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Chapter 951 - Final Examination

"Oh?" Seeing Yun Che, Ji Hanfeng was also stunned.

"This brat... how did this happen? He actually came out of there this quickly?" Li Mingcheng's expression looked like he had seen a ghost in broad daylight.

"This is indeed unusual," Ji Hanfeng looked at Li Mingcheng's reaction and said as if he was deep in thought, "Junior Brother Mingcheng, you seem to be taking notice of this brat. Could the person that you mentioned earlier be him?"

"Mn, it was indeed him. This probably seems ridiculous to Senior Brother Hanfeng," Li Mingcheng answered with a shrug.

"Hahahaha," Ji Hanfeng actually laughed and said, "That is quite interesting. Did he upset you by trying to curry favor with you but instead flew into a rage out of embarrassment when he failed to do so?"

"Senior Brother Hanfeng probably wouldn't believe it even if I told you," Li Mingcheng smirked. "This brat was even more 'capable' than we expected but he was probably just relying on Mu Bingyun's influence. Hmph, nevermind. He is, after all, just a useless buffoon. It is really not worth wasting Senior Brother Hanfeng's and my time talking about him. After the examination, if I am willing to, I can squash him dead whenever I want."

"You should still be cautious." Even though he said the word "cautious," Ji Hanfeng's tone was filled with spite. "After all he was brought back from the lower realms by an Ice Phoenix Palace Master."

"Heh, Senior Brother Hanfeng made a funny joke," Li Mingcheng laughed coldly in disdain. "It is true that Mu Bingyun brought him here, but I don't think a dignified Ice Phoenix Palace Master would specially defend trash with brain problems who hasn't even stepped into the divine way. The reason she brought back this trash, I'm guessing..." Li Mingcheng instantly suppressed his voice to the lowest, "This brat has a pretty face that can seduce women. That Mu Bingyun knew that she does not have much time left to live but she actually got over it and brought back a pretty boy to please her."

"Hahahahaha..." Ji Hanfeng started laughing crazily, "Junior Brother Mingcheng is indeed sharp. If Main Hall Master heard this, she would definitely be delighted, hahahaha."

"Heh, now I am actually extremely curious how he managed to place among the one thousand people."

"Who cares?" Ji Hanfeng curled his lips and said, "There are no rules against using any profound artifacts or items during the second round of examination. There are countless ways to cheat. But so what even if he passed it? He came at the bottom, just see him as another toy. Junior Brother Mingcheng, the last round of examination coming up next is the main event and you need to give it all you've got. After all, the Jaded Ice Soul Pellet is a sacred medicine that even I, your Senior Brother, wouldn't be able to obtain even if I asked for it. If it was perfectly refined, not only can it increase one's profound strength greatly in a short amount of time, it can deeply refine one's blood and marrow and it will be tremendously beneficial to you in the future when you cultivate the Ice Phoenix God Investiture Canon."

“That is a matter of course.” Li Mingcheng acted like he was determined to win and he lowered his voice once again, “The reason my aunt delayed my examination until this year was because of this ‘Jadefallen Ice Soul Pellet.’ Based on this group of people, no one is qualified to take it away from me”

On the other hand, Mu Sushan had his attention locked on Yun Che the moment he appeared and said softly while deep in thought, “Looks like he really isn’t as simple as it looks on the surface.”

“Eh? Senior Sushan, what did you say?” Mu Xiaolan lifted her head and asked.

“The Yun Che you brought here passed the second round of examination,” Mu Sushan said. “Passing Freezing Snow Hall’s second round of examination without the strength of the divine way... This seems to have never happened in the history of the Snow Song Realm before.”

“Ah? Did you say that Yun Che... passed the examination?” Mu Xiaolan was stunned by what she heard and she almost thought that there was something wrong with her ears. She unconsciously lifted her head, saw the Yun Che standing outside of the profound formation and her jaw immediately dropped.

It was also at this moment that the one thousandth profound practitioner who passed the examination got out of the profound formation as the last white light flickered. At that instant, the light from the examination profound formation completely dispersed and about nine thousand silhouettes appeared in the formation, most collapsed on the ground with pale faces.

The Snowstorm Realm closing also meant that they failed this examination. They would have to wait at least five years to participate in the examination again.

“The second round of examination has ended. Congratulations to those who passed the examination for now.” Ji Hanfeng walked forward and spoke without haste, then he looked towards those who were in the formation. “As for you all, hmph, you can all leave now. Train more and come back in five years!”

After speaking, he reached his palms out and another profound formation appeared at the same spot sending all those who didn’t pass the examination instantly out of the Freezing Snow Hall.

“Yun Che... you... you actually passed the examination?” Mu Xiaolan walked towards Yun Che as she stared at him with her face filled with surprise.

“You don’t seem to be happy that I passed,” Yun Che said unhappily.

“It doesn’t matter if I’m happy or not!” Mu Xiaolan approached Yun Che quickly and said cautiously, “How exactly did you do it? Those who participated in this examination all have the strength of the divine way. Even the weakest one is a few dozen time or even a few hundred times stronger than you! How could you have passed! Did you... use some kind of method to cheat?”

“...” Yun Che pressed his forehead, “Mn, you probably guessed right.”

“Hmph! I knew it!” The simple Mu Xiaolan didn’t catch what Yun Che really meant, “Could master have told you about the details of Freezing Snow Hall’s examination back in the Profound Sky Continent and give you some sort of profound stone that can travel through the Snowstorm Realm? Hmph, no wonder you were daring enough to participate in Freezing Snow Hall’s examination.”

“Yes yes yes, you guessed it all right,” Yun Che curled his mouth and said.

A total of a thousand people passed the second round of examination and Yun Che was the only one completely out of place. Most everyone's eyes were focused on Yun Che, some of them were confused and some of them were whispering.

Ji Hanfeng started speaking at this moment, "To be able to pass the second round of examination, this proves your strength on some level but don't celebrate too early, because you all have only crossed over a bar that's not too high and not too low. The third round of examination that is coming up is what really decides your destinies."

Ji Hanfeng's words made the atmosphere condense all of a sudden and the excitement on every one of the profound practitioners disappeared completely, a deep nervousness taking its place instead. Passing the second round of examination merely meant that they were slightly closer to Freezing Snow Hall but what happened next would really decide their fate... Whether they could enter the Freezing Snow Hall or not, would be two completely different destinies.

Ninety percent of those who passed the examination would be eliminated in the final examination! It was indeed extremely cruel.

"The final examination is called the 'Ice Profound Realm.'" Ji Hanfeng's eyes were cold and stern, "This round of examination will be easier than the second round in comparison, because the thing it tests is the most important part of all of you... and that is your true strength!"

"In the Ice Profound Realm, you all will be attacked by strong profound beasts. The longer you all stay in there, the more profound beasts you all will encounter! And since the space is restricted, you can only fight. There is nowhere to run! As for how you can pass the Ice Profound Realm's examination, I believe you all already understand..."

Ji Hanfeng reached out his hand and said, "It is to hang in there as long as possible! The last one hundred people who leave Ice Profound Realm will pass the final examination and become my Freezing Snow Hall's disciples! Furthermore, the person who can persevere the longest will receive the 'Jadefallen Ice Soul Pellet'!"

Heading the name of 'Jadefallen Ice Soul Pellet' from Ji Hanfeng's mouth, more than half of the profound practitioners still couldn't control themselves, their watering mouths forced them to swallow.

"The examination in the Snowstorm Realm teleported your physical bodies to the actual Snowstorm Realm and there were no limitations on any use of profound artifacts, so perhaps some people would use some type of teleportation profound stone to cheat... Oh no, no, no, it wouldn't be called cheating, because since there are no rules against it. It can also be said to be allowed."

When Ji Hanfeng said these words, he deliberately gave Yun Che a glance. "After all, the second round of testing was only to filter out the unnecessary people. Round three is what really determines the result. Even if some trash used some sort of item to pass the second examination, it is impossible for them to pass the final examination. They will also have wasted a precious profound artifact that has the power to interfere with the Snowstorm Realm all for nothing, tsk tsk. Therefore, historically, our Freezing Snow Hall does not even bother to ban these useless 'cheats.'"

"As for the final examination, no one should wish to seize the chance to cheat." Ji Hanfeng started laughing coldly, "Because what's entering the Ice Profound Realm isn't your physical bodies but your

'projection'! Your strength and willpower will be completely projected, so you all can give up on the thought of using any outside items... including your weapons and contracted profound beasts! The only thing you can rely on will be your true power!"

"In the Ice Profound Realm, once you have died, you will be teleported out immediately and there will be no second chances. But don't you all worry, the only thing that dies in the Ice Profound Realm is your 'projection.' No matter how brutally you die in there, you won't really die, there won't even be a scratch. But, if any of you are afraid to die, you can yell 'give up'. Speak these two words and you will leave the Ice Profound Realm immediately."

"In other words... if you want to pass the the Ice Profound Realm, you want to do your best to die slower in there, do you all understand!!?"

"I understand!" Li Mingcheng responded first with a light smile that was confident in winning. "Senior Brother Hanfeng, I am already ready and can start anytime. I only hope that the profound beasts in the Ice Profound Realm don't disappoint me too much."

"Very good." Ji Hanfeng nodded his head. He reached out his arm and the third profound formation was activated at the same spot again. Only this time, it was letting out a dark blue profound light. "Now, all of you who passed the second examination stand on the center of the profound formation. The final examination that will determine your destinies... will start very soon!"

Yun Che basically understood what was going to happen in this third round of examination. But in the first day that he arrived in the Snow Song Realm, he didn't find out about the details of the examination like the other examinees. The key point was that in the second examination, he could still determine what rank he was at based on the other examinees' auras. However in this final examination, each person's "projection" would seem to get their own individual space. They could not see the existences of the other examinees, it would be impossible to interfere with each other and so he wouldn't be able to determine what rank he held based on the time.

If he held on in there for too long and accidently got a rank near the front, it would definitely cause him trouble.

But if he deliberately lost too much and fell out of the one hundredth ranking, he would not be able to enter Freezing Snow Hall and his idea of gaining face for Mu Bingyun would vanish like bubbles.

Yun Che didn't immediately walk into the profound formation, and instead asked quietly, "Hey, if you want to pass the examination in the Ice Profound Realm, how long would you usually have to hang on in there?"

"How would I know? I entered Ice Phoenix Palace directly, so I never participated in Freezing Snow Hall's examination," Mu Xiaolan said proudly, then rolled her eyes at him. "Why did you ask this? You heard just now, everyone knew that you must've have cheated in the Snowstorm Realm and in the Ice Profound Realm, it is absolutely... absolutely... absolutely impossible to cheat."

"I'm just asking," Yun Che mumbled softly. This little girl seriously didn't know anything aside from knowing how to annoy people...

“Based on the past results, to pass the examination in the Ice Profound Realm, fifteen minutes is the basic baseline,” Mu Sushan who was next to Mu Xiaolan suddenly said. “And those impressive geniuses could probably persist for close to thirty minutes. I wish you good luck.”

Yun Che turned his head to look at Mu Sushan and nodded in slight surprise, “Thank you senior, for your pointers.”

After speaking, he turned around and headed toward the profound formation.

At the same time, the corner of Mu Sushan’s mouth moved slightly and his eyes flashed with an unusual mysteriousness.

Chapter 952 - Winterfrost Direwolf

“Fifteen minutes? Is it usually that long?” Mu Xiaolan said quietly to herself. Even though she had never participated in Freezing Snow Hall’s examination, she knew some things about it after all these years in Divine Ice Phoenix Sect.

“This is not important,” Mu Sushan said smilingly. “Maybe you should think about why he asked you that question specifically just now.”

“Eh?” Mu Xiaolan’s face was filled with confusion.

“The examination in the Snowstorm Realm is extremely energy consuming,” Mu Sushan said slowly. “Most of the profound practitioners, whether they passed or not, were all out of breath after the Snowstorm Realm closed. However, not only did Yun Che make it within the one thousand people at only Sovereign Profound Realm, his expression was very calm and casual and he did not seem to be catching his breath at all... hehe, this young fellow Palace Master Bingyun brought back from the lower realm is indeed not as simple as he looks. Perhaps there will be some kind of surprise later.”

“Ah?” Mu Xiaolan was even more confused.

Standing within the profound formation, Yun Che immediately saw the person named Feng Mo among the crowd. Not only did he pass the second round of examination, he seemed to have come in at the top of the ranking. Feeling someone watching him, Feng Mo also lifted his head and looked towards him but the expression revealed in his eyes was rather strange.

“The final examination... the Ice Profound Realm! Don’t die too quickly!”

As soon as Ji Hanfeng finished speaking, a blue light rose from the profound formation up in the sky and completely covered all the examinees within the formation.

The world around Yun Che suddenly became ice blue. Following that, he felt a change in the world around him and the aura of all the people around him disappeared in an instant. When the light surrounding him suddenly dispersed, a dimension built with ice crystals appeared before his eyes.

The world of the Ice Profound Realm!

This dimension was independent and sealed. It was especially narrow and small; the length, width, and height were less than three hundred meters and one could see towards the end and the edge of it in a

single glance. This world was sealed with an ice layer formed by using an ice profound energy that was at an extremely high plane and it reflected a cold light that stung one's soul.

Just when Yun Che got a good look at the world he was in, a freezing light flashed in front of him and the silhouette of a beast that was about three meters tall appeared quickly... Its entire body was snowy white, with claws that were like frozen blades and eyes that were blood red. It was a ice wolf releasing its bloodthirsty aura!

Yun Che was familiar with ice wolves because they could be seen everywhere in Snow Region of Extreme Ice. However, even if all the ice wolves in Snow Region of Extreme Ice added together, they could not be compared to a single hair of the one in front of him. The aura that it released was clearly scarier than Feng Xue'er and the Little Demon Empress.

This was a terrifying profound beast with the strength of the divine way! Its strength could be compared to a profound practitioner with the strength of early stage Divine Origin Realm!

The ice wolf instantly let loose a bloody roar when it appeared and immediately rushed toward him. Yun Che was a projection and the ice wolf was also a projection. The ice wolf didn't have any emotions and the only goal of its existence was to do everything it could to tear apart the creature in front of it without giving it any chance to breathe.

"Purgatory!!"

Yun Che definitely could not go head-to-head against a profound beast with the strength of the divine way in his normal state. He instantly opened his Evil God's gates and the profound strength in his body instantly rose as a result, but he still didn't dare to take the attack directly. Instead, he quickly teleported using Star God's Broken Shadow.

Sssss!

The ice wolf missed and right when its front claws touched the ground, it turned around lightning quick and immediately charged towards Yun Che again. At the same time, the temperature in the Ice Profound Realm suddenly fell as countless ice spikes infested the void sky and shot towards Yun Che with an incredibly sharp noise.

