

Chapter 3761: Holy Land

A group of women in short jackets and skirts walked over. They were slender, with their long legs fully exposed, looking somewhat inappropriate.

Long Chen smiled when he saw them. This was the Spirit race that he was familiar with, the Elven Spirit race. He had encountered them in the mortal world and had fought alongside them. Hence, he naturally felt close to them.

Their leader was a woman looking to be around thirty years old. However, she also seemed to be like a young maiden, full of vitality. She was actually a Divine Venerate.

"I am Long Chen. Greetings, senior." Long Chen bowed to her.

"You are too courteous. I wouldn't dare to accept being called senior. I am Jin Yi. You can just call me by my name." The Divine Venerate returned Long Chen's bow courteously.

"You mentioned the Devil Eye World just now? What is that?" asked Long Chen.

"It will take a while to explain it, I can't leave my important guests waiting out here. Why don't you come to my Spirit race's holy land for a chat?" Jin Yi gestured invitingly.

Long Chen didn't really want to go to this so-called holy land. He only wanted to use their land to rush to the Heavenly River Blood Sea.

Fortunately, this place was one end of their territory, and the Heavenly River Blood Sea was closer to the other side. A trip to their holy land shouldn't take too much time. Furthermore, she had invited him. Not going would be rude.

Moreover, Long Chen still had the ultra transportation formation discs that Xia Chen had given him. He would be able to use them within the Spirit race's territory. There should be enough time. Even if he wasted a few days, it should be enough to get there in time.

Long Chen and Jiang Lei walked deeper into the forest with Jin Yi. As for the two girls, they narrated how brave Long Chen and Jiang Lei had been to these Elven Spirit women and how they had killed the baddies. The two of them were described as reincarnations of celestial beings.

Jin Yi told Long Chen that the devil experts had only been passing by here. That was the only reason they had suddenly launched an attack.

Within the three thousand worlds, the devil race occupied several territories. In particular, the Devil Eye World only appeared in certain locations occasionally, usually deep within their forbidden lands.

But this time, the Devil Eye World was descending not far from the Spirit race's territory, and those devil experts were unable to directly use a transportation formation. They had to travel on foot to get there.

It just so happened that some of them were crossing through this region. Thus, they set their sights on the Spirit race and launched a sneak attack, conveniently grabbing a few benefits before leaving.

Also, the Spirit race was in the midst of carrying out a grand ceremony, and their people were gathered in their core territory. When the outer region was suddenly attacked, Jin Yi immediately rushed over to reinforce them, but she was too late. Everything was already over when she arrived.

Now that the Devil Eye World was about to open, the devil race wouldn't attack them temporarily. Jin Yi felt confident in bringing everyone back.

"Can I ask what the Devil Eye World is?" asked Long Chen.

"The Devil Eye World can be considered an underground spring. As the three thousand worlds was one of the main battlefields of the immemorial battle, countless terrifying existences are buried within it. Although those existences have died, their power has not fully dissipated. Instead, it merged into heaven and earth. Every time there is a change in the world, these energies are released. Whether it is to the natives or the experts from outside this world, these are huge opportunities. But then, competing for these opportunities is a natural tribulation. The strong survive, while the dead become their stepping stones to higher heights. Some terrifying experts always appear at these moments. At the same time, countless lifeforms die. Fortunately, all the major races within the three thousand worlds are at equilibrium and restrained by each other. Although there are countless battles, there are no entire annihilations of a race. It's just unknown how long this equilibrium can last," sighed Jin Yi worriedly.

"Equilibrium? The human race doesn't even have a single territory forbidden to other races. How is that equal? The human race within the three thousand worlds has practically been turned into dogs. But I suppose it is a miracle that they haven't been wiped out after so many years," said Long Chen irritably as soon as he thought of his own race bullying their own people.

"The human race's decline is due to living too long in the cracks of other races. It is like living on the edge of an abyss, as if treading on thin ice. Because of it, their guts shrink more and more. They've already lost their fighting spirit," said Jin Yi.

"No. They haven't lost their fighting spirit. Whenever they see humans coming from outside this world, they have plenty of fighting spirit." Long Chen curled his lips.

Jin Yi smiled. "My Spirit race won't criticize the human race. But your comment has hit the nail on the head. The human race chose to put their safety above all else. As they don't dare to resist the oppression of the major powers, they can only endure. As long as the other side doesn't declare war on the human race, they won't provoke anyone. After a long time, the major powers found that the human race was not enough of a threat to them. Most importantly, the human race could help them with some things."

"What things?"

Jin Yi hesitated to answer after hearing Long Chen's question. Long Chen asked, "It couldn't be that they are being spies, helping other races to keep an eye on the human race?"

"Perhaps not just surveillance. The human race in the three thousand worlds is actually the greatest danger to the humans coming from outside this world. It's unknown how many heroes of the human race were silently killed by their own race," sighed Jin Yi.

Upon hearing this, Long Chen's heart pounded with fury. Xia Guhong had told him to be careful of the human race. He had been prepared, but hearing this, it seemed that the human race was even worse than he had thought.

"No wonder those two girls thought that I was a bad person! It seems that your race has endured quite a bit at the hands of the human race!" Long Chen sighed.

Jin Yi smiled. "The human race has good and bad points. We won't judge any race as good or bad, so don't feel bad or feel responsible. I'm only telling you these things so that you know of the danger. Don't get harmed by your own race."

"Many thanks for the reminder."

Long Chen had experienced countless battles and had seen all kinds of people. It wasn't easy to trick him. But he was still enraged just at the thought.

Those that could make him lower his guard were essentially kind people. Yet, a group of evil humans actually used the human race's kindness and trust to strip away other people's lives. Long Chen was so angry that he wanted to kill them all.

As they were speaking, they arrived at an ancient altar. Jin Yi then clasped her hands in devout prayer.

After that, the altar quivered and space shook. Long Chen felt a gentle spatial energy wrap around him. When that happened, the surrounding space grew illusory. They entered a spacetime channel.

In all his years, it was his first time experiencing such a transportation formation. Furthermore, the transportation energy was completely different from others.

When the transportation ended, Long Chen and Jiang Lei saw countless figures devoutly praying while kneeling on the ground.

Looking in the direction they were praying, Long Chen's body suddenly shook intensely. He couldn't believe his eyes.

"It's her!"

Chapter 3762: Once More Seeing the Mysterious Woman

This beautiful woman's divine radiance lit up the entire world. Countless experts of the Spirit race were kowtowing to her.

This was not Long Chen's first time seeing her. This was a woman who caused him heartache, and yet he didn't recognize her.

On the Martial Heaven Continent, Long Chen saw her in the Heaven Dragon Flame Region, and she transmitted the Nirvana Scripture to him. In the Brahma secret realm, he once more encountered her and obtained the sixth star's pill formula for the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art.

When Long Chen saw this woman, a certain memory resurfaced in his mind.

"You are you, you are not you. You are one, you are not one."

“Nine stars against the heavens. The heavens collapse, gods fall, and blood dyes the sky red. The peak of power? The peak of the Dao? To defy the heavens, is this the final result?”

When she said these words back then, it was like she was speaking right into his ear. His vision changed. It felt like he was returning to the Brahma secret realm.

Long Chen could clearly see a beautiful figure in front of him. It was illusory, but it was that woman.

She looked at Long Chen with familiarity. Her gaze seemed to pierce through to his core. It was warm, gentle, and loving.

She was a peerless beauty and held endless emotion in her. When she looked at Long Chen, her eyes were tender.

“Why must you do this?” The woman opened her mouth. Long Chen couldn’t hear her voice, but he understood what she was saying.

She just stood there in front of Long Chen, yet he couldn’t sense her existence. The two of them seemed to be looking at each other through endless spacetime.

