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Lightning and flames mixed to form a violet-red lotus. That lotus then exploded as soon as it appeared.

Although Long Chen fled the core instantly, his golden dragon scales were still blasted apart by that terrifying power. He was left a bloody pulp.

Lightning Flames Devour the Heavens. This was a new ultimate move that Long Chen had just started researching. It was based on the same principle as Double Dragon Destruction. However, this time, he was mixing the World Extermination Flame Lotus and the World Extermination Lightning Radiance.

However, even if Lei Linger and Huo Linger were familiar with each other, and they both possessed the destructive aspect in ample amounts, their elements were completely different. Long Chen couldn't merge them in an attack.

Before this, the Double Dragon Destruction had both of their powers erupt right at the last moment. The power was great, but it was entirely a simple addition of one plus one being two.

However, Long Chen found that if he could use his own power to merge both of their energies, then even if it was just a temporary balance, such an attack would unleash many times the power of the Double Dragon Destruction.

He had yet to fully research this technique and wasn't able to fully control it. However, in front of so many World Kings, his fury made him not care about all that. He directly unleashed the Lightning Flames Devour the Heavens.

As a result, divine light devoured the heavens, while endless flames and lightning weaved together. People saw a giant lotus spread, devouring everyone on the battlefield.

Long Chen was blasted out like a shooting star. All his scales were destroyed, and his body was a bloody mess.

As for the other World Kings, they didn't have bodies as powerful as Long Chen's. Their physical bodies were instantly destroyed, leaving behind only their Yuan Spirits.

That dark-faced World King also hacked up blood. Although his armor had protected his life, its runes had fully dimmed. Even this priceless battle armor was badly damaged.

Of over a hundred World Kings, only the dark-faced third Heavenstage World King survived with his physical body intact. The others were left with only their Yuan Spirits floating in the air.

Everyone was stupefied. Just how was a little Divine Lord capable of unleashing such terrifying power?

At this moment, Long Chen felt like his body would collapse. His bones were covered in cracks, and pain came from every part of him. Due to not being able to control the power, Long Chen had endured essentially the same amount of force as that third Heavenstage World King.

However, in just an instant, his physical body healed and the broken golden scales appeared once more.

"What?!"

Seeing that Long Chen's body went from being on the verge of collapse to fully healed in an instant, everyone was shocked. Such terrifying wounds were instantly healed? Did he possess an undying body?

Long Chen took a deep breath. Now, he sensed that he didn't even have half of his spiritual yuan after that attack. Furthermore, his 108,000 stars had used up quite a bit of energy to resist the backlash. Overall, his current power was around forty percent of his peak.

Long Chen suddenly stamped in the air, shooting toward that third Heavenstage World King like a bolt of lightning. His saber slashed down.

"He can still fight?!"

Startled cries rang out. Even after unleashing such a terrifying attack and suffering such terrible wounds, his attacks were still so sharp. That berserk will of his hadn't weakened in the slightest.

BOOM!

That third Heavenstage World King couldn't dodge. As a result, he raised his arms to receive Long Chen's attack, and the armor on his arms finally reached its limit and broke apart. His arms were left a bloody pulp.

Long Chen's qi and blood flipped inside of him, but his killing intent did not diminish. He continued to lock onto that third Heavenstage World King, seemingly unwilling to stop until the other party was dead.

As for the other World Kings, they only had their Yuan Spirits. Although Yuan Spirits could still fight, they were terrified. If their fragile Yuan Spirits were also destroyed, they would truly be dead. Long Chen's attack had not just destroyed their physical bodies, but it had also destroyed their confidence.

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The third Heavenstage World King, with his armor destroyed, had his expression completely change. Contrary to other World Kings, his cultivation base was connected to his armor. Having lost his battle armor, he was like a tiger that had just lost its teeth.

He suddenly spat out a mouthful of blood into his hand. After forming a seal in the air, his body transformed into a blood-colored streak of light that fled away.

"Blood evasion art?! He ran away?!" Inconceivable expressions appeared on many people's faces. A grand third Heavenstage World King, an overlord existence of the Evergreen Prefecture, had actually used the blood evasion art to flee? This signified that he had been defeated by a Divine Lord!

"So what if you use blood evasion? Can you run faster than me?" Long Chen sneered. Although he was also spent, he believed he could last longer. Furthermore, in terms of speed, it was nothing difficult to catch up to the elder.

Just as lightning wings appeared on his back and he prepared to chase, his expression changed. His wings then flapped, and he transformed into a Lightning Falcon that fled in the opposite direction. He had also run.

For a moment, everyone was simply dumbfounded. What was going on?

Just as they were stunned, the void rumbled. Spatial gates then appeared one after another. Countless figures showed up. Those people all had powerful auras, and there were even two more third Heavenstage World Kings.

Now everyone understood. This black-robed youngster had definitely sensed something, which was why he had fled.

Although he had fled, no one looked down on him. Instead, they felt even greater admiration for him due to his sharp senses. He had exhausted himself. If he still didn't flee, he would simply be a fool.

When these World Kings arrived and saw the destroyed Soaring Dragon Company, their expressions sank. Fury exploded out of them.

Just then, the dark-faced World King who had used blood evasion to flee returned. His face was already dark originally, but now it was even darker.

If he hadn't fled and had lasted another breath's time, perhaps they would have been able to capture that black-robed youth together.

However, by fleeing, it was like he was telling everyone here that he had lost. He had lost all his face, as well as caused failure this time. He was so furious that his eyes turned green with rage.

"Senior Yu Shu, what happened here?!"

Both of the third Heavenstage World Kings that had just arrived felt a mix of shock and fury. Just how glorious was the Soaring Dragon Company? Who dared to provoke them like this?

“Senior Yu Shu, what power was the other side from? How many people did they bring?” asked the other World King. Based on his estimate, some power must have come out in full force to be able to cause such destruction.

“Uh...”

The dark-faced elder was speechless. He couldn’t say that this was all done by a young Divine Lord. Although he knew that they would learn of it sooner or later, as there were countless eyes that had witnessed it, he still couldn’t bring himself to say it with his own mouth.

“I’ll explain it in detail to you when we get back. Inform the higher-ups! Release a bounty for the capture of... What did that little fellow call himself?” asked the dark-faced elder.

One of the World Kings beside him who only had a Yuan Spirit left hastily said, “He called himself Boss Long San.”

“Yes! Announce a bounty for Boss Long San!” shouted that dark-faced World King through clenched teeth.

As a result, the name of Boss Long San quickly spread throughout every corner of the Violet Flame Heaven.

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The name of Boss Long San soared out of the Evergreen Prefecture like a tsunami, crazily crashing toward every corner of the Violet Flame Heaven.

The cultivation world's information network was efficient from the start. Even a small matter would be transmitted through secret channels, let alone something major.

However, rumors didn't just have long legs; they also grew wings. As people passed the information down from mouth to mouth, people would say it according to their own style, adding some of their own details to describe what had happened.

If every person added a single word, then through countless transmissions, the information would be distorted countless times, with countless different stories arising.

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However, two things stayed constant throughout the variations. One was that a young man named Boss Long San had controlled a Ghost Ship and crashed it into the Evergreen Prefecture's shore, destroying the port of the Soaring Dragon Company that had been standing for countless years.

The second was that afterward, with an initial Divine Lord cultivation base, that Boss Long San destroyed the Soaring Dragon Company's headquarters in the Evergreen Prefecture, slaying over forty World Kings of the Soaring Dragon Company and destroying the physical bodies of over a hundred World Kings. In the end, he even made a third Heavenstage World King flee.

That was the foundation of the rumors. The majority of that didn't change. But there were a great deal of changes made to Boss Long San's origins and motives.

He was definitely young. Although they hadn't tested his age, his spiritual fluctuations were exceptionally intense. With just a glance, his age clearly did not surpass thirty years old.

To reach the Divine Lord realm before thirty was not rare in the Violet Flame Heaven. However, for him to possess the power to fight a third Heavenstage World King was absolutely terrifying.

People all made guesses about his origins. As a result, with everyone randomly guessing, in order to make their own guesses more likely, many people came up with their own lines of logic.

Hence, there were countless versions of Boss Long San's origins. Some figures of the era of legends were even dragged into these guesses. Some people said that he was the disciple of some almighty figure. That was because some major figures liked to wear black robes as well.

Some also said that he had obtained some inheritance from the era of legends. His divine ring manifestation was very similar to certain ancient manifestations.

