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“That girl is obedient!” Eggy burst into laughter upon seeing Long Shanshan giving up right away.

Long Chengyu and the others looked at Chu Feng in confusion.

Noticing the confused gazes, Chu Feng explained, “Based on what I have observed, the wind, water, fire, lightning, and earth trials we have gone through earlier were some sort of tempering...”

He patiently told the crowd about his earlier observations and his rationale behind telling Long Shanshan to forfeit. However, other than the Totem Dragon Clansmen, most people didn’t believe what he had said. In fact, there were some amongst the Totem Dragon Clansmen who held a skeptical attitude too.

“Where did this nobody come from? How dare you spew such falsehoods? There are only benefits in the Demon Crane! I have never heard of such underlying threats in the Demon Crane! You’re just working with the Totem Dragon Clan to convince us to give up so that you can monopolize the benefits here!” the Totem Phoenix Clan’s Feng Tiansheng scoffed.

Feng Jiuyue, Feng Tiansheng’s older sister, harrumphed in disdain.

“Have you forgotten that I have already taken away your right to be here?” Long Chengyu interjected.

The faces of those from the Totem Phoenix Clan turned awful.

“Long Chengyu, you better not go too far! This isn’t your Totem Dragon Clan’s territory!” Feng Tiansheng roared.

“What are you going to do about it?” Long Chengyu scoffed as he raised his hand.

“Brother Chengyu, let them stay here if they want to,” Chu Feng interjected.

Long Chengyu understood what Chu Feng was getting at, so he didn’t forcefully evict the Totem Phoenix Clansmen from the pedestal.

“I have already said my piece. You are free to make your own choices,” Chu Feng said before stepping away from the pedestal too.

“Chu Feng, you’re giving up too?” Eggy exclaimed in shock.

She couldn’t believe that he was surrendering despite having been through so much.

“Eggy, I noticed that the inscription on the pedestal is resonating in an extremely powerful and disturbing formation. I don’t think that it’s wise to get involved with it,” Chu Feng said.

“All right.” Eggy nodded.

She knew that Chu Feng was the type who wouldn’t hesitate to dive into danger if he knew that there was a way out. The fact that he had chosen to back down here showed that this place was indeed dangerous.

“Miss Muxi, you…” the Totem Dragon Clan’s juniors suddenly exclaimed.

Long Muxi had jumped off the pedestal too following Chu Feng’s forfeiture. She was showing how much she trusted him.

“Miss Muxi? Is she that Long Muxi?”

“She actually gave up too?”

A huge commotion broke out. Even the Totem Phoenix Clan’s Feng Tiansheng and Feng Jiuyue began earnestly assessing Long Muxi too. They had long heard of her despite having never seen her in person. She used to be the Totem Dragon Clan’s most talented prodigy, after all.

Yet, she actually chose to forfeit this trial?

It didn’t seem just to be an act anymore.

“Fellow Totem Dragon Clansmen, you should have heard Chu Feng’s words. You should be more than aware of his capabilities too. You should give up right now if you want to, or else be prepared to face the consequences of your action. As for me, it’s not that I don’t trust Brother Chu Feng but I still want to give it a try anyway,” Long Chengyu said.

Many Totem Dragon Clansmen stepped away from the pedestal, to the point less than half remained there. There were a few outsiders who chose to give up too. However, there was a group of people who remained rooted on the pedestal—the Totem Phoenix Clansmen.

Shoosh!

Chu Feng waved his sleeves, and countless specks of light flew toward the Totem Dragon Clansmen on the pedestal. At the same time, he sent a voice transmission to them.

“This is the cultivation skill I have grasped from this place. I don’t know what its use is, but I suggest channeling it should the trial prove too difficult for you to bear to see if it can alleviate your pain.”

Long Chengyu and the others quickly tried to practice the cultivation skill, but it was clear from their expressions that only a small minority was able to grasp his simplified version. Of course, it didn’t pose a problem to Long Chengyu at all.

The pedestal continued to change while Chu Feng and the others chatted. It didn’t take long for the image to completely cover it.

Grar!

A blood-red light shone from the pedestal as a terrifying shriek echoed. A black aura seeped out of the pedestal and dove into the bodies of those who had refused to forfeit the trial.

Gah!

Cries of agony ensued. Those who were still on the pedestal felt like their souls were going to be torn apart by the black aura. Even Long Chengyu and the others revealed strained looks. Only then did the crowd finally realize that Chu Feng hadn’t been lying.

Many of them tried to flee from the pedestal, only to realize that an invisible barrier had formed around it, keeping them from escaping. They could only watch helplessly as more black aura dived into their bodies, furthering their pain.

The mixture of the blood-red light and the black aura made the pedestal look like the manifestation of hell.

“Damn it!”

Long Chengyu was still able to endure it at first, but he soon found himself approaching his limit. He wanted to escape too, but it was too late. The barrier was too resilient for him to break even with his martial power.

Relief filled the hearts of those standing beneath the pedestal. Those who were eliminated were glad that they had been eliminated, and those who left on their initiative were glad that they had listened to Chu Feng.

It was clear to them how dangerous the situation on the pedestal was. If even a prodigy of Long Chengyu's caliber was struggling so much, the rest of them didn't stand much of a chance.

Shoosh!

A person suddenly rose into the air. It was Long Muxi.

Despite her usual cold attitude, she was still the first one to make a move when she saw that Long Chengyu was in danger. She headed toward the pedestal and threw a chain toward him, but sparks flew as soon as the chain came close to the pedestal before it was rebound.

The chain was unable to overcome the invisible barrier.

Without any hesitation, Long Muxi tried to get closer to the pedestal to see if she could get in, but all of a sudden, her movement hastened and she was pulled inside the pedestal.

"Was she sucked inside?" Eggy asked.

She noticed that Long Muxi didn't enter the pedestal on her own accord.

"Yes, there's a suction force around the pedestal that pulls in outsiders who dares to approach," Chu Feng said.

"Chu Feng, please think of a way to save young master Chengyu and young miss Muxi!" the Totem Dragon Clansmen anxiously begged Chu Feng.

They figured that he was the only one who could save them.

"Eggy, will you blame me if I head in?" Chu Feng asked.

"What are you saying? Do I look like someone who's afraid of death? Head in if you want to," Eggy said.

Without any hesitation, Chu Feng rose into the sky and stepped onto the pedestal on his own accord. He knew that he couldn't help them from the outside, so he would have to enter it first. As for how he could save the others, the solution was simply to resolve the black aura.

As soon as Chu Feng stepped into the pedestal, he immediately understood why even Long Chengyu was in so much pain. In fact, his face was more scrunched up than Feng Tiansheng and Feng Jiuyue.

“Stop channeling the cultivation skill I imparted to you. It’s not right,” Chu Feng instructed.

Long Chengyu had immediately started channeling the cultivation skill as soon as he noticed the terrifying black aura. He was the only one present who was able to grasp it so quickly. However, the cultivation skill only worsened his pain. He thought that it was the result of the black aura intensifying, so he didn’t doubt the cultivation skill.

It was only after hearing Chu Feng’s reminder that he stopped channeling the cultivation skill. Indeed, the pain did lessen significantly.

The other Totem Dragon Clansmen hurriedly stopped as well.

“What’s happening, Chu Feng? Did we channel the cultivation skill wrongly?” Long Chengyu asked.

“That’s not it. The cultivation skill serves not to alleviate the pain from the black aura but to absorb it,” Chu Feng replied.

“Ah? Is that the use of the cultivation skill?” Long Chengyu finally understood why channeling the cultivation skill only worsened his pain.

“You’re lying!” an infuriated voice suddenly echoed.

Chapter 5502: A Terrifying Power, A Terrifying Person

The one who had roared at Chu Feng was the Totem Phoenix Clan’s prodigy world spiritist, Feng Jiuyue.

“I don’t know what cultivation skill you’re talking about, but you look unaffected by the energy here. You must know the way to alleviate the pain,” Feng Jiuyue said.

The crowd was suffering so much from the pain inflicted by the black aura that they hadn’t paid attention to Chu Feng. It was only after hearing Feng Jiuyue’s words that they turned their eyes over and saw that Chu Feng’s expression was completely impassive as if he was impervious to the black aura.

This was perplexing, considering how the black aura was still flowing into Chu Feng’s body.

“Chu Feng, do you really know another way?” someone from the Totem Dragon Clan asked.

Chu Feng’s composure led them to believe that he knew a way to alleviate the pain caused by the black aura.

However, Long Chengyu stepped in and angrily said, "What's confusing about this situation? Brother Chu Feng mentioned earlier that the earlier trials are body tempering processes to help us better cope with the energy here. He must have properly gone through the tempering process, which is why he's unfazed now. Touch your heart, did any of you properly accept the tempering process? You wouldn't have even known that it was a tempering process if Brother Chu Feng hadn't said so!"

"Brother Chengyu, Miss Muxi, I want to first clarify that I don't know what the black aura is either. It could be something beneficial, but it could also be something detrimental. You can choose to continue enduring the trial, but let me know when you reach your limit. I should be able to help you, but that would also mean the black aura has nothing to do with you anymore, for better or for worse," Chu Feng said.

He had stepped onto the pedestal to save the two of them, as well as the others from the Totem Dragon Clan, so he only needed to seek their agreement.

"Chu Feng, are you planning to use that cultivation skill of yours to absorb all of the black aura here by yourself?" Long Muxi asked worriedly.

"Yes, but I should be able to take it since I properly underwent the tempering process," Chu Feng said.

"That won't do. You already gave up on the trial. This matter no longer has anything to do with you. We were the ones who chose this, so we should be the ones to bear the responsibility for our decision," Long Muxi said adamantly.

She didn't want Chu Feng to take the risk, especially since she could sense how terrifying the black aura was. Not even a man made out of iron would be able to withstand this! This was no different from him sacrificing himself to save others!

"Chu Feng, my big sister is right. We were the ones who made this choice, so we should be the ones to bear the responsibility," Long Chengyu agreed.

Seeing how insistent they were, Chu Feng tried examining the pedestal to see if there were any other alternatives to clear this trial, but he was unable to find anything of use. Time passed, and the eerie cries became more jarring. At the same time, the black aura also swiftly proliferated.

It didn't take long for Long Chengyu and Long Muxi's complexion to turn awful. The others couldn't even remain on their feet. One by one, they crumbled to the floor as their bodies spasmed. They would surely die at this rate.

"Young master, I'm reaching my limit. Please have young master Chu Feng make a move if he can save us!" The Totem Dragon Clansmen pleaded with Long Chengyu.

They didn't bother begging Chu Feng because they knew that Long Chengyu and Long Muxi were the only ones who could prompt Chu Feng into action.

"Young hero, please save us. I'm willing to offer all of my treasures to you!"

Outsiders also begged Chu Feng as well, some even going to the extent of tossing their Cosmos Sacks over. They did doubt Chu Feng at the start, but his predictions had all come true, and he was the only one who remained unfazed in the midst of the black aura.

This was more than enough to prove that he wasn't all words.

But again, they knew that Chu Feng wasn't obliged to save them, which was why they offered him their Cosmos Sacks as a gesture of goodwill.

"Brother Chengyu, are you still able to hold on?" Chu Feng asked Long Chengyu.

"Brother Chu Feng, I can still hold on."

Long Chengyu squeezed out a smile, but it looked awfully unnatural. He was feeling conflicted. It was not a lie when he said that he could still hold on, but it was clear that his fellow clansmen had already reached their limits.

He was inclined to ask Chu Feng to make a move, but how could he tell the latter to take the pain on their behalf? This was unfair to Chu Feng, not to mention that it was a very dangerous move.

This put him in a dilemma.

Chu Feng could tell that he was put in a spot, so he turned to the outsiders and said, "I should be properly compensated if you want me to save you. Bring out your possessions, and I'll give it a try. I can't guarantee that you'll be able to leave the Demon Crane safely, but at least you will be spared from the black aura's torture."

"Young hero, we'll do anything as long as you help us!"

Many people unhesitatingly threw their Cosmos Sacks toward Chu Feng. Chu Feng accepted their items before channeling his cultivation skill.

The entire palace trembled.

A brilliant white light shone from Chu Feng's body, making him shine like a torch in the midst of the dark night, bringing hope to the crowd.

Chu Feng quickly formed a series of hand seals, and the white light around him manifested into runes that expanded outward. However, the light only enveloped the Totem Dragon Clan and those who had offered him benefits.

Wherever the white light enveloped, the black aura was siphoned off toward Chu Feng. As the black aura left the crowd's bodies, their conditions began to improve.

"Young hero, save me too! Save me too!"

More and more people tossed their Cosmos Sacks to Chu Feng. There were even some who gave up on their Exalted Armament and treasures. Those who were unsure earlier knew right now that Chu Feng did have the power to save them.

"Calm down. I'll do my job as long as you fork out the money."

Chu Feng was a man of his word. As long as one offered him treasures, he would channel his cultivation skill to take their share of the black aura.

"Young master, please save us."

Eventually, those from the Totem Phoenix Clan also threw their treasures to Chu Feng too, but he rejected them.

"Is the Totem Phoenix Clan that stingy?" Chu Feng asked.

"Young master, the treasures we offered you are no less than theirs in value!" a Totem Phoenix Clansman exclaimed.

"It's only at times like this that the Totem Phoenix Clansman tries to put himself on the same pedestal as others. Don't be stingy. Show some sincerity if you want me to save you," Chu Feng scoffed.

"Are you fleecing us?!" Feng Tiansheng roared.

"That's right. I'm fleecing you. Give me all of your Cosmos Sacks. I also expect at least one Exalted Armament from each of you. Otherwise, you can find a way out of this yourself," Chu Feng said.

"You!!!"

Feng Tiansheng was going to lash out at Chu Feng, but a hand pressed down on his shoulder. It was Feng Jiuyue. The latter took out her Cosmos Sack and threw it over to Chu Feng.

Chu Feng took a look at the Cosmos Sack—it contained two Exalted Armaments of the highest quality, together with many invaluable treasures.

After Feng Jiuyue made a move, the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen also proceeded to hand over their Cosmos Sacks too, each one containing at least an Exalted Armament.

“It looks like your big sister is much smarter than you,” Chu Feng said with a smile.

He finally expanded the white light to envelop the entire pedestal, forming a sight where two different powers, one white and white black, clashed against each other. It was a magnificent sight.

Chu Feng took in a deep breath, closed his eyes, and gritted his teeth. He changed his hand seals.

Gwah!

Black aura suddenly gushed out of the pedestal at a quantity several hundred times more than before, looking almost like a volcano eruption. This would have been fatal to everyone on the pedestal, but it was all flowing toward a single person.

What was even more shocking was that this person didn't even let out a cry. His face scrunched up a little, but it didn't look like he was anywhere near his limit. Chu Feng was actually able to withstand all of the terrifying black aura on his own!

This sight shocked everyone. They knew how terrifying the black aura was, which was why they understood how incredible of a feat this was.

“Is that fellow a monster?” Feng Tiansheng muttered in a daze.

Even he was shocked by Chu Feng.

Chapter 5503: It's a Tribute Formation?

“How do you feel, Chu Feng? Can you withstand it?” Eggie asked worriedly.

“No worries, I can take it,” Chu Feng replied.

He did experience excruciating pain when the black aura seeped into his body, but it was within the range of his tolerance. Rather, he was more perplexed by a mysterious feeling that suffused him.

Finally, the pedestal stopped releasing the black aura, and Chu Feng slowly opened his eyes.

The crowd could sense that the invisible barrier that sealed off the pedestal had vanished, so they quickly fled from it out of fear that a mishap would happen once more. Even the Totem Dragon Clansmen behaved the same as well.

However, a few people, such as Long Chengyu and Long Muxi, remained on the pedestal. There were also a few who were at the bottom of the pedestal all this while, such as Long Shanshan, who flitted over to Chu Feng's side.

They were worried for him.

"How are you feeling, Chu Feng?"

This group of people looked at Chu Feng with concerned eyes.

"I'm fine," Chu Feng replied.

"Are you certain? Don't lie to me."

The skeptical Long Chengyu grabbed Chu Feng's wrist to inspect his condition. After a quick examination, he was shocked to see that the latter was in a healthy state even though his pulse was a little unstable. It didn't seem like anything had happened to Chu Feng at all.

"Do you believe me now?" Chu Feng asked with a smile.

"The hell... Chu Feng, are you a monster? I couldn't even withstand a small bit of that black aura! How are you after absorbing so much of it?! Brother, you need to stop being overpowered! At this rate, I'd feel embarrassed for being called a prodigy!" Long Chengyu stared at Chu Feng with his mouth agape.

"It just so happens that I'm proficient in world spiritist techniques and saw through the tempering, so I was able to thoroughly prepare myself for this. That allowed me to better withstand the black aura," Chu Feng replied.

"Well, that woman from the Totem Phoenix Clan is a world spiritist too, but she fared worse than me," Long Chengyu pointed out.

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen's complexions darkened. Even a fool could tell that Long Chengyu was referring to Feng Jiuyue. What frustrated them more was how they were unable to refute Long Chengyu's words.

On the one hand, Long Chengyu was right to say that Feng Jiuyue had fared worse than him. On the other hand, they were also weaker than Long Chengyu, so they couldn't afford to act arrogantly around him.

"Chu Feng, did you receive any benefit from that?" Long Shanshan asked.

The crowd pricked up their ears, wanting to know what Chu Feng had received from absorbing the black aura.

This was especially so for Feng Jiuyue, who stared intently at Chu Feng with a mysterious glow in her eyes. It was her special observation means. She wanted to know what kind of benefit Chu Feng had received.

The Demon Crane had been known to be amicable to world spiritists, in the sense that world spiritists who entered its premises had always been able to attain some kind of benefit. Considering the exceptional circumstances this time around, Chu Feng's reward should have been much greater than usual.

"Would you believe me if I said I didn't receive anything at all?" Chu Feng asked with a bitter smile.

"That can't be possible!"

The crowd's first response was disbelief.

"It's the truth. I didn't get anything. Why else do you think I gave up earlier?" Chu Feng asked.

Those words added some credibility to Chu Feng's words. The words he had said thus far had all come true, which reflected his perceptive insight. He had indeed initially given up on the trial, and it was only to help Long Chengyu and the others that he returned to the pedestal.

All of these supported the fact that Chu Feng wasn't lying.

"What in the world is going on? Why did we receive nothing despite all we have been through? Is Daoist Demon Crane plotting something?" Long Chengyu exclaimed in displeasure.

He felt that Daoist Demon Crane was trying to make a fool out of them.

"Is this a scheme by Daoist Demon Crane to kill us? Now that I think about it, the black aura was trying to assimilate me earlier. Heavens, is this a tribute formation? We were nearly killed as tributes!"

"Daoist Demon Crane is out for our lives?!"

Long Chengyu's words led the crowd to think that they might have been taken for a ride.

In particular, the theory about it being a tribute formation sounded plausible. With how secretive Daoist Demon Crane was, it didn't seem too far-fetched to say that he cultivated demonic skills. The latter might be sacrificing them to master his demonic skill.

Boom!

The palace suddenly shook. The walls started to crumble, followed by everything else. By the time everything collapsed, the crowd realized that they had been teleported out of the Demon Crane back to the outside world.

Beneath their feet were the remains of the Demon Crane. The Demon Crane had shattered into countless fragments scattered all over the ground. Despite being an unparalleled treasure, its remains had no value whatsoever.

“The Demon Crane broke apart?”

Chu Feng and the others were taken aback.

Even those waiting outside were dumbstruck too. They had been waiting for the juniors of their respective powers to return, only to see cracks suddenly appearing on the Demon Crane before it shattered. Following that, the juniors that had entered the Demon Crane appeared one after another.

“What happened? Why did the Demon Crane shatter?”

The perplexed elders rushed forward to ask their juniors what had happened inside the Demon Crane, thinking that they would know better.

“It’s better off shattered. We were nearly killed by Daoist Demon Crane!” many juniors exclaimed with resentment.

“What? You were nearly killed by Daoist Demon Crane? What do you mean by that?”

The crowd was confused to hear that. The juniors shared what they had been through.

“A tribute formation? Daoist Demon Crane actually constructed a tribute formation inside the Demon Crane to use you all as fodders for his demonic skill? That explains why he escaped. That despicable thing!”

The elders were infuriated to hear the story, especially those whose juniors had entered the Demon Crane.

“Where’s Chu Feng?”

Quite a few people in the crowd started looking around for Chu Feng. They had learned from their juniors that the Totem Phoenix Clan had made a reappearance, and the Totem Dragon Clan’s prodigies, such as Long Chengyu and Long Muxi, were here too.

However, the person who piqued their interest the most was Chu Feng, for the one who saved the juniors were neither the prodigies from the Totem Phoenix Clan nor the Totem Dragon Clan but him. Chu Feng had single-handedly saved all of the juniors inside the Demon Crane.

Yet, the juniors of the Totem Phoenix Clan, Totem Dragon Clan, and Chu Feng were nowhere to be seen.

That was because Chu Feng and the Totem Dragon Clansmen had immediately concealed themselves after escaping from the Demon Crane and slipped back onto the Totem Dragon Clan's warship.

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen had done the same as well. They had probably returned to their clansmen by now.

Chapter 5504: Its True Intent

"The Totem Phoenix Clan reappeared?" the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief murmured with his eyes focused on the south.

There was no way the Totem Phoenix Clan's juniors could escape his notice even though they were in concealment. He saw them heading southward and entering a formation.

The formation appeared to be created through a treasure, and it was so ingenious that he wouldn't have noticed it if he hadn't seen the Totem Phoenix Clan's juniors disappearing into it. There was little doubt that the Totem Phoenix Clan's elders were inside the barrier too.

"Father, where did Daoist Demon Crane escape to? Let's capture him! He nearly killed us with the Demon Crane! We would have died if not for Chu Feng!" Long Chengyu reported the matter to the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief right away.

"Chengyu, are you certain that Daoist Demon Crane constructed a tribute formation to use you as fodder for his demonic skill? Could it be some kind of special trial instead?" the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief asked.

"It did appear to be a trial, but there were no rewards at the very end. How could that be called a trial then?" Long Chengyu asked.

"Young friend Chu Feng, did you really not receive any rewards? It's not that I don't trust you, but I'm just wondering if you have neglected something," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief asked.

"I did check carefully, but I didn't receive any rewards. At the very least, I haven't found anything so far," Chu Feng said.

"Father, there's no way Brother Chu Feng would lie about this. Daoist Demon Crane must be toying with us. Why don't we just capture and interrogate him?" Long Chengyu asked.

“Come with me,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said before heading into the warship.

Chu Feng and the others followed him.

The group soon arrived in a room filled with the Totem Dragon Clan’s guest elders. All of them were formidable world spiritists, and they were busy working together to treat an individual.

Chu Feng and the others widened their eyes in astonishment.

The individual who was being treated was none other than Daoist Demon Crane. He was in a terribly weakened state that it wouldn’t be surprising if he suddenly dropped dead.

“Why is Daoist Demon Crane here? How did he land in such a state?” Long Chengyu was stunned.

“You were inside the Demon Crane longer than expected, so I captured Daoist Demon Crane to question him. But he didn’t know anything at all, claiming that the Demon Crane is no longer under his control. He says that he has no idea why the Demon Crane came here, and he didn’t know why the remnant suddenly opened either,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said.

Chu Feng and the others widened their eyes in realization. Now that they thought about it, Daoist Demon Crane’s earlier behavior did suggest that he wasn’t the one who opened the remnant.

“Was Daoist Demon Crane with you all this time?” Long Chengyu asked.

“He has been with me all this while. He hasn’t activated any formations, which is why I can be certain that he isn’t the one pulling strings here,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said.

“How did he land in that state?” Chu Feng asked.

Daoist Demon Crane’s skin had dried out, and he looked no different from a bag of skin and bones. It was as if someone had emptied him inside out.

“Young friend Chu Feng, take a look at this.”

Instead of answering the question, the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief passed a compass to Chu Feng. It was the compass Daoist Demon Crane had previously shown him, but it had been shattered and was pieced back together. It was wrapped in a barrier, though its contents were still visible.

The compass' empty sectors were now all filled with inscriptions. The outer sectors contained the inscriptions of wind, water, fire, lightning, and earth, whereas the center showed a black aura that resembled an amalgamation of the elements. It resembled a ravenous monster that threatened to devour everything, sending chills down one's spine.

These inscriptions were no longer lifelike now that the compass had been shattered, but there was still something peculiar about the center inscription that fazed one's soul. Staring at it for too long would leave one feeling jittery.

"Is that Daoist Demon Crane's possession?" Chu Feng asked.

"Daoist Demon Crane said that this was from the Demon Crane. He could tell that there was something special about this compass, but he never managed to figure out what it was used for. The compass was initially blank, but those inscriptions started showing shortly after you entered the Demon Crane, starting from wind, water, flame, lightning, and then, earth. The black aura in the center appeared last.

"Shortly after the black aura appeared, the compass suddenly exerted a suction force directed solely at Daoist Demon Crane. We were present too, but we weren't affected by it," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said.

"It was that compass that reduced Daoist Demon Crane to his current state?" Chu Feng asked.

"That's right. We tried to stop the compass, but it was to no avail. The suction force only stopped after it had reduced Daoist Demon Crane to his current state. Shortly after, the Demon Crane shattered, and the compass shattered along with it. However, we still chose to seal the compass off as there's something amiss about it," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said.

"That's weird. What's going on?" Long Chengyu remarked as he examined the compass with widened eyes. He didn't think that Daoist Demon Crane was the culprit anymore; if anything, the latter seemed more like a victim.

"The compass gives me a similar feeling as the Demon Crane, but it's hard to tell its use now that it's shattered," Chu Feng said. "Elder Clan Chief, did Daoist Demon Crane mention anything else?"

"He did."

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief proceeded to share how Daoist Demon Crane lamented that the Demon Crane was never truly under his control, and how their clan had never benefited from the Demon Crane despite having offered their bloodline power to it for many generations.

“That’s weird! From the sound of it, it seems that the Demon Crane is the true mastermind behind all of these, and Daoist Demon Crane and his clan is nothing but its slave. But what’s with the shattering of the Demon Crane then?” Long Chengyu was perplexed.

He could understand if the Demon Crane was a sentient treasure that wanted to hurt them, but why did the Demon Crane shatter then? What could the Demon Crane’s true goal be?

The other elders were confused as well.

Chapter 5505: Commencement of the Mission

“While the Demon Crane possesses special powers, it is ultimately a treasure. It isn’t likely for it to possess its own independent will and ability to cultivate no matter how formidable it is. I don’t think that it’s likely that the Demon Crane had constructed that formation on its own accord to assimilate us. If we want to get to the bottom of this matter, we’ll have to wait for Daoist Demon Crane to wake up and share the origins of the Demon Crane with us,” Chu Feng said.

No one dared to make light of Chu Feng’s words even though he was only a junior. He had simply achieved too many inconceivable feats. For instance, he had just saved the lives of the Totem Dragon Clan’s prodigies yet again.

This was more than enough to show that his capabilities were the real deal.

The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief stared intently at Chu Feng with a hint of relief in his eyes. Chu Feng’s astounding feats made him even more certain that Chu Feng was the person whom he had seen in the prophecy. He was glad that he had chosen to befriend the latter.

“Lord Clan Chief, something is happening to the Immemorial Star Sea!” someone reported from outside.

Everyone quickly turned their eyes outside. Even through the walls, they could still clearly see the ongoing changes in the Immemorial Star Sea.

A mysterious blood-red fog had previously settled over the surface of the Immemorial Star Sea, stirring up a storm as it attempted to manifest physically. However, its attempt was foiled by the arrival of another gust of wind.

Currently, the gust of wind suppressing the blood-red fog had vanished, allowing the latter to freely manifest in the depth of the Immemorial Star Sea. Within moments, the blood-red fog dissipated to form a radiant path of light.

This path led into the heart of the Immemorial Star Sea, stopping right at where the blood-red fog had previously manifested. There, a door that gave off an air of solemn authority could be vaguely seen.

From the looks of it, an exceptional fortuitous encounter was awaiting them there.

It was such a shocking sight that those who were still caught up in the affairs surrounding the Demon Crane a moment ago immediately shifted their focus over.

Rather than harping about the past, they were much more interested in the huge fortuitous encounter right before their eyes. Some even began making their way over despite knowing that there was a force inside the Immemorial Star Sea that prevented outsiders from stepping in.

To their despair, they realized that they couldn't enter the path at all.

To be clear, those people were able to enter the Immemorial Star Sea, though they had to withstand the toll that came with it, but they couldn't step onto the path at all. This was true not just for the older generations but the juniors too.

"Why can't we enter the path?"

"What's the point of it appearing here then?"

"Is there some kind of special way to enter the path?"

The Totem Dragon Clansmen also began fervently discussing the matter.

The imposing door was so far away that they couldn't tell if it was real, but the path was most definitely real. There was clearly some restriction imposed on the path, and they would have to figure out a solution if they wanted to access it.

Thus, the crowd began racking their brains. The same went for Chu Feng too.

"Chu Feng, are you able to find a solution?" Eggy asked excitedly.

She could tell that this was an invaluable fortuitous encounter, considering that the Immemorial Star Sea was one of the most enigmatic places in the vast world of cultivation. On top of that, they might just be able to meet Little Fishy if they could enter there.

Thus, she hoped that Chu Feng could figure out a way to access the path.

"I can't find any clues at all." Chu Feng had already tried employing his Heaven's Eye, but it was to no avail.

“Why don’t you try the Celestial Master’s Horsetail Whisk then?” Eggy asked.

“That won’t do. I still feel the same unsettling feeling from before. It’ll be dangerous if I resort to the Celestial Master’s Horsetail Whisk,” Chu Feng said.

“I see...” Eggy nodded.

With both the Totem Dragon Clan and the Totem Phoenix Clan here, it wouldn’t be surprising if there were other experts concealed in the vicinity too. If so, there was a chance that one of them might recognize the Celestial Master’s Horsetail Whisk. A treasure of this caliber was bound to draw greed.

Chu Feng was not even the strongest among the juniors; he wouldn’t stand a chance against those from the older generation at all. That was why Eggy was inclined to trust his gut feeling.

Chu Feng’s gut feeling was built on the experiences he had accumulated over many years, alerting him to even the slightest whiff of danger. While his cultivation was not high enough to detect the underlying danger, he could still keenly sense danger from the atmosphere.

Shoosh!

A beam of light suddenly flew into the hands of the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief. It was so fast that no one other than him noticed it. As he grasped onto it, some information flowed into his mind. He opened his palm and saw a bead-sized formation in his grasp.

Inside the formation were many tokens reminiscent of keys.

The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief first looked at the juniors, followed by the distant door in the Immemorial Star Sea. There was a conflicted look on his face. He knew something about the door that no one else did, but his eyes eventually hardened with determination.

Shoosh!

With a wave of his sleeves, the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief destroyed the formation. The tokens within flew out, heading in Chu Feng, Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, and the other juniors’ directions.

“Father, what’s this?” Long Chengyu asked.

The juniors present sensed an aura from the token that was similar to that of the path that had emerged on the Immemorial Star Sea. They vaguely understood that it was a

key, possibly the crux to stepping onto that path. It also contained powerful concealment energy.

But how did the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief obtain this?

Instead of answering the question, the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said, "With this token, you'll be able to enter the path and head straight for the gate. Once you enter the gate, you'll have to look for an incomplete formation and complete it. That's your mission. However, your safety should be prioritized above all things else, understood?"

"Father, could this be the task we have to accomplish here?" Long Chengyu asked.

"That's right," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief replied.

The Totem Dragon Clan's juniors trembled with excitement. They had known that there was something they needed to accomplish here, though they didn't know what it was. They hadn't expected it to be something related to the Immemorial Star Sea.

They weren't just witnessing history in the making; they were going to make history!

Naturally, they were excited by that notion.

"Father, is there anything else inside the gate other than that incomplete formation? Can we enter the Immemorial Star Sea through that gate?" Long Chengyu asked.

"I don't know what's in there either. All I know is that there's an incomplete formation you have to complete. Your bloodline power will be needed for that. It'll be beneficial to our Totem Dragon Clan if you accomplish that task. Remember, your safety should take precedence. Should the undertaking prove to be dangerous, surrendering is an option," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said.

"Rest assured, father. We'll be careful," Long Chengyu replied.

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief then turned to Chu Feng and said, "Young friend Chu Feng, this journey will be dangerous. I'll be troubling you to take care of them. Here's your compensation."

He took out a Cosmos Sack and passed it to Chu Feng.

"Elder Clan Chief, you don't have to be so courteous with me. I am good friends with Brother Chengyu and Miss Muxi." Chu Feng tried to turn down the gift.

However, the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief forcefully placed the Cosmos Sack into Chu Feng's hands and said, "I'd be too embarrassed to ask for your help if you don't accept this."

Chapter 5506: An Uninvited Guest

Chu Feng realized that the Cosmos Sack was filled with pills, from those that healed injuries to those that raised spirit power and cultivation. They were all worth a king's ransom.

The Cosmos Sack even contained a hundred Dragon Inner Pills, an exclusive pill that was only made available to the prodigies of the Totem Dragon Clan. It was with the energy from the Dragon Inner Pill that Chu Feng overcame his bottleneck and advanced to Half-God level.

Admittedly, the Dragon Inner Pill was no longer as useful to Chu Feng anymore, but this showed the sincerity of the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief.

"Elder, this is too much. You can always compensate me afterward too." Chu Feng tried to return the Cosmos Sack.

"Young friend Chu Feng, this is the compensation you deserve, regardless of whether you succeed or fail," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said.

"Accept it, Chu Feng," Long Chengyu urged.

"Thank you, elder."

Chu Feng accepted the gift. Those pills were invaluable, after all. They would be of great help to him.

"There's no need to stand on ceremony, young friend Chu Feng. I'll be counting on you," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said.

"Elder Clan Chief, you're too polite. I'm close friends with Brother Chengyu and Miss Muxi. I'd accompany them even if not for compensation. Speaking of which, Elder Clan Chief, may I ask where did those tokens come from?" Chu Feng asked.

While he didn't see the beam of light, he could tell that the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief didn't know what was going on. In spite of that, he was still telling his clan's juniors to enter the gate and complete an incomplete formation. Given the odd situation, the likeliest possibility was that he had received a request from someone.

If that was the case, the token must have come from the requester too. It was also likely that the requester knew a thing or two about what was going on here.

"Young friend Chu Feng, I brought you and the other juniors here because of a request from someone else, but I'm afraid that I can't divulge that person's identity. Those tokens came from the requester. It was only just a moment ago that I received the request details and the tokens," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said.

“Elder Clan Chief, does that mean that you have already told us everything you know?” Chu Feng asked.

“That’s right.” The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief nodded.

There was nothing else Chu Feng could ask under such circumstances, given that the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief was unwilling to divulge the requester’s identity. All he could do now was to proceed with the mission.

“Father, should we make a move now?” Long Chengyu asked.

“Go ahead. Remember, your safety comes first. You must also maintain your confidentiality when carrying out this mission. Make sure you conceal yourself before entering the path,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief instructed.

“Understood,” the juniors answered.

The group invoked the powerful concealment energy imbued in the token before making their way toward the path. Thanks to the token, they were able to enter the path without an issue. Surprisingly, they didn’t sense any pressure on the Immemorial Star Sea on the path.

Chu Feng and the others initially proceeded carefully, but they soon hastened their footsteps upon realizing that they were impervious to the desert’s pressure while walking on this path.

The closer they approached the door, the more they could sense how extraordinary it was.

“What a formidable formation!” Chu Feng remarked.

While he couldn’t tell what kind of place the gate led to, he could sense how formidable it was. The energy contained within that gate’s formation was far beyond his reach even though he was already a God-cloak World Spiritist.

There was always a higher mountain out there.

Even though Chu Feng’s capabilities were already astounding to most, he still felt powerless before the formation. The gate was so high that it extended beyond the sky’s boundary, inducing gasps from the Totem Dragon Clan’s juniors. This was perplexing, given how they could see the top of the gate earlier when they were still a distance away.

What they had seen previously was probably just an illusion, whereas this was the real deal.

“Is this the Immemorial Star Sea’s fortuitous encounter? Even its gate is something to behold!” Long Chengyu exclaimed.

The other Totem Dragon Clansmen could hardly conceal their excitement either.

Even though the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief had already warned them that there would be dangers inside, they were still looking forward to uncovering what was in that humongous gate.

“Hm?”

Chu Feng suddenly halted his footsteps, and the other juniors followed suit too. After everything they had been through, they no longer doubted his judgment.

Long Chengyu stepped forward and asked, “What’s wrong, Chu Feng?”

