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Chapter 211 Battle of Wills, Marvin vs. Austin (Part One)

As Marvin moved into his stance preparing to fight, Austin's gaze turned sharp. Marvin seemed to have enhanced his cultivation greatly during the last two weeks.

Last time, when he was defeated by Austin, his cultivation base was at the eight level of the Energy Gathering Realm, and at that time his grade four palm skill, Giant Magic Palm, had reached Major Achievement Stage. He had not yet learned any palm intent, but that was no longer true since his first opponent of the day had already felt its power.

Raines was only at the eight level of the Energy Gathering Realm, and his grade four bodily movement skill could not give out the same power as Marvin' level one palm intent formed numerous palm figures.

Once their battle commenced, Marvin' right palm moved forward, bringing with it the vital energy needed to drive the numerous palms together. He charged at Raines to his chest, causing a dreadful sound to be heard throughout the Martial Arts Square.

Feeling the pain blossom within his chest, Raines shouted, "Stop, I yield!."

Raines' shout promptly made him the loser of the match, as he knew it would when he shouted those words.

But, Marvin did not stop his numerous palms. He continued as if he did not hear Raines' shouting. Bang! A sound burst out and the body of Raines flew out of the fighting court instantly like a bullet, and then heavily he fell to the ground.

Marvin was declared the winner with only one move!

The whole Martial Arts Square went into an uproar within seconds.

Flashing back to when Marvin was defeated by Austin, most of the outer disciples were shocked to find that Marvin was not as strong as they had expected. Since then, his position in the outer part of the Sun Sect had declined a great deal and he was not as respected as before.

But now that Marvin had defeated Raines, who was at the eighth level of the Energy Gathering Realm by one move, some of those same outer disciples began to look at Marvin with respect again, as they were awed by his strength. The outer disciples clearly knew that if they were in the same position as Raines, they would not have been able to defend themselves when faced against Marvin's high grade palm.

of power the last

Marvin defeated Raines, he did not wait for the announcement from Elder Xing, but instead began looking intensely into the audience as if

I will give you the opportunity to fight me at my best! I will even sweeten the deal, if you can defeat me I will allow you to be ranked at the fifth position," Marvin challenged as he continued to shout into the audience!

noise level of the audience. Each word he spoke was clearly heard by all the outer disciples. As he spoke, Marvin unleashed his Vital Energy

the disciples were shocked at the magnitude of his

Marvin shouted, most of the outer disciples

between Marvin and Austin. Now they were interested to see what would happen from Marvin's public challenge to Austin.

someone who

after he heard Marvin's shouted speech. For some time, he had been bullied by

front of the audience. On the contrary, he retreated a

Not understanding Austin's hesitancy in accepting Marvin's challenge, Herbert continued to

needed no explanation as to why he was moving deeper into the audience. Trusting his friend, he also began moving backwards to stand beside his

Austin threateningly moved in close to Herbert and said, "If you say that again I will kick you into the arena

to kick him into the fighting court. Immediately shutting his mouth, he moved

ha, Austin is so broad-minded and different

don't give attention to every made dog who barks at you. A mature cultivator would not engage

heart he changed his attitude and started

hides in the shell? Do you think you can hide from me?" Marvin laughingly stated while standing in

No matter how hard he looked, or how much he taunted Austin, his challenge remained unmet.

The outer disciples within the audience also began to whisper amongst themselves as the challenge remained unanswered.

Some were guessing as to why Austin would not stand up and reply to Marvin' challenge.

Another stated that Austin did not come to watch the Top Ten Outer Disciples Ranking Challenge at all.

Someone assumed that Austin might be afraid since he saw Marvin's cultivation level had improved greatly in such a short time.

While a select few claimed Austin disdained to reply to Marvin's challenge altogether. . .

"Okay this is over," Elder Xing shouted against the growing whispers of the audience. "First, today's top fifth position will remain with Marvin."

"Next, the challenge for the fourth position begins right now!"

Elder Xing's low voice could be heard throughout the audience. His words effectively put a stop to Marvin's behavior.

With the last syllable leaving Elder Xing's mouth, a figure with great power stood up in the area where the top ten were seated. He wore a cruel expression and killing intent flashed in his eyes.

Laughing loudly like a beast, the figure shouted while looking down at the audience, "Okay, I will accept anyone who has the confidence in his own strength and truly believes they can challenge me. I'm known to break necks!"

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Chapter 212 Battle of Wills, Marvin vs. Austin (Part Two)

It was Andrew Nan, the top fourth outer disciple!

Marvin had no choice but to reluctantly go back to his seat. During the time since he was defeated by Austin, Marvin had done his best and used all the resources he had to cultivate himself to the level he felt he needed to be. He finally achieved his goal only to have this chance slip through his fingers.

He had planned to defeat Austin in the Top Ten Outer Disciples Ranking Challenge. He could have taken this opportunity to get revenge on the shame Austin had attached to his name.

But Austin did not show up as he expected.

After Marvin stepped back into his seat, the challenge to the top fourth immediately began.

'Of course, there will be fierce fights between the outer disciples. Each one of them has powerful cultivation levels, but despite that I will win this fight,' Andrew said to himself before he stepped into the fighting circle.

The higher their rank was, the more powerful the outer disciple was.

Of course the one who dared to challenge the more powerful ones were thought to be stronger. Most of the outer disciples had estimated their strength and felt confident in themselves.

These fights are not without rules. Generally, killing was not allowed in the Top Ten Outer Disciples Ranking Challenge.

The reality of it was that it had been difficult to make sure that accidents did not occur. Deaths during the fights could happen, especially when one could not control his weapon or fights accurately.

There had been outer disciples who had answered a challenge only to accidentally die, or become disabled.

