

Dragon War God

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"I surrender!"

At the final moment, when Jin Ling had exhausted all of his techniques and plans, when he knew that he was no longer Long Chen's opponent even with the Golden Emperor Armor, he gave up. He had lost to Long Chen fair and square.

Long Chen did not press on after Jin Ling had given up. The Long-bearded Guest didn't have to do anything, since Long Chen stepped back on his own.

Long Chen put the Three Thousand Star Clusters away and released his transformation.

He had used almost all of his techniques in this battle. Thankfully, he didn't need to use his strongest technique to deal with Jin Ling. That showed how strong Jin Ling was.

Since Long Chen had stopped, the Long-bearded Guest didn't need to intervene in the fight. He stood in between them and announced, "The first battle is over. Jin Ling from the Five Element Alliance has surrendered. The victor is Long Chen from the Thunder Demon Faction! Hahaha, this is beyond my expectations!"

He looked at Long Chen in admiration.

Everyone else had more or less figured out that Long Chen would be the winner the moment Blood Devouring Domain was used. The Golden Emperor Armor was undoubtedly strong, and everyone thought Long Chen was going to lose, but who would've thought that he would be able to fight back even more ferociously? To think that he had a technique that could suppress Jin Ling.

It could've been said that Long Chen was stronger than Jin Ling in every aspect. Jin Ling had lost to Long Chen's Seven Star Body when it came to physical strength. He had also lost to Long Chen's Five Emperor Seals when it came to merging techniques. Even the Golden Emperor Armor lost to Long Chen's Three Thousand Star Clusters when it came to a match between treasures.

Jin Ling's loss was undoubtedly his own fault, so almost no one from the Five Element Alliance had any complaints about the result, seeing how strong Long Chen was. But that didn't mean that they weren't angry. Jin Ling was the largest hope for the Five

Element Alliance, and also the disciple that the Gold clan's patriarch had trained for the past ten years. This meant that the Five Element Alliance had lost the chance to obtain the Yellow Emperor's Key.

The Gold clan's patriarch and the others took a step back. Even though they had expected it, they still couldn't quite believe it.

Not even the Golden Emperor Armor was enough to net them a win. Their reputation was completely destroyed this time.

"My ancestors... Jin Ling has lost. What should we do..."

The Gold clan's patriarch was sorrowful. The Five Element Alliance had a lot of members, and six of them were at the Heavenly Martial Realm. Therefore, they had to select their candidates carefully. Even the candidacy held by the Long-bearded Guests was important to them.

That was why the Gold clan's patriarch had brought out the Golden Emperor Armor for Jin Ling. He was hoping that Jin Ling would be able to use it to defeat Wu Guangyu and bring home a win. No one had expected that someone called Long Chen would appear out of nowhere and snatch their hopes away by defeating Jin Ling in the first battle.

The Gold clan's patriarch took a deep breath to calm down. He had lived for a long time and knew when to give up. "A loss is a loss. They are lucky to have found someone that strong. We didn't lose to the Thunder Demon Faction, but to the inheritance of the Seven Star Lord."

His voice wasn't loud, but everyone heard it.

Bai Lan chuckled. "Luck is also a part of one's strength. To think that someone as old as you would fail to comprehend something so simple."

Bai Lan was beyond happy to see Long Chen win.

Everyone else, however, wasn't sure what to expect. Only Long Chen was calm. This was because he knew that while Jin Ling would be a formidable foe, he would surely end up winning.

After Long Chen won against Jin Ling, he looked at Wu Guangyu, the one who he wanted to kill. Long Chen had worked hard to reach this stage so he could defeat Wu Guangyu and take Xiaolang back. Long Chen had sacrificed a lot, especially when it came to enduring the incredible pain from the Seven Star Body. He had to endure it to finally cultivate the incredibly tough Seven Star Body.

Long Chen was calm when he said, "Don't lose to anyone. I will wait for you in the final match."

Wu Guangyu smirked and waved his hand. "Are you trying to taunt me? Don't talk about the finals yet. We still haven't started the semi-finals. Win against your next opponent, then we can talk."

Long Chen and Wu Guangyu's conversation made everyone realize that they had a grudge.

Long Chen said nothing more and returned to where Bai Lan was. There were still three more matches today. According to the ballot, the next two fighters were from the Five Element Alliance. While both of them were at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage, their fight wouldn't be as interesting as the match between Long Chen and Jin Ling.

The Long-bearded Guest waited until everyone calmed down from the buzz of the first fight and for Jin Ling to return to the Five Element Alliance. Then he chuckled as he announced, "What an incredible battle! The Nine Clan Martial Youth Competition is off to a great start! Now, for the second match, may the two competitors from the Five Element Alliance please step up!"

The two youths walked out and started fighting shortly after. Their match wasn't as incredible as Long Chen's, but it was still a fierce one. They fought for a very long time before a victor was decided.

The Five Element Alliance had been happy when they secured five spots for their own, but they had lost two of them in just the first two matches. It was clear that more and more of their contestants would be eliminated as the competition went on.

It was Wu Guangyu's turn to fight next. As expected, he easily won against his competitor from the Five Element Alliance. Wu Guangyu was the strongest youth recognized by everyone, and also the young master of the Divine clan. He literally stood above everyone. If the competition had been held in its usual place, tens of thousands of people would've cheered for him when he stood on the stage.

"Win against your next opponent if you want to fight me, but I don't mind being your next opponent ..."

Wu Guangyu laughed after defeating his opponent and taunted Long Chen in the end.

"You must be angry after I've stolen your pet, right? It's too bad that your pet doesn't recognize you anymore. I don't think I could return it to you even if I wanted to."

Wu Guangyu returned to where the Divine clan was standing.

Three matches had been completed out of the four, and now only Suxue from the Demon clan and a lady from the Water clan were left. The two of them were of the same sex, and the woman from the Five Element Alliance was the only other female who managed to enter the quarter-finals.

Unfortunately, the woman wasn't as popular as Suxue, Su Yan, or Feng Zhilin.

She walked to the stage and exclaimed loudly, "I am Shui Luan from the Water clan! Please treat me well!"

Her voice was soothing and she looked elegant, just like water. She was indeed one-of-a-kind and was most likely very popular in the Five Element Alliance. She looked meek compared to Suxue's bewitching air and Feng Zhilin's coldness.

Suxue bit her lips in anticipation. "Do you think I can win?"

Long Chen chuckled and teased her, "I think you will lose."

"Hmph! Just you wait!"

Suxue huffed as she walked into the arena.

The Long-bearded Guest looked at both of them lustfully until everyone else was irritated by his actions. He chuckled and said, "Um... You can start your match now. Don't harm each other, because it would hurt me to see you two hurt, hehe..."

"Scram!"

Suxue scolded him before she faced the woman from the Five Element Alliance. The two of them started their intense match.

Suxue was trying to impress Long Chen, so she attacked valiantly. She was using techniques of the Divine Demon Lord, a cultivator similar to the Seven Star Lord. She used an intermediate Emperor-tier martial technique, the Divine Demon Spin.

The technique consisted of nine different moves, with each of them connecting to the subsequent stronger ones. She used the technique to suppress her opponent from the start of the match.

"First Spin, Moving the Heavens and Earth!"

"Second Spin, Reverse the Rivers!"

"Third Spin, Shake the Mountains!"

She used the techniques consecutively, forcing her opponent backwards. The intermediate Emperor-tier martial technique increased in strength everytime it was used successfully, to the point that the ninth attack was nine times stronger than the first attack! The woman from the Water clan was pushed back from the torrent of attacks!

If Suxue continued to use the Divine Demon Spin, it would continue to grow in strength until Shui Luan was injured. To the Five Element Alliance, the loss of Jin Ling had been a devastating blow. They didn't have much hope for Shui Luan at this point. Even the patriarch of the Water clan was urging Shui Luan to give up when they saw how hard Suxue was suppressing her.

The match ended soon after, when Shui Luan surrendered .

The four losers from today were all from the Five Element Alliance. Only one of their people was left, and it wasn't even Jin Ling! It was a laughable result, and the Five Element Alliance had been thoroughly humiliated.

The Five Element Alliance had a lot of people, including experts, but very few of them were as strong as Long Chen, Wu Guangyu, and Jin Ling.

The patriarchs of the Five Element Alliance were incredibly sour.

The Water clan's patriarch sighed. "Damn it. It's because of the inheritance of one of the seven lords. We have lost because of their inheritances ..."

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"The Seven Lords were the subordinates of the Five Emperors, so their inheritances were supposed to be ours. This is an insult to us, the descendants of the Five Emperors..."

"If we had even one of their inheritances, we never would've lost. Their victory is due to their luck ..."

The other patriarchs from the Five Element Alliance were dissatisfied.

"Enough. We should focus on our goal, which is the secret realm that our ancestors left for us. The inheritances of the Seven Lords might be great, but can they rival the treasure inside the secret realm? Prepare yourselves and don't lose sight of our goal."

The others nodded at the Gold clan patriarch's words.

After Long Chen defeated Jin Ling, the results of the remaining fights were very predictable. After all, their match had been the highlight of the day, and everyone had been anticipating their fight.

Now they were looking forward to the match between Long Chen and Wu Guangyu. As for the disciple of the Five Element Alliance who made it into the semi-finals, no one expected anything from him. Suxue wasn't a favored candidate either because she lacked a Divine Weapon on the level of the Three Thousand Star Cluster and the Azure Lotus Sword.

Rather than calling it a match between Long Chen and Wu Guangyu, it was more of a match between the Seven Star Lord and the Azure Lotus Lord. Both of them were part of the Seven Lords, and they were considered the strongest ones.

After the battles concluded, Long-bearded Guest looked around excitedly and smiled. "The matches today were incredible, and it was an honor to serve as the referee! Tomorrow is the day of the semi-finals, and we must now decide the matches for tomorrow. You, the four youths, are you ready? Come over here!"

Suxue was still gloating to Long Chen when they heard the Long-bearded Guest calling for them. While the two made their way over, she asked, "There's only four of us now. What if we are chosen to fight against each other?"

"Then we can only fight. What else could we do? Do you think I'm afraid of you?"

Suxue rolled her eyes. "Screw you. Don't you take pity on women like me? You should let me win and be a gentleman instead."

Long Chen found that he liked teasing her after getting to know her better.

Was that a good thing or a bad thing?

Soon, the two of them reached the Long-bearded Guest. Long Chen and Wu Guangyu were glaring at each other, especially since they were only one to two meters apart. Suxue felt a cold bloodlust emanating from both of them.

"Alright, that's enough. No need to fight in front of an old man like me. Here, draw your lots. Let's see how good your luck is."

The Long-bearded Guest chuckled. He then showed them the wooden box with the numbers in it.

"I can't wait. I hope I get to fight you tomorrow."

Wu Guangyu reached into the wooden box and took out a ball with the number two on it.

He then smiled coldly. "Your turn."

There were only three balls left in the box. Long Chen had a one-in-three chance to fight against Wu Guangyu tomorrow. That would merely make their fight sooner rather than later, so Long Chen didn't mind. He reached in and grabbed a random ball.

"What number is it?"

Everyone craned their necks to get a look at the number on the ball with anticipation.

Long Chen saw the number one on the ball.

It was the same number that he had taken last time. He would be in the first match tomorrow. Unfortunately, that meant that he would be fighting against either Suxue or the person from the Five Element Alliance.

Wu Guangyu laughed, and he squinted dangerously. "Consider yourself lucky. You get to survive for another day."

"That's what I should say to you. Don't overestimate yourself. I won against Jin Ling today, and the next loser will be you."

Long Chen rolled his eyes and ushered Suxue to pick a ball.

Suxue was relaxed even though there was a fifty-fifty chance of fighting against Wu Guangyu tomorrow. She reached into the box and took out a wooden ball with the number one labeled on it.

The matches for tomorrow had been set. Long Chen would face Suxue, while Wu Guangyu would be fighting against the person from the Five Element Alliance.

"Alright, tomorrow's matches are set. As per the rules, we will rest for today and start the matches tomorrow afternoon. I won't keep you around, so go back and rest! There are quite a few women waiting for me. The Ancient Graveyard is so dangerous that a few women will sleep with me just to guarantee their safety. I didn't want to agree to it, but unfortunately, they are beautiful ... I mean, I have to save their lives out of mercy, so I have no choice but to do it ..."

The Long-bearded Guest ran away after he said that.

The people from the three factions had no reason to waste anymore time here and left without speaking to each other. The Five Element Alliance was ultimately the loser today. None of them were happy when they left.

"There's one more key, the Black Emperor Key. It will be ours! We will then have four spots, and we will send in four Heavenly Martial Realm experts. Let's see how the other

four clans compete against us! The Five Emperors' Secret Realm and the treasures in there belong to us, the descendants of the Five Emperors!"

The Gold clan's patriarch glared at everyone before leaving.

The Thunder clan and Demon clan returned to their original gathering location. Because Long Chen and Suxue had entered the semi-finals, all of them were celebrating with joy. The tournament wasn't just a method to decide who would be able to compete to get the Yellow Emperor Key, but also a way to showcase the strength of each faction.

If the tournament had been held in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, the Nine Clans would even pitch in a lot of treasures for the different winners. But because of how short they were on time, and due to them being in the Ancient Graveyard, where treasures were considered to be sensitive issues, only the winner would be able to win anything this time.

Still, those who had participated in the previous tournaments knew how different this one was.

Even though the Five Element Alliance had managed to send in a lot of candidates, only one of them had made it to the semi-finals. Their performance had been the worst. The Demon clan had sent two candidates, and two of them managed to reach the semi-finals. Their performance was the most brilliant. If the Divine clan did not win the tournament, the Demon clan would undoubtedly become the strongest of the nine clans.

The rankings of the Nine clans affected a lot of things, such as the allocation of resources and land. Most of their resources were affected by the Nine Clan Martial Youth Competition. However, land and resources paled in comparison when the Five Emperors' Treasure was just in front of them.

Amidst everyone's congratulations and cheers, Long Chen returned to where the Demon and Thunder clans were.

The Eight Sect Elders had no more objections in regards to Long Chen. In fact, they admired him now because they knew they were weaker than him. The Eight Sect Elders were almost as strong as the experts from the Five Element Alliance. In fact, even if the Seven Thunder Elders were to attack Long Chen at the same time, they would still fail to defeat him.

This was the gap between experts.

An expert at the Heavenly Martial Realm was comparable to an army numbering in the thousands. Even though Long Chen hadn't reached that realm yet, he was already considered undefeatable in the Earthly Martial Realm, except against Wu Guangyu.

Jin Ling was strong. He had an intermediate Emperor-tier Body Tempering Method, various Emperor-tier martial techniques, and even the ability to merge different Emperor-tier techniques. He even had the Gold clan's strongest treasure, the Golden Emperor Armor.

Despite all that, he had lost to Long Chen.

The members of the Thunder Demon Faction weren't worried at all since Long Chen was going to fight against Suxue tomorrow. In their eyes, the two of them were already husband and wife. Everyone expected that Suxue would lose to Long Chen and were instead more excited for Long Chen's fight against Wu Guangyu.

Bai Lan advised Long Chen, "I won't talk much about your fight with Suxue tomorrow. You can just play around if you want. But go all-out in your fight with Wu Guangyu the day after tomorrow."

"You don't have to tell me that. I've been waiting to fight Wu Guangyu for a very long time."

Long Chen was bullied by Wu Guangyu when he first entered the Ancient Graveyard. He had almost lost his life. This time, he would pay Wu Guangyu back for all of the resentment he had kept bottled up. He was also doing this for Mo Xiaolang's sake and also to make Wu Guangyu regret his actions.

"I won't say more, then. You and Suxue are still young, so make sure to talk to each other more, hahaha..."

Bai Lan and Lei Ji laughed as they left. They brought out some good alcohol while the others grilled a lot of delicious beast meat. Bai Lan and Lei Ji laughed as they played chess. Long Chen had indeed improved their reputation greatly today.

"That ..." Suxue was awkward when Bai Lan told her to stay with Long Chen tonight. Her father's whims had always been random and mysterious.

"What's wrong?"

Long Chen found a clean boulder and sat on it. The moonlight gave his skin a light gray hue.

He then started to cultivate. His battle with Jin Ling had injured him lightly and cost him a lot of essence. He needed time to recover, and he expected to make a full recovery by daybreak tomorrow.

"Let's talk a bit."

Suxue braced herself. She still remembered the first time she met Long Chen, when she had thought that he was lying to Suyan. Suxue had been harsh on him back then even though that wasn't who she was. But after spending four months with him, she still couldn't quite figure out who Long Chen was.

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Chapter 823 - A Choice With No Regrets

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Long Chen had grown a lot in just four months. Suxue, who was considered a genius ever since she was young, regarded Long Chen as a monster for catching up to her at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage.

In terms of talent, she had never seen anyone on par with him.

"Come and sit."

Long Chen noticed that Suxue appeared to have some reservations, so he let her sit beside him. The two of them looked like a perfect couple when they sat beside each other. The others saw them and admired how perfect they looked for each other.

Long Chen looked at her, causing her to blush and hold onto her robes tightly.

"I wanted to ask... Are you leaving after this?"

Long Chen was silent. He needed to find the exit of the Ancient Graveyard with Xiaolang and find out about the Five Emperors' Treasure. He indeed was going to leave. He could not stay here in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory to live with Suxue. That wasn't who Long Chen was. He had sacrificed so much to get here, and he would never go back.

"I ... have to leave."

Long Chen was adamant when he told Suxue his answer.

Suxue paused and hid her feelings. "Don't... Don't overthink it. I'm asking you for the sake of my sister. But... Will you really leave and never stay with us in the Demon clan? I... My father and my sister... They need you..."

"You are the one who wants me to stay, right?" Long Chen bluntly said as he stared at her. His burning gaze made her blush and look away.

"Stop saying nonsense. I just need you to give me an answer."

Long Chen understood her feelings and said, "Then... Why do you need me to stay?"

"My sister and I are girls. We do not meet the expectations of our father when it comes to combat. My father loves us a lot, and we are worried that we won't be able to take on his mantle to lead the Demon clan. You are much stronger than the two of us, so..."

Long Chen chuckled. "Does that mean I get to marry the two of you if I stay here? I can then control the Demon clan and become the most influential person in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, right?"

"Bullshit!" Suxue pushed him lightly. "You are too greedy. My sister and I are the princesses of the Demon clan. We can't both marry you. I... My sister loves you a lot. If you want, you can marry my sister in a few years..."

Suxue made her decision when she said that.

"Only one of you? But I want both of you. I won't stay unless both of you marry me."

Long Chen teased her further.

"You... How can you be so greedy?" Suxue was angry when she said this.

Long Chen rolled his eyes. "Aren't all men the same? We want as many beautiful girls as we can get."

"Bastard..." Suxue huffed in anger and only spoke after some time. "Give me some time to think. Even if I agreed to it, I don't think my father would ..."

Long Chen was speechless when he saw that Suxue was serious. His eyes became stern when he realized that this was important for Suxue. He had treated her as a friend, just like Long Yue and Lan Xiang'er. They were siblings, but it appeared that it wasn't the same for Suxue and Suyan.

From the day Long Chen crashed into Heavenly Wood City, he had been a bright star that had attracted the attention of the two sisters.

Long Chen saw the same kind of gaze in Suxue's eyes that he had seen in Liu Yiyi. This made his heart sink.

He was now faced with a choice that he had never expected to make. If he agreed and returned to the Ten Thousand Nations Territory with Suxue, he would undoubtedly

become a lord of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. Neither Wu Lian nor Bai Lan would be able to defeat him.

If he chose to stay, he could not only monopolize Suxue and Suyan, he could even go back and find Liu Yiyi, who was waiting for him. These women would be completely loyal to him. After that, every single woman would long for him and he would become a legend.

This was the temptation that Suxue was presenting to him.

His other choice was to continue his journey and go forward, to chase after Ling Xi. It was a far-fetched dream, and also his first love. He would have to fulfill the promise that he had made two years ago!

It was Long Chen's obsession, and also his life. He was not only chasing after Ling Xi, but also his cousin, Yang Lingqing. She was most likely in the Three Emperor Territory. Li Xuanji had once told him that he would never make it there, but Long Chen was going to prove that he could!

Also, if he stayed in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, his strength would undoubtedly become stagnant. Anyone from the Three Emperor Territory would be able to destroy his glory in just a single night, just like how Long Chen had been powerless before Ling Xi's brother.

Heading to the Three Emperor Territory was also part of Long Chen's pursuit for strength.

What was the Three Emperor Territory like? How strong were the people there?

How strong were the Ten Dragon Ancestors?

What was the mysterious Dragon Jade Pendant? He knew about the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon and the Primordial Time Dragon, but who were the other Dragon Ancestors?

What would his dragon-shaped Martial Soul look like at the end of its evolution?

Would he really become a Dragon Ancestor once he fully absorbed all of the Inherited Blood Essence?

More importantly, what kind of person was his father? Who was Long Qinglan?

Did Long Chen have any family members other than his father and the Yang family from Baiyang Town?

Long Qinglan wanted Long Chen to walk a path filled with impossibilities. Would he be scorned by Long Qinglan if he chose comfort right now?

Everything was spurring Long Chen forward. He couldn't stop now!

But at the same time, untold dangers awaited him if he chose this path. How many times had he risked his life in the past two years?

The Three Emperor Territory was the true stage of the Dragon Continent. Long Chen was almost there, the boundless land filled with extremely powerful cultivators. Everyone there could kill him at any time.

On one end was a cushy life, while on the other was a path filled with thorns.

On one end was a place where the spirit could rest in peace, while the other signified the amelioration of the soul and the pursuit of life!

On one end was the choice of a coward, while on the other was the choice of a man who did not fear death!

Long Chen made his choice after a brief period of hesitation.

He had to admit that even he felt tired sometimes. That was why he had hesitated, but even though he was tired, he still chose to chase after what he wanted.

I hope that one day I will be able to stand at the peak of this world and fulfill all of my dreams. I hope that I won't regret my choice today.

Long Chen took a deep breath.

"Suxue, I'm so sorry."

Suxue was worrying about a lot of things when Long Chen stopped her thoughts in their tracks.

"What's wrong?" Suxue was conflicted too. She had no idea what he would say next.

Long Chen looked at her seriously. "I can't stay. I cannot go back to the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. I don't know if Yan'er told you about my story, but the reason I entered the Ancient Graveyard is to find a way to go to the Three Emperor Territory. I have a promise to fulfill, and also something that I must find no matter what. I have to pay the price for my previous weakness, and this is my destiny. I'm sorry, I was teasing you just now."

Suxue was stunned and only lowered her head softly after a long time. "Yan'er told me a bit. You are chasing after someone called Ling Xi, right? Is she pretty?"

Suxue liked gossip. After setting aside her worries, she was now interested in the woman called Ling Xi.

“Yes, she is the prettiest, kindest, cutest ...”

Long Chen was excited to talk about her, but he stopped as soon as he saw Suxue’s face turning sour.

“Is she prettier than me?” Suxue asked in a hushed tone.

“That ... I can’t compare the two of you. You are very different. But I promise that you are indeed pretty, to the point that a lot of people would seek your affection.”

“Liar.”

Even though she had said that, she was still satisfied with Long Chen’s answer. Suxue wasn’t unreasonable; she knew when to back off, especially since Long Chen had given her an answer. She would never speak of it again.

She liked people like Long Chen, but if Yan’er had been telling her the truth, then Suxue wouldn’t stop Long Chen here. She would actually support him, and she wouldn’t forgive herself if she made Long Chen stay.

Making him stay here was nothing but her own desire.

“Alright, then ... You can cultivate in peace now, for the sake of your future. If you succeed, please come back and visit us, especially Yan’er. She misses you a lot...”

Suxue then leapt down from the boulder to leave.

“Where are you going?”

“Me? I’m going to cultivate too. I’m fighting you tomorrow after all. I won’t lose nor give up. Don’t worry about us. Even without you, we will be able to command the Demon clan. We won’t let you look down on us!”

Suxue raised her fist playfully and displayed her bravery for Long Chen.

Long Chen laughed. “In that case, I am relieved to see that someone as barbarous as you will lead the Demon clan.”

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Suxue rolled her eyes at what Long Chen called her, making her look more attractive. She then left gracefully, but after a few steps, she turned around and said, "Long Chen ..."

"What is it?"

She bit her lip, but still pushed through and said, "Many things change with time. If one day, while you're working very hard, you realize that many things are not as what you imagined, do not feel too dejected. Come back to the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. There will still be many people waiting for you ..."

Long Chen pursed his lips. After a long time, he finally nodded and said, "Alright."

Then Suxue left, feeling assured. Her departure was quick.

"Tsk ts! Did you break another heart? Brat, when you meet Ling Xi, I will tell her about each and every girl you flirted with! I can't wait to see her make you kneel for ten days and ten nights! Haha ..." said Little Cat, clutching his belly with laughter after he emerged from the Primordial Realm.

"Get out!" Long Chen glared at him, then he started cultivating.

Initially, he had felt lost.

But after Suxue gave him a choice to make, he reaffirmed his beliefs and decided that he would continue charging forward!

Even though he did not know what lay ahead. Even though there would be death and goodbyes. Even though he could lose everything, including his life. He would do it without regret or complaint.

Little Cat stared at the teenager in a daze. After a while, he nodded and said, "From what I can see, this teenager is pure to the bone. He is a prodigy of cultivation, and will surely become something great in the future ..."

Far behind Little Cat, Suxue was also standing there, watching Long Chen focus on his cultivation in a daze. After a long time, she finally turned to leave. Not far away, two men were watching her.

"Xue'er is a good girl! That brat is blind," said Lei Ji, slightly mad.

Bai Lan gave a small smile. "It was always going to be like this. As I said before, he is a traveler. Her attempt was good, but this is the result I expected.

"I don't know what secrets that brat holds. I have never met someone who made me feel this nervous about their secrets."

The night passed quickly while Long Chen was deeply immersed in cultivation.

Long Chen had picked the number one, so he was in the first duel, and he was up against Suxue. Her expression was slightly icy today. Perhaps she had been embarrassed by his response yesterday. Even when Long Chen tried to cheer her up, she was cold towards him.

A woman's heart is like a needle in the ocean. I shouldn't spend too much time trying to figure her out, or I'll just end up nowhere. Long Chen smiled to himself.

On this day, the Five Elements Alliance was purely here to gain experience. The battles of the day were not very attractive to the audience.

The only duel whose result was slightly uncertain was the battle between Long Chen and Suxue. As for the duel between Wu Guangyu and the cultivator from the Five Elements Alliance, everyone already knew what the result would be. This was because his strength was very memorable to them.

"Let's begin! You brat, don't you dare hurt my beautiful girl, or I'll rip you to pieces!" said the Long-Bearded Guest, trying to scare Long Chen.

Of course, he would not dare do anything to Long Chen. With the Long-Bearded Guest's wisdom, he could see that Long Chen would surely become a fearsome master in the future if he was allowed to grow.

Long Chen ignored him, because Suxue's ice-cold glare worried him.

What's going on with her? Long Chen was speechless.

Had his teasing from yesterday made her angry?

After the Long-Bearded Guest announced the start of the duel, Suxue did not hold back at all. She immediately started the duel with her killer move – the Divine Demon Nine Spirals!

Among the younger generation, only Long Chen, Wu Guangyu, and Jin Ling were capable of using intermediate Emperor-tier attacks. Long Chen and Jin Ling had intermediate Emperor-tier body tempering techniques.

Long Chen could now combine three Emperor Seals, and the result was an attack as powerful as an intermediate Emperor-tier combat technique.

When Suxue unleashed the Divine Demon Lord's body combat technique, she suddenly turned into a sophisticated, illusory silhouette and charged toward Long Chen. In the blink of an eye, the Divine Demon Nine Spins arrived right in front of him.

"First Spin, Moving the Heavens and Earth!

"Second Spin, Reverse the Rivers!"

The Divine Demon Nine Spins arrived one after another like a tidal wave, and they grew increasingly stronger. The second spin was twice the strength of the first, the third spin was thrice the strength of the first, and so on!

Long Chen did not let his guard down in the face of Suxue's attacks. She was using an actual intermediate Emperor-tier combat technique after all, and that was probably one of Bai Lan's strongest techniques too.

Long Chen took out the Three Thousand Star Clusters and injected his essence into it. When the first spin arrived in front of him, he unleashed the power of his essence, and the Three Thousand Star Clusters turned into a long whip that struck the first spin, therefore neutralizing its power!

I didn't know this woman was that strong.

Long Chen could feel the might of the Divine Demon Nine Spins from the first spin alone. Suxue was personally raised by Bai Lan after all. Despite looking like a fragile girl, she was actually terrifying when she was furious!

He used the Three Thousand Star Clusters to shatter two consecutive spins. He was now very familiar with the usage of the Three Thousand Star Clusters, and once his cultivation improved, he would be able to discover the Seven Star Lord's most powerful combat technique inside the Three Thousand Star Clusters!

Other than the Three Thousand Star Clusters itself, that combat technique was actually the most powerful part of the Seven Star Lord's inheritance!

"Third Spin, Moving the Mountains!"

Suxue gave a loud cry. Her beautiful face was frosty and she released an immense amount of essence, which turned into an image of the Divine Demon that charged at Long Chen!

She's so fierce! It looked like Suxue was fighting him for real. Long Chen knew that he had genuinely offended the woman now. He gritted his teeth, injected all of his strength

into the Three Thousand Star Clusters, and swung it as hard as he could. It blocked Suxue's third spin!

After the third spin failed, Suxue launched her fourth spin, which was even stronger. Long Chen squinted. He activated his Dragon Soul Transformation, increasing his capabilities to the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage. At this level, he was strong enough to duel Suxue directly.

Now that he was stronger, he effortlessly shattered her fourth spin with his Three Thousand Star Clusters.

Suxue did not let up. Very soon, the fifth spin arrived. The image of the Divine Demon spun in front of him, and it was much stronger than the previous attack.

Is she really fighting with all her strength? Women are scary. Having no other choice, Long Chen could only retaliate with an even stronger attack, subsequently destroying the fifth, sixth, and seventh spins. While the Divine Demon Nine Spins was indeed an impressive technique, Suxue still could not use it to its full extent at her current level!

"Long Chen!" Suxue cried with embarrassment and anger in her eyes. One by one, her attacks had been shattered, and her determination to teach him a lesson intensified. She launched her eighth spin, which flew at Long Chen!

You scary woman ... Long Chen turned and swung the Three Thousand Star Clusters. The purple celestial Qi on it turned into a long dragon. Then it collided with the Divine Demon image!

"Haargh!" The powerful attack sent Suxue flying backwards. Long Chen had limited his strength so he would not bring her any harm. She was a good girl after all, and he could not bear to hurt her. After today, he started to know her on a deeper level. Although she usually seemed bold, she was actually just an inexperienced, innocent young woman.

Suxue did a flip mid-air, and her essence aggregated at her chest. Her clothes flapped loudly in the air. With her expression still icy, she descended from the sky and launched the final spin at Long Chen!

"Ninth Spin, Divine Demon Spin!"

The Divine Demon image suddenly split into nine, with each section turning into a tornado, each flying at Long Chen from a different direction.

"Why?" Long Chen was puzzled. Why was she still attacking him?

If Long Chen launched another attack, he could quickly destroy her Divine Demon Spin, but he was just showing mercy.

“You’re a jerk!”

Suxue’s insult came from above. When Long Chen looked up, he saw that the girl was already crying. His decision yesterday had indeed hurt her, and before that, he had even teased her a little bit ...

Indeed, fooling around has a price ...

The mighty Divine Demon Spin arrived in front of him immediately. This attack was very powerful, but the crowd was not really worried. If Long Chen used that terrifying technique he had used against Jin Ling, he could surely defeat it.

But to everyone’s shock, Long Chen put away the Three Thousand Star Clusters at the last moment. Then he opened his arms so the Divine Demon Spin slammed into his chest without obstruction!

Boom!

Everyone was stunned, including Bai Lan and Lei Ji. Neither of them had expected this!

“Oh no!” Bai Lan’s face changed.

He knew that Suxue was throwing a tantrum, but Long Chen was a mature person. Why was he now playing into her tantrum?

Long Chen was going to face Wu Guangyu tomorrow, so if he was hurt, how would he fight? Let Suxue fight Wu Guangyu?

That was definitely off the table.

Bai Lan could not figure it out. To him, Long Chen could have ignored Suxue’s tantrum because she would have recovered soon enough. Was it necessary to get beaten up?

And why did he have to wait until the ninth spin of the Divine Demon Nine Spins?