Wh... at!?

The speed of the ice wolf surprised Yun Che. He ducked and teleported again against the ground. He dodged below the ice wolf and instantly switched positions with it but in this narrow space, the ice spikes were already everywhere. Yun Che roared deeply, the profound energy in his body erupting forth. It burst all the ice spikes that were shooting towards him but the instant he exhausted his energy, a few dozen ice spikes got through the remaining waves of his power and ruthlessly stung his body.

Bang bang bang bang...

With the strength of Yun Che's body, it was extremely hard for him to be injured. However, the ice spikes that were hitting him at the moment had the power of divine way, much stronger than the plane of those in the Profound Sky Continent. His chest and back instantly spilled blood and the extreme pain made Yun Che knit his brows. He punched his own chest and the spikes that punctured his body were all shaken out, turning into ice powder.

What a terrifying profound beast... It was, after all, a profound beast from the God Realm.

The ice wolf had already turned around and attacked again after it missed a second time. Its snowy white body charged towards him and before it even got close, its claws were already out. An ice blade that was even larger than its body condensed, appeared, and horizontally slashed towards Yun Che.

“Senior Mu Sushan, this is the final round of examination... what exactly is in the Ice Profound Realm?” Mu Xiaolan asked Mu Sushan.

“Oh? You just started worrying about that kid?” Mu Sushan asked, a faint smile on his face.

“I can’t be bothered to worry about him,” Mu Xiaolan said as she turned her nose up. “I was just curious.”

“It’s the Winterfrost Direwolf,” Mu Sushan answered.

“Winterfrost Direwolf... the profound beast at the first level of the Divine Origin Realm?” Mu Xiaolan gasped softly.

“That’s right and there will be more than one.” Mu Sushan explained, “After the examinee enters the Ice Profound Realm, they will have to face one Winterfrost Direwolf. After that, more Winterfrost Direwolves will appear at regular intervals but it won’t be a single one that appears, it will be two, three, four... an increasing number every time.”

“Most of those who are participating the Freezing Snow Hall’s examination are at the initial stage of Divine Origin Realm. The outstanding examinees who could pass the second round of examination can easily handle one single Winterfrost Direwolf but it will be a little difficult to handle two at the same time. Handling three will put them in danger of dying and it is even more difficult to face four at the same time. Each Winterfrost Direwolf will appear at a specific time. For example, three Winterfrost Direwolves will appear at the third wave but if one is not able to kill all three before the fourth wave of Winterfrost Direwolves appears, then after the fourth wave, the examinee will have to face seven at the same time... Hehe, the result would of course be a certain death.”

“Winterfrost Direwolves... Even though their bodies are weaker, their offensive ability is almost the strongest among the profound beasts of the same level and they are also naturally aggressive. Yun Che... he... he...” Mu Xiaolan started stuttering while she talked, “He will definitely be torn into pieces immediately.”

“Ah!!!!”

Just as Mu Xiaolan finished talking, there was a scream. A silhouette flew out from within the profound formation and landed hardly on the ground.

The first profound practitioner who died in the Ice Profound Realm had been ejected.

“Hmph, garbage.” Ji Hanfeng who was supervising the examination snorted in disdain.

“Ah... Yun Che!!” Mu Xiaolan gasped subconsciously and hurriedly rushed towards the silhouette. The only result for Yun Che, whose profound strength was only at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm, would be to be torn apart in front of the brutal, terrifying Winterfrost Direwolf. The first one to die under the claws of Winterfrost Direwolf could only be him.

But before she even got close, she stopped where she was with her icy eyes widened... because the person who got thrown out to the ground was not Yun Che.

“Hn?” Ji Hanfeng who was on the other side also knitted his brows.

The first examinee that was kicked out of the profound formation was limp on the ground. His face was pale and couldn't recover from the fear of his “death” at the moment. Because in the Ice Profound Realm, he clearly saw himself get ripped into pieces by a Winterfrost Direwolf.

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Bang!!

The ice blade destroyed Yun Che's phantom, slashed onto the ice wall behind and was stuck, nailed there.

The ice wolf's scary attacks were all dodged by Yun Che using Star God's Broken Shadow. However, he knew clearly in his mind that with the ice wolf's horrifying speed and the narrowness of the space, it was definitely not a smart decision for him to deal with it like this. He had to go on offensive.

But this time, the ice wolf did not charge forward and instead opened its huge mouth and let out a gush of cold energy. A thick icy fog instantly spread throughout the Ice Profound Realm. The temperature in this space was already freezing but now it was decreasing at an alarming rate.

Cold energy!?

Yun Che's eyes lit up and he actually faced the icy fog head-on and charged towards the ice wolf at lightning speed.

Even a Monarch would be frozen into an ice sculpture from touching the cold energy produced by an ice wolf. As the freezing fog spread, every existence in the Ice Profound Realm were all sealed in ice.

But this absolutely would not affect Yun Che.

Its power, sharp claws, ice spikes, ice blades; Yun Che didn't dare to forcefully take any of them head on. But it using cold energy to attack Yun Che was an absolutely foolish move.

Releasing cold energy made the ice wolf reveal its weak point. Yun Che rushed directly to its side, condensed profound energy, and struck its body with a punch.

Ji Hanfeng said himself that no one would be able to use weapons in the Ice Profound Realm but Hong'er might be an exception... because she was technically not a weapon but an unique existence connected to his soul and willpower. However, he did not attempt to summon Hong'er, because he did not think it was worth the trouble to “cheat.”

The ice wolf shrieked and flew out under Yun Che's strike, fiercely smashing against the icy wall. The shock made the entire space vibrate slightly. Yun Che looked at his fist that had just landed on the ice wolf and a flash of shock appeared in his eyes... because he clearly felt the bones of the ice wolf cracking in that punch just now.

The attack of the ice wolf was extremely terrifying and it made him felt like he was going to suffocate every single time but its body didn't seem to be very tough.

The ice wolf stood up but its body was already wobbling slightly, proving that the bone cracking that Yun Che felt was not an illusion. The expression in Yun Che's eyes turned from cautious to dangerous and he rushed towards the ice wolf himself.

"Aa... aoooo!!"

The injured direwolf became increasingly more aggressive and a murderous, bloodthirsty light was released from its eyes. It howled in anger, leaped about thirty meters, and charged towards Yun Che with a frantic ice-cold current of air. More than half of the Ice Profound Realm was instantly drawn into the icy wind storm.

Yun Che also leaped straight up to it. When he got close, his figure swayed and appeared above the ice wolf like a ghost. Using his hand as a sword, he struck downward.

"Falling Moon Sinking Star!!"

Bang!!

Crack!!

With a loud sound, Yun Che smashed his palm down with all of his power onto the back of the ice wolf. What followed after was a crisp, ear-splitting cracking sound.

Yun Che's physical strength was incredible. Under this strike, the spine of the ice wolf was broken into several pieces. It howled in pain as it fell to the ground. After it rolled several times, it lay on the ground like a lump of mud and wasn't able to stand up anymore. Not long after, it slowly disappeared in a ball of blue light.

Yun Che landed slowly, took a small breath and flicked his palm that was a little sore. He said in a low voice, "so it was merely this."

"But, this is just the beginning. To be able to pass, I have to at least hang on for more than fifteen minutes. It will definitely become harder later on," Yun Che said to himself. "I better conserve my strength."

In the Profound Sky Continent, as Xuanyuan Wentian's divine soul perished, there was no one else with the strength of the divine way. Therefore, even though Yun Che's strength had increased at a tremendous speed, he couldn't find anyone to compare his strength to.

Including when he was fighting against Xuanyuan Wentian, he didn't know what plane his strength was on—after all, he didn't know about the existence of the "Seven Divine Profound Realms" back then.

So, it wasn't that the Winterfrost Direwolf was "merely this," but that he didn't know he had already reached a realm far beyond his expectations...

Chapter 953 - Impossible Result

Within the Ice Profound Realm, Yun Che, who had eliminated the first Winterfrost Direwolf did not relax in the slightest after having killed it. Instead, he waited for another enemy to appear. But after a good while, his surroundings were still silent. Right when he began to have doubts, a dangerous aura finally appeared once more.

This time, two streaks of blue light appeared before him at the same time, projecting the silhouettes of two Winterfrost Direwolves.

Two!?

He was slightly stunned but his nerves and body had already reacted at the very first instant, thunderously dashing at the Winterfrost Direwolf up ahead. Just as it appeared, before it even had time to see its surroundings, the Winterfrost Direwolf had been punched in the head by Yun Che amidst a violent explosion of Golden Crow flames.

“Aooo!”

The Winterfrost Direwolf let out a wretched cry and was flung away, its entire body covered in flames. At the same time, a dangerous aura suddenly closed in from Yun Che’s rear. Not having enough time to turn around, Yun Che instead rolled on the ground, sliding over lightning quick. When the Winterfrost Direwolf behind him pounced on him, his hand ferociously shot upward with a chop.

Crack!!

Compared to their dangerous, bloodthirsty aura, these Winterfrost Direwolves were a bit “weak.” Upon receiving Yun Che’s chop, the second Winterfrost Direwolf’s right hind leg was immediately snapped apart and fell to the ground amidst its miserable shrieking. Yun Che’s body quickly came to a stop before throwing himself forward. Just as he was about to take that chance to deal a heavy blow to its vitals, an icy wind attack suddenly blew over.

The first Winterfrost Direwolf that he had blasted away using Golden Crow flames was filled with burn injuries and a savage excitement. It howled as it pounced at Yun Che’s back.

Yun Che’s brows sunk. His hand posture immediately changed. He grabbed the broken hind leg of the Winterfrost Direwolf before him and turned around, smashing it behind him.

Bang!

Even though Yun Che executed a simple swing, it had several hundred kilograms worth of power. The two Winterfrost Direwolves heavily collided, bringing the bloom of two bloody flowers. Following the miserable howl of the two Winterfrost Direwolves as they flew away, a terrifying rain of blood began to fall in the Ice Profound Realm.

Yun Che stretched out both of his hands. At the same time the two Winterfrost Direwolves landed on the ground, several blasts of Golden Crow flames were released in succession.

Boom boom boom boom boom boom...

The continuous flame explosions which contained the Golden Crow’s flame power momentarily dispersed the Winterfrost Direwolves’ cold energy. Once he stopped his assault, the two Winterfrost Direwolves had already stopped their shrieks and quickly dissipated within the flames.

“Phew... it’s pretty easy.” Yun Che let out a breath of air.

Could it be that there are only these kinds of ice wolves in the Ice Profound Realm? Or will stronger profound beasts appear... Yun Che couldn’t help wondering.

After eliminating those two Winterfrost Direwolves as soon as they appeared, he had to wait quite a while yet again before a dangerous aura approached.

This time, three streaks of blue light flashed at the same time. What appeared were three Winterfrost Direwolves with bloodthirsty auras.

Three!!

Upon seeing the three Winterfrost Direwolves appear at the same exact time, not only did Yun Che not get nervous, his expression had even relaxed somewhat. The first wave had one, the second wave had two and the third wave had three and they all appeared at around the same time.

This meant that this test most likely spawned Winterfrost Direwolves at set intervals and the next wave would have one more Winterfrost Direwolf.

He also had a rough understanding of a Winterfrost Direwolf’s strength and threat. Added to the fact that they appeared in the same exact intervals, this was enough for Yun Che to believe that being able to hold on for fifteen minutes here wasn’t that hard of a task.

The test here couldn’t even be said in the same breath as the trial in the Dragon God’s secret realm where the enemies doubled every wave.

Three sinister bone-chilling violent auras firmly locked onto Yun Che. Right when all three Winterfrost Direwolves were about to attack, a huge blaze had already erupted from Yun Che’s body. Beneath the firelight, the Winterfrost Direwolves’ bloody pupils contracted as they suddenly fell back, even letting out sinister hissing sounds.

Yun Che had just discovered that Winterfrost Direwolves feared fire. As ice type profound beasts, being afraid of fire couldn’t be any more ordinary. Fire and ice originally suppressed one another... but for Yun Che, it had clearly become a one sided restraint.

While the Winterfrost Direwolves were backing away, Yun Che made the first move and violent firelight once more exploded within the Ice Profound Realm...

Bang!!

The examination profound formation echoed once more and the second profound practitioner was ejected. Mu Xiaolan subconsciously went forward but quickly noticed that it was still not Yun Che.

As time passed, more and more examinees died within the Ice Profound Realm and were immediately ejected. The speed in which the examinees were ejected became even quicker the later it was. There were sometimes where a dozen or so people were ejected within several breaths of time.

The states in which they were ejected from the Ice Profound Realm were all especially similar. Their faces were all deathly white and they all possessed frightened expressions and sweated due to debility. However, the moment they woke up from within death’s shadow, they realized that they hadn’t actually

been torn apart. Not even a scar or bruise was on their bodies but what greeted them was another cruel fact.

“Hurry up and leave using that profound formation, losers! Stop taking up the space here!”

Ji Hanfeng’s said rather coldly with narrowed eyes, “Our Ice Phoenix Divine Sect never takes pity on losers, nor will we waste any more attention on them! Hurry up and leave, I don’t have the patience to say it a second time!”

Being the first nine hundred profound practitioners to die in the Ice Profound Realm meant that they had failed the final test. This also meant that their dreams of joining Freezing Snow Hall had become an illusion. The faces of the losers turned ashen but none dared to disobey Ji Hanfeng’s order as they all left dragging heavy footsteps.

Right, in this cruel and competitive God Realm, no one would take pity on trash or losers, nor would anyone bother to look at them.

“Weird, how come that brat named Yun Che isn’t out yet? Ji Hanfeng muttered in confusion.

“It... it’s not him again? Ah? So strange, more than six hundred people have come out already, why hasn’t he come out yet?”

More and more people were being ejected out of the Ice Profound Realm yet Yun Che, the one who should’ve been the first one to fail due to his profound strength being the weakest still had not appeared. The Snowstorm Realm test could be “cheated” through but the Ice Profound Realm was a “projection.” It was an genuine strength assessment which was impossible to be cheated on in any shape or form... It was fundamentally impossible to withstand a single blow from a Winterfrost Direwolf with profound strength at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm, so how could he possibly persevere until now?

Ji Hanfeng was indefinitely bewildered, Mu Xiaolan was stupefied and the expression of Mu Sushan, who had been spectating through the entire process continuously fluctuated.

As the final exam progressed, more and more examinees were being ejected from the Ice Profound Realm. In the end, following the sound of the profound formation, the nine hundredth examinee was ejected out amidst a terrible scream.

Clang!!

The profound formation’s light suddenly began to violently fluctuate at this time as its deep blue light became a luminous white.

Bang!!

