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Chapter 241: Start of the Invasion

Katata continued to speak, "An Earth Saint Master are separated evenly between the cycles. A First Cycle Earth Saint Master is as far away from a Sixth Cycle as a Saint Master is from a Peak Great Saint Master. There is no chance of victory for the Saint Master, and even if my brother and I were to join hands, we both are only at the Second Cycle level. If we were to join hands, then we would be able to fight against a Third Cycle Earth Saint Master, but against a Fourth Cycle Earth Saint Master, then there is no chance. After all this, but our opponent is also a Magical Beast."

Hearing Katata's explanations, Jian Chen couldn't help but be extremely serious. With this, he had finally understood just how wide the differences were between each cycle of an Earth Saint Master. A First Cycle Earth Saint Master was to a Saint Master as was a Sixth Cycle Earth Saint Master was to a Peak Great Saint Master. At this moment, Jian Chen couldn't help but be anxious as he thought about Wake City's chances of surviving the wave now.

Although Wake City wasn't his home and had no feelings of it, Jian Chen had no desire to see the entire population of a city succumb to a magical beast invasion.

Wake City's gates had long since closed and the traveling merchants still on the road had been notified of the magical beast wave long ago. So they had all taken a lengthy detour around Wake City's vicinity before taking shelter in a nearby city and waited for the wave to be over before continuing on with their travels.

Far away, the dense crowd of magical beasts continued to stamp in a slow trail toward Wake City. Aside from the heavy stomps of their feet, not a single roar could be heard, and from the looks of it, it seemed as if these magical beasts were just soldiers practicing a drill.

"Hou!"

Suddenly, the gigantic roar of a magical beast came reverberating from the depths of the Magical Beast Mountain Range. Its roar was so loud that even the stones on top of the gates started trembling from the sound.

This sudden roar had jolted the tens of thousands of magical beasts whose eyes suddenly grew fearful. Immediately, the magical beasts suddenly stopped where they stood in unison five kilometers away from the city walls.

Looking at the crowd of magical beasts stop right in front of the city walls almost, Katata let out a breath of air. "This hidden Class 5 Magical Beast is very intelligent. It has fought against humanity multiple times and knows how our Magical Crystal Cannons work. At this distance, the magical beasts are just outside the range of our Magical Crystal Cannons."

Katata immediately looked to his still silent brother Katafei, "Katafei, our opponent is far stronger than what we thought. By now, it is too late for Monarch City to send anymore reinforcements, so it is up to us to defend the city behind us."

Katafei nodded his head without a single break in his expression. His eyes still pointed far ahead as if he were trying to find the Class 5 Magical Beast. Ever since the garden, he had only spoke a single phrase.

"Throw down the armored wall!"

Suddenly at Yun Li's command, a large sheet of steel plating suddenly dropped down from the city walls and fully covered the entire city. From far away, it looked as if Wake City had been fully encased by a steel plating.

This steel plating was a meter thick and were connected to one another by a steel chain. With each steel plating being so thick, it would be able to repel a Class 3 Magical Beast with no problem.

Seeing how the steel platings were descending down from the walls, Jian Chen couldn't help but sigh in admiration. With a steel plating like the one right in front of him, then the defenses would be extraordinarily strong and could withstand a large amount of force for some time. This truly was another example of how Wake City's defenses could be said to be on par with a First Class City.

"Commence the firing of the Middle Tier Magic Crystal Cannons!" Yun Li barked out an order.

Straight after his command, Katata had an astonished look on his face, "I didn't think Wake City would have a Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannon. Haha, they truly do deserve to be so near the Magical Beast Mountain Range. How rich, a Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannon can fire up to a range of ten kilometers; that's double the range of a Primary Tier Magical Crystal Cannon and can definitely hit those magical beasts."

The soldiers began to scamper here and there to follow Yun Li's command. The Magical Crystal Cannons were constructed so that they would take in the energy from the monster cores and would then fire out a special type of energy.

On the Tian Yuan Continent, there were three types of Magical Crystal Cannons; Primary Tier, Middle Tier, and Advanced Tier. A Primary Tier cannon used Class 1 and 2 Monster Cores as an energy source, but the energy output was not always the same. Middle Tier cannons used Class 3 and 4 Monster Cores, but an Advanced Tier cannon required a Class 5 Monster Core at the least to supply the fuel.

A Primary Tier cannon had a range of three kilometers while an Middle Tier cannon had a range of eight kilometers. On the other hand, an Advanced Tier cannon could shoot up to a terrifying range of twenty kilometers.

This was the best offensive and defensive besiegement weapon. Magical Crystal Cannons were welcomed to every country and city on the Tian Yuan Continent with Primary Tier cannons being practically universal. Each and every major city had a few ready for use while always hoping to come across an Advanced Tier cannon. Each fortified stronghold by the empire borders had a few Advanced Tier cannons, but with it requiring Class 5 Monster Cores, they could fire it once. Thus, they preferred to use it in a disastrous situation or as their last resort, but no attackers would dare try to survive one of those shots head on.

Another reason was that with each shot of the Advanced Tier cannons, it was the equivalent of shooting away money.

After the Middle Tier cannon was charged up, an extremely tremendous amount of explosive energy began to stir within the cannon, making people feel as if it was about to explode. For those with a small amount of courage, they wouldn't dare to get any closer.

In truth, there had been many cases where the cannon wasn't able to handle the extreme amount of energy stirring inside when that would happen the energy exploded from within, causing massive damage to everyone around. However, this was a risk that every country was willing to face for the sake of a better chance of winning,

A few breaths later, the Middle Tier cannon was finally done charging, and with another order from Yun Li, the four cannons mounted on top of the walls fired immediately.

"Bang!"

With an ear deafening blast, a gigantic blast of energy shot out from the Middle Tier cannon at an incredible speed toward the crowd of magical beasts five kilometers away.

"Boom!"

Following a loud resonating blast, a large cloud of dust filled the air as the explosive energy destroyed anything within a thirty meter radius. Bits and pieces of magical beasts could be seen flying through the air in every direction.

The might of a Middle Tier cannon was extraordinary and could destroy a Class 3 Magical Beast with ease. Even a Class 4 Magical Beast wouldn't be able to take a blast like that easily. If hit directly, they would be instantly fried and a Class 5 Magical Beast would at the very least be injured to some degree.

The four Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannons laid claim to at least thirty Class 3 Magical Beasts; a good start. As if this was the start of the battle, the magical beasts instantly grew restless and slammed their fists and legs where they stood while snarling angrily.

"Reload the Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannons and fire straight for the higher leveled magical beasts!" Yun Li thundered at the soldiers near the cannons.

"Yes~~"

At the same time, another heaven shaking roar came from the Magical Beast Mountain Range. This roar was louder than before and spanned for seemingly twenty kilometers so that even Jian Chen's ears began to ring afterward.

Following this roar, it was if the magical beasts had received an order. With an explosive roar, they all began to charge recklessly toward the city walls.

Thousands of magical beasts charged at the walls with reckless abandonment, causing those on the top of the walls to pale for a moment. Even those at the top of the wall could feel a slight tremor growing stronger and stronger.

"Prepare the crossbows!"

Yun Li barked out another command.

Immediately, a series of holes spanning a foot wide opened up within the walls, and upon further assessment, there were about a hundred of them.

Then one by one, strong looking men began to prepare the crossbows as intense looking bolts protruded from the holes. The tips of the bolts looked like they were made with steel, even the shaft resembled that of a superior metal.

Each one of these bolts were two meters long, and because of that, they required an extremely strong and big crossbow to fire. These weapons were able to pierce through the body of a Class 3 Magical Beast, even the ones at the Peak level would be tremendously harmed.

When the thousands of magical beasts were three kilometers away, Yun Li gave out an order, "Fire the Primary Tier Magical Crystal Cannons, let them feel the pain!"

"Bang! Bang! Bang!"

With a slightly less loud explosion, the ten Primary Tier cannons fired straight at the magical beasts with an extensively large amount of firepower. The bursts of energy landed firmly against the incoming crowd, completely obliterating large large groups.

After a short period of time, the Primary Tier cannons were ready to fire once more, and with another bang, a large amount of energy exploded forth toward the crowd of magical beasts. The blast sent a good few of them flying away while the remnants of a few magical beasts could be seen spinning through the air.

The Magical Crystal Cannons fired a few more rounds before the magical beasts were only 500 meters away.

"Fire the crossbows!" Yun Li cried out.

Chapter 242: Desperate Close Combat

"Fire the crossbows!"

With Yun Li's command, the men stationed within the walls began to fire the crossbows at a lightning quick speed. The bolts flew through the air with a whistling sound that left the onlookers quite terrified.

"Pch! Pch! Pch!"...

With the tremendous penetration force of the bolts, many of the Class 1 Magical Beasts were instantly speared through. Even as the bolts flew straight through the beasts, they did not slow down in the least. The bolts continued to fly through another three or four Class 1 Magical Beasts before finally losing their initial momentum, embedding themselves in one final beast.

This volley of firepower had shot over 200 crossbolts which ended up taking the lives of over 500 Class 1 Magical Beasts.

After that, the second volley of fire immediately mowed down the front most magical beasts and filled the air with howls of pain and gunfire. From overhead, the cannons continued to fire down upon the mass of magical beasts that took even more lives.

That didn't deter the lesser intelligent magical beasts at all. The scent of all the blood in the air had roused their bloodthirsty nature as they continued to roar out loud while increasing their pace toward the walls despite the continuous volley of fire directed at them.

"Boom!"

The magical beasts were now so close to the wall that some of them were now firmly striking at the armored plating on the walls. Following each blow, the steel plating began to tremble and vibrate while some parts of the metal defenses had began to dent a little.

A few of the more fragile magical beasts had begun to make use of their claws in hopes of damaging the steel plating while some had resorted to biting the walls. Some had even managed to take advantage of the various cracks on the plating to climb up it.

Seeing the larger magical beasts approach, Yun Li's eyes flashed dangerously as he shouted, "Douse them in hot oil!"

A vat of scalding hot oil was suddenly poured down from the walls and splashed down onto the magical beasts below. Immediately, the fur of those who got splashed by the oil caught fire before turning the magical beast into a moving bonfire.