The one in most disbelief was Suxue. When she saw that Long Chen was hurt, tears fell from her eyes ...

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Long Chen had always been one to do unexpected things, and although Bai Lan and the other people were used to it, they were still sweating at a moment like this.

He had taken the full brunt of the intermediate Emperor-tier attack. Who would dare do such a thing? Not even Bai Lan and the others were stupid enough to do something like that.

After the loud boom, Long Chen was thrown back into the air.

“Long Chen!” Suxue was frozen with shock. She descended woodenly and stood in her spot in disbelief. However, she was privately resentful too. She was just slightly venting her anger on him; how could she have known that he would do this?

That was completely Long Chen’s decision. It had nothing to do with her.

When she saw Long Chen fly through the air, she rushed over to him.

Was he dead?

This was the question that popped into everyone’s minds, but then they saw the flying body suddenly flip, and he stably landed on the ground.

That bitch! Her attack was definitely very strong! Long Chen was privately regretting his decision ten thousand times over. The pain in his chest was making him grit his teeth. He actually had blocked her attack by gathering all the celestial Qi from the Seven Star Body in his chest. The celestial Qi would also bring harm to Suxue, so in the end, Suxue retracted some of her force.

The Three Thousand Star Clusters also helped Long Chen block the attack. It was made out of three thousand stars, so under his control, they formed a circular shield at his chest. Very few people saw this, and even Suxue was not sure what had happened. She had not expected him to not dodge her attack at all!

She had merely wanted to complete a full set of the Divine Demon Nine Spins. If she still had not defeated Long Chen by then, she would have automatically admitted defeat.

To her surprise, Long Chen had not dodged her attack, which stunned her, and she frantically tried to retract the final spin.

She was familiar with exactly how strong it was, and even thought Long Chen would die. But after Long Chen was hit, although his face was pale and there was a little blood on the corner of his mouth, his essence was still strong and his gaze was still sharp.

When she saw his response, she hurriedly stopped in front of him.

The whole place was absolutely silent for a moment.

“Why ... why didn’t you dodge?” she stuttered after she saw that he had survived.

Long Chen withstood the fiery pain in his chest, gritting his teeth. He looked at her determinedly and said, “Don’t overthink it. I’m just trying to see how strong my body is. Since you weren’t able to defeat me, it’ll be my turn to attack you next.”

Is that really the case? Suxue asked in her heart as she stared at him hesitantly. She had a feeling that it was not the only reason.

“Let’s continue,” said Long Chen, raising his hand.

“There’s no need.” Suxue shook her head, took a glance at Bai Lan, then said, “I have already lost. You win.”

Even her most powerful attack had barely damaged Long Chen, so she had lost. She did not say anything else and walked past Long Chen to return to her spot behind Bai Lan. Long Chen’s reaction had made her very emotional.

Is he compensating for what he said to me yesterday? Suxue bit her lip. She was not sure why, but her vision was getting blurry and tears were about to fall.

Long Chen had won. He had successfully entered the finals.

After Long Chen left, Wu Guangyu and his opponent, a Five Elements Alliance expert, entered the ring. After a quick attack, that person lost to Wu Guangyu. As a result, Wu Guangyu became Long Chen’s final opponent. Everyone had expected this result.

The final fight no longer had anything to do with the Five Elements Alliance.

This was a fight between the Divine and the Demon clans. Both factions glared at each other, and the tension in the air thickened.

“If you can, take Long Chen’s life for me,” Feng Zhilin said softly into Wu Guangyu’s ear with an icy expression on her face.

“Don’t worry, Sister Zhilin. I will surely do it.” Wu Guangyu nodded with a smile on his face.

Next to him, Wu Lian shook her head and said, “You will have many chances to kill him in the future. There is no need to take the risk here. Most importantly, you must defeat him and become the champion. Long Chen really is a rare prodigy, proven by how he could withstand Suxue’s final Divine Demon Spin.”

"I understand, Mother," said Wu Guangyu with a respectful nod. Though there was some reverence in his eyes when he looked at his mother, there was not much familial love in his gaze.

Wu Guangyu had grown up being loved by Wu Lian, and he did everything she told him to. In front of Wu Lian, he was an obedient son through and through. Only when he was away from her did the arrogant Wu Guangyu appear.

Although Wu Guangyu looked quiet and obedient, his inner heart was filled with insane arrogance and coldness. He was even more arrogant than Feng Zhilin was, having been the second most powerful person in the whole Divine clan his whole life.

After the Long-Bearded Guest announced Wu Guangyu's victory, the Divine and Demon clans did not talk much. They returned to their original spots. The atmosphere was very strange due to the spat between Long Chen and Suxue.

Looking at the pair, Bai Lan sighed and decided not to bother with it. Long Chen taking a blow from her was basically paying back what he owed. Now that he had paid her back, he no longer owed Suxue anything.

But to Suxue, for a short while, this would make her even sadder.

Long Chen did not know what to do at all. He merely wanted to let the girl vent her anger on him and did not overthink it. However, now Suxue had more misunderstandings and he could not do anything about it.

"The final duel will be tomorrow. You're the hope of the Demon clan. Do well. It doesn't matter how difficult your opponent is, just use a hundred percent of your strength. You can do it!"

This was what Bai Lan said to Long Chen before he left.

I've waited six months for this. Now the time has finally come ... Looking at the moon in the sky, Long Chen clenched his fists. It could be said that he had put in all that effort to grow so he could prove his strength tomorrow in front of Wu Guangyu.

He had already proven a lot during this time, but before he truly defeated Wu Guangyu, the legendary young master of the Divine clan and the strongest of the younger generation, his accomplishments meant nothing.

This was about to be the most anticipated duel in the Nine Clans Martial Youth Competition.

Suxue had indeed injured Long Chen today, as the Divine Demon Nine Spins was not a joke. However, after a night of treatment and rest, Long Chen quickly recovered. In the blink of an eye, the next day arrived. It was time for the finals.

Long Chen suddenly thought about the Five-Colored Altar.

Those black-robed people—no, they're from the demon race. They said they want to give away the Black Emperor Key, but when? Once we receive news about the Black Emperor Key, the patriarchs of the nine clans, the Long-Bearded Guest, Ancestor Jin, and the others will not be able to stand still.

Long Chen hoped that the news would not come too quickly, or it would ruin his plan for defeating Wu Guangyu.

Taking Xiaolang from him was an unforgivable offense. If it wasn't for the fact that Xiaolang was not affected by Wu Guangyu's hypnosis, Long Chen and Xiaolang's brotherly relationship would have been broken just like that.

This was a major offense.

The most anticipated moment had come. The Martial Youth Competition was about to end, and it was time for the final duel. Everyone was a little anxious. It was noon, and very soon, Bai Lan arrived. He and Long Chen locked eyes. Long Chen did not speak as they made their way to the outside of Confounding City.

"I won't say much. For my sake, for Xue'er and Yan'er's sakes, you must keep yourself alive. Be careful," Bai Lan said calmly.

"Alright." Long Chen did not have much to say.

Suxue was behind Bai Lan. Long Chen was about to enter the most important fight, and the results were uncertain. Despite her reservations with him, she let them go and whispered, "Be careful."

"Just hearing that from you is enough," Long Chen said with a grin.

He turned around and looked at the Divine clan.

Feng Zhilin, Feng Qing, Wu Guangyu, Wu Lian, and the elders of the Divine Wind Faction were there. They were all experts at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage and above. All of them were looking at Long Chen, and a powerful aura swept toward him. This imposing force was enough to make anyone nervous.

But it did not scare Long Chen.

The expressions from the Divine Wind Faction were icy, like permafrost that could not melt in ten thousand years. Sky-high killing intent erupted from every one of them. Their objective was to intimidate Long Chen.

Do you think you can scare me with such cheap tricks? Long Chen's gaze turned cold. He straightened his back and walked forward. Purple celestial Qi swirled around his body, forming a thin membrane. Killing intent as strong as his opponents' radiated from him.

He strode to the center between both factions. He was not intimidated by them at all.

The Divine Wind Faction immediately felt bored by his lack of reaction. After they retracted their auras, they put on nonchalant expressions.

"Yu'er, go," Wu Lian said gently in the center of the group.

Wu Guangyu nodded. Everyone watched with anticipation as he arrived in front of Long Chen in a flash. Sophisticated but terrifying power radiated from his body.

That was the Azure Lotus Lord's inheritance.

Long Chen's journey had led him to become one of the two strongest prodigies of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory.

His starting point was countless times lower than Wu Guangyu, but he had made it anyway. Because he was Long Chen.

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Wu Guangyu had a similar quality to Wu Lian; both of them had gazes as deep as the abyss. He studied Long Chen for a while, then he said, "I remember you once swore to kill me. That was when I took your pet beast. Do you remember?"

Long Chen nodded. Of course he did. That goal had led him to his current position today.

Wu Guangyu smiled and said, "At the time, I did not think that you would actually be standing in front of me like this today ..."

"What are you trying to say?" asked Long Chen, arching his eyebrow.

Wu Guangyu paused, then he answered, "I'm saying that it is a pity. You have indeed improved a lot, but when you were improving, I was improving too. Take out your Three Thousand Star Clusters!"

As he spoke, Wu Guangyu pointed his index finger, and a faint, azure light started to glow on his fingertip. An illusory, azure lotus appeared on it.

"This is the Azure Lotus Sword!" Wu Guangyu said gently with a look of admiration.

They had only just arrived and had not even fought yet, but Wu Guangyu had taken out his killer weapon. This showed how seriously he took Long Chen.

Long Chen indeed sensed an aura as powerful as the Three Thousand Star Clusters on his fingertip. That was an advanced Emperor-tier divine weapon, and like the Three Thousand Star Clusters, it was very close to the Divine tier. It was the strongest weapon beneath the Divine tier.

Under Wu Guangyu's control, the Azure Lotus Sword slowly emerged from his finger. It was a sword that was fully azure. From afar, it looked like a flat piece of bamboo. When studied closely, it was actually a piece of extraordinarily beautiful azure jade.

Azure lotus patterns appeared on the blade, and although it looked beautiful, the sharp glints from the blade showed that it was not to be underestimated. It was surely as sharp as the tip of the Three Thousand Star Clusters.

"Four months have passed. After such a long time of study, Yu'er should have been able to master the Azure Lotus Sword already, right?" Feng Qing asked the icy Wu Lian teasingly.

"The Azure Lotus Sword works in a pair with the White Lotus. Even after studying the White Lotus for a long time, I haven't managed to master it completely, let alone Yu'er. However, Yu'er has achieved a certain level of breakthrough," Wu Lian said gently, her gaze and expression unchanging.

"Long Chen only knows how to wave the Three Thousand Star Clusters randomly. Even if Yu'er only understands a small sliver, he'll be much stronger than Long Chen. He has an eighty percent chance of winning today," said Feng Qing, stroking his beard.

He had a large swatch of beard, but it was not as long as the Long-Bearded Guest's.

Wu Lian did not respond to Feng Qing. Above the white veil, her deep eyes watched Long Chen and Wu Guangyu, resembling a deep, ancient well. There was a saying—"there are no ripples in an old well." Outsiders found it difficult to know what she was thinking.

The fight had not started yet. Similar discussions were also happening within the Five Elements Alliance and Thunder Demon Faction.

Wu Guangyu took out his Azure Lotus Sword and held it gently, pointing its tip to the ground. By then, Long Chen was already holding the colorful, shining Three Thousand Star Clusters in his hand.

Glancing at the Three Thousand Star Clusters, Wu Guangyu shook his head. He did not attack but instead remarked, "You're not an Armament Warrior, but you hold a divine weapon of this level in your hand. This is an insult to the Three Thousand Star Clusters. It indeed is time for the Three Thousand Star Clusters to change its owner."

Long Chen remembered that Wu Guangyu once called himself a true Sword Warrior. One of the Three Emperor Territories was named the Swordsoul Territory, which was where Ling Xi was from. There were probably many Sword Warriors there, hence Long Chen became interested in what Wu Guangyu said.

Beast Warriors were very common in places of Yuanling City's level. However, the stronger Long Chen became, the fewer Beast Warriors he met. Although he had not gone to the Three Emperor Territories, he already knew that there were not many Beast Warriors there, though there were true members of the demon race. While the Ten Thousand Nations Territory did not have many Armament Warriors, there were so many in the Three Emperor Territories that they formed a large faction.

Wu Guangyu had said before that the Armament Warriors in the Three Emperor Territories were different from the ones Long Chen knew about.

What was different about them?

Wu Guangyu was a true Sword Warrior. The feeling he gave Long Chen was like a sharp, unsheathed sword.

"You're a Sword Warrior? What is the difference between a Sword Warrior like you and me? Why would you be qualified to use a divine weapon, but not me?" Long Chen started to discuss with Wu Guangyu before their duel.

"Fine. I'll tell you before you die, so that you won't die without knowing what happened." Wu Guangyu's gaze was still but distant, as if he was an immortal. A cool breeze blew, making his clothes flap loudly. It made him look like a magnificent swordsman.

"The Armament Warrior inheritance that I received came from the Three Emperor Territories. You probably think that if someone has an Armament Soul in their dantian, they'll be an Armament Warrior. That's actually far from the full story. When a cultivator enters the Heavenly Martial Realm, their Armament Soul will condense to form a Sword Root. That is when one becomes a true Sword Warrior." Wu Guangyu gently waved the

Azure Lotus Sword. He did not even look at Long Chen, but instead gazed at his three-foot-long azure blade.

“Heavenly Martial Realm? Then does that mean you don’t have the Sword Root yourself? You can’t be considered a true Sword Warrior yet, so what right do you have to talk about me?” asked Long Chen.

After Wu Guangyu heard him, he laughed softly for a while, then he shook his head. He looked at Long Chen as if he could not be saved, and said with contempt, “A hillbilly will always be a hillbilly. I am just one step away from the Heavenly Martial Realm. Condensing the Sword Root to become a Sword Warrior is just a matter of time. Once I do it, very few people in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory will be a match for me. This is also why my mother was able to become the strongest in the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory!”

Wu Guangyu thought he was very smart, but to Long Chen, he was just an idiot. The more Long Chen could learn about Sword Warriors, the more he would benefit, so he continued, “What is a Sword Root, then? How could it be that strong?”

“When the Armament Soul absorbs the Martial Soul and the power of essence, another type of Martial Soul forms, called the Sword Root. It is the core of an Armament Warrior. We can merge our Sword Roots with weapons to gain absolute control over them. At the same time, we can let our Sword Roots consume weapons and make it evolve to take control of other more powerful weapons. At the same time, we can use a hundred percent of a divine weapon’s strength. The journey of mastering the Armament Soul, or rather, the journey of the Sword Path, is divided into four levels. Although I have not reached the Heavenly Martial Realm, I have already achieved the first level of Sword Path Comprehension—Heart Comprehension!”

Then he glanced smugly at Long Chen and continued, “Heart Comprehension allows for me and the Azure Lotus Sword to communicate through the heart. While you still struggle with the Three Thousand Star Clusters, I have gained absolute control over my sword. Heart communication allows the sword and I to function as one, leading to three times the attack power! Of course, these are all minor things ... At the fourth stage, the cultivator can use ten times his original attack power. This is what an Armament Warrior, a Sword Warrior, truly is!”

Wu Guangyu looked at the Three Thousand Star Clusters with amusement as he said, “You are not an Armament Warrior. Forget about the four stages of the Sword Path. You’ll probably spend your whole life trying to control the Three Thousand Star Clusters, and you might not even be able to use fifty percent of its strength. Tell me, aren’t you just sullyng a divine weapon like the Three Thousand Star Clusters? As for using your blood for it to recognize you as its master—that is just an elementary-level contractual relationship. You can only truly own a divine weapon when your Sword Root devours it! You do not have an Armament Soul, so you cannot form a Sword Root. Therefore, you do not deserve to become the owner of the Three Thousand Star Clusters!”

Long Chen was quiet for a while.

I see. It looks like I really am not suited for a weapon, then. Although weapons indeed provide a huge boost in battle, the Three Thousand Star Clusters will likely be much more powerful in an Armament Warrior's hands.

Long Chen had previously tried communicating with the Three Thousand Star Clusters, but unfortunately, he still knew nothing about it and could only use it in a simple fashion.

If a cultivator takes his Sword Path Comprehension to the highest level, his attack power increases by tenfold. Isn't that similar to my Dragon Soul Transformation? If I had a Sword Root and comprehended the Sword Path, wouldn't my strength be boosted by a hundred times?

Long Chen gasped at that thought. The power difference between each cultivation level was between five and ten times. If he could comprehend the Sword Path in addition to the boost provided by his Dragon Soul Transformation, then he could fight opponents more levels above himself.

However, without an Armament Soul, this was all just hypothetical.

I just need to focus on my own Martial Path. The Sword Path is just a branch of the Martial Path. Even comprehending the Sword Path will take a long time, so I might as well focus on the Martial Path, and I may even achieve greater heights.

Long Chen had the right mindset.

The Martial and Sword Paths were both methods to become stronger. Among the Three Emperor Territories, the people of the Swordsoul Territory focused on studying the Sword Path, so their attacking abilities were more powerful than that of others on the same level, surpassing the average cultivator. However, the people of the True Martial Territory were more focused on the Martial Path, so they had a higher average cultivation level compared to the Swordsoul Territory.

This meant that all paths eventually converged into the Martial Path.

Even without the Three Thousand Star Clusters, Long Chen still had ways to win. For example, his Five Emperor Seals and the divine techniques from the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon.

Wu Guangyu's explanation gave Long Chen the first glimpse of the world in the Swordsoul Territory.

Swordsoul Territory was a heaven for Armament Warriors. It was called Swordsoul because they had far more Sword Warriors than other Armament Warriors. The

Swordsoul Palace was the largest faction in the Swordsoul Territory too, so they often used the term “Sword Warriors” instead of “Armament Warriors.”

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“Yu’er, that’s enough. Start fighting.” While Wu Guangyu was being smug, Wu Lian’s voice came from behind him. Wu Guangyu was still looking at the unknowledgeable Long Chen with contempt.

Indeed, in the eyes of a true Sword Warrior, it really was a waste for a person without an Armament Soul to possess the Three Thousand Star Clusters.

Wu Lian had surely condensed her Sword Root already, thus becoming a true Sword Warrior. Since Wu Guangyu had received the Azure Lotus Lord’s inheritance, he would soon become one too.

“I only need two strikes to defeat you. I don’t even need to use the techniques in the Azure Lotus Manual,” Wu Guangyu said solemnly after hearing Wu Lian’s reminder.

He spoke very slowly, not taking Long Chen seriously at all. Even though Long Chen had withstood the full brunt of Suxue’s Divine Demon Nine Spins, he was still very confident. Wu Guangyu was no idiot, so this meant that he was indeed very powerful.

From the Divine clan’s side, Xiaolang offered a reminder. “Big Brother, although the technique he’ll use is not from the Azure Lotus Manual, it still is from an intermediate Emperor-tier manual, called the Nine States Sword Manual. Be careful ...”

Although Xiaolang was very worried, he only offered a short reminder as he was afraid of affecting Long Chen’s state of mind. If Long Chen really could not withstand Wu Guangyu’s attack, he would use the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire to save him.

After the conversation, the true start of the duel arrived.

Long Chen now understood that Wu Guangyu was being all nonchalant because he had a powerful backing. Long Chen sensed immense pressure from the Azure Lotus Sword in Wu Guangyu’s hand. He had a faint feeling that there were countless connections between the sword and Wu Guangyu’s palm. It was like the weapon was a live soul, and it served and relied on Wu Guangyu like a child. Tame and loyal.

The relationship between Long Chen and the Three Thousand Star Clusters was far from this level.

However, this was not enough to scare Long Chen.

So what if you have so many things? Can you still defeat me? All of you need to reach the fourth stage of Sword Path Comprehension only to achieve ten times your current power. I was already able to boost my strength by ten times when I achieved the Dragon Realm! Why would I be afraid of you?

The ten-time boost naturally came from Long Chen's Dragon Soul Transformation!

Wu Guangyu was already making his way towards Long Chen, preparing to attack. Long Chen was covered in red dragon scales, and his essence had turned blood-red and surging through his body. His essence was ten times stronger than normal, providing him with ten times the strength!

Although Wu Guangyu had not reached the Heavenly Martial Realm or condensed his Sword Root, he had already comprehended the first stage of the Sword Path, which was Heart Comprehension. Therefore, he was able to boost his power by three times.

This was similar to the effect of the Golden Emperor Battle Armor.

However, the Golden Emperor Battle Armor was a rare treasure. As a cultivator's cultivation level increased, it was uncertain if it would still be useful in the future. However, the boost to a Sword Warrior's strength would be available for the cultivator's whole life!

It was no wonder Wu Guangyu was so confident.

He probably never saw Jin Ling as a serious opponent either.

To other people, the Three Thousand Star Clusters was Long Chen's greatest win condition. However, to Wu Guangyu, who had the Azure Lotus Sword, this advantage ceased to exist.

Wu Guangyu's expression was calm. Long Chen's essence boost was within his expectations. His Beast Soul Transformation was indeed strange, but to Wu Guangyu, it was incomparable to his Heart Comprehension.

Whoosh ...

When the Azure Lotus Sword moved, several Sword Flowers appeared, which were azure lotuses. Although they were small, they contained huge amounts of energy.

Although Wu Guangyu was a male, when he waved the azure divine sword, it was a beautiful and elegant movement. The afterimages of the azure lotuses gathered around him, making him look like he was immersed in a sea of lotuses.

Wu Guangyu closed his eyes, as if he had entered a state of sleepwalking.

Then his eyes suddenly sprang open. Two azure rays of light shot out at Long Chen!

He was like a sleeping lotus, but when his eyes opened, he seemed to transform into the emperor of massacre with countless warriors standing behind him. Under his lead, tens of thousands of soldiers and horses charged at Long Chen, and Long Chen felt his whole world tremble!

Is that the Nine States Sword Manual?

Xiaolang had said that it was an intermediate Emperor-tier combat technique. Although there could be a large gap between combat techniques of the same tier, the Nine States Sword Manual seemed to be as strong as the Divine Demon Nine Spins.

Is he going all-out right from the beginning? Long Chen's gaze turned cold. He could indeed sense that as an Armament Warrior, Wu Guangyu was more familiar with the Azure Lotus Sword than Long Chen was with the Three Thousand Star Clusters. As if it was very easy to master.

Everyone watched with great anticipation as two rays of azure light shot out from Wu Guangyu's eyes. The immense aura of a king rushed towards Long Chen!

He swept the Azure Lotus Sword sideways, and a bright sword light shot out of the blade!

"Nine States Sword Manual, Far-Reaching Sword Qi!"

If Long Chen had not blocked the sword Qi, it could have spread very far. It was only a flash, but the violent sword Qi was already right in front of him. Even the crowd's hearts skipped a beat.

Heart Comprehension boosted Wu Guangyu's attacks by three times. Just a simple Far-Reaching Sword Qi would've been enough to defeat Jin Ling. Jin Ling was also here today, and after seeing Wu Guangyu's attack, he felt completely defeated. Wu Guangyu had unleashed this attack using the advanced Emperor-tier Azure Lotus Sword after all!

How was Long Chen going to deal with it?

While his opponent used the Azure Lotus Sword, he used the Three Thousand Star Clusters. Although Long Chen was not a Sword Warrior, he had an advantage in physical strength. He had the intermediate Emperor-tier Seven Star Body, making him much tougher than Wu Guangyu. While Wu Guangyu also had body tempering techniques, they were nothing compared to Long Chen's.

He held hands together and gathered immense power in his palms. His red scales were pulled taught, and blood-red dragon images even appeared on his scales, as if countless dragons were roaring on his body!

“Roar!”

Long Chen let out a low roar that resembled that of a dragon. Under his control, the Dragon Soul Essence from his nine meridians was completely injected into the Three Thousand Star Clusters, aggregating into a blood-red dragon on the spear. Purple celestial Qi also appeared and formed a purple dragon. Both dragons spiraled around the Three Thousand Star Clusters!

The Far-Reaching Sword Qi arrived in front of Long Chen now!

Everyone was on the edge of their metaphorical seats!

“Haargh!”

In contrast to Wu Guangyu’s sophisticated elegance, Long Chen was more like a wild beast that had been slumbering for many years. With a loud roar, it was born again. The shining Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear was activated, and when he waved it, it turned into a terrifying blue light that collided with the Sword Qi!”

Boom!

There was a loud explosion. The Far-Reaching Sword Qi was shattered into pieces after Long Chen hit it with his Three Thousand Star Clusters, boosted by his Seven Star Body and Dragon Soul Essence. However, the force that came with the Far-Reaching Sword Qi slammed into Long Chen’s arm!

“Ugh!”

Long Chen cried out in pain and immediately stumbled backwards. The Three Thousand Star Clusters almost flew out of his hand. Both of Long Chen’s arms went numb and there were already many cuts on his arms, some even bleeding slightly.

Long Chen stabilized himself with great difficulty.

The Azure Lotus Sword, a threefold strength boost offered by the first stage of the Sword Path Comprehension, and an elementary Emperor-tier combat technique. Even a normal Heavenly Martial Realm expert would not dare face this combination directly.

Everyone had only heard about how strong Wu Guangyu was, but after witnessing this attack, they knew that he was indeed extraordinary. No one below the Heavenly Martial Realm was a match for him.

The Demon clan was a bit worried for Long Chen. Although Long Chen’s previous performance was beyond their expectations, it seemed he was far weaker than Wu Guangyu. Wu Guangyu was not someone he could beat.

“Father, what now?” Suxue asked anxiously after she saw Long Chen get pushed back by Wu Guangyu’s first attack. Previously, she had only attacked Long Chen over a misunderstanding. No one present was more concerned about him.

Other than Xiaolang, of course.

“Don’t worry. Long Chen was able to neutralize the attack even without using any combat techniques. That’s very difficult to do,” Bai Lan said.

Although that was what he said, he was not actually confident either.

Many people on the Divine clan’s side were already smiling. They had been sweating anxiously just now, but after the exchange, they saw that Long Chen was nothing special.

The Nine States Sword Manual is the technique of kings. The next move will surely take Long Chen’s life. Even the Long-Bearded Guest would not be able to stop it, thought Feng Zhilin, nodding.

Looking at Wu Guangyu, who was like a hero in his prime, Feng Zhilin’s heart slowly melted. *Wu Guangyu has already reached this level in strength ... A man like that ... After the matters in the Ancient Graveyard are over, I’ll marry him. I must not hesitate any longer. And I’ll need to treat him better in the future.*

Long Chen had a rough understanding of what everyone was thinking.

This brat really is quite strong. Looks like I need to go all-out, he thought while squinting at Wu Guangyu, who was already launching his next attack.

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Long Chen had neutralized the Far-Reaching Sword Light. Wu Guangyu’s next sword technique was surely going to be stronger.

Boom!

The air exploded, and Wu Guangyu shot at Long Chen!

“Careful!” reminded the Demon clan.

Long Chen did not let his guard down. Wu Guangyu seemed to have taken the offensive position in this battle, but that did not mean that Long Chen would lose. That was the opposite. Taking an offensive position gave one a high possibility of giving away their true capabilities. Long Chen did not have many attacks that could hurt Wu

Guangyu, so he could only wait until a flaw appeared in the latter's movement and then use his opponent's oversight to win.

That was why he had to be the calmest person present!

Wu Guangyu may have looked calm and arrogant, and he had taken the lead at the very beginning. However, he was not as calm as everyone else. His emotions were surging, just like the power in his body!

Based on my comprehension of the Sword Path combined with the Azure Lotus Sword, I should have been able to finish Long Chen using the first move of the Nine States Sword Manual. Yet he blocked it. I need to kill him with the next move. This brat was able to catch up to me in just four months; he must not be left alive!

Wu Guangyu was slightly more anxious than Long Chen in his heart.

Under his control, sword Qi surged!

Sword Qi shone brightly and surged up towards the sky!

Wu Guangyu charged ahead at top speed, gathering strength for an even stronger attack. He moved so fast that he was like the shadow of a sword. There was a long *whoosh* as the Azure Lotus Sword moved, turning into multiple illusions of the sword. In the end, power exploded from them!

A clear voice echoed in the air!

“Nine States Sword Manual—Far-Reaching Sword Qi, Nineteen States of Sword Light!”

A ray of sword light brighter than before erupted from the sword!

Far-Reaching Sword Qi, Nineteen States of Sword Light!

It was cool! It was magnificent! It was grand!

The previous move was called Far-Reaching Sword Qi, and this one was called Nineteen States of Sword Light!

Long Chen only saw a flash, and the shining sword light was already in front of his eyes. Unlike the previous move, the sword Qi was extremely bright. It brought with it an even more terrifying destructive force!

Long Chen was very calm.

Wu Guangyu only recently obtained the Azure Lotus Sword. As for me, I have not even discovered the combat techniques hidden in the Three Thousand Star Clusters yet.

Even if he has discovered the techniques in his sword, it's impossible for him to have mastered them already ...

After that thought, Long Chen made his decision on how to face Wu Guangyu's Nineteen States of Sword Light. Everyone was anxious and thought he would yield, so they were surprised when Long Chen reached out with his palm!

"Is he going to use that seal attack? The one with double seals?"

Many people had seen him use two Emperor Seals at once in an attack. Although that was impressive, it was not enough when Wu Guangyu had three times his original power, the Azure Lotus Sword, and the Nineteen States of Sword Light!

"Long Chen will die today ..." remarked the people from the Divine Wind Faction and the Five Elements Alliance.

Long Chen had not admitted defeat yet, and Wu Guangyu had already finished launching the Nineteen States of Sword Light attack. If Long Chen yielded now, it would be difficult for the Long-Bearded Guest to save him without paying a price for it.

"The young man of the Divine clan is very strong now. If he reaches the Third Heavenly Martial Stage, he will rule over the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory and become the strongest among the billions of humans. Not only is Wu Lian powerful herself, the son she taught is also extraordinary ..."

Although the Five Elements Alliance wasn't happy to see this, they had no choice but to admit that Wu Guangyu was strong. If Wu Guangyu one day reached the Third Heavenly Martial Stage, he could even unite the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory.

It was a great achievement at such a young age. More importantly, he had also comprehended the Sword Path and received the Azure Lotus Lord's inheritance. Wu Guangyu was clearly going to be a legendary figure. A prodigy like that was hard to come by!

Nineteen States of Sword Light!

The bright, shining light made everyone feel dizzy!

But Long Chen remained calm. Although the sword light was already shining on his face, his expression did not change!

Whoosh!

On his right palm, one by one, the Emperor Seals lit up. It started from the Golden Emperor Seal, then the Azure Emperor Seal, and finally the Red Emperor Seal. When

all three Emperor Seals lit up, the three seal attacks—one golden, one azure, and one red—competed to outshine the others as they gathered on his arm.

The golden glint of metal, the life force of trees, and the fiery blaze of a flame appeared on his palm. The three-seal combination was many times stronger than the two-seal combination!

This was the first time Long Chen had used the triple-seal combination after cultivating the Azure Emperor Rising Heaven Seal.

“Golden Emperor Veiled Heaven Seal!

“Azure Emperor Rising Heaven Seal!

“Red Emperor Burning Heaven Seal!”

Facing Wu Guangyu’s Nineteen States of Sword Light, the three Emperor Seals exploded when Long Chen pushed his palm forward. The three gigantic seals spun and shot out of his palm. Very quickly, they collided with the shining sword light!

A look of despair arose in Feng Zhilin’s face.

She remembered how her Thousand Seals were defeated by Long Chen’s double Emperor Seal combination in the Seven Star Tomb. At the time, she had not expected such a simple attack to defeat her technique. The same thing was happening to Wu Guangyu. No one thought that the triple Emperor Seal could defeat his Nineteen States of Sword Light, but she had a bad feeling!

Wu Guangyu’s attack shot forward at full power. It was not something that three consecutive elementary Emperor-tier attacks could stop. However, they did not know that Long Chen was not releasing three identical attacks consecutively, but combining three different Emperor Seals!

When faced with the destructive force of the Nineteen States of Sword Light, the Emperor Seals suddenly exploded like a bomb. For a brief moment, the energy from the explosion swallowed the shining sword Qi and turned into streaks of energy currents that flew at Wu Guangyu!

Boom!

The sword Qi trembled but did not disperse. However, the three Emperor Seals’ explosion had spread far and wide, causing the surrounding space to tremble. The crowd was startled by this. He was only at the Earthly Martial Realm, yet his attack was this powerful. Both of them were extraordinary!