“There’s a formation here. Let me take a look first.” Chu Feng stepped forward to inspect the formation. He noticed that he could pass through the formation without an issue. “It’s a special region, but we should be able to walk through it.”

He took the lead and entered the formation, only to freeze up the next instant.

Both the token and his own concealment means suddenly dissipated upon entering the special region, but what shocked him more was that there was another group inside the special region.

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen.

Feng Tiansheng and Feng Jiuyue, who was previously in the Demon Crane, were here too.

“What are you doing here?” Feng Tiansheng, Feng Jiuyue, and the others stared at Chu Feng in astonishment.

Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, and the others stepped into the formation too. They quickly noticed that the other party was carrying the same tokens, which informed them why the other party was here too. Clearly, they were here to accomplish the same mission.

“Are we working with the Totem Phoenix Clan, or are they our competitors?” Long Shanshan asked.

None of the Totem Dragon Clan’s juniors knew who the requester was, so they couldn’t tell whether the Totem Phoenix Clan was a friend or a foe.

“They must have received the same request, but I don’t think that we are working together. Father would have told me about them otherwise. Let’s follow my father’s

instructions later when we enter the gate. As long as they don't provoke us, we can just ignore them."

Long Chengyu had sent the message via voice transmission. He was the only one in the group who knew that the requester was the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master, but he kept it a secret from the others, including Chu Feng and Long Muxi, because his father had told him to do so. However, he, too, didn't know that the Totem Phoenix Clan would be here.

His guess was that the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master was the one who had invited the Totem Phoenix Clan here. In fact, he was starting to wonder if the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion had a hand in the Totem Phoenix Clan's disappearance many years back.

Weng!

A formation suddenly quivered.

Both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and the Totem Phoenix Clansmen tensed up. Another group of people had entered the formation, but none of them were humans.

Chapter 5507: Blood-eyed Qilin Clan

Even though they were humanoid, they had blood-red eyes and were covered in blue scales. Every one of them was at least ten meters tall, regardless of men or women. Even Chu Feng, who couldn't be considered short, looked small in comparison.

"The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan?" Long Chengyu narrowed his eyes in enmity.

The other Totem Dragon Clansmen and the Totem Phoenix Clansmen also expressed their enmity too.

"Are you planning to make a move?" the bulkiest and ugliest person from the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan coldly spouted as he exerted his oppressive might.

The juniors widened their eyes in astonishment.

He, just like Long Chengyu, was a rank five Half-God level cultivator despite being a junior!

Any junior who reached Half-God level was already considered a prodigy. Those who reached rank three Half-God level were prodigies amongst prodigies. As for those who reached rank five Half-God level... those were the people who stood at the very top of the world of cultivation.

"Someone that monstrous actually appeared in the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan?"

The Totem Dragon Clansmen became even warier. They had thought that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was nothing to be feared since they had Long Chengyu here, but who could have thought that the enemy would have a cultivator of the same level too?

In this tense atmosphere, another man stepped forth from the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan. While he had blood-red eyes and blue scales too, he looked less intimidating than his brethren. He held a fan in his hand, which gave him a scholarly look.

“I am Qi Weidao. Our clan came here to fulfill a request; we bear no ill will. I presume you’re here for the same reason, right? There’s no reason for us to cross blows,” Qi Weidao said as he opened his palm.

In his palm was a token identical to those in Chu Feng and the others’ possession.

“Whose request are you under?” Feng Jiuyue asked.

“We’re in the same position. Why ask the unnecessary?” Qi Weidao replied with a smile.

“Weidao, don’t waste your breath with them,” the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman said before leading his group toward the gate.

A few steps later, they suddenly stopped as if they had bumped into something.

“What’s going on?”

The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman hurled his fist forward. A loud ‘bam’ could be heard as if his fist had struck a wall. Yet, there was nothing in front of him at all.

“Why is there another barrier here?” the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman exclaimed.

Qi Weidao examined the barrier before remarking, “It isn’t time yet.”

Chu Feng also inspected the barrier. Indeed, it wasn’t time for the barrier to open yet.

“What’s going on? It’s one thing for the Totem Phoenix Clan to make a reappearance, but the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan should have long gone extinct! Why are they here? They even have so many powerful juniors amongst them!”

“That isn’t the main problem here. They actually have the same tokens as us! Does this mean that we’re going to be working together with them?”

Rather than the gate, the Totem Dragon Clansmen were much more bothered by the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan.

Chu Feng could sense the animosity in the air, so he asked Long Chengyu, "What's the background of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan?"

It didn't take long for him to understand why the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was so hated.

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan used to be a powerhouse in the olden days, but they were a vile bunch who didn't hesitate to inflict cruelty on others. To master their cultivation skill, they even resorted to feeding on those with special bloodlines.

Many Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen fell prey to them.

Unable to tolerate the death of their clansmen, the Totem Dragon Clan and Totem Phoenix Clan joined hands to hunt down the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan and eventually succeeded in vanquishing them. Who could have thought that they would suddenly make a reappearance here?

To make things worse, they had plenty of prodigies in their midst, which suggested that they might have already recovered from the severe blow they suffered back then. That didn't bode well for the Totem Dragon Clan.

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan wasn't an easy bunch to deal with.

"Big sister, I don't think our father knows that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan is still around and participated in this matter. We need to report this matter to our father and have him reconsider this matter," Long Chengyu said.

Long Muxi understood what Long Chengyu was getting at.

Given that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan had a rank five Half-God level cultivator, Long Chengyu had to stay here to curb them, but this matter was of utmost importance. Thus, it was best for Long Muxi to head back to report this matter.

Thus, Long Muxi turned around and headed back, only to find that the formation that she had easily entered earlier was now blocking her way back.

"We can't return anymore?"

The crowd noticed that Long Muxi was trapped by the formation.

"Chu Feng." Long Muxi turned to Chu Feng in hopes that he could help her out.

Chu Feng stepped forward to inspect the formation. Indeed, there was a change in the formation, and he was unable to decipher it.

Long Chengyu walked over and asked, "Are you able to decipher it?"

Chu Feng shook his head.

“What the hell!” Long Chengyu’s face warped with fury.

Averse to cooperating with the likes of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, he was planning to inform his father of this matter so that they could call off the partnership or even demand an explanation regarding the reappearance of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, but that didn’t look possible now.

“Don’t worry. We can be considered to be allies now. We won’t do anything to you, so you need not escape.” The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman laughed.

“Escape? The ones who should be trying to escape are you lot!”

Unable to tolerate the provocation, he exerted his oppressive might toward them, but the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman easily blocked it off. The other Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen also didn’t look intimidated in the least.

Instead, a savage glint flashed across their eyes as they prepared themselves for a fight.

The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen revealed an excited look. “Long Chengyu, are you sure you want to cross blows with me?”

It was then that Qi Weidao stepped forward once more and patted the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen’s shoulder. It looked like he was sending a voice transmission to the latter. Following that, he turned to Long Chengyu and said, “Long Chengu, I know that you’re strong, but our Blood-eyed Qilin Clan doesn’t fear you. I suggest you think things through. Remember the reason you came here in the first place. Does your Totem Dragon Clan have anything to earn from messing this mission up?”

“Let’s complete our father’s mission,” Long Muxi told Long Chengyu.

Long Chengyu took in a deep breath before retracting his oppressive might as he grumbled, “I really don’t want to cooperate with the likes of them.” *freewebnovel.com*

“You can always settle the scores later. For the time being... we can just treat them like how we’re treating the Totem Phoenix Clan,” Long Muxi said.

“I guess there’s no choice,” Long Chengyu said with a sigh.

Chapter 5508: A Sudden Voice

Weng!

There was suddenly a ripple from the gate, and the barrier that was blocking the way became visible before abruptly dissipating before everyone's eyes. The gate creaked open, revealing a crack.

This crack was tiny compared to the gate, but it was more than enough for everyone to enter.

"It has opened!"

The crowd began making their way toward the gate, with the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen at the forefront. However, they stumbled upon another barrier when they came close to the gate.

This barrier was extremely thick. While it didn't directly keep them out, it significantly halted their speed of advancement.

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen and Totem Dragon Clansmen soon reached the gate as well and encountered the same obstruction hindering the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen.

"What's that? It feels uncomfortable."

The Totem Dragon Clansmen frowned.

"Persist on and advance."

Long Chengyu also felt extremely uncomfortable, but he was determined not to lose when he saw how none of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen had any intention of retreating.

"Chu Feng, what's wrong?" Long Muxi's voice suddenly sounded.

The Totem Dragon Clansmen immediately halted their footsteps to look over, only to see that Chu Feng was completely unable to breach the thick barrier.

"I can't enter," he honestly replied.

While this barrier applied a resistance force toward others who tried to breach it, reminiscent of walking in water, to Chu Feng, it was somehow no different from a normal solid barrier. He was unable to breach it at all.

"Hahaha! That's the man who saved you all from the Demon Crane? I was wondering how formidable he is, seeing how you heed his words so much, but who could have thought that his bloodline power is so weak that he can't even clear the first trial at all?" the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman sneered.

The other Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen burst into laughter too. They must have been lingering around the Immemorial Star Sea when the Demon Crane arrived, or else they wouldn't have known about the events that transpired in the Demon Crane.

“So that's all there is to Chu Feng.”

Some from the Totem Phoenix Clan mocked him too.

Jealousy was truly a scary thing. Some of them harbored animosity toward Chu Feng for hogging the limelight even though he had saved their lives. Of course, it might have been because he fleeced them too.

Long Chengyu and Long Muxi returned to Chu Feng's side, hoping to pull him in from the inside. To their astonishment, Chu Feng wasn't really lying at all. The barrier was firmly keeping him out like an iron wall, not allowing him in at all.

“What's going on? Why is this barrier discriminating against you? Chu Feng, are you able to tell what's amiss about the barrier?” Long Chengyu asked.

“I'm afraid not.” Chu Feng shook his head. He, too, was confused about what was going on.

Long Chengyu turned to the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman and asked, “You mentioned bloodline earlier. What does this place have to do with bloodlines?”

Instead of answering the question, the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman mocked Long Chengyu, “You don't know? I thought that there was nothing the famed Long Chengyu doesn't know!”

“He's really asking for a beating!” Long Chengyu's eyes blazed with anger.

“Forget it. It's not time to cross blows with him yet,” Long Muxi advised.

“You go in first. Don't miss out on the initiative,” Chu Feng reminded.

“All right, we'll be head in first. Chu Feng, don't force yourself if you really can't enter. Just wait here for us, all right? We'll clear my father's mission with our own strength this time around.” Long Chengyu patted Chu Feng's shoulder with a smile before heading forward.

“Chu Feng, don't bother with the barrier anymore. Just stay here,” Long Muxi said.

“Is the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan very dangerous?” Chu Feng asked Long Muxi through voice transmission.

He had known Long Muxi to be a temperamental person, but she actually held herself back here and even calmed Long Chengyu down despite not having any goodwill toward the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan. This showed that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was not to be meddled with.

“Rest assured. We can deal with it.” Long Muxi smiled at Chu Feng before heading off.

The barrier was weird. Despite being invisible, it hindered his vision of the Totem Dragon Clansmen. It took only moments for them to disappear from his line of sight.

Chu Feng refused to give up. He continued examining the barrier, but he was unable to see through it.

“Forget it, Chu Feng. The barrier might have a restriction specifically against you. My guess is that the restriction allows only monstrous beasts in. No matter how much the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen resemble humans, they are still monstrous beasts. However, you’re different. You’re a human through and through,” Eggy said.

Chu Feng had also guessed the same too. While he didn’t know who the requester was, it was clear from the three clans the person had decided to engage that there were conditions one had to fulfill to enter the gate.

The Totem Dragon Clan and Totem Phoenix Clan were two of the strongest monstrous beast clans in the world of cultivation, whereas the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was no pushover either. Their powerful bloodlines were probably why the requester had engaged them in the first place.

“Chu Feng, do you have any guesses as to who the requester is? He seems to be a formidable person,” Eggy asked.

“It must be someone of equivalent standing to the Totem Dragon Clan,” Chu Feng replied.

“You’re stating the obvious.” Eggy rolled her eyes.

“I’m also curious to know who that person is,” Chu Feng said with a smile. “Forget it. Since I can’t enter the barrier, I should make use of this time to assimilate the Dragon Inner Pills.”

He sat down on the ground and took out the hundred Dragon Inner Pills along with a couple of others. Normally, these pills could only be absorbed by Totem Dragon Clansmen, but Chu Feng could refine these pills to alter their properties and fully unleash their medicinal energy.

“Chu Feng, would these pills be enough for you to make a breakthrough?” Eggy asked.

“As potent as the Dragon Inner Pills are, I’m a rank two Half-God level cultivator. I don’t think these will be enough. Nevertheless, it should still be of significant help to me,” Chu Feng said as he started to construct a formation.

It didn’t take him long for him to construct refinement formations on those pills before stowing them away. While his spirit power was much stronger than before, he still needed some time to refine those pills.

He was planning to cultivate since he couldn’t leave this area, but he suddenly heard a voice.

“Your friends will meet with danger.”

“Who is it?”

Alarmed, Chu Feng vigilantly scanned his surroundings. He didn’t know where the voice came from, but he could tell that the person who had just spoken to him was no ordinary individual.

“What’s wrong, Chu Feng?” Eggy asked.ReadNovelFull.com

“Eggy, didn’t you hear the earlier voice?” Chu Feng asked.

“I didn’t hear a thing.”

“Was I the only one who heard it?”

Chu Feng was stunned. The fact that Eggy didn’t hear the earlier voice despite sharing his sight and hearing could only mean that the owner of the voice had intentionally blocked her out. Most likely, the other party was stronger than he had imagined.

Chapter 5509: What Kind of Darned Place is This

“Elder, are you willing to show yourself?” Chu Feng asked.

There was no response.

“What did you hear, Chu Feng?” Eggy asked.

“I heard someone telling me that my friends will be in danger,” Chu Feng replied.

“Is that referring to Long Chengyu and Long Muxi?”

“I think so.”

“But what’s the point of saying such words to you? It’s not as if you’re able to enter the gate.”

“Let me take a look. There should be another way in.”

Chu Feng took a step back to examine the barrier blocking his way once more, but it was futile. Before he knew it, he had started to get a little anxious. The warning from the earlier voice had stoked his worries.

“Do you really wish to save them?” the voice suddenly spoke up once more.

“Yes, elder. I wish to save them,” Chu Feng hurriedly replied.

Weng!

The space beside Chu Feng distorted, and a spirit formation gate manifested into sight.

“If you’re certain about it, step into the spirit formation gate and undergo the tempering,” that voice said.

“Chu Feng, why did that gate suddenly appear? What did that person tell you?” Eggy asked.

She couldn’t hear the voice, but she could deduce that the spirit formation gate that had appeared out of nowhere had something to do with the voice Chu Feng spoke about.

“He told me to step in and undergo the tempering,” Chu Feng said.

“Who’s that person?” Eggy asked.

“Elder, can you show yourself for a conversation?” Chu Feng asked once more.

There was no response.

Knowing that there was no other option, Chu Feng stepped into the spirit formation gate and found himself standing in the middle of the wilderness. To his surprise, he couldn’t sense any tempering energy at all; it was as if he was truly in the middle of the wilderness.

He subconsciously thought that he had to find the tempering energy here himself, but just as he was about to move, the ground suddenly quaked.

Boom!

The quaking grew more and more intense with time. At the same time, an intense blood stench wafted across the air. Soon, a gigantic tsunami appeared from the distance and swiftly gushed toward Chu Feng with astonishing speed.

It was a blood tsunami, not just because its color resembled blood but because the fluid was blood itself. Towering over a thousand meters tall, it emanated strong pressure on those standing before it. Within an instant, Chu Feng was already swept away by it.

Chu Feng scanned his surroundings once more and saw everything was submerged under the blood tsunami. It was almost as if he was deep under a blood ocean.

“Are you all right, Chu Feng? How are you feeling?” Eggy asked worriedly.

The blood tsunami was so frightening that she was worried for Chu Feng.

“I’m fine, Eggy. I don’t feel anything at all,” Chu Feng replied.

“You don’t feel anything at all?” Eggy was taken aback. With the frightening momentum of the blood tsunami, she thought that it would be an excruciating tempering process.

“I really don’t feel anything at all,” Chu Feng replied.

“Is this really a tempering process then?” Eggy asked.

“I’m not sure. Let’s wait and see how it goes,” Chu Feng replied.

He could feel the sensation of blood pressing against his skin, but there was no pain at all. It felt like diving in an ocean, just that he was surrounded not by water but blood. He thought that this might just be the start of the tempering process, but nothing happened even after he waited for some time.

Eventually, the spirit formation gate he had entered this place by exerted a strong suction force that dragged him out. As soon as he was pulled out, the spirit formation gate vanished.

“What’s going on? Is that all?” Eggy asked.

“That seems to be so.”

Chu Feng inspected his body and saw that there was still blood dripping from him. He didn’t sense any changes in his body, though there was an awful stench on him that smelled not just of blood but decaying corpses as well. It was so pungent that even Chu Feng found it hard to bear, but he didn’t immediately wash it off him.

He had a feeling that this stench might actually be the purpose of the tempering.

“Forget it, let me give it a try.

Chu Feng made his way toward the barrier once more. There was still a strong force pushing against him, but it no longer felt as solid as a metal wall. He could finally enter the barrier now, though there was an extreme resistance force pushing him back.

“Are you able to pass through the barrier now?” Eggy asked.

“It’s possible now, but it’ll be a bit hard. I don’t think Long Chengyu and the others faced so much resistance from the barrier earlier,” Chu Feng replied.

Chu Feng still gritted his teeth and pushed on, but it was simply too difficult. Even though Long Chengyu and the others had struggled earlier, the resistance they had to overcome was at least a hundred times lower than what he was undergoing now.

This was even more difficult for Chu Feng to bear.

It didn’t take long for him to be soaked and dripping with sweat, but he persevered.

Still, he had underestimated the resistance. It was initially just a burden on his body, but it eventually extended to his soul as well. His patience slowly wore thin as a feeling of frustration overwhelmed his mind. There was a strong urge to give up, to the point where it was driving him insane.

Yet, he gritted his teeth and pushed on.

He felt that there was credence to the reminder he had received and that Long Chengyu and Long Muxi were really in danger. He had to enter the gate, even if there was a restriction in place that rejected his presence.

It was with sheer willpower that he slowly took arduous steps forward and made his way to the door crack. The instant he reached the door, the pressure suddenly vanished, and he was welcomed with a feeling of incomparable ease.

He had finally survived the worst. There was no longer any obstacle ahead.

He looked back and saw a trail of sweat-soaked footsteps behind him. Those were all his sweat. Still gasping for air, he let out a hearty laughter. It had been so difficult for him to overcome that barrier, to the point that he truly thought about giving up.

It was sheer determination that sustained him all the way here.

He felt that no one else would have been able to do the same, which filled him with a profound sense of satisfaction. Only those who had triumphed in the face of adversity would understand the euphoria running through his body.

“Let me see what’s behind the door.”

A blinding light glared at Chu Feng as he stepped through the door. As the light faded, his face slowly warped in shock. What he was seeing before him was simply too eerie.

Even Eggy couldn’t help but remark, “What's with this place?!”

Chapter 5510: Even Paltry Demons Dare to Come Here

Chu Feng was in the middle of a gigantic cavern filled with closed red doors. Each of these doors was floating above a pool of pungent, black, bubbling fluids. The pool had some kind of energy that hindered one’s vision, preventing him from seeing what was inside.

With so many doors and pools around, they were bound to be in different sizes too. The further the doors and pools were from Chu Feng, the larger they were. *freewebnovel.com*

The one closest to Chu Feng was only a meter tall, such that he had to lower his head to enter, whereas the furthest one away was more than ten thousand meters tall. Similarly, the pool it floated over was no longer a pool but a lake.

Other than the doors and pools, a hundred armored sculptures were standing by the two sides of the cavern, each of them boasting a height of over a thousand meters tall. They stood in a neat formation with swords in their hands.

In the deepest region of the cavern, there was a sculpture that looked different from the others. It was many times larger than the other sculptures, and it wasn’t wearing armor either. Its facial features were indistinct, but it was still possible to tell that it was ugly.

Bones were littered around the cavern as well. These were all human bones, and they had been stripped of their origin energies.

“These are from the Ancient Era.” Chu Feng picked up one of the bones and examined it.

“The Ancient Era? This place has been around since the Ancient Era?” Eggy asked.

“That’s very likely to be the case.”

Chu Feng continued examining the cavern. While it was extremely faint, he could still find remnants of the Ancient Era’s aura lingering in the area. This showed that this place had been around for many years now.

It was rumored that the Immemorial Star Sea was a trial ground in the Immemorial Era, so it was perplexing to find something from the Ancient Era here.

Boom!

The terrifying sculpture in the deepest region of the cavern slowly opened its mouth and spoke with a stiff and hoarse voice, "First enter the pool, then the door. Those who are qualified may enter. Those who are unqualified are to leave."

It was a set of instructions, but Chu Feng would have known what to do even if not for it. It was obvious that anyone who wanted to enter the door would have to first enter its corresponding pool. The pool was a trial in itself, and only upon clearing it would the door open.

Long Chengyu and the others were nowhere to be seen, but their auras lingered in the vicinity. The crowd had chosen to enter different doors.

This room was probably a transition point, whereas whatever lay behind the door was the true destination. This meant that choosing the right door was of utmost importance here. Usually, the larger door should carry greater benefit, and that was probably why Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, Feng Jiuyue, Feng Tiansheng, the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman, and Qi Weidao had chosen a bigger door.

It was worth noting that none of them had entered the biggest door, which likely meant that none of them had been able to clear the trial for the largest door.

With such information in mind, Chu Feng thought that he should test the waters first. Thus, he headed toward the door where Long Chengyu and the others had entered.

"Hm?"

As soon as Chu Feng stepped into the pool, his face darkened. With a splash of water, he immediately escaped from the pool. It had only been a brief instant, but it had already left him gasping for air from fright.

"What's wrong, Chu Feng?" Eggy asked worriedly.

"I sensed a lethal threat inside the pool," Chu Feng replied.

"Is it that dangerous? Chu Feng, should we just... forget it?" Eggy asked.

"Let me try a smaller pool. Don't worry, I'll escape right away if things get too dangerous." Chu Feng was someone who took calculated risks. He knew how to distinguish between dangers that could be braved through and those that would outright kill him.

He moved to a smaller pool and tried to enter it, but just like before, he felt a lethal threat as soon as he placed his foot in. It scared him into quickly withdrawing his foot.

He tried the same for the other pools too. The intensity of the lethal threat did reduce, but it was still far too dangerous for him to challenge.

“Chu Feng, this place is clearly rejecting you. It’s unlikely that you’d be able to help them even if you enter the gate,” Eggy said. She didn’t want Chu Feng to take this risk.

“Let me try the easiest gate.”

Chu Feng still didn’t want to give up yet, but he knew better than to foolishly throw his life away. Thus, he headed to the smallest pool to give it a try. If this one didn’t work too, he would have no choice but to seek an alternative solution.

Standing before the pool, he couldn’t help but let out a chuckle.

He had always gone for the hardest trial whenever faced with a set of choices, but he had no choice but to take on the easiest one this time. He had no other choice given the situation, but he still thought that it was a rather interesting experience.

His talents had been superior to his peers ever since he absorbed the divine lightning. It was with such a foundation that he could rise from a Lower Realm to come this far, even becoming a rising star of the new generation.

Yet, his talents proved to be useless here because he was a human and not a monstrous beast. For the first time in a long while, he was put in the same situation as those who were untalented.

So, what could he do in a place that rendered him talentless?

Naturally, it was to slowly build on his foundation and progress step by step. This change of perspective gave him a different outlook on the path of cultivation. He did sense a threat when he entered the pool, but it was within the scope of what he could tolerate.

He finally bucked up his courage to enter the pool. The pool was extremely shallow, reaching only up to his knees.

Whoosh!

The water inside the pool suddenly raged as eight beings resembling little imps dove out from within. They were less than half a meter tall, but they wielded sticks that were over two meters long.

It was hard to imagine how they concealed themselves in such shallow water, but they rose from the pool and began smacking Chu Feng with their sticks.

“How dare a paltry demon like you come here?!”

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“Kikikikiki!”

Peals of laughter could be heard from the other pools. Some were piercing, some were deep, and some were resounding. There was even one from the largest pool that shook the entire cavern.

Beings were residing in the pools, and the bigger the pool, the stronger the beings.

That explained why Chu Feng sensed a lethal threat when he tried entering the larger pools earlier. The echoing laughter gave the impression that the sculptures standing by the sides of the cavern were mocking him.

Chu Feng usually wouldn't be affected by other people's mocking, but somehow he felt particularly annoyed by the laughter of those beings. He tried to kick the imps away, but his feet passed right through them. He also tried grabbing their sticks, but he was unable to touch them either.

The imps were able to faze him, but he couldn't touch them at all. Any attempts to do so would result in him passing through their bodies.

Chu Feng tried exerting his spirit power and martial power, but it was futile.

Nothing worked on the imps at all.

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“What are those darned things?” Eggy asked.

“I don't know. It's probably a formation,” Chu Feng replied.

“Let me out. I'll try them.”

“Don't bother. They aren't able to deal much damage anyway. Let's just ignore them.”

Chu Feng decided to leave those imps be since their beating wasn't too painful anyway. Instead, he turned his attention toward the pool water.

Based on what he had heard from the imps' words, the reason this place rejected him was the same as he had previously deduced—his lack of monstrous beast blood. He was a human despite possessing bloodline abilities, which was why this place was so hostile toward him.

This was also probably why the imps were mocking him.

They probably saw him as a monstrous beast, just that his bloodline power was so weak that they thought that he was a minor monstrous beast.

“I should try to change the traits of my bloodline.”

Chu Feng stepped away from the pool and constructed a formation, hoping to confuse the pool through it. However, the result was still the same even with the formation. The imps would still appear and smack him with their sticks.

At the same time, the mocking laughter from the other pools became even more jarring.

“I won't be able to enter the door at this rate.” Chu Feng was put in a spot.

He had tried everything he could think of but nothing worked. This place was an extremely powerful formation by itself. It was his wishful thinking that he could deceive it with his own formation.

“Lad, you look like you need some help,” a familiar voice suddenly sounded.

A wave of relief swept across Chu Feng. He excitedly projected his consciousness into his dantian as he said, “Elder, it's you! You're finally willing to respond to me.”

The one who had spoken was none other than the red lightning beast of his bloodline power. Previously in the Ancient Realm, it had revealed itself to help Chu Feng and even left a means behind for him, but Chu Feng had yet to practice the means as the other party said that he only had one chance to grasp it, and failure would mean permanently losing its power.

Since then, the red lightning beast had never responded to Chu Feng. He thought that the red lightning beast wouldn't respond to him until he grasped that skill, but who could have thought that the other party would talk to him on its initiative?

In his dantian, the red lightning beast stared at Chu Feng as it slowly approached him.

It was humongous, to the point where Chu Feng couldn't see its full appearance even though they were still a far distance away. Even the lightning bamboo slip lodged in the lightning beast's body looked immense as well.

That lightning bamboo slip was the means the red lightning beast had left for him, just that he hadn't gotten to comprehend it yet.

"Elder, are you able to help me?" Chu Feng got straight to the point.

"Lad, the formation here is much stronger than you think. There's no way you can deceive it by altering your bloodline's traits through a formation. That being said, this formation works by assessing one's bloodline, so that method might work. However, you'll have to undergo extreme pain, and it'll pose a burden to your body too. Are you still willing to give it a try?" the voice of the red lightning beast resounded throughout Chu Feng's dantian, making him feel as if he wasn't conversing with a beast but an entire realm.

This was not the first time Chu Feng was witnessing the power of the red lightning beast, but the incomparable pressure coming from it still excited him. He might still be too weak to control this power at the moment, but it was only a matter of time before it became his.

"Elder, I'd like to give it a try," Chu Feng answered.

"Heh..." The red lightning beast softly chuckled, having expected Chu Feng's answer. "Enter the largest pool here. I'll grant you a small portion of my power. You should be able to clear the trial with that power despite not being a monstrous beast. If that fails, it'd mean that this formation restricts more than just your bloodline power, and you should just give up on it."

"I understand," Chu Feng replied.

He made his way toward the biggest pool, but he stopped right in front of it and asked, "Elder, did you hear the earlier voice?"

He was hoping to gather some information from the red lightning beast.

"I only interfered because this formation looked down on your bloodline power. I'm already making an exception here, so you shouldn't bother asking me anything else," the red lightning beast replied.

"All right," Chu Feng replied before leaping straight into the pool.

This pool was at least several thousand times larger than the one he had entered earlier, but it was surprisingly the same depth as the first pool. The water only reached up to his knees.

He immediately sensed a lethal threat, but he didn't back off this time around because he now had a backing to rely on.

Gulu gulu gulu!

The water started to billow, and several thousand-meter-tall silhouettes rose from the water. They had hideous appearances, and the killing intent they emanated made them incomparably more intimidating than the little imps.

“How dare a paltry demon like you test this exalted? You’re seeking death!” the massive silhouettes insulted Chu Feng as they swung their weapons down on Chu Feng.

“A mere formation dares to address itself ‘exalted’?” The red lightning beast harrumphed.

Chu Feng felt a powerful bloodline power surging from his dantian to his body. The power was so tremendous that he felt like his body was going to tear, but he gritted his teeth and exerted it outward.

Tzlala!

Red lightning poured out from Chu Feng’s body. It instantaneously enveloped the entire cavern, dominating the entire area with crackling thunder. It felt like the divine lightning Chu Feng would face each time he made a breakthrough.

Such lightning power usually looked frightening but harnessed close to no destructive prowess, but that wasn’t the case here at all.

Uwaaa!

The massive silhouettes, who were swinging their blades down on Chu Feng, wailed in agony as their massive bodies dissipated into thin air. At the same time, miserable cries could be heard from the other pools too, though the cries only lasted for a brief moment as they died very soon after.

It was almost ironic how those beings, despite having posed a fatal threat to Chu Feng earlier, had suddenly become so weak before the lightning beast.

Chapter 5512: Milady Queen’s Support

The dissipated silhouettes inside the largest pool transformed into bundles of auras crackling with lightning, and they surged toward Chu Feng. The lightning around the auras came from the red lightning beast, just that the two powers had somehow perfectly fused.

Similar bundles of auras crackling with lightning also rose from the other pools and surged toward Chu Feng. These powers couldn’t be used in battle, but there was bound to be a place to employ them.

Chu Feng guessed that this might have something to do with what the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief mentioned about 'completing the formation'.

Boom!

The sculptures by the sides and the deepest region of the cavern suddenly kneeled to the ground and announced, "We welcome the birth of the Monstrous Beast King!"

Those words showed just how powerful Chu Feng's bloodline power was from their perspective. While these were nothing but a formation, it was still an impressive scene nevertheless.

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However, the red lightning beast sneered upon hearing the compliment, "Monstrous Beast King? What a joke! Even their so-called Monstrous Beast King is only worthy of kneeling in front of us!"

"Elder, you're formidable! Those weaklings are nothing compared to you. Your means must be amazing too. It's a pity I'm too weak to grasp your means now. I'm really curious to know what kind of means it is," Chu Feng said with a cheeky smile.

"Lad, are you trying to sound me out?" the red lightning beast replied with a faint smile.

"Not at all! I wouldn't dare to do something like that. I'm just really curious to know what kind of means that is," Chu Feng honestly replied.

"Don't count too much on it. Just think of it as another ordinary martial skill. However, remember that you only have one shot. Don't try to grasp it if you aren't absolutely confident of success," the red lightning beast said.

"I have taken your advice to heart, which is why I haven't attempted it yet. Your means surely can't be any martial skill," Chu Feng said with a smile.

All of a sudden, his smile froze in place and he fell to his knees.

He had just finished assimilating the lightning-infused auras he had absorbed. The energy they harnessed was incredible though they didn't contribute to his fighting prowess. It might have been because they had fused with his bloodline power, but he felt comfortable while the energy was assimilating into his body.

Yet, as soon as he fully assimilated the energy, the feeling of comfort vanished, and extreme pain assaulted him. The pain he was suffering now was what the red lightning beast had warned him about.

Chu Feng immediately took out the most valuable recovery pill he had received from the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief and consumed it. He didn't think that it would come to play so quickly.

A surge of recovery energy quickly flooded his body, but the pain only continued to intensify. It was not that the pill was ineffective, but that the backlash was simply too severe.

"I didn't lie to you, right? I know that you're good at enduring pain, but this kind of pain can't be easily withstood. Your body suffered severe trauma, after all. Your cultivation is so weak that it can't even withstand a small portion of my power," the red lightning beast said.

"It's excruciating, but it's all worth it since I got to see your means," Chu Feng replied.

"Bootlicker. I'm leaving now. Any last words?" the red lightning beast asked.

"I'd like to thank you for helping me out. I wouldn't have been able to clear this trial otherwise," Chu Feng said.

"Spare the thanks. I intervened only because I can't stand how the formation looked down on your bloodline. From now on, you only have yourself to rely on. Some words of warning—this place isn't as simple as it seems. What you see may not be real."

As the red lightning beast said those words, the gate towering in front of Chu Feng slowly creaked open. On the other side of the gate was a beautiful realm filled with fragrant flowers and chirping birds that resembled a paradise.

Wu!

But Chu Feng fell to the floor before he could take a closer look at the realm.

All kinds of pain assaulted Chu Feng's body, and it grew stronger with each passing moment. He felt like his body was on the verge of breaking down.

It was excruciating beyond Chu Feng's wildest imagination, to the point where he could hardly process his thoughts. He could vaguely hear Eggy screaming at him, but he couldn't make out her words.

Just as he was about to faint, he heard an exceptionally clear voice echoing in his ears, "Your bloodline power is formidable."

Chu Feng was overjoyed. That was the same voice that had warned him that Long Chengyu and the others might encounter danger earlier. He could hear where the voice was coming from this time around—it was from right in front of him.

He tried to raise his head to see who it was, but a palm fell on his head and held him down. Following that, a warm surge of energy suffused his body and swiftly cured him of his pain.

“Your courage is commendable. You barged into a place you never should have entered for the sake of your friends. Consider this compass your reward. It’ll save your lives if you can decipher it, or else you’ll all lose your lives here,” that voice said.

The hand on Chu Feng’s head was finally lifted. He immediately raised his head to see who had been helping him, but there was no one in sight. The other party had vanished without a trace, not leaving even the slightest aura behind.

However, he did notice an ancient bronze compass placed beside his feet. If not for it, he would have wondered if the conversation he had earlier was just an illusion.

No, it can’t possibly be an illusion. The pain I suffered from channeling the red lightning beast’s power is so great that there’s no way I could recover so quickly if a powerful individual hadn’t helped me.

Chu Feng picked up the compass and examined it. It was a puzzle, and it didn’t look like it could be easily solved. He found himself at a loss.

“Thank you, elder.” Chu Feng bowed in the direction where the other party was previously standing.

He finally turned his attention toward the opened door, which reflected a beautiful natural scenery, but he was more interested in the light pillars in the realm. All in all, there were 36 light pillars rising from the earth into the sky, as if forming a bridge between the two.

Those light pillars were extremely far away from him, but the light pillars were constructed with extremely powerful formations that naturally drew attention. Even a normal human being would have seen them even if they couldn’t see the scenery around them.

Of the 36 light pillars, four of them showed anomalies.

One was wrapped in a dragon’s silhouette.

One was wrapped in a phoenix’s silhouette.

Two were wrapped in a blue qilin’s silhouette.

“This must be the formation the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief ordered us to complete,” Chu Feng guessed.

“The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan is formidable. They have already completed two formations. It looks like the Totem Dragon Clan has met its match,” Eggy said.

If this had been a race to complete the formations, the Totem Dragon Clan was clearly in a disadvantageous position.

Even though Chu Feng had yet to fully recover, he endured the pain and flew into the realm. Eggy didn’t attempt to dissuade him because she knew he was the type of person who wouldn’t hesitate to risk his life to save his friends. All she could do was quietly support him.

Chapter 5513: Humans Aren’t Worthy?

Chu Feng found Long Chengyu and the others’ auras and quickly chased after them. He deduced that the auras he had absorbed from the cavern were the key to completing the formation.

Supposing that to be the case, he would be able to help them.

Following Long Chengyu and the others’ auras, he soon arrived in front of a formation. He had known that the formation was anything but simple, but it was so hulking that it was comparable to a mountain range. It was only when standing before it that one could feel its magnificence.

The formation was linked to a formation core. Two groups were gathered in the vicinity—one from the Totem Dragon Clan and one from the Totem Phoenix Clan. Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, Feng Tiansheng, and Feng Jiuyue were not among the group.

