

## Nine Star 4171

### Chapter 4171: Don't Need to Give Face

The palace master appeared to be in his thirties, possessing a physique akin to an iron tower and a tanned complexion. Primal chaos runes seemed to swirl within his eyes.

However, not one bit of his aura leaked out, so it was impossible to gauge his power based on his aura alone.

It was only thanks to the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art that Long Chen was able to sense the palace master's hidden power beneath his calm exterior.

This feeling was something Long Chen had only sensed from Xu Jianxiong's body. Most unexpected of all was that the palace master actually possessed the powerful aura of the dragon race.

Long Chen, owing to his own dragon bloodline, had incredibly acute senses in this regard. He couldn't be mistaken, which was precisely why he found this revelation so astonishing.

"Brat, what are you staring at? Shouldn't you greet the palace master?" said Bai Zhantang irritably upon seeing Long Chen with Bai Shishi.

In his heart, his daughter was like a heavenly fairy, while Long Chen was a glib-tongued, flippant brat who was not a suitable match for his daughter.

Just now, Bai Shishi had pulled Long Chen down, but Long Chen was too shocked by the palace master's status, so his movements were too stiff. As a result, Bai Zhantang couldn't help chiding him.

"No need."

The palace master waved his hand, also staring at Long Chen with a look of surprise in his eyes. After staring at Long Chen for a moment, he nodded, seemingly pleased.

After that, the palace master turned and left without saying another word. Seeing this scene, Bai Shishi couldn't help but feel a bit uneasy, wondering whether Long Chen's lack of politeness had offended the palace master and led to his abrupt departure.

"Dean Long Chen, with Dean Bai's departure, everything here has been left for you to manage. Also, the palace master isn't one to indulge in words; speaking isn't his forte. We trust you possess greater expertise in this area. But if moving mouth alone isn't enough and you need to move fists, the palace master will happily help you," said the expert standing beside Bai Zhantang.

For him to stand beside Bai Zhantang meant that he had a similar status. In other words, both of them were vice palace masters of the Battle God Palace.

This time, Long Chen could discern that Bai Zhantang was actually a Heaven Venerate. While he maintained the appearance of an Immortal King on the surface, he couldn't mask this fact from Long Chen's senses.

However, Long Chen also sensed something odd about his auras. It felt like his body had a seal in it, intentionally suppressing his cultivation base and hiding his aura.

Long Chen wouldn't have been able to discern Bai Zhantang's actual cultivation level had he not cultivated the Nine Star Hegemon Body Art. The High Firmament Academy had indeed concealed their power deeply.

What perplexed Long Chen the most was that in the Darklight Heaven, he had witnessed Bai Zhantang engage in numerous battles where they had been pushed to the brink. So why had he not released the seal on his cultivation base during those critical moments?

Long Chen refused to believe that Bai Zhantang had somehow advanced this far ever since Long Chen's departure from the High Firmament Academy.

Furthermore, Bai Zhantang's aura was different from an ordinary Heaven Venerate's. It seemed to be a mix of an acquired and innate Heaven Venerate's aura.

This discovery showed Long Chen that the name of the oldest academy in the nine heavens and ten lands was not mere embellishment. They had indeed concealed their true capabilities with great finesse.

Thinking back, the fact that these powers targeted the High Firmament Academy was truly laughable. It was like ants trying to devour a slumbering dragon.

"The dean has entrusted this place to me. I definitely won't disappoint the dean or the palace master." Long Chen cupped his fists.

Since things had progressed to this point, there was no point in objecting. With the High Firmament Academy's profound foundation, they didn't need to worry about him messing around, then he wouldn't stand on courtesy.

Furthermore, Long Chen vaguely felt that the reason Bai Letian had him take charge must be because he had his own plans. Perhaps he was hoping for Long Chen to cause some trouble.

"Then we'll trouble Dean Long Chen. I'll take my leave first and not intrude on your family reunion." That person laughed and patted Bai Zhantang's shoulder before leaving.

Now it was just Bai Zhantang, Bai Shishi, and Long Chen. Long Chen looked at his father-in-law's dark expression and instantly felt embarrassed. It seemed that this father-in-law of his had never had a good opinion of him.

"Palace master, do you have any instructions for me?" Seeing him not speaking, Long Chen could only take the initiative. This way, if Bai Zhantang didn't have anything to say, he could leave. Wouldn't he feel embarrassed sticking around when his fellow vice palace master had left?

"Hmph."

Bai Zhantang opened his mouth several times, but he didn't know what to say. In the end, he just snorted and left.

Long Chen shrugged to Bai Shishi helplessly, saying that he had been courteous and her father was the one who didn't like him.

Bai Shishi simply smiled and brushed it off. In any case, she didn't really talk to her father much anyway.

"Boss!"

Just then, Bai Xiaole came running over, crying out excitedly.

It wasn't just Bai Xiaole. Qin Feng, Qi Yu, Mu Qingyun, Luo Bing, Luo Ning, Zhong Ling, Zhong Xiu, and many other familiar faces appeared.

They were all incomparably excited, especially Zhong Ling and Zhong Xiu. Having not taken part in the three thousand worlds, they hadn't seen Long Chen since he left the High Firmament Academy.

Long Chen had changed all of their lives, so they were grateful to him. After he left, they felt like they had lost a pillar that held them up.

Fortunately, Bai Shishi and Bai Xiaole had entered the three thousand worlds and brought back news of him, gratifying them all. Still, now that they saw him again, they couldn't contain their excitement.

"Big brother Long Chen, we missed you!" Zhong Ling ran over to Long Chen and wept.

Long Chen had always viewed them as his little sisters. Seeing her weeping, his heart ached and he wiped away her tears while joking with her, trying to make her happy.

Once their emotions settled a bit, Long Chen asked Luo Bing and Luo Ning, "How is the Luo family doing lately?"

"The Luo family has disappeared." Upon hearing his question, Luo Ning and Luo Bing's eyes reddened.

"Disappeared? How can that be? When did this happen?" asked Long Chen hastily.

"It happened right after the three thousand worlds ended. When we returned to the Luo family, all that remained was a giant hole. It was like someone had just dug it out. Other than us in the academy, we are unable to get in contact with anyone else. We don't know if... if..." Even the always staunch Luo Bing couldn't help tearing up.

"After the three thousand worlds?"

Long Chen instantly thought of his grandfather. They had undone the seal back then. Was it his grandfather's doing?

"Don't worry, I think I know what happened. I'll tell you later. They should all be safe," comforted Long Chen.

Luo Bing and Luo Ning were overjoyed to hear that. This matter had been a constant heavy weight on their hearts, but Long Chen actually knew the cause of this matter. In an instant, they felt relieved of a heavy burden. It really was good having Long Chen present.

Just as everyone was talking, they heard a ruckus coming from the distance. Bai Xiaole couldn't help furiously saying, "These people have gone too far! They've actually entered the core of our academy's land. We already told them that we weren't even qualified to go there. How dare they!"

The ruckus grew louder and they even heard people starting to curse. Upon hearing this, Long Chen's expression sank.

"Let's go. We'll teach them a lesson. When I give you the signal, beat them to death. There's no need to give them any face."

## **Chapter 4172: Root of the Tumor**

"Just what is your High Firmament Academy doing? How many generations has it been since you last participated in the Sage King Convention? Now you're finally here, and you only let us wander the outer edge?"

"Has your High Firmament Academy forgotten your ancestral teachings? The High Firmament Academy was built with the support of the entire human race! All your accomplishments are due to us! Now, you actually locked down the core area? Have you forgotten your roots? That is completely unjust! Call out your overseer!"

"What did your High Firmament Academy promise back in the day? Didn't you say that everything in the High Firmament Academy would belong to the entire world? But what about now? Aren't you slapping yourselves in the face? How are you any different than a conman?"

Furious roars rang out one after another, coming from a group of disciples clad in various robes who found themselves barred from entering the core region's gates. The scene was rather chaotic and intense, with these disciples appearing on the brink of losing control.

The High Firmament Academy's disciples who were guarding the gates were also panicking. They had already reported this to the higher-ups but had yet to receive any response. They didn't know how long they could maintain the situation.

