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Long Chen finally saw a volcano with hundreds of Heavenly Flame Spirits concentrated on top of it.

They were all obediently kneeling around the mouth of the volcano, absorbing flaming lava that was slowly flowing out of it.

The lava had countless runes within it, and its flame energy was incomparably pure. It was definitely a great tonic for the Heavenly Flame Spirits.

Huo Linger's eyes also lit up when she saw that lava. She told Long Chen that the runes inside of it were very pure, and she could absorb it freely.

Lava gushed out constantly. There were dozens of Heavenly Flame Spirits with five kinds of runes on their bodies right at the mouth of the volcano.

Behind them were a group of Heavenly Flame Spirits with four kinds of runes. Clearly, the strongest Heavenly Flame Spirits occupied the best spots. The weaker ones could only eat what the others left behind.

Although there were many Heavenly Flame Spirits, they still didn't manage to eat it all. The lava flowed down, and Long Chen saw a large group of people using a formation to absorb the remaining lava, extracting those runes.

Within that group, Long Chen saw Zhao Mingxuan, Wu Yang, and hundreds of other experts. They had set up a huge formation that covered all of them. They were quietly absorbing those flame runes that flowed past them.

Other than them, many other lifeforms in the surroundings of the volcano were also absorbing the flame runes that gushed out of this volcano.

Everyone was in tacit agreement not to attack each other here, just like the Heavenly Flame Spirits. They were all afraid of breaking this fragile peace.

If those Heavenly Flame Spirits were to be provoked, they would have to flee. Right now, they were eating food from the tiger's mouth, so they were paying constant attention to the Heavenly Flame Spirits. They were also watching the volcano's eruption tempo. If it started to drop, they would immediately flee in case the Heavenly Flame Spirits decided that they were more appetizing.

It could be said that every single one of them was walking on thin ice. Eating this kind of meat was truly nerve-wracking.

By the time Long Chen arrived, there were already tens of thousands of experts standing around this giant volcano. There were no longer any spots. The lifeforms of the various races had occupied the best spots away from the Heavenly Flame Spirits, leaving only some corners and edges with a few flame runes.

"Hahaha, a group of fellows with no morals are actually picking through the dregs of what the Heavenly Flame Spirits eat? Isn't that embarrassing?" Long Chen appeared, laughing up in the sky at these people.

This place was originally very quiet, with only the sound of the lava flowing. Hence, this shout made everyone jump. Some of them almost fled.

It was only when they saw that the Heavenly Flame Spirits were ignoring Long Chen and still devouring those flame runes that they relaxed. But there was already cold sweat on their foreheads. Just now, they had been given quite the fright. They all glared furiously at Long Chen.

Zhao Mingxuan and the others' killing intent instantly exploded when they saw Long Chen. But they knew that now wasn't the time to kill Long Chen. They could only endure.

"What are you looking at me for? You lack the ability to eat meat, so you eat the crap coming out of people's butts. Can it be that others can't point that out?" sneered Long Chen disdainfully.

Just like that, he swaggered straight toward the mouth of the volcano from the sky. That made everyone's expression change.

"Stop right there! You idiot, if you disturb them, none of us will get any benefits!" shouted one lifeform furiously.

"You're the idiot. Your whole family is idiots. Who do you think I am? I am Boss Long San. When Boss San arrives, the lands quake and the heavens howl. When Boss San leaves, ghosts sob and gods weep. Who can possibly stop Boss San's footsteps? Some little Heavenly Flame Spirits? Let alone a fifth Heavenstage World King Heavenly Flame Spirit, even a Divine Venerate Heavenly Flame Spirit was subdued by Boss San! All of you shut your mouths. Why does a summer bug dare to talk?" Long Chen sneered. He had reached the area surrounded by Heavenly Flame Spirits.

The laws of the Heavenly Daos had started to change there, so Long Chen couldn't fly in the air any longer. He walked right past a giant flame lizard.

His actions caused quite a few people to turn green. The cautious people were already leaving, afraid that Long Chen would anger these Heavenly Flame Spirits, implicating all of them.

“Stop!” People continued to roar at him.

Long Chen had reached the area of the Heavenly Flame Spirits. That was the current above all of them, so absorbing the flame runes there was better. But Long Chen still wasn’t satisfied and continued onward.

Seeing Long Chen arrogantly swaggering on top of the lizard’s back, not being careful at all, countless people’s eyes almost popped out.

Fortunately, that lizard remained focused on absorbing the flame runes and ignored Long Chen. Everyone then sighed with relief. However, their gazes were as sharp as blades when they looked at Long Chen now. If looks could kill, Long Chen would have died countless times already.

“A group of cowards.”

Seeing how frightened those people were, Long Chen displayed a disdainful expression toward them. He then continued onward, jumping onto another flame beast’s body before continuing to walk to the mouth of the volcano.

“This bastard, what is he trying to do?!”

Everyone was enraged. Long Chen had walked to the largest flow of lava. Its current was the one that flowed to Zhao Mingxuan and the others’ area. That should be the strongest place, yet he was still walking forward.

Suddenly, Long Chen came to a stop. Everyone sighed with relief, but Zhao Mingxuan and the others' expressions changed. Long Chen was going to stop their current.

However, what infuriated them even more than that was that Long Chen actually didn't absorb those flame runes. Instead, he pulled down his pants and directly pissed into the current. Seeing this, Zhao Mingxuan, Wu Yang, and the others were so enraged that veins almost popped on their foreheads.

"This goddamn bastard, I'll kill him!" Flames raged in Wu Yang's eyes. Long Chen was intentionally humiliating them.

However, at this point, Long Chen had reached the mouth of the volcano. There were fifth Heavenstage World King Heavenly Flame Spirits all over here. If they attacked now, it would be sending themselves to their deaths. They would only attack if they wanted to die along with Long Chen.

Clearly, they were unwilling to do such a thing, so they could only endure. However, they were reaching their limit. Long Chen hadn't really damaged their lava current. The pee merely caused some steam on the lava, but it was still disgusting to think about it. If they continued to absorb it, wouldn't it be like drinking his pee? If that spread, wouldn't they be laughed at to death?

"Let's go switch locations. We'll go take a look." Seeing that Long Chen was still safe and sound, Zhao Mingxuan clenched his teeth. Together with the others, they gave up this excellent location and walked upward.

When they gave up their spot, countless lifeforms quickly took it over, not standing on courtesy. But some were so brazen as to climb up as well.

"Oh? What are you lot thinking?!"

Long Chen suddenly shouted and the immense sound shook the heavens, causing the void to rumble. Countless experts' hearts almost leaped out of their chests. Without even thinking about it, countless people fled.

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Long Chen's roar seemed to have prodded a beehive, so countless people fled for their lives. That loud sound would definitely disturb all the Heavenly Flame Spirits.

However, after running, they found that although many of the Heavenly Flame Spirits had moved, there was nothing else. They were still absorbing the runes.

"This bastard! Just wait, I'll definitely kill you sooner or later!"

People were enraged. Instead of absorbing the flame runes himself, Long Chen just made it so that others didn't absorb them. It was absolutely hateful. Most importantly, with Long Chen here, who dared to relax and absorb the runes?

Only some brazen people saw some clues. The Heavenly Flame Spirits here viewed absorbing these flame runes as the highest priority and were ignoring them. Even the ruckus that Long Chen made didn't stop them. That signified that as long as they didn't attack, there would be no danger.

As a result, people started to emulate Long Chen, starting to climb to the waist of the mountain. However, they were far more careful than him when they got close to those Heavenly Flame Spirits. They didn't even dare to make any big movements.

As they had guessed, these Heavenly Flame Spirits continued to ignore them. Furthermore, absorbing the flame runes here was even more effective.

These currents of lava had been flowing for a while. As time passed, the runes inside them diminished. Even so, these people got to absorb even more now.

However, they were very cautious, merely absorbing from this outer edge and not daring to enter deeper. That was because if they went any deeper, they would have no chance of escaping if something happened.

Most importantly, they were afraid of Long Chen. In their eyes, Long Chen was a madman constantly courting death in flashy ways. No one knew when he would go crazy again. If those Heavenly Flame Spirits were really enraged by Long Chen, they would be implicated and would also die. That would be too aggrieving of a death.

Those who had managed to come here were all powerful experts. They dared to eat food right out of the tiger's mouth because they all had confidence in themselves. But there was a difference between confidence and madness.