Some even described him as an existence from the dark world, otherwise, how could he control a Ghost Ship? In any case, there were truly many rumors.

As a result, Boss Long San became a legendary and mythical figure. As for his motive in attacking the Soaring Dragon Company, quite a few people had heard him say that he came for revenge.

He said something about getting justice for millions of departed souls, and it made countless people ponder just what the truth was. Some said that he was simply making an excuse to plunder the Soaring Dragon Company. Others countered those rumors, saying that if he dared to so openly plunder the Soaring Dragon Company, why would he bother finding an excuse? There was probably some secret in this.

Boss Long San's name rapidly spread. Furthermore, the Soaring Dragon Company had announced a bounty for him. Anyone who reported a clue of his whereabouts would be thanked with a large sum from the Soaring Dragon Company.

Countless people wanted to find Boss Long San. Some wanted the money, but more wanted to see just what kind of appearance this mysterious Boss Long San had.

Back in the port, due to the Ghost Ship, no one had dared to activate a photographic jade for fear of karma.

In the Evergreen Prefecture, the strong hadn't thought of activating a photographic jade, and the weak had activated some, but due to not having powerful formations, the images recorded were twisted. Even the figures of the people became indistinct, so they were unable to see what kind of appearance Long Chen had.

More and more people were finding Boss Long San to be curious. Along the streets, within restaurants, Boss Long San's name was everywhere.

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"Fuck, how enraging."

BOOM!

Long Chen punched apart a boulder, his expression ugly. He had almost managed to slay a third Heavenstage World King. But now his hatred had nowhere to go.

However, with his current power, fighting against a third Heavenstage World King was very tough.

If it hadn't been for the help of Lei Linger and Huo Linger, and if it weren't for the Minghong Saber being powerful enough, he wouldn't have been able to beat that old fellow.

A third Heavenstage World King was already so terrifying. Then what about a fourth Heavenstage World King? That would be a mid stage World King, and their power would be completely different. If Long Chen had to fight one, he would probably only be able to flee for his life.

That wasn't mentioning ancient existences like Enpuda and Liao Bencang that had made a name for themselves countless years ago. Their cultivation bases were at the very peak of the World King realm.

Long Chen knew too little about the World King realm. Today, he had gained some experience on just how great the differences were between its Heavenstages.

Long Chen had fled to a desolate mountain. After he had rested for a bit, his anger gradually settled.

Long Chen suddenly bitterly smiled. It seemed that he was being a bit too greedy. Although he hadn't killed that dark-faced fellow in the end, he had killed so many people. Moreover, he had destroyed their port and one of their strongholds. If anyone should be angry, it should be them. Why was he angry? Wasn't that foolish?

Long Chen took a deep breath and lazily leaned against a rock, looking at the white clouds moving along the blue sky. His mood gradually returned to normal.

Long Chen thought back to what had happened. There was definitely some terrifying existence hidden beneath the Devil Sea. It had released him because of his Ghost Sovereign mark.

That terrifying existence was definitely related to the Ghost Sovereign. Furthermore, the Soaring Dragon Company had sacrificed countless travelers to that terrifying existence, so they were also connected. There was very likely some heaven-shaking secret hidden within it.

However, this secret had actually been discovered by him. In order to keep it secret, the Soaring Dragon Company would not let him go, even if it hadn't been for the matter of the Ice Soul Divine Jade.

"I've already crossed heavens, but my bad luck follows me. When will these unlucky days come to an end?" Long Chen sighed. Although he said that he had gotten used to his bad luck, this unending bad luck was still a bit irritating.

He had come to the Violet Flame Heaven and hoped to secretly enter the holy land of the Nine Underworld Hall to destroy their strange mirror. But now, it was impossible. It wouldn't be long before Boss Long San's name would spread throughout the entire Violet Flame Heaven. How was he supposed to sneak anywhere?

Based on normal logic, he should have first set this matter aside and thought of some way of sneaking into the Nine Underworld Hall's holy land to destroy the mirror. And only afterward could he get revenge for Bai Fang and Bai Rui. After all, this was a matter that related to the lives of countless nine star heirs.

However, at that time, Long Chen had only been thinking about revenge. There had been nothing else that he considered, and his intelligence had entered a state of hibernation.

Despite that, he didn't regret it. He knew that he was unable to act in such a way. Even if he was given a hundred other chances, he would still have done this. If he didn't vent this, he would suppress himself to death.

Now that he had calmed down and tidied his thoughts, he spent some time recovering. His wounds weren't bad, but he had used up the energy of his spiritual yuan and divine flames. He would need to spend some time resting.

As he rested, he took out the Ice Soul Divine Jade. He then looked at the beautiful snowflake sealed inside.

"The eighth rank Heavenly Flame, the Ice Soul Divine Flame. Let me see your true power!"

Long Chen dripped a drop of essence blood on the divine jade. His Spiritual Strength then constructed eighty-one runes on the surface.

After that, the snowflake inside the jade quivered ever so slightly, and a burst of bone-chilling cold erupted all of a sudden. The mountain that Long Chen was on instantly became encased in ice.

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Long Chen was turned into an ice sculpture. Furthermore, a transparent aura flowed on top of this ice, and it was clearly that of a raging hot flame.

The flames burned the dome of the heavens. At first, the giant mountain was encased in ice, but the next moment, the freezing cold turned into a burning heat like lava. Ice and fire mixed. As a result, the earth disintegrated and the void twisted.

In just the blink of an eye, Long Chen's mountain turned into nothingness. It was completely gone. There was no more ice, no more fire.

It was like everything had just been a dream. Long Chen couldn't help sucking in a cold gasp of air. He simply used the method that Bai Fang had taught him to draw out a trace of the Ice Soul's power. That trace of power was less than one percent of its max power, but it was already so terrifying.

If Long Chen hadn't had Huo Linger protect him, then caught off-guard, this trace of power could very likely have caused serious wounds to him.

Even with Huo Linger's protection, Long Chen felt pain throughout his body. It wasn't just pain. With cold and hot mixing, it felt like his body would explode.

The Ice Soul Divine Flame possessed the contrasting forces of utmost cold and utmost heat. The flames outside were hot, while the core of the flame was cold. It was a flame that had exceeded the scope of common sense.

Moreover, it had no color and was transparent. But its power was so terrifying that it far surpassed Long Chen's expectations.

"The Ice Soul Divine Flame is ranked even higher than the Heavenly Rainbow Flame. As expected, it lives up to its reputation. This is just a single rune of it, but it possesses the power to destroy heaven and earth." Based on Long Chen's estimation, this was not the true Ice Soul Divine Flame. It was a rune of the Ice Soul Divine Flame that had been sealed inside a piece of jade.

Long Chen had met the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy and had also seen how terrifying the Heavenly Rainbow Flame was in her memories. If this Ice Soul Divine Flame was ranked above the Heavenly Rainbow Flame, then it had to be even stronger.

However, even Bai Fang didn't know the origins of this rune. He only knew how to activate it. Without the activation method, if it was forcibly opened, this rune would instantly detonate. Then no one could obtain it.

"Big brother Long Chen, give it to me. Through that test just now, I found that it doesn't reject me. Let me slowly commune with it and see if I can merge with it," said Huo Linger.

Before activating the divine jade, Long Chen had told Huo Linger to prepare herself. For her to say that she wasn't rejected by the Ice Soul, he was excited.

If Huo Linger could control this rune and condense the Ice Soul power, then would he have to fear a third Heavenstage World King?

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"Huo Linger, commune with it slowly. There's no rush to merge with it. I still urgently need you," said Long Chen.

Huo Linger wasn't just helping him during battle. She had to be there for refining pills. If Huo Linger fell into slumber due to absorbing the Ice Soul Divine Flame, Long Chen would be affected in terms of both battle and cultivation.

Right now, his situation was not favorable, so he had no choice but to be careful. One wrong step and he would lose his life. He didn't dare to be careless.

Huo Linger obediently nodded. After taking the Ice Soul Divine Jade, she returned to the primal chaos space.

The Ice Soul Divine Jade had been activated and Huo Linger could slowly absorb it. Although it was just a single rune of the Ice Soul Divine Flame, it was still enough to completely transform Huo Linger. As long as she learned how to use this rune, her combat power would soar to a level that even Long Chen couldn't estimate.

Before this, when he was researching the Lightning Flames Devour the Heavens, he encountered a problem. That was that Huo Linger's power was clearly lower than Lei Linger's.

Moreover, Lei Linger's control over her own power wasn't perfect enough, resulting in him not making any headway with the Lightning Flames Devour the Heavens.