Seeing their panic, those people grew even more wanton. Some people directly pointed at the guards' noses and cursed them vulgarly, throwing all kinds of insults their way.

The High Firmament Academy's disciples were enraged, but they were only a few hundred against hundreds of thousands. As a result, they didn't even dare to curse back.

"What number one academy? What treasure of the world? All lies! Let's just attack together! We'll destroy this sanctimonious academy and turn it into ruins!"

"The High Firmament Academy is a bully! After taking our things and promising to share them with us, you lied and kept them for yourselves! Everyone, let us reclaim what is ours! We'll see who dares to block us!"

Several voices were urging on the crowd, acting as if they were the wronged party. The discontent of the people was already simmering, and now, these provocateurs were adding fuel to the fire. In response, flames of fury ignited, and people really did charge toward the disciples guarding the gate.

The High Firmament Academy's disciples were appalled. In this case, if they were killed, who could even find the killer? They didn't even know how they were supposed to face them. Yet, all of a sudden, blood flew through the air.

The ruckus, curses, and all the noises seemed to be cut off in an instant. Over ten people had charged forward, and now, over ten heads flew through the air, their blood raining down.

It was like a bucket of ice water had doused these individuals who had been consumed by their anger. They instantly calmed down, staring in horror at the newcomers.

“Keep roaring, keep shouting. Let me see just how arrogant you are to dare to run rampant in my High Firmament Academy.”

The black-robed Long Chen arrived at this critical time, causing all those guards to cheer. Long Chen was practically an idol in their eyes.

“You are going too far! How can you indiscriminately kill people here?!” shouted one person.

He had barely spoken when Mu Qingyun unsheathed her sword. The next moment, a bolt of lightning streaked through the air, cleaving that person in two.

Mu Qingyun could be considered a genius of the Sword Dao. Long Chen had once given her pointers, but since Long Chen wasn’t a sword cultivator, his advice could only lead her to the initial stages of her journey.

Afterward, Mu Qingyun had perused all kinds of tomes in the academy regarding the Sword Dao. As she walked further and further down this path, her power grew increasingly terrifying.

It could be said that what Long Chen had given Mu Qingyun was a key. After Mu Qingyun learned how to use this key, she learned to study various locks. Then, with all her experience, she began to create her own keys.

In just a short time, Mu Qingyun had completely transformed. Currently, she was extremely famous in the High Firmament Academy, second only to Bai Shishi in terms of reputation.

At this moment, Mu Qingyun slowly sheathed her sword, her gaze calm. She didn’t say a word, as if she had merely done something completely inconsequential.

However, that one strike of hers left everyone, including the Supreme Heavenly Geniuses, utterly astounded. After all, that strike possessed the power to claim even the lives of Supreme Heavenly Geniuses who were unprepared for it.

Long Chen suddenly extended a hand, and a startled cry rang from the crowd. It turned out that someone was lifted into the air by Long Chen through space, and no matter how they struggled, it was useless.

Long Chen clenched his hand like a metal claw clutching that person’s neck. He sneered, “What? After lighting a fire and fanning the flames, do you think that you can run? What happened to your passion and bravery from before?”

“What... what are you doing?! It is your High Firmament Academy that is bullying those who gave you your current position! Are you going to kill us all?! Even if you kill us all, you can’t stop the truth!” shouted that person in panic.

“I don’t know. But I want to try it.” Long Chen shook his head.

With just a slight clench of his hand, that person's body exploded and his blood rained down, rendering the onlookers utterly speechless. Long Chen's brutal methods left them in a state of shock and disbelief.

"His blood...!"

"The color's wrong! This is the blood of the beast race!" Suddenly, startled cries rang out. The falling blood was not only vivid but also bore peculiar markings. It was not something the human race should have.

"Could it be that...?!"

Suddenly, the onlookers realized that they had been used. It seemed that this person had been using Spiritual Strength when shouting just now, intentionally fanning their emotions, and they had actually followed along without realizing it.

At this moment, over ten people in the crowd shot out in different directions, fleeing.

However, their efforts proved futile as the void trembled and golden arrows accurately pierced through their heads. What baffled the onlookers was that these arrows weren't shot at them from behind but from the front.

It was a silent, bizarre attack, and people didn't even know how this attack was unleashed. Finally, fear and dread gripped their hearts.

"They're actually all demonic beasts!"

All of the fleeing individuals had the same thing in their blood, so everyone in the crowd quickly realized that they had been used. These demonic beasts had used them to cause trouble for the High Firmament Academy.

"You think you could hide? Did you think that concealing yourself would guarantee your survival?" sneered Long Chen

Upon forming hand seals, his vast Spiritual Strength spread. Following that, a majestic dragon cry rang out in the onlookers' heads.

Dozens of people in the crowd suddenly had their heads explode. Their corpses slowly fell.

What shocked people was that, without exception, all of them possessed the blood of the beast race. Furthermore, looking at their blood, it seemed that they came from the same race.

"Alright, the root of the tumor has been found. Time to treat it entirely."

Long Chen smiled. However, that smile was incredibly cold.

"Kill them all."

### **Chapter 4173: Palace Master's Divine Might**

Long Chen's order scared Bai Shishi and the others. Kill them all? How could they do that?

Only Qing Feng and Qi Yu immediately placed their hands on their swords to follow his order.

“How brazen! I want to see just who dares to try!”

Just then, over ten innate Heaven Venerate elders appeared, and their pressures instantly crashed down on everyone. People didn’t dare to even move in front of them.

However, the appearance of these Heaven Venerates didn’t rattle Long Chen in the slightest. Everything was within his expectations. Without the tacit approval of these old fellows, the young fellows wouldn’t have dared to be so arrogant.

Qing Feng and Qi Yu still had their hands on their swords, looking at Long Chen. If Long Chen gave them so much as a single look, they would directly attack. Even if they couldn’t beat the innate Heaven Venerates, slaughtering the Immortal Kings here would be no problem.

Long Chen simply smiled at those innate Heaven Venerates. He then clasped his hands behind him and stepped forward.

“How brazen? The brazen ones should be you, no? You want to see who dares to try?” Long Chen walked straight over to one of those elders. He was the one who had just spoken.

“Who are you? You aren’t qualified to speak to me. Call out your dean,” barked the elder after eyeing Long Chen.

Long Chen’s response was a slap. He was neither fast nor slow, so people clearly saw the slap perfectly strike the elder’s face.

The onlookers saw that this calm slap was something that even an ordinary Immortal King could easily block. But that innate Heaven Venerate was easily struck, leaving the onlookers dumbfounded.

Only those familiar with Long Chen smiled excitedly. This slap was something that no one within five steps of him could possibly dodge. It was practically a heaven-defying divine ability.

This slap didn’t cause much damage, but the humiliation factor was its strong point. Even an innate Heaven Venerate was unable to sense it when Long Chen attacked. By the time that he reacted, he was already struck.

“You little brute, you’re courting death!”

That innate Heaven Venerate roared furiously. Long Chen hadn’t used any power in this slap. To put it frankly, he was simply humiliating the Heaven Venerate.

Following that roar, everyone’s vision seemed to flicker for a moment. In just a second, Long Chen had slapped him in the face once again.

This time, Long Chen had used his power behind it, and it could be seen from the appearance of the golden dragon scales on his palm.

As a result, the sound of bones breaking rang out. Half of the elder’s face collapsed, and he shot back like a shooting star.

When he smashed into a nearby stone tablet, the tablet was fine, but blood sprayed out of the elder’s mouth.

Among the blood, people could see his teeth roll away.

"An old fart who refuses to die always lives crookedly. I suppose this expression is referring to you. Just say the word, and I'll send you to the underworld. If you don't keep your mouth clean, tomorrow will be your funeral," said Long Chen darkly, his killing intent not concealed at all.

"You brute! I'll go all-out against you!"

This elder seemed to have gone insane. As he had never suffered such humiliation in this lifetime, he no longer cared about some curse. With a roar, the might of an innate Heaven Venerate burst forth.

"No!"

Startled cries rang out. If he were really to attack Long Chen, that would be instantly sensed by the Heavenly Daos. Even if Long Chen died, he would not survive either.

"Today, he must die!"

The elder had gone insane. He felt like if he didn't kill Long Chen, he would die of rage.