In this way, if one was not confident in his own strength, they should not take the risk to go into the arena. If someone wanted to try out their skills within a challenge, it would prove to be dangerous and possibly fatal. In other words, most of the challengers were confident in their abilities and believed themselves to have outstanding strength.

to the top fourth ended with Andrew's victory. He successfully defeated his challenger and maintained his position within the Sun

challenge for the top third.

outer disciples would immediately be promoted to principal disciples.

challenge was announced, the audience within the Martial Arts Square

focused and thousands of outer disciples started to stare more intently at the fighting court with great

Leader Theon Xiang and the six Elders focused their attention onto the arena to see

of Theon and the six Elders, the

it was announced that the challenges for the top third were

since they were considered important by the high-ups of the Sun Sect.

up of the most elite cultivators the outer disciples have ever

for is finally here," an ordinary-looking outer disciple murmured in a low voice as he sat in

front of him, there was a sign on the table

also pursed his lips and could not fight his smile from surfacing. He

while, the first challenger stepped into the fighting circle.

He had a pretty face, red lips with even white teeth. His skin was flawless, and he wore silk clothing which could mean he came from a wealthy family and maybe he

had been a womanizer and what he liked best was chasing the ladies.

the arena was to impress the female disciples with his good manners, making

at the eighth level of the Energy Gathering Realm. Arrogantly, he felt he

he was confident to accept this

If he could successfully be ranked at the top third, it would be easy for him to charm the ladies within the Sun Sect. . .

Shoop!

As the sound of friction between his clothes and the air rang out, a figure quickly jumped onto the fighting court shortly after the first disciple did. As soon as he entered the arena he began jumping up and down.

The second disciple was also a young man. His skin looked tanned and his body was strong. Both disciples stood in front of the other while the second disciple look at the first with disdain.

"Hm! A weakling at the eighth level of the Energy Gathering Realm. Do you think you are qualified to accept this challenge?" the second disciple sneered.

The first disciple, the one with the pretty features, instantly became furious at his opponent's words.

At the same time, the first disciple was a little worried since he sensed his opponent already achieved the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm.

It was unexpected that he would meet a tough opponent during the first round. The first disciple swallowed secretly and began amassing his vital energy. Soon his vital energy filled his whole body.

"Hm! You might as well give up now, unless you choose to be humiliated later," the second disciple said coldly.

As his opponent threw taunts his way, the first disciple clenched his hands slightly as a great vital energy force burst out of his body. The unexpected release made his heart beat faster.

The second disciple had been laughed at due to his tanned skin, so he hated anyone who resembled his tormentors. Looking at his opponent before him all he could see were those who laughed at him.

"Stop speaking, and let's fight!"

The first disciple was fed up with words. He sensed his opponent's powerful energy, but he refused to give up and admit defeat.

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Chapter 213 Austin Enters The Ring

The young man, handsome as ever, felt annoyed that his opponent was condescending him. He gritted his teeth at the sheer amount of contempt directed towards him.

With a deep breath, he closed his eyes and clasped his hands into a fist. Then he felt the vital energy gaining pace, its surges rushing through his veins as he felt vital and energetic inside. His confidence began to rise. He felt his spirits lifting, and he waited for this vital energy force to completely engulf him. He took a step back and let his veins throb with energy and power. He was itching to go straight for the opponent. He waited a moment, and then charged towards his opponent.

The handsome young man's opponent stood on the other end. He watched this young lad clasping his hands. He knew this was going to be a battle he would enjoy. A cold, cunning smile ran across his swarthy, stout face.

The stout man leaned forward a little, in anticipation of the pace he was about to gather. As his torso bent forward, his legs gave way to a

muffled explosion and he burst towards his opponent—leaving behind just a flash of black light.

The handsome young man was out of wits for a moment. For a second his opponent was far away, and the next there was just a flash of black light. A moment later, he found the stout man upon him. Before he could react, his opponent was ready with his fists, about to thunder down a punch at him.

The young man did not expect such pace, and before he could make a defensive move, his opponent's hand punched right onto his chest. The strong vital energy force burst like a volcano from the stout man's palm.

Bang! The punch roared.

A massive thump echoed across the ring. The handsome young man, who was moments ago ready to attack, was struck by the punch. This blow was so powerful that he staggered to gather his feet. Blood spewed from his mouth all over the ground, making a long trail of the damage.

The crowd was alive with excitement. They were here to see drama and they were going to get it.

The swarthy man's dexterity and power were appreciated by the crowd. Yet, they knew there was a massive gap between the talents of these young men. The stout one was extremely powerful, and could crush his opponent in moments.

The handsome young man took support at the edge of the ring and steadied himself. He looked pitiful and cut a sorry figure—standing there and whimpering. He wiped blood from his face, looking mentally dejected. He knew it wasn't possible for him to win here. Without a word, he jumped out of the ring.

"Huh! That's very sensible of you, sissy," the swarthy man mocked.

The swarthy man was elated! All it had taken was one punch to beat his opponent.

Three battles took place next. All these duels were a fight for a place in the top three—the three strongest men in the whole outer sect. There were not many disciples who took part in this prestigious competition.

in the ring. He had already defeated two disciples. Moreover, his swordsmanship was a grade four sword skill, the

acquired from the Sun Sect. Instead, he had chanced upon a teacher while traveling and had acquired

Hua was not only a master of the high-grade sword skill, but had also the intent of a high-grade martial skill was considerably

sword intent that he understood with a grade three sword skill was much weaker than his level one sword intent that he understood with a grade

base of the vital energy was in the peak of level nine of Energy Gathering Realm. With his grade four sword skill and level one sword intent, his strength was almost unmatched

the ring and defeated those two challengers in a row, silence had spread through the

that Luther Hua was now qualified to challenge the former third-best disciple.

about to

try," a voice rang out

voice. An emaciated young man dressed in gray clothes appeared in front of

the ring and gave Luther Hua a

the

even the cultivator of the Mysterious Realm would not be able to see your real cultivation base without coming close to

exactly

clothes, who had just

rippled through the crowd.

disciples in the crowd recognized the young man

turned restless because Austin was a famous figure. He was the number one among the outer disciples three years ago, and had recently become a sensational figure

for the top ten, and he watched Austin

was afraid of him and hence hadn't responded to his open challenge. But that wasn't the case as Austin prepared to challenge Luther

absolutely no interest in challenging Marvin, but was eyeing the

thought Marvin in a fit of

looked at Austin, the man who had humiliated

the allotted space for the top ten, was also watching Austin

"Haha, that's funny! I thought he would challenge me, but he instead chooses to challenge for the third place. He still seems to want to hide his strength and keep a low profile."