The nine hundredth and first examinee was ejected out of the profound formation but the difference was that this examinee’s body was surrounded by a layer of white light, its color the same as the profound formation. This white light was proof that he had successfully passed the Ice Profound Realm trial... which also mean that he had passed Freezing Snow Hall’s final examination and was qualified to become a disciple of Freezing Snow Hall.

When he saw the white light on his body, that profound practitioner instantly forgot the terror of his death. In his excitement, he shook his arms and shouted wildly. After him, more and more examinees were consecutively ejected. Every one of them wore the white light, which proved that they had successively passed the exam, on their bodies. At this moment, those who were still in the Ice Profound Realm had all passed the exam. The final competition was now seeing who was able to obtain the title of number one and obtain the “Jadefallen Ice Soul Pellet” which was like a sacred treasure in their eyes.

But Mu Xiaolan still did not see Yun Che.

“What’s going on here?” Ji Hanfeng paced back and forth, his brows pressed together. The first examinee to get ejected not being Yun Che was already enough to shock him into bewilderment. However, every examinee being ejected afterwards gave him even more shocks, one after the other. At this moment, he was already doubting whether there was an issue with his eyes or his memory.

“Could it be that the brat didn’t enter the profound formation earlier and used some kind of method to secretly slip away?” Ji Hanfeng inwardly pondered. He couldn’t find any other possible explanation aside from this one.

“Senior Sushan, did... did you see if Yun Che really went inside the trial’s profound formation?” Mu Xiaolan had almost the same exact thoughts as Ji Hanfeng. “He couldn’t have... used some kind of strange spatial profound artifact to secretly leave before the start of the exam, could he? Otherwise, why hasn’t he come out yet?”

Even if she were to be beaten to death, she wouldn’t believe that someone at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm could stay in the Ice Profound Realm for that long. Though Mu Bingyun praised him many times, saying that he was a genius... he was still only at the Sovereign Profound Realm. She had also fought with Yun Che once...

In the Snow Region of Extreme Ice, when they first met, a casual slap from her had sent Yun Che flying...

Mu Sushan did not directly reply. He held his chin with his hand and said with obvious surprise, “It seems like your Master has brought back a considerably gifted fellow, hoho. It’s been many years since I’ve had such a feeling of expectation.”

“Ah?” Mu Xiaolan didn’t get him at all.

Bang... bang... bang....

While they were talking, several more examinees shot out.

As time progressed, the difficulty of the Ice Profound Realm trial would increase. At this moment, examinees would be ejected once every few breaths.

Eighty...

Ninety...

Ninety five...

Ninety eight!!

When the ninety eighth person was ejected with white light swirling around his body, the profound formation finally quieted. A long time passed and no other examinee had been ejected.

And with the number ninety eight, this obviously meant that there were still two people inside the Ice Profound Realm!

Li Mingcheng had not come out, which meant that one of them was Li Mingcheng... this was not unexpected.

But who... could the other person be?

A full one hundred breaths had passed since the previous examinee had been ejected but the profound formation still showed no movements. "As expected of Li Mingcheng, to actually persevere so long without dying," quietly exclaimed a profound practitioner who had passed the exam. They had all just recently experienced the terror of the Ice Profound Realm trial. Each Winterfrost Direwolf was a nightmarish existence.

"It's expected that Li Mingcheng is able to last this long. After all, he definitely has that kind of strength. But... who is the other person? To actually persevere without coming out until now?"

"I don't know. There didn't seem to anyone who was on par with Li Mingcheng in the Snowstorm Realm trial."

"Could they have been hiding their strength?"

"Hmph, there's no need for you to randomly guess." Ji Hanfeng snorted coldly. At this point, he completely believed his own guess and said indifferently, "At the moment, there is only one person in the Ice Profound Realm, not two. Because a certain trash was scared he would fail too miserably so before the Ice Profound Realm even started, he used a some kind of spatial artifact to escape... he probably used the same thing he used to cheat through the Snowstorm Realm."

Ji Hanfeng's words immediately allowed the group of examinees to "see the light."

Chapter 954 - It's Hard to Die

In the Ice Profound Realm, Yun Che was still in a harsh battle against the Winterfrost Direwolf without knowing that the examination was already approaching the end.

After fighting eleven waves of Winterfrost Direwolves, Yun Che was already covered in wounds and blood but the overflowing aura in his body didn't seem to decrease at all. It was even more berserk than before. Even his eyes revealed a light that was even more violent than the Winterfrost Direwolves.

"Die... Red Purgatory Lotus!!"

BOOM!!

The Golden Crow flames exploded crazily in the narrow space and the Winterfrost Direwolves that were charging towards him all shrieked and was swallowed by the exploding fire lotus; a large half of them directly burnt into pieces.

Sss~~

In the sea of fire that spread out, a dangerous aura suddenly approached and an undead Winterfrost Direwolf jumped out from the sea of fire with flames all over his body. The wolf claws that were tainted with blood clawed towards Yun Che with a terrifying power and hatred.

Ssss!

The afterimage was ripped apart in an instant. Yun Che reached out his palms after teleporting and condensed the air into ice. An ice cone almost two meters long mercilessly stabbed directly through the flame-covered body of a Winterfrost Direwolf.

The Winterfrost Direwolf was already severely wounded from the burning and upon being stabbed through by the ice cone, it shrieked and disappeared in a light before it even landed on the ground.

At this point, the eleventh wave, an entire group of eleven Winterfrost Direwolves was killed by Yun Che.

Phew...

Yun Che took a deep, long breath. There were wounds on his body everywhere but if one looked closely, one would notice that even though these wounds looked frightening, none of them were deep enough to reach bone.

His energy consumption was extremely small because he hadn't used the Heaven Smiting Sword. Up to now, he was only slightly short of breath.

"Roughly fifteen minutes should've passed by now," Yun Che said to himself. While he was fighting against the Winterfrost Direwolves, he had also been estimating the time in his mind because Mu Sushan told him that fifteen minutes was roughly the time he had to stay alive for him to barely make it through the final examination.

"But..." Yun Che knitted his brows and mumbled, "Was that person called Mu Sushan trying to trick me? Lasting for fifteen minutes seems a bit too easy. This kind of challenge shouldn't be too hard for those one thousand strong divine way practitioners who made their way through the Snowstorm Realm. It shouldn't be too difficult to last fifteen minutes even for the weakest person, right?"

Aside from the pressure Yun Che felt when he first faced the Winterfrost Direwolves, after he observed the way they attacked and their weaknesses, the ten waves that followed were all relatively easy for him and didn't consume much of his energy... And he completely believed that if he used the Heaven Smiting Sword, not to mention getting wounded, even if the Winterfrost Direwolves all attacked him at once, they wouldn't be able to get within ten steps of him.

The people taking this final examination with him all had the power of the divine way. Facing those Winterfrost Direwolves that had great strength and speed but had relatively fragile bodies, even if they faced multiple direwolves at the same time, it shouldn't be too difficult.

Just to be safe, should I...

Just as Yun Che was thinking and hesitating, a blue light flashed around him... the twelfth wave of Winterfrost Direwolves appeared in the blue light.

The twelve of them appeared at the same time at the twelfth wave!

Twelve violent auras instantly locked onto Yun Che but he still didn't react immediately, because he was still hesitating on whether to end it now or continue a wave or two more... In the end, he chose the latter.

That Mu Sushan was someone who seemed to have integrity and dignity and we are strangers, so there was no reason to lie to me intentionally. The reason I am able to handle this with ease is probably connected to my tolerance to cold and my Star God's Broken Shadow. It is also possible that I still underestimated my current level of strength.

Thinking of this, Yun Che stood still without moving and let the twelve Winterfrost Direwolves charge towards him.

Aoooo!! Sss... hah!! Bang...

The twelve Winterfrost Direwolves all attacked crazily and an incredibly horrifying disastrous wind storm appeared in the space of the Ice Profound Realm. Several bloody wounds and dozens of claw marks appeared instantly on Yun Che's body.

But, that was all.

If it was some other profound practitioners, they would've been directly torn apart, frozen or turned into bloody pieces under this type of condition.

Yun Che's body was extremely tough with the existence of the Dragon God marrow. Even in his sleep, his Dragon God's bloodline was becoming thicker by the second. As of now, not even he knew how strong his Dragon God's bloodline had become.

Back then when he was battling fiercely with Xuanyuan Wentian, he was able to take Xuanyuan Wentian's strongest "Absolute Sword of No Return" directly without getting pierced through while his body was under restraint, not to mention the attack of these Winterfrost Direwolves!

The twelve Winterfrost Direwolves clawed and bit him, wounded everywhere on his body but it wasn't enough to kill Yun Che. Instead, it made him grit his teeth in pain and roar, "You all should just go die!!"

"Yellow Springs Ashes!!"

BOOM!!!

In a howl, the most extreme Golden Crow flames exploded mercilessly and instantly turned the freezing cold Ice Profound Realm into a golden burning hell of flames. In the horrifying destructive flames, the Winterfrost Direwolves had nowhere to escape didn't even have a chance to howl and they were all burned to ashes.

After the flames dispersed, the Ice Profound Realm was no longer freezing. Instead, every corner was scorching with a terrifying heat. As for the Winterfrost Direwolves, all of them disappeared without a trace; not even a hair was left.

"That should be it. Sss... took all of this for nothing," Looking at his bloody arms, Yun Che gritted his teeth in pain. Then he lifted his head and yelled, "I give up."

Ji Hanfeng said that if one didn't dare to face death during the examination, one could yell out "I give up" to end the examination directly.

Except he didn't do it because he was afraid of death.

A white light fell from the void sky and cast on him as he said those words. As the white light flickered, he disappeared from the Ice Profound Realm and the Ice Profound Realm that he was just in collapsed, vanishing into nothingness.

The Ice Profound Realm was not an independent space built by the Freezing Snow Hall, it was only a temporary space created by the power of the profound formation one by one.

Bang!

A light flashed from the examination profound examination with everyone waiting and a silhouette finally flew out and landed on the ground in a white light.

"It's Li Mingcheng... Li Mingcheng finally came out!!"

"Impressive... Li Mingcheng is indeed impressive. He actually stayed alive for a hundred breaths of time longer than the second place, so... so amazing."

"That is of course! He grew up in the Ice Phoenix Realm and he is the nephew of the Main Hall Master of Freezing Snow Hall. We cannot compare to him at all."

"If we were in another group, we could probably still try to compete for the Jadedfallen Ice Soul Pellet but we were in the same group as Li Mingcheng... that's so unlucky," One of the profound practitioners who ranked at the top of the list sighed and said.

The white light on Li Mingcheng disappeared, he was sitting on the ground with his face pale while catching big breaths. It was very normal after experiencing being sieged by the Winterfrost Direwolves but he recovered and stood back up very quickly. At this moment, Ji Hanfeng walked towards him while laughing loudly, "Hahahaha, Junior Brother Mingcheng, you are indeed the one who was given high expectations by the Main Hall Master. You actually remained in the Ice Profound Realm for such a long period of time, that is very impressive."

Ji Hanfeng's voice close to Li Mingcheng's ears quickly turned his face red. The envy, admiration, amazement, and shame around him made him feel like he was floating. He promptly answered in a "humble" tone, "Not at all, compared to Senior Brother, I am still miles behind."

"Junior Brother Mingcheng, I cannot live up to those words," Ji Hanfeng smiled and said, "I only made it past the eighth wave of Winterfrost Direwolves in the Ice Profound Realm back then and I already thought that was impressive. Based on Junior Brother's time, you should have made it past at least ten waves. I am far from having your qualifications. From this, within ten years, Junior Brother Mingcheng's cultivation will surpass mine. When the time comes, I will have to rely on Junior Brother Mingcheng in Freezing Snow Hall."

Before this, Ji Hanfeng was just discreetly fawning over him. But now that he witnessed how shockingly well Li Mingcheng did, he was already praising him in front of everyone without hiding it. Even though Li Mingcheng was still not strong enough compared to him, with his qualification and identity, he would

definitely be an enormous tree in the Freezing Snow Hall. As a intelligent person, of course Ji Hanfeng would choose to pick the most suitable moment to grab on tight.

“Ahhaha, what is Senior Brother Hanfeng talking about, you are flattering me,” Li Mingcheng acted as if he was afraid but he couldn’t hide the pride and arrogance that were deep within his eyes. He then couldn’t wait and said softly, “Senior Brother Hanfeng, the Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet...”

“Hehe, is there someone else who could have taken it?” Ji Hanfeng shot him a look in response and then turned around to sweep his eyes across the profound practitioners that passed the final examination, already standing in a tidy formation. He said loudly announced, “Very good, the examinations for our group are all completed at this point. First let’s congratulate all the junior brothers and sisters. After going through three rounds of examination, you have all qualified to become disciples of Freezing Snow Hall. After receiving the Ice Phoenix Engraved Jade that will belong to you later, you will all officially be our Freezing Snow Hall’s disciples. I wish you all to achieve great things from now on, make our ancestors proud!”

“And, as the first place of the examination this time, as well as the most talented new disciple among our group,” Ji Hanfeng raised his palms and slowly picked up the “Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet.” Everyone’s eyes were attracted beneath the dreamy blue light and stuck on it like a magnet. All of their eyes revealed a deep desire and envy, especially Li Mingcheng; his limbs shook and his eyes brightened up in excitement. He was itching to go up there and hold the sacred pill to his chest immediately.

Ji Hanfeng’s eyes focused on Li Mingcheng at this moment, “This Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet naturally belongs to...”

“Wait.”

Before Ji Hanfeng finished speaking, he was interrupted by a calm voice. Ji Hanfeng’s face darkened immediately but he immediately realized that the voice that interrupted him came from Mu Sushan who had been observing at the side this whole time. His face calmed down right away as he turned around and lowered his head. He said respectfully, “General Manager Sushan, is there something that you would like to... enlighten this disciple on?”

Mu Sushan reached out his hand and pointed at the examination’s profound formation, “Did you not notice that the profound light from the profound formation has yet to disappear?”

Ji Hanfeng looked at the examination profound formation with confusion. He was slightly stunned and then he suddenly reacted. The expression in his face changed abruptly as he stuttered, “What... what is going on?”

All of the profound practitioners were all still looking at the profound formation which had bright white light shooting toward the sky with confusion. Li Mingcheng was also stunned in place.

“Ji Hanfeng, this is not the first time you’ve hosted an examination. You should know very well that this profound formation exists for the examination. After the examination is completed, the profound light will naturally disappear. However, it is still here operating, proving that the examination has not truly ended. There is still one more examinee in the Ice Profound Realm.”

“This disciple of course understand this. But... but this shouldn’t have happened. This disciple has counted already, those nine hundred people who were eliminated had already all left. After Li Mingcheng completed the examination, all of the ninety-nine people who passed the examination are all here. Not one more and not one less. And with Yun Che, who escaped before the examination even started...”