In the blink of an eye, the space before the elder contorted and warped, revealing a giant claw shrouded in black scale that smashed toward the elder with a heaven-shaking aura.

Upon seeing this scene, that elder's expression completely changed. He actually didn't dare to receive that claw and suddenly vanished.

To everyone's surprise, when the elder vanished, the black claw vanished alongside him. In the following instant, the space in the distance exploded, and the sinister black claw reemerged, stained with blood.

For a moment, people were simply stunned. That elder had fled at the first instant but still couldn't dodge this claw.

When the claw loosened its grip, the elder was gone, and an item clattered to the ground. That was the elder's weapon.

Everything unfolded so fast that even innate Heaven Venerates couldn't react to it. The elder, tragically, didn't even have the chance to draw his weapon before being slain, leaving his companions in a state of panic.

"As expected of the dragon race's divine abilities. It is similar to the Cloud Dragon Immolation Claw, but his technique seems light and easy. He can unleash it without preparation, catching the other side off-guard. But for me, it's much more taxing. Ugh, as expected, the dragon race's divine abilities are more suited to the dragon race," sighed Long Chen inside.

He knew that the palace master was the one behind this attack. Furthermore, it was done through space. Just as Dean Bai Letian had said, this palace master didn't like talking, but he was a ruthless character.

The palace master didn't even need to appear. Through space, he could instantly obliterate an innate Heaven Venerate, shocking Long Chen. He couldn't help but sigh. The dragon race was truly powerful.



“Now do you know who is more brazen?” Seeing everyone’s shocked appearance, Long Chen coldly snorted.

All those innate Heaven Venerates’ expressions were ugly. None of them had expected the High Firmament Academy to be concealing such a terrifying expert.

“Let us not beat around the bush. Your petty thoughts are nothing more than the thoughts of children in front of me. You intentionally had the demonic beast race sneak their way in to fan the flames and force the High Firmament Academy to do what you wanted. If they were exposed, you would blame those scapegoats, and the academy wouldn’t be able to punish you for it, am I right?” sneered Long Chen.

Hearing that, the academy’s experts were enraged. These fellows were so treacherous, so despicable.

“Many of you don’t know me, so I’ll introduce myself. I am Long Chen. I am currently in charge of this place. In other words, whatever I say counts,” said Long Chen lightly.

Upon disclosing his name, a noticeable commotion stirred among the experts, indicating that they were undoubtedly familiar with him and his reputation.

Long Chen’s gaze swept over them. “There’s no need to bring up your excuses. The nonsense about how the High Firmament Academy is partly yours? What dogshit! When the High Firmament Academy was in its worst state, it took the efforts of many generations of our people to restore it. As for your ancestors, they only came to join after they saw the High Firmament Academy shine again. Our ancestors did promise that the academy’s wisdom would be shared with everyone within the nine heavens and ten lands, but that only refers to people who sincerely wish to learn. It doesn’t include a bunch of killers with ulterior motives who throw the peace of the world into chaos. As for the ancestral teachings, I’m in charge of this place, and the rules are set by me. Even if I go against the ancestral teachings, I will bear the responsibility myself. So, you can scram. All those who caused a ruckus with you can scram away as well. You have lost your right to be here.”

Upon hearing this, those experts’ expressions changed. Long Chen was kicking them out, not even allowing them to stay in the outer area.

“Long Chen, come out and face your death!”

Just then, from outside the High Firmament Academy’s territory, a furious roar rang out and lightning thundered. After that, the air of heavenly punishment covered this land.

#### **Chapter 4174: Unscrupulous Businessmen**

That voice was backed by roiling thunder coming from the tribulation clouds. Thus, when it sounded, heavenly might raged, causing even the innate Heaven Venerates to turn pale.

Hearing someone challenging Long Chen, all those people couldn’t bother arguing and directly ran from the academy’s territory.

“It’s the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race!”

Startled cries rang out as they saw tens of thousands of heavenly geniuses standing outside the High Firmament Academy's territory. They were all Immortal Kings, and dozens of them had Supreme auras around them.

Their leader had a halberd on his back and a violet-gold crown on his head. Lightning runes danced within his eyes, and crackling bolts of lightning coiled around his formidable presence, causing even innate Heaven Venerates to feel immense pressure from him. To their surprise, the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race had actually produced an astonishing genius.

Seeing this genius, the ones who had been driven away by Long Chen began to smile at his misfortune. For this person to challenge Long Chen, that old monster in the High Firmament Academy definitely wouldn't dare to interfere.

In other words, Long Chen would be on his own; either he hid like a tortoise or went out alone.

In truth, the moment Long Chen saw the tribulation clouds covering the sky, he knew who had come. It must be the vengeance of the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race.

He had been told that the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race was famous for being protective of its kin. Unfortunately, Long Chen had encountered one of them who had tried to rob him, leading to the salamander's demise at his hand. Now, his race's people had come, seeking vengeance for him.

"Long Chen, get out here and face your death!"

Long Chen heard an impatient roar as soon as he walked out of the palace.

"They really don't know how the character for 'death' is written! Boss, let me deal with them!" Bai Xiaole immediately volunteered himself.

The current Bai Xiaole looked harmless, exuding an extremely weak aura. However, at this very moment, three flowers swirled within his eyes, as if the entire cosmos was contained within them.

After all, the divine abilities of the Six Dao Heavenly Eye race had been passed down to Bai Xiaole, and he had diligently honed his skills over time. Having grasped a significant portion of this inheritance, his power now far surpassed his former self.

"Big brother Long Chen...!"

Before Long Chen could even say anything, Lei Linger also grew excited, wanting to have these people's scales.

"Don't worry. I understand." Long Chen smiled.

"Long Chen, you dare to kill my race's people! What guts! However, a life must be repaid with a life. There's nothing else to say. You can just kill yourself!" shouted one of the experts of the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race.

"Hahaha!" Long Chen raised his head and laughed like he had just heard a joke. Even Bai Shishi, Bai Xiaole, Qin Feng, Qi Yu, and the others laughed.

This fellow was too crazy, wasn't he? He wanted Long Chen to kill himself? There had to be something wrong with his brain, no?

That heavenly genius let them laugh. When they were done, he coldly said, "Go ahead and laugh. You won't have another chance to."

"Boss, let me do it. I feel like I can beat him!" said Bai Xiaole confidently.

"Then can you kill him?" asked Long Chen.

"Ah... I'm not too sure." Bai Xiaole shook his head. He was confident in beating this person, but he had no assurance of being able to kill him.

"Then forget it. You either fight to kill them all, or you don't fight," said Long Chen.

Bai Xiaole jumped in shock. It seemed that Long Chen didn't just want the speaker's life but also the lives of all the heavenly geniuses of the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race.

"Mister Long Chen, look at the time! What are you still waiting for? The auction has already started!"

Just at that moment, a panicked and angry voice rang out. Countless experts wearing robes of the Soaring Dragon Company had suddenly appeared, and their leader was precisely that innate Heaven Venerate that had been acting as a liaison.

This innate Heaven Venerate was sweating and only sighed with relief when he saw Long Chen. At least, he had found this moneymaker of his.

"Just wait a moment. I'll deal with this quickly," said Long Chen.

The innate Heaven Venerate instantly grew anxious. "What are we waiting for? Do you know how many people are waiting for you over there? There are already thousands of innate Heaven Venerates waiting! They are all famous figures of various races and worlds! You didn't arrive at the agreed-upon time, so I ran all over looking for you. Hurry up and come with me! You can deal with these affairs after the auction!"

He was truly panicked. He had been busy with so many affairs lately that he had left Long Chen's matter to one of his trustworthy subordinates.

But then, that subordinate was killed by someone just yesterday, and he wasn't even aware of it.

It was only when the auction started that he went to find him and grew panicked. It seemed that everyone was after Long Chen's Heaven Earth Cauldron. If Long Chen wasn't there, perhaps the entire Soaring Dragon Company would be flipped by those people.

Thinking of this, he immediately rushed to the Starry River Sect, but the people there ignored him, refusing to tell him where Long Chen had gone.

In the end, the Soaring Dragon Company used their own eyes to find that Long Chen was in the High Firmament Academy, and he immediately rushed over.