That being said, there were still some familiar faces, such as the Totem Dragon Clan’s Long Shanshan and Long Fulai. They were all standing inside the formation core with tight frowns and warped faces. They were probably facing a great deal of pain.

Auras could be visibly seen manifesting from their bodies and fusing into the formation. The two auras looked similar, just that the Totem Dragon Clansmen’s auras carried a dragon silhouette whereas the Totem Phoenix Clansmen’s auras carried a phoenix silhouette.

“I see.”

Chu Feng understood two things from this sight.

One, the auras were probably manifested from the silhouettes in the cavern fusing with one’s bloodline. That was the case for Chu Feng too, just that he possessed the Heavenly Lightning Bloodline, so his aura manifested as red lightning.

Two, he was right in deducing that the completion of the formation relied on the silhouettes' aura, just that the process was much more straightforward than he had expected. All one had to do was fuse their aura into the formation.

The only thing he was confused about was why those people were in so much pain. Was the process of releasing their auras painful?

While Chu Feng was deep in thought, a Totem Dragon Clansman noticed Chu Feng and excitedly exclaimed, "Young hero Chu Feng! It's young hero Chu Feng! He's here too!"

All of the Totem Dragon Clansmen turned their sights to Chu Feng.

"Chu Feng!!!"

Long Shanshan and Long Fulai immediately left the formation core and ran toward Chu Feng. The other juniors of the Totem Dragon Clan cheered too.

"Wonderful! Now that young hero Chu Feng is here, we can complete the formation!"

Chu Feng had always achieved the impossible whenever they were in a deadlock, which was why they thought that he could help them with the formation too.

"Hah, you sure are hilarious! A member of the Dragon Clan is relying so much on a mere human!" a sharp-nosed woman from the Totem Phoenix Clan sneered in hostility.

Chu Feng had seen her before. She was one of the first few people in the Totem Phoenix Clan to beg him for help, but instead of gratitude, she harbored hostility toward him.

"You sure are interesting. Have you forgotten who saved your pathetic lives in the Demon Crane?"

"Hoh! Are you angry because you had to pay a hefty sum to be saved? Or are you simply envious of young hero Chu Feng's means?"

Long Shanshan and the other Totem Dragon Clansmen criticized the Totem Phoenix Clan.

That sight heartened Chu Feng. He could still remember how arrogant her attitude was when they first met. She was worse than the Totem Phoenix Clan back then, only to become so protective of him now. This showed that he had won their respect with his strength, which felt exceptionally satisfying.

However, the Totem Phoenix Clansmen thought nothing about the Totem Dragon Clansmen's rebuttal. If anything, their insults became even more jarring. In particular,

the sharp-nosed woman even walked out of the formation core to confront Long Shanshan, looking determined to get to the bottom of this matter.

Completing the formation seemed to have become of secondary concern.

“Take a closer look at what you have become! Have you forgotten the cavern’s trial? This place needs someone who possesses a monstrous beast bloodline, particularly the Monstrous Beast King’s bloodline. It’s already a miracle that a human can get in here, and you’re counting on him to complete the formation for you?” the sharp-nosed woman pointed her finger at Chu Feng as she scoffed.

“Young hero Chu Feng, are you... all right?”

Only then did the Totem Dragon Clansmen realize that Chu Feng was in a bad state. Not only did he look weak, but there was also a stench on him too.

The stench came from the tempering he had gone through before entering the cavern. While he had constructed a formation to clean himself afterward, the stench was so strong that it seemed as if it had seeped into his soul. He was unable to completely get rid of it. Even so, he had at least removed half of it, or else everyone here would have been vomiting on their knees.

He was also in a weak state from the backlash of channeling the red lightning beast’s powers. Even though the intervention from the mysterious being had alleviated his condition, it wasn’t enough for him to make a full recovery. Thus, he was indeed not in his best condition.

“I’m fine,” Chu Feng told the worried Long Shanshan and the others. “Are there any benefits to completing this formation?”

“There are. The completion of the formation will grant us an opportunity to cultivate, but I’m not sure if it’ll be useful to young hero Chu Feng. This opportunity is intended for us, who possess the monstrous beast bloodline,” Long Shanshan said.

“Let me take a look.”

Chu Feng approached the formation core and placed his hand on it. It didn’t take him long to grasp the nature of the formation. The completion of the formation would create a fortuitous encounter for one to temper one’s monstrous beast bloodline, which meant that it was useless for humans like him.

Whoever completed the formation would have control over the fortuitous encounter, meaning that they could include their people and exclude others. That was why both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen were desperately infusing their auras into it. ReadNovelFull.com

If Chu Feng gained control over the formation, he could give the fortuitous encounter away to the Totem Dragon Clansmen.

“It might be useless to me, but I can help you. Call the others out.” Chu Feng beckoned at the Totem Dragon Clansmen inside the formation core.

The Totem Dragon Clansmen obediently walked out.

The sight of them left the Totem Dragon Clansmen flustered. Those who had left the formation core quickly returned to their respective positions to continue the infusion of their auras.

“What are you panicking for? Do you honestly think a human like him could complete the formation? Only those fools from the Totem Dragon Clan would trust him that much!” The sharp-nosed woman from the Totem Phoenix Clan thought nothing about the matter.

Many Totem Phoenix Clansmen breathed a sigh of relief. The sharp-nosed woman’s words might be jarring, but they made sense. Even they could tell that this formation was constructed for monstrous beasts.

Given how Chu Feng couldn’t even pass through the barrier to enter the cavern earlier, it was evident that this place was hostile toward humans. It was unlikely that he would be able to exert his overwhelming powers here.

Chu Feng simply chuckled softly as he stepped into the formation core and raised his hand.

Bzzt!

Blinding red light instantaneously irradiated the surroundings amidst a deep rumble. Lightning power poured out from Chu Feng with a volcano eruption, rushing straight toward the formation.

Chapter 5514: Unqualified to Even Be Scolded

The Dragon Clan’s and Phoenix Clan’s auras, which had previously suffused the formation, suddenly looked insignificant before Chu Feng’s red lightning. His red lightning was too great and ferocious. Neither the dragon nor the phoenix meant anything before it.

It was like a true flood dragon had descended into the sea to wreak havoc. At this rate, it wouldn’t be long before the formation was filled to the brim.

“How did this happen? Isn’t that fellow a human? How did he grasp such a huge quantity of aura?”

The Totem Phoenix Clan couldn't laugh anymore. The sheer aura Chu Feng released was beyond what an ordinary human should possess. To draw a comparison, their auras were like a trickling stream whereas his was a tsunami.

"Those ignorant things. How many imps did they kill? You destroyed all of the beings inside the cavern!" Eggy sneered gleefully. "What a pity they didn't see what happened inside the cavern, or else they wouldn't have dared to act so arrogantly."

Nevertheless, the crowd was still shocked out of their minds. Only the sharp-nosed woman tried her best to feign composure.

"What are you panicking for? He's putting on an act! There's bound to be a limit to his bloodline. Do you think he can keep releasing that aura without suffering any backlash? Besides, releasing one's bloodline is a torturous process. How could he look so calm? He's putting on an act before us!" the sharp-nosed woman said.

The crowd found that those words made sense.

They had all experienced infusing their bloodline power into the formation, and it felt like their bodies were being emptied. Yet, Chu Feng maintained a perfectly impassive expression. This didn't make sense.

Bzzt!

Powerful energy suddenly surged through the formation core and evicted the Totem Phoenix Clansmen from within. It was so abrupt that the Totem Phoenix Clansmen were ungracefully shoved out, with some of them scrambling on the ground.

But no one paid that any heed.

The formation that rose from the earth to the sky crackled with furious red lightning, looking like a rampaging beast. The deep growls of the red lightning felt even more intimidating than that of the dragon and the phoenix.

The crowd was dumbstruck.

This phenomenon could only mean that this formation had been completed.

"My gosh! Young hero Chu Feng, you're incredible! How did you complete that formation so easily?" Long Shanshan and the others were practically dancing around in delight.

In contrast, the Totem Phoenix Clansmen looked despaired.

“What did you say earlier? Did someone say that young hero Chu Feng could never complete the formation? What do you have to say now?” Long Shanshan and Long Fulai scoffed.

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen lowered their heads in embarrassment. They could only concede defeat after witnessing how Chu Feng completed the formation all alone. In fact, to them, this feat was even more incredible than what he had accomplished inside the Demon Crane.

Weng!

The formation core opened up, and Chu Feng walked out.

Long Shanshan and the others rushed over and dropped endless compliments on him. Even the guys like Long Fulai also revealed looks of admiration.

“Did Brother Chengyu and the others head in that direction?” Chu Feng asked as he pointed in the direction where he sensed Long Chengyu’s aura.

“Yes, young master Chengyu and the others are there,” Long Shanshan replied with a nod.

“I understand. You may go into the formation core and cultivate. I’ll go look for Brother Chengyu and the others,” Chu Feng said.

Long Shanshan and the others quickly headed into the formation core. Now that Chu Feng had control over the formation, he could grant the Totem Dragon Clansmen permission to access the formation core.

In contrast, the Totem Phoenix Clansmen could only awkwardly stand outside the formation core. They lowered their heads even further, not daring to look at Chu Feng. They clenched their fists tightly, thinking that Chu Feng would utterly humiliate them for their earlier vile words.

This was simply how the world of cultivation operated. The winner took it all, whereas the loser would be at their mercy.

Shoosh!

Chu Feng left amidst a gust of wind without saying a word. Not only did he not humiliate them, but he didn’t even spare them a glance at all. It was as if they meant nothing to him at all.

His disregard only left them feeling even more humiliated.

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Chu Feng headed in the direction where Long Chengyu was likely to be. He had now confirmed that he could help the Totem Dragon Clansmen. While completing the formation had no benefits for him, he was fine with it since his goal was to help the Totem Dragon Clan.

“Chu Feng, do you feel nothing from releasing that energy?” Eggy asked.

“I can’t say that I felt nothing, but it doesn’t feel anything much either. If I have to put it in words, it feels kind of like drinking a sip of water and spitting it out,” Chu Feng replied.

“What are you saying? I’m asking if you feel any discomfort!” Eggy exclaimed.

She had seen how the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen had suffered by infusing their auras into the formation. Considering how much aura Chu Feng had released in the blink of an eye, it was no wonder she was worried about him.

“I don’t feel any discomfort. I’m not sure why they felt such pain, but I guess that the earlier test in the cavern required them to release their bloodline power, and they inadvertently fused their entire bloodline with those imps inside the water. That would mean that they were depleting their bloodlines when infusing the auras into the formation, which resulted in a huge burden on them.

“The situation is different on my side. The red lightning beast was so powerful that even a bit of its powers was enough to destroy all of the silhouettes in the cavern. Not to mention, what fused with the silhouettes wasn’t my bloodline power but the red lightning beast’s energy. In other words, that aura was as good as given to me for free. I can utilize it, but it has nothing to do with my bloodline. Naturally, it doesn’t deplete my bloodline and thus I won’t feel any pain,” Chu Feng said.

“Are you really all right?” Eggy asked. She was still worried about Chu Feng.

“I’m fine. Look at me. I’m fine and well, right?” Chu Feng asked.

“It does seem like you’re faring better than before, judging from your voice. It’s good as long as you’re fine.” Eggy’s heart was put at ease.

“Hm?” Chu Feng’s expression suddenly turned grim.

A group from the Totem Phoenix Clan was quickly rushing in his direction. It was not their full force, but the ones leading the pack were Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng. It was already too late to conceal himself as they had already noticed him.

Chapter 5515: This Fellow Is Out of the World

Feng Jiuyue and the others were surprised to see Chu Feng too, but their target wasn't him but the formation he had just completed. They must have known that their clansmen were there too.

They were probably planning to investigate the formation since it showed not the silhouette of their clan, the Totem Dragon Clan, or the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, but red lightning. They must have felt compelled to look into the terrifying red lightning.

It didn't take long for Chu Feng to cross paths with Feng Jiuyue and the others. As expected, they had chosen to bump into him.

"Wait a moment," Feng Jiuyue suddenly halted and called out to Chu Feng.

"Is there an issue?" Chu Feng stopped as well and replied.

Shoosh!

Feng Jiuyue tossed a box to Chu Feng with a wave of her sleeves before resuming her journey toward the formation.

"Big sister, you..." Feng Tiansheng glanced at the box in Chu Feng's hand and exclaimed in indignance, but he eventually chose to keep his mouth shut and instead followed his big sister.

Chu Feng first examined the box to check if it was booby-trapped before carefully opening it. To his surprise, there was an invaluable golden recovery pill in it. In terms of effectiveness, it didn't pale in comparison to the one he had received from the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief.

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief had only given him such a valuable pill because he had helped the Totem Dragon Clan on multiple occasions and was relying on him to do the same time too, but the same couldn't be said about Feng Jiuyue...

There was no camaraderie between him and the Totem Phoenix Clan, not to mention that he had even fleeced them in the Demon Crane. In fact, he had even killed some of their clansmen too, though the Totem Phoenix Clan was unaware of it.

It would have made perfect sense for the Totem Phoenix Clansmen to view him in hostility. There was only one reason Feng Jiuyue had given such a valuable pill to him.

"Feng Jiuyue has a good eye. She knows that it's wiser to befriend you, so she gave you a valuable pill upon seeing that you're injured. It looks like the Totem Phoenix Clan isn't all fools," Eggy said.

That was exactly what Chu Feng was thinking too.

“That’s a good thing. It’s better to have one more friend than one more enemy,” Chu Feng replied with a smile.

He stowed away the box and continued on his journey.

He was looking for Long Chengyu and Long Muxi, but they were nowhere to be seen when he arrived at the next formation. There were some Totem Dragon Clansmen here though, including several familiar faces such as Long Xu’s granddaughter, Long Zhizhi, and the daughter of the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief, Long Yuhong.

With Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong’s strength, this group was indubitably another one of the Totem Dragon Clan’s elite forces.

There was also another group from the Totem Phoenix Clan here, and they were fairly strong too. All of them were standing inside the formation core, doing everything they could to infuse their auras into the formation core to complete the formation.

These two forces were much stronger than those stationed at the previous formation, and they most definitely possessed the means to complete it by themselves. The important thing for them was to ensure that the formation came under their control.

They were so absorbed in it that they didn’t notice Chu Feng’s arrival.

“Do you need help?” Chu Feng walked into the formation core and asked.

It was only then that Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong noticed Chu Feng.

“Chu Feng, you’re here too? That’s wonderful!” Long Zhizhi exclaimed with a blossoming smile.

Long Yuhong didn’t say a word, but it was clear from her eyes that she was delighted to see Chu Feng here too. It was just that her response wasn’t as pronounced as Long Zhizhi’s.

“I’ll help you complete this formation,” Chu Feng got straight to the point.

“Chu Feng, that formation might be...”

Long Zhizhi wanted to explain to him that there were restrictions on this formation, but Chu Feng pointed to the red lightning formation behind him.

“I did that.”

Long Zhizhi’s lower jaws fell slack, whereas Long Yuhong’s eyes widened in shock.

“You were the one who completed that formation? Chu Feng... you possess a monstrous beast bloodline too?” Long Zhizhi asked as she walked out of the formation core.

“I don’t, but I do have the means to complete the formation,” Chu Feng replied.

“Get out, everyone,” Long Yuhong ordered as she left the formation too.

Even though they were at a critical phase of their competition, the Totem Dragon Clansmen still immediately heeded her orders and evacuated from the formation core. Of course, it was not just solely on the account of her standing but that they knew about Chu Feng’s capabilities too.

“I advise the lot of you to get out too, or else you’ll be evicted from the formation once I’m done,” Chu Feng told the Totem Phoenix Clansmen.

“Hmph!” The Totem Phoenix Clansmen harrumphed in disdain, not paying any heed to him.

However, they intensified the release of their aura into the formation.

The formation was already on the verge of completion, just that both sides were vying over its control rights. It was a rare opportunity for them to emerge victorious now that the fools from the Totem Dragon Clansmen had left on their own accord, so there was no way they could back down at this juncture. ReadNovelFull.com

“Since that’s the case, you shouldn’t blame me for what’s about to come,” Chu Feng murmured as he released his aura.

The crowd knew right away that Chu Feng wasn’t lying, for the aura he released was crackling with red lightning identical to the formation that had just been completed. Most important of all, the red lightning he was releasing was so powerful that it swiftly devoured the Totem Phoenix Clan’s auras.

“Damn it!”

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen panicked. At this rate, it was only a matter of time before Chu Feng took control of this formation. However, they were already exerting their full strength, so there was nothing else they could do despite their anxiety.

In contrast, the Totem Dragon Clansmen could hardly conceal their smiles.

“That’s weird. Shouldn’t young hero Chu Feng’s bloodline have nine-colored lightning? Why is there only one color?” Someone from the Totem Dragon Clan expressed their confusion.

They didn't immediately associate the red lightning formation with Chu Feng because they knew that he possessed the Heavenly Bloodline, which was usually symbolized by the nine-colored lightning. Yet, there was only red lightning inside the formation.

Furthermore, the red lightning harnessed frighteningly destructive prowess, exerting pressure that was even greater than their Totem Dragon Clan's bloodline.

"Chu Feng's means have always been beyond our imagination, but what's important here is that we're going to win the battle," Long Zhizhi said.

Her smile was so wide that she could hardly stop her lips from curling upward even while she was speaking. Unlike the others, who were concerned about the anomaly regarding Chu Feng's bloodline, her eyes were only focused on Chu Feng.

Long Yuhong rolled her eyes.

She still remembered how Long Zhizhi had treated Chu Feng back at the Totem Dragon Clan's Armory Hall; the latter had insulted Chu Feng just because he had spared a glance at the Silver Dragon Spear. It was so vile and unreasonable that even she felt inclined to step in and stop her. Even so, Long Zhizhi didn't back down at all and instead directed her malice toward her.

Yet, it was clear even to Long Yuhong, who had never been in a relationship before, that Long Zhizhi harbored special feelings for Chu Feng. No one could have imagined that a day would come when Long Zhizhi, Lord Long Xu's granddaughter and one of the top prodigies of their Totem Dragon Clan, would become a fangirl of an outsider.

However, when Long Yuhong looked at how Chu Feng single-handedly took control of the situation and turned the tables on the Totem Phoenix Clansmen, leaving them anxious and powerless, she could understand why Long Zhizhi felt that way.

She also understood why Long Chengyu and Long Muxi would befriend Chu Feng and be so protective of him. That man was so ridiculously powerful that it defied common sense.

"That man is out of this world," Long Yuhong thought.

Chapter 5516: The Totem Phoenix Clan Poaches

Uwa!

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen were shoved out from the formation core, but Chu Feng remained unharmed. It didn't take long for the entire formation to crackle with frightening red lightning. The formation had been completed.

While Chu Feng's success was within expectation, it was still shocking to see it in person.

"Aren't you too formidable, Chu Feng?"

"Let's see how those Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen can stay arrogant!"

Long Zhizhi pranced around the formation core in excitement, though she was not the only one who felt that way. It was the same for the other Totem Dragon Clansmen too. They thought that no one could accomplish this task better than them now that Chu Feng was here.

"You should head in and cultivate," Chu Feng told Long Zhizhi and the others.

"I can't do that yet. I need to vie for the other formations," Long Zhizhi said.

"That's true." Chu Feng nodded.

"The rest of you head in first," Long Yuhong ordered the other Totem Dragon Clansmen.

"Thank you, young hero Chu Feng," the Totem Dragon Clansmen thanked Chu Feng before entering the formation core.

Shortly after they entered, a light pillar in the distance became shrouded with a qilin silhouette. The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan had dominated another formation.

Moments later, another formation was enveloped by a dragon silhouette. The Totem Dragon Clan had dominated another formation too.

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was indeed formidable, taking the lead with three formations, but Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong weren't worried at all. They knew that the Totem Dragon Clan had four formations under their control at the moment, given that Chu Feng was their ally.

With the speed Chu Feng conquered the formations, they would surely gain control of most formations at the very end.

"So you're the culprit, Chu Feng!" Feng Tiansheng's infuriated voice echoed from behind.

Feng Jiuyue and the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen, whom he had encountered in the first formation and along the way, were here too.

"Are you planning to make a move?" Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi took their positions in front of Chu Feng.

“Hmph! Do you think you can stop us?” Feng Tiansheng sneered.

“You had an agreement with young master Chengyu to compete fairly with our capabilities and not resort to violence. Young master Chengyu won’t let you off easily if you dare break the agreement,” Long Yuhong said.

“Do you think I’m afraid of Long Chengyu? Scram!” Feng Tiansheng wasn’t fazed in the least.

It looked like he was planning to shove Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi aside to attack Chu Feng, but a person suddenly flitted in front of Feng Tiansheng. It was Feng Jiuyue. She first stopped Feng Tiansheng before she turned to Chu Feng and asked, “Have you consumed the pill yet?”

“I’m thankful for your goodwill, but I don’t need it,” Chu Feng replied as he tossed the box back to Feng Jiuyue.

“That’s not what I mean,” Feng Jiuyue replied with a smile as she tossed the box back to him. “Chu Feng, are you interested in working together with our Totem Phoenix Clan? Feel free to state whatever you want. Even if I can’t give it to you now, I’ll compensate you later on.”

“What do you mean by that? Are you poaching our people?” Long Zhizhi frowned in displeasure.

Paying no heed to Long Zhizhi, Feng Jiuyue kept her eyes on Chu Feng and said, “Chu Feng, our Totem Phoenix Clan can give you far more than what the Totem Dragon Clan gave you. We’ll fulfill your demand as long as you help us complete this mission. Even God Armaments are not out of the question.”

“God Armaments? What a joke! Do you even have one?” Long Zhizhi mocked.

“We’re sincere about this, Chu Feng. I, Feng Jiuyue, am a person of my word,” Feng Jiuyue said.

“What if I disagree?” Chu Feng asked.

Feng Jiuyue’s eyes narrowed. “Young hero Chu Feng, you are a formidable individual. The last thing I want to do is to make an enemy out of you. However, this mission is of great importance to our Totem Phoenix Clan. If you refuse to cooperate, I’ll have no choice but to offend you.”

“You’ll force me to do your bidding?” Chu Feng asked.

“If we have to, we will. However, I still hope that we don’t come to that stage. I’d prefer to have an amicable partnership with you,” Feng Jiuyue replied.

“Heh...” Chu Feng chuckled. “I would have been open to working with you, but I am already with the Totem Dragon Clan. Long Chengyu and Long Muxi are my close friends. I’ll never do things that constitute a betrayal to my friends,” Chu Feng said.

“Young hero Chu Feng, we have already analyzed your means. Give up. You won’t be able to escape with them,” Feng Jiuyue said.

She knew that Chu Feng was no pushover, which was why she had been assessing him throughout their conversation. Her eyes were only glowing brightly because she was utilizing a formidable observation means.

That was why she could tell that Chu Feng had constructed a formation chain and wrapped it around Long Yuhong, Long Zhizhi, and the other Totem Dragon Clansmen standing outside the formation core. It was clear that he was thinking of escaping with Long Zhizhi and the others.

“You’ll know soon enough whether I can escape from you or not,” Chu Feng replied with a smile.

His silhouette suddenly vanished, and Long Zhizhi and the others let out piercing shrieks. From their perspectives, they were suddenly dragged away by some unknown force.

Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng immediately gave chase, knowing that Chu Feng was trying to escape. The other Totem Phoenix Clansmen also followed suit, but they had no choice but to halt shortly after as they realized that they couldn’t catch up at all.

In order to chase Chu Feng, Feng Tiansheng activated his bloodline power, raising his martial cultivation from rank four Half-God level to rank six Half-God level. On the other hand, Feng Jiuyue was a Royal Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist, which was equivalent to rank six Half-God level cultivators.

Yet, neither of them was able to catch up with Chu Feng. They were only barely able to keep pace.

“How is that fellow that fast? Is he a rank six Half-God level cultivator?” Feng Tiansheng asked.ReadNovelFull.com

“He isn’t. It’s well-hidden, but I could vaguely sense from his aura that he’s a rank two Half-God level cultivator,” Feng Jiuyue replied.

“Big sister, you must be mistaken. How could a rank two Half-God level cultivator possibly outspeed us?” Feng Tiansheng didn’t believe Feng Jiuyue’s words.

Chapter 5517: The Prowess of Divine Flitting

“It’s indeed weird, but his aura is that of a rank two Half-God level cultivator. Did he do it intentionally to confuse me?” Feng Jiuyue frowned, unable to make sense of the situation.

The two of them were using movement skills that allowed them to move at tremendous speeds within a short period, but they would naturally slow down as time passed. However, that wasn’t the case for Chu Feng at all. He continued to maintain an extremely high speed, which meant that the distance between them would only continue to grow.

Realizing the situation, a decisive glint flashed across Feng Jiuyue’s eyes. With a flick of her wrist, she took out a red pill and popped it into her mouth.

A red aura enveloped her body as her spirit power surged. This translated to a speed boost, allowing her to gradually catch up with Chu Feng. At the same time, she secretly constructed a capture formation to snag Chu Feng as soon as she closed the distance.

“Don’t waste your strength. You can’t catch me with that formation of yours!” Chu Feng suddenly glanced back at Feng Jiuyue with provocative eyes.

Feng Jiuyue widened her eyes. She hadn’t expected Chu Feng to notice the formation she was secretly constructing. This made her even more determined to capture Chu Feng, and she knew that this was the best opportunity for her to do so.

Tzlala!

Lightning suddenly crackled around Chu Feng, as Lightning Armor manifested on him. He was finally revealing his cultivation—rank three Half-God level.

This proved that Feng Jiuyue was right to say that he was a rank two Half-God level cultivator. Yet, despite having only raised his cultivation by a single rank, his speed suddenly increased by leaps and bounds, going far beyond what Feng Jiuyue could keep up with.

Within the blink of an eye, he had already disappeared from their field of vision.

Feng Jiuyue realized that she had lost her opportunity. There was no way she could capture Chu Feng anymore. As indignant as she felt, she could only give up on it.

She first channeled her cultivation skill to suppress the remaining medicinal energy surging in her body before popping another pill into her mouth. The red pill she had consumed earlier was a forbidden medicine to boost her spirit power, but it came with a backlash.

Since it was no longer possible for her to capture Chu Feng, she decided to minimize the backlash.

Soon, Feng Tiansheng caught up with her.

“Is he really a rank two Half-God level cultivator? How is he that fast?”

While he struggled to catch up with Chu Feng and Feng Jiuyue, he still saw what happened earlier and thus knew that the latter was indeed a rank two Half-God level cultivator.

“He might have some kind of treasure on him,” Feng Jiuyue remarked as she looked in the direction Chu Feng disappeared.

“That must have been the case, but I can’t wrap my head around what kind of treasure could allow a rank two Half-God level cultivator to outspeed us. The moment he raised his cultivation by a rank, he vanished in a flash. He sure has a lot of secrets. Big sister, we should have just curbed him straight away instead of wasting our breath on him! We can just get rid of him once this matter is done. He only has the backing of the Totem Dragon Clan anyway, and it’s not as if we’re afraid of them,” Feng Tiansheng said.

“What foolish words! Do you think that someone who is that talented and has such treasures would have no backing?” Feng Jiuyue asked.

“He... has backing? Who? There are only so few powerhouses in the vast world of cultivation, and he doesn’t belong to any of them. Who would stand up for him?” Feng Tiansheng asked.

“There is no lack of hidden experts in the world of cultivation. Even the major powerhouses wouldn’t dare to recklessly offend those hidden experts. Chu Feng might just be the disciple of one of these hidden experts,” Feng Jiuyue said.

“Big sister, how can there be that many hidden experts in the world? You’re thinking too much!” Feng Tiansheng refuted.

“You’re getting blinded by your arrogance. It’s one thing if you’re unaware of it, but it should be clear as day now that Chu Feng is anything but normal. How can you continue underestimating him?” Feng Jiuyue asked.

“I know that Chu Feng is an exceptional individual, and I am impressed by his means too. However, we need to consider our clan’s interests. You should also know how important this mission is to us. We have to accomplish it by hook or by crook!” Feng Tiansheng said.

“I know that, or else I wouldn’t have made a move on Chu Feng either,” Feng Jiuyue said.

“You’re still too soft. Leave it to me,” Feng Tiansheng said.

Instead of responding to those words, Feng Jiuyue glanced at the two formations crackling with red lightning behind her, followed by the other completed formations. It couldn't be clearer to her that the red lightning formations were still the strongest.

In the end, she nodded as if to express her approval.

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Chu Feng finally came to a halt.

It was only with the Divine Deer's Divine Flitting that he was able to throw off Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng. That allowed him to travel at a speed comparable to a rank six Half-God level cultivator despite only being at rank two Half-God level himself, and the speed would increase correspondingly if he raised his cultivation.

He had chosen not to raise his cultivation right away as he wanted to see how his speed compared to experts of Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng's caliber. He was delighted with the result, as his speed was superior to theirs under normal circumstances.

If not for Feng Jiuyue consuming a forbidden medicine, he would have been able to shake them off without raising his cultivation.

"Young hero Chu Feng, what's your current cultivation level?" Long Zhizhi asked out of curiosity.

Long Yuhong also looked at Chu Feng with curious eyes too.

They could sense that Chu Feng was a rank two Half-God level cultivator. While he raised his cultivation by a rank through his Lightning Armor, it still didn't make sense for him to be able to travel that fast.

"I'm a rank two Half-God level cultivator," Chu Feng replied.

"Rank two Half-God level? Young hero Chu Feng, how are you able to travel that fast then?" Long Zhizhi asked.

"I have a treasure that allows me to travel faster than usual. It's a protective treasure my master gave me," Chu Feng lied.

He didn't think that he needed to explain why he was able to travel fast to them, and the easiest way to justify it was by attributing it to a treasure.

"A treasure? That's quite a formidable treasure."

Even so, Long Zhizhi and the others were still impressed. They knew that there was no treasure equivalent to that in their Totem Dragon Clan even though they were the overlords of a galaxy.

Seeing their responses, Chu Feng was relieved that he had told them that it was a treasure. They would have been even more envious if he told them that it was a martial skill.

“Let’s hurry on our way,” Chu Feng said.

He knew that the priority at hand was to help the Totem Dragon Clan claim more formations.

Boom!

Just as Chu Feng was about to move, the entire realm suddenly shook. Over half of the light pillars connecting the earth to the sky suddenly extinguished. To be exact, all of the formations except for those that had been completed had vanished from sight!

Chapter 5518: The Heavenly Lightning Reappears

“What’s going on?” Chu Feng was confused.

In comparison, Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong were much calmer.

“It’s break time,” Long Zhizhi explained.

“Break time?” Chu Feng looked at Long Zhizhi in confusion.

The latter quickly explained the matter to him.

As the first batch to enter this realm, they saw a line of words in the sky that provided them with hints as to what they were supposed to do. It explained what they had to do to complete the formations, as well as the benefits they would receive from completing the formations. It also talked about the break times too.

During break times, all of the formations would temporarily hibernate except for those that had been completed. The formation cores would close off, making it impossible to continue working on the formations.

Everyone had no choice but to take a break.

This measure was prepared to grant the challengers time to recover from the depletion of their bloodline lest the burden prove too great for them to bear.

“How long is the break time?” Chu Feng asked.

“Four hours,” Long Zhizhi replied.

“I see,” Chu Feng replied with a nod as he prepared to move ahead.

It was not as if the break time hindered him from looking for Long Chengyu and the others anyway. All of a sudden, his eyes narrowed.

“You all should go ahead and meet Brother Chengyu and the others first. I’ll find you later,” Chu Feng told Long Zhizhi and the others.

“What’s wrong, young hero Chu Feng?” Long Zhizhi asked.

“It’s nothing. I just have some private affairs to attend to,” Chu Feng replied.

“All right. We’ll be heading off first.”

They weren’t worried about leaving Chu Feng alone anymore after witnessing how he escaped from Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng with ease. With his speed, even those from the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan would struggle to deal with Chu Feng, let alone the Totem Phoenix Clan.

Shortly after Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong left, Chu Feng got up and looked for a remote place. He constructed a concealment formation over the area, followed by Divine Concealment to completely hide his presence. Following that, he took out an item from his Cosmos Sack.

It was the compass he had received earlier from that mysterious existence.

The mysterious existence had told him that he needed to decipher the compass if he wanted to escape safely with his friends, or else all of them would lose their lives here.

Some changes had occurred to the compass earlier. It wasn’t glowing, but the inscriptions on it were swiftly moving around as if they were alive. Chu Feng didn’t want to miss the changes happening to the compass, which was why he told Long Zhizhi and the others to go find Long Chengyu without him.

He kept his eyes firmly on the compass, not daring to blink even in the slightest. He noticed many subtle details on the compass that stoked his curiosity, which made him not want to miss even the slightest thing about it.

Time quickly passed.

Boom!

The realm suddenly quaked, and giant pillars of light rose from the ground into the sky. The hibernating formations had become active once more. At the same time, the inscriptions on the compass stopped moving, reverting to their original appearance.

“Four hours have passed?” Chu Feng asked Eggy.

He was usually very sensitive to time, but he was too focused on the compass’ details that he neglected the passage of time.

“Yes, four hours have passed. This compass seems to be linked to the formation here. Have you deciphered anything yet?” Eggy asked concernedly.

She had sensed how focused Chu Feng was over the past four hours, which was why she had refrained from saying a single word lest she disturbed him. She thought that Chu Feng might have figured out something within this period.

“I couldn’t decipher the compass’ secret, but the unique transformations of its inscriptions earlier contained many profound enlightenment that greatly benefited me,” Chu Feng said.

“How so?” Eggy asked.

“This won’t do. I don’t think I can wait any longer. Eggy, I’ll talk to you later. I need to cultivate right away,” Chu Feng said as he sat cross-legged on the ground.

Eggy fell silent to not interrupt him. She felt excited for him because she could tell that he had received a huge benefit from the compass.

Moments later, she sensed a huge fluctuation in the World Spirit Space’s aura, and a smile broke out on her face. It was rare for such fluctuations to occur in the World Spirit Space, and they signified one thing—Chu Feng had made a breakthrough.

Most likely, Chu Feng had made an advancement from Purple Dragon God-cloak to Gold Dragon God-cloak, which would have been equivalent to a rank five Half-God level cultivator. However, he had a single rank of heaven-defying battle power due to his world spiritist bloodline, thus putting him on par with rank six Half-God level cultivators.

If that was truly the case, he would have no fear dealing with Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng anymore.

However, Eggy still refrained from speaking to Chu Feng, as she noticed that his cultivation hadn’t stopped yet. This time around, she didn’t sense fluctuations in the World Spirit Space, which led her to think that his breakthrough would take a little longer this time around.

What she didn't know was that the sky above the Immemorial Star Sea was filled with storm clouds and lightning bolts. Nine lightning beasts were racing across the sky, releasing deafening roars that left the cultivators present feeling frightful and uneasy.

“What a formidable heavenly lightning phenomenon! Which powerhouse has made a breakthrough here?”

The crowd outside the Immemorial Star Sea was stunned. This was hardly the first time they had encountered a phenomenon, they were still shaken by what they were witnessing right now.

On the Totem Dragon Clan's warship, the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief, Lord Long Xu, and the other elders were assessing the sky from the deck.

“This phenomenon is focused on the Immemorial Star Sea although it spans the entire area. Someone inside the Immemorial Star Sea must have made a breakthrough. It's probably young friend Chu Feng,” Long Xu guessed.

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief didn't respond, but there was a faint smile hanging on his lips. He was certain that it was Chu Feng, and that reminded him of the prophecy once again.

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The sky in the realm where Chu Feng and the others were remained clear, as if the heavenly lightning phenomenon outside was nothing but an illusion.

Boom!

With a thunderous boom, a bolt of nine-colored lightning shot down from the sky. That surprised many people, for it looked as if the lightning had appeared out of nowhere to strike them. It was so powerful that it looked nothing like the heavenly lightning phenomenon triggered by a breakthrough, so they wondered if it had something to do with the formation here instead.

In truth, the nine-colored heavenly lightning was bolting toward Chu Feng.

Chapter 5519: Rank Three Half-God Level, Gold Dragon God-cloak

Lightning bolts fell on Chu Feng's body, producing thunderous rumbles reminiscent of the ferocious beasts' roars, though it might be more accurate to call it divine retribution since no mortal could wield such tremendous might.

Even so, Chu Feng remained composed. A hint of a smile could be seen hanging in his mouth. His arrogance provoked the nine-colored lightning, prompting it to intensify its

attack, but none of its means worked on him. In the end, it had no choice but to fuse together with him.

When Chu Feng finally opened his eyes, there were still traces of lightning in the vicinity. Eggy saw the nine-colored lightning's remnants and immediately understood what had happened.

"Chu Feng, did you make a breakthrough for both your spirit power and your martial cultivation?" Eggy asked.