Ji Hanfeng suddenly choked on his words and his pupils expanded slightly, “Could it be...”

Chapter 955 - “Crisis”

Before Ji Hanfeng had even finished his sentence, the profound formation suddenly flashed with a profound light. A ball of white light separated itself from the profound formation and slowly fell. After it touched the ground, the white light disappeared, before Yun Che’s silhouette emerged.

The other profound practitioners had either been ejected from the profound formation or ruthlessly thrown out, battered and miserable looking. However, Yun Che had been gently sent out and landed smoothly.

This was because the others had been ejected by the profound formation after “dying” and Yun Che had given up while still alive.

The first thing Yun Che sensed was that his body didn’t seem to hurt or have sustained any injuries. In fact, he didn’t feel like he had used up any profound energy at all. However, he immediately sensed that the surrounding atmosphere didn’t seem quite right and quickly opened his eyes to survey the area.

Mu Xiaolan still remained a distance in front of him yet her mouth was wide open. Mu Sushan, who stood beside her, had an extremely odd look in his eyes. Beside him, a group of profound practitioners were neatly arranged in order with Ji Hanfeng standing before them. At the same time he saw Ji Hanfeng, he also immediately saw Li Mingcheng, who stood at the very front of the group.

And among these people, each and every one of them were wide-eyed stupefied, as though they had seen a ghost in broad daylight.

Yun Che had not “died” out of the Ice Profound Realm so his mental state was not in disorder. After his instant of being stunned, the surrounding situation, the atmosphere, as well as the expression on everyone’s faces immediately caused him to realize that something had happened.

What happened... was there a problem with the exam?

There shouldn’t be! Then the only thing possible is...

I’m the last f*cking person that came out!?

Clang!!

Ripples of profound energy were produced as an immense sound rang from the back. The light of the profound formation instantly retracted and in just a short moment, the entire profound formation disappeared. The space within the boundary of the profound formation was completely empty, without a single trace of a human figure.

The final exam of Freezing Snow Hall had truly ended at this very moment.

And the number one of this final exam, in other words, the last person who left the Ice Profound Realm, was actually Yun Che!

Looking at Yun Che who appeared from within the white light and the disappearance of the profound formation, everyone present felt as if their brains had crashed. Even after staring for a long while, they were still unable to believe their own eyes at all.

Li Mingcheng's result was extremely extraordinary. If he had obtained number one, no one would have felt it was unexpected. However, Yun Che's profound strength was clearly just at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm. Putting aside entering the divine way, even if he was in the Sovereign Profound Realm, he was only at the middle stage of it. Furthermore, he was even a profound practitioner who came from the lower realm and was far weaker than profound practitioners of God Realm of the same level. With his profound strength and birth, forget about Freezing Snow Hall, entering the Snowfall Palace would be extremely difficult as well.

Him being able to participate in the exams of Freezing Snow Hall, was just a "special permission" given by the Main Hall Master as a form of ridicule and even a little embarrassment. Him accepting her proposal was just a joke in everyone's eyes. And it was exactly this "joke", who had actually surpassed Li Mingcheng in the final exam and had surpassed every single one of them!!

"Yun Che, Y... Y-Y-Y-You..." Mu Xiaolan was unable to adjust her state of mind from this huge sense of disparity. "You're... actually... number one... Ah..."

Yun Che looked at Mu Sushan. From the present situation, how could he fail to understand that he was actually tricked by this general manager of Freezing Snow Hall!? Furthermore, that rather meaningful look carried by Mu Sushan was clearly a huge confession.

In the Ice Profound Realm, he had suspected if "fifteen minutes" was a little short.

But never did he expect that, it was actually... too long!!

It seemed like Mu Sushan had realized something from Yun Che's various behaviors and the results of the Snowstorm Realm exam and thus "tricked" him a little. Not to mention, it was done without a trace. Even with Yun Che's shrewdness, he was unable to sense anything strange.

As someone who could hold a high status even in God Realm, how could he possibly be an ordinary person?

However, looking from another perspective, this result made Yun Che realize that he had severely underestimated his present level of strength. When he first stepped into the Sovereign Profound Realm, he was able to kill Xuanyuan Wentian whose profound strength had already reached the level of gods. Presently, his profound strength had reached the middle stage of Sovereign Profound Realm. Most likely, the level of strength of the divine profound practitioners whom he could go toe-to-toe with, had far surpassed his initial predictions!

Looking at things now, it seemed like it was no longer possible for him to remain low key even if he wanted to.

“Haah,” Yun Che sighed, as he silently muttered to himself in his mind. “Someone like me is like the sun hanging in a night sky. No matter how much effort is put in, it’s impossible to cover this overly brilliant light.”

Turning around, Yun Che faced the dazed crowd and spoke to Ji Hanfeng. “Now, I should have the qualifications to become a disciple of Freezing Snow Hall, right?”

“Not only that.” Before Ji Hanfeng could reply, Mu Sushan was already chuckling as he spoke. “You were the last person to leave the Ice Profound Realm and have without a doubt become the most excellent newcomer among the disciples. Not only will you have the qualifications to become an official disciple of Freezing Snow Hall, you will also receive a Jadefallen Ice Snow Pellet as a reward. With your present cultivation level, if someone were to aid you in completely refining this Jadefallen Ice Snow Pellet, your entire being will be reborn and you will experience immense growth from then on. Hohoho.”

“Wait a minute!!”

An anxious voice suddenly rang out. Li Mingcheng stepped out of the group, his face was solemn as he loudly exclaimed. “He can’t receive the Jadefallen Ice Snow Pellet! Anyone will be able to see that the result of this exam is unusual! This Yun Che brat... has clearly cheated!”

Under the instructions of Mu Fengshu, he had delayed his entry into the Freezing Snow Hall for so many years in order to obtain the “Jadefallen Ice Snow Pellet” that was especially being bestowed in the exams this year. For today, he had endured for many years and had prepared for many years. The “Jadefallen Ice Snow Pellet” was already within his reach, how could he allow it to land in the hands of someone else...? Not to mention it was being awarded to trash that did not know his place.

“I cheated? Where’s the evidence?” Yun Che helplessly said. With how the situation had developed, it was no longer possible for him to remain low key. He had no choice but to follow through with this outcome.

“Evidence? Heh!” Li Mingcheng coldly laughed, as he walked towards Yun Che, one step at a time. “Is there even a need for evidence for this? As long as it’s someone who isn’t blind, it’s plain to see that you have definitely cheated! Every single one of the Winterfrost Direwolves in the Ice Profound Realm is a profound beast at the first level of the Divine Origin Realm and they possess extremely powerful offensive abilities. Even I had to be especially careful when dealing with them. You, however, are just trash at the middle stage of the Sovereign Profound Realm. Your only possible outcome is to be killed instantly in the face of a Winterfrost Direwolf, so how could you possibly stay in the Ice Profound Realm for such a long period of time!?”

“Junior Brother Mingcheng is right.” Ji Hanfeng said, his eyes fixated on Yun Che. “I believe it’s not just Junior Brother Mingcheng, every single person here is unable to believe this outcome. Yun Che, you sure have huge guts! Freezing Snow Hall’s trial is designed to pick out excellent disciples for Divine Ice Phoenix Sect. In the face of such divine majesty, you actually dare to cheat! You are but a mere lowly person from the lower realms, what kind of place are you making the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect out to be!?”

“Ji Hanfeng!”

Yun Che was slightly enraged by the term “lowly person from the lower realms”, as he unceremoniously named him out. “Before the exam, you once said that it’s still possible to pass the Snowstorm Realm exam through tricks but it’s impossible for anyone to cheat through the Ice Profound Realm exam. This is what you personally said! Right now, on what basis are you suspecting me of cheating?”

“That’s right! On what basis!? Since you’re saying Yun Che cheated, show some evidence at the very least!” Mu Xiaolan charged out and stood next to Yun Che, as she said a little imposingly. Actually... in her mind, she was very nervous. Very, very nervous. Because even she was absolutely certain that... Yun Che must have cheated!

Otherwise, with his level of profound strength, how could he possibly stay in the Ice Profound Realm for so long!?

However, Yun Che was brought here by Mu Bingyun, so she had no choice but to bite the bullet and stand on his side. Furthermore, he must~~ must not admit to cheating! Though she did not know what method Yun Che used, cheating in Freezing Snow Hall’s exam was a huge scandal. If it were to turn out to be real, she was not concerned about the consequences that would befall Yun Che but there was a huge possibility that it would affect Mu Bingyun’s reputation. No matter what, she could not allow such a thing to happen.

“It’s absolutely easy to determine if Yun Che has actually cheated,” Li Mingcheng said with confidence. “During the exam earlier, Yun Che stayed in the Ice Profound Realm for exactly fifteen minutes! I, Li Mingcheng, admit that I am incapable of achieving such a feat but Yun Che is actually able to do it. Then, if he did not cheat, his strength must definitely far surpass mine.”

When these words were spoken, the surrounding profound practitioners instantly broke into laughter. Li Mingcheng was at the third level of the Divine Origin Realm and was even at the late stages. Adding his innate gifts, he was definitely capable of going toe-to-toe with an opponent at the fourth level of the Divine Origin Realm. As for Yun Che, he was someone of the lower realms who had not even stepped into the divine way. He was the joke of this exam and had no qualifications to even be compared to Li Mingcheng at all. How could he possibly be stronger than Li Mingcheng?

“Then,” Li Mingcheng raised his hand towards Yun Che, his expression carried relish and scorn. “Whether he has cheated or not, we will know once we exchange blows. Yun Che, since you claim that you did not cheat, then let us spar it out. Oh, you don’t have to completely beat me, as long as you are able to hold out against five of my attacks, I, Li Mingcheng, will admit that you did not cheat. However, if you are unable to get through five attacks from someone whose results can’t even compare to yours... Heheheh...”

“Hahahaha, what a great suggestion from Junior Brother Mingcheng!” Ji Hanfeng laughed. The surrounding crowd of profound practitioners either gave Yun Che pitiful or smug glances. In their hearts, all of them believed that Li Mengcheng was truly thinking too highly of him for proposing “five attacks”... Or, he was just trying to toy with him.

“Yun Che, did you hear that?” Ji Hanfeng said in a cold, commanding tone. “If you wish to prove that you did not cheat, then exchange blows with Li Mingcheng to prove your innocence! If you truly have the capabilities to stay in the Ice Profound Realm for such a long time, dealing with just five blows from Li Mingcheng should be a piece of cake, right?”

“No!” Mu Xiaolan tugged onto Yun Che’s sleeves and said with a stern look. “Yun Che was exempted from the first exam because of Main Hall Master’s ‘special’ permission. For the Snowstorm Realm and Ice Profound Realm exams, Yun Che followed the same procedures as the rest of the participants and entered the same profound formations for the exams. You lot do not have any evidence and are just throwing out your own guesses, so on what basis are you claiming that he cheated!? The reason why Yun Che was personally brought here by my master, was because he possessed such strength. So on what basis does he have to suffer from all your constant suspicions!?”

“Furthermore, Ji Hanfeng, you seemed to have forgotten.” Mu Xiaolan raised her voice a little. “The exams of Freezing Snow Hall are all completed by the profound formations. You are just a supervisor and recorder and you do not have the qualifications to intervene in the process or outcomes of the exams. The outcomes of the exams are already determined in the instant after the disappearance of the profound formations. You basically do not have the qualifications to have Yun Che prove that he did not cheat.”

“...” Ji Hanfeng was speechless for a moment, without a word to rebut. Because what Mu Xiaolan said was exactly right. He was just a supervisor and recorder. The outcomes and process of the exams were all determined and undergone by the profound formations themselves. He, a single disciple of Freezing Snow Hall, basically did not have the qualifications to intervene.

Li Mingcheng hurriedly stepped forward and said in a righteous tone. “The matter of Yun Che cheating is no longer just a problem concerning the outcomes of the exams but a problem concerning the Freezing Snow Hall and even the fairness and reputation of the entire Divine Ice Phoenix Sect! If...”

“Hmph! You’re making it sound so extravagant but in truth, isn’t it all just for the Jadedfallen Ice Snow Pellet!?” Mu Xiaolan’s single sentence had instantly pierced through Li Mingcheng’s thoughts and she urged, “Ji Hanfeng, the exam has ended so long ago, why have you yet to announce the results and hand over the Jadedfallen Ice Snow Pellet to Yun Che!? This is what you should be doing!”

Presently, Mu Xiaolan felt as if her buttocks were on fire, as she simply wanted to immediately settle the matters here and bring Yun Che over to Mu Bingyun. They would then think of countermeasures after that. She must... must not allow this case of cheating turn into reality right on the spot.

“Xiaolan is right. Ji Hanfeng indeed does not have the qualifications to intervene in the process and outcomes of the exams. Naturally, he does not have the qualifications to have Yun Che exchange blows with Li Mingcheng to prove his innocence.”

A calm voice resounded from the back. The person who spoke was naturally Mu Sushan. Hearing Mu Sushan coming to her rescue, Mu Xiaolan heaved a huge sigh of relief in her heart. Just as she was about to cast a grateful glance, Mu Sushan’s next words had almost made her jump.

“But, I do.”

Chapter 956 - Starpicker Stone

“Senior Sushan, you...” Mu Xiaolan was stunned all of a sudden.

Mu Sushan stepped forward and said respectfully, “Yun Che, no one has ever passed the Freezing Snow Hall’s examination without having profound strength at the divine way in the history of our Divine Ice

Phoenix Sect and your rank is even beyond everyone else! Even though there is no possibility for cheating in the Ice Profound Realm, not mentioning the people here, even if the Great Realm King came here personally, she would question the results. I am sure you know this clearly in your heart.”

Yun Che, “...”

“Thus, as the general manager of Freezing Snow Hall, I order you to prove that you didn’t cheat in the Ice Profound Realm examination. You cannot refuse this!” Mu Sushan’s brows lowered slightly, “Because this is no longer simply about the result of the examination. If you cannot provide proof, then not only will you lose your qualification of entering Freezing Snow Hall, you will also be punished severely!”

“Senior Sushan, you you you... how could you... ahhh!” Mu Xiaolan stomped her foot in panic.

Li Mingcheng started laughing triumphantly and his eyes were filled with pity when looking at Yun Che. Most of the other profound practitioners revealed gloating expressions as well. Because this time, it was the general manager who spoke up personally.

“Senior Sushan is the general manager of our Freezing Snow Hall. His position in Freezing Snow Hall is almost the same as the Main Hall Master. Each of Senior Sushan’s words weighs a ton. Our Divine Ice Phoenix Sect is a divine holy ground, how can we allow a small fry like you to tarnish it!? Yun Che, what do you have to say for yourself this time?” Ji Hanfeng said in a harsh tone.