Underneath, countless of magical beasts howled miserably in pain as their entire bodies were submerged in the burning oil. As their fur caught fire, the fire and the oil began to cause a tremendous amount of damage to their bodies.

There was an abundant source of hot oil thanks to the various stoves working to create some more. As the streams of hot oil fell down the walls, the entire ground below had became a sea of fire and misery as the beasts roared in pain. Afterward, a putrid smell wafted up and invaded everyone's noses.

Wake City had no moat around so the magical beasts had no chance to find a source of water to douse themselves in to remove the flames and oil. There were many magical beasts in close proximity and with their fur being extremely flammable, the fire had quickly spread out to encompass everyone.

Underneath the walls, the magical beasts were in chaos; even though they lacked intelligence, even the dumbest of magical beasts could tell that they were on fire and would die if they stayed there. Consequently, the magical beasts all scattered to get away from the splash radius of the oil.

However the oil continued to rain down from the walls. Despite the steady stream, their supply was not endless and eventually ran out. In the half hour of warfare, the oil supply had all but ran out, but the damage had been done; the oil had damaged plenty of magical beasts and burnt a good amount of them to death.

Now that there was no more threat of the oil, the still alive magical beasts quickly stamped out the remaining fire and continued to charge at the wall once more. The more nimbler magical beasts began to climb up the walls once more alongside a large number of vipers.

Those who ran up the walls were immediately cut down by multiple Saint Weapons, sending their bisected bodies flying back down to the earth.

At the same time, a soldier quickly ran to where Yun Li, "A report for the lord, the crossbows are all finished firing, not a single bolt is left unshot!"

Looking at the scene below, Yun Li nodded slightly before crying out, "Open the gates and attack!"

Wake City's most terrifying weapon against the magical beast waves were the Magical Crystal Cannons, oil, and crossbows. The cannons were for long ranged fighting and were used to target and kill the strongest magical beasts. As the magical beasts approached, then they would switch to the oil and crossbows. After a good amount of time past, both the oil and crossbow ammunition had been all used up. At this moment, the only thing left to do was attack.

Slowly, the gates creaked open as the magical beasts changed directions to charge in between the opening gates. However, the moment they stepped inside, the various mercenaries inside blocked them.

"Fellow brothers, charge! Work hard to collect those ears!"

"Charge! The sparkling allure of a purple coin will soon lay within our pouches!"

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Every single mercenary was boiling with excitement as their will to make battle soared into the air. One by one they charged through the open gates with their Saint Weapons leading the vanguard. With each swing a magical beast would fall to the ground, be split in two and rain down blood everywhere.

"Hou!" A few magical beasts cried out in pain as they felt the chilling metal of the Saint Weapons bite into their bodies. In a flash, many more magical beasts were quickly cut to pieces and a few of the more nimble men quickly grabbed at their ears before happily storing them into their Space Belts.

"Hurry up and charge everyone! A huge pile of purple coins await us!"

"Dont waste any time and hurry up..."

"Charge!"

A shout emerged from each mercenary as they charged toward the savage magical beasts almost as if they were pieces of coins. Because of the allure of money, these men were not afraid of death.

Underneath the power of every mercenary, every single magical beast was swiftly harvested and stored away for future use.

Over 200,000 mercenaries stormed out from Wake City to fight with the magical beasts in intense close combat. Every second a magical beast or mercenary fell to the ground never get back up.

Chapter 243: Several hundred Class 4 Magical Beasts

On the wall, the Magical Crystal Cannons continued to fire at anything within their three kilometer range, causing the ground below to have many holes. The soldiers in charge of recharging the cannons hurriedly scrambled about grabbing Class 2 Monster Cores from chests to load the cannons.

Although Wake City was a Third Class City, it was extremely close to the Magical Beast Mountain Range where monster cores were abundant. So after many years of savings, the amount of monster cores they had stored away were fully capable of empowering ten different cannons for up to two or three days of shooting.

Jian Chen and the two envoys stood on the city walls along with the Great Saint Masters and Yun Li. Not a single one of them ran to participate since these Class 1 and Class 2 Magical Beasts could be taken care

of by the mercenaries down below. For now, they would wait for the Class 4 Magical Beasts so they would not squander their energy on the lower leveled ones. If they did, then who would protect everyone from the Class 4 Magical Beasts?

On top of the wall, Jian Chen looked at the various magical beasts with a look of lament, "There truly are many magical beasts gathered here."

Katata nodded his head in agreement, "Although this is the first time I've come to help Wake City during a magical beast wave, I still think this amount of magical beasts is quite excessive. Take a look at the back, there's a few hundred magical beasts who haven't moved yet. Based on their presence, I can see that they are Class 4 Magical Beasts!"

Surveying the back, Jian Chen saw a wide variety of magical beasts of every size and shape waiting. They weren't moving toward Wake City at all and instead kept their distance. Jian Chen wasn't as strong as Katata so he couldn't tell just how strong they were.

Despite the fact that several hundred Class 4 Magical Beasts sounded quite unbelievable, Jian Chen knew that Katata wouldn't lie about such a thing. "These Class 4 Magical Beasts are equal to Great Saint Masters in terms of strength. If our Wake City has a few hundred thousand men, then the amount of Great Saint Master experts among them pales in comparison. There definitely isn't enough to fight against these Class 4 Magical Beasts."

"Right now we can only rely on the Magical Crystal Cannons. With Wake City's four Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannons, we should be able to do some damage to the Class 4 Magical Beasts. They're about 8 kilometers away anyway, that's within the range of those cannons." Katata spoke seriously before waving his hand to Yun Li. "Yun Li! Have the four Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannons aim at the back over there. Those are all Class 4 Magical Beasts, the cannons should be enough to kill them and the pressure on us will be lessened!"

"Yes, senior envoy!" Katata's words were like the commands from a superior officer to his subordinate so Yun Li couldn't disobey. Without hesitation, Yun Li immediately ordered the four Middle Tier cannons to aim at the Class 4 Magical Beasts and fire.

"Bang!"

The cannons fired and the energy within seemed as if it were a shooting star that flew through the air toward the middle of the magical beasts.

The fortunate thing was that the group of Class 4 Magical Beasts were well within the range of the blast zone, and so the energy blasted the ground in the middle of the group, sending dirt flying everywhere as the wild energy wrecked havoc on everything. Immediately, many magical beasts were sent flying twenty meters away from the impact zone along with some body parts. Blood spilled like rain down below. Soon enough, the body parts fell back down into the dust storm, making visibility zero.

"Hou!"

The Class 4 Magical Beasts all cried out in anger and the injured ones all glared at Wake City dangerously. Their eyes were filled with hatred as they suddenly charged at the walls without the previous patience.

"Aim at that cluster of Magical Beasts once more with the Middle Tier cannons, keep firing!" Yun Li called out with a hardened expression. From Katata's words, Yun Li had guessed that that large amount of magical beasts were of the Class 4 level. Compared to the large amount of the magical beast numbers, the amount of Great Saint Masters within the ranks of Wake City's soldiers and mercenaries was still far from the triple digits. At most, there were only a few dozen Great Saint Masters that could stand their own against a Class 4 Magical Beasts, so for now the best way to deal with those magical beasts was to use the cannons to whittle away at their numbers.

Thanks to the change of targets by the cannons, the previously safe and sound Class 4 Magical Beasts in the back had suffered a tremendous loss. The Middle Tier cannons had brought about a disastrous amount of damage to their ranks, and with each new volley of cannon fire, even more lives were taken.

A large amount of the magical beasts began to retreat as the cannons began to focus their fire on them. The remaining few began to snarl and roar as they charged at the walls. Because of the cannons, they had lost all rationality and in their blood thirst, they threw the other magical beasts out of the way and even killed a few of the weaker ones in their rampage.

At that moment, each one of the magical beasts had broken free from the fearful control of the Class 5 Magical Beast.

The Middle Tier cannons continued to fire and fill the skies with sounds from each blast. Time and time again, crowds of Class 4 Magical Beasts went up in smoke, leaving a crater in the ground below.

The Class 4 Magical Beasts were incredibly fast however, as the Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannons fired the fifth volley, they had already arrived within 500 meters of the wall. Because of the cannons, their numbers had went from several hundred to around 150 of them and a great deal of them were injured to some degree as well. Despite the good news however, the Great Saint Masters still had extremely serious expressions on their faces.

By then, before Yun Li could say anything, the Great Saint Masters immediately leaped off the walls down into the crowd of magical beasts. Only they could defend against the Class 4 Magical Beasts, and if those magical beasts were to fight against the Saints or Great Saints, then there would be catastrophic damages to the human side.

In a flash, the dozen Great Saint Masters were all engaged in deep combat. At that moment, only Yun Li, Jian Chen, and the two envoys were left on the walls without any other Great Saint Master there.

Even the seven Great Saint Masters from the Flame Mercenaries were beginning to fight the Class 4 Magical Beasts.

Chapter 244: Jian Chen's Action-A Fast Sword

The area around Wake City had already become a bloody battleground with 200,000 mercenaries and armored soldiers fighting by the city gates. They had already speared their way through a few kilometers and were soaked with the blood of a few magical beasts.

In the back, many of the support soldiers streamed about the battleground with stretchers so that the fallen could be brought back to the city to recover. The entire battleground was dyed red with blood as the greasy smell of battle wafted through the air and into the noses of everyone fighting.

Although the battle had only gone on for a small amount of time, the ground was littered with the corpses of magical beasts and humans alike. Every second a person would get injured while the next second another person would die.

A hundred Class 4 Magical Beasts and a few dozen Great Saint Masters were fighting against each other, but the situation wasn't looking to well for the humans. A Class 4 Magical Beast required two Great Saint Masters to fight against, but at the moment, each magical beast was fighting against one Great Saint Master. For a short while, the Great Saint Masters would be fine, but if time dragged on for too long, then the situation would be hard to tell. Since magical beasts had a natural superiority, humanity could only rely on their Saint Weapons to fight against the magical beasts, but when that ran out then their lives would be in extreme danger.

The ten Magical Crystal Cannons on top of the city walls never stopped firing, so the air was filled with the tremors and ear deafening blasts of explosions that claimed the lives of multiple magical beasts whenever they slammed against a group of them.

