

Nine Star 4181

Chapter 4181: Exposed

“Thirty Eternal corpses and two Eternal divine weapons! Both divine weapons belong to your human race!”

Long Chen had barely finished speaking when someone immediately made a sky-high bid, one that could scare others to death.

“Are you crazy?!”

Startled cries rang out. Was this person intent on going bankrupt just to buy this cauldron?

Clearly, this person had placed their highest possible bid. Having missed out on the Earth Cauldron, they couldn’t afford to miss the Heaven Cauldron as well.

If there had been any lingering doubts about the authenticity of the bronze cauldron before, those doubts had now completely evaporated.

Some ancient powers were aware that the Heaven Earth Cauldron was split in two forms. So, now that the Heaven Cauldron had appeared, along with the images provided by the Soaring Dragon Company, they were sure that it was real.

The Heaven Earth Cauldron was a primal chaos divine item of incalculable value. In everyone’s mind, that Ghost Dao lifeform had gotten a great bargain by acquiring it at such a low price. As a result, no one was willing to let this opportunity slip through their fingers.

“Fifty-eight Eternal corpses and seven Eternal divine weapons, three of which belong to the human race!” Devil qi erupted along with an ancient voice.

“Heavens!”

Everyone was silent after this bid. This elder’s finances were unmatched, and his offer made everyone retreat.

Long Chen looked around and smiled. “It seems that there’s no need to count, as no one can offer a higher bid. Congratulations!”

Bang!

Long Chen then slammed his wooden hammer down, and this matter was done. After that, the private room was opened, and an elder with a silver mask walked out.

This was an innate Heaven Venerate from the devil race with an exceedingly terrifying aura. But even he didn’t dare to expose his face. His aura had gone through several transformations just to prevent others from telling who he was.

“Gimme.”

Long Chen directly extended a hand, and the elder wasted no words and handed him a world stone. After grabbing it, before Long Chen could even sense what was inside the world stone, a terrifying sensation of death enveloped him.

Long Chen then roared furiously, thinking that this elder was scheming against him, so he smashed his fist forward.

However, the moment he attacked, he realized that he had wrongly blamed this devil race's elder. That was because the latter was also roaring and retreating with the cauldron. He actually thought that Long Chen was the one sneak-attacking him.

BOOM!

The next moment, the entire stage exploded and terrifying qi waves unfurled. The immense power tore through the roof, causing countless experts to be sent flying.

This sudden change caught everyone off-guard. They had no idea what was happening.

"Long Chen, you swindler! Die!"

A sinister roar rang out, filling this place. When everyone heard that voice, they jumped as they recognized the speaker.

It was that Ghost Dao lifeform that had just vanished with the Earth Cauldron. However, it had come back and attacked Long Chen.

At this moment, Long Chen's fist struck a strange barrier of light, and the impact caused his Blood Qi to churn within him, forcing him to retreat several steps.

However, when Long Chen saw that figure, he laughed. This fellow ended up coming one step too late. That was fortunate, or the second fake wouldn't have been sold.

"What nonsense are you talking about? That Heaven Earth Cauldron went through the Soaring Dragon Company's appraisers! How could I have swindled you?!" demanded Long Chen innocently.

"What dogshit Heaven Earth Cauldron!?"

That Ghost Dao lifeform suddenly extended a hand, summoning a bronze cauldron.

However, now it had lost its color. The cauldron no longer had its sacred might, and its aura had also changed. It was like it had lost all life.

BOOM!

With a shake, specks of rust flew off of the cauldron. When it happened, its original form was revealed.

"This garbage is obviously newly crafted! You dare to present this as a counterfeit?! Die!" The lifeform sent the bronze cauldron flying at Long Chen's head.

BOOM!

Long Chen swung his fist, causing the cauldron to fly away and roll into the distance.

When it rolled in front of people, they let out startled cries. There was now a dent in the cauldron from Long Chen's fist. In fact, its entire shape had changed.

Everyone was stunned. If it were the real Heaven Earth Cauldron, how could it be so weak? It had to be a fake.