If Huo Linger merged with this rune, he trusted that with her powerful control, she would be able to strike a balance. Then perhaps the true Lightning Flames Devour the Heavens could be unleashed.

This Ice Soul Divine Flame rune's origins had to be extraordinary. That was the feeling that Long Chen got. Regretfully, the Bai family had declined, and other than the activation method, they hadn't managed to preserve anything else about it.

In any case though, reclaiming the Ice Soul Divine Jade could comfort the spirits of Bai Fang and Bai Rui.

As for the Soaring Dragon Company that had caused their deaths, he was in no rush to deal with them. He knew that they were definitely searching through the world for him.

"Haha, I'm rich!"

Only now did Long Chen have an opportunity to open the Soaring Dragon Company's treasury. After checking carefully, he cried out in excitement.

"No wonder people say that no one gets rich without unscrupulous money. As expected, robbing others really is the quickest shortcut to getting rich."

Long Chen looked at the endless treasures within the treasury and was wild with delight. There were medicinal ingredients, pills, ancient tomes, divine weapons, and all kinds of treasures. They were endless.

This iron case was its own space and it was filled with treasures. They were all organized very clearly.

"Damn, they really have a full collection. They have every ingredient to refine the Violet Tower Pill."

Long Chen first checked the ingredients and found that they had a complete collection. Even the rare ingredients of the Violet Tower Pill were present in decent quantities. No wonder the Soaring Dragon Company was said to be an existence that could challenge the Huayun Trading Company. Only after looking in their treasury did he understand just how frightening their wealth was.

All kinds of cultivation techniques and secret tomes were present, but Long Chen didn't even bother flipping through them. He couldn't bite off more than he could chew. He just had to focus on the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art.

"This weapon!"

Long Chen took out a halberd and gasped. This weapon had ancient runes carved into it, and they gave him a sense of immense pressure.

This weapon seemed to have an ancient desolate beast sealed inside of it. Once its runes were activated, it would unleash terrifying power.

“This is probably a weapon specific to powerful World Kings, a World Domain divine item. Once such a divine weapon is activated at full power, it can destroy an entire domain. I wonder if it’s true.”

Long Chen stared at the halberd with his heart pounding wildly. If that dark-faced Yu Shu had been wielding such a terrifying halberd, would Long Chen still have been a match for him?

Long Chen carefully looked at where he had found this weapon. There were over ten thousand divine weapons, with the majority being King items. Furthermore, they were top grade King items. There were also some rusty weapons whose item-spirits had died. But many runes carved onto them were still clear. Long Chen estimated that some of these runes had research value, which was why they were kept.

As for World Domain divine items, there were three. One was the halberd in his hand, the other one was a warhammer, and the last one was a shield.

Regretfully, only a powerful World King could unleash their potential. It was said that they possessed World Domain energy, and only such a power could activate a World Domain divine item.

The discovery of the World Domain divine items made Long Chen’s heart grow a bit heavy. Now that he had arrived in the Violet Flame Heaven, he experienced just how different the cultivators here were compared to the Darklight Heaven. Their resources were far more powerful.

Suddenly, a rumbling sound came from behind him. Long Chen was startled. He then turned to see the Minghong Saber quivering and the sheath’s runes flickering. A powerful aura was undulating.

“Could it be...?!” Long Chen was delighted.

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As the Minghong Saber rumbled, a saber cry shook the heavens. At the same time, a sharp Saber Qi came through the sheath and pierced the surrounding mountains.

The Minghong Saber’s aura was rapidly climbing, but after reaching a certain limit, it rebounded back, as if something was shackling it.

After that, saber-images randomly shot out, piercing the void, disturbing heaven and earth. A powerful saber will then raged, wishing to shatter apart the ten thousand Daos. The shackles were attacked over and over.

Long Chen was delighted. The Minghong Saber was trying to advance. After obtaining it, he had found that its sheath could absorb some mysterious energy from the body of slain experts to nourish the saber.

The Minghong Saber was originally a top grade King item. If it advanced again, it would be a World Domain divine item. This was a divine weapon capable of growth.

Suddenly, the saber came out of its sheath, slicing the heavens. As a result, a giant spatial crack appeared in the void and didn’t heal for a long time.

At that moment, the Minghong Saber let out a heaven-shaking cry that was like a roar. The saber cry echoed throughout heaven and earth over and over again.

Its sharpness overflowed and an arrogant will rose, just like a lofty expert looking down on the rest of the world.

It had finally broken free of the bindings of heaven and earth, advancing to become a World Domain divine item. Sensing its terrifying aura, Long Chen was incredibly excited.

The Minghong Saber then flew over and Long Chen caught it. A bloodline connection formed between the two of them. He felt endless confidence now, and it stemmed from the Minghong Saber.

Although he wasn't a World King, the Minghong Saber recognized him as its master. It fully trusted him to control it.

"Now, even if I encounter a World Domain divine item, I don't need to fear it!" Long Chen clenched the Minghong Saber excitedly.

He returned it to its sheath. Having just advanced, it had used up a great deal of energy. It wasn't suitable to use it for battle right now and should rest for a bit in the sheath.

Long Chen patted it and smiled. "In the future, us brothers will walk through the world, eating as much meat and drinking as much soup as we want!"

Long Chen would be in charge of killing experts, and it would be in charge of absorbing their energy. One saber and one man would both continuously grow stronger. After losing Dragonbone Evilmoon, he had finally found another reliable partner.

The Minghong Saber let out a light cry as if replying to him. Long Chen laughed. Putting it on his back, he flew off.

He had caused too big of a disturbance here, so it wasn't a good idea to stay any longer. He then found another more secluded area. After resting for a day, he was once more in his peak condition. Hence, he went to a small city and bought a map.

Only then did Long Chen learn that this place was called the Climbing Rain City and was still part of the Evergreen Prefecture. He hadn't expected a single prefecture of the Violet Flame Heaven to be so big. It was even bigger than the nine prefectures where the academy was.

Very quickly, Long Chen noticed something off. Some people were staring at him in shock. They clearly recognized him.

"Black robes and a saber on his back. Isn't that how Boss Long San dresses himself? Could this be him?" A startled cry suddenly rang out.

As soon as that person spoke, his companion beside him clapped a hand over his mouth, as if afraid that Long Chen would kill him for speaking.

With that person's shout, countless gazes turned toward Long Chen. Quite a few people were eager to test him to see if he really was the genuine article, but they also didn't dare to.

"Hey, can I ask how much money the Soaring Dragon Company has put on my head?" Long Chen looked at those people indifferently.

“Three hundred million immortal king crystals and a World Domain divine item. They will also receive the Soaring Dragon Company’s golden V.I.P. medal, forever receiving the protection of the Soaring Dragon company.” A young Divine Lord immediately answered Long Chen as if afraid that someone else would answer before him.

Before this, they had only suspected this youngster to be Boss Long San. His appearance, clothes, and cultivation base matched the description. But they didn’t dare to be sure.

After all, Boss Long San had a bounty on his head, and the entire Soaring Dragon Company was looking for him. According to reason, he should be in hiding and have changed his appearance. He wouldn’t be facing others so carelessly.

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However, Long Chen had essentially told them that he was the true Boss Long San, so an uproar came from those experts. Of course, some of them were excited.

After all, these young cultivators saw that Long Chen was the same as them, a Divine Lord. But he was able to do such heaven-shaking things. So, they all worshiped him.

As the Violet Flame Heaven’s Heavenly Daos were more complete, there were countless heavenly geniuses here. In the Darklight Heaven, you would count as a genius if you were a Primal. But here, they were everywhere. In fact, non-Primals were so rare that they almost couldn’t be found.

The Violet Flame Heaven was filled with heavenly geniuses, and thus the competition between them was also incredibly intense. Everyone felt a natural reverence for the strong.

Hence, these disciples had no thoughts of capturing Long Chen. The difference was too great. Thus, they only felt reverence and curiosity toward him. Whatever he asked, they would naturally answer.

“Just that little amount of money? How stingy of the Soaring Dragon Company. In their treasury that I plundered, there are three World Domain divine items and at least a billion immortal king crystals. As for the other treasures, I couldn’t even be bothered to count them all. The Soaring Dragon Company’s money really is hard to earn,” sneered Long Chen.

Countless startled cries rang out when he said this. The Soaring Dragon Company actually didn’t mention that Long Chen had taken their treasury, so people were unaware of it. Now that Long Chen brought it up, their hearts pounded wildly.

