

Nine Star 4111

Chapter 4111: Dark Domain Lord

One Heaven Venerate after another was shot through the head by Guo Ran's arrows. Not one of his arrows failed to kill their target.

"One, two... ten, twenty... there are over a hundred of them!" Guo Ran's expression changed. If this many Heaven Venerate creatures attacked at once, there was no stopping them.

"Don't worry. Draw them into the range of the formation!" shouted Xia Chen.

The next moment, the formation quivered, and rays of light gathered into a Yin Yang double dragon spear.

BOOM!

The Yin Yang double dragon spear was aimed at a Heaven Venerate dark creature. Upon impact, the ground burst open, forming a massive crater. The surrounding creatures were shattered by the blast, yet the targeted Heaven Venerate creature, although injured, managed to survive the attack.

However, Guo Ran shot one of his normal arrows at it, killing it in its heavily injured state.

"The Yin Yang Heaven Hegemon Formation is focused on defense, so its offensive power is only at this level." Xia Chen sighed helplessly when he saw that he was unable to kill his target in one blow.

In truth, the Yin Yang Heaven Hegemon Formation was capable of both offense and defense. But the cost of doing such a thing was so great that Xia Chen couldn't afford it. Thus, he had sacrificed its offensive power for defense.

Just then, a Heaven Venerate creature reached the formation, and its sharp claws raked the formation.

The Fullmoon experts were originally worried that the formation would be instantly destroyed. But unexpectedly, the strike merely caused a minor sound, and the creature was blown back. Its arm was badly mangled.

"The test is complete. As long as five hundred of these Heaven Venerate creatures do not attack at once, the formation can hold! Boss, go ahead and slaughter them!" shouted Xia Chen.

This was Xia Chen's first time constructing this kind of legendary grand formation, so all its effects needed to be tested first as verification.

Upon seeing that this Heaven Venerate creature's all-out attack was unable to even shake the formation, Xia Chen instantly relaxed.

Long Chen was also put at ease. After that, his divine ring appeared behind him, and golden scales covered his body. As this transformation occurred, a majestic dragon cry reverberated across heaven and earth, and his sacred dragon might radiated throughout this world.

At this moment, the Fullmoon experts felt their souls quiver. Long Chen's sacred dragon might was so powerful that even they were affected.

“Cloud Dragon Immolation Claw!”

Long Chen's voice boomed like thunder as a massive dragon claw extended from his divine ring, crashing down with immense power. At this moment, dozens of Heaven Venerates were charging at Long Chen.

Not holding back, he sent the dragon claw smashing down, crushing those creatures.

When it was done, the dragon claw vanished, leaving its imprint on the ground. Within that imprint, everyone could see dozens of Heaven Venerate corpses, their bodies completely flattened and their auras gone.

“Their physical bodies aren’t destroyed, but their souls have dissipated. They didn’t die to my power. but rather, to the impact of the dragon soul.”

Long Chen simply waved his hand and threw the corpses into the primal chaos space. After examining them for a moment, he came to a surprising conclusion.

“Could it be that the sacred dragon might is also effective against them?”

“Boss, watch out!”

Just then, arrows flew by Long Chen’s body. While Long Chen was lost in thought, three other Heaven Venerate creatures attacked him from behind.

Those three Heaven Venerate creatures were instantly slain by Guo Ran, but Guo Ran also lost three Golden God Slayer Divine Arrows.

“I’ll know once I test it. Dragon Roars at the Nine Heavens!”

Long Chen abruptly stretched out his arms, emitting a resounding roar that echoed majestically across the world. Once again, the sacred dragon's cry reverberated, and a soundwave emanated in all directions from Long Chen.

Following that, people saw an absolutely shocking scene. Countless dark creatures directly collapsed upon contact with that soundwave.

Even Heaven Venerate dark creatures swayed from the impact of Long Chen’s roar. It was like they were drunk, staggering and falling.

With one roar, all everyone saw was the unending spread of corpses. To their surprise, this one roar had directly annihilated millions and millions of dark creatures.

“How can this be possible?! His sacred pressure can even compete with the race leader’s when supported by the ancestral spirit totem!” exclaimed an elder of the Fullmoon race in disbelief.

“Also, he’s human and not from the dragon race. But even if he were a true dragon, he still wouldn’t necessarily possess such a powerful sacred dragon might!”

Looking at the corpses littering the ground, everyone was stunned, even the Dragonblood warriors. They hadn’t expected such terrifying dark creatures to be killed by a single roar from their boss.

"Cough, cough..." Long Chen suddenly had an intense coughing fit. He had been too excited, and the roar broke his throat.

After that, he formed hand seals, and flames covered the land. The Heaven Venerate creatures were then pierced through the head by flame arrows and died.

They might have survived the Dragon Roars at the Nine Heavens, but their souls were in disarray because of it. Hence, they were unable to dodge or defend, and were easily slain.

The flames covering the land vanished along with the corpses, drawn into the primal chaos space.

Now, Long Chen had too many corpses, to the extent that the enormous area of black soil had a mountain of corpses piled on top of it. Even with the black soil's devouring power, it would take some time to devour all of them.

Thinking that he could now take a break, Long Chen relaxed a bit. However, his heart suddenly shuddered, and a terrifying feeling of death enveloped him. He almost instinctively roared, unleashing his remaining dragon energy into a kick behind him. It was the dragon race's divine ability: Divine Dragon Tail Pendulum.

BOOM!

A giant dragon tail shattered the dome of the heavens, and its cracks spread in every direction. From that shattered space, they saw a dark creature that looked as if it was made of gold.

The previous Heaven Venerate creatures only had golden runes on parts of their heads. But this one was covered in golden runes. Furthermore, it had six arms, not four.

Long Chen coughed up blood and flew back, feeling like he had just kicked a star. All his bones shattered from the impact.

"A dark domain lord!"

When they saw the six-armed monster, the Fullmoon experts turned pale with fright.

Chapter 4112: Natural and Artificial

This monster appeared completely silently and out of nowhere. Even Long Chen, with all his experience on the battlefield and his sharp senses honed through combat, did not sense this creature. However, the moment he sensed danger, he unleashed his full power.

Even then, he was blown back miserably, his Blood Qi flipping inside of him. He felt like his entire body was on the verge of collapse.

Most frightening of all, after that attack, this golden monster directly appeared in front of Long Chen again. This was no longer a matter of speed but a kind of spatial breaking law. It seemed that distance was no longer a concept in front of it.

BOOM!

Long Chen was horrified as he no longer had the power to block a second attack. Just then, a silver-white spear shot over, managing to barely block the golden monster's attack.

At the same time, a branch whipped over like a vine, enveloping Long Chen and pulling him behind the formation.

"Long Chen, are you alright?" Yu Qingxuan hastily grabbed Long Chen anxiously.

"I'm fine. What is that monster? How did it appear so silently?"

Long Chen was covered in cold sweat. He had never dreamed of encountering such a monster. It was actually able to trick his senses and appear right beside him.

"It is a dark domain lord. They are the strongest creatures in the dark world, and an average Heaven Venerate is nothing more than an ant in front of them," said a Fullmoon expert.

At this time, Xu Jianxiong started exchanging blows with the dark domain lord. However, his silver-white spear actually only caused sparks when it struck the dark domain lord's body. It was like he had struck a divine weapon.

As Xu Jianxiong's Blood Qi erupted, his manifestation burst into existence, exuding an incredibly powerful aura. Even though his moves were very simple, his brute power made up for it.

With each exchange, the void resembled a fractured mirror, scattering numerous spatial fragments around. Right now, the world trembled as if on the brink of explosion, struggling to withstand the intensity of their power.

"The race leader is so powerful!" exclaimed Guo Ran and the others.

Xu Jianxiong's attack was the epitome of simplicity. After all, he had reached the stage of turning complexity back into simplicity, while still keeping every single detail perfect. That was already the realm of returning to the true source.

Even more shocking than that, despite the ordinary appearance of each strike, whenever it struck the dark domain lord, his power would erupt. However, not even the slightest trace of his power was wasted or leaked out. That meant that his control over his power had reached the pinnacle.