"Austin Lin," a voice came from the other end of the ring.

Luther Hua simply called out Austin's name. It turned out that he knew Austin too.

"Wow, looks like I am really famous.", Austin remarked.

Austin was resigned to the situation, and his cover was all but blown. Judging from the atmosphere, most people present knew him.

"Of course, as the number one in the outer sect three years ago, you were the one who all the disciples looked up to. Then quite unexpectedly, you disappeared for three years, came back to become an outer disciple again. Besides, you just defeated Billy and Marvin. How can someone with such complex experiences like yours not be famous?" Luther Hua said.

Luther Hua's eyes fixated on Austin.

"Well, you've got a point there."

Unable to refute him, Austin nodded approvingly.

"But you do know that to qualify to challenge the third place you have to defeat me," Luther pointed out.

"I understand."

Austin flashed him a wry, all-knowing smile.

"Let's make it quick then," Luther Hua said.

He raised his long sword and pointed it at Austin. At the same time a steady stream of vital energy force flew to the pointy end of the sword, and rays of shapeless yet significant amounts of sword aura began to diffuse.

Austin's battle with Marvin was not long ago, and Luther Hua was there observing him. He knew that Austin was also in the level nine of Energy Gathering Realm and possessed amazing physical strength. What was more, Austin had practiced the violent and formidable Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill that was well-known throughout the Sun Sect.

Therefore, as soon as Austin came to the ring, Luther Hua immediately became determined and focused. It was an important battle. If he didn't try his best, he was likely to lose.

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Chapter 214 Surging Swordsmanship

Turbulent waves!

Luther growled.

Sizzling sounds rang through the air. All the people were amazed by what they saw. Luther looked like a very powerful warrior indeed.

Numerous purple sword energies encircled Luther's body. They intertwined with each other, layers upon layers. Sword-lights came in waves and undulated in the air. The waves soon spread all over the place and the whole arena was occupied by the ethereal ripples. Waves upon waves surrounded the whole arena. They were firmly knitted together and majestically forged ahead. They crashed violently in a thunderous noise that swept everything that came in their way.

That was the dual effect of the swordsmanship combining the sword intent.

Luther employed his vital energy force. All of a sudden, the monstrous waves that formed by the sword-lights raged like a roiling and roaring turbulent river. It swirled and thrashed towards Austin's direction. He would surely be in trouble if the attack reached him.

Austin faced the river of sword-lights that came at him. He wasn't fazed at all. He felt rather at ease. He was not at all threatened by Luther's attacks.

When it came to the cultivation base on vital energy, the real strength of Austin actually had reached the preliminary stage of Earth Realm. This kind of opponent would not harm him.

The preliminary stage of Earth Realm and the eighth level of the Energy Gathering Realm were too different. They belonged to different realms.

With the strength gap standing in between, a warrior at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm, even equipped with one and a half level sword intent, would surely be unable to defeat a warrior at the preliminary stage of Earth Realm. Austin was confident because he was way above Luther when it came to strength level.

Moreover, Austin had already comprehended level two sword intent. He had a deeper understanding of swordsmanship than Luther. When it came to swordsmanship skills, he was more superior to Luther.

If Luther had mastered something like the blade intent, the spear intent, or the palm intent and not the sword intent, Austin would not be as calm as he was at the moment. He was lucky that his opponent was using the sword intent.

Unfortunately to Luther, Austin had a knack for sword intent. He trained his swordsmanship in preparation for this competition. He was sure that beating Luther was a sure outcome in this fight. Luther mastered only one and a half level sword intent while Austin mastered level two sword intent. Austin was at a higher level than Luther.

Luther's sword intent posed no threat to Austin.

All of a sudden, the river of sword-lights made by Luther had already reached Austin. Luther was sure that the fight would be soon over because his attack was about to tear his opponent apart.

At that moment, Austin began to fight back. He stomped on the ground and flashed away at a lightning speed. In a split-second, he was twenty meters away from where he had stood. It was time for him to show his abilities.

Bang!

all over the sky. The whole arena was enveloped in dust. The attack was so powerful that a pit had appeared on the ground that was paved with basalt and cracks began to form and spread.

dodge his attack. After the ashes dissipated in the sky, he was surprised to see that Austin disappeared from his sight. He looked around and found that Austin was already twenty meters

was the kind of fight that they were waiting to witness in

all of the people marveled at Austin's lightning speed. It was almost as fast as teleportation. He managed to distance himself in just a blink of an eye! This fight

the six prominent Elders were slightly amazed at Austin's defense. They didn't expect that an outer disciple could move at

the arena saw through

sword intent is indeed impressive. As expected of a warrior of your

he gazed at the pit on the ground. He was not teasing Luther. He was just stating

sword intent seemed to not have worked on him? It was impossible for an outer disciple to dodge my

he had always been invincible. He had defeated a lot of warriors before who were at level nine of the Energy Gathering Realm in many fights. That made him pretty confident in his

in a way that he even didn't know how. Austin just stood there, unharmed,

This was impossible!

"Thousands of waves!"

Luther shouted furiously.

a sudden, the forceful vital energy force at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm burst out from his body. His robe billowed just like a swelling balloon. He

the vital energy force, numerous sword-lights and sword intents popped out and spread all over the place. They came forth with tiers upon tiers. Six or

you

was determined to knock him down with

"Attack!" he ordered.

Austin. Each river was pumped with great waves. It

attack the enemy precisely from different directions. It was apparent that he had put a lot

stronger than Luther on the cultivation of swordsmanship. There was no need for him to feel afraid.

in a flash of light, he floated in the air. He looked much like the shadow of a ghost. He was not only fast in his speed but he also came with great dexterity. Under the shocking gazes of

Bang! Bang! Boom!

place where Austin had stood was filled with flying dust and gravels. When the

Luther suddenly felt something cold pointed at his neck from the

sword was pointed at his neck from the

"You lost."

voice rang

while before slowly placing his sword back to

"This is impossible. You are only at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm. How could it happen that you were not affected by my sword intent at all?"

Luther asked in a trembling voice.

"An easy question. Because I have already comprehended the level two sword intent!"

Austin blurted out in a voice that only Luther could hear.

Luther was relieved to get the answer. He then jumped off the stage and left the arena.