With their power, every movement in this place should actually be under their purview.

However, the auction had caused a huge fuss, and they were extremely short on manpower at this moment. They were so busy with the auction that they simply didn't have the extra power to monitor the entire Sage King Prefecture.

"Heroes of the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race, please give the Soaring Dragon Company this face. Whatever personal grievances you have, I won't interfere. However, Long Chen and the Soaring Dragon Company are currently holding an auction, and the legendary Heaven Earth Cauldron is the main attraction. I'm sure you've heard of it. The auction is starting right now. If you are interested, you can come with us! Although the seats are all gone, in order to express our sincerity, I will do my best to get you a spot as well. How is that?" pleaded the innate Heaven Venerate of the Soaring Dragon Company.

The experts of the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race had originally been determined to kill Long Chen, but now they hesitated.

"Fine, we'll give you this face. Letting Long Chen live a bit longer is no problem."

"What a pack of fools. They don't even know someone just dragged them away from the brink of death," sneered Qin Feng. They had no idea that it was their boss who had made his determination to kill them.

"Alright, many thanks, everyone! Please come!" That innate Heaven Venerate cupped his fists to everyone and beckoned to Long Chen and the others.

Long Chen thought for a bit. In the end, he brought only Bai Shishi, Bai Xiaole, Qin Feng, Qi Yu, Mu Qingyun, Zhong Ling, and Zhong Xiu with him to attend the auction.

Long Chen also ordered that Heaven Venerate to inform Guo Ran and Xia Chen to come, irritating him. He was now viewed as Long Chen's servant, but he didn't dare to express his dissatisfaction and directly sent someone to inform them.

Only then did Long Chen leave with him. Coming with them were the experts of the Heavenly Lightning Violet Salamander race, as well as other powers who wanted to take a look.

When Long Chen arrived at the auction, he immediately sneered.

"What unscrupulous businessmen."

## **Chapter 4175: I'll Take Charge**

Just as Long Chen expected, the Soaring Dragon Company had occupied one of the ruins in the Sage King Convention and constructed a giant auction hall on it.

In order to attend this auction, not only did you need to buy a ticket, but you also had to deposit a certain amount of money with the Soaring Dragon Company. If you deposited enough money, you could even save on the ticket price.

However, the money that you deposited could not be withdrawn except through buying the wares of the Soaring Dragon Company.

For an ordinary person to get a ticket, especially for the rogue cultivators with no sect backing them, not only did they need to buy a ticket, but they also had to pay a down payment for the Soaring Dragon Company's goods.

To put it frankly, they were binding these people to their business. When Long Chen arrived, he saw quite a lot of people cursing the Soaring Dragon Company for being immoral.

That was because when they bought the tickets, the Soaring Dragon Company didn't mention anything about the deposit. As for a refund for the tickets, the Soaring Dragon Company said that the place to do refunds was in the Darklight Heaven. If they wanted a refund, fine, they could go to the Darklight Heaven.

This enraged countless people. How was this doing business? This was clearly robbing them. It was vicious and greedy.

Who would run all the way to the Darklight Heaven just to get a refund? The price to cross heavens was far greater. This was clearly a con.

However, these people had no background, so they could only accept defeat and curse in order to express this dissatisfaction. But they knew that they couldn't beat the Soaring Dragon Company.

Furthermore, there were so many people here. How did they dare to cause too big of a fuss? Who knew whether the Soaring Dragon Company would simply make them disappear?

Just before this, the loudest complainers among the crowd had their heads silently severed. However, people didn't even see what the killers looked like.

Even so, they knew that it had to be the Shadow race's assassins, as only they possessed such terrifying methods.

Many people left furiously after that, but others could only clench their teeth and pay the additional entry fee to get in.

Hearing those curses, Long Chen couldn't help scoffing at the Soaring Dragon Company's methods. This was why he gave them the straightforward label of "unscrupulous businessmen".

"And how exactly are you any better than us? We're holding the auction, and you have the audacity to demand a commission fee from us! Why don't you look in the mirror before judging others? If we didn't charge this much, how could we pay your fee? Even if the Heaven Earth Cauldron does fetch an exorbitant price, we still have to part with ten percent of it to you. Furthermore, the Soaring Dragon Company has poured millions into hosting this event. Given that, who's to say whether we'll end up in the red after you've taken your cut? What right do you have to mock us?" sneered the elder from the Soaring Dragon Company after hearing Long Chen's insult.

In fact, this elder was particularly enraged. When had they ever been forced to hold such an auction? There was no precedent, as it was practically bullying.

"I didn't expect that you knew how to talk so well. Not bad. You're right, we're birds of the same flock. We shouldn't despise each other." Long Chen nodded.

"Hmph." The elder snorted and said, "At least you know that you're not clean either."

“However, if you don’t have the ability, don’t try to force it. If you try to do it anyway, don’t start crying later on. Who are you showing that ugly face of yours to? Are you hoping for me to make it up for you?” said Long Chen lightly.

“You...!”

“What you? I’m now the VIP of your Soaring Dragon Company. Without me, this auction will be a failure. If I back out, how will you appease everyone’s fury? It would be strange if these people didn’t tear you apart. So, if you’re angry, you better endure it. If you have a fart, you better hold it in. Even if I slap you, you have to take it. The reason I don’t is only because I don’t want to dirty my hands. You should start seeing things more clearly from now on,” said Long Chen calmly.

The elder quivered with rage, but he didn’t dare to retort. Just as Long Chen said, if he were to slap this elder, he wouldn’t dare to retaliate. The elder would only be able to clench his teeth and endure it.

Seeing Long Chen chide an innate Heaven Venerate like chiding a dog, Mu Qingyun, Zhong Ling, Zhong Xiu, and the others almost laughed. After being apart for so long, Long Chen’s domineering nature had not changed at all.

Even in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, amid the gathering of heavenly geniuses in the Sage King Convention, Long Chen was still the most domineering person. No one could compete with his light.

The sensation was both familiar and comforting to them; being in Long Chen’s presence always stirred something within them.

Long Chen and the others had their own exclusive passageway, granting them direct access to the inner area. Of course, no one dared to demand tickets from them or cause any trouble.

Here, Long Chen saw that this place was bigger than it appeared on the outside. There was easily a space of a million miles here.

At the center was a giant platform, the auction stage, and there were extravagant private rooms set up around it. Naturally, those were prepared for people with the highest status and wealth.

Outside those private rooms were some booths, split into three levels: high, middle, and low. The high-level booths had beautiful attendants looking after them.

The middle-level booths also had attendants to pour tea for them, but it wasn’t a one-on-one service, more like a person handling many booths. As for the low-level booths, other than having a bit more space, there was nothing special there.

Behind them were just lines of chairs. The further back you went, the more packed they were. Clearly, those people were only here to watch the show. The Soaring Dragon Company was planning on selling high-end items for this auction, and people on this level wouldn’t be able to purchase those.

To put it frankly, the people in this region simply had their money taken by the Soaring Dragon Company, and afterward, they had nothing of value for the Soaring Dragon Company to squeeze out of anymore.

Those with true power wouldn’t sit with people like them. The rich would pay a high price for the booths and private rooms.

By the time Long Chen arrived, the auction had already started. But before the items actually appeared, there were displays of singing and dancing and other events to warm up the room. After all, it would be too abrupt to instantly jump into auctioning things.

Countless gazes instantly turned toward Long Chen when he walked in, causing him to become the focal point.

After that, countless waves of divine sense reached out from the experts in the private rooms, wantonly scanning Long Chen.

“Boss!”

Just then, Xia Chen and Guo Ran walked in from another passageway. They actually arrived at this moment.

Seeing them, Long Chen was instantly put at ease. Guo Ran then gave him a signal that everything was handled.

Since everything was handled, Long Chen couldn’t be bothered wasting more time. He directly walked over to the stage where the dancers were performing.

“Long Chen, your private room is over there!” The elder hastily got in his way.

“I’m here to auction my item, so why would I go into a room? Once the auction is done, I still have other things to deal with.” Long Chen pushed the elder aside.