"Is the race leader an Eternal expert? Or is he half-step Eternal?" probed Xia Chen.

"No, the race leader is nothing more than a Heaven Venerate. The Eternal realm is not so easy to reach!" sighed a Fullmoon expert.

"He's also a Heaven Venerate? But..."

"Within the Heaven Venerate realm, there are the natural and artificial variants. For example, we are the artificial Heaven Venerates, and the race leader is a natural Heaven Venerate."

"There's such a differentiation?"

"Time is the deciding factor. If you are able to become a Heaven Venerate while your Blood Qi is still in the midst of growing, the Heavenly Daos will bless you, and you will have the power of heaven and earth at your fingertips. But if you miss the time and have instead plateaued, relying on accumulating a great

deal of time to enter the Heaven Venerate realm instead of your natural talent, you will not receive that blessing. To put it frankly, it is as if we have been abandoned by the Heavenly Daos, but we were unwilling to accept it, so we defied the heavens to make our breakthrough. Without the blessing of the Heavenly Daos' karmic luck, just maintaining this realm requires us to burn our longevity. Moreover, every battle we fight burns up more longevity. So, if we fight too much, we won't be far from death," sighed a Heaven Venerate of the Fullmoon race.

"So that's the case. There's actually such a difference." Guo Ran and the others were astonished to hear it.

"So for our human race, if we become Heaven Venerates within a hundred years, we will be natural Heaven Venerates?" asked Xia Chen.

The elder shook his head. "It's not exactly a hundred years. Your human race has a shorter longevity and weaker Blood Qi. But you are also the spirit of heaven and earth, with the blessing of the heavens. Even within the human race, there are differences. Some people might have plateaued in their thirties, while some are still growing after thousands of years. On the other hand, our Fullmoon race is more stable. If we are unable to advance within three hundred years, there's no hope of becoming a natural Heaven Venerate. Our race leader was exceptionally talented and became a Heaven Venerate at the age of fifty-seven. He was the sixth fastest in our history. Originally, he had a high chance of reaching the Eternal realm, but our Fullmoon race has been suppressed..." That elder couldn't help but sigh bitterly, unable to continue.

BOOM!

With a heaven-shaking explosion, the earth was torn apart, and countless boulders shot out of the ground, smashing the formation like fireworks.

After the stones exploded, they revealed countless crystals that gave off strange fluctuations. The crystals gave off a beautiful divine light, like countless shooting stars flying through the night sky.

"World king crystals!"

Xia Chen and Guo Ran's eyes almost popped out of their sockets. These crystals were actually even more valuable than immortal king crystals.

"Heavens, there's a world king crystal vein underground!" exclaimed Guo Ran.

The earth repeatedly blasted apart, and more rocks came flying out, exploding in the air. It was like a fantasy world.

BOOM!

After another explosive exchange, Xu Jianxiong and the dark domain lord retreated at the same time. Long Chen saw that Xu Jianxiong's fluctuations were incredibly intense. He must have reached some kind of peak.

As for the dark domain lord, It was also going all-out, with golden divine light burning around it.

Before this, their full-power exchange had resulted in them being tied in power, and they both retreated. What Long Chen and the others didn't expect was for the dark domain lord to reveal a trace of fear in its eyes.

"Race leader, we'll assist you! Once we summon the ancestral spirit totem, we can slay this dark domain lord!" The Fullmoon experts stepped forward, standing behind Xu Jianxiong in formation.

"No!"

Unexpectedly, several people shouted in unison.

Those people were Xu Jianxiong, Long Chen, Xia Chen, and Guo Ran. Hearing this answer, the Fullmoon experts were dumbfounded.

Xia Chen and Guo Ran hastily explained. "Don't fight here! If the crystals are broken, you aren't just breaking the land but also a lot of money! With this money, we can do anything!"

The immense power of Xu Jianxiong and the dark domain lord's clash had caused countless crystals to explode, their essence dissipating back into the world, turning them into trash. Seeing this scene, Xia Chen and Guo Ran were both aggrieved.

Those were top grade world king crystals, treasures that could aid a World King's cultivation. Moreover, that was real money, an important currency in the cultivation world. Seeing the broken bits of world king crystals, they almost wept.

"Uncle Xiong, leave this dark domain lord as a sparring partner. Such an enemy is truly rare," said Long Chen.

"Hahaha!"

The Fullmoon experts were horrified when they heard Long Chen say this, but Xu Jianxiong actually laughed.

"Good brat, you were thinking the same thing as me."

Just then, the dark domain lord roared as if it understood them and was insulted. It then charged back at Xu Jianxiong.

Chapter 4113: Whetstone

BOOM!

After the impact, the dark domain lord was sent flying by Xu Jianxiong's spear, while Xu Jianxiong was also forced back a great distance.

The dark domain lord flipped through the air, letting out a furious roar. But to everyone's surprise, it actually vanished after roaring.

"What...?"

The Fullmoon experts were all astonished.

“Race leader, did the dark domain lord flee?”

Xu Jianxiong nodded. “Dark domain lords do not possess intelligence and are unafraid of death. However, once their dark energy is mostly used up, they’ll retreat to their nest to rest. Once it recovers its dark energy, it will return. Cough...!”

“Race leader!”

Xu Jianxiong coughed up blood, horrifying the Fullmoon experts. If something happened to their leader, their Fullmoon race would be doomed.

“Stop screaming. It’s a good thing. I intentionally didn’t use any divine abilities and allowed it to injure me, alright? Thanks to it, the bottleneck that I’ve been stuck at for years has started to loosen. After all, only the threat of death can stimulate my body’s desire to get stronger. That’s why I didn’t kill it. It’s my hope of breaking through. Long Chen, you were thinking the same thing too, right?” Xu Jianxiong looked at Long Chen with a trace of admiration.

Long Chen nodded. “That’s right. Directly killing a powerful opponent is such a waste, as only a powerful opponent can force out my potential. In order to live, I must constantly get stronger. And in any case, you and Uncle Tree are both here. I think I can use this opportunity to force myself to grow. That will prepare me for the monsters at the Sage King Convention.”

“Hahaha, good! A man should have this courage!” Xu Jianxiong laughed. Looking at Long Chen, he felt like he was seeing himself in his youth.

Back then, he was also fearless, doing whatever he wanted to do, being unrestrained. But after becoming the leader of his race, he had to settle down. In everything he did, he had to consider and plan every possibility first.

In truth, a large reason for his bottleneck was related to taking over his position. So, now that he found such a good opponent, he naturally wasn’t willing to kill it.

After a bit, more dark creatures came flooding over from the distance, and in response, the Dragonblood warriors stepped forward. With Xia Chen and Guo Ran holding the line, there was no danger to their lives. After all, one had the grand formation, while the other had the golden crossbow. In this manner, the Heaven Venerate creatures were picked off.

As a result, the Dragonblood warriors fought brazenly, akin to inexhaustible killing machines sweeping through the battlefield, blowing away everything in their way. Before long, the corpses piled up once again.

Long Chen immediately drew those corpses into the primal chaos space. Now, the life energy in the primal chaos space was so dense it was almost liquid. As a result, the medicinal ingredients were growing rapidly. The Moon Tree and Fusang Trees were like withered riverbeds blessed by rain. As they greedily absorbed the life energy, their listless leaves once more glistened. All in all, they grew at a rate visible to the naked eye.

Most exciting of all though was the golden lotus seed. Its light had fully recovered, and it was growing even brighter. Long Chen even saw golden marks appear on top of it.

Although he didn't know its origins, he knew that it had to be a shocking existence.

Right now, he didn't know why killing these dark creatures caused the golden lotus seed to change, but he didn't mind. In this world, there were many things that people could never understand, so he didn't bother to find out.

"If the Fullmoon race's warriors had a tenth of their power, who would dare to look down on us?" Watching the Dragonblood warriors fight like wolves and tigers, even the Heaven Venerates were amazed. They couldn't help sighing.

Although the Dragonblood warriors were only late stage Immortal Kings, their killing power was absolutely astonishing. They always killed their opponents in the most efficient way.

Once, these people even saw two Dragonblood warriors work together to kill a Heaven Venerate dark creature in just three moves.