"Austin was given the chance to challenge the third winner of last year's competition! Half an hour later, the third winner of last year will come to take the challenge."

Elder Xing's deep voice rang out again.

In the area where the top ten warriors of last year's competition were seated, a lanky man craned his neck.

"Haha! A has-been top one outer disciple! Interesting fight indeed. However, that was only child's play to me."

On the desk in front of the man, there was a plate that bore the "No.3."

Half an hour passed quickly.

During the break, Austin had been sitting cross-legged on the arena and reposed in meditation. When it was time to start the fight, he slowly stood up.

In the area where the top ten warriors sat, a man also slowly stood up.

He pushed off the ground with his tiptoe and sprang up into the sky like a shooting arrow. Followed by a rumbling sound, he landed on the arena forcefully.

When the ashes dissipated, a young man appeared with two axes on his shoulders. Each of the axes was as big as a millstone.

"Haha, let me introduce myself. My name is Timothy Sima. According to seniority, you are my senior. Three years ago, you were the number one in the outer disciples. At that time, I was only a nobody.

But the time passed so fast. Three years were gone."

Austin cracked a smile and replied, "Yes, time flies!"

"However, things changed. The world of the outer disciples is not as it used to be. Don't mistake that no outer disciple can beat you after your strength recovered to the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm. This is a word of advice out of goodwill. You'd better give up. Don't embarrass yourself," he said in a sincere and soothing tone. It was as if he was giving advice to an old friend.

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Chapter 215 The Clash of the Intentions

Thanks for your advice!

Austin stared at Timothy without blinking.

"But you are also supposed to know one thing."

"What?"

Timothy was amazed.

"The outer sect is the same level to me as it was three years ago."

"Ha-ha-ha, well, that's quite ignorant of you! The former No.1 of outer Sect has undergone many changes and is beyond recognition. But soon you will know how ignorant you are!"

Timothy guffawed at him.

"Forget that I am ignorant or not, why don't you give it a try?"

Austin didn't want to waste any more words on this, so he deflected answering the question with indifference.

Timothy also said no more. The two axes that had hung on his shoulders were now firmly in his hands. His palms were three or four times larger than those of ordinary people. The two giant axes in such bulky palms made the sight all the more frightening.

The picture of Timothy was of a fierce beast's: two humongous axes in both hands, a swelling rage in his chest and a murderous look in his eyes.

And then he sparked out the endless intent from the axes, which led to black vital energy forces emerging from his body. The power was so intense that it swept the dust from the ground.

In a blur of harsh lights, the forces flared into one stage to another until they turned into illusory axes. Countless axe shadows were flying all over the sky above the arena.

Axes mountain! Axes pool! Axes graveyard! Axes mausoleum!

of axes was

the master of this world!

the Earth Realm, and was at level 2

the crowd among which, the disciples were

making it clear for anyone to see that his cultivation

cultivation base is at the

of Austin failure. He will

great disparity between the Energy Gathering Realm and the Earth Realm. Though Austin is competitive, still

see that there was

disciple

for an outer disciple to have the cultivation base of the preliminary of this year,

agreed and nodded

exceptional talent for martial arts as he has acquired the level

our candidate pool for selection. It doesn't make sense to confine this to the inner disciples from now

still didn't think it was important to pay much attention to him. After

all outer disciples by being at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering

laughed wildly with glee.

know how to refute him, because it was true.

sensible of you to not

became more conceited when he saw Austin was rendered

over the gigantic

heaven split axe

started to blow and the color of the sky turned a strange sickening yellow. The sky nevertheless was overcast and soon it began to pour. For those present at

a worthy opponent." Austin thought and braced

This man shouldn't be underestimated not even by Austin.

Austin quickly took out the Violet Royal Sword from his Space Ring and pointed it at Timothy.

As part of his weaponry, The Twin Shadow Blades despite not being used for a long time were also on standby.

He looked at Timothy square in the eye and then appraised him from head to toe taking in his imposing stance. Austin knew that his combat effectiveness was higher than Lanny's, the master of the Valley Town.

This was a forbidding fighter no doubt.

Holding his Violet Royal Sword, Austin alerted every inch of his body to sense his surroundings. Now that he had learned the level 2 sword intent, he was raring to use it against a deserving contender. And Timothy's level 2 axe intent was just the right matching skill to fight it against. With their minds taut and their bodies agile, Austin was raring to find out the superior among them.

Clenching his fists, Austin began to pass billowing golden vital energy forces from him to the Violet Royal Sword. As the power surged into his sword, a different biting aura started to radiate from him. Numerous interlaced sword shadows moved around him and engulfed his body in a sword aura.

With the fierce expression on his face, it seemed as if two cold piercing sword-lights rose out from Austin's eyes.

In the midst of the many sword-lights that looked like a firestorm, Austin stood tall and motionless.

Someone in the audience gasped and put his hand to his mouth. Austin's golden sword radiance had started to slash Timothy's dark axe shadows snipping them off like whimsical ribbons. They writhed and twisted to avoid the attack but the unceasing ripping movements were all over the arena.

And just like that, to everyone's disbelief the axe shadows were halved. All those who watched sat stunned at this outcome.

The sword shadows' power was as mighty if not more than the axe shadows.

Piecing the puzzle together, it was right there for everyone to see. Austin was with level 2 sword intent!

Propping their chins in their heads, most of the spectators sat at their edge of the seat.

Austin mastering the level 2 sword intent couldn't have crossed the mind of a single person present. It was all too unthinkable.

"The top 10 challenges of this year are so thrilling!" A visibly excited spectator gleefully gestured to his friend.

Even Theon and the six Elders were now captivated by Austin's prowess.

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Chapter 216 Win With A Blow

Timothy became more cautious when he saw Austin using the level two sword intent.

"Good job! I didn't think that you would have grasped the level two sword intent. But it's a pity that you are only at level nine of the Energy

Gathering Realm. The power of the sword intent varies with cultivators of different vital energy cultivation bases. You're still no match for me!

Attack!"

Timothy yelled. The huge axe images above his head were flung towards Austin with a berserk vital energy force.

"Block!"

Austin immediately summoned the sword intent. Sword-lights shot out at the axe shadows like countless powerful crossbows.