Yun Che looked at Mu Sushan carefully. He didn’t feel any trace of hostility towards him, instead, it was more like a deep curiosity and exploration.

“Alright, how can I prove myself?” Yun Che looked at Mu Sushan and asked helplessly.

“Naturally you will prove with your strength,” Mu Sushan said with a faint smile, “Li Mingcheng’s suggestion is very good. If you used your own strength to remain in the Ice Profound Realm for a long period of time, there is no reason for you to not be able to go head-to-head against Li Mingcheng. You will fight against Li Mingcheng and after five moves, the results will be clear. Li Mingcheng, you are the first one to accuse Yun Che for cheating, so I shall trouble you to take care of this matter.”

Hearing Mu Sushan’s “approval,” Li Mingcheng was a bit flattered all of a sudden and said immediately, “This disciple will definitely make an all-out effort. Senior Sushan can be assured of this.”

His expression became serious as he faced Yun Che and said tauntingly, “Here, Yun Che, use all of your power and let me witness the strength of the first place of the Ice Profound Realm’s examination! I will not take back what I said just now, only five moves. If you don’t fall within five moves, you win. If you didn’t cheat, it should be the easiest thing in the world with your strength which won against me in the examination.”

However, Yun Che ignored him and said while still looking at Mu Sushan, “Senior Sushan, your identity is unusual. In this place, I naturally do not have the power to resist your command and I indeed am not able to refute what Senior Sushan has said just now. But there is something I wish to address.”

“Oh?” Mu Sushan looked at his expression with some interest.

“Very simple,” Yun Che said indifferently, “If I go against Li Mingcheng and lose within five moves, not only will I lose my qualification to enter Freezing Snow Hall, I will also be ‘punished severely’ as you have said earlier. The consequences are so severe that it is terrifying to think about. But, if I win, that proves that I indeed did not cheat. Then, the accusation on me right now would be without reason and is an unfair treatment! If the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect is this strict on seeking justice, then shouldn’t I receive some compensation!?”

“...” Mu Xiaolan was shocked, her eyes widened as she gaped.

“Hahahaha,” Ji Hanfeng laughed carefreely. “Yun Che, if you voluntarily admit it, Senior Sushan might even give you some leeway and lessen the severity of your punishment. But now, even when all is lost, you’re still aiming to shoot the moon. This is simply ridiculous. I am suddenly extremely curious how lowly of a lower realm your birthplace has to be to nurture a gargantuan joke like you.”

“...” Yun Che indifferently swept his gaze at Ji Hanfeng a second time. “Senior Brother Hanfeng, he’s obviously at his wits end and is struggling even though he has already been caught.” Li Mingcheng said with a sneer.

“Hohoho,” Mu Sushan laughed faintly, yet still nodded. “I have been in Freezing Snow Hall for several millennia but I have yet to see a disciple who dared to request ‘compensation,’ let alone someone who has yet to officially join the hall. However, your words have some reason to them. Alright then...”

Mu Sushan reached out his hand and a blue light flashed before him. Immediately afterwards, a meter square, stone that released the dreamy splendor of stars casually floated in the air above him.

Once this strange stone appeared, Mu Xiaolan shrieked out almost instantly, “S-Starpicker Stone!!”

“S-s-s-s... Starpicker Stone!!” Ji Hanfeng’s reaction was even more extreme than Mu Xiaolan’s. He raised his head to look at the dreamy starlight and was so startled that his chin almost smashed to the floor.

Upon hearing the name “Starpicker Stone,” Li Mingcheng’s entire body trembled. His mouth gaped open and his eyes almost bulged out of their sockets. Half of the other profound practitioners had blank expressions but the other half that knew of the “Starpicker Stone” were all stupefied and weren’t able to breathe.

Starpicker Stone? What the heck was that?

This was Yun Che’s first time hearing and seeing this kind of stone. However, the strange radiance it released was proof that it definitely was not an ordinary object. Judging from everyone’s reactions, this stone was evidently more precious than the Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet.

“Right, this is precisely a Starpicker Stone.” Mu Sushan continued with a smile, “This Starpicker Stone is found far above the skies, created after being bathed in starlight for at least three thousand years, something that can only be met but not sought. Its strength and level of rarity is far beyond that of the Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet. Forget about Freezing Snow Hall, even if it was an Ice Phoenix Palace disciple, not many would receive such a reward. Now, if you are able to stand victorious under five moves from Li Mingcheng and prove that you did not cheat in any way, you will obtain not only the Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet but this Starpicker Stone as well. Does this satisfy you?”

“Ah? Senior Sushan, t-this...” Ji Hanfeng’s brain was temporarily in disorder due to his shock but he immediately recovered. Yun Che’s victory was simply nonexistent. With profound strength at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm, it was utterly impossible for him to get through just one of Li Mingcheng’s exchanges. In other words, this reward, that even Ice Phoenix disciples would drool over, was basically a feint purely used to silence Yun Che.

Once this idea surfaced in his head, Ji Hanfeng quickly corrected himself, “Senior Sushan is truly adept at handling rewards and punishments. Yun Che, a stone like the Starpicker Stone is one that even I have not touched in all my years in Freezing Snow Hall. Senior Sushan has given you huge face this time. Do you have anything else to say?”

Li Mingcheng’s breathing had become more rapid and only after a long while did he shift his gaze away from the Starpicker Stone. He thought to himself in his mind, “Not only is this Freezing Snow Hall general manager easy to talk with, his actions are so generous as well. It seems like I must curry favor with this one after entering Freezing Snow Hall...”

“Alright,” Yun Che nodded, then turned around to face Li Mingcheng. “You may begin.”

There was no meaning in staying his hand now that it had come to this point.

“Yun Che, you...”

“Xiaolan, come over here,” Mu Xiaolan still wanted to say something to Yun Che but she was interrupted by Mu Sushan. She obediently stepped back and stood next to Mu Sushan.

She was already greatly regretting bringing Yun Che from the Profound Sky Continent.

Sigh and he just had to also be Master’s savior.

What should I do...

Freezing Snow Hall’s examination had already reached its end and the other groups of examinees were also mostly done. More and more people were being lured in by the activity and came circling over. Included among them were recently passed profound practitioners and the Freezing Snow Hall disciples that supervised and maintained order amongst the examinees.

“Hey! I’ll say this first, you two are just exchanging pointers. You can’t... definitely can’t injure each other!” Mu Xiaolan said in a loud voice. Since the situation could no longer be avoided, the only thing she could do was try to prevent an accident from happening to Yun Che. After all, in front of a power at the divine way, the middle stage of the Sovereign Profound Realm... was just too weak. If Li Mingcheng put a little more strength in his moves, Yun Che would definitely get injured.

“Since they’re exchanging blows, it must be at full power, so how could they not get injured?” Ji Hanfeng said solemnly. “However, Senior Sister Xiaolan has reminded me of something. Li Mingcheng, Yun Che, this is Freezing Snow Hall. When you two exchange blows, even if you gain the advantage, you mustn’t lose all proprietary and deal a killing blow. Otherwise, the repercussions are inexcusable! Getting injured however, is unavoidable. No matter the outcome, no matter how great of an injury either of you suffer, the other party cannot argue against it. Otherwise, I’m afraid everyone would look down on you.”

Yun Che was still someone Mu Xiaolan had brought over. Even though he definitely did not believe that Yun Che was that important to Mu Bingyun, he wasn't brave enough to let Yun Che die.

And from the meaning in his words, as long as Yun Che did not die, suffering any kind of injury would not be a problem at all.

Li Mingcheng instantly understood as the corner of his mouth hooked up.

"You... Ji Hanfeng, you're doing this on purpose!" Mu Xiaolan angrily stated.

"Alright," Mu Sushan actually reached out a hand to block Mu Xiaolan. "What Ji Hanfeng said isn't wrong. It is hard to prevent injuries from happening in an exchange of blows. If injuries cannot be made, then the exchange would be meaningless. You may begin."

Mu Sushan's words seemed to manifest his disapproval of Yun Che, causing the smile on Li Mingcheng's face to become even more willful. He casually stood in front of Yun Che. "Yun Che, don't be nervous. Don't worry, I will be lenient enough on you. Take out your weapon. Oh, it's best if you reveal the profound artifact that you used to cheat through the Ice Profound Realm. It must be powerful. Take it out, let me experience it."

The surroundings immediately filled with the roars of laughter.

"No need," Yun Che stood still, not a tinge of nervousness in any part of his body.

"You don't even want to use a weapon? Oh that's right, the outcome will be the same anyways." Li Mingcheng laughed. He pressed his right hand behind him and stretched out his left to Yun Che. "Come, you go first then. I've given you enough time to store up energy so you'd better not disappoint me."

"Heh." Yun Che chuckled and then immediately put both his hands behind him. "Since you are the challenger, you should be the one going first."

"Pfft..." The roars of laughter in the surroundings immediately erupted.

"..." Mu Xiaolan used her hands to hold her face.

However, Mu Sushan, who stood beside her, firmly locked his deep gaze on Yun Che without shifting it in the slightest.

Yun Che's profound strength aura was only at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm; he had repeatedly confirmed this so it definitely couldn't be wrong. Yun Che also definitely was not able to conceal his profound strength before him, even with the help of a profound artifact.

However, whether it be his expression or his aura, they both revealed an experience that seemed to have undergone a hundred lifetimes of change. His confidence and serenity also seemed to have gone through a myriad life and death situations. All this could not be faked.

This youth...

"Heh... heh heh..." Li Mingcheng instantly erupted in laughter. "I'm afraid it'll be hard to find someone like you once every ten thousand years. This has completely widened my eyes. Alright, alright, then I'll go along with your suggestion."

While smiling darkly, Li Mingcheng suddenly jumped and his left hand casually lowered, as though it was aiming at Yun Che's chest. The instant he acted, an ice-cold frost energy instantly gathered in the space around Yun Che, freezing everything in an ice seal.

When he offered "five moves," he originally wanted to play with him for a while but he was unable to tolerate Yun Che's "pretending to be strong" attitude. Since more and more spectators were also gathering, this was just the chance for him to display his strength before the new disciples.

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Yun Che was completely motionless facing Li Mingcheng's approach, both his hands still at his back. He didn't assume a defensive stance, nor did he look like he was going to counterattack. Nobody felt like this was the slightest bit odd because they all sensed the frost power Li Mingcheng released. With Yun Che's strength, he simply couldn't struggle at all beneath Li Mingcheng's ice seal.

The outcome of the match was decided in an instant.

To everyone present, this exchange of blows was a pointless joke.

Seeing Yun Che, whose movements had been "sealed" by his cold energy and thinking back to how Yun Che didn't know what was good for him, a sinister look flashed on Li Mingcheng's face. The profound strength in his palm that blasted at Yun Che suddenly intensified... he clearly wanted to give Yun Che heavy injuries.

"You asked for it!" Li Mengcheng shouted lowly, as the frost profound energy condensed in his hand maliciously shot toward Yun Che's chest.

Bang!

An ear-splitting air explosion sounded in the space that had been frozen in ice. Right when Li Mingcheng's hand touched Yun Che's body, it immediately went through, scattering a false image. Caught off guard, Li Mingcheng fiercely staggered forward and nearly fell down. He immediately withdrew his power and quickly stabilized his balance as shock rushed through his heart.

"First move." When his right hand was not even ten meters away, Yun Che's voice drifted over.

No one had expected this scene. Li Mingcheng's attack was indeed neither fast nor slow so it was great that Yun Che had dodged it but they had all clearly sensed the frost aura Li Mingcheng had released. With Yun Che's strength, it was utterly impossible for him to have broken free...

Could it be that Li Mingcheng had not locked him place earlier?

"Ah? What happened?" Mu Xiaolan, who expected Yun Che to instantly get injured by Li Mingcheng's attack raised her eyes, her mouth slightly opened.

"Oh... what an astonishing movement skill. This kid is indeed out of the ordinary," Mu Sushan muttered.

No one was more clear than Mu Sushan on whether or not Li Mingcheng actually released frost profound energy earlier. In the space several meters around Yun Che, the circulation of air had already completely halted back then. Everything had been locked by cold energy and Yun Che was smack in the

center of the cold energy seal... But in this frost seal, he was actually able to instantly dodge. It was as though the ice seal Li Mingcheng created had never existed.

Li Mingcheng was shocked and couldn't remain calm at all. However, once he turned around, his face was a stretch of wild arrogance. His gaze was astonishingly one which a strong practitioner wore when praising a weaker practitioner. "Hehe. Not bad, kid. The move before was just a greeting. Since I have five moves to play with, if I instantly finished it off, then that wouldn't be interesting. With your cultivation only at the middle stage of the Sovereign Profound Realm, I was worried that you wouldn't be able to dodge that move. It seems like you haven't disappointed me. Come, come, come, let's continue."

Once these words came out, the surrounding crowd immediately revealed expressions of understanding.

"Oh I see. So he was only playing with him, As expected."

"This doesn't prove anything. The cold energy from before probably didn't even touch Yun Che. If it did, forget about dodging, having heavy injuries would be a light result."

"Li Mingcheng's actually in the mood to play with such a weak opponent. Could there be some sort of resentment between the two?"

"Li Mingcheng should have been the exam's number one but Yun Che cheated to surpass him. Of course he'll want to mess around with him. This Yun Che's courage is also quite something, a little lower realm person dares to cheat as soon as he arrives at the Divine Ice Phoenix Sect. It seems like the lower realms are used to despicable means."

"He's going to totally fail this time. However, I heard that he was brought from a lower realm by an Ice Phoenix Palace Master... but he's so weak and even dares to cheat on the Freezing Snow Hall's examination. That Ice Phoenix Palace Master shouldn't even bother to waste their power to protect him, right?"

"Heh heh, he's starting to panic a little." Mu Sushan mysteriously laughed.

"Oh! He's definitely panicked now! He just had to act this calm... I'm already a hundred times more panicked than him," Mu Xiaolan commented madly. She thought Mu Sushan meant Yun Che.

Mu Sushan glanced at Mu Xiaolan and stated, "It looks like even though he was brought here by you and Palace Master Bingyun from the lower realms, you still do not quite understand him."

"Of course I understand him," Mu Xiaolan said indignantly. "He's always been like this. He's obviously this weak but he still acts this fearless. Not only is his mouth cheap, he also likes to show off, talk big and bully girls... he's simply a despicable low person without a sense of shame! It's fine if he was like that on his own planet but he's still like this after coming to the Snow Song Realm. You can say that he brought Master a huge misfortune the instant he arrived! I don't even know what I should do after this... This makes me so angry!!"

"..." Even though Mu Xiaolan suddenly began to ramble, Mu Sushan continued to stay silent.