With their flawless combination, that dark creature was completely led by the nose, its head cut off before it could unleash any of its power.

"Long Chen, may I ask you how you trained your subordinates?" asked an elder of the Fullmoon race.

Long Chen shook his head. "Senior, they aren't my subordinates but my brothers. They are comrades that I can entrust my life to. Also, the reason we could reach our current height isn't from training but because we were forced to. The heavens forced us to the brink of death. If we were forced back a single step, we would face a retribution that we could not recover from. So, other than fighting to the death, what else can we do? We want to control our own fates, but we don't have free resources or powerful backgrounds. The only card we have in our hands is our lives. It can be said that everything we have was won through risking our lives. You envy us, but how can we not envy you as well? If one had a choice, who would be willing to risk their lives all the time? Who wouldn't want to live a peaceful life?"

Long Chen looked at the Dragonblood warriors fighting and couldn't help feeling a bit helpless. This was a helpless world. Since they had chosen to challenge fate, they had to fight to the end, until one day their lives truly were in their own hands and not arranged by others.

The experts of the Fullmoon race were all moved by his words, and they also considered his words carefully. In theory, the Fullmoon race had always been working hard to rise once more. But had they really been working hard? Or did they just say it with their mouths?

Just over four hundred Dragonblood warriors were absolutely slaughtering the endless dark creatures. The power that each of them unleashed made even the old fellows feel a chill.

However, the Dragonblood warriors' skills were not something that they were born with. They were all acquired through risking their lives. Behind their fierce and undefeatable appearance was an incalculable amount of hardwork and blood.

Compared to them, the Fullmoon race's disciples were like privileged children, flowers raised in greenhouses. They had not experienced the frost and wind, so how could they truly grow?

"Race leader..." One of the elders turned to Xu Jianxiong.

"Go!"

Xu Jianxiong knew what they wanted. They were envious of how powerful the Dragonblood warriors were and wanted their disciples to endure a trial of blood and fire as well.

Previously, the Fullmoon race had always focused on reducing casualties as much as possible. But while that kept their population high, it reduced the quality. It didn't mean that the Fullmoon race was inferior to before, but they were so afraid of losses that they made their disciples experience too little, resulting in their people not growing up into true experts.

As a result, the peaceful lives of the Fullmoon race's disciples came to an end, as they were all sent to battlefields to fight.

The Dragonblood warriors fought for six full hours. Toward the end, their arms were numb, and it was only when they couldn't swing their swords any longer that they retreated to the formation.

Thankfully, Xia Chen's formation had shocking defensive power. As long as no Heaven Venerates reached it, it was simply impossible to shake it.

However, even if Heaven Venerates appeared, they would be killed by Xia Chen and Guo Ran's combined forces. When the Dragonblood warriors recovered, they would continue killing.

On the other hand, Long Chen didn't participate in the battle, honing his power the entire time. Other than occasionally cleaning the battlefield, his attention was focused on the depths of the battlefield.

Suddenly, Long Chen stood up. His Kunpeng wings then spread, and he shot out.

"Uncle Tree, Uncle Xiong, help me hold the line. If I'm in danger, please save my little life."

Chapter 4114: Breakthrough

"Boss is mighty, boss is unrivaled-"

Guo Ran immediately cheered excitedly when he saw Long Chen fly out.

However, he had yet to even finish cheering when a figure shot back and crashed into the ground like a meteorite, leaving a long ditch there.

Uncle Tree extended a hand and caught the Minghong Saber that was flying through the air. Long Chen also came flying back wretchedly at this time.

"Long Chen, are you alright?!" Yu Qingxuan turned pale. Long Chen was covered in blood, with many bloody holes in his body. It was a ghastly sight.

Guo Ran froze in his cheering posture. How did Long Chen end up coming back before even starting?

Just then, Xu Jianxiong shot out and blocked the dark domain lord who had suddenly appeared.

"Master, why did you fight it directly? It is extremely fast and has six arms. You are using your weak point to fight your opponent's strong point." Uncle Tree was shocked. Long Chen had almost been killed just now.

It had happened so quickly that he hadn't even been able to react. If Long Chen hadn't used his and the dark domain lord's power to retreat, he'd be dead now. Thinking of this, Uncle Tree was covered in sweat.

Long Chen flapped his hand, indicating that he couldn't even speak. He then formed hand seals, circulating the life energy of the primal chaos space.

It took several breaths' time before Long Chen managed to take a deep breath and helplessly say, "I know, but I had no choice."

Originally, Long Chen had been planning on using the dragon race's divine abilities to fight with the dark domain lord. However, the dragon expert stopped him, telling him to fight it directly in close-range combat.

When Long Chen heard that, he was stunned. If it weren't for his absolute trust in the dragon expert, he would suspect that it was trying to get him killed.

That dark domain lord was incredibly fast, and it was the ruler of this domain, possessing the power to control the laws here. Thus, its speed could not even be described with the word 'fast' anymore, as it had broken spatial limits. There was no guarding against it.

Furthermore, with Long Chen's two hands, how was he supposed to stop its six claws? But since the dragon expert had said it, he had no choice but to do it.

As a result, despite using all his power, even thirty-six slashes of his saber were unable to do anything to his opponent. Seizing an opening, he exploited it to flee, narrowly avoiding death by a hair's breadth. The fact that he survived was entirely thanks to his instincts.

For others, those thirty-six slashes of his saber happened in the blink of an eye, basically imperceptible. Thus, other than Uncle Xiong and Uncle Tree, no one else knew what had happened.

At this moment, black qi oozed out of the bloody holes in Long Chen's body, presenting a gruesome sight. That was the power of the laws here. It took Long Chen almost an hour to erase the black qi, and only then did his wounds heal.

Xu Jianxiong also returned at this time, covered in wounds. His fresh blood dyed his white robes red, but his aura was still strong. As for that dark domain lord, it was once more forced back. Even without the ancestral spirit totem, Xu Jianxiong was a level stronger than a dark domain lord.

"Long Chen, that was too dangerous. The slightest mistake would have cost you your life, and we would have no chance to save you," said Xu Jianxiong sternly when he returned.

At first, much like Uncle Tree, he had assumed that Long Chen would be unleashing his ultimate techniques to fight it. After all, resisting the dark domain lord's pressure could temper one's will. But who would have thought that Long Chen would actually run over and fight it at close range?

Even an expert on his level was not confident in being able to save Long Chen under the dark domain lord's tempest of attacks. That had truly been too dangerous.

"It's fine. As long as you can guarantee that it can't chase after me, I'll be able to protect myself," said Long Chen.

Long Chen knew that the dragon expert wanted to stimulate his dragon energy's reactions and speed through the threat of death. The objective was for Long Chen to be able to use his dragon energy instinctively.

However, he was currently far away from that level. Actually, this was related to whether or not he could truly control dragon energy. To use the dragon expert's words, only when you were limitlessly close to death could you comprehend the true essence of cultivation.

Seeing that Long Chen was so sure, Xu Jianxiong let him be. He also recovered and waited for the dark domain lord to return.

The rest of the Fullmoon race experts had all left, overseeing disciples on various battlefields. While casualties were unavoidable, their presence minimized the extent of these losses.

Xu Changchuan now joined the Dragonblood warriors on the battlefield against the dark creatures. In fact, Xu Changchuan was truly strong. The silver spots in his manifestation and the golden light of his horns were also different from the other experts of the Fullmoon race. From these traits, Long Chen knew that he had either mutated or undergone an ancestral regression.

Having been provoked by the Dragonblood warriors' display, he began to challenge the Heaven Venerate creatures. At first, it was extremely difficult and dangerous. Yet, he still risked his life to kill several of them. As his guts grew and his fear completely vanished, he got stronger and stronger. After some praise from Xu Jianxiong, his confidence multiplied.

This fellow then asked if he could challenge the dark domain lord. But after he was badly cursed, he didn't dare to say a single word and just focused his anger on those dark creatures.

Time passed bit by bit. To Long Chen's surprise, the dark domain lord's recovery speed was quite astonishing. It would come back almost every six to eight hours.

Long Chen would always challenge it first. Although he was crushed every time, he gradually stretched his limit from the blink of an eye to two breaths' time. While the progress was slow, Long Chen could clearly feel his speed increasing.