The powerful sword Qi then shattered in the face of Long Chen's attack, and the crowd's expressions turned into shock. Wu Guangyu's expression changed too. He initially thought that it was enough to kill Long Chen. Who could have guessed that Long Chen would turn the tables and display this much power?

"Nine States Sword Manual, Far-Reaching Sword Qi!"

Wu Guangyu was starting to panic now. When his second attack shattered, he swung the Azure Lotus Sword once more. Another blade of sword Qi flew out and slammed into Long Chen's three Emperor Seals. In such a critical moment, Wu Guangyu had to protect himself!

The three Emperor Seals broke Wu Guangyu's sword Qi once again, but most of their momentum had been dispersed. Therefore, only a small portion of its force hit Wu Guangyu, throwing him back into the air. Blood sprayed from his mouth. The sophisticated gentleman's clothing was now tattered, and he was covered in small wounds, his hair was messy, and his internal organs were even injured!

The crowd erupted when they saw Wu Guangyu struggle to his feet. The Five Elements Alliance was absolutely stunned. They all thought Long Chen would lose, but he had managed to turn the tides and hurt his opponent instead. Wu Guangyu's injury was much more severe than Long Chen's injury.

"Bastard!" The Divine and Wind clans had icy expressions. When they saw Wu Guangyu injured, they wanted to rush forward to help him, but Wu Lian stopped them. She huffed coldly and said, "Why are you all panicking? It's only a small injury. It's not fatal, and he has not failed. Yet you all want to go intervene. Do you want to embarrass the Divine clan?"

She was right. Wu Guangyu had not lost yet.

He stood up. Although he was looking disheveled, there was blood flowing from the corner of his mouth, and he was even swaying a little, the Azure Lotus Sword was still in his grip.

It was well-known that Wu Lian loved her son very much. Her son was basically her life. Yet she had stopped them from helping Wu Guangyu and she herself did not help him at all. Although she looked calm, there was thick killing intent in her eyes.

Long Chen sensed a glare that resembled a venomous snake.

"You haven't lost yet?" Long Chen had to admit that Wu Guangyu was indeed a difficult opponent. He had already used his strongest move, but it hadn't dealt enough damage. The combination of three Emperor Seals was supposed to kill Wu Guangyu, but he had underestimated his enemy.

Xiaolang noticed the problem too, so he asked hurriedly when he saw that Wu Guangyu had not been defeated yet, “Big Brother, do you want me to help?”

“No. Stay there for now. I’ll need to evaluate the situation before taking you away.” Long Chen was not willing to start conflict with the Divine clan at a moment like this. He had heard Bai Lan talk about how strong Wu Lian was, so he knew that he could not kill Wu Guangyu in broad daylight. He had to kill Wu Guangyu without anyone seeing him. That was how he would take his revenge.

“I must admit that you have shocked me ...” Wu Guangyu quickly stood on his feet again. Although he was covered in blood, his expression had not changed. He moved his arms, and after he could move normally again, he stared at Long Chen and said arrogantly, “You, Long Chen, are the first person to force me to do this ...”

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Long Chen initially thought that Wu Guangyu was a weak, spoiled brat who had only gotten to where he was because of his family’s protection and resources. However, to his surprise, this teenager wasn't a mere puppet, and he knew how to hide his true strength. In short, he was quite frightening too.

Long Chen only got to see how powerful Wu Guangyu truly was in a real duel. Usually, he was like an obedient child who did not have a temper when dealing with his own people. This showed that he was very good at acting.

Long Chen squinted. He had lost an opportunity, because he had not launched another attack while his opponent was still down. But even if he had taken advantage of the situation, he did not know what would happen. However, based on the current situation, it looked like Wu Guangyu had another trick up his sleeve.

The triple Emperor Seal combination could not kill him, so Long Chen was no longer confident.

“Could it be ...” Long Chen had a thought. If that really came true, then he would only have one choice—to use Blood Sacrifice.

Blood Sacrifice was a divine technique, but it may as well be a demonic one too.

Long Chen could become strong enough to defeat his opponent using Blood Sacrifice, but at the same time, his cultivation level would regress. It would injure his Martial Soul, and the Martial Soul was the root of cultivation. Although it would heal, his cultivation

journey would be delayed if it was hurt too many times. Unless there was no other choice, he would not use it.

The crowd felt suffocated looking at these two youths, who were in a standoff again.

Then Wu Guangyu started laughing all of a sudden. He laughed loudly with his chin up, then glared at Long Chen with his blood-red eyes and said, "It looks like you worked very hard just to beat me. You're the only opponent that has ever made me feel uncertain after all these years. But unfortunately, you're just too unlucky ..."

"Unlucky?" Long Chen understood exactly what Wu Guangyu meant.

What a difficult bastard. Long Chen smiled and accepted it.

There was nothing Long Chen could not conquer in this world. He had more determination in his heart than anyone else. It did not matter what Wu Guangyu would do next—he would accept and resolve it!

"You're brave!" praised Wu Guangyu. He was covered in blood but did not care. Some of the blood was on the Azure Lotus Sword too.

Whoosh.

Wu Guangyu charged at Long Chen with the Azure Lotus Sword. Long Chen's vision suddenly dimmed, and he had a feeling that the azure shadow was the only thing left in the world. All he could see was the Azure Lotus Sword coming closer!

What a powerful sword technique! thought Long Chen.

A voice, which sounded like it came from a dream-like trance, rang in everyone's ears.

"The Azure Lotus Sword Manual is an advanced Emperor-tier sword manual. The Azure Lotus Lord reached the peak of swordsmanship with it. You are very lucky to be killed by this technique ... Of course, it would be a different conversation if you could use the combat technique in the Three Thousand Star Clusters ..."

But Long Chen had not figured the Three Thousand Star Clusters out yet.

His whole world was black, and the only thing he could see was an azure lotus that was flying at his neck. He did not know the name of this technique, but it was ten times scarier than the Nineteen States of Sword Light from before!

"Azure Lotus Sword Manual, Living Beings Arise ..."

There was a *whoosh*, and the Azure Lotus Sword was already right before Long Chen's eyes.

Long Chen did not hesitate to hold up the Three Thousand Star Clusters, and he swung it as hard as he could. The tip of the spear slammed into the Azure Lotus Sword. His swing was likely strong enough to block the previous Far-Reaching Sword Qi attack!

However, although the lotus looked gentle, it was an unstoppable force and was strangely fixed to one path. Long Chen's mad swing only managed to move it by a tiny sliver.

"Long Chen, yield!"

Long Chen heard Bai Lan's anxious shout at the final moment.

When the crowd saw that Wu Guangyu had used the Azure Lotus Sword Manual, they lost hope in Long Chen. They only hoped that Long Chen could survive, and the only way to do that was to yield.

"Yield?" This word did not exist in Long Chen's vocabulary.

The lotus easily pushed away Long Chen's Three Thousand Star Clusters, despite him using all his strength. Long Chen could not defend himself at all when it flew at his neck. This brat's attack was indeed terrifying!

At that moment, Long Chen sensed that he was in mortal danger, and a chill ran down his spine. He was at the edge of death, and although he had experienced this many times, this time was much more intense. It was impossible to dodge the azure light!

Even Long Chen felt like he could not defend himself at all in front of the Azure Lotus Sword Manual, let alone other people.

This was the Azure Lotus Lord's true combat technique from years ago.

Wu Guangyu was only at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage, but he was already able to use the technique. This proved that he was extraordinarily talented too. However, Long Chen guessed that Wu Guangyu would reach his limit after using this technique. Considering Wu Guangyu's essence reserves, he could only use this technique once at most.

In fact, he would probably be injured after using it.

However, Wu Guangyu thought that it was worth it if he could kill Long Chen.

The final moment was upon them. Long Chen could not defend himself—his Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear had been pushed away easily, while the Azure Lotus Sword's path had only deviated slightly.

Long Chen heard many voices. There was mocking, there was a sharp cry, but he could not see anything. There was only azure light in his world.

In a very, very short time, the azure light reached his throat.

“Die ...” A voice that seemed to come from another world traveled into Long Chen’s ear. Long Chen knew that the faraway voice belonged to Wu Guangyu. It was ice-cold.

“Is that so?” Long Chen was still calm. He grinned. How exhilarating it was to make a gamble like that...

Long Chen was grinning at the face of death. This puzzled Wu Guangyu.

“No matter what, I will kill you.”

The azure light slashed across Long Chen’s throat. When Wu Guangyu felt Long Chen’s throat with his sword, he finally sighed in relief.

He was only bluffing before he died. I thought he had some other trick ... The azure light slashed across Long Chen’s throat, then it appeared over ten meters behind Long Chen along with Wu Guangyu.

Fresh blood dripped from the sword.

Everyone knew that it was Long Chen’s blood. The Azure Lotus Sword had slashed across his neck, and with Wu Guangyu’s strength, there was no chance Long Chen could’ve survived even with the Seven Star Body.

After using the Azure Lotus Manual, Wu Guangyu’s previous injuries worsened greatly. He had to squeeze himself dry in order to execute the attack, so he was completely spent. In fact, he was at his limit, as he was piling injuries on his previous injuries. Wu Guangyu could not stand steadily, and after the attack, he collapsed. Thankfully, he had the sword, so he supported himself on it and half-knelt on the ground.

More blood flowed from his body than from Long Chen.

Wu Guangyu’s face was pale. This was the most injured he had ever been, which showed how brutal the duel was. He had even used his final move, which he had not been willing to use before. He would’ve ended up injured from using this move even in his peak state, let alone now.

Thankfully, Wu Guangyu confirmed that Long Chen was dead.

He lifted himself up with great difficulty and turned around. All he saw was Long Chen’s back, unmoving. Wu Guangyu knew that he would collapse very quickly.

“Long Chen!”

A chilling scream came from in front of Wu Guangyu. He looked up and saw the Demon clan's princess, Suxue. She had fallen to her knees, her face pale and covered in tears. Her shoulders trembled as she cried. She was having an emotional breakdown.

Behind her, every person from the Demon and Thunder clans had a terrible expression, especially Bai Lan, whose eyes had turned a little red. He had known Long Chen for four months and considered him a talented youth who was one of their own. He never would have thought that this extraordinary young man would die because of him ...

For a moment, everything was silent.

As for the Divine Wind Faction, they looked at Wu Guangyu with pride and admiration.

Feng Zhilin's gaze had softened completely. His power had conquered her heart. Without witnessing his battle, she would not have known that he was this strong.

Long Chen, the person she hated more than anything, was likely dead by now because his throat was slashed.

“Wu Guangyu is the strongest prodigy of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. From today onwards, no one will be able to challenge his position. Not even Jin Ling ...” said the Five Elements Alliance's Ancestor Jin solemnly with a grimace.

After his remark, the Five Elements Alliance had no choice but to accept it.

Sword Warriors were just too powerful.

He had achieved the first stage of Sword Path Comprehension, combined with the Azure Lotus Lord's inheritance. After some time, he would become like Wu Lian of the Divine clan.

Azure Lotus Lord, White Lotus Fairy. These two great inheritances would allow the Divine clan to become the number one clan of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory!

After today, the power structure of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory would change ...

The Long-Bearded Guest was also staring at both of them in shock. Long Chen had not admitted defeat, so he had not been able to save him. He also felt defeated because he was not able to help Long Chen.

“Alright ... Long Chen has died due to his oversight. The champion of this year's Nine Clans Martial Youth Competition is Wu Guangyu of the Divine clan!”

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When the Long-Bearded Guest announced the result, everyone knew that it was official. It had been an exciting duel. In the beginning, Wu Guangyu had an advantage over Long Chen, but then Long Chen used his triple Emperor Seal combination to retaliate, and when everyone thought he would turn the tides, Wu Guangyu used the advanced Emperor-tier Azure Lotus Manual to kill Long Chen instantly!

Wu Guangyu was still the strongest.

He had not reached the Heavenly Martial Realm yet, but had already comprehended the first stage of the Sword Path and could use an advanced Emperor-tier technique. No one else was comparable in terms of talent. Even many prodigies from the Royal Territories could not compare.

He had cemented himself as the number one prodigy of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory.

“Xue’er ...” Bai Lan felt like something was stuck in his throat, and he could not say a word. He could only silently help his daughter up.

“Is Long Chen dead?” Suxue suddenly felt like her world had crumbled. The healthy and energetic young man had turned into an ice-cold corpse.

It felt worse than Long Chen leaving her side ...

“Father ...” When she looked at her father’s moistened eyes, she could not hold back her tears. It was at this moment that she finally realized how much she cared about the young man. Unfortunately, it was too late. He was gone.

“Let’s go!” The champion had been decided. The Divine clan would receive the Yellow Emperor Key. Although the Five Elements Alliance hadn’t gained anything, they had not lost as badly as the Demon clan. Indeed, the tides could turn at any time. They were just admiring how the Demon clan had two people in the top four.

The Divine Wind Faction were basically laughing out loud now. Wu Guangyu was still severely injured and had to hold himself upright with great difficulty. Wu Lian did not give any instructions, but people were already preparing to go help him up. The battle was over, and it was time to treat his injuries. Although Long Chen was dead, it was an extraordinary feat to injure Wu Guangyu to this extent.

The Divine clan would forever remember this person.

This included Feng Zhilin, who was staring woodenly at Long Chen's corpse. She suddenly thought there was something wrong ...

He's dead, so his body should be on the ground. But he's been standing there for a long time ...

Then they heard loud laughter, causing everyone to get goosebumps. Everyone looked up in shock in Long Chen's direction. They sensed that the laughter had come from him, and it was indeed Long Chen's voice.

Suxue, Bai Lan, and the others were stunned too, and they stared at Long Chen's standing body. Everyone saw the dead Long Chen suddenly move a little bit, then he turned around completely to face the crowd. Long Chen grinned mischievously and said, "Has everyone gone blind? I'm standing right here! How could you say that I'm dead?"

Long Chen's face had color, and he did not look injured at all. He looked a hundred times better than Wu Guangyu in his pathetic state, as if he had not started the duel yet. He should've been dead. Everyone had watched the Azure Lotus Sword slash his throat—it had cut right through. How had Long Chen survived that?

Everyone had very colorful expressions.

The members of the Thunder and Demon clans felt like they were reborn. Suxue and the others felt like they were in a dream and stuttered when they tried to speak. They could not believe it at all. They looked at each other, and from the other person's eyes, they saw that this was not a dream. Long Chen was not dead.

"How is that possible? I clearly saw Wu Guangyu's sword cut his throat. How could his neck not be injured at all?" Feng Zhilin was greatly shaken and fell two steps back with shock in her eyes. The other people in the Divine Wind Faction shouted too. Even the terrifying and calm Wu Lian's eyes were filled with shock and confusion.

The one who was filled with the most shock was naturally Wu Guangyu.

He was the one who had attacked Long Chen, and his Azure Lotus Sword had definitely cut Long Chen's throat. He had killed many people before, and he knew the feeling of a sword slashing through flesh. Long Chen had the Seven Star Body, so he had to use a lot of strength to cut his skin.

He was standing while using the sword as support, so he turned around with great difficulty, only to see Long Chen's chilling smile.

"I haven't died yet, so whatever the Long-Bearded Guest announced just now was nonsense. Therefore ..." Long Chen turned into a gust of wind and charged at Wu Guangyu!

This was the perfect chance to go for the kill!

The reason why Long Chen was alive was simple. He had used the Primordial Dragon Talisman's Rewind technique. Rewind was the most shocking divine technique he possessed; it could reverse his body's condition. Within less than a breath after Wu Guangyu's sword slit his throat, Long Chen returned his body to its condition from ten breaths ago.

After returning his body to ten breaths ago, he was unscathed. On the other hand, Wu Guangyu had collapsed and could barely stand.

He had used up all his essence and even risked getting injured to launch a fatal strike. But Long Chen had used his only Rewind for the day to deal with his attack.

Wu Guangyu's pupils dilated when Long Chen started charging!

He had dealt a killing blow to Long Chen, so now, Long Chen dared to do the same. There was nothing else he could say. Plus, they had all agreed that killing was permissible in the Nine Clans Martial Youth Competition. Since Wu Guangyu was so vicious a moment ago, Long Chen was equally vicious now!

Yield?

To Wu Guangyu, this word was foreign. That was why he did not choose to admit defeat now, but rather, he used all his strength to stumble backwards, with the Azure Lotus Sword still in hand!

"Yield." At that moment, Wu Lian's voice rang in Wu Guangyu's ears. He heard the determination in her tone.

No matter how humiliating it was, Wu Guangyu had no choice but to yield, now that she had instructed him to.

Long Chen arrived right before his eyes instantly.

"I yield!" Wu Guangyu stumbled backwards, tripping over himself as he bled. This was a humiliating moment for him. Although he had yielded, he glared at Long Chen with seething hatred!

Long Chen was merely five meters away from him at this point.

"That's too bad ..." Long Chen knew this would happen. Even though Wu Guangyu was stubborn and did not want to yield, the Divine Wind Faction would make him do it. Long Chen probably could have killed him instantly, but Wu Guangyu had yielded before the final blow landed!

The time to kill Wu Guangyu had not arrived yet.

But he could take Xiaolang back now. Under such circumstances, it was logical for Long Chen to take Xiaolang back to his side. Although they also saw Xiaolang as their pet beast, according to the rules of society, Long Chen was now stronger than Wu Guangyu, so he naturally could take back what belonged to him.

“Stop!” At that moment, the Long-Bearded Guest finally was able to do his job and appeared between Long Chen and Wu Guangyu to separate them. His main task was to protect Wu Guangyu and prevent Long Chen from taking advantage of the chaos to kill Wu Guangyu. He fully expected Long Chen to do this.

However, to his surprise, Long Chen did not attack. The moment Wu Guangyu said he yielded, Long Chen stopped moving.

If Wu Guangyu had not yielded, then it was within the rules for him to kill Wu Guangyu. If he still pressed on after Wu Guangyu yielded, then it was a declaration of war against the Divine Wind Faction!

He was no idiot. His opponent had been defeated, so he was not in a hurry to kill him now. Looking at Wu Guangyu’s current condition, with his internal organs injured from the impact, he probably needed some time to heal.

If the Black Emperor Key appears soon ... Another plan formed in Long Chen’s heart.

“Big Brother, what now?” Previously, everyone thought that Long Chen was dead, but Xiaolang was the only one who knew about the insane divine technique called Rewind. That was why he did not panic.

When he saw that Long Chen had won, he quickly spoke to him using the language of beasts.

“I have a plan. Let Wu Guangyu live a few more days. Stay with him for now. I’ll let you know later,” said Long Chen.

“Alright.” After Xiaolang replied, he did not say anything else.

He had asked Long Chen several times when he could leave, which showed that he did not want to stay with Wu Guangyu any longer. Xiaolang was furious at how Wu Guangyu had forcefully taken him away.

Long Chen was also furious about that.

“What, why aren’t you announcing the result? The remaining slot for the Yellow Emperor Key belongs to the Demon clan,” said Long Chen mildly after a glance at the Long-Bearded Guest.

The Long-Bearded Guest studied the shocking teenager for a while, then his gaze swept across the crowd. He said, "Everyone has seen the final result. Wu Guangyu has admitted defeat, so the champion of the Nine Clans Martial Youth Competition is not Wu Guangyu of the Divine clan, but Long Chen of the Demon clan. I was mistaken; apologies, everyone!"

Even the Long-Bearded Guest was serious at a moment like this.

Everyone was just too shocked by the ending.

The Martial Youth Competition had come to an end.

Everyone felt like they were in a dream.

"Long Chen, come here ..." Bai Lan had already rubbed the tears away from his eyes, and he waved at Long Chen. Next to him, Suxue, who had been fully crying, was also trying her best to rub her tears away.

Long Chen walked up to them. The Thunder and Demon clansmen looked at Long Chen's neck for a long time as they made surprised noises. This was just too strange.

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"What just happened ... Didn't you die ..." asked Suxue, wiping away her tears.

"That's a secret. But why are you crying? You couldn't bear to see me die? But yesterday you were trying to kill me!" Long Chen teased gently.

"I don't want to talk to you anymore!" Suxue bit her lip and glared at him, but her mood was much better after he cracked a joke.

"Since we've won, this trip has come to an end. Let's return to Heavenly Wood City, then," said Bai Lan. When he saw that they were bickering, he chuckled too.

There was nothing to say between the three factions. The winner had been determined, and it was a solid fact that the Yellow Emperor Key's slot would belong to the Demon clan. Of course, the Yellow Emperor Key could not be handed over to the Demon clan right now.

"Wait, wait. You can't leave yet. There will be news arriving very soon ..." Long Chen said cryptically when everyone was preparing to leave.

"What? What are you talking about?" asked Bai Lan and Lei Ji, who looked at each other with confusion.

They were just five hundred meters away, so they would arrive very soon. Long Chen could see people quickly approaching the Eternal Battlefield when he used the Soul Swallowing Gaze.

A few days ago, Little Cat had heard the people from the Demon race talking about giving away the Black Emperor Key at the Water District's Tianyi Water City.

He guessed that the news would arrive soon, seeing as they had a fast communication method that was much faster than traveling on foot.

Long Chen acted very mysteriously and did not reply to them, so they were all left confused. Then one of the approaching men ran over. Bai Lan and the others looked over and saw that it was a Demon clansman. This person was at the Seventh Earthly Martial Stage and was in charge of intel.

He rushed over very quickly, but seeing as there were many people present, he quickly whispered something in Bai Lan's ear. Long Chen faintly heard the words "Black Emperor Key" and "Tianyi Water City." It was just as he had guessed.

After Bai Lan heard him, his face changed. Lei Ji, who was next to him, heard it too.

Once the Demon clan's messenger arrived, the Divine Wind Faction and the Five Elements Alliance's messengers also arrived. All three factions learned at the same time that the final key, the Black Emperor Key, had appeared in Tianyi Water City.

"All five Emperor Keys have appeared. Will the Five Emperors' treasure be unlocked during this trip to the Ancient Graveyard?" Bai Lan and the others looked excited.

The fact that the other factions had received the same news meant that Bai Lan would have to make a decision very quickly.

The Black Emperor Key's location had been revealed. Bai Lan quickly gathered all his people and said, "The Black Emperor Key is a crucial item, and it has appeared in Tianyi Water City, in Tianyi Lake. It's in the whirlpool part of Tianyi Lake, so the common person can't enter. Only Brother Lei and I are capable of going in there to fight for the key. In order to avoid unnecessary deaths, everyone other than Brother Lei shall return to guard Heavenly Wood City. Go wait for news from us!"

"Brother Bai is right. The people of the Thunder clan shall go back too. Instruct our clan to return to Heavenly Wood City. Although we have come to the Ancient Graveyard, we must not have too many casualties," Lei Ji instructed decisively.

The Ninth Earthly Martial Stage experts of the Thunder Demon Faction did not object. Suxue did not object either. Long Chen did not want to return to Heavenly Wood City and initially wanted to voice his thoughts. However, he had an idea and decided not to speak, which made it seem like he was going to follow Bai Lan and Lei Ji's instructions.

After giving their orders, Bai Lan looked at Long Chen and said, "While we're gone, you will be the strongest person on the Thunder and Demon clans' side. Always think of the overall situation before acting."

Long Chen felt like Bai Lan had figured out his plan, but some things simply had to be done. Therefore, Long Chen said hurriedly, "Don't worry. Everything will be fine."

It was an urgent matter, so Bai Lan and Lei Ji departed immediately. When they were gone, the Divine Wind Faction's Wu Lian and Feng Qing, as well as the Five Elements Alliance's Ancestor Jin and the five patriarchs, left their groups at the same time. Without saying a word, all of them traveled in the direction of Tianyi City.

Tianyi City was in the Five Elements Alliance's territory!

The Long-Bearded Guest did not know what was going on, but when he saw them move, he knew that all he needed to do was follow them.

Suddenly, all the Heavenly Martial Realm masters were gone.

"Princess, Prince Consort. Don't cause conflict with other people. We should go back now," one of the Sect Elders of the Demon clan said hurriedly.

Long Chen's eyes met Feng Zhilin's. Looking at the crestfallen young girl, the corner of his lips curled up into a cold smirk.

The heavily injured Wu Guangyu was lying in her arms.

"Long Chen, what are you looking at?" Suxue asked suspiciously. She felt like there was something between him and Feng Zhilin.

"Nothing, let's go." Long Chen smiled.

"Xiaolang, just wait. I'll be back very soon ..." This was what Long Chen said to Xiaolang just as he was leaving.

The members of all three factions returned to their bases. Under Wu Lian's instructions, the Divine Wind Faction went back to Giant Metal City in the Metal District.

That place was closer to Tianyi Water City anyway.

The Eternal Battlefield suddenly became empty.

Long Chen followed the Demon clan's party for a short while, then he said suddenly, "Everyone, after some thought, I would like to go to Tianyi Water City. You all may return to Heavenly Wood City."

Everyone was puzzled by Long Chen's sudden decision. Of course, he was currently ranked very high in the Thunder and Demon clans, so they would listen to his decision.

"My father and Uncle Lei will be there. Why are you still going?" asked Suxue.

"The Black Emperor Key is in Tianyi Water City's whirlpool, and I'm strong enough to enter. The search for the Black Emperor Key will require luck more than anything, and when I go there, I can help out too. Plus, the combat technique I am cultivating requires a treasure of the water element. That is why I would like to search for one at Tianyi Water City. Heavenly Wood City won't be in any trouble; you all may return."

"No way, I'm going with you," Suxue said hurriedly, worried about him.

"Go back." Long Chen glared at her, then he bade everyone farewell.

"Alright ... You didn't have to be so fierce ..." The elegant and sophisticated Princess Suxue suddenly became a wronged little girl next to Long Chen, acting almost like Princess Suyan. Everyone was very surprised.

"Be very careful," she said worriedly when he departed.

"Don't worry, I'll be fine. Everyone, be careful too." Long Chen walked away, waved, then quickly disappeared into the Wood District's thick forest.

"What a strange guy. Even now, I still don't understand ... How did he survive Wu Guangyu's attack?"

"I don't know either. Long Chen has always been a strange one. It's as if there is nothing he can't do. There might be a possibility that he'll actually get the Black Emperor Key too."

"Of course," Suxue said proudly.

"Princess Suxue, you are lucky to have such a good husband. You guys will have a grand wedding when we return to the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. The billions of citizens across the Ten Thousand Nations Territory will come to know that the Princess' husband is more talented than the Princess, and more powerful ..."

Everyone chipped in with agreement.

The two brothers, Lei Wen and Lei Wu, also followed suit.

If only it was as good as what you all say. But that brat's heart is not with me. Yan'er sticks to him so much too, so it will never be my turn ... Although Suxue looked a bit shy, there was endless bitterness in her heart.

Amidst laughter, they all traveled back to Heavenly Wood City. They did not know that a storm was brewing behind them, and the source of the storm was Long Chen.

The Thunder and Demon clans' party wasn't far from the Eternal Battlefield when Long Chen turned around, so he easily spotted the Divine Wind Faction's party with the Soul Swallowing Gaze. He was looking at Feng Zhilin, Wu Guangyu, and Xiaolang, as well as the other elders of the clans.

All of them were at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage.

None of them were weaklings. If he wanted to kill them all at once, he would need to pay a price. And if one of them escaped to inform Wu Lian that Long Chen had attacked them, it was possible that not even Bai Lan would be able to protect him.

Wu Guangyu is currently under their protection. I can't go kill him now. Looks like I need to wait for Wu Guangyu's wounds to heal a little. Then I'll get Xiaolang to lure him out.

Long Chen wanted to get Xiaolang back, and the other objective was to kill Wu Guangyu.

Long Chen was not a merciful person. Wu Guangyu had attempted to kill him, and he had almost succeeded thanks to the Azure Lotus Manual. There was no way Long Chen was going to let him live after that.

Wu Guangyu was currently injured, so he wouldn't go anywhere alone right now. If Long Chen wanted to kill him without anyone knowing, he would have to lure him to a deserted area.

According to Bai Lan, that woman Wu Lian is even stronger than he is. I need to be careful about offending her, so I need to act conservatively.

Long Chen formed a plan.

He had not been able to kill Wu Guangyu in the finals, so at the time, he had thought of using the Black Emperor Key. But since Wu Guangyu was heavily injured, he couldn't go to Tianyi Water City with Wu Lian.

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Long Chen guessed that the other party would take Wu Guangyu to either the Divine or Wind clan's base to treat his injuries. Therefore, he decided to follow Wu Guangyu.

Out of the five main cities of the five districts, Giant Metal City was the closest to the Eternal Battlefield.

Long Chen followed their group, maintaining a connection with Xiaolang. This was how Xiaolang learned of Long Chen's plan.

"Don't worry, Big Brother. When the time comes, the bastard will die, and we won't leave a single trace of him behind." Although Xiaolang seemed like a peaceful person, he had a wolf-like quality in his heart, especially after he turned into the Sun Devouring Wolf. Wu Guangyu had made them suffer through many hardships, so Xiaolang would never forgive him for this.

With Xiaolang's affirmation, Long Chen could rest easy.

Wu Guangyu's condition gradually improved after the nourishment of many spiritual herbs. After a few days, he was mostly healed and his combat abilities were back to normal.

Despite that, Long Chen couldn't find an opening to lure him out. The Divine and Wind clans were constantly traveling day and night. If Wu Guangyu suddenly disappeared, the others would surely be suspicious.

Looks like I've got to wait until they arrive in Giant Metal City. Long Chen was not in a hurry.

He was like a fierce tiger waiting for his prey to wander into his trap. He could not be impatient during this process, as impatience would only make him lose his chance to kill his prey.

Therefore, he continued to follow the party towards Giant Metal City.

Wu Guangyu had always thought of himself as the number one cultivator beneath the heavens, yet he had lost to Long Chen. Despite having recovered from his injuries, he still looked very depressed. Along the journey, he did not even utter a single sentence and his expression was terrifyingly solemn. Wu Guangyu was stronger than the elders themselves, so those experts did not dare talk to him. They could only hope that Feng Zhilin would make him open up.

Feng Zhilin's words would surely be effective since she was his fiancée.

Under the elders' persuasion, Feng Zhilin had no other choice. Admittedly, she was starting to fall for the young man, ever since he used the Azure Lotus Manual during the duel. The results did not matter, because in her eyes, he was already an extraordinary master.

She approached Wu Guangyu, bit her lip gently, and said in a tone filled with heartache, "I don't know what Long Chen pulled in the end. I can't believe he wasn't hurt at all. I clearly saw your sword slash through his neck ..."

The young man whose eyes had always been filled with confidence looked beyond gloomy right now, like he had endured a huge blow.

"Is he ... an undying monster ..." Wu Guangyu finally said, but his expression was unnatural. It contained some pain, some disbelief, strong unwillingness, and fury.

"I don't think he can use techniques like that often. If he really is a monster that cannot die, wouldn't he be peerless? And if that were the case, you wouldn't have been able to take away his pet beast," Feng Zhilin said after thinking about their information on Long Chen.

"Sun Devouring Wolf ..." When Wu Guangyu heard the words "pet beast," he glanced at Xiaolang behind him. His eyes suddenly lit up and he said fiercely in a low voice, "No way! I cannot admit defeat like that! I am still the number one prodigy of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory! How could I lose to a nameless character?! The Sun Devouring Wolf! This beast used to be his. Today, I will make his own pet kill him!"

He was ready to leave immediately. With a look of insanity on his face, he started to head in the direction of the Wood District while controlling Xiaolang using a secret technique.

"No!"

Feng Zhilin and even the elders stood in front of Wu Guangyu, blocking his way.

A higher-ranked elder said, "Young Master, the Matriarch and the other experts are currently fighting for the Black Emperor Key. This is a major matter related to the Five Emperors' treasure. It is not the time to cause more problems. Plus, your injuries aren't completely healed yet, and Long Chen has many strange tricks. If you attack him, you may fall into his trap! It's not wise, not wise!"

"Old man, are you saying that I am no match for Long Chen?" Wu Guangyu glared at the elder viciously.

Feng Zhilin said hurriedly, "Why are you acting like this? When did you become so impulsive? Everyone experiences failure in life! If you go kill him now, you'll only be causing more trouble for the Divine and Wind clans. You're the young master of the Divine clan; can a person in your position afford to be rash? Calm down and focus on healing. Once you are completely healed, you can come up with a way to kill Long Chen. He snatched the Martial God Tombstone and the Seven Star Lord's inheritance from me! My desire to kill him is stronger than yours!"

