

Nine Star 4091

Chapter 4091: The Fastest Shortcut to Getting Rich

At this moment, the glorious buildings of the Soaring Dragon Company were in ruins, and people saw a dragon claw pressing into the ground at the center of this devastation. Seeing the elder who was on his last breaths caught underneath that claw, they didn't dare to believe their eyes. Was this really that arrogant Heaven Venerate?

Even the Huayun Trading Company's experts were stunned. They had been worried about Long Chen and the others, so they had been pondering how they could protect them when this sudden turn caught them off-guard.

Long Chen took a deep breath. With the support of Heavenly Dao energy, it was like a sledgehammer had a hilt added to it. Not only did it give the hammer greater destructive power, but it also protected the hammer from the backlash. Now, Long Chen could unleash his full power without misgivings.

It was like grabbing the head of a hammer and smashing it into a stone versus grabbing the hilt of the hammer and striking the stone. There was an immense difference between the two. The first one, you couldn't even unleash your full power for fear of injuring your hand. But with the second one, you could freely smash it as you pleased.

The dragon expert said that Heavenly Dao energy would only be able to provide Long Chen with a limited amount of help. However, in reality, it was incredibly important. After all, he wasn't from the dragon race and didn't have an enormous body that could endure the backlash of his own power.

Yu Qingxuan simply stared dumbfoundedly. She also hadn't expected Long Chen to possess such terrifying power. It had to be known that she had been by his side this whole time. In the Violet Flame Heaven, their combined might had been unable to beat a Heaven Venerate. But in this short time, he had managed to reach the point of being able to beat a Heaven Venerate by himself? This rate of improvement was astonishing!

"Boss, we got it!"

At this time, Xia Chen and the others came flying back, beaming with excitement. They had charged into the treasury, and while Xia Chen broke the formation, Guo Ran and the others broke the bindings on it.

Unable to break open the treasury in such a short time, they chose to take away the entire treasury itself. After all, Long Chen no longer had the black dagger, so they had to use a different method to open it. However, this method was also extremely fast and clean.

"Wow, old fellow, life must be painful for you. I'm a good person, so I'll free you from your misery!"

Seeing the Heaven Venerate still had a single breath in him, Guo Ran directly shot him with a golden arrow, killing him. Not even his Yuan Spirit could escape.

"So shameless." Xia Chen looked down on him disdainfully. He knew that Guo Ran would definitely start telling others how he had personally slain a Heaven Venerate. Of all of them, perhaps only Guo Ran would be so shameless as to take advantage of this.

“Let’s go. More people will come soon.”

Xia Chen then took out the flying boat and embarked with the others, soaring into the sky. Just after their departure, a group of intimidating individuals descended, causing the onlookers to hastily flee in fear.

“One, two, three, four... Heavens, they sent nine Heaven Venerates! The Soaring Dragon Company’s reaction speed is fast!”

Long Chen and the others had plundered the Soaring Dragon Company in an instant, being unbelievably efficient.

However, the Soaring Dragon Company’s reaction speed was also shockingly fast. The transportation formations were clearly broken, so how did they arrive so quickly?

Other than the nine Heaven Venerates, there were also hundreds of Earth Venerates, all of them filled with killing intent. When they saw the corpse of the Heaven Venerate, as well as the destruction around them, especially the hole where the treasury was, they all went crazy.

Their gazes roved around, and anyone in the vicinity immediately hid, not daring to look at them.

“Who did this?! Get out here!” shouted a Heaven Venerate.

“Reporting to senior, it was a youngster called Long Chen. He led a group of people over. They... they came from the Huayun Trading Company,” said someone.

That person came from a power that was essentially subservient to the Soaring Dragon Company.

“Huayun Trading Company?”

The Heaven Venerate furiously turned to the Huayun Trading Company’s side.

“But that person called Long Chen already left,” added that person hastily.

“He left?! Even then, the Huayun Trading Company must give us an explanation!”

Just then, the tablets on their waists began to blink, causing their expressions to immediately change.

Another Heaven Venerate cried out in disbelief, “Clear Rain City’s branch is under attack! Could it be...?!”

“We’re going!”

With no time to spare for the Huayun Trading Company, the nine of them used some magical art. The void trembled, and in an instant, they all vanished.

“No way. Long Chen didn’t run and just went to the next one?”

The city’s experts were left astonished, their jaws agape in disbelief.

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BOOM!

A giant cross attack tore through the Soaring Dragon Company's branch. As a result, the Heaven Venerate in charge hacked up blood, cracks covering his body. He was almost slain with this one attack.

"Good! We're leaving!"

Long Chen shouted, and they once more got on the flying boat and flew off.

"All of you wait—" The injured elder was about to stop him, only to cough up blood once more. The world then spun around him, and he almost fainted.

"Hahaha, that's the third one! We're moving twice as fast as the last two times. Clearly, there's a lot of room for us to enhance our teamwork," Guo Ran chuckled.

Long Chen was in charge of barging through the door, Guo Ran and Xia Chen and the others went straight for the treasury, while Yu Qingxuan drew the attention of their enemies with her flames. When the Heaven Venerate appeared, Long Chen would instantly launch a powerful attack that gravely wounded them.

After obtaining the treasury, Long Chen and the others directly left. But after unleashing two all-out attacks, Long Chen was exhausted and unable to unleash the Cloud Dragon Immolation Claw again.

The third time, it was the Dragonblood Legion that combined their power to attack, seriously wounding the Heaven Venerate. Also, in the last two plunders, they didn't kill the Heaven Venerate. They just took the treasure and left.

"We've really struck gold this time. The Nirvana Overflow Heaven's Dragon Soaring Company is filled with money. Now, we can really compete with Mo Nian," laughed Xia Chen.

The Nirvana Overflow Heaven's Soaring Dragon Company was truly packed with treasures, including various materials that they could use. It was so great that they didn't even recognize all the treasures that they obtained.

Alchemy materials, forging materials, cultivation resources, formation building materials, as long as you could think of it, they were there. Even if you couldn't think of it, it was still there.

After plundering the Soaring Dragon Company, they felt like their eyes were opened to a greater world. They also felt that their current knowledge was too narrow, as many of the things they obtained were not within the realm of their knowledge.

"As expected, plundering the wealthy is the fastest shortcut to getting rich. The amount of guts a person has is the amount of wealth they can produce," laughed Guo Ran.

Everyone laughed with him, and only Yu Qingxuan was silent.

Chapter 4092: Flying Horse

"Qingxuan, what is it?" asked Long Chen.

"Is it really alright for us to do this?" Yu Qingxuan hesitated before stating her thoughts.

Long Chen looked at Yu Qingxuan. He knew that she had a good and honest character, so she naturally felt guilty when doing such things.

Thus, Long Chen told her about how the Soaring Dragon Company was sacrificing living people to the fiend eyes, and how the Bai clan's brother and sister had been tricked. He spared no detail of their treachery.

"How can the Soaring Dragon Company do this?! They sell out their own race?!" Yu Qingxuan was stunned to hear this story, brimming with rage.

At first, when Long Chen clashed with the Soaring Dragon Company in the Violet Flame Heaven, she thought that he was simply irritated with how arrogant they were acting, so he taught them a little lesson. Little did she expect such a deep enmity between them.

Long Chen and Uncle Tree's conversation in the fiend eye was also secret, limited to just the two of them. Even so, Long Chen hadn't been trying to keep secrets from her. He just didn't want her beautiful eyes to see the ugly side of humanity.

However, since Yu Qingxuan had asked, he felt that it would be best to tell her. Otherwise, she would think that he was going too far.

"Didn't the guild master say something about this? When a businessman has no bottom line, that is the most frightening thing. As long as there are profits to gain, who cares about being the same race? They'll even sell out their own father and mother. I don't have the power to destroy them yet, so all I can do is rob the rich to help the poor, using their wealth to equip ourselves until the day we can completely wipe them out of existence," said Long Chen.

"Long Chen, I'm sorry. I... I shouldn't have questioned you." Yu Qingxuan suddenly turned red.

Long Chen smiled. "Foolish girl, why can't you question me? I'm also a person who can make mistakes. If I do make one, you have to bring it up. Don't let me go further and further down the wrong path."

"How can you be wrong? I trust you." Yu Qingxuan giggled.