Back then, the dragon expert had told him that immense power would affect his speed, because no matter how much power he had, if he couldn't hit his opponent, it was meaningless.

Unfortunately, as Long Chen wasn't a member of the dragon race, he needed to use unorthodox methods to improve his speed. He had to make up for his shortcomings in the speed of his attacks and defenses, or he would be at a disadvantage against truly powerful enemies.

"Faster, faster, just a bit faster and you'll be able to keep up with it!"

As Long Chen fought the dark domain lord, the dragon expert was shouting its encouragement.

What Long Chen didn't know was that as he used all his power to endure the dark domain lord's attacks, the dragon blood in his body began to boil. As a result, runes that had never appeared before slowly condensed in his blood.

This change was something that Long Chen himself didn't notice, but the dragon expert saw it clearly. It knew just how important these runes were to Long Chen.

One day, two days, three days. In one go, a whole month passed. Long Chen's speed grew until he was able to last half an incense stick's time against the dark domain lord. His rate of improvement shocked Xu Jianxiong.

BOOM!

Long Chen was in the midst of fighting the dark domain lord when an explosive sound came from within his body. After that, his aura grew torrentially.

"He advanced?!"

Everyone jumped. Long Chen had actually made an advancement in the middle of battle.

Just then, the void quivered, causing Xu Jianxiong and Uncle Tree's expressions to completely change. They both attacked at once.

BOOM!

It turned out that another dark domain lord had come.

"How can this be?! How can two dark domain lords appear in one world?!" The Fullmoon experts let out startled cries, but they were seeing this impossible reality in front of them.

Chapter 4115: Joining Forces to Slay a Domain Lord

Another dark domain lord emerged, leaving the Fullmoon race's experts utterly bewildered. This had never occurred throughout all of history.

BOOM!

Xu Jianxiong was the first to respond, rushing toward the emerging dark domain lord. Meanwhile, Uncle Tree quickly aided Long Chen. The sudden appearance of this new dark domain lord really disrupted the battlefield's rhythm and caused chaos.

Countless branches directly surged, forming a wooden wall in front of Long Chen, but they were immediately torn apart by the dark domain lord.

"Uncle Tree, buy me some time. Brothers, let's work together to kill this dark domain lord! Changchuan, you go first!" shouted Long Chen.

Xu Changchuan had long since wanted to test himself against a dark domain lord. So, upon hearing this order, afraid that the race leader would stop him, he stepped forward without hesitation. His manifestation grew illusory as all of its power poured into his bone spear, stabbing into the dark domain lord like a shooting star.

The Fullmoon race's experts let out startled cries as Xu Changchuan's attack pierced through the opening made by the countless branches tying down the dark domain lord. At this moment, its six arms were all tearing at the branches, creating the perfect opportunity for Xu Changchuan to attack.

"Die!"

Xu Changchuan seldom cooperated with anyone in battle, so he didn't even think about how to launch his attack. Fortunately, all he had to do was unleash his full power and not hold back at all. Just like that, his spear solidly struck the dark domain lord's chest.

To everyone's surprise, ink-like blood sprayed out of the dark domain lord's chest. Xu Changchuan's spear really did manage to pierce its defenses.

It had to be known that the dark domain lords were covered in golden runes, and their bodies were incredibly tough. In all this time, Xu Jianxiong had not broken its defenses once, but Xu Changchuan had done it.

"Fullmoon divine radiance! Has Changchuan's sacred energy already surpassed the race leader's?!" The Fullmoon experts were stunned and overjoyed by this finding.

On the other hand, the dark domain lord let out a furious roar of pain.

"Fall back!" yelled Long Chen. However, Xu Changchuan's reaction was a bit slow as he was still immersed in the pleasant surprise of breaking the dark domain lord's defenses.

BOOM!

As a result, Xu Changchuan's spear exploded with a quiver from the dark domain lord's body. Blood then sprayed out of his mouth as he was sent backward.

"Dragonblood Cross Slash!"

Guo Ran's roar tore through the air as his crossed sabers shimmered in front of him. Behind him, each Dragonblood warrior summoned their Dragon Blood Battle Armor and placed their hands on the person in front of them, channeling all of their energy into Guo Ran's body.

When a giant cross left his golden sabers, it tore through the laws of heaven and earth. This attack containing the full power of the Dragonblood warriors struck the dark domain lord directly.

The impact crushed the branches binding the dark domain lord and caused countless cracks to appear throughout its body. It then flew back while coughing up mouthfuls of black blood.

In an instant, Long Chen appeared behind it with the Minghong Saber and unleashed three consecutive slashes of his saber, each slash retaining the force of the previous one. On the fourth slash, the dark domain lord finally reached him. His timing was perfect.

"Split the Heavens 4!"

BOOM!

Long Chen's saber solidly slashed onto the dark domain lord's back. Due to the powerful force, the fabric of space was destroyed, leaving a big hole in the ground, and the Grand Dao runes flew about.

When the dust settled, they saw the dark domain lord at the bottom of the hole, its body covered in cracks. However, shockingly, it was not dead yet. Its body was squirming as if it was struggling to stand.

Long Chen then thrust the Minghong Saber at its forehead where a golden rune resided, shattering it.

The dark domain lord shook intensely before becoming still, all its golden runes dimmed. It was finally dead.

“Success!”

The Dragonblood warriors cheered. With their combined power, they managed to kill a dark domain lord. That was definitely something to be proud of.

After dragging the dark domain lord’s corpse back into the formation, he checked on Xu Changchuan and found that his aura was listless. Even the aura of his life was extremely weak. Hence, Long Chen couldn’t help but be shocked.

“Don’t worry, his innate divine weapon is his rhinoceros horn. With its destruction, his Yuan Spirit received a shock. However, our race has a miraculous self-recovery ability. We will naturally grow another horn if the old one is destroyed, and this new one will be even stronger. It’s a good thing for Changchuan. The dark domain lord’s dark energy entered his body, and with that stimulation, he will be able to awaken the Fullmoon divine radiance even sooner,” said an elder of the Fullmoon race excitedly.

They had checked Xu Changchuan’s body. The dark energy filling his body was trying to destroy his Fullmoon divine radiance, but the Fullmoon divine radiance was still shining strong, constantly fighting the invasion of the dark energy. Once Xu Changchuan woke up, he would definitely become even stronger.

Just then, Xu Jianxiong also returned, as the dark domain lord he was fighting had fled. It was most likely recovering its dark energy again.

Previously, Xu Jianxiong had unleashed his full power to try to kill it as quickly as possible to assist the others, but then he saw that Long Chen had settled things, so he just let his opponent off.

Xu Jianxiong personally checked Xu Changchuan’s body. When he was done, a gratified smile appeared on his face.

“The heavens are assisting my Fullmoon race. It seems that we really do have hope of reviving. Send Changchuan into the ancestral spirit totem. Let the ancestral spirit look after him.”

“Yes!”

The elders of the Fullmoon race immediately brought Xu Changchuan away excitedly. After the incident, the way they looked at Long Chen and the others changed.

Now, they were full of reverence and gratitude to Long Chen and his companions. After all, their arrival had caused the entire Fullmoon race to change, letting them see hope for their race’s rise. Long Chen and the others must be the Fullmoon race’s lucky stars.

At this moment, Guo Ran took out a hammer and struck the dark domain lord’s corpse. Each strike only caused sparks and some metallic ringing.

“What is this? How is it so hard yet so flexible? I can’t do that with my battle armor.” After testing it for a long time, Guo Ran finally managed to knock off one rune from the dark domain lord’s body.

“Even our Fullmoon race doesn’t know much about the dark creatures. They came from an unknown world, and we know nothing about that world,” said Xu Jianxiong.

“It doesn’t matter whether we know it or not. What is important is that the Sage King Convention is about to start, so we have to accelerate our cultivation. We’ll use the dark creatures to raise our realms quickly. It would be best if we all become peak Immortal Kings before the Sage King Convention.”

“Boss, we’re not worried for ourselves, but you... will you be alright?” Guo Ran and the others looked at Long Chen worriedly. After all, he had just broken through to the second Heavenstage of the Immortal King realm.