Even though Li Mingcheng tried his best to make it seem as though he was playing with Yun Che earlier, he was well aware of what happened. Being able to instantly break away from his frost seal was definitely not something a Sovereign Profound Realm practitioner could accomplish. This had caused him to faintly feel a sense of unease.

“Yun Che, I’ll see how you’ll struggle out of what’s coming next!” Li Mingcheng muttered, both hands quickly condensing two currents of cold energy. Then, with a step, he suddenly pushed out, releasing the two currents of cold energy which instantly transformed into two gigantic frost tornadoes. They both headed straight for Yun Che.

WAAAOOW——

The surrounding crowd immediately cried out in surprise. After all, the previous cold energy seal was colorless and formless so they could only sense its aura. However, these two frost tornadoes had become substance. This terrifying cold energy that came from the divine way had even made the bodies of the weaker profound practitioners, who stood quite a distance away, turn cold.

“Aaahh... does Li Mingcheng seriously want... to kill Yun Che?” asked a profound practitioner that had just passed the examination.

The ice-cold might released by the two frost tornadoes pressed onto Yun Che’s body. Li Mingcheng’s move this time didn’t seem like he held anything back. Even if it were a profound practitioner in the early stage of the Divine Origin Realm, they would find it difficult to move under this suppression. Li Mingcheng’s face revealed a slightly sinister expression. With a change in his hand posture, the frost tornadoes suddenly accelerated attacking Yun Che together.

Bang!!

With the burst of cold energy, countless ice shards wildly danced. However, it was still a slowly dissipating phantom that remained in the area of devastation.

Li Mingcheng’s pupils shrunk but he instantly responded. The two frost tornadoes that had yet to exhaust their energy suddenly merged, bursting amidst his somewhat fierce yell. The range of power he meticulously kept enclosed was violently released and a terrifying frost tornado instantly engulfed everything within a three kilometer radius.

“Let’s see how you’ll escape this time!!”

“Waahhhh!”

The spectating profound practitioners immediately cried out in surprise and couldn’t help but retreat in panic.

Mu Sushan’s brows furrowed and he quickly reached out a hand... But he then withdrew it, eyes still on the Li Mingcheng before him.

When the frost scattered, the air was still filled with an astonishing cold energy. Yun Che stood only a hundred meters away from Li Mingcheng. In front of a cold energy that was able to freeze the blood of a profound practitioner in the early stage of the Divine Origin Realm, his expression was actually a field of tranquility. He spoke with cold indifference, “This was the third move.”

Yun Che's voice greatly startled Li Mingcheng.

As if the entire world had completely solidified, absolute silence reigned.

Those who were able to stand here today were all experts that had stepped into the divine way. Even they would have had to use all their might to evade the frost tornado that Li Mingcheng had suddenly released. The reason why he allowed the range of the frost tornado to cover such a huge expanse was so Yun Che had no place to escape.

But from Yun Che's appearance, it was evident that he had always been at a place not too far from Li Mingcheng and didn't escape the frost tornado's range.

Yet he was still safe and sound!?

"Ah? This... what happened?" Mu Xiaolan was stunned yet again while surprise also appeared within Mu Sushan's eyes.

He suddenly discovered that he had still underestimated this extremely strange person from the lower realms.

The spectators were all left dumbstruck. This time, even if they were idiots, they would never believe that Li Mingcheng was still "playing" with Yun Che.

"Yun Che, you... you obviously used some kind of protective profound artifact!" Li Mingcheng shouted as he pointed at Yun Che. He absolutely was unable to accept that someone who was only at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm would actually be unharmed under his power!

"After losing to me in the exam, you claimed that I cheated. After not being able to harm me in this exchange of blows, you say that I used a protective profound artifact." Yun Che's mouth curled slightly, revealing an undisguised sneer, "And you're only at this level."

"You..." Li Mingcheng's chest heaved so hard that it seemed to nearly explode. He did this to sneer and said lowly, "It seems like I hit the mark. The three attacks I dealt earlier were all instantly dodged, evidence that you were drawing from the support of some kind of spatial profound artifact. With a profound strength only at the Sovereign Profound Realm, you were actually able to stay safe beneath my cold energy. Other than having the assistance from a protective profound artifact, there can't be any other possible way you could've done that! Aside from drawing support from a profound artifact to dodge and protect yourself, you never dared to exchange blows with me directly! That is the best proof!"

"Since that's the case," Yun Che slowly raised his hand. "Please use an all out attack this time. I definitely will not evade it."

The instant Yun Che's voice fell, Li Mingcheng had already shouted, directly pouncing toward Yun Che, as though he was afraid Yun Che would renege on his word. Ice spirits surrounded his opened hand as he ruthlessly grabbed at Yun Che's chest.

This time, Yun Che really did not evade. Instead, he took half a step forward and punched out with his right fist in welcome.

“You’re seeking death!” Seeing that Yun Che had actually chosen to directly meet his attack, Li Mingcheng’s eyes lit up. The profound energy in his body also surged greatly as his entire hand was shrouded in solidified frost. He was going to take back the grievance induced by the previous three moves with this one attack!

Bang!!

A vibration sounded as their two fists met under the gazes of everyone present. The two attacks that were not fancy at all came together and space slightly trembled. The savageness on Li Mingcheng’s face instantly changed into terror and incredulity because what he felt wasn’t a complete crushing of his opponent. Instead, it felt as though he had struck an extremely tall mountain.

In the next instant, amidst the burst of profound energy, the two people flew backward at the same time. Yun Che somersaulted in the air and landed steadily while Li Mingcheng was the one who stumbled and nearly knelt to the ground. He raised his head to look at Yun Che, his eyes fiercely trembling. His entire right arm slightly trembled and had become completely numb.

“This is your true strength?” Yun Che casually flicked his wrist and sneered, “I wondered how powerful you were since you were so arrogant previously... but it seems you’re only at this level.”

“If I had cheated inside the exam, then what are you?”

The current development had completely exceeded everyone’s expectations. They had originally thought that they were watching a joke in action. Those who had come to watch the show believed that the only outcome was the exposure of the “cheater” Yun Che. In front of Li Mingcheng, profound strength at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm basically couldn’t even put up a fight.

They never expected that the one being played was not Yun Che. It actually seemed to be Li Mingcheng!

Especially just a moment ago, all of them clearly saw it was a genuine direct confrontation. That shocking fluctuation of power was proof that Li Mingcheng went all out. However, not only did he not defeat Yun Che, it seemed as though he fell to a disadvantage!

“I-it’s a lie, right?” asked a horrified profound practitioner.

“I-is he really only at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm? T-this is impossible, right?”

“Li Mingcheng is at the peak of the third level of the Divine Origin Realm! How could this even happen!?”

Chapter 958 - Cornered Dog

“He... he’s actually this powerful?” Mu Xiaolan was stunned, “But he’s obviously just at the Sovereign Profound Realm, how could he...”

“Profound strength that has yet to reach the divine way is actually comparable to a Divine Origin Realm profound strength that has just entered the divine way,” Mu Sushan sighed. “Forget about you, even I have never heard about this before. I doubt this has ever happened in the entire history of our Snow Song Realm. The man your master brought back home is truly an impressive fellow.”

“I suspect that this unprecedented display of power may alarm even a Great Realm King.”

Mu Xiaolan, "..."

Li Mingcheng was panting heavily. The odd gazes that were directed at him felt like sharp blades that plunged into his body. Not even in his dreams had he thought that Yun Che would be this powerful. Although he was obviously at the Sovereign Profound Realm, he was able to meet his power directly and not lose.

By now he realized, even through his shock, that Yun Che most likely didn't cheat in the previous exams.

In fact, he might even have goofed around back in the Snowstorm Realm!

The reason he waited so many years to participate in this exam was for the Jadedfallen Ice Soul Pellet. At first, he was sure that the prize might as well be in his pocket already but there was no way he could say that Yun Che was cheating now. This also meant that the Jadedfallen Ice Soul Pellet was most likely going to fall into Yun Che's hands.

After entering Freezing Snow Hall, the first thing he had wanted to do was to swiftly accumulate a considerable amount of fame through his outstanding talent and his status as the Main Hall Master's nephew. Not only did he fail to show off his might, he was utterly humiliated before thousands of staring eyes. In fact, he had turned into Yun Che's stepping stone instead!

Li Mingcheng clenched his teeth tightly and trembled all over. He felt like his lungs would burst from the fury he was feeling. He no longer had the patience to wonder how on earth Yun Che was able to unleash such unbelievable strength even though he was only at Sovereign Profound Realm. He only wanted to step over Yun Che's body and regain the pride and fame he had lost with all his might!

"Heh..." Li Mingcheng let out a soft groan, "You have no doubt surprised me Yun Che, and I will admit that I've underestimated you. But you still don't have the qualification to act all high and mighty before me!!"

While he said this, a blue glow suddenly appeared around his body. When the bluish light gradually turned thick and somewhat blinding, a large amount of ice spirits winked into existence and danced swiftly around him.

The temperature inside Freezing Snow Hall was dropping at a tremendous rate.

Ding!

There was a soft ring that sounded like water falling on an ice crystal. Suddenly, a plum-shaped profound seal appeared and caused the surrounding cold air to increase tremendously. A penetrating cold pierced through everyone's body and stabbed into their minds, causing them to shiver all over.

"This... this is..."

"The Cold Blue Formation! Li Mingcheng has actually learned the Cold Blue Formation!!" Ji Hanfeng exclaimed in surprise. He had never heard of anyone who could unleash the Cold Blue Formation while they were still at the third level of the Divine Origin Realm despite spending many years in Freezing Snow Hall.

All the cultivators who stood a little too close to Li Mingcheng subconsciously backed away from him. One could imagine just how powerful this "Cold Blue Formation" was from its shocking aura alone.

Anyone could see that Li Mingcheng's anger was completely ignited because he couldn't accept the earlier outcome. In fact, he might actually attempt to kill Yun Che outright.

Li Mingcheng's continuously swelling aura surprised even Mu Xiaolan. She hurriedly shouted, "Get out of the way, Yun Che! Have you gone crazy, Li Mingcheng?!"

"Heh... Yun Che!" Li Mingcheng pushed out his palm with a malevolent sneer on his face, "If you're a man then try this!!"

Li Mingcheng roared and crossed his arms in an attempt to unleash the Blue Cold Formation. However, the space before his eyes blurred as Yun Che's face suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

Yun Che executed Extreme Mirage Lightning and covered dozens of meters in an instant like a ghost. He appeared right in front of Li Mingcheng and slammed his elbow fiercely into the man's stomach.

For whatever reason, the fleshy impact resulted in a boom that sounded much like a thunderclap.

Yun Che's physical body was unbelievably frightening. His impossibly swift strike literally looked like it came out of thin air from Li Mingcheng's point of view, so he wasn't guarded against the blow in the slightest. His originally erect figure was instantly knocked into a right angle as his stomach caved in and his back bent outward in a ridiculous fashion. The plum-shaped profound seal Li Mingcheng had just formed behind him dissipated directly as he flew outward like an ejected cannonball.

Bang!!!

Li Mingcheng instantly flew back several dozen meters before he slammed heavily into the hall pillar at the back. He then bounced off the pillar and crashed fiercely onto the ground with a dull thud. Since his jaw hit the ground first, the fall turned out to be the perfect reproduction of the idiom "falling flat on one's face." Two bloody teeth flew out of his mouth and soared far, far away. One of them happened to roll and pause right next to Yun Che's feet.

The entire Freezing Snow Main Hall was silent aside from the sounds of people's jaws crashing to the ground.

"Ah... aaah... ah..."

Li Mingcheng clutched his stomach with both arms and curled up on the ground like a dried shrimp. He wasn't able to stand on his feet for a very, very long time. Blood and foam dripped out of the corner of his mouth non-stop and even his groans sounded exceptionally weak and painful.

Countless dull gazes were trained on Li Mingcheng's fallen figure. Nobody, especially Li Mingcheng himself, could believe that he would fall to such a state after receiving only a single blow from Yun Che.

The only possibility this could've happened was that Yun Che's strength not only surpassed Li Mingcheng's... they were not even comparable in the slightest!

If anyone else had been in Yun Che's place, they wouldn't have dared to deal such a heavy blow to Li Mingcheng, the Main Hall Master's nephew himself, and beat him into the sorry state he currently was in. Unfortunately for him, the person he provoked was none other than the bringer of disaster, Yun Che. After being repeatedly taunted and attacked with the intention of severely injuring or even killing him, there was no chance in hell that Yun Che was going to let him off easy.

Although he told himself countless times that he had to maintain a low profile in the God Realm, nature just wasn't something that could be suppressed or changed easily. It wouldn't be called nature otherwise.

Ji Hanfeng's mind went blank for several breaths before he finally recovered himself and made his way towards Li Mingcheng's fallen figure. He carefully lifted his upper body and asked, "Are you alright, Junior Brother Mingcheng?"

While Li Mingcheng might be racked with pain, his breathing wasn't actually too weak, nor were his internal injuries too serious. It was only then that Ji Hanfeng let out a heavy sigh of relief. Li Mingcheng was the nephew of the Main Hall Master and Mu Fengshu had always taken his side unconditionally. Even he would have to suffer the consequences if something really were to happen to Li Mingcheng.

Yun Che stepped right past Li Mingcheng's broken tooth and stopped in front of Li Mingcheng and Ji Hanfeng. He said expressionlessly, "We are past five moves. Now, are you still going to accuse me of cheating, Li Mingcheng?"

"You... Ngh!" A trail of bloody foam suddenly surged to the corner of his lips just as he started speaking. His upper body bent downward in pain once more.

But no matter how much pain his body was suffering right now, how could it possibly compare to even one ten-thousandth of the humiliation that was inflicted on his soul?

He had waited and cultivated hard and long for this day. He had thought that today would be the day he was reborn and lifted to glory.

He never imagined that a lower realm being whose profound strength hadn't even reached the divine way, a person whom he thought was lower than trash, would destroy all of his future!

He never thought for a second that he had brought all of this on himself.

Yun Che looked away from him. In fact, he didn't even deem to cast Ji Hanfeng a glance as he turned towards Mu Sushan and said, "Senior Sushan, this should be enough to prove that I haven't cheated, right?"

While he was saying this, he noticed that Mu Xiaolan was staring at him with round eyes, she had a shocked look and an open mouth next to Mu Sushan. She looked like she didn't recognize him at all. He immediately snorted proudly on the inside: Now you know how awesome I am, little girl?

"Hahahaha!" Mu Sushan laughed loudly before he stroked his beard with a meaningful look in his eyes. "To be honest, while I never believed that anyone could've cheated in the Ice Profound Realm, I still found it hard to believe that someone at Sovereign Profound Realm could stay inside the Ice Profound Realm for such a long time. It would seem that the great knowledge and experience I pride myself in are ultimately just my own narrow thoughts."