“Boss Long San, you should quickly leave. Someone has definitely reported your arrival to the Soaring Dragon Company. Their experts will arrive soon,” warned one woman kindly.

Long Chen was wearing black robes, had a saber on his back, and his appearance was handsome enough to stand out. Adding on the halo of his new fame, countless female cultivators wished to see him. In the cultivation world, power was the greatest attraction. When you had power, it was all too easy to win other people’s good opinions.

The youngsters didn’t wish for Long Chen to die here. Thus, they hoped that he would leave quickly. But some World Kings in hiding were already starting to stealthily concentrate their powers. They were clearly willing to die for wealth. Unable to resist the allure of the bounty, they were preparing to take a risk.

“That’s fine. The Soaring Dragon Company and I are now tied together. They won’t let me off, but I also won’t let them off. Boss Long San is already indifferent to life and death. I don’t mind fighting to the death!” said Long Chen with a faint smile.

At this time, Long Chen walked to a spacious area in the city. This was a large plaza, and at the center was a transportation formation. It was the largest of the city's four transportation formations.

"Hmph, how laughable. You say such big words, but aren't you preparing to tuck your tail in and flee?" Just then, a cold sneer rang out. The voice was full of disdain and provocation.

However, the speaker didn't reveal himself. They hid, with only their voice resounding loudly throughout the plaza, making it impossible to tell where the voice came from.

The next moment, Long Chen suddenly vanished and the crowd cried out in shock. They then saw an elder dragged into the air, with Long Chen's hand around his throat.

"A World King!" Startled cries rang out. They recognized this elder. He was a sect master.

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"What a fool. You can hide your voice, but can you hide your soul? And even if you can hide your soul, can you hide your hostility?" Long Chen raised that elder by the throat like lifting a chicken. His expression was apathetic.

Everyone was startled. This elder might not count as a peak expert in the city, but he was the sect master of a powerful sect, and many people recognized him.

Who would have thought that this sect master would be unable to endure a single blow from Long Chen before falling into his hands? This sect master didn't even have the slightest ability to resist.

"Boss San, spare my life!" the World King pleaded.

“You want to stall for time? That alone deserves death.” Long Chen snorted. Just like that, the World King was blown apart into smithereens without being able to even grunt.

“You wanted to kill me. How could I spare you? Only your life is important, but my life isn’t?” Long Chen coldly looked at those specks that were the last evidence of this World King’s existence. He sneered disdainfully.

Long Chen’s gaze then swept through the distant buildings, and some World Kings hiding in the dark felt their hearts shake. Just now, they also thought about how to stall him when they saw him walking toward the transportation formation.

It was that little bit of hesitation that saved their lives. They were secretly keeping an eye on Long Chen, but Long Chen’s phantom-like movement art terrified them. None of them had seen how Long Chen had moved.

After Long Chen killed that World King, they were woken up from their desire of obtaining the bounty. They had only been thinking of Long Chen’s cultivation base but had forgotten how he was a terrifying existence that had killed dozens of World Kings.

The death of that World King was like an alarm waking them up. Quite a few people felt a burst of fear. If they had also tried to stall for time just now, they would already be corpses. No, they wouldn’t even have a corpse left.

As for the youngsters, at the same time as they were shocked, they were also inspired. The rumors were actually true. At the Divine Lord realm, Long Chen was capable of crossing two major realms to kill World Kings. Furthermore, he killed them with just the wave of his hand, as if it was effortless.

This scene caused their blood to burn with excitement. Humans were a very curious lifeform. Even if they themselves were lacking, seeing someone with the same cultivation base as them be a supreme expert, they would think that one day, they might also become like that.

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Although inside, they knew that such a thing was almost impossible, they had a living example like Boss Long San right in front of them. Hence, they felt full of hope.

That was especially true when they saw those World Kings being so suppressed that they didn't even dare to make a sound. They all felt like Boss Long San was their representative. Watching him kill that World King was both satisfying and addicting.

"Boss Long San, leave quickly! The Soaring Dragon Company wants to capture you. They'll definitely come prepared!" warned someone.

Long Chen smiled and nodded in thanks toward that person. He had reached the transportation formation. Countless young men and women waved excitedly to him. They were already very satisfied to have seen this legendary Boss Long San.

However, while Long Chen stepped onto the transportation formation, no one activated it. Long Chen simply stood there, not activating it either.

"Boss Long San, do you not know how to activate it? Do you want this junior brother to help?" asked one brave soul.

Long Chen smiled. This youth was merely in the Four Peak realm, and he looked at Long Chen worshipfully. This fellow was definitely still too young. He didn't realize that helping Long Chen escape would draw the wrath of the Soaring Dragon Company.

Long Chen then flicked his finger, and a round thing flew toward that youth. Feeling stunned, he extended his hand and caught it. His jaw then dropped.

It was a lily seed filled with Water Qi. This thrumming water element energy delighted the youth.

"The water lily seed of the Devil Eye Water Lily?!" Someone cried out, recognizing the origin of this object.

This youth was a water element cultivator, but his aptitude wasn't particularly high, so this water lily seed would greatly improve his aptitude. Although it wouldn't be to the point of changing his fate in a heaven-defying way, it was already a huge opportunity for him.

"Everyone, get back!" ordered Long Chen suddenly.

Everyone was startled, but they still respected his order and they retreated.

Long Chen's gaze was locked onto the transportation formation, like a cheetah waiting for his prey to appear. The other experts stared at him, seemingly understanding what he was doing now. Expressions of disbelief came across their faces.

Suddenly, the transportation formation unleashed a ripple. It was at this moment that the prepared Long Chen unleashed a punch on the formation.

BOOM!

The transportation formation exploded and countless fragments of spacetime flew about. A black hole then appeared where the transportation formation was.

Dozens of figures appeared within that black hole. But those figures had just appeared when they were devoured.

These people were World Kings. One of them was precisely that dark-faced third Heavenstage World King from before, and there were also two other experts with similar auras to him.

When they received the information, they immediately used transportation formations to arrive here. However, they hadn't expected Long Chen to have long since been waiting for them. The moment they came out, Long Chen destroyed the transportation formation, and they were sucked into the chaotic flow of space.

The black hole had countless spatial blades spinning within it. Seeing them, those ordinary World Kings panicked and were blown apart by those spatial winds, turning into nothingness.

Long Chen had personally experienced just how terrifying these spatial blades in the chaotic flow of space were. Some of the larger ones simply couldn't be blocked.

Back then, Long Chen only managed to see the spatial blades because he had opened his Purgatory Eyes. Now, he could still see them clearly without using the Purgatory Eyes due to how familiar he was with their auras.

A giant spatial blade was silently approaching them now. However, these World Kings were still completely unaware.

Long Chen couldn't help tilting his body slightly to the left, as if he was tilting that spatial blade's path into striking them.

Suddenly, that dark-faced elder's expression changed. He couldn't see the giant spatial blade, but he sensed the danger, so he took out a golden rod. This was a World Domain divine weapon. His armor had been half destroyed by Long Chen and had yet to recover, so he had found a World Domain divine weapon for himself in the meantime.

"Attack together!"

That elder shouted. Although they couldn't see the spatial blades, their sense of danger was sharp. They could tell from which direction the danger was coming.

The dark-faced elder's golden rod then smashed into the spatial blade. However, Long Chen found it curious that the elder's new World Domain divine weapon didn't react. No runes activated on it.

Long Chen was unaware that this dark-faced elder was completely unable to activate this weapon's runes. The golden rod simply smashed into the spatial blade just like that. The other third Heavenstage World Kings also attacked, and three divine weapons struck at once.

BOOM!

Within the endless darkness, a sphere of light erupted. What Long Chen hadn't expected was for the golden rod to explode when it smashed into the spatial blade. The immense force directly blew apart the nearby World Kings who were still struggling.

As for the third Heavenstage World Kings, they were left bloody and badly battered. They shot out of the black hole like shooting stars from the explosion.

However, Long Chen had been waiting. The Minghong Saber slashed out, accurately striking the dark-faced elder.

That elder's arms had been destroyed, resulting in his armor being crippled. Now, he was flying out involuntarily, completely unable to dodge, so he was directly killed by Long Chen's strike.

"You wanted Boss San's life. Today, Boss San will take your lives first." Long Chen snorted and shot toward the other two third Heavenstage World Kings.

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The other two third Heavenstage World Kings were sent flying by that giant spatial blade. The spatial blade's power was absolutely terrifying. Not only did it destroy their divine weapons, but their bodies also became covered in cracks. They almost lost their physical bodies.