Long Chen also smiled, but inside, he told himself that all people made mistakes. The truly frightening thing was not realizing you had made a mistake in the first place.

"Boss, are we going to the next one?" asked Xia Chen excitedly. He was addicted to this. This feeling of instantly becoming rich was unmatched.

Before Long Chen could say anything, it was Guo Ran who scolded him, "You make it sound so easy. You're only in charge of unlocking the runes. Boss and us are the ones putting in all the work. Are you trying to make us die of exhaustion?"

After plundering three of their branches, other than Xia Chen, everyone else was already panting. They had used up all their energy and couldn't keep going.

Long Chen nodded. "Guo Ran is correct. Let's not be careless. The three Heaven Venerates that we encountered are not fighting Heaven Venerates."

"Not fighting Heaven Venerates? What does that mean?"

“Those three Heaven Venerates in the Soaring Dragon Company, and even the guild master, are only in the Heaven Venerate realm as a sign of status. To put it frankly, they are the absolute bottom rankers of the Heaven Venerate realm. True Heaven Venerates are far stronger,” said Long Chen.

Just as he said this, the void rumbled and the heavens split apart. Xia Chen’s flying boat instantly became locked down by immense divine pressure that came from every direction.

“Ignorant brats, you dare to rob my Soaring Dragon Company?! None of you will leave here alive!”

When this furious roar rang out, a large group of experts appeared around Long Chen and the others. The Heaven Venerates of the Soaring Dragon Company had caught up to them.

“They’re quite fast.”

Even after being caught, no one showed any hints of panic. Long Chen stood atop the flying boat, looking coldly at the nine Heaven Venerates in front of them.

“Brat, who are you? To dare to plunder the Soaring Dragon Company, are you prepared to die?” barked the leader.

Other Heaven Venerates and Earth Venerates had completely surrounded them. They wouldn’t give Long Chen and the others any chance to escape.

“Tch, what garbage words. You don’t need to speak. If you want to set up a formation, just set it up. There’s no need to draw my attention. If I wanted to leave, do you think that you could catch up to me? Do you think I’m as stupid as you?” sneered Long Chen.

Their leader had intentionally shouted at them to draw their attention while the others set up themselves in a specific arrangement around them, every single one of them holding a formation disc. It seemed that they wanted to capture Long Chen and the others alive.

However, just who was Long Chen? How could he not tell? This level of ploy was far too low.

Just as Long Chen said, if he really wanted to flee from them, he wouldn’t be in a flying boat. Xia Chen would set up an indeterminate transportation formation, and then they would be gone without a trace.

“You mean that you lured us here on purpose?” asked the elder darkly. He suddenly had a bad feeling.

“It doesn’t count as luring. Whether I leave or not is my matter, whether you chase or not is your matter, so whether or not we meet is up to everyone’s destiny!” said Long Chen lightly.

At this time, Uncle Tree was standing right behind Long Chen. He knew that his time had come.

As for the Soaring Dragon Company, when they saw Uncle Tree, their expressions changed as they recognized his status.

When they first arrived in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, Uncle Tree’s power was still in the midst of recovering from the fiend eye. That was why the Ye clan’s three Elders had misjudged his power.

However, now, Uncle Tree’s power had recovered to the point that the aura of the Undying race was unmistakable. It was now much more difficult for him to fully conceal his aura.

“The Undying race has no enmity with my Soaring Dragon Company, right? Do you represent the Undying race? Are you challenging us to war?” demanded the elder. His fear of Uncle Tree was clear.

As fellow Heaven Venerates, he was well aware that the Undying race’s Heaven Venerates far surpassed them. Even though they had nine Heaven Venerates on their side, they still might not be able to subdue Uncle Tree.

“I don’t represent the Undying race. I just listen to my master. If my master wants me to kill you, I’ll kill you,” said Uncle Tree lightly.

“Master?”

That Heaven Venerate was stunned, unable to believe his ears. The grand Undying race was willing to become someone else’s servant?

Just then, the void rumbled and a group of flying horses flew through the void, their vast pressure causing ripples in the world.

The celestial horses surged through the void, bearing passengers on their backs. Among them, two flying horses exuded remarkably astonishing auras – they were none other than Heaven Venerate demonic beasts.

Upon seeing them, Long Chen’s expression finally changed. He thought that the Soaring Dragon Company’s experts must have come. Anyone who could control Heaven Venerate demonic beasts had to be extraordinary.

However, he quickly noticed that the Soaring Dragon Company’s expressions also changed. They were thinking the same thing as him. They thought that these people were on Long Chen’s side.

The flying horses whistled above Long Chen and the others. When they went past, both Long Chen and the Soaring Dragon Company’s people sighed with relief.

However, just as those flying horses were about to vanish, one of them suddenly turned back, leading the others back.

Long Chen and the Soaring Dragon Company’s people instantly tensed up again, preparing themselves for an immense battle.

The flying horse then slowed down and stopped in front of them. After that, a woman came off the horse.

This woman’s beautiful eyes were filled with disbelief. Long Chen was also stunned when he saw her.

“How can it be her?”

Chapter 4093: Once More Encountering Feng Fei

Long Chen wasn't the only one. Even Guo Ran, Xia Chen, and the others were stunned to see her.

The woman emerged from the flying horse with an unmatched beauty, resembling a celestial goddess. Her imperial dress accented her natural majesty, amplifying her beauty that could cause the downfall of

a nation. Yet, even more remarkable was the three-colored divine light trailing behind her, akin to that of a Heaven Venerate.

Though not a Heaven Venerate herself, this beautiful Immortal King possessed the aura and pressure that rivaled one.

The white-winged flying horse stood arrogantly behind her, coldly overlooking everyone. This Heaven Venerate demonic beast possessed an aura surpassing even the Heaven Venerates from the Soaring Dragon Company.

Belonging to the mutated lineage of the Silver Wing Celestial Horse race, it had inherited their swift pace and evolved its own divine nature. By being by its side, it was even easier to get close to the Heavenly Daos, increasing your cultivation speed and letting you pass through bottlenecks easily.

Furthermore, this flying horse's wings had special divine runes that gave it the power to break through space. Being able to injure enemies and move rapidly, it was an extremely special type amongst demonic beasts.

When they saw the mark on its saddle, the Soaring Dragon Company's people relaxed slightly. They recognized these people's backgrounds.

"The Soaring Dragon Company wishes to capture criminals. Does this heroine of the Jiang clan have any guidance?" asked the leading Heaven Venerate.

These white-winged flying horses were the specific mark of the Jiang clan. Furthermore, their sleeves and cuffs had the Jiang clan's mark on them.

The Jiang clan, one of the eight Eternal clans, was famous in the human race. Everyone knew of them. However, these people were rather low-key as they hadn't raised the Jiang clan's flag. Thus, the Soaring Dragon Company's people didn't instantly recognize them.

There were a total of thirty-two white-winged flying horses, and young Immortal Kings were sitting on them, their auras shocking but they were also full of arrogance.

As for that beautiful woman who seemed to be their leader, she didn't even look at the Soaring Dragon Company's people. Her beautiful eyes were filled with shock as she walked over to Long Chen. She had to look him up and down before finally speaking.

"It really is hard to believe. You're still alive."

Long Chen soon recovered from his shock and smiled. "Of course, I'm still alive. I'm also doing quite well. Fairy Feng Fei, I trust that you've been well."

This woman was an original member of the Martial Heaven Continent's four divine families, the Jiang family's heavenly genius, Jiang Feng Fei. The two could not count as friends, but they weren't enemies either.

At the very least, when Long Chen fought the four divine families, Feng Fei did not stand on the side of her family or Long Chen. She had chosen to remain on her own side.

It was precisely due to this that she hadn't died to Long Chen's hands. Now that Long Chen saw her again, he didn't know what he was feeling.

Now the Martial Heaven Continent was gone and his old friends had perished. Everything had changed with time. Within Long Chen's heart, remnants of bitterness remained, yet they were not directed at Feng Fei. Likewise, no camaraderie lingered between them.

Seeing Long Chen recognize her, Feng Fei slowly smiled. She nodded. "When I learned that you had vanished along with the Martial Heaven Continent, I felt very bad. I even cried."

This sentence startled Long Chen. At the same time, strange smiles appeared on Guo Ran, Xia Chen, and the others' faces.

