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BOOM!

Long Chen's slap sent that black-armored elder tumbling back. The immense force shattered his helmet, revealing an old face that was a bloody mess.

Long Chen's slap contained shocking power and great skill as well. He had struck the man in the small crack of his helmet, which was why it was destroyed.

The battle armors here were all very well made. That helmet was made of several pieces that could be meticulously controlled.

When fighting, it was possible to cover the entire head or expose it entirely. Long Chen had taken advantage of this trait to shatter that helmet. It was precise and vicious.

At this moment, the elder coughed up blood, and his teeth sprayed through the air. He then struck the other black-armored experts behind him, knocking them away. The entire scene became chaotic.

"Enter the city!"

Long Chen shouted and grabbed Tu Hu beside him, flying over to the city. The others immediately controlled the battleships to follow behind him.

By the time the black-armored elder stabilized himself, Long Chen and the others were already right in front of the city. The city's experts immediately activated the formation to draw them in.

"Bastard!"

The black-robed elder was ashen with rage upon seeing them enter the city. Their entire plan was now in ruins.

"Should we directly attack and completely wipe them out?" suggested another black-armored expert.

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As a result, the elder directly punched that person in the head. Sparks flew, and with a grunt, that person was sent flying.

"Are you an idiot?! What did we work so hard to set up this trap for?! Grow a brain!" The elder had nowhere else to unleash his anger, so that unlucky fellow became his target.

That fellow didn't get up even after a long time, and the people beside him were too afraid to help him. They just foolishly stood there, not making a sound for fear of facing a similar fate.

"Something unexpected happened. It seems that this person isn't a native expert? Did someone from the outside world get in?" said another person. This person was also a World King, and his voice sounded rather old.

The black-armored elder shook his head. "It should not be possible. So many experts of the Alldevil race are guarding the channel. Not even a fly could get through."

"Although those Alldevil fellows are strong, their heads aren't very good. It is still possible for someone to slip through in a moment of carelessness. We should send some people to confirm. If a large number of experts get through the channel, things won't be so simple," said that person.

The black-armored elder sank into thought. "Fine, send someone to ask. The Alldevil race really isn't reliable."

"And what about our side? Should we change the plan? We're already exposed and they won't fall for it again. In that case, perhaps we should directly..." That person looked at the city and made a throat-cutting gesture.

The black-armored elder shook his head. "It's no good. Anyway, even if we're exposed, it's not that important. Surround them. I refuse to believe that they will abandon everyone in this city. Even if they know the danger, they will still take the risk to send them some goods. We've only exposed a fraction of our forces. Even if they come with ten times what they did this time, we can still devour them."

With that, no one else spoke. They just looked toward the city. For some reason, they felt waves of unease when they looked at that black-robed man. This youngster made them feel afraid.

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"Many thanks for saving my life."

Once they were in the city, with countless experts around, Tu Hu took off his armor and thanked Long Chen respectfully.

The others also took off their armor, looking at Long Chen. If it hadn't been for Long Chen, they would have died out there.

That black-armored elder would have definitely killed them in the most brutal, humiliating fashion in order to grind away the morale of the people in the city. Hence, every single one of them was grateful to Long Chen.

However, what shocked them was that this black-robed man that had saved them was nothing more than a mid stage Divine Lord. Yet, he was able to destroy the armor of a World King with a slap. It was truly beyond their imagination.

"I want to ask you, is the Guo Ran you mentioned about this tall, with a single hairline like this? He also has a small gourd-shaped birthmark on the back of his left hand..." said Long Chen.

"Yes, yes, yes! Big brother, you know senior apprentice-brother Guo Ran?" Tu Hu cried out excitedly. The others who had come with him looked at Long Chen with astonishment.

"Yes, I know him. I'm very familiar with him." Long Chen smiled. How could he not know Guo Ran?

When they learned that Long Chen knew Guo Ran, Tu Hu and the others instantly grew friendlier. After all, although Long Chen had saved them, they still had to be on guard against him.

Through their explanation, Long Chen learned that Guo Ran had managed to do quite well for himself inside the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College. In just over a year, he went from an ordinary disciple to a Heaven Master.

His powerful talent in forging shone brightly, and he became one of the four heroes of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College, having countless worshippers. He was very famous even within the entire Alldevil Star-Field as a whole.

“Big brother, are you not a native to the Alldevil Star-Field?” asked one of the disciples.

“Correct, I’m from another star-field. I broke through their barricade to come here. I was originally planning on saving just one person and conveniently picking up some wealth, but I didn’t expect to have such an unexpected gain. There’s no need to question my identity. I have no malice toward any of you,” said Long Chen.

That person blushed. Although Long Chen said that he knew Guo Ran, how could they trust him just like that? If he was with their enemies and was intentionally tricking them to gain their trust, they might be doomed.

However, just who was Long Chen? It was impossible for him to not know what they were thinking. In order to prevent them from beating around the bush, he got straight to the point.

“My apologies for our rudeness. For a hero like you to descend upon my Clear Rain City, please hurry in and rest. This isn’t the place to talk.” A late stage World King that had been standing to the side the entire time finally had a chance to interject.

Tu Hu also felt bad. For them to just be standing on top of the city walls and talking was truly awkward. It was more like an interrogation.

“Big brother, please come in. That’s right, I still haven’t asked for your name yet,” said Tu Hu.

“Long Chen.”

“What!?”

When they heard Long Chen’s name, everyone from the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College jumped, their jaws dropping. They stared at Long Chen in disbelief.

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“You are the boss that senior apprentice-brother Guo Ran is constantly talking about?” asked Tu Hu, his gaze now absolutely reverent.

It had to be known that Guo Ran was one of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College’s four heroes, and the only one with no background. He relied on his own efforts to climb to his current height.

In just a year, he grasped the divine forging arts that countless people could not comprehend even after decades of study. Even the college’s senior experts said that he was a genius who lived for forging.

Guo Ran relied on his own talent and perseverance to subdue countless experts. It could be said that his rise in the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College was a miraculous story.

It was unknown just how many worshippers he had in the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College. They all viewed him as an idol, learning from him.

However, this miraculous genius often mentioned a name. That name was Long Chen, a mysterious man who Guo Ran called his boss.

Hence, those disciples were all very curious about this mysterious man. Every time someone praised Guo Ran as a genius, he would say that in this world, other than his boss, there were no other geniuses.

That was why when Long Chen revealed his name, all the disciples of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College were stunned. They had actually met a legendary existence.

Long Chen's heart warmed. He hadn't expected Guo Ran to be constantly talking about him. He had never come to the Aldevil Star-Field, but people already knew him.

"That's right, I am his boss." Long Chen smiled.

By admitting it, Long Chen made those disciples look at him like he was a monster.

"No wonder you are so terrifying even without battle armor! So you are senior apprentice-brother Guo Ran's boss!"

They no longer doubted Long Chen in the slightest. Long Chen asked, "What happened here? Why is the wall between the worlds closed?"

As soon as he said this, he noticed that the atmosphere was off. Almost everyone had hateful expressions.

“You must not know. Our Alldevil Star-Field... ugh.” Tu Hu clenched his teeth and told Long Chen the story about the Alldevil Star-Field.

The Alldevil Star-Field’s human race had been enemies with the Alldevil race for many generations. They had fought for millions and millions of years, fighting over space to live. Their enmity was as deep as the sea.

The human race relied on their powerful forging arts to equip themselves, raising their killing power. They constantly innovated, constantly coming up with new ways to grow, creating all kinds of battleships and battle armors. Their rate of development increased over time.

According to reason, the human race should have gradually come to suppress the Alldevil race. However, it was the opposite. As the human race grew stronger, their survival grew more difficult.

That was because the hearts of the humans had changed. As people got stronger, some people also grew greedy. The Alldevil Star-Field’s land was mostly completely uncivilized. They were occupied by the devil beasts.

However, those regions contained all kinds of precious ores that had never been excavated, medicinal plants that had lived for countless years. Many of those were unique to the Alldevil Star-Field and could be sold for exorbitant prices in the outside world.

It could be said that if the Alldevil race was destroyed, the Alldevil Star-Field would become a treasured land with endless resources.