As the war went on for a longer period of time, the amount of injured people increased as well. The stretchers of men continued to weave in through the city gates with the injured men laying on them crying out in pain. Many of them were missing an arm or a leg, and so the amount of people fighting against the magical beasts began to lessen. Thus, the pressure began to increase on everyone; if this were to go on for any longer, then the surrender of Wake City would only be a matter of time.

On top of the walls, lord Yun Li looked at Jian Chen and the two envoys with a troubled look. "This magical beast wave has more magical beasts than before and even more Class 4 Magical Beasts than anticipated. Their numbers far outweigh our Great Saint Masters, and if this goes on for any longer, then even if the Class 5 Magical Beast doesn't attack the Class 4 Magical Beasts will trample Wake City."

"I've looked at the records of the past magical beast waves and I'm afraid that this wave is definitely the most serious one. The amount of Class 4 Magical Beasts has never gone over fifty, but there are well over several hundred of them. Goddamnit, could all of the Class 4 Magical Beasts from the Magical Beast Mountain Range have come running over?" Yun Li wiped at his eyebrows to clear away the sweat.

The two envoys didn't say a word so Yun Li continued to speak. "Senior envoys, do you have any solutions on how to deal with this situation?"

Katata shook his head with an equally serious expression, "I've none. Right now we shouldn't make a move yet. That hidden Class 5 Magical Beast is extremely strong, so my brother and I must remain here and save up our strength until the moment of its appearance to ensure the best chance. If we waste our energy now, then when that Class 5 Magical Beast attacks, we won't have a chance of defeating it."

Yun Li's face grew whiter and whiter as he listened to Katata's words. His entire body began to shake as he observed the battle ground below them. His eyes couldn't help but widen and tear up a bit as he muttered, "Could it be? Could this day be the last day for my Wake City?" The two Earth Saint Master envoys were the greatest stabilizers to Yun Li's heart, but with Katata's words revealing that it would be difficult to deal with the hidden Class 5 Magical Beast even if he and his brother joined hands, those words were like a clap of thunder to Yun Li's eardrums. By now, he was feeling a great deal of despair.

Seeing the look on Yun Li's face, Jian Chen let out a breath of air. "Then I'll go down to help. The threat of the Class 4 Magical Beasts is far too big for us to ignore anyways." With that, Jian Chen leaped down the fifty meter tall city wall. In midair, Jian Chen's body began to speed up somehow like a speeding bullet toward the Class 4 Magical Beasts

The new member of the Flame Mercenaries, Duo Kang, was currently fighting against a Class 4 Magical Beast. This Class 4 Magical Beast was a three meter long black cheetah with extremely fast movements. Both of its paws swished through the air as the extremely sharp talons flew at Duo Kang. Along with the claws, the cheetah roared loudly with a jaw full of blood from the various times Duo Kang was hurt.

The black cheetah's eyes were crimson with bloodlust as they glared at Duo Kang almost as if he were its prey. Growling with an angry snarl, its entire body suddenly disappeared in a blur as it shot toward Duo Kang. In that instant its sharp talons glistened in the sunlight as it flew at Duo Kang's chest.

Duo Kang's eyes flashed dangerously with no fear at all as the Saint Force enhanced weapon in his hands slashed at the cheetah. The sword and talons met against each other with a large ear screeching sound as the blast of the impact forced Duo Kang to fly back a few steps.

Duo Kang's Saint Weapon wasn't enough to cause any sort of damage to the cheetah. The cheetah was momentarily sent back before instantly bounding forward to slash at Duo Kang's back from behind.

Duo Kang had not yet fully stabilized his footing after the cheetah had sent him flying backward, so it was hard for him to attack the beast with the same strength as before. Helplessly, he could only bring his sword across his body to protect himself against the claws.

The cheetah's claws swiped at Duo Kang's Saint Weapon, causing the sword to be knocked back a bit. With the sword firmly out of place, the cheetah suddenly opened its jaws in an effort to bite Duo Kang.

With his Saint Weapon out of the way, Duo Kang's actions were severely limited. Seeing the wide open jaws of the cheetah, Duo Kang's face suddenly changed and he abruptly swung his head out of the way.

With its jaws wide open, the cheetah emitted an ear deafening roar as it tried to clamp down its jaws onto Duo Kang's chest.

Duo Kang's face was extremely serious. This cheetah had been exceedingly clever when it had attacked him with its claws, leaving him unable to retaliate at all. It would seem that today would be a hard day to escape calamity, since this magical beast was even stronger than he was, and Duo Kang wasn't able to fight against the cheetah with his Saint Weapon.

This time as Duo Kang dodged the fangs, he could feel some color come back to his face. If he were just one second slower dodging the fangs, then his chest would have become a bloody mess.

"What a troublesome matter this is." Duo Kang had a look of despair. Right now he was almost at the whim of the cheetah. With the cheetah attacking at any time, it was getting harder and harder to dodge.

This time, a small child like sized tail suddenly wrapped around Duo Kang's neck, making all movement impossible for him now.

Once more, Duo Kang's face turned deathly pale as his eyes gleamed with despair. With his neck captured by the tail, he could no longer dodge the next strike from the black cheetah. Even his Saint

Weapon; the most important item to his life wouldn't help him here. He would sooner die than relinquish his Saint Weapon.

The iron scent of blood stung Duo Kang's nose as the cheetah's bloody jaw encaptured Duo Kang's eyes once more.

Just before Duo Kang was ready to accept his death, a silver light suddenly flashed in the corner of his eyes. Startled, Duo Kang could only see a silver lightning like trail of light fly straight through the cheetah's throat.

The bloody jaws of the cheetah immediately came to a close just an inch away from Duo Kang's chest. The putrid scent of its jaws was so nauseating to Duo Kang's nose that he didn't dare breathe.

Duo Kang was instantly dazed, but the moment he saw the long blade insert itself deep within the cheetah's throat, a look of pure joy appeared within his eyes. This blade was one he was extremely familiar with because he knew just who the owner was.

Duo Kang couldn't help but feel extremely grateful after his narrow escape from death. Turning his head to look at the twenty year old youth to the side, he called out emotionally, "Captain!". On this road between life or death, Duo Kang finally realized just how beautiful living was.

Although Duo Kang had been in many life or death situations, he had never been in such a perilous situation as this one. If Jian Chen was a second too slow, then his life would have been forfeit and his body a corpse.

Jian Chen slowly took the Light Wind Sword out from the cheetah's neck and spoke out to Duo Kang, "Go help out the others, make sure our Flame Mercenaries lose as few men as possible."

"Yes, captain!" Duo Kang immediately responded. Grabbing at the tail still enwrapped around his neck, he uncoiled it and cut away the ear of the cheetah. Then storing it into his Space Belt, Duo Kang immediately ran off to help out the other brothers of the Flame Mercenaries.

Jian Chen didn't hesitate at all as he immediately ran off to the next closest Class 4 Magical Beast. This next one was a viper with six Saint Masters fighting against it. Two of them were injured, leaving the remaining four to weave in and out in attempts to protect themselves. Each strike was getting harder to dodge and they were already in a miserable condition. The viper's poison that was spat out at them was enough to make all of the Saint Masters there afraid of coming into contact with it.

So the six Saint Masters could only try to run away from the viper. Suddenly, a silver arc of light streaked by them and immediately pierced into the vitals of the viper before it could even respond.

The viper immediately let out a miserable hiss as it collapsed down to the ground. Jian Chen's sword was incomparably fast, so even a Class 4 Magical Beast like the viper wasn't able to perceive the attack at all.

"Captain!" The six Saint Masters who were fighting the viper called out to Jian Chen straight away. Their eyes had a look of extreme joy in them as they immediately recognized that their captain had rescued them.

"If you're injured, head on back to get yourself treated. The rest should go help our fellow brothers. Remember, help our own first and foremost." Dropping an order, Jian Chen immediately ran off to the next beast.

With the introduction of Jian Chen to the battlefield, the pressure was significantly less now. In the span of a few breathes, Jian Chen had killed a good amount of the Class 4 Magical Beasts. Each and every strike of his was unbelievably fast as he weaved in and out of the battlefield. Practically no Class 4 Magical Beast could dodge Jian Chen's sword, and so with each stab from his sword, another magical beast had its throat stabbed, dying before realizing what was happening.

Following the series of Class 4 Magical Beasts dying in one strike, more and more people on the battlefield were quickly regaining the higher ground. Immediately, each group would run off to help another group fight off a Class 4 Magical Beast, causing the pressure on everyone to lessen dramatically.

Jian Chen traveled forward and backward by himself toward the next closest Class 4 Magical Beast with his Light Wind Sword continuously flashing with light from each stroke. Whenever a Class 2 or Class 3 Magical Beast got too close, they would be slaughtered ruthlessly. In Jian Chen's path of destruction, he had left behind a bloody trail.

In the time it took to burn a single incense stick, Forty Class 4 Magical Beasts had died by Jian Chen's hand and countless more Class 2 and Class 3 Magical Beasts.

In the beginning, Jian Chen's strength at the Peak Saint Master level was enough to kill a Class 4 Magical Beast. Now that he was at the Great Saint Master despite being only at the Primary level, his strength had been multiplied. Killing a Class 4 Magical Beast was now much easier than before and didn't require as much energy.

That was because Jian Chen's best point was his speed. He was so fast that the magical beasts weren't fast enough to react and in Jian Chen's eyes, these magical beasts might as well be standing still and would definitely be too slow to dodge.

In the world of martial arts, only speed would not betray you. Jian Chen's sword relied heavily on this word, "Speed". The moment your speed surpassed your opponent's reaction time, then that opponent would be nothing more than a moving target awaiting for you to strike.

"Hou!" Suddenly, an extremely loud roar could be heard from a snowy white bear around two meters tall and four meters wide emerged out of nowhere and slapped a Great Saint Master with its paw.

"Bang!"

Despite the Great Saint Master using his Saint Weapon to protect himself, the amount of force behind its giant paw was enough to send him flying through the air, blood spurting out from his mouth.