"Yes, that's the fortuitous encounter I received from the compass. I'm now a rank three Half-God level cultivator and a Gold Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist," Chu Feng replied.

"Heavens! Is that compass that formidable? It's practically a cultivation treasure!" Eggy was overjoyed to hear that.

It was one thing for the compass to contain martial enlightenment, but to think that it harnessed the impetus for a spirit power breakthrough too! This showed just how incredible the compass was.

"It's indeed something good, but I feel like there's something amiss about it," Chu Feng said as he continued observing the compass.

"What's wrong with it?" Eggy asked.

"I'm not too sure either. Forget it. The compass will probably show its transformations again during the next break time, so I'll just figure it out then," Chu Feng replied.

"It'd be great if you can grasp another impetus for a breakthrough when that time comes." Eggy rubbed her hands expectantly.

"Hahaha! That would be for the best!" Chu Feng exclaimed.

He didn't think that it was likely, but that didn't hinder him from looking forward to it.

Now that he had finished making his breakthrough, he decided to resume his search for Long Chengyu. He knew that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan wasn't an easy foe to deal with, so he wanted to meet up with Long Chengyuy and the others as soon as possible. It felt like something bad might happen otherwise.

Soon, Chu Feng arrived at a formation.

There were Totem Dragon Clansmen there, but Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, Long Yuhong, and Long Zhizhi were nowhere to be seen. These Totem Dragon Clansmen were busy infusing their auras into the formation. ReadNovelFull.com

For some reason, their overall strength was roughly equivalent to Long Shanshan and Long Fulai's group, but the speed at which they completed the formation was ten times faster.

Chu Feng noticed dragon avatars above their heads. These avatars emanated an aura similar to the formation here, which led him into thinking that it was related to why they were able to complete the formation so quickly.

"What's with that avatar above your heads?" Chu Feng walked up to them and asked.

"Young hero Chu Feng?"

The Totem Dragon Clansmen had been so focused on completing the formation as soon as possible as it was one of the few uncontested ones that they didn't notice Chu Feng's arrival. It was only when Chu Feng spoke that they noticed his presence.

Some of the Totem Dragon Clansmen here were previously part of Long Yuhong's and Long Zhizhi's groups, so they had witnessed how fast Chu Feng could complete the formation, as well as him shaking off Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng despite being at rank two Half-God level.

Even though they could complete the formation much faster now, they knew that they were still no match for Chu Feng. More than happy to let Chu Feng make the move, they willingly stepped out of the formation core.

"Young hero Chu Feng, we don't know what's with the avatars too. They suddenly appeared over our heads after break time. We can't touch them at all," a Totem Dragon Clansman said as he waved his hands over the dragon avatar, proving that it was intangible. "But ever since the avatar appeared, the speed at which we completed the formation greatly increased. It must have something to do with the formation here."

"Is it still as painful as before?" Chu Feng asked.

He noticed that the Totem Dragon Clansmen were still hissing in pain even though they were much more efficient now.

"Yes, it's still painful," the Totem Dragon Clansman replied. "Young hero Chu Feng, don't you feel any pain when you infuse your aura into the formation?"

"I'm good at enduring pain," Chu Feng randomly cooked up an excuse as he couldn't be bothered to explain the matter.

"Young hero Chu Feng is indeed extraordinary."

The Totem Dragon Clansmen unconditionally believed Chu Feng's words.

“Let me do it,” Chu Feng said.

He stepped into the formation core and began releasing his red lightning aura.

“Heaven above! Isn’t young hero Chu Feng too formidable?”

The Totem Dragon Clansmen gasped in shock, both men and women alike. Even those who had previously witnessed Chu Feng’s means were stunned too. The gap between them was simply too huge!

It didn’t take long for Chu Feng to complete the formation, and a light pillar crackling with red lightning surged into the sky. The formation was completed with great ease.

The Totem Dragon Clansmen stared at one another with dazed expressions. They seemed to be wondering why there was such a huge gap between them.

“Where’s Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong?” Chu Feng walked out of the formation core and asked.

“Miss Yuhong and Miss Zhizhi have gone to look for the young master and the others,” a Totem Dragon Clansman replied.

“You can head in and cultivate,” Chu Feng replied.

“All right.” The Totem Dragon Clansmen quickly headed into the formation core.

“Hm? Young hero Chu Feng, look!”

The Totem Dragon Clansmen excitedly pointed at the avatar above their heads, which had become much clearer upon stepping into the formation core. Their ability to complete the formation had been further enhanced!

Chapter 5520: Feng Tiansheng’s Challenge

“Eggy, do you think avatars may be related to the number of formations under one’s control? The more formations one has under one’s control, the faster they can complete the other formations,” Chu Feng murmured out his deduction.

“That’s probably the case,” Eggy replied.

All of a sudden, Chu Feng turned around and looked behind him. Moments later, he smiled.

“Come out,” he said.

Shoosh!

A ray of light shot forth from the distance, spreading outward to form a massive prison that trapped Chu Feng in place. At the same time, numerous individuals descended from the sky. They were Totem Phoenix Clansmen, with Feng Tiansheng leading the pack.

There were also Totem Dragon Clansmen such as Long Shanshan and Long Fulai amongst them as well, just that they were all bound by shackles. Upon seeing the situation, those who had previously entered the formation core and were preparing themselves to cultivate wanted to step out to save their brethren.

“Stay there. I’ll deal with this,” Chu Feng said with a wave of his hand, expressing that he would resolve the situation.

Those Totem Dragon Clansmen wouldn’t have made a difference even if they intervened in the situation. Even if Feng Tiansheng wasn’t around, the enemy was still beyond their means to deal with.

“Let’s see how you’re going to flee now, Chu Feng!” Feng Tiansheng sneered.

He was much more confident this time around. He had already sealed off the surroundings to prevent Chu Feng from escaping using his treasure.

“Are you a fool? Do I look like I’m going to escape?” Chu Feng asked.

“Are you planning to surrender?” Feng Tiansheng asked.

“Heh...” Chu Feng revealed a disdainful smile.

While he had to admit that Feng Tiansheng was a rather talented cultivator, it looked like he didn’t have a good head.

“This is all your fault,” Feng Tiansheng said as he pointed at the avatar above his head.

There were phoenix avatars above the Totem Phoenix Clansmen’s heads, but they were nowhere as clear as those above the Totem Dragon Clansmen’s heads.

“They wouldn’t have received such a huge advantage if not for your help,” Feng Tiansheng said.

“Isn’t your lack of social skills the reason no one wants to help you?” Chu Feng asked.

Feng Tiansheng clicked his tongue in annoyance. “It doesn’t matter whether I have good social skills or not. I have plenty of friends, but none of them are like you.”

“Is that fellow... complimenting you?” Eggy was surprised.

Chu Feng was rendered speechless too, for it sounded like a compliment to him too.

“Chu Feng, I have a high opinion of you. I believe we can become good friends if you’re willing to join our side,” Feng Tiansheng said.

That confirmed Chu Feng’s suspicion that Feng Tiansheng was indeed complimenting him.

“I have already told you that Long Chengyu and Long Muxi are my friends. I don’t turn my back on my friends,” Chu Feng replied.

“Are you really that sentimental of a person?”

Shoosh!

Feng Tiansheng waved his sleeves. Several chains shot out and wrapped themselves tightly around Long Shanshan, Long Fulai, and the others’ necks. Their faces immediately scrunched in pain. At this rate, they would lose their lives.

“Aren’t you a sentimental person, Chu Feng? You won’t turn a blind eye to their plights, right?” Feng Tiansheng asked as he grasped the chains suffocating Long Shanshan and the others.

“Feng Tiansheng, I suggest you stop what you are doing right now before I make a move. Apologize to them, and I can treat it as if nothing has happened. Otherwise, you’ll pay the price.” Chu Feng’s eyes turned cold.

After his recent breakthroughs, he didn’t fear Feng Tiansheng anymore.

“I’ll pay the price? Hahaha! What rights do you have to say those words to me, Chu Feng? You might be a fast runner, but how are you going to run away from here?” Feng Tiansheng laughed.

“You think that you have trapped me here?” Chu Feng chuckled in disdain.

Lightning crackled around his body as he hurled a fist upward.

Boom!

The barrier surrounding Chu Feng immediately collapsed.

“That fellow!”

The crowd was stunned.

Chu Feng was able to easily shatter the barrier because his cultivation had risen to rank six Half-God level, but more than that, he was bearing the Lightning Mark, Lightning Armor, and a pair of gigantic Lightning Wings too!

In other words, he was able to raise his cultivation by three ranks despite being at Half-God level!

“My gosh! Young hero Chu Feng is too incredible! There is hardly anyone with the Heavenly Bloodline who can use Lightning Mark and Lightning Armor in Half-God level, and he’s able to use Lightning Wings on top of that!” the Totem Dragon Clansmen exclaimed in shock.

Even Long Shanshan and the others, despite being suffocated by a chain, showed looks of delight. They knew that there was hope for them. Chu Feng, in his current state, would surely be able to stand up against Feng Tiansheng!

“That explains why you were able to run that fast. You have indeed been hiding your cultivation. Very well, allow me to taste your means then. Chu Feng, do you dare to fight with me?” Feng Tiansheng asked as he released the chains around Long Shanshan and the others’ necks before pointing a finger at Chu Feng.

“What do I have to fear?” Chu Feng sneered.

“If you lose, you’ll have to help our Totem Phoenix Clan complete the formations here,” Feng Tiansheng said.

“And if you lose, you have to apologize to my friends, and I’ll be taking those avatars above your heads,” Chu Feng replied.

“Hahaha!” Feng Tiansheng burst into laughter.

Putting aside the fact that those avatars were intangible and couldn’t be taken away, he didn’t think that he would lose to Chu Feng in the first place.

“Very well. I’ll accept your bet,” Feng Tiansheng replied.

“Let them go. I’ll play with you,” Chu Feng said as he drew the Immemorial Hero’s Sword.

Feng Tiansheng waved his sleeves, and the chains binding Long Shanshan and the others shattered, returning them to their freedom. The lot of them quickly ran toward Chu Feng’s side.

Chu Feng opened up the formation core and said, “You head in first.”

Long Shanshan and the others didn’t want to be a burden to Chu Feng, so they quickly headed into the formation core, knowing that it was safe inside. Even so, they didn’t start cultivating but instead kept their eyes on the events outside.

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Chapter 5521: Revealing His Strength

Even those who were already inside the formation core stopped their cultivation and kept their eyes on the situation, not wanting to miss the fight between Chu Feng and Feng Tiansheng. While they had witnessed Chu Feng’s incredible means many times before, they had never seen him in a fight before.

They were curious to know how strong they were.

“Chu Feng, since I have already let them go, you better not think about escaping from here. That would be too shameless of you,” Feng Tiansheng replied.

In truth, he was feeling a bit nervous. The barrier he had used to trap Chu Feng proved to be useless, and he wouldn’t be able to lay his hands on Long Shanshan and the others anymore now that they had entered the formation core. He no longer had any leverage over Chu Feng.

Should Chu Feng decide to flee at this juncture, there was no way he could catch up with him.

“I won’t. I am a man of my word,” Chu Feng replied.

“That’s good to hear. Let me have a taste of your strength then.”

Feng Tiansheng exerted his bloodline power, raising his cultivation from rank four Half-God level to rank six Half-God level. He whipped out an Exalted Armament halberd and charged at Chu Feng. He wasn’t underestimating Chu Feng as an opponent anymore.

In response, Chu Feng took a step forward and responded with a swing of the Immemorial Hero’s Sword.

Klang!

Sparks flew when the halberd and the sword collided.

“You!!!” Feng Tiansheng was taken aback.

His Exalted Armament was a halberd, which dished out powerful blows due to its heavy weight. Considering that Chu Feng was equipped with a mere sword, he should have the upper hand in a direct clash.

Yet, the outcome of the collision was that Chu Feng firmly stood his ground, whereas he was sent flying thousands of meters away. Even his hands felt extremely numb from the rebound.

He, a member of the Totem Phoenix Clan, one of the strongest monstrous beast races, had gotten overpowered by a human! How was that possible?!

“You are not too bad for someone who looks that frail. Interesting. I wouldn’t have expected anything less.” Feng Tiansheng suddenly burst into laughter as he charged at Chu Feng once more with the halberd in hand.

Hu hu hu hu!

He began spinning his halberd, creating countless afterimages in its wake. This was a special halberd skill he had practiced for quite some time.

Yet, his laughter was quickly cut short. Even with his special halberd skill, he still wasn’t able to put up a fight against Chu Feng.

Shoosh shoosh shoosh!

With just a few slashes, Chu Feng unraveled Feng Tiansheng’s halberd skill and shoved his sword against the latter’s face.

Feng Tiansheng panicked. It was already too late by the time he understood what was going on. He thought that he would lose his life here, as Chu Feng's sword was powerful enough to slice his head into two.

Pah!

The next moment, Feng Tiansheng was sent flying with a stinging pain on his face. He instinctively raised his hand to touch his face, but he couldn't feel any blood. Instead, there was a red print on his cheek.

Chu Feng had opted to smack his face with the sword's body instead of slicing him in half.

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"That was fast!"

"Young hero Chu Feng is actually that powerful!"

The Totem Dragon Clansmen were taken aback. None of them had been able to discern the details of the battle, as both Chu Feng and Feng Tiansheng were much stronger than them, and it was only when the two of them stopped moving that they could tell what had happened.

With a glance, they noticed that Chu Feng was unharmed, whereas Feng Tiansheng had a swollen sword imprint on his face. It was immediately apparent to them that Feng Tiansheng had been outdone in the earlier clash.

"Chu Feng is actually that strong?"

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen were taken aback too, as Feng Tiansheng was known to be the strongest prodigy to have ever appeared in their clan. It was one thing for him to be outdone by Long Chengyu, but who could have thought that he would be beaten by Chu Feng too?

"Are you humiliating me?" Feng Tiansheng furiously glared at Chu Feng.

"The match has already concluded. Would you have preferred me to decapitate you instead?" Chu Feng asked.

Feng Tiansheng was rendered speechless, but the burning humiliation he felt prompted him to make another move.

Whoosh!

With a piercing cry, a gigantic, golden phoenix swooped down on Chu Feng.

Feng Tiansheng had employed a martial skill this time around, knowing that it was unlikely for him to overpower Chu Feng in close combat.

Chu Feng casually waved his sword, releasing a huge blast of sword qi that easily sliced the golden phoenix into two. He then waved his sword once more, unleashing another wave of sword qi toward Feng Tiansheng.

Feng Tiansheng hurriedly used his movement skill to dodge the attack.

However, Chu Feng simply continued to casually unleash wave after wave of sword qi that chased after him and even sealed off his routes of escape.

“Martial skills can be used in such a way too?” Feng Tiansheng exclaimed with a frown.

He could tell that those weren't normal sword qi, or else it wouldn't have sliced through his martial skill that easily. Knowing that he was cornered, he gathered his martial power and manifested a golden barrier.

This was a defensive martial skill that was of a higher tier than Chu Feng's sword qi. He was confident that he could withstand Chu Feng's attack with this.

Bam!

Yet, the golden barrier shattered upon contact with the sword qi, and the remaining momentum of the sword qi continued rushing at him. He was knocked down from the sky into the earth, and the impact made him spew blood. However, he hurriedly raised his head to look at the sky, where he was standing before.

There, he saw an intense golden light mixed with a deep growl. What had struck his barrier wasn't just a sword qi but another martial skill.

“A martial skill in a martial skill. How despicable, Chu Feng,” Feng Tiansheng growled.

“Are you being a sore loser now, Feng Tiansheng? It is young hero Chu Feng's capability that he can conceal a martial skill inside another. Don't you feel embarrassed for putting him down for that?” Long Shanshan scoffed.

“How shameless!”

“I'd have willingly admitted defeat if I encountered such an opponent. You only have your foolishness to blame for falling for young hero Chu Feng's trick. How thick-skinned must you be to blame your opponent for tricking you?”

The Totem Dragon Clansmen chirped in as well.

Chapter 5522: Undefeatable

“Shut up! What rights do you have to criticize our young master?” the Totem Phoenix Clansmen roared back.

Despite their rage, they still occasionally glanced at Chu Feng with fearful eyes. They had refuted the Totem Dragon Clansmen’s words because they couldn’t stand watching their young master getting humiliated, but they also thought that Chu Feng was simply too frightening.

They thought that Chu Feng’s feat was even more formidable than Long Chengyu’s, considering how he was able to defeat Feng Tiansheng so quickly.

“Ahahaha!” Feng Tiansheng suddenly burst into laughter. He wiped the blood off his lips as he said, “Chu Feng, you’re indeed a capable individual. You’re even stronger than Long Chengyu. You’re qualified to see the real me.”

Feng Tiansheng’s forehead mark suddenly disappeared, as if it had seeped into his head. His eyes turned incredibly bright as waves of golden aura rippled from him. Even his halberd turned golden.

The crowd could feel that he had become much stronger than before, to the point that he didn’t feel like the same person as before.

However, Chu Feng narrowed his eyes.

He knew Feng Tiansheng had ignited his bloodline. While it temporarily granted him a huge surge in his fighting prowess, he would suffer from a horrible backlash later on.

“Feng Tiansheng, it’s just a spar. You don’t have to go that far,” Chu Feng said.

“I have to win this battle,” Feng Tiansheng said as he swung his halberd downward.

Boom!

It was such a powerful strike that it shattered even space. An incomparably huge halberd silhouette spanning a width of over a thousand meters flew down on Chu Feng.

Not daring to take this attack lightly, Chu Feng immediately took evasive measures.

Boom!

Before the halberd silhouette could even get to Chu Feng, it suddenly exploded, bringing devastation to a huge area around it. If not for Chu Feng’s timely escape, he would have been caught in the explosion too.

Boom!

Another explosion echoed as the halberd rushed out of the explosion and charged at where Chu Feng had escaped to.

Chu Feng performed another evasive maneuver while simultaneously unleashing a burst of sword qi on Feng Tiansheng.

Much to his surprise, Feng Tiansheng didn't bother dodging at all. Instead, he flung his halberd to block Chu Feng's attack. Same as before, Chu Feng had hidden a martial skill inside the sword qi, but it wasn't strong enough to overpower the halberd's momentum.

"What's with his means? How is he able to continuously use it?" Eggy was confused.

There was a limit to the usage of Exalted Taboo Martial Skills. No matter how powerful Feng Tiansheng was, he shouldn't have been able to consecutively use it without any rest in between.ReadNovelFull.com

"It could be that his bloodline complements that martial skill well, allowing him to bypass usual restrictions. Don't worry, he still isn't a match for me," Chu Feng said.

"Admit defeat, Chu Feng. I don't want to kill you," Feng Tiansheng shouted.

"You aren't able to stay in that state for too long, right?" Chu Feng asked.

Feng Tiansheng's eyebrows shot up.

Indeed, he was unable to maintain this state for long. Knowing that there was no time to lose, he swung his halberd and continued his attacks. Multiple halberd silhouettes simultaneously rushed at Chu Feng.

Should those halberd silhouettes explode at the same time, the sheer area of the explosion would be so great that not even Chu Feng would be able to avoid it. However, Chu Feng was no ordinary cultivator.

With a single step, he suddenly vanished into thin air.

Chu Feng's disappearance alarmed Feng Tiansheng.

Dang!

All of a sudden, Feng Tiansheng heard a loud buzz behind him. He hurriedly turned around, only to see Chu Feng standing behind him with the Immemorial Hero's Sword slashing down on his arm.

However, the slash was blocked by the golden aura shrouding Feng Tiansheng's body.

“That golden aura protects him too?” Chu Feng murmured in shock as he quickly flitted away.

His cultivation was currently at rank six Half-God level, and Divine Flitting allowed him to travel at a speed four cultivation ranks faster than his current limit. In other words, he could move at speeds unmatched by any Half-God level cultivators.

That should have allowed him to easily curb enemies of the same cultivation rank, but it looked like he had underestimated Feng Tiansheng.

Feng Tiansheng’s means combined offense with defense. Chu Feng’s simple slash was nowhere near enough to breach his defense.

“I’m sorry, Chu Feng. I have to win this battle,” Feng Tiansheng surprisingly apologized to Chu Feng after blocking his attack.

Weng!

Feng Tiansheng’s body released an intense burst of light, and Chu Feng immediately sensed a lethal threat.

“That fellow!”

Chu Feng hurriedly employed Divine Flitting and retreated. A split instant after he ran away, Feng Tiansheng’s surrounding was enveloped by the intense light, releasing a force that was comparable to his halberd swings.

It was fortunate that Chu Feng had retreated on time. The consequences would have been dire if he was caught in the attack.

“Why is Feng Tiansheng that strong?” Long Shanshan and the others were worried.

They couldn’t see Chu Feng at all; all they saw were the terrifying martial power shockwaves coming from the exploding halberd silhouettes. As cultivators, they could tell how devastating the impact of the attacks was.

Even Long Chengyu would have struggled against Feng Tiansheng if they had been at the same cultivation rank. Given that Chu Feng was unlikely to have any other means to raise his cultivation rank, he was doomed to lose this battle.

The Totem Dragon Clansmen were worried for Chu Feng.

However, the truth was that Chu Feng had successfully dodged Feng Tiansheng’s attack. In the first place, there was no way he could be defeated when he had a trump card like Divine Flitting to fall back on. Of course, he couldn’t keep using it either, as it would burden his body.

As the light finally scattered, Chu Feng saw Feng Tiansheng kneeling on the ground, with his halberd barely holding him up.

“Young master!” the Totem Phoenix Clansmen exclaimed worriedly.

Fresh blood was spurting from Feng Tiansheng’s mouth and his nostrils. The earlier self-explosion had resulted in severe injuries for him, to the point where even his golden aura had significantly weakened.

“Damn it!”

Feng Tiansheng anxiously searched around for the injured Chu Feng, only to clench his fists in indignance when he saw the latter floating unharmed in the sky. Unwilling to give up, he forced himself to stand up once more.

Chapter 5523: A Formation to Limit Martial Power

“Give up, Feng Tiansheng. At this rate, you won’t be able to stand up even without me making a move,” Chu Feng said.

“I have to win this battle,” Feng Tiansheng said.

“Since that’s the case, let me give you a helping hand too,” Chu Feng said as he tightened his grip around the Immemorial Hero’s Sword and unleashed a wave of sword qi.

The sword qi was aimed at Feng Tiansheng, but it deviated slightly off position. This relieved Feng Tiansheng’s tensed nerves by a fair bit.

“It looks like you have reached your limit too,” Feng Tiansheng said with a triumphant smile.

He figured that Chu Feng must have reached his limits too, especially given the extreme speeds the latter had been moving at to evade his attacks. Otherwise, why would Chu Feng’s sword qi veer off target?

Boom!

Another sword qi suddenly appeared out of nowhere before Feng Tiansheng. By the time he noticed it, it had already squarely struck him.

Unlike the previous waves of sword qi, this one commanded far greater strength that completely shattered the surrounding golden light. The force knocked Feng Tiansheng onto the floor and rendered him immobile.

Chu Feng leaped down from the sky and landed next to Feng Tiansheng.

“W-what’s that?” Feng Tiansheng asked.

The means Chu Feng had just employed was rank nine Exalted Taboo Martial Skill, Exalted Taboo Shadow Severing Hack. Not only was it powerful, but it could be used to catch one’s enemy off guard. The earlier sword qi might have looked like it had veered off target, but its trajectory would still strike Feng Tiansheng squarely.

“What kind of despicable means did you resort to this time around?” Feng Tiansheng asked indignantly.

Chu Feng didn’t answer the question, instead saying, “Apologize to my friends.”

“Apologize? Why should I do that? You used despicable means to defeat me! I refuse to admit defeat!!!” Feng Tiansheng roared.

Seeing that, Chu Feng raised his hand and released the red lightning aura he had been using to fill the formations, but he aimed it at the phoenix avatar above Feng Tiansheng’s head. Shockingly, the phoenix avatar was swept away by the red lightning aura and absorbed into Chu Feng’s body.

“You!!!”

The crowd was stunned. They couldn’t believe that Chu Feng had taken away the intangible phoenix silhouette on Feng Tiansheng’s head. Was he really human? It was almost as if they weren’t living on the same plane of existence!

Of course, Chu Feng had only made that bet because he realized that he could steal the avatars with his red lightning aura. He waved his sleeves and directed the red lightning aura toward the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen too, stealing away their avatars.

“Feng Tiansheng, call your big sister here. I’ll be waiting for her at the next formation,” Chu Feng said.

Chu Feng followed Long Chengyu and Long Muxi’s aura trail to the next formation, but similar to before, the two of them were nowhere to be seen, though there were Totem Dragon Clansmen working on completing the formation. Even Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong weren’t there either.

Nevertheless, he stepped in and helped the Totem Dragon Clansmen complete their formation. Moments after the formation was complete, several figures flew over from ahead. Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi were amongst them.

“Chu Feng, Chu Feng!!!”

Their eyes lit up with relief as soon as they saw Chu Feng, as if they had seen their savior.

“What’s wrong?” Chu Feng asked.

“Chu Feng!!!”

Before they could answer the question, a furious bellow echoed from behind. A huge army comprising the defeated Feng Tiansheng, Feng Jiuyue, and the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen arrived at the scene.

Shoosh!

Without any hesitation, Feng Jiuyue sent a ray of light toward Chu Feng with a wave of her sleeves, but before the light could reach him, it suddenly expanded to form a massive barrier sealing off the surroundings.

It appeared to be the same means as Feng Tiansheng had employed earlier, but Chu Feng frowned. He could tell that this was an extremely powerful formation that could only be used once, but it was many times stronger than what Feng Tiansheng had used earlier.

Most important of all, there were four words inscribed on the formation—Seven Realms Sacred Mansion!

“Where did you obtain that from?” Chu Feng asked.

Instead of answering the question, Feng Jiuyue stepped into the formation and said, “Chu Feng, I don’t ask you to help us anymore, but I hope that you can return what you have stolen from my younger brother and the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen. Our clan is already at a disadvantage. If we lose that power too, we won’t be able to compete at all.”

“Your younger brother refused to abide by the agreement we have made. This is the punishment he deserves,” Chu Feng replied.

“Chu Feng, can you sense the fluctuations of the formation? This sealing formation has the power to restrain your martial power. I know that you’re a powerful cultivator, or else my younger brother wouldn’t have fallen in defeat, but there’s nothing you can do once your martial power has been sealed off. I don’t wish to make a move on you. As long as you return the avatars, we’ll call it quits,” Feng Jiuyue said.

Chu Feng burst into laughter.

He suddenly flitted up to Feng Jiuyue like a specter and hurled his fist straight toward her abdomen.

Stunned, Feng Jiuyue quickly dodged the punch with incredible speed.

However, Chu Feng opened up his palm to reveal a martial power formation hidden within it. The martial power formation exploded, sending devastating shockwaves at Feng Jiuyue. She couldn't evade it at such a close distance.

Feng Jiuyue's body slammed heavily against the formation walls. She was trapped in the formation too since she had voluntarily stepped into it.

"What's going on? Doesn't that formation restrict one's martial power? Why did our young miss..."

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen, who knew about the capabilities of the martial power formation, were taken aback by Feng Jiuyue's defeat.

Chapter 5524: The Powerful Blood-eyed Qilin Clan

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen quickly understood what was going on once they turned their sights to Chu Feng. The latter was emanating the spirit power of a Gold Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist, which meant that he was a formidable world spiritist!

However, this only drew further questions.

A Gold Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist was only comparable to a rank five Half-God level cultivator, whereas Feng Jiuyue was a Royal Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist, which was comparable to a rank six Half-God level cultivator.

How could Chu Feng defeat Feng Jiuyue despite their power disparity?

"Y-you're actually..." Feng Jiuyue stared at Chu Feng with a mix of fear and despair.

It was only a single exchange, but it made her realize that Chu Feng was extremely powerful. The latter's fighting prowess was far stronger than hers although her spirit power was above his. She didn't stand a chance against him at all.

"Is that fellow's spirit power even stronger than his martial cultivation?"

Even the severely injured Feng Tiansheng was horrified. Despite his earlier indignation about his defeat, he started to fear for Chu Feng. He was not the one directly confronting Chu Feng at the moment, but he knew how strong his big sister was as they often sparred.

And the two of them were often equally matched.

The fact that Chu Feng was able to defeat his older sister so quickly meant that he would likely face the same plight if he crossed blows with him now.

“What’s your relationship with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion?” Chu Feng asked.

“Kill me if you want to, but I can’t tell you anything about that,” Feng Jiuyue said.

Chu Feng chuckled softly.

With a fist containing the might of his formation, he punched at the sealing formation. Cracks quickly spread over the surface of the sealing formation before finally shattering into pieces.

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen were stunned.

They finally understood how scary the young man named Chu Feng was. Their most talented martial cultivator and world spiritist in their clan’s history was thoroughly lost to him! Now that their strongest duo had been defeated, all that was awaiting them was death.

Shoosh!

However, Chu Feng waved his sleeves and returned the phoenix avatars to Feng Tiansheng and the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen.

“Don’t ever mess with me and the Totem Dragon Clan again. I won’t be so courteous next time,” Chu Feng said before heading toward the formation.

The Totem Phoenix Clansmen were rendered speechless.

It was only now that they understood that Chu Feng wasn’t trying to make things difficult for them; he only wanted to teach them a lesson. In the first place, they were the ones who had provoked him.

Chu Feng finally turned to Long Zhizhi and Long Yuhong and asked, “Is Brother Chengyu and the others in danger?”

“That’s right.” Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi nodded.

“Lead the way,” Chu Feng said.

“But…” Long Zhizhi was at a loss.

“Lead the way right now!” Chu Feng spoke with a heavier tone.

“Let’s go.”

Long Yuhong took the lead, and Chu Feng and Long Zhizhi followed her.

“Tell me now what has happened. Is it the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan?” Chu Feng asked along the way. He could roughly guess what had happened even without them saying a word.

“That’s right,” Long Yuhong replied with a nod before sharing what had happened.

The two clans had been individually competing over the formations thus far, but they eventually encountered each other. Neither was willing to submit to the other, resulting in a conflict.

However, the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen showed no mercy. Upon claiming a dominant position, they proceeded to slaughter the Totem Dragon Clansmen. Only a minority survived the ordeal, but even so, all of them sustained severe injuries.

There was no way the Totem Dragon Clan could let things rest like that.

Long Chengyu and Long Muxi marched forth to avenge their clansmen. Long Yuhong, Long Zhizhi, and the others also quickly rushed over, hoping to offer some help.

However, the situation wasn’t optimistic when they arrived.

The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman was present too, and he had started crossing blows with Long Chengyu. He proved to be a troublesome adversary. Long Muxi had sustained severe injuries, whereas Long Chengyu had fallen into a disadvantageous position. ReadNovelFull.com

To make things worse, the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman was blazing with killing intent. Should he emerge victorious, he wouldn’t hesitate to kill Long Chengyu and Long Muxi.

Due to that, Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi quickly rushed off to look for Chu Feng, thinking that he was the only one who could save them.

“Why did you hesitate to show me the way then?” Chu Feng asked.

“I know that you’re strong, but that rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman is simply too scary. I’m afraid that…” Long Zhizhi lowered her head. She was afraid that something bad would happen to Chu Feng.

“Point the direction out for me,” Chu Feng told Long Yuhong.

Long Yuhong quickly did as she was told. Chu Feng first confirmed the direction before rushing over using Divine Flitting, dragging Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi together with him. He wouldn’t be able to use Divine Flitting for too long, but it could at least reduce the traveling time.

By alternating the usage of Divine Flitting with his other movement skills, Chu Feng soon heard a commotion ahead of him. He continued traveling for a while longer, and he soon encountered Long Muxi and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen.

Long Muxi had sustained severe injuries. She had lost her right arm, and her right shoulder had been impaled. Blood was trickling down her body, and her breath had become extremely faint. The Totem Dragon Clansmen around her were also severely wounded, and some of them had even breathed their last.

To make things worse, the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan held all of the injured Totem Dragon Clansmen hostages, and they didn't hesitate to gobble up the deceased. Even Chu Feng was revulsed by the sight.

It was worth mentioning, however, that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan had suffered even more casualties than the Totem Dragon Clansmen, and their deaths were much more gruesome. Their carcasses were completely dried up, emptied of their origin energies.

However, Chu Feng was only concerned about the Totem Dragon Clan. As furious as he was, he suppressed his anger and hid his aura to watch the situation.

Terrifying shockwaves could be seen rippling from the sky, leaving even Chu Feng hesitant to approach. There, he could sense the auras of Long Chengyu and the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman.

Chapter 5525: Destroy!

"They're strong! They aren't just at rank seven Half-God level, right?" Eggy asked.

"They should have raised their cultivation up to rank eight Half-God level," Chu Feng replied.

Both Long Chengyu and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman were rank five Half-God level cultivators, but the strength they were exerting now was comparable to that of rank eight Half-God level cultivators. In other words, they were able to raise their cultivation by three ranks!

Boom!

A figure was suddenly slammed into the earth. It was Long Chengyu. He was wielding a gleaming golden sword, which was the God Armament he had previously obtained, but even so, the situation didn't look optimistic.

There was a hole in his chest, and his body was covered in burn marks. He was in an extremely frail state, almost having lost his ability to fight.

The shockwaves in the sky finally dissipated, revealing the ugly rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman.

He was ten times larger than his original size, and his outer appearance had morphed from a human appearance into that of a monster. Blood-red aura could be seen rippling from him, producing an intense blood stench. Tinges of red light could be spotted in between his blue scales, making him look sinister.

However, there were also several fatal wounds on his body too, and he was bleeding non-stop. In fact, he had also lost an arm too. It could be seen that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman had to pay a huge price to curb Long Chengyu in the battle.

Held in the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman's remaining arm was a huge saber covered in exquisite blue scales that looked reminiscent of an artwork. Its overwhelmingly powerful aura indicated that it was a God Armament!

"That's all there is to the Totem Galaxy's strongest prodigy." The Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman looked at Long Chengyu with a triumphant gaze.

"There's no way you could have defeated me if not for you sacrificing the lives of your brethren!" Long Chengyu roared angrily.

Those words suggested that the huge casualties amongst the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan were caused by the rank five Half-God level cultivator and not the Totem Dragon Clan. He must have used a secret skill to siphon his clansmen's bloodline power and boost his strength.

"Hahaha! My clansmen are willing to sacrifice themselves for me. What do you have to complain about? You can only blame your clansmen for not having the courage to do the same. Your cowardice is the reason all of you are going to die here today," the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman said as he readied himself to kill Long Chengyu.

Just as he was about to make a move, Long Chengyu suddenly vanished. Wails echoed shortly after.

"Milord, save us! Save us!"

Long Muxi and the other Totem Dragon Clansmen, including the deceased, suddenly disappeared too. At the same time, the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen found themselves trapped inside a barrier. The barrier contained a watermelon-sized formation that was overflowing with killing intent.

The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman hurriedly dove down to save his fellow clansmen from the barrier. While he was attempting to destroy the watermelon-sized formation, a voice suddenly echoed from the air.

“The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan deserves to go extinct.”

The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman looked up and saw Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, and the Totem Dragon Clansmen floating in the air. The wounded Long Chengyu and Long Muxi were being supported by Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi.

However, the one standing at the forefront of the group wasn't a Totem Dragon Clansman but Chu Feng.

“Chu Feng? You're the one who did this?” the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman stared at Chu Feng in disbelief.

Even though Chu Feng had activated the Lightning Mark, Lightning Armor, and Lightning Wings, his cultivation only reached rank six Half-God level. It shouldn't be possible for Chu Feng to save the Totem Dragon Clansmen under his watch.

After all, the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman had raised his cultivation to rank eight Half-God level!

“Remember. All of your clansmen are going to die today because of you,” Chu Feng said.ReadNovelFull.com

“Hahaha!” The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman burst into contemptuous laughter. “A mere rank three Half-God level cultivator like you can't possibly do anything to me. Even if you raise your cultivation by three ranks, you're still nothing but a rank six Half-God trash. Someone of your caliber dreams of killing me?”

The Totem Dragon Clansmen were also perplexed as to how Chu Feng was going to deal with the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen. His opponent was a rank eight Half-God level who had a God Armament in possession. If not for that, Long Chengyu wouldn't have fallen in defeat.

Chu Feng glanced at the watermelon-sized formation and said, “That is enough to kill you.”

Boom!

The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman slammed his claw down on the formation, crushing it into bits. He then looked at Chu Feng with a provocative smile, saying, “You think that this weak formation of yours can take my life?”

A split moment later, he hurriedly retracted his claw. It turned out that a token shrouded in golden lightning and red flames were hidden inside the formation. Most important of all, the token was emanating the aura of the Ancient Era

However, the Totem Dragon Clansmen looked disappointed to see the token. They naturally recognized the Lightning Flame Token. As precious as it was, it only wielded the power to destroy anyone beneath Half-God level.