Without being aware of it, tears streamed down Long Chen’s face. He didn’t know who she was, but for some reason, every time he saw her, he was filled with heartache. That pain was like blades slashing and twisting through him.

Long Chen wanted to hug her and cry, but he knew that the person in front of him didn’t exist anymore.

“You are you, you are not you. To throw yourself back into the tribulation of the ten worlds, why bother?” She once more spoke.

“Because I want to save you.” Long Chen spoke all of a sudden. Even he didn’t know why he would say such a thing.

It seemed as if the woman heard him. As a result, tears dripped down her face, and she slowly smiled.

“You are still so stubborn, so domineering. Fine. Even if we are consigned to eternal damnation, I will accompany you.”

Suddenly, this vision vanished. Her figure superimposed on top of the woman the Spirit race was praying to. The two of them were one and the same. They had evoked Long Chen’s memories.

At this moment, this woman was an illusion. However, she was still enveloped by divine light. As they prayed, faith energy thrummed. Long Chen could sense a gentle energy coming from the Spirit race’s experts and entering that woman’s figure. That woman’s divine radiance also basked them in its light. It was a strange cycle.

Jin Yi and the others who had come with her were already kneeling, praying toward the woman. Of everyone present, only Long Chen and Jiang Lei were standing.

Long Chen stared at the woman foolishly. He clearly didn’t know her, but just looking at her filled him with grief and sorrow. He did his best to remember, digging through his memories, but he was unable to remember who she was.

As everyone prayed, the divine light surrounding the woman grew denser. She gradually grew solid and opened her eyes.

She looked at Long Chen. Warm light came from her eyes, and she smiled at him.

At this moment, time and space seemed to freeze. Everything else within heaven and earth faded. All that remained was Long Chen and the woman.

She slowly walked down from the heavens. When she reached out her hand and caressed Long Chen's cheek, heartache filled her face.

"You've suffered so much. Your path was difficult."

For some reason, hearing her voice almost made Long Chen collapse into tears. It was as if this was the woman who understood him the best in this world. She knew everything that he experienced and knew how tired he was.

However, he remained stubborn and did his best to retain his rationality. He said, "I'm not afraid of bitterness. I'm not afraid of being tired. But I am afraid of loss. It's like I've lost so many things, and I want them all back. Can you tell me if I've lost some of my memories? I clearly feel so familiar with you, but I don't remember you. It's a painful feeling," said Long Chen. He was choked with sobs toward the end.

For some reason, he suddenly thought of Yu Qingxuan. Yu Qingxuan had also lost her previous memories. He wanted to know if he was the same as Yu Qingxuan.

The woman looked at Long Chen warmly. She softly said, "People born in this world gain and lose something. No matter how high your cultivation base, no matter how powerful you are, some things simply can't be forced."

"I don't believe it. I ultimately believe that as long as my power exceeds the laws, I can control everything. If I cannot, it only proves that I'm not strong enough. Perhaps I can't do it right now, but one day, I will definitely be able to create my own world with freedom. I will live free with the people I love." Long Chen shook his head and spoke firmly.

The woman's body quivered ever so slightly. A trace of pain appeared in her eyes, and her smile became a bit bitter.

"You did say such things. Even after experiencing countless tribulations, your determination remained unshaken. You are still him."

"Who am I?" asked Long Chen.

The woman sighed. "Who you are isn't important. As long as you think that you are you, that is enough. Tell me, do you like the Spirit race?"

"I do," answered Long Chen without hesitation.

"Why?"

“There’s no why. I just like them. If you must have an answer, I’d say it’s because their hearts are the final pure place in this world. As long as they exist, this world still has hope,” said Long Chen.

The woman suddenly smiled. She looked very happy. She warmly cleaned up Long Chen’s somewhat messy hair.

“Good. There are still differences. You are you, he is him! I’m very happy!”

“Who are you? What is our connection? Can you really not tell me?” Long Chen couldn’t help asking.

“Who I am isn’t important. Our connection isn’t important. What is important is that your heart is pure as well. I am at ease. Now, I should transmit the true Nirvana Scripture to you.” The woman smiled widely. She slowly pressed a hand on Long Chen’s forehead, and countless runes flowed into his mind-sea.

Chapter 3763: Fifth Volume of the Nirvana Scripture

One rune after another was deeply imprinted into Long Chen’s mind. What shocked Long Chen was that these runes were ones that he was familiar with. They were from the first volume of the Nirvana Scripture.

Every rune gave off a different sound. But when they entered his mind this time, he found that some of them were giving off a different sound than before.

Previously, when he chanted the Nirvana Scripture, the scripture was gentle. It was holy and sacred, but not domineering.

Now that the sound of these runes had changed, they contained more of a feeling of ordering the heavens, a domineeringness to force the world to obey.

The first volume... the second volume... the third volume... the fourth volume... These were all scriptures that he had previously learned. After the fourth scripture, a new scripture that he had never encountered before entered his mind.

“The fifth volume of the Nirvana Scripture?”

Long Chen was delighted. He never had a chance to learn the fifth volume, and he hadn’t expected to encounter it here.

When those runes rang out in Long Chen’s mind, his body quivered in pain. It was like violent lava was exploding throughout his bones. It was like he was going to explode.

Long Chen was delighted by this. This fifth volume had changed the gentle scripture. It was now explosive.

The first four volumes were like a babbling creek, gentle and tranquil, nourishing all life. But the fifth volume was like a raging flood, an angry tsunami destroying the world.

Long Chen wasn't even circulating the fifth volume of the Nirvana Scripture. Just listening to it already caused his body to feel uncomfortable. He couldn't help being shocked. How was the fifth volume of the Nirvana Scripture so violent?

"It seems that there's no way to use the fifth volume before advancing to the Immortal King realm. Otherwise, its power will directly kill me."

Sensing the Nirvana Scripture, feeling the immense power within every syllable, Long Chen grew even more reverent of the Nirvana Scripture.

Finally, the scripture faded and Long Chen slowly opened his eyes. He looked at the beautiful woman before him.

This woman also looked at Long Chen. She smiled. "Remember your words. Protect the purity in your heart."

After saying that, she kissed Long Chen on the forehead. Her body slowly faded away, and the figure in the sky vanished with her. A rain of divine light fell.

As the Spirit race's experts piously kowtowed, the rain of light blessed them. They smiled quietly.

"The Spirit race really is a grand race. I'm a selfish person, but even I feel the urge to sacrifice my life to protect them." Looking at the endless lifeforms of the Spirit race, feeling their holy and kind auras, Jiang Lei couldn't help sighing.

"Every kind lifeform should be treated warmly. However, many times, kindness is not repaid. It isn't fair. That Li Chenggang, he said something I like. Reading books is to comprehend reason, and cultivating is to talk reason with others. Against people who don't talk reason, all your profound principles and explanations are useless. You will never be able to wake up people who are faking sleep," said Long Chen.

"If we can't wake them up, we'll make sure that they will never get a chance to wake up," said Jiang Lei.

Long Chen smiled. That was precisely what he was thinking. Previously, he wanted to protect the human race. But now, he understood. What he wanted to protect was not the human race; it was kindness. It had nothing to do with race.

The void quivered slightly. A white-haired lean elder then appeared before Long Chen and bowed slightly toward him.

"I was in the midst of worshipping my god and receiving my god's blessing just now. I'm sorry for being late. Please forgive me."

Long Chen hastily returned the bow. "Senior is too courteous. I am Long Chen. I urgently wish to go to the Heavenly River Blood Sea, and I am hoping to cross the Spirit race's territory to travel there. Is it convenient for me to do so?"

"You are the most esteemed guest of our Spirit race. You've saved us from crisis several times, so giving you passage is a minor matter. I am not skilled enough to protect all the Spirit race's lifeforms within the three thousand worlds despite leading them, causing these children to suffer. Fortunately, you are kind enough to save us. I received the god's guidance just now to come and see you. If you need anything,

just ask. My Spirit race might be weak, but all of our members are willing to go through hell for you,” said the elder sincerely.