Feng Fei continued, "Don't misunderstand, I only wept because I felt that the world without you was lacking the color that it should have. It was a very sad feeling."

"Oh? I didn't expect that you would think the world needed someone like me in it," said Long Chen.

"Of course, the world needs you. Although our positions are different, I really like your character. I wish I could be like you and fight against all injustice. After I cried, I straightened my emotions and worked hard on my cultivation. I only came out of seclusion a month ago because my master told me to go to the Jiang clan. I really didn't expect to run into you in such a place," said Feng Fei.

Only then did Long Chen understand why Feng Fei didn't know that he was alive. So she had been in seclusion the whole time.

The Jiang Clan and the Long clan might not be allies like they had been on the Martial Heaven Continent. So, even if Long Aotian told the Long clan that he was still alive, the Long clan might not spread it to others.

As a result, it was understandable that Feng Fei didn't know his situation. Even if Feng Fei hadn't been in seclusion, she might not have heard of him.

"After our last parting, fairy Feng Fei's power has only grown. It's truly enviable."

Long Chen sensed Feng Fei's shocking aura. There was now immense power flowing within her body, causing Long Chen to sense a pressure from her body that was even greater than that of a Heaven Venerate.

Long Chen knew that Feng Fei must have encountered some kind of opportunity in the Jiang clan. Otherwise, there was no way she could have such immense pressure.

Feng Fei smiled slightly. "As the Jiang clan's immortal sprout, I had a seed planted in me from birth. My current accomplishments are only natural. As for you, Long Chen, you relied on your own power to reach this level. I truly admire you. Other than that..."

Feng Fei suddenly looked around, eyeing the Heaven Venerates from the Soaring Dragon Company, as well as Uncle Tree behind Long Chen. A curious expression appeared in her eyes.

"Your character really hasn't changed. Are you pretending to be the pig to eat the tiger like usual?"

Feng Fei's eyes were truly sharp as she instantly saw through Uncle Tree's power. Long Chen awkwardly said, "This doesn't count!"

Seeing his embarrassed state, Feng Fei laughed. Even the young experts with her were dumbfounded. In all their time knowing Feng Fei, they had never seen her laugh like that.

"Long Chen, you really are interesting. This world really does need you, only then does it have more color. I'm busy now, so I'll take my leave first. But I'm very happy to know that you're still alive. I trust that it won't be long before we meet again. Let's chat then."

Feng Fei smiled sweetly. She then leaped back onto her flying horse and waved goodbye.

At this moment, the Soaring Dragon Company's experts were flabbergasted. They could also see that Feng Fei's power was absolutely terrifying, but she was actually an old acquaintance of Long Chen's? They were unable to figure out what their relationship was.

Feng Fei only turned to the Soaring Dragon Company's people after waving goodbye to Long Chen.

"Due to the relationship between the Jiang clan and the Soaring Dragon Company, I'll warn you just this once. This fellow isn't someone you can afford to provoke."

BOOM!

Feng Fei's flying horse then flapped its wings, drawing a beautiful arc in the sky as she led everyone flying away. In the blink of an eye, they vanished beyond the horizon.

The Soaring Dragon Company's experts were struck dumb. They were doing business with all eight Eternal clans, and their relationship with the Jiang clan was quite good. That was why they relaxed when they realized that Feng Fei and the others were from the Jiang clan.

However, Feng Fei actually warned them? They were lost. Just what was going on?

"Hmph, who cares what background you have?! Capture him first! We can decide what we want to do later when he's imprisoned!"

When the leader of these experts shouted and waved his hand, all the Soaring Dragon Company's people immediately attacked.

Chapter 4094: Uncle Tree's Innate Divine Ability

The Heaven Venerate of the Soaring Dragon Company had a bad feeling. Even the Jiang clan's people had said that Long Chen wasn't someone that they should provoke.

However, he misinterpreted Feng Fei's intention. He thought that it was Long Chen's background that was very powerful, an existence that the Soaring Dragon Company couldn't provoke.

Even so, with Long Chen having plundered three of their branches here, the Soaring Dragon Company naturally couldn't just swallow it. No matter how tough Long Chen's background was, the Soaring Dragon Company demanded an explanation.

That was why he gave the order to capture Long Chen and the others, but he told them that Long Chen had to be caught alive. As for what to do with them in the future, they would leave it to the higher-ups. Anything was fine as long as they were caught alive. So, everyone understood what he meant and attacked at once, splitting up to capture everyone from the Dragonblood Legion.

They split up to catch Uncle Tree off-guard, as he couldn't possibly look left and right at the same time. If they could capture a portion of them, the others wouldn't stubbornly resist.

"It really is a case of kind words being unable to convince ghosts about to die. Uncle Tree, there's no need to hold back," said Long Chen when he saw that these people had ultimately chosen to attack.

BOOM!

Just as those people made their move, Uncle Tree manifested his true body. The next moment, endless tree branches rained down upon this entire world like sharp blades, leaving no openings at all.

The Earth Venerates in the lead were instantly pierced through and exploded, killed in body and spirit. As for the Heaven Venerates, they roared and resisted crazily.

Countless branches descended like rain, assuming forms of swords and spears, rending the earth asunder. The area of devastation expanded ceaselessly, enshrouding heaven and earth within a sphere of annihilation.

Uncle Tree didn't hold back. He directly mobilized his core energy, unleashing the divine ability of the Undying Dragon Tree race.

Even Heaven Venerates were unable to block his attacks. At first, they managed to brandish their weapons and cut through the branches, but the onslaught was endless, steadily diminishing their defensive area. With no escape route left, their bodies were eventually pierced through.

"Stop!"

A Heaven Venerate finally became afraid and roared. Regretfully, it wasn't Long Chen who said it, so Uncle Tree ignored it. His true body spread even more, covering the sky and raining down branches endlessly.

"Ah!"

In just two breaths' time, someone was unable to hold on. He was struck in the vitals and instantly killed.

"No!"

With that person's death, the others fully panicked, and in their panic, it became even harder for them to defend.

Uncle Tree was merciless. The remaining Heaven Venerates were all slain one by one.

From start to finish, it only took a few breaths time. In the end, the nine Heaven Venerates were slain. It was absolutely astonishing.

Countless branches, resembling colossal spider legs, had previously impaled the ground. These branches were now uprooted, leaving behind a multitude of holes. Within many of these holes, traces of blood were evident – the blood of the fallen Heaven Venerates.

“Uncle Tree is incredible!” Guo Ran and the others were also stunned. With one move, he unleashed an endless torrent of attacks, and anyone within Uncle Tree’s attack range was caught inside. Within that domain, there was nowhere to dodge.

In front of such a torrent of attacks, you could only take them head-on. Perhaps if there was someone on the same level as him, it would be more difficult, but even then, Uncle Tree could just rely on the Undying race’s terrifying life energy to exhaust his opponent.

If the opponent was weaker than Uncle Tree, then they would definitely be slain in a moment. Most frightening of all, the outcome was the same whether he was targeting one person or multiple people.

The sheer intensity and rapid fire of this divine ability were absolutely astonishing. Guo Ran and Xia Chen both knew that if they encountered such an attack, they would be utterly defenseless.

No matter what formation they used, there was no way it would be effective. These attacks would slowly grind away at their defense until it was gone.

When Uncle Tree returned to human form, Long Chen hastily asked, “Uncle Tree, are you alright?”

Long Chen noticed that there was a touch of unhealthy redness on Uncle Tree’s face now. Furthermore, the fluctuations of his aura were a bit off.

“Perhaps I stayed in the fiend eye for too long, leading to a significant drain on my core energy. Now that I used my divine ability that relies on my core energy, it ended up being too much. Master, don’t worry. I’ll be fine once I rest a bit,” said Uncle Tree. He was moved that Long Chen would be so concerned about him. Long Chen had never actually viewed him as a servant and was always very respectful.

Long Chen nodded. “Then you should rest now.”

Xia Chen immediately summoned the flying boat again, and they flew off. This time, Xia Chen’s flying boat was several times faster than the last one, and it left behind no aura at all. It would be much harder for anyone to track them.

Previously, Long Chen had planned to use the Soaring Dragon Company’s Heaven Venerates as a grindstone for the Dragonblood Legion to accumulate more combat experience. He wanted the Dragonblood Legion to be able to fight under the pressure of Heaven Venerates.