There was no way it would work on a rank eight Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman.

Some of the Totem Dragon Clansmen wondered if Chu Feng had intentionally brought the Lightning Flame Token out to intimidate the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan. If he could just momentarily distract the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman, they might just be able to buy enough time to escape from here.

“Hahaha!” The rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman burst into laughter. “I was wondering what kind of treasure you were going to bring out, but it turns out to be the Lightning Flame Token. Did the Totem Dragon Clan not tell you that the token is only capable of dealing with cultivators beneath Half-God level?”

The Totem Dragon Clansmen’s faces paled in despair. They hadn’t expected the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman to recognize the Lightning Flame Token.

Just then, Chu Feng formed a series of hand seals and said, “See you.”

Boom!

Terrifying crimson flames interweaved with golden lightning enveloped the vicinity, unleashing a force so great that it shattered the surrounding space and scorched both the earth and the sky black.

While the shattered space was swiftly restored, all of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen had already lost their lives!

Chapter 5526: Chu Feng’s Plan

“What a waste.”

Chu Feng looked at the ash remains of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen as he shook his head. He would have considered going easy on them if not for them injuring Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, and the others.

He had already grasped the proper way to invoke the Lightning Flame Token back at the Totem Dragon Clan, so he knew how powerful it was. He had been keeping it as a survival means, but he ended up using it here.

But when he looked at the gleaming treasures lying on the ground, especially the huge saber covered in blue scales, he thought that the exchange was worth it. That was a God Armament, after all.

“Feel free to pick any treasures you like. There’s no need to stand on ceremony,” Chu Feng told the Totem Dragon Clansmen.

“Chu Feng, you should keep them instead,” Long Chengyu replied weakly.

“Indeed, young hero Chu Feng. You should take them. We don’t lack treasures,” the other Totem Dragon Clansmen chirped in as well.

“Very well. I shall help myself then.”

Chu Feng stowed away all of the treasures into his Cosmos Sack with a wave of his sleeves, except for the God Armament. He had currently reached Half-God level, but he still didn’t have a God Armament yet.

He did receive a God Armament from the Totem Dragon Clan’s Armory Hall, but the Silver Dragon Spear had used a seal to ensure that none of the other God Armaments could submit to him.

The earlier battle between Long Chengyu and the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman showed him that the top prodigies of the world of cultivation were not to be looked down on. Knowing that it would be highly disadvantageous for him to fight an enemy with a God Armament when he didn’t have one, he knew that he needed to urgently obtain one.

“I can’t use this God Armament?” Chu Feng murmured with a frown.

He realized that the blue-scaled saber could only be activated by a specific bloodline, which meant that only Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen could wield it.

“That God Armament should be one of the God Armaments forged by the mysterious world spiritist for the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan back then. Our Totem Dragon Clan did acquire quite a few weapons from the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan during the war, but all of their God Armaments had a restriction that prevented them from being wielded by anyone aside from Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen. As such, they are worth much less than other God Armaments,” Long Chengyu explained.

“The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan sure is disgusting!” Chu Feng exclaimed in annoyance, though he still stowed the God Armament into his Cosmos Sack.

It was still worth something even though he couldn’t wield it, after all.

“Brother Chu Feng, what happened earlier? The prowess of your Lightning Flame Token surpasses that of Half-God level,” Long Chengyu asked.

“That’s right. The prowess of the Lightning Flame Token has reached rank one True God level,” Chu Feng replied.

“How are you doing that? You brought out the full prowess of the Lightning Flame Token!” Long Chengyu widened his eyes in envy.

“Let’s talk later. I’ll treat you first.”

Chu Feng constructed a formation to treat Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, and others. Their physical body recovered swiftly with the help of pills and Chu Feng’s formation, though the wounds on their souls would take a bit more time to recover.

Weng!

Just then, a distant formation was completed by the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan.

“How are they completing the formations that quickly?” Long Zhizhi exclaimed in confusion.

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan’s progress should have slowed down with the death of the strongest cultivator.

“That fellow Qi Weidao from the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan is unlikely to be anyone normal too. Gather all of the cultivating Totem Dragon Clansmen and tell them to wait for me here,” Chu Feng said as he drew out a map.

He didn’t know the layout of this realm; it was just a deduction based on the formations around the place. He had marked out the place that he thought was likely to be the safest here.

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan would surely attempt to exact vengeance upon realizing that they had lost so many of their clansmen, making it important to gather the Totem Dragon Clansmen together lest they get preyed on.

After all, the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief had already said that the completion of the formation was of secondary concern; their safety should be prioritized.

“What are you going to do, Chu Feng?” Long Muxi asked.

She sensed that Chu Feng wasn’t planning to travel together with them.

“The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was planning to dominate this formation, right?”

Chu Feng looked at the incomplete formation not too far away. That formation was the reason behind the outbreak of conflict between the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan and the Totem Dragon Clan.

“Those deranged monsters are the same as their ancestors, unreasonable and barbarous. They deserve to be killed a thousand times over!” Long Chengyu spat with gritted teeth.

“I’ll take over that formation. The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan will surely send some men over to investigate the matter. If the group that comes is weak, I’ll make sure that all of them die here. Otherwise, I’ll at least scout out their strength. In any case, you should just wait for me at the place I have pointed out. I’ll meet you there once I’m done with my business here,” Chu Feng said.

“I’ll stay with you. We can at least cover each other,” Long Chengyu said.

“You should stay with your clansmen to protect them in case they encounter any Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen. Don’t worry about me. I can run away even if I’m no match for them,” Chu Feng replied.

“Indeed! Young hero Chu Feng can run at speeds comparable to rank nine Half-God level cultivators!” Long Zhizhi said.

“Are you sure? Aren’t you... a rank three Half-God level cultivator?” Long Chengyu was taken aback.

Even Long Muxi was stunned as well. She was the one who knew Chu Feng the best, but she didn’t know that he could run that quickly.

“I have a treasure that significantly boosts my speed. No Half-God level cultivator will be able to catch up with me if I raise my cultivation to rank six Half-God level. I’ll be safe as long as there are no True God level cultivators amongst the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen,” Chu Feng said.

“You don’t have to worry about that. There’s no True God level junior in the vast world of cultivation,” Long Chengyu said with a smile. “Brother Chu Feng, I didn’t think that you would have so many tricks hidden up your sleeves, though it’s not that surprising considering that it’s you. You were able to draw out even the true prowess of the Lightning Flame Token. I always thought that it was other people’s honor to receive my acknowledgment, but I have to say that it’s my utmost fortune to have met a friend like you.”

“Let’s not talk about these now lest we waste Chu Feng’s time. Let’s get moving,” Long Muxi urged.

“Ah...” Long Chengyu felt a bit indignant. It was from the bottom of his heart that he was complimenting Chu Feng. However, he obediently nodded and replied, “All right.”

Chapter 5527: Intimidation

Long Chengyu and the others left according to Chu Feng's instructions, leaving the latter alone in the vicinity. Chu Feng didn't complete the formation immediately but instead spent some time constructing multiple formations in the vicinity.

He even collected the ashes of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen, knowing that their lingering auras would prove useful.

It was only after he was done constructing the formations that he finally stepped into the formation core. Same as before, he quickly completed the formation with his red lightning aura. Following that, he hid in a discreet location that he believed was safe.

Just as he had expected, moments after the formation was completed, a couple of Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen rushed over. Leading the group was none other than Qi Weidao.

As soon as they stepped into the vicinity, Chu Feng activated his formation, causing innumerable carcasses to appear on the ground, including the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman.

These were fake carcasses created by Chu Feng, but the usage of the real ashes made them look lifelike. The sight of the carcasses came as a huge blow to the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen.

"Long Chengyu, I'll destroy your Totem Dragon Clan!" Qi Weidao roared as murderous intent rippled from him. He was a rank five Half-God level cultivator, just like Long Chengyu!

"There's indeed something off about that fellow! Let me see how strong you are," Chu Feng murmured as he activated yet another formation.

A figure suddenly appeared amidst the carcass. It was Long Chengyu, emanating the aura of a rank eight Half-God level cultivator and wielding a God Armament.

"You want to destroy my clan? Hah! You can die with your brethren!" Long Chengyu emanated a terrifying aura.

A hint of unease crept into the eyes of the infuriated Qi Weidao. His body began to transform as his cultivation surged all the way to rank eight Half-God level. At the same time, he whipped out a God Armament blade covered in blue scales.

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Chu Feng couldn't help but notice that Qi Weidao's transformation was different than the other rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman. In contrast to the latter's transformation, which made him more monster-like, Qi Weidao's transformation made

him more human-like. He even lost a huge bunch of his scales, making him look like a suave young man.

Boom!

Unaware that Chu Feng was spying on him, Qi Weidao unhesitatingly drove his sword toward Long Chengyu.

Boom!

A huge wave of martial power rippled outward, preventing Chu Feng from clearly discerning what was happening. It utterly destroyed the formation Chu Feng had constructed, revealing the true scenery beneath it.

“An illusory formation?”

It was only then that Qi Weidao realized that he had been tricked. Both the carcasses and Long Chengyu were fakes created by the illusory formation.

“It’s a lie? Who would construct this formation to deceive us?”

The other Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen were infuriated. Since this was all an illusory formation, they figured that their clansmen were likely to be still alive.

“No, that’s not right.” Qi Weidao looked at the scarred earth, which was a clear sign that an intense battle had broken out here. He grabbed the soil and lifted a handful of ashes. These were indubitably the ashes of his Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen. “Our people have died here.”

“Are they dead? Who’s the culprit? Is it the Totem Dragon Clan?”

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen clenched their fists as their killing intent flowed out. It was then that a voice echoed from afar.

“Your people were the ones who attacked the Totem Dragon Clansmen. They had it coming. Those from the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, I advise you to stay low, or else be prepared to face the same fate,” Chu Feng said as he revealed himself.

He had already activated his Lightning Mark, Lightning Armor, and Lightning Wings, but he concealed them using his spirit power. The Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen couldn’t see his means or sense his aura at all.

“Chu Feng? You were the one who constructed that formation? Were you testing out my strength?” Qi Weidao quickly figured out the intention behind that formation.

“Yes, I wanted to test your strength, but I must say that it’s a disappointment. If that’s all you have, you’re just going to die in vain,” Chu Feng said.

“Are you trying to intimidate me?” Qi Weidao didn’t believe Chu Feng’s words.

“You think that I’m just intimidating you?” Chu Feng chuckled.

He opened his palm, and a powerful surge of red lightning aura rose from his hand.

“He was the one behind the red lightning formations?”

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen were stunned. They had long noticed the red lightning formations, and they could sense how terrifying they were too.

In truth, Chu Feng had released the red lightning aura not just to scare them but also to attempt to steal the avatars above Qi Weidao’s head. If he could do so, they would surely be even more intimidated by him.

However, Qi Weidao was no pushover. He wouldn’t stand still as Chu Feng exerted his red lightning aura from afar. That would only expose that Chu Feng was actually the weaker one here. Thus, Chu Feng decided to directly showcase his red lightning aura instead.

From the looks of it, Chu Feng’s intimidation worked.

“You wouldn’t have to resort to such tricks if you were the one who killed them,” Qi Weidao voiced his suspicions.

“Qi Weidao, I have always been one to return respect with respect. Both I and the Totem Dragon Clan can let things slip here as long as you step down on this matter, but if you wish to continue pursuing this issue, I’ll make sure that none of you leave this place alive,” Chu Feng said with a confident sneer.

However, Qi Weidao didn’t fall for his lies. He gathered his martial power in preparation to attack Chu Feng, hoping to test out the latter’s true strength,

However, Chu Feng coolly turned around and left the scene.

Much to Qi Weidao’s shock, Chu Feng was so fast that he couldn’t even catch up at all despite having raised his cultivation to rank eight Half-God level. He could only helplessly put down his lifted God Armament.

This suggested that Chu Feng might have already reached rank nine Half-God level. Their people indeed wouldn’t stand a chance against an enemy like that.

“That fellow is actually that strong? It’s no wonder Long Chengyu listens to him!” Qi Weidao wiped off the cold sweat from his face.

Chapter 5528: Chu Feng’s Maternal Grandfather

“Milord, is Chu Feng stronger than you?” the other Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen asked.

They were too weak to discern Chu Feng’s cultivation, but they could tell how ridiculous his speed was from how he suddenly vanished into thin air.

“He’s most likely a rank nine Half-God level cultivator,” Qi Weidao said.

“How is that fellow so terrifying? Are we not going to avenge Lord Qi Luo and the others?” The Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen were reluctant to let things rest just like that.

“There’s no way we can let things rest just like that. We’ll make them pay the price. However, we can only exact vengeance if we have the strength for it. How else are we going to avenge them otherwise? By staking my life on the line? Or staking your lives on the line?” Qi Weidao asked.

The person who had spoken earlier lowered his head in shame.

“What should we do now?” a Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman asked.

“We’ll continue working on the formations, but avoid the Totem Dragon Clansmen for the time being,” Qi Weidao said before leading his clansmen off.

In truth, Chu Feng hadn’t gone too far away. He wasn’t too worried about getting discovered even though Qi Weidao’s cultivation was higher than his due to Divine Concealment. He wanted to see how Qi Weidao would deal with this situation.

“Hahaha! Chu Feng, you sure are amazing. That fellow thinks that you’re stronger than him!” Eggy burst into laughter, thinking that the situation was hilarious.

Chu Feng, despite being weaker than Qi Weidao, managed to intimidate the latter through a series of maneuvers. Eggy found that more interesting than him directly crushing the other party.

In contrast, Chu Feng wasn’t as happy about it.

“Eggy, I don’t think that Qi Weidao is an easy person to deal with. He might have intentionally said those words for my ears. In any case, let’s follow our original plan and avoid them as far as possible,” Chu Feng said.

“I concur. That fellow has a scheming face. He’s bound to be much smarter than that ugly thing. It’d be wise to tread carefully,” Eggy said.

Chu Feng made his way toward the place he had told Long Chengyu and the others to head to. By the time he arrived, all of the Totem Dragon Clansmen were already gathered there.

“Chu Feng, we’re thankful to you.”

Long Shanshan, Long Fulai, and the others walked up and bowed to Chu Feng. They had already heard about what had happened earlier on. If not for Chu Feng’s timely intervention, Long Chengyu and Long Muxi might have died at the hands of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan.

Chu Feng could be said to have rescued the future of their Totem Dragon Clan.

“There’s no need for this. There’s no way I’d leave Brother Chengyu and Miss Muxi to the lurch given my ties with them. Rather than dealing with such formalities, I’d rather we have a hearty drink once we get out of here instead,” Chu Feng said.

“Right, let’s have a hearty drink once we get out of here!” Long Chengyu agreed.

Long Muxi stepped forward and seriously asked, “Chu Feng, did they head there?”

The surroundings immediately quietened down, for the others knew that Long Muxi was asking about the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen.

“Yes, Qi Weidao came over. He’s indeed an exceptional individual. His strength is on par with that hideous fellow, and he’s in possession of a God Armament too. I constructed a formation to bait him into making a move, but I suspect that his powers are even above that of the hideous fellow even without absorbing his clansmen’s energy,” Chu Feng said.

“That fellow is that powerful?” Long Chengyu was taken aback.

In truth, he had the upper hand in the fight against the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman, but the latter didn’t hesitate to sacrifice his clansmen to empower himself, and that eventually led to Long Chengyu’s defeat. If Qi Weidao was as powerful as Chu Feng said, Long Chengyu wouldn’t be a match for him even at his peak, let alone in his current injured state.

“Doesn’t that mean that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan has a prodigy on par with Xianhai Shaoyu?” Long Chengyu frowned.

It was bad news to the Totem Dragon Clan that such a prodigy had appeared in the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, considering the grudges between their clans.

“However, I noticed a clear difference between Qi Weidao and that hideous monster after they raised their cultivation.”

Chu Feng proceeded to share the differences between the two of them after raising their cultivation.

“That’s the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan’s guardian cultivation skill. The more powerful the cultivator is, the more humanoid their form would be when exerting the strength of their bloodline power. That was the cultivation skill the founder of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan mastered that allowed him to stand toe against our founder. Who could have thought that Qi Weidao practices the same cultivation skill?” Long Chengyu said with a frown.

The signs were showing that Qi Weidao was a terrifying existence.

“Brother Chengyu, do you not know who’s the one who made the request with the Totem Dragon Clan?” Chu Feng asked.

He vaguely sensed that Long Chengyu knew something, or else he wouldn’t have reacted so strongly upon seeing the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, even asking his big sister to return and report this matter to his father,

“The rest of you leave first.” Long Chengyu glanced at Long Yuhong and the others, except for Chu Feng and Long Muxi.

Knowing that Long Chengyu was going to talk about confidential matters, Long Yuhong and the others quickly took their leave. With that, the only ones left in the vicinity were Long Chengyu, Chu Feng, and Long Muxi.

“It’s the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master,” Long Chengyu replied.

“The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master?” Chu Feng’s heart skipped a beat.

He had heard of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master. His name was Jie Tianran, whereas his wife was named Jie Nianqing. The two of them had an incomparably talented daughter. Jie Tianran named her after the final syllable of his and his wife’s name: Jie Ranqing.

And Jie Ranqing was none other than Chu Feng’s mother, meaning that the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master was his maternal grandfather.

Chapter 5529: An Opportunity

Based on what Chu Feng knew, his maternal grandfather was likely to be the culprit who had incarcerated his mother. If he wished to save his mother, his maternal grandfather would be the greatest obstacle in the way.

“In other words, the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion is behind the survival of the Totem Phoenix Clan and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan? Those conniving bastards!”

Long Muxi lost her temper. It was one thing for the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion to lend a helping hand to the Totem Phoenix Clan, but the Totem Dragon Clan had a grudge against the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan!

It was an act of gross disrespect from the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master to protect the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan and even have them perform the same mission as their Totem Dragon Clan.

"I was not supposed to talk about this. Father instructed me to keep this matter confidential. I also didn't expect things to turn out like that. Our father was probably kept in the dark about the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan's survival and participation in this mission. He wouldn't have agreed to it if he had known about it beforehand. We can only proceed on with our original plan for the time being since we aren't able to leave this place. But... what if our father does know about the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan's survival and participation?" Long Chengyu asked.

He tried his best to explain his stance, fearful that Long Muxi would blame him upon learning that he had kept them in the dark.

"You shouldn't blame yourself for this. You did what you had to. Let's ask our father about it once we get out of here," Long Muxi replied.

Long Chengyu breathed a sigh of relief. He was very concerned about how his big sister viewed him.

"Chu Feng, your maternal grandfather is quite an incredible figure. He was able to bring two powerful clans under his thumb and make them serve him," Eggy said with a grim voice.

"Indeed," Chu Feng agreed. He had to admit that his maternal grandfather was a person with means, but this wasn't good news to him.

"Brother Chu Feng, what do you think of the situation? Did the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion secretly protect the Totem Phoenix Clan and Blood-eyed Qilin Clan under its wings? Are those two clans now under the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's charge?" Long Chengyu asked.

"Earlier, when I crossed blows with Feng Jiuyue, she invoked a world spiritist treasure that restricted the use of martial power. Only spirit power can be used inside the formation. That treasure was from the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. I asked her what her relationship with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion was, but she refused to answer," Chu Feng replied.

It was not a direct answer, but it revealed his take on the matter.

“Damn it! The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion is bringing out the tricks they have been hoarding up their sleeves now that God’s Era has started!” Long Chengyu gritted his teeth in anger.

“Do you know the benefits the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion offered your Totem Dragon Clan for this mission?” Chu Feng asked.

“My father only told me that this is a request from the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master, and they need juniors with strong bloodlines. I’m not sure about the benefits offered,” Long Chengyu replied.

“Your father would never make a disadvantageous deal, right?” Chu Feng asked.

“Of course not. Our Totem Dragon Clan is considered an equal to the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion.” Long Chengyu was implying that the Totem Dragon Clan would never work for the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion without gains.

“Let’s continue according to your father’s will then. We can settle the rest once we’re out of here,” Chu Feng said.

Boom!

The earth suddenly shook, and those incomplete formations were snuffed out.

“Is it break time again?” Long Chengyu sighed.

Chu Feng quickly took out the compass and placed it on the ground.

“Brother Chu Feng, what’s that?” Long Chengyu and Long Muxi glanced over.

“This compass concerns our survival. I’ll have to fully focus on it,” Chu Feng replied.

Those words relayed the importance of the compass to Long Chengyu and Long Muxi, so they stopped probing despite their curiosity. Instead, they also observed the compass as well, hoping to lend a hand in deciphering its secrets.

Soon, the inscriptions on the compass began moving, but their movements were starkly different from before. Chu Feng intently studied their movements, not daring to blink in the least.

Long Chengyu and Long Muxi did the same too, but the more they observed the inscriptions, the more frustrated they felt. They felt like they were slowly losing their minds.

In the end, Long Chengyu could only give up on it. By then, his face was also covered in sweat, and he was gasping for air. It was so exhausting studying the compass that it felt like he had been liberated now that he was no longer looking at it.

He glanced at his big sister and saw that the latter was not observing the compass either. She, too, was sweating profusely and gasping for air.

“Brother Chu Feng is out of the world,” Long Chengyu sent a voice transmission to Long Muxi.

Surprisingly, Long Muxi chuckled at those words. Her laughter was faint, but it showed that she agreed with him too. While the two of them had given up, Chu Feng was still intently staring at the compass without the slightest change in his expression.

Everything Chu Feng did seemed to be a subtle reminder of the huge gap between them.

Chu Feng studied the compass for four whole hours. It only came to an end when the formations came back up, and the compass reverted to its original state.

“How is it, Chu Feng? Did you decipher anything?” Eggy asked.

“None at all. There’s no martial enlightenment or the sort in there this time around, but I did learn something,” Chu Feng said.

It was then Chu Feng noticed that the avatars above Long Chengyu and Long Muxi’s heads had expanded to envelop their bodies.

“Did this just happen?” Chu Feng stood up and asked.

“That’s right. This only happened after the break time ended. However, it seems to be beneficial,” Long Chengyu said with an excited smile as he studied the avatar cloaking him.

“Do you feel anything?” Chu Feng asked.

“I feel great. With the help of the avatar, all I need is an impetus to greatly enhance my bloodline power,” Long Chengyu said.

“That’s what I sensed too.”

While Chu Feng could only observe it from the outside, he could tell that the avatar contained a highly beneficial power to Long Chengyu and the others that could be triggered by an impetus.

Chapter 5530: There’s a Way Out

“I need to confirm something.”

Chu Feng turned his sights on one of the light pillar formations not too far away. He rushed in and entered the formation core. Same as before, he completed the formation and allowed the Totem Dragon Clansmen to enter.

As soon as a single clansman stepped in, the avatars of everyone else in the Totem Dragon Clan immediately strengthened.

“It looks like we’ll have to conquer more formations,” Chu Feng said.

Since the light pillar formations could strengthen the avatars of Long Chengyu and the others, it only made sense for them to complete more of it.

“Chu Feng, what’s with that compass?” Long Chengyu asked.

“I obtained that compass when I entered the cavern. The hint that was given to me was that we’ll meet with danger here, and deciphering the compass will ensure our safety. I wasn’t able to fully decipher the secrets of the compass, but I did gather some information.

“This realm is likely to be a huge formation in itself, which means that it’ll have a formation core too. I’m guessing that your avatars’ strengthening is caused by the huge formation’s effects. However, I’ll only be able to decipher the location of the formation core during the next break time,” Chu Feng said.

“For the time being, should we complete more formations to enhance the prowess of our avatars?” Long Chengyu asked.

“That’s right,” Chu Feng replied.

The group thus began completing the formations one after another. As all of their avatars would be enhanced as long as a single clansman stepped into the formation core, they decided not to leave anyone behind to temper their bloodline power out of safety concerns. Instead, they chose to quickly complete the formation, strengthen their avatars, then move on to the next formation.

This strategy greatly increased their efficiency in completing the formations. It didn’t take long for them to conquer nearly all of the uncompleted formations.

Finally, all of the light pillar formations in the realm were completed.

The Totem Phoenix Clan conquered four formations.

The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, due to the huge loss in their manpower, ended up slowing down their pace and only conquered seven formations.

The Totem Dragon Clan, on the surface, looked to have conquered not many formations, but in truth, the benefits from the red lightning formations went to them. All in all, they conquered 25 formations.

“Brother Chu Feng, this is all thanks to you! We wouldn’t have achieved such results if not for you!” Long Chengyu remarked as he watched the magnificent sight of the activated formations.

By then, the avatars enveloping them had already become very distinct.

Meanwhile, Chu Feng’s eyes were focused on the compass in his hand. He knew that the next break time was going to be the crucial one.

Boom!

Shortly after, the entire world began quaking intensely, as the silhouettes inside the formations began rampaging. At the same time, the avatars around the Totem Dragon Clansmen turned corporeal as if they were their armor.

Long Chengyu and the others were excited by that, thinking that they could put their avatars into use. However, Chu Feng wasn’t in the mood to bother about that. His eyes were focused on the inscriptions on the compass, which had started moving once more.

This time, the compass only moved for two hours before halting. Chu Feng immediately turned his sight toward the northeast direction of the world.

“Follow me,” Chu Feng said.

Long Chengyu and the others quickly followed him.

“Chu Feng, did you manage to decipher the compass?” Long Chengyu asked.

“I haven’t fully deciphered it yet, but I have found the formation core,” Chu Feng replied.

“That’s great!” Long Chengyu and the others were overjoyed to hear that.

Soon, Chu Feng arrived at their destination.

Long Chengyu and the others examined their surroundings in confusion. They were unable to find anything of note in the vicinity.

“Take your positions in accordance with my instructions.”

Chu Feng began issuing orders for the Totem Dragon Clansmen to stand in specific locations, and Long Chengyu and the others did as they were told to. When they were

all in position, Chu Feng formed a series of hand seals and unleashed the red lightning aura inside him.

Astonishingly, Long Chengyu and the others' armor converged together to form a complete formation, which vaguely shaped out a formation core beneath their feet.

"There really is a formation core here!" the Totem Dragon Clansmen exclaimed in excitement.

It was just the shape of the formation core, but their bloodlines pulsed in resonance with it as if it was summoning them. They instinctively understood that as long as they could find the formation core and enter it, their bloodline power could be enhanced by leaps and bounds.

However, Chu Feng soon retracted the red lightning aura, which resulted in the disappearance of the formation too. Naturally, the outline of the formation core also faded.

However, the Totem Dragon Clansmen's excitement remained unabated. They believed that they were the victors here.

Long Chengyu walked up to Chu Feng with an irrepressible grin and said, "Brother Chu Feng, I don't know how I should thank you. Where did you learn that formation from? Was it from the compass?"

"It was from the compass, but Brother Chengyu... things aren't that simple." Chu Feng's grim expression was a sharp contrast to those of the excited crowd.

"What do you mean?" Long Chengyu immediately retracted his smile.

"We won't be able to claim the initiative even though we found the formation core. There are limits on the formation core. It'll fully surface once the break time is over, and the light will draw everyone's attention. The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan and the Totem Phoenix Clan will sense what you felt earlier," Chu Feng said.

"Are you worried that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen will come?" Long Chengyu asked.

"It's not just a worry. They'll surely come," Chu Feng replied.

"Is it possible to conceal the formation?" Long Chengyu asked.

"I won't be able to do it." Chu Feng shook his head.

"What should we do?" Long Chengyu panicked.

The smiles on the Totem Dragon Clansmen's faces also vanished. After all, Chu Feng had already tested Qi Weidao's strength, and he was an adversary whom even Long Chengyu couldn't deal with.

While their avatars were greatly strengthened by the light pillar formations thanks to Chu Feng's help, they wouldn't be able to get anything out of it if they couldn't enter the formation core. The thought of losing this precious fortuitous encounter filled them with indignance.

Just as the crowd was feeling distressed, Chu Feng suddenly spoke up, "Don't worry. There's a solution."

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Chapter 5531: Joining Hands with the Phoenix Clan

"What do you have in mind?" Long Chengyu asked.

"I deciphered a few stuff from the compass that's linked to the formation here. I should be able to modify that avatar armor into an enhancement formation, but we don't have enough people here right now. That's why I'd like to ask if you're interested in joining hands with the Totem Phoenix Clan," Chu Feng asked.

"I don't mind if that's what it takes to deal with the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan," Long Chengyu replied.

"We concur." The other Totem Dragon Clansmen expressed their agreement too.

"Since that's the case, Brother Chengyu, you stay here and protect your clansmen. Miss Muxi, I'll need you to come with me to look for Feng Jiuyue. If we're going to join hands, we'll need a representative from the Totem Dragon Clan to negotiate with them," Chu Feng said.

"I'll go with you, Chu Feng," Long Muxi said.

However, Chu Feng didn't get straight to action. He waved his hand and brought out a unique cultivation skill manual.

"Try to comprehend this cultivation skill. This will be the key to whether we'll be able to construct the enhancement formation or not," Chu Feng said before leaving with Long Muxi.

Shortly after they left, Long Muxi turned to Chu Feng and called out, "Chu Feng."

“What is it, Miss Muxi?” Chu Feng asked.

“You can just call me Muxi.” Long Muxi didn’t look at Chu Feng when she said those words, but Chu Feng could sense her embarrassment.

Chu Feng chuckled softly before replying, “All right. I’ll call you Muxi from now onward.”

“Chu Feng, how much time do we have left to prepare?” Long Muxi asked.

“Less than two hours, I presume,” Chu Feng replied.

“It won’t be easy to find the Totem Phoenix Clan in this vast place,” Long Muxi expressed her worry.

It was one thing if they were still completing the formations, but now that they had all been completed, the Totem Phoenix Clansmen would have likely gathered together, perhaps even going into hiding. It would be no easy feat to find them under such circumstances.

“Don’t worry. We can make it in time,” Chu Feng replied confidently.

Those words prompted Long Muxi to turn to Chu Feng.

Furious winds battered on his face as they rushed ahead, but she couldn’t help but find his face irresistibly attractive. His eyes were focused on the road, showing no signs of anxiety despite the urgent situation.

Long Muxi nodded slightly before retracting her gaze. This man brought her peace of mind that no one else ever had, not even her father.

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Chu Feng headed in a specific direction as if he had a clear destination in mind. He soon arrived at an empty clearing and began carefully examining the surroundings.

Moments later, he constructed a deciphering formation before pointing his finger forward.

Weng!

The deciphering formation shot forth, and there was intense irradiation of light. Another formation quickly surfaced under the blinding light. It was a concealment formation.

Chu Feng quickly changed his hand seals and roared, “Break!”

Boom!

Chu Feng's formation rushed forth and devastated the concealment formation, revealing the people hidden in it—Feng Jiuyue, Feng Tiansheng, and the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen.

There were several severely injured individuals amongst them, and the number of people with them was half of what they initially had.

Chu Feng instinctively knew right away that the Totem Phoenix Clansmen had likely come under the attack of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, and those who weren't with them were likely dead.

"What are you doing, Chu Feng?"

Feng Jiuyue and the other Totem Phoenix Clansmen revealed terrified expressions upon seeing Chu Feng and Long Muxi. Chu Feng had proved himself to be stronger than them, and given their earlier grudge, they were worried that he had come at this juncture to kill them all.

"I didn't come bearing ill will," Chu Feng clarified. He glanced at the severely injured Totem Phoenix Clansmen before asking, "Is it the doing of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan?"

"Yes, they are the culprit," Feng Jiuyue replied.

"Do you wish to exact vengeance?" Chu Feng asked.

"You're willing to help us?" Feng Jiuyue was taken aback.

"I didn't come to help you but to propose an alliance. I can tell you right now that Qi Weidao is a rank five Half-God level cultivator, and he is capable of raising his cultivation by three ranks. On top of that, he has a God Armament in possession. He can easily slaughter all of you if he wants to. In two hours, a formation core that is highly beneficial to all of you will appear. Unless you intend to give up on it, a battle with the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan is inevitable," Chu Feng said.

"That fellow is that powerful? How do we defeat him? Is Long Chengyu able to raise his cultivation by three ranks too?" Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng asked.

The only one who could oppose Qi Weidao was Long Chengyu, as he was the only other rank five Half-God level cultivator amongst them. No one else here was a match for him, not even Chu Feng.

"Yes, Brother Chengyu can raise his cultivation by three ranks, but the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan has a way to sacrifice the lives of their clansmen to temporarily raise an individual's fighting prowess. It'll be hard for Brother Chengyu to defeat Qi Weidao in a normal battle.

“However, I have a way that might grant Brother Chengyu a better fighting chance against Qi Weidao, and I require your help for that. Come with me if you’re interested. We don’t have much time left. Otherwise, treat it as if I didn’t say anything,” Chu Feng said.

“Let’s go,” Feng Jiuyue said as she led her clansmen into the sky.

Chu Feng smiled at that sight before leading them toward where Long Chengyu and the others were. Just then, he received a voice transmission.

‘Chu Feng, how do you know where they are?’ Long Muxi asked.

Chu Feng had directly headed here, which hinted that he was aware that the Totem Phoenix Clansmen had been hiding here.

“It’s a guess, but I do have some basis behind it. Feng Jiuyue is a world spiritist too, so if she chooses to conceal herself and her clansmen, she’ll find a safe spot where the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan won’t be able to find them. Following her train of thought, this place is probably the ideal location for the entire realm,” Chu Feng said.

Long Muxi felt conflicted. This wasn’t the first time she was witnessing Chu Feng’s means, but she was still astonished to hear those words. They were both juniors, but Chu Feng seemed to be so much ahead of her in all aspects.

She looked at the Totem Phoenix Clansmen and noticed that there was a change in their faces. They looked reassured. Despite their earlier hostile relationship—some of them even mocked Chu Feng before entering this place—they still held great faith in Chu Feng’s means.

It was as if they had finally found shelter in the face of an impending storm, such that their hearts could finally be at ease. This was how reassuring it was to have Chu Feng on one’s side. In a way, this also showed how formidable Chu Feng was.

“Is this Chu Feng’s charm?” Long Muxi wondered.

Chapter 5532: Frown

Shoosh!

Chu Feng suddenly waved his sleeves, and numerous streaks of light flew out and landed in front of Long Muxi and every Totem Phoenix Clansmen. “This is a cultivation skill. Familiarize yourself with it. We’ll need it later.”

Without any hesitation, Long Muxi took the light bundle into her head. Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng followed suit. Seeing that, the remaining Totem Phoenix Clansmen did the same as well.

It didn't take long for Chu Feng to return to where Long Chengyu and the others were.

"How is it? Did you manage to grasp the cultivation skill?" Chu Feng asked the crowd.

"I managed to grasp it, but..." Long Chengyu glanced at the clansmen behind him, who, except Long Yuhong and Long Zhizhi, immediately lowered their heads.

Long Fulai awkwardly scratched his head and said, "Young hero Chu Feng, your cultivation skill is too hard! I need more time to grasp it."

Chu Feng turned to the Totem Phoenix Clan. Feng Jiuyue and Feng Tiansheng had grasped the cultivation skill, but the others, just like Long Fulai, were unable to grasp the cultivation skill too.

"We don't have much time left. The formation core is going to appear soon, and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen will be here in no time once that happens," Chu Feng said.

"What do we do?!" Both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen panicked.

"Don't worry, there's another way out. However, I'll need you to cooperate with me."

Chu Feng began constructing a formation with a lot of formation cores—there were exactly enough formation cores for everyone present. Following that, he released his red lightning aura and infused it into the formation cores.

"Everyone except for Brother Chengyu, enter a formation core. Trust me and don't resist my power," Chu Feng said.

The crowd did as they were told.

Chu Feng sat down and channeled the formation. Within moments, some of the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen's avatar armor began glowing with a mysterious light, but not everyone enjoyed the same reaction.

It was then that a furious howl echoed, "Put down your guard and accept my energy. Can't you do something as easy as that?"

It was Chu Feng. From his perspective, the cultivation skill he had imparted to the crowd was already condensed to the bare minimum, to the point where it couldn't be any simpler, but the majority of those present were still unable to grasp it.

Left with no choice, he tried to control everything by himself. All the crowd had to do was to put down their guard and let him channel the formation's energy to induce a resonance amongst their avatar armor and bloodlines. As long as the crowd opened themselves up to him, there shouldn't be any obstruction.

Yet, most people were resisting him. To put it bluntly, they didn't trust him enough to leave themselves vulnerable to him.

"Totem Phoenix Clansmen, put down your guard!" Feng Jiuyue roared.

"Totem Dragon Clansmen, do you need me to say the unnecessary? Are you unable to trust Brother Chu Feng?" Long Chengyu bellowed.

After the two of them made their stances clear, there was a stark increase in the number of glowing avatar armor. Chu Feng had used the formation's energy to link their avatar armor to their bloodline power. That was the only way to truly help them.