“Senior, it’s not so serious. Right now, we just wish to reach the Heavenly River Blood Sea as quickly as possible. Hopefully, we can get through before the demonic beasts finish their blockade,” said Long Chen.

“The Heavenly River Blood Sea is filled with Blood Qi, and your Blood Qi is astonishing. Undergoing tribulation there is definitely the best choice for you.” The elder nodded.

“Senior, do you know the origin of the Heavenly River Blood Sea?” asked Long Chen.

“The Heavenly River Blood Sea was one of the main battlefields of the immemorial battle. Back then, one billion Beast Venerates surrounded three thousand nine star heirs. In the end, both sides were wiped out. After they died, their soul essence remained. Their fighting spirits did not extinguish, so they continue to fight even now. It is a land of death. A bloody river rages above a bloody sea. That is the result of the wills of the nine star heirs and the Beast Venerates still fighting even after so many years. As a result, experts with powerful physical bodies will undergo tribulation inside to absorb the energy of the blood sea. The stronger the person, the more of that energy that they can absorb and thus the greater the benefits. The Heavenly River Blood Sea surges whenever the three thousand worlds and the nine heavens and ten lands link up. That is when its power is at its peak and the best time to undergo tribulation inside. Calculating the time, it should be close to this moment,” said the elder.

“One billion Beast Venerates against nine star heirs?” Long Chen was shocked.

“Yes. It was one billion Divine Venerates of the beast race against three thousand Divine Venerate nine star heirs. They all died in the end, leaving the Heavenly River Blood Sea in their wake,” said the elder.

“Three thousand against one billion, ending with both sides dying? As expected of the strongest warriors of the nine heavens and ten lands,” praised Jiang Lei. However, he didn’t know that his boss was precisely a nine star heir.

“What level of battle armor did those nine star heirs activate?” Long Chen couldn’t help asking.

The elder shook his head apologetically. “I’m sorry. I only inherited a portion of memories from the previous generation. Furthermore, the last generation leader didn’t experience that battle. Thus, no one knows the exact details.”

“Senior, I want to go to the Heavenly River Blood Sea now. I’ll bid you farewell,” said Long Chen, in a rush to leave. He wanted to get to the bottom of the Heavenly River Blood Sea. He couldn’t wait any longer.

“Then let me send you on your way!”

The elder suddenly vanished. Long Chen and Jiang Lei found that the world in front of them was changing. Those Spirit race experts all vanished, and Long Chen and Jiang Lei appeared within an endless starry sky. An unending forest raced past them beneath their feet.

From this viewpoint, they were seeing practically the entire territory of the Spirit race. Long Chen was shocked. Unexpectedly, this elder was an absolutely enormous tree.

However, Long Chen very quickly rejected this theory. They weren't standing on top of the leaves of a tree. They were standing atop the leaf of a golden vine.

At this moment, the golden vine lit up. Long Chen and Jiang Lei cried out, shooting out of the vine. The void twisted. When they saw where they were, they found that they had reached the edge of the Spirit race's territory.

Chapter 3764: Land of Buried Corpses

"Respected guests, I can only send you this far. I wish you good fortune." The elder bowed to Long Chen.

Long Chen hastily returned the bow. "I truly have to thank you."

This single transportation had saved him at least half a month. That was of immense help.

When the elder left, Long Chen took out the map. He found that this place was only three days away from the Heavenly River Blood Sea.

"Boss, I don't understand. The Spirit race clearly has so many terrifying existences. Why are they willing to be bullied by others?" asked Jiang Lei.

Even if Jiang Lei counted out the elder who had brought them here, in their prayer land, he had seen at least hundreds of Divine Venerates. There were also many Supreme experts, so he didn't understand this.

"The Spirit race has many branches within, and some of them don't dare to touch the air of death. They would rather die than kill someone. There are also some that are immensely powerful and possess killer divine abilities. They won't be the slightest bit merciful. For example, the Stone Spirit race, the Elven Spirit race, and also some of the giant humanoid races. They are all not afraid of being exposed to the resentment air of death. However, killing for too long will cause them to gradually grow irritable. Their inner hearts will no longer be pure. Thus, they will intermittently find those pure-hearted members of the Spirit race to help them cleanse that irritable qi within them. That will prevent them from becoming bloodthirsty devils. In truth, the Spirit race has kind spirits and evil spirits. We've only encountered the kind ones so far. It is said that the evil spirits were corrupted experts of the Spirit race who became violent and bloodthirsty. The only way for them to drain off that desire is to kill. To put it frankly, it is the result of suppressing and accumulating darkness within themselves for too long. Once it erupts, it turns them into a devil. They can never be pure again," said Long Chen.

Jiang Lei suddenly said, "I remember! I was chased down by a humanoid ominous spirit. At that time, I was in the Four Peak realm and powerless to resist. But just as its wooden arrow stabbed through my body, it said something incomprehensible to me. I didn't understand what it was saying at all, and then it let me go. But all the members of the human race in that area were killed by it. Now that I think back to it, perhaps it only didn't kill me because I had the mark of the Spirit race on me."

"That means its inner heart wasn't fully devoured yet. It still retained some..."

Long Chen's body suddenly quivered. He was about to say that its inner heart still retained some kindness. That was the pure land in its heart. Thinking of that, he thought of what the woman told him.

“Is it because I called the Spirit race’s kindness as a pure land that she transmitted the Nirvana Scripture to me?”

Long Chen felt an indescribable feeling toward that mysterious woman. Sometimes that feeling was clear, but sometimes it was vague. It was like there was a tie inside his soul that could solve this riddle, but no matter how he tried to grasp it, he couldn’t.

“Have you recovered to your peak condition?” asked Long Chen.

“During the prayer, the divine light fully healed me,” said Jiang Lei.

“Good. Prepare to have a terrible battle. Let’s go.”

Long Chen and Jiang Lei headed straight toward the Heavenly River Blood Sea. They didn’t bother concealing their presence.

After flying for a day, the pungent scent of blood filled the air, and strange energy currents began to appear in the void. Space was no longer completely stable.

“This isn’t good. Boss, it seems that this space will not allow transportation talismans to be used.” Jiang Lei’s expression changed. Xia Chen’s transportation formations were life-saving treasures. They hadn’t even reached the Heavenly River Blood Sea yet, but this trump card was already lost.

“You’re right. But since we’ve come, we can only barge in. Don’t worry, it is too big for the demonic beasts to fully block it. Furthermore, the core region will only allow Divine Lords to enter once it starts to surge. Those elders won’t be able to interfere. It is very difficult for the demonic beasts to guard such a huge area, and the human race also has experts with powerful physical bodies. Can they really block them all?” Long Chen wasn’t worried.

They continued flying. At this moment, the ground began to change color. Blood-colored currents appeared.

Long Chen even saw the mouth of a spring. Liquid was coming out of it just like fresh blood from underground. Rivers flowed toward the core.

Long Chen then reached out and lifted a handful of this blood-colored liquid. He sniffed it and suddenly reached back into the liquid.

The earth quivered and cracks spread. As Long Chen increased his power, the earth bulged. An enormous existence was forcibly ripped out of the ground.

It was an enormous skeleton. It looked to be a winged dragon. However, its tail was not in the right proportion. Its tip was sharp, and it even had a coccyx the shape of a palm leaf. Long Chen didn’t recognize this lifeform.

The skeleton was decaying and filled with holes like a honeycomb. But there were still many runes emitting a powerful aura despite the encroachment of time.

“It probably isn’t an ordinary Divine Venerate.” Long Chen was shaken when he sensed this aura. It had been millions and millions of years. However, the corpse still existed, and its runes were intact. That meant that the master of this corpse was a supremely terrifying existence.