Just a few million years ago, the human race grew so strong that they began to suppress the Alldevil race. But then, as humans fought over the resources, each harboring their own sinister motives, they suffered a great defeat.

That defeat left the human race badly wounded and countless experts fell. Due to the various major forces still harboring selfish desires, they kept their unique forging arts an absolute secret, refusing to share them with others.

As a result, so many experts died and so many major forces were wiped out. Many secret inheritances were never passed down and thus lost forever.

Furthermore, after that battle, the human race could only struggle at death's door. They had not managed to recover even after all these years.

And even after all of that, the human race did not reflect on what had gone wrong. No... instead, they blamed each other until they fractured. As they fought off the devil beasts, they also had to fight off their fellow humans. There was no way for the human race to reclaim any territory. The land that their ancestors had fought so hard for began to recede.

As for the current era, although the condition here had started to take a turn for the better, people's hearts were still like scattered sand. It was very difficult for them to show any unity.

The most aggravating thing was that traitors had appeared in the human race, colluding with the Alldevil race to harm their fellow humans.

The Luo clan was one of them. The Luo clan had once been the most glorious family in the Alldevil Star-Field. They produced countless heavenly geniuses and powerful experts, possessing a supreme inheritance. But with their skilled forging arts, the Luo clan's traitors had created a seal that isolated the Alldevil Star-Field.

Incited by the Luo clan, many humans also surrendered to the Alldevil race. But the majority were still fighting with their lives on the line, swearing to fight to the death against the Alldevil race.

“How foolish. The Alldevil race is a pack of beasts. Is their word worthy of trust? Once they dominate the Alldevil Star-Field, they’ll devour these people as well. They’re digging their own graves.” Long Chen couldn’t help sneering at the Luo clan.

“Exactly! But they are in a desperate state and cannot see so far. Furthermore, some people are naturally cowards. They forget that their own ancestors fought to the death for the human race. By surrendering to the Alldevil race, they are betraying their ancestors,” said Tu Hu hatefully.

“Even an outsider like senior apprentice-brother Long Chen can see it clearly. Those people are all idiots,” said one of the disciples of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College resentfully.

“They’re not idiots, they’re cowards. They don’t dare to face death. They also know that they won’t have a good ending, but they still have some hope for a stroke of luck. Furthermore, even if they do die later, it’s a bit better than dying now. To put it frankly, their bones have softened. Actually, this is very good,” said Long Chen.

“How is it good?” Tu Hu and the others were dumbfounded.

“When the waves wash away the sand, they leave behind the gold. Through this tribulation, I trust that the Alldevil Star-Field will be reborn. Even if it means cutting away your own flesh to remove the poison, once the storm passes, the rainbow will shine brightly. After the tribulation comes new growth,” said Long Chen with a smile.

Tu Hu and the others nodded. That was very reasonable. Those that didn't surrender had joined forces against their common enemies. It wasn't like before when they were all fighting amongst each other.

All things had good points and bad points. However, right now, they were in their most terrible state and could only see the bad side, not the good side.

The bad news was, the Aldevil race was going all-out, and human traitors were scheming for them. The situation did not bode well for the surviving human race.

"Senior apprentice-brother Tu Hu, we came to send resources, but now we're trapped. Should we ask for aid from the college?" asked one of the college's disciples. Tu Hu was their leader.

"No need."

Before Tu Hu answered, Long Chen spoke up.

"Prepare yourselves. In a bit, I'll lead you to wipe out these fellows."

"Eh?"

Tu Hu and the others practically didn't dare to believe their ears.

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“Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, you’re saying...” Tu Hu and the others stared at Long Chen in shock. They thought that they had misheard.

“You didn’t mishear. The resources have been sent over, and your mission is complete. I want to go with you to the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College. In this situation, we have to kill those hateful fellows outside. For now, rest for half a day,” said Long Chen.

Tu Hu and the others came to send resources to Clear Rain City. This was just one small city, but it had tens of millions of people living in it.

Despite being a small city, it had a long history and a thick foundation. So even though there was an endless army of devil beasts outside, they didn’t dare to attack the city.

Even if they did manage to break down Clear Rain City in an attack, they would have to pay a terrible price. As a result, the Luo clan’s people directed the devil beasts to only surround them but not attack.

With that being said, Clear Rain City’s grand formation had to be kept active at all times. That came at a huge price. Once all the resources were used up, the city would easily be destroyed.

Before this, the Luo clan’s people had not exposed themselves, and the various major forces all took turns sending resources to Clear River City. Although they were attacked by the devil beasts, they still managed to quickly deliver the resources. It wasn’t too difficult.

After several probing times, the major forces decided to send more resources at once. Previously, the resources that they sent over would only last the city a month.

This time, taking advantage of while their enemies' attention lay elsewhere, they had sent over half a year's worth of resources.

With this, Clear River City could protect itself temporarily, and they could gather their attention on the Alldevil race's main forces.

However, who would have thought that they would suddenly be caught in a trap here? If Long Chen hadn't appeared, their battleships and resources would all have been snatched. It was truly a narrow escape.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, is that really an option? If we ask the college for aid, senior apprentice-brother Guo Ran will immediately bring a huge army when he learns that you've come," said Tu Hu hesitantly.

"No need. If you trust me, in a bit, just listen to my directions. If you feel like it's not safe, you can stay here. I'll go to the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College myself," said Long Chen lightly.

Hearing that, Tu Hu instantly understood that Long Chen was displeased. Clenching his teeth, he said, "Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, please don't be angry. We will listen to you."

Although Long Chen had saved his life, Tu Hu felt like this kind of plan was far too cavalier. They might all be wiped out.

However, due to his trust in Guo Ran, he chose to firmly trust Long Chen. That was because Guo Ran always called himself number two. For Guo Ran to recognize Long Chen as boss, Long Chen could not possibly be an ordinary person.

With that response, Long Chen nodded. To the elder, he said, "City lord, in a bit, prepare yourself and gather your troops. Listen to my directions, and we will wipe out the other side's elites in one move."

"Alright."

The city lord directly agreed. After that, Tu Hu and the others went to rest and service their battle armors.

Their battle armors were like a second life to them. In battle, maybe some parts would be damaged. So, they had to repair them, or it would affect their power.

Hours later, when Tu Hu and the others were done, the experts in the city were gathered and waiting for orders. At this moment, the grand formation rumbled and countless runes revolved around it. Divine light then stabbed into the dome of the heavens.

The endless devil beasts were blinded by this sudden piercing light. They couldn't see anything.

This sudden change caused an uproar amongst the devil beast army. As for the Luo clan's experts lying in the dark, they summoned their battle armors, peering at Clear Rain City.

Suddenly, the void shuddered. A figure was transported out and appeared right in front of them.

"Not good!"

When they saw that black figure, the Luo clan's experts were appalled.

A gust of wind blew by, and a saber slashed down from the heavens, striking that World King of the Luo clan.

“It’s just one person! Kill him!”

That World King shouted, his armor’s runes flowing. Long Chen’s previous slap had cost him all his face, so he was filled with hatred for Long Chen. Now that Long Chen had come out on his own, it was as if he didn’t even place them in his eyes.

BOOM!

Long Chen’s saber seemed completely ordinary, but when it struck that black-armored elder’s blade, the Minghong Saber simply rumbled and violet qi gushed out like a volcano. With a huge explosion, a qi wave blasted apart the other experts of the Luo clan that had come to help the elder.

Long Chen was now capable of controlling the power of his saber naturally. He had made huge improvements from the last battle. His control over his violet qi had also reached a new level.

Although it hadn’t reached the realm of absolute perfect control, it could now be unleashed and withdrawn as he pleased. With that ability, he could easily conquer his opponents in battle. At the same time, he was even able to summon his violet qi without summoning his manifestation. That allowed his normal combat power to soar.

It was in the Starry Sea Births Violet Qi state that his violet qi was at its strongest. It gave Long Chen explosive power. But it also cost a lot of energy to keep it active.

Furthermore, it came at a heavy burden to the body. One mistake and he would overdraft himself. If it hadn't been for Xia Guhong's arrival last time, he'd have lost his life.