Hearing this, Long Chen stuffed Immortal King Pills into his mouth like they were beans. He mumbled, “That’s no problem! I’ll show you what real speed is.”

After saying that, Long Chen charged back into the battlefield once more.

Chapter 4116: Ninth Heavenstage Immortal King

BOOM!

Long Chen’s aura erupted, akin to a flood that had breached the dam and overflowed the dikes, breaking through all restrictions.

“What...?!”

This time, even Guo Ran and the others were stunned. Long Chen had just broken through to the second Heavenstage. However, in just a short moment, he broke through again to the third Heavenstage?

BOOM!

Trying to get used to his new power, Long Chen directly slew a Heaven Venerate creature with his saber. After advancing to the third Heavenstage, he felt like his Blood Qi was erupting and the newfound power coursed through his veins.

Long Chen felt great admiration for the dragon expert at this moment. Now, he understood the true meaning of accumulating for a great eruption.

During this time, Long Chen’s realm had been advancing very slowly, resulting in his entire body feeling a strong thirst to break through. As a result, there was practically no need for Long Chen to do anything. His bottleneck automatically broke through, and his body stabilized his realm. At the same time, his Blood Qi, his bones and tendons, and his soul were all being uplifted.

It was like a group of builders with no materials to build. Without the materials, they had been forced to pause their construction for a long time, to the extent that any longer and they would starve to death. Now that the materials came, they worked with their lives on the line.

Even after breaking through two levels, Long Chen’s aura was still completely steady, without the slightest sign of becoming shallow. As Long Chen fought, he stuffed his mouth with medicinal pills.

Others ate precious medicinal pills one by one, but Long Chen was stuffing himself as fast as possible, consuming hundreds in one go. Even Xu Jianxiong was astounded by the sight. He was worried that Long Chen might make himself explode with that much energy.

At this time, the dark domain lord that Xu Jianxiong had forced back once more returned. Seeing it, Long Chen roared and slashed the Minghong Saber at it.

Sparks and divine light flew about upon their clash. People could see countless saber-images flying through the air, but they were unable to see a trace of Long Chen and the dark domain lord. Their speed was simply so fast that the onlookers' eyes couldn't track them.

Xu Jianxiong watched from the side, ready to save Long Chen at any moment. At such a high level battle, even he didn't dare to be the slightest bit careless.

In truth, watching Long Chen fight the dark domain lord was very taxing to Xu Jianxiong. The main thing was that he was afraid of the slightest mishap, as it could cause Long Chen to lose his life.

Still, weariness was but a passing sensation. Long Chen's rate of improvement left the race leader utterly astonished. He knew that as long as Long Chen kept working with his life on the line, he would continuously draw out his bottomless potential.

Long Chen blocked the dark domain lord's attacks for a full incense stick's worth of time, and all of a sudden, his aura broke through all restrictions once again. He successfully soared into the fourth Heavenstage of the Immortal King realm.

After reaching the fourth Heavenstage, his aura was even stronger. His Blood Qi, bones and tendons, and soul once more reached a new level.

This time, Long Chen forced himself to the point that he was drenched in sweat, and after a full hour, he finally couldn't endure any longer and retreated.

When Long Chen fell back, Xu Jianxiong actually didn't need to do anything, as the dark domain lord also retreated. Clearly, it had exhausted itself fighting Long Chen, and so it went to recover its energy.

"Boss is mighty!"

Guo Ran and the others cheered excitedly when they saw the sweaty Long Chen.

Long Chen gasped for air, but being able to fight to his heart's content made him feel incredibly content.

Still, after fighting for an hour, after countless swings of saber, he was on the verge of collapse, so he rested for a bit.

"Boss, now you have the power to challenge domain lords on your own!" praised Xia Chen.

Long Chen glared at him. "No one flatters people like that. The only reason I could last so long was because at close range, it wasn't able to unleash its divine abilities. If it fought the way it fought against Uncle Xiong, I wouldn't be able to last even three exchanges before running out of energy. The reason we were able to slay the previous dark domain lord was mostly because its body had accumulated many hidden wounds in its many battles with Uncle Xiong. Otherwise, with our power, killing it would cost us something."

Long Chen knew that he had grown a great deal in this short period, but he still knew his limits. He wasn't so arrogant as to think he could fight a dark domain lord alone.

When he fought against it at close range, they were competing in speed and reactions. But if he were to make some distance between them, it would unleash its ultimate moves, and then Long Chen would have no chance of beating it. Its power was far more terrifying than they thought.

Long Chen warned his companions, as he didn't want them to underestimate their enemies. Otherwise, if they were to make a mistake, it would be fatal.

Since the Dragonblood warriors were in the midst of rapidly growing, from time to time, Long Chen needed to give their confidence a blow to avoid them getting arrogant.

During the next few days, Long Chen entered a period of crazy growth. Medicinal pills were constantly being stuffed into his mouth, as he fought with the dark domain lord every day.

As Long Chen's techniques and movements grew more refined, the dragon blood in his body gradually condensed a new rune.

The dragon expert told Long Chen that this was a special rune of the dragon race that had never appeared in a human before. But as Long Chen fought in the Dragon King Battle Armor and constantly challenged his limits, he managed to awaken this rune.

However, while Long Chen's movements sped up, his dragon blood energy was being rapidly used up, which meant that he couldn't fight for long.

At most, he was only able to last for an hour before his dragon blood energy ran out. Even so, the appearance of this new rune caused his speed to continuously rise to the extent that he was entirely capable of keeping up with the dark domain lord.

Three days later, Long Chen reached the fifth Heavenstage, and a week later, he broke through into the sixth Heavenstage.

A month later, his cultivation base was firmly hanging in the ninth Heavenstage, causing all the Fullmoon race's experts to be dumbfounded. They had never seen such monstrous cultivation speed before.

Most importantly, even as his aura rose so crazily, there was no sign of it becoming superficial or unstable, so his foundation was still extremely solid. This aspect practically toppled their understanding of the world.

Long Chen was like a monster. Now, he was entirely capable of fighting the dark domain lord with ultimate techniques instead of close-range combat. With Xu Jianxiong's protection, he was able to last a certain amount of time.

Although he still wasn't a match for the dark domain lord, he was no longer completely suppressed by it. The increase in realm gave him immense confidence.

The Dragonblood warriors had also grown during this time, having reached the peak of the Immortal King realm. However, the person to undergo the greatest transformation was actually Xu Jianxiong.

His aura had clearly changed, as primal chaos qi began to swirl around his body, transforming his manifestation. His fights with the dark domain lords had clearly profited him.

On this day, Long Chen was fighting the dark domain lord like usual when its aura suddenly swelled. At the same time, the golden runes on its body all ignited.

“What technique is this?!” Long Chen was startled. Even after fighting against it for so long, he had never seen this particular technique before.

“Fall back! It’s detonating!” shouted Xu Jianxiong. Hearing this, Long Chen and the others retreated, while Xu Jianxiong stabbed his bone spear at the dark domain lord. Uncle Tree also summoned his defenses.

BOOM!

A heaven-shaking explosion tore this entire world asunder. The dark domain lord’s detonation sent forth huge qi waves that swept through the whole area.

Chapter 4117: Secret Concerns

Even Uncle Tree and Xu Jianxiong were blown back by that terrifying power. Buffeted by the astral winds, Xia Chen’s grand formation rumbled and countless cracks appeared on it. Seeing this scene, Xia Chen turned pale. This terrifying blow came far too suddenly, catching him off guard.

When the light faded, they could see that the sky and the earth were covered in cracks. This entire world had almost shattered.

“How dangerous. That dark domain lord detonated the dark laws of this world in an attempt to drag us down with it. Fortunately, most of the dark energy was already exhausted by us beforehand. How strange though. How can a dark domain lord possess intelligence?” wondered Xu Jianxiong. He was lost in thought as he examined the cracked world.

He didn’t understand, and the others understood even less than him. The detonation of the dark domain lord had used up the entire world’s dark energy, even igniting the other dark creatures.

Now, the world was littered with corpses, and no more dark creatures appeared.

“We’ve struck gold!”