"Should we go to the mouth as well?" Wu Yang looked at Long Chen who was standing on the head of a Heavenly Flame Spirit, peering into the mouth of the volcano. He seemed lost in thought.

"We can't. This bastard has too many treacherous tricks. He might be intentionally baiting us over. When we go, he'll unleash an attack that enrages all the Heavenly Flame Spirits. Being attacked by so many fifth Heavenstage World King Heavenly Flame Spirits is too dangerous," said Zhao Mingxuan.

Last time, he was already conned by Long Chen. A fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirit had attacked him with all its power. If he hadn't had a divine item to protect him, he would already be dead.

Now that he saw Long Chen again, he wanted to tear him apart. But he didn't let his anger overwhelm his head. Having been conned, he had experience. He felt that it was better to be safer.

Other people were being careful, but Long Chen wasn't the slightest bit worried. Ever since receiving Aunt Gong's reminder and being bestowed the golden lotus seed, he seemed to have returned to the Long Chen that had first set out on a journey with Little Snow, the time when he was heading to the Xuantian Monastery. He had been full of confidence in himself, feeling himself to be capable of anything. He didn't know what fear was.

He had returned to his brazen character, doing whatever he wanted.

After scaring everyone with a roar, he climbed up on the head of a bull-shaped Heavenly Flame Spirit. From its head, he peered down and found that the volcano was like a gushing spring. Lava was constantly coming from below.

At the core of this spring was a giant egg-shaped rock that was constantly rolling. That rock was covered in strange marks.

"Huo Linger, that seems to be the legendary Heavenly Flame Crystal. But its shape isn't quite the same. Take a look," said Long Chen.

Huo Longer transformed into a flame dragon and carefully swam through the lava and toward that rock. She quickly sent back a delighted transmission.

"Big brother Long Chen, it really is a Heavenly Flame Crystal. The fluctuations are the exact same, but the Heavenly Flame Crystals are inside this rock. I can sense many of them, yet I can't absorb them without breaking the rock."

Suddenly, that giant rock sank down. Huo Linger was startled and moved to grab it.

“Don’t rush. Use your split bodies to investigate the situation underground,” said Long Chen.

Huo Linger immediately transformed into hundreds of small flame dragons that swam beneath the core of the volcano. After a while, she sent back an overjoyed message.

“Big brother Long Chen, there are these rocks everywhere down below! Hundreds of them! Many of them are actually scattered Heavenly Flame Crystals.”

Heavenly Flame Crystals were crystals condensed from Heavenly Flame energy. They only existed in legends. Although Long Chen had read countless books, he still knew very little about them.

Very quickly, Huo Linger returned and Long Chen saw a fist-sized blood-colored crystal in her hand. It was pure flame energy inside. A single crystal was just like a small volcano. If it was detonated, its power would be astonishing.

“Huo Linger, what’s wrong?” Long Chen suddenly sensed an oddity in Huo Linger’s spiritual fluctuations.

“I suddenly feel a wave of dizziness. The lava’s flame energy seems... to be toxic,” said Huo Linger, a bit unsure.

Toxic?

Long Chen looked at the motionless Heavenly Flame Spirits around him and instantly understood.

“It seems that these fellows are being poisoned as they absorb this energy. They are absorbing it while resolving the toxins. That’s why they are ignoring me unless their lives are threatened.”

Huo Linger was also a spiritual body and could be poisoned just like these Heavenly Flame Spirits. But the human race was different. They were only absorbing the purest essence of these flames. It was slower, but any parts that could harm them were rejected.

On the other hand, a spiritual body consumed energy in great gulps, using their body to expel the parts that could harm them. This was why they could be poisoned.

After thinking it through, Long Chen said, “I’ll merge my Spiritual Strength with you and deal with the poison. You can then take the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net down and dredge up the Heavenly Flame Crystals. We have to take all the treasures before those fellows notice.”

Huo Linger was not one entity with Long Chen. She was independent. It was only when Long Chen used ultimate flame moves that she merged with him, and only in that state would both of them share wounds.

As expected, after merging, Long Chen also sensed a strange energy starting to invade his soul. It was burning his soul.

As a spiritual body, Huo Linger’s Spiritual Strength wasn’t powerful. On the other hand, Long Chen’s Spiritual Strength was as vast as a sea, so this little wound was nothing to him. He could endure it easily.

With her limited energy, Huo Linger was only able to use the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net to pull up one rock at a time. Long Chen then helped her put it in the primal chaos space.

In the primal chaos space, under the light of the golden lotus seed, that rock instantly shattered. Millions of Heavenly Flame Crystals then clattered on the ground.

“Damn, we’re rich!” Long Chen was shocked and delighted. He had Huo Linger continue dredging them up.

“Oh?”

Long Chen suddenly noticed that Zhao Mingxuan and the others started to creep forward stealthily. Originally, they had stopped in the outer region, but it seemed that they had sensed something.

Suddenly, a powerful explosion made everyone jump. They then saw Long Chen standing atop the bull-shaped Heavenly Flame Spirit, striking a golden gong viciously. The sound truly shook heaven and earth.

“Wake up! Sleepy time is over! Quick, people are trying to snatch your meat!” In front of countless horrified gazes, Long Chen repeatedly struck his gong.

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Long Chen repeatedly struck his gong, causing a sound that was so loud that it hurt people’s ears. For such a sound to ring out just as everyone was acting carefully infuriated countless experts. They were all afraid of Long Chen waking up those Heavenly Flame Spirits.

“Look at all you cowards. My life is at risk too, but you don’t see me afraid. What are you so afraid of? Just look, these Heavenly Flame Spirits won’t wake up no matter how loud of a ruckus you make! Are any of you men? Come and see the scenery around me! Why can’t you be like boss San and piss on top

of the head of a fifth Heavenstage World King Heavenly Flame Spirit? If you record it with a photographic jade, then once you leave the Heavenly Flame World, you can leave this photographic jade to your descendants to show just how badass you were back in the day!” Long Chen snorted disdainfully at them.

After Long Chen said this, quite a few people were moved. If they recorded themselves in similar spots as where Long Chen was, then once they spread it, it would definitely cause huge waves.

The cultivation world cared more about reputation than anything. If they really managed to record themselves in such a badass scene, they would be able to brag about it for a lifetime.

As a result, quite a few people really carefully crept on top of the heads of these Heavenly Flame Spirits and activated photographic jades to record just how heroic they were.

“How shameless! Is a fourth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirit worthy of you? Can’t you get some bigger guts and be like Boss San?” Long Chen sneered at them, occasionally glancing at Zhao Mingxuan and the others.

They had noticed something off with him, and they felt like he might have seen a treasure.

Although they were afraid of Long Chen conning them, in the end, skillful people had the biggest guts. They had trump cards and numbers on their side. After discussing it, they decided to go take a look.

Just as they were stealthily creeping forward, Long Chen so brazenly invited everyone to come. Hence, they hesitated slightly.

After all, they knew too little about Long Chen. They didn't know just what kind of medicine he had in his gourd.

If it was just one or two, or even three or four fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits, perhaps they wouldn't mind. They could just run.

But there were too many of them here. Once they went crazy, in the chaos, no one could guarantee that they would escape alive.

"What cowards. Let me tell you, there are many treasures up here! If you still don't come, I'm going to take them all myself!" declared Long Chen, looking at Zhao Mingxuan and the others a bit impatiently.

How could someone like Long Chen not know what Zhao Mingxuan and the others were thinking?

They were suspicious that there were treasures here. But Long Chen wasn't afraid. If they dared to come up, he would attack these Heavenly Flame Spirits. With so many of them erupting at once, as he had the Lightning Body Blink, he would be the only one with the assurance of escaping unscathed.

If he couldn't obtain something, then no one else should get it either. Hence, Long Chen was particularly fearless, and this fearlessness made the others even more worried. Zhao Mingxuan and the others continued to hesitate.

"I suspect that he is trying to scare us off. Perhaps he really is stealthily taking the good stuff right now," said one of the heavenly geniuses. A slightly sharp light glinted in his eyes.

Clearly, he was very confident in himself. He felt that if Long Chen wasn't afraid, then they had nothing to fear either.

Long Chen might just be bluffing, or maybe he was double-bluffing. But who cared? They had so many people. They had to take the risk. In the worst-case scenario, they would simply end up in a life-and-death situation. They would see just who managed to survive then.

"I think he is being deliberately mystifying. In my opinion, it's better for the others to retreat, while the thirteen of us attack together. Whether or not there are any treasures, killing Long Chen is the first thing to do. I can't stand him," said Wu Yang.