Hence, unless Long Chen had no other choice, he did not dare to unleash his manifestation. His violet qi was clearly still not dense enough, leaving him unable to fight for a long time. If he wanted more violet qi, he would need to fully transform the Life Fate, Enlightenment Palace, Divine Gate, and Nethergate Stars first.

Despite that, Long Chen's violet qi in this state was still tyrannical. Using the violet qi, Long Chen activated the Minghong Saber's runes. Although he was only able to activate a very small portion of them, the Minghong Saber was working together with him. The combined power of man and saber was definitely not something an average expert could withstand.

The black-armored elder received this attack head-on. As a result, cracks appeared over his weapon, and the shining runes instantly dimmed.

"What?!"

That elder was absolutely shocked. Long Chen's saber had not just cracked his weapon, but it had also damaged his armor. Horrified, he directly fled without hesitation.

Regretfully, he was too slow. Let alone in his current state when his armor was damaged, even in his peak condition, he could not match Long Chen's speed. Just as he turned, the Minghong Saber stabbed him through his back and out his chest.

"Don't... don't kill me!"

The elder cried out in horror. Regretfully, with a quiver from Long Chen's arm, his armor and his body both exploded.

Just then, rays of divine light appeared. Tu Hu and the rest of the Clear Rain City's experts appeared, attacking the Luo clan's experts before they even understood what was going on.

It was at this time that the ground exploded and giant figures came charging out. They were all late stage World King devil beasts. There were over forty of them.

Seeing them, Long Chen formed hand seals and golden dragon scales covered his body. With golden flames burning at the same time, a holy, wild dragon might crashed down.

"Blood ignition, Dragon Roars at the Nine Heavens!" shouted Long Chen.

Following that, a brilliant dragon cry resounded throughout heaven and earth. A will that looked down on all others caused the world to shake.

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When this dragon cry rang out, all the devil beasts quivered and froze. It was like they had become fools.

The dragon cry resounded throughout heaven and earth, like thunder exploding in people's minds. Let alone the devil beasts, even Tu Hu and the others froze for a moment, their heads blank. They temporarily lost their minds.

Golden flames burned around Long Chen. Within those flames was a golden dragon coiling around him. It was just like an ancient dragon god had descended, a dragon god whose divine might made all ten thousand beasts submit.

This was Long Chen's first time igniting his essence blood to activate his dragon might. Seeing that the devil beasts were frozen, Long Chen shouted, "Attack!"

His voice drew everyone out of their stupor, and they quickly took out their crossbows, unleashing sharp arrows aimed right at the vitals of those late stage World King devil beasts.

Arrows shot through their eyes, noses, ears, and other places where their defenses were weakest.

During normal times, those devil beasts would use divine abilities to cover up those weaknesses. But today, under the dragon might, they were in a sluggish state and unable to defend themselves. Thus, those arrows pierced right into them.

Those arrows then all exploded. After stabbing into their heads, the explosions most certainly took their lives, even if they were late stage World King devil beasts.

Countless devil beasts fell to the ground without even a grunt. After a wave of arrows, tens of thousands of them were slain.

These were the elites of the devil beasts' army. With their elites dead, the entire army became like a tiger with no fangs, an eagle with no claws. They were no longer any threat.

"Kill!"

At this moment, hundreds of thousands of experts within Clear Rain City attacked. Hundreds of battleships came out. Without the threat of the late stage World King devil beasts, their battleships could freely slaughter these devil beasts.

Those devil beasts only woke up from the effect of the dragon might at this time. It was like they had woken up from a nightmare to see another nightmare. All their leaders were dead, so they panicked and began to flee in every direction.

Before fleeing, they were in the proper rank and file that the Luo clan had told them to get into. Now that they fled, they were like headless flies randomly crashing into each other.

With their giant bodies, they repeatedly crashed into each other in the narrow space, not even knowing which direction to go anymore. Quite a few of them actually ended up running toward Clear River City.

Tu Hu and the others then led the army to slaughter them. The devil beasts had lost their commanders and were in a chaotic state. In just a moment, corpses filled the ground.

Long Chen retracted his dragon might with a smile. This was his first time since coming to the immortal world that he used his dragon might to beat his enemies.

This dragon might had always been a rather useless ability. Against higher intelligence beasts, it didn't have much effect. Against brainless beasts, especially insects and other strange beasts, the dragon might had almost no effect at all.

It was only against those beasts that weren't too intelligent and weren't too dumb that its maximum potential could be seen.

However, Long Chen wasn't a true dragon. Only by igniting his dragon blood could he unleash the full-power dragon might. Today, Long Chen had finally tasted this power, and its effect was even better than he had imagined.

Even late stage World King devil beasts were unable to recover from the effects of the dragon might within half a breath's time. In that moment, they lost any ability to move or defend. Half a breath's time was more than enough to decide life and death.

Battleships weaved through the battlefield, and countless armored experts slaughtered their enemies, displaying shocking killing power. Their armors contained killing moves in every single spot. They could unleash astonishing power with their armors on.

It was a magnificent sight. This battle only lasted half an incense stick's worth of time before coming to an end. Other than a small number of devil beasts fleeing in the chaos, the rest were all slain.

It went without saying that the Aldevil Star-Field's experts were very familiar with the weaknesses of the devil beasts. They were always launching mortal blows with high efficiency.

Furthermore, there were people specialized in cleaning up the battlefield. With the battle over and the battlefield cleaned up, the speed at which things concluded truly made people click their tongues in amazement.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, you really are amazing. So senior apprentice-brother Guo Ran really was telling the truth. You are a truly unrivaled existence." Once they were back in the city, Tu Hu and the others looked worshipfully at Long Chen.

This unbeatable battle to them was easily settled by Long Chen. Furthermore, they didn't lose a single fighter. Even now when they looked outside of Clear Rain City and didn't see a sign of that devil beast army, they couldn't quite believe it. It still felt like they were dreaming.

Tu Hu was one of Guo Ran's worshippers. It could be said that he prostrated himself toward Guo Ran in worship. But every time, Guo Ran would say that his boss was the real heavenly genius of the world and that he couldn't even reach a tenth of his boss's glory. At that time, Tu Hu and the others hadn't quite believed it.

However, the dragon might that Long Chen displayed this time had completely suppressed the army of late stage World King devil beasts. That gave the human experts time to completely wipe out their elites. As the battle was won in less than an incense stick's worth of time, they finally understood that Guo Ran had not been exaggerating.

At the same time, they understood that perhaps only an expert like Long Chen could make a heavenly genius like Guo Ran call him boss.

Now, when they looked at Long Chen, it was like they were looking at a god. Even the city lord, a late stage World King, was full of gratitude toward him.

After the devil beasts surrounding the city were killed, it was like the entire world had brightened. A heavy weight fell off of their hearts. That moving feeling simply could not be expressed with words.

"There are no words that can express my gratitude. Everyone in the Clear Rain City will forever remember this favor," promised the city lord.

Long Chen smiled. "You're too courteous. As fellow members of the human race, we naturally must be united against our enemies. Speaking of which, I have a presumptuous request. Those devil beasts..."

The city lord clapped his forehead and apologetically said, "I'm sorry, I completely forgot about this matter. I've dealt with the devil beasts' corpses. Those are your battle spoils--"

Long Chen hastily waved his hand. "No, no, you misunderstand. I don't need anything from the devil beasts other than their flesh and blood. Once you've split up those devil beasts, if you don't need the flesh and blood, help me gather them. Don't throw them away."

"How can we do that? These are all your battle spoils. You saved us from a crisis. If we take your battle spoils, won't others mock us?" said the city lord. The people that had been in charge of cleaning up the battlefield also came forward now.

"Everything else really is useless for me. I just want their flesh and blood. I'll ask seniors to help me deal with it. I'll come back for it later. Other than that, Clear Rain City cannot be careless. The other side might very well return. Prepare your defenses," said Long Chen. He then turned to Tu Hu. "Brother Tu Hu, let's go. Bring me to the illustrious and famous Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College."

"Alright!"

Tu Hu was delighted and invited Long Chen onto a battleship. In front of Clear Rain City's countless experts, they flew off.

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The battleship whistled through the air at great speed, and Long Chen was placed at the core. The view was best here.