Long Chen then tossed the corpse into the primal chaos space's black soil. However, he was disappointed. After it was devoured, it didn't unleash any life energy. Although the corpse was intact, its power was already used up.

When Long Chen pulled out the corpse, the spring on the ground stopped emitting blood liquid. It was like the spring was linked to the corpse.

"It seems that the Spirit race's senior is right."

Jiang Lei eyed the endless streams of blood stretching beyond the horizon. If every stream represented a corpse, then there could very well be a billion bodies.

Long Chen and Jiang Lei pressed on. More streams appeared until they formed an enormous river. The roaring spray of the river sounded like countless fierce beasts roaring.

The murderous and brutal air grew stronger and stronger. Furthermore, even the sky became the color of blood. It was like the entire world was pressing down, giving people a suffocating feeling.

After another day, Long Chen and Jiang Lei encountered two squads of demonic beasts patrolling the area. However, even the strongest amongst them was merely a mid stage World King. The two of them instantly wiped them out.

In the end, Long Chen saw an endless sea. Blood-colored mist rose out of the sea and linked with the sky. This was a blood-colored world.

Long Chen had just arrived at the Heavenly River Blood Sea when he was spotted. Tens of thousands of demonic beasts roared and attacked them.

Chapter 3765: Out of Control World Extermination Flame Lotus

"We'll blast through them!"

Long Chen's gaze swept out. He didn't see that many experts amongst these people. Even the strongest ones were only half-step Divine Venerates.

BOOM!

Jiang Lei attacked one of the half-step Divine Venerates with his lightning sword and destroyed the latter's weapon. He hacked up blood and flew back.

It went without saying that after experiencing so much this year, after struggling by the border of death for so long, Jiang Lei's combat experience was incomparable. He directly challenged that expert in his weakest area, striking accurately and ruthlessly. Even against an opponent just as strong as him, he would probably be able to determine victory or defeat in just a few moves.

That half-step Divine Venerate was severely injured in just one attack. He couldn't help being shocked. Suddenly, he waved his hand, and a ray of divine light soared into the sky, exploding like a firework. It illuminated the heavens.

"A signal?"

Long Chen was slightly startled. He immediately shot forward and unleashed a follow-up attack on that half-step Divine Venerate. The Minghong Saber pierced through his head.

“Not good. There are seven Divine Venerates in the surroundings.” After killing him and checking his memories, Long Chen’s expression changed.

“Let’s go!”

There was no time to deal with the riff-raff. Long Chen and Jiang Lei shot through them. If a Divine Venerate were to appear, Long Chen might not be afraid. If he couldn’t beat them, he’d run.

But against two Divine Venerates? They might not even have a chance to run. Long Chen randomly chose a direction.

As a result? The more you worried about something, the more likely it would happen. Long Chen actually ended up running into three groups, all of them led by Divine Venerates.

“Damn human race, have you come to send yourselves to your deaths?!”

The three Divine Venerates didn’t give Long Chen any chance. They directly attacked, seeking to kill the two of them in an instant.

“Divine ring, battle armor!”

Long Chen roared and unleashed his full power. He directly charged at one of the Divine Venerates. At the same time, Huo Linger and Lei Linger went after the other two.

“Split the Heavens 3!”

Long Chen pointed his saber at the heavens. He immediately started off with his strongest attack. When violet qi wrapped around his saber, stars danced. Holding his saber with both hands, he slashed down like a heavenly river of stars.

BOOM!

That Divine Venerate seemed startled by Long Chen’s power. The moment that he was locked onto by Long Chen’s attack, it was too late to take out his weapon. Long Chen’s saber landed directly on his arms, and both of them exploded into blood mist.

“World Extermination Lightning Radiance!”

After the Divine Venerate’s arms were destroyed, Jiang Lei smashed a lightning sphere into his body. The demonic beast screamed and was blown back. He smashed into the sea of blood, leaving giant ripples.

Just then, another huge explosion unleashed a wave of lightning. Lei Linger was blown apart by her opponent’s divine weapon.

Clearly, the current Lei Linger could not challenge a Divine Venerate. As for Huo Linger, she exchanged a direct blow with the True Fire Sword against her opponent and was also knocked back a few steps. Her opponent staggered. This moment showed off Huo Linger’s new power.

“Let’s go!”

As the blockade was broken, Long Chen grabbed Jiang Lei and charged forward. He chose to go for the weakest one amongst the three to break through.

However, just as they were about to break through, a huge net appeared in front of them. The other demonic beasts in this group were using some unknown divine ability. Joining forces, they actually summoned a barrier.

“Courting death!”

Long Chen was enraged. If they were blocked by this net, even for just a single breath, they would definitely die.

The Minghong Saber once more accumulated power, and Split the Heavens slashed down. However, Long Chen was shocked to find that the barrier was flexible and elastic. It was like he had struck a faith barrier. Not only was he blocked, but his attack actually rebounded.

The two Divine Venerates roared and charged at the two of them. Their weapons whistled toward them.

Long Chen suddenly shoved Jiang Lei, and using that force, he also retreated. They both dodged the attacks of the Divine Venerates. It was only thanks to the fact that their fellow demonic beasts were nearby that the two Divine Venerates weren’t unleashing their full power. They were afraid of injuring their own people.

Clearly, these people were prepared. Not only were there Divine Venerates, but even the other experts knew combination techniques. This was all to prevent outsiders from entering the Heavenly River Blood Sea.

“Boss, I’ll block them. You go!”

Seeing a Divine Venerate in front of him and the net barrier behind him, as well as the blood sea starting to ripple, showing that the other Divine Venerate was about to fly out, Jiang Lei shouted and prepared to charge out.

“No need!” Long Chen shouted. He held his left elbow with his right hand, and his left hand was raised toward the heavens. A snow-white lotus appeared in his hand, as sacred chanting filled the air.

When the chanting rang out, the blood sea roared and the void rumbled. The blood-colored sky was actually torn apart by a mysterious energy. Countless cracks appeared.

Flame energy then poured through those cracks, gathering toward Long Chen. In just the blink of an eye, his lotus covered the sky.

Long Chen was using the Nirvana Scripture, but he himself was shocked. The flame energy of heaven and earth seemed to go crazy this time. It was flowing to him in such an amount that it was out of his control.

Most terrifying of all, this was no more than the third volume. Let alone the newly learned fifth volume, he didn’t even dare to use the fourth volume.

Just as Long Chen was shocked, the flame lotus instantly grew to a size of ten thousand miles. The white lotus was surrounded by black cracks and ripples. It was like the world could not contain its power.

“Big brother Long Chen, the World Extermination Flame Lotus is about to go out of control!” Huo Linger cried out in shock. She was panicking as well. This huge stream of energy was overflowing.

Long Chen didn’t dare to tarry. He directly tossed out the rapidly expanding lotus. It was no longer under control.

BOOM!

As soon as it left his hand, it exploded. Long Chen himself was blasted back, almost being killed. If it weren’t for his powerful physical body, he’d have definitely died.

A white ripple devoured this world. Those demonic beasts didn’t even get a chance to scream before they were turned into ice fragments.

Long Chen didn’t even know how far he was blown back. He felt the world spinning around him, and he hacked up blood.

Huo Linger transformed into a flame dragon and carried Jiang Lei. Even with her protection, Jiang Lei was no better off than Long Chen. Cracks covered his body as if he might shatter at any moment.

“Let’s go!”

Long Chen and Jiang Lei didn’t bother looking at the aftermath. They directly used their thunderforce to run.

BOOM!

The two of them had just left when three wretched figures appeared out of the unstable void. It was precisely those three demonic beast Divine Venerates. Only the three of them had survived this attack.

“Chase!”

The three of them roared and shot after the two of them.