"That's right, we'll attack together. We all have trump cards, so who is afraid of him?" The other agreed with this thought.

They very quickly made their move. Other than thirteen heavenly geniuses, the other experts that belonged to their powers stealthily retreated.

As for the other lifeforms, seeing this scene, they smelled something off and also began to withdraw.

Seeing Zhao Mingxuan and the others' actions, Long Chen sneered. Huo Linger was busily gathering those stone eggs. Just now, the final one was pulled in, and everything down below was now empty.

"Huo Linger, what do you think? Can we eliminate a few of them?" asked Long Chen.

"Probably not. Using the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net used up quite a bit of my core energy. I only have about seventy percent of my combat strength left. In the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net's damaged state, using it takes too much energy. It doesn't seem to be the right time to fight them now," said Huo Linger.

Only then did Long Chen recall that the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net was damaged. Although it was capable of repairing itself, the process still required some time.

Using it in this state would only be half as effective. Thus, Huo Linger said that now wasn't a good time.

"But looking at their arrogant faces makes me really irritated." Long Chen crossed his arms across his chest, rubbing his chin with a hand. Looking at Zhao Mingxuan and the others, he frowned.

He disliked them. At the same time, they also didn't like him. In their eyes, Long Chen was a hateful hopping clown.

In the Fallen Immortal Pavilion and the Wine God Palace, they had lost all their faces in front of Fairy Qingxuan. That was the greatest humiliation of their lives.

Now that the Soaring Dragon Company had announced a bounty on him, they had a righteous reason to kill him. They were the ones who wanted him dead the most.

Thus, even though there were so many Heavenly Flame Spirits in the surroundings, they were going to attack. They would see if they could kill Long Chen and prove just how much they hated him.

The others quickly scattered. Zhao Mingxuan and the others started to creep toward Long Chen, and they clenched their weapons.

Just then, all the Heavenly Flame Spirits slowly woke from their slumber. Zhao Mingxuan and the others' killing intent disturbed them.

“Attack!”

Zhao Mingxuan roared and his manifestation appeared. After that, endless killing intent locked down on Long Chen, and a blazing divine flame spear pierced toward him.

“Do you think that I’ll attack just because you tell me to? Do you think that I’ll give you that face?” Long Chen looked at him disdainfully and didn’t even bother to block that spear.

Suddenly, Long Chen was thrown into the air, but it wasn’t him that had moved. The Heavenly Flame Spirit that he was standing on roared and threw him. It then opened its mouth, shooting an exploding flame sphere at Zhao Mingxuan.

BOOM!

The flame sphere exploded and that spear wrapped in divine flames pierced straight through it without any resistance, stabbing that Heavenly Flame Spirit in the head.

What shocked Long Chen was that this attack directly killed the bull that he was standing on. That Heavenly Flame Spirit then transformed into runes.

“What a powerful World Domain divine item.” Long Chen’s heart shook. That spear was amazing.

“Die!”

Just then, another heavenly genius's sword slashed down, tearing through the void. The Sword Qi made people's bones shiver. This was also another powerful World Domain divine item.

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BOOM!

The sword slashed down. But with a flicker of lightning, Long Chen dodged just to the side. As a result, the sword fell and struck a fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirit.

That Heavenly Flame Spirit roared. Its body was almost cut in two, so all its runes quivered. After that, the wound instantly healed, and it unleashed a palm at its attacker.

Due to the body of that Heavenly Flame Spirit being huge, it struck the Heavenly Flame Spirit beside it. Hence, that one roared in pain and struck back.

In an instant, the entire volcano fell into chaos. These fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits began to attack each other and the humans present, not differentiating between the sides.

On the other hand, the fourth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits didn't participate in this chaotic battle. They directly fled in fear.

Amongst the fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits, none was willing to submit to the others. Their energy absorption was interrupted, so they were all enraged. Hence, their killing intent exploded and they crazily attacked everyone around them.

"Where is Long Chen?!"

As the fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits exploded in rage, filling the air with runes and explosions, the attacker dodged left and right but was unable to spot Long Chen's figure.

"Long Chen, you coward, if you have guts, come out! Your grandpa will go three hundred rounds with you--"

Pfft!

A heavenly genius ended up struck by a Heavenly Flame Spirit due to roaring at Long Chen. The distraction resulted in him coughing up blood and flying back.

Just as he flew back, a flame spear appeared out of midair, and he smashed right into it. It pierced straight through him.

Everyone was shocked. They then saw Long Chen's body appear in the air there. He held the flame spear that was still piercing that heavenly genius.

"Three hundred rounds? You couldn't even last a single exchange. In your next life, first judge your actual power before bragging so loudly," sneered Long Chen.

With a quiver of the spear, that heavenly genius was blasted into blood mist. Long Chen didn't give Zhao Mingxuan and the others any chance to save him.

"Young lord!"

In the distance, some experts that were wearing similar robes to that genius cried out in horror. He was their young lord, but he had actually been killed.

Suddenly, the dark red sword in that person's hand fled to the horizon.

"Want to run?"

Long Chen sneered and waved his hand. The Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net then caught and dragged it into the primal chaos space.

That sword wanted to struggle, but once it was inside the primal chaos space, it instantly went still.

Just then, multiple divine weapons slashed toward Long Chen, shaking Long Chen's heart. Those were all World Domain divine items. If he was struck by them, he would definitely die.

With a tug of the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net, a thread wrapped around the tail of a Heavenly Flame Spirit and dragged it over.

BOOM!

Over ten World Domain divine items attacked at once. As a result, the entire volcano exploded and lava spurted out in every direction. Even the fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits were unable to endure. The dozen of them at the core were directly blasted apart without even knowing what just happened.

As for the others, they were sent flying. A giant flaming mushroom cloud soared into the sky, covering the heavens.

This attack was the combined might of over ten heavenly geniuses and over ten World Domain divine items. No one could possibly block it.

Long Chen saw the volcano crumble and sucked in a cold gasp of air. This group of idiots really were powerful. If he had fled slower, he would have lost his life here.

“The Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net is more of a supplementary World Domain divine item. Compared to their World Domain divine items, its pure attack power is lacking quite a bit,” observed Long Chen.

These people’s sects and families actually dared to give them World Domain divine items. That meant that they themselves had at least some ability to protect themselves.

However, the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net also had its strong points. In a one-against-one, Long Chen wasn’t afraid of any of them. The Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net’s toughness could even constrain two World Domain divine items.

Just then, a huge net descended from the heavens. After dodging their attack, Long Chen flung out the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net.

“It’s the Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net! Scatter!”

Zhao Mingxuan and the others’ expressions changed when they saw this net. They recognized this divine item, and they retreated.

The Phoenix Blood Heavenly Silk Net fell, but they weren't caught. The net missed.

"No..."

Suddenly, some of their expressions changed.

The net fell and sucked in all the flame runes remaining at the core of the attack. They formed a dozen spheres of light. Those were the flame essence of the Heavenly Flame Spirits.

"Children, not bad. Next time, if we have the chance, let us continue working together." Long Chen put away the net with a blessed smile that made Zhao Mingxuan and the others grind their teeth.

"Bastard-!"

Zhao Mingxuan and the others were enraged. Their combined attack had killed so many fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits, but all the benefits were taken away by Long Chen.

Long Chen then transformed into a bolt of lightning after he finished speaking, vanishing in the blink of an eye without leaving a trace. His speed was inconceivable.

Just then, the fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits that had been sent flying by that attack unleashed heaven-shaking roars. They opened their mouths, their runes igniting.

“Run!”

Zhao Mingxuan was shocked. After that, he merged with his divine weapon and pierced through the void, flying away.

The reason they were able to kill so many of those fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits with their combined attack was partially because they had concentrated all their power within it, but it was also because the Heavenly Flame Spirits were not paying much attention to them.

Now all of the Heavenly Flame Spirits were enraged and unleashing full-power attacks at them. They couldn't block those attacks. If they tried, they would definitely be wiped out.

Long Chen hadn't flown too far before he saw the scene behind him. Rays of divine light pierced through the void, and heaven and earth collapsed. It was like the apocalypse.

“A group of foolish children.”

Long Chen shook his head. He then flew for over an hour before finding a rather secluded place for him and Huo Linger to enter seclusion.

“Hehe, True Fire Sword. The name is quite ordinary, but it's actually very powerful.” Only now did Long Chen get a chance to look at his gains.