"It'll hurt a little, but please hold on. Your lives are at stake here," Chu Feng said. He turned to Long Chengyu and asked, "Brother Chengyu, are you ready?"

Long Chengyu knew the effects of Chu Feng's formation. It was a formation that took in others' bloodlines to enhance his strength. In other words, they were staking everything they had on him to deal with Qi Weidao.

Long Chengyu nodded his head. "Come!"

Boom!

Without any hesitation, Chu Feng changed his hand seal. The light from the glowing avatar armor immediately joined together to form two gigantic avatars. One was a dragon and the other was a phoenix. The two avatars circled the sky before surging into Long Chengyu's body.

Long Chengyu's avatar armor grew increasingly brighter as the dragon and phoenix avatars coiled around him.

"Brother Chu Feng, your formation..." Long Chengyu trembled with excitement.

"How do you feel, Brother Chengyu?" Chu Feng asked.

"It feels great. I have never felt this good before!" Long Chengyu exclaimed.

In truth, the Totem Dragon Clansmen had constructed a formation with their bloodline powers earlier to raise his fighting prowess earlier, when he was fighting with the rank five Half-God level Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman, but its prowess was nowhere on par with this.

Seeing that it was a success, Chu Feng stopped channeling the formation.

Both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen were excited too. Through the formation's connection, they could sense how powerful Long Chengyu was.

"Young hero Chu Feng, you're amazing! You were able to harness the power hidden inside the avatar armor to construct such a powerful formation!"

The crowd heaped compliments on Chu Feng. None of them had been able to put the avatar armor to good use, but Chu Feng managed to use it as he deemed fit. This feat was more than enough to impress them.

"The avatar armor is just a container. What the formation truly depletes is still your bloodline power. Don't worry, you'll receive even more benefits from the formation core as long as we successfully defeat the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen. Thus, I hope that you can grit your teeth and hold on during the fight later on. It's a fight that will determine our survival," Chu Feng instructed.

"Rest assured, young hero Chu Feng. We'll surely clench our jaws and hold on!" the crowd promised.

Following that, Chu Feng waved his sleeves and moved all of the formations backward.

"Young hero Chu Feng, what are you doing?" The crowd was confused.

"There's no need for us to fight the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen fair and square. Let's hide first and dish out a surprise assault," Chu Feng said.

"That's right! There's no need to fight them fair and square!" The crowd agreed with that.

Thus, Chu Feng constructed another concealment formation to hide the crowd.

"Feng Jiuyue, Feng Tiansheng, and Muxi, I'll place a concealment formation on each of you. There's no doubt that Qi Weidao will attempt to tap into his clansmen's bloodline power when crossing blows with Brother Chengyu, so make sure to exploit any opportunity available to kill as many of their clansmen as possible.

"Make sure to tread carefully, for Qi Weidao is no fool. He'll do everything he can to protect his clansmen. You should only make a move when there is a clear opening. Otherwise, don't step in even if you catch him taking in his clansmen's bloodline power," Chu Feng instructed.

"That's a good idea. I didn't think that you'd think of something like that!" Feng Tiansheng chuckled.

“It is a highly risky maneuver, so only make a move if you spot an opening. Otherwise, just hold still,” Chu Feng reminded them again before planting a concealment formation on each of them.

The three of them also utilized their concealment means, which were at a decent level too. Coupled with Chu Feng’s concealment formation, it would be difficult for even Chu Feng to spot them unless he was keeping a close watch on them.

With all preparations in place, what was left was to wait for the enemy’s arrival.

Chu Feng took this opportunity to take out the compass and examine it. The inscriptions on the compass were not moving at all, but that didn’t keep him from examining it. Soon, a tight frown formed on his forehead.

Chapter 5533: The Appearance of the Formation Core

A hand suddenly fell on Chu Feng’s shoulder. It was Long Chengyu.

“Don’t worry, Brother Chu Feng. We’ll surely succeed. With the enhancement of your formation, I’ll surely be able to subdue Qi Weidao. Even Xianhai Shaoyu wouldn’t be a match for me in my current state!” Long Chengyu said with a confident smile.

He had noticed a tense expression on Chu Feng’s face despite the preparations they had made, so he specially came over to console him. While it was not very obvious, those who were paying attention could tell that Chu Feng was worrying over something.

“Brother Chengyu, I trust you,” Chu Feng replied with a smile.

What worried him wasn’t Long Chengyu’s strength but that he hadn’t fully deciphered the compass’ content. The mysterious existence had told him that they would only be safe when he deciphered the compass’ content, or else they would lose their lives here.

The mysterious existence was a formidable figure; their intervention was the reason Chu Feng could enter here in the first place. Due to that, he didn’t think the mysterious existence was joking with him. Thus, the greatest question on his mind right now was not the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan but the compass. Just what kind of secret was hidden inside the compass?

Chu Feng closed his eyes.

He figured that since he wasn’t able to gather any more clues from the compass itself, his time was better spent organizing the clues he had gathered. Fervent in the pursuit of the compass’ secrets, he soon fell into deep thoughts.

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As the moment of reckoning drew closer, the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen began to worry. As much as they trusted Chu Feng, they still harbored concerns. They didn't know if the situation would develop in the direction Chu Feng mentioned.

All of a sudden, a brilliant ray of light sprouted from the ground. The earth quaked as a gigantic being slowly surfaced from the underground. It was the formation core Long Chengyu and the others saw earlier, but it was no longer just an outline but the complete formation core.

The outside of the formation core glowed with a brilliant golden light, whereas the inside was suffused with a beautiful blood-red aura.

"Is this the formation core Chu Feng mentioned? I can sense it. With its help, we can absorb the avatar armor around us. If so, our journey here wouldn't have been in vain!"

Both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen were excited to see the formation core. They instinctively sensed that as long as they stepped into the formation core, they would be able to absorb their avatar armor, thus greatly boosting their bloodline power.

While that didn't translate to direct growth in their cultivation, it would boost their talents and expand their potential, allowing them to reach greater heights. Nothing was more valuable to a cultivator than that.

That was also why they were so excited.

However, the formation core was still in a closed state even though the formation had fully surfaced. None of them were able to enter it yet.

"Young hero Chu Feng, it looks like we'll need to use our bloodline power to open the formation core."

The crowd looked at Chu Feng. They couldn't wait for the formation core to be opened.

"You can accelerate the opening of the formation core with your bloodline power, but it'll still take time before it fully opens. Besides, it'll open on its own accord even if you don't do a thing at all," Chu Feng said.

The crowd had a lot of trust in Chu Feng, which was why they obediently held their positions after hearing his words despite being seduced by the benefits inside the formation core.

Moments later, several figures landed in the vicinity. They were all Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen, though Qi Weidao wasn't amongst them.

“Could it be possible that Qi Weidao didn’t rally them together beforehand?” Long Chengyu deduced.

Chu Feng watched the situation with grim eyes, not saying a word at all.

Excited by the sight of the formation core, the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen began exerting their bloodline power to accelerate the opening of the formation core.

“Young hero Chu Feng, let’s make a move now. They are already infusing their bloodline power into the formation. Won’t they get the initiative if we take too long to make a move?” Both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen urged Chu Feng.

Chu Feng didn’t want to reveal himself, but he didn’t know whether they would lose the initiative if they continued allowing the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen to continue infusing their aura into the formation core.

“Brother Chu Feng, will they claim the initiative at this rate?” Long Chengyu asked.

“I can’t confirm that,” Chu Feng replied.

“Let’s kill them first before going back into hiding,” Long Chengyu said.

“I suspect that Qi Weidao is in the vicinity. This could be a bait to lure us out.”

“That isn’t a problem. With the enhancement of your formation, I’m confident that I can deal with Qi Weidao face-on.”

“Brother Chengyu, are you confident about it?” Chu Feng asked.

“I am,” Long Chengyu replied.

“Very well. Kill them then,” Chu Feng said.

Long Chengyu rose from his hiding spot. With a single punch, he released a torrent of martial power that obliterated all of those Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen. They had already disintegrated into ashes before they could even let out a squeak.

“Brother Chengyu, on your left!” Chu Feng shouted.

He noticed that a fatal burst of energy was sweeping over from the left side. Long Chengyu quickly swung his God Armament down toward the left, releasing a burst of martial power.

Boom!

A powerful shockwave shook the surroundings. A figure emerged from the shadows.

Qi Weidao.

The earlier attack had indeed come from Qi Weidao. Having known that Chu Feng might lay an ambush, he intentionally dispatched his clansmen to the formation core to lure them out while hiding in the vicinity himself.

“I was right. You were camping here,” Qi Weidao sneered as he looked at Chu Feng with a triumphant gaze. “Chu Feng, I guess it is a bluff, after all. You wouldn’t have laid an ambush here if you were able to easily defeat me.”

“Qi Weidao, I am stronger than you, but Brother Chengyu is interested to have a face-off with you. I don’t think that you’re qualified to cross hands with me either, because Brother Chengyu is more than enough to slaughter all of you,” Chu Feng replied.

“Hahahaha!” Qi Weidao raised his head and laughed heartily. He pointed his finger at Long Chengyu and said, “Him? He isn’t my match at all!”

Those words were spoken with absolute confidence, not giving any respect to Long Chengyu.

“Brother Chengyu, I’ll be leaving it to you,” Chu Feng said.

Long Chengyu tightened his grip on his God Armament before charging at Qi Weidao.

Boom!

In the blink of an eye, Long Chengyu had already started clashing with Qi Weidao.

The formation’s effects didn’t show right away as Chu Feng intentionally concealed it, but as the latter strengthened the prowess of the formation, its might began to show. Dragon and phoenix avatars coiled around Long Chengyu, leaving not a sliver of doubt that he had the enhancement of a formation.

“That explains why you dare to cross blows with me. It turns out that you have the enhancement of a formation. Long Chengyu, I guess that’s all you amount to,” Qi Weidao sneered.

“Let’s see how long you can keep up that tough talk,” Long Chengyu replied confidently.

With the formation’s enhancement, Long Chengyu began to claim the upper hand in the battle.

Chapter 5534: Chu Feng’s Sacrifice

“Do you think you’re the only one with such means?” Qi Weidao wasn’t intimidated at all.

Cries of agony echoed from his body, but at the same time, he began to emanate a powerful aura. His fighting prowess was growing by leaps and bounds.

“Did he hide his clansmen in his body?”

Chu Feng couldn’t discern the details of Qi Weidao and Long Chengyu’s battle, but he could tell that Qi Weidao’s fighting prowess had suddenly surged. He could also tell that the cries coming from his body were from the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen.

“That fellow is a smart one,” Eggy remarked.

Chu Feng had known that Qi Weidao would sacrifice his clansmen to boost his power, which was why he concealed Long Muxi, Feng Jiuyue, and Feng Tiansheng, telling them to bide their time for an opportunity to kill the other Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen.

However, Qi Weidao was one step ahead of them.

As if he had guessed Chu Feng’s plan, he dispatched a small portion of his clansmen to lure them out. As for the rest, he stored them inside his body so that he could readily sacrifice them to boost his strength. Unless they defeated him, they would have no way to deal with the source of his power.

“Young hero Chu Feng, I am reaching my limit!”

To make things worse, the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen sustaining the formation were reaching their limits.

They turned to Chu Feng in hopes of a solution, only to see that his body had become emaciated as if someone had siphoned away his energy. Even his hands were trembling nonstop. This was the cost he had to pay for sustaining the formation.

Even though it was the Totem Dragon Clansmen’s and Totem Phoenix Clansmen’s bloodline power that was being expended for the formation, the one who was channeling this huge bulk of energy was Chu Feng. In other words, he was shouldering the bulk of the burden.

Those who had wanted to say something closed their mouths and persevered with gritted teeth. They finally understood why Chu Feng hadn’t gone with this plan right from the very start. This method took too huge of a toll on him.

“Hurry up, Long Chengyu. Kill that Qi Weidao right now!” Long Muxi roared.

She had noticed that Chu Feng was in a bad state, and she was worried that his life might be in danger if this continued.

Her shout brought Long Chengyu's attention to Chu Feng's condition. He felt a pang in his conscience, as he knew that Chu Feng was sacrificing himself for their sake. Tremendous killing intent poured forth from him.

He embarked on an aggressive flurry of attacks against Qi Weidao, but it was to no avail. The latter was a formidable adversary. In the first place, they wouldn't have come to a stalemate if Qi Weidao could be defeated that easily.

"Hahaha, it looks like Chu Feng is reaching his limit. He must be the one channeling your enhancement formation?" Qi Weidao asked with a sneer. He glanced at Chu Feng and said, "Chu Feng, you'll be in danger at this rate. There's no need for you to go this far for this bunch of people. I admire your guts. If you stop the formation right now and join me, I'm willing to call it quits. I'll even consider sparing their wretched lives on your account. Otherwise, you'll only die in vain here, and the others will soon follow without your help."

Both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen panicked. What Qi Weidao said made perfect sense. Chu Feng had no stakes in this matter in the first place, so there was no reason for him to risk his life for their sake.

They were worried that Chu Feng would accept Qi Weidao's deal.

It was then that Chu Feng opened his eyes and looked at Qi Weidao.

"Qi Weidao, will you spare us if we back down right now?" he spoke with a voice so thin that it showed just how horrible of a state he was in.

Those words further stoked the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen's panic.

Long Chengyu, Long Muxi, Long Yuhong, Long Zhizhi, Feng Jiuyue, and Feng Tiansheng fell silent. They respected their decision as they knew that Chu Feng was the reason they could even put up a fight against Qi Weidao in the first place. They thought that he had the right to decide whether to continue the fight or give up.

Taking a step back, they didn't have the right to ask Chu Feng to sacrifice himself for their sake.

However, the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen didn't share the same thought.

"Chu Feng, Qi Weidao is not trustworthy! We'll all die here if you fall for his lies!"

“Chu Feng, you must put your faith in young master Chengyu. He’ll surely be able to defeat Qi Weidao!”

“Chu Feng, I know that it has been tough, but Qi Weidao must have paid a hefty price to raise his fighting prowess too! Listen, the cries of agony coming from his body have died down from before. Most of his clansmen must be dead by now. He won’t be able to sustain that state for long. Just give young master Chengyu some time! He’ll surely be able to kill Qi Weidao!”

Many voices coming from both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen reached Chu Feng’s ears. They didn’t want Chu Feng to give up, for they knew that it would spell their deaths.

Amidst the uproar, a voice transmission was suddenly relayed to everyone’s ears, “Everyone, trust me this once. The only way to survive this ordeal is to give up here. Otherwise, we’ll lose our lives.”

This voice transmission had come from none other than Chu Feng.

“Give up? How can we do that? That formation core is...”

The words ‘give up’ were even harder for the crowd to bear. They could sense the benefits awaiting them inside the formation core, so how could they give up at this juncture?

“Shut up!” Long Muxi roared.

The crowd immediately quietened down.

Shortly after, Feng Jiuyue spoke up, “Listen well, Totem Phoenix Clansmen. It’s all thanks to Chu Feng that we’re standing here right now. From now on, we’ll unconditionally follow Chu Feng’s orders. Anyone who goes against him will be reported to my father and permanently banished from our clan.”

No one from the Totem Phoenix Clan dared to say a word anymore.

Boom!

A powerful shockwave rippled from the sky, as Long Chengyu hastily retreated from Qi Weidao.

“Retreat right now, Qi Weidao, and we’ll evacuate from this place. You can have the formation core all to yourself,” Long Chengyu said.

“Hahaha, there’s no need for you to do that. We can enter the formation core together as long as you’re willing to make peace. There’s no need for us to fight it out like that,” Qi Weidao said with a smile, but he didn’t back away.

“Back off right now, Qi Weidao, or else I’ll stake everything I have into the formation. Even at the expense of my life, I’ll aid Brother Chengyu in taking your life,” Chu Feng said as murderous intent flowed forth from him.

Qi Weidao’s face stiffened up. He realized that Chu Feng wasn’t joking around with him.

“Now, now. There’s no need for us to go this far, Brother Chu Feng. I have already said that we can share this formation core, so there’s no need for anyone to put their lives on the line. If you are unable to trust me, I’ll back off, all right?” Qi Weidao said as he retreated to a distance so far away that it was relatively safe for Chu Feng and the others.

Chapter 5535: The True Assimilation Formation

“Brother Chu Feng, are you fine?”

Upon seeing Qi Weidao’s retreat, Long Chengyu quickly descended from the sky to head over to Chu Feng’s side, wanting to feed a pill to him.

“Brother Chengyu, take everyone and this formation away from this place first,” Chu Feng said.

“All right.”

Without any hesitation, Long Chengyu carried the formation together with Chu Feng and the others away from the formation core, though he didn’t go too far away. At the same time, Feng Jiuyue constructed a concealment formation around them out of fear that Qi Weidao would pursue them.

Shortly after they left, the formation core opened. A figure quickly dashed in—Qi Weidao.

“Damn it! That fellow got it for free!”

Both the Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen felt indignance swelling in their hearts, especially when they saw Qi Weidao’s avatar armor visibly fusing into his body under the effects of the formation core. They felt awful knowing that they had missed a precious fortuitous encounter.

“Haha! Chu Feng and Long Chengyu, you have lost this battle! Do you know why you have lost? The two of you weren’t vicious enough. I was already at my limit. I was forcing myself to hold on. You only had to persevere a moment longer, and I would have

been defeated. However, it's too late now. You have lost your chance. This land has granted me immeasurable power. If you dare come close to this formation core, even if it's Long Chengyu with the formation's enhancement, I'd still be able to easily decimate you!" Qi Weidao spouted those words while laughing arrogantly.

"Hah! He was still talking about sharing the formation core with us a moment ago, but he's finally showing his true colors now. That despicable thing!"

The Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen were infuriated.

"Ignore him. He won't live for long," Chu Feng suddenly said.

The crowd turned their attention to Chu Feng, only to see that his eyes were focused on a compass he held in his hand. The compass had opened up, and his hand was swiftly adjusting the inside of it.

"Young hero Chu Feng, what do you mean by that?" one of the confused Totem Dragon Clansmen asked.

"Shut up!" Long Chengyu roared. "Don't interrupt Chu Feng."

He knew that Chu Feng must have noticed something and was at a crucial phase of preparing something. It would be foolish to interrupt Chu Feng at this juncture.

Kacha!

Chu Feng suddenly stopped moving.

The compass released a faint light as it slowly took form. It was no longer as chaotic as it was before. Two doors could be vaguely seen inside the compass, but there seemed to be a protective formation shrouding the two doors.

"It's fine now, Brother Chengyu. We have won," Chu Feng replied.

"Brother Chu Feng, did you manage to decipher the compass?"

"Mhm," Chu Feng replied with a nod. "I could have put my full strength into channeling the formation. The worst that could happen was me passing out for a moment. In other words, you had a shot at killing Qi Weidao. Yet, I asked you to retreat instead. Do you want to know why?"

"Why?" Long Chengyu asked.

"That formation core is a trap. This entire realm is a trap. You could receive some benefits from entering the formation core, but you'll quickly lose your life there," Chu Feng said.

“Ah? That’s a trap?” The crowd was horrified.

“Yes, this entire realm is a trap. We have been treated as tributes from the very start. The completion of the formation will temper your bloodlines, but the purpose is to refine your bloodlines to the peak before devouring your energies. I don’t know if the Demon Crane is truly an assimilation formation or not, but this is definitely an assimilation formation,” Chu Feng said.

“This!”

“But…”

The Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen found this hard to believe.

“Young master, what’s going on? Is young hero Chu Feng speaking the truth? Why did our clan chief send us here if that’s the case?” The Totem Dragon Clansmen turned to Long Chengyu for answers.

Long Chengyu was conflicted as to whether he should tell them the truth.

“Brother Chengyu, there’s no reason to keep it a secret anymore at this juncture,” Chu Feng said.

“That darned Seven Realms Sacred Mansion!” Long Chengyu cursed before turning to the Totem Dragon Clansmen to explain the matter. “We came here under the request of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master. It’s unlikely that my father knew that the Totem Phoenix Clan and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan would be here too. The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master has taken us for a ride!”

Long Chengyu then turned to Feng Jiuyue and asked, “Feng Jiuyue, there should be no reason for you to hide it anymore, right? Tell us the truth. Is your Totem Phoenix Clan collaborating with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion? Also, were you aware that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was still around before this?”

Feng Jiuyue had a hesitant look on her face.

“Big sister, there’s no need to hide it anymore now that things have come to this point,” Feng Tiansheng said. He turned to Long Chengyu and answered the latter’s questions, “Yes, our Totem Phoenix Clan has been working with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. The place where our clan has gone into seclusion was provided by the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. However, we didn’t know that the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion was cooperating with the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan or that we were leaping to our doom by coming here. I don’t think my father is aware of this. We have all been deceived by the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master. He told us to cherish this opportunity, and that he’ll help our clan rise once more. What a load of bull!”

Feng Tiansheng clenched his fists tightly in anger. The Totem Phoenix Clansmen also hurled vulgarities as well, upset that they had been taken as fools. Unlike the Totem Dragon Clansmen, they were aware that they had come here at the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's request. After all, they had been working with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion all this while.

Unlike the agitated Feng Tiansheng and the others, Feng Jiuyue was much calmer. She turned to Chu Feng and asked, "Chu Feng, could there be a mistake? Is this... an assimilation formation?"

She was still reluctant to believe the truth.

"There's no mistake about it. Look at Qi Weidao. His complexion has changed." Chu Feng turned his eyes toward the formation core.

The crowd did the same as well.

They noticed that Qi Weidao's arrogant expression had vanished without a trace. He was looking around in a fluster. Moments later, his face warped in pain, scrunching tighter with each passing second.

"GAH! What the hell is this? What the hell is this?!"

As soon as Qi Weidao realized that something was amiss, he tried to escape the formation core, but he was unable to get away no matter how he struggled. It was as if he had been held down by some invisible force.

Chapter 5536: The Agreed Drinking Session

"Brother Chengyu, let's go closer a bit," Chu Feng said.

Long Chengyu brought the crowd a bit closer to the formation core. Feng Jiuyue also dispelled the concealment formation.

"How are you feeling, Qi Weidao?" Chu Feng asked aloud.

"Are you the one playing tricks with me, Chu Feng? Are you behind this?!" Qi Weidao bellowed furiously.

"Qi Weidao, this is not something I am capable of. Your current plight is the doing of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master. This place isn't a tempering formation at all but a huge assimilation formation. Your Blood-eyed Qilin Clan, the Totem Dragon Clan, and the Totem Phoenix Clan are tributes the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master has prepared for this assimilation formation," Chu Feng said.

“Impossible! That can’t be!” Qi Weidao initially refused to believe it, and fury soon seeped into his eyes. He was starting to waver because he could feel his body getting assimilated.

“Don’t panic, Qi Weidao. I can save you. Tell me where your clansmen are residing. Are they following the orders of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion now?” Chu Feng asked.

“Yes, our Blood-eyed Qilin Clan was nearly destroyed by the Totem Dragon Clan and Totem Phoenix Clan back then. It was the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion that saved our ancestors. They fabricated the evidence of our death, leading the Totem Dragon Clan and Totem Phoenix Clan to believe that the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan has gone extinct. In truth, we have been residing in a mobile ancient city, which has come to the Immemorial Star Sea. Chu Feng, I can’t take it anymore. I’ll tell you everything you want to. Please, save me first!” Qi Weidao said.

“Qi Weidao, I can’t trust you. Give me all your treasures first as a symbol of sincerity,” Chu Feng said.

“Here, take it all! I’ll even give you my God Armament! I have already assimilated all of my clansmen, so they can’t enhance my fighting prowess anymore. Without my God Armament, I won’t be a match for Long Chengyu. You don’t need to fear me anymore!”

Despite the excruciating pain, Qi Weidao threw out his God Armament, Cosmos Sack, and all of his treasures. Chu Feng grabbed all of the items with a swipe of his hand.

“Save me, Chu Feng! I can’t hold on for much longer.”

Qi Weidao wasn’t lying. Those standing outside the formation core could see Qi Weidao’s flesh blazing away. He would die at this rate.

“Qi Weidao, I am a man of my word, but only to those I deem worthy. As for you... My apologies, I lied. I can’t save you,” Chu Feng said.

“You bastard, Chu Feng! I’ll kill you! I’ll kill you! I haunt you even as a ghost! I’m going to... GAH!” Qi Weidao let out a pitiful cry as waves of blood-red aura flowed out from him and fused into the formation core.

“That is... They seem to be the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansmen hiding inside Qi Weidao’s body. Aren’t they already dead? Are they going to be assimilated by the formation too?” Feng Jiuyue, as a Royal Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist, was able to immediately see through the details.

“It’s not just those who have died inside Qi Weidao’s body. Even those who have been reduced to ashes will have their bloodline assimilated by the formation. The power of this formation is not at a level we can comprehend. That’s why it doesn’t matter whether

you have killed each other or not, for the assimilation formation can use even those who have died,” Chu Feng said.

“What a frightening formation. Chu Feng, how do we escape from here?”

The crowd was frightened after witnessing the horrors of the formation core.

“Don’t worry, you’re safe.” Chu Feng turned to the compass in his hand.

Weng weng weng!

The compass and the formation core began vibrating intensely.

The Totem Dragon Clansmen and Totem Phoenix Clansmen were horrified.

“It’s coming,” Chu Feng calmly said.

Boom!

The formation core suddenly expanded at an unbelievable speed, enveloping the entire realm in the blink of an eye. All of a sudden, the realm resembled a living hell, though Chu Feng and the others remained safe.

They were protected by a special defensive formation that contained two spirit formation gates. The energy from the assimilation energy furiously attacked the defensive formation like a ravenous wolf, but the defensive formation wasn’t fazed in the least.

This defensive formation was manifested by the compass.

Earlier, as Chu Feng channeled the formation to aid Long Chengyu in his battle against Qi Weidao, his mind was still focused on deciphering the compass. It was only after he organized all of the clues that the truth slowly surfaced, granting him the knowledge he needed to activate the compass.

“Young hero Chu Feng, you have our deepest gratitude for saving our lives.”

Some of the Totem Phoenix Clansmen knelt on the floor with tears flowing from their eyes. Following them, more and more people knelt to Chu Feng, including those from the Totem Dragon Clan. Many of them even burst out crying.

They knew that they would have died here if not for Chu Feng.

“Stand up. I didn’t do this just to save you. It’s for my own sake too,” Chu Feng replied.

With a wave of his sleeves, he supported them back to their feet, but those people knelt before him once more.

“Young hero Chu Feng, I am truly sorry. I was ignorant and foolish. I doubted your capabilities and even insulted you. I deserve to die!”

Some of them even began slapping themselves.

“Chu Feng, I, Feng Tiansheng, was too arrogant. I... I am sorry.”

Even Feng Tiansheng also walked up to Chu Feng and gave himself two tight slaps that distorted his face.

“Enough. Don’t you find it embarrassing?” Feng Jiuyue bellowed.

It was only then that the crowd reined themselves in.

“Brother Chu Feng, I shan’t say anything excessive. Let’s have a hearty drink once we get out of here,” Long Chengyu said.

“Definitely,” Chu Feng replied with a grin.

“Are you going drinking? Brother Chu Feng, I’d like to drink with you too. Bring me along.”

Feng Tiansheng burst into tears, such that his voice sounded a little hoarse as he spoke. It was hard to tell whether he was relieved that he had escaped an ordeal or that he bitterly regretted what he had done.

“I don’t mind if Brother Chengyu doesn’t mind,” Chu Feng said.

“What do I have to mind if Brother Chu Feng doesn’t mind?” Long Chengyu replied with a casual smile.

“All right! I’ll tell my father to bring out his cherished Bloodline True Wine!” Feng Tiansheng wiped off his tears as he said.

“Then I’ll get my father’s cherished top-quality Dragon Spring!” Long Chengyu said.

“Top-quality Dragon Spring? Are you talking about the Dragon Breath Spring Chamber’s Dragon Spring?” Feng Tiansheng asked.

“Indeed, but the one we have is different from the ones sold at the Dragon breath Spring Chamber,” Long Chengyu replied with a smirk.

Feng Tiansheng’s eyes lit up. “Chengyu, can I have a taste too?”

“Of course. We’re already going to drink together!” Long Chengyu replied.

“Brother Chengyu, you are a generous man. You should have a taste of our Bloodline True Wine too. That’s brewed with a treasure we uncovered in an ancient remnant. The taste is guaranteed to satisfy even the pickiest connoisseur,” Feng Tiansheng replied.

“Is that so? I’ll have to give it a try then!” Long Chengyu said expectantly.

Long Muxi shook her head. It was not too long ago that they were crossing blows with each other, but before they knew it, they were already asking each other out for drinks. Sometimes, the friendship between men was that whimsical.

As easy as it was for two men who disagreed with each other to come to blows, it was also equally easy for them to become friends once they found common ground. Of course, that was assuming that they were decent, unlike those like Qi Weidao.

Weng!

Noises suddenly echoed from the two spirit formation gates inside the protective formation, as if reminding the crowd of their existence.

“Speaking of which, Brother Chu Feng, why are there two gates?” Long Chengyu asked.

Chu Feng pointed to the left door and said, “That spirit formation gate brings us back to the outer perimeter of the Immemorial Star Sea. The other one brings us into the real Immemorial Star Sea.”

Chapter 5537: A Reason I Have To Go

“The real Immemorial Star Sea? Isn’t that currently inaccessible? Can you enter the Immemorial Star Sea from here?” one of the Totem Phoenix Clansmen expressed his doubt.

“If Brother Chu Feng says it’s possible, that’s bound to be the case. Why are you doubting him?” Feng Tiansheng berated that person.

“I was foolish!” the Totem Phoenix Clansman hurriedly apologized.

Chu Feng wasn’t too bothered by their words. Instead, he turned his gaze to Long Chengyu and the others and asked, “Are you interested to come along?”

“I wish to take a look,” Long Chengyu said.

“Me too,” Feng Tiansheng chirped in too.

More and more people expressed their interest to visit the true Immemorial Star Sea, but they numbered in the minority. Most people were still reluctant to enter because they knew what kind of place the Immemorial Star Sea was.

Only one person in history had managed to leave her name on the Immemorial Star Sea's stone monument. They weren't so optimistic as to think that they could outdo that.

In truth, Long Chengyu, Feng Tiansheng, and the others didn't bear much hope about leaving their names on the stone monument too. They only wanted to enter because Chu Feng wanted to do so.

After all they had been through, they were starting to lose their confidence. It was hard not to feel that way when there was a monster constantly reminding them of their inadequacy. They only wanted to head in to take a look and see what the Immemorial Star Sea was.

It was better to take a look with their own eyes than to rely on hearsay.

"Big sister, this is a rare opportunity. You also know that father wouldn't allow me to go if he knew about it, so..." Long Chengyu looked at Long Muxi.

"Go ahead. I'll tell father about what happened here," Long Muxi replied.

"Big sister, you're the best!" Long Chengyu grinned.

Feng Tiansheng also looked at his older sister, Feng Jiuyue, and the latter replied, "Go ahead."

Thus, the two of them parted ways.

Long Muxi, Feng Jiuyue, and the majority of their clansmen chose to leave this place. After the events that had transpired here, it was of utmost importance for them to inform their respective clan chiefs as soon as possible so that they could take countermeasures.

On the other hand, Chu Feng, Long Chengyu, Feng Tiansheng, and a small group of people chose to venture into the Immemorial Star Sea. Stepping into the spirit formation gate, they found themselves entering a bizarre realm.

Their immediate surroundings had an ethereal atmosphere reminiscent of the Immemorial Star Sea, but it didn't seem like they were in the Immemorial Star Sea yet. There was a long path beneath their feet that led into the depths of this bizarre realm.

No one knew what was awaiting them at the end of the path, but they could only move along this path. They couldn't explore the area even though the realm was vast and stretched beyond what they could see with their eyes.

To make things worse, an unknown power continuously crashed into the path they were standing on, similar to waves. While the path did nullify that unknown power, the crowd still felt tremendous pressure from it.

“This is different from the Immemorial Star Sea I heard about,” Feng Tiansheng said with a frown.

Most of them had heard things about what their ancestors had gone through in the Immemorial Star Sea despite having never stepped into it themselves, so they weren't completely ignorant about it.

However, this path had never appeared in any of their ancestors' descriptions.

“We aren't at the real Immemorial Star Sea yet. This is more like a formation region. The compass has forcefully created a path for us to pass through. We should be able to enter the real Immemorial Star Sea once we reach the other end of this path,” Chu Feng said.

“Young master, young hero Chu Feng, I-I can't hold on anymore. The pressure is too great. Can I return first?” a Totem Dragon Clansman said.

Many more from both the Totem Dragon Clan and Totem Phoenix Clan expressed that they couldn't withstand the pressure either.

“We are only here to take a look around. Please return if you find yourself reaching your limits. By no means should you risk your life to enter the Immemorial Star Sea,” Chu Feng said.

Long Chengyu and Feng Tiansheng also said the same as well, so those who had reached their limits quickly returned via the spirit formation gate.

Unfortunately, the pressure only got stronger as the group proceeded further down the path. More and more people reached their limits. Before long, the only ones who were left were Chu Feng, Long Chengyu, and Feng Tiansheng.

“This won't do. I can't hold on anymore too. Brother Chu Feng, Brother Chengyu, I'll wait for you outside.” Feng Tiansheng was reluctant to give up, but he was already at his limit. In the end, he had no choice but to turn around and head back.

It was a huge relief that the pressure would immediately half as soon as one turned around and headed back, but they had to continue walking on for the pressure reduction to apply. The moment they halted their footsteps, the tremendous pressure would assault them once again.

In other words, they could safely return as long as they chose to give up.

Long Chengyu looked at Chu Feng with a deep frown. He had long noticed that the latter had an awful complexion that looked worse than his and Feng Tiansheng's.

"Brother Chu Feng, why don't we give up? There will be plenty of chances in the future to enter the Immemorial Star Sea. You have exhausted yourself channeling the formation, and your body hasn't recovered from the toll yet. You don't need to risk your life here," Long Chengyu said.

He knew that he wouldn't be able to last to the very end, let alone Chu Feng, who was clearly in a worse state than him. It was likely that Chu Feng had already reached his limit, but somehow, he still managed to persevere up to this point.

He was worried that something might happen to Chu Feng after he would leave.

"I have to admit, Brother Chengyu, that I am struggling as well. This path is harder than I thought. However, I still wish to give it a try. Brother Chengyu, you can return first. You don't have to accompany me," Chu Feng said.

Chu Feng could tell that Long Chengyu was planning to retreat, but he chose to persevere on with gritted teeth out of worry for him.

"I'll accompany you," Long Chengyu insisted.

Just like that, the two of them continued advancing some distance ahead. However, Long Chengyu eventually reached his limit.

"Are you fine, Brother Chengyu?" Chu Feng asked.

"You're insane, Brother Chu Feng. I could tell that you have already reached your limit shortly after we entered this place, but somehow, you still managed to outlast all of us." Long Chengyu squatted down and gasped for air. He was so tired that even his voice sounded hoarse.

He couldn't understand Chu Feng managed to hold on despite being in a worse condition.

"There's a reason I need to enter the Immemorial Star Sea. You don't need to endure all this. You should head back," Chu Feng advised.

"Brother Chu Feng, are you able to hold on?" Long Chengyu asked.

"Don't worry about me. Even if I reach my limit, I can turn back any time," Chu Feng said.

"It's a deal then. You have to turn back right away if you reach your limit. You mustn't force yourself!" Long Chengyu exclaimed before he rose to his feet and headed back.

He was initially still worried about Chu Feng, but his worry faded when he noticed that the bulk of the pressure dispersed when he started heading back. This meant that Chu Feng could always leave this place safely as long as he made up his mind to give up.

Of course, that was only if Chu Feng still had the energy to walk when he gave up.

Soon, Chu Feng was the only one left on this seemingly endless path. His small silhouette looked insignificant compared to this expanse world, as he slowly advanced a step at a time with great difficulty.

He didn't falter in the least even after Long Chengyu chose to give up. He wasn't traveling at a fast speed, but he was making steady progress. He wanted to enter the Immemorial Star Sea because he was worried about Little Fishy due to the changes on the stone monument.

While he knew that Little Fishy was now one of the top prodigies in the vast world of cultivation, he still wouldn't hesitate to cast aside everything to help her if she was in trouble.

Chapter 5538: I Advise You To Think Thrice

Long Chengyu walked back the same road he came from and soon returned to the Totem Dragon Clan's warship. The first thing he did upon returning was to look for his father.

Soon, he found his father inside a hall together with Long Xu and Long Muxi.

His father had an awfully livid expression, and his killing intent surged in the hall. Long Xu and Long Muxi had heavy expressions that reflected their unease too.