Chapter 3766: Demonic Beasts Secretly Undergoing Tribulation

“Split the Heavens 3!”

Long Chen roared and slashed the Minghong Saber. As a result, a Supreme expert was blown back, but Long Chen’s injuries worsened.

After breaking through the blockade of the three Divine Venerates, Long Chen and Jiang Lei ran into several more groups intercepting them. However, in the final two, there were no Divine Venerates. In other words, they had reached the core, and only Divine Lords could enter this place.

Despite that, the demonic beast race’s Divine Lords came out in an unending tide. The two of them would encounter a new wave every few moments.

During normal times, Long Chen wouldn’t be afraid of them. However, he and Jiang Lei were severely wounded and had yet to have a chance to recover.

Long Chen pushed aside a Supreme heavenly genius and rushed away with Jiang Lei. In the distance, more roars could be heard. There were clearly others fighting the demonic beasts as well.

However, Long Chen didn't go over. In the three thousand worlds, the least trustworthy existence was the human race.

Finally, they stopped running into more demonic beasts. Only then did Long Chen get a breather. He and Jiang Lei took time to recover.

As for Lei Linger, she had exhausted a huge amount of her core energy to block the attack of a Divine Venerate. She also needed to rest.

Huo Linger was the same. Having used the World Extermination Flame Lotus at such intensity, she was probably the weariest. It was only thanks to her that they had broken free of the encirclement.

"How vicious. One layer after another. Once I become an Immortal King, I'll slaughter them," cursed Jiang Lei as he recovered.

On the outside, there was a layer of experts to probe incoming enemies, the middle had Divine Venerates standing guard to close any gaps, and at the rear were Supreme heavenly geniuses making sure to finish off any fish that got through.

"Boss, am I useless? My comprehension isn't good enough. My World Extermination Lightning Radiance is a far cry from yours. If I had your skill, we'd have definitely been able to kill those bastards," said Jiang Lei dejectedly.

Long Chen had taught him the World Extermination Lightning Radiance, but it still lacked power compared to when Long Chen used it. Jiang Lei was unable to concentrate it even further like Long Chen.

Long Chen said, "This has nothing to do with comprehension. Your Supreme Blood has yet to adapt to you, and your thunderforce is also Lei Linger's lightning tribulation energy. These energies didn't originally belong to you. Don't be anxious. During your tribulation, you can absorb its energy, as well as use it to temper your Supreme Blood and fully merge with it. Then your thunderforce will truly be yours."

Jiang Lei's expression improved after hearing that. As a Dragonblood warrior, he felt immense pressure. Every single person around him was outstanding. If he didn't work hard, he'd be thrown behind.

Most importantly, he had a practically monstrous boss. If he didn't go all-out, he'd be thrown so far behind that he couldn't even see his back.

"Let's go!"

Long Chen's expression changed suddenly. They couldn't keep recovering. They had just left when dozens of demonic beasts arrived where they had been.

One of them sniffed the air. "Two people, their Blood Qi is slightly weak. They should be severely injured. We'll keep chasing."

That group rushed off precisely in Long Chen's direction.

BOOM!

A palm-sized formation disc exploded just then, and countless diamond-shaped fragments flew through the air. Those demonic beasts screamed and were turned into sieves.

“World Extermination Lightning Radiance!”

Suddenly, lightning exploded amongst them. Those demonic beasts, including a Supreme expert, were all slain.

“Why bother? These weaklings could have just been killed by your sword, no?” asked Long Chen.

The two of them were forced to repeatedly flee but were unable to shake off their pursuers. Hence, Long Chen chose to set up a trap with the formation disc that Xia Chen and Guo Ran had made.

“This is the only way it’s satisfying. I like seeing their corpses blasted out of existence, cough...” Jiang Lei suddenly had a coughing fit. His injuries that had just recovered a bit split open again.

The two of them then left this place and found a new location to recover. This time, there were finally no more pursuers.

Six hours later, they had recovered halfway. Like this, they wouldn’t have to fear fighting someone in the same realm.

As Long Chen recovered, he asked Huo Linger, “How did you lose control of the World Extermination Flame Lotus so quickly this time? What was the problem?”

“The Nirvana Scripture is different from before. Before this, it was gentle and easy to control. But now, it’s explosive. It’s like a sheep has become a dragon. Back then, the world’s energy poured in crazily, and my own power flowed into the lotus out of my control. Fortunately, you tossed it out in time. Any later and my core energy would have been completely sucked away. Then it would have blown up in your hand,” said Huo Linger.

Hearing that, Long Chen began to sweat. If the World Extermination Flame Lotus had exploded in his hand, he really would have fallen to his own move.

“Big brother Long Chen, I’m sorry. I didn’t know the Nirvana Scripture would change so much, so I just acted according to the previous times. If I had exercised more control at the start, it wouldn’t have gotten out of control so quickly,” apologized Huo Linger.

“No, it’s my fault. I didn’t blame you. The main thing is... I also didn’t expect that a few changed syllables would cause such a huge change.” Long Chen smiled bitterly.

He truly didn’t blame Huo Linger. They had worked together to unleash the World Extermination Flame Lotus for so many years, and they had always done well. If someone had to be blamed for today’s accident, it would have to be him.

However, Long Chen was also delighted inside. This was the true Nirvana Scripture. If Huo Linger was more cautious and found the right rhythm, the World Extermination Flame Lotus’s power would exceed his imagination.

Even the third volume of the Nirvana Scripture was already so terrifying. If he could use the fifth volume, just how powerful would it be? Long Chen didn't quite dare to believe it.

With no one disturbing them, Long Chen calmly recovered. Three days later, he and Jiang Lei were fully recovered.

Suddenly, they heard explosive sounds in the distance. A destructive aura shook their souls. Long Chen and Jiang Lei were both surprised. That aura was...

"Why would someone be undergoing tribulation at this time?"

Long Chen and Jiang Lei flew over to that region. They quickly saw thousands of demonic beast disciples undergoing collective tribulation.

"I understand. After these people undergo tribulation, they'll come for us," said Jiang Lei.

"You're right. However, they're thinking a bit too simply." Long Chen suddenly smiled sinisterly. A lightning dragon flew out of him and slowly merged into the distant heavenly tribulation.

Chapter 3767: The World's Laws

"The Heavenly River Blood Sea has yet to start boiling. By undergoing tribulation now, aren't they wasting their chance to change their fates?" Jiang Lei couldn't help sighing as he watched them undergo tribulation.

"The demonic beast race's command system is very simple. It's different from the human race. It's simple, direct, and violent. But it's very effective. The beast race's true experts can decide the fates of the weak. They aren't limited by morality. The weak exist to serve the strong, so the strong order them to do whatever they need. Just like the wolves in a barren wasteland, the wolf king has the highest authority. No other wolves dare to disobey. Who lives and who dies is up to the wolf king," said Long Chen quietly.

"Animals are animals. They're cold-blooded and merciless," said Jiang Lei coldly. He was especially full of hatred for the demonic beast race.

"Although the beast race's rules are cruel, they are a reflection of natural law. This is different from the human race. The beast race's connections are dependent on bloodlines, ranking, and social order. But the human race has laws, morality, and feelings to consider. This constraint leads to severe polarization. Kind people are as kind as saints, but evil people are worse than devils. On the other hand, the beast race has to follow their hierarchy, and anyone who disobeys is executed. As a result, the demonic beast race greatly respects these rules, quite different from our situation. The human race's laws usually end up being lax, with people constantly testing the bottom lines of morality and rules. It's unknown just how many people die because of this, but people don't get tired of it. This is human nature. You can't expect the human race to be self-disciplined or hope for them to follow any rules forever. That is because for the human race, the rules are made to be broken," said Long Chen as he eyed those demonic beasts.