After hearing what Feng Zhilin said, Wu Guangyu finally calmed down. Impulsiveness was the devil. This was something Wu Lian had told him many times before. He knew that he was being rash. His injuries had not completely healed yet, and it was indeed not the right time to face Long Chen. Plus, as long as they were still in the Ancient Graveyard or even in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, he would have countless chances to kill Long Chen. He did not need to do it now.

"Let's go back to Giant Metal City and wait for news of the Black Emperor Key. After that, we will discuss this again," Wu Guangyu said after he calmed down, looking a little dejected.

"That's my husband." Feng Zhilin, who usually had an ice-cold expression, suddenly said something sweet. She smiled and looked as beautiful as a flower.

Wu Guangyu had always been an arrogant person. Although Feng Zhilin respected his strength, she did not have much feelings for him, seeing as she was also an arrogant person. However, seeing the sorrow and rashness he had displayed after his loss made Feng Zhilin feel like he was a real man.

Her maternal instincts had been triggered, and she almost wanted to pull him into her arms. Both of them had long been betrothed to each other, but with so many people present, they were too shy to do anything.

"Sister Zhilin ..." After Wu Guangyu heard her words, a glow returned to his gloomy face. He stared at the shy Feng Zhilin, then asked in a daze, "I ... I lost to Long Chen ... Don't you feel like I'm useless?"

"You're able to use the Azure Lotus Manual and you even comprehended the first stage of the Sword Path, Heart Comprehension. That is proof of your strength. Losing to Long Chen is not a problem of your strength. I was much stronger than him before, yet I still lost to him. You just focus on resting. When you return stronger, you may even be stronger than him," Feng Zhilin said with a gentle chuckle, looking at the man whom fate had assigned to her.

She did not know why she was suddenly feeling like this. However, she quickly figured it out. Her fate had been tied with this man ever since she was young. She wasn't satisfied with this arrangement before, but now, after a deeper level of communication with him, there was indeed no one more suitable for her.

The other people were happy to see the young couple interacting so harmoniously.

With the nourishment of a woman's love, color returned to Wu Guangyu's face. The previous gloom disappeared and everyone felt a boost of positivity, as if they were the victors. They then resumed their journey to Giant Metal City.

Mo Xiaolang glanced behind him in a specific direction, then his lips suddenly curled into a cold smirk.

When we reach Giant Metal City, it will be time. Big Brother, do it quickly. I can't wait ...

After hurrying along for a few days, the Divine Wind Faction finally arrived in Giant Metal City. This was the Wind clan's base.

The results of the Martial Youth Competition had spread across the whole Ancient Graveyard. Everyone now knew about Long Chen's quick rise to power and how he had turned the tables to kill Wu Guangyu. The people of Giant Metal City naturally received news of this too.

It was difficult for everyone to accept this.

It was just way out of their expectations.

Before Wu Guangyu and the others returned, people had already been discussing the topic for a long time. Worried that it would hurt Wu Guangyu's feelings, the high-ranked elders had briefed the clan that they were forbidden from mentioning the Martial Youth Competition.

As a result, when Wu Guangyu and the others returned, they were greeted with bright smiles. When Wu Guangyu saw that these people were not in intense discussions about his failure, and that they did not fault him for it, his tight nerves relaxed. He suddenly felt like that failure was not so serious after all.

Next time we meet, it will be the day I take your life ... Amidst the crowd's cheers, Wu Guangyu clenched his fists slowly. If he could meet Long Chen alone, he would also bring Xiaolang.

I will defeat you with your former pet beast by my side. I will show you what it feels like to be killed by something you were once the closest to.

While he thought about this, Wu Guangyu did not know that Xiaolang was actually thinking about a method to lure him out.

Xiaolang knew that Long Chen was currently outside Giant Metal City, waiting for his chance.

Wu Guangyu and the others had arrived in the evening. Since Wu Guangyu was severely injured and needed to focus on recovering his essence, he had been left alone. He did not like to be disturbed anyway.

Night soon arrived.

Wu Guangyu was cultivating in his quarters, recovering his lost essence. He had replenished most of it during the past few days, but due to the previous failure, he was traumatized and would only be assured once he recovered to his peak state.

The essence of a Ninth Earthly Martial Stage cultivator surged to its peak in his body.

An azure lotus levitated in the air right before his eyes. It was the advanced Emperor-tier divine weapon, the Azure Lotus Sword!

Xiaolang was standing guard outside his quarters.

“It’s time to lure him out ...” Having received instructions from Long Chen, Xiaolang was prepared.

When Xiaolang was prepared to act, Feng Zhilin arrived. It had been days since she was able to take a bath, so she had cleaned herself thoroughly as soon as she arrived. She was wearing a long, snow-white dress with a hairpin in her hair, making her look beautiful. A fragrance wafted off her, making her seem like a goddess.

Since Feng Zhilin was here, Xiaolang was no longer in a hurry to act.

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Before Feng Zhilin entered Wu Guangyu’s quarters, she glanced at Xiaolang.

Xiaolang kept his eyes glazed over, as if he was under a spell.

Was I mistaken? Why did I sense a thick killing intent from this beast just now? Feng Zhilin shook her head and looked at Xiaolang for a while. After confirming that she was mistaken, she entered.

She was only willing to disturb Wu Guangyu while he was cultivating because she was not assured about him. If Wu Guangyu could not let go of his obsession and decided to look for Long Chen now, they would have a huge problem.

To her, Wu Guangyu was a powerful cultivator, but Long Chen was a mysterious nightmare.

Giant Metal City was basically an iron forest, so it was not as aesthetically pleasing as Heavenly Wood City. However, after the Wind clansmen fixed the place up, the buildings almost looked like normal houses, equipping them with all the necessities.

Feng Zhilin heard her when she arrived outside his door, and he smiled warmly and stood up. He could already smell her fragrance.

I can't believe Sister Zhilin completely fell for me after that loss. Should I be thanking Long Chen at this point?

Wu Guangyu naturally noticed the change in Feng Zhilin.

They had been betrothed since they were young, and now they were much older and had reached ages suitable for marriage. The Wind clan had followed the Divine clan around for many years and had always been somewhat like their servants. The members of the Divine clan looked down on the Wind clansmen even more than the Demon clan had done with the Thunder clan.

If Feng Zhilin married Wu Guangyu, the situation could change.

Both of them held special positions in their respective clan. Wu Guangyu was also the heir to the Divine clan and was an extraordinary prodigy.

"Sister Zhilin, you're so pretty ..." After Feng Zhilin walked in, Wu Guangyu suddenly felt like his world had lit up. Feng Zhilin's heart fluttered—a rare occurrence—when she was suddenly complimented by the tall man, who was looking at her with blazing eyes.

The man before me is my future husband ... she reminded herself. This suddenly felt very normal.

She then thought about how Wu Guangyu held a high position and was very powerful, yet he always accommodated her. This meant that he truly liked her. However, she had always been rude to him, and she was embarrassed when she thought about it. She hung her head and said, "Guangyu ... I ..."

"You should call me 'Brother Yu,'" Wu Guangyu said hurriedly.

"Brother Yu, I ..." Feng Zhilin paused, then she looked up and said boldly, "I have been childish and a little rude to you, yet you tolerated me. I came here today to apologize. I've thought it through. You're a talented expert, and you're so good to me ..."

What was she doing?

This arrogant woman was finally humbling herself in front of him today. Wu Guangyu was very excited, but he knew that he could not overdo it, so he said, "I don't blame you at all. As long as you're happy, you can treat me however you want. I'm your future husband, and I like you too, so I'm always going to treat you well. It's rare for us to be on such good terms; why don't we sit down and have a chat?"

Women loved sweet words, and could even be hypnotized by sweet talk, forgetting themselves. Feng Zhilin was no exception. If anyone else had spoken to her like this, she would have slapped them across the face. However, this was the great young master of the Divine clan, and he was being so gentle to her. She sank deeper into the feeling of love. When he gazed at her with burning eyes, her heartbeat quickened.

A few days ago, when she saw her imagined enemy, Suxue, interacting with Long Chen, then saw how Suxue cried so hard over Long Chen's death, she felt extremely jealous. Now she suddenly realized that she also had an excellent man. And he had not lost to Long Chen—Wu Guangyu had only lost because Long Chen had pulled some strange trick in the end!

Wu Guangyu had even comprehended the first stage of the Sword Path, so his strength would rise quickly. After he reached the Heavenly Martial Realm, he would be peerless among the First Heavenly Stage cultivators and would become one of the masters of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. If Feng Zhilin could tie down a great cultivator like him and make him fall deeply in love with her, then she would surely benefit from it.

This was what Feng Qing had told her countless times.

She had ignored him until now, but today, she finally sensed the danger.

That was why she had put much thought into her looks today.

The two started to chat, with both parties looking to benefit from it. Feng Zhilin kept giggling.

"Sister Zhilin, let's get married when we get out of the Ancient Graveyard. When that happens, I want the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory to know that you are my bride! I will hold the grandest wedding across the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory. You will marry into the Divine clan and become my woman!" said Wu Guangyu with a burning gaze.

His burning gaze and heavy breathing made her feel like she was falling.

Since he really loves me, everything will be fine. I need to marry someone anyway. He has endless potential and will become the strongest person in the territory sooner or later. It's not a bad thing at all to have a husband like that.

In reality, there was no love between these two. One side wanted to get his hands on the other as soon as possible, while the other was eyeing his strength and rank.

They chatted until midnight. Wu Guangyu did not seem to intend on letting Feng Zhilin leave.

“Who really waits until marriage these days? We’re only going to leave the Ancient Graveyard in half a year. Feng Zhilin, I really like you and I am willing to give up everything for you. Please believe me, will you?” Wu Guangyu begged.

Wu Guangyu was not going to give up easily. Feng Zhilin had not rejected him decisively; she had merely slapped him in the face, which proved that he had a huge chance. Therefore, he came up with endless sweet words and made countless promises to her.

“In the future, I will give you anything and everything you want. It doesn’t matter if it’s the Azure Lotus Sword or the Seven Star Lord’s inheritance. I will snatch it for you. Today, I risked my life to kill Long Chen to avenge you. Sister Zhilin, can’t you feel that my heart is true?”

Wu Guangyu’s final words finally moved Feng Zhilin.

They already were betrothed anyway. Feng Zhilin’s marriage to Wu Guangyu was becoming increasingly likely to happen.

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Wu Guangyu’s eyes seemed ablaze as he stared at the beautiful body before him. His own body heated up as well, and he could not help but remove his clothes.

“Brother Yu ... I ...” Feng Zhilin moaned seductively, her snow-white figure gently moving in bed. The flesh on her buttocks rippled, and she looked beautiful.

“What’s that?” Wu Guangyu, amidst tearing off his clothes, suddenly spotted a faint scar on her fair and perfect buttocks.

“Sister Zhilin, have you been injured here before?” Wu Guangyu asked instinctively. He peered at it closer. The faint scar looked like Chinese characters. Feng Zhilin had not told him about the bizarre incident yet.

“Um ... Brother Yu ... What are you talking about ... ” Feng Zhilin closed her eyes, not daring to look at him despite knowing exactly what he was talking about.

Wu Guangyu grew more curious, and his lust diminished significantly. He gently repositioned Feng Zhilin to look at the scar. Suddenly, it was as if lightning had struck him.

The scar was made up of two characters.

Long Chen.

Long Chen.

Looking at the two words, essence surged through Wu Guangyu's body and his breathing became labored. Unable to control the surge of his essence, he injured his internal organs, causing blood to spray out of his mouth and onto Feng Zhilin's fair body.

Those two words had struck him like lightning.

This was Feng Zhilin's most intimate body part, but Long Chen's name was carved on it. There was no need to explain; Wu Guangyu knew what it meant. When Feng Zhilin first escaped the Star Tomb, her clothes had been disheveled and her face was red ...

Feng Zhilin hated Long Chen so much ...

Previously, he thought that Long Chen was not powerful enough to make Feng Zhilin submit to him, but after their battle, he had learned the hard way that Long Chen was a monster. If someone told him that Long Chen was already that strong when they left the Star Tomb, Wu Guangyu would believe them.

Someone else had already taken his fiancée as theirs. And it was Long Chen.

The sudden hit of reality was a huge blow to Wu Guangyu. This was a larger blow than being defeated in the duel. Wu Guangyu's mind was blank. Rage and insanity flooded his mind, causing him to spiral into madness. His mind kept replaying the scene of his woman moaning beneath his enemy's crotch.

"Long Chen. Feng Zhilin."

Wu Guangyu felt like even breathing was getting difficult, and his chest felt like it was about to explode. His essence surged chaotically and he could not control it at all. His uncontrollable essence severely injured his recently healed organs once more.

At this moment, he was on the brink of a mental breakdown. He had seen it clearly, so he did not think that it was a mistake. It was a faint scar and almost invisible, but how could he have made a mistake with his excellent vision?

It was true. The two characters read "Long Chen."

That was clearly a man's handwriting, and Long Chen had definitely carved it there. And when he carved it, Long Chen had done it with the intention to brag to Wu Guangyu.

With that thought, Wu Guangyu felt the beast in his heart exploding in rage.

When he coughed blood on her naked body, Feng Zhilin was initially unaware of what had happened. All she knew was that a sudden bout of killing intent and violence had erupted from him, and it snapped her out of the mood. She opened her eyes in shock and then saw Wu Guangyu glaring at her like a fierce beast with blood on the corner of his mouth.

He was fine just now; why did he become like this?

Feng Zhilin did not know why.

Feng Zhilin quickly stood up and asked in a low voice, ignoring the fact that she was naked, "Wu Guangyu, what's the matter with you?"

The Azure Lotus Sword appeared in his hand.

"Die, you bitch!" he roared, then he swung his sword. A ray of sword light shot at Feng Zhilin.

"Cough!"

The sudden attack agitated his essence and he was injured once more, spitting out a mouthful of blood. But Feng Zhilin was in tip-top condition, so she dodged his attack. She quickly put on her clothes and asked in a panic, "What happened to you?"

"Are you still pretending? Haha. Whatever. It looks like you and Long Chen have long been working together in secret. You want to betray the Wind and the Divine clans, and you want to destroy the Wind clan. Is that it? Alright. I will not kill you for now. After I kill Long Chen, I will take his head back, then kill you."

Wu Guangyu laughed coldly, radiating pure violence. Then he ran off like a gust of wind. Feng Zhilin was left behind in a daze, and her expression gradually darkened.

"What happened? What's the matter with him?" Feng Zhilin started to recall the details. Right at the end, Wu Guangyu had asked if she had been injured there before. Then she recalled that Long Chen had hurt her there previously ...

Feng Zhilin's face fell.

Whoosh! She took out a mirror from her Universe Pouch and finally discovered the two characters, "Long Chen."

“Long Chen.” She finally understood everything.

That bastard. He carved his name there because he knew this day would come. Like Wu Guangyu, Feng Zhilin was enraged too. She finally understood why Long Chen had only pricked her bottom. She never bothered to look at it, as she never imagined that it would be something like this ...

She forced herself to calm down.

If I were a man and saw this on my woman, I would lose my mind too. I can't blame Brother Yu for this. However, he has surely gone off to search for Long Chen ...

With that thought, Feng Zhilin quickly gave chase, but when she ran out, she realized that he had long disappeared into the night. He had even called the Sun Devouring Wolf to follow him.

He's surely heading towards Heavenly Wood City. He's stronger than Long Chen, plus he has that Category Nine King-tier Sun Devouring Wolf, so he should be able to kill him. But I should hurry over to see what happens.

With that thought, Feng Zhilin quickly hurried off in that direction.

This was between the two of them, and it could not spread to other people. Feng Zhilin was in a hurry to explain everything to Wu Guangyu, so she did not tell other people either.

It was just a misunderstanding, and it would be fine once she explained herself. She knew that she was still a virgin, and once Wu Guangyu verified it, he would know that she was not lying.

Once he knew the truth, their relationship could still be saved.

But where was she going to find Long Chen in the dark of the night?

The willow seed planted unintentionally long ago had finally turned into a tree.

Long Chen and Xiaolang were just worrying about luring Wu Guangyu out, but suddenly, Wu Guangyu rushed out of Giant Metal City with disheveled clothes like a wild beast. This turn of events fit perfectly into Long Chen's plan.

If other people found out about this, they would surely stop Wu Guangyu, so he left very quietly. No one besides Feng Zhilin knew he had left Giant Metal City. Even if they did, they would not be able to catch up to him.

“The heavens are helping me. They want you dead.” When Long Chen saw Wu Guangyu charging through the night, Long Chen broke into a grin.

He immediately gave chase. The moment they arrived in an area with absolutely no one nearby, he could show himself.

The Ancient Graveyard was gigantic, and there were many areas without people.

With the Soul Swallowing Gaze, he could easily tail Wu Guangyu from five hundred meters away. He also maintained a connection with Xiaolang, so there was no way he would lose them. A forest in the dead of the night was the best time and place to act.

The Iron Forest pierced into the sky.

Many people’s field of vision was blocked by the Iron Forest.

Long Chen did not know why Wu Guangyu was suddenly sprinting like a madman. If he knew that this was all because of the “ugly thing” he had done in the Star Tomb, he would have collapsed because his only intention was to casually punish that woman at the time.

He had not expected it to become useful at a key moment like this.

“You’ve made me suffer so much these past four months. Today is the day that I, Long Chen, will make you pay for it.”

Long Chen soon found a location with absolutely no one around and accelerated.

The raging Wu Guangyu sensed the movement behind him.

He slowed down, then turned around fiercely. The man he wanted to kill even in his dreams was standing twenty meters away!

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Before Feng Zhilin entered Wu Guangyu’s quarters, she glanced at Xiaolang.

Xiaolang kept his eyes glazed over, as if he was under a spell.

Was I mistaken? Why did I sense a thick killing intent from this beast just now? Feng Zhilin shook her head and looked at Xiaolang for a while. After confirming that she was mistaken, she entered.

She was only willing to disturb Wu Guangyu while he was cultivating because she was not assured about him. If Wu Guangyu could not let go of his obsession and decided to look for Long Chen now, they would have a huge problem.

To her, Wu Guangyu was a powerful cultivator, but Long Chen was a mysterious nightmare.

Giant Metal City was basically an iron forest, so it was not as aesthetically pleasing as Heavenly Wood City. However, after the Wind clansmen fixed the place up, the buildings almost looked like normal houses, equipping them with all the necessities.

Feng Zhilin heard her when she arrived outside his door, and he smiled warmly and stood up. He could already smell her fragrance.

I can’t believe Sister Zhilin completely fell for me after that loss. Should I be thanking Long Chen at this point?

Wu Guangyu naturally noticed the change in Feng Zhilin.

They had been betrothed since they were young, and now they were much older and had reached ages suitable for marriage. The Wind clan had followed the Divine clan around for many years and had always been somewhat like their servants. The members of the Divine clan looked down on the Wind clansmen even more than the Demon clan had done with the Thunder clan.

If Feng Zhilin married Wu Guangyu, the situation could change.

Both of them held special positions in their respective clan. Wu Guangyu was also the heir to the Divine clan and was an extraordinary prodigy.

“Sister Zhilin, you’re so pretty ...” After Feng Zhilin walked in, Wu Guangyu suddenly felt like his world had lit up. Feng Zhilin’s heart fluttered—a rare occurrence—when she was suddenly complimented by the tall man, who was looking at her with blazing eyes.

The man before me is my future husband ... she reminded herself. This suddenly felt very normal.

She then thought about how Wu Guangyu held a high position and was very powerful, yet he always accommodated her. This meant that he truly liked her. However, she had always been rude to him, and she was embarrassed when she thought about it. She hung her head and said, “Guangyu ... I ...”

“You should call me ‘Brother Yu,’” Wu Guangyu said hurriedly.

“Brother Yu, I ...” Feng Zhilin paused, then she looked up and said boldly, “I have been childish and a little rude to you, yet you tolerated me. I came here today to apologize. I’ve thought it through. You’re a talented expert, and you’re so good to me ...”

What was she doing?

This arrogant woman was finally humbling herself in front of him today. Wu Guangyu was very excited, but he knew that he could not overdo it, so he said, “I don’t blame you at all. As long as you’re happy, you can treat me however you want. I’m your future husband, and I like you too, so I’m always going to treat you well. It’s rare for us to be on such good terms; why don’t we sit down and have a chat?”

Women loved sweet words, and could even be hypnotized by sweet talk, forgetting themselves. Feng Zhilin was no exception. If anyone else had spoken to her like this, she would have slapped them across the face. However, this was the great young master of the Divine clan, and he was being so gentle to her. She sank deeper into the feeling of love. When he gazed at her with burning eyes, her heartbeat quickened.

A few days ago, when she saw her imagined enemy, Suxue, interacting with Long Chen, then saw how Suxue cried so hard over Long Chen's death, she felt extremely jealous. Now she suddenly realized that she also had an excellent man. And he had not lost to Long Chen—Wu Guangyu had only lost because Long Chen had pulled some strange trick in the end!

Wu Guangyu had even comprehended the first stage of the Sword Path, so his strength would rise quickly. After he reached the Heavenly Martial Realm, he would be peerless among the First Heavenly Stage cultivators and would become one of the masters of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. If Feng Zhilin could tie down a great cultivator like him and make him fall deeply in love with her, then she would surely benefit from it.

This was what Feng Qing had told her countless times.

She had ignored him until now, but today, she finally sensed the danger.

That was why she had put much thought into her looks today.

The two started to chat, with both parties looking to benefit from it. Feng Zhilin kept giggling.

“Sister Zhilin, let's get married when we get out of the Ancient Graveyard. When that happens, I want the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory to know that you are my bride! I will hold the grandest wedding across the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory. You will marry into the Divine clan and become my woman!” said Wu Guangyu with a burning gaze.

His burning gaze and heavy breathing made her feel like she was falling.

Since he really loves me, everything will be fine. I need to marry someone anyway. He has endless potential and will become the strongest person in the territory sooner or later. It's not a bad thing at all to have a husband like that.

In reality, there was no love between these two. One side wanted to get his hands on the other as soon as possible, while the other was eyeing his strength and rank.

They chatted until midnight. Wu Guangyu did not seem to intend on letting Feng Zhilin leave.

“Who really waits until marriage these days? We're only going to leave the Ancient Graveyard in half a year. Feng Zhilin, I really like you and I am willing to give up everything for you. Please believe me, will you?” Wu Guangyu begged.

Wu Guangyu was not going to give up easily. Feng Zhilin had not rejected him decisively; she had merely slapped him in the face, which proved that he had a huge chance. Therefore, he came up with endless sweet words and made countless promises to her.

“In the future, I will give you anything and everything you want. It doesn’t matter if it’s the Azure Lotus Sword or the Seven Star Lord’s inheritance. I will snatch it for you. Today, I risked my life to kill Long Chen to avenge you. Sister Zhilin, can’t you feel that my heart is true?”

Wu Guangyu’s final words finally moved Feng Zhilin.

They already were betrothed anyway. Feng Zhilin’s marriage to Wu Guangyu was becoming increasingly likely to happen.

- Chapter 834 – Bad News

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Wu Guangyu’s eyes seemed ablaze as he stared at the beautiful body before him. His own body heated up as well, and he could not help but remove his clothes.

“Brother Yu ... I ...” Feng Zhilin moaned seductively, her snow-white figure gently moving in bed. The flesh on her buttocks rippled, and she looked beautiful.

“What’s that?” Wu Guangyu, amidst tearing off his clothes, suddenly spotted a faint scar on her fair and perfect buttocks.

“Sister Zhilin, have you been injured here before?” Wu Guangyu asked instinctively. He peered at it closer. The faint scar looked like Chinese characters. Feng Zhilin had not told him about the bizarre incident yet.

“Um ... Brother Yu ... What are you talking about ... ” Feng Zhilin closed her eyes, not daring to look at him despite knowing exactly what he was talking about.

Wu Guangyu grew more curious, and his lust diminished significantly. He gently re-positioned Feng Zhilin to look at the scar. Suddenly, it was as if lightning had struck him.

The scar was made up of two characters.

Long Chen.

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Looking at the two words, essence surged through Wu Guangyu’s body and his breathing became labored. Unable to control the surge of his essence, he injured his internal organs, causing blood to spray out of his mouth and onto Feng Zhilin’s fair body.

Those two words had struck him like lightning.

This was Feng Zhilin's most intimate body part, but Long Chen's name was carved on it. There was no need to explain; Wu Guangyu knew what it meant. When Feng Zhilin first escaped the Star Tomb, her clothes had been disheveled and her face was red ...

Feng Zhilin hated Long Chen so much ...

Previously, he thought that Long Chen was not powerful enough to make Feng Zhilin submit to him, but after their battle, he had learned the hard way that Long Chen was a monster. If someone told him that Long Chen was already that strong when they left the Star Tomb, Wu Guangyu would believe them.

Someone else had already taken his fiancée as theirs. And it was Long Chen.

The sudden hit of reality was a huge blow to Wu Guangyu. This was a larger blow than being defeated in the duel. Wu Guangyu's mind was blank. Rage and insanity flooded his mind, causing him to spiral into madness. His mind kept replaying the scene of his woman moaning beneath his enemy's crotch.

"Long Chen. Feng Zhilin."

Wu Guangyu felt like even breathing was getting difficult, and his chest felt like it was about to explode. His essence surged chaotically and he could not control it at all. His uncontrollable essence severely injured his recently healed organs once more.

At this moment, he was on the brink of a mental breakdown. He had seen it clearly, so he did not think that it was a mistake. It was a faint scar and almost invisible, but how could he have made a mistake with his excellent vision?

It was true. The two characters read "Long Chen."

That was clearly a man's handwriting, and Long Chen had definitely carved it there. And when he carved it, Long Chen had done it with the intention to brag to Wu Guangyu.

With that thought, Wu Guangyu felt the beast in his heart exploding in rage.

When he coughed blood on her naked body, Feng Zhilin was initially unaware of what had happened. All she knew was that a sudden bout of killing intent and violence had erupted from him, and it snapped her out of the mood. She opened her eyes in shock and then saw Wu Guangyu glaring at her like a fierce beast with blood on the corner of his mouth.

He was fine just now; why did he become like this?

Feng Zhilin did not know why.

Feng Zhilin quickly stood up and asked in a low voice, ignoring the fact that she was naked, “Wu Guangyu, what’s the matter with you?”

The Azure Lotus Sword appeared in his hand.

“Die, you bitch!” he roared, then he swung his sword. A ray of sword light shot at Feng Zhilin.

“Cough!”

The sudden attack agitated his essence and he was injured once more, spitting out a mouthful of blood. But Feng Zhilin was in tip-top condition, so she dodged his attack. She quickly put on her clothes and asked in a panic, “What happened to you?”

“Are you still pretending? Haha. Whatever. It looks like you and Long Chen have long been working together in secret. You want to betray the Wind and the Divine clans, and you want to destroy the Wind clan. Is that it? Alright. I will not kill you for now. After I kill Long Chen, I will take his head back, then kill you.”

Wu Guangyu laughed coldly, radiating pure violence. Then he ran off like a gust of wind. Feng Zhilin was left behind in a daze, and her expression gradually darkened.

“What happened? What’s the matter with him?” Feng Zhilin started to recall the details. Right at the end, Wu Guangyu had asked if she had been injured there before. Then she recalled that Long Chen had hurt her there previously ...

Feng Zhilin’s face fell.

Whoosh! She took out a mirror from her Universe Pouch and finally discovered the two characters, “Long Chen.”

“Long Chen.” She finally understood everything.

That bastard. He carved his name there because he knew this day would come. Like Wu Guangyu, Feng Zhilin was enraged too. She finally understood why Long Chen had only pricked her bottom. She never bothered to look at it, as she never imagined that it would be something like this ...

She forced herself to calm down.

If I were a man and saw this on my woman, I would lose my mind too. I can’t blame Brother Yu for this. However, he has surely gone off to search for Long Chen ...

With that thought, Feng Zhilin quickly gave chase, but when she ran out, she realized that he had long disappeared into the night. He had even called the Sun Devouring Wolf to follow him.

He's surely heading towards Heavenly Wood City. He's stronger than Long Chen, plus he has that Category Nine King-tier Sun Devouring Wolf, so he should be able to kill him. But I should hurry over to see what happens.

With that thought, Feng Zhilin quickly hurried off in that direction.

This was between the two of them, and it could not spread to other people. Feng Zhilin was in a hurry to explain everything to Wu Guangyu, so she did not tell other people either.

It was just a misunderstanding, and it would be fine once she explained herself. She knew that she was still a virgin, and once Wu Guangyu verified it, he would know that she was not lying.

Once he knew the truth, their relationship could still be saved.

But where was she going to find Long Chen in the dark of the night?

The willow seed planted unintentionally long ago had finally turned into a tree.

Long Chen and Xiaolang were just worrying about luring Wu Guangyu out, but suddenly, Wu Guangyu rushed out of Giant Metal City with disheveled clothes like a wild beast. This turn of events fit perfectly into Long Chen's plan.

If other people found out about this, they would surely stop Wu Guangyu, so he left very quietly. No one besides Feng Zhilin knew he had left Giant Metal City. Even if they did, they would not be able to catch up to him.

"The heavens are helping me. They want you dead." When Long Chen saw Wu Guangyu charging through the night, Long Chen broke into a grin.

He immediately gave chase. The moment they arrived in an area with absolutely no one nearby, he could show himself.

The Ancient Graveyard was gigantic, and there were many areas without people.

With the Soul Swallowing Gaze, he could easily tail Wu Guangyu from five hundred meters away. He also maintained a connection with Xiaolang, so there was no way he would lose them. A forest in the dead of the night was the best time and place to act.

The Iron Forest pierced into the sky.

Many people's field of vision was blocked by the Iron Forest.

Long Chen did not know why Wu Guangyu was suddenly sprinting like a madman. If he knew that this was all because of the “ugly thing” he had done in the Star Tomb, he would have collapsed because his only intention was to casually punish that woman at the time.

He had not expected it to become useful at a key moment like this.

“You’ve made me suffer so much these past four months. Today is the day that I, Long Chen, will make you pay for it.”

Long Chen soon found a location with absolutely no one around and accelerated.

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- Chapter 835 – Meeting Wu Guangyu Once Again -

In his rage, Wu Guangyu merely smirked coldly. There was nothing else to say. His objective today was to kill Long Chen, and now was the perfect moment. He waved, gesturing for Xiaolang to enter his original form!

“Your former pet beast now belongs to me. Your woman, Suxue, will also one day belong to me. As for you, rest in peace ...”

Long Chen had played with his woman; how would he rest easy without playing with Long Chen’s woman too?

He had already lost interest in Feng Zhilin.

This brat ran out in the middle of the night just to kill me. That glare in his eyes ... Why is he acting like I played with his woman? Long Chen thought to himself, puzzled. Then, when he recalled what he did to Feng Zhilin in the Star Tomb, he finally understood.

That brat must have seen the scar on Feng Zhilin.

Wu Guangyu’s face turned as purple as a pig’s liver.

“Long Chen ...” Wu Guangyu panted heavily.

Behind him, Xiaolang gradually transformed from human to Sun Devouring Wolf. He was now a Category Nine King-tier Sun Devouring Wolf and was physically gigantic. However, Xiaolang stopped himself from growing when was only ten meters tall as that was the most suitable battle size for him.

“The Category Nine King-tier Sun Devouring Wolf is beyond your imagination. Today, I will turn you into stone. I will take good care of everything you will leave behind. You took my things away, so today, I swear I will take everything back!”

Wu Guangyu was almost shouting by the end.

He was relying on the Sun Devouring Wolf for this to work.

Long Chen’s lips curled up ever so slightly.

“Big Brother, this is the perfect chance.” Xiaolang and Long Chen were communicating through the language of beasts.

“Time is of the essence. Quickly, finish him off,” said Long Chen.

Wu Guangyu could not wait to chop Long Chen up. He had already taken out his Azure Lotus Sword. He had only just recovered, so he did not dare use a technique above his current level. Thus, he would not dare use the Azure Lotus Manual, which he could not control. However, with the Sun Devouring Wolf’s support, he was confident that he could kill Long Chen!

“Blackie, let’s work together!” Wu Guangyu told Xiaolang. When the Sun Devouring Wolf nodded, Wu Guangyu felt assured.

“The Beast Soul Transformation again? Beast Warriors are the lowest tier of cultivators. As a Sword Warrior, I’m countless times stronger than you are. Today, I will show you how glorious it is to comprehend the Sword Path!”