When Guo Ran and Xia Chen saw countless ores through the cracks in the ground, their eyes reddened. It seemed that this land was filled with treasures.

Most importantly, they had only seen the tip of the iceberg. Who knew how many more treasures lay at the depths of this world?

“I’ll take a look.”

Long Chen spread his Kunpeng wings and transformed into a streak of light, heading to the depths of this world. He flew for over two hours before reaching the end of this world.

Seeing that this world was enormous, Long Chen was excited. From today onward, he was the master of this world. He had finally found a place of his own.

At the end of the world, he saw a giant spatial gate with black qi swirling around it like black flames. Dark energy was constantly entering this world from it.

"This should be the seam to the dark gate. Through the seam is the dark passageway, and through the passageway is the legendary dark world," said Xu Jianxiong, arriving not long after Long Chen. "Long Chen, you've managed to claim this world, but defending it won't be easy. You must be ready for the invasion of the dark creatures at any moment. Be careful."

After all, claiming this world was not the hard part; guarding it was. They had taken the initiative with the attack, but on defense, they would become the passive party, and it might come at an immense price.

Xu Jianxiong actually hoped for Long Chen to abandon this place. After extracting the ores here, he could leave, and they would actually profit. However, if they were to stay here for a longer period, those ores would not make up for the costs.

"Uncle Xiong, don't worry. My Dragonblood Legion has the best formation master and Forging Master. We can use formations, traps, equipment, and other things to make sure that guarding this place is no problem," said Long Chen with a smile.

Long Chen knew that Xu Jianxiong was just worried about him. After staying here for too long, this place would have little value. But abandoning it after investing too much in it would be a shame.

After all, the Silver Moon World was also open to Long Chen. There was no need for Long Chen to pay such a high price to defend this place.

However, Xu Jianxiong had only seen Xia Chen and Guo Ran fight in combat and not their specialty. As long as they were given enough resources, then the things that they came up with would obliterate all the emerging dark creatures.

After all, Guo Ran had many secret weapons that he had yet to use. Even Long Chen didn't know how many sinister tricks Guo Ran had up his sleeve.

Thus, as long as they claimed this world, then let alone some dark creatures, even dark domain lords would only be conned to death once they set up their defenses.

Hearing Long Chen's explanation, Xu Jianxiong didn't bother trying to change his mind. He knew that Long Chen was no ordinary youngster, so there was no need for him to worry too much. Just giving him a warning was all he needed to do.

"Uncle Xiong, tell me, why do you think the dark domain lord suddenly self-detonated?" asked Long Chen.

"That is what I am most worried about. A dark domain lord possesses low intelligence. So, other than running back to its nest to recover its dark energy, it only knows how to fight. But it was abnormal this time. I suspect that there is an old monster of the dark race behind this gate that gave orders to that dark domain lord," said Xu Jianxiong slowly.

“Some old monster?” Long Chen jumped. “Then will it come out as well?”

“It should be impossible. If it could do so, it would have long since come out and slaughtered us,” said Xu Jianxiong. “I suspect that this old monster knew that we were attacking this world, which was why it forced another dark domain lord to come through. If not for that, there should be no way for one world to give rise to two dark domain lords. Furthermore, the one who was forced through was still unable to beat us, so it received orders to blow up the world.”

Long Chen looked at the gate and felt a cold chill on the back of his neck. He felt like two sinister eyes were peering through the gate at him.

“Then can it send more dark domain lords at any time?” asked Long Chen hesitantly, his confidence shaken.

“It managed to force another dark domain lord, but this gate is nothing more than a seam in the dark gate. Don’t forget that my Fullmoon race’s seal is still on the gate, so forcing their way through the seams is not easy. The more powerful the existence, the more difficult it is to enter. I believe that it must cost a great deal to send a dark domain lord through the seam. The dark domain lord that forced its way here clearly had a stronger aura than the previous one, but its actual power was lower. It is precisely because forcing its way through the seam injured it a great deal, causing its power to drop. Furthermore, it was in a rush to kill us, so it had no time to recover. Thus, we easily managed to deal with it. Also, for that old monster behind the gate to react so slowly and clumsily, its own intelligence is probably very limited,” deduced Xu Jianxiong.

Long Chen nodded. If that was the case, he was much more at ease. If he was prepared, then even if a dark domain lord came every ten days, Long Chen and the others would still be able to kill it easily.

“Long Chen, since you want this world, I’ll activate the star-field core. But once it is activated, there’s no going back.” Xu Jianxiong took out a square crystal. As soon as it appeared, Long Chen sensed the laws of the Heavenly Daos swirling around it.

“Then many thanks, Uncle Xiong.”

Xu Jianxiong nodded and shattered the crystal that had countless runes on top of it. That was its seal. When the seal was removed, this world quivered intensely. The next moment, countless runes flew out of the crystal and merged into this world.

In the blink of an eye, this entire world seemed to come to life. The land healed, and the laws grew more complete, causing spiritual qi to flood through the spatial cracks.

When this spiritual qi entered this world, the Dragonblood warriors shouted excitedly. They were shocked to find that the spiritual qi here was actually several times denser than in the Silver Moon World.

Chapter 4118: Righteous Chivalry

“Long Chen, you should take it. Brand your Spiritual Strength on it, and then you will be above the Heavenly Daos of this world.” Xu Jianxiong handed the star-field core to Long Chen.

Long Chen received the star-field core. Sensing the fluctuations coming from it, he felt a touch of pain.

Looking at this star-field core, he thought of the Martial Heaven Continent. The Martial Heaven Continent had given up everything to protect the lifeforms on it. She was kind and selfless, worthy of the greatest admiration.

Unafraid of death, she only wished for the lifeforms of the Martial Heaven Continent to continue living on. She had begged Long Chen, and he had promised to protect the Martial Heaven Continent.

However, he had failed. The Martial Heaven Continent was destroyed, and he had not managed to protect her. Although the Martial Heaven Continent's lifeforms had been moved to safety, the core of the star-field died.

That was the greatest sorrow in Long Chen's heart. Looking at this core, he shook his head.

"How can I be qualified to force her? I hope that she can remain in control of this world. If one day I die in battle, this world will still live on. That would be good too."

Long Chen let go. The crystal merged into this world just like that.

"You...!?"

Xu Jianxiong was shocked. Long Chen hadn't forced the star-field core to recognize him as master. In that case, there was no way that he could control this world. In other words, they had fought for this world for nothing.

Just then, golden divine radiance illuminated this world, gathering around Long Chen. The divine light of the world's karmic luck concentrated entirely on him.

"This is...!" Xu Jianxiong was even more shocked now. Long Chen had given up on being the master of this world, but the star-field's core was actually placing all of this world's karmic luck on him. This could be considered another kind of master acknowledgment.

Even with all of Xu Jianxiong's experience and learning, he had never seen such a thing. The core of a star-field possessed its own spirit. Although its memories had been erased, due to the destruction of the star-field, all that remained was this core. It was like someone who was killed and all that remained of them was their heart.

Deep in its soul, it was filled with pain and hatred. If someone were to not be its master and instead allowed it to rule a world, it would be very dangerous.

However, Long Chen gave up on forcing it to recognize him as master. Yet, even after the core gained control over this world, rather than unleashing its hatred on them, it actually supported Long Chen with all of its power.

With the support of this karmic luck, Long Chen felt like he had become one with the heavens. When his soul merged with this world, its warmth reached toward him.

As long as he wished it, he could mobilize this world's entire power. Long Chen smiled. That smile was just like that of a naive child.

The world grew warmer with that smile, and the sky grew clearer. It was as if the world was smiling along with him.

Long Chen then closed his eyes and spread his arms. With his heart, he embraced this world.

“As long as I am alive, you will never suffer that pain again. Believe in me. I promise,” murmured Long Chen.

Long Chen knew that the star-field core could hear him. However, it was too weak and could only use spatial fluctuations to express its feelings.

It trusted Long Chen fully as he opened his inner heart to it. As their souls resonated, Long Chen experienced its pain, and it experienced Long Chen’s.

“We all need to get stronger!”

Buzz.

Following his words, the void rumbled, causing more and more spiritual qi to pour into the world. As a result, the density of spiritual qi in this world crazily grew.