“Boss, I just want to say, I’m not questioning you. But I don’t quite understand. I feel like you are looking down on the human race’s rules. Is being self-disciplined and following the rules not good?” asked Jiang Lei after pondering what Long Chen had just said.

“Good or bad depends on who sets the rules. What are their goals? Are the rules made for selfish or selfless purposes? Does the person who made the rules also abide by them? Or are the rules only there to restrict other people?”

“Well...”

“Let me tell you, up until now, I have yet to encounter someone making the rules. Not the peerless five Sovereigns who shook the world, not the ruler of the nation, big brother Xia Guhong. Not the Wine God Palace, and not the Spirit race. They are all dissatisfied with the world, but I don’t know why they never think about changing this world’s laws. Perhaps deep inside, they approve of these laws. Or perhaps they don’t approve but can’t find better laws to replace them with. Or perhaps...” Long Chen suddenly shut his mouth.

Long Chen wanted to say that perhaps they didn’t have the power to change this world. But they were all people that he revered, so he didn’t want to say such a thing.

“Then who created the laws of this world?” asked Jiang Lei.

“How could I know?”

Long Chen sighed. Perhaps no one knew. The sea of bitterness was endless, and everyone was within it, struggling to cross. No one could see the world in its entirety.

Rumbling cut off their conversation, as thousands of demonic beasts were undergoing tribulation together. Lightning raged.

These demonic beasts were immersed within the lightning. The lightning was constantly strengthening their bodies.

“Boss, we can charge in and kill them. Maybe I can get some benefits too,” said Jiang Lei as he eyed that lightning a bit greedily.

Long Chen said that he had the ability to absorb the power of heavenly tribulation. However, he still didn’t know how. He wanted to test it first.

“Are you a fool? They are on the edge of the core and the outer region. On the other side are Divine Venerates. If we attack them, we’ll be throwing ourselves into a trap. Just conceal your auras and don’t be noticed. Lei Linger is already there. Let her get some benefits first,” said Long Chen.

The two of them hid in the void. They had fully recovered and could control their auras easily. Adding on Xia Chen’s formation discs, as long as they were careful, it was very difficult for others to notice them.

Blood-colored mist flowed through the world. Their vision was limited, and their divine sense was suppressed. Long Chen could see the beasts undergoing tribulation, and he sensed a threat beyond them. But he couldn’t see their actual figures.

When the heavenly tribulation raged, lightning rained down like arrows, which stabbed into the blood sea, causing huge waves.

The blood sea was like a boiling pot when struck by lightning. Blood-colored aura flowed out and was absorbed by those experts.

"I understand. They are undergoing tribulation to stimulate the blood sea, making it boil earlier," said Long Chen suddenly.

"Why would they do that?" asked Jiang Lei.

"Perhaps too many people have snuck into the Heavenly River Blood Sea, so they have doubt about being able to block outsiders. By having a portion of people first undergo tribulation, they'll have Immortal Kings in the core preventing outsiders from coming in. At the same time, the Heavenly River Blood Sea will boil earlier. Most likely, the demonic beasts have mostly all arrived, and they don't wish to wait any longer. If they keep waiting, more outsiders will come. That's not beneficial to them," said Long Chen.

"Is that so? Then is this group only one portion of the demonic beasts undergoing tribulation in advance?" asked Jiang Lei.

Long Chen nodded. "Most likely. Those who can break through their defenses to enter the core have to be outstanding figures. These people undergoing tribulation aren't Supreme experts. But after they become Immortal Kings, they will be qualified to fight Supreme experts. With a realm advantage and numbers, they'll crush all oppositions."

These demonic beasts might not be Supreme experts, but all of them had astonishing Blood Qi. Once they became Immortal Kings, their combat power would grow explosively. If they also condensed Heavenly Dao Crowns, they might have power rivaling Supreme Divine Lords.

A group of strong Immortal Kings was something that even Supreme geniuses would have to avoid. The demonic beast race had sacrificed the opportunities of a portion of their disciples to prevent outsiders from benefiting. It was truly ruthless.

At the same time, the blood sea's temperature was starting to rise. Bubbles were rising from the depths, and the Blood Qi fluctuations in the air grew increasingly strong. All kinds of phenomena were occurring, gradually validating Long Chen's speculation.

Suddenly, ancient beasts came flying out of the tribulation clouds, attacking the demonic beasts. Upon seeing this, Long Chen slowly smiled.

A demonic beast was directly crushed to bits by the claw of a lightning beast, and his companions screamed in shock.

Chapter 3768: Chosen by the Heavens?

"Careful, this is the final wave of the heavenly tribulation! Hold on-!"

One of the demonic beasts shouted a reminder, only for another lightning beast to tear him to pieces.

Thousands of experts undergoing tribulation together would naturally cause its power to rise, and the extent of the increase was not limited to just a dozen times. For this many experts to undergo tribulation together, there was naturally a high chance of them being wiped out. However, while their tribulation looked mighty, it wasn't particularly powerful. This was only the third wave.

Anyway, this was just a normal tribulation. If you compared this with the tempo of Long Chen's heavenly tribulation, it was nothing more than a drizzle.

An ordinary person's tribulation usually had three waves, each wave stronger than the last. If they could pass through all three, they would have succeeded.

However, this third wave was clearly more terrifying than they had imagined. Those lightning beasts descended from the nine heavens with murderous auras, crazily attacking them.

As the lightning beasts attacked, the demonic beasts collapsed. Amongst those terrifying lightning beasts, one in particular was very terrifying. It was in the shape of a lightning dragon, and not a single person was capable of blocking its attack.

This lightning dragon was Lei Linger. She finally found a chance to kill.

In just a few breaths, thousands of experts were reduced to a few dozen. This heavenly tribulation was too terrifying. They all despaired.

Even the Divine Venerates in the distance sighed as they watched this. They didn't dare to try interfering in this tribulation or say anything, afraid of the karma from the heavenly tribulation locking onto them.

However, what shocked people was that the lightning dragon suddenly stopped massacring the demonic beasts. It actually changed sides, devouring the other lightning beasts. Seeing this scene, the demonic beast experts were stunned.

Only Long Chen knew that Lei Linger's goal was to devour as many of the lightning beasts as possible. She had killed the demonic beast experts first, so they wouldn't absorb too much of the tribulation's power.

However, she also couldn't kill them all because once they were all dead, the tribulation would end. She only left a few stragglers.

As Lei Linger devoured the lightning beasts, those stragglers that were in despair were revitalized. They fought all-out, blocking the lightning beasts with all their power. Although they didn't know what was going on, this slight chance was worth fighting for.

This third wave contained the true essence of the heavenly tribulation, and these lightning beasts were all Immortal King realm existences, the perfect nourishment for Lei Linger. As she had received a full-power attack from a Divine Venerate before this, which caused her body to crumble, a great deal of her core energy was lost. Facing this third wave, she had not just replenished her core energy, but her power was also crazily rising.

However, even with Lei Linger devouring the lightning beasts, there were so many of them that the remaining twenty-some experts were quickly reduced to nine. That glimmer of hope that they felt faded.

“Hold on!”

Another expert shouted, only to be torn apart by a lightning beast.

All of a sudden, Lei Linger saw that those people were surrounded by lightning beasts. She panicked when she knew that they were going to be killed.

Hence, she barged in. With a rake of her claw, those lightning beasts exploded. In the end, one survivor of the demonic beasts remained.

Lei Linger protected him with her body as he devoured the other lightning beasts. An hour later, the lightning beasts were all devoured, and the tribulation clouds faded. All of a sudden, that person’s aura soared explosively.

“I... I advanced to the Immortal King realm!”

The surviving demonic beast looked at his surroundings in disbelief. He felt like he was dreaming.

Lei Linger released him and looked at him calmly. The distant demonic beasts, including the Divine Venerates, didn’t dare to believe their eyes. They had no idea what was going on.