From this spot, he could see endless mountains, plains, and bodies of water, but he didn't see any signs of human construction along the way. Even once they reached the core of the Alldevil Star-Field, he didn't see any humans.

The majority of this world was wild territory. Even the native experts with maps of the Alldevil Star-Field could only move about in a small area. This world was truly filled with endless potential.

However, to excavate that potential, they had to construct more strongholds and cities. With the cities as the focus points, they would slowly spread, taking over more territory.

The human race had once been so glorious that they occupied half of the Alldevil Star-Field's land. Regretfully, the human race lost to their own greed. Their former cities and strongholds had long since become covered in wild grass, broken by the encroachment of mighty trees. There was already no way to tell what they originally looked like.

Tu Hu controlled the battleship, pointing out some things to Long Chen on the way. He pointed to some ruins of cities, explaining their history.

"Even an iron wall can break if the interior crumbles. The human race's power does not need to be questioned, but their greed can blind their eyes, not letting them see clearly." Long Chen sighed. He had seen such a thing many times. It didn't matter where he went, this was the common problem amongst the human race.

"To tell the truth, in our current state, we really can't see much hope. The higher-ups are too stupid," interjected one of the disciples of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College.

"Silence! How can you rattle the army's hearts?!" shouted Tu Hu angrily.

"Senior apprentice-brother Tu Hu, aren't you just trying to lie to yourself? To tell the truth, the reason we follow you is because of your character. If we have to all die together, then at least we won't be alone. If it weren't for you and senior apprentice-brother Guo Ran, we wouldn't even have the desire to

fight. The higher-ups are constantly fighting amongst themselves, forming factions that are still fighting each other. There is no way to pull against this crazy tide of the devil beasts with them being like that. What hope do we have?" said that disciple.

After that, Tu Hu wanted to chide him. Yet, after thinking a long time, he could only clench his teeth and say nothing. Clearly, he was also very dissatisfied with the higher-ups.

"Just because you can't see hope doesn't mean that there isn't any. Why complain about the higher-ups? If you have the energy to complain, why not go improve yourself? You can become the higher-ups. Your life is in your own hands. Only complaining is the most useless thing. That will only get you in the habit of pushing the blame onto others. In that case, even if your cultivation base reaches that height and you are in the position of the higher-ups, your attitude will not change, and you will live to become the existence that you detest," said Long Chen, shaking his head.

Long Chen's words caused everyone to fall silent.

"Perhaps you feel like you were born at the wrong time. Even before you grew up, calamity struck. That is very unfair to you. But look back at history. Which illustrious figure grew up in a world of peace? Which one wasn't forced to soar through adversity, to climb out from a pile of their enemies' corpses? You feel like this is the worst era. That is from the viewpoint of the weak. But to someone strong, this is the best era. Whether or not a blade is sharp always depends on whether the whetstone is strong enough. It is the hard times that create the hero. Every dark era causes heroes to rise up. Don't look at things from the viewpoint of a supporting role. That is too pitiful. We will be the main characters of this era," said Long Chen.

"Senior apprentice-brother's teachings are right." That disciple that had been previously chided by Tu Hu nodded.

Long Chen smiled and patted him on the shoulder. "Don't be so pessimistic. All things have two sides. You see how dark humanity's character is. But that is also how bright humanity's character is. Do you know? In the outside world, countless young cultivators just like yourselves are trying to charge through the chaotic spatial gateway. They are doing their best to learn what is happening inside the Alldevil Star-Field."

Long Chen told them about what he had encountered just outside the Alldevil Star-Field. Upon hearing this, everyone's heart was moved. They thought that the Alldevil Star-Field had been forgotten by the rest of the world. Unexpectedly, there were still so many people willing to risk their lives to charge through.

"How embarrassing. The outside world hasn't abandoned us, but we've given up on ourselves," said Tu Hu dejectedly.

"Senior apprentice-brother Tu Hu, it was me who said those demoralizing words," said that disciple apologetically.

"So what if you were the one to say it? The main thing is that I was thinking the same thing," said Tu Hu, glaring at him.

"Hahaha!" Everyone laughed at that. The tense atmosphere was wiped away.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, what is going on with the spatial channel?" asked a disciple.

They knew that the spatial gateways leading to the outside world had been closed. They were all guarded by devil beasts, but these disciples didn't know the exact situation.

It was only after Long Chen explained that they learned that the spatial channel only allowed Divine Lords to enter, and that the wild spatial blades inside would kill even Divine Venerates. But even so, there were still so many people trying to reach them through it.

Although it might sound very foolish, it was also very moving. Those people all hoped to find the rhythm or spatial node of that spatial channel and construct a stable channel. If they could, they would have a way to send reinforcements and save them.

They had not been forgotten. They were not alone. This one point alone gave them endless hope.

After encountering Long Chen, their negativity was swept away. They saw hope and felt full of power. Sometimes, the power of the mind was indescribably marvelous.

After a few more hours of flying, Tu Hu and the others got off of the battleship. They then patrolled the surroundings for a long time before entering a secret transportation formation. After that transportation, they once more flew off.

The Alldevil Star-Field had quite a few secret transportation formations that could save people's lives at a critical time. It also allowed them to carry out missions in secret without the Alldevil race being aware of it.

However, the Luo clan and quite a few other powers had betrayed them, resulting in many secret transportation formations being exposed and destroyed. Only a small portion remained. Without them, it would be even more dangerous to send supplies.

A day later, Long Chen finally saw a world covered in a heaven-shrouding grand formation. Tu Hu smiled.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, this is the Heavenly Dragon Domain. It is overseen by our Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College. We are absolutely safe here."

The battleships appeared and got close to the formation. After that, the battleships and the formation's surfaces had various differing runes lit up.

The battleships then stopped at the edge of the formation. Everyone walked off and went through a checkpoint. This was to avoid enemies sneaking their way in. If Tu Hu and the others displayed anything strange, the formation would instantly kill them.

Tu Hu and the others were long since used to it. They brought Long Chen to the checkpoint, but when they saw the people there, Tu Hu's expression changed.

"Not good. It's actually them."

Just then, the people in charge of the checkpoint spotted Tu Hu and the others. Originally, they were sneering at them with disdain, but when they spotted Long Chen, their expressions changed. They instantly summoned their battle armors and surrounded them.

"How brazen, Tu Hu! You actually dared to bring a spy back with you! Guards, come bring him away!" shouted their leader.

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"Stop! Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen is one of us! You better stop before going too far!" shouted Tu Hu furiously.

The disciples of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College were split into factions. Originally, there were three heavenly geniuses in the college, each with their own faction.

Later on, Guo Ran joined and they discovered that he had astonishing forging talent. He forcibly broke the solid structure of the college, becoming the fourth peak heavenly geniuses of the college and turning the Three Heavenly Dragon Heroes into four.

However, his growth was very difficult. The other three factions all applied pressure on him. For him to climb one step at a time in this environment, it was unknown just how much torment he had to struggle through.

Originally, a person like Guo Ran with no foundation and no background should have long since been crushed to death under their pressure. However, his luck was very good. During a Dao discussion, his words were heard by the dean of the college.

The dean personally gave Guo Ran some praise, and after that, his position soared. With even the dean speaking up for him, others no longer dared to crush Guo Ran.

However, while they didn't dare to want his life, the pressure that they applied in other areas never diminished. That was especially true when Guo Ran's worshippers formed the fourth faction. They were like water and fire with the other three factions. Although it wasn't to the point of life and death, there were endless squabbles between them. Every time the other side had a chance, they would do their best to humiliate Guo Ran's side.

Although Guo Ran was constantly suppressed by all the other three factions, he still had countless worshippers fully loyal to him. That was because Guo Ran sincerely helped them, teaching them. People followed Guo Ran due to his character.

However, Guo Ran's faction was still the weakest of the four factions and was often the target of bullying. As for the higher-ups, they seemed to not bother with those things. Even if you reported it, it was meaningless.

That was another reason why that disciple would sigh so dispiritedly on the battleship. They felt that the higher-ups were worthless.

With the current crisis, rather than trying to unite everyone against their common enemies, they continued to allow this kind of internal squabbling. It was truly difficult to endure.