At that moment, another nearby Great Saint Master instantly charged at the figure and slashed at its belly with his Saint Weapon. A thunder like sound could be heard as the Saint Weapon stopped right on top of it fur without leaving a single scratch. Not only that, but the recoil the Great Saint Master felt from his blow was enough to send him staggering back three steps.

The giant bear let out another roar as it moved to slap the Great Saint Master with its paw. All of sudden, a silver light flew in between the bear and the Great Saint Master. Before the giant bear could even react, the silver light had immediately stabbed straight through its throat.

However, the fur defenses of the giant beast was extraordinarily strong, as only the sharp tip of the sword could be stabbed into its throat.

Sensing how the Light Wind Sword had been stopped, Jian Chen's eyes flashed with surprise, "What a strong defense!" Without any further hesitation, a large amount of Sword Qi exploded from the tip of the sword and enlarged the wound.

Immediately the giant bear let out a painful shriek as it then moved away from the Great Saint Master to slap at Jian Chen.

Jian Chen pulled out his sword and increased the amount of Sword Qi radiating from it before stabbing at the bear's throat once more before it could attack him.

The incredibly strong defenses that were there before suddenly disappeared into nothing as the Light Wind Sword pushed through the fur, embedding itself deep within the bear's throat.

However, the giant bear's paw didn't stop due to inertia and continued its path toward Jian Chen. Jian Chen's right arm clenched onto his sword as he twisted his sword in its throat before pulling it out. With an explosive leap, he flew backward to dodge the paw.

Jian Chen didn't care anymore about the bear after that and immediately ran off to the next Class 4 Magical Beast. He had confidence in his last strike to land a fatal wound on the bear. His Light Wind Sword had completely obliterated the major parts of the bear's throat with its Sword Qi. With a crucial blow like that, there was no way that the bear would be able to live.

Not too long after Jian Chen had left, the giant bear's body finally fell to the ground with a large stream of blood flowing from its neck, forming a pool of blood.

The second Great Saint Master looked at the bear's body with a pale face. Looking at its corpse, he turned to look at the other man who had been fighting it, "Laz, did you kill this Earthen Bear?" Jian Chen's death blow had been far too fast for the man to register and when he had nearly been hit by the bear's paw, he hadn't seen Jian Chen make his move.

The other Great Saint Master looked at the body with an extremely shocked expression, "How amazing, to kill an Earthen Bear in two strokes, could that man be an Earth Saint Master?"

"Laz, you didn't tell me, how did you manage to kill the Earthen Bear? When did you get so strong?" The Great Saint Master repeated with curiosity.

Hearing that, the one named Laz shook his head, "This Earthen Bear was not killed by men but by a white robed figure." With that, Laz' voice suddenly grew emotional as he clasped onto the other man's shoulders. "Lie Dao, you didn't see it, that man's strength is truly profound. He had only needed to stab twice with a speed far beyond anything I've seen in order to kill this Earthen Bear with ease and no retaliation."

"It took two sword strikes to kill the Class 4 Earthen Bear?!" Lie Dao cried out with shock, "Laz, who is this person, could he be an Earth Saint Master?"

"That's what I believe as well. He was wearing white, but I don't know who he is." Laz muttered.

Lie Dao looked around them only to find the white robed Jian Chen who had just stabbed another Class 4 Magical Beast in the throat with his sword not too far away.

"Could it be that person ...?"

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On the wall.

"This Jian Chen is quite strong. His fighting ability is somehow extremely strong to the point where even a Class 4 Magical Beast is nothing to him. It only requires one strike for him to kill one!" Katata looked at the group of magical beasts being killed by Jian Chen before exclaiming his thoughts out loud.

"What a fast sword!" The soft spoken Katafei said.

Katata nodded his head, "That's right, his sword is incredibly fast with no wasted movements. Each stroke lands firmly and at the weakest point of the magical beasts' neck. Countless Class 4 Magical Beasts were killed by Jian Chen's sword, and even I can only capture the hazy figure of his sword on the rare occassion. With a speed like that, it is no wonder a Class 4 Magical Beast can't dodge it. However, what I don't understand is, just how did Jian Chen obtain such a fast sword play like this, could it be the work of a battle skill?"

"No, I can tell that this is no battle skill." Katafei spoke.

"It would seem that this Jian Chen's identity is quite mysterious. He has to be the young lord of a well known clan, otherwise, how could his skill be so outstanding? A young man like him already has such a powerful strength and such a fast sword..."

Chapter 245: Despair! 3 Class 5 Magical Beasts

Two hours later, a hundred Class 4 Magical Beasts had been killed, and practically 99 of them were all killed by Jian Chen. With the Class 4 Magical Beasts dead, the Great Saint Masters were now gaining the upper ground and were completely dominating the weaker leveled magical beasts.

Jian Chen didn't stop even for a moment. The Class 3 Magical Beasts were his new goal; separating himself from the others, he immediately set about killing every Class 3 Magical Beast in sight. Soon enough, the surrounding environment around Jian Chen was filled with a small mountain of magical beasts that had been completely slaughtered by him.

Within another crowd of magical beasts, Jian Chen constantly brandished and thrust his sword at an unbelievable speed while maintaining a style of movement that seemed as if he were dancing. Around him on the ground, magical beasts were falling one by one without realizing that they were dead. Their strength was only that of a Class 3 Magical Beast and were not able to even go up against Jian Chen's might. Almost as if he had eyes on the back of his head, Jian Chen could always quickly dodge out of the way from a sneak attack from behind. Even if he were surrounded, he was not afraid at all and instead began to reap the lives of the magical beasts like a god of death.

Against Jian Chen who seemed to be the embodiment of the god of death, these magical beasts were not afraid at all. Their bloodthirst was instead increasing their berserk nature, yet they did not run at Jian Chen just yet. Instead, each one began to roar out loud with a roar that seemed to reverberate across the horizon.

"Hou!"

Just then, another heaven shaking roar emerged from the forest and shook even the ground everyone was standing on. The moment the magical beasts fighting near Wake City heard the angry roar, a look of fear entered their eyes, and they began to shake as if they were cold. Even the magical beasts that had Saint Weapons slashed into their bodies just stood there without retaliation almost as if their terror had prevented them from making a move.

Slowing down his slaughter of the magical beasts, Jian Chen pointed his sword at the ground at such an angle that all of the blood on it dripped off.

He didn't understand just why the magical beasts were shivering with fear, but when he followed their gaze toward the Magical Beast Mountain Range, he suddenly understood. That was where the Class 5 Magical Beast was. Perhaps, if the magical beast was as strong as Katata said it was, then even if the two strong envoys joined together, at the very most they would only be able to stall it.

The forests began to shake for a moment before a five meter tall magical beast walked out from it. This magical beast resembled an orangutan, but not quite. It had no fur on its body, instead, its entire body was covered with dark jade colored scales like a viper. In the daylight, the scales radiated a brilliant glow.

"Hou!"

The ape like magical beast walked on over from the forest slowly while snarling angrily. Its roar shook the heavens and deafened the ears of everyone around so that their eardrums were trembling from the vibrations.

As for the magical beasts that had been fighting the mercenaries, each one of them suddenly turned around and crawled back toward the ape, ignoring the mercenaries.

"This is the Green Scaled Ape! Its strength is rumored to be unmatched and its green scales are unbelievably durable. Even an Earth Saint Master isn't able to break them with ease!" Seeing the ape, Jian Chen couldn't help but cry out to himself as he felt the domineering pressure it was exhibiting.

Katata stood on top of the city wall with a hardened expression as he spoke, "I didn't think that the Class 5 Magical Beast would be a Green Scaled Ape. Their defenses are abnormally strong and even a Fourth Cycle Earth Saint Master would be hard-pressed to deal with one.

"How troublesome!" Katafei called out right next to his brother. Ever since the beginning of the war, this was the first time Katafei's face had a significantly different expression.

Suddenly, another two figures came out from the forest and stood behind the Green Scaled Ape.

These two figures belonged to a giant sized magical beast. One was a tiger with a golden mane of fur that was two meters high and five meters tall. Next to the tiger was another magical beast that was a

few dozen meters in length, however it was only as tall as half an adult human. This magical beast resembled that of a crocodile with black leather like skin and eyes that seemed to reflect coldly with a deadly intent. Several two meter long sword like spikes were growing on its back, and as it walked into the light, its figure only seemed even more deadly.

Upon seeing the two magical beasts, Katata's face grew deathly pale in fright as he cried out, "Golden Fur Tiger King and a Bladed Crocodile! T-th-this...this means there are three Class 5 Magical Beasts!"

Katafei's face also grew white as he looked at the three magical beasts in front of him. He felt an extreme amount of dread now, he and his brother couldn't even fight against the Green Scaled Ape together, but with the introduction of the Golden Fur Tiger King and the Bladed Crocodile. It would be extremely difficult to fight against three Class 5 Magical Beasts at the same time...

Katata sucked in a deep breath as he tried to shake away the extremely cold feeling in his limbs. Immediately, he turned to Yun Li, "Quickly, notify every commoner in Wake City, they must evacuate as soon as possible. Wake City is no longer safe!"

"Ye-yes...I will do that now." Yun Li replied with an equally white face. Three Class 5 Magical Beasts were not something Wake City could defend against. Even if a Middle Tier Magical Crystal Cannon was enough to injure them, Wake City would still need at least five Earth Saint Masters to improve their chances somewhat.

"What do we do now!" Katafei asked.

"Right now we can only hope to stall for time by blocking them. Fight so that the commoners of Wake City will be able to evacuate. Although we are powerless to win, we can still stall for time. If we can do that, then those three Class 5 Magical Beasts will be hindered for just enough time. But we still need to be careful so we don't get injured, otherwise, I'm afraid we will become easy targets for the Class 5 Magical Beasts and most likely end up dead." Katata spoke seriously.

Katafei nodded his head without saying a word.

Within the crowd, Jian Chen realized that there were two more magical beasts standing behind the ape. The moment his eyes landed on the golden mane of the Golden Fur Tiger King, a bolt of electricity ran through him as if he remembered a flash from the past.

It was in the past that this Golden Fur Tiger King had forced the Flame Mercenaries to flee...

It was in the past that this Golden Fur Tiger King had made the Flame Mercenaries have only one member left...