Austin had planned not to reveal his real competence just yet, so he retained his vital energy force to level nine of the vital Energy Gathering Realm, using a special skill he had learned from Violet.

"Clang! Clang..."

A string of metal collision sounds rang through the battle ring. Although both the axe shadows and the sword-lights were derived from vital energy force, they seemed to be so real that when they collided, it sounded like actual metal banging against each other.

As the battle wore on, it seemed like Timothy was steadily gaining the upper hand. The sword intents used by Austin were blown to smithereens that turned into starry lights and vanished into the air.

The sword intent, which had filled up almost the entire battle ring, had shrunk to an area of just ten feet around Austin.

"Hahaha! I'm always ahead of you in the vital energy realm. How can an Energy Gathering Realm cultivator compete with an Earth Realm cultivator!"

Timothy said, arrogance flashing in his eyes.

"Nonsense! It's too early for you to talk big!"

Austin shot back. Despite his seeming disadvantage in the battle, he looked calm and there was no sign of alarm in his eyes.

"Hmph! Then let the results prove it!

Heaven Split Axe!"

Timothy ordered and a vital energy swirl, more than 30 feet high, appeared above his head. It sucked those axe shadows inside with a strong pull. The overwhelming axe shadows, which were spread across half of the battle ring, vanished. Apart from the crazily rotating vital energy swirl above him, everything seemed calm again.

In an instant, the vital energy swirl grew into one massive axe, which was more than 100 feet long, filling the entire battle ring. At the same time, the spiritual energy of heaven and earth gathered quickly in all directions.

was no wind. Obviously, his momentum had

Split Axe, kill everything that

that Timothy

The Earth Realm

isn't less than that

will be defeated. It's impossible for an Energy Gathering Realm cultivator

... ..

conversation outside the battle ring rose higher.

80 stewards in the Sun Sect and they were all shocked by Timothy's performance. If an outer disciple, ranking number three had reached such a high level,

the outer disciples who ranked first and second

his performance.

more

outer sect! Three years ago, when I won the first place among the

to be right. Compared to the challenge three years ago, the outer disciples of

been defeated. Fortunately, I have been making progress in the last few days, so I don't have to

from his soul and the sword-lights of

light and energy released from the sword surrounded

of the sword-light contained endless illusory

and earth coming from different directions gathered in the mist, like rivers running into the

of an eye, Austin activated the level two sword intent. He waved the Violet Royal Sword

"Phew!"

sword radiance raced towards the

sword radiance was crushed. It transformed into millions of shining golden spots and then disappeared,

as it had been cast by an Earth Realm cultivator, everyone thought that Austin would be cut into pieces if he was hit by

his right arm. The muscles in his arm rippled like many stampeding horses. A thousand pounds

the aura of a wild beast, he let out a ferocious roar, just like a tiger roaring on the mountain.

he punched the axe flying towards

Everyone was shocked

with a loud bang

Timothy had used his full strength for the attack, Austin had to release his vital energy at level nine of the Energy Gathering Realm plus a thousand-pound punch. Even so, he only

was lucky enough,

convinced that Austin would be safe and sound

All the disciples

gasped collectively.

They realized that Austin was no ordinary man. He had managed to resist the attack from a cultivator at the preliminary stage of Earth Realm with his cultivation base at level nine of Energy Gathering Realm.

"Wow! Austin is in great physical shape!"

some eagle-eyed cultivators had figured out that Austin had blocked Timothy's attack with mere physical strength.

"It's impossible!"

Timothy roared in shock and anger. It was hard for him to comprehend how a cultivator at level nine of the Energy Gathering Realm could have blocked his forceful attack.

'Everyone knows how hard it can be for an Energy Gathering Realm cultivator to reach Earth Realm, but why does Austin not seem to be inferior to me?'

Timothy wondered. His beliefs about martial arts were upended by what he had seen.

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Before the huge axe completely shattered to pieces, Austin stamped his tiptoe and a vital energy force covered his feet. Using the Wind-commanding Skill to its hilt, he moved at a speed of 20 meters per step and suddenly reached a meter away from Timothy.

Before Timothy could recover from the shock of what just happened, Austin had cast a Spiritual Sense Flying Needle at him. As Austin had reached the preliminary stage of Earth Realm in the vital energy cultivation base, his Spiritual Sense power had improved.

Timothy felt a sharp pain the moment the Spiritual Sense Flying Needle entered his brain. He paused for a few seconds and in that time he felt like he was knocked out of his senses.

Taking this opportunity, Austin threw another punch.

The overwhelming power of the punch surrounded Timothy.

Being unable to breathe smoothly, Timothy was in panic. Although he had reached a high level in vital energy cultivation base, he was far less powerful in physical strength than Austin, plus he had been attacked by the Spiritual Sense Flying Needle, which meant he was unable to dodge the punch.

Reacting to this crisis, he released all his vital energy force, hoping to form a protection covering around him.

But Austin wouldn't let that happen.

Before Timothy could protect himself with the vital energy cover, he had been hit in the stomach by Austin's fist.

He suddenly felt debilitating pain in his stomach, and his internal organs seemed to have been crushed with the impact of the punch. He coughed up a big mouthful of blood.

His body bent like a shrimp and he fell out of the battle ring.

The disciples who were watching the match immediately moved aside to make space, and Timothy slammed to the ground with a thud, creating a hole beneath him that was about half a meter deep.

Fortunately, the ground was covered with soft soil. Besides, Austin's intention was not to kill him, so Timothy stayed alive. Ignoring the sharp pain, Timothy managed to stand up. His injuries were not very serious, so he would recover after a period of rest and this wouldn't impact his future cultivation.

Timothy got up from the ground with a pale face. Realizing that he had no strength to fight anymore, he left the competition area, frustrated.

The Supreme God

Chapter 217 Becoming A Principal Disciple (Part One)

Everyone present was shocked when Austin was able to withstand Timothy's all-out blow. A single punch from Austin had ensured Timothy's exit from the arena. Everyone had thought that Timothy would win beyond any doubt. It felt like everyone's brains had frozen at the unexpected outcome of the fight.

The pin-drop silence went on for a long time.