“I really don’t dare to believe it. The star-field core actually trusts you like this.” Xu Jianxiong couldn’t help sighing emotionally.

Although they had taken control over the Silver Moon World and three other minor worlds, even the Silver Moon World’s core which had been with them for countless years didn’t trust them like this.

As this world’s power continued to increase, Long Chen would be an unrivaled existence here because he was in control over this entire world’s power. That was something that countless people would dream of obtaining.

The Fullmoon race had taken three minor worlds and also wished for such a thing. If they could produce three peerless heavenly geniuses who could receive the acknowledgment of the three worlds, they would also gain their power.

Then with four worlds, the Fullmoon race’s power would soar to an unimaginable level. Regretfully, not even Xu Jianxiong was able to obtain the acknowledgment of any star-field core.

As for Long Chen, he directly received the acknowledgment of his star-field core, a feat that left Xu Jianxiong dumbfounded and admittedly envious.

At this moment, Guo Ran and Xia Chen were smiling widely and dancing excitedly. This dense spiritual qi, this closeness to the Heavenly Daos, it was like adding wings to tigers. Both of them were so moved that they almost wept.

Yu Qingxuan was also moved. Previously, she had been very envious of the Silver Moon World, but this place was even more perfect, feeling like home.

“With the acknowledgment of the Heavenly Daos, we can condense supreme transportation formations! We’ll be able to go directly from the Nirvana Overflow Heaven to the life-forbidden area!” declared Xia Chen.

“However, our wealth is almost used up.” Guo Ran immediately frowned. In order to create that grand formation, Xia Chen had used up all his resources.

Now that they had claimed this world, there were many things that they needed to gather again. After all, many of their things could not be reused.

Even if they could reuse a portion of them, compared to a transportation formation capable of transcending heavens, it would be only a drop in the bucket. Most importantly, they also needed to set up many other defenses to guard against the dark creatures.

Hearing this, Xia Chen felt like a bucket of ice water had been poured over him. Money really was a major problem.

“What are you afraid of? Doesn’t your boss have a trading company?” Yu Qingxuan covered a smile.

“The Huayun Trading Company? But we don’t have that much left to trade with them,” said Xia Chen.

“Aiya!” Guo Ran suddenly slapped his leg excitedly.

“What is it?” asked Xia Chen hastily.

“That trading company is my home! All their treasures can be taken at any time! Have you forgotten?” reminded Guo Ran.

“The Soaring Dragon Company!” Xia Chen instantly jumped up. He had actually forgotten about the Soaring Dragon Company.

Plundering was the fastest shortcut to wealth. Most importantly, the Soaring Dragon Company had done countless terrible things that Long Chen and the others didn’t feel the slightest burden to their conscience when plundering them. Just the matter of sacrificing people’s lives made the Soaring Dragon Company deserve a thousand deaths. In fact, plundering them could be considered a righteous act; robbing them was only right.

“Boss, you cultivate here! We’re going to right the wrong of evil! Brothers, after training for so long, it’s time to put it to good use! Move out!”

Guo Ran quickly gave orders, and the Dragonblood warriors excitedly chased after him.

“Hey!”

Long Chen didn’t even get a chance to reply before those fellows ran off on their own accord.

“The Sage King Convention is about to start! Don’t do anything crazy! Try to exercise some restraint!”

Guo Ran responded, “Don’t worry, I’ll just say that I’m Mo Nian!”

“...”

Chapter 4119: Linglong World

“Long Chen, now we have our own home!”

The dark domain lord had been slain. At least, temporarily, another dark domain lord would not appear here. Now, the only ones left in this world were Yu Qingxuan and Long Chen, so Yu Qingxuan couldn't help but hug Long Chen excitedly.

With this world in their possession, they were no longer homeless loafers. This world gave them a powerful sense of belonging.

"This world still doesn't have a name. Why don't you come up with something?" said Long Chen, smiling at how excited Yu Qingxuan was.

"No, the name that I came up with isn't good. You do it," said Yu Qingxuan, blushing slightly. Crafting names wasn't exactly her forte.

"Me? Alright, then how about the Darkwind World?" said Long Chen after a moment's thought.

Seeing that Long Chen could only come up with such a name after thinking for so long, Yu Qingxuan couldn't help laughing. "Are you planning on turning this place into a bandit nest for your plunder?"

"I feel like it's a good name." Long Chen smiled.

"Definitely not! If you want my suggestion, well, my life flower is the Jewel Blood Jade Orchid, the Linglong Flower. I can lend you the Linglong name," laughed Yu Qingxuan.

When Yu Qingxuan mentioned this flower, Long Chen's heart shook. On the Martial Heaven Continent, he had encountered this Jewel Blood Jade Orchid in the Skywood Divine Palace's Jade Lake Pageant.

At the time, he had even narrated a deep love story. The Jewel Blood Jade Orchid was a symbol of unwavering love and one of eight precious treasures from ancient times. At that time, Yu Qingxuan had asked Long Chen for the Jewel Blood Jade Orchid, and he had given it to her.

Later on, in the battle that destroyed the Martial Heaven Continent, Yu Qingxuan sacrificed herself to save him. At that moment, the Jewel Blood Jade Orchid appeared once more.

Also, in the High Firmament Academy's Pill Institute, Long Chen had seen a worn-down statue with the design of the Jewel Blood Jade Orchid on it. Now that Yu Qingxuan brought it up, he instantly had a feeling that this was no coincidence.

"Long Chen, what is it? You don't like it? I just came up with something random, you can pick something else," said Yu Qingxuan when she saw Long Chen's odd expression.

"No, I like this name a lot. The Linglong World. Doesn't it sound like a world carved of beautiful jade? It makes people feel particularly close to it. Also, this world isn't that large. The Linglong World... this name fits," said Long Chen.

Yu Qingxuan smiled. Like a small child, she said, "Long Chen, tell me, since we have our own world, just how great would it be if we could live carefree lives here and distance ourselves from all the fighting?"

Yu Qingxuan looked at the world around her. Although it was still a bit desolate, in her eyes, she seemed able to see thriving forests and babbling creeks. She was already thinking of the future.

Long Chen didn't reply. He simply looked at this world, his arm wrapping around Yu Qingxuan's waist. This place was an oasis, a wonderland outside the rest of the world.

However, how could this world truly be such a wonderland? No oasis could escape the fact that it was part of the world. If they denied this fact, they would only be deceiving themselves with such a lie.

When the nine heavens descended into chaos once more, nowhere would be safe. When the nest was flipped, would there be any eggs left?

However, Long Chen didn't want to tell Yu Qingxuan about his thoughts. Even if it was just a dream, he didn't mind her being lost in it for now. After all, people needed dreams; only then could they live a bit happier. As for whether or not they could actually manifest the dreams, that was a separate matter.

Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan sat atop the peak of a mountain, leaning against each other comfortably. While talking, their laughter echoed through the air as they gazed ahead with boundless optimism for the future. As time passed, the weariness overcame Yu Qingxuan, and she drifted into a peaceful slumber, her head finding a restful haven on Long Chen's shoulder.

Upon looking at the beauty in his embrace and the sweet smile on her face, she seemed like a child who had fallen asleep from playing. Long Chen was moved by her pure and innocent demeanor, feeling a blend of affection and worry.

"Senior, tell me, why is living a simple life so difficult?"

"Do you really want a simple life?" asked the dragon expert.

"Of course. As long as I can be with my brothers and lovers, living a peaceful life away from all the struggles and killing, I really wouldn't mind." Long Chen looked at the sleeping Yu Qingxuan. He was sorry that he couldn't provide such a world for her.

Yu Qingxuan had abandoned her parents and family, all to follow him into this chaotic world. Long Chen didn't want her to live such a hard life.

"Perhaps it's not so simple," said the dragon expert.

"Oh?"

"Long Chen, I'm going to talk a bit frankly. Don't get angry."

"Please, go ahead!"

"Your human race only has one desire when they're hungry. But after they're no longer hungry, they have countless desires."

Long Chen was startled. These seemingly simple words seemed to contain a lot of hidden meanings, drawing Long Chen to ponder about them.