"During your duel against Li Mingcheng, you didn't lose to him in five moves. In fact, you actually beat him in five moves instead. Moreover..." Mu Sushan's eyes glittered, "This still isn't your full strength. It would seem that Palace Master Bingyun has brought back quite the genius for our Divine Ice Phoenix Sect. Although we've only met each other today, this is the first time I've felt so eager to know how far someone will go down the path of cultivation."

Mu Xiaolan's already gaping mouth opened even wider when she heard Mu Sushan's unbelievably high praise of Yun Che.

"...Thank you for the praise, Senior Sushan." A small wry smile sprung onto Yun Che's lips. After those words, his hopes for a low profile in Divine Ice Phoenix Sect might as well be non-existent.

The concept of divine way didn't exist in Yun Che's world. Today was also the first day he arrived at the God Realm. That was why he had no idea how shocking—how absolutely unnatural—it was for a non-divine way cultivator to defeat a divine way cultivator.

At the very least, no one present in this place had ever heard of such a feat.

That was also why no one believed that Yun Che had passed through the Profound Ice Realm's exam with his own strength.

Mu Sushan's status in Freezing Snow Hall was incredibly high. He was higher than all hall masters and instructors and he was second only to Main Hall Master Mu Fengshu. Forget the cultivators that had just passed through the exam, his praise of Yun Che had stunned even the official Freezing Snow Hall disciples present in this area.

All the sneering and disdainful gazes that showered Yun Che earlier were gone. They could only blush in embarrassment when they recalled their earlier laughter.

"Hanfeng, pass the Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet to Yun Che and take Li Mingcheng away for treatment," Mu Sushan said calmly and extended his hand. "I haven't forgotten my earlier promise. Now that you've proven that you haven't cheated, the Jedefallen Ice Soul Pellet and this Starpicker Stone belong to you as well. They will definitely not be wasted on you."

"..." Li Mingcheng might be racked with terrible pain thanks to Yun Che's attack but he could still hear the surrounding voices. He could hear Yun Che's ridiculing words and Mo Sushan's praise and award clearly. He was supposed to be the main character today but now no one paid any attention to him at all. As he lay on the ground like a dying dog whose leg had just been snapped, he felt as if everyone was laughing and sympathizing with him. He could already imagine himself becoming the joke of the entire Freezing Snow Hall in the future and he would suffer this humiliation and shadow for as long as Yun Che continued to live. He would never be able to lift his head again.

"Yun... Che..." Li Mingcheng's teeth were chattering and his mind was a complete mess. Suddenly, he let out an animalistic groan and broke out of Ji Hanfeng's grasp abruptly. He pounced towards Yun Che's back in a twisted posture and grabbed an ice longsword, gathering all of his crazed fueled strength and stabbing it towards Yun Che's heart while roaring.

No one had predicted this turn of events. Not only was Yun Che's back facing towards Li Mingcheng, they were less than sixteen meters away from each other. Mu Sushan's face changed slightly but he was already too late to stop him considering that they were so close to each other. Mu Xiaolan only managed to let out a frightful scream.

Before Li Mingchen had acted, Yun Che could already feel his near uncontrollable hatred locking onto his figure with impossible clarity. Therefore, he was guarded against the attack from the beginning. The second Li Mingcheng acted, he had already turned around like lightning, causing Li Mingcheng's anger-

fueled stab to hit only the air. Then, Yun Che swung his elbow fiercely to the back, shattering Li Mingcheng's many layers of profound energy forcefield and striking his heart heavily.

The instant his strength had erupted, Yun Che's eyes moved a little as he muttered inwardly: Damn.

In his madness, Li Mingcheng had gathered all of his strength and hatred into this one strike. He hadn't saved any energy to protect his body at all. Therefore, the supposedly moderate blow was destined to wound Li Mingcheng seriously in his current state...

"UUAAAAGH..."

A bloodcurdling scream resounded inside the hall as Li Mingcheng spat out a trail of blood at least three meters long into the air. He flew horizontally across the ground like a pierced blood bag even as a loud roar exploded beside Yun Che, "Stop!!"

The charging Ji Hanfeng had actually attacked Yun Che almost at the same time as Yun Che had struck Li Mingcheng. A frigid profound energy slammed into Yun Che's back without mercy.

No one knew that Li Mingcheng would suddenly lose his mind and ambush Yun Che. The fact that Ji Hanfeng had suddenly attacked Yun Che surprised them even more. Ji Hanfeng was at the middle stage the Divine Origin Realm and an official disciple of Freezing Snow Hall. His power was on a completely different level compared to Li Mingcheng. His attack wasn't something Yun Che could endure at all.

Yun Che's vision blackened as he felt like he was struck by a mountain in the head. The fierce attack blasted him towards the distance.

"Yun Che!"

Mu Xiaolan exclaimed in shock and swiftly charged forwards. She caught Yun Che firmly in midair and swiftly dispelled whatever energy still racked his body. She was just about to inquire about his injuries when she noticed that he actually looked uninjured. Her mind turned blank for a second before she finally asked a little weakly, "Are... are you alright?"

Yun Che's entire body boiled up with fury as his hands clenched into tight fists. He abruptly turned to look at Ji Hanfeng as a savage atmosphere burst into existence. "Ji... Han... Feng!!"

Chapter 959 - Exploding Rage

Ji Hanfeng used his palm to blast Yun Che away and then quickly rushed over to catch Li Mingcheng. He shivered severely the moment his palms touched Li Mingcheng's body.

The tempo of Li Mingcheng's breathing was incredibly chaotic and it was weakening at an incredibly fast speed. His body was limp and soft as if all of the bones in his body were broken. There was no focus in his pupils and blood was spilling out from his mouth like crazy, accompanied with by unbearable weak and desperate moan. His whole body was twitching as if he was about to die.

On his chest near his heart, there was a shocking dent the size of a bowl.

Li Mingcheng charged out from next to Ji Hanfeng. Ji Hanfeng stood the closest to the two of them. Even though he did not have the time to stop Li Mingcheng from attacking Yun Che, he had enough time to stop Yun Che from counterattacking Li Mingcheng. However, he did not do so. Instead, he used this as

an opportunity to attack Yun Che as Yun Che struck Li Mingcheng heavily. Because this was a “justified” action, even if he crippled Yun Che, no one could put the fault on him.

But he absolutely did not expect that Li Mingcheng would be this severely injured from Yun Che’s attack.

Ji Hanfeng’s brain went blank all of a sudden and he felt chills down his spine. He didn’t dare to forget even for a second that Li Mingcheng was the Main Hall Master’s nephew, so he had been obviously and secretly trying to curry favor with her. Just now when he took the opportunity to attack Yun Che, it was to avenge him but he didn’t expect even in his dreams that Li Mingcheng would be injured to the point of almost dying.

With the Main Hall Master’s protectiveness towards Li Mingcheng, if the blame fell on him... Just thinking about it, Ji Hanfeng was already shivering in fear. But it was too late for him to regret at the moment. He turned around abruptly and unleashed all his anger towards Yun Che, “Yun Che! How dare you attack with such maliciousness!!”

“What happened? What are you all doing here in a circle?”

At this moment, someone with infinite coldness and dignity suddenly fell from the sky. Following, a blue shadow walked out from the void sky. She had a face like the first snow shrouded with freezing cold and beautiful brows shaped like swords. It was precisely Mu Fengshu, the Main Hall Master of Freezing Snow Hall.

Her arrival instantly froze the chaotic scene.

Mu Fengshu looked around and saw Li Mingcheng in Ji Hanfeng’s arms, covered in blood and with his life hanging by a thread. Her expression changed instantly as she shifted in a blue shadow to the front of Li Mingcheng. When her palm landed on Li Mingcheng, her aura that was originally ice cold and quiet instantly turned chaotic as it released a crazy fury.

This was the rage of the Main Hall Master of Freezing Snow Hall. It was as if the entire Freezing Snow Main Hall had fallen into a freezing purgatory. All of the elements completely stopped flowing and the faces of everyone in the Freezing Snow Main Hall turned pale, their bodies curled up from the cold. They could feel their own blood and even their soul freezing, sealed by ice.

“Who... who did this?”

Mu Fengshu turned around, her voice extremely calm, but even the person with the weakest profound strength could clearly feel an extremely freezing murderous intent.

On her territory, her own nephew was actually injured to such an extent, how could she forgive this!?

Many people slowly turned their gaze towards Yun Che. Mu Sushan’s compliment and praise made them feel incredibly jealous earlier but at this moment, they only felt a deep pity for him.

They believed with all their hearts that this time, Yun Che was absolutely going to die—even if Li Mingcheng was the one who ambushed Yun Che first.

“In... In reply to Main Hall Master,” Ji Hanfeng’s teeth were shivering. After he had spoken the first sentence, his heart heaved as he stood up and directly pointed at Yun Che. “It’s Yun Che! He deliberately injured Junior Brother Mingcheng heavily and wounded Junior Brother Mingcheng to this extent. This

disciple... this disciple could not stop it in time and did not think that Yun Che would be this brutal. This disciple could not protect Junior Brother Mingcheng, it is this disciple's fault, may... may Main Hall Master punish me heavily."

"You!?" Mu Fengshu's focus fell on Yun Che. Only thirty percent was surprise, more of it was an ice cold fury and murderous intent.

"You... you're lying!" Mu Xiaolan unconsciously stood in front of Yun Che and tried to explain, "Li Mingcheng was the one who ambushed and tried to backstab Yun Che, Yun Che was only..."

"Quiet!!"

Mu Fengshu shouted sharply and scared Mu Xiaolan into silence. Mu Fengshu was clearly extremely enraged, her chest heaving greatly, "Do you take this Main Hall Master for an idiot that you would say something this ridiculous? Yun Che is merely a Monarch, compared to Mingcheng's cultivation, why would he have to backstab Yun Che!?"

"Main Hall Master," Mu Sushan walked forward and said, "Even though Li Mingcheng was indeed injured by Yun Che, it wasn't this simple..."

"Enough!!" Mu Fengshu's face was darkened like still water. No one dared to breathe under the violent anger which rippled from her body. "No matter who it is, no matter what the reason or explanation is, if one dares to heavily injure the nephew of Mu Fengshu on purpose, I will definitely make him pay ten thousand times more!!"

"..." Mu Sushan opened his mouth but he could only sigh softly. Even though Li Mingcheng was the one who ambushed first, Yun Che's counterattack was indeed too heavy and it was a fact that Li Mingcheng was wounded to almost dying. Facing Mu Fengshu who was in a complete fury, he couldn't help even if he wanted to. He could only send a sound transmission in secret towards Mu Xiaolan, "Xiaolan, send a sound transmission to your master immediately. Right now, your master is probably the only one who can save Yun Che... Ah, and she might not even make it in time."

"Ji Hanfeng! Immediately take Yun Che down!" Even though Mu Fengshu was extremely furious, with her position, she would not waste time attacking a junior herself. She glanced at Mu Xiaolan. "Let's see who dares to stop this."

"Yes!" Ji Hanfeng also wanted to lash out his anger. Hearing the command, he immediately responded, placing Li Mingcheng on the ground and charged directly to grab Yun Che's throat with his hands.

Mu Xiaolan screamed and used her body to shield in front of Yun Che, but a hand suddenly grabbed her shoulder and pushed her far far away.

Surrounding him was the Main Hall Master of Freezing Snow Hall's rage and murderous intent. Both her strength and position in the entire Divine Ice Phoenix Sect was within the highest echelons. If it was someone else, they would have already been so frightened that they would lose control of their legs. However, there was no trace of fear in Yun Che's eyes; there was only a strong, terrifying atmosphere.

Whether it was in the Blue Pole Star, the Profound Sky Continent or the Illusory Demon Realm, he was an absolute king, an existence that could cover the sky with his single hand and no one dared to wrong him... How could he tolerate such treatment!

The anger and murderous intent that he had been suppressing before were all released completely in this moment. He held both of his fists tightly and his eyes targeted Ji Hanfeng who was getting closer to him like a starving eagle. He roared in a raspy voice, "If you want to take me down... we'll have to see if you have the ability to do so first!!"

"You still dare to resist? You don't know your place!" Yun Che's words made Ji Hanfeng sneer as he flew down from the air towards Yun Che to take him down. The surrounding aura was directed by his strength and transformed into a storm that was extremely dense in strength, covering Yun Che's whole body.

Even though Li Mingcheng's profound strength was already at the level of the divine way, the pressure that he gave off wasn't nearly close to the aura that Xuanyuan Wentian, who had been killed by Yun Che, exuded. That's why, even when facing Li Mingcheng, Yun Che felt no pressure at all.

However, the Ji Hanfeng who was in front of him was different. His profound strength was at the sixth level of the Divine Origin Realm. Not only was his aura stronger than Xuanyuan Wentian's, he was obviously stronger than Mu Xiaolan! He was definitely the strongest opponent that Yun Che had faced in his life.

The force that was coming from the sky was incredibly horrifying. This was a power of divine way that completely exceeded the level of strength Li Mingcheng had been capable of. Under this force, his entire body suddenly stiffened, but still reacted according to his will first and transported all of his strength to shield in front of his body.

Bang!!

Yun Che's whole body was vibrating violently as if he was hit by a meteorite from outer space and he was thrown off by the shock. Ji Hanfeng stopped and the sneer on his face became more brutal. He suddenly grabbed toward the direction that Yun Che had been blasted to and as his hand motion quickly changed, a blue hexagonal profound formation suddenly appeared on Yun Che's body that was flying upside down. The instant it appeared, it exploded mercilessly with Yun Che's body as the medium.

"Sss..." The faces of the profound practitioners there all lost color from the shock. Mu Fengshu's order was to "take down," so they thought Ji Hanfeng would suppress Yun Che and seal his profound energy. They didn't expect him to attack so harshly.

This way, Yun Che could very possibly die on the spot. Even if he didn't die, he would be injured severely.

"This..." Mu Sushan stepped forward suddenly but the result was already established, so he could only deeply sigh once again.

"Yun Che!!" Mu Xiaolan turned pale from the shock. She rushed over in panic but just as she got close, she saw Yun Che holding himself up with one hand and slowly standing up.

Everyone's gaze was attracted back to Yun Che in an instant. Even though Yun Che was simply standing up, it made all of their pupils dilate, not daring to believe their eyes.

Yun Che's clothes were already torn and there were three wounds that were each half a foot long on both his chest and back but they had stopped bleeding already. Aside from that, his aura almost hadn't

weakened at all and he hadn't lost any focus from his eyes at all. Instead, there was a viciousness that made one tremble with fear.