A cultivator who was at the Earth Realm had been thrown out of the field by just one punch from a cultivator of the Energy Gathering Realm! How was that even possible?

After what felt like a long time, the murmurs began and then grew into full-blown discussions and arguments as people seemed to find their tongues after the shock. They were loud enough to bring down the sky.

And all these were because of what they had just witnessed! A miracle indeed that a cultivator of the Energy Gathering Realm had skipped a realm and beaten a cultivator of the Earth Realm!

Austin's cultivation base was also at the Earth Realm. But he had used the Magical Aura-changing Skill from Violet and concealed the fluctuations in his vital energy. He was also adept at managing it in battle, only showing enough vital energy force as justified the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm. This had made sure that nobody present had any idea about his actual strength, not even those belonging to the highest level of the Sun Sect like Sect Leader Theon and the six Elders.

Austin hid his actual cultivation base because of a few concerns that he had had. Firstly, he wanted to keep a low profile here. His experience from three years ago had helped him understand that people who excelled would become targets of unwarranted attack, just like how the highest tree in the forest bore the brunt of the strongest winds.

Plus, he didn't want his enemies to know what his actual cultivation base was, especially Jaime, who was one of the Elders in the sect. Austin had the feeling that Jaime was the one behind the secret attack three years ago. Bryan and Roger, two others belonging to the Earth Realm, might have been the other two attackers.

He was only recently promoted to outer disciple again, which had probably attracted the attention of his opponents. He wondered if he performed exceptionally well, his enemies would swarm around him again, and might be afraid of his fast growth and thus would kill him one more time.

at the preliminary stage of Earth Realm, he felt like he was not strong and Bryan could be easy to tackle with. Jaime's cultivation base was the lowest among the Elders. But still he was at the
to gossip, some of the Elders in the Sun Sect had already reached

truth was, they had actually been fighting

had always maintained that only

the five major sects, the Sun Sect couldn't rely solely on only one cultivator at the Mysterious Realm

six Elders of the Sun Sect had already reached the

as far to speculate that there was a former Elder in the Sun Sect

had taken all these factors into consideration, Austin could no longer rest easy when it came to taking revenge against his enemies. If Jaime really was at the Mysterious Realm, then even a hundred Austins banding together wouldn't really

the square, Theon and the six Elders were stunned at how everything had changed. When they looked at each other, they found their

the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm but his vital energy is much stronger than other cultivators who are at the same cultivation base as him. It can be figured

is also exceptional, going by his punch, which according to me was in the thousand-pound range. His body movement skill is brilliant, and what's more, he seems to have

Mysterious Realm level, his eyes as sharp as they got. He had interpreted Austin's situation to precision and his explanation was on par with reality. Austin would have been very

the Elders nodded in

one of them, who was short but eagle-eyed and energetic,

took advantage of his bodily movement skill to sneak up on Timothy and attacked him from behind,"

"If Timothy could run his vital energy to form a defense around his body, this boy would never break through the vital energy cover

condensed by a cultivator at the preliminary stage of the Earth Realm, even if he has a thousand-pound super force!

So, as far as I am concerned, Timothy has better skills than Austin, who won by pure trickery just now."

"I disagree with you, Elder Luo. Austin did attack Timothy secretly, but such an attack is part of his strength. The real strength of cultivators is not only based on their vital energy and cultivation base, but also on the cultivators' talents, adaptability, and practical experiences.

Austin can understand level two sword intent and he has already proven his talent in martial arts. With his cultivation base at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm, he dared to face a cultivator under the Earth Realm, and took the risk of attacking him, proving that he has rich combat experience. He must have gone through hundreds of battles to accumulate such great experience.

Anyway, he is at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm and just defeated a cultivator of the Earth Realm. Do you think that he is simply a crafty person?"

A tall, ruddy-looking Elder analyzed. His explanation sounded also reasonable.

However, Elder Luo sneered again, expressing his disapproval.

"Humph! What a load of nonsense you just unloaded, Elder Jiang! Sect Leader, I propose to cancel Austin's qualification! As an outer disciple, Timothy is someone who was able to reach the Earth Realm by using his own efforts and without the preferential cultivation resources from the sect. It is obvious that he is genius in martial arts, which is exactly what our sect needs!

As for Austin, I've heard that he was at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm three years ago, and he's still at the same place. It is possible that there is just a minuscule chance that he might reach the Earth Realm anytime soon, or none at all.

So why are we wasting such precious time and opportunity in making sure he becomes a principal disciple?"

The Supreme God

Chapter 218 Becoming A Principal Disciple (Part Two)

Elder Luo argued again. It looked like he had made up his mind to prevent Austin from becoming a principal disciple.

"Elder Luo, please remember that Austin has beaten Timothy here in public, fair and square, with so many witnesses watching. If we really cancel his qualification as per your proposal, what would the others say about us? There would be no integrity to our Sun Sect anymore!"

Elder Jiang questioned Luo angrily. His hot temper was making it difficult to bear the injustice that Elder Luo was looking to mete out.

"If we can get a real genius to the Sect by sacrificing just a little fame that our Sect enjoys, then it completely makes sense! I think you are considering fame more than anything else. Am I right, Elder Jiang?"

Elder Luo said, his voice silky and eerily elegant, giving out the impression that he was really pressing for justice.

"Fair points from both of you. But please stop arguing and listen to me for a minute. Three years ago, Austin was attacked and badly injured. His brain was hurt at that time and he lost a lot of himself.

I've heard that after the attack, for a long time, his cultivation base was stuck at the third level of the Energy Gathering Realm.

And I also heard that, around two months ago, his sanity was suddenly restored to normal. And his cultivation base was back to the ninth level of Energy Gathering Realm after only two months' cultivation. Just think about it. He has progressed from the third level to the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm in just two months!

Such a cultivation speed already proves that he is a rare martial arts genius!"

This revelation took the Elders' collective breath away. Breaking through six levels in two months! Such speed and skill could only be described as genius.

If there was a word higher than that, even that couldn't be enough to describe the talent that Austin was exhibiting.

"From this point of view, Austin doesn't really seem like a normal person," one Elder commented.