Seeing Long Chen charging over, they turned green. Space was still chaotic, so they couldn't even use transportation talismans. With no other way out, they both coughed up a mouthful of blood. Blood Qi then wrapped around them, and they transformed into two blood-colored streaks of light that shot off in opposite directions.

These third Heavenstage World Kings actually used the blood evasion art once more. The main thing was that they had no other choice. The spatial blade had gravely wounded them, and they couldn't fight Long Chen in this state. That would purely be sending themselves to their deaths.

After that, lightning wings appeared on Long Chen's back, and he shot toward the closer World King. Others only saw a streak of blood-colored light and a streak of lightning chasing. In just a breath's time, the lightning caught up.

BOOM!

That third Heavenstage World King was ultimately unable to escape Long Chen's grasp. He was killed in body and spirit.

Long Chen then turned to the direction the other World King had escaped in. He was long gone, so Long Chen slowly sheathed the Minghong Saber. He couldn't be bothered to chase.

Even if he did catch up, it would be useless. Once that World King left this region, the spatial fluctuations would stabilize, and he could escape with a transportation talisman.

At this time, the black hole that was the remains of the transportation formation slowly closed. It was like a gaping maw that was finally closing. It was this mouth that had almost wiped out the army from the Soaring Dragon Company that had come.

Dozens of World Kings, with three third Heavenstage World Kings. In the end, only one barely managed to escape. The others all died.

Those who witnessed this shocking turn of events finally understood what true terror was, what it meant to be unbound by any law or heaven. This was Boss Long San.

Those people who had had some wicked thoughts for Long Chen found themselves covered in cold sweat. It felt like they had almost lost their lives.

“Who is the city lord?” Long Chen returned to the city.

“The city lord is this old man. May I know what instructions Boss Long San has for me?” A World King stepped forward.

“Here is a trunk of immortal king crystals. It can count as your compensation. It should be enough to repair your transportation formation, right?” Long Chen tossed out a trunk.

The elder opened it and found ten million immortal king crystals. He was delighted but hastily said, “Just three million is enough...”

“The rest is to treat all the friends within the city to food and drink. This money was stolen anyway, so it doesn’t hurt me to spend it. For disturbing everyone, a bit of food and drink is the least I can do. Everyone, I hope we will meet again in this ever-changing world.” Long Chen cupped his fists toward everyone and transformed into a bolt of lightning, vanishing from sight.

The city lord had originally been worried. The transportation formation was broken, and this money would probably have to come out of the city’s savings. He definitely didn’t dare to ask Long Chen for money.

However, he hadn't expected Long Chen to toss out ten million immortal king crystals. He was extremely generous, making the city lord form a good opinion of him.

The remaining seven million immortal king crystals were spent just as Long Chen instructed. All the restaurants provided the city's experts with free food and drink.

It took over ten days to use up all the seven million immortal king crystals. At the same time as they drank and ate, they also praised Long Chen for robbing the rich to feed the poor.

After all, after eating with his money, they wouldn't feel good to say anything bad about Long Chen. As a result, this robber Long Chen ended up with a good reputation that rapidly spread.

Countless youngsters that had seen Long Chen bragged about how they had seen the legendary Boss Long San, and how Boss Long San had even treated them to a meal. Well, it wasn't just a meal but food for over a week.

Youngsters were all restless. Once their worship for an expert reached a certain extent, they would start to imitate them.

As a result, overnight, people wearing black robes with sabers on their backs filled the streets. This fad became extremely popular.

"Old fellow, what are you doing? Your beard's already white. Boss Long San is so handsome and young. Is he a decrepit old man like you?" An elder also joined in the fun, only to be cursed at by others.

"You're imitating Boss Long San when he's young, but I'm imitating when he's old. So what? Don't like it?" retorted the elder righteously.

Countless experts in black robes and with sabers on their backs pointed out each other's flaws in their imitation. Quite a few brawls broke out, and blood began to flow endlessly.

As for the Soaring Dragon Company, they were enraged. Such an imitation was essentially a silent slap in their face.

Someone who had stolen the Soaring Dragon Company's treasury and killed so many of their experts had actually become the idol worshiped by countless youngsters, becoming a target for them to pursue. This was saying that Long Chen's actions were correct. The Soaring Dragon Company went from the victims to simply people who deserved to be punished.

The Soaring Dragon Company applied pressure on the major powers, but people were allowed to wear whatever they wanted. They couldn't forcibly restrict the way they dressed.

Under the Soaring Dragon Company's pressure, the various large sects had no choice but to warn their disciples not to go too far.

However, based on the so-called principle of barefoot people weren't afraid of those with shoes, there were always rogue cultivators without sects, and they usually had no misgivings. They were still wearing whatever they wanted.

With those rogue cultivators having no misgivings, some sect disciples also decided that they didn't care about their misgivings. These youngsters could easily end up having their blood rush to their heads. The rather conceited men in particular liked to dress this way because it was this kind of attire that particularly drew the attention of female cultivators.

Although those female cultivators also knew that the people dressing like this were all fakes, they couldn't help giving them a second glance. What if it really was Boss Long San?

It was this second glance that caused countless male disciples to preen like peacocks. They used Long Chen's attire to draw the attention of female cultivators.

This attire grew increasingly popular and spread along with the name of Boss Long San.

The Soaring Dragon Company was searching crazily for Long Chen. As for Long Chen, he was still living happily, swaggering through the various large cities and purchasing medicinal ingredients.

The Soaring Dragon Company's experts had surrounded him several times but had never been able to stop him. When there were too many, he would simply flee. With his speed, others were simply unable to catch him.

If the other side wasn't much stronger than him, then he would conveniently kill a few. In any case, the one to suffer was always the Soaring Dragon Company. They were helpless to stop Long Chen.

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Long Chen was trying to buy the medicinal ingredients for the Violet Tower Pill. But this star-field's merchants were practically all related to the Soaring Dragon Company. They didn't sell him anything.

Those merchants hadn't provoked him, so Long Chen was unable to rob them. Feeling helpless, Long Chen rushed through the Soaring Dragon Company's strongholds, snatching up their treasures. They refused to sell to him? Then he would take what he wanted himself.

The entire star-field became chaotic, and the Soaring Dragon Company almost went insane. Long Chen would rip out dozens of their treasures in just a few days. Their formations were unable to stop him.

On this day, it was said that the Soaring Dragon Company had sent out four terrifying experts, all mid stage World Kings, just to deal with Long Chen.

However, they had just arrived when Long Chen left this star-field. His goal was another place, the Chaotic Star Sea.

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Long Chen headed toward the Chaotic Star Sea. It wasn't to run, but because the place that he was in didn't have the Huayun Trading Company. He had stolen so much, but he was unable to exchange what he had taken for what he needed.

The other aspect was that the Chaotic Star Sea had the second hall of the Nine Underworld Hall.

The Nine Underworld Hall had countless branches. Although they didn't have as many as the Bloodkill Hall, they were still spread throughout the land.

The Nine Underworld Hall had nine major halls, numbered one to nine. They were the nine largest halls, overseeing all the branch halls within the nine heavens and ten lands.

The Nine Underworld Hall's second hall was found within the Violet Flame Heaven's Chaotic Star Sea. Furthermore, beneath the second hall's foundation stone lay an ancient mirror that reflected the entire world. Whether it was the immortal world or the mortal world, everything was under its purview.

This mirror was called the Devil Peering Mirror. The devil that it referred to was the nine star heirs. The Nine Underworld Hall, the Bloodkill Hall, the Martial God Hall, and the Sacred Pill Hall all treated nine star heirs as devils, pushing them to a position opposing all humanity.

It was said that public opinion was powerful enough to melt metal. Perhaps if one person or a hundred people said something, it wouldn't have any power. But when millions and millions of people said the same thing, and it was said for millions of years over and over again, the nine star heirs were gradually turned into devils. Many people were imperceptibly influenced to feel like nine star heirs were devils that would topple the world.

The Devil Peering Mirror was a priceless treasure that the Nine Underworld Hall used to hunt down nine star heirs. With it, they could easily discover nine star heirs. Once they were found, a large group of Nine Underworld Hunters would be sent to kill them.

Long Chen's greatest goal in coming to the Violet Flame Heaven was to destroy this hateful mirror. He would blind the Nine Underworld Hall's eyes.

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The Violet Flame Heaven was gigantic. Just crossing a single star-field took him almost half a month. Furthermore, when he reached the Chaotic Star Sea, he actually had to sit on a world-crossing flying boat.