"What?!" The sneer on Ji Hanfeng's face disappeared and the expression in his eyes darkened. He was confident that the attack just now would completely cripple Yun Che. At the very least, it should have crushed over half of the bones in his body.

But he actually stood up and there were only a few wounds that were not even deep?

No! He's definitely just forcing himself, it's impossible for him not to be heavily injured.

"Yun Che, are... are you okay?" Mu Xiaolan looked at him in startlement and asked with concern.

"Get out of the way!" Yun Che's gaze was focused on Ji Hanfeng. His appearance was very terrifying at the moment and scared Mu Xiaolan into backing up, not daring to step forth another time.

"Purgatory!"

It was as if a volcano exploded from Yun Che's body. His profound energy instantly increased and the color of the profound energy also turned a light scarlet color. He lifted both of his hands and the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword fell from the air. It smashed into the ground with an exploding sound that shocked the sky as it stabbed deeply into the divine stone that was paved on the ground of the main hall.

"Oh!?" The expression in Mu Sushan's eyes changed drastically. The suppressing aura that Yun Che was releasing right now was close to the strength of the fifth level of the Divine Origin Realm!

Mu Sushan himself mentioned before that Yun Che hadn't used all of his strength when he beat Li Mingcheng but he did not expect that Yun Che's hidden power would be this horrifyingly strong.

Fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm... but it released a power that was equal to fifth level of the Divine Origin Realm!!

This time, even the expression in Mu Fengshu's eyes changed slightly, her raging fury was slowly replaced by a shock that was becoming deeper and deeper.

"This brat, you actually..." Facing Yun Che's force, Ji Hanfeng was already shocked in an indescribable way.

Yun Che didn't say a word. He grabbed the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword with both of his hands, jumped high up in the sky and the vermilion body of the sword created an incredibly dreadful destruction storm as it charged towards Ji Hanfeng.

"You think you're worthy of being my opponent just like this?" Ji Hanfeng gritting his teeth slightly, roared deeply and also jumped up toward Yun Che. He actually directly grabbed at Yun Che's sword.

But just as he got close, his expression suddenly changed and a trace of fear flashed deeply in his eyes. This was because the force of the sword was much stronger than he expected, it had even made his soul feel fear!

Ji Hanfeng reacted extremely quickly. He retracted his palms with lightning speed, his whole body turned over and somersaulted backwards.

The Heaven Smiting Sword smashed onto the ground that was paved using divine stones, causing it to instantly crack. These cracks quickly spread out like a spider web until they spread out to a distance of about ninety meters. With the body of the sword as the center, a storm created by the heavy sword swept by and blurred everyone's vision for a long period of time.

But thankfully this was the God Realm. If it was the Profound Sky Continent, the surrounding three hundred meters of space would all have completely collapsed.

Chapter 960 - Fighting Ji Hanfeng

Yun Che was like heresy created by the heavens that was sent to the mortal realm. His appearance completely shattered the common knowledge of everyone present. He did that in the Profound Sky Continent, then the Illusory Demon Realm.

And now, he did the same in the God Realm.

It was as though Yun Che's sword had smashed onto the minds of everyone present, causing them to be shocked speechless for a long while.

It was already unbelievable that he had defeated Li Mingcheng but now, his profound strength had explosively increased yet again and he had used a single strike... to force Ji Hanfeng back!

Ji Hanfeng was an official disciple of Freezing Snow Hall and he had cultivated there for around twenty years already. Him being able to supervise Freezing Snow Hall's new disciple examination proved that he was powerful and experienced enough to do so.

Yet he had been forced back by the sword of an examinee who was only in the Sovereign Profound Realm!

The impact of this scene was indescribable. Almost everyone there felt dazzled, as though they could perhaps be dreaming.

Ji Hanfeng, who fled all of a sudden, continued to somersault until he was three hundred meters away. When he landed, the heart thumping sensation he felt before was still there. This shocked him greatly and at the same time, he felt even more humiliated. He had actually been forced away by the sword of someone he previously viewed as a joke... now that was the gargantuan joke!!

But no matter how unwilling and disbelieving he was, he would no longer dare to hold Yun Che in contempt. It was because the terror of that strike had been right before his eyes.

Ji Hanfeng fiercely gritted his teeth. He reached out with a grabbing motion and took out a silver longsword from his spatial ring. The longsword was nine feet long, its entire body flickered with frosty silver light. The instant the sword appeared, it was actually accompanied by a resonant dragon roar.

"Dragon Burst Sword!" Several Freezing Snow Hall disciples exclaimed in shock.

As an official disciple of Freezing Snow Hall and the supervisor of this examination, he had actually brought out the Dragon Burst Sword. It was evident that Ji Hanfeng was afraid of Yun Che!!

“Yun Che, you are proud of that strike from before, aren’t you?” Ji Hanfeng’s gaze darkened as his voice carried the sound of him gnashing his teeth in anger, “I’ll immediately... give it back to you tenfold!”

“No matter how much trash from the lower realms struggles, they will eternally still be trash!!”

As he vented his thoughts, Ji Hanfeng raised the Dragon Burst Spear. He didn’t go into the air but instead walked on the ground, straight as an arrow. With every step he took, it was as though the spear’s tip had elongated. Then, amidst a loud roar, his footsteps became heavier as the Dragon Burst Spear pierced at Yun Che.

In that instant, the ground below him had immediately become shattered powder and the Dragon Burst Spear let out an incredibly resonant dragon roar. It was as though its body had transformed into a silver colored True Dragon as it lunged at Yun Che with boundless dragon might.

Beneath this dragon roar, all the profound practitioners present felt as though all the blood and profound energy in their bodies had been agitated. Their hearts had also suddenly felt like they had shrunk.

With Ji Hanfeng added to the Dragon Burst Spear, the might of this spear had actually become this frightening!!

A thought flashed in the minds of everyone present: How could Yun Che possibly receive this strike!?

Yun Che’s brows sunk as the veins on both his arms bulged out. Beneath the might that shocked the entire crowd of profound practitioners, he actually did not retreat at all and had suddenly advanced. The Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword directly smashed forth, welcoming the Dragon Burst Spear.

Crack!!

Sword and spear met and the crackling of metal resounded through the entire Freezing Snow Main Hall. With these two people at the core, the divine stone beneath their feet had all been sent flying after being ruptured.

The feet of both parties had sunk deep into the ground, yet neither had retreated a single step. Ji Hanfeng firmly gripped the Dragon Burst Spear and a disbelief that was stronger than the one he previously had surfaced within his gaze. “You... you actually...”

This spear carried the rage and humiliation he felt for being forced back by Yun Che’s previous strike. Not only had he taken out the Dragon Burst Spear, he had even attacked with full strength and didn’t hold back in the slightest because he wanted to smash Yun Che into dust.

However, the spear which held his full power had actually been received by Yun Che... and this was a direct confrontation, without any superficial tricks!

“Haaah!!”

As he let out a loud roar, Ji Hanfeng’s spear withdrew and then suddenly shot out in reverse and Yun Che’s sword also fiercely rose to meet it.

Clang!!

The Dragon Burst Spear and the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword collided once more. Under a heaven shaking booming sound, the two parties had been jolted apart by an enormous force. Yun Che lost his balance while Ji Hanfeng had actually twisted his body upside down in the sky. An incomparable coldness accompanied the tip of the spear as it swept downward.

“Snowstorm Burial!!”

The heavy sword was naturally not as agile as a spear and Yun Che had not completely mastered this newly born Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword. Before Yun Che had time to block using his sword, the spear had already ruthlessly swept over, sending him flying. He forcibly suppressed the churning energy and blood within his body as he slammed the tip of his sword into the ground. He quickly stopped himself amidst the ear-piercing sound of the sword plowing across the ground.

At almost the exact same instant he stopped his body, Ji Hanfeng had already flown over from overhead. With the spear resembling a dragon, he directly smashed down.

Yun Che didn't lift his head. Both his arms instantly tripled in size as the bursting sound of joints popping echoed. The Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword was swung up at full power and its catastrophic rumble completely suppressed the Dragon Burst Spear's dragon cry.

Even if Yun Che was not heavily injured, the blood and energy in his body would definitely be in turmoil after being sent flying by Ji Hanfeng's previous spear strike. Since his follow up attack was as fast as lightning as well, never in his dreams would Ji Hanfeng think that Yun Che was able to stabilize his body, let alone instantly make a counterattack. This was not all, what met him was a sword might that was not the slightest bit weaker than before.

Boom!!

The ground beneath Yun Che's feet once again ruptured as both his legs had almost entirely sunk into the floor. Ji Hanfeng, who had the leverage from the air, was like a dead leaf swept up by a gale. He had been sent flipping backwards.

Yun Che did not pursue and make a follow up attack. Instead, the sword suddenly sunk and struck the ground. It was only after a long while the he raised it up again. His breathing however, had finally become heavy.

Ji Hanfeng heavily landed and fell back a dozen steps with his remaining energy. He looked rather wretched as the energy and blood in his body incessantly churned. However, after seeing Yun Che's state, he laughed. “So that's it. You are completely relying on that sword. Heh, that sword must be pretty heavy right? I wonder how many more times you'll be able to lift it!!”

Yun Che, “...”

Ji Hanfeng's words directly targeted Yun Che's weak point.

The disparity between Yun Che and Ji Hanfeng's profound cultivation was much too great. That was definitely not just a great realm of difference but the natural chasm of the divine way. Even with the Evil God Arts' exponential growth rate and body strength that surpassed other common folk, it was still not on par with Ji Hanfeng's cultivation at the sixth level of the Divine Origin Realm. It was only with the help

of the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword's powerful sword might that he was barely able to enter a temporary stalemate.

After Hong'er had eaten the Eternal Night Devil Sword, the might of the Heaven Smiting Devil Sword explosively increased but that also explosively increased its weight. A weight that reached almost five million kilograms was not something the current Yun Che was able to control. In his normal state, even lifting it was especially difficult. Even under the Purgatory state, waving it thirty times was almost his limit.

Let alone wielding it at full power for the death match before him.

Even though he had only attacked three times, this had already left both of his arms numb, his breathing ragged.

"Let's see how long... you're able to continue struggling for!"

Ji Hanfeng quickly stabilized the energy and blood in his body and flew up.

Clang! Boom!

Boom!!!

The ground cracked open and shattered stone flew all over the place as the entire main hall trembled slightly. The sound of sword and spear striking was like the sound of a clock in heaven unceasingly sounding its bell. Each booming sound seemed as though it was pounding on the audience's heart.

The faces of every examinee that had just recently passed was already deathly pale. They continuously retreated further and further back. They indistinctly felt that if they did not keep back further, just the sounds of explosions that seemed to contain divine might would give them internal injuries.

They could totally accept that Ji Hanfeng was that strong but Yun Che... was actually strong to such a degree too.

They believed that even if they released all the profound energy in their bodies, they wouldn't be able to create such a terrifying might. Yet Yun Che, with one strike after another... what kind of secret technique was he using or perhaps, what kind of monster was able to release such a shocking divine might with a body only at the fifth level of the Sovereign Profound Realm?

Especially those profound practitioners that were in the same group as Yun Che. Amidst their shock, they all thought back to when they treated Yun Che as a joke because they had always believed themselves to be stronger. They had even laughed at him several times before, causing them to feel somewhat ashamed.

Mu Xiaolan, who had always treated Yun Che as some lower realm weakling was stupefied and momentarily left speechless. This was because even she found it hard to receive Ji Hanfeng's full power Dragon Burst Spear. Yet Yun Che was receiving it blow after blow!

Mu Fengshu's face continuously changed as more and more shock had long since replaced the anger in her heart. At the same time, she had begun to realize that it was Li Mingcheng who had plotted against Yun Che first... perhaps it was not just a random remark.

Zhi Mo, what exactly happened earlier? Tell me in full detail!" Mu Fengshu suddenly yelled at a Freezing Snow Hall disciple to her right.

The heart of the Freezing Snow disciple named Zhi Mo trembled. He promptly replied, "Main Hall Master, before... before in the Ice Profound Realm exam, Yun Che had obtained first place. Li Mingcheng accused Yun Che of cheating and proposed an exchange of blows to verify his placement. The... the result however, was Li Mingcheng losing. Then... Then..."

Zhi Mo hesitated, slightly gritted his teeth and then continued, "Then Li Mingcheng suddenly attacked Yun Che and his target was even a vital point. He never expected that Yun Che would issue a counterattack..."

"Bastard!!" Mu Fengshu's complexion darkened as she shouted in rage.

Zhi Mo quickly lowered his head. "Main Hall Master, please calm your anger."

"No matter the reason, he must pay with his life after daring to injure Mingcheng to such a degree!" Mu Fengshu muttered in an incomparably gloomy voice.

Boom!!!

Yet another explosion sounded as two huge currents of power blasted in the sky. The figures of two people shot out at the same time from within the eye of the storm. Yun Che landed far away. His body went soft as the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword heavily pierced the ground.

Yun Che then held up the sword blade, warm sweat torrenting down his entire body as he breathed heavily. After having met Ji Hanfeng's blows twenty consecutive times, his entire body had gone limp under the enormous burden of the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword. Both his arms had completely lost all feeling and that strike from before was probably the last of the power he was able to dish out. Following his descent, he almost was unable to raise the Heaven Smiting Devil Slayer Sword once more.

"Ha.. ha... ha..." Ji Hanfeng's breathing was also incredibly coarse and his chest violently heaved. However, the energy he had left far surpassed what Yun Che could muster. Seeing Yun Che's current state, his eyes widened as he burst out in wild laughter. Not giving Yun Che the slightest chance to breathe, he concentrated all of the power he had left into the Dragon Burst Spear, directly aiming for the space between Yun Che's brows.

"Oh no!!" Mu Xiaolan's hands tightened as her expression changed.

Because this spear from Ji Hanfeng was shockingly a death blow that gave no way out.

And Yun Che had obviously depleted all his strength; it was impossible for him to receive it this time.

As if he had already seen himself skewer Yun Che, intense pleasure coursed within Ji Hanfeng's heart. And it was at this moment, when the spear head pointed at him that he saw Yun Che slowly raise his head to reveal an evil grin.

An unknown chill suddenly attacked his soul, causing his entire body to stiffen, causing his movements to slow.

Boom!!!

Yun Che's body suddenly exploded with a current of air. Just as he was about to approach Yun Che, Ji Hanfeng, who had used all his profound strength in that attack, was violently jolted. He had been directly shaken off by that airwave. After falling back, he raised his head in alarm and saw Yun Che slowly get up, both hands on the vermilion great sword's hilt. The scarlet profound energy on his body coiled wildly as a terrifying blood color emerged within both his eyes.

Beside his ear, came Yun Che's devilish sinister voice, "Since I've already crippled one... I may as well cripple another!!"