Wu Guangyu roared, and his silhouette flickered. He turned into a ray of azure light as he charged at Long Chen. The Sun Devouring Wolf let out a chilling roar and charged at Long Chen with a *whoosh*, following Wu Guangyu!

“Nine States Sword Manual! Nineteen States of Sword Light!” Wu Guangyu used an intermediate Emperor-tier combat technique the moment he attacked. This also his strongest technique aside from the Azure Sword Manual. No youth in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory could block this attack!

Long Chen was the first person to ever block this move using his triple Emperor Seal combination!

“When I used the Azure Lotus Sword, you were able to come back from the dead. But will you be able to do that again after the Sun Devouring Wolf turns your body into solid ice?” Wu Guangyu’s objective was to defeat or at least occupy Long Chen. As long as Long Chen was occupied, the Sun Devouring Wolf could use its Nine Devils Ancestral Fire on him.

He was using Long Chen’s own pet beast to kill him. This eased Wu Guangyu’s fury very much!

He had never hated anyone this much in his life. What Long Chen had done to Feng Zhilin had brought him to the brink of madness!

As he expected, he saw Long Chen use the triple Emperor Seal in response to the Nineteen States of Sword Light. This terrifying move had injured Wu Guangyu before. However, he was not here to fight Long Chen to the death today—he was only trying to occupy him. Then the Sun Devouring Wolf could launch the fatal strike!

Nine Devils Ancestral Fire!

A few days after the last duel, the triple Emperor Seal combination collided with the Nineteen States of Sword Light once more!

The outlines of the azure, gold, and scarlet Emperor Seals appeared on Long Chen's blood-red, scaly palms. Then they erupted with power and shot forward!

"Golden Emperor Veiled Heaven Seal!

"Azure Emperor Rising Heaven Seal!

"Scarlet Emperor Burning Heaven Seal!"

The three seals merged quickly and collided with Wu Guangyu's attack! This was playing out exactly like before, and the three Emperor Seals emerged victorious once again. The bright sword light shone in the night sky, but it quickly shattered under Long Chen's attack!

"Haargh!" Wu Guangyu cried out as he injected more of his essence so that the Nineteen States of Sword Light could temporarily withstand Long Chen's attack. At the last moment, Wu Guangyu shouted, "Blackie!"

That was what Wu Guangyu had named the Sun Devouring Wolf!

This was the best time for Xiaolang to act. Wu Guangyu was filled with excitement; he was already picturing the scene of Long Chen being engulfed in the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire.

As expected, the Sun Devouring Wolf acted immediately. It opened its jaws and spat out fire. The surrounding temperature fell instantly, and black flames appeared in the dark night.

Whoosh!

Wu Guangyu could feel the power of the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. He knew that his loyal pet was behind him, launching a blow that would be fatal to his greatest enemy.

Victory would be determined at this moment!

From Long Chen's panicked look, Wu Guangyu could tell that the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire was directed at him. In the next moment, Wu Guangyu would see Long Chen being turned into black ice!

Wu Guangyu never would have thought that Long Chen was only pretending to panic!

Long Chen was actually laughing inside. He could see that the Sun Devouring Wolf's attack was aimed at Wu Guangyu.

A large swath of Nine Devils Ancestral Fire immediately landed on Wu Guangyu's back. Initially, Wu Guangyu had a feeling that the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire was going to hit him, but he thought that he was mistaken. Plus, it was very powerful, so it was logical that he would be affected since he was so close!

Plus, the panic in Long Chen's eyes made him believe it.

When he finally realized that the threat was heading toward himself, it was too late. The Sun Devouring Wolf was behind him, so how could he ever dodge it?

Wu Guangyu was completely stunned.

"No! Why?!" This emotional blow made him spit out a mouthful of blood, and his arms were no longer strong enough to support the Nineteen States of Sword Light. Due to the might of the triple seal combination, the Azure Lotus Sword flew high in the air. Then the three seals blasted Wu Guangyu toward the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire!

Wu Guangyu's eyes were filled with panic when he realized he was trapped between Long Chen's triple seal and Xiaolang's Nine Devils Ancestral Fire!

Even if a Heavenly Martial Realm cultivator were in this situation, they would surely die too!

"No!"

The super-confident Wu Guangyu never would have thought that he would die here. His bloodshot eyes bulged!

Rumble!

His disbelief did not help anything. Long Chen was still smiling, and he even strengthened his attack. Wu Guangyu was first turned into ice by Xiaolang's Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, then, due to Long Chen's attack, all the hard ice turned into black powder that blew away with the breeze!

Wu Guangyu had completely disappeared from the world.

Before he died, his mind had been filled with Long Chen's mocking smile.

He finally understood that he had played right into Long Chen's hands. He had never controlled the Sun Devouring Wolf—it had always been under Long Chen's control.

Wu Guangyu broke down when faced with reality.

Long Chen was a nightmare.

Unfortunately, he had no hopes of taking revenge again.

The black powder disappeared completely. Under the triple seal's attack, nothing remained.

Wu Guangyu was dead.

After he died, Long Chen deactivated the Dragon Soul Transformation and Xiaolang returned to his human form. He held the Azure Lotus Sword in his hand, then tossed it to Long Chen.

This was their war spoil, so Long Chen took it without hesitation. He stored it in the Universal Pouch, then embraced Xiaolang in a hug!

"Xiaolang!"

"Big Brother!"

Both of them felt the other's powerful arms and then burst into laughter.

"Damn! We finally killed that bastard! Whoever touches my brother will inevitably end up like this!" Long Chen said with a smile.

He was very happy to finally fulfill his wish.

"Big Brother, let's quickly clean up the evidence here and leave. Feng Zhilin might catch up to us," said Xiaolang.

"Her?"

Long Chen smiled. The seed he had planted unintentionally had turned into a tree. His objective at the time was to merely dish out a bit of punishment to the woman; he had not expected it to benefit him today.

"There's nothing to clean up here. No trace of him remains. We should leave," Long Chen said decisively. Then he left with Xiaolang.

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Just like that, Wu Guangyu had been stealthily killed by Long Chen. He initially thought the Sun Devouring Wolf would kill Long Chen; he never would have imagined that it would kill him instead.

The cycle of karma—this was a clear example of it.

After Long Chen and Xiaolang confirmed that there were no traces of the incident, they left. About fifteen minutes after they were gone, Feng Zhilin, whose clothes were still disheveled, arrived at the same place.

“The fighting sounds should have come from this direction. Why isn’t he here?” Feng Zhilin looked around. She could only see the Iron Forest everywhere, but there was no trace of Wu Guangyu.

“Long Chen is a tricky manipulator. Although Wu Guangyu has the help of the Sun Devouring Wolf, it’ll be problematic if he accidentally falls into Long Chen’s trap ...”

Feng Zhilin started to panic. She had a feeling that there was something wrong with this place, but she could not put a finger on it.

“What is this?” She sensed a chill coming from the ground. She bent down and took a look at some black ice crumbs, but they were merely random chips. Although it was strange that ice would appear here, this was the Ancient Graveyard, and many strange things took place in this land.

“No, I must quickly follow him!” The ice chips did not rouse her suspicion at all. She quickly stood up and traveled towards Heavenly Wood City. Meanwhile, Long Chen was rushing toward Tianyi Water City; therefore, the distance between them gradually increased.

This resulted in Feng Zhilin being completely unable to find him.

“What is this?” Suddenly, Feng Zhilin saw a black vortex in front of her in the Iron Forest. The vortex was floating in the air, and it distorted both space and light. It emitted a strange light and emanated a cold, desolate aura from within.

Feng Zhilin slowly approached it, then halted ten meters away from the vortex, sensing that it was a terrifying thing. When she was about to leave, the black vortex suddenly erupted with a sucking force. Feng Zhilin realized she could not resist it at all!

“Help!” Feng Zhilin’s face paled. She never thought this would happen and was using all her strength to fight against the force. Yet, bit by bit, she was being sucked in. After being pulled ten meters closer, she was on the edge of the vortex.

“No!” Feng Zhilin panicked and screamed in agony, but it was useless. The black vortex was like a large, gaping mouth that swallowed her whole.

In the blink of an eye, Feng Zhilin disappeared from the Ancient Graveyard. No one knew where she had gone. Even Long Chen had no idea that this had happened to her.

After the vortex swallowed Feng Zhilin, it quickly shrank until it disappeared. Then the space returned to its original state as if nothing had ever happened.

“Big Brother, what are we going to do at Tianyi Water City?” asked Xiaolang as they quickly traveled.

Long Chen replied, “I told Suxue and the others that I was heading to Tianyi Water City. If I return to Heavenly Wood City now, it will look suspicious. Now that Wu Guangyu is dead, we’ll just pretend that he’s missing. Killing Wu Guangyu delayed my journey significantly, so I must hurry to Tianyi Water City now. Plus, I am able to merge three of the Five Emperor Seals now. I only have the Yellow and Black Emperor Seals left. I think I should be able to find a water-type treasure there.”

Xiaolang said, “Very few people in the Ancient Graveyard are powerful enough to kill Wu Guangyu, and most of them have gone to Tianyi Water City. What if they deduce that it was you? Plus, I’m with you too.”

If other people saw Xiaolang with Long Chen, they would easily guess that Long Chen had killed Wu Guangyu.

Long Chen nodded and said, “Indeed, we need to be careful about that. Wu Lian is quite scary, and I am not a match for her yet. Therefore, if we come across anyone, I’ll need to keep you in the Primordial Realm. As for the culprit, I think there are more suspects other than myself.”

“Other suspects?” Xiaolang asked curiously. As far as he was aware, the people who had gone to Tianyi Water City and Long Chen were the only ones who could kill Wu Guangyu.

Long Chen told him about the six individuals from the demon race. Due to having spent some time away from Long Chen, he was not very familiar with the situation in the Royal Territories, so Long Chen told him about the organizations there.

“Such a group exists? It looks like we aren’t in a very good situation. If those people are eyeing the Five Emperors’ treasure, with their strength, we will be defenseless. Big Brother, are you still going to fight for the treasure?”

“Yes, of course! Not just that, I need to learn how to get to the Three Royal Territories from them. They came from the Three Royal Territories, so they surely know how to get there.”

Xiaolang nodded. “Then we must be very careful. Emperor-tier beasts are much stronger than the King-tier ones. Demonic beasts who have achieved that level surely

hold high positions in the Desolate Royal Territory too. I haven't reached the Emperor-tier, so I don't know exactly how strong they are."

The number of demonic beasts in Desolate Royal Territory far surpassed Long Chen and Xiaolang's imagination. There were billions of groups there, and they were differentiated between weak and strong clans. The Desolate Royal Territory did not only consist of King and Emperor-tier beasts who could take human form; Heaven, Earth, Black, and Yellow-tier beasts were there too. Usually, the generals of certain clans were Demon Kings, whereas Demon Emperors were qualified to become clan leaders. There were so many individuals of the demon race that there were hundreds of millions of Demon Emperors alone.

Demon Emperors were equivalent to Heavenly Martial Realm experts.

Above the Demon Emperors were Demon Gods, which were equivalent to Divine Martial Realm experts.

There were many Demon Gods in the Desolate Royal Territory too, and they formed the core power of the territory.

Worry flashed in Long Chen's eyes. "There are countless experts in the Royal Territory. The ones who are here to target the treasure left behind by the Five Emperors are likely not weak either. The fact that we are merely playing their game while they watch from the shadows means that they are at least stronger than the strongest person from the Ten Thousand Nations Territory.

The Three Royal Territories were vast and boundless; their scale was beyond anything Long Chen could imagine.

After talking about this, both brothers looked worried, but Long Chen maintained his confidence.

They continued heading towards Tianyi Water City at full speed. The sooner he arrived, the lower the chance of him being suspected as the killer. Furthermore, if no one saw Wu Guangyu's body, how could they know that he was dead?

Little Cat emerged from the Primordial Realm, and Xiaolang was stunned by the fuzzy creature that appeared on Long Chen's shoulder. "Uh, what is that?"

"You idiot! Don't you recognize your Master Cat? I know I look handsome, but can you not look at me like that? I have no interest in male animals!" Little Cat eyed him with contempt, then scratched an itch with a fuzzy claw.

"That's Fat Cat? What's with that look?" Xiaolang was speechless.

“This is the body of the demonic beast called the Dream Demon. Little Cat has possessed its body, and as the Dream Demon grows, Little Cat’s hallucinatory magic will strengthen too. It will be very helpful. Your Nine Devils Ancestral Fire may be a sure-kill technique, but it isn’t easy to hit the enemy accurately. If you and Little Cat work together in battle, it’ll produce powerful results.”

“No way! I am Master Cat, and I answer only to the heavens! I am peerless! Yet you want me to work with a little black dog? During ancient times, ten thousand Divine Martial Realm cultivators died with just one breath from me!” Little Cat said smugly.

Long Chen and Xiaolang chose to ignore the little brat who loved to lie.

“Hey! Did you guys get scared when you heard about my mighty powers?” asked Little Cat haughtily.

Whoosh ...

When Little Cat saw the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, he trembled and hurriedly hid behind Long Chen’s neck. Terrified, he cried, “You smelly dog! What are you doing? Don’t you dare come here ...”

“Don’t call me a little black dog again! My soul is human! I am Mo Xiaolang!” said Xiaolang mildly, baring his teeth.

“But you’ve become a wolf ... Ah! Mercy! You’re human! You’re a whole human!” lamented Little Cat when Xiaolang intimidated him again.

Now that Xiaolang was back, Little Cat’s good days had come to an end.

Xiaolang was usually an agreeable character, but he loved teasing Little Cat. This was also a quirky part of his personality. He considered Little Cat a brother after spending such a long time together.

Long Chen chuckled, grabbed Little Cat, and placed him in Xiaolang’s arms. Then he led them towards the city at top speed. “Alright, let’s go! Destination: Tianyi Water City!”

The appearance of the Black Emperor Key had triggered a commotion larger than the Martial Youth Competition. Outsiders were forbidden from getting close to the competition’s location anyway. After everyone heard about the key, they all swarmed toward Tianyi Water City. By the time Long Chen arrived, two-thirds of those still alive in the Ancient Graveyard had gathered.

The Five Emperors’ treasures were hugely tempting to everyone there. Someone spread the news that those who possessed the Black Emperor Key would receive two slots to enter the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm. The legend of the Five Emperors was

the most impressive legend of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, so everyone was so tempted by it that they valued it over their own lives.

Many people had already tossed the matter of their own mortality out of their minds after coming to the Ancient Graveyard. That was why dying was normal to them. They were here risking their lives after all. Getting the Black Emperor Key was the most worthwhile thing to risk their lives for, and no one was willing to give up on this opportunity.

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The clan leaders of the nine clans weren't the only cultivators present; there were many regular people around too.

When the news of the Black Emperor Key spread, the fact that Long Chen had beaten Wu Guangyu to become the champion of the Martial Youth Competition was not shocking anymore. They were more concerned about the location of the Black Emperor Key.

Theoretically, anyone could get the key. This was due to the situation at Tianyi Water City.

Long Chen was currently standing next to Tianyi Lake.

Tianyi Lake was at the center of the Water District. There was more water than land in the Water District, as there were lakes everywhere. Tianyi Lake was the largest of them. Long Chen could not even see the other side of the lake when he stood on the edge, which showed just how gigantic it was.

It was as large as the gigantic tree beneath Heavenly Wood City.

At the center of Tianyi Lake, there was a city built on top of the water. This was the legendary Tianyi Water City. From afar, it looked like a pure white fortress. The miraculousness of its architecture and its elegance put it on the same level as Heavenly Wood City.

The water within a five-hundred-meter radius of the city was extremely calm. However, it was completely different beyond that. The rest of the lake spun quickly around the city, forming a gigantic whirlpool. While Long Chen stood on the edge of Tianyi Lake, water splashed out constantly, making it feel like it was raining.

The copious amounts of spinning water resulted in a very strong current. Those who had not reached the Earthly Martial Realm could not even stand in the lake; even Long

Chen would likely be greatly affected by it. Long Chen knew that it was not going to be easy for Wu Lian and the others to find the Black Emperor Key within the whirlpool.

No one knew where the information came from, but someone saw the Black Emperor Key fall from the sky with their own eyes, and it had fallen into the whirlpool. Currently, many cultivators were squeezed within the lake in search of it. The nine clan leaders actually arrived a little late. However, most of the cultivators were searching blindly.

Furthermore, the longer those people stayed in the water, the higher their chances of getting injured from the current, or even death.

People were willing to die for riches. Although they saw other people dying, no one was discouraged.

The Black Emperor Key was extremely important to the nine clans, especially the Five Elements Alliance, who only had two people entering the Five Emperors' Secret Realm despite having so many Heavenly Martial Realm cultivators. They had mobilized everyone available to search for the key.

Tianyi Water City was the Water and Wood clans' base. Therefore, the moment the Black Emperor Key appeared, both clans entered the lake. The people of the Five Elements Alliance were very aggressive and had long warned all the other cultivators not to enter. However, there were too many of them to manage, and since the experts of the clan were away, they were unable to stop the outsiders.

By the time the higher-ups returned, the place had descended into chaos. However, there was still no news of the Black Emperor Key.

The Five Elements Alliance was worried that outsiders would take away the Black Emperor Key, so they mobilized many experts to kill them or drive them away. This caused an even larger commotion, and many people died in the lake.

Fights were taking place on every corner of the lake. Initially, the Five Elements Alliance wanted the Divine Wind and Thunder Demon factions to work together with them to drive the regular cultivators away, but Wu Lian and Bai Lan ignored them and went off to search for the Black Emperor Key on their own.

The Five Elements Alliance was the most desperate for the key.

Bai Lan and Wu Lian did not want to form major grudges with the regular cultivators, as they made up a majority of the population in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory.

As a result, only the Five Elements Alliance dealt with those people. As the killing continued, the gigantic Tianyi Lake was starting to become red from the blood.

Those cultivators could only leave the Ancient Graveyard once their Ancient Tokens turned golden. Therefore, killing was inevitable in this place.

One by one, people started to die.

If they did not die now, there would be another round of killing in half a year, when the exit out of the Ancient Graveyard opened. There would be so much bloodshed that rivers of blood would form. The people who came to the Ancient Graveyard were ready to die.

Long Chen's eyebrows were mildly furrowed as he watched.

As the Five Elements Alliance continued their aggressive massacre, those who had failed to find the Black Emperor Key no longer dared to enter the lake.

It was not worth it to die without having found anything.

The Five Elements Alliance took over the whole lake. Bai Lan and Lei Ji were probably in the water already.

After Long Chen arrived, he put Xiaolang and Little Cat in the Primordial Realm. He kept a very low profile, and since not many people had met him before, no one recognized him. There were many cultivators like him in the lake anyway.

As he prepared to enter, he suddenly sensed Bai Lan and Lei Ji's auras. Then both of them emerged from the lakebed, and based on their expressions, they had not found the Black Emperor Key.

Long Chen moved slightly, and they noticed him. When they recognized him, they were stunned for a moment, then approached immediately. Bai Lan asked, "Why did you come? Weren't you returning to Heavenly Wood City?"

Long Chen said, "I came to help, and also to search for a water-type treasure in the Water District. Nothing much is going on in the Wood District, so after escorting them for a while, I came here. I've been searching for two or three days, but I haven't found anything yet. What about you guys?"

Long Chen had previously asked for a wood-type treasure from them before, so they believed him.

He mentioned that he had been searching for two or three days so that other people would not suspect that Wu Guangyu's disappearance had anything to do with him. Long Chen still did not know that Feng Zhilin had also disappeared, nor that the Divine Wind Faction was currently searching for both of them.

If Feng Zhilin had not gone missing as well, they would have guessed that Long Chen had killed Wu Guangyu.

Therefore, this was a good thing for Long Chen.

“Since you’re here already, let’s search together. We will also keep an eye out for water-type treasures. The two of us were initially working separately. Do you want to join us, or ...?” asked Bai Lan.

“I’ll work alone. Very few people here know me anyway,” said Long Chen with a grin.

Indeed, most people from the Divine Wind Faction knew him, but they weren’t here. Very few members of the Five Elements Alliance knew who he was, so they treated him as a regular cultivator.

“Alright. Be careful. If anything happens, just shout. We will hear you.” After that, Bai Lan left Long Chen on his own. Since the youth could defeat Wu Guangyu, he was assured enough to leave him on his own.

After a short chat, Bai Lan and Lei Ji entered Tianyi Lake’s whirlpool. Long Chen did the same.

Long Chen finally felt its power when he was truly inside it. It was indeed terrifying, and with his current strength, he had to work hard to stabilize himself so he would not be flushed away.

It was hard enough to stabilize himself, let alone search for something. The current was so swift that he could not see anything.

Finding the Black Emperor Key would require a lot of luck.

Maybe someone had already taken it.

Long Chen’s only advantage was the Five Emperor Seals. When Bai Lan previously took out his Emperor Key, they had a slight reaction, since both the seals and the keys came from the same source.

Based on the same faint sensation, Long Chen had a feeling that the Black Emperor Key was indeed somewhere in the lake. He had a high chance of finding the key; it was just a matter of time.

The competition for access to the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm is very intense. I’d rather the slots for the Black Emperor Key go to waste than let the Five Elements Alliance bring more people into the secret realm. Even Bai Lan is searching for the key. If I find it, I’ll take it away ...

After forming his plan, he started to move blindly within the lake, trying to figure out the key's location through the sensation from the Five Emperor Seals in his hand. The stronger the feeling, the nearer he was to the Black Emperor Key.

Along the way, he encountered a lot of fights, but he ignored them.

After he wandered around the lake for a long time, he finally felt the sensation growing stronger.

"This way ..." He could even roughly sense which direction it was in.

It was beneath his feet.

I can't believe that these people have been searching for days, yet I found it first. Many people have passed by this spot, but they aren't searching carefully, so how could they ever hope to find it?

Long Chen continued to dive deeper. The lake was far deeper than he expected, and after descending a few hundred meters, he still did not see the bottom. However, the feeling in his hand was growing much stronger.

Is there someone down there? After diving for a while, he suddenly noticed someone below. That person was not far away from the location of the Black Emperor Key.

What a coincidence! I have just arrived, but someone has already taken it away. Long Chen felt disappointed. He had a feeling that this person was an expert.

However, he could still feel the Black Emperor Key, so it had not been taken away yet.

Heavenly Martial Realm masters were the only ones in the Ancient Graveyard who could scare Long Chen. There were quite a few of them in the lake, and Long Chen was worried he would come across one of them. That was why he was very careful. Still, he did not give up.

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With a divine technique like Blood Warp, even if he could not snatch the Black Emperor Key, running would be a simple feat. At this current level, no one in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory could catch up to him when he used Blood Warp.

He hid his aura and slowed his movements, sneaking forward. Using the Soul Swallowing Gaze, he could easily locate the other person.

This person was fifty meters below Long Chen and was still descending. Long Chen guessed that they were heading towards the Black Emperor Key.

Looking at them with the Soul Swallowing Gaze, it was likely a Heavenly Martial Realm cultivator, though he did not know who.

But after proceeding for a while, Long Chen suddenly sensed something, and his eyes lit up.

“The Black Emperor Key is right there, and there seems to be something next to it ...”

“It’s the aura of a demonic beast. A Category Nine King-tier beast,” said Xiaolang from within the Primordial Realm. Long Chen was not strong enough to face Wu Lian, so he could not let anyone see Xiaolang for the moment.

“Demonic beast?” Long Chen was a little puzzled. There were so many people in the lake; why had it not reacted at all?

“This is a beast known as the Golden-Eyed Water Beast. It’s a lion-type beast who is usually in a state of deep slumber. It looks like a stone lion and will only wake up when someone else disturbs it. Just like how a person reacts when their sleep is disturbed, the awakened Golden-Eyed Water Beast rages violently. However, its demonic core is valuable and could help you complete your cultivation of the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal!”

“Really?” Long Chen thought for a moment and felt like he was actually very lucky. The Golden-Eyed Water Beast was actually much more useful to him than the Black Emperor Key.

A Category Nine King-tier beast was not easy to defeat. He did not know why the Black Emperor Key would appear here with it, but Long Chen was not in a hurry. If the beast woke up, there was an expert to deal with it nearby. All he had to do was get the timing right.

Those six demons were the ones who released the Black Emperor Key. Based on their personalities, it’s not surprising that they put the key next to the Golden-Eyed Water Beast once they learned of it.

With that thought, Long Chen grew more careful.

Using the Soul Swallowing Gaze, he saw that the beast was in a deep slumber. Its soul was very large, but it was difficult to see through the Soul Swallowing Gaze. Perhaps its soul would appear clearer once it was awake.

Suddenly, the expert below stopped. Despite being in a whirlpool, they were able to stop in a stable manner. This showed that they were at least stronger than Long Chen.

Long Chen continued ahead and peered closely. Looking at the person's back, it was likely the patriarch of the Water clan, which was part of the Five Elements Alliance. Long Chen did not know his name. The Water clan's patriarch had been in Tianyi Water City for a long time, so he likely knew about the Golden-Eyed Water Beast. He must have come here to try his luck. Based on his reaction, he must have spotted the Black Emperor Key.

Long Chen looked towards the depths and spotted a gigantic stone lion statue. It was more than a hundred meters tall and very life-like. It looked magnificent and regal, like a perfect art piece.

Who would have guessed that it was a slumbering beast?

The stone lion stood at the bottom of the lake, looking upwards.

Long Chen was shocked to see a blue, glowing key between its eyes. This key was almost identical to Bai Lan's key. It was the same size, and the only difference was its color.

That was undeniably the Black Emperor Key.

The Black Emperor Key was stabbed between its eyes, but this had not woken the lion.

The Water clan patriarch was focused on the beast, so he did not notice Long Chen, who was a hundred meters away.

The patriarch muttered to himself, "The Black Emperor Key is here. Why didn't I see it the last time I was here?"

He was puzzled. After studying the beast for a while, he continued, "Half of the key is embedded in the stone lion's head. If I pull it out, it will wake the lion up. Who did this?"

The Black Emperor Key was the highest priority of the Five Elements Alliance. It was imperative that he retrieved it. The Golden-Eyed Water Beast was only a Category Nine King-tier beast and he was at the First Heavenly Martial Stage, so he was not worried at all.

There was no time to call for help. What if someone else discovered it?

With that thought, the patriarch made his decision.

He was about twenty meters away from the beast and approached it quickly.

“Let’s give you some fun.” Far away, Long Chen grinned. He then dove towards the beast and picked up a hard pebble. He flicked hard enough so that the pebble broke the stone lion’s skin and penetrated one meter deep.

In its stone form, the Golden-Eyed Water Beast’s body was not that tough. That was why Long Chen’s minor attack completely startled it.

It was not going to be easy for the Water patriarch to retrieve the key.

Long Chen had already descended far below to the beast’s legs. That was why the Water patriarch did not sense the movement of the pebble in the water.

However, he sensed that the beast was awakening.

“Why is it waking up?” The Water patriarch did not know what had happened. He gasped when the stone lion’s gray stone exterior turned blue starting from its head, turning into a gigantic, blue lion. It had a dense mane that looked like it was made of steel needles, and it was covered in powerful muscles. At a glance, it looked much stronger than the Sun Devouring Wolf!

The gray stone quickly turned into blue fur with blue light flowing on its surface.

A destructive power erupted from its body!

The beast’s eyes sprang open. Each eye was two whole meters in diameter, and they were golden, of course! They looked like two suns at the bottom of the lake!

“Roar!”

An earth-shattering roar sounded, and water churned ferociously. The Golden-Eyed Water Beast spotted the Water patriarch as soon as it opened its eyes, which turned even more golden. It hadn’t been disturbed in many years.

The more intense the golden color in its eyes, the angrier it was.

“The damn animal!” Although the beast was awake, the Water patriarch did not worry. However, he did not dare get too close and created some distance between them. He studied the beast as it caused the water to churn.

Due to its size and power, the whole lake was affected when it moved. Even the people on the shore could sense the change. That deafening roar meant that a powerful beast was about to appear.

Those who were bolder and stronger went towards the source of the roar. The more timid and weaker ones quickly backed away!

“I can’t let it continue causing this commotion. I need to settle this quickly.” The Water patriarch shot toward the beast like an underwater arrow. An intense battle ignited instantly. The beast’s strengths were its powerful body and experience in underwater battles, while the Water patriarch had an advantage due to his higher cultivation level.

After a brief exchange, the patriarch did not manage to defeat the beast.

“If this goes on, someone will arrive! I cannot let this drag on!” The Water patriarch quickly activated his domain. Although a First Heavenly Martial Stage cultivator’s domain was not large, this was a huge blow to an opponent who had not reached the Heavenly Martial Realm yet, especially demonic beasts!

A force that came from all directions acted on the beast’s body. The restriction on its movement infuriated the beast even more, and it roared with all its might. The muscles all over its body rippled, causing waves to churn and destroying the natural whirlpool.

“Clear Water Strike!”

After using his domain to restrict the beast’s movements, the Water patriarch gently pressed his palm on the Golden-Eyed Water Beast’s head. At the same time, he quickly retrieved the Black Emperor Key.

It had been struck directly with an Emperor-tier attack. The beast cried with pain as the Clear Water Strike shattered its brain. Only Demon Emperors could withstand a strike like that from a Heavenly Martial Realm cultivator. The Golden-Eyed Water Beast clearly could not.

Long Chen sensed its life force quickly disappearing after the Water patriarch’s powerful attack.

“That’s my chance.” Long Chen quickly rushed to the beast’s leg. Being on the brink of death, the beast did not have any strength to fight back. Long Chen directly grabbed the gigantic, boundless beast and placed it in the Primordial Realm.

The gigantic Golden-Eyed Water Beast disappeared into thin air.

After getting its demonic core, Long Chen would be able to cultivate the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal.

But the Water patriarch was one step ahead of him and was able to retrieve the Black Emperor Key.

After the key and the beast had been taken away, Long Chen and the Water patriarch looked at each other. They were a hundred meters apart. The Water patriarch finally noticed that there had been another person present. More importantly, that person was Long Chen.

“You were the one who startled the Golden-Eyed Water Beast? Is that why it woke up?” asked the Water patriarch through gritted teeth with a dark gaze.

“What if it was? What if it wasn’t? What can you do?” said Long Chen with a smile.

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After the Water clan patriarch retrieved the Black Emperor Key, he put it away in the storage ring on his thumb. Long Chen was only at the Eighth Earthly Martial Stage and did not have any experience fighting Heavenly Martial Realm opponents, so he did not dare touch the patriarch.

His main target was the Golden-Eyed Water Beast, so after he snatched it, he was satisfied. Long Chen did not care much about them being able to send additional people to search for the Five Emperors’ treasure, because having more people from a faction did not guarantee they would find the treasure. It depended on luck and capability.

The five patriarchs of the Five Elements Alliance were clearly only average Heavenly Martial Realm cultivators.

“So it was you, Long Chen! I killed the Golden-Eyed Water Beast, so its carcass should belong to me, but you took it for yourself. Bai Lan and I have a cordial relationship, and I am also an elder to you; have you got no manners? Return the beast carcass to me if you know what’s good for you. If not, I’ll teach you a lesson,” said the Water patriarch coldly, arching an eyebrow.

Long Chen was not afraid at all. He said, “I’m not a little kid. You can’t scare me with threats like that. I managed to take the carcass because I am capable. I didn’t ask you for the Black Emperor Key, yet you asked me for the Golden-Eyed Water Beast. Isn’t that a little too demanding of you?”

The Water patriarch knew that Bai Lan and the others were nearby. If they came here, it would become countless times more difficult to deal with Long Chen. Seeing as Long Chen refused to hand it over, he stretched his arms and darted at him, using his domain to restrict Long Chen’s movements.

The power of the domain came from all directions. It was invisible and could not be touched. This was the power of the universe harnessed by a Heavenly Martial Realm cultivator using his Martial Soul, and it was used to suppress Long Chen’s movements.

However, a First Heavenly Martial Stage domain was not enough to stop Blood Warp.

Long Chen immediately used Blood Warp and turned into a flaming blood-red ray of light, quickly disappearing from the Water patriarch's sight. This was his first time using Blood Warp after achieving this cultivation level, and his speed left the Water patriarch stunned.

"There's no way I'll let you leave!"

But before he even finished that sentence, Long Chen was already gone.

The Water patriarch was left behind in a daze.

"This brat is slippery. If I get him alone again, I will teach him a lesson. But his warp technique is very fast. Where did Bai Lan find such a mysterious son-in-law?"