“Could he be... the legendary chosen of the heavens? Did he have a heavenly lightning divine beast to protect him?” wondered a Divine Venerate.

“Quick, the heavenly tribulation is gone! Make yourself its master!” shouted another Divine Venerate.

That person only reacted now and shouted, “I am your master! Submit to me!”

The lightning dragon’s tail instantly shot up in response. The demonic beast people were delighted, but that delight quickly vanished. That was because they saw the tail viciously smashing toward the sole survivor.

It was like a hammer striking a melon. Blood mist filled the air as that person was killed.

“Peh.”

The lightning dragon then spat on the remains of that person and its claw gestured disdainfully. Just like that, it vanished into the void, leaving behind a group of dumbfounded demonic beasts that were standing there like wooden statues. They didn’t know what to say.

“Hahaha!”

Long Chen and Jiang Lei couldn’t help laughing when they saw what Lei Linger did and the resulting dumbfounded expressions of the demonic beasts.

Lei Linger ate her fill and then actually looked at the demonic beasts disdainfully before leaving. Chosen of the heavens? Becoming her master? What a joke.

However, their laughter quickly faded away. That was because they saw the demonic beasts in the distance glaring at them with murderous gazes.

“They can see us?” Long Chen was startled.

"It seems so." Jiang Lei fell silent as well.

Long Chen looked around and jumped. At some point, the surrounding blood-colored mist had vanished and the sky was clear. There were no clouds. He suddenly realized that he could see countless experts just like them staring blankly at the surroundings.

Long Chen's formation disc was a mirror reflection formation disc. It reflected the mist around them so that it was as if they were merged into it. As long as they didn't reveal their auras, they wouldn't be seen.

However, now that the mist was gone, only they appeared to have blood-colored mist around them. Anyone who wasn't blind could clearly see them.

"Damn human race, you did this!" roared a Divine Venerate.

"Even if we did, so what? What are you going to do? Come and bite me!" dared Long Chen.

With the mist scattered, Long Chen could now see a milky white ripple on the edge of the Heavenly River Blood Sea. This ripple was what separated the core from the outside. Only Divine Lords could cross through here, so Long Chen wasn't afraid of them.

"Foolish human race, you'll never understand just how terrifying the great demonic beast race is! All that awaits you is despair and death!"

The Divine Venerate snorted. He looked at them like they were already dead.

Just then, countless auras soared and demonic beasts crashed down on Long Chen from every direction. There were countless Supreme auras amongst them.

"The foolish one is you. I will use my actions to teach you what regret is."

Long Chen's blood instantly ignited when he saw these opponents. He turned and faced the oncoming demonic beasts.

Chapter 3769: Boiling Blood Sea

"This place is the demonic beast race's sacred land! It's not somewhere your inferior human race can step into!"

Countless demonic beasts charged over at Long Chen and Jiang Lei. They were blazing with killing intent.

"The demonic beast race's sacred land? What a joke! A billion of your ancestors were killed here. This is a graveyard! You dare to call it a sacred land?" Long Chen laughed mockingly.

"Nonsense!"

A demonic beast Supreme expert roared furiously. His wings flapped, and he suddenly appeared in front of Long Chen, smashing his rod at Long Chen's head. He hated Long Chen, so he immediately launched a full-power attack.

In return, the Minghong Saber came out of its sheath. Long Chen blocked, and his saber actually unleashed a soft energy upon clashing with the rod. After quivering three times, the majority of the energy in the rod dissipated. After that, with a shove of the saber, that person was knocked toward Jiang Lei.

Jiang Lei was prepared, and his lightning sword instantly cut off his head.

“Don’t fight them directly. Save your energy in case we encounter any peak experts,” reminded Long Chen. Lightning wings then spread on his back, and he charged toward the weakest part of their blockade.

Long Chen and Jiang Lei didn’t let themselves be bogged down by the small fries. They only killed the Supreme geniuses. On the other hand, the demonic beasts tried to surround them, but their speed was inferior. Ultimately, they were unable to catch Long Chen and Jiang Lei.

They cursed and howled as they chased. That drew the attention of even more demonic beasts. Hence, more and more of them began chasing Long Chen.

Originally, it was tens of thousands of people, but that quickly became hundreds of thousands. After an incense stick’s worth of time, it was millions.

These millions of experts were in a life-and-death pursuit on top of the Heavenly River Blood Sea. Just as they saw that they were about to surround Long Chen, Long Chen suddenly swung his saber, tearing open their enclosure and easily escaping once more. The demonic beasts cursed furiously.

The Heavenly River Blood Sea was enormous, but Long Chen was only moving within a small region of it. It was because he didn’t want to draw the attention of more peak experts. Otherwise, just like rolling a snowball, this army would grow bigger and bigger until they would eventually exhaust him.

However, despite moving in a small region, the army chasing him continued to grow. More Supreme experts arrived, and some of them were shockingly talented. Their divine abilities applied immense pressure on Long Chen and Jiang Lei, so their options grew more and more limited. Just like that, avoiding the encirclement got increasingly difficult.

Just as Long Chen was fighting the demonic beasts, he also heard intense rumbling in the distance. Clearly, the demonic beasts were also fighting others. It was unknown what race those people were from.

“Big brother Long Chen, let’s work together again. We’ll unleash the World Extermination Flame Lotus!” Huo Linger transformed into a tiny flame dragon sitting on Long Chen’s shoulder. She spoke into his ear.

“No. You still haven’t recovered, and we might lose control over it again. Even if we don’t and manage to kill them all, it means nothing. The World Extermination Flame Lotus uses up a huge amount of my Spiritual Strength and mental energy. With my tribulation coming soon, I have to be fully focused on it. There can be no mistakes,” said Long Chen.

“Big brother Long Chen, let me release the World Extermination Lightning Radiance then!” Lei Linger also transformed into a tiny lightning dragon on Long Chen’s other shoulder.

Long Chen didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. These two really were growing more war-like.

“You can’t attack either. The heavenly tribulation will start soon. Although you can replenish your energy through it, things are too chaotic here. There are too many experts, and no one knows what will happen. Furthermore, the terrain here is special, which makes the laws of the Heavenly Daos erratic. Just rest for now. Don’t worry, you’ll have a chance to show off soon,” said Long Chen.

Hearing that, Lei Linger and Huo Linger stopped bothering him. But they refused to retreat. They just stayed on his shoulders and fought alongside him.

Long Chen and Jiang Lei were constantly chased and surrounded by the demonic beasts. They charged through any holes they could find, conveniently killing a few on the way.

On the outside, the Divine Venerates grew anxious. They began to shout, directing the army.

However, although these demonic beasts were conscious of being in a group and often fought in group battles, their fighting style was only to fight for themselves. Even in groups, they didn’t cooperate beyond the absolute basics.

They couldn’t fight in an orderly formation like the human race. Thus, while this army of millions looked very frightening, they were a plate of loose sand. As long as Long Chen didn’t find them directly, they were unable to deal a fatal blow to him.

“The left... Up ahead... In front of you... I said in front of you! You idiots, are you all idiots?! He’s running in that direction again, stop him!” shouted a Divine Venerate, cursing as he directed the troops.

This Divine Venerate was clearly the idiot. Long Chen was so fast and agile, moving in every direction. These people had long since grown dizzy chasing him.

Left? That was from his own viewpoint. The experts chasing him were facing every single direction. Left? It would be better if he didn’t say anything. Now that he was trying to give directions, these people were like headless flies, crashing into each other chaotically.

“Shut your fucking mouth!” shouted a Supreme expert finally.

These people came from the nine heavens and ten lands. Although they were both demonic beasts, they didn’t know each other. Moreover, these heavenly geniuses were all arrogant. It was clearly a problem with the person trying to direct them, yet he cursed them as idiots? These heavenly geniuses had long since grown enraged by him.