It was in the past that this Golden Fur Tiger King had killed Uncle Kendall and the rest of his brothers...

The selfless Kendall, the outspoken Hu Po, and the ever so passionate Xiao Dao....

The members of the Flame Mercenaries burned vividly within Jian Chen's mind like a wall scroll. The group had been a happy family for a short moment, but then, everything had changed when the Golden Fur Tiger King attacked.

Even though the Flame Mercenaries still exist, everything was different now.

This past memory had been forever burned into Jian Chen's mind so that he would never forget it. The brothers that had passed away long ago, would never return. Their familiar spirits had long since disappeared into the boundless heavens and had left behind only a sorrowful memory.

A fierce killing intent flowed out from Jian Chen's eyes as his Light Wind Sword explode with Sword Qi. A fierce light shined from the tip of the sword, and if one looked closely enough, there was a hint of azure and violet shining in it.

Chapter 246: Class 5 Magical Beast — One Sword To Strike the Head!

Jian Chen felt no fear in his heart against these three Class 5 Magical Beasts, instead he felt only hatred!

The three magical beasts stood still with their presence overwhelming the senses of everyone else around while causing the other magical beasts to shiver with fright. Even the mercenaries who had just been fighting them felt a cold feeling of dread within their hearts and a stone like pressure pressing down on them.

"What...what is that?" At last, someone spoke referring to the three magical beasts.

"It's too late, I can't see a good ending from here..."

"A Green Scaled Ape! How could it be ... "

"Not good, that's a Class 5 Magical Beast! Only a Class 5 Magical Beast would be able to emit such a pressure like this..."

"So those three are Class 5 Magical Beasts? Heavens, how could there be three of them...?"

"Retreat! No one can withstand a Class 5 Magical Beast!"

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Not too many mercenaries had seen a Class 5 Magical Beast before, but the ones that did instantly grew fearful and cried out at the sight of them. With three Class 5 Magical Beasts standing right in front of them, they all grew white with fright. Throwing down their helmets, they began to flee back toward Wake City.

Even the Great Saint Masters who had known about the Class 5 Magical Beast already had their faces pale with fright. Although they had fore knowledge of there being an Earth Saint Master expert helping them, the situation was different now. There was three Class 5 Magical Beasts, even the experts from Monarch City would not be enough to deal with them.

"Retreat! Everyone retreat!"

Immediately the mercenaries all cried out the signal to retreat. Straight after, the city gates to Wake City had nearly 200,000 mercenaries and soldiers trying to make their way inside in order to escape from the battlefield.

"Don't panic everyone, the Class 5 Magical Beast will be dealt with by us!"

All of a sudden, a booming voice called out from nowhere as two red streaks of light flew down from the walls like a shooting star toward the Class 5 Magical Beasts.

Both the Earth Saint Masters Katata and Katafei had finally made a move. Although they had wanted to wait a little longer to engage to buy some time, but with the panic happening below, they couldn't hesitate any longer. If the entire fighting force were to retreat into the city, then not only would the entire city be in chaos, but it would also make the city easier to invade.

Katata and Katafei were surrounded by a layer of fire like Saint Force as they flew through the sky. It took them another fifty meters before finally dropping to the ground, but still surrounded with the fire like Saint Force, they charged straight toward the Class 5 Magical Beasts.

"Fire Saint Force!"

"That type of fire like essence, that's something only an Earth Saint Master with a profound mastery of the fire Saint Force can accomplish!"

"Earth Saint Master, so there were experts like that here?"

"To think that there would be an Earth Saint Master here...."

"Damn it all, who gives two f*cks about a Class 5 Magical Beast then? We have two Earth Saint Master experts on our sides! Brothers, forward! Kill those bastards and take revenge for our dead!"

Upon seeing the layer of fire surrounding Katata and Katafei, many of the mercenaries were overjoyed and shouted out in disbelief. Their presence was almost like a tranquilizer to the men who had been frightened at the sight of those Class 5 Magical Beasts. Only a small amount of the mercenaries still had a look of worry on their faces. Magical beasts had an innate superiority compared to humanity. If there were three Class 5 Magical Beasts, then what could two Earth Saint Masters do?

"Let me handle the Golden Fur Tiger King." Jian Chen exclaimed as he flew toward the two brothers with no hesitation. His Light Wind Sword was ready at his side as he flew at the three Class 5 Magical Beasts with blinding speed. Almost as if he were gliding across the ground, Jian Chen had instantly cut apart any magical beasts in his way with the azure and violet glows from his sword, making his path all but unhindered.

At this moment, the azure and violet glow on the Light Wind Sword made it seem like a sharp spear that was capable of destroying any defense and killing anything. Even the countless waves of magical beasts were utterly incapable of stopping Jian Chen for even a moment. It was almost as if Jian Chen was a godlike being right now, with power that was unmatched by anything. Even more so, it was like he could kill with just a lift of his finger and will.

Katata and his brother had already been close enough to the Class 5 Magical Beasts with their fire Saint Force surrounding their bodies to begin attacking. With each strike they made, the three Class 5 Magical Beasts retaliated, their battles had already deformed the area around them beyond recognition. Their fighting energy had been splashed about in ripples of energy that flew everywhere and shook the earth. With each attack the energy grew bigger and bigger in intensity.

"Hou!" The Green Scaled Ape roared angrily as a human's chest sized fist came gleaming down with a green color onto Katata with a terrifying amount of force.

Katata threw himself out of the way in order to dodge the fist. With a loud bang, the fist landed on the ground where Katata had just been. A large amount of energy rippled across the ground, and when the fist was lifted, there was a three meter deep and five meter long crater below.

On one side, the Bladed Crocodile spat out a gray colored ball of energy toward Katafei while simultaneously readying its bladed spine. Leveling it horizontally to the ground, the spine suddenly flew at Katafei with blinding speed.

A glimpse of golden fur could be seen as the Golden Fur Tiger King let out an ear piercing roar. Its claws which were strong enough to shatter rock and split metal flashed dangerously as they swiped at Katafei while a fowl smell of blood could be smelled as it also tried to bite him.

Katafei and Katata didn't dare defend head on with any of the strikes from the three Class 5 Magical Beasts. The both of them knew that they were definitely not an opponent for any of the three magical beasts, and so it was not possible for them to win at all if they tried to go head to head. It would also consume their Saint Force rapidly and make escaping difficult. All they wanted to do was stall for time and gather the attention of the magical beasts.

It was at this moment that Jian Chen had finally arrived with his eyes burning with a furious anger. Staring at the golden mane of the Golden Fur Tiger King, his Light Wind Sword began to increase with respect to the luster of the azure and violet glow, but the presence of the Sword Spirits had not yet been revealed. No one would have expected to see that the azure and violet glows on Jian Chen's sword contained a terrifying amount of power.

Disappearing in a blur, Jian Chen flew at the Golden Fur Tiger King who was in the midst of attacking Katafei. His eyes locked onto the throat of the Golden Fur Tiger King and his Light Wind Sword blazed with the azure and violet light as it flew toward the magical beast.

Although it had sensed Jian Chen's attack, the Class 5 Magical Beast had some innate knowledge that told it that Jian Chen was only at the Great Saint Master level. To the Golden Fur Tiger King, Jian Chen was nothing more than an ant so it didn't care for him. The tail behind casually flicked out to strike at Jian Chen with a speed that whistled through the air.

The power in the tail was incredibly large and even against a Great Saint Master, the Saint Weapon would surely break apart if it was hit by this tail. Suddenly, the tail of the Golden Fur Tiger King made contact with the layer of azure and violet glow of light and was effortlessly cut in two. However, the part that had been cut off resumed its trajectory path due to inertia and hit Jian Chen in the arm, which consequently forced Jian Chen's sword arm to aim down from the tiger's neck.

"Hou~~~"

The Golden Fur Tiger King let out an ear splitting shriek of pain to the point where both the envoys and Jian Chen thought their eardrums would shatter.

"It's just like last time." Seeing how tall the Golden Fur Tiger King was right in front of him, Jian Chen's eyes flashed dangerously as he tried to change the trajectory to its original path.

The Light Wind Sword speared into the Golden Fur Tiger King's neck, causing the tiger to roar out miserably once more. Immediately, the head of the Golden Fur Tiger King spun through the air leaking

blood. At the same time, a fountain of blood splurted from its beheaded corpse two meters high into the air before falling back down to the earth....

The Class 5 Golden Fur Tiger King had been beheaded in a single strike!

Chapter 247: Punishing the Bladed Crocodile

The Golden Fur Tiger King's head spun through the air, raining blood down from the sky while the body below slowly crashed to the ground. The neck of the tiger began to pour blood in such large quantities that it filled the area around it.

Katata and Katafei stared at the spinning head of the tiger in such shock that they had forgotten that they were in the midst of battle. All they could do was stare in absolute disbelief as their eyes continued to widen.

The Class 5 Golden Fur Tiger King was something that neither of the two brothers would be able to kill by themselves. To think that Jian Chen had simply cut off its head with ease, this was too much of a shock for their hearts to handle.

Even the Green Scaled Ape and the Bladed Crocodile stopped their actions mid flight and turned to look at the severed head of the Golden Fur Tiger King with eyes that betrayed their shock.

Not even waiting for the head of the Golden Fur Tiger King to fall to the ground, Jian Chen immediately landed near the Bladed Crocodile. While the magical beast was still stunned, the enhanced Light Wind Sword immediately flew toward its skull.

Sensing the incoming danger, the Bladed Crocodile immediately snapped out of its confusion and swung its seven bladed spine at Jian Chen. A large ear piercing sound could be heard as the spine whistled toward Jian Chen's sword while simultaneously tilting its head to the side faster than Jian Chen's movement. A layer of earth began to cover its head, resembling the color and sheen of steel armor, protecting its head.

"Ding!"

A single blade on the spine struck against the Light Wind Sword with a crisp sound as a jolting shock was transmitted up into Jian Chen's arm. The Light Wind Sword had almost been knocked out of Jian Chen's arm but he managed to keep hold. The bladed spine on the other hand, even though it was a brief moment of contact between the blade and the azure and violet light on the sword, the sword managed to leave a small crack on one of the blades.