The Black Emperor Key was the true treasure, and it was the key for the Five Elements Alliance to rule the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory in the future. The Water patriarch was worried about encountering the two super-masters, Bai Lan and Wu Lian, so he had no time to dwell on Long Chen's matter. He immediately rushed to the surface of Tianyi Lake. Once he left the water, the Black Emperor Key would be truly his.

The moment the Water patriarch broke out of the water, almost everyone in the lake also rushed out and stared at him.

Does everyone know that I have the Black Emperor Key? The Water patriarch was shocked at first, but then he thought about Long Chen and knew that Long Chen was surely the one who had leaked this information. Of course, that did not matter.

The Black Emperor Key was with him; other than the Divine and Demon clans, who would dare fight him for it? And if the five main patriarchs and Ancestor Jin were present, even Bai Lan and Wu Lian would not dare attack.

Several thousand people were levitating above Tianyi Lake, and the regular cultivators were all staring at him intensely with resigned looks. The people of the Five Elements Alliance quickly gathered by the Water patriarch's side, including the five patriarchs who arrived quickly. The strongest member of the Five Elements Alliance, Ancestor Jin, also arrived quickly.

Hence, the key was confidently theirs to keep.

"Is it true you've found the Black Emperor Key?" Ancestor Jin asked anxiously.

Excitement was written all over the five patriarchs' faces.

The Five Elements Alliance had a total of six Heavenly Martial Realm experts, and they only had one key in their hands. With one more key, they could send four Heavenly Martial Realm experts into the Five Emperors' Secret Realm. They would take up almost half of the ten available slots.

And if they were as lucky as they were today, then their odds of getting the treasure far surpassed everyone else.

After the Water patriarch nodded excitedly, Ancestor Jin laughed loudly. "This is good news! Great news!" He patted the Water patriarch's shoulder and said, "Good work! Your heroic deed today will be recorded in the Five Elements Alliance's ancestral records so that your name will be remembered for generations to come!"

"Thank you, Ancestor Jin!" said the Water patriarch hurriedly.

As for the others ...

Ancestor Jin looked around, and his golden eyes shone like two small suns, radiating startling heat and intimidating power. The aura of a Second Heavenly Martial Stage cultivator scared the regular cultivators into stepping back!

"Everyone! If you do not wish to die here, get the hell out! We have found the Black Emperor Key, so I advise you to run for your lives. If not, you will upset me, and none of you will get to live!"

His voice rumbled in all directions.

Ancestor Jin was one of the strongest masters of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, so people shuddered just from hearing his name. Those people had only dared to search for the key because he wasn't present. Now that the Five Elements Alliance had the Black Emperor Key in their possession, Ancestor Jin took the initiative to intimidate everyone. The regular cultivators looked at each other and gave up.

Many people had already been killed in secret at the bottom of Tianyi Lake, so quite a few outsiders had already snatched combat techniques, King Crystals, pills, and even divine weapons.

Those were the spoils of today's battle.

But even more people had lost their lives due to their greed.

Few people had effective life-saving techniques like Long Chen.

The regular cultivators gradually left the region. Although they were unwilling, they did not show it.

Very soon, only the three main factions remained above the vast lake. Feng Qing and Wu Lian of the Divine Wind Faction stood together, with Feng Qing clearly levitating behind the woman. As for the Thunder Demon Faction, Bai Lan and Lei Ji stood shoulder to shoulder, while Long Chen stood next to Bai Lan.

After Long Chen emerged from the water, he went straight to Bai Lan and Lei Ji. He had been the one to leak the news that the Black Emperor Key had been found. Tianyi Lake had descended into chaos, and since the Black Emperor Key had been found, Long Chen used this method to stop the killing.

His compassion was effective. After Ancestor Jin's threat, the regular cultivators all retreated to outside the lake.

The Long-Bearded Guest was the only remaining individual who did not belong to any faction.

"You all may return too. Search for the location of the Five Emperors' Secret Realm. Whoever finds the entrance, inform the others. When we have all five of the Emperor Keys together, we will open the realm!" said Ancestor Jin loudly after looking around. Since he had gotten two keys, he had become the de facto leader.

All five of the Emperor Keys had been gathered. The next thing to do was search for the secret realm.

No one other than Long Chen knew where it was.

Long Chen recalled what he saw at Confounding City.

The people of the demon race in Confounding City said that the Five Emperors' Secret Realm will only open in five months, which is also one month before the Ancient Graveyard closes. They were the ones who tossed the keys out so that we could find them. In that case, they should also tell us the location of the entrance, as well as the time!

Suddenly, a terrifying aura descended upon them. The regular cultivators hadn't gone far yet, but they were so terrified that they turned around to look.

Bai Lan and Lei Ji's expressions turned into panic. Without a word, Bai Lan grabbed Long Chen and flew to the shore of Tianyi Lake. Bai Lan moved extremely quickly, as fast as Long Chen's Blood Warp. It only took a moment for them to arrive on the shore.

The Divine Wind Faction and the Five Elements Alliance also anxiously sprinted to the lake's bank.

This was because they had sensed that the terrifying aura was coming from the bottom of Tianyi Lake!

“What a terrifying demonic beast aura! I didn’t know that such a terrifying demonic beast would be in the Ancient Graveyard!” Bai Lan stabilized himself and looked towards the boundless lake in horror.

“Demonic beast?” Long Chen had a different thought. He felt like the timing of the beast’s appearance, and the fact that Bai Lan was afraid of it, were suspicious.

The regular cultivators stared in a daze. Under everyone’s shock and confusion, the surface of Tianyi Lake, which was already chaotic enough, shook even more violently. Then the water exploded up into the sky and a gigantic shadow gradually emerged from the bottom of the lake.

The shadow was several hundred meters wide, making it much wider than the length of the Golden-Eyed Water Beast. And this estimate was just based on the size of the shadow.

Even Long Chen could sense the demonic beast’s aura—it was terrifying. He was sure that it was at least at the Emperor-tier, and seeing as Bai Lan had decided to get away from it, it was likely at the Category Three Emperor-tier or above.

The problem was, did such powerful demonic beasts exist in the Ancient Graveyard?

Long Chen already knew the culprits behind the scenes of this game.

All would be revealed the moment the beast broke out of the water. Everyone watched in shock as Tianyi Lake’s water shot up into the sky, forming tall waves. Then the gigantic silhouette erupted out of the lake. A gigantic beast’s head appeared before them.

“Is that a ... Jiao dragon?”

To Long Chen’s shock, the head was a Jiao dragon’s head. It was a deep purple Jiao with menacing features. It was gigantic, and its black eyes were like black holes. Its head was much larger than Tianyi Water City itself.[TL Note: The Jiao dragon (蛟龙 jiao1 long2), or just Jiao, is an aquatic creature from Chinese mythology. It is not a true dragon, and it is considered ranked below dragons / less evolved / not as intelligent. Jiaos must cultivate for a long time before evolving into true dragons. They are found in water bodies such as rivers.]

Destructive power radiated from the purple Jiao dragon’s body. Even Long Chen could barely stand in the face of such strong pressure, let alone Xiaolang, despite being in the Primordial Realm. This powerful demonic beast exerted a powerful pressure on beasts weaker than itself.

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“Fat Cat, what kind of demonic beast is that? It’s gigantic! And terrifying!” Long Chen hurriedly asked Little Cat, who was in the Primordial Realm.

He retreated away from the Jiao along with Bai Lan and the others.

“What’s there to be afraid of? It’s merely a Category Nine Emperor-tier Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon. It’s not even part of the demon race. In my prime, I could kill countless Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragons with just one breath,” said the fuzzy Dream Demon in the Primordial Realm as it opened its eyes lazily.

“Category Nine Emperor-tier?”

Long Chen drew a sharp breath.

That was too powerful. That was equivalent to a Ninth Heavenly Martial Stage cultivator.

Long Chen had only recently advanced from the First Earthly Martial Stage, and he knew just how big the gap was between the First and Ninth Earthly Martial Stage. It was like heaven and earth. Using the same concept, the gap between Bai Lan and this Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon was like heaven and earth too. If the Jiao Dragon decided to attack, it could kill them all with just an effortless swing of its claw.

Long Chen had previously thought that the Jiao Dragon was only at Category Three Emperor-tier at most.

He had not expected it to be Category Nine Emperor-tier.

“Little Cat, you’re not lying, are you? Is it really Category Nine Emperor-tier?” asked Long Chen while retreating further. He knew that backing off was useless. Even Blood Warp would be useless. But everyone was running, so how could he not run too?

“Why would I lie? It’s not your first time meeting it anyway; what’s there to be afraid of? This Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon is a demonic beast from the Desolate Royal Territory, and it is a Demon Emperor. Since it could come all the way here, it is not surprising that it is Category Nine Emperor-tier,” slurred Little Cat as he stretched lazily.

Xiaolang, who was next to him, had the urge to slap Little Cat.

If Little Cat were outside the Primordial Realm, he would have peed himself from terror. As long as he stayed in the Primordial Realm, he could brag easily as he was not in mortal danger.

“I’ve seen it before?” Long Chen thought for a moment, then he recalled the time Little Cat entered Confounding City alone at night. Through the connection of the Primordial

Dragon Talisman, Long Chen had spotted purple scales on one of the men's hands. After he made the connection, Long Chen guessed that this Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon was one of the six demons.

With that thought, Long Chen calmed down because he knew that the Jiao Dragon would not hurt them if that was the case. Instead, it would even tell Bai Lan and the others how to get to the Five Emperors' treasure!

Just as Long Chen expected, the Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon quickly transformed from its immense size into a ray of purple light. Then the light slowly materialized into a handsome man wearing purple brocade clothing. The man looked exactly like a human, and he did not have any purple scales on his hands. However, Long Chen knew that this was only one of his transformations. Under normal circumstances, his hands would surely be covered in scales.

"Don't run! I bear no ill intentions ..."

As Long Chen expected, the man in purple smiled warmly and spoke in a mild tone.

When they heard his voice, the people who were running in a panic halted as if they were under a mysterious spell. Even Bai Lan and the others stopped. The three of them looked at each other, then suspiciously at the man in purple. Bai Lan whispered, "I don't know this beast. We will observe first. If something goes wrong, we'll run in separate directions!"

"Yeah ... No ancestors ever told us that such a terrifying beast lives in Tianyi Lake. And I don't think this gigantic Jiao Dragon was recorded in the Book of Demonic Beasts." Lei Ji's voice was filled with discomfort and terror.

He postulated that if this Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon was angered and started to kill, very few of them would escape unharmed.

"Don't worry. I don't think he intends to kill anyone, or he would not have taken human form." Long Chen knew the truth but was not sure if he should tell them, so he could only soothe them for the moment.

Long Chen's words made sense.

Lei Ji and Bai Lan gave a small sigh of relief and remained quietly in the crowd, observing the situation.

The situation with the Five Elements Alliance and the Divine Wind Faction was similar. Faced with such a powerful beast, even Wu Lian stood quietly.

No one dared to move. All eyes were on the Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon floating in the sky above Tianyi Lake. They did not dare to make a sound and only stared obediently.

The man in purple was very pleased with the silence. He nodded with a smile, then his sonorous voice boomed in all directions.

“My name is Zi Xue. I used to be the Black Emperor’s mount. I have lived for more than ten thousand years. During ancient times, when the Five Emperors led the masters of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory to fight against the enemy, there was endless death, and in the end, I was the only one who survived. However, I don’t think any stories of me were ever passed down. Too many people died that year ...”

As he spoke, Zi Xue looked sorrowful.

The others were truly relieved to hear him say that.

“Indeed, there are no mentions of a beast named Zi Xue in the legends ...”

“Yeah. And the legends didn’t mention a mount.”

“This Jiao Dragon has lived for more than ten thousand years? Doesn’t that mean that it’s also very powerful among Emperor-tier beasts...”

The crowd discussed in whispers, not daring to speak too much.

Long Chen laughed to himself. The Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon was shameless for pretending to be the Black Emperor’s mount. They had only come here for one thing, which was the Five Emperors’ treasure; therefore, everything they did could be tied back to the Five Emperors.

Long Chen glanced at Bai Lan and Lei Ji. Based on their facial expressions, they seemed to believe it. The Ten Thousand Nations Territory didn’t have much information about the Battle of the Five Emperors, and it was not even clear who their enemy was. However, Long Chen knew that the enemy of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory was actually a portion of the demonic beasts from the Desolate Royal Territory.

To the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, the war was a huge massacre, but to the Desolate Royal Territory, it was just a minor incident.

The Five Emperors’ enemies were the demonic beasts, and this Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon was beyond powerful, so how could it have been the Black Emperor’s mount?

This Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon was as strong as the Seven Lords too.

Long Chen had only reached his current level because of the Seven Star Lord’s inheritance.

After the regular cultivators heard the Jiao dragon’s self-introduction, they quickly believed him. After the first person fell to his knees, everyone followed suit.

There were also those who did not believe it, but everyone else was kneeling. What if that beast killed them because they did not kneel?

Therefore, everyone knelt.

The only ones who did not kneel were the people of the nine main clans. Without the permission of their clan leaders, they did not dare move. But if the clan leaders did it, they would surely kneel without hesitation.

“There is no need to kneel before me,” said the man in purple with a smile. His gaze turned towards Long Chen’s direction as he said, “I have remained alive just so that the descendants of the Five Emperors could search for the treasures their ancestors left them. Now that the five Emperor Keys have been found, I appeared today to inform those who have retrieved the Emperor Keys this: exactly five months from today, take your Emperor Keys to the center of the ruined city in the Eternal Battlefield. A five-colored altar will appear there. That is the entrance of the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm ...”

This information sent a wave of shock through the crowd.

The people who had the Emperor Keys looked at each other and believed the man even more. The location they had suspected the most was indeed the Eternal Battlefield, as it was the center of the Ancient Graveyard.

Finally, the man in purple added, “You are all descendants of the Five Emperors. I hope that after you all obtain the treasures they left behind, you will strengthen the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. If anyone uses the Five Emperors’ treasures for malicious acts, one day, I, Zi Xue, will appear and take away your treasures ...”

When he finished, the man in purple dove into Tianyi Lake and disappeared.

He left so quickly ... Long Chen squinted. Using his Soul Swallowing Gaze, he saw that the man had not gone to the bottom of the lake. Instead, he had moved at a speed almost invisible to the naked eye towards another direction. This meant that he was not the Black Emperor’s mount, but someone from the Desolate Royal Territory who was eyeing the Five Emperors’ treasure.

This guy was a Category Nine Emperor-tier beast, so the other six were surely not weak either. Long Chen would need to face six terrifying enemies.

It looks like getting the Five Emperors’ treasure is going to be extremely difficult ... Long Chen suddenly felt a small wave of helplessness.

If he wasn't determined to reunite with Ling Xi, he might have actually given up.

After the man in purple left, Long Chen realized the crowd had descended into chaos once more. The regular cultivators were discussing among themselves. To them, this was basically divine intervention.

"I can't believe that the Black Emperor's mount is still alive today. It looks like many of the Ancient Graveyard's rules could have been set by this demonic beast named Zi Xue, including the Ancient Tokens, and not those mysterious visitors from the Royal Territories," said Bai Lan, furrowing his brows.

He postulated that the Five Emperors had created the Ancient Graveyard to train their descendants.

However, he did not know that the Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon was actually one of the visitors from the Royal Territories.

Bai Lan believed the man completely, and it was the same for the other clan leaders, especially the Five Elements Alliance. They felt like the Jiao Dragon had handed them the Black Emperor Key, seeing as they were the true blood descendants of the Five Emperors.

However, more than ten thousand years had passed since then, so no one could ever verify this.

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"In that case, we do not need to remain here and disturb Lord Zi Xue. We shall meet at the Eternal Battlefield in five months," said Ancestor Jin with a salute, his face glowing proudly.

"See you then," said Wu Lian curtly. Then she led Feng Qing away and left without another word.

Five months of private cultivation could even be enough for them to increase their cultivation levels. Everyone had enough time to prepare as they waited for the final battle.

Five months. It was not long, but it was not short either.

"Let's head back to Heavenly Wood City. Long Chen, the slot I promised you remains yours. You will follow us to the Eternal Battlefield in five months; what do you think?" asked Bai Lan.

Long Chen thought for a moment. He needed to cultivate the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage of the Earthly Fist Manual and the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal, then do his best to break through to the next cultivation level. Heavenly Wood City could offer him a quiet environment, so it was best for him to go.

Therefore, he nodded in agreement.

To outsiders, it was logical for him to return to Heavenly Wood City, seeing as his fiancée was still there. Bai Lan had already told everyone about their wedding, which would take place after they returned to the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, like Wu Guangyu and Feng Zhilin's wedding. However, this was obviously fake.

Long Chen's target destination was the Royal Territories.

The incident at Tianyi Water City was officially over.

Long Chen followed Bai Lan and Lei Ji back toward Heavenly Wood City, while Wu Lian and Feng Qing went towards Giant Metal City.

As for the Five Elements Alliance, due to the appearance of the Purple-Blooded Jiao Dragon, they shifted out of Tianyi Water City to the Earth District so as to not disturb it.

At this point, the amount of land taken up by a faction was useless anyway.

The Five Emperors' treasure was the ultimate treasure in the Ancient Graveyard.

Heavenly Wood City.

There were many lush trees in the Wood District. The tree that Heavenly Wood City sat on was gigantic and looked like a gigantic wall standing between heaven and earth.

Beneath Heavenly Wood City, next to the tree trunk, five black-robed people levitated in the air. A woman, who was also in a black robe, was giggling as she said, "The Ancient Graveyard was part of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory in the past. This is supposedly where the Five Emperors lived. Heavenly Wood City was the Azure Emperor's home."

"That bastard Zi Xue said he wanted to scare the ants. I wonder if anything funny is going to happen. I wonder if those people who call themselves names like the Divine and Demon clans will pee themselves in fright when they see his gigantic form?" said a guy with a smile.

"Of course they will. The people of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory are ignorant. Despite being as weak as ants, they still dare call themselves the 'Divine' and 'Demon'."

clans. Even we do not dare speak recklessly about true gods and demons; they are utter fools,” said another black-robed individual.

“Let’s not talk about the Ten Thousand Nations Territory anymore. Tell me, wouldn’t it be a pity if such a large, ancient tree didn’t become a member of the demon race?” purred the woman demurely.

One of them looked at her and said with a smile, “Are you thinking of turning the tree into one of your Red Fire Trees again?”

“Hehe. I brought quite a few Red Fire Tree Fruits with me. A gigantic ancient tree like this is hard to come by, so of course I must try! There are too many people in the Ancient Graveyard and they’re ruining my view. Let’s kill off some of them first. I think there are a lot of people in the city on top of the tree. Let’s kill them all. Back off; just watch me!”

The other people looked at each other and backed away without a word. The woman took out a fire-red stone from somewhere. It resembled a fruit, so it was no wonder it was called a “Red Fire Tree Fruit.” The fruit was alight with red flames and looked very hot, hotter than anything Long Chen could imagine. A tall tree could be faintly seen inside it, and its trunk was waving, letting out beast-like roars.

“Sweetie, listen to my command. Become an infant of the Red Fire Trees, and then you may kill as many people as you like, destroy as much as you like. You should be able to burn the whole Wood District at least, right?”

The woman gently placed the Red Fire Tree Fruit into the ancient tree’s trunk, then left in a fit of giggles.

Based on what she had said, she seemed to be turning the tree into a fire-type demonic beast. Trees were originally of the wood element and naturally were afraid of fire. Therefore, it was shocking that the demon race could turn a tree into a fire-type beast. The Three Royal Territories were indeed filled with mystery.

Behind her, the ancient tree slowly transformed.

A layer of red flames quietly appeared on the brown, ancient bark ...

Thinking about his two daughters, Bai Lan returned to Heavenly Wood City at high speed. They had to first pass through the Eternal Battlefield, which was between the Water and Wood Districts. Previously, the trip had taken them many days because they were not in a hurry. This time, with them traveling at almost Bai Lan’s maximum speed, two or three days were enough.

"I keep having this bad feeling. I don't know why," Bai Lan suddenly said as they hurried along.

Having a bad feeling was difficult to explain. Perhaps this was a sixth sense. When Lei Ji jokingly mocked Bai Lan for overthinking, Long Chen did not say anything.

The three of them traveled at top speed until they entered the Wood District. Suddenly, they sensed that something was wrong. The first thing they noticed was the ground trembling. It was happening over a vast area, not localized.

"Why is the ground trembling? Is it an earthquake?" The three of them looked at each other.

"Head back quickly. Heavenly Wood City might be in danger!" Bai Lan's eyes widened; he was ready to abandon Long Chen and Lei Ji to head towards the city first. Even Long Chen noticed that something was wrong. He activated his Dragon Soul Transformation so that he could travel faster. Although he could not catch up to Bai Lan, he could tail him from far away.

As time passed, Long Chen had an increasingly strong feeling that something was wrong ahead. The Wood District had always been cool, so why did he feel heat?

"Xiaolang, Fat Cat, do you guys know what happened?" asked Long Chen with furrowed brows.

"What? Something happened?" Little Cat asked, surprised.

Not far from Little Cat, Xiaolang had the same expression as Long Chen. Xiaolang was the natural predator of fire, and it could even be said that he could swallow all the fire in the world. He had reached the Category Nine King-tier because Wu Guangyu had fed him a lot of fire treasures. Furthermore, Xiaolang had gained a shameless side after spending a long time with Long Chen, so he would never refuse these things.

"There seems to be something burning ahead. The Wood District is on fire ..."
Xiaolang's eyes suddenly sprang open.

"No way ..." Long Chen was stunned. Almost all his friends in the Ancient Graveyard were in the Wood District, and now it was on fire?

Long Chen did not hesitate anymore and charged as fast as he could so that he would not be a burden to Bai Lan and Lei Ji in terms of speed.

He quickly arrived after traveling at maximum speed. Many people staying in Heavenly Wood City had already shifted to Tianyi Water City, so the people who stayed behind were all from the Thunder Demon Faction. After half a day of moving at maximum

speed, Bai Lan encountered a man from the Demon clan. The man was running for his life in panic.

“Patriarch!” After Bai Lan stopped him, the man looked overjoyed, though the panic on his face did not fade. He fell to his knees before Bai Lan and stuttered, “H-heavenly Wood City ... No, the tree underneath Heavenly Wood City ...”

“Calm down. Speak slowly.” Bai Lan’s gaze was dark. His mind was a mess, but he controlled himself.

“The whole tree is ablaze, and it seems to have become sentient. Countless flaming branches have started to attack their surroundings. I think the two princesses are still in Heavenly Wood City and are unable to get out. The flames have already spread to them!”

Hearing the man's unbelievable story stunned the three of them.

“The whole tree is ablaze? What happened? I know there are plant-type demonic beasts. Did the tree become a plant-type demonic beast?” Long Chen asked, shocked.

Little Cat explained, “That is indeed the case. There are millions of demonic beast clans in the Desolate Royal Territory, too many to count. Many of them are plant-type beasts who can turn normal ancient trees into members of their species through a fruit that forms after their elders die, effectively turning normal trees into plant demons. Do not underestimate them, for they are even more terrifying than demonic beasts. I remember that one of the six demons is from the Red Fire Tree clan. She is likely the one who placed a Red Fire Tree Fruit in the ancient tree’s trunk.”

During such a critical moment, Little Cat did not beat around the bush and explained everything he knew about this strange type of beast.

Only Long Chen and Xiaolang could hear him.

Unlike Long Chen, Bai Lan had almost lost his mind because the only thing he heard was that the two princesses were still in Heavenly Wood City.

Without a word, Bai Lan charged as fast he could in that direction!

“Brother Bai, stay calm!” Lei Ji knew that Bai Lan loved his daughters more than anything and that he was surely going mad from this. Long Chen had no time to think either. He ran as fast as he could, hoping that he could catch up to Bai Lan.

“Big Brother, let me do it!” Xiaolang turned into the Sun Devouring Wolf, emerging from the Primordial Realm.

Being Category Nine King-tier, he could run much faster than Long Chen in the forest.

The three of them, plus one wolf, charged ahead as fast as they could!

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As Long Chen approached, the commotion increased and the heat intensified. He looked up and saw plumes of black smoke among the clouds ahead. Beneath the black smoke was a gigantic fire wall connecting heaven and earth. Long Chen knew that this was surely the gigantic tree that had transformed into part of the Red Fire Tree clan.

“This tree is just like a newborn baby, and it is not a pure-bred Red Fire Tree. When the energy in the Red Fire Tree Fruit has been exhausted, it will turn back into an ancient tree. However, it will take a very long time to spend all its energy,” explained Little Cat.

“Is there any way to control a Red Fire Tree? How strong is this tree right now?” Long Chen asked hurriedly. Lei Ji and Bai Lan were traveling ahead, and he could not even see Bai Lan anymore. Long Chen sat on Xiaolang’s back as they charged at full speed!

The Sun Devouring Wolf wove through the forest at top speed!

“Big Brother, I think I have a way. The Red Fire Tree Fruit is a fire-element treasure, so I can swallow it. It might even be effective enough to help me advance and turn into a true Emperor-tier beast.” Before Little Cat replied, Xiaolang was already a little excited.

“Are you able to pinpoint where the Red Fire Tree Fruit is?” asked Long Chen.

If he could pinpoint the location, then finding the fruit would be much easier. If not, with the gigantic size of the tree, it would be difficult to find it.

After the fruit was removed, the tree would likely return to its original state.

“Of course. I am very sensitive towards fire-type treasures. Even now, I know where it is. However, Big Brother, you killed Wu Guangyu and he is now considered missing. If I’m seen, won’t others know that you killed him?” Xiaolang thought of another issue.

Indeed, if he was exposed, it would trigger new problems for Long Chen.

Would Wu Lian let anyone kill her son just like that?

Long Chen had returned to Heavenly Wood City, while Wu Lian had gone back to Giant Metal City. They likely knew about Wu Guangyu’s disappearance by now, and Long Chen was surely one of the suspects.

Long Chen thought for a moment and felt like the lives of the Thunder and Demon clans were more important, so he said, “That shouldn’t be a problem. If we can save them and

even get the Red Fire Tree Fruit, we can just find a hidden place to cultivate. After we cultivate for five months, we will return when the Five Emperors' Secret Realm is opened. If we improve further and Xiaolang reaches the Emperor-tier, we should be able to face a Heavenly Martial Realm expert if we work together. As for Wu Lian, maybe we'll be strong enough to face her directly. And if that fails, I can still use Blood Warp."

Long Chen's plan was airtight.

He initially thought that he could stay in Heavenly Wood City until the secret realm opened, but now, it looked like he had no choice.

Since Xiaolang had the solution, they sprinted after the Heavenly Wood Tree even more desperately. Bai Lan had likely arrived, seeing as he was traveling at a Second Heavenly Martial Stage cultivator's maximum speed.

They could already see the gigantic flaming tree. The green tree was now completely covered in red flames. The tree was so big that humans like Long Chen, or even Xiaolang in his true form, looked like ants next to it.

Xiaolang had already turned into his largest form, making him a hundred meters tall and a hundred and fifty meters long. His gigantic body was still tiny compared to the tree that pierced through the clouds. Even some of the thicker branches were larger than the Sun Devouring Wolf.

This showed that the demonic beasts of the Royal Territories were likely unimaginably huge too. However, the Royal Territories were beyond vast, so it did not seem crowded even though the beasts were this huge.

The tree was still as large as before, but the difference was that it could move now. It had turned into a Red Fire Tree.

The mass of flaming branches and leaves waved constantly. All the trees, beasts, and humans who collided with it either splattered or also became alight with red flames. The flames burned fiercely and reduced everything to ashes. The lush Wood District slowly disappeared and turned into patches of charcoal under the destructive force of the Red Fire Tree.

The Wood District had descended into chaos.

Bright red flames were everywhere. Every time the Red Fire Tree moved, it caused the ground to tremble. The ground shook greatly, and although Long Chen was still far from the Red Fire Tree, the ground surrounding him had already started to crack. An endless abyss was revealed in the places where the ground had broken apart.

This was Long Chen's first time witnessing something that could cause such widespread destruction. Cultivation level was irrelevant for gigantic demons like that. Just its physical strength was enough to kill the average Heavenly Martial Realm expert!

Bai Lan and Lei Ji had already arrived within a thousand meters of the Red Fire Tree. Above them was the tree's crown!

"Save them first!" Bai Lan roared towards Lei Ji, then they immediately shot up into the air, towards Heavenly Wood City. The city was located beneath the tree's crown and was more than a thousand meters from the ground. This meant that the Red Fire Tree was almost two thousand meters tall. When such a large tree was turned into a demon, it wielded terrifying power!

The area where Heavenly Wood City used to be was covered in red flames. The people trapped in the flames likely could not get out either. The Red Fire Tree had only just been awakened, so it surely wanted to kill all the annoying humans on its head first, then destroy the Wood District.

Two silhouettes, one black and one covered in purple lightning, rushed towards the city. The strange thing was that the Red Fire Tree seemed to see them, because countless flaming branches as thick as the Sun Devouring Wolf's body suddenly lashed in Bai Lan and Lei Ji's direction!

Crack crack crack crack crack!

Bai Lan and Lei Ji showed no mercy as they unleashed their strongest attacks to break the branches around them. However, there were countless branches. If they continued fighting like this, they would die of exhaustion!

"Xue'er! Yan'er!" Bai Lan's daughters were trapped inside, so he was filled with rage. Humans had a disadvantage compared to demons in terms of size. In the face of this all-encompassing attack from a demon, the humans were easily surrounded and found it difficult to break free!

"Divine Demon Nine Spins!"

Bai Lan used an intermediate Emperor-tier combat technique. His attack was countless times stronger than Suxue's previous attack. Afraid that he would affect those who were still alive in Heavenly Wood City, Bai Lan unleashed this attack at the surrounding branches. The lines of flaming branches shattered into chips that fell from the sky like rain, turning the ground pock-marked!

"Hundred Thousand Heavenly Thunder Punches!"

Rays of lightning fist seals formed around Lei Ji, which shot forward and shattered the dense crowd of branches in front, similarly reducing them to shreds!

As they attacked, they were also heading towards Heavenly Wood City. Their main objective was to save people, not to kill the Red Fire Tree.

No one knew why the tree had become like this. Long Chen and crew were likely the only ones who did.

Bai Lan and Lei Ji flew ahead at top speed!

Their attacks had shattered many branches, but there were countless more in Heavenly Wood City. After they shattered the branches, even more flaming branches snaked towards them, and they were a huge threat. If the duo did not dodge the branches or block with all their strength, they would not be able to withstand the attacks!

By this time, Long Chen and Xiaolang had already arrived. The gigantic Sun Devouring Wolf quickly attracted the Red Fire Tree's attention, but it was not the only one who noticed him. Far above the clouds, five black-robed people were casually observing the Red Fire Tree's changes.

"Everyone, come watch! It looks like a Category Nine King-tier fellow clansman has appeared ..." the black-robed woman said with great interest.

"Tian Kun, take a look at that demonic wolf. It must be from one of the wolf clans, right? Can you identify which one?" Everyone looked at one of the individuals.

He took a glance and said, "That wolf is not part of the top eight hundred wolf clans, as I can recognize all of them. He has reached the adult stage, but it has not even achieved a Demon Emperor rank. There is no need to pay any attention."

"I find it strange though. It seems the demonic wolf has an extremely cold flame in its body. Why do I feel like I've seen this flame before?" asked one of them.

"When it uses the flame, we will see it. The cultivator sitting on the demonic wolf must be a Beast Warrior from the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. He used a soul of our race for his own gain; such a shameless person must be killed. Who would dare to do that?" asked the woman demurely.

This woman was part of the Red Fire Tree clan.

After she asked, the person who said Xiaolang had a cold flame in him suddenly looked shocked. "That's not right!"

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He stared at the Sun Devouring Wolf, then said, "Tian Kun, you're part of the wolf clan; how could you not have heard of the Taboo Wolf before? The Taboo Wolf isn't in the top eight hundred wolf clans, but they used to be as famous as thunder in the Ancient Ages. Legend has it that the Taboo Wolf consumes items to strengthen itself, and there is a type that can even swallow the sun. It is called the Sun Devouring Wolf. Doesn't this wolf look like one?"

The man from the wolf clan named Tian Kun was stunned. He said, "Are you saying that this black demonic wolf is the most terrifying type of the Taboo Wolf, the Sun Devouring Wolf? The kind that could almost swallow the sun? But ... he's only a Category Nine King-tier. If he was a Sun Devouring Wolf, he would be unimaginably powerful from birth, so wouldn't he be at least a Demon God?"