The world-crossing flying boat was specifically used for crossing the barrier between worlds. This time, Long Chen asked first, and it was only once he learned that it didn't belong to the Soaring Dragon Company that he got on it.

As the flying boat passed through the sea of stars, Long Chen could see currents flowing around the boat. These currents were like heavenly rivers, leaving this star-field in chaos.

This was Long Chen's first time on a world-crossing flying boat. It was all his first time above the heavens watching the river of stars below him. Through the window on the flying boat, he could clearly see the chaotic star clouds outside.

Long Chen had long since learned that every time he crossed world domains, he would enter a different star. But because his body was in it, he didn't know the appearance of a world if it was contained.

Only now did he realize that while stars might look far off, due to the laws of two worlds growing close, space would twist. When they were close, there were invisible paths that were easy to pass through.

On the other hand, some stars seemed near, but due to possessing different laws, traveling between them was impossible. Despite being almost within reach, they were as far as the other side of the world.

To go to such a place, it was necessary to detour across other stars. A distance that looked close might not necessarily be close. Sometimes, the closest path between two points wasn't always a straight line.

Thankfully, many flying boats were carrying people to the Chaotic Star Sea. It was very convenient. Although the Soaring Dragon Company had targeted Long Chen with a sky-high bounty, there was nothing stopping Long Chen from coming and going through any city.

Although the Soaring Dragon Company was enormous, they were businessmen, so they didn't have such authority. Thus, Long Chen had some understanding of the Soaring Dragon Company and wasn't afraid of them. If he could beat them, he'd fight. If he couldn't, then he'd run. In any case, with his speed, no one could catch up to him. They were powerless.

The flying boat quickly descended into a chaotic flow of the star-field. The flying boat stopped, and then it slowly drifted with the waves of a strange power. Through several days on that current, they safely reached the edge of a star.

Once they were close to the star, the river of stars in the sky appeared once more. Influenced by the laws of the world, they could only see the world before them.

The flying boat stopped in an ancient city. The city wasn't large, but it was a busy place.

On the flying boat, an expert kindly warned everyone to be cautious now that they had entered the chaotic region. They shouldn't easily trust others, or they could easily lose their lives.

The Chaotic Star Sea was called that due to two things. One was that this star-field was in a special spot. The chaotic current of the nine heavens crossed each other here, resulting in the Heavenly Daos here being chaotic.

The other reason was due to this place being lawless. All kinds of large races had stations here, and even some of the dark world's lifeforms occasionally appeared. Thus, this place was particularly disorderly.

Other than the territories protected by supreme sects, the other places were completely lawless. It was a bit similar to the Vile Dragon Domain. But when the two were compared, the Vile Dragon Domain couldn't be counted for anything.

The Chaotic Star Sea had the human race, demonic beasts, beast races, spirit races, devil races, Nether races, and even experts of the Undying race. Legend had it that even extremely mysterious experts of the Ghost Dao would appear.

Also, the Chaotic Star Sea's position was particularly special. This was a mixed land, with all kinds of powers weaving through this place. These powers brought with them special laws of the Heavenly Daos.

Metal, wood, water, fire, earth, wind, lightning, light, dark...countless energies piled on top of each other here. Thus, the experts here began to keep track of where these powers would flare and calculate when the next eruptions would be, as well as the scale of the eruptions.

As a result, people could choose the right locations and times for their own cultivation here.

In the past few years in particular, people were drawn over. Every tens of thousands of years, there would be an energy storm that drew over countless monsters. These monsters all had very odd tempers. Without saying a word, they would start a slaughter.

Thus, the Chaotic Star Sea was an ancient place but didn't actually possess many ancient buildings. That was because large battles often erupted here. While the Chaotic Star Sea could be considered a wonderful heaven, it could also be considered hell.

Whether it was heaven or hell depended on a person's power. That senior kindly warned them, saying that the Chaotic Star Sea was unfathomably deep. Those who drowned were always those that thought themselves strong swimmers.

When everyone got off the boat, they ignored the people that came to greet them. Those were not good people. Once they started a conversation with them, it would bring endless trouble. They might even lose their lives.

"Friend, let me explain the map of the Chaotic Star Sea."

“Brother, this is the latest news on the energy fields here. No matter what kind of cultivator you are, you’ll find what you need.”

“Brothers, I see that you’re especially talented. Your bones are marvelous. My Ardent Sun Gang is recruiting new talent. If you join our Ardent Sun Gang, you will definitely be able to eat good food and drink strong drinks.”

Long Chen couldn’t even be bothered to pay attention to these people. He pushed through this crowd, heading straight toward the transportation formation.

“Aiya!”

Suddenly, a woman let out a sharp cry and fell into Long Chen’s embrace. He was startled and about to push her off when she broke out into curses.

“Are you blind? You dare to take advantage of me?!”

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“Sir...” Long Chen started.

“Who is sir?! Do you not see that I am a woman?!” raged that person.

“If you didn’t say, I really wouldn’t be able to tell.” Long Chen shook his head.

This person was short and thick. Within the crowd, it really was difficult to tell if she was a man or a woman. Furthermore, her voice was very rough.

“Cut the crap! You dared to take advantage of me. Today, if you don’t pay thirty immortal king crystals, don’t even think about leaving this place!” The woman pointed her finger, which was as thick as a summer radish, at Long Chen.

“Extortion?” Long Chen frowned.

“Little fellow, I clearly saw you touched her just now. Your taste is pretty heavy. Well, just spend the money and treat it as a lesson.” A man from the side joined in. He had a sharp mouth and monkey cheeks.

The people who had just gotten off of the boat with Long Chen looked at him sympathetically. It seemed that since Long Chen’s cultivation base was the lowest and he looked scholarly and weak, he was the first target of these people. They were going to force him to pay.

Theoretically, Long Chen could just pay the thirty immortal king crystals and be done with it. But on the flying boat, an expert had given them pointers.

If they took out any immortal king crystals, then all kinds of extortions would come until you had to squeeze out even your bone marrow.

If you encountered such a person, it would be best to run away. If you couldn’t, then hopefully you could state your status and scare them off.

That kind elder had said that they could always pretend to be disciples from some major forces. They should act a bit more tyrannical to scare the swindlers off.

If they tossed out one or two immortal king crystals with the attitude of shooing off beggars, then both sides could take a step back.

The other side clearly knew that you might just be acting, but they were also afraid of kicking an iron board. Thus, they would mostly choose to keep the peace. Getting one or two immortal king crystals was also profitable.

It was just a play, but if you didn't act it out properly and the other side saw through you, then you could only count yourself as unlucky.

The people on the boat were just strangers who had briefly traveled together. Hence, they naturally didn't speak up for Long Chen and just watched from a distance, trying to avoid falling for similar scams themselves.

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Also, the few guards that were standing here had long since grown numb to such things and didn't care. In truth, they wouldn't care no matter what because they were also snakes. This kind of extortion came with benefits for them as well.

"When it comes to money, I do have quite a bit..." said Long Chen with embarrassment.

Upon hearing that, the woman's eyes brightened, as did the eyes of the surrounding people.

It seemed that this person was a fat sheep with no experience at all. He even said that he had money.

“... But I don’t want to give it to you. So what can we do?” finished Long Chen.

“Brat, are you looking to die? Do you know what kind of place this is?!” barked a fierce-looking expert.

When they heard this person shout, the others hastily created an open space for him. Dozens of Immortal Kings instantly surrounded Long Chen.

“Brat, don’t regret it when it is too late. The Chaotic Star Sea has its own rules. Also, I’ve changed plans. You’ve touched me, and without three thousand immortal king crystals, don’t even think about leaving this place alive,” sneered the first woman. Hearing that Long Chen had money, she immediately increased her demand.

“I really don’t understand. Do you not have the slightest respect in your heart? Do you know that you are gambling with your lives like this? You think that this is a shortcut, without realizing that the shortcut is a gamble. No matter how many times you experienced the sweet taste of victory, just one loss and you’ll never make a comeback. Are you really so foolish?” Long Chen sighed.

Seeing that Long Chen was starting to talk reason with these fiends, countless people shook their heads. Was this person a bookworm? In their view, he was like a sheep trying to advise hungry wolves to become vegetarians.

“Who’s going to listen to your crap?! Hand over the money or die!” The woman finally lost her patience and reached out to grab Long Chen’s collar.

Her hand had just extended when a cold light flew out. After that, that woman shrieked like a pig being slaughtered. Her arm that was like a pig's trotter flew out.