"Pch!"

A few of the blades flew past Jian Chen's sword; one of them had even managed to burrow its way into Jian Chen's chest before protruding out of his back.

In an instant, Jian Chen's face had became deathly pale as blood splurted out from his mouth. The blade had carried about a tremendous amount of power and so when it had stabbed into him, the force was almost as if a wild horse had rammed against him, causing significant damage to his body.

Because of Jian Chen's cultivation method, his inner organs were stronger than usual. Trying his best to ignore the blossoming pain in his chest, he bit his lip and slammed down into the Bladed Crocodile with his sword.

The Bladed Crocodile flew back and spat out a large ball of energy at Jian Chen. Thanks to the innate knowledge it had, it immediately sensed that Jian Chen's sword was not to be met head on with after seeing what had happened with the Golden Fur Tiger King.

"Help me distract it!" Seeing the Bladed Crocodile retreat, Jian Chen cried out loudly. At the same time, he moved to dodge the ball of energy before flying at the Bladed Crocodile.

A figure came into view as Katafei flew into Jian Chen's line of sight. Enwrapping his Saint Weapon with the fire-like essence that was his Saint Force, he sliced down into the ball of energy.

"Bang!"

The ball of energy that had been spat out from the Bladed Crocodile had been cut in half by Katafei's sword. The massive amount of energy from the ball immediately dispersed into the air before kicking up the dust from the ground and obscuring Katafei, Jian Chen and the Bladed Crocodile from view.

Katafei filled the air around him with the light from his fire like essence as he moved forward at an extremely fast pace. Despite the dust completely obstructing his visibility, it did not restrict his movements.

The flame like light would flicker brightly at times. When Katafei swung his sword with his entire might, the dust around his sword seemed to have evaporated because of his fire Saint Force.

As the dust cleared away, Jian Chen could only see Katafei send the Bladed Crocodile's body into the air. Its body was so big that it managed to cover a large part of the sky while its bodily defenses had been split in two with blood pouring out.

Flickering away from sight, Jian Chen quickly soared into the air. Before the Bladed Crocodile could even fall back down to the ground, Jian Chen's Light Wind Sword gleamed with an azure and violet light as he stabbed at its skull at an incredibly fast rate.

The audience could only see the Bladed Crocodile fly through the air with its blood spilling in the air, and then Jian Chen came out of nowhere and rendered its head into ground meat. With the azure and violet glows, the Bladed Crocodile's defenses had been nothing more than tofu and it had instantly folded against the Light Wind Sword.

The gigantic body of the Bladed Crocodile finally fell to the ground without moving. Its own head had been split apart into multiple pieces as blood and brain matter began to spill out from the various sword wounds on its head.

"Bang!" Not too far away, Katata had been hit by the Green Scaled Ape, causing him to be sent flying backward like a speeding bullet through the air while spitting out blood.

The Green Scaled Ape turned to look at the splattered Bladed Crocodile with an ominous glint in its eyes. Turning its head to the sky, it let out a roar of sorrow before grabbing a thirty meter long tree to swing at Jian Chen.

Jian Chen didn't bother to move, instead, the Light Wind Sword enshrouded the area with a bright glow of light before instantly shaving away the tree into wood shavings. Immediately, Jian Chen flew at the Green Scaled Ape with his Light Wind Sword aimed at its throat.

Howling angrily, the Green Scaled Ape lashed out with its foot to kick Jian Chen away.

"Ugh!" Jian Chen spat out another mouthful of blood as he was sent flying back due to the kick. His face paled in color as he got up from the ground thirty meters away from his initial position. His chest had sunken in on itself in a terrifying way thanks to the absolutely inconceivably strong amount of force behind the ape's kick. Even the bones within his body had been crushed and his inner organs had suffered significant damage as well.

The Green Scaled Ape stared at Jian Chen with a death glare before charging straight for him. With each step, the floor trembled with shock to signify just how strong this beast was.

At this moment, an intense amount of Sword Qi with a flame like essence flew at the Green Scaled Ape. Right behind the Sword Qi was Katafei with his sword.

Without even looking at the red Sword Qi, the Green Scaled Ape swatted away the flame like Sword Qi and forced it to dissipate into nothingness. Because of how Jian Chen had killed two Class 5 Magical Beasts almost by himself, the Green Scaled Ape was forced to focus on him the most.

Katafei's face hardened as he looked on from far away. Seeing how Jian Chen was struggling to get up, his face paled as he realized the Green Scaled Ape would reach him in no time.

"Katafei, the strength of the Green Scaled Ape should be that of a Fifth Cycle Earth Saint Master! It's strength is too massive to go head to head, so just try to stall for time!" Katata's weak sounding voice called out.

Chapter 248: Heavily Injuring the Ape

A surge of fire Saint Force rippled out from Katafei's body as it formed a faint shield around him, making it seem as if the god of fire had just descended..

The Green Scaled Ape still paid no attention to Katafei. Both of its eyes were focused on Jian Chen with a blood thirsty and malicious glare as if it had a deep grudge against him.

Wincing from the pain in his chest, Jian Chen staggered up from the ground. The bones in his chest had already fractured and some pieces had even started to stab into his inner flesh, causing him to feel so much pain that a thick blanket of sweat could be seen on his forehead. Watching the Green Scaled Ape come running at him, Jian Chen's face grew solemn. He knew that the three Class 5 Magical Beasts were on friendly terms with each other, so when he had killed two of the three, the Green Scaled Ape would definitely come running at him.

Upon seeing how the Green Scaled Ape had essentially ignored him, Katafei growled under his breath as another explosion of fire essence came out from him before forming a three meter long blade.

"Cloudfire Blade!" With a loud shout, the floating red blade above his head immediately flew through the air like a shooting star with the Green Scaled Ape as its destination. It was then that the Green Scaled Ape finally halted its movement. Snarling angrily, it raised a fist to smash apart the Cloudfire Blade.

Straight away, the Cloudfire Blade was smashed into pieces from the ape's fist. The energy splashed all over the area and filled the sky with its heat before incinerating any nearby plant life into ashes.

Upon the disappearance of the flame, Katafei's body fell from the sky like a kite without a string. His body fell twenty meters from the sky before finally crashing down to the ground with an extremely pale face.

The Green Scaled Ape's body shook slightly as it looked at the wound on its fist. The scales on that part of the fist had been obliterated and a green liquid began to drip down slowly from its fist to the ground.

"Hou!"

Roaring angrily once more, it raised a fist to strike at the grounded Katafei. With this, it had finally changed targets from Jian Chen to Katafei and moved closer to him. An injury by Katafei would not be excused by the ape.

"Cloudfire Blade!"

Just as the Green Scaled Ape was completely focused on Katafei, Katata suddenly rose up into the air and slashed at the Green Scaled Ape with another Cloudfire Blade.

As soon as the Cloudfire Blade made contact, the Green Scaled Ape's shoulder immediately began to bleed.

"What a strong defense!" Katata cried out. The defense of the Green Scaled Ape was far beyond what he had expected. To think that even after using his entire strength, there would only be a small amount of damage.

Suddenly a large palm came toward Katata to smack him down. Borrowing the body of the Green Scaled Ape, Katata kicked off from the ape in order to dodge the strike.

With bloodthirsty eyes, the Green Scaled Ape swung toward Katata with an arm ready to strike Katata down from the air once more.

Katata's face changed immediately. Since he was in midair, he had no way of moving and so with the Green Scaled Ape's fist, there was no way of dodging it.

Katata let out a loud shout as a large amount of fire Saint Force exploded from his body. In an instant it covered his entire body before using his Saint Weapon to slash at the Green Scaled Ape's fist.

The Green Scaled Ape wasn't afraid and the fist continued to move in a fluid motion to swat Katata, a layer of green scales immediately came close to hitting him.

Katata's sword was knocked aside from the force of the Green Scaled Ape's fist before landing fiercely onto his body. With a bone breaking sound, Katata's body was sent flying with blood coming out from his mouth. At the same time, Jian Chen resisted the great feeling of pain within his chest and soared toward the ape. With the Light Wind Sword flashing dangerously, he stabbed at the throat of the Green Scaled Ape.

The Green Scaled Ape suddenly turned its head to look straight Jian Chen. Despite the sword coming at it, he didn't move to dodge the sword and instead lifted a giant hand to swat at Jian Chen.

The ape had complete confidence in its defenses. If two Earth Saint Masters weren't able to cause any major sort of damage on it, then a Great Saint Master like Jian Chen wouldn't even land a scratch.

"Pch!"

For a brief moment, the Light Wind Sword was stopped by the defensive scales on the ape's neck. Then, the azure and violet glows on the Light Wind Sword instantly cut through the scales like a hot knife through butter and the blade was inserted deep within its throat.

"Pa!"

Almost at the same time, the Green Scaled Ape's palm slammed against Jian Chen's chest with an unbelievable amount of force, causing some of his inner organs to rupture. Flying away from the fist, Jian Chen began to vomit blood as he felt excruciating pain in his body.

"Hou!" After a fatal blow to the throat, the Green Scaled Ape cried out angrily toward the heavens; causing the group of magical beasts around it to shiver in extreme fear.

From far away, the mercenaries all stopped what they were doing and slowly turned to look at the Green Scaled Ape. Each one of them knew that whether Wake City could be saved or even if they could survive, depended on this one battle. Not only was this battle determining Wake City's future, but also whether or not the entire group of humans there would live or die.

Green liquid slowly dripped down from the throat of the Green Scaled Ape in an endless stream. Despite it slowly losing its life, its eyes carried a malicious and dangerous glare as it strode toward Jian Chen.

At that moment, another two streaks of red light flashed as Katata and Katafei charged toward the Green Scaled Ape. The both of them knew what had to be done, with the Golden Fur Tiger King and Bladed Crocodile dead, the two of them could do what they had initially planned on; killing the Class 5 Magical Beast.

"Brother Jian Chen, while we stall the Green Scaled Ape, find an opportunity to kill the beast!" Katata cried out from his position. Despite the two of them suffering from heavy wounds themselves, they could both manage to stall for time if they worked together. Furthermore, the Green Scaled Ape itself had suffered serious wounds on its neck. Despite it not dying straight away, its strength would surely be less than before.