Hearing this, the elder was shocked and enraged. “Are you joking?! The auction is going to last for seven days, and your Heaven Earth Cauldron is the ultimate final item! Here, you have to obey the rules!”

Pow!

Long Chen suddenly slapped the elder in the face. Seeing this scene, the dancers let out startled cries and dodged as the elder came tumbling past them.

That innate Heaven Venerate tumbled across the stage and fell to the other side.

As a result, the dancing and music came to a halt. Everything became silent.

Long Chen then walked to the center of the stage, his gaze sweeping over everyone.

“I am Long Chen. Today, let me take charge of this auction.”

## **Chapter 4176: Appraisal**

“What is this?! What is Long Chen doing?!”

The Soaring Dragon Company’s experts came running out. On the other hand, the innate Heaven Venerate, whom Long Chen had slapped, was practically hysterical.

“What do you think I’m doing? Your Soaring Dragon Company’s manners are too lacking. Everyone is here for my bronze cauldron, but you’re actually making them wait until the end? How long are you planning on making everyone wait? Who does this? We’re all cultivators, and our time is precious.

Furthermore, the Sage King Convention is about to start. Who has the time to watch your rotten auction?”

After saying that, Long Chen turned back to the audience. “Everyone, I, Long Chen, sincerely wish to sell the bronze cauldron in my hands. I have no time to waste. That is why I want to ask everyone’s opinion. I want the first auction item to be the bronze cauldron. Does everyone agree?”

“Agreed!”

The majority of the audience instantly shouted their assent. Just as Long Chen had stated, they had come solely for the Heaven Earth Cauldron, and no one wanted to spend too much time in this venue. However, they were all aware of the unwritten rule: auctions always reserved the most valuable item for the grand finale. This was a rule that they couldn’t disregard.

Since that was the case, Long Chen’s proposal was accepted by these people. They wanted to see if this bronze cauldron of his was the real deal or not.

“Bastard, are you trying to con the Soaring Dragon Company?! Do you know how much money you’re making us lose?!” roared an expert of the Soaring Dragon Company.

“What does that have to do with me? It wasn’t as if we had an agreement for my item to be the last one. So I’m going first. Once I’m done, you can keep going,” said Long Chen.

“You...!” That elder almost coughed up blood. Once the bronze cauldron was sold, would anyone bother with the remaining items?

It was as if someone had revealed the answer to a riddle before even posing the question. Who would play such a game?

If it was possible, this elder would kill Long Chen right here and now. The entire situation was already out of their control.

“Hurry up and start! We can skip the tricks!”

“Starting with the cauldron is good! No one is interested in the other trash. Long Chen, you can start!”

“Hurry, our time is very precious! The Soaring Dragon Company is too dirty. Long Chen, take out that Heaven Earth Cauldron.”

Even the experts in the private rooms began to shout their agreement. They were essentially all innate Heaven Venerates, representatives of their own factions. They were not existences that the Soaring Dragon Company could provoke.

Hearing this, the Soaring Dragon Company’s people were paralyzed with fury. But now that everyone in the crowd was agreeing with it, they couldn’t stop it anymore.

They were like ants on a hot plate, trying to think of what to do. However, when divine light appeared on the stage, they knew that they were done for.

“Everyone, please take a look. This is the bronze cauldron that I obtained from the three thousand worlds.”



Long Chen directly took out the cauldron. Yet, to his astonishment, as he withdrew the imitation from the primal chaos space, within his mind-sea, the Earth Cauldron quivered slightly. Following that, the fake cauldron actually began to shine with a mystical divine light.

Long Chen was shocked by this. Up until now, other than using the Earth Cauldron to refine pills, he was unable to use it for anything.

However, this time, it had actually taken the initiative to imbue a trace of its divine radiance into the imitation. Now, this fake cauldron possessed a trace of its divine might, so it was clearly helping Long Chen pull off this scam.

Long Chen was overjoyed by this. With the aid of the true Earth Cauldron, this fake would be even more realistic.

He then tried to communicate with the Earth Cauldron, but it appeared to be ignoring him. It seemed that this item from the primal chaos era was quite lofty.

Primal chaos qi swirled around the bronze cauldron, its runes quivering as if it were a living object.

Within those runes, they could discern soaring birds, roaming beasts, towering mountains, expansive plains, meandering rivers, and the ceaseless movement of the sun, moon, and stars. Through it, people felt as though they could see the world of the primal chaos era. Its majestic aura made them feel miniscule.

“This is...!”

When Guo Ran and Xia Chen saw it, they both jumped in shock. “Did boss take out the real thing by accident?!”

The fake that the two of them had crafted might appear similar on the outside, with even its runes being identical, but what they had created was ultimately a lifeless object. In contrast, this thing was imbued with life.

Countless experts stared at the bronze cauldron, and the experts in the private rooms could not remain seated. They ran as close as they could and used their divine sense to examine this bronze cauldron.

“Hey, hey! No jumping onto the stage! You shameless things, are you trying to steal it?!” Long Chen pointed at the closest Heaven Venerate.

That expert was instinctively drawn to the Heaven Earth Cauldron and only woke up from his stupor with that warning. Long Chen had one hand on the Heaven Earth Cauldron, looking like he would put it away at any moment.

“Sorry, I couldn’t help myself from getting a closer look.” The expert paused and retreated.

“Everyone, just looking at it is meaningless. Such a specialized object requires an appraisal. Didn’t the Soaring Dragon Company say that they had prepared eight grandmaster appraisers? Where are they? Is everyone from the Soaring Dragon Company dead already?” announced Long Chen.

Following that, eight elders walked onto the stage, wearing furious expressions. Their plans for this auction had been thrown into chaos by Long Chen.

However, now that things had reached this point, there was no going back. They could only thicken their faces and take out a number of appraisal tools. After wearing their gloves, they began to inspect the cauldron.

Yet, the eight of them didn't dare to get too close to it. One reason was because Long Chen had said that no one was allowed to get within thirty meters of the bronze cauldron for fear of them trying to steal it.

The other reason was that while these eight elders were very experienced appraisers, their actual power was only in the Mortal Venerate realm. They couldn't actually endure its divine might.

The eight elders busily examined it, while countless streams of divine sense swept over the cauldron. Upon sensing the majestic primal chaos qi on it, even their breathings grew haggard.

These experts were all experienced and could tell whether something was a treasure or not with just a glance. These powerful fluctuations and ancient aura could not be faked.

This was very likely the legendary Heaven Earth Cauldron, and as a result, some individuals were already starting to get some dangerous ideas. The entire auction hall was practically boiling with various emotions before slowly descending into a stifling, deathly silence. The tension in the air was unbearable.

The eight appraisers spent almost an hour examining the cauldron. In the end, they exchanged a look and nodded before turning to an elder in the distance.

Long Chen saw it all and coldly said, "What's this? Do you need to consult with your master after the appraisal? Is the authenticity of this thing up to your master instead of you eight?"

"What is the Soaring Dragon Company planning?! If the appraisal is complete, announce the results! What's with the delay? Do you have to discuss it amongst yourselves first?!"

Furious roars directly burst out of the crowd. Everyone's gaze locked onto the Soaring Dragon Company's people.

"Speak. Is it real or fake?" demanded Long Chen coldly. Everyone turned silent again.

#### **Chapter 4177: Illustrative Records**

The eight appraisers panicked a bit after being shouted at and just looked at that elder in the distance.

Seeing this scene, that elder felt like he had lost his face. Anyway, he was now under everyone's gaze, so there was no way for him to transmit spiritual messages over.

In the end, he coughed and said, "Long Chen asked you a question. What are you looking at me for? Isn't it simple for grandmasters like yourselves to tell the veracity of this treasure?"

Long Chen sneered. His subtle hint was a bit too obvious, wasn't it? Did he view others as fools?

As expected, one of the appraisers instantly said, "The Heaven Earth Cauldron is a primal chaos divine item, its legends echoing throughout the nine heavens and ten lands. Yet, while its name is known to all, none have laid eyes upon it. Moreover, historical records provide diverse descriptions of the Heaven

Earth Cauldron's appearance. So even with our skill, we are ashamed to say that we cannot determine if it is the real thing."

"What?!"

Countless people roared furiously.

"Do you take us for monkeys to be toyed with?!"