This new divine weapon was just over three feet long and covered in ancient runes. Flame energy circulated within it. Also, its sharpness was oppressive. This was definitely a rare divine weapon of the Flame Dao.

“Big brother Long Chen, lend me some Spiritual Strength to absorb these runes,” said Huo Linger.

Huo Linger was capable of absorbing these fifth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits, but it was a bit taxing. With Long Chen’s cooperation, it would be much easier.

“Haha, good, once this Heavenly Flame essence is refined, you’ll control this True Flame Sword. Then we’ll slay Zhao Mingxuan and the rest of them.”

Long Chen laughed, spending all his energy on helping Huo Linger absorb this Heavenly Flame essence. He was full of expectations for Huo Linger.

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The True Fire Sword rumbled in Huo Linger’s hand, and thirty percent of its runes lit up.

Once they lit up, terrifying divine might raged, causing heaven and earth to change color. A sharp light also shot out and left faint cracks in the void. This sword was capable of piercing the heavens.

“Big brother Long Chen, this is my limit. I can only activate this many runes,” said Huo Linger.

“That’s enough. To activate thirty percent of the power of a World Domain divine item, you’re definitely amazing. Did you see when Zhao Mingxuan and the others attacked? Only a tenth of their World Domain divine items’ runes lit up. Hehe, starting today, you are my strongest helper.” Long Chen laughed delightedly, rubbing Huo Linger’s red hair.

During the past few days, Long Chen had helped Huo Linger refine the power of the Heavenly Flame Spirits. Her current aura was now almost on par with a fifth Heavenstage World King.

Furthermore, with the True Fire Sword in her hand, she could unleash even greater power. This was Long Chen's first time feeling just how satisfying it was to have such a powerful fighter by his side.

However, even after her power soared, she was still unable to absorb the essence of that two-winged vile dragon. Absorbing it was a very slow process. Even Long Chen couldn't help with that.

With their current speed, fully refining the two-winged vile dragon's essence would take years. Clearly, its essence was absolutely terrifying, and even the current Huo Linger was lacking a great deal.

However, the meat was already in their bowl. Long Chen wasn't worried. It would be Huo Linger's food sooner or later. Furthermore, those Heavenly Flame Crystals also had endless energy. It was simply that now wasn't the time to absorb them yet.

That was because counting the days, there were only a few more days until the Heavenly Flame World would close. He had to quickly search the other regions.

The meat could be slowly eaten, but prey still needed to be caught before it was his. Long Chen rushed off in another direction.

However, Long Chen was surprised to find that even after searching for almost half a day, he barely saw any Heavenly Flame Spirits. He saw the scars left behind by other lifeforms but not their actual forms.

Suddenly, after sensing powerful flame fluctuations in one direction, Long Chen flew off. The flame fluctuations also grew stronger and stronger.

“That’s the aura of the Heavenly Rainbow Flame!” Long Chen’s expression suddenly changed and he quickened the pace.

He quickly saw a world that had sunk from a battle. The earth was torn asunder, and there were still holes remaining in the heavens that had yet to heal.

Rainbow runes continued to fly throughout the earth and sky. That was clearly the Heavenly Rainbow Flame, but there was another insidious power fighting it.

“Yan Xu!”

Sensing that insidious energy, Long Chen’s killing intent exploded. He instantly recognized that aura, one that had been carved into his bones.

Back in the Heavenly Rainbow Domain, the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy’s statue was destroyed by Lord Brahma’s followers. Long Chen then watched as the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy was devoured by Yan Xu. He would never be able to forget that image in this lifetime.

“It’s already chased to here? Qingxuan is in danger!”

Long Chen instantly thought that Yan Xu had come here precisely for Yu Qingxuan.

The Heavenly Rainbow Fairy said that every generation of the Heavenly Rainbow Flame was a seed born from destiny. Only after one fell would another be born. Only the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy was an exception.

If Yan Xu devoured Yu Qingxuan, it meant that another Heavenly Rainbow Flame would be born.

Although the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy hadn't told Long Chen too much, he guessed that Yan Xu was very likely treating the Heavenly Rainbow Flame as chives, chopping them off segment by segment and consuming them as more grew out. It had devoured the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy, and now it wanted to devour Yu Qingxuan.

"Bastard!"

Long Chen roared. The only thing that gave Long Chen a bit of comfort was that the battlefield's flames were raging, but there was not the aura of the war chariot. Yu Qingxuan still hadn't been forced to the point of needing her full power.

This battle had been fought around three days ago. But for the holes in the void to not heal even after three days, Long Chen finally had an estimation of Yu Qingxuan's true power.

Long Chen quickly appraised the battlefield. Based on his combat experience, he guessed that Yu Qingxuan was sneak attacked, but she was strong enough to break free from the other side's blockade and escape. Moreover, the scars on the battlefield weren't disorderly. They had only exchanged at most three blows.

Clearly, being caught off-guard, Yu Qingxuan had been at a disadvantage and hadn't wanted to stick around. Thus, she directly left.

Long Chen sensed the auras left behind in the air. That evil aura was definitely Yan Xu's, but the pressure seemed to be a bit off.

Long Chen had personally seen Yan Xu. Even if it was through the endless void and space, Long Chen had sensed that apocalyptic power.

Hence, he was unable to figure out what was off. Transforming into a Lightning Falcon, he spread his wings and flew off. He had to quickly find Yu Qingxuan.

Flame energy was everywhere, and there were also many Heavenly Flame Spirits. When a person reached this place, their aura would gradually be covered up by the flame energy. As there was no way to track someone by aura, Long Chen could only blindly search around.

Like a headless fly, Long Chen flew around. He quickly found four humans fighting a second Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirit.

The next instant, a black figure descended from the sky and instantly blasted apart the Heavenly Flame Spirit, shocking the four of them. The Heavenly Flame Spirit was killed before they even knew what was happening. Long Chen appeared in front of them.

Upon seeing him, their expressions completely changed. They thought that Long Chen was not just going to kill the Heavenly Flame Spirit but also them for their wealth.

“Please, don’t kill us!” pleaded the one woman amongst the four of them.

The four of them were very average. Otherwise, it wouldn’t take all of them to fight a second Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirit.

Long Chen waved his hand. The flame runes were compressed into a flame sphere, and he tossed it toward them.

“I have a question. Has anything happened lately? Why can’t I see anyone around?” asked Long Chen.

Seeing that Long Chen wasn’t stealing their treasures and actually helped them kill that Heavenly Flame Spirit, they relaxed a great deal.

“To answer senior apprentice-brother’s question, the rumor is that some peerless expert appeared and fought with fairy Qingxuan. They fought all the way to the edge of the whirlpool, and that caused a huge amount of the Heavenly Flame World’s core energy to leak. The powerful people have all gone there. With the core energy of the Heavenly Flame World unleashed, countless experts are fighting over it. Powerful Heavenly Flame Spirits have also appeared. We want to go too, but those Heavenly Flame Spirits are too powerful. Even the weakest ones are at the third Heavenstage, and there are so many of them. We don’t dare to go. Only those powerful heavenly geniuses dare to get a cup of soup there,” explained one of them.

Long Chen’s heart shook. Yan Xu had truly locked onto Yu Qingxuan. This would be a battle to the death.

Fortunately, the four of them knew where it was and pointed Long Chen in the right direction. Long Chen instantly transformed into a streak of light piercing through the air.

“Qingxuan, hold on! I’m coming!”

Killing intent exploded out of Long Chen’s eyes. Yan Xu, Boss Long San will go all-out against you today!

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Heaven and earth shuddered. At this moment, a pillar of fire soared into the sky, piercing the very dome of the heavens. From it, endless flame runes transformed into a rain of light that covered the entire world.

The rain of light contained berserk flame runes that exploded when they landed on the ground. Also, this rain of light was strong enough to kill Immortal Kings.

“ROAR!”

“Kill!”

Within this rain of light, countless lifeforms and Heavenly Flame Spirits were fighting. They were fighting over those specks of light.

This rain contained the world’s energy. Hence, whether it was the lifeforms that had come from the immortal world or the native Heavenly Flame Spirits, they were driven crazy by it.

People viewed the Heavenly Flame Spirits as great sources of nourishment, but the Heavenly Flame Spirits also viewed the invaders as pieces of meat that had come to them. Now due to fighting over the rain of light, all of them went crazy.

It was a completely chaotic battle. Every single lifeform that you saw was an enemy. It was to the extent that the Heavenly Flame Spirits were attacking fellow Heavenly Flame Spirits and humans attacking other humans. On this battlefield, other than yourself, you couldn’t trust anyone.