After all, they would only be able to unleash their full power when they could face the pressure of Heaven Venerates fearlessly. Following numerous clashes, the once-potent aura of the Violet Flame Heaven in their bodies had gradually waned, intermingling with the Heavenly Daos of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Just from their auras, without examining closely, others would be unable to tell that they were foreigners.

The only thing that Long Chen hadn’t expected was that they would draw over this many Heaven Venerates in one go.

Although Uncle Tree had slain them all, Long Chen also saw his limits. It wasn't a matter of Uncle Tree lacking strength; rather, his core was still too damaged from the fiend eye.

If Uncle Tree wanted to fully recover, he probably had to return to the Undying World. He would need the aura of the Undying World to recover his core energy.

"Boss, Feng Fei seems to be doing very well. She even has a Heaven Venerate steed, and her power is even more shocking. How did she get so powerful?" asked Guo Ran.

Long Chen nodded along. "I also found it strange. However, she said that she had a seed planted in her at birth. Now that I think back, the Jiang clan must have planted many such seeds. But probably not every seed manages to bear fruit. The current Feng Fei has managed to merge three flowers in the Immortal King realm and has reached the initial realm of controlling Heaven Dao energy. Such a genius can only be called a Supreme genius."

In truth, the instant Long Chen saw Feng Fei, he was badly frightened. It was his first time encountering someone in the immortal world who gave him such enormous pressure in the same realm.

Long Aotian had already been strong enough, but in the end, his Spirit Blood, Spirit Root, and Spirit Bone were not his own.

On the Martial Heaven Continent, despite Feng Fei's exceptional talents, her actual power was somewhat weaker than Long Aotian, Ye Liangchen, Zhao Ritian, and others. But unexpectedly, she had gone through a complete metamorphosis after coming to the immortal world.

Although Long Chen didn't know the details, he knew that there had to be some karma behind this. He even felt that there might be some astonishing secret behind this.

"Boss, where are we going now?" asked Xia Chen.

BOOM!

Suddenly, they heard heaven-shaking explosions in the distance, and the aura of Heaven Venerates struck them.

"There's Heaven Venerates fighting! Let's take a look."

Chapter 4095: Old Friend From the Academy

Xia Chen sent the flying boat toward the battlefield. As they got closer, the fluctuations grew increasingly intense.

From the distance, divine radiance shook the nine heavens, causing the very void to constantly explode. It was a shocking battle. To their surprise, they sensed not just one Heaven Venerate battling but around four or more.

"Why is this aura so familiar?" Long Chen's heart shook once they got closer. "I'm going on ahead!"

Long Chen felt the flying boat was too slow, so his Kunpeng wings spread, and he transformed into a streak of light.

With Long Chen's speed, he left the flying boat far behind in an instant and quickly saw four figures. When he saw one of them in particular, he couldn't help feeling flabbergasted.

"Xu Changchuan!"

This man had once been called the number one handsome man of the High Firmament Academy. However, after the Nine Prefecture Convention, Xu Changchuan had silently vanished and never sent back word. Qin Feng even joked at the time that he had run away in anger after failing in his pursuit of Bai Shishi.

Long Chen hadn't expected to see Xu Changchuan after so long. So the latter had actually come to the Nirvana Overflow Heaven.

Xu Changchuan had summoned his manifestation, wherein a resplendent full moon gleamed. Remarkably, he was personally engaged in combat against a Heaven Venerate adversary. By his side was another Heaven Venerate fighting against an opponent of the same rank.

All four of their manifestations gave off similar fluctuations, and the auras of their Blood Qi and souls were all similar. It seemed that they came from the same race

Their Blood Qis were all extremely powerful. At this time, Long Chen noticed that Xu Changchuan's body gave off an immemorial aura. He had to be an immemorial demonic beast, or he wouldn't possess such terrifying Blood Qi.

However, even with his immense power, he was still in the Immortal King realm after all and was outmatched by his opponent, so he had no choice but to rely on his Heaven Venerate companion to hold on.

The two of them were at a clear disadvantage and were repeatedly being pressed back. It didn't look like they would last for much longer.

"Xu Changchuan, accept your fate. The mantle of the Fullmoon race's heir shall not belong to you!" mocked the Heaven Venerate who was targeting Xu Changchuan.

"Despicable! You aren't afraid of me settling the bill with you once I become the successor?!" roared Xu Changchuan.

"You think that you'll get to become the successor? Keep dreaming. In your next life, remember to know your own limits," sneered his opponent.

BOOM!

Just then, his opponent stabbed a bone spear at him. Xu Changchuan's bone spear then exploded, causing him to cough up blood.

"Young master!" The Heaven Venerate beside Xu Changchuan roared. He wanted to save him, but his opponent completely locked him down, preventing him from charging over.

"Time for you to die." Xu Changchuan's opponent laughed and stabbed his bone spear at Xu Changchuan.

“Just wait. Even if I become a ghost, I won’t let you off.” Xu Changchuan could only glare resentfully at the bone spear, not closing his eyes. It was his final stubborn resistance.

The bone spear fell, yet the Heaven Venerate only saw a flash of gold before realizing that he missed. Somehow, Xu Changchuan had vanished.

On the other hand, Xu Changchuan had accepted his fate. Thus, he was shocked to find that someone had come to save him. When he saw who it was, he was even more shocked.

“Long Chen!”

“Brother Changchuan, it’s been a long time!” said Long Chen with a smile.

“You dare to interfere in the affairs of my Fullmoon race? You are courting death!” The Heaven Venerate furiously attacked Long Chen.

“In this world, is there anything that I, Long Chen, don’t dare to do?” Long Chen snorted and slashed the Minghong Saber out.

With a heaven-shaking explosion, both Long Chen and the Heaven Venerate swayed and forced back a few steps.

That Heaven Venerate’s expression changed. He hadn’t expected that a seemingly insignificant Immortal King could wield such formidable strength, matching him evenly in battle. Astonishingly, this puny Immortal King was even stronger than Xu Changchuan.

Seeing Long Chen force back the Heaven Venerate, Xu Changchuan was shocked. At the same time, he realized that his life was saved.

“Who are you?! Do you know that interfering in the affairs of my Fullmoon race will implicate your entire family?!” roared that person.

“Shut your mouth. I dislike it when others threaten me. Are you forcing me to kill you?” Long Chen’s expression grew cold.

He didn’t truly understand what was going on here, and he didn’t like being drawn into such a thing. But since he knew Xu Changchuan, he couldn’t just watch him die.

Although the two of them weren’t close, they had still fought alongside each other in the Nine Prefecture Convention. At that crucial moment, Xu Changchuan had stood by Long Chen’s side. Thus, Long Chen naturally couldn’t just watch as he was killed.

Moreover, this hateful fellow actually kept threatening him, saying that he was courting death, that his family would be destroyed. In an instant, Long Chen’s fury was ignited.

“Don’t force my boss. If you want, come at me, Guo Ran! Dragonblood Cross Slash!”

When the flying boat arrived, the Dragonblood warriors flew out, led by Guo Ran.

“This damn brat.”

Long Chen cursed inside. This fellow was too impatient, actually launching a killing blow before even figuring out what was going on here. Guo Ran was clearly afraid of Long Chen making the first move, leaving him no chance to show off.

BOOM!

The Heaven Venerate's attention was on Long Chen, so when this attack came, his rushed attempt to block left him disadvantaged. As a result, the explosive power behind Guo Ran's attack destroyed half his body, and he tumbled back into the distance.

In an instant, the appearance of Long Chen and the Dragonblood Legion caused the tides of battle to turn. The other enemy Heaven Venerate was shocked and enraged. However, when he saw Uncle Tree on the flying boat, his pupils shrank.

Suddenly, he unleashed a fierce attack to force back his opponent and then flew off, grabbing his injured comrade on the way. After that, they directly vanished.

"Many thanks for saving my life. I will remember this." Xu Changchuan looked at Long Chen gratefully.

Just now, it really had been dangerous. He had only been the slightest bit away from dying.

The other Heaven Venerate then came over. He hastily thanked Long Chen as well while also examining Xu Changchuan's injuries. Seeing that they weren't too bad, he finally relaxed.

"Let's leave here first before talking."