Originally, Guo Ran's faction should have been the one guarding this entrance around this time. But some change must have occurred. There was a last-minute shift change. That was why Tu Hu's heart thudded when he saw those people.

"Silence! Let yourselves be captured and don't resist, or you will be executed!" sneered their leader.

Clearly, they didn't care if Long Chen was a spy or not. All they wanted was an open reason to attack Tu Hu and the others.

Hundreds of guards in armor surrounded them, pointing their weapons at them. They didn't give Tu Hu and the others any chance to summon their armor. Tu Hu quivered from rage.

"Zhao Qing, do you know who he is?! If you block us, senior apprentice-brother Guo Ran won't let you off!" roared Tu Hu.

That person called Zhao Qing suddenly had his helmet open, revealing his face. He cast a glance at Long Chen and disdainfully said, "Who does he think he is? Even if he personally came with Guo Ran, so what? I'll give you your warning right now, get on the ground with your hands behind your back, or you'll be executed. I'll give you to the count of three. Don't force me to kill anyone! Three... two..."

Crack.

Suddenly, a hand caught his throat. That metallic armor was as weak as mud in front of that hand. It was instantly crushed.

Long Chen had Zhao Qing's throat in his hand, and he raised him up like a chicken.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen!" Tu Hu and the others cried out in alarm.

Just then, over ten people attacked Long Chen at once, their weapons piercing toward him.

Suddenly, an explosive sound rang out. It was the sound of metal shattering mixed with the sound of bodies exploding. People didn't even clearly see what had happened before those people exploded along with their armor. They were all killed.

Tu Hu and the others were stunned. Long Chen had actually killed people here? Now, they were horrified. It was completely forbidden to kill people here.

"You asked me who I thought I was? Why don't you tell me who you think I am?"

Long Chen coldly looked at Zhao Qing. Then, applying a bit more force with his hand, Zhao Qing's body exploded, transforming into blood mist.

Just then, the grand formation rumbled as someone had activated it. Tu Hu and the others' hair then stood on end. They were locked down by the grand formation.

BOOM!

Suddenly, a figure flew out and slashed the grand formation, piercing a hole through it with a sword.

“What?!”

Everyone jumped in shock. At some point, a beautiful maiden with a flame sword, wearing a black and red dress, appeared by Long Chen’s side. She had pierced the barrier with a single stroke of her sword. The energy that the formation was gathering instantly dissipated.

This was naturally Huo Linger. The moment they arrived in Clear Rain City, she had already awakened. It was because she had awakened that Long Chen dared to directly attack those devil beasts.

After all, he had only been testing his dragon might back then. If it failed, he would have needed Huo Linger’s assistance.

The current Huo Linger had finished devouring the Yan Xu Flame. The only regretful thing was that ultimately, she was unable to control the Yan Xu Flame’s runes. That was because there were no core flames within the Yan Xu Flames that she had devoured.

Despite that, having devoured so many Yan Xu Flames allowed her to control a trace of the Yan Xu Flame’s power.

Although she was unable to do the same as with the Ice Soul and condense a rune for a big move, just a trace of the Yan Xu Flame’s power was already incomparably powerful. It possessed terrifying destructive power toward formation barriers in particular.

Thus, Huo Linger who wielded the True Fire Sword instantly pierced the barrier. The attack brewing by the formation was instantly interrupted.

However, now that a hole was pierced into the barrier, an ear-splitting alarm rang out.

Long Chen looked back at Hu Tu and the others. "Sorry, I came to the Alldevil Star-Field to save someone, not to be bullied. My time is very precious. Someone who maliciously wastes my time is harming my life. That is my enemy. And against my enemies, I have never had any mercy. Since they didn't want to let me in, I could only kill my way in."

Just like that, Long Chen stepped through the hole in the barrier and walked toward the city. Huo Linger walked behind him with the True Fire Sword, flames burning around her.

Wherever Huo Linger went was incinerated by flames. The void collapsed, and heaven and earth twisted. The entire world was about to be ignited by her. That terrifying pressure scared others witless.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, we can talk properly...!"

Hu Tu hastily chased after Long Chen. His appearance was truly like he was about to massacre all the inhabitants here. If that happened, all of them would become villains.

"Who dares to come to my Heavenly Dragon City..."

Just then, the sky rumbled and countless armored experts appeared. The person at the front shouted, but that shout was cut off midway. When he saw that black figure, he was dumbstruck.

“Is there anywhere beneath the heavens that I don’t dare to go to?” Long Chen looked at that figure with a faint smile. Long Chen couldn’t see his face, but he would forever remember that voice.

“Boss...!”

Guo Ran’s armor vanished. He then threw himself in front of Long Chen and knelt on the ground, hugging Long Chen’s leg and weeping.

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Guo Ran had the same appearance as before. However, now there was a touch of age on his face. It seemed that he had matured quite a bit.

However, when he saw Long Chen, he was like a child that had been aggrieved. The emotions that he had been suppressing for a long time burst out.

Tu Hu and the others who were familiar with Guo Ran were all dumbfounded. They didn’t dare to believe that their hero would kneel in front of someone else and weep.

Long Chen’s eyes also reddened. He reached out to lift Guo Ran. “Get up. You’re now one of the Four Heavenly Dragon Heroes. Don’t embarrass yourself here.”

Even though that was what Long Chen said, he was also choking back some sobs. Tears flowed down his face as well. As for Guo Ran, he continued to tightly hold Long Chen’s leg, refusing to let go. Long Chen cursed, “Hurry up and let go! I don’t want to embarrass myself!”

Long Chen pulled Guo Ran up. After that, Guo Ran sobbingly said, “Boss, I thought that I would never see you again in this lifetime.”

Seeing that Guo Ran’s face had lost some of its old youthfulness, Long Chen felt a bit sorry. This brother that had been with him since long ago had always been like a child that refused to grow up. He could always be unrestrained and free with Long Chen by his side.

For him to have matured so much during this time meant that things had truly been very bitter for him.

“What nonsense. As soon as I heard some news about you, I immediately came here, right? Our Dragonblood Legion still needs to fight together in the immortal world. What will we do without you?” Long Chen wiped away his tears and shook Guo Ran’s shoulders hard.

“That’s right. Without me, Guo Ran, even heaven and earth would lose their splendor, hahaha!” Guo Ran laughed. After seeing Long Chen again, his entire body relaxed. He seemed to once more return to his original character.

Just then, a fragrant breeze attacked Long Chen. A woman tightly hugged him.

“Hey, who... Oh... Xie Qianqian...” Long Chen was startled at first, but he quickly realized that this woman was precisely Xie Qianqian, someone who had gone through Purgatory with him.

It was only after giving him a fierce hug that Xie Qianqian let go and said with a touch of bitter grumbling, “You scoundrel, you said that you would come find me, and you came so late.”

“In the end, I still came, right? Beautiful lady, you’ve grown up!”

Long Chen looked at Xie Qianqian more closely. He found that she had truly grown up. Compared to the last time they met, that underripe flavor of a young maiden was gone, replaced with a bountiful maturity.

Xie Qianqian glared at him. "I waited a long time for you, but you never came. I could only marry someone else. You came too late!"

Long Chen laughed. "That's alright, I already have so many wives at home. I'm not missing one or two."

Long Chen and Xie Qianqian might have gone through life and death together, but they had never gotten involved romantically.

"Hmph, you still don't know how to talk. Can't you act remorseful?" Xie Qianqian glared at him.

"Haha, it's not bad for you to be able to find someone to marry. When I knew you, you were as skinny as a chopstick. I couldn't even tell the difference between the front and the back. What am I remorseful for?" scoffed Long Chen.

"You really need a beating!" Xie Qianqian beat Long Chen with her fist and then dragged over a man beside her. "Let me introduce you. This is my husband. He helped me in my most difficult time. I had nothing to repay him with, so I married him. If you had come earlier, I might have married you!"

"Greetings, brother Long. Many thanks for looking after Qianqian."

This man was an early Immortal King and looked very refined. He definitely looked like a well-behaved and honest person. Even when Xia Qianqian hugged and joked about marrying Long Chen, he didn't get

angry. Instead, he actually looked at Long Chen gratefully. This was definitely a pure-hearted and kind person. Xie Qianqian's vision wasn't bad.