Many human experts already had their physical bodies destroyed, and yet they continued to fight crazily as Yuan Spirits. To flame cultivators, the physical body wasn't particularly important. Whether it was taking over a body or creating a new body, they weren't difficult. As long as their flame energy was strong enough, they could still be powerful experts.

The flames here contained the world's core energy, and no one could resist this allure. Hence, people crazily fought over them.

Whether it was the people or the Heavenly Flame Spirits that were killed, they would release flame energy that could be absorbed anew.

It was like a group of people carrying gold and silver were killing each other. Anyone who fell would have their treasures scattered to the ground as well. This sight made people forget their fear of death. All they thought about was gathering those treasures.

The space for millions and millions of miles was filled with various flames. People's lives were like blades of grass here, and the air was filled with a crazy scent.

Moreover, various lifeforms from different races continued to crazily charge toward the core. As for the Heavenly Flame Spirits, they continued coming from every single direction. The battle only continued to grow increasingly chaotic.

If you got through the outer edge of this battlefield and could see the core, you would see countless heavenly geniuses of the various races fighting against the Heavenly Flame Spirits.

This region contained Heavenly Flame Spirits that had at least reached the levels of fifth and sixth Heavenstage World Kings. However, all of them were so enormous that every time their giant bodies moved, they appeared very clumsy.

Even so, their attack ranges were huge. A single attack could wipe out all the surrounding Heavenly Flame Spirits.

As for the humans, due to possessing smaller bodies, they actually had quite the advantage, slipping their way through the chaos and grabbing whatever benefits they could.

However, there was still endless danger here. One lifeform actually stuck to the back of another Heavenly Flame Spirit for safety, only for another Heavenly Flame Spirit far off in the distance to spit out a flame divine sword that pierced through the bodies of several Heavenly Flame Spirits.

That lifeform originally wasn't on that path, but the Heavenly Flame Spirit that he was on wanted to attack someone else and directly moved him into the path of that attack.

As a result, that lifeform was slain without even realizing what had happened. Not just his physical body, but even his Yuan Spirit was destroyed by that attack.

The Heavenly Flame Spirits were going crazy and unleashed random attacks fearlessly. They didn't even let off the ninth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirits at the center.

Sometimes, a few hundred attacks would land on a ninth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirit all at once, and even it wouldn't be able to endure it.

The closer you went to the core, the stronger the Heavenly Flame Spirits were. Where the pillar of light was shooting out of, there were three mountain-sized Heavenly Flame Spirits. Their mouths were opened wide as they devoured that flame energy.

These three Heavenly Flame Spirits possessed heaven-shaking auras. They were all existences on the level of Divine Venerates, and they ignored the chaotic battle around them.

Although a few crazed Heavenly Flame Spirits attacked them, even the ninth Heavenstage ones were unable to shake them, so they couldn't be bothered to even pay attention to the battle. They only focused on absorbing this flame energy.

As for up in the sky, a sphere of rainbow light was repeatedly clashing with a blood-colored light. The void also rumbled with every collision. Because of it, the space around them was covered in cracks that spread hundreds of miles. It was like the world was about to shatter.

"Yu Qingxuan, hand over the Heavenly Rainbow Flame. That is your only path to survival." A sinister and dark voice came from the blood-colored light, and it was dripping with bloodthirstiness. It was not the voice of a human but more like the growl of a devil. It shook people's souls.

That giant blood-colored light contained a long-haired man in blood-red armor and a blood-red spear. His scarlet eyes were like the eyes of a fiend tightly locked onto his opponent.

"You fiend, we are natural enemies. Today, only one of us will live to leave this place." Yu Qingxuan stood on her war chariot within the rainbow flames, holding a seven-colored divine sword. Her eyes were full of hatred and killing intent as she looked at her opponent.

"I am Sovereign Yan Xu's ninth son, Yan Hong. The Darklight Heaven's Heavenly Rainbow Flame was already consumed by my eighth brother. The Heavenly Rainbow Flames are destined to be our food. Once I devour your Heavenly Rainbow Flame, I will break through my shackles and condense the Yan Xu

True Flame. For this one day, I've waited hundreds of thousands of years. Hand over the Heavenly Rainbow Flame. That is your only choice," said Yan Hong greedily.

"The Heavenly Rainbow Flame has merged with me. It is my conviction, my life. If you have the ability, then you can take it along with my life. If you don't have that ability, then I will take your life. I have never hated someone as much as I have today." Yu Qingxuan glared at Yan Hong with icy killing intent in her beautiful eyes.

"How foolish. My Yan Xu line can devour the ten thousand flames. I am an unrivaled existence in this world. I have mercy on you because I want to absorb the complete Heavenly Rainbow Flame. I don't want you to deplete its core energy. But since you refuse to recognize kindness, I will simply consume it by force. Although there will be some loss, I can make up for it here. You have no idea. Before your Heavenly Rainbow line awakens the Heavenly Rainbow manifestation, you are innately suppressed by my Yan Xu race." Yan Hong laughed sinisterly. His spear suddenly quivered.

Black threads then appeared amongst the red flames around Qi Hong's body. They were like black vipers extending out.

Yu Qingxuan was shocked. Those black threads easily broke her defenses. Most terrifying of all, when those flames invaded, the flame energy around her involuntarily flowed out. In just a breath's time, she had lost thirty percent of the flame energy in her body.

Her power was actually drawn into the void by those black threads, dispersed into heaven and earth. She had never seen such a terrifying power.

Yu Qingxuan rapidly retreated, slashing her sword at those threads. However, those black threads were incomparably tough. When her sword struck them, her core energy rapidly flowed away once more.

But just then, huge explosions rang out in the distance, and a voice rang out like a god's howl. It shook the nine heavens, causing the world to change color.

“Whoever dares to touch a hair on Yu Qingxuan’s head will regret ever coming to this world!”

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Long Chen arrived with killing intent that filled the heavens. It was as if the Heavenly Daos were about to collapse. That killing intent shook people’s souls.

Yu Qingxuan was even more important than his own life. He would not permit anyone to harm her in the slightest.

Back on the Martial Heaven Continent, Yu Qingxuan had died right in front of him. That image deeply pained his heart. Having met her again, he swore to protect her for a lifetime, letting her live a peaceful life of joy.

Hence, when he learned that she was in danger, he charged right over. Seeing those two giant spheres of light clashing, he instantly saw that Yu Qingxuan was affected by those black flames, causing her core energy to flow out. She was in crisis.

“It’s Long Chen! You goddamn bastard, die!” Zhao Mingxuan and the others were shocked and enraged to see Long Chen charging in. Without hesitation, they attacked him.

“Those who block me will die!”

Long Chen’s killing intent exploded. At this time, this group of bastards were still sticking to him and blocking his path.

“Scram!”

BOOM!

The void suddenly exploded as a giant fist smashed down, piercing the void. As for Zhao Mingxuan and the others, they hadn't expected to be sneak attacked from behind and hastily flew to the sides.

Feeling shocked, they saw that it was a flame giant. It was that Lava Giant that had spoken to Long Chen just before the Heavenly Flame World appeared. He actually appeared now to help Long Chen.

Long Chen was originally enraged at being blocked by Zhao Mingxuan and the others. He didn't fear them, but they would delay him from saving Yu Qingxuan. After all, if they joined forces on this chaotic battlefield, quite a bit of his precious time would be lost.

“Many thanks!”

This unexpected punch from that Lava Giant created a path for Long Chen. He was delighted and hastily thanked the Lava Giant as he shot by like a bolt of lightning.

“Lava Giant race! Do you really think that we don't dare to kill you?!” Zhao Mingxuan and the others were enraged at being sneak attacked. Wu Yang in particular roared and transformed into a Three-Foot Golden Crow, attacking the Lava Giant.

“Is the Golden Crow race very amazing? Does my Lava Giant race need to discuss our actions with you beforehand? If you want to fight, then I'll accompany you.” The Lava Giant's body instantly grew explosively. A fist smashed toward Wu Yang.

Two enormous figures fought, unleashing shocking flames. With the two of them fighting all-out, the chaotic battlefield grew even more chaotic.

In the distance, a figure watched as Long Chen flew past. There was a touch of rancor in that gaze.

He was Feng Xiang. He had fallen to this point thanks to Long Chen. Now, he was a laughingstock, and Wu Yang and the others looked down on him. At this moment, he could only hide in a corner with a mask on, absorbing the Heavenly Flame energy amongst the crowd.