Katafei and Katata continued to fight the Green Scaled Ape and were periodically sent flying backwards at least three times. The two of them were suffering from grave wounds, but finally, Jian Chen had found an opportunity and with one final leap toward the Green Scaled Ape, he slammed his sword into its head with Sword Qi enforcing it for a stronger effect.

The Green Scaled Ape's gigantic body began to shake slowly. With a tiny wobble, it finally came crashing down to the ground.

As for Jian Chen, with no more energy left in his body, he fell to the ground unconscious as well.

Chapter 249: Radiant Saint Master Class

Some time after, Jian Chen had finally woke up. Realizing that he was sleeping in a soft bed, he surveyed the area around him only to discover that he was in a grandly decorated room. A young teenage woman sat sleepily on a stool.

Taking a moment to inspect his wounds, Jian Chen realized that his inner body was in serious condition. There was a walnut sized hole from when the Bladed Crocodile stabbed through his chest with its bladed spine, and the bones in his chest had almost been reduced to powder thanks to the Green Scaled Ape. Even his inner organs were severely affected as some of them were starting to tear.

Jian Chen slowly took a deep breath. With such serious wounds, it would take several dozen days to heal himself even with the highest quality medicine. Right now, he didn't wish to divulge the fact that he could control the Radiant Saint Force. That meant that there was nothing he could do.

"Ah! You've...awakened!" The sleepy looking girl suddenly realized Jian Chen had woken and cried out in happiness. Immediately before Jian Chen could say anything, she continued to say, "My lord, please wait while I inform the master!" With that, the weariness on her face instantly disappeared as she ran out the door.

Quickly, the sound of footsteps could be heard as Yun Li and commander Duo Li immediately came pacing in.

"Haha, brother Jian Chen, you've woken up quite fast! This was far beyond my expectation; both of the senior envoys told me that you would wake up in two or three days but it hasn't even been half a day since that!" Yun Li laughed.

Seeing Yun Li enter, Jian Chen realized that he had to be in the lord's mansion.

"Brother Jian Chen, this time we were able to defend Wake City from the magical beast wave all thanks to you." Yun Li spoke emotionally.

Seeing Yun Li and commander Duo Li's relaxed faces, Jian Chen couldn't but ask, "Lord Yun Li, what is the situation looking like in Wake City?"

"Haha, brother Jian Chen, after the three Class 5 Magical Beasts were ultimately killed, the other magical beasts all lost their will to fight and ran straight back to the Magical Beast Mountain Range. Wake City is safe now." Yun Li boomed with laughter as a cheerful smile appeared on his face.

Hearing that, Jian Chen immediately let out a sigh in relief, this type of result was the best type.

"Even though three Class 5 Magical Beasts had appeared, the amount of casualties this time around is at the lowest it has ever been since the foundation of Wake City." Yun Li reported.

"Brother Jian Chen, right now you should just rest up in bed. We've already hired a few Saint Masters from the other cities to help heal you and the two senior envoys, so there is no need to rush."

Jian Chen nodded his head without saying a word. With a Radiant Saint Master here to heal his wounds, his injuries would definitely be healed faster than he thought.

Yun Li didn't say anything more than that and immediately left the room. Right now since Wake City had just gone through a big battle, there were still things that must be done.

On the second day, Yun Li had brought a white robed man into the room where Jian Chen was.

"Brother Jian Chen, the Radiant Saint Master has arrived, please let him heal your wounds. This way, your wounds will heal at the fastest rate possible." Yun Li spoke.

The recuperating Jian Chen slowly opened his eyes to inspect the Radiant Saint Master. The person looked to be thirty years old and wore a white robe that covered his rather frail frame. Behind him were two sturdy looking men that appeared to have the strength of Great Saint Masters. The way they stood behind the Radiant Saint Master made it seem as if they were his bodyguards.

"Honored Radiant Saint Master, this man here is brother Jian Chen." Yun Li spoke courteously toward the Radiant Saint Master. A Radiant Saint Master had the ability to wield a unique energy that in turn made their position within the Tian Yuan Continent rather majestic. Even a lower leveled Radiant Saint Master had the same ranking as an Earth Saint Master.

The white robed Radiant Saint Master looked at Jian Chen with a small smile, "So you're sire Jian Chen."

"That is me, honored Radiant Saint Master." Following Yun Li's example, Jian Chen spoke to the Radiant Saint Master with a respectful tone.

"I've heard rumors that sire Jian Chen killed three Class 5 Magical Beasts. With sire Jian Chen's age being this young while having such strength, this is truly quite a shocking achievement." The Radiant Saint Master smiled.

"Honored Radiant Saint Master, I can only assume you've heard half of the rumors. Could it be that you didn't hear about the two envoys of the Earth Saint Master level?" Jian Chen spoke softly.

The Radiant Saint Master could only smile without a single word. Both of the healer's hands slowly closed in between his eyes before a brilliant glow appeared from within his hands finally revealing a milky white colored ball.

With the milky color growing to such a rich glow, the Radiant Saint Master slowly pressed it into Jian Chen's chest. Immediately the ball of Radiant Saint Force disappeared into his chest and quickly began to heal his wounds.

Slowly furrowing his eyebrows, Jian Chen could sense that the Radiant Saint Master's control over the Radiant Saint Force was not as fine as his. When Jian Chen controlled it, he did so at a faster speed and his ball of Saint Force was even richer in concentration. His would definitely not look as simple and weak looking as this Radiant Saint Master's did, and he would probably require only six hours to heal by himself. By having the Radiant Saint Master heal him, it would take at least fourteen hours.

"Could this Radiant Saint Master be deliberately trying to slow the process? Or is his ability quite limited?" Jian Chen muttered to himself in secret. At this moment, he couldn't help but wonder, could his ability to control the Radiant Saint Force be higher than that of this Radiant Saint Master.

An hour later, the light on Jian Chen's chest began to slowly dissipate. Exhausted, the Radiant Saint Master withdrew his hands, and spoke, "Sire Jian Chen, your internal injuries are quite serious. At the

moment I can't completely treat you in a single treatment. I will require more time." With that, the Radiant Saint Master sat down in a cross-legged position some distance away and began to recover his used up spirit. The other two men then silently stood by him in order to protect him.

"It would seem this Radiant Saint Master's ability is not on the same level as mine. After just an hour, he wasn't able to persevere anymore." Jian Chen muttered.

In a flash, two days had passed with Jian Chen being slowly healed by the milky white glow of the Radiant Saint Force. The Radiant Saint Master held his hands over Jian Chen's chest with exhaustion.

"Alright, sire Jian Chen, your internal injuries are all healed up now." The Radiant Saint Master smiled.

Immediately rising from the bed, Jian Chen began to stretch his limbs, "Honored Radiant Saint Master, your ability is really too profound. What would have taken me many days to recover from has only taken two days. This was all because of your treatment."

Hearing that, the Radiant Saint Master had a proud look on his face before speaking modestly, "Unfortunately, my ability is still quite lacking. If it were a high leveled Radiant Saint Master, then this type of injury would have taken just half a day to heal."

Jian Chen's heart pounded as he heard that, "Honored Radiant Saint Master—are even Radiant Saint Masters ranked?"

"Naturally!" The Radiant Saint Master nodded. "Like the fighters, even Radiant Saint Masters are ranked. A low leveled Radiant Saint Master is only able to heal small injuries and not major ones. A high leveled Radiant Saint Master can regrow limbs, and some can even bring someone back from the brink of death or even past!"

"Then do these Radiant Saint Masters have categories of strength?" Jian Chen continued to ask, intrigued.

The healer laughed, "Radiant Saint Masters are categorized into nine different layers like the fighting Saints but there isn't such a naming convention like yours. The lowest rank is the First Class Radiant Saint Master and the highest rank is the Ninth Class Radiant Saint Master. Because a Radiant Saint Master relies on their spirit force, it becomes harder to improve the further one goes. As far as I know, the highest leveled Radiant Saint Master within the Tian Yuan Continent is only at the Sixth Class. Anyone beyond that level has only been spoken of in legends."

"Then honored Radiant Saint Master is at which level?"

"A Radiant Saint Master's cultivation is much more difficult than the fighting class Saints. You are able to use monster cores to improve yourself, but us Radiant Saint Masters can only rely on ourselves to improve our spirit to strengthen our bodies. So currently even though I have been cultivating for thirty years, I am only at the Third Class Radiant Saint Master level."

With that explanation, Jian Chen had a much more detailed understanding of how the Radiant Saint Masters operated. Judging from the man's strength, Jian Chen could only guess that his own ability had to be that of the Fourth Class or higher.

The man didn't stay in the room for too long after that. Quickly, he had gone to prepare himself to heal the two envoys. After his full recovery, Jian Chen decided to leave the mansion despite Yun Li's cordial wishes.

On the streets, many of the mercenaries were walking with an excited look on their faces while talking about the Class 5 Magical Beasts. This time, there had been three of them unexpectedly, so that bit of information had garnered plenty of interest.

"I've heard that two envoys with the power of an Earth Saint Master class came to our Wake City. Those two envoys definitely killed the three Class 5 Magical Beasts..."

"That can't be for certain. I saw three people fighting the Class 5 Magical Beasts. One of them was even a youth around the age of twenty. Those three Class 5 Magical Beasts were killed by this youth alone. I definitely saw this with my own eyes..."

"Bull! Your eyes must have grown old. How could a youth kill three Class 5 Magical Beasts? That is unbelievable. You all must not believe that. I dare say that those three Class 5 Magical Beasts were killed by the two envoys. Aside from an envoy, our Wake City has no one that could possibly face off against a Class 5 Magical Beast..."

"What utter crap. I personally saw a youth soar up against the Green Scaled Ape before using his sword to stab into its head..."

The cacophony on the streets grew louder and louder as everyone continued to talk about the topic of the Class 5 Magical Beasts.

Upon hearing this chat, Jian Chen couldn't help but laugh as he walked toward the Kai clan's compound.

Chapter 250: In Possession of Another Two Class 5 Monster Cores

Upon arriving at the Kai clan compound, Jian Chen walked past the gates unhindered as the guards respectfully called out to him.