"I don't know either. Let's observe to see if this demonic wolf has any fire-swallowing abilities. If he does, he might even be a legendary Taboo Wolf. We will take him back to the Desolate Royal Territory and let the elders confirm it. If he really is a Sun Devouring Wolf, we will become very rich."

"Makes sense. We'd rather be wrong than let this opportunity go."

Their version of the legend of the Sun Devouring Wolf was clearly different from the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. The Ten Thousand Nations Territory's version stated that the Sun Devouring Wolf started off as a Category One Earth-tier demonic beast, but in the Royal Territories, the Sun Devouring Wolf was at least a Demon God from birth.

Demon Gods were equivalent to Divine Martial Realm experts.

That was why these experts of the demon race struggled to confirm if Xiaolang was a Taboo Wolf from the legends. If he was, it was a significant matter. Even they did not fully understand what the Sun Devouring Wolf represented.

Previously, they were thinking of killing Long Chen after they saw that he was a Beast Warrior. However, when they recognized Xiaolang, the experts of the demon race completely disregarded Long Chen.

"I let this tree swallow my Red Fire Tree Fruit, which is an important fire-type treasure. Let's see if the wolf consumes it. If yes, even if he isn't the Sun Devouring Wolf, he should be related to one, and we should take him back to the Royal Territory."

"We'll see," said Tian Kun, trying to calm his excitement.

The woman had only turned the tree into a Red Fire Tree out of boredom. However, they had not expected to lure a mysterious beast like Xiaolang out. Of course, to Long Chen, Xiaolang was not a beast, but his brother.

Long Chen and Xiaolang had arrived while Bai Lan and Lei Ji were surrounded by branches. There was still some distance between them and Heavenly Wood City.

“Xiaolang, help them,” said Long Chen, looking down.

Xiaolang knew what to do without needing any instructions. He leaped powerfully towards the densest part of the branches and roared. Black flames appeared in his mouth and shot out at Heavenly Wood City. All the branches in its path were immediately covered in Xiaolang’s fire.

When Bai Lan and Lei Ji sensed the presence of this fire, they dodged.

After the black fire passed, all the thick branches had turned into black ice, then they suddenly crashed down like hail, creating countless craters and holes in the ground below, along with constant rumbles.

When Xiaolang’s Nine Devils Ancestral Fire turned most of the flaming branches into black ice, many also disappeared into thin-air. All the branches in the path between Bai Lan and Heavenly Wood City had shattered, forming a large hole!

“Go!” roared Long Chen.

Bai Lan and Lei Ji took this chance to shoot through the hole into Heavenly Wood City, passing through the fireball. Long Chen was much more assured with them saving Suxue and the others. Next, the brothers had to figure out how to eat the Red Fire Tree Fruit.

The five demons in the sky erupted in conversation after witnessing the Sun Devouring Wolf’s performance. They looked at each other, stunned. One of the men muttered, “If I saw it right, the demonic wolf spat out something that resembles one of the legendary ancestral fires ... Was it similar to the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire?”

“It’s not the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. The true Nine Devils Ancestral Fire can swallow all heat and freeze heaven and earth. If we were this close to the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, we would be reduced to nothing. I think it was just a fraction of the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. This demonic wolf may not be able to fully utilize the fraction’s full strength yet, so his attack isn’t powerful. However, a demonic beast that can swallow and utilize a fraction of an ancestral fire ...”

Everyone knew just how significant this was.

Tian Kun said, “Average demons like us cannot wield a portion of the ancestral fire, but he can, and that is a miracle. We must bring him back to the Royal Territory and let the elders see him.”

He was part of the wolf clan, and Xiaolang was a wolf. Naturally, he would be brought back to the wolf clan.

The relationship between all the different clans was considered friendly, so the others did not object.

“Next, let’s see if this little demonic wolf can swallow the Red Fire Tree Fruit. If he can, hehe ... We will take him to see what the real world looks like. Even the smallest of the Three Royal Territories is larger than the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory, let alone the Desolate Royal Territory. It’s almost three times the size of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. Out of the Three Territories and Nine Worlds, even the smallest of the Nine Worlds, the Supreme Yin World, is almost half of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory.”

Three Territories and Nine Worlds. Long Chen knew of the Three Royal Territories, but he did not know that there were nine miniverses within them known as the Nine Worlds. Some of the miniverses were even as large as the Ten Thousand Nations Territory itself.

That was the true Dragon Continent.

If the area of the countless miniverses was included, the Dragon Continent’s size would increase by at least five times.

The nine largest miniverses combined were already more than two times the size of the Three Royal Territories.

While Long Chen was working hard to fight the Red Fire Tree, he did not have time to think that the five demons were watching him.

After Bai Lan and Lei Ji entered the city, Long Chen and Xiaolang had successfully annoyed the Red Fire Tree, causing it to focus on the duo.

“Xiaolang, point out the location of the Red Fire Tree Fruit! I’ll go get it!”

This artificially formed Red Fire Tree had a fatal weakness—once the Red Fire Tree Fruit was taken away, it would enter a death-like state.

This tree was unimaginably huge, and Xiaolang was the only one who could accurately sense where the fruit was.

Long Chen was much smaller than Xiaolang, so he could slip into the Red Fire Tree’s body.

Xiaolang, who had activated the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire once more, nodded. Under his control, his body was ablaze with the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. When the branches

lashed on his body and the flames on the branches met with the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, they extinguished immediately like water had been poured. The branches protected by red flames quickly turned into black ice after they were burned by the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire.

All the branches that touched Xiaolang's body turned into powder!

Xiaolang shielded Long Chen close to his chest as the wolf and man shot towards the fruit. The tree seemed to sense Long Chen's intentions, leaving it terrified. Almost all the branches now lashed at the Sun Devouring Wolf!

One or two was not a problem, but when all the branches attacked them, it was not easy for the Sun Devouring Wolf to endure so many hits.

If it wasn't for the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, Xiaolang would have been torn to shreds.

The world was fair. Although the Sun Devouring Wolf had the ultimate transformative ability, its strength and body toughness were only average.

However, with the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, he could hold on!

"Enter here! It's in the center!" Under Xiaolang's protection, Long Chen quickly approached the Heavenly Wood Tree. The tree backed away in panic, but it moved extremely slowly.

"Be careful!" After Long Chen spoke, he pulled out the Three Thousand Star Clusters!

Xiaolang spat the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire on the Red Fire Tree, and the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire burned a large hole in the wall-like trunk. With the Three Thousand Star Clusters in hand, which shone with endless starlight, Long Chen shot into the tree trunk!

Then they heard a scream!

Long Chen knew that time was of the essence. Within the Red Fire Tree's body, the nearer they got to the fruit, the hotter it became, until it was too hot for Long Chen to endure. Fierce flames burned all around him. Fortunately, he had cultivated the Seven Star Body, so he was not burned to a crisp.

Sizzle! Sizzle!

Boom!

Long Chen used the Three Thousand Star Clusters to shatter all the wood around him with rays of starlight. He traveled very quickly inside the tree trunk, and after about seven minutes, he finally found the Red Fire Tree Fruit!

This was the source of the Red Fire Tree's powers.

"That's the damn thing!" Long Chen acted quickly. There were countless blood vessel-like structures connected to the fruit. Long Chen immediately cut all them, then he swiftly put the Red Fire Tree Fruit in the Primordial Realm.

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The Primordial Realm contained great power. Despite the Red Fire Tree Fruit being so powerful, it was useless inside.

After the fruit was put away, Long Chen sensed that the raging tree had stopped moving. The surrounding temperatures were also quickly lowering and everything soon returned to its original state. However, the ground below was filled with craters.

"It's finally done ..." Long Chen sighed in relief. He put the Three Thousand Star Clusters away, then headed outside. It was difficult to enter the trunk, but easy to exit, so he soon emerged. In front of him was Xiaolang, who had taken human form. Like Long Chen, he was also panting and his forehead was covered in sweat.

To be honest, this attempt had indeed been treacherous. If Xiaolang had not been able to accurately pinpoint the fruit's location, it would have been very troublesome.

"This thing finally stopped moving! I think it's back to a tree again," said Xiaolang with a smile when he saw that Long Chen had successfully emerged.

Long Chen nodded and said, "I have retrieved the Red Fire Tree Fruit. I wonder how Yan'er and the others are doing. I'll go check in Heavenly Wood City, then leave to search for a place where you can consume the fruit in peace. The Red Fire Tree Fruit contains powerful heat; it's much more powerful than the other fire-type treasures you have consumed until now. I think it could even take you to the Emperor-tier."

Xiaolang nodded.

They did not chat anymore. After Long Chen exited from the hole that Xiaolang had made, they went towards Heavenly Wood City. The ancient tree had moved a lot, so it had deviated from its original location. Beneath the tree, the ground was an utter mess. If there had been many people beneath the tree, this could have been a terrible tragedy.

Due to the flames, burnt wood was scattered everywhere, and many ancient trees were still burning. A large portion of the Wood District had been destroyed in such a short time.

Thankfully, there were few people around the ancient tree; most were in Heavenly Wood City.

As for the city, it contained many experts, including more than ten people at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage. With their defenses, the fire would take a while to kill them.

The flames that were wrapped around Heavenly Wood City were gone, and a burnt smell filled the air. Without the Red Fire Tree's obstruction, Long Chen could quickly rush into the ruined city. He quickly found the residents using the Soul Swallowing Gaze's third stage, Sight.

The remaining people had all gathered in the center of Heavenly Wood City. Bai Lan and Lei Ji were also there. When Long Chen saw that many people were still alive, his tightened nerves finally relaxed a little.

He was currently thinking about something else, and before he ascended to Heavenly Wood City, he had Xiaolang enter the Primordial Realm. Xiaolang's mind was completely occupied by the Red Fire Tree Fruit anyway. However, Long Chen was wondering if anyone had seen him, as the Sun Devouring Wolf was gigantic.

The people in Heavenly Wood City should not have seen him, but there may have been people hiding in the shadows outside of the tree. If they saw Xiaolang and the news got out, they would connect Long Chen and the death or disappearance of Wu Guangyu.

Therefore, whether anyone knew or not, Long Chen decided to leave.

The Soul Swallowing Gaze allowed him to see that the two people he cared about, Suxue and Suyan, were unharmed. He sighed again in relief. However, the number of cultivators in Heavenly Wood City had decreased. The Thunder and Demon clans had likely suffered great losses.

They likely didn't even know what had happened.

After Bai Lan's explanation, they finally did.

Long Chen approached. When they saw him, Bai Lan and Lei Ji hurriedly called him over. Their original plan was to save the survivors, but then the tree had stopped moving and even returned to normal. They did not know why.

Suxue and Suyan's eyes were filled with tears.

"Long Chen, you and the demonic wolf ..." Bai Lan started.

But Long Chen gave him a look and said, "I dealt with the problem alone. However, in case of other unforeseen circumstances, I advise you not to remain in Heavenly Wood City."

When Bai Lan saw Long Chen's complicated expression, he knew that Long Chen had more to say. Understanding the look, and seeing as the threat was removed, he nodded and said, "Then there's no need to talk about anything else. We shall leave this place. The Thunder and Demon clans have incurred great losses from this tragedy; we cannot afford to have another incident."

Under Bai Lan's command, everyone left Heavenly Wood City. They were stunned to see the craters below the city.

"The tree actually started moving, and it was ablaze too. If the patriarchs had not come to save us, we would have been trapped in the fire and reduced to ashes ..."

"Yeah. What the hell happened? How could such a bizarre thing happen?"

"That's how scary the Ancient Graveyard is. Even the legendary Heavenly Wood City was destroyed just like that ..."

Everyone discussed as they left.

Long Chen, Bai Lan, and the others stood together.

"Long Chen, do you know what happened to the tree? Not even we had any idea how to deal with it; how did you do it?"

If Long Chen attempted to explain the truth of the Red Fire Tree clan, it would trigger too many other issues. Therefore, he briefly answered, "It's like this. I've told you guys about the demonic wolf who travels with me—he's also my brother. Wu Guangyu snatched him away, but after the Martial Youth Competition, I snatched him back. He's more sensitive towards fire-type treasures, and some object caused this tree to transform this way. The demonic wolf found the object's location, and after I retrieved it, the tree stopped moving."

Long Chen did not say what it was and displayed no intention of showing them the item. Bai Lan and Lei Ji trusted him, so they did not ask further. They were smart and knew that Long Chen had retrieved it with his own effort. If they pestered him more, it would make them look desperate.

Most of the time, they saw Long Chen as a friend too.

"That demonic wolf—I saw it when the Divine clan came. When did you ..."

Long Chen said in a low voice to Bai Lan and Lei Ji, "I didn't let you guys mention my wolf brother just now for a reason. Wait until we settle down in a safe place, then I will explain in detail."

Long Chen was not in a hurry. Even if the Divine clan found out that Xiaolang had been spotted here, they would need time to get here. This was enough time for Long Chen to explain.

After Long Chen left, the five demons appeared in the original location of the tree. The five of them looked at each other.

“That brat took away the Red Fire Tree Fruit and even stored the demonic wolf. It’s probably some Beast Soul Crystal, the kind humans use to temporarily keep their demonic beasts. That evil human! How dare he treat my fellow clansman as a pet!”

“I don’t think so. I can tell that they have a great relationship. They called themselves brothers, and the wolf voluntarily entered the fire. However, what shall we do now?”

“Should we go over and ask that human to hand the wolf over directly?” asked the Red Fire Tree clan woman.

“Of course not. We can’t show ourselves recklessly. Our objective is for these people to search for the Five Emperors’ treasure. If we appear prematurely, they will panic and won’t dare enter the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm to take the stuff we want! If it wasn’t for the Five Emperors setting those restrictions, we would have entered on our own a long time ago!” said Tian Kun from the wolf clan.

“In that case, we shall observe for now and wait until the wolf emerges again. If it has reached the Emperor-tier, then it is related to the Sun Devouring Wolf. The Ancient Graveyard is our livestock farm; how can anything escape us if they are in our land?”

The group laughed, and for a moment, the heavens shook from their laughter.

The woman from the Red Fire Tree clan did not laugh.

Next to her was a solemn man with a chilling, snake-like aura.

“Hong Ying, what are you looking at?” asked the man.

Hong Ying was the woman from the Red Fire Tree clan.

“I am looking at the teenage girl over there. I think we’ve met before. Didn’t we meet a teenage girl next to the ancient tree before? You said she was good-looking, then I pressed your Northern Ocean Talisman into her body ... Doesn’t the Northern Ocean Snake clan’s Northern Ocean Talisman increase the speed of aging?”

The man’s eyes lit up. His voice was filled with suppressed excitement as he cried, “Are you saying that the girl was hit with the Northern Ocean Talisman but didn’t die? That she is likely to have an immortal body type? And can become the Northern Ocean Snake clan’s Lady Saint?”

"I was thinking the same, but this is the tiny Ten Thousand Nations Territory. How could there be a person with an immortal body type here? We encountered a wolf resembling the Sun Devouring Wolf and a person with an immortal body type on the same day. We aren't that lucky, are we?" Hong Ying asked, puzzled.

The man chuckled lowly and said, "No matter what, I must take her back for observation. If that really is the Sun Devouring Wolf, Tian Kun will surely become very rich. And if I can find the Northern Ocean Snake clan a human Lady Saint, I will be rich too!"

"In your dreams, hehe," chuckled Hong Ying.

But she did not intend to stop him.

"Since we can't expose ourselves, I'll take the girl away when the Five Emperors' treasure is about to be unlocked. There are still five more months before we leave; I don't want to serve a human for that long."

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The Demon and Thunder clans found a relatively flat patch of forest in the Wood District. After clearing the land a bit, they gradually built a temporary shelter. There were a total of several hundred people from two clans, and this was where they would live for five months. Heavenly Wood City had been destroyed, so they had no choice but to come here.

With Bai Lan and Lei Ji guarding this place, nothing was expected to happen. Setting up camp had taken quite some time, and Long Chen estimated that if someone had seen Xiaolang on that day, the news had likely traveled to Wu Lian and the other Divine clan experts.

Therefore, he decided to leave for a while and reappear in five months. This was meant to not only keep him safe, but also to avoid causing trouble for the Demon clan. If he stayed here and Wu Lian decided to be aggressive, innocent people could get hurt. Bai Lan would surely protect him, but two masters fighting here was a lose-lose situation for everyone present.

Once Bai Lan and everyone else settled down, Long Chen called Bai Lan and Lei Ji into an elegantly built wooden house. He told them what happened before he went to Tianyi Water City.

"What?!" Bai Lan and Lei Ji were shocked. Although Wu Guangyu had lost to Long Chen once, he still had a famous reputation. Anything that happened to a figure like that would surely rock the whole Ten Thousand Nations Territory. He was a powerful

cultivator of the younger generation who controlled the future of the Divine clan and was a taboo topic amongst the other clans. Yet Long Chen had killed Wu Guangyu just like that. This was shocking news to them.

Long Chen had become powerful enough to kill a strong foe like Wu Guangyu and remain unharmed. Bai Lan and Lei Ji had no choice but to stare at him in shock.

“When I killed him, there was no one around who witnessed it. However, Xiaolang came out when we were dealing with the ancient tree, so it is possible that someone saw him. That is why I want to move. I’ll come meet you guys when the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm opens.”

Bai Lan furrowed his brows and said, “With the way you’re taking, you’ve already made your decision, right?”

Long Chen replied, “If I don’t ... The Divine clan, especially their matriarch, Wu Lian, might come here. If they see me here, they’ll likely cause a lot of trouble for you guys. I want to find a place to cultivate in private. It’ll be the same.”

Bai Lan and Lei Ji saw that Long Chen had made his decision, and they understood his point. Long Chen was right. Wu Lian had lost her son, and if there was a slight possibility that it was Long Chen’s doing, she would not let him go easily.

And so, Bai Lan said, “It’s time, then. Before you leave, say your goodbyes to Yan’er. She’s been very distracted these past few days. I don’t know what she’s thinking about.”

Suyan?

Long Chen nodded. There was nothing much to say between the men anyway, so Long Chen bade them farewell and searched for Suyan’s room. He knew that she was inside, and after he knocked gently, the beautiful young girl quickly opened the door. When she saw that it was Long Chen, she looked pleasantly surprised, but it quickly withered into sorrow when she asked, “Big Brother, why are you here?”

“Let me in first,” said Long Chen with a smile.

The girl looked like she had something on her mind.

“Alright.” Suyan gently opened the door. The small room had just been prepared for her. It was very neatly arranged and suitable for cultivation.

After entering, Long Chen looked down at her and said, “Your father said you seemed to be unhappy these days, like you’re thinking about something. Is it related to me?”

Suyan wanted to say something, but she stopped herself. She then shook her head with a bitter expression.

"Tell me what it is. Don't be like this. Just tell me what's on your mind, or I'm not talking to you again," threatened Long Chen. This was the most effective method when dealing with this young girl.

"Huh?" Suyan's eyes widened, and she said hurriedly, "Don't say that, Big Brother."

"What's on your mind, then?"

"I ..." Suyan hung her head and said, "For the past few days, I keep feeling as if someone is secretly watching me. I don't know why. Maybe I'm mistaken."

"Someone is watching you?" Long Chen froze. He used his Soul Swallowing Gaze to scan the area within five hundred meters. There were no suspicious life forms within his range.

Long Chen was here to bid her farewell, and as for what she had said, she was likely overthinking. Long Chen smiled and said, "Don't overthink it, Yan'er. I came here today to tell you something."

"What is it?" Suyan asked.

"I'm going to be leaving for five months to cultivate in secret. I will only emerge after five months," said Long Chen solemnly.

"What?!" Suyan looked sad. "So, I won't see you again?" she asked anxiously.

"Don't worry. I'll be back in five months. When I'm back, I will surely come meet you." Long Chen knew that his shadow was still in the young girl's heart. She was still young. Once she was a little older and had her own, new life, she would likely forget about him.

He would do his best to see her in five months, but he was not sure if they would meet again after that.

"Alright, pinkie promise!" Suyan said, stretching her little finger.

"Mhm." Long Chen chuckled and made a pinkie promise cooperatively.

"Alright! Don't you lie to me!" After the promise, Suyan bit her lip and finally smiled.

"Of course."

Looking at the girl, Long Chen was reminded of his younger cousin, Yang Lingqing. But Yang Lingqing was much older now.

I wonder how she's doing since she went to the Royal Territories. Li Xuanji said she had the Supreme Yin Devil Body. I wonder how strong it is.

With these questions on his mind, Long Chen bade Suyan farewell and left quietly. As for Suxue, Long Chen did not bid her farewell. It was not forever anyway. Once he reached the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage and used the Golden-Eyed Water Beast's demonic core to successfully cultivate the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal, he would return.

This time, he was heading to the Metal District.

The Metal District was both the most dangerous and the safest place to Long Chen. That was the Divine and Wind clans' territory, and they were likely actively searching for Wu Guangyu now. However, Long Chen was not afraid of them. He had the Seven Star Body, so he was not afraid of the Metal Devouring Winds. He had the Profound Golden Soul, which allowed him to burrow deep into the metal ground. With such deep ground and a vast area, how could Wu Lian and the others find him?

With Xiaolang and Little Cat by his side, Long Chen quietly arrived in the Metal District. He found a place, then burrowed deep underground.

What he did not know was that three black-robed people were watching him from above. They could clearly see him through the layers of ground.

"The Ancient Graveyard is also part of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. The Ten Thousand Nations Territory's ground is so terribly weak that even someone as weak as him can directly burrow underground. Even we can't burrow the hard ground of the Royal Territories, right?" One of the men scoffed.

"The Ten Thousand Nations Territory and the Royal Territories are different worlds. The humans of the Royal Territories are several levels superior to the humans of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. Humans have always been divided into first-class and second-class humans. The humans of the Swordsoul Territory and True Martial Territory are first-class humans. The humans outside of the Royal Territories in regions similar to the Ten Thousand Nations Territory are also on the same level as the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. They're all second-class humans. It is laughable that after tens of thousands of years, the Ten Thousand Nations Territory has only produced five Divine Martial Realm cultivators."

"Stop mocking them. We have been here for all these years because of the damned Five Emperors' treasure. We searched through all sources of evidence to postulate that there was an eighty-percent chance that the Five Emperors had something like that. If it wasn't for this conclusion, would we have abandoned the exciting world of the Desolate Royal Territory to stay in this damn place?"

"Let's not talk about these things. If we accidentally lured some Demon God or human Divine Martial Realm master out, all of this would have been for naught. Keep a low profile. Even after we get this thing, it's best we don't show ourselves for five hundred years."

After this reminder, the three of them nodded. The legendary treasure was very important to them.

If not, they would not have orchestrated these games so many times.

The man from the wolf clan named Tian Kun was there too. He said, “Hong Ying and Xuan Feng have gone to observe whether that girl has an immortal body type. With their tempers, if they discover that the girl isn’t immortal, they’ll probably kill her.”

“I don’t think so. They know their limits. Although the Northern Ocean Snake clan requires a human girl with the immortal body type, they haven’t found one after so many years. That man who calls himself the Demon clan’s patriarch is a key person in our plan. We must not disturb him for the moment. Once he enters the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm, we can take that girl away.”

The other two nodded.

Then they turned around. One of them smiled knowingly and said, “That brat Zi Xue is finally back. He got the attention he wanted this time, pretending to be the Five Emperors’ mount.”

“Damn it!” A black-robed man appeared near them, cursing profusely. “The space here is too weak! I only tried to travel at top speed, but the space warped!”

Then he looked at the other three and said, “It was all nonsense. If it wasn’t for the fact that the thing might be with them, I, Demon Emperor Zi Xue, would not be here in this obscure place! Screw the Five Emperors. Right, where are Hong Ying and Xuan Feng? What are you guys doing?”

One of them told him what had happened.

“The Taboo Wolf? You must be kidding. I’ll go see for myself.”

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“Don’t. That brat can also enter the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm. I think he has something in his palm that allows him to fuse the five energies. He might be related to

the Five Emperors, so don't be hasty for now. Everything here belongs to us. We can just wait until they dig out the treasure of the Five Emperors ..."

Long Chen never would've guessed that he was being targeted by them.

Among the three of them, Little Cat had already lost his strength and was now in spirit form. He couldn't exhibit his strength even with the Dream Demon's body.

Mo Xiaolang was sensitive to fire energy, but his sensitivity towards everything else was worse than Long Chen's.

The Demons that came from the Three Royal Territories were monstrously strong. Even the Purple-Blooded Jiao was a the Category Nine Emperor-tier. The other six were roughly equal in strength.

"That Purple-Blooded Jiao... It should be at the Category Nine Emperor-tier. I wonder if it's as strong as Xiao Xi in the past once it transforms into its human form?"

Long Chen had almost zero knowledge about the Three Royal Territories.

He was only certain that there were a lot of experts at the Heavenly Martial Realm, and maybe quite a few at the Divine Martial Realm. The Swordsoul Territory was one of the three largest territories. Ling Xi, who was part of the Swordsoul Palace, likely had a lot of Divine Martial Realm experts around her.

"The Divine Martial Realm is so far away. I'm only at the Eighth Earthly Martial Stage and can't even reach the Heavenly Martial Realm yet. I have to work hard over the next five months to reach the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage. I'm really curious as to what the Heavenly Martial Wall is."

Long Chen heard Bai Lan mention it once before. The Heavenly Martial Wall was the gap between the Earthly Martial Realm and the Heavenly Martial Realm. Only those who surpassed it could arrive at the Heavenly Martial Realm.

Countless cultivators had been blocked by it before.

But Long Chen was confident in himself because he had the Inherited Blood Essence of the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon. More importantly, he had the mysterious Dragon Jade Pendant given to him by his father, Long Qinglan.

The Dragon Jade Pendant had only activated a few times, but every time it did, it had given Long Chen a lot of assistance.

But Long Chen set these things aside for the moment because becoming strong one step at a time was the most important factor. He set aside the Martial God Tombstone

for now too. Even though the Martial God Tombstone could only help him get as far as the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage, that was more than enough.

Long Chen decided to focus on the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal first. Merging three different seals resulted in incredible destructive power. In order to increase said power further, he needed to add water energy into the mix as well. It would undoubtedly increase his strength further.

In the Primordial Realm, Xiaolang had returned to his demonic beast form and consumed the Red Fire Tree Fruit. Since it came from the Three Royal Territories, Xiaolang was certain that it was much more valuable than the fire treasures that he had consumed thus far. He started refining it as soon as possible, but it would take him quite some time to fully refine it since the Red Fire Tree Fruit contained enough energy to sustain the ancient tree.

It would take him a long time indeed ...

Long Chen, on the other hand, took out the demonic core from the Golden-Eyed Water Beast. Long Chen had never seen the demonic core of a Category Nine King-tier demonic beast. It was roughly the size of a person's head. The half-translucent blue orb was surrounded by blue mist and looked ethereal.

The blue mist created illusions of a blue lion shaped just like the Golden-Eyed Water Beast. Right now, it was roughly the size of a pet as it howled angrily. This was merely the imprint it had left on the demonic core.

Long Chen needed it to guide the Black Emperor Seal to cultivate the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal.

The energy contained in the demonic core was indeed sufficient for Long Chen to cultivate the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal. With the experience in cultivating the previous three seals and the assistance of his Seven Star body, Long Chen had no issues with cultivating the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal. Even though the energy generated from his palm was terrifying, he did it successfully by merging the demonic core into his Martial Meridian.

The Black Emperor Seal was the first seal that Long Chen had collected.

"The Five Emperor Seal is already very powerful. I wonder what kind of treasure the Five Emperors left behind?"

It could be said that the treasure left behind by the Five Emperors was very important.

The Inherited Blood Essence of the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon had given Long Chen a lot of different techniques, but it had not granted him immediate strength. Long Chen still had to earn it on his own.

“My body is already quite strong, and I think I will get even more Inherited Blood essence soon. I’ve already merged with a hundredth of it... Will I get a tenth of it next time?”

Long Chen was very excited for the day when he could completely merge the Inherited Blood Essence with his body.

The full strength granted by the Inherited Blood Essence was undoubtedly much greater than what he had right now.

A few days later, he completed his cultivation of the Black Emperor Churning Heaven Seal. He suspected that the energy from merging four seals together was comparable to the strength of an intermediate Emperor-tier martial technique.

If he could merge five seals together, the explosive energy would be equivalent to an advanced Emperor-tier martial technique.

My next goal is to find something filled with rich earth energy to cultivate the final seal. Then I need to reach the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage and access the advanced Emperor-tier martial techniques hidden in the Three Thousand Star Clusters.

Long Chen was certain that the techniques hidden within the Three Thousand Star Clusters were at the advanced Emperor-tier, similar to the Azure Lotus Sword Manual.

He was currently holding onto both the Azure Lotus Sword and the Three Thousand Star Clusters.

But Long Chen paid no attention to the Azure Lotus Sword as he was satisfied with cultivating one of the techniques at the same rank. Since the Azure Lotus Sword was weaker than the Three Thousand Star Clusters, he completely ignored it.

The Azure Lotus Sword is useless to me. I might as well give it to Suxue or Suyan since they have helped me a lot.

After making that decision, Long Chen set it aside and started looking into how he could reach the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage.

Inside the Primordial Realm, Mo Xiaolang was still refining the Red Fire Tree Fruit. A profound transformation was occurring. By the time he woke up, he would likely be an Emperor-tier demonic beast.

Long Chen took out the Martial God Tombstone and placed it in the underground chamber. He looked at the black light shimmering across the surface of the Martial God Tombstone. He was already very familiar with it and focused on the drawing of the Martial God Tombstone once he took it out. In his vision, everything else disappeared except for the shadow on the Martial God Tombstone.

The shadowy figure started from the first stage of the Earthly Martial Fist and proceeded to the ninth stage, repeating every movement. Long Chen stared and copied everything it did.

The Three Martial Realms and the path of martial arts... It was time for Long Chen to complete the Earthly Martial Realm. He was one step away from accomplishing that.

But it was also the hardest step.

Long Chen had more or less completed the Earthly Martial Fist. Beyond it was the rare Heavenly Martial Fist. The Heavenly Martial Fist wasn't as widespread as the Earthly Martial Fist, but Long Chen knew that the manual for the Heavenly Martial Fist was seen as a treasure for each clan that had been left behind by their ancestors. Many cultivators failed to reach the Heavenly Martial Realm because they didn't have the manual.

Long Chen didn't have one at the moment, but he was certain that Bai Lan would give it to him if he asked.

However, the Heavenly Martial Fist could be easily found in the Three Royal Territories.

Since Long Chen was still a ways off from needing it, he focused on the final stage of the Earthly Martial Fist.

Cultivating in the depths of the underground chamber, Long Chen focused on perfecting his senses to feel the power and pulse of the earth. He would use it to reinforce his body.

A few days later, Long Chen started to copy the shadow on the Martial God Tombstone to start his cultivation of the final stage of the Earthly Martial Fist.

There were plenty of problems at first, but with Long Chen's continuous improvement and the Martial God Tombstone's guidance, he slowly perfected it. All he needed was time.

And time did indeed pass. Long Chen immersed himself in cultivation. Little Cat did not bother him, and Xiaolang was in the middle of his own transformation. In Long Chen's world, there was only the shadowy figure that continued to show him the moves of the final stage of the Earthly Martial Fist.

Two months later, Long Chen finally succeeded in crossing the gap and reaching the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage. The dragon-shaped Martial Soul in his sea of consciousness started to become very solid and life-like. Long Chen was certain that it would undergo another round of transformation once he reached the Heavenly Martial Realm.

The dragon-shaped Martial Soul appeared to be sentient as it floated above the Dragon Jade Pendant.

The spiritual Qi coming from the earth surged into Long Chen's body. He had finally reached the same cultivation level as Wu Guangyu—the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage.

Long Chen stood up in the underground chamber.

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I can now merge four Emperor Seals, and I'm finally at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage. Combined with my transformation that grants me ten times the amount of essence, my strength is currently on par with those at the First Heavenly Martial Stage like Feng Qing and Lei Ji. But the Heavenly Martial Realm is a complete transformation of the cultivator, and they have access to domains. I might be able to fend off against them, but I doubt that I could defeat them, especially someone like Wu Lian, who's a Second Heavenly Martial Stage Sword Warrior.

Wu Lian was cold and distant. Except for her son, she cared about nothing else. Wu Guangyu was her most prized son, and Long Chen had killed him. Long Chen assumed that the entire Ancient Graveyard was in an uproar right now, and he dared not imagine what would happen if Wu Lian learned that the death of her son was related to him.

She's still the strongest person in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory after all ...