BOOM!

Long Chen reached the core, and with the True Fire Sword, he attacked Yan Hong.

“Don’t! He will disperse your power into the void!” shouted Yu Qingxuan when she saw Long Chen attacking so recklessly.

That little distraction caused the black threads entangling her to instantly become the thickness of an arm and envelop her. At the same time, rainbow flames soared into the heavens.

Long Chen’s True Fire Sword pierced through the flame protection around Yan Hong. However, Long Chen was shocked to find that the moment this sword touched the flames around Yan Hong, the True Fire Sword’s flame runes were all extinguished. Moreover, Huo Linger’s power that was attached to it was also stripped away, vanishing without a trace.

It was like a brush covered in ink was passing through a waterfall. That barrier completely stripped away the ink. But in this case, that ink was all of Long Chen's power.

"Scram."

Yan Hong didn't even look at Long Chen. The black spear in his right hand stabbed toward Long Chen. At the same time, he extended his left hand, sending countless black threads toward Yu Qingxuan.

BOOM!

The black spear smashed into the True Fire Sword, causing a huge explosion. However, Yan Hong's body was sent flying like a shooting star.

Seeing the True Fire Sword in Long Chen's hand, Yan Hong had assumed that Long Chen was a flame cultivator. That made him lower his guard toward Long Chen because the Yan Xu line specialized in countering flame cultivators.

Thus, he hadn't placed Long Chen's attack in his eyes and had thought that his spear would send Long Chen flying, at least heavily injuring him if not killing him. His target was Yu Qingxuan.

However, Long Chen wasn't a flame cultivator, and his physical body was not weak. Instead, it was the opposite. Hence, Yan Hong was sent flying by Long Chen's physical strength, smashing into a sixth Heavenstage Heavenly Flame Spirit.

That Heavenly Flame Spirit was directly smashed through. Its giant body was unable to bear a single blow from Yan Hong.

Long Chen ignored Yan Hong and swung the True Fire Sword, cutting through the black threads around Yu Qingxuan's body. She was finally freed.

"Qingxuan, I'm sorry. I was late." Seeing the pale Yu Qingxuan whose eyes had almost lost all their luster, Long Chen was enraged and aggrieved.

He had no idea what power this Yan Hong had used, but he had almost stripped away all of Yu Qingxuan's core energy. She was exceptionally weak right now, and Long Chen had to support her just to prevent her from collapsing.

"Why did you come here? You aren't a match for him. He is Yan Xu's son and possesses bizarre techniques. He can strip me of my flame energy. You have to run!" Yu Qingxuan looked at Long Chen worriedly.

She now realized that Yan Hong's strange energy was like poison, causing her flame energy to pour into the void.

It was like how people absorbed the energy of heaven and earth to cultivate. But Yan Hong's ability was the opposite. He could disperse people's energy back into heaven and earth.

This was a technique that didn't benefit him at all. It only harmed others. Returning other people's energy back to heaven and earth was extremely bizarre. Yu Qingxuan had never thought that such a power would exist in this world.

Perhaps it truly was as Yan Hong said. Without awakening the Heavenly Rainbow manifestation, she was completely restrained by him.

Now that Yan Hong had displayed his power, Yu Qingxuan understood that he wasn't lying. All throughout their battle, he had only been probing her, wanting to see if she had awakened the Heavenly Rainbow manifestation or not.

Only when he had finished testing her bottom line did he unleash his trump card. Yan Hong was even more terrifying than she had expected.

"I said that I wouldn't let anyone harm you. Since he dared to harm you, I will make him pay the price. Whatever I say, I can do. Don't worry. With me present, I guarantee your safety," said Long Chen solemnly, looking into Yu Qingxuan's eyes.

Yu Qingxuan was incomparably weak in this state, but looking into Long Chen's steady gaze, her frenetic heart instantly calmed down. Long Chen's gaze gave her an endless sense of safety.

BOOM!

Suddenly, the earth exploded and endless flames raged. After that, Yan Hong's figure appeared in the air and black runes swirled in his eyes. Like a death god, he stared at Long Chen coldly.

"How do you want to die?"

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"That should be what I say to you. You are Yan Xu's son? Then the one in the Darklight Heaven that devoured the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy should be your father. My enmity with your father is as deep as the sea. As for you, you harmed my lover. If I don't kill you today, I won't be Long Chen." Long Chen

looked at Yan Hong. At this moment, the True Fire Sword in his hand vanished, and he reached back for the Minghong Saber.

“That was my big brother!” corrected Yan Hong coldly.

“Your dad, your brother, whatever. I’ll kill them all eventually. I’ll kill you first, then your big brother, and then your father, until you’re all wiped out.” When Long Chen’s hand grasped the Minghong saber, his clothes began to flutter despite there being no breeze. His sharp killing intent was already firmly locked onto Yan Hong.

“Long Chen, it’s no good. He has a strange energy that can extract all your flame energy. We have to run now!” transmitted Yu Qingxuan when she saw his rising battle intent.

She had yet to awaken the Heavenly Rainbow manifestation and was countered by Yan Hong’s power. As for Long Chen, he didn’t even have a Heavenly Flame in the top ten rankings. She was worried that he would die.

Although the look that Long Chen had given her before had filled her with confidence, this new look in his eyes made that confidence vanish. After all, that was Yan Xu’s son.

Yan Xu was said to be the strongest flame within the nine heavens and ten lands, capable of devouring all ten thousand flames. His son was definitely an extremely terrifying existence.

“I know his power, but I’m not afraid of him. I’ll have Huo Linger help you recover some energy. Go into your war chariot and wait. Once I slaughter him, I’ll help you recover,” said Long Chen. A flame dragon then flew out and wrapped around Yu Qingxuan’s body.

When Huo Linger's energy entered Yu Qingxuan's body, she was startled. She instantly recovered a trace of energy. After consuming a medicinal pill, she entered the war chariot.

Yan Hong wasn't the slightest bit panicked to see her retreat. It seemed that everything was within his control, and he coldly looked at Long Chen.

"Hm, your body also contains devouring energy. You have the ability to devour flames as well? Just who are you?"

His response was the Minghong Saber coming out of its sheath. Long Chen's divine ring then shook behind him and 108,000 stars appeared within it. Instantly, his aura was unleashed to the limit.

"Split the Heavens 2!"

All the energy that he had been storing up was unleashed in this celestial blade. Saber Qi crashed down, suffocating the very world.

This time, Yan Hong was no longer careless. Having experienced Long Chen's immense power, Yan Hong summoned a pair of black wings on his back. When they manifested, the ten thousand Daos rumbled.

"My Yan Xu race is the ruler of all flames. Who do you think you are?" Yan Hong sneered. His wings quivered, and that black spear of his pierced forward like the devil's venomous fang.

BOOM!

A blood-red saber and a black spear clashed. At the same time, red and black lights shattered the ten thousand Daos, and endless runes of spacetime flew about, producing surging qi waves that blew away countless Heavenly Flame Spirits.

Other than the three Heavenly Flame Spirits at the core, a giant space instantly emptied within this chaotic battlefield.

Up in the sky, Long Chen's black robes and hair fluttered. Holding the Minghong Saber, he pressed down on that black spear with overwhelming power.

Long Chen's Blood Qi was shaking along with his 108,000 stars, and endless energy was gushing out. It was like the flame of a furnace growing hotter and hotter. Qi waves continuously battered this world, and this scene horrified countless people.

Seeing Long Chen's current appearance, Yu Qingxuan's eyes moistened without her even being aware of it.

For some reason, this furious expression of his seemed familiar to her, and it shook the softest part of her heart.

Zhao Mingxuan, Wu Yang, and the others were shocked. They had always been looking down on Long Chen, thinking that his greatest skill was only his glib tongue. Other than conning people with his shameless traps, he wasn't supposed to have any ability.

But now that he was going all-out, they realized that his power was actually so immense.

“Devouring the Heavenly Rainbow Fairy, harming my lover, even if you are Yan Xu’s son, you won’t escape your death today.” Long Chen’s power continued to crazily climb. It was as if he had endless power welling up. With a thunderous shout, his arms crashed down.

BOOM!

Yan Hong was finally unable to endure any longer and was blown back by this saber. With just one step back, Long Chen’s aura was like a river free from a dam, and he unleashed thirty-six blows in one go.

Yan Hong repeatedly blocked, with every blow causing him to take another step back. The ground beneath his feet crumbled.