Cold light continued to flash. When it was gone, every person around Long Chen had a bloody hole in their head.

Other than that fat woman and the monkey-faced man, everyone around Long Chen was dead.

“A sword cultivator?!”

The experts present were all shocked. The moment Long Chen made his move, the sharp sword intent stabbed their souls, making their minds dazed. At that moment, they felt like their lives were no longer their own and could be taken by Long Chen at will.

The noisy world instantly fell silent. People didn't even dare to move.

They had originally thought that with Long Chen's slim figure and low cultivation base, the giant saber on his back had to be nothing more than an accessory to scare others. They had even felt it to be comical.

But once he attacked, his sword will made everyone jump. That woman was so scared that she even forgot to shout or cry. She just stared in horror at him.

"I really don't understand you. In this dangerous cultivation world, you carry no respect in your heart. For the tiniest of profits, you don't mind bullying others, even killing them for money. Was it worth it?" Long Chen looked at her.

"Senior, don't kill me, don't kill me! I'll give you money, I'll give you all my money!" The woman finally cried, her snot and mucus flying out. She reached out to touch her spatial ring.

But the next moment, Long Chen's sword flashed and his Sword Qi pierced her head. As she collapsed on the ground limply, the spatial ring on her hand slowly rolled off.

Long Chen couldn't be bothered to waste words on her. He even used a sword because he felt that his saber would be wasted on such people. It was practically an insult to the Minghong Saber.

He had actually wanted to be a peaceful person. After all, he had more important things to do here, and so he needed to be a bit more low-key.

However, seeing their wretched faces, what he had planned to do and what he had done now had two completely different conclusions. In the end, his intelligence was still unable to beat his instinct.

"Senior, don't kill me! I..." That monkey-faced man was so scared that his whole body turned limp.

"I won't kill you," said Long Chen indifferently.

"Many thanks, senior, many thanks--"

But all of a sudden, Long Chen kicked his Dantian. As a result, he coughed up a mouthful of blood, and everyone felt his cultivation base instantly turn to nothing.

Everyone's heart pounded. This kick had crippled this man's cultivation base. In this lifetime, he would never be able to cultivate again. He had become a cripple.

"You said that you saw me touch her. Then your eyes are useless."

"AHH!"

The monkey-faced man screamed as his eyes were crushed by Long Chen. This seemingly scholarly black-robed man was actually so vicious. They had all misjudged him.

Suddenly, the crowd surged and a new group of people came charging in ferociously, with their leader being a half-step World King.

"Who dares to-"

A streak of sword-light flew over and that person's body quivered. His head then fell to the ground.

"I am Boss Long San. I'm fresh off the boat, and I'll ask for some extra care from all of you."

Long Chen didn't even look back. After killing that half-step World King, he indifferently walked away, leaving behind a group of dumbstruck people.

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Long Chen originally didn't want to kill people, but he felt like the dark energy inside his body was starting to grow active again.

If he continued to endure, that dark energy would continuously accumulate. Furthermore, this dark energy was the nutrition that his heart-devil used to grow.

If he wanted to contain the growth of his heart-devil, he had to calm his mind, and he shouldn't keep his negative emotions inside. It was the only way to suppress his heart-devil and control it.

Although he had the mission to destroy the Devil Peering Mirror, he couldn't neglect his own growth either. He had to do both things at once.

His original plan was to sneak into the Nine Underworld Hall, but now that he knew about the details, there was no way he could do it. If he wanted to enter the Nine Underworld Hall, he would have to be a disciple of the Nine Underworld Hall.

All the disciples had to offer worship to the hall master. To have Long Chen kneel to Liao Bencang? How could that be possible?

Furthermore, the Nine Underworld Hall's people were assassins, so the rules were very strict. Ignoring whether or not he could muddle his way in, even if he could, it would require too many preparations. He didn't have that much time.

Right now, Long Chen didn't have any plans, so he could only take things step by step. He also knew that even without the matter with the Soaring Dragon Company, there was no way he could conceal his tracks.

The Nine Underworld Hall's information network was top tier. As long as he appeared somewhere, the Nine Underworld Hall couldn't possibly fail to find out, unless he disguised his status by changing his appearance...

Unfortunately, he found himself having an extremely bad reaction toward such conduct. He didn't know if he detested it personally, or if that untouchable, arrogant will inside his soul refused to allow him to do so.

Ultimately, he chose to descend upon the Violet Flame Heaven under the identity of Boss Long San. As for the rest, he wasn't in the mood to think that much.

The Chaotic Star Sea, also called the Chaotic Star-Field, had thirty-seven prefectures, four seas, six islands, and eleven chaos domains.

The so-called chaos domains were places where space was unstable. All kinds of energy mixed together there, and many experts crossed heavens specifically to come to the chaos domains. As long as they could grasp the energies that appeared there, they could use them to temper themselves.

These energies were said to be the source energies from which the nine heavens and ten lands were produced. Comprehending these energies was extremely beneficial, as they allowed one to peer into the mysterious workings of the nine heavens. Legend had it that once a person comprehended this secret, it was essentially like controlling the true Heavenly Daos. They would be able to control all the energies of the nine heavens and ten lands, becoming the master of the world.

However, the chaos domains were very dangerous. One moment, it might be like spring with flowers blooming and life energy thrumming. But the next moment, a star might fall on you, and lava might burst out of the sky. If you had bad luck, a merciless storm could suddenly descend and seal everything in ice.

Legend had it that the chaos domains were created by the chaotic flows of an ancient battle. The laws of the nine heavens had yet to heal even now, so it could be said that the chaos domains were one of the wounds left behind on the nine heavens and ten lands.

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However, this wound also brought endless opportunities to people. Even though they were very dangerous, cultivators continued to throw themselves toward them.

Long Chen went directly to a place called the Yu Prefecture. He had learned that this was a peaceful place because it was controlled by the entity that he was very familiar with, the Huayun Trading Company.

Right now, the thing that gave him the greatest sense of ease from outside was the Huayun Trading Company. Even so, Zheng Wenlong still had many things to deal with in the Darklight Heaven, so he had to finish those things before he could follow Long Chen.

However, he said that any business in the Huayun Trading Company could be trusted. Long Chen could be brazen enough to do his regular large-scale trades.

Although the success of those trades would have nothing to do with Zheng Wenlong, he didn't mind. He had to first deal with all the things on his plate before he could leave. Long Chen had also given him many things to do in the Darklight Heaven. Hence, he truly didn't have the ability to follow Long Chen into the Violet Flame Heaven yet.

When Long Chen entered the Yu Prefecture, he could clearly feel that the atmosphere was completely different. The people walking the streets were mostly amicable. There were no random fights or brawls on the streets, or people trying to come up and scam you.

Furthermore, in front of the transportation formation were disciples of the Huayun Trading Company patiently explaining the situation of the Yu Prefecture to newcomers. They would answer all questions, and there was nothing to nitpick about their attitude.

However, not that far away, Long Chen also saw four cold-faced experts with weapons on their backs. Long Chen smiled. Those were for the people who didn't respect the rules.

Once everyone else was done asking their questions, Long Chen stepped forward. "I want to see your president."

Long Chen handed over a tablet to a woman, and she was startled when she saw it. She hastily said, "Sir is a violet-gold guest of the Huayun Trading Company. My apologies, I'll immediately ask for the president to come by."

"No need. I'm old friends with your Huayun Trading Company, and there's no need for all those manners. I'm just looking for someone, so if you could just bring me over to them, that will save us a great deal of time," said Long Chen.

This violet-gold card was the only one in Zheng Wenlong's possession. It was the most precious V.I.P. card that he could give. At his level, he was only authorized to give away a single one. With this card, Long Chen could ask for help from anywhere the Huayun Trading Company existed. As long as it didn't betray the Huayun Trading Company's principles, they definitely wouldn't reject him.

Long Chen was quickly sent to the Huayun Trading Company's headquarters in the Yu Prefecture. After that, Long Chen was surprised to see that their president was actually a woman who looked to be in her thirties.

“So sir is mister Long Chen. I didn’t expect sir to be such a promising youngster. Meeting you today is the blessing of three lifetimes. This little one is Qi Fang, greetings to mister Long Chen.” This World King didn’t stand on any airs. Although she was a woman, she didn’t put on any affectation, simply polite and poised. When she smiled in particular, it was like a spring breeze, feeling very amiable.

“President Qi Fang is courteous. This little one is a newcomer and will need to ask for some extra care. May I ask how you learned this little one’s name?” asked Long Chen.