"Rising up six levels in two months still feels too good to be true, even if he was once at the ninth level of the Energy Gathering Realm. But he can really be considered a super genius!" another Elder said thoughtfully.

heard these comments

deprive him of the opportunity of becoming a principal

in agreement. Elder Luo had to accept the decision and keep

that Austin would replace Timothy to become the third-ranked outer disciple. The best part

standing in the square looked at Austin, faces raw with envy. Austin gave a slight smile, brimming with satisfaction at the result. . . .

the first place

the problem was, there was no disciple daring enough to challenge the first and second ranked

also needed to have a cultivation base of the Earth Realm. And right now, no one else had the confidence and

this session of the Ten Masters Challenge was

ranked

Zhangsun ranked

third-placed was Austin.

disciple if they weren't satisfied with their own rankings. And everyone who had been challenged had to

After a long time, he sighed and reined his impulse.

of Austin in his heart and would have liked nothing better than to defeat and humiliate Austin in

if not more. Even though he had understood level one palm intent, Austin had gone a step ahead and grasped level two sword intent. What was more, Austin had

again, Marvin finally gave up. He would

remaining disciples too decided not to challenge the top three masters. It took quite a

clever, sensitive, and flexible, and had a clear understanding of their own strengths. No one was willing to

ranking challenge now came

were formally instated as

After the game, most disciples watching the challenge were reluctant to leave. They fell into hot discussions, talking enthusiastically about the competition. And everyone's conversation revolved around Austin.

Because Austin had been one of the main focuses of this challenge.

And now that the competition had ended, Austin left Martial Arts Square along with Evan and Herbert. . . .

On the second day, a steward came up to Austin to inform him that he needed to now take up his identity as a principal disciple.

Austin exchanged his Identity Jade Badge and obtained a batch of cultivation resources.

The principal disciples lived in separated caves in a grand valley that had the most intense Reiki effect in the Sun Sect.

Every cave had one separate Energy-gathering Array, which was many levels higher than that of Energy-gathering Array in Austin's previous cultivation room in his yard.

All the living fixtures and facilities were prepared in every cave.

Austin did not have much luggage. He moved all his belongings to the cave allocated to him in one go. As he set his luggage down, he looked carefully around the cave and could not help but sigh. A principal disciple was much better off than the normal disciples in the Sun Sect.

After unpacking, Austin sat down, feeling the rich spirit of heaven and earth surround him. He felt comfortable, almost as if he was at home. And it was going to be really efficient and of great help to cultivate in such an environment.

Minutes later, he crossed his legs and began to try and refine a skill. His hands crossed before his chest, with cycles of bright golden vital energy force dancing around his fingers.

He was cultivating the Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill.

The Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill was a grade four skill. Austin could implement the first step to generate a three-layered Grand Pagoda.

When he had mastered the first step, Austin had been at the sixth level of the Energy Gathering Realm. Now, he was at the preliminary stage of the Earth Realm. It was the right time for him to cultivate the

second step that could generate a six-layered Grand Pagoda.

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Chapter 219 The Second Step Of Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill

Austin was sitting peacefully in the lotus position inside his grotto for cultivation. There were signs of extreme concentration on his face.

His fingers were crossed together and were making several complex incantation gestures. With each of his motions, numerous streams of golden vital energy gradually gathered between his palms.

At this moment, he was busy trying to condense the second layer of his Grand Pagoda.

Since he was now at the preliminary stage of the Earth Realm, he was confident that this realm was powerful enough for him to learn the second step of Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill.

After grasping the first step of this cultivation skill, he had become quite proficient at condensing the first three layers of the Grand Pagoda. As he continued with his cultivation practices, his golden and radiant vital energy kept on emanating and finally covered up his arms. It was giving out such a formidable aura that anyone seeing it would have been astonished.

Gradually, those streams of golden vital energy curled up inside Austin's palms and pretty soon, formed the Three-layer Grand Pagoda he had already mastered and utilized in earlier fights. The tiny pagoda was now shining with a golden light and looked like a real object.

Austin sighed with satisfaction as he felt the violent power contained in that virtual object. He was pleased about the fact that with his improvement in cultivation base, the Grand Pagoda he had condensed today was much stronger than he had ever managed.

However, this was not where his cultivation ended. Intending to learn the next step of the skill, he released another strand of vital energy and lifted the Grand Pagoda up from his palm. With a buzzing sound, it left his hands and floated in the air. The brilliant rays it was emitting made it difficult for anyone to look at it directly.

Recalling the instructions he had read in the book about this skill, Austin made several complex gestures with his hands. His slender fingers danced around, quite a bit like butterflies fluttering around flowers, and golden colored vital energy continued to come out from his palms and flow toward the Three-layer Grand Pagoda. These strands soon gathered over the pagoda and intertwined above it like numerous small snakes.

He was now starting the second step of the Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill!

Soon a visible change could be seen on the pagoda. Slowly but surely, a fourth layer was beginning to form on top of the previous three layers like a new bud appearing on a stem at an extreme pace.

A Four-layer Grand Pagoda!

Austin was excited with his success but dared not slacken off. Snake-like streaks of golden vital energy continued to flow out of his hands and merge into the pagoda which was growing taller continuously.

Soon, the fifth layer of the pagoda got its shape as well.

without interruption now,

seem so difficult like the first one so

he heard a cracking

kind when glasses shattered into pieces came from the Fifth-layer Grand Pagoda. Disappointed

with a snapping sound, the pagoda floating in

into confetti and fell like golden rain before they were reduced to vital energy and then the entire system

smile appeared on his face as he sensed

had just experienced proved the notorious stories of the Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill quite clearly. His failure to condense the sixth layer of the Grand Pagoda had greatly consumed

field, he could still continue with his cultivation

to give up, Austin rested for a while to calm down his pounding heart and blood pressure, and began his cultivation once

second attempt

his

failed, over and over again.

received some reward in the form of more experience. This slowly built up a path for him towards the second step of the Grand Pagoda

days passed by.

step away from his grotto, and failed

practice, there was a fierce vibration of vital energy which spread across

Grand Pagoda, which was shining with a dazzling and brilliant golden light floated into existence quietly in front of Austin. It was one of the most powerful weapons

through unremitting efforts, Austin's

Nor did he care about the fact that all

to cause a

he had exerted all of

that all his efforts over the course of the

With that thought in his mind, he

all built at numerous quiet and secluded places. After Austin stepped out from his grotto, all he could see miles and miles away

The small, distant forest caught Austin's eyes.