He was clearly drawing Long Chen’s power underground, using the lowest price to block his attacks.

“This Yan Hong really is terrifying. Even though Long Chen isn’t using flame energy, he is still managing to dispel Long Chen’s energy. What kind of monstrous power is he?”

Hidden in the dark, Feng Xiang stared in shock at Yan Hong. Yan Hong was a perfect counter for flame cultivators. Even Yu Qingxuan who was in control of the Heavenly Rainbow Flame was constrained, so others weren’t even close to a match for him.

Moreover, even when Long Chen wasn’t using flame energy, Yan Hong was still capable of using his strange power to dispel Long Chen’s attacks. Just who in the world was capable of fighting him?

Although the Yan Xu Flame was said to be the strongest flame in the nine heavens and ten lands, capable of burning all things and devouring the ten thousand flames, for it to be able to counter other kinds of energy completely surpassed the scope of people’s understanding.

“Did you think that you could beat me just by not using flame energy? What a ridiculous thought. I have an undying, indestructible flame body. In front of me, your attacks are useless. You cannot harm my core. Furthermore, in the Heavenly Flame World, my power is endless. I am constantly replenishing it. You want to exhaust my power?” Yan Hong sneered as he blocked Long Chen’s attacks.

No matter how Long Chen attacked, no matter how much of a storm he unleashed, and no matter how powerful his aura grew, Yan Hong still seemed to feel that victory was within his grasp.

“Undying and indestructible? There is no such thing in front of me. Once I kill you, you will understand just how much of a joke your undying, indestructible body is,” snorted Long Chen. After that, the Minghong Saber swung through the air faster and faster, stronger and stronger.

Every blow caused the world to change color. At some point, countless black threads appeared in the void. Long Chen’s sharp Saber Qi was cutting apart space.

Everyone was shocked by this. Long Chen’s power was continuously climbing as if there was no limit. No one could tell when it would stop.

As Long Chen’s aura continuously climbed, so did Yan Hong’s power. Their fight caused the entire Heavenly Flame World to start quivering.

Everyone was shocked by Long Chen’s power, but they were also shocked to find that Yan Hong seemed to have merged with the entire world. He really did seem to have an endless energy supply.

“Without using your flame energy, all your attacks are meaningless,” said Yan Hong apathetically.

Long Chen knew that this fellow was eyeing Huo Linger's energy. In their brief initial clash, Huo Linger's energy was absorbed. Now, he wanted her core energy as well.

BOOM!

Suddenly, Long Chen retreated a step, creating a distance between himself and Yan Hong.

"You're giving up?" Yan Hong's gaze was apathetically cold. It was as if no matter what happened, victory was still within his grasp.

"I, Long Chen, never give up on what I've decided. You have your confidence, and I have my trump cards. The warm-up is over. My body should be able to endure it now, so I'll be unleashing my full power. We will decide who is stronger and who will die today."

Suddenly, the star diagram in Long Chen's divine ring quivered.

"Starry Sea Births Violet Qi!"

Long Chen shouted, and violet qi gushed out of his star diagram. When that violet qi appeared, the ten thousand Daos began to whine as if the world was about to be crushed.

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BOOM!

Heaven and earth exploded, and waves of violet qi poured into the world. Within this endless violet qi was a surging starry river. Also, the power of time seemed to be contained in this violet qi star diagram. It was just like the workings of the cosmos.

At that moment, the world shook and the ten thousand Daos fluctuated. The entire Heavenly Flame World quivered because of the appearance of this star diagram.

As the violet qi swirled around Long Chen, the light in his eyes twinkled. The current him seemed to be the son of the cosmos, the one in control of the world's laws. It was as though a single thought from him could destroy the heavens and exterminate the earth.

Long Chen's aura seemed completely different now, like he was precisely the cosmos, an existence that people didn't even dare to look at directly.

"Three moves."

Long Chen coldly spat out two words that no one understood. Long Chen then attacked, raising his Minghong Saber high.

The next moment, the Minghong Saber rumbled with endless violet qi wrapping around it. Countless stars appeared on top of it. After that, sharp Saber Qi soared into the clouds, piercing through the heavens.

When the hole in the heavens appeared, people couldn't see the sun, moon, and stars. No, what they saw was endless darkness. It was as if the Heavenly Flame World was originally within the darkness.

Everyone's soul quivered when this saber stabbed the hole through the world, and a terrifying sensation of death filled them. As a result, they turned into frightened rabbits, scattering in every direction.

Fleeing alongside them were the Heavenly Flame Spirits. They seemed to have sensed something wrong as well.

"Split the Heavens 1!"

The Minghong Saber hacked down like a bolt of lightning, bringing with it a river of stars wrapped in violet qi. It appeared completely unstoppable.

Yan Hong's expression finally changed. At this moment, his soul began to quiver. It was his first time feeling such an immense sensation of danger in his lifetime.

BOOM!

He raised his wings, and millions of black threads flew out, instantly enveloping the sky. They caused the surrounding space to twist. Also, the flame runes within the world were sucked up without leaving a drop by those black threads.

"Heavens, is the Yan Xu Flame truly capable of devouring and controlling all other flames?!" People were horrified by that sight.

Yan Hong was practically a god here. As long as the Heavenly Flame World wasn't destroyed, his power was limitless. That was absolutely terrifying.

BOOM!

It was at this moment that Long Chen's saber fell. A heaven-shaking explosion erupted, destroying people's eardrums. After that, countless people screamed, but they couldn't even hear it. Although they had fled far away, they were still affected.

Most terrifying of all was that it wasn't just their hearing that was taken away. They couldn't see anything either. Everything before them was black, and even their divine sense vanished.

Countless people cried out, thinking that they were already dead. But light quickly returned to their eyes albeit very little. Some people quickly realized that they had been buried.

When they came crawling out of the earth, they realized they were in a giant hole. At the center of it was Long Chen holding the Minghong Saber, calmly standing in the air.

As for Yan Hong, he appeared shocked. He suddenly opened his mouth and spat out a mouthful of blood. His blood was as black as ink and automatically ignited as soon as he spat it out, causing it to vanish into heaven and earth.

"Yan Hong was injured?!"

Startled cries rang out. Yan Hong was Yan Xu's son, an incarnation of flames, an existence said to be undying and indestructible. According to reason, physical attacks should be completely ineffective against him, and only flames should be able to harm him.

However, he was able to devour all the flames of the world, so flame attacks were also meaningless. He was completely unbeatable. It was a power that caused despair. Hence, seeing him cough up blood from Long Chen's attack, everyone was shocked.

Long Chen's attack had destroyed the land. As a result, flames spurted out of the land, filling this hole like waves crashing in from every direction.

People were shocked and delighted by this. Immersed within this sea of flames, they crazily absorbed this energy.

This was the world's energy. It had originally been a tiny stream created due to Yu Qingxuan and Yan Hong's battle. But that trickle was now crazily gushing out due to Long Chen's attack. This was an incredibly rare opportunity for any cultivator. Despite knowing the danger, they still crazily absorbed it.

Those Heavenly Flame Spirits also came charging back when this flame energy appeared. It didn't matter if it was the outside experts or the native Heavenly Flame Spirits, they all profited from this.

The three Divine Venerate Heavenly Flame Spirits had also been blown away. They were originally charging back furiously, but when they saw this flood of flame energy, their anger instantly vanished. They charged into that current, absorbing it with all their might, ignoring Long Chen and Yan Hong.

"I didn't expect there to be such an energy in this world. It can actually harm my core. Interesting!" Yan Hong's gaze was burning when he looked at Long Chen. His battle intent rose.

Although he had been injured, he was still filled with confidence. Endless flame energy whirled around him. He was like the flame god of this world, an unbeatable existence.

People's hearts shook. Long Chen had unleashed such a terrifying attack, shaking everyone. But Yan Hong had received it. The two of them were absolute monsters.

Thinking about that last attack, not one expert present dared to try to receive it. They didn't even dare to receive the shockwaves and would only flee.

Although Yan Hong had coughed up blood and been injured, he could still receive that attack. Furthermore, he had a flame body. With this place as his battlefield, he recovered faster than anyone. Victory and defeat had yet to be decided.

One battle god and one flame god, both emitting horrifying auras and possessing wills that shook the heavens. They also possessed an arrogance that looked down on all others. Now, these two monsters were pointed at each other.