Long Chen beckoned for the two of them to get on the flying boat. After that, they sped off. Once they left, Long Chen asked, "Brother, you suddenly left without leaving a word. We were concerned."

"I truly apologize. An urgent matter left me with no choice but to rush over here, but it was truly rude for me to not say anything," apologized Xu Changchuan.

Long Chen knew that it must be an internal matter of the Fullmoon race, hence, he refrained from prying. After exchanging a few words, Xu Changchuan ended up falling silent, and the atmosphere became a bit awkward.

Xu Changchuan suddenly gritted his teeth and looked at Long Chen.

"Brother Long, this junior brother needs your help."

Chapter 4096: Lending a Hand

"Go ahead."

Long Chen spoke cautiously. His intuition told him that what Xu Changchuan wanted to ask him was not something minor.

Although the two hadn't known each other for a long time, Long Chen knew just how prideful Xu Changchuan was, so he wouldn't ask for help lightly.

"I hope brother Long can lend me a hand and help me claim the position of successor," said Xu Changchuan. "Of course, I won't ask you to help me for nothing. Although my situation isn't good now, I still have a chance. If brother Long helps me, once I claim the position of successor, I will give you the full support of my Fullmoon race. In terms of power, the Fullmoon race is not weaker than your human race's Eternal clans. As long as I am present, the Fullmoon race will always support you. Other than that, my Fullmoon race comes from a life-forbidden area, which is filled with countless worlds lost in the immemorial era. You can explore them."

"Life-forbidden area!"

Xia Chen and the others were startled. They had heard of these places. Legend had it that these areas were spatial cracks left behind from the primal chaos battle before the collapse of the nine heavens.

Although these cracks had gradually healed over countless years, there were still areas where life could not enter. Legend said that the majority of the immemorial era's inheritances were buried in these regions. There were countless pathways inside that led to unknown worlds.

So, it could be said that the entire life-forbidden area was a treasure trove. Regretfully, the human race was not permitted there. As soon as they got close, their longevity would be devoured.

Even so, some lifeforms had special talents that allowed them to live in those life-forbidden areas, and the Fullmoon race was one of them.

Furthermore, there existed not only one life-forbidden area. Instead, it resembled an extensive fracture winding through the expanse of the nine heavens and ten lands, with many branches coming off of it. Like the veins of a leaf, it spanned the entire world.

Long Chen had gone from the Darklight Heaven to the Violet Flame Heaven, and then crossed the heavenly river to come to the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. So, he could be said to have faced and survived countless dangers. But none of them could compare to the life-forbidden areas, where their paths could lead anywhere.

When Xu Changchuan brought up this possibility, Long Chen was moved. If he had a path through the life-forbidden areas, then all the nine heavens and ten lands could be freely traveled, and gathering the Dragonblood Legion would be much easier.

"I don't know why you left the High Firmament Academy, but I know you need to establish your own force. The life-forbidden area is your best choice," said Xu Changchuan, looking at Guo Ran, Xia Chen, and the others.

Long Chen nodded. "That's true. I do need a place to stay. The life-forbidden area seems like the best choice. But tell me, what kind of help do you need from me?"

Long Chen knew that Xu Changchuan had to be in a difficult position, or he would never ask for aid. After all, they were both in the Immortal King realm, and for him to ask Long Chen for aid was admitting that he was inferior to Long Chen. For someone as prideful as him, that had to be difficult.

"I only need you to think of a way to break through my enemies' blockade and send me to the Fullmoon race," said Xu Changchuan.

“That’s it? Just what kind of trouble did you encounter?” asked Long Chen. The current Xu Changchuan was unable to return to his own home?

“It’s a long story...”

Xu Changchuan didn’t hold back and directly told Long Chen what he was up to. He told Long Chen that he was one of five top candidates vying for the position of successor of the Fullmoon race.

In terms of talent, Xu Changchuan was the weakest of the five. However, he also had a particular latent talent. By pairing up with a metal attribute female expert, his latent talent could be triggered, and he could awaken his ancestral divine abilities.

After Xu Changchuan noticed this latent talent, he searched everywhere for a suitable metal attribute partner. In the end, he found the High Firmament Academy’s Bai Shishi.

However, Bai Shishi always ignored him. At first, he felt that he could end up with Bai Shishi by relying on his looks and talent. But after Long Chen appeared, that dream was shattered. Despite this setback, he displayed remarkable decisiveness. He refrained from quarreling with Long Chen and promptly withdrew, searching for someone else.

Perhaps it was the heavens looking after him, but he really did find a powerful metal attribute female cultivator who was even more suited to him.

Bai Shishi’s metal energy possessed a sharp characteristic, giving it greater killing power but not as much nourishing power. On the other hand, the companion that Xu Changchuan found possessed thick metal energy. In terms of sharpness, she was inferior to Bai Shishi, but in terms of the thickness of her power, she was even greater than Bai Shishi. Furthermore, her metal energy possessed a nourishing effect.

Xu Changchuan then put in a great deal of effort to finally manage to succeed in his pursuit of that woman. After the two underwent dual cultivation, Xu Changchuan’s cultivation base soared. Now, he was just one step from awakening a three-color manifestation and becoming a Supreme genius.

However, it was then that the selection for the position of successor was announced. With no time to advance that far, he hastily set off.

Regrettably, what he hadn’t expected was that news of his collaboration with a metal cultivator had been leaked to the other candidates, and they actually sent killers to intercept him on his way back. They were not planning on letting him participate in the selection.

Fortunately, one of his uncles had gone to bring him back and managed to save him. But the two were still pursued. In the end, if it weren’t for Long Chen showing up in time, Xu Changchuan would have faced a miserable end.

To use Xu Changchuan’s words, the reason the other candidates wanted to kill him was because as soon as he returned to the Fullmoon race, they would have no chance to win.

After all, he had awakened the Fullmoon race’s strongest manifestation, possessing limitless potential. The Fullmoon race would definitely give him the position of successor.

Thus, the others didn’t want him to get back. If he couldn’t make it in time, the position of successor would be given to someone else. After that, he would essentially be crippled.

Although he had awakened the Fullmoon race's strongest manifestation, without the support of the Fullmoon race's ancestral energy, there was no way he could undergo the final transformation.

Thus, Xu Changchuan found himself in a state of panic. At that very moment, Long Chen's sudden appearance was akin to another lifeline for him. Overwhelmed by the urgency of the situation, he cast aside any concerns for his pride and urgently implored Long Chen for assistance.

"As long as you can protect the young master until he reaches the life-forbidden area, the Fullmoon race will not forget what you did. You will be our esteemed ally then," said the Heaven Venerate beside Xu Changchuan.

As a member of the senior generation, he knew just how terrifying Xu Changchuan's potential was. That was why he had protected Xu Changchuan with all his power. Protecting him was protecting the future of the Fullmoon race.

"Does your Fullmoon race have other allies?" asked Long Chen.

"Yes? What about it?" asked Xu Changchuan.

"That might be troublesome. The ones who wish to kill you might not just be members of your Fullmoon race," said Long Chen.

Hearing this, Xu Changchuan and the Heaven Venerate shook, and their expressions instantly changed. They thought of the worst possible scenario.

"If that is the case... I have no choice but to accept my fate. Returning to the Fullmoon race is no longer an option," Xu Changchuan's complexion turned ashen. He appeared devoid of vitality, almost as if his very soul had departed.

If Long Chen's conjectures held true, then since the other side dared to so brazenly hunt him down, they must be prepared to use their full effort to stop him. So, even with Long Chen's help, it would be useless.

"Why accept fate?" Long Chen smiled.

"Brother Long, you..." Xu Changchuan raised his head with surprise and delight.

Chapter 4097: Heading to the Fullmoon Race

Xu Changchuan's lifeless eyes were instantly filled with hope. He hadn't known Long Chen for long, but he always had a feeling that if Long Chen wanted something done, no one would be able to stop him.

There was still some time until the Sage King Convention. Long Chen was originally planning on using this time to do something, most likely plundering the Soaring Dragon Company.

That way, he could get money and cause a huge disturbance, which would likely draw the Long clan's attention. As his father was imprisoned in the Long clan and Long Chen didn't know what his father's current situation was like, he had no choice but to use the worst plan. As long as he could make the Long clan afraid enough, they wouldn't kill his father.