As for the devil expert who was tightly holding the Heaven Cauldron, his expression also underwent a dramatic shift. All of a sudden, he found that the Heaven Cauldron's sacred aura was fading away rapidly as well, its radiance diminishing.

He then unleashed a punch at the cauldron as well, causing it to dent. As a result, his body began to quiver with rage.

"Long Chen!"

A furious hiss-like roar came from him as his terrifying killing intent unfurled.

"Hey, don't get emotional!" Long Chen hastily waved his hands. "Everyone, let's discuss it. I found two bronze cauldrons, but I never said that they were the Heaven Earth Cauldron! I already discussed this with the Soaring Dragon Company--"

Long Chen's expression 'suddenly changed', as if he had just misspoken. He hastily corrected himself, "This was all me... and the Soaring Dragon Company... and... and... That's right, this matter has nothing to do with the Soaring Dragon Company!"

Long Chen seemed panicked, as if trying to speak up for the Soaring Dragon Company, yet being too panicked to explain properly. Upon seeing this, the Soaring Dragon Company's experts were horrified. Long Chen was trying to get them killed.

Just then, rays of divine light rose from all eight directions, and a formation rose from the ground, causing Long Chen to feel a chill. He had been locked down by a grand formation.

"Long Chen, don't spout nonsense! Today, don't even think about leaving alive without giving everyone a proper explanation!" shouted an innate Heaven Venerate of the Soaring Dragon Company. He was the one to activate the grand formation.

Buzz.

However, to his surprise, the formation suddenly went out of control. As soon as he activated it, it was no longer under his command.

The next moment, Xia Chen, Guo Ran, Bai Shishi, Bai Xiaole, and the others appeared beside Long Chen. Furthermore, the grand formation's divine light concentrated on them.

"Boss, we should hurry! The Soaring Dragon Company already said that they'd cut off any chasers! As for dividing the loot, we'll deal with it in the future!" shouted Xia Chen, crushing a talisman in his hand.

BOOM!

Countless experts shot toward Long Chen, but they were too slow. Their attacks didn't even manage to touch Long Chen's clothes before he and his companions vanished.

Furthermore, once Long Chen was gone, everyone's gaze turned to the Soaring Dragon Company's people.

"You dare to collude with him to swindle us?! You can all die!"

The Ghost Dao's lifeform roared, and his black qi instantly devoured this space.

Chapter 4182: Triple Supreme Heaven Dao Fruit

"Boss, what did you do? Those two cauldrons...?"

Xia Chen had secretly taken over the grand formation of the Soaring Dragon Company, transforming its sealing power into spatial transportation power. With it, they were instantly transported away.

Now, they were on the edge of the Sage King Prefecture and were sitting in a flying boat, going back to the High Firmament Academy's ruins.

It was only now that Guo Ran had a chance to ask Long Chen about this matter. Both he and Xia Chen had been worried for a long time.

"Hehe, it was thanks to the Earth Cauldron's help. How could we have known that the Earth Cauldron's runes were so different from the Heaven Cauldron?" Long Chen chortled.

Hearing that, Xia Chen and Guo Ran finally understood. However, these words were spoken spiritually.

When it came to the Heaven Earth Cauldron, the fewer people that knew about it, the better. It wasn't that Long Chen didn't trust Mu Qingyun and the others, but the implication of this matter was too great. It was best not to inflict them with bad karma.

"Scamming people for money and then leaving really is the best feeling!" Guo Ran laughed excitedly.

Thinking of how so many people had been scammed by them, especially so many innate Heaven Venerates, he felt a strong sense of accomplishment.

"Sigh, I wonder how the Soaring Dragon Company is faring? I am really worried about them," sighed Xia Chen.

"Hahaha!"

Everyone burst into laughter, delighting in their misfortune. After all, the matter of the Soaring Dragon Company secretly sacrificing people to the fiend eye was abominable. The sooner such a faction was destroyed, the better.

"We were lucky this time. After scamming the first one, we still had time for the second." Long Chen smiled. It was his first time being able to scam people twice like this.