"I told you, there is no such thing as an absolutely undying body in this world. All things have their bane. Just because you haven't encountered it yet doesn't mean that it doesn't exist. With that last attack, you dispelled half my power. Your ability really is strange, but it won't be enough to deal with me. Now, prepare yourself. The second move is coming."

Long Chen once more raised the Minghong Saber. As a result, the endless violet qi that was scattered throughout heaven and earth was sucked into the Minghong Saber without leaving a single drop.

Just then, a sharp saber will shook the clouds, and a giant saber-image pierced into the darkness beyond the heavens.

The earth began to crack and the void wailed. After that, the ten thousand Daos crumbled. People were shocked to find that the flame runes were coagulating. They were unable to absorb them any longer.

“This is...”

People were horrified. What kind of power was this? Even before Long Chen’s attack fell, the entire world’s laws had changed.

They finally understood what Long Chen meant when he said three moves just now. He was going to kill Yan Hong in three moves!

“Split the Heavens 2!”

This time, Long Chen held the saber with both hands. Furthermore, the aura of this attack was several times stronger than the last. It felt like the Heavenly Flame World was about to collapse, so everyone once more fled.

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Long Chen’s saber had yet to fall, but his saber will had already compressed space to the point that it twisted wildly. It was as if the world was about to be split apart by this attack.

This was Long Chen’s first time using the Starry Sea Births Violet Qi manifestation. He knew that using this manifestation would place a heavy burden on his body.

Thus, the previous fight had been nothing more than a warm-up so that his body was in the absolute best condition. He gradually increased his power bit by bit. Otherwise, he was afraid that he wouldn’t be able to endure the impact of the violet qi.

When the Starry Sea Births Violet Qi manifestation appeared, Long Chen found that even within the Heavenly Flame World, a world where flames dominated, he could still control the power of the ten thousand Daos.

It was different from the outside world. In the outside world, he needed the recognition of the Heavenly Daos. However much Heavenly Dao energy they were willing to give him was how much he could use.

However, in this place, he had taken over; he was the ruler. This world's energy was forcibly claimed by him, and the Heavenly Flame World could not resist. It was an absolute suppression. The Starry Sea Births Violet Qi manifestation could completely suppress the Heavenly Daos of this world and make it submit.

Furthermore, at this time, cracks appeared in the space beneath Yan Hong's feet as Long Chen's sharp saber qi locked onto him. Yan Hong suddenly found that ten thousand Daos were no longer listening to his commands.

"Blaze of the Heavenly Daos, clear the void! Flames of the ten thousand Daos, obey my command!"

Yan Hong shouted and a black figure appeared behind him. However, this black figure was too indistinct to recognize. But it contained a sinister evil qi. At this moment, the flames gushing out of the land beneath their feet vanished, sucked up by him.

At this moment, the Minghong Saber slashed down with a river of stars on it. The walls of the heavens collapsed, creating an unending opening in it.

BOOM!

On the other hand, countless runes lit up on Yan Hong's black spear. A sinister aura was unleashed, and it cried out as if a beast was awakening. These two divine items once more clashed.

As a result, the earth was torn asunder, and the walls of the heavens shattered. Countless black holes appeared. This clash almost caused the world to fully break apart.

Within this apocalyptic world, the earth was constantly being torn apart, sinking. The walls of the heavens were also starting to collapse.

The place containing Long Chen and Yan Hong was now fluctuating and collapsing. Their attacks had shattered the balance of this world, so it was already on the path of destruction.

"Yan Hong's body...!"

As people fled further and further away, they looked back to see that half of Yan Hong's body was covered in cracks. His aura had plummeted. Although he had managed to receive this attack, he still suffered a heavy injury.

"Just how is Long Chen so terrifying?!"

Every lifeform present was completely stunned by this exchange. That was the son of the world's number one flame, Yan Xu. Long Chen could actually wound him like this?

"There's still one more move to end your life."

Long Chen's voice was icy, without the slightest emotion. His battle intent was like a boulder and had not changed in the slightest, even after that last exchange.

When the Minghong Saber was raised again, the scattered violet qi in the world was sucked up once more.

This was a new method that Long Chen had come up with to layer his power. With the first attack, he only unleashed eighty percent of his power, concentrating the other twenty percent within his body. That twenty percent then helped him block the backlash force, giving him the freedom to switch moves whenever he wanted to.

The other aspect, and this was the most important part, was that this twenty percent would spread throughout the void and reconnect with his scattered power, causing this power to not immediately dissipate.

Before they dissipated, he gathered them for another attack, layering his power.

This kind of superimposition was extremely shocking. Gathering back that violet qi did not just gather back the energy, but also the will of Split the Heavens.

If he could gather around thirty percent of the power, then the will of Split the Heavens would be gathered as well. Thus, with the power and will of Split the Heavens contained, the next attack's killing power would be several times greater than the last.

As for Yan Hong's ability, it was truly bizarre. It was capable of scattering a portion of his attack's energy into heaven and earth to lighten the pressure on himself.

As a result, the power that Yan Hong scattered ended up being reabsorbed by Long Chen. He was actually helping Long Chen.

That was why with the second attack, Yan Hong immediately noticed something wrong. This violet qi was able to wound him, and he also saw the technique with which Long Chen was layering his attacks. He directly summoned his own ultimate attack.

However, he still ended up being injured. If it hadn't been for him absorbing the sea of lava pouring out of the ground, he would not have been able to receive Long Chen's attack.

Seeing Long Chen raise his saber and gather the violet qi in the air once again, his expression completely changed. If this saber fell, he really might die. In order to test Long Chen's power, he actually fell into his death trap.

"Yan Xu Flame, ten thousand spirits offer sacrifice!"

Yan Hong roared and quickly formed hand seals.

At this moment, Long Chen's expression changed. He had no time to unleash the third blow, and his body was like lightning, rapidly retreating.

Just as he retreated, three Heavenly Flame Spirits appeared where he had been. It was those three Divine Venerate Heavenly Flame Spirits.

Three huge explosions then shook the world as these Heavenly Flame Spirits self-detonated. Huge flames instantly devoured Long Chen.

Long Chen was shocked. He hadn't expected Yan Hong to have the ability to make three Divine Venerate Heavenly Flame Spirits kill themselves just to attack. Although Long Chen had fled as fast as possible, the explosion instantly covered a huge region that he couldn't possibly escape from.

Suddenly, a war chariot charged into that core region. At the same time, a dragon-shaped shield and a rainbow shield appeared in front of Long Chen. Huo Linger and Yu Qingxuan had returned.

BOOM!

Enduring the huge explosion, Yu Qingxuan's World Domain war chariot disintegrated upon contact with those terrifying flames. Even a World Domain divine item was unable to block the detonations of three Divine Venerate Heavenly Flame Spirits.

However, as the war chariot disintegrated, it gave Long Chen some buffer room. Just then, Huo Linger's dragon shield also exploded.

When the flames struck Yu Qingxuan's rainbow shield, the shield's divine light exploded, actually blocking the remaining force of the flames. However, Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan were still blown far into the distance.

BOOM!

Her shield was broken but ultimately still managed to help Long Chen escape this tribulation.

Yu Qingxuan had been paying attention to the battle the entire time and had been using the war chariot to absorb flame energy so that she could quickly recover.

However, her core energy was almost exhausted by Yan Hong. Even in the Heavenly Flame World, with such a short time, she was only able to recover twenty percent. In order to help block this attack, her core energy was once more exhausted.

Her face was pale, and blood leaked out of her mouth. But she had a gratified smile. It was worth it to have saved Long Chen.

Seeing that pale face, Long Chen felt like a blade was stabbing his heart. His anger flared. He then had Huo Linger protect Yu Qingxuan as he once more raised his saber.

However, just then, a giant gaping maw appeared behind Yan Hong. He began to crazily devour the flame energy in this world.

“Not good! He’s going to devour all of this world’s flame energy! Long Chen, you must stop him. Otherwise, he will instantly recover. He might even advance!” cried out Yu Qingxuan.

Only then did Long Chen take note that the ones to self-detonate were not just those three Divine Venerate Heavenly Flame Spirits. Every single Heavenly Flame Spirit within the Heavenly Flame World had transformed into runes.

“Alright, let’s see who snatches more.”

Long Chen formed hand seals. His rainbow divine ring then grew limitlessly, instantly filling the dome of the heavens. Long Chen then grew solemn and began chanting the Nirvana Scripture. Its holy, dignified sound rang out within heaven and earth.

As a result, endless flame runes poured toward Long Chen like rivers pouring into the sea. They converged within his divine ring.