"If you can't even appraise it, how dare you summon us here?! You're just wasting our time!"

"You can't even tell if it's the real deal when it's next to you?! You were the ones who swore that the cauldron in Long Chen's hands was the Heaven Earth Cauldron! So you were just spreading lies to get others to kill him?!"

"You can't tell if it's real or not? Is that your excuse?! So you shamelessly demand our money for this farce? Give me my money back!"

The crowd went out of control. The eight of them had examined the cauldron for so long, only to make such a conclusion? Who wouldn't be enraged by it?

"Everyone, everyone, calm down! Let me finish first!" cried out the elder.

When the furious roars settled a bit, the elder continued, "Everyone, although you are not specialized in this area, everyone knows just how important the Heaven Earth Cauldron is. No one would dare to be so arrogant as to say anything for sure about it."

"But you were the ones who confirmed it in the Violet Flame Heaven," said Long Chen.

The elder pretended not to hear Long Chen's slap in the face. He continued, "When we first released this information, we were not prudent enough and didn't go through a detailed evaluation. For us to make such a declaration without conclusive proof, we can't shed responsibility for our mistake. Thus, the branch head who released this information was immediately dealt with and removed from office. We did all we could to remedy this situation, but this information spread too quickly, and we were unable to suppress it in time. There was nothing we could do at that point. Now that this cauldron is in front of us, we can make a conclusion based on its shape, runes, aura, and other factors with the documents that our Soaring Dragon Company has."

The elder intentionally paused here. He was quite the schemer, drawing everyone's attention and trying to regain control over the auction.

"If you have something to say, say it!"

"Hurry up!"

"What is it?!"

Quite a few impatient shouts rang out.

Seeing that there really was no way to control everyone, the elder hastily continued, "The conclusion we made is that this bronze cauldron is not an item of the current era."

“Are you fucking stupid?! Anyone who isn’t blind can see that! Get to the main point!” scoffed a voice from a private box.

The elder didn’t dare to argue and continued, “We have compared it to the information that we have. This bronze cauldron matches forty-seven of the one hundred and seven pictures of the Heaven Earth Cauldron that we have in our records.”

“What? Are all the pictures of the Heaven Earth Cauldron different?”

The appraisers didn’t reply and just looked at the elder in the distance once more. That elder announced, “I’m sorry, but this relates to one of the Soaring Dragon Company’s secrets. Forgive me for not being able to disclose it.”

Long Chen grasped this chance to say, “What dogshit secret? If you can’t bring out any proof, how is anyone supposed to believe you? How can we possibly trust your word when you lie and say whatever you want for profit? Everyone here came for the Heaven Earth Cauldron. If you cannot evaluate this cauldron and give any proof, aren’t you treating everyone like idiots? I took the risk of having a supreme treasure robbed from me precisely because I wanted to know just what this item was. Every single person here wants to know the same thing. No matter what, your Soaring Dragon Company must give us a satisfactory answer today.”

Long Chen was extremely confident at the moment. With the help of the Earth Cauldron, he wasn’t afraid at all. No matter what, he had to sell this fake for a good price. If the Soaring Dragon Company couldn’t control the crowd, then they could allow him to sell it himself.

“Long Chen is right! You must give us a satisfactory answer! Otherwise, who knows whether or not you are just conning us?! After all, we’ve never seen the Heaven Earth Cauldron, nor have we seen your records!” This time, even innate Heaven Venerates couldn’t sit still. The Soaring Dragon Company had to bring out proof. They couldn’t just skip over this.

After all, the matter of the Heaven Earth Cauldron was huge. If this cauldron really was the Heaven Earth Cauldron, it would be the first of the ten primal chaos divine items to appear in millions and millions of years.

It was said that after the great battle of primal chaos, all the ten primal chaos divine items vanished. Even inheritances relating to them disappeared within the river of time.

It was said that the final existence to be bestowed with anything from the primal chaos divine items was the Grand Xia Nation. But ultimately, Xia Guhong disbanded the Grand Xia.

Although it was rumored that Xia Guhong could control a trace of the Grand Xia Dragon Sparrow’s power, in the end, the actual Grand Xia Dragon Sparrow never appeared. As a result, the ten great primal chaos divine items remained lost.

If Long Chen’s bronze cauldron really was a primal chaos divine item, this would be a matter that shook the nine heavens and ten lands.

Although people hadn’t believed it at the start, after seeing it and sensing its supreme divine might, they started to believe it. But in the end, whether it was real or not would have to be decided by professionals specialized in dealing with such matters.

However, these specialists were trying to get out of making a real decision today? How could they let that happen?

“Soaring Dragon Company, what do you think you’re playing at? Is this how you conduct business? Do you believe me when I say that I’ll tear down your tortoise nest?!” In the end, someone actually unleashed their terrifying aura. They seemed to be on the verge of exploding.

This was an innate Heaven Venerate from the devil race, and his terrifying devil qi burst out of his private room. His sinister killing intent shook people’s souls.

“Soaring Dragon Company, stop dawdling! Hand over the proof!”

Other Heaven Venerates began to shout, intimidating the Soaring Dragon Company’s people. But in front of their fury, they chose to compromise.

They then glared at Long Chen darkly, as if Long Chen had just slain their father. In front of their fury, Long Chen smiled inside, feeling much better.

“The Bai clan’s brother and sister were so kind and pure. Today, if I don’t con you to death, I’ll write my name backward.”

With no other choice, the Soaring Dragon Company obediently dragged out a bunch of picture frames of various sizes. When Long Chen saw the images depicted in them, his heart sank.

“Not good!”

## **Chapter 4178: Auction Chips**

These pictures were embedded within refined crystals, with runes flowing on top of them, sealing the ancient pictures inside. They seemed to come from various sources like bone books and beast hides, and each of them portrayed a bronze cauldron.

Most of these pictures could be split into two depictions. One of those two was the cauldron in Long Chen’s hand, but there was a completely different set of runes in the others.

“Not good! The Heaven Earth Cauldron is made of the Earth Cauldron and Heaven Cauldron, and their runes are completely different!” Long Chen looked at the fake that Xia Chen and Guo Ran had just made, feeling dumbfounded.

If the Heaven Cauldron had completely different runes, how was he supposed to sell it afterward? This was different from his plan. He couldn’t con people like this.

“Everyone, take a look. Amongst these pictures, there are two types of cauldrons. They should be quite trustworthy. However, Long Chen’s Heaven Earth Cauldron only matches one of them. Thus, our Soaring Dragon Company does not dare to arrogantly declare anything. We can only say that this cauldron is not a fake item. But whether or not it is the true Heaven Earth Cauldron cannot be said,” said the head appraiser.

When these pictures were revealed, the experts present were befuddled. The Soaring Dragon Company didn’t dare to guarantee the veracity of this item because they were afraid of the responsibility.

However, their meaning was very clear now. This item was definitely something ancient; there was nothing faking it. But whether or not it was the Heaven Earth Cauldron, they refused to say. It would be up to each individual's own opinion.

With this, everyone was conflicted. Looking at this cauldron, they felt that it really might be the real deal.

"Long Chen, how are you selling this cauldron? What do we trade for it?" asked someone.

"If I don't know whether it's real or not, how am I supposed to sell it?" Long Chen frowned.

"We don't know if it's real or not either! It's a gamble. Gambling is dangerous. Whether you win or not is partly luck and partly your own vision. So, why don't you just declare a price? If it's acceptable, we'll be willing to take a gamble. However, if you ask for a lion's bite, then we're not foolish enough to risk it all considering that we can't know the authenticity of it. Other than that, let me just say that this thing is a hot potato. If you have the ability to keep it, then that's one thing. If you don't have though, then hehe, don't lose your money and life together." A sinister voice came from the room emitting devil qi.

"Tch, you're threatening me? Did you think that I'm a coward?" Long Chen sneered. "Given my temper, I'd refuse to sell it and see just what you could say. However, a person like you can't represent everyone. Many people want to sincerely buy it, and I can't punish them all just because of you alone. I can't waste their time for nothing. This bronze cauldron's origins are unclear, and the crafty fellows from the Soaring Dragon Company never tell the truth. Who knows whether they are secretly planning on buying it for themselves?"