"In truth, it's not just the human race. Almost all races have desires, and they are never willing to accept just what they have. However, amongst all the races, your human race's desires are the most intense. After satiating their hunger, they want warm clothes, and then they want a home, and then they want a bigger room, and then they want servants, and then they want to stand above all others, and then they

want to live forever. But the most hateful thing is that once your human race really reaches the realm of living forever, they think about how to flashily court death. The nine heavens and ten lands have been reduced to their current state, practically half-crippled. And to tell the truth, there is no mistaking the contributions of your human race in that regard.”

The dragon expert’s tone was rather complex. It contained anger, as well as contempt and a trace of sympathy.

“In truth, I don’t like the human race either. As a member of the human race, I both love and hate the human race, and I also learn to fear and respect them. I am a member of the human race, but I cannot understand the human race. In fact, sometimes I can’t even understand myself,” said Long Chen, sighing.

“But you always have respect and gratitude in your heart. That is your firm belief. That is why I helped you. I had actually long since lost hope for the human race, but I found that hope in you. Thus, I have placed all my bets on you. If you want absolute freedom, then don’t slack off. Continue onward until you reach the peak of this world. See through the riddles, and rebuild this world’s laws. If you succeed, you will have everything you want. Now is not the time for you to be sighing. If you get lazy now, all your dreams will remain dreams.”

Long Chen nodded. “Don’t worry, I’m not someone who gives up so easily. My fate will only be controlled by me.”

With the dragon expert’s encouragement, Long Chen felt his confidence swelling. If the dragon expert trusted him, why wouldn’t he trust himself?

“Good. Then you can start risking your life.”

“What?” asked a startled Long Chen.

“Have you forgotten? Your foundation isn’t the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art. It’s the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art. It’s time for you to try condensing your improved Seven Star Battle Armor.”

“The true Seven Star Battle Armor!”

Long Chen’s blood instantly ignited with excitement upon thinking of his real strongest trump card. He had actually forgotten about it.

Chapter 4120: An Unfortunate Mishap

Long Chen coughed up blood as violent power tore through his body. He felt like millions of volcanoes were exploding inside him at the same time, causing him to almost pass out.

Long Chen then examined his body. Countless tiny cracks had appeared throughout his skin, and blood was oozing out of them.

“Senior, what is going on?!” exclaimed Long Chen.

Fortunately, he had sent Yu Qingxuan away in advance, or she would definitely be distressed to see him like this. Long Chen had almost blown himself up just now.

Originally, before he started cultivating the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art, he had planned on creating a new Seven Star Battle Armor for himself, but the dragon expert then told him that this kind of innovation was extremely difficult. Thus, he started cultivating the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art in order to make it easier. Supposedly, it would protect him from injuries while creating his new Seven Star Battle Armor.

“Senior, speak!”

Long Chen hastily cried out when the dragon expert didn’t reply. What was going on? Was there some mistake?

“Ah... it seems... that...” The dragon expert began to hum and haw for the first time.

“What is it? Didn’t you say that after learning the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art, modifying the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art would be as easy as turning a hand?” asked Long Chen.

Due to cultivating the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art, Long Chen’s physical body had grown to an unimaginable level. In fact, he had gotten so strong with it that he had almost forgotten about the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art.

He had thought of how he was going to modify the Seven Star Battle Armor, but the result was that as soon as the seventh star was touched, a terrifying force almost shattered his body. He was completely dumbfounded. That was completely different from what he had expected.

“Long Chen, don’t get angry. I also didn’t expect this. It seems that the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art has grown along with the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art like a boat rising with the water. In other words... It doesn’t get easier after you train with the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art. Instead...” The dragon expert grew embarrassed.

“It couldn’t be that it got harder, right!?”

“It seems that this is the case,” said the dragon expert awkwardly.

“Senior, how can this be?!” Long Chen almost wept.

Back then, the dragon expert had explicitly said that if he were to change the order of the seven stars, the chance of him blowing himself up would be extremely high, and it would be much safer after cultivating the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art. However, if the difficulty increased instead... Long Chen almost fainted from this revelation.

“Long Chen, your Nine Star Hegemon Body Art is now completely different from the original Nine Star Hegemon Body Art. Its power is actually above my Dragon Soul Body Forging Art. I didn’t expect this. However, don’t panic. It’s hard to learn, but it’s also a good thing! If you can condense your new Seven Star Battle Armor, I guarantee that it will be the strongest Seven Star Battle Armor in history!”

“But I have to succeed first, right?!” Long Chen felt like crying. Only he knew just how difficult it was to condense a new battle armor. Starting from the fifth star, he had deviated from his original cultivation path, setting foot on a path of no return.

After that, while condensing the Six Star Battle Armor, he brushed against death multiple times. So, now that the difficulty had increased even more, Long Chen wasn’t confident about succeeding.

“Don’t panic. Your Seven Star Battle Armor is actually very simple. I’ll help you plan it. You only need to add one central star to the foundation of your Six Star Battle Armor. With the central star as a foundation, you’ll have two triangles spinning in opposite directions, one Yin and one Yang. Like that, the power of the six stars will then gather at the central star. That is the strongest Seven Star Battle Armor. After all, your Six Star Battle Armor already has two triangles layered on top of each other, so changing this foundation shouldn’t be too difficult,” said the dragon expert.

Long Chen was startled. He hadn’t expected the dragon expert’s thought to be the exact same as his.

Although Long Chen had managed to condense the new Six Star Battle Armor, making it stronger than his original Six Star Battle Armor, he always felt like something was missing.

Later on, under the influence of the Seven Treasure Colored Glass Tree, Long Chen suddenly understood. The Six Star Battle Armor was based on two triangle diagrams, but both of those triangles circulated their own power. Although they merged into his body in the end, there was something missing in the middle. What he needed was another star to act as the anchor for the merging energies of both triangles.

With that balance, their energies would stabilize and no longer disperse. With all their energy concentrated in the center, he would be able to unleash their full power.

The previous Six Star Battle Armor was like two pinwheels with no central axis. If he could find a central axis for their power to concentrate on, their energies would no longer scatter.

“You make it sound so simple, but how am I supposed to find the right center? What star is most suited for the center? Originally, testing them out one by one and comparing them would probably kill me, but now, it will definitely kill me,” said Long Chen unhappily.

“There really is no other way. You’ll need to test it slowly. But I feel like the seventh star has the highest chance of being the best fulcrum!” said the dragon expert.

“I feel the same way. But when I tried it just now, it caused the original seven star diagram to collapse. My body almost collapsed with it,” said Long Chen.

He had managed to condense the most foundational Seven Star Battle Armor. It was a ring with the stars joined together simply.

However, when Long Chen tried to move the Violet Tower Star, the original diagram broke, and a terrifying power almost made him explode. Now, he didn’t dare to touch it anymore.

“Then don’t touch it. Start with the first star,” said the dragon expert.

Long Chen was startled. That was right. Why did he never start with the simplest thing? Why move the strongest star first?

“Hey, wait!”

Long Chen was about to try it when he was drawn out of his meditative state by the dragon expert.

“What is it?”

“Are you stupid? With your body in this state, how can you try it?” demanded the dragon expert.

Long Chen had almost exploded and had yet to recover from his wounds. If something happened again, he would be seeing a Yama King.

Realizing it, Long Chen awkwardly laughed and circulated the primal chaos space’s life energy to recover. The primal chaos space was filled with life energy now, so his body quickly recovered.

When he was done, he summoned the Seven Star Battle Armor once more. At first, he began to move the FengFu Star. When he tore it from the seven star diagram, his body shook intensely. But just as the dragon expert said, moving the first star did not cause as terrifying of a backlash as when he moved the Violet Tower Star.

Although his Blood Qi flipped inside of him and he saw stars spinning, he managed to endure it.

When he moved the third star afterward, it went much smoother. Very quickly, he managed to split the first, third, and fifth stars into one triangle, and the second, fourth, and sixth stars into another triangle.

Following that, they smoothly merged into one. Only the seventh star had yet to move. However, when he moved the seventh star to the six star diagram, all seven stars lit up at once.

“Not good!”

Long Chen’s expression completely changed.