"Let's divide the loot. You can have the Eternal divine weapons, and I'll take the Eternal corpses." Long Chen took out both world stones, putting the divine weapons in one and the corpses in the other.

When Xia Chen and Guo Ran took that world stone and saw the Eternal divine weapons inside, they almost cried out in excitement.

These things were priceless treasures to them, including the six weapons of the Ghost Dao. Even if they couldn't use them, they could always study, research, and compare them.

Additionally, among the seven Eternal divine weapons from the second auction, three were crafted by the human race, while the remainder originated from the demonic beast race. Despite their item-spirits having long since perished, leaving them as nothing more than hollow shells, they were still incredibly powerful.

Not daring to take them out here, Guo Ran and Xia Chen could only wait until they were back and in a secret room.

Long Chen was also excited as he sent the corpses into the primal chaos space's black soil. When these Eternal corpses appeared, the black soil seemed to grow extremely active, crazily devouring them.

It was like a gluttonous beast that was finally tasting good meat. Now, it was no longer willing to eat grass.

However, these corpses were enormous, and the black soil could only devour five at a time. Upon seeing this, Long Chen realized that the majority of these corpses belonged to the demonic beast race, and only a few were from the devil race.

As these corpses decomposed, the primal chaos space was filled with endless primal chaos qi. The Moon Trees and Fusang Trees crazily absorbed their life energy and grew rapidly.

Seeing this scene, Huo Linger cried out in excitement like a child being given endless snacks. The Sun Flames and Moon Flames had become so strong and robust.

The Heaven Merging Blood Lotus was rapidly reproducing as well. Its growth was even faster, and the lotus seeds would automatically fall and grow into a new lotus every time it matured. There was no need for Long Chen to do anything.

There was now a giant blood pool in the primal chaos space, filled with hundreds of Heaven Merging Blood Lotuses that were thrumming with life.

"It's too bad that the crystal cores of these corpses have been turned to trash. Who knows how much energy would be in them? But if the crystal cores weren't ruined, they wouldn't sell them. Those pricks would definitely turn them into puppets or use faith energy to revive them," sighed Long Chen.

At the same time, Long Chen had a brazen thought. An Eternal expert who had died countless years ago and whose crystal core was ruined could still release such an incredible amount of energy. What if it was a freshly slain Eternal expert?

As the Eternal corpses were devoured, Long Chen noticed the Heavenly Dao Tree and the Seven Treasure Colored Glass Tree changing.

The transformation was subtle, yet new runes had emerged on their leaves, accompanied by a divine radiance that enveloped them. One possessed a Yin essence, while the other exuded a Yang essence, creating a perfect and harmonious contrast.

"Damn, how did I forget about this?!"

Long Chen suddenly noticed several three-colored fruits at the top of the Heavenly Dao Tree.

“Triple Supreme Heavenly Dao Fruit!”

The Heavenly Dao was as amazing as ever. Within a certain range, the energy of any dying Triple Supremes was secretly absorbed, and this included all innate Heaven Venerates.

“Hehe, my Dragonblood Legion will eventually become a True Supreme Legion.” Long Chen grabbed those fruits excitedly.

As the corpses were devoured, the laws of the primal chaos space seemed to silently transform. With all kinds of energy being unleashed, the primal chaos space seemed to be using them to perfect itself.

When Long Chen checked on the Earth Cauldron in his spiritual space, he suddenly found that it was gone, leaving him in a cold sweat.

However, when he looked into the primal chaos space again, he was relieved to see that the Earth Cauldron had run over here, floating in the sky with the golden lotus seed.

Long Chen sighed with relief. “It seems that the Earth Cauldron wants payment for helping me scam those people.”

Although Long Chen didn’t know what the Earth Cauldron was doing, he knew that there must be something that it needed here.

Long Chen found that no further rust fell off of the Earth Cauldron. Instead, the rust was starting to melt and then slowly be absorbed by it.

When it came to the Earth Cauldron, Long Chen knew far too little about it. But there was one thing that he was sure of. Those corpses had to be beneficial to the Earth Cauldron, or it wouldn’t have run over to the primal chaos space.