"Long Chen, don't slander others!" shouted the innate Heaven Venerate who had been Long Chen's liaison.

"Alright, well, I won't bother arguing with you. Let's put it this way: I cannot say whether or not this is the true Heaven Earth Cauldron. However, it has once struck an Eternal divine weapon, and I'm sure most people have heard of it. Thus, it is at least a top grade Eternal divine weapon. I won't be greedy. You can trade for it with either Eternal divine weapons or corpses of Eternal experts. However, the corpses can't belong to the human race, Spirit race, or other kind races," said Long Chen.

"Corpses?!"

An uproar exploded. What did Long Chen want Eternal corpses for?

"One for one?" asked someone.

"Can you use your brain? At least one for three. If you don't even have three, don't even offer," sneered Long Chen.

"One for three? Are you joking? Inheritances with tens of millions of years of history don't even have a single Eternal divine weapon! But you dare ask for three?!"

"If you want to trade, then trade. If you don't, then scram. This is an auction, not a charity. If you don't have the money, then don't speak. Did you spend everything on this room?" retorted Long Chen.

That person didn't reveal himself. He was in a private room and was also an innate Heaven Venerate.

"You...!" Long Chen was clearly not placing him in his eyes.

"Silence. This is my treasure, and what I say counts. I'm rather direct, so don't waste your time. I'll only give you one chance to buy it. I want either three Eternal divine weapons or three perfectly intact Eternal corpses. In my opinion, Eternal corpses and Eternal divine weapons are of equal value. This bronze cauldron suspected to be the Heaven Earth Cauldron is now on auction! Don't miss this chance, because once you miss it, you won't get another! The auction starts now!" shouted Long Chen.

However, everyone was deathly silent, and no one declared a bid. The Soaring Dragon Company's people sneered inside. Without proper preparation, starting off with such a high bid would naturally chill the enthusiasm of the crowd.

They were actually hoping for Long Chen to be unable to sell the cauldron. That way, they wouldn't have to pay him his commission fee.

In truth, they weren't really planning on paying that fee in the first place. Moreover, Long Chen had intentionally ruined their auction. According to the agreement, Long Chen actually owed them some compensation.

Seeing the cold crowd, Long Chen wasn't the slightest bit anxious. He directly said, "I'll count to three. After that, I'll be taking the Heaven Earth Cauldron away. One..."

"Two..."

Long Chen didn't give them any time to hesitate. He directly counted to two, so quickly like he didn't want anyone to bid.

As a result, quite a few people panicked. They seemed to realize something, and just as Long Chen was about to count to three, someone made a bid.

"Three Eternal demonic beast corpses!"

This shout came from a devil expert. So, upon hearing this, the expressions of quite a few demonic beast experts sank.

Eternal demonic beast corpses were absolute treasures, but that devil expert actually had three of their corpses? These demonic beast experts suddenly had an ugly thought.

The demonic beast race and the devil race's relationship was never friendly. Thus, this bid instantly drew out their hatred.

"There's nothing to be surprised about. We gathered these corpses on immemorial battlefields. It's not like we killed them," sneered that devil expert in front of their furious gazes.

Despite his mocking tone, many could discern his underlying nervousness. His explanation revealed his desire to divert their attention from the matter.

He was in a private room and didn't expose his face, so no one would know who it was. But to make such an explanation, it seemed even he was extremely cautious about such a matter.

Long Chen simply ignored it. It didn't matter where the corpses came from. He would accept them all.

“Excellent. Room seven has bid! Three Eternal demonic corpses going once!”

Long Chen’s gaze swept over the crowd, and he quickly shouted, “Three Eternal demonic corpses going twice!”

“Three Eternal demonic corpses going-!”

Long Chen was about to smash his hammer down when someone coldly said, “Four Eternal devil corpses.”

## **Chapter 4179: Sky-High Price**

The speaker was also in a private room and didn’t show himself. However, there were intense demonic beast fluctuations coming from that room, showing that it was clearly an expert of the demonic beast race.

The devil expert had bid three demonic beast corpses, infuriating the demonic beast race, and now this expert was striking back, causing the devil experts’ expressions to change.

The atmosphere instantly grew rather odd, so Long Chen loudly announced, “Everyone, since you have a private room, it’s clear that you don’t want to show yourselves to others. Isn’t it precisely to not let others know who you are? Here’s my offer. If you are lucky enough to obtain the cauldron, you can leave with it with no one else being the wiser. It won’t bring any trouble to you or your family. As for the Eternal corpses in your hands, they are also not items that can see the light of day. Didn’t you bring them precisely because you are hoping to secretly sell them for things that you need?

“Devil corpses, demon corpses, everyone wants to get rid of them but are also afraid of slipping up and bringing about a calamity. So, you want to trade them for things that you want, yet you don’t dare to offer them up openly. Isn’t that tiring? These Eternal corpses are like treasures. Whoever finds them first is the keeper. You can trade them as you please. Why have so many misgivings? I will say it clearly right now, I am a rather direct person, and I don’t like being treated like a monkey to be toyed with. Stop interrupting me every time I’m about to count to three. I want to toss this hot potato to someone else, but if you keep interrupting me like that, I’m just going to smash my hammer down and accept whatever the current price is.”

This little speech from Long Chen had quite an effect. In truth, many factions had items that couldn’t see the light of day.

From the Huayun Trading Company, Long Chen had learned that some items had major implications if they were to be traded, and the Soaring Dragon Company would actually accept them in a black market trade.

On the other hand, the Huayun Trading Company never participated in such trades, because doing business in the black market always caused some inevitable bloodshed and darkness. Hence, the Huayun Trading Company refused to participate in it.

In contrast, the Soaring Dragon Company operated differently. They were willing to use any means necessary for money, even if it meant taking significant risks. However, dealing with such stuff could



easily infect them with some terrifying karma. Thus, the Soaring Dragon Company charged an exceedingly steep fee for their involvement in these things.

As a result, many factions were dissatisfied when doing this business with them, contemplating ways to conduct this business independently without their involvement.

However, this kind of trade was extremely difficult, as one mistake could trigger a bloody battle. Thus, they were always cautious.

The demonic beast race also had some Eternal corpses from the devil race, which held no value to them. As a result, they wished to trade them for the demonic beast corpses of the devil race, who shared the same sentiment. But neither side had any connections to facilitate such exchanges.

Furthermore, even if they had those connections, they might not dare to do a direct trade. After all, how were they supposed to discuss the difference in price? If the trade didn't go well, a bloody battle was all too likely to erupt.

Moreover, they didn't just have corpses but also had divine weapons, cultivation techniques, bone books, and other priceless treasures that were useless to them, but trading them away was too difficult.

Now that the Sage King Convention had started, it was a good chance to get rid of those things. They hoped that they could exchange those useless items for treasures that they could use.

Long Chen saw everyone's hesitation and directly exposed them, letting them set their misgivings aside and compete openly so they stopped wasting time.

"Alright, this friend bids four Eternal devil corpses. Are there any higher bids?" shouted Long Chen.

"Five Eternal corpses!" Someone instantly made a higher bid.

Clearly, Long Chen's words were effective. Everyone was in private rooms, and they could shout their bids freely.

After all, these corpses were useless to them, so it was better to use them as chips here. Hopefully, they could win this gamble. If they really obtained the Heaven Earth Cauldron, it would be a turning point in their lives.

"Six Eternal corpses!"

Another person directly bid, stunning everyone. Were Eternal corpses really so worthless? Just how did they manage to get so many?

"Six Eternal corpses plus an Eternal divine saber." An ancient voice rang out.

Upon hearing this, startled cries rang out. From the fluctuations of that voice, it was clearly a human. It turned out that the human race also had some hidden dragons and crouching tigers. They actually had so many Eternal corpses and an Eternal divine weapon.

Long Chen's expression didn't change, but inside, he was cheering. He was truly making a killing this time.

Guo Ran and Xia Chen had mixed expressions. They wanted to warn Long Chen and ask if he had taken out the wrong cauldron. That was because this Heaven Earth Cauldron in front of them was not the one they made.

“Ten Eternal corpses!”

With a cold snort, one person directly raised the bid to ten, wanting to scare off his competitors and express that he wanted this cauldron no matter what.