Holding the tiny but powerful pagoda in his hands, he dashed towards the forest. Standing still in front of the line of trees, he controlled the Grand Pagoda with his mind and with a bright light and a violent vibration of power, it shot out from his palm. It was moving with such a great momentum that the reaction its movement exerted against the ground swept out dust, stones and leaves several feet around Austin. Pretty soon, an area of about twenty feet in diameter was cleared out.

After that, Austin controlled the Six-layer Grand Pagoda and ordered it to fly towards the trees.

His weapon roared as it hit its goal like a meteor.

Everything shivered under its unstoppable momentum.

Just as the Grand Pagoda touched the trees, they were uprooted instantly. Even trees which were the size of an adult's arms snapped off immediately as if they were made of paper. The ground shook severely, and the wind carried the sands and broken branches into the sky. Birds and beasts scattered in all directions. It looked as if a small earthquake had shocked the area.

After a while, an eerie silence eventually fell upon the scene. Austin looked through the cloud of dust and was surprised to see that the vibrant forest he had seen some moments ago had now turned into a complete mess. Several dozen broken trees lay dead on the ground and all the birds had flown away.

The terrible scene in front of him left Austin dumbfounded. Once again, he was shocked by the destructive power of this grade four cultivation skill.

Snapping out of his trance, Austin noticed that an enormous amount of the vital energy inside his body had been used up. He smiled bitterly in resignation.

It was true that the Grand Pagoda Summoning Skill was extremely powerful, but the biggest downside to this skill was that it consumed ridiculously large amounts of vital energy very quickly.

After testing the power of the Sixth-layer Grand Pagoda, Austin touched the Space Ring hanging over his chest and let out a reluctant sigh.

He muttered to himself, 'Looks like I am gonna get poor again pretty soon.'

Austin now had one and a half million vital energy crystals in total.

However, he would have to spend about two thirds of that stock if he wanted to learn the second stage of the Overlord Body-refining Formula.

Ever since he had mastered the first step of this powerful formula, Austin had enjoyed several benefits of a strong body. For that very reason, he had been desirous to learn the second step of this formula too. Now that he had enough vital energy crystals with him, he decided that he should start the new cultivation as soon as possible.

Therefore, without resting even after his several days of cultivation, he left the Sun Sect in haste. He couldn't wait to find the resources required for learning the second stage of the Overlord Body-refining Formula!

The Supreme God

Chapter 220 Austin's Purchasing List (Part One)

Austin was heading for the Peace Town near the Sun Sect.

Even though it was just a small place located on the borders of several big sects, Peace Town was full of life and busy people. As one of the prominent towns in Violet Orchid Empire, it's also one of the biggest, most populated and well-prospered.

The stores in this town had a lot to offer for cultivation. It almost had everything that cultivators needed for the cultivation process and development.

There were stores for weapons, pills, martial arts manuals, and even for trading diabolic beast cores. Peace Town was a one-stop town if warriors wanted to practice and focus better on cultivation.

Austin needed to buy medicinal pills and elixirs. The stores selling these were located at the streets on the southeast corner. He quickly headed there as his mind was full of thoughts for cultivation.

When Austin reached the Peace Town, he did not rush to the Pill Trading Street. Rather, he strolled around the town and went into a garment store. He bought a black robe and a black cloak. After he walked out of the garment store, he sneaked into a quiet alley. He utilized his spiritual sense power to make sure that nobody was following him around. Then he took out the robe and cloak and put them on. Austin felt a strong yet charming aura when he looked at his reflection at the glass window of a house in the alley. Nobody was gonna notice him now.

Austin hid well under the disguise of the big black robe. His lanky figure was nowhere to be seen, and one could only see a plump man in black now. Even his best friend Evan had walked past him, he would not recognize who he was.

After dressing himself up, Austin sighed with relief. He would purchase precious medicinal pills and herbs that would sum up to a million vital energy crystals. He needed to be careful.

The Peace Town was a place where all kinds of warriors from a wide range of sects gathered. With different types of people mixed together, Zen was aware that he might meet some villains who would make trouble for him. He thought that it was better to be safe than sorry, so he raised his alertness.

and carried out his plan secretly. That

made sure that he was perfectly disguised. Then he slowly walked out of the alley and headed for the Pill Trading Street. Regardless of his excitement, he kept in his mind that he needed to

a while, he reached the Pill Trading Street. He saw streams of warriors coming to and going out of the street. He was startled

the cultivation process for warriors, the Pill Trading Streets were crowded with

grand store with pleasing decorations that attracted his attention. It seemed like this was the place he had

Austin needed high-level pills and herbs, he must find a shop that could offer a variety of precious pills and quality herbs. That way, he could save a lot efforts by getting all that he wanted just in

counter, there was a young man who was checking the price for a product.

you charge

kind of pill used by Energy Gathering Realm warriors. Upon hearing this, Austin realized that the

costs 2000 vital energy crystals here," the seller

young man's eyes widened and

"It's too expensive!"

his tongue out

that we sell here has the best quality. We can guarantee that. If you go to other stores, you

of his voice became different. It seemed that he was impatient and unsympathetic to the customer. He looked like

in other places and see

The young man mumbled and left with embarrassment.

Austin made a coughing sound that was not low enough to attract the attention of the clerk.

He walked a few steps and gradually approached the counter.

The clerk raised his head and was stunned to see a person who was fully covered in a black cloak standing in front of him. He could not recognize the gender or the age of the person. But then he managed to act professionally and greeted Austin with a big smile.

"Welcome to our store! How can I help you?" the clerk said.

Austin stepped forward and took out a piece of paper. It was the purchasing list where he put all the medicinal pills and herbs he needed. He gently put the list on the counter.

"Here" Austin answered in a monotonous voice.

The clerk quickly took the piece of paper and read what was written on it. His jaw dropped as he was shocked at what he saw on the list.

"I want to buy all the medicinal pills and herbs that were listed on it. Do you have them?"

Austin asked.