"Brother, it's been hard on you." Long Chen patted him on the shoulder sympathetically.

"And what is that supposed to mean?!" raged Xie Qianqian.

"Guo Ran, you are in collusion with a spy?! You have betrayed the human race! Do you have anything to say?"

Just as they were speaking, countless experts surrounded them. One young man in silver armor stepped forward with raging killing intent.

"Leng Hui!"

Tu Hu and the others' expressions changed.

Leng Hui was one of the Four Heavenly Dragon Heroes, one of Guo Ran's main opponents. He was willing to do anything just to apply pressure on Guo Ran. Hence, Guo Ran's people all hated him to the bone, wishing to feed him to animals.

"Fuck your mother, now that my boss is here, do you think that I'm afraid of you? All you do is frame, entrap, and splash sewage on me. If it weren't for those old bastards supporting the few of you, I'd have long since kicked out those balls of yours! What dogshit four heroes, if your forces weren't constantly suppressing me, would I be in this state? I've endured all this humiliation for so long to learn new skills, not to fight with you. However, you've repeatedly been thorns on my sides. Before this, I was afraid because if I left the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College, I'd have nowhere to go. Now that my boss is

here, I'm immediately leaving this damned place! All of you can go kill yourselves! That is all." Guo Ran directly cursed Leng Hui.

Those familiar with Guo Ran in the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College were dumbfounded. Today's Guo Ran was practically a completely different person.

Usually, Guo Ran was steady, wise, and knew how to endure. First planning and then acting. He never cursed people like this. First, he hugged Long Chen's leg and cried, and now he directly cursed Leng Hui. People began to suspect that Guo Ran had been possessed by someone.

What they didn't know was that Guo Ran had never been a steady and wise person. He had acted like that only because he was forced to. For over a year, Guo Ran had been suffering silently.

In the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College, he finally experienced his boss's pain and what it meant to rise through pressure. No matter how gray the future appeared, he had to give the people beside him hope. He couldn't be discouraged, he couldn't be negative, and he couldn't shirk things. He wanted to face them directly, but his power was also not enough.

During this one year, Guo Ran himself didn't know how he had managed to hold himself up. That was why as soon as he saw Long Chen, he couldn't hold back and wept. If he didn't, he felt like he would go insane.

With Long Chen present, he had his old confidence back. That confidence stemmed from Long Chen. Just like before, his confidence in Long Chen was practically blind.

Having all his burdens suddenly cast aside made him instantly relax. Even if he had to face an immense army, as long as Long Chen was by his side, there was nothing to fear.

“Since you admit that you’re a spy, then there’s nothing else to say! Come capture him! Anyone who dares to resist is to be executed!” shouted Leng Hui.

“Anyone who dares to move will not see tomorrow’s sun. However many people that come is how many that I’ll kill.”

Long Chen clasped his hands behind his back and looked at those experts lightly. Huo Linger’s True Fire Sword’s light circulated brightly, ready to reap lives at any moment.

“What big words! Then show me just who dares to be so arrogant in my Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College.”

A group of elders appeared and they all possessed powerful auras. They were all late stage World Kings. Their leader looked coldly at Long Chen.

“Deputy dean!”

Tu Hu and the others cried out in alarm. This elder was the deputy dean of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College.

“Brat, were you the one talking just now?”

The deputy dean came before Long Chen with a group of experts, eyeing Long Chen up and down.

Pow!

Long Chen directly slapped the deputy dean in the face. "Who do you think you're talking to?"

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Long Chen's slap was clean, and his movements were absolutely perfect. His speed didn't seem fast, and yet it swung out so naturally in an easy flow.

This simple slap was something that the late stage World King deputy dean was unable to avoid. He simply stood there as Long Chen's hand slapped him in the face, sending him flying back.

Everyone cried out in shock, and the people behind this deputy dean hastily helped him stabilize himself. Everyone was dumbfounded.

"The same familiar move, the same familiar flavor! Boss really is the boss. This move is just as amazing as back in the day." Guo Ran was the first to cheer when Long Chen slapped the deputy dean's face. He had a very pleased expression.

This slap was so refreshing to Guo Ran. He was like someone dying of thirst being given a big gulp of ice water. He felt all his grievances being released. If he had a chance, he also wanted to stamp on this old fellow a few times.

This old fellow was precisely the greatest backer of those three hero snakes. They often used his authority to pressure Guo Ran, making Guo Ran not dare to say anything.

It could be said that in the entire Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College, the person that Guo Ran hated the most was this old fellow whose face needed a beating.

He had dreamed countless times of slapping his irritating face just like this, and now Long Chen had realized his dream.

After the deputy dean had been slapped in the face, people still didn't dare to believe their eyes. At that moment, space seemed to freeze. Everyone was deathly silent.

"Little brute-!"

The deputy dean had blood flowing out of the corner of his mouth. After being supported up by others, he was absolutely enraged. In all his life, no one had ever treated him like this.

Pow!

As a result of his curse, a hand accompanied by a whistling wind once more slapped his face, this time slapping the other cheek.

BOOM!

Astral winds directly blew away the other elders with him this time. They tumbled back, all of them coughing up blood.

The Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College's experts weren't powerful physically. Within the same realm, at most, they possessed half the power of the outside world's experts or perhaps even less.

Their power stemmed from their battle armor. Without their battle armor on, these late stage World Kings were even weaker than mid stage World Kings of the outside world.

In other words, if Long Chen didn't have mercy, his slap would directly end this old fellow's life.

"Kill them!" The elder roared furiously. Half of his face already caved in and his head was hanging oddly. This slap had almost crushed his head. Feeling shocked and enraged, he directly summoned his battle armor.

The other elders summoned their battle armors as well. Once they had the support of their battle armors, their auras instantly grew several times. Killing intent filled the air.

Seeing this scene, Xie Qianqian was dumbfounded with fright. She had never expected Long Chen to be so tyrannical, even daring to beat the deputy dean. Seeing the deputy dean charging over so furiously, she actually had no idea what to do.

Theoretically, as a disciple of the college, she had to stand on their side. But to have her be enemies with Long Chen was impossible. Hence, she was dumbstruck.

"Those who want to die, come." Long Chen snorted and slowly moved his hand to the Minghong Saber on his back. His sharp killing intent began to slowly rise.

He came to save Xie Qianqian, but then he found Guo Ran. After knowing that Guo Ran had suffered so much here, Long Chen's anger also flared.

He understood Guo Ran far too well. He was a typical silly but nice person. He liked to stand out, but he definitely didn't like to offend people. It was the opposite; he was actually someone very easy to get along with.

Just from Guo Ran's sobbing appearance just now, Long Chen knew how deep his grievances were here.

As for these unreasonable people, they were actually still fighting amongst themselves with their deaths almost at hand from the devil beasts. Upon thinking of this, Long Chen's anger almost went out of control. He would vent for Guo Ran. If they didn't recognize kindness, he wouldn't hesitate to send them on their way.

The deputy dean completely ignored Long Chen's warning and shot straight toward him. Long Chen's hand tightened around the Minghong Saber.

"Stop!"

Just then, a voice rang out. It wasn't loud and actually very gentle. But other than Long Chen, everyone else was dumbstruck. The deputy dean and the others instantly froze.

"It's the dean," Guo Ran whispered to Long Chen. At the very least, he had respect for this dean.

After that, the void shuddered slightly, and an elder appeared in front of everyone, one who appeared refined and scholarly. As a result, everyone hastily bowed.

"Greetings, dean!"

The elder had an amicable smile on his face. It appeared as if he would never get angry, and he gave off a very comfortable feeling.

The elder waved his hand to indicate that there was no need to bow. After that, he looked at Long Chen.

“May I ask if you are the High Firmament Academy’s great dean?”

When the elder said this, everyone, including Guo Ran, was shocked. Although they didn’t have much understanding of the High Firmament Academy, the name of the nine heavens and ten lands’ oldest academy was known to all.

“This little one is merely the dean of the seventh branch academy. I cannot accept being called the great dean of the High Firmament Academy.” Long Chen cupped his fists slightly.