“You...!”

The Divine Venerate’s face was dark with fury. If it weren’t for the fact that he didn’t dare to cross the barrier, he’d definitely beat up that fellow.

“Non-Supreme experts should retreat! We don’t need you here! Scram!” shouted a demonic beast covered in golden scales.

Following that roar, the ordinary demonic beasts fell back. Their speed was inferior, and their power wasn’t great enough. They were only causing disorder here. It would be better for them to retreat.

Now that only a few hundred powerful Supreme experts were chasing them, Long Chen and Jiang Lei instantly felt the pressure increase.

“Boss, it’s no good. We can only start fighting them directly!” Jiang Lei cursed as he panted.

Without those people as a hindrance, these Supreme experts were finally able to display their power. In an instant, there was nowhere for Long Chen to run.

Long Chen was about to speak when the Heavenly River Blood Sea began to boil. At the same time, the heavens roared and Grand Dao runes rained down.

“The Heavenly River Blood Sea is boiling! The time to undergo tribulation has come! Damn human race, let’s see how your weak bodies are turned to dust in front of heavenly tribulation!”

The demonic beasts cried out excitedly as their auras erupted, their shackles shattering. Tribulation clouds gathered in the sky.

At that moment, Long Chen finally sighed with relief. Looking at the delighted expressions of the demonic beasts around him, he smiled.

Chapter 3770: Underworld Eye Giant

Jiang Lei was also delighted. But the most delighted one was Lei Linger. She coiled around Long Chen’s body excitedly as a lightning dragon.

The surrounding Supreme heavenly geniuses unleashed their auras, breaking through to the next realm. Lightning rumbled.

At the same time, Blood Qi shot out of the Heavenly River Blood Sea, pouring toward those demonic beasts.

“This is our demonic beast race’s sacred land! By borrowing the power of the heavenly tribulation to temper our bodies, we can absorb the bloodline power of our ancestors better, merging with their runes and awakening their divine abilities. As for your inferior human race, you think you can steal our treasures? Keep dreaming!” shouted a Supreme expert, blood-colored chains wrapping around his body. His Blood Qi was climbing frantically.

Just as he said, the billion Beast Venerates within the Heavenly River Blood Sea were dead, their bodies decayed. But their soul essence remained and their essence blood was gathered here. Moreover, their soul essence actually absorbed the energy of heaven and earth to preserve their essence blood and the runes within it, forming the Heavenly River Blood Sea for future descendants.

A billion Beast Venerates, encapsulating countless races. Thus, this place became the sacred land of the demonic beasts. Undergoing tribulation here would allow them to receive the blessing of their ancestors. They could then absorb their ancestors’ bloodline power, making it easier for them to awaken their divine abilities and activate a Heavenly Dao Crown.

Thus, this place was always guarded by the demonic beast race. Other races were not allowed in.

Despite that, outsiders constantly tried to enter. Although they couldn’t awaken such divine abilities or receive any blessing, what they wanted was the power of the essence blood here.

After all, this power was not limited to one race. It could greatly improve a person's essence blood in terms of both purity and power.

Even so, this kind of power was normally impossible to absorb. Let alone for other races, even the demonic beast races were incapable of it.

It was only during the baptism of heavenly tribulation that the impurities within the blood sea could be driven out. This kind of opportunity was something that even outsider races could absorb.

Thus, despite this being viewed as a forbidden land of the demonic beast race, countless outsider experts continued to try to break in. This place still had a fatal attraction that brought people to their deaths.

At this moment, spears of lightning fell from the sky. They were absolutely terrifying, their power on par with the third wave of tribulation from the previous group of demonic beasts.

One lightning spear directly landed on Long Chen's head, but he didn't even glance at it. It simply shattered on contact, as this level of lightning was unable to harm him.

"Boss, we should also undergo tribulation. Let them know what a true heavenly tribulation is!" urged Jiang Lei.

He knew that Long Chen's heavenly tribulations were always the most terrifying. Previously, Jiang Lei had been afraid of his heavenly tribulations. But now that he was a lightning attribute Supreme expert, he was looking forward to it.

Hundreds of Supreme experts surrounded them, but they didn't attack. They simply allowed the heavenly tribulation to descend, so this place would become a terrifying region of heavenly lightning. It seemed that they wished to enjoy the sight of Long Chen dying to heavenly tribulation.

Countless demonic beasts were starting their tribulations outside of this region as well. The entire Heavenly River Blood Sea was boiling. With its help, there was little chance of dying to heavenly tribulation. That was why they were so brazen as to undergo collective tribulation.

However, those people did distance themselves from these Supreme heavenly geniuses. After all, there was a huge difference in their tribulations. If they were affected by the lightning from these Supreme heavenly geniuses, they might be instantly wiped out.

"Don't be anxious. Now that the heavenly tribulation has descended, there's nothing for us to fear. Let's go take a look somewhere else."

Long Chen suddenly shot into motion. He charged at those Supreme heavenly geniuses undergoing tribulation.

"Don't kill him! That's letting him off too easily! We'll make him die bit by bit in endless despair!" shouted one of the demonic beasts.

Long Chen easily charged through this enclosure, and these demonic beasts followed him, not letting him leave the range of their heavenly tribulation.

"Get out of the way!"

Long Chen was now out, with the Supreme experts chasing him. However, they quickly saw him rushing toward those ordinary demonic beasts. The latter instantly turned green and fled.

However, within this lightning-filled area, their speed was clearly impacted. They weren't even as fast as before.

As a result, the weaker ones were instantly covered by the heavenly tribulations of the Supreme experts. Quite a few of them had lightning spears blast through their bodies. Just like that, an army of millions was instantly sliced through in the middle.

In truth, Long Chen wasn't moving that quickly because he wasn't planning on leaving the scope of these Supreme experts' heavenly tribulation. After all, in order to prepare for the true heavenly tribulation, a warm-up was necessary. Whether it was Lei Linger or Jiang Lei, absorbing this lightning would strengthen them.

Long Chen led hundreds of heavenly geniuses with an enormous heavenly tribulation above them. Just like that, he charged into the center of the Heavenly River Blood Sea.

He quickly saw more demonic beasts. That group was fighting an enormous giant with a hammer. This giant was actually chasing down and killing the demonic beasts.

With a single swing of the hammer, countless demonic beasts were sent flying. There were actually several Supreme geniuses amongst them.

"Wilde!"

Long Chen and Jiang Lei both cried out in shock. That giant's back was very similar to Wilde's.

However, when the giant turned around, they were disappointed. This giant had tusks and a single eye. It was quite an ominous appearance. He wasn't Wilde.

The one-eyed giant roared and swung his hammer again. At this moment, black runes lit up on it, and a violent aura erupted.

When a black qi wave unfurled, the demonic beasts fighting the giant were blasted apart. Only Supreme experts were able to resist, but they were also sent flying.

"Absolutely terrifying! What is this lifeform!?" Jiang Lei jumped in shock. He had never seen such an existence before. Even dozens of Supreme heavenly geniuses were utterly defeated.

"He should be from the Netherworld's Underworld Eye Giant race. It's a famous existence within the Underworld race. Also, his physical body isn't even his strongest point. The most terrifying part is his eye," said Long Chen gravely.

Long Chen had seen some records in the Netherworld of an existence that was very similar to this giant. He was very similar to the Underworld Eye Giant.

Under the Netherworld's Underworld and Nether race distinction, this person belonged to the Underworld race, while Wu Tian was from the Nether race. Also, the Underworld race viewed Long Chen as a mortal enemy, so this Underworld Eye Giant was definitely one of his strong opponents.

“Long Chen!”

At this moment, the giant sensed Long Chen staring at him. He immediately roared furiously and charged toward Long Chen.