncertainty: “Young Master, what do you mean...”

Li Qiye stared implicatively at her and said: “Don’t count on me for this battle, I’m not interested at all. You will bear the banner for this tough competition between the holy ground and Righteous.”

“Young Master, I suddenly feel an overwhelming weight on my shoulders. It’s suffocating.” She took a deep breath and smiled wryly.

“Isn’t that a good thing? It’s time for you to rise up and reach the next height.” Li Qiye said.

“But shouldering the reputation of the holy ground is such a serious responsibility.” She responded.

“The heaven tests the capable, that’s all.” Li Qiye flatly responded.

“Will you come to watch the battle?” She stopped convincing him to help.

“Don’t worry, I’ll come to show my support if I’m not occupied with important business.” Li Qiye paused for a moment before answering.

She felt better even though he didn’t promise anything. Just his presence would take the weight off her shoulders.

With that, Li Qiye closed his eyes again, seemingly falling asleep.

She stopped bothering him and stared at the fishing rod. After a while, nothing was happening; no fish was biting at all.

Some time passed and he stared at her, shaking his head: “Holding the rod doesn’t mean that one is fishing.”

She didn’t expect him to speak to her again but agreed with the logic.

He then began to pull back the string. Who knows how long it was but this took forever and the hook was still nowhere to be found.

The problem was, once it left the water, she noticed that it wasn’t a fishhook at the end of the string.