“Even the dean of a branch academy is an illustrious position. It’s not something that our Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College can compare to. I am Xue Yifan. Please forgive me for failing to immediately greet you when you arrived.” This dean directly told Long Chen his name and bowed to him using the etiquette of two people of the same seniority.

This surprised Long Chen. He hadn’t expected the dean to be quite amiable. He didn’t put on airs, but then why were all the disciples beneath him so arrogant? It was incomprehensible.

Long Chen returned the bow. “Dean is too courteous. I heard that the Alldevil Star-Field was in crisis, so I wanted to help an old friend leave...”

Only then did Xie Qianqian realize that Long Chen had come here to save her. He hadn’t even known that Guo Ran was here as well. Hence, she couldn’t help being moved.

Long Chen continued, "However, I didn't expect one of my brothers to be here as well. As a result, I thickened my face and came to your home to pay respects. But I didn't think that the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College was so powerful! Even with powerful enemies surrounding them, they aren't nervous at all! It seems that fighting amongst yourselves is truly joyful. My worries were for nothing. If the human race has such a strong will to fight, then a little Alldevil race isn't worth worrying about. Thus, I hope I can leave with my brother and friend. In any case, you're already so powerful that I'm sure you won't miss a few people."

Only a fool would not understand Long Chen's sarcasm. The Alldevil Star-Field was already in crisis, and they were still so bored that they fought amongst themselves?

"You killed our people! Why should we let you leave?! A declined academy that has long since fallen into third-rank powers doesn't give you any qualifications to be arrogant! Today, you won't be bringing anyone away. As for yourself, you won't be leaving either!" shouted one elder furiously.

"Old thing, shut your mouth. Who do you think you are to be qualified to talk to my boss? I've endured a long time already, and if you keep yapping, I'll directly kill you!" shouted Guo Ran, pointing and cursing at that elder.

"You...!"

"That's enough, this matter ends here. Dean Long Chen, if you don't mind, why not come sit for a while in my college?" invited Xue Yifan.

Long Chen couldn't help asking, "Is there a need for such a thing?"

“But of course.” Xue Yifan smiled. That smile contained a certain wisdom that was difficult to describe. It made him seem unfathomable, and even Long Chen’s curiosity was piqued.

“Then I am afraid I have to disturb you.”

Long Chen didn’t decline in the end. He also wanted to see just what medicine was in this old dean’s gourd. With Guo Ran and the others, he entered the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College.

Chapter 3579

Heavenly Dragon City was the prefecture city of the Heavenly Dragon Domain. As for the entire Heavenly Dragon Domain, it was under the protection of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College. That was how it survived.

The Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College was one of the Alldevil Star-Field’s eight major powers. In terms of power, they were actually near the top of the star-field.

However, the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College did not dominate or lead the Alldevil Star-Field. That was because the college did not like to stand out. They only helped the other powers fight against their common enemies.

Also, the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College was not solely under the jurisdiction of the dean. Even the dean did not possess that absolute authority. Instead, the true decision-makers were the twelve Assembly Elders.

Every important decision had to be suggested by the dean, while the Assembly Elders voted. The dean himself only had two votes.

Thus, even though the dean had personally descended, some Elders still dared to say some things to target Long Chen. It wasn't that they didn't place the dean in their eyes, but that the attitude of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College was that every person had the right to raise their own suspicions, even if it was against their dean.

However, no one opposed the dean's decision to invite Long Chen into the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College, because they felt that once he was inside their walls, he would never have a chance to leave.

Xue Yifan was the dean but didn't possess any of the arrogance of the leader of such a major force. He was like an ordinary elder, walking alongside Long Chen and telling Long Chen about the history of Heavenly Dragon City.

Long Chen naturally had goodwill toward Xue Yifan as he treated Long Chen like an equal. He didn't treat Long Chen as a member of the junior generation and continued to call him dean Long Chen.

Guo Ran then followed behind Long Chen. Seeing the countless shocked gazes directed at Long Chen, he had an arrogant expression. That was clearly the very image of a fox borrowing the tiger's might. After enduring for so long, he was finally venting.

He very much enjoyed the feeling of having to do nothing but be surrounded by countless people's gazes just by staying behind Long Chen.

"Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College."

After going through Heavenly Dragon City, they reached a set of huge gates. Above the gates, the name of the college was written in golden paint.

The characters were ancient and powerful, filled with Dao-charm. It was as if the entire world's ten thousand Daos were compressed within these characters.

Seeing that Long Chen was staring at the characters in stunned silence, Xue Yifan smiled slightly. "Do they seem a bit familiar?"

"Could it be...?" Long Chen was shocked.

"These characters were written by the same disciple who wrote the sign above the High Firmament Academy's gates. In truth, the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College is a branch that originated from the High Firmament Academy," explained Xue Yifan with a smile.

Hearing that, Long Chen wasn't the only one that was shocked. The experts following them were also stunned. Even the World Kings couldn't believe it when they heard it.

"Thus, when dean Long Chen honored us with your presence, I naturally couldn't tarry. Fortunately, you are only the dean of a branch academy. If you were the dean of the main academy, I would have to greet you like a junior toward a senior," laughed Xue Yifan.

Long Chen had never expected such a thing. So the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College actually had such a deep relationship with the High Firmament Academy.

"Dean, how did you recognize my status?" asked Long Chen. By the time he came to the Violet Flame Heaven, the Alldevil Star-Field was already sealed. Normally, it should be impossible for people here to know about him.

“As dean, I have nothing to do all day. Once a person grows old, they stop bothering with things and just like to listen to the gossip. I managed to learn a few bits of information like that,” said Xue Yifan with a smile.

Long Chen was surprised. It seemed that the person before him was not so simple. His information network was so widespread. He definitely had to have special channels, otherwise, there was no way that information from the Chaotic Star Sea would be able to reach this place.

In other words, this dean definitely had special means to communicate with the outside world. Then the Alldevil Star-Field was not truly a land of death just yet.

“Dean Long Chen, please.” Xue Yifan gestured.

Long Chen was courteous and walked into the college alongside Xue Yifan. Once he was inside, he saw countless people glaring at him frostily. Those gazes were not friendly.

Clearly, someone had told the people here about an intruder that broke the barrier to enter the city.

When it came to those gazes, Long Chen couldn’t be bothered to pay them the slightest attention. As for Guo Ran, seeing the old fellows within the crowd, he directly stuck up his middle finger with a disdainful expression.

Those were all people that had bullied Guo Ran during this time. Now, it was Guo Ran’s turn to counterattack.

After all, these people didn't dare to act impudent in front of the dean. They all bowed as he passed. But then, Guo Ran walked close behind the dean, waving his hand to them as if saying that there was no need to bow to him. He infuriated these people.

On the other hand, Long Chen's gaze didn't fall on those people. Instead, he stared at these buildings. He had never seen a sect made entirely out of metal. Even the bricks on the ground were cast out of metal, so this entire sect gave off a heavy feeling.

As they were walking, a sharp gaze suddenly drew Long Chen's attention. Long Chen then looked over to see a woman whose gaze seemed to contain a divine sword. Moreover, her Blood Qi was very powerful as if there was a wild beast slumbering in her body. She actually gave Long Chen quite a sense of pressure.

She was tall, even half a head taller than an average man. But her body was well proportioned. Her shoulders were a bit wide, and she wore a skintight battle dress, showing some moving curves. Although she wouldn't be considered a beauty, she gave off a wild flavor.

"Boss, this person is Xie Liuer, the only woman amongst the Four Heavenly Dragon Heroes. Just look at her. Doesn't she resemble Ruyan?" whispered Guo Ran.

"They are a bit similar. Especially that fierceness."

Long Chen nodded. Liu Ruyan was also tall, perhaps the tallest amongst the women in his group. However, this Xie Liuer was simply expressing her arrogance, while Liu Ruyan was icily arrogant from her bones. There was still a great difference in their temperaments.

"She is my mortal enemy, and I've suffered quite a bit at her hands. Boss, you must avenge me!" declared Guo Ran.

“Why can’t you get revenge yourself?”

“It’s not like I can beat her. My meaning is that you should seduce her, make her fall in love with you, and then cast her aside.”