Clearly, the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief had heard about what they had encountered.

"You're back?" Long Muxi noticed Long Chengyu and asked.

The first thing she did upon returning was to look for the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief, so she didn't know about the return of the other Totem Dragon Clansmen, who had entered the spirit formation gate leading to the Immemorial Star Sea together with Chu Feng.

"Big sister, the spirit formation gate doesn't lead us straight to the Immemorial Star Sea but a passageway..." Long Chengyu shared what they had faced after entering the spirit formation gate.

“It looks like young friend Chu Feng wishes to leave his name on the Immemorial Star Sea’s stone monument,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief suddenly spoke up. His complexion had alleviated from before, and his tone sounded normal.

He was the patriarch of a powerhouse, after all. The least he could do was to control his emotions no matter what happened.

“Brother Chu Feng said that there’s a reason he needs to enter the Immemorial Star Sea, but he didn’t specify what it is,” Long Chengyu said.

“Young friend Chu Feng sure is a mysterious one. I reckon that even Xianhai Yu’er will struggle to keep her name on the stone monument given her talents. Speaking of which...” The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief suddenly paused and let out a sigh. “We have to thank young friend Chu Feng for saving you once again.”

“The debt we owe him just keeps growing larger. If not for him, we’d have all died inside there,” Long Chengyu said.

Even now, he still felt frightened thinking about what a close shave they had. Their fates were already sealed from the moment they entered the realm. They would have all died if Chu Feng hadn’t entered the realm, deciphered the compass, and protected them.

“Chengyu, it’s my fault. I nearly led you to your deaths,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief apologized.

“You mustn’t say that, father... but how do you intend to deal with this matter?”

Long Chengyu didn’t bother asking whether his father knew about the existence of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan beforehand, for he knew that his father would have never allowed them to enter the realm and work with them otherwise.

“I’ll demand an explanation from the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. How dare they make a fool of us? They are looking down on us!” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief bellowed.

Shoosh!

A beam of light suddenly shot into the hall. The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief caught the light with his hand, and geographical coordinates flowed into his mind.

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master had sent him a location.

“He still dares to look for me after what he has done?” The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief’s eyebrows shot up as his anger flared once more.

“Lord Clan Chief, I’ll come with you,” Long Xu said.

“No need. I’ll suffice,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said before flitting off.

“Lord Long Xu.”

Long Chengyu and Long Muxi looked at Long Xu with worried faces, knowing that neither the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion nor its Mansion Master was easy to deal with.

“Don’t worry. Our clan chief knows what he’s doing,” Long Xu consoled them with a smile.

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The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief soon arrived in a cloudy area not too far away from the Immemorial Star Sea. There was not a single person to be seen in the vicinity. He was at the location the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master had sent him.

But as soon as he took a step forward, he bumped into an invisible barrier. Three figures appeared before his eyes.

One of them was the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master.

The other two were unfamiliar faces, but it wasn’t hard to figure out their identities. One of them was a Totem Phoenix Clansman, whereas the other was a Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman. Both of them were formidable experts.

The Totem Phoenix Clansman had a furious expression despite his best attempt to suppress his anger. In contrast, the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman was relatively composed. Without a doubt, the three of them must have been discussing the assimilation formation prior to his arrival.

The Totem Phoenix Clansman was probably furious because he didn’t know that this was a suicide mission that doomed his clansmen. It was perplexing to see how composed the Blood-eyed Qilin Clansman was, but the chances were that he either knew the truth beforehand or that he was unconditionally loyal to the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion, such that he wouldn’t kick up a fuss even though this matter had caught him by surprise.

“Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master, you sure have many tricks up your sleeves. Were it not for this incident, I would have never known that the Totem Phoenix Clan and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan are under your protection,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief sneered.

Unfazed by his sarcastic remark, the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master said, “Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief, you arrived just in time. Allow me to introduce

you to the Totem Phoenix Clan's Clan Chief and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan's Clan Chief."

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief waved his hand and bellowed, "I'm not interested to know who they are. All I want to know is why you betrayed my trust and made me send my son and daughter to their deaths. I didn't hesitate to offer you a helping hand when you requested my help, but I never thought that you would be so vicious as to plot against my descendants!"

His deafening voice shook the concealment formation so much that it looked as if it would shatter at any moment, but the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master remained unfazed.

"The two of you should head back first," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master said with a wave of his hand.

"Mansion Master, I'll be taking my leave." The Blood-eyed Qilin Clan's Clan Chief respectfully bowed to the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master before taking his leave.

The Totem Phoenix Clan turned around and left without saying a word. As infuriated as he was, he dared not to disobey the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master.

In the blink of an eye, the only ones left in the vicinity were the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master and the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief.

"I was fooled as well. I didn't know it was an assimilation formation. Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief, you should know what kind of person I am. I wouldn't have sent anyone into the formation if I had known that it was an assimilation formation, let alone Chengyu and the others," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master explained.

"Heh..." the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief sneered. "You're telling me that you didn't know? You, who only makes a move when you're certain of success? The Immemorial Star Sea is a trial for the juniors. How did you even find out about the formation there? You better give me a satisfactory explanation today, or else..."

Before he could finish his words, the face of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master suddenly turned cold. "Or else what?"

Boom!

A surge of intimidating oppressive might rippled from the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief, instantaneously tearing about the concealment formation and enveloping the entire Immemorial Star Sea.

Dragon roars resounded in the sky, though the crowd couldn't tell where it was coming from.

"This oppressive might... Is that the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief?"

The tremendous oppressive might was so powerful and unique that the crowd had no doubt who it was from. Unlike the crowd, who didn't know better what was going on, the Totem Dragon Clansmen on the warship nervously clenched their fists.

They already knew what was going on, which was why they were worried.

"Father..."

Even Long Chengyu and Long Muxi could hardly conceal their nervousness.

Yet, the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master, despite being in proximity to such terrifying oppressive might, showed no fear whatsoever. Instead, he burst into laughter.

"Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief, are you certain you want to make a move on me? I advise you to think thrice," said the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master as he stepped forth and lightly patted the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief's shoulder.

This light pat caused the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief's face to stiffen. A hint of fear flickered across his livid eyes.

Chapter 5539: The Second Inheritor of the Royal Bloodline

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief didn't say a word, and the fear in his eyes disappeared in a flash. However, he retracted his domineering oppressive might.

That brought a smile to the face of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master, as he said, "That's more like it, Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief. We have known each other for many years. Let's talk things out if there are any misunderstandings between us. Resorting to violence will only undermine the amicable ties between our clans."

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master waved off his sleeves, and a palace instantaneously manifested around them. The palace was massive, but it only contained a set of a table and chairs positioned right in front of the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief.

"Take a seat, Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master said.

“There’s no need for that. I hope that you can offer me a satisfactory explanation for what happened earlier,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said.

“Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief, do you know who’s the most talented prodigy of our Seven Realms Sacred Mansion?” the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master asked.

“Isn’t it Ling Xiao?”

It had already dawned on the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief that was unlikely to be the answer when he said those words, or else the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master wouldn’t have asked such a question.

Still, with how talented Ling Xiao was, it was hard to imagine another junior more talented than him.

“That’s not it.” The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master shook his head. He looked at the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief with a proud expression. “The most talented prodigy of our Seven Realms Sacred Mansion is Jie Tian.”

“Jie Tian? I have never heard of him before.” The moment the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said those words, another possibility surfaced in his mind, and he quickly added, “Have you been hiding him from the rest of the world?”

“Indeed, I have been raising Tian’er right by my side. There are no more than ten people in the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion who know about Tian’er’s existence,” the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master said.

“What does Tian’er have to do with the events here? Could it be...”

The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief suddenly thought about the recent changes to the stone monument located in the Immemorial Star Sea. Xianhai Yu’er’s name had been clearly shown on it for a while, but her name suddenly began blurring and two words appeared on top of it.

Those two words were likely to be another person’s name.

“Could it be that Jie Tian has entered the Immemorial Star Sea too, and the second name appearing on the stone monument belongs to him?” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief asked.

“That’s right,” the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master replied with a nod. “Tian’er isn’t just the most talented prodigy in our Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. He’s also Mubai and Tiannian’s son, which makes him my grandson.”

The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief was taken aback.

While he didn't expect to hear that Ling Xiao wasn't the most talented prodigy in the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion, he wasn't too surprised since it wasn't out of character for the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master to pick out a prodigy and secretly nurture him.

However, the fact that Jie Tian was Jie Mubai and Jie Tiannian's son, as well as the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master's grandson, changed the nature of this matter.

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master had two daughters.

One was Jie Ranqing, who was known as the most talented individual to have ever emerged in the vast world of cultivation. The other was Jie Tiannian, who was a hundred years older than Jie Ranqing.

Prior to Jie Ranqing's rise to fame, Jie Tiannian and Jie Mubai had been the number one prodigy in the world of cultivation in their respective eras. In particular, Jie Mubai had been so talented that he didn't pale much in comparison to Jie Ranqing. He towered over all other prodigies who shared a generation with him, becoming an unsurpassable figure for them.

Jie Mubai was not at a thousand years of age yet, but he was close to reaching pinnacle True Dragon World Spiritist, which would make him the youngest powerhouse in the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion.

Whether he was truly the youngest powerhouse or not depended on how far Jie Ranqing had advanced her spirit power in her closed-door cultivation. It was hard to tell for sure, but most people reckoned that Jie Ranqing wouldn't pale much in comparison to Jie Mubai.

Regardless, there was no doubt that Jie Mubai was one of the strongest figures in the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion amongst the younger generation. Other than Jie Ranqing, he was the most likely person to become the next Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master.

Jie Tiannian's current strength was unknown, but her talent was only second to Jie Mubai and Jie Ranqing back then. It would be foolish to make light of her.

A child born between Jie Mubai and Jie Tiannian was not to be underestimated.

Speaking of which, the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief had even attended Jie Mubai and Jie Tiannian's wedding decades ago. He clearly remembered the event, as it had happened shortly after Jie Ranqing announced that she would be going into closed-door cultivation.

“Who could have thought that Mubai and Tiannian already have a child?” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief remarked.

“Tian’er was born a year after their marriage. His birth was accompanied by a phenomenon, but I claimed that the phenomenon came from an ancient world spiritist remnant so as to not draw attention to him,” the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master said.

“Could it be that phenomenon?” The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief was stunned.

He suddenly remembered a massive phenomenon spanning the entire Seven Realms Galaxy just a year after Jie Mubai and Jie Tiannian’s marriage. It affected the entire world of cultivation; it was visible even from the Totem Galaxy.

However, the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master later announced that it was caused by the discovery of an ancient world spiritist remnant. Who could have thought that the true cause behind it was Jie Tian’s birth?

“That phenomenon was nowhere inferior to Jie Ranqing’s birth,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said.

“Of course. Tian’er has the Royal Bloodline too,” the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master replied smugly.

“He has the Royal Bloodline too?!”

The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief was taken aback. The announcement heaped a great deal of stress on him. Jie Ranqing had shone brightly back in her generation because she had the Royal Bloodline, making her a unique existence in the world spiritist-filled Seven Realms Sacred Mansion.

Who could have thought that Jie Mubai and Jie Tiannian’s child would possess the Royal Bloodline too?

All powerhouses knew how important the juniors were in God’s Era. Xianhai Shaoyu was already a headache to deal with, but who could have thought that the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion would have another possessor of the Royal Bloodline too?

Should this be true, Jie Tian’s reputation would surely surpass that of Jie Ranqing’s. The juniors of the current generation were different from the preceding ones; none of them were pushovers. Even Long Chengyu would have easily been the strongest junior if put in any other era.

There was no doubt that the strongest junior in the current generation would go down in history.

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief had an ominous feeling about this matter, but he couldn't be so petty as to show it. Instead, he burst into laughter and said, "It looks like there'll be a rival for Immortal Sea Fish Clan's Xianhai Shaoyu!"

"Xianhai Shaoyu?"

The Seven Realm Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master revealed a contemptuous smile, almost as if saying that the current strongest and most talented prodigy of the world of cultivation, Xianhai Shaoyu, wasn't worth Jie Tian's attention at all.

Chapter 5540: Ambitions Revealed

Shoosh!

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master waved his sleeves and the map of the Immemorial Star Sea appeared on one of the palace's walls. A road leading from the perimeter of the Immemorial Star Sea to the stone monument was indicated on the map.

"Do you remember this road? It was the one Chu Feng discovered. He even brought your son and daughter along with him," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master asked.

"I remember it," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief replied.

Both Long Chengyu and Long Muxi had to retreat because they were unable to withstand the energy. Chu Feng managed to get to the end of the road, but he failed to find anything.

"I heard that Chu Feng was the one who saved everyone in the formation?" the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master suddenly asked.

"None of the juniors who entered that realm would have been alive now if not for young friend Chu Feng," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief replied.

"He has a bright future ahead of him," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master remarked.

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief didn't respond to that remark. He could tell that the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master had a high opinion of Chu Feng, but that was only normal, considering how insanely talented Chu Feng was as a cultivator and a world spiritist.

It was hard not to admire someone as talented as that.

Had it been in the past, the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief would have taken this opportunity to recommend Chu Feng to the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master, but he had no desire to do so now...

After a brief sigh, the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master continued, "That road isn't exclusive to juniors. I discovered it before Chu Feng and stumbled upon a secret that has something to do with that assimilation formation."

"What did you uncover?" the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief asked.

"I learned that something was going to happen to the Immemorial Star Sea. A spirit formation gate would surface, and within it was a formation awaiting completion. Only juniors possessing the monstrous beast bloodline would be able to enter the gate and complete the formation.

"I'll be frank with you. The information I received was that Tian'er would receive a huge advantage if the formation was completed, which was why I requested your help. I didn't think that it was an assimilation formation," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master said.

"You're saying that you were tricked?" the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief asked.

"Indeed." The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master nodded.

"Was it a being residing in the Immemorial Star Sea?"

"It must be. It couldn't have been someone from our world of cultivation. I'm not sure what kind of entity it is, but again, isn't it only normal for there to be descendants of ancient races in a place like this?" the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master replied.

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief agreed. There were indeed records of cultivators stumbling upon ancient races living in seclusion while exploring ancient remnants.

"Wouldn't that mean that your Tian'er is in danger?" the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief asked.

"I have no doubt that there's something amiss about the Immemorial Star Sea, but I believe that my Tian'er can deal with it. If he is unable to cope, I can only say that he has it coming," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master said.

Those words suggested that he had great confidence in Jie Tian, but it also showed that he didn't care much about Jie Tian's safety.

"Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master, even if what you have told me thus far is true, it doesn't explain your Seven Realms Sacred Mansion saving the Blood-eyed

Qilin Clan. You knew what the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan did to my predecessors. You knew that our clans were on bad terms, but you still had our juniors enter that blasted place with those little bastards. Many of our juniors were killed by them. How are you going to justify that?

“I took you as a friend, Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master, but I don’t think you do the same. You should have at least given me a heads-up. I can only see nothing but malice from your decision to conceal this matter from me,” the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief said.

“I concede, Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief, that I do have my selfish motives for concealing the involvement of the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan from you, which is why I told you that I’d offer you a huge benefit if you accomplish this task for me. This benefit concerns the future of your entire Totem Dragon Clan,” the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master said.

The Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief was slightly consoled by those words.

He knew that if the Totem Dragon Clan really waged war against the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion, it would suffer severe damage regardless of the final outcome. Other powers would exploit their weakness to uproot them. It was nothing but foolishness to wage a war against the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion at this juncture, during God’s Era.

He had only said those words to demand compensation. As long as the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion offered sufficient compensation, the Totem Dragon Clan could swallow this grievance down.

In the first place, he hadn’t helped the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master out of anything as naive as friendship. Powerhouses like them only collaborated on the basis of mutual interest; there was no true friendship between them.

While the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master didn’t explicitly mention what kind of benefit it was, the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief knew that the other party had taken one of the greatest treasures regarding the prophecy of God’s Era.

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s Mansion Master continued speaking, but the words he spoke stunned the Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief. For a moment, the latter thought that he was hearing things.

“The world of cultivation is in need of a leader given the current circumstances. Totem Dragon Clan’s Clan Chief, we’re on good terms. I don’t plan on making you my enemy, so I’m willing to take you under my wing. From this day onward, the Totem Dragon Clan will be under our Seven Realms Sacred Mansion’s protection. Of course, I trust that with your capabilities, you’d become one of my trusty aides too. When I finally unite the world of cultivation, your position will only be second to mine!”

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master looked at the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief with an amicable smile, but the latter didn't feel the slightest goodwill at all. Instead, he only felt rage bubbling inside him.

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master had just bared his ambitions, and the Totem Dragon Clan was his first target!

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The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief felt a strong urge to smash the face of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master into meat paste, but he didn't do so. He didn't even lose his temper. Instead, he pushed his rage deep down.

With a voice as controlled as possible, he replied, "Are you suggesting that our clan serve the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion?"

"You can say so," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master replied candidly.

"What if I disagree?" the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief asked.

"Calm down, Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief. We have known each other for many years, and we have the closest ties among the major powerhouses. I wouldn't do anything even if you turned me down. It's just that... I wouldn't have any reason to intervene if other powers make a move. You should be aware of what's going on. A fight is inevitable, and not everyone is privileged to come under our Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's protection.

"Give it some thought. Is your clan's reputation as a galaxy overlord more important than its survival? Besides, your Totem Dragon Clan will still be managing the Totem Galaxy even after our Seven Realms Sacred Mansion unites the world of cultivation. You have nothing to lose.

"I know that it might be hard for you to take this in the heat of a moment, but I'd like to clarify that this isn't a threat. I am offering you a helping hand here. This is a benefit I am offering to you out of goodwill. Give it some thought. Feel free to contact me when you have made up your mind. However, I advise you to do it as soon as possible. It might be too late once other powers make a move on you," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master said.

"You make it sound like our Totem Dragon Clan will only benefit from coming under the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's wing. You should try saying the same words to the Immortal Sea Fish Clan, Divine Body Heavenly Mansion, and the Heavenly Dome

Immortal Sect. You'd be able to conquer the entire world of cultivation without resorting to war then!"

The words of the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief were dripping with sarcasm even though he didn't lose his temper.

"Hahaha!"

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master burst into hearty laughter, though his laughter sounded a little awkward. He might have thought that he had gone overboard too.

He opened up his palm and revealed an iridescent stone that seemed to harness seven different powers.

Weng!

Spirit power flowed from the palm of the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master into the stone and swiftly manifested into a formation.

He then turned to the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief and said, "I concede that I have slipped up on the assimilation formation, and I am deeply apologetic for that. However, the avatar armor your juniors have obtained from the assimilation formation is indeed beneficial to their bloodline. Have Chengyu, Muxi, and the others cultivate inside this formation. It'll aid them in assimilating that avatar armor into their bloodline. This is my compensation to you."

The Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master proceeded to pass the formation to the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief. The latter didn't accept it right away, so the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master stuffed it into the latter's hands.

"Brother Long, you are only slightly younger than me. We have conquered many ancient remnants together, which makes us comrades who have braved life and death together. But think about it—when have we fought for ourselves? It has always been for our clans.

"I know that you're displeased by my earlier words, but I don't always have the ultimate say in the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. I can at least promise you that I won't make things difficult for you even if you turn down my offer. We'll be the same as before. Unless your Totem Dragon Clan wages war on my Seven Realms Sacred Mansion, we'll never raise our blades against you. However... I can't say the same for the other powers.

"I advise you to carefully think through it. If you work out the pros and cons, you should see that my offer is truly beneficial for your Totem Dragon Clan," the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master spoke with a much more amicable tone than before.

He took another look at the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief, but the latter didn't respond. In the end, he bowed and said, "I'll be taking my leave first, Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief."

He waved his sleeves, and the surroundings instantaneously disappeared.

The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief was left alone in mid-air. He stood still for a long time, his thoughts unbeknownst to others. It was a long time later before he lowered his head to look at the formation the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master had given him.

By then, his emotions had finally calmed down. He made his way back to the warship.

"Father, how was it?"

Long Chengyu, Long Xu, and the others quickly crowded over.

"Check this formation for any detrimental energies." The Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief first tossed the formation to one of the honorary world spiritist elders before turning to Long Xu and the others. "Elder Long Xu, Chengyu, and Muxi, come with me."

He brought them over to the hall and told them everything about his discussions with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master. He also indicated that he was inclined to think that the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master wasn't lying about the matter.

Long Chengyu, Long Xu, and the others agreed with his viewpoint. While they did harbor doubts regarding the matter, it hardly mattered at all in the larger scheme of things.

It was unlikely that the Totem Dragon Clan could defeat the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion should they wage war against them, especially since the latter had the Totem Phoenix Clan and the Blood-eyed Qilin Clan on their side.

Those two races used to be powerhouses with the strength to shake the Totem Dragon Clan's position in the past! Their strength was not to be undermined even if they weren't as strong as before.

Even dealing with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion by itself was a nightmare. The sheer number of known experts they had was enough to send shudders down their spine, and there were rumors abound that they were concealing their true powers...

It was not without reason the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion was so widely feared in the world of cultivation. That was why the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief had held back his temper when dealing with the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master earlier on.

That being said, he refrained from telling Long Xu and the others about the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's intention to devour their clan. That matter was simply so shocking that he needed time to process it before communicating it to the others.

Soon, the honorary world spiritist elders knocked on the doors and entered the hall.

"Lord Clan Chief, we have confirmed that there are no detrimental energies hidden in the formation. The formation was constructed with a treasure from the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. Cultivating in the formation will help the Totem Dragon Clan's juniors assimilate the avatar armor into their bloodline."

"Father, the avatar armor around us can be used to enhance our bloodline?" Long Chengyu asked in excitement.

They were still cloaked in the avatar armor even though they had left the assimilation formation, but they thought that it was useless now. This was a huge disappointment to them, especially since they could sense how beneficial the avatar armor was to them. If only they could take in the avatar armor, they might be able to undergo metamorphosis.

"It's a gift from the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion. He said that it would be beneficial to you. Gather all of the juniors and get them to cultivate in the formation," the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief said.

The guest world spiritist elders activated the palm-sized formation in the hall, and it immediately expanded to over a thousand meters in radius.

Long Chengyu and the others stepped into the formation to cultivate, and their avatar armor began seeping into their bodies.

This left the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief even more perplexed.

Just from this formation itself, he could feel the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master's goodwill toward them. The latter knew that Long Chengyu and the others would benefit greatly from assimilating the avatar armor into their bloodlines, but he helped them anyway.

This made the Totem Dragon Clan's Clan Chief a bit more inclined to believe the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master.

This formation was clearly made out of an invaluable treasure, and there was no need for the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master to go this far to help them if he intended to harm them.

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Meanwhile, Chu Feng continued advancing on the path.

He was so exhausted that every step was an arduous challenge to him, but he persevered. Eventually, he arrived at the end of the path, where a brilliant spirit formation gate awaited him.

Chapter 5542: Mysterious World

As Chu Feng stepped through the door, he felt a surge of energy manifesting within his body before flowing outward, eventually enveloping his entire being. It was just that he was too tired to pay much attention to this; he only wanted to leave this place as quickly as possible.

What appeared before his eyes was a mysterious world, but he was too tired to take another look that he ended up collapsing onto the ground and fainted.

He was out for a long time before slowly regaining consciousness.

The first thing he noticed was how unique the vast world before him was. It was made out of formations, be it the blue sky, white clouds, verdant mountains, or clear streams, and the traces of the formations were apparent to even ordinary mortals.

World spiritists tended to evaluate their skills based on how lifelike the worlds they had created were, but this world was the opposite. The formations comprising this world were clearly shown as if the creator was afraid that others couldn't tell that this place wasn't real.

It was not to say that these formations were incomplete or inferior; these formations were ingenious, far surpassing what Chu Feng was currently capable of. He was nowhere close to constructing a formation like this.

However, he merely took a brief glance at the world before looking behind him, where a formation lay parallel to the earth as if it was part of the ground. The formation was in an inactive state, but he could sense tremendous power harnessed within it.

He tried assessing it with his Heaven's Eyes, but he couldn't see through it or decipher its use. Nevertheless, he could tell that there was something special about it. Thus, he tried to take out his Celestial Master's Horsetail Whisk, only to realize that his Cosmos Sack had been sealed.

He couldn't open his Cosmos Sack at all.

"What's going on?"

Chu Feng was stunned.

He immediately turned his attention toward himself, only to realize that he couldn't exert his martial power and spirit power anymore. Spirit power harnessing prowess

comparable to a rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation World Spiritist was wrapped around his body.

“What’s going on, Chu Feng?” Eggy asked, noticing that something was amiss.

“My martial power and spirit power have been sealed off by a layer of spirit power that is comparable to that of a rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation World Spiritist. I can’t exert my cultivation, though I am able to channel the rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation spirit power,” Chu Feng said.

“Rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation? Are you certain?” Eggy was stunned.

“Yes, I’m certain,” Chu Feng replied.

“Why would this happen?” Eggy was perplexed.

Dragon Transformation Sensation was the power grasped by Dragon Mark Saint-cloak World Spiritists. A rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation World Spiritist was roughly comparable to a rank one Martial Exalted level cultivator.

Chu Feng was a rank three Half-God level cultivator and a Golden Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist. How could mere rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation spirit power seal off his cultivation?

This was truly perplexing.

“Someone is coming,” Chu Feng suddenly said.

Moments later, a group of more than a hundred people dressed in similar uniforms could be seen heading in their direction. What was shocking about them was how identical they looked, be it their height, their physiques, or even their appearances.

Chu Feng had seen twins, triplets, and even quadruplets before, but he had never seen a hundred people with the same appearance. However, there were all kinds of wonders in the world of cultivation. With the means of a cultivator, it wasn’t unthinkable for there to be a hundred identical children in the world.

It was just that such means often led to defects in the children, which was why hardly anyone did so. Even powerful cultivators with unfathomable means opted to nurture their children in natural ways.

Only eccentric people with unusual preferences would resort to things like that.

“Chu Feng, what do the numbers on their bodies mean?” Eggy asked.

Chu Feng had also noticed that even though these people were dressed in the same robes, each of their robes was embroidered with its own unique ten-digit number.

“Eggy, they are cloaked in the same spirit power as me.”

Chu Feng didn't understand the significance behind the numbers, but he noticed that they were cloaked in the same spirit power as well, just that theirs were even weaker. His was at rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation, whereas theirs were only at rank one Dragon Transformation Sensation.

“Could this be some kind of special trial ground?” Eggy guessed.

“It's too early to say. Let's ask them when they come closer,” Chu Feng replied as he rose into the sky and flew toward the group.

Even though he was unable to exert his martial power and spirit power, his observation means remained at the level of a rank three Half-God level cultivator and a Golden Dragon God-cloak World Spiritist. This was why he spotted the group of hundred people before they even noticed him.

But as they got closer to each other, the group of hundred people soon noticed Chu Feng and lowered their heads deferentially. They quickly rushed forward and kneeled before him.

“Paying respects to milord!”

“Hm?” Chu Feng was taken aback, especially since he didn't know these people at all.

Chapter 5543: The Situation in the Star Sea

“You know me?” Chu Feng asked.

The group of hundred was dumbstruck by that question. “Milord, what do you mean?”

Chu Feng noticed something amiss in their answers and asked, “This is the first time we're meeting, right?”

“Yes, milord.”

“Why are you addressing me as milord then?”

“Milord, your position is above us. It's only right for us to address you as such.”

“Position? Is that based on how strong our spirit power is?”

“Yes, milord. You can think of it as such.”

“Do you know why this layer of spirit power is wrapped around us? Is this a condition of this trial?” Chu Feng asked.

“Trial?” The group of hundred was confused by that question. They looked at each other, seemingly communicating via voice transmission to make sense of the situation. In the end, one of them stepped forward and asked, “Milord, what are you doing here?”

Chu Feng could tell that they were trying to sound him out so as to ascertain his identity, so he chose not to answer them directly and instead asked, “What are you doing here then?”

“We are here to reincarnate our defective brethren.”

“Defective brethren? Reincarnate?” Those words only further confused Chu Feng.

“Milord, I have a question to ask.”

“Go ahead,” Chu Feng said.

“May I know your name?”

“Name?” Chu Feng didn’t answer that question, sensing that it was a trap.

“I’m referring to your identification number,” the person said as he gestured to the number on his robe.

“Identification number? I don’t have an identification number yet,” Chu Feng replied.

At this point, the group of hundred finally stopped communicating via voice transmission and instead said, “It looks like this lord has become defective.”

“I think so too.”

“What should we do? Do we send him to reincarnation, or should we bring him back to the elder to be repaired?”

“What nonsense are you spouting? This lord might have malfunctioned, but his cultivation is still above ours. We’ll be doomed if he refuses to follow us. Let’s bring him to the elder instead.”

Those words were spoken right in front of Chu Feng; they weren’t bothered that he was eavesdropping on their conversation at all.

“Milord, you must have malfunctioned, but you need not worry. Please follow us back so that the elder can repair you,” one of them said.

“All right,” Chu Feng replied.

“Milord, please give us a moment.”

The group of hundred advanced ahead, and Chu Feng followed them. They eventually arrived at the area where Chu Feng was previously, and the leader of the group took out a token.

As soon as the token opened, the formation that Chu Feng was unable to see through earlier churned into action. It was an incineration formation!

The group of hundred took out Cosmos Sacks and flipped them over the incineration formation. Countless human bodies fell from the Cosmos Sacks into the formation. Most of them were old individuals and shared identical appearances. Only a small portion of them had unique looks.

However, all of them were dead.

There were hundreds of Cosmos Sacks, and each Cosmos Sack contained over ten thousand such bodies, thus totaling millions of corpses. As soon as these corpses fell into the incineration formation, they were burned into cinders.

These corpses were reduced not to ashes but spirit power that fused into the incineration formation, but this spirit power was not like usual spirit power, in the sense that they seemed more like formations themselves.

“Those people are manifested out of that formation?” Chu Feng was stunned.

His eyes were discerning enough to tell the difference between a living being and an entity manifested out of a formation, but these people felt like real living beings to him. Even the corpses felt like real entities too rather than beings manifested out of a formation.

It was only when those corpses were dropped into the incineration formation and reduced to spirit power that he realized that they were made out of spirit power.

He couldn't imagine what kind of formation had the prowess to create such perfect life forms. These manifested beings looked no different from real people, at least to Chu Feng's eyes.

The group of hundred stowed away their Cosmos Sacks and respectfully turned to Chu Feng to say, “Milord, we're done. Please return with us.”

“All right,” Chu Feng replied with a nod.

He finally understood why all of these people looked identical, as well as the rationale behind the inexplicable words they had spoken earlier. They must have thought that he was the same as them—a formation entity, just a stronger one than them.

Thinking about it, a small portion of the corpses thrown into the incineration formation earlier had unique appearances. They must have been higher-tier formation entities.

Along the way, Chu Feng asked the group of hundred questions about this world, wanting to gather as much information as he could. To his relief, those people honestly answered all of his questions as they were convinced that he was one of their own, albeit defective.

Chu Feng's guess was on the mark.

All of them were indeed manifested out of formations, but there was a limit to how long they could live. Once they reached the end of their lives, they would be tossed into the incineration formation, which would reclaim their spirit power and manifest new entities.

It was just that these new entities would lose their previous memories, making them no different from newborn babies.

Each of these created entities was assigned an identification number, which served as their name. They were assigned to different jobs, and they were expected to devote their entire lives to accomplishing them.

“Have you met any outsiders?” Chu Feng asked.

“Outsiders? Are you referring to the challengers who entered our Star Sea Realm?” the leader of the group asked.

“That's right,” Chu Feng replied.

“Those people are brought straight to the trial ground, and those who clear the trial are received by our chief elder. We don't get a chance to meet them at all,” the leader of the group replied.

“Are there any outsiders taking on the trial at the moment?” Chu Feng asked.

“The trial ground is closed. No one is taking the trial right now,” the leader of the group replied.

“Closed? There are no outsiders in this realm right now?” Chu Feng panicked.

“There is. Lord Xianhai Yu'er, who cleared our trial, is still in our Star Sea Realm,” the leader of the group replied.

Chu Feng was overjoyed to hear that. He was here to look for Xianhai Yu'er, after all.

"Is Lord Xianhai Yu'er doing well?" Chu Feng asked.

"Lord Xianhai Yu'er has cleared the trial and received the chief elder's acknowledgment. She has been accorded the highest privileges, so it goes without saying that she's doing well," the leader of the group replied.

Chu Feng was relieved to hear that Little Fishy was doing well.

"Is Lord Xianhai Yu'er the only outsider in our realm?" Chu Feng asked.

He wanted to gather some information about the other name that had appeared on the entrance stone monument.

"No, there's also Lord Jie Tian," the leader of the group replied.

"Jie Tian?"

Chu Feng knew right away that was the culprit who was in the midst of overwriting Xianhai Yu'er's name on the stone monument.

Chapter 5544: There'll Be Conflicts As Long As There Are Lives

"Lord Jie Tian has cleared the trial and received the chief elder's acknowledgment too, so he is accorded the highest privileges as well. It's just that..."

The leader of the group trailed off halfway through his words.

"Continue speaking. Unless you think that I am not privy to information you have access to?" Chu Feng asked.

"Definitely not! I'll be forthright then. I heard that Lord Xianhai Yu'er is a kind person, but Lord Jie Tian is a harsh man who has killed quite a few of our brothers now. Milord, we might be formation entities, but we have feelings and lives too. Even the chief elder has said that we're no different from humans other than how we were born. However, Lord Jie Tian takes us to be pawns created by a formation. He doesn't think of us as living beings at all!" the leader of the group exclaimed.

The others also nodded in agreement, subtly expressing their hostility toward Jie Tian. It was no wonder they had only mentioned Little Fishy when Chu Feng asked about the outsiders.

"We are living beings too. Shouldn't the chief elder intervene if Jie Tian slaughters our people without sufficient justification?" Chu Feng asked.

“The chief elder would usually step in, but it just so happens that Jie Tian is a capable man and we are in need of his help right now. The chief elder has no choice but to turn a blind eye to his tyranny,” the leader of the group said with a sigh.

“You’re in need of his help? What do you need his help for?” Chu Feng asked.

It didn’t take him long to figure out the situation after chatting with the others—the Star Sea Realm wasn’t a peaceful place either.

An evil power had been lurking in the Star Sea Realm since the Ancient Era. No one knew where this evil power came from, but it had always been a source of unease.

The elders of the Star Sea Realm had sought to destroy it when it first appeared, but they struggled to pinpoint its location. On top of that, the evil power suddenly vanished without a trace during the Ancient Era.

Ten thousand years ago, that evil power suddenly made a resurgence, and it had somehow gained the ability to seduce souls. With its newfound power, it converted many of the Star Sea Realm’s elders into its lackeys. Its army only continued to grow with time, eventually growing into a formidable force that could stand against them now.

To make things worse, there was a place in the Immemorial Star Sea known as the Star Memorial Domain that couldn’t be accessed by anyone. It was rumored that it contained the Immemorial Star Sea’s key formation core and tremendous power.

But somehow, the traitors that had defected to the evil power were suddenly able to access the Star Memorial Domain, which posed a huge threat. It terrified them to think about what the evil power would do once it gained full control over the Star Memorial Domain, the life of the Star Sea Realm.

The chief elder was frustrated by the matter, but there was nothing he could do since the Star Memorial Domain was only accessible to those who had cleared the trial.

Fortunately, Xianhai Yu’er cleared the trial shortly after and gained access rights to the Star Memorial Domain. Following her, Jie Tian cleared the trial too. Since then, the two of them had been constantly entering the Star Memorial Domain to clear away the traitors lurking in there.

It was also in view of this that the chief elder turned a blind eye to Jie Tian’s tyranny.

Putting aside Jie Tian’s character, he was indeed an amazing prodigy. His accomplishments in the Star Memorial Domain surpassed even that of Xianhai Yu’er.

“Lord Xianhai Yu’er result in the trial is superior to Lord Jie Tian’s, but Lord Xianhai Yu’er is a cultivator whereas Lord Jie Tian is a world spiritist. Entering the Star Memorial Domain requires formation armor, so it’s more advantageous to Lord Jie Tian. Naturally,

his accomplishments are greater than Lord Xianhai Yu'er's too," the person replied in indignation.

"World spiritist? Chu Feng, could Jie Tian be from the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion?" Eggy asked.

"Seems so, but I have never heard of his name before," Chu Feng replied Eggy in his mind before turning his attention back to the others. "Do you know how strong Jie Tian is?"

"That's beyond what we know, but there's no doubt that he's an incredible prodigy given how he was able to clear the trial," a person in the group said.