“Eighteen!”

As a result, someone was even more ruthless and directly bid eighteen, shocking everyone. It was a demonic beast expert.

“Excellent, eighteen corpses! This friend has taken the lead. Eighteen corpses going once, eighteen corpses going twice...” Even with Long Chen’s calmness, he couldn’t stop his voice from shaking.

If he had eighteen Eternal corpses, then the primal chaos space would probably undergo a complete transformation. All the vegetation inside would grow crazily, and he would have an unending supply of life energy.

“Eighteen corpses and six Eternal divine weapons.” Suddenly, a strange voice rang out and caused an uproar.

To their surprise, this bid didn’t come from a private room but from the seats in the back instead.

Everyone’s gazes searched through the seats. According to reason, a person in that spot was only there to watch the show. They wouldn’t bid.

When everyone looked, they saw that this person was wrapped in black qi, so it was impossible to see their face. In fact, it was impossible to even see what lifeform they were.

However, the deep eyes contained within that black qi raised goosebumps. Even innate Heaven Venerates felt a cold breeze on their backs when they saw those eyes.

Long Chen also jumped in shock. While he couldn’t discern the person’s origins, he sensed that their cultivation base was in the Immortal King realm. However, the pressure they gave exceeded that of innate Heaven Venerates.

“This person will probably be a tough opponent.”

Long Chen was shaken. But this person’s aura was too strange, and he couldn’t probe him here. The auction had to continue.

“Eighteen corpses and six Eternal divine weapons! Are there other bids? If there are no further bids, I’ll start counting. Going once. Going twice. Going three times. Sold!”

Bang!

Long Chen smashed his wooden hammer, his heart blooming with joy. He finally managed to sell off this Heaven Earth Cauldron.

## Chapter 4180: Continuing the Auction

"Let us trade right here and now in front of everyone. This friend, please come up, so everyone can see that there is no cheating," said Long Chen.

Suddenly, black qi appeared in front of Long Chen. That person seemed to teleport from the back seats to Long Chen in an instant.

Enveloped in swirling black qi, this figure appeared ethereal, as if it lacked a physical form and was composed solely of black qi. The only semblance of a corporeal presence was those eyes that were like a fiend's eyes.

Someone else would definitely be shaking in their boots from being stared at by those eyes in such close proximity, but Long Chen boldly extended a hand toward that figure.

"My product has been examined by the Soaring Dragon Company. But what about yours?" asked Long Chen.

That figure then moved, and a thumb-sized black stone flew out of his body. Upon its appearance, startled cries rang out.

"A world stone!"

A world stone was the product of compressing an entire world to the limit. It contained its own world inside of it and was incomparable to a storage ring.

However, as it was refined from the core of a world, it was incredibly precious, so even Long Chen had never seen one before.

Long Chen reached out and received the world stone. However, the moment he touched it stone, his expression changed. He then looked at this lifeform and knew its origins now.

"Go ahead and check!" said the lifeform. Its voice was very bizarre, like two stones grating at each other. It was almost like a specter coming from the depths of hell. Just hearing it made people's souls quiver.

Long Chen didn't say anything, and his divine sense entered the world stone. The space inside was practically limitless. But the moment his divine sense entered, a sharp pain struck his soul, and a terrifying divine might almost made him collapse.

There were eighteen giant corpses with black qi swirling around them inside the world stone. Amongst them were greater demons, fiendish devils, sea monsters, and one in particular made Long Chen's heart leap.

"Fullmoon Rhinoceros!"

There was actually an Eternal corpse of the Fullmoon race inside. This corpse would not belong to Long Chen; he would have to give it to Uncle Xiong.

When Long Chen saw the six Eternal divine weapons, his expression changed. "These six weapons are of the Ghost Dao. I can't use them."

“The Ghost Dao?!”

Gasps rang out from the crowd as they realized where this lifeform came from.

The Ghost Dao’s Eternal divine weapons could only be used by the Ghost Dao’s lifeforms due to their own specific marks. Others who attempted to wield them would likely have their souls collapsing just by carrying them. After all, these types of Eternal divine weapons had a propensity to consume souls.

That was why Long Chen knew he had been scammed when he saw those divine weapons. These things were worthless to him.

“Are they not Eternal divine weapons?” said the Ghost Dao’s lifeform.

“Alright, count yourself vicious. I accept it. You can take the bronze cauldron!” Long Chen snorted and put away the world stone.

The Ghost Dao lifeform then spread its arms around the bronze cauldron. Black qi gushed out, enveloping the cauldron, and it put it away just like that.

After this lifeform was done, it turned to look at the crowd. “I know many of you will want to take the bronze cauldron from me. That’s fine. I’ll welcome you at any time, whether it be Immortal Kings or Heaven Venerates.”

This lifeform was quite domineering. It seemed that it looked down on everyone here and was not at all worried about anyone fighting over the cauldron.

Suddenly, its body dissipated. Even all the innate Heaven Venerates here could not tell how it left.

For a moment, everyone was deathly silent. This lifeform had scared everyone. This ability to come and go silently was terrifying.

The bronze cauldron was gone, so everyone started to rise and leave. Long Chen was also preparing to leave, but at this moment, inside the primal chaos space, the second bronze cauldron that Xia Chen and Guo Ran had made suddenly lit up.

“What?!” Long Chen was completely shocked. The runes on this cauldron began to change, and all kinds of beast carvings appeared on it, causing a ferocious aura to exude from it.

“This is...!”

Long Chen hastily checked on the Earth Cauldron in the spiritual space. It was what had changed the fake cauldron.

After seeing this, Long Chen almost cried out. This cauldron now bore a striking resemblance to the second cauldron depicted in the images that the Soaring Dragon Company had presented earlier.

“Many thanks!”

Long Chen instantly realized that the Earth Cauldron was helping him sell off his other fake.

“Hey, everyone, wait a moment! The auction isn’t over!”

Seeing everyone leaving, Long Chen cried out. The Soaring Dragon Company's people were also trying to advise people to stay, so Long Chen's shout surprised them. Had he finally gotten a conscience and was going to help them?

"What's the point? The Heaven Earth Cauldron is gone. Do you have another?" sneered someone irritably. This person was the one who had made the second-highest bid, only to be beaten by the Ghost Dao's lifeform.

"Hahaha, what a guess! Yes, I really have another."

Long Chen waved his hand, and another bronze cauldron appeared on the stage with stunning golden light and powerful divine radiance.

However, it was different from the previous cauldron. Its peaceful air had been transformed into a frightening one, like a bloodthirsty beast that had been sealed for countless years trying to break free. The entire auction hall grew dark and cold because of its existence.

"This is...!"

Seeing this cauldron, countless people's expressions changed. This cauldron looked identical to the previous one.

But its runes were completely different. The previous cauldron gave off a peaceful feeling, depicting mountains, plains, and rivers, the sun, moon, and stars.

However, this cauldron's runes formed into images of various ferocious beasts. Although the images of those beasts were rather vague, people instantly recognized their outlines.

There were giant dragons, flying phoenixes, black tortoises, wild tigers, as well as other kinds of ancient beasts that people had never seen before.

Its terrible aura filled the auction hall, causing even innate Heaven Venerates to quiver in front of it.

The Soaring Dragon Company's appraisers examined the cauldron, and then one of them excitedly cried out, "I understand, I understand!"

"What do you understand?" asked Long Chen.

"The Heaven Earth Cauldron is not just one cauldron, it is the Earth Cauldron and the Heaven Cauldron! Our records aren't wrong, the two different images inside them are both correct! The one that was sold just now should be the Earth Cauldron, and this must be the Heaven Cauldron! So you actually had two cauldrons but auctioned them separately. What profound scheming," said the elder.

What profound scheming? If it weren't for the true Earth Cauldron helping, this fake would have to be thrown away. However, now that the elder said this, there was no need for Long Chen to explain.

All the experts present nodded with comprehension. Didn't this mean that Long Chen's cauldrons were truly the Heaven Earth Cauldron?

"This is the final bronze cauldron. For anyone with money, the bidding starts now!" Seeing countless people staring with scarlet eyes, Long Chen directly started the auction.

The crowd practically exploded at that moment.