“Scram. Did you come to the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College to study these things?” demanded Long Chen irritably.

“Don’t be like that! I’ve already bragged to her! You can’t end up slapping my face!” cried Guo Ran.

“What did you say to her?”

“She looked down on me and suppressed me, and just seeing how arrogant she acted pissed me off. So I said, ‘what are you acting like a badass for? If you encounter my boss, you’ll immediately submit. Not one woman beneath the heavens can resist my boss’s allure! With your looks, by my boss’s side, you would only be fit to be a maid doing his laundry!’,” said Guo Ran.

“Why the hell did you drag me into it?!” raged Long Chen.

“Because I couldn’t beat them back then! I didn’t have any other vicious words to say! Just look at how contemptuously she’s looking at you! Boss, how can you endure this?” said Guo Ran, trying to fan some flames.

“That’s enough. It was a mistake to come here. You can treat it as if I didn’t come here, and I’ll leave in a bit,” said Long Chen speechlessly.

Guo Ran instantly began to panic. Just as he was about to speak again, their path was blocked by a group of elders.

“It’s the Assembly Elders.”

Guo Ran hastily put away his smile and whispered a warning. These people actually blocked the dean’s way, and they didn’t have friendly expressions.

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This was a group of ancient elders. They were doddering, especially the four elders at the front. They were quivering as if they might collapse at any moment.

The four of them had almost reached the limits of their lifespans. They might die at any moment and couldn’t even open their eyes. And yet, they had the face to block Long Chen’s path.

“Dean, this person is the killer of my Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College’s disciples. For you to protect him like this, how will you give everyone an explanation?” barked one of those elders.

Although he was already old, he still had plenty of qi. His words contained an unquestionable dignity.

“An explanation? That will have to wait until after I finish greeting my guest. It’s not the time yet,” said Xue Yifan, still smiling even as these elders blocked his path.

“Greeting a guest? A murderer counts as a guest?” sneered another elder, his voice full of dissatisfaction. It seemed that they didn’t even place Xue Yifan, the dean, in their eyes.

Guo Ran couldn’t help cursing, “You old fogey, who is a murderer?! You better speak more politely! All of you with your canes, do you think that you’re some big-shots?! Do you believe me when I say that if you anger my boss, he’ll kill you, cover you in a coffin, and bury you in the earth?! Your entire family will come and cry as you are put in your place.”

The current Guo Ran could truly be said to have guts big enough to cover the heavens. As long as Long Chen was present, he didn’t know what fear was. Now, he cursed anyone that he wanted.

“Brazen creature! You dare to insult us?!”

Guo Ran’s curse instantly enraged countless people. After all, those four elders at the front had even higher seniority than the dean.

Those people had never viewed him very favorably. After all, he wasn’t a native born in this place. Although Guo Ran said that he was an ascender, the Alldevil Star-Field didn’t have many ascenders, so people always had suspicions about his true origins.

Despite Guo Ran’s astonishing talent, he was suppressed all over. This was done with the tacit approval of these higher-ups. They looked down on Guo Ran, a person with no background. Guo Ran’s growth was too fast, so wasn’t that saying that everyone else was an idiot?

“Fuck you! Who do you think you are? What are people that are halfway into the grave so arrogant about? You don’t even have the slightest ability left. I don’t see you going onto the battlefield, but you’re all so arrogant in your little den! If you have some almighty ability, why don’t you quell the unrest outside? Help the Alldevil Star-Field pass through its crisis!” said Guo Ran disdainfully.

For over a year, Guo Ran had been very cautious and prudent, not daring to say too much. He had been afraid that one wrong word would give them something that they could use against him.

But now, he had Long Chen to support him, so he wasn't afraid of anyone. All the emotions that he had been holding back for so long were all unleashed. He didn't place anyone in his eyes any longer.

The four elders were so enraged that their bodies shook. "Come--"

"Leave. Whatever matters there are, they can wait until I finish with my guest. If anyone dares to block us again, don't blame me for not caring about your feelings," shouted Xue Yifan suddenly.

This cold shout from Xue Yifan stunned everyone, especially those elders. In all their memories, Xue Yifan had only ever been amiable. In all their lives, they had never seen his face go cold. But today, they did.

Those people instantly fell silent and were all scared. As soon as Xue Yifan started walking again, they opened a path.

Long Chen didn't even look at them. He strolled past them alongside Xue Yifan. As for Guo Ran, he smiled disdainfully at them and stuck close behind Long Chen.

Xie Qianqian, Tu Hu, and the others were originally following behind them. However, they came to a stop at this time. That was because the dean's palace was up ahead. They weren't qualified to enter that place.

However, as soon as they paused, they sensed countless hostile gazes looking their way like sharp swords. Feeling a chill, they pretended like they didn't see anything.

A group of three people entered the palace, and no one else came to block them again. Inside the spacious palace, the three of them sat lotus style. Guo Ran obediently sat beside Long Chen.

Xue Yifan then looked at Guo Ran. Guo Ran suddenly felt a slight chill and hastily said, "Dean, there's no need to ask me to stay. I'll definitely follow my boss."

"What a pity, a real pity!" sighed Xue Yifan.

"What is a pity?" asked Guo Ran.

"If dean Long Chen came one or two years later, a hero might have arisen within my Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College." Xue Yifan shook his head regretfully.

Long Chen was startled. "Was senior planning on turning Guo Ran into the leader of the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College?"

Guo Ran himself was startled. His reaction wasn't as quick as Long Chen, so he looked at Xue Yifan questioningly.

Xue Yifan bitterly smiled. "The very first day Guo Ran came, I already noticed him. This child's innate talent and comprehension ability are astounding. He likes to walk the novel paths that can lead to unexpected successes, paths that his predecessors didn't dare to even think of. His potential is limitless."

“Dean, you wouldn’t be saying these things only because my boss came, would you? I feel like I have no home in the Heavenly Dragon Divine Armor College. I’m targeted from all sides. If it weren’t for senior apprentice-sister Xie Qianqian looking after me, I don’t know how many times I would have been conned to death. If you really viewed me so highly, why didn’t you promote me?” asked Guo Ran.

Xue Yifan shook his head and didn’t reply. It was Long Chen who said, “A heavenly general descends with a great mission on their shoulders. They must first endure pain. They must work until their bones collapse, starve until they are skin and bones. An expert is not raised, it is someone who suddenly explosively grows under immense pressure. Senior can be said to have shown careful consideration. I will thank you in Guo Ran’s place.”

Long Chen looked at the elder. He felt that this elder might very well be an incredibly wise person, so he didn’t doubt his words.

“I was previously very curious about why this child Guo Ran has such good talent but none of the arrogance of an expert. So many people bullied you, suppressed you, and schemed against you, but you just kept enduring, not fighting back. I was always waiting, waiting for the day that you exploded. It is only now that dean Long Chen has come that I understand. Although you are powerful, you feel too dependent on him. You have never thought about being an independent supreme expert. You have never thought of being the shield that blocks the wind and rain,” said Xue Yifan, looking at Guo Ran regretfully.

Guo Ran was stunned. It was only now that he realized that the dean had always been looking after him.

Thinking back carefully, it seemed that there were several times when he had almost died, only to ‘luckily’ get out alive. So it wasn’t actually luck but the dean’s secret help.

“Dean, I’m sorry. I have disappointed you. Thank you for saving my life.” Guo Ran was someone who knew to repay kindness. He respectfully kowtowed to the dean. “It can’t be blamed on me. If you have to blame someone, blame my boss for being too strong! With him, I never have to worry about anything. In this lifetime, I don’t have such grand goals. My own goal is to be right behind my boss

showing off. Boss will show off big, and I'll show off small. It's safe, quick, and painless," said Guo Ran without blushing in the slightest.

These words enraged the dean to the point of laughing. Not knowing whether to laugh or cry, he said, "I, Xue Yifan, have never misjudged people in this lifetime. But now I am old. I actually misjudged you. I was actually hoping for you to be a hero like Xia Guhong, leading the Alldevil Star-Field onto its proper path. It seems that I was overthinking things."

"Xia Guhong? Are you talking about big brother Xia Guhong, the monarch of the Grand Xia Nation?" asked Long Chen hastily, feeling surprised.