Jian Chen continued to walk toward where the Flame Mercenaries were. Very few people were moving about, and not too far away, the sounds of pain and suffering could be heard loudly.

"Captain!"

"Captain!"

The moment they saw Jian Chen walk in, many of the Flame Mercenaries members scrambled to greet him with a greater tone of respect than before. During the magical beast wave, Jian Chen had killed many of the Class 4 Magical Beasts that were close to killing them, thus saving the lives of many of the Flame Mercenaries members while taking revenge for those who were dead.

"Captain, you've returned!" Qingfeng, Mo Tian, Charcas, Duo Kang and Seth all immediately came from within the courtyard to greet Jian Chen. Each one of them had a few wounds on their bodies, and the bandages wound around their wounds still had blood staining through them.

Slowly as everyone came to greet him, Jian Chen couldn't help but sigh in relief as he saw no serious wounds on the five Great Saint Masters. These five were the pillars of the Flame Mercenaries, and the goal of almost every member in there. He definitely did not wish to lose any of them.

"How are the casualties?" Jian Chen asked the five.

"The casualties aren't as heavy as expected. In total twenty of our brothers have lost their lives, eight of them were Saint Masters. Sixty more of our brothers are injured to a lesser degree as well." A man reported.

"That's not as bad as expected, that's good." Jian Chen relaxed before opening up his Space Belt. "Here are a thousand purple coins, go buy the medicine needed to heal our brothers and give the rest of the money to the families of the deceased."

"We thank the captain!"

With Jian Chen's actions, both the five Great Saint Masters and the rest of the members were moved. Immediately, their faces all lit up with emotions as they thanked him.

Within the mercenaries, while there were many people that were orphans, there were just as many of them with elderly parents or a wife and children. Many of them had risked their lives on the Tian Yuan Continent in order to improve themselves and make a living to support their families. They were the backbone of their families and the only source of income. With one's death, that meant their family would have no way of making a living and be forced to live an arduous life. Jian Chen's actions caused everyone there to be moved emotionally. With this, many of the mercenaries decided for good that they would follow Jian Chen in the future.

It could be said that this action of Jian Chen had purchased everyone's affection.

Two days later, Yun Li and two guards arrived at the Kai clan before walking into the small courtyard where Jian Chen was.

"Brother Jian Chen. After preparing for the past two days, the monster cores from the magical beast wave have all been gathered. In accordance to your contributions, the items in this Space Belt are for you." With that, Yun Li handed a Space Belt to Jian Chen.

Looking inside the Space Belt, Jian Chen saw a large pile of monster cores. There were plenty of Class 4 Monster Cores, but what had amazed Jian Chen the most was that there were two Class 5 Monster Cores.

"There are a total of four hundred Class 3 Monster Cores, a hundred Class 4 Monster Cores, and two Class 5 Monster Cores." Yun Li explained after handing it to him.

"Lord, surely the distribution of the monster cores is too much for me. A quarter of the monster cores here are of the Class 4 level, and there are even two Class 5 Monster Cores. This type of distribution will surely make many people bitter. It's also only reasonable to say that these two Class 5 Monster Cores should be given to the two senior envoys." Despite being tempted by the two Class 5 Monster Cores, Jian Chen knew that there were only three of them, if a single person were to get two of them, then the two envoys would definitely not feel satisfied by such a decision. Class 5 Monster Cores were rare treasures, and Jian Chen had no desire to offend two Earth Saint Masters. "Brother Jian Chen, this type of distribution is already unfair to you as it is. You've contributed so much to the magical beast wave efforts. Even if you were to collect half of the total Class 4 Monster Cores, no one would complain because aside from the Class 4 Magical Beasts killed by the Magical Crystal Cannons, the rest of them had been entirely killed by brother Jian Chen. Because of your actions in dealing with them, many of our brothers were saved. And for the Class 5 Monster Cores, this was what the senior envoys had both wanted." Yun Li explained.

"Haha, brother Jian Chen. These monster cores belong to you, so don't try to get out of it and just accept them." As soon as his laugh ended, the two white robed Katata and Katafei swiftly entered, with Katata speaking out kindly.

In the time span of the past two days, Katata and Katafei had quickly healed thanks to the Radiant Saint Master and their own healing ability.

"Brother Jian Chen. Even though you have two Class 5 Monster Cores, we feel that this is still too little. After all, all three of the Class 5 Magical Beasts were killed by your hand. If it were not for you, then the both of us would not have been able to kill any of the Class 5 Magical Beasts and would only have been able to run away. Even with just one Class 5 Monster Core, that is by itself a tremendous profit already." Katata spoke with a gentle laugh and a kind smile.

"Then if senior envoys both agreed to this, then I will accept it." Jian Chen smiled. Even Jian Chen wanted the Class 5 Monster Cores because of their overwhelming superiority over Class 4 Monster Cores. There was a huge qualitative and quantitative gap between the two as one Class 5 rivaled at the very least ten Class 4 Monster Cores.

"Brother Jian Chen, I've also consented to give all three Class 5 Magical Beast's corpses to you. I don't know how you plan to deal with them, whether it be sending them to the auction house or for your own personal usage." Katata laughed.

Jian Chen's eyes sparked dangerously as he said, "I will take the Golden Fur Tiger King. As for the Green Scaled Ape's corpse, the envoys can have it. After all if it were not for the chance given to me by the envoys, I would not have been able to kill the Green Scaled Ape."

Hearing that, Katata and Katafei both had happy looks on their faces, "Then we will happily take the Green Scaled Ape's body." With that, Katata didn't try to avoid taking the corpse. The corpse of the Green Scaled Ape was something that he desired, and had originally planned on buying the corpse from Jian Chen with money. However, now that Jian Chen had unexpectedly given him the corpse, then he would gladly accept it. From the three corpses, the Green Scaled Ape was the highest quality one since it was at the very least a Fifth Cycle Class 5 Magical Beast. This level of power was stronger than both Katata and Katafei, so the price would definitely be higher than that of the Golden Fur Tiger King and the Bladed Crocodile.

Afterward, Jian Chen and Katata began to talk to each other. There was a huge kind smile on Katata's face that would allow anyone to feel at ease when talking to him. Katafei on the other hand, had the expression of a board. Sitting by the side with a blank face, he was almost like a statue and did not say a single word.

"Brother Jian Chen, tomorrow Katafei and I will leave Wake City to return to our Tianlong City. Should you come by our Tianlong City, then you should go to the lord's mansion to find us. Should you also come across any trouble there, be sure to tell them our name. I believe no one would dare find trouble with you after that." After the battle, Katata had a favorable impression of Jian Chen's strength. He had killed multiple Class 4 Magical Beasts like ants and killed the Class 5 Golden Fur Tiger King with a single sword strike to the head. Then, with another strike, the Bladed Crocodile had its head shattered and rendered; anyone that had witnessed the fight would have been speechless. Even as Earth Saint Masters, Katata and Katafei didn't dare to try and be arrogant around Jian Chen and so they treated him as an equal and tried to strike a courteous relationship with him.

"Definitely. If I ever come across trouble, I will remember your words." Jian Chen smiled respectfully with gratitude.

Quickly, Katata and Katafei both left the courtyard leaving only Yun Li and Jian Chen behind.

"Brother Jian Chen, might you have any other questions for me?" Yun Li asked politely.

"Lord Yun Li, this one has one thing I hope you can help me with. Might you assist in finding some people for me?" Jian Chen immediately got straight to business.

"Haha, no problem. I don't know who brother Jian Chen wishes to find, but as long as they are within Wake City, then I will overturn the entire city to find them." Yun Li laughed.

Afterward, Jian Chen supplied Kendall and the other dead members' name and appearance to Yun Li before saying, "Lord Yun Li, would you be able to find their families for me?"

Yun Li furrowed his eyebrows, "Brother Jian Chen, this amount of information is too little. To try and find them from this information may be difficult, but don't worry. This matter is something I will personally oversee and search the entire city. Whether it is possible or not, I will find out. As long as they are in Wake City, then I will definitely do something."

Jian Chen nodded his head silently, "Right now, I only wish that they are in Wake City. Otherwise, with the continent being so vast, where would I go to find them? It is a shame that uncle Kendall's quick death left me with little information. He wasn't able to tell me where his family was, otherwise I wouldn't have such trouble."

"Brother Jian Chen, what type of connection does this Kendall have with you?" Seeing the expression on Jian Chen's face, Yun Li couldn't help but be curious.

Jian Chen's expression grew dark for a moment, "Uncle Kendall was the benefactor who saved my life and was also the first captain of the Flame Mercenaries."

"So it is like that." Yun Li suddenly connected the dots. Immediately, he left the courtyard in order to start the investigation.

In the afternoon, a member of the Flame Mercenaries came to Jian Chen's courtyard. "Captain, the captain of the Bloodrain Mercenaries wishes to see you."

From within, Jian Chen opened his eyes from his meditative position. "What purpose does he have?"

"It would appear he wishes to give thanks to you for saving his life." The mercenary responded.

"Tell him that a few days ago, everyone was in the same situation. Help should be a given, and so his thanks are unwarranted." Jian Chen replied evenly.

"Yes!" The mercenary replied before quickly leaving.

Not too long after that, another mercenary came by to Jian Chen's courtyard. "Captain, the captain of the Mercenaries of the War God is here to see you."

"Tell him that I am still recovering from my wounds and cannot properly receive him."

"Yes!"

"Captain, the captain of the Storm Mercenaries is here to see you."

"I'm not here!"

"Captain, the Blue Mercenaries vice captain is here to see you."

"I'm not here!"

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After that. Jian Chen's days were not peaceful. Countless of mercenary captains as well as the leaders of many clans came to see him in an endless stream. Right now four days had past since the magical beast wave had ended. Thus, many of the men who took part in the battle had researched just who the youth was that had rescued them as well as the one who killed the three Class 5 Magical Beasts. So more and more people came; after all, Jian Chen's fighting strength was on par with an Earth Saint Master so many people had wished to establish some sort of friendship with him.

Jian Chen had long since guessed their intent, so he locked the doors and refused to see anyone, otherwise he would have a huge mess on his hands.