However, he still had a long way until he reached that point. If he went now, Long Aotian would definitely use any means necessary to kill his father.

So, Long Chen's main goal right now was to become the Sage King Convention's champion. With the reward, gathering the Dragonblood Legion with his new fame would be easy, and then he would be qualified to demand Long Zhantian's release from the Long clan.

However, just as he was pondering how to use this half a year's time, which wasn't very long or very short, he ended up running into Xu Changchuan.

Concerning the life-forbidden area, he had a bit of knowledge about it. However, many things about this region were taboo and couldn't be passed through word of mouth, let alone written down.

Because of that, in the High Firmament Academy, every record of the life-forbidden area was very vague. But Long Chen knew that this place definitely hid a heaven-shaking secret.

Since he had run into Xu Changchuan, he naturally wouldn't reject such an opportunity. Furthermore, sending Xu Changchuan home shouldn't be too difficult.

As their flying boat sped through the air, Xia Chen set up some formations to prevent them from being tracked. In order to be safe, they even underwent two indeterminate spatial transportations.

After traveling for a while, they stopped to rest in a valley. After all, Xu Changchuan and the Heaven Venerate needed to rest.

While resting, Xu Changchuan stared at Yu Qingxuan multiple times, seemingly wanting to say something but hesitating. In the end, when she started refining pills, he finally asked, "Brother Long, did you end up breaking up with fairy Shishi?"

"No?"

"Then how...?" Xu Changchuan indicated Yu Qingxuan. Even though Yu Qingxuan and Long Chen hadn't done anything intimate in front of him, just from her warm eyes, he could see her deep love for Long Chen.

"She's also one of my lovers," said Long Chen awkwardly.

"And fairy Shishi knows about her?"

"Yes."

"Damn, brother Long. I want you to know that I admire your martial talent, but I admire this ability of yours even more," said Xu Changchuan.

"What ability?"

"Your ability to attract the opposite sex! I don't know why, but I also have this ability. From my youth, those other fellows were jealous of me. But later on, I found that I was only able to attract weaklings. My charm was far weaker against true experts, for example, I pursued Bai Shishi for so long, but she didn't even pay me the slightest attention. As for the one that I pursued recently, it took me

tremendous effort. But you seem to be able to do it with ease. To tell the truth, I am willing to prostrate myself in admiration of this ability of yours,” said Xu Changchuan.

Xu Changchuan was incredibly handsome and possessed an illustrious background, to top it off, his talent was also amazing. It could be said that he was a dream partner for countless women.

It was precisely due to this that he was always like the moon surrounded by stars. That arrogance of his was looked down on by Bai Shishi, so she completely ignored him.

That was quite the blow to Xu Changchuan. Although he didn’t hate Long Chen due to this, he wasn’t happy about it. In the end, he secretly left the academy.

This time, seeing another peerless beauty by Long Chen’s side, and seeing that she only had eyes for him, to the point that Xu Changchuan didn’t think that she had even looked at him, it was another serious blow to him.

It had to be known that with his looks, no matter how prideful the woman, they wouldn’t be able to help but give him a second look whether it was for curiosity or appreciation.

Hearing this, Long Chen was speechless. Xu Changchuan actually ended up admiring him in this regard. Now, he didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

“Brother Changchuan, do you know what the situation inside your race is like?” Long Chen changed the subject.

“Brother Long, don’t worry. My paternal grandfather is the race leader. As I am from the main bloodline with a very pure bloodline, my grandfather dotes on me. So, for these traitors to be trying to kill me on the journey, they are definitely doing it while keeping it secret from my grandfather. Hmph, once he learns of it, not one of them will live,” said Xu Changchuan hatefully.

With this response, Long Chen was much more at ease. If Xu Changchuan wanted to rely on his power to win the position of successor, Long Chen definitely wouldn’t bring so many of his people to take that risk.

After all, this was an internal matter of the Fullmoon race, and Long Chen was a mere outsider who didn’t know the full story. Sending Xu Changchuan to the Fullmoon race was all he wanted to do.

After spending two days recovering, Xu Changchuan and the Heaven Venerate were fully healed. They then set off in the direction that Xu Changchuan indicated.

Originally, Xu Changchuan suggested going around this region. According to him, if they were to go directly to the Fullmoon race, they would definitely encounter layers of blockades.

However, Long Chen had a different opinion. If the Fullmoon race’s leader was on his side, Xu Changchuan’s enemies wouldn’t dare to make too big of a movement.

If Xu Changchuan could think of it, then the other side could definitely think of it too. They were predicting that after Xu Changchuan was hunted, he definitely wouldn’t dare to go straight to the Fullmoon race. Thus, the other paths had to be the ones covered in traps.

Since Long Chen wished to go straight to the Fullmoon race, Xu Changchuan didn't argue. Although he was a bit worried, he chose to trust Long Chen.

"Boss, there are fluctuations of a formation up ahead." Xia Chen suddenly stopped the flying boat.

"Is it a probing formation?" asked Long Chen.

"Yes."

"Can you handle it?"

"Of course it's no problem."

"Then let's go. Everyone else, prepare for battle. We're barging straight through," said Long Chen.

"Brother Long, are you sure?" asked Xu Changchuan, surprised.

Originally, he had thought that with Long Chen's intelligence, he would definitely think of some tricky way of avoiding the other side's traps. So, he hadn't expected Long Chen to just charge through.

"I don't know. But let's try it!" Long Chen shrugged.

"You..."

Xu Changchuan turned pale. How could such a thing be randomly tried? If they failed, they would lose their lives.

At this time, the flying boat's runes lit up, causing the entire flying boat to tremble. A powerful pushing feeling then appeared, as if trying to drag them to the earth.

BOOM!

Suddenly, the flying boat accelerated and charged forward. As the image of an arrowhead appeared at the front of the flying boat, they directly pierced through a barrier.

The flying boat was like a sharp blade, instantly piercing eight barriers. With every breach of a barrier, the world dimmed a bit. Once they were through the eight barriers, they saw a giant black gate up ahead. That was the entrance to the Fullmoon race.

Just then, countless terrifying auras rose from within that black gate.

Chapter 4098: Fullmoon Race Leader

Xu Changchuan was emotional upon seeing the gate. This was one of the entrances to the Fullmoon race. In fact, it was the main entrance.

As long as they passed through it, he could take everything that was his. However, this gate wasn't so easy to pass through.

"Young master, it's you?"

A Heaven Venerate appeared and cried out in delight.

"Uncle Yun, it's you?" Xu Changchuan was also delighted to see him. This was a Heaven Venerate that had looked after him ever since he was young.

"This is wonderful! Don't go in there, it's a giant trap," said Uncle Yun while looking over everyone.

Xu Changchuan's heart shuddered. As expected, they really had set up a heaven-encompassing net inside.

"Come with me. I'll bring you somewhere safe." Uncle Yun then grabbed Xu Changchuan's arm. However, Xu Changchuan's expression suddenly changed.

"Uncle Yun, you...!"

Xu Changchuan felt a terrifying power envelope him. When he saw Uncle Yun's smile, he instantly realized that he had also been bought.

"Die." Uncle Yun smiled sinisterly, and explosive power poured into Xu Changchuan's body.

However, this power didn't explode, and instead, Uncle Yun died as an icy wooden branch pierced his body.

"I knew you weren't sincere. If you really wanted to help, you'd have long since told the race leader. Why would you be here, guarding the tree stump for the rabbit's return?" sneered Long Chen.

Uncle Yun had appeared far too suddenly, leaving Long Chen stunned at first. But then he sensed the intense fluctuations inside Uncle Yun's body and instantly had a bad feeling, so Long Chen directly told Uncle Tree to stop him.

It all happened suddenly. Fortunately, Long Chen reacted quickly enough. Otherwise, Xu Changchuan would have died to someone he trusted.

"How hateful." Xu Changchuan felt a mix of emotions, not expecting his Uncle Yun to betray him. The Heaven Venerate by his side was also stunned. Even now, he hadn't reacted.

"We're charging in!" ordered Long Chen.

"Brother Long, we can't!" Xu Changchuan was startled to hear that. If there was already a trap on the outside, wouldn't the inside be a den of dragons? Once they went in, they would never leave.

However, Long Chen ignored Xu Changchuan. Xia Chen was already sending the flying boat through.