"What about the evil power? Has anyone seen it before?" Chu Feng asked.

Unfortunately, no one in the group knew much about the evil power. In fact, there was hardly anyone in the Star Sea Realm who had seen it in person before. Even the traitors they captured claimed that they had never seen the true face of the evil power.

"Chu Feng, could the evil power have something to do with that assimilation formation you encountered earlier?" Eggy asked.

"From the looks of it, the usual formation entities in the Star Sea Realm strictly obey rules passed down through traditions. I don't think they would hurt outsiders for no reason. The evil power seeking to control the Immemorial Star Sea is the variable shaking things up," Chu Feng replied.

"Ey. It looks like it isn't safe anywhere. Why is there such an uproar in the Immemorial Star Sea?" Eggy lamented.

"It can't be helped. Where there's life, there's also war. This holds true not just for humans but animals and insects too. It doesn't matter what the evil power is. As long as it dares to cross my path, I'll make sure that it suffers great misfortune!" Chu Feng said confidently.

Eggy sweetly smiled at those words. She liked how adamant he was.

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Soon, Chu Feng arrived at a humongous city with a simplistic design that focused solely on practicality, evident from how it looked like a giant lump of metal from the outside. It was made out of an extremely powerful formation that was far beyond his current reach.

Even though he had already reached God-cloak World Spiritist, he still felt like a countryside bumpkin when gazing upon the city and the world around him. He couldn't help but wonder who was the person behind the Immemorial Star Sea.

Chapter 5545: Number 521

Chu Feng could see formation entities wherever he looked inside the city, and each of them was busy accomplishing the tasks entrusted to them. Perhaps it was because they were manifested from formations, their movements were orderly despite their number.

While it was satisfying to see such orderliness, it lacked the organic bustle of most cities.

Elders in the Star Sea Realm were further classified into 'high', 'intermediate', and 'low', and the elder whom Chu Feng was brought to meet was one of the high elders. The high elders were also the highest-ranking formation entity whom they could come into contact with.

Upon receiving an audience with the high elder, the leader of the group quickly reported the situation concerning Chu Feng, hoping to see if the high elder could help Chu Feng regain his memories.

"You lost your memories and can't remember anything at all?" the high elder took a moment to assess Chu Feng before asking.

"Yes," Chu Feng replied with a nod.

"You aren't sure where you got those clothes from as well?" the high elder asked.

He could tell that Chu Feng's clothes were different from the rest of theirs, resembling more like the outside cultivators.

"I honestly can't remember anything at all," Chu Feng replied.

"The fact that he can't remember anything shows that he's highly damaged. It'll be hard to repair him. Why don't we send him straight to the incineration formation and have him reconstructed?" one of the nearby elders remarked.

Chu Feng panicked, knowing that didn't bode well. He didn't know what would happen if an ordinary human like him were chucked inside the incineration formation.

The high elder ignored the suggestion and spent a moment in thought before asking, "Are you able to channel your power?"

"Yes, I believe so," Chu Feng replied.

He figured that the 'power' referred to the spirit power cloaking his body.

"Give it a try then. Complete this formation by yourself," the high elder said as he took out a formation blueprint and unfurled it.

Chu Feng took a glance at the formation blueprint and got right to work. His movements drew the attention of everyone in the room, as awed expressions appeared on even the esteemed elders and the high elder.

He had completed the formation in a single breath, a feat that few could achieve.

“You’re functioning well despite having lost your memories. Memories aren’t important to us anyway, so there’s no reason for you to be reconstructed. Change into these clothes. The last three digits on the robe will be your name from this day onward,” the high elder said as he tossed a robe to Chu Feng.

An identification number was embroidered onto the robe, and its last three numbers were 521. This was going to be Chu Feng’s name in the Star Sea Realm from this day onward.

Once Chu Feng was done changing into the robe, the high elder passed a token to him. Inscribed on the token were the words ‘intermediate formation master’. That was going to be his occupation from this day onward, and the place he would be working was the Formation Hall.

“521, you are entitled to a personal residence and a follower as an intermediate formation master. I’ll assign you a new residence since you have lost your memories. Head to the intermediate formation master’s residential area. You’ll be able to claim possession of any empty residences with this token in hand,” the high elder said as he drew a token inscribed with a house and passed it to Chu Feng.

“You are also allowed to choose any of the lowest-ranked formation entities in the city as your follower, but as an intermediate formation master, you are only permitted to have one follower. Fuse this token into the body of anyone you have set your eyes on, and you’ll be able to turn them into your follower,” the high elder added as he drew another token with a human silhouette and passed it over.

“May I know what you mean by lowest-ranked formation entities?” Chu Feng asked.

“Milord, servants like me who don’t have unique appearances are the lowest-ranked formation entities,” the leader of the group pointed to himself as he explained with a smile.

“High elder, may I choose him?” Chu Feng asked.

“Of course... but are you certain about it?” the high elder asked.

“Yes, I am,” Chu Feng said. He turned to the leader of the group and asked, “399, are you willing to serve me?”

399 was the last three digits of the man’s identification number, making it his name.

“O-of course I am!” 399 was so excited that his eyes were practically glowing. He nodded his head non-stop to frantically express his willingness to become Chu Feng’s follower.

Chu Feng also noticed the other lowest-ranked formation entities in the vicinity directing envious looks at 399. It would appear that becoming a formation master’s follower was considered to be a good thing for them.

Chu Feng fused the formation token into 399’s body, and the number ‘521’ was quickly imprinted on the latter’s forehead.

“399, bring your master to one of the residences to rest. Bring him to the Formation Hall tomorrow morning to work,” the high elder said.

“Understood!” 399 answered before leading Chu Feng off.

Once Chu Feng and 399 were out of the room, the elders gathered closer to discuss the matter.

“High elder, 521’s spirit power is only at rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation. Why did you make him an intermediate formation master?” the other elders asked in confusion.

“What do you know? Even though his spirit power is only at rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation, he isn’t a low-ranked formation entity. His spirit power can always be augmented. Didn’t you see the formation he constructed earlier? Which of you can do the same?”

“Someone with that kind of potential can’t be a formation entity from our city. We ought to give him the highest privilege. Who knows? He might just choose to stay in our city if he regains his memories one day,” the high elder said.

“Wise indeed, high elder.” The other elders shot thumbs up at the high elder.

Meanwhile, 399 brought Chu Feng to the intermediate formation master’s residential district.

“Chu Feng, why didn’t you just reveal your identity to them?” Eggy asked in confusion.

She believed that Chu Feng would be able to clear the trial Little Fishy and Jie Tian were able to surmount, which would have entitled him to the same privileges as them. There was no need for him to live so humbly amongst the formation entities.

“I did consider revealing my identity, but the spirit power cloaking me has sealed off my cultivation and spirit power. I have no way of proving that I’m an outside cultivator. Aside from that, I’m also not sure how they would react once they learned that I’m an outsider.

It'd be safer for me to lie low for now. I can always tell them that I have regained my memories later on to reveal my identity," Chu Feng said.

"Yes, it's always better to tread safely," Eggy concurred with a nod.

Chapter 5546: Uncovering the Profound Formation

"Why are you so excited?" Chu Feng asked 399.

The latter had practically been oozing with happiness ever since Chu Feng selected him as his follower.

"Milord, it's an honor for us to be able to serve you. Furthermore, most male lords would choose a lady as their follower," 399 replied.

Chu Feng finally understood why 399 was so overjoyed. It was rare for such opportunities to come by. Even though the people residing in this realm were formation entities, they had desires such as lust too.

"Out of curiosity, is it possible for you—I mean, us—to have children?" Chu Feng asked.

"That's impossible. We don't have the ability to reproduce. However, those who wish to have children may request for adoption," 399 said.

"I see," Chu Feng remarked as he noted that the formation entities here had a clear structure as to how their society should work.

The two of them soon arrived at the intermediate formation master's residential district. The residences here were located side by side, and most of them weren't too big. Even so, 399's eyes shone in excitement at the sight.

Upon further questioning, Chu Feng learned that 399 used to squeeze in a room together with 99 other people. It was a huge privilege for them to have their own independent living space. While they had the power to construct luxurious palaces with the spirit power they possessed, that was prohibited in the Star Sea Realm.

They had to follow the rules, which was why their living conditions were poor despite their strength.

Chu Feng felt empathetic toward 399 since he had been through similar days too.

The residences here had entrance plaques, and an empty entrance plaque signaled that the residence was not owned. Each residence had two rooms, one big and one small. They were just enough for two people to reside in.

Chu Feng proceeded to ask 399 a few other questions to gather information about Little Fishy. He wasn't here to become an intermediate formation master to serve the Star Sea Realm—his goal had always been to find Little Fishy.

Unfortunately, 399 was low-ranked so he only knew that Little Fishy had a special residence, but not where she was residing.

Since there was nothing better to do, Chu Feng instructed 399 to bring him to the Formation Master Hall, where he would be working tomorrow. He was hoping to see if he could gather any information about Little Fishy there.

He was warmly welcomed at the Formation Master Hall. Quite a few people even offered him presents. In particular, a man with white brows gave him a fairly valuable gift.

The majority of the intermediate formation masters here were advanced in age, with a small portion of them being middle-aged.

The man with white brows was the only one who was as young as Chu Feng, which was why many thought he might become a high formation master in the future. Due to that, the man with white brows enjoyed considerable standing amongst the intermediate formation masters.

Chu Feng keenly listened to the conversations around him and quickly figured out the reason behind his warm welcome. It turned out that the high elder whom Chu Feng had met earlier had already informed those in the Formation Master Hall about his exceptional talents and instructed them to treat him well.

The weakest intermediate formation master was at rank six Dragon Transformation Sensation, and the man with white brows was already at rank eight Dragon Transformation Sensation. Based on what he heard from the others, one would be qualified to become a high formation master once they reached rank nine Dragon Transformation Sensation.

In other words, the high elder made a special exception for Chu Feng by assigning him the job of an intermediate formation master. That also meant that he needed to start from the basics.

The first thing Chu Feng needed to do was to forge pills.

Inside the Formation Master Hall was a massive pill forging formation with over a thousand formation cores. A world spiritist sat in each of these formation cores, harnessing the power of the formation to forge their pills.

All of these world spiritists were at rank six Dragon Transformation Sensation, but the speed at which they forged pills greatly varied.

But what Chu Feng was more interested in was the pill forging formation.

While there were only a thousand formation cores in the pill forging formation, it was immense, spanning the size of a massive mountain valley. It even extended deep into the ground, drawing power from beneath.

Chu Feng tried activating his Heaven's Eyes to peer deep underground, and goosebumps quickly rose on his body. He had just discovered the secret behind this place.

The pill forging formation was drawing power from a boundless sea of energy located deep underground, but of course, infinite power didn't exist in this world. The discovery of the secret behind this place opened Chu Feng's eyes. As long as he could fully decipher the secret, he would be able to directly tap into the sea of energy and take it for his own use.

However, that wouldn't be useful for him since this spirit power was only beneficial to formation entities. Even if he absorbed all of it, he would only be able to temporarily raise his spirit power. Once he lost his identity as a formation entity, he would lose the spirit power he had siphoned from the sea of energy too.

What would be truly useful to Chu Feng was if he learned how to construct his own formation entities. He would be able to construct stronger formation entities capable of operating independently instead of just blindly following orders. It would almost be like a true living being.

Just imagine if he constructed an entire army out of it!

As if understanding his intention, Chu Feng's Heaven's Eyes pulsed with spirit power stronger than ever, allowing him to clearly peer into the nature of the sea of energy.

"Brother, are you all right?" a voice suddenly echoed.

Chu Feng looked over and saw the man with white brows standing behind him.

"Brother, in accordance with the rules, you'll have to start by forging pills since you're new here. However, I believe that you'll be able to quickly accustom yourself to the work here given your talents. Once you get good enough, I'll assign you a better position."

The man with white brows thought that Chu Feng didn't like his current job scope, so he took the trouble to explain.

"May I see what other jobs there are?" Chu Feng asked.

"Of course. You're supposed to report tomorrow, so you aren't officially on duty yet. Come, let me familiarize you with our Formation Master Hall."

The man with white brows brought Chu Feng on a tour around the different job positions in the Formation Master Hall.

There were many formations here, most of them designed specifically for pill forging, though their potency greatly varied. The pill forging formation Chu Feng saw earlier was the lowest tier.

The man with white brows brought Chu Feng to look at the high formation masters' working area too. He probably had access to it because he was already on the verge of becoming a high formation master.

Chu Feng quickly noticed that even though all of the pill forging formations were connected to the underground sea of energy, the first formation gave him the best view of its flow of energy. If he wanted to uncover the secrets of this place, that weakest formation was his best bet.

"Brother, do we get to choose our job positions? For instance, if the efficiency of my pill forging allows me to advance to another post but I wish to remain at my current post, is it possible for me to turn down the transfer?" Chu Feng asked.

He wanted to verify if he could remain at the weakest pill forging formation. It was a relief that he asked that question.

"Brother, we seek to bring out the fullest potential of each formation master. Once the efficiency of your pill forging reaches a certain level, you'll have to move to another post whether you like it or not," the man with white brows said.

Chu Feng smiled upon hearing those words, and the man with white brows smiled as well.

The latter thought that Chu Feng was glad that he wouldn't be stuck to the weakest formation, but in truth, Chu Feng was delighted to know the way he could remain at the weakest formation.

Chapter 5547: The Emergence of the Evil Power

"May I start work right away?" Chu Feng asked.

"Of course," the man with white brows replied with a smile.

Chu Feng made his way to the weakest pill forging formation and began working.

The man with white brows and the other formation masters gathered around him, curious to know how talented the amnesiac man recommended by the high elder was. They were sorely disappointed by what they saw.

To be fair, the rate at which Chu Feng forged pills was not slow, but it was nowhere close to meeting their expectations. Initially, they thought that Chu Feng simply hadn't accustomed himself to the work yet, but the latter showed no improvement as time passed.

Slowly, the spectators began to scatter till no one else was left.

Chu Feng could hear murmurs in the surroundings that the high elder had misjudged him. The attitude that the others took toward him also visibly cooled down.

None of them could have imagined that Chu Feng was doing it on purpose. He was intentionally forging the pills slowly lest he was assigned to another work post. After all, this was the formation in the Formation Master Hall that provided the best view of the sea of energy beneath.

As Chu Feng forged the pills, he continued to inspect the secrets behind the sea of energy beneath while eavesdropping on the conversations in his surroundings. He wanted to gather information on Little Fishy.

It was as he had expected. The formation masters stationed here knew far more than low-tier formation entities like 399.

First and foremost, he was able to gather a far more comprehensive picture of this realm.

There were hundreds of cities in the Star Sea Realm, and each of them was ruled by a city master except for the Star Sea Central City. However, the city masters weren't the most powerful beings in this realm. Above them stood the chief elders, followed by the primal elder.

The primal elder was the most powerful person in the Star Sea Realm.

Meeting the city master was already a difficult feat. Most people lived their lives without meeting the chief elders, let alone the primal elder.

However, what Chu Feng was more concerned about was Little Fishy.

He learned that Little Fishy and Jie Tian were currently residing in the Star Sea Central City. There was no city master in the Star Sea Central City; it was the residence place of the chief elders and the primal elder. Thus, it was also the most important city in the Star Sea Realm.

The Star Sea Central City was usually closed off. Not even the city masters were allowed to enter its premises unless summoned by the chief elders.

By eavesdropping on the discussions, Chu Feng was able to figure out where the Star Sea Central City was at.

The Formation Master Hall would close at night, thus giving the formation masters some time to themselves. Chu Feng decided to make use of this time to head to the Star Sea Central City. While he was unable to tap into his own spirit power, he was still able to exert his world spiritist techniques with the spirit power he was cloaked in. Naturally, concealment formations weren't beyond his means either.

He first concealed himself in a formation before making his way to the Star Sea Central City, hoping to see if he could sneak in to find Little Fishy. To his dismay, his path was blocked by a powerful barrier that was beyond his current means to decipher.

He would at least have to reach White Dragon God-cloak before he would stand a chance against this barrier, but even so, it was not guaranteed that he would be able to pull it off.

"Hm?"

Chu Feng suddenly felt a peculiar energy seeping into his heart. It was mild, but upon closer observation, he noticed that this energy had a seductive property. While it wouldn't affect him in the short run, it could slowly pile up over time and shake his state of mind.

"Eggy, I feel the evil power they spoke about," Chu Feng said.

"Where?" Eggy asked.

"It's invading my body, though it's still weak at the moment. Most people wouldn't notice its presence at all. I suspect that the traitors who turned against the Star Sea Realm didn't willingly do it. I'm guessing that their minds were slowly taken over by the evil power, resulting in them defecting before they know it," Chu Feng said.

"Can you tell where this energy is from?" Eggy asked.

"I can't tell, but the energy is probably quite powerful given how it discreetly slips into the body. I feel a familiar vibe from it—it's likely related to the assimilation formation. I suspect that the assimilation formation we encountered earlier was a product of the evil power," Chu Feng said.

"That means that the evil power is in contact with someone outside, right? I'd guess that it's trying to devour cultivators outside to strengthen itself. As for who it's working with, my bet is that it's the Seven Realms Sacred Mansion's Mansion Master," Eggy guessed.

“That’s most likely it. It looks like the Star Sea Realm will be in huge trouble at this rate,” Chu Feng said.

“This evil power is unlikely to be something you can deal with in your current state. You should quickly find Little Fishy and bring her out of here,” Eggy said worriedly.

“Mm.” Chu Feng nodded in agreement.

In the following days, Chu Feng spent most of his time forging pills in the Formation Master Hall while deciphering the secret of this realm. At the same time, he siphoned spirit power from the sea of energy to strengthen his own spirit power.

He made huge progress in just a few days, raising his spirit power from rank five Dragon Transformation Sensation to White Dragon God-cloak. At the same time, he benefited greatly from his continuous attempts to decipher the sea of energy. By now, he already had some idea as to how he could control the spirit power and construct formation entities.

The only problem was that he had reached a bottleneck. He was unable to decipher anything else from the sea of energy or raise his spirit power anymore. Nevertheless, he persevered on, hoping to push himself to a higher level.

It also went without saying that he had been concealing his spirit power, as there were strict requirements for each workstation. Should they discover that he had already reached White Dragon God-cloak level, he would be promoted to a high formation master or even an elder. That would mean that he couldn’t stay in his current job and peer into the sea of energy.

However, Chu Feng suddenly received a piece of news that squeezed his heart. It was concerning Little Fishy.

Chapter 5548: Worth Grooming

A conflict had broken out between Little Fishy and Jie Tian. Little Fishy fell in defeat and even sustained injuries.

“Are you certain about the news is reliable?” Chu Feng walked up to the man with white brows and asked.

“What’s with you, 521? Why are you eavesdropping on our conversation instead of focusing on your pill forging? No wonder you take so long to forge a pill! It turns out that you haven’t been concentrating at work at all!” the man with white brows berated Chu Feng.

His attitude toward Chu Feng had taken a 180-degree shift in just the short span of a few days.

Chu Feng wasn't too bothered by the change in attitude. He smiled at them and said, "I heard that Lord Xianhai Yu'er is currently fighting for us, so I'm more concerned about her."

Those words only provoked a sneer from the man with white brows, as he said, "It's not just Lord Xianhai Yu'er who is fighting for us but Lord Jie Tian too. Why aren't you concerned about him too? I think that you're just lusting for Lord Xianhai Yu'er's beauty."

The crowd burst into laughter upon hearing those words.

The man with white brows looked at Chu Feng with disdainful eyes as he sneered, "521, look at yourself. You're a mere intermediate formation master. How dare the likes of you desire Lord Xianhai Yu'er? A toad lusting over a swan's flesh! If not for the high elder's recommendation, you wouldn't have even become an intermediate formation master!"

The crowd's laughter became even louder.

Chu Feng didn't lose his temper. He simply shrugged with a smile before returning to his workstation. His lack of response made him look like a coward in others' eyes.

"That useless thing! We would have long driven him out if it wasn't for the high elder. It's hilarious how he even had the galls to accept your gift!" some of the formation masters walked over to the man with white brows' side and spoke aloud.

Upon hearing those words, Chu Feng returned their gifts with a wave of his sleeves and said, "Take back your gifts since you aren't sincere about them,"

Those formation masters took back their gifts without any hesitation. Even so, their attitude toward Chu Feng didn't improve in the least.

"Those fellows are eyesores. Who could have thought that formation entities would be this political? I'd have massacred them if I could get out of here," Eggy grumbled in displeasure.

"There's bound to be politics where there's desire. I knew from the moment they showered me with undeserved goodwill when I first arrived that they would turn against me if my performance prove to be unsatisfactory. Still, I didn't think that they would turn on me that quickly. How dumb. They don't have any depth at all. They should have patiently waited for a while longer before showing their true colors. However, it doesn't matter to me since I'm just making use of them," Chu Feng said.

He wasn't angry in the least.

"Chu Feng, do you think that their information on Little Fishy is accurate? Is Jie Tian so strong as to be able to defeat Little Fishy?" Eggy asked.

She hadn't seen the matured Little Fishy yet, but she vividly remembered the astonishing talent she displayed as a child.

"I'll head to the Star Sea Central City tonight to take a look," Chu Feng replied.

That night, Chu Feng made his way to the Star Sea Central City. He encountered the barrier that blocked his path the last time, to which, he constructed his own formation in an attempt to breach it.

However, just as he had expected, it was extremely difficult for him to breach the barrier despite having raised his spirit power to White Dragon God-cloak. He spent six hours on the barrier but only succeeded in generating a small crack on it.

"It looks like my spirit power is still too weak."

Chu Feng could tell from the result that his spirit power wasn't strong enough to breach the barrier yet. As much as he wanted to meet Little Fishy to understand her current situation, there was nothing he could do since he was still too weak.

Left with no choice, he could only head back.

On the way back, he spotted an old man struggling on the ground with a pained look. He appeared to be a high formation master, though he didn't seem to be from the city Chu Feng was currently residing in.

Chu Feng had no idea what the old man was doing here, but he could tell that the latter was in a dire state. Even though they weren't acquainted and the latter was only a formation entity, he chose to intervene.

He first concealed his appearance before landing on the ground.

"Did you sustain these injuries from the formation?" Chu Feng asked the old man.

"Yes." The old man strenuously nodded his head.

Chu Feng quickly constructed a recovery formation to treat the old man's injuries.

"What incredible means! Why do you conceal your name?"

The old man felt grateful to Chu Feng, especially when he sensed how effective the formation was. However, he couldn't understand why Chu Feng was concealing his appearance and the identification number embroidered on his robe.

"Elder, I don't want others to know who I am. You should be able to recover within four hours inside this recovery formation. You don't have to repay me for this favor. Just treat it as if we have never met," Chu Feng said before flitting off into the night.

As soon as Chu Feng left, the old man lying on the ground suddenly rose to his feet. His pained expression vanished as if it was just an illusion, and his injuries instantaneously recovered.

Shoosh shoosh shoosh!

Several figures dressed in silver armor swooped down and stood behind the old man. Their silver armor was so exquisite that there was not a person in Chu Feng's city who possessed it.

"Chief elder, that man attempted to sneak into the Star Sea Central City. Should we really let him off just like that?" one of the guards asked.

It turned out that the elder was one of the powerful chief elders of the Star Sea Realm.

"Do you know why I feigned injury instead of arresting him right away?" the chief elder asked.

The crowd shook their heads. They had been patrolling together with the chief elder when they spotted the hidden Chu Feng attempting to breach the Star Sea Central City's barrier.

Under normal circumstances, they should have arrested Chu Feng right away. Yet, to their bewilderment, the chief elder chose to put on a show instead.

"Look at this recovery formation. Do you think this is something that can be constructed by a normal White Dragon God-cloak?" the chief elder pointed to the recovery formation Chu Feng had constructed as he asked.

"His control over his spirit power is indeed amazing."

The crowd acknowledged Chu Feng's skills despite the enmity they felt toward him.

"It's not just this recovery formation. The formation he used to breach the barrier earlier is amazing as well. While our city barrier isn't particularly resilient, it is strong enough to keep most Blue Dragon God-cloaks at bay. However, I reckon that lad will be able to easily deal with this barrier once his spirit power advances to Gray Dragon God-cloak. It's out of admiration for his talent that I chose not to capture him.

"As for why I feigned injury earlier, my goal was to test his character. If he turned a blind eye to me, I would have had him arrested right away. However, he chose to lend a helping hand instead. This shows that he has potential... He is worth grooming," the chief elder said.

Chapter 5549: An Opportunity Surfaces

“Chu Feng, you still can’t shake off your excessive kindness. You knew that old man was just a formation entity, but you still risked your life to help him. You do know that you’d be sentenced to death if you were caught snooping in this area, right?” Eggy grumbled.

She was not complaining about Chu Feng’s kind act. Even though she would never step in to save a stranger, she wouldn’t stop Chu Feng from doing so. She knew that they had different values, and she was willing to respect that.

What irked her was how Chu Feng put himself at risk to save that old man.

“To be frank, I did hesitate for a moment there, but I couldn’t bring myself to turn a blind eye to that old man, even if he was just a formation entity,” Chu Feng replied with a sigh.

He also knew that it wasn’t the wisest decision to help the old man, especially since he wasn’t just putting himself at risk but Eggy too. Yet, he was unable to bring himself to turn a blind eye to someone in need.

He knew that there were countless people dying with each passing second, and there was no way he could save everyone. Thus, his goal of becoming stronger had never been to save the world but just to protect those whom he cared about.

Even so, he couldn’t control himself whenever he encountered a person in need.

Of course, he would still weigh the pros and cons, but more often than not, he would step in and help the person even if it posed a danger to him.

“I’m sorry, Eggy. I keep risking our lives to save strangers,” Chu Feng replied apologetically.

This wasn’t the first time something like this had happened, but he knew deep down that it wasn’t going to be the last either. He simply couldn’t change himself.

“What are you saying? That’s not what I’m getting at. You should know it too. I’m just... just... I’m just worried about you! I’m not blaming you. You should follow your heart. If you force yourself to go against your will, it might end up becoming an impediment to your cultivation in the future,” Eggy consoled him.

Warmed by her words, Chu Feng’s lips curled up. He knew better than anyone else how much Eggy cared for him.

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As soon as Chu Feng returned to his residence, 399 rushed out to serve him tea.

Chu Feng immediately noticed that something was amiss and asked, "You're injured?"

"I-I'm not." 399 vehemently shook his head.

"I can see it. Your concealment can't fool me," Chu Feng replied.

"Milord, I don't mean to hide it from you."

399 hurriedly kneeled on the floor to apologize for his deception, but Chu Feng stretched his hand forth to support him up.

"I'm not blaming you, but you have to tell me who's the culprit."

Chu Feng could tell that someone had beaten 399 up, but the latter didn't answer his question as if he was afraid of something.

"I'll take your refusal to answer as a lack of trust in me," Chu Feng said.

"Milord, I have no such intention! We have only known each other for a short period of time, but milord has treated me extremely well. This is the first time in my life anyone has treated me so well!" 399 exclaimed.

Chu Feng could tell that 399's hesitation stemmed from his worry for Chu Feng. He was afraid that he would bring trouble to Chu Feng, which was why he tried to conceal his injuries in the first place.

"Tell me who wounded you," Chu Feng said.

"It's 788!" 399 said.

Chu Feng had an impression of 788—he was the man with white brows' lackey.

"They have made up their mind to make a move on me?"

Hostility flashed across Chu Feng's eyes. He knew that this was no coincidence—it must have been the man with white brows' orders. Bullying his follower was just the appetizer; soon, they would go after him too.

Chu Feng patted 399's shoulder and said, "You have suffered, but bear with it a little longer."

He would exact vengeance on the man with white brows for 399's sake even if the latter didn't go after him, but he didn't think it was time yet. Both he and 399 had to swallow this grievance for the time being.

“Rest assured, milord. I won’t hold it against them,” 399 heaved a sigh of relief as he said.

He was relieved to hear that Chu Feng wasn’t going to make a move since he didn’t want to cause trouble for the latter. In the first place, he had never thought about exacting vengeance.

However, 399’s response only affirmed Chu Feng’s determination to exact vengeance for him.

The following day, Chu Feng made his way to the Formation Master Hall, but he removed 399’s concealment formation, leaving the latter’s injuries in plain view.

No one from the Formation Master Hall was surprised to see 399’s injuries. Some even sneered in disdain. Not a single person showed concern for 399 or Chu Feng. All of them knew what had happened.

Chu Feng headed to the pill forging formation and tried to further decipher the sea of energy, but it was to no avail.

“It looks like it’ll be difficult for me to overcome this bottleneck.”

To be exact, it was not that he couldn’t overcome this bottleneck but that it would take him a long time to do so. The problem was that he didn’t think that he had the time for that, so he decided to find other ways to raise his spirit power.

In truth, there were plenty of opportunities to raise one’s spirit power in the city, just that such opportunities weren’t easy to obtain. That being said, he figured that he could try siphoning energy from the formations that granted spirit power instead.

As long as he could reach Grey Dragon God-cloak, he would be able to breach the barrier to find Little Fishy. With Little Fishy vouching for his identity, he would be able to solve many of his existing problems.

“Dang, dang, dang...” a bell suddenly chimed.

The chiming piqued the excitement of all of the formation masters, as they put down their work and rushed out of the Formation Master Hall. Not a person tried to stop them even though they were ditching work.

From the conversations around him, Chu Feng quickly figured out what had happened.

It turned out that the chimes were from the town’s assembly bell, which was only sounded when something huge was going to happen. It was usually a special mission that had no requirements on one’s standing, meaning that everyone could participate in it.

Anyone who cleared the mission would be granted the opportunity to raise their spirit power.

“I didn’t think that an opportunity would come by that quickly.”

Chu Feng also left his workstation to head in the direction of the assembly bell.

A huge plaque placed in front of the assembly bell revealed the purpose behind this gathering. Upon reading the plaque’s content, the already excited Chu Feng grew even more excited.

Chapter 5550: Prepared for Chu Feng

Written on the plaque was information concerning Little Fishy.

Xianhai Yu’er urgently needed formation masters to maintain her formation armor. There was a slot available for each city, determined through a trial of deciphering formations. The one who deciphered the most formations would be granted the opportunity to visit the Star Sea Central City to maintain Xianhai Yu’er’s formation armor.

This was a dream job for all formation masters.

Xianhai Yu’er was currently fighting for the Star Sea Realm. Should she emerge victorious, everyone who had played a part in helping her would accrue great merit.

By the time Chu Feng arrived, there were three small palaces there simultaneously holding the trials. He headed to the palace with the shortest queue. His heart trembled in excitement as he thought that this opportunity was made for him.

Just as it was about to be Chu Feng’s turn, a disdainful voice echoed, “Oh? Isn’t this the useless intermediate formation master? Are you going to give it a try too?”

Chu Feng knew right away it was the man with white brows. The latter had just stepped out of the palace with a heavy expression; his result appeared to be less than ideal. It might be due to a desire to vent his frustration that he chose to provoke Chu Feng.

Chu Feng didn’t pay him any heed, but that only further angered the man with white brows. Thus, he glanced at one of his followers.

The follower caught his drift and spoke aloud, “Formation Master 521, why is your follower’s face all bruised up? Did someone beat him up? You must have made a lot of enemies, and your follower paid the price for you. It’s always said that one should first look at the owner before beating up the dog; I guess it can’t be helped since you’re too weak.”

Chu Feng finally turned his gaze over and asked, "Were you the one who beat him up?"

The follower immediately panicked. For some reason, Chu Feng's glare sent shudders down his spine. He glanced at the man with white brows, and the latter gestured that he would back him. It was only then that the follower confidently puffed up his chest and said, "Yes, I was the one who beat him up. What are you going to do about it?"

By then, the commotion had already caught the crowd's attention. They were smart enough to know that a follower would only dare to provoke a formation master with his master's backing. Given that Chu Feng was far weaker than the man with white brows, they naturally assumed that Chu Feng was going to be embarrassed here.

If Chu Feng made a move, the man with white brows would step in and subdue him. If Chu Feng refused to make a move, he would be shamed as the useless formation master whom even mere followers could mock.

The crowd was curious to know what Chu Feng would do in this situation.

Shoosh!

Chu Feng suddenly vanished, only to reappear in front of the follower an instant later. Everything had happened so fast that by the time the crowd could process what was going on, he had already smashed a punch right through the follower.

It was such a flabbergasting sight that it even shocked Chu Feng's own follower, 399.

399's injuries were mostly external, but Chu Feng's punch had crippled the man with white brows' follower.

"Y-you dare to touch my follower?"

The man with white brows glared at Chu Feng with raging eyes. He was already prepared to step up for his follower, but who could have thought that Chu Feng would be so vicious?

However, the man with white brows' expression froze up as soon as he met Chu Feng's eyes. The latter was looking at him with frigid eyes induced goosebumps.

"You were the one who ordered him to do that?" Chu Feng asked coldly.

Before the man with white brows could answer the question, he had already hurled another first forth.

Gah!

The crowd watched in horror as another cry of agony echoed.

Chu Feng had punctured the man with white brows' spirit power veins with a single strike. This punch wouldn't take his life, but it had effectively ruined his future.

The man with white brows stared at his devastated spirit power veins in utter horror, knowing that he had been crippled for good. He had never imagined that he would pay such a heavy price for provoking Chu Feng. How could he accept such an outcome?

"There was no grudge between us, but you had to court trouble. You were asking for this," Chu Feng said before he returned to 399's side and entered the trial palace together with him.

"H-he... is at White Dragon God-cloak? He actually is at White Dragon God-cloak?"

It was only after Chu Feng vanished that the crowd snapped out of their daze. Most people were shocked by Chu Feng's viciousness, but those from the Formation Master Hall who had insulted Chu Feng were flustered.

They were afraid that Chu Feng would exact vengeance on them.

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Upon entering the trial palace, Chu Feng encountered a total of 39 formations.

These formations were unique in the sense that they could be deciphered with sheer skills regardless of the challenger's spirit power. While this might appear fair on the surface, the truth was that stronger world spiritists were bound to possess stronger world spiritist techniques.

However, Chu Feng was an exception to the rule. He was the World Spiritist Emperor Lord Qin Jiu's successor, not to mention that he had grasped some new tricks from deciphering the sea of energy beneath the realm.

The formations here hardly posed a challenge to him at all.

There was an old man seated inside the palace who exuded a formidable aura. He was clearly from the Star Sea Central City.

"M-milord, you!!!" 399 exclaimed with a stutter.

He was still startled by what happened earlier. It was one thing if it was just a small squabble, but Chu Feng had crippled both the formation master and his follower. This severe violation of the rules warranted strict punishment.

"Rest assured, it's fine," Chu Feng said with a smile before turning to the old man.

"Milord, may I begin?" Chu Feng asked.

“Mm,” the old man replied with a nod.

The old man lost his composure as soon as Chu Feng began deciphering the formations. 399 was so shocked that his lower jaws slackened. The speed at which Chu Feng deciphered the formations was so fast that the two of them doubted their eyes.

In just the blink of an eye, Chu Feng had already deciphered 36 out of the 39 formations. By the time Chu Feng stopped, the old man was on his feet, staring at him with bewildered eyes.

“You... actually deciphered 36 formations?” The old man was taken aback.

He didn't know that Chu Feng was actually capable of deciphering all 39 formations, just that he noticed that the last three formations were far more difficult than those before. He knew that he would attract attention if he deciphered them too, so he held back on those.

In any case, he was confident that no other people would be able to decipher 36 formations.

“Pardon my incompetence. I'm afraid that this is the limit of my abilities,” Chu Feng replied.

The old man's cheeks twitched. He had a feeling that Chu Feng was boasting, but there was nothing he could do about it. He first took a deep breath to compose himself before saying, “You're 521, right? Wait at the entrance and don't stray too far away.”

“All right,” Chu Feng replied before leaving with 399.

As soon as Chu Feng stepped out of the trial palace, a large group of elders and formation masters surrounded him.

“It's him! He's the one who severely injured those two!” a formation master exclaimed with his finger pointed at Chu Feng.

Chu Feng recognized the formation master. He was on close terms with the man with white brows, and he had always played along whenever the man with white brows insulted Chu Feng.

“How dare you conceal your cultivation and severely injure your colleague? What are you scheming?”

The elders looked at Chu Feng with hostile eyes, ready to capture and interrogate him.

Just then, a calm and powerful voice echoed from the palace, “This child has deciphered 36 formations, putting him in first place in this test.”

The elders who were planning to capture Chu Feng froze in place. Those who were touching Chu Feng hurriedly retracted their hands, not daring to manhandle him any longer. The crowd also turned their eyes on him.

A person who cleared 36 formations was bound to be chosen for the slot. Who would dare to touch someone chosen by the Star Sea Central City?