There were billions of people in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. She was indeed a frightening individual if she could be called the strongest.

But Long Chen's achievement was also nothing to be scoffed at.

He was able to reach his current level in just three years.

Even the geniuses in the Three Royal Territories couldn't replicate that.

After reaching the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage, Long Chen decided to not go out just yet. Xiaolang was still sleeping, and Long Chen had a feeling that he would remain asleep for a very long time.

"I need to figure out how to reach the Heavenly Martial Realm. Also, I need to figure out the Three Thousand Star Clusters too!"

Long Chen believed that he could crack the mystery of the Three Thousand Star Clusters if even Wu Guangyu could do so for the Azure Lotus Sword.

He took out the Three Thousand Star Clusters and placed it in front of him.

"Swordsoul Territory ... Sword Warriors ... According to Wu Guangyu, Sword Warriors are very sought-after in the Three Royal Territories. Then what is the Sword Path? How is it related to the Martial Path?"

Long Chen had been cultivating the Martial Path.

"If I'm not a Sword Warrior and don't have an Armament Soul when I'm born, how weak am I compared to those that have always had it and can change it into a Sword Root when they reach the Heavenly Martial Realm?"

Long Chen knew that Divine Weapons were the hallmark of a person's strength. His Three Thousand Star Clusters was proof of it since using it increased his combat strength.

He frowned when he thought that he could be at a disadvantage just because he didn't have an Armament Soul.

Especially since Ling Xi was from the Swordsoul Palace. He was certain that everyone there used a Divine Weapon. How could Long Chen be weak in that aspect if he wanted to take her back?

"Little Cat, is there a way to grant me a Sword Root and then learn the Sword Path?"

Little Cat was like an encyclopedia for Long Chen.

Little Cat was taking a lazy nap in the Primordial Realm. Ever since he took over the Dream Demon's body, he needed a set amount of time to sleep every day. Whenever Long Chen wasn't talking to him, he was sleeping.

He was woken up by Long Chen right now.

"Bastard! How dare you disturb my dreams! I will castrate you and let Ling Xi cry about it!"

"Try me."

Little Cat shuddered and said, "Haha, I was just joking to lighten up the mood a bit. What do you need to know? I'm feeling generous, so I will answer any question for you."

Long Chen rolled his eyes and asked, "I'm asking if there's a way for me to obtain a Sword Root so I can learn the Sword Path?"

"Sword Path? It would be beneficial if you followed that path, since you learn things fast. If you could reach the final stage of the Sword Path, you could multiply your strength by fifteen times! Combined with the techniques of your Dragon Soul Transformation, it would be easy for you to kill someone two stages above you!"

"Fifteen times?"

Long Chen had only heard that his strength would increase by ten times, not fifteen. It seemed that Little Cat knew more about it than Wu Guangyu.

"So you're saying that I can get a Sword Root?"

An Armament Soul was obtained the moment someone was born. They either had it or they didn't, and Long Chen didn't have one.

Little Cat rubbed his eyes sleepily. "You could, but it's quite convoluted to get one. First, someone needs to find a rare Sword Soul Stone. Then, before they die, they need to peel off their own Sword Root and seal it in the Sword Soul Stone. That way, you can take that person's Sword Root by being given the Sword Soul Stone. But where are you going to find a Sword Soul Stone with a Sword Root sealed in it?"

It was indeed very complicated.

But Long Chen took note of it.

"Still, it would be extremely beneficial if you could get one," Little Cat said mysteriously.

"What kinds of benefits?"

"For example, if you inherited a Sword Root from someone else, their understanding of the Sword Path would be retained in it. When you use it, you could inherit their understanding and save a lot of time in cultivating the Sword Path!"

Long Chen was shocked! If that was the case, a Sword Soul Stone was indeed valuable!

He noted it down but didn't waste any time on it. Instead, he observed the Three Thousand Star Clusters.

"If you had an Armament Soul, you could move it into the Three Thousand Star Clusters and use it to learn the secret techniques hidden inside of it. But since you don't, your only choice is to do it the old-fashioned way. You have to slowly comprehend it and imagine that there's nothing in your world but the Three Thousand Star Clusters. You

might be able to learn the secret technique now since you are at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage.”

“Thank you.”

Long Chen decided to spend his days learning about the Three Thousand Star Clusters.

“No need to thank me. I will go back to sleep now.”

Little Cat stretched and slept promptly. He changed his surroundings into a comfortable, soft bed.

“Three Thousand Star Cluster...”

It was regrettable that he didn’t have an Armament Soul.

But he did not give up. He followed his method of cultivating and immersed himself in the Three Thousand Star Clusters. He recalled how the Azure Lotus Sword looked like a child in Wu Guangyu’s hands.

That meant that the Divine Weapon had some sort of sentience to it. As long as Long Chen treated it right, it would treat him well too. While Long Chen had used his blood to make it recognize that he was the owner, he was not acknowledged by the weapon yet.

So Long Chen had to earn its trust gradually.

It was a big project. As Long Chen slowly built his link with the Three Thousand Star Clusters, time slowly passed. Several months flew by just like that, but Long Chen wasn’t alarmed by it. The stronger a cultivator was, the more time they had to spend cultivating. In the Three Royal Territories, it was common for everyone to shut themselves away to cultivate for a very long time.

It was not uncommon for someone to spend a whole ten years or so in isolation.

Since Long Chen had reached the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage, his understanding of the Three Thousand Star Clusters was showing good progress. He could now see the world inside the Three Thousand Star Clusters. It was a beautiful night sky filled with blue stars, and there was a figure wielding the Three Thousand Star Cluster, killing its enemies from every direction. The figure radiated intense power with every movement.

The Three Thousand Star Clusters was an unruly spear!

The image shifted and the figure started spinning the Three Thousand Star Clusters, revealing a hypnotizing pattern.

“The Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual!”

Long Chen finally learned the name of the Emperor-tier martial technique.

The figure in the Three Thousand Star Clusters continued to cultivate without any breaks. Sometimes it moved fast, at other times it moved slowly. The changes drastically increased the difficulty of comprehending it.

“The Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual is an advanced Emperor-tier martial technique. Those who managed to cultivate it were mostly at the Heavenly Martial Stage, because they needed to understand Domains. The Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual cooperates well with domains to utilize the true strength of the weapon. I don’t have any understanding of domains, so it will be hard for me to learn them!”

But Long Chen had to admit that if he could learn it, his battle strength would increase drastically! In fact, the Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual was much stronger than the fusion of the Five Emperor Seals.

Long Chen did not give up, since he was already at this step. He could’ve chosen the simpler Azure Lotus Sword Manual, but he refused to give up like that.

“But what is a domain?” Long Chen was confused.

It was important for him to learn what a domain was, because only then could he cultivate the Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual.

He could learn about the Heavenly Martial Realm and the Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual at the same time since they were related in some way. That way, he could get stronger faster.

Five months flashed by.

Since he didn’t have the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual, Long Chen had not reached the Heavenly Martial Realm. He also didn’t make much progress on the Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual. But he knew that he only needed a chance to progress his cultivation on both fronts.

He had a feeling that his chance would come from the Five Emperors’ treasure.

Long Chen calculated that it was almost time for the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm to open. He stopped cultivating and returned to the surface.

At the same time, Xiaolang had reached the Emperor-tier.

He had woken up a month ago.

Demonic beasts don't have to cultivate to become stronger; he relied solely on his physical body and Demonic Qi.

"I can finally use all of the Nine Demon Ancestral Fire within my body after! Big Brother, no one in the Ancient Graveyard can beat us now."

"No."

Long Chen knew that the demon race members from the Three Royal Territories were exceedingly strong.

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Long Chen clearly remembered the location of the Thunder and Demon clans. Unless something unexpected had happened, they would still be there.

However, Long Chen used Sight the moment he came out to avoid encountering others. He had no idea whether the Divine clan was searching for him or not.

Still, he wasn't that worried.

Except for Wu Lian, no one in this place could threaten him.

Even Feng Qing couldn't beat him now.

He followed the path and soon reached where the Demon and Thunder clans were staying. They were living in the forest beside where Heavenly Wood City once was. They had turned it into a safe space, and many martial artists were asking for protection there. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that they had turned it into a city.

The order that was once present in Heavenly Wood City had returned.

This time, Long Chen realized that a lot of people had died in the Ancient Graveyard. There were very few people left.

Except for the Nine Clans, most of the other cultivators had died for various treasures. Four of the Seven Lords' Inheritances had been taken: the White Lotus Fairy, the Azure Lotus Lord, the Divine Demon Lord, and the Seven Star Lord's inheritances. Only three more remained unopened. The Ancient Graveyard was a battlefield left behind tens of thousands of years ago, so there were many treasures to be found here. Many people killed each other for spiritual herbs, Divine Weapons, and martial techniques.

Not everyone was like Long Chen, who could ignore the color of the Ancient Token. Many of them killed each other to turn their Ancient Tokens golden.

That was why a lot of people had lost their lives.

"This must be the trick of the demon race. They want us to kill each other. Every time the Ancient Graveyard opens up, many of the talented people from the Ten Thousand Nations Territory kill each other."

Long Chen revealed a hateful gaze when he thought about this.

He hated the thought of other people controlling his life. His hatred for the six mysterious demons grew after knowing that they controlled the lives of everyone in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory.

"Big Brother, does it mean that their goal is the Five Emperors' treasure? Did they release the Five Emperor Keys because they want to use us to obtain it?"

"Indeed."

Long Chen answered Xiaolang's question as they made their way back.

Xiaolang's body radiated an incredible pressure, giving off the impression that he was an ice-cold vortex.

After reaching the Emperor-tier, he could finally display some of his strength even when he was in human form. Xiaolang was happy that he could fight in his human form right now, even though it was still significantly weaker than fighting in his demonic beast form.

"Aren't you afraid?" Xiaolang was nervous.

Long Chen chuckled and shook his head. "It's already a miracle that I managed to reach this point. I can only continue walking forward now. They are just stronger cultivators; there's nothing to be afraid of."

Even though he had spoken lightly, Xiaolang noticed that Long Chen was actually very wary of them.

Soon, they arrived at the settlement of the Thunder and Demon clans. Thankfully, everyone was still there and nothing had happened, thanks to Bai Lan and Lei Ji guarding the place.

Long Chen still couldn't believe that no one had suspected him of killing Wu Guangyu even though five months had passed.

He made no effort to hide it since the opening of the Five Emperors' Secret Realm was right around the corner. Bai Lan and the others were waiting for him.

As he had expected, Long Chen had just appeared near the perimeter when someone ran into the settlement to make a report. One of the Sect Elders greeted Long Chen. "Long Chen, you are finally back. The Patriarch and the Thunder clan's Patriarch have been waiting for you."

Long Chen smiled and followed him until they reached the temporary hall constructed by Bai Lan and the others. It was simple but still usable. There was only a month left before the Ancient Graveyard closed. Once the time arrived, they would all be able to return to the Ten Thousand Nations Territory and live peacefully.

Long Chen saw many familiar faces in the hall. Bai Lan, Lei Ji, Suxue, and Suyan were all waiting for him.

"Big Brother!"

Suyan ignored everyone else and pounced into Long Chen's chest when she saw him. Long Chen looked down at her. It had only been several months, but she had grown even further. She was starting to look more mature.

Suyan was excited because she hadn't seen Long Chen in a long time. She rubbed her face into his chest as she cried.

Long Chen had previously saved her life, so she liked him a lot.

"Yan'er, your father is right here. Why don't you hold back a bit?" Bai Lan smiled while he enjoyed the scene.

Even though everyone thought Suxue was Long Chen's future wife, their engagement was actually fake. Bai Lan had orchestrated everything, so he only needed to provide a brief explanation once they were out of this place. He had learned a bit about Long Chen's plan from Suxue.

The Three Royal Territories.

That was the land that every youth from the Ten Thousand Nations Territory wished to go to.

Suyan stepped away and looked at Long Chen shyly. "Big Brother, I've missed you!"

It was almost impossible to think that someone as shy as her would say something like that.

She had indeed missed Long Chen a lot.

Long Chen gently patted her head. "Yan'er, be nice. I missed you too. I didn't break my promise, did I? I'm here right now."

"But you will be leaving soon."

Suyan was disappointed because she didn't want him to leave.

Now it was time for Long Chen to enter the Five Emperors' Secret Realm with Bai Lan and the others.

Bai Lan had no choice but to ask Suyan to return to her seat. "The candidacy to enter the Five Emperors' Secret Realm is something your big brother earned after a huge ordeal. He must go at all costs. You cannot just think about playing. You reached the Eighth Earthly Martial Stage long before Long Chen, but now he's already at the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage, while you haven't improved yet."

Suyan had indeed reached the Eighth Earthly Martial Stage before Long Chen did.

"I know ..."

She felt wronged and her eyes turned red. She looked to Long Chen for help.

"Father."

Just then, a beautiful lady exuding a bewitching fragrance interrupted them. It was Suxue. "Ten people are entering the Five Emperors' Secret Realm. Everyone except for Long Chen will be at the Heavenly Martial Realm. Also, the Wind clan and the Divine clan are aiming to kill Long Chen. It will be dangerous for him ..."

She was a cautious person and had already considered all the possible dangers.

Long Chen knew what she wanted to say. "So, did they find out that I killed Wu Guangyu?"

Bai Lan nodded. "Yes. When the Ancient Tree transformed into that monster, someone saw you with your pet. I suppose that the person standing beside you is that wolf?"

Mo Xiaolang was indeed standing beside Long Chen.

“This is my sworn brother, Mo Xiaolang.”

Long Chen did not blame them for calling Xiaolang his pet, since they didn’t know better, but it was uncomfortable for Xiaolang to be seen as Long Chen’s pet, so he had to correct them.

“I’m sorry.” Bai Lan saw how serious Long Chen was and apologized.

Even though he didn’t know why Long Chen would treat a demonic beast so well, he still etched it into his heart that the demonic beast was Long Chen’s sworn brother.

He then continued, “Just a few days after you left, Wu Lian and Feng Qing came here with their troops to look for you.”

Long Chen frowned. It was exactly as he had feared. “And then what happened?”

“Nothing much. I fought against her, but there was nothing she could do when she learned that you weren’t here. She left, but before she did, she spread her people out like a web. Thankfully, you hid well. We were worried because we thought you were caught by them. But it seems that our worries were unwarranted.”

Bai Lan made it sound easy, but Long Chen knew how difficult it must’ve been. He was the one to apologize this time. “Thank you, Patriarch Bai. I will be sure to repay the favor.”

Bai Lan chuckled. “No need. You made the Demon clan the winner of the Nine Clan Martial Youth Competition, which was an incredible feat to begin with. But I do need to ask you something. I know you’ve killed Wu Guangyu, but what about Feng Zhilin? She disappeared too. Did you kill her too? They told me that both of them disappeared on the same night and left no traces behind.”

“Feng Zhilin?” Long Chen frowned and recalled the arrogant woman. “I didn’t kill her. Did she go missing?”

Bai Lan nodded. “Then that’s strange. You didn’t kill her, so why is she missing?”

Both Long Chen and Bai Lan thought about the people who had come from the Three Royal Territories. The only difference was that Bai Lan still thought that they were benevolent beings that wanted to protect them.

“Father, I’m talking about Long Chen’s safety. What are you talking about?” Suxue interrupted them again.

She was worried that Long Chen would die in the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm with so many strong people inside.

Long Chen looked at her and explained, “I’ve reached the Ninth Earthly Martial Stage. I can deal with someone at the First Heavenly Martial Stage, so I will be fine.”

“Oh?” Lei Ji was interested this time. Long Chen had reached the Eighth Earthly Martial Stage by training in Lei Ji’s domain in the past.

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Lei Ji chuckled. “I can testify and say that Long Chen is indeed very strong. I still don’t know how he avoided Wu Guangyu’s Azure Lotus Sword Manual when they fought.”

Suxue relaxed a little when even Lei Ji said that. She was just worried that Long Chen would be in danger.

“I will protect him if Wu Lian attacks him.”

Bai Lan’s words were as good as gold since he always kept his promises.

Long Chen never had much to do with the Demon clan and the Thunder clan to begin with, but because he had saved Suyan, Bai Lan had treated him well to the point that he fought against the Divine clan for Long Chen’s sake. Long Chen would never forget to repay Bai Lan for all he had done.

With Bai Lan’s help, Long Chen and the rest would depart tomorrow to the Five Emperors’ Secret Realm.

That night, Long Chen was sitting on a tree with Xiaolang by his side when Bai Lan approached them.

“What’s wrong, young man? What are you thinking of?”

Long Chen had been thinking about his time with Ling Xi.

He usually thought of her when he cultivated.

“Nothing. I was just thinking about how to reach the Heavenly Martial Realm.”

Long Chen chose to change the subject to cultivation.

“Then you’ve asked the right person. Something very important is required to reach the Heavenly Martial Realm. That is ...”

Bai Lan took out a scroll from his Storage Ring. He opened the scroll, and it was filled with pictures. Every picture had a lot of text written beneath it.

“This is the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual, but it’s an incomplete one that only has the first three stages. I fear that this is the most complete version of the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. If you want to become stronger beyond that, then there’s only one place left to go.”

Long Chen finished Bai Lan’s sentence. “The Three Royal Territories.”

Bai Lan smiled. “Looks like you are smart. This is yours now. Unfortunately, I don’t know how to get there, so you have to find out on your own.”

Long Chen did not reject the gift, because he needed the manual.

He took the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual and gave something back in return. He had no use for it and had long decided to give it to the Demon clan.

It was the Azure Lotus Sword.

Bai Lan knew what Long Chen meant and was conflicted. “The Azure Lotus Sword is too precious. I’ve only helped you on a whim a couple of times. I cannot keep it.”

Long Chen smiled. “I didn’t reject you, yet you are rejecting me? I have the Three Thousand Star Clusters. To me, the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual is more important than the Azure Lotus Sword. We will most likely part ways soon, so I wanted to give the Azure Lotus Sword to the Demon clan as a show of gratitude. You can give it to either Suxue or Suyan. It’s your choice.”

Long Chen placed the sword firmly into Bai Lan’s hands.

Bai Lan was embarrassed. He never thought Long Chen would give him something so precious in exchange for the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual. Back in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, because of his position, he had always been the one who rewarded others. It was never the other way around. He didn’t feel comfortable with this ...

“Damn. I can’t believe you’re making me feel embarrassed here.”

Bai Lan smiled as he looked at the Azure Lotus Sword. “I should give it to Xue’er for now since Yan’er is still too young. Yan’er isn’t very ambitious, and her older sister is

more responsible when it comes to the matters of family and the clan. I doubt either of them would object to me giving the sword to Xue'er."

Long Chen had the same thought too.

He was certain that Suyan wouldn't mind not having the Azure Lotus Sword.

After he put the Azure Lotus Sword away, Bai Lan said, "We will depart tomorrow. Go ahead and try to research the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual on your own for now."

Long Chen nodded. When Bai Lan left, he started reading the manual.

It was completely different from the Earthly Martial Fist Manual.

The two of them worked in two different ways. The Earthly Martial Fist Manual channeled the power of the earth, while the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual channeled the power of the world itself. A cultivator's strength was limited. In order to become stronger, they had to control the power of the world to form a domain.

Those below the Heavenly Martial Realm were easy to suppress with a domain. It was a force stronger than the Blood Devouring Domain, but that was because Long Chen wasn't strong enough yet.

Though the domain of someone at the First Heavenly Martial Stage had limited effects on him.

After studying it for a single night, Long Chen had improved a lot.

Long Chen had been cultivating and studying the Three Thousand Star Clusters Spear Manual for the past three months. With the help of the Heavenly Martial Fist Manual, he started to learn even more on both sides.

He only needed to spend time cultivating them now.

But Long Chen didn't have time.

When daybreak came, he would have to follow Bai Lan and the others to enter the Five Emperors' Secret Realm! There would be nothing but slaughter in there.

Long Chen stood up the moment he saw the light of dawn the next day.

"Five Emperors' Secret Realm. Five Emperors' Treasure! Here I come!"

Bai Lan and Lei Ji were already waiting for them.

"Big Brother, let me follow you into the Secret Realm."

Mo Xiaolang was excited to enter the place.

“No.”

Long Chen shook his head after giving it some thought.

Mo Xiaolang was confused. “Why not?”

“Everyone there is too strong, and Wu Lian really wants to kill me. You can’t do anything there, but you can, however, stay here and protect the Thunder and Demon clans.”

“Must I do that?”

He had always listened to Long Chen.

Long Chen was actually worried about something else, and that was the demon race. They were constantly hiding in the dark. He didn’t know what they would do, but he was certain that their goal was the Five Emperors’ Treasure. It would be safer for Xiaolang to stay here instead.

He and the others were far too weak to fight back if the demon race attacked them for the treasure.

That would be the worst outcome.

“Stay here. I will be back soon. There’s only one month left. By then, we can find the method to enter the Three Royal Territories. I do not believe that we will fail!”

But before they could, they had to obtain the Five Emperors’ treasure!

Little Cat had already told him that the treasure would be his greatest gift before entering the Three Royal Territories.

Mo Xiaolang could only agree to Long Chen’s demands this time.

Long Chen wasn’t much stronger than the others in the secret realm, so he would have to rely on his luck.

“Sorry about this, Xiaolang. Last time when both me and Bai Lan were absent, something terrible happened to the Demon Clan and Thunder Clan. They are all my friends and I don’t want them to die.”

“Alright then. Don’t worry about me. I will protect all of them!” Mo Xiaolang smiled.

Long Chen was stubborn and rarely changed his decision. Perhaps that was a good thing or he wouldn’t have reached his current stage.

The journey to the Five Emperors' Secret Realm would be his largest test so far. Long Chen had prepared himself for death.

He will fight to the death!

Everyone from the Thunder Clan and Demon Clan bid the three of them farewell. Mo Xiaolang did not join them but instead stood beneath a tree while he sent them off.

Suddenly, Mo Xiaolang felt someone was watching him.

"Who's there?"

He turned around but saw no one.

After saying goodbye to the others, Bai Lan did not stop to rest. He quickly brought them towards the Eternal Battlefield with one of the Five Emperors' Key in his possession.

Except for the individuals with the highest authority, no one else knew how to open the Five Emperors' Treasure.

Even the regular people from the Demon Clan didn't know Bai Lan was heading out to obtain the Five Emperors' Treasure, except for the few Sect Elders.

The Five Emperors' Treasure was only something that the Nine Great Clans could compete for. Long bearded guest wouldn't have the chance to compete for it too if he wasn't at the Second Heavenly Martial Stage. Even so, after he obtained the Yellow Emperor Key, he still had to relinquish one of the positions to enter the secret realm and let the Nine Great Clans decide through the tournament.

Long Chen wasted no time as he traveled. With Bai Lan and Lei Ji by his side, it was the best chance he had to research how to advance into the Heavenly Martial Realm.

The path of cultivation had always been difficult.

Long Chen wouldn't have grown so fast if it wasn't because of the Martial God Tombstone. He wouldn't have reached his stage so rapidly without it even with his elevated comprehension.

He reached the peak of the Earthly Martial Realm from the Third Earthly Martial Stage within just a single year.

This was something that took others tens of years.

With the guidance of the two, Long Chen had an initial understanding of the Heavenly Martial Realm. He had once felt the strength of their Domains and learned something from it.

While he was researching into the Heavenly Martial Realm, the three were closing in on the Eternal Battlefield. It had only been five months since Long Chen killed Wu Guangyu, and now everyone was still searching for him.

Bai Lan warned him, “Long Chen, be careful when you reach there. Wu Lian must’ve gone crazy after she failed to find you for so many months. She knows that you will be coming to the Eternal Battlefield so be careful.”

“No worries.”

Those two words showed how strong Long Chen’s inner strength was.

He wasn’t insolent, but he had already expected it. It would be a thorny path for him but he would not give up yet.

“Good.”

Bai Lan nodded with satisfaction when he looked at Long Chen approvingly. They soon reached the ruins in the Eternal Battlefield. Everyone else had been waiting there. Long Chen looked around and saw that both Feng Qing and Wu Lian were already waiting there.

The Five Element Alliance held two keys so they could bring in four people. Except for the Gold Clan’s patriarch, the Fire Clan, Water Clan, and Wood Clan’s patriarch was already here. Only the Earth Clan’s patriarch was absent.

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With the addition of the Long-Bearded Guest, who was talking to Wu Lian, all ten of them were gathered.

They were still far away when Long Chen felt Wu Lian's gaze. As expected of someone who was born a Sword Warrior and had a Sword Root, her gaze was like a sharp sword threatening to cut Long Chen.

She was wearing a white dress and a white face veil. She had her hair tied in a ponytail and looked just like a sword-wielding fairy.

Bai Lan and the others had just landed when the bloodlust and murderous aura surrounded them. Feng Qing and Wu Lian said nothing as they silently approached Long Chen. They had been waiting for this for a very long time.

The four from the Five Elements Alliance were snickering. Bai Lan and Wu Lian were the two strongest individuals here, so the Five Element Alliance was more than happy to let them fight each other while they themselves reaped the reward.

"Careful," whispered Bai Lan.

Wu Lian's icy glare was a clear sign that there would be blood spilled today.

They were just twenty meters away from each other when the wind blew past them. Wu Lian's long skirt floated slightly, revealing a hint of her jade-like legs. It was a wonder that she had maintained her youth even though she was hundreds of years old.

Feng Qing, on the other hand, was visibly angry.

"Long Chen, how dare you show your face here. You shall pay for taking Zhilin and Guangyu's lives."

His voice was trembling from anger.

But to Bai Lan, Feng Qing was merely Wu Lian's dog. He ignored him and instead stared at Wulian. "You bitch. You are accusing Long Chen of killing Wu Guangyu. Do you have proof?"

Indeed. It was hard to pin the blame on Long Chen based merely on the fact that he had been spotted with Mo Xiaolang.

Feng Zhilin wasn't killed by Long Chen, and he didn't even know where she was. "The wolf is my sworn brother, and Wu Guangyu was the one who took him away from me. Since I finally became strong enough to beat him, I took my brother back on my own accord, but Wu Guangyu's death is unrelated to me. The Ancient Graveyard is a strange place with powerful beasts, like the one hiding in Tianyi Lake. Who knows if beasts like those are hidden in other places too?"

Long Chen never once shied away from a challenge.

But Wu Lian visibly didn't trust their words.

She remained silent for a very long time before a white lotus appeared in her eyes. Sharp rays shone from her eyes, causing Long Chen to tremble a little. He felt his scalp going numb and his heart beating rapidly.

He knew that Wu Lian wouldn't believe a single word he said.

It was one thing if she said anything, but now she was so mad that she couldn't utter a single word.

No matter how much Long Chen explained himself, it would be useless because Wu Lian was convinced that Long Chen had killed her son.

In that case, there was no reason for Long Chen to hide it. Bai Lan was trying to think of a way out of this when Long Chen stood up against Wu Lian's pressure. He was using his essence to push back.

"I did kill Wu Guangyu, but I don't know where Feng Zhilin is."

Long Chen stared at them both before continuing, "He's weaker than me, so he died by my hand. The strong eats the weak. This is a simple rule that everyone obeyed ever since they came to the Ancient Graveyard. He almost killed me when I first entered this place, and I took revenge. This is a simple matter; you can only blame his weakness. The Five Emperors' Secret Realm is opening soon. Will the two of you fight to the death here?"

Long Chen was much younger than them, but he had actually managed to withstand their pressure and talked back.

His eyes never wavered even once. He could talk to them with such conviction even though he was the one who killed Wu Guangyu. Long Chen was indeed very brave.

He was the strongest youth in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory, and Wu Guangyu had lost to him.

Wu Lian had always been proud of her son.

But Long Chen had destroyed everything.

If the Five Emperors' Secret Realm wasn't about to open, she would've attacked Bai Lan and Long Chen immediately. She wouldn't have stood still and said nothing.

Bai Lan was impressed by Long Chen's performance. He and Wu Lian were even in strength, so he stopped playing chicken and said, "In that case, all I will say is that you will have to go through me to get to Long Chen. I will protect him no matter what. You

better think carefully, since the Five Emperors' treasure is going to be up for grabs soon. Don't let someone else pick it up for free. You should understand how important the treasure is."

Feng Qing frowned when he heard Bai Lan's words.

He had also been thinking about that problem.

If they fought now, Bai Lan and Lei Ji would be tough foes to defeat. If they fought here just because of Long Chen and were severely injured, the Five Elements Alliance would swoop in and attack all of them.

"Sister Wu, let's wait until the Five Emperors' Secret Realm is open. I doubt that Bai Lan and the others will protect Long Chen when the treasure is right in front of their eyes."

Wu Lian remained silent.

Everyone was still waiting for her decision, but she stood still like a statue. The longer she stood silently, the more unsure everyone was.

Ding!

A clear sound echoed in the air, and a snow-white sword appeared in Wu Lian's arms.

It was the White Lotus Sword, the counterpart of the Azure Lotus Sword!

Bai Lan and the others frowned when they saw it appear.

"You crazy woman." Bai Lan and Lei Ji looked at each other. They knew that it was serious this time. It was very likely that Wu Lian would forfeit the treasure for the sake of killing Long Chen.

Long Chen, on the other hand, looked at her sword.

The snow-white sword appeared to have been absorbed into Wu Lian's hand. The way she held her sword was more scary than Wu Guangyu because the sword looked like an extension of her body. In fact, there was even essence exuding from the White Lotus Sword, as if it was connected to her veins. Her essence was circulating inside the sword and formed its own circulation cycle.

In a sense, she could unleash even more power from the White Lotus Sword.

"Sister Wu, the treasure is more important ..."

When Feng Qing said that, the icy aura exuding from her body made him nervous.

Bai Lan knew that there was nothing more to be said after seeing Wu Lian preparing to fight them. He told Long Chen to be careful before he walked forward. "In that case, let's fight here and now. I think it will be interesting to decide the victor here."

Bai Lan had always been arrogant, and Wu Lian was the only person he was wary of. Still, that didn't mean he was afraid of her.

To fight or not to fight?

Everyone was looking at Wu Lian.

Everyone would be talking about how emotional Wu Lian was if she fought here right now.

While everyone was looking at them, Wu Lian suddenly laughed. Her voice somehow sounded like it came from the clouds.

"Who said I was going to fight?"

She put the White Lotus Sword away.

No one could tell what she was thinking. Everyone looked at each other in confusion.

Long Chen was confused too. Even he did not know what Wu Lian was trying to do.

Bai Lan said, "In that case, let's enter the Five Emperors' Secret Realm now."

"No." Wu Lian stopped him. "Everyone here is at the Heavenly Martial Realm. Long Chen is too weak, so how can he enter?"

She was clearly targeting Long Chen.

Long Chen was also arrogant, so he laughed and said, "What's your goal? Stop playing games and tell me what do you want me to do so I can enter the Secret Realm."

"Easy. Fight against someone at the First Heavenly Martial Stage. You win, you get to enter. If you lose, that means you are not qualified to join us."

"Long Chen, there's no need to do this. Those with the keys can enter regardless."

Bai Lan knew that Wu Lian was trying to provoke Long Chen to destroy him once and for all. If Long Chen wasn't killed, he would at least be severely injured.

Wu Lian would never stop hounding after Long Chen if she didn't do this.

Long Chen shook his head. He couldn't embarrass himself here. He was a man, and he refused to take disrespect from anyone. He laughed and pointed at Feng Qing. "Do you want that old bastard to test me, then? He isn't qualified to do so!"

"What did you say?!"

Feng Qing was angered. It was clear that Long Chen looked down on him. He was a Heavenly Martial Realm cultivator and also the patriarch of the Wind clan, an individual who stood at the top of the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. How could someone as young as Long Chen be this disrespectful to him?

"I said, you are just an old bastard. Do you have something to complain about, old man?"

"You seek death!" Feng Qing was completely enraged.

Long Chen had not only called him an old bastard, but also an old man. Feng Qing was already fuming because Long Chen had killed both Wu Guangyu and Feng Zhilin. Now Long Chen was provoking him further.

"Fine, in that case, let us see if you have the strength to back it up. Feng Qing, attack!"

Wu Lian stepped back, her voice filled with undefiable authority.

"Long Chen..." Bai Lan was worried.

"Wu Lian will not stop until she's convinced. Don't worry, it's just Feng Qing. I will win no matter what. He's far weaker than me!"

Long Chen sounded arrogant as he taunted Feng Qing.

Bai Lan saw that there was no way to stop this, so he just stepped back and gave them space.

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