When the flying boat passed through the gate, the dim world suddenly grew bright. In this place, a full moon hung in the sky, its gentle divine radiance illuminating every corner of this world.

This was their first time seeing the light of the moon shining as brightly as the sun. Furthermore, in this world, the light was gentle, making them feel as though they had entered a peaceful holy land.

However, within this holy land, icy killing intents shattered the peace.

"You dare to barge into the Fullmoon race?! Don't leave a single one of them alive!"

Countless ferocious auras surged forth, accompanied by over ten Heaven Venerates and hundreds of Earth Venerates. At the same time, an ear-piercing alarm resounded throughout heaven and earth.

“Stop! I am Xu Changchuan!”

Xu Changchuan shouted, but he couldn't even hear his own voice over that ear-piercing alarm. In that instant, he realized that his enemies had come prepared.

They would give him no chance to ask for help. Most likely, when Uncle Yun noticed them, he immediately sent a message to the people inside.

Countless attacks shot toward them. These people clearly knew who they were, but they didn't give Long Chen and the others a chance to speak.

Like this, even if they learned that they had killed the wrong person, they could simply say that it was a mistake. Then they would shed most of the responsibility, and the punishment would be shared amongst all of them. Even if they killed a successor candidate, they wouldn't be badly punished.

Facing so many attacks, Xu Changchuan only had one thought. It was over. Even his Heaven Venerate protector shut his eyes as none of them could receive such attacks.

However, just then, countless roots broke out of the ground, weaving into a giant wall in front of them, but they rapidly exploded under this torrent of attacks.

The roots were all blown away, and a qi wave came crashing toward them. It was then that Uncle Tree, with a sudden flourish of his wooden staff, intervened.

Arcane runes flew through the air, shattering all their attacks. All on his own, Uncle Tree managed to block their killing blow.

After all, Uncle Tree was from the Undying race, so offense wasn't his strong point. However, his race excelled in the realm of defense, and it was being showcased right now.

The wooden wall eroded most of their power, and by the time their attacks arrived, they were powerless.

Just like that, Uncle Tree managed to block the attacks of so many experts. Xu Changchuan almost cried out when he saw this.

The Heaven Venerates were also dumbfounded. All they knew was the information that Uncle Yun sent them, which indicated that there were only a Heaven Venerate and a group of youngsters. How did such a terrifying existence end up appearing?

“Friend of the Undying race, may I know what brings you to my Fullmoon race? If you don't explain yourself clearly, I might not be able to let you leave.”

Just then, a voice filled with dignity and power rang out, echoing throughout this world. After that, the fabric of space twisted, and a large, muscular man appeared.

The pressure that he gave off was suffocating. Even though he was also a Heaven Venerate, his aura was far stronger than anyone else here.

“Race leader! Your child is back!” Upon seeing this large man, Xu Changchuan wept from emotion. He shot over, sobbing.

“Changchuan, what is it?” This large man was startled to see Xu Changchuan.

“Race leader, you must find justice for your child! There are people within the family who wish to kill me so I cannot compete for the position of successor!” shouted Xu Changchuan.

Upon hearing this, a noticeable shift in expressions coursed through the gathered assembly. Even the countenance of the race leader darkened, his intent to kill emanating palpably as his gaze swept over the crowd. In return, those people lowered their heads, not daring to look at him.

How could he not understand after seeing this? He clenched his fists furiously. However, he didn’t explode right at that moment. Instead, he looked at Uncle Tree and cupped his fists to him.

“Thank you, friend of the Undying race, for escorting my family’s child back. My Fullmoon race will definitely repay you.”

“There’s no need to thank me. If you need to thank someone, thank my master. He is the one who made me do this,” said Uncle Tree indifferently. He directly retreated behind Long Chen.

“Human race?”

When he saw them, the race leader instantly frowned. He seemed displeased, as if he loathed the human race. That made Long Chen’s heart quiver slightly. Were the rewards about to vanish from existence?

Chapter 4099: Deliberately Making Things Hard

“Guests from far away, come take a break in my Fullmoon race!”

Although it seemed as if he disliked the human race, the race leader still gestured invitingly to Long Chen and the others.

“Race leader, they...” Xu Changchuan pointed at the people who had attacked him.

“Seal all the gates! Without my orders, no one may open them!” shouted the race leader.

It seemed that he didn’t wish to deal with internal matters of the race in front of outsiders. That was understandable, as he didn’t want others to laugh at them. First, he would handle the matter of Long Chen and the others before dealing with the rest.

“Please, go ahead.”

The race leader beckoned to Long Chen. It went without saying that as the leader of his race, he was quite precise in terms of etiquette. He didn’t treat them rudely just because their cultivation bases were lower.

Long Chen then cupped his fists and led everyone to follow them forward. Up ahead was a beautiful mountain range. The scene here was picturesque. Clouds and mist winded the land, and the gentle moonlight gave everything a mysterious feeling.

On the way up, no one spoke. Actually, none of the Heaven Venerates dared to say anything, and some of them were pale. Those were the ones to attack Xu Changchuan. They hadn’t expected him to really

manage to get back, so they felt uneasy. As for the other Heaven Venerates, they seemed to understand something.

They quickly arrived at a mountain valley with a giant figure at the end of the path. Upon seeing it, Long Chen and the others' hearts shook.

It was a colossal rhinoceros, its form suspended amidst the heavens and became a part of the constellation's embrace. With its head held high, it directed its gaze toward the luminous full moon.

Now, it was clear that the Fullmoon race was a demonic beast race. That giant rhinoceros gave off its own divine radiance, and it seemed to be nourished by the light of the moon. Long Chen and the others sensed endless power within it.

It was like a single move from that rhinoceros could destroy heaven and earth. That shocking feeling made even Long Chen feel miniscule.

"That is our Fullmoon race's ancestral spirit, our almighty totem. Anyone who bears malice toward my Fullmoon race will be executed by the ancestral spirit," said the race leader.

Long Chen couldn't help frowning. What was that supposed to mean?

"My Fullmoon race is always direct and straightforward. We disdain using schemes, playing word games, and mixing right and wrong. So, any outsider who comes here must go through this process. It is an ancestral teaching for us to distinguish good and evil," said the race leader.

"Although I don't like it, I respect your customs," said Long Chen.

This method of the Fullmoon race was a bit humiliating, but for them to not hide it and instead get straight to the point, that was refreshing. If he hadn't mentioned it, they wouldn't have even known about it.

The race leader nodded and continued leading them forward. There was a large open space ahead.

In the surroundings, there were no palaces like in the human race's territories. Instead, it was a giant outdoor plaza with a feast prepared for Long Chen and the others.

"Today, I'd like to thank you all for helping Changchuan and bringing him here. I represent the entire Fullmoon race in thanking you."

The race leader was extremely direct, not adding anything superfluous. He then raised his cup of wine.

Long Chen raised his cup as well and touched his cup to the leader's cup.

The race leader continued, "May I ask who you are?"

"The High Firmament Academy's seventh branch dean, Long Chen," answered Long Chen with the same approach.

This title of his startled everyone, including Xu Changchuan and the race leader.

Clearly, they were well aware of the reputation of the most ancient academy in the nine heavens and ten lands. Long Chen was so young, yet he had claimed the throne of the dean in one of their branches? Was that a joke?

“No wonder Changchuan would ask you for aid. You really aren’t some ordinary person. Personally, I tend to be rather direct. So tell me, what do you want?” asked the race leader. He was shocked by Long Chen’s title, but he trusted Long Chen to not be lying about it.

“Changchuan told me that if he becomes the successor to the Fullmoon race, he can provide the life-forbidden area as a place for me to rest if I need it. He also said that we could collaborate in the future in exploring it,” said Long Chen.

“What nonsense are you babbling?! How can such a thing be randomly permitted to anyone?! Xu Changchuan has colluded with foreign races, selling out the Fullmoon race! A coward like that cannot be allowed to be the heir to the Fullmoon race!” shouted a Heaven Venerate.

“When did the great Fullmoon race ever sink into begging other races for aid? That is a complete disgrace in itself. But Xu Changchuan has even sold out the Fullmoon race’s benefits in doing so! He has betrayed the race and must be executed!”