At this moment, Xia Chen’s flying boat sped through the air and quickly approached the heart of the Sage King Prefecture. Because the grand formation belonged to the Soaring Dragon Company, Xia Chen had only managed to harness a portion of its power. As a result, he couldn’t exercise perfect control over their direction and distance during transportation.

Fortunately, they hadn’t gone too far, and the direction was only a bit off. Now, they had to enter from the devil race’s territory. However, Long Chen and the others didn’t dare to just swagger through the devil race’s territory.

It had to be known that Long Chen had killed so many devil experts, accumulating the resentment of countless devils on him. Hence, upon spotting him, devil experts could sense how many of their people he had slain and would instantly attack him.

Also, in comparison to the demonic beast race, the devil race was more united. Long Chen might be able to cross through the demonic beast race’s territory, but he didn’t dare to pass straight through the devil race’s territory.

Therefore, they went around until they reached the human race’s territory. Once there, they prepared to take a shortcut to the High Firmament Academy’s ruins.

“Long Chen, face your death!”

The void quivered, and an overwhelming surge of death qi burst forth. The Ghost Dao expert then materialized, with black qi swirling around him.

Chapter 4183: Terrifying Ghost Dao Lifeform

Long Chen’s flying boat was silently approaching the human race’s territory with its stealth abilities. So, for them to have been noticed meant that this Ghost Dao expert had a special tracking art.

This expert had just appeared when a certain thing flew toward Long Chen, startling him.

To his surprise, it was a head that belonged to the innate Heaven Venerate of the Soaring Dragon Company. This Ghost Dao expert had actually slain him.

For an Immortal King to defeat an innate Heaven Venerate was an immensely challenging feat. Therefore, the fact that this Ghost Dao expert had killed one indicated that his power far exceeded that of the innate Heaven Venerate.

Long Chen dodged the head quickly because he noticed that the head had strange runes on it. He didn’t dare to rashly touch it.

BOOM!

That head suddenly exploded, erupting with the divine might of an innate Heaven Venerate. It was like the self-detonation of an innate Heaven Venerate.

Long Chen was completely shocked. He hadn’t expected this Ghost Dao expert to have such terrifying methods. Now, there was no way for him to dodge this attack. If he did, the terrifying qi waves would blast Bai Shishi and the others.

Perhaps Bai Shishi, Bai Xiaole, Guo Ran, and Xia Chen could endure it. But Mu Qingyun, Luo Bing, Luo Ning, Zhong Ling, and Zhong Xiu would very likely be crushed to death.

BOOM!

Golden dragon scales appeared on top of Long Chen’s body as he summoned the Dragon King Battle Armor to block this terrifying explosion. Bracing the impact, Long Chen felt like he was struck by a star and almost coughed up blood.

The space behind Long Chen cracked like a mirror and then spread straight up into the dome of the heavens. Long Chen was at the center of that web of cracks.

Following that, Long Chen's Blood Qi surged like a tsunami, and an immense power ran amok like wild horses breaking free from their reins. Amidst the chaotic energy coursing through his meridians, Long Chen found himself losing control over his body.

“Die!”

The Ghost Dao expert seemed to have expected this and stabbed a white bone dagger toward Long Chen’s head. His movement art made him seem like a phantom.

Long Chen could only watch as the dagger pierced toward him. Even as it was about to stab him, his body wouldn't listen to him.

Long Chen was shocked and enraged. In the end, he still fell for this expert's trap, unable to unleash any of his power.

But just as the bone dagger was about to strike Long Chen, a golden sword swung through the air, knocking the dagger aside.

It was Bai Shishi. She saved Long Chen's life, but she was also covered in cold sweat. Fortunately, she had already merged with her sword, and it followed her very will, allowing her to attack in an instant. Otherwise, she would have been too late.

However, when her sword knocked aside the bone dagger, Bai Shishi let out a muffled grunt. Black qi unexpectedly enshrouded her golden sword, creeping along its blade toward her hand.

This expert seemed surprised that Bai Shishi could block this killing blow. Bai Shishi's metal energy actually forced him back involuntarily.

"Die you little ghost!"

Guo Ran roared, and with his battle armor on, his battle sabers whistled down. Just now, it really had been dangerous. His boss had almost lost his life, so Guo Ran furiously swung a saber down on this expert.

Guo Ran's speed was fast, and he grasped the timing well. However, he was shocked to find his saber pass straight through his opponent's body. As this expert transformed into black mist, he was unable to harm him.

"He can freely switch between a solid and illusory body?!" exclaimed Guo Ran. Just what kind of origin did this expert have?

"Heaven Shaking Talisman!"

Xia Chen suddenly let out a shout, and his talisman blasted apart the black mist.

However, the scattered black mist rapidly regathered, completely unaffected by Xia Chen's talisman.

"Heavenly Eye Seal Heaven and Earth!"

Suddenly, a giant pupil appeared, within which three flowers converged. Following that, all that black qi instantly froze.

"A pupil art!"

A frightened cry came from the black mist. Bai Xiaole's pupil art managed to restrict his movements.

"However, with your skills, don't even think about binding me!" That lifeform sneered. His figure then materialized once more, and he quickly formed hand seals.

"Ghost Spirit Chains!"

Bai Xiaole's pupil arts were ultimately lacking some maturity, and he was unable to fully bind this expert. However, just as this expert escaped from the bindings, a ray of Sword Qi pierced through the void, accurately striking his head.

His head burst open, but instead of blood, black mist billowed from the wound. This attack was also unable to harm him.

Mu Qingyun was stunned. That had been her full-power attack, an attack containing her entire heart and spirit, as well as her purest will of the Sword Dao. But even so, she was unable to shake this terrifying lifeform.

"A sword cultivator? It's too bad, your realm isn't high enough. You cannot harm my source yet. Perhaps if you keep growing, you will reach that level. But you won't have that chance!" That Ghost Dao lifeform suddenly vanished.

When he reappeared, he was in front of Mu Qingyun, his bone dagger stabbing toward her like a viper's fang.

Despite knowing that it would be useless, Mu Qingyun prepared to launch an all-out counterattack. But all of a sudden, a lightning sword thundered past her with a will of utter annihilation.

BOOM!

That Ghost Dao lifeform was finally blown back by Long Chen's lightning sword. Now, Long Chen was filled with killing intent. After forcing back that expert with a lightning sword, he threw the lightning sphere in his left hand.

"World Extermination Lightning Radiance!"

BOOM!

The sphere of lightning shot toward the Ghost Dao expert, causing him to instantly have a bad feeling. After all, thunderforce had a restrictive effect on the Ghost Dao lifeform. He wanted to run, but Long Chen had timed it perfectly, so it directly detonated.

The next moment, lightning filled the sky, leaving the Ghost Dao lifeform no longer able to transform into black mist. He was then blasted into the distance.

As he coughed up blood, the black qi around him vanished. But when they saw his appearance, everyone was shocked.

He was not a human but a corpse, and his face had decayed to the point where bones were visible. He actually resembled a corpse that had just crawled out of a tomb.

The blood he coughed up was as black as ink, with many things mixed inside it. It looked extremely frightening.

"It would be rude not to reciprocate. You can have a taste of my attack as well!"

After a short moment of shock, Long Chen raised his sword, and all the thunderforce of the world was absorbed into it.

“Split the Heavens 4!”

Long Chen then slashed down with a boundless will of annihilation at the Ghost Dao lifeform.

Chapter 4184: I Want This Fox

As Long Chen’s sword shook the heavens, a lightning arc flashed, causing the very Heavenly Daos to quiver. This lightning sword contained all of Lei Linger’s power.

Only Lei Linger’s heavenly tribulation lightning could restrict this Ghost Dao lifeform. Whether he was a corpse or an illusory body, he couldn’t withstand the power of the thunderforce.

Having almost been conned to death, Long Chen was enraged, so he showed no mercy with this attack.

Facing such a furious thunderforce, this lifeform was filled with terror. On the surface, he seemed to be able to avoid everyone’s attack effortlessly. However, in truth, a portion of their attacks still reached him.

Out of all those attacks, it was Mu Qingyun’s sword that caused him the greatest harm, striking his core. Although he pretended to be fine, he had actually taken an internal wound and was trying to recover.

Now, Long Chen’s consecutive attacks exacerbated his injuries, giving him no time to recuperate, just like how he hadn’t given Long Chen any time either.

This Ghost Dao lifeform then let out a furious roar and stabbed his bone dagger forward with all his power. Behind him, black qi burst into existence, condensing into eight giant tentacles.

BOOM!

When Long Chen’s sword struck the white dagger, bolts of lightning exploded, crashing out like water breaking free from a dam.

The Ghost Dao expert’s eight black tentacles were entangled with lightning and actually drew Long Chen’s thunderforce into the space behind him.

Knowing that he couldn’t endure such a terrifying thunderforce, the Ghost Dao expert had to use his full power just to displace Long Chen’s thunderforce.

However, Long Chen’s thunderforce was extremely tough. Even after using one of his divine abilities, the Ghost Dao expert was unable to fully shed the thunderforce. As a result, his tentacles began to explode one after another.

BOOM!

Finally, his true body was unable to endure this attack anymore and exploded. The air was shrouded in black qi before it gradually dissipated.

“Long Chen, you bullied me with numbers this time! Just wait, I, Gui Xuan, will not let you off! Wash your neck and wait for me!” His furious roar could be heard from the dispersing black qi.

When the black qi vanished, his aura was gone without a trace.

"How can this be?! My formation is unable to stop him!" exclaimed Xia Chen. The moment Long Chen attacked, Xia Chen immediately set up a grand formation just to prevent the Ghost Dao lifeform from fleeing. However, the latter left without even touching the formation and just silently vanished.

Everyone's expression also changed. They had never encountered such a terrifying lifeform before.

"Big brother Long Chen, if you had let me attack, he wouldn't have been able to escape," said Huo Linger, her voice ringing out in Long Chen's mind. She was unhappy. She had wanted to attack, but Long Chen hadn't let her.

"There's no need to expose too much power. After all, the Sage King Convention will have many monsters just like him. Don't worry, you'll have your chance," consoled Long Chen.

Seeing that Bai Shishi and the others still had stunned expressions, Long Chen knew that this fellow called Gui Xuan had given them quite a significant blow.

"Don't be dejected. The reason you were unable to cause him significant damage is because the Ghost Dao's lifeforms are just too special. But don't mind too much. They are too mysterious, and we don't understand them, so we don't know their weaknesses. Once we learn their weak points, it'll be easy to deal with them. Qingyun, that sword strike of yours was very beautiful, and you managed to harm his source. If it weren't for your attack, I wouldn't have been able to beat him so easily," said Long Chen, praising Mu Qingyun in the end.

"Really?" Mu Qingyun was delighted.

Originally, Mu Qingyun had been quite confident this time for the Sage King Convention. She believed it was an opportunity to challenge various experts and enhance her comprehension of the Sword Dao. Little did she anticipate that her all-out strike to someone's head would be ineffective, and this dealt a severe blow to her confidence.

Fortunately, Long Chen's encouragement instantly revitalized her. His approval was the greatest encouragement to her.

"Of course, it's true. However, your sword strike was off," said Long Chen.

"How was it off?" asked Mu Qingyun. Everyone was confused by this statement. Mu Qingyun's sword had accurately struck that lifeform in the head; it had been perfect.

"It was your heart that was off." Long Chen smiled. "A sword cultivator must not only possess confidence in their sword but also in their techniques and themselves. A true sword cultivator doesn't need to intentionally aim for someone's vital parts. As soon as you intentionally search for weaknesses in your opponent, your Sword Dao's will weaken a great deal. It is because you are afraid that you can't kill your opponent that you aim for their vital parts. However, this subconscious thought causes the will of your Sword Dao to fade. That is why your attack only injured him but failed to end him."

Mu Qingyun immediately grasped the wisdom in