Qi Fang laughed. “There are only three thousand and six hundred violet-gold cards that the Huayun Trading Company distributed. The majority are given to sects and major families and such, and only two hundred and seventeen are given to specific people. We keep a record of every violet-gold card, and as president, I must firmly memorize that record. After all, you are the people that we depend on for our livelihood. I wouldn’t dare to neglect you. Other than that, have you forgotten? You asked us to disseminate a certain piece of information before.”

Long Chen smiled. The Huayun Trading Company’s people truly had a good upbringing. No matter what their status, they gave people a very comfortable feeling.

After that, the two of them sat down, and Qi Fang personally poured tea for Long Chen. He thought about stopping her, but he felt like that would be awkward. Qi Fang smiled and said that it was fine, so Long Chen could only thank her.

“Mister Long Chen, you did some heaven-shaking things as soon as you set foot in the Violet Flame Heaven. You destroyed the Soaring Dragon Company’s dock and their stronghold in the Evergreen Prefecture. You even plundered several of their strongholds. I simply prostrate myself in admiration toward you. Let me use this tea as wine to toast to you.” Qi Fang raised her teacup toward Long Chen.

Long Chen was startled. The Huayun Trading Company’s information network was so vast. They actually knew all of this. Long Chen then raised his cup, touching it to Qi Fang’s cup before drinking it.

“Hahaha, amazing, absolutely amazing!”

Qi Fang suddenly laughed wantonly, and her refined air completely vanished. Long Chen was startled.

“My apologies. Seeing the Soaring Dragon Company suffer such a loss, I’m just too happy. They’ve finally faced their tribulation.” Qi Fang hastily reigned in her emotions when she saw Long Chen looking at her oddly.

“It seems that you knew about the matter of the Fiend Devil Eye?” Long Chen looked at Qi Fang in disbelief.

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“With you being a violet-gold card carrier, we can have absolute trust in you. I don’t want to lie to you. We truly did know about this matter. Back when the Soaring Dragon Company lowered their price to suppress us, we already sensed that something was wrong. Although we are all businessmen, our Huayun Trading Company strictly abides by our bottom line. But some businessmen are scum amongst businessmen. The path between the Violet Flame Heaven and the Darklight Heaven is very long. Moreover, the weather is extreme. Storms can arise out of nowhere, and we also need to deal with the attacks of numerous sea demons. It costs a great deal. Thus, when we ferry people across, we are basically making no money. It is more of a responsibility.

“However, the Soaring Dragon Company joined forces with the other major companies to lower the price and suppress us. They also made up false accusations against us, ruining our reputation. The Soaring Trading Company shouted loudly that they were willing to take a loss to ferry people across, so the people that were unaware of the truth really thought that our Huayun Trading Company was overcharging to carry them across. They began to grow dissatisfied with us. At that time, I advocated announcing the truth to the public, showing people our revenue and costs for transporting them, but... the higher-ups refused. They even ordered me to stop the shipping route,” sighed Qi Fang.

Clearly, she did not understand the logic behind the higher-ups' decision.

"Explaining would be meaningless. People only see the immortal king crystals that they worked hard for flying out of their hands. If you were to do that, you would only land deeper in the Soaring Dragon Company's scheme. You showed some proof, and they'd quickly show their own proof, pointing out how you vastly inflated the costs. People don't know the truth. They will only care about who can save them the most money and not who is more worthy of trust," said Long Chen.

Qi Fang looked at him with some astonishment. "Mister Long Chen really is wise. I didn't think about those points."

Long Chen shook his head. "It's not wisdom, it's simply experience. President, you are used to carrying out your business in an above-board manner. You feel like you can tell others the truth and it will convince them. You underestimate how shameless the other side is."

The Huayun Trading Company's integrity was its golden signboard. From top to bottom, they viewed this integrity as more important than even their own lives.

Clearly, this Qi Fang might be the president, but she was not experienced with unscrupulous businessmen and their malicious plays.

"Then it seems that I wrongly blamed the higher-ups. Thank you for explaining this to me," thanked Qi Fang before continuing, "You mentioned the Fiend Devil Eye. We knew of it. Every time we crossed the core region, the Fiend Devil Eye would appear. However, it has never made things hard on us. It was only after the Soaring Dragon Company appeared that it started to change. The terrifying existence told us that every time we crossed, we had to offer it enough sacrifices, or it would make things hard on our ships. The sacrifices were to be the crystal cores of demonic beasts, and they had to be the crystal cores of World King demonic beasts. We were not making any money from this responsibility, and adding on this tribute, we would be losing money. Ignoring how we were losing money, we were even

misunderstood by others. Hence, the higher-ups decided to stop ferrying cultivators and only ferry goods. That way, we could get along. In the end, the Soaring Dragon Company monopolized the ferry business. Without us as competition, they started to do whatever they pleased, using all kinds of embezzlement that betrayed the essence of business. Mister Long Chen, did you launch such a spirited counterattack because you couldn't bear watching them act this way, resulting in this conflict?"

Long Chen was startled. "Did your information only include this much?"

Now, it was Qi Fang's turn to be startled. "What is it?"

"My enmity with the Soaring Dragon Company doesn't stop there. The reason I was so vicious is because they truly did something that infuriates even the heavens..." Long Chen explained what had happened with the Fiend Devil Eye and how everyone was sacrificed.

Qi Fang stood in shock. When she heard that the Soaring Dragon Company offered the lives of millions of people as sacrifices to pass through the Fiend Devil Eye, flames of fury raged in her eyes.

"They are animals!" raged Qi Fang.

Long Chen said, "After hearing your story, clearly the Soaring Dragon Company is in collusion with the Fiend Devil Eye. Those so-called tributes that it demanded were a simple trick to force you to give up on that business. Then the Soaring Dragon Company would monopolize it and would be able to do whatever they pleased without others being aware. Furthermore, I feel like this collaboration is not limited to just the Fiend Devil Eye. Perhaps there is an even greater scheme. But as for what exactly they are thinking, no one knows."

"I must report this to the higher-ups immediately." Qi Fang grew grave.

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Long Chen nodded. "I trust that the Huayun Trading Company's higher-ups will attach great importance to this. Other than that, I mostly came here to buy some things. Is it convenient to do so right now?"

Hearing that question, Qi Fang laughed. "My Huayun Trading Company deals with business. When is it not convenient? Even if the origin of the items is a bit controversial, as long as they aren't ill-gotten wealth or gains, my Huayun Trading Company will not mind taking them in."

Long Chen also smiled. It seemed that Qi Fang had guessed his goal. Originally, he was a bit worried that the Huayun Trading Company would find these things taboo, but it seemed that he had over-thought it.

Long Chen didn't stand on courtesy and directly tossed out the list of ingredients that he needed.

Qi Fang immediately sent someone to handle them. It went without saying that the Huayun Trading Company was extremely efficient. In just a short incense stick's worth of time, all the ingredients that Long Chen wanted were gathered.

"This is everything from our storehouse, and there are other storehouses that we have to go through. I will go through the various large storehouses, but that will take three to five days," said Qi Fang.

Long Chen hastily said his thanks. Coming to the Huayun Trading Company truly had been the right decision. Their collection was very complete. Long Chen estimated that these ingredients would be enough to refine two to three hundred thousand Violet Flame Pills.

However, he also estimated that this wouldn't be enough for him. He then told her that he wanted as many of these ingredients as possible.

Naturally, he also traded what he had. He took out all the medicinal pills that he had stolen. Perhaps he would have a use for other things, but when it came to medicinal pills, he didn't want any.

The medicinal pills from multiple treasuries of the Soaring Dragon Company, this was an astonishing amount with equally astonishing value. However, estimating their value would take a great deal of time.

Long Chen conducted his business with Qi Fang the same way as he did with Zheng Wenlong. He didn't bother wasting his brain on this matter.

After obtaining the ingredients, he directly rented the highest level alchemy room within Yu Prefecture City and started refining pills.

When Long Chen consumed a full hundred thousand Violet Flame Pills, his FengFu Star was completely covered by a violet veil. In the end, this veil suddenly shattered. And when the FengFu Star reappeared, it was a violet star.

As the FengFu Star slowly circulated, violet qi came out, looking like an illusion. This violet qi slowly circulated throughout Long Chen's 108,000 stars. Now, even his 108,000 stars became covered in violet spots.

Suddenly, Long Chen's divine ring appeared. The six-colored divine ring now had a faint violet light around it. At that moment, Long Chen felt like a door inside his body had been opened.