“Race leader, it doesn’t matter what the reasons are. Those are all internal matters of the Fullmoon race. Xu Changchuan sold out our race to live, and that is already touching the bottom line of the Fullmoon race. He cannot be allowed to rule the Fullmoon race. We won’t accept it!”

One Heaven Venerate after another stood up to criticize Xu Changchuan.

“Are you saying that I should have just died to your sinister schemes?!” raged Xu Changchuan.

He had only asked Long Chen for aid because he had no other choice. Now, these people were actually using that against him?

But then, Xu Changchuan was too young. These old fellows only had to say a word to make him feel too enraged to properly argue.

“For someone competent, all troubles and difficulties are merely trials. Even in front of a life-and-death trial, you can’t lose your bottom line. However, you, Changchuan, sold out your own race just to live. What qualifications do you have to become the race leader? What face do you have to even live?” demanded a Heaven Venerate righteously.

“You...!” Xu Changchuan pointed at him furiously. If there wasn’t someone holding him back, he might have directly attacked this Heaven Venerate.

Suddenly, they heard the sound of clapping, and everyone’s attention was drawn to the source. The clapper was Long Chen.

“Amazing, truly amazing. Race leader, if I were you, I’d slaughter these old fellows right now,” laughed Long Chen.

“Oh? And why is that?”

The race leader was surprisingly calm. As for those Heaven Venerates, they sneered. Just as they were about to insult Long Chen, they heard the race leader speak, so they swallowed their insults.

“Because they are slapping you in the face, no?” Long Chen shrugged.

“You little brat, you dare to spout slander? The human race is nothing good! Do you think that your words can deceive the race leader?!”

“My Fullmoon race is always direct and straightforward. We disdain using schemes, playing word games, and mixing right and wrong.”

Long Chen didn’t even look at them. He simply rose and took on the exact appearance of the race leader when he spoke those exact words. Everyone knew exactly who he was imitating.

Once he repeated those words, everyone fell silent, and those sneering Heaven Venerates twitched, looking like they had been slapped.

Chapter 4100: Test

Previously, the race leader had stated that he looked down on the likes of the human race’s scheming.

At the time, Long Chen had been irritated with his statement, but thinking about it, compared to other races, the human race really did fight and scheme amongst themselves the most, so there was no room for him to argue.

However, now these people were actually doing the same to Xu Changchuan, and they even did it so sanctimoniously as if they had the moral high ground. Long Chen laughed at the hypocrisy. Covered in fur, they insulted others for being furry?

“Boss, they didn’t mix right and wrong, but directly flipped black and white. They’re allowed to use shameless schemes, but if others were to ask for aid, well, that would be completely disgraceful! Even the human race would have to admit our inferiority in this regard,” added Guo Ran delightedly.

The race leader’s expression sank, as this slap in the face was truly resounding.

His expression was quite frightening now. He had secretly told his people to keep this matter to themselves in front of outsiders like them. This matter was supposed to be dealt with after Long Chen and the others left.

However, it seemed that they couldn’t give up the chance to kill Xu Changchuan here, so they disregarded his order.

“The internal affairs of my Fullmoon race aren’t for a brat like you to interfere with!” roared a Heaven Venerate.

Long Chen curled his lips. “Who would want to get involved in your family’s stupid affairs? I’m just responding to the race leader. But from one corner of the picture, the whole scene is revealed. It seems that the Fullmoon race is only on this level. To be able to so shamelessly flip right and wrong, it seems that there is no way to get any reciprocation for my favor. Well, I don’t wish to participate in your

family's affairs. Brother Changchuan, we came from the same sect at least, and it doesn't take much effort to send you here, so don't mind it. Let us meet again."

Long Chen stood up to leave. Xu Changchuan couldn't help standing as well and angrily said, "Brother Long, you can't leave like this. Then wouldn't I, Xu Changchuan, become a petty little person whose word counts for nothing?"

Xu Changchuan suddenly knelt to the race leader and announced, "Race leader, if you truly think that I have lost the dignity of the family, then I have no words. I have no other strong points, but my word has always been golden. After I promise someone something, I always do it. If I can't do it, then this life should simply be given to brother Long."

"You... you dare to threaten the leader?! This is a revolt!" roared a Heaven Venerate. But while he appeared angry, he was actually quite delighted by this turn of events.

As for Long Chen, he also hadn't expected the seemingly weak Xu Changchuan to have such a tough spine. He dared to say such a thing to the race leader? Before this, Long Chen didn't know that he was such a man.

With just that one move, Long Chen felt that this trip had been worth it. As for whether he could get anything out of it, he didn't really care.

"Then are you not afraid of me executing you?!" raged the race leader.

"You taught me that if a person's word is not solid, they can have no solid place in the world. In the Fullmoon race, our words must be kept. This time, I was willing to pay any price to return home, not because I coveted the position of race leader, but because I couldn't allow the position of leader of our race to fall into the hands of such schemers. If they were to succeed your position, then with their treachery and shamelessness, the Fullmoon race will only be brought to destruction. Then I, Xu Changchuan, would go down as a failure condemned by history. If my competitors truly surpass me in talent and character, then I won't even ask to compete for this position! I would rather return to my free days of wandering the world. You said that everything is for our race, then why would I be afraid of dying for our race? Kill me if you wish, but I can openly tell you that there is not one person amongst my competitors who can become the race leader!" cried out Xu Changchuan.

Several Heaven Venerates sneered delightedly when they heard Xu Changchuan's emotional plea. They knew that their leader hated the arrogance of youth the most. After all, Xu Changchuan's words were truly quite arrogant. It was like without him, the Fullmoon race would be doomed. This kind of speech would only enrage the race leader.

"You lack respect for your superiors! If you want to die, then you can die!"

Suddenly, the race leader slammed a palm at Xu Changchuan's head, causing everyone to jump. This was too sudden.

After that, the sound of a blade coming out of its sheath rang out, accompanied by a burst of divine light. Long Chen swiftly launched an attack on the race leader.

"Courting death!"

The Fullmoon race's experts were enraged to see someone attack their leader, so all of them took out their weapons.

BOOM!

Uncle Tree manifested his true body, while the Dragonblood warriors summoned the Dragon Blood Battle Armor and unsheathed their weapons, a sign that a great battle was about to erupt.

Long Chen's saber wasn't wielded defensively. After all, he could only save Xu Changchuan by attacking the race leader and forcing him to pull back his killing blow. Although Long Chen's relationship with Xu Changchuan wasn't deep, he respected the latter as a man, so he wouldn't allow Xu Changchuan to die because of being implicated by him.

However, when Long Chen's saber was about to reach the race leader, the race leader's hand suddenly changed direction. He lightly pressed two fingers around the Minghong Saber.

In an instant, Long Chen sensed his Blood Qi churn within, a formidable force nearly forcing him to cough up blood. The might of this Fullmoon race leader was utterly immeasurable.

Shocked, Long Chen was about to summon the Dragon King Battle Armor, but the race leader let go, a touch of astonishment appearing on his face. After that, the overwhelming power vanished.

"Stop!"

When the race leader shouted, all the Fullmoon experts paused their attacks.

The race leader's expression was originally dark, but now he smiled, looking at Xu Changchuan and then Long Chen before nodding.

"Not bad."

Long Chen was startled, suddenly realizing the race leader's intention. Not saying anything, he simply sheathed the Minghong Saber and returned to his seat.

Just now, he had instinctively moved to save Xu Changchuan. Now that he thought back to that moment, he knew that the race leader had no intention of killing Xu Changchuan. His goal was to test Long Chen.

Xu Changchuan's reaction was much slower in comparison. He had already closed his eyes and accepted his death, so now, he was lost.

"Starting today, you are true friends of my Fullmoon race," said the race leader, looking at Long Chen and the others.

Those experts who had been delighted twitched. Many of them didn't understand what he was saying.

"Good child. It seems that I didn't teach you for nothing. Go stand over there for now." The race leader patted Xu Changchuan's shoulder.

Xu Changchuan was still stunned. Just being patted on the shoulder by the leader of his race was probably the greatest achievement of his life.

After he blankly walked to the side, the race leader's expression suddenly changed. His smile was gone and sharp killing intent replaced it.

"There are no outsiders here now. Let us properly settle any debts! Ancestral spirit totem!"

All the experts who had howled for Xu Changchuan's death instantly became terrified, their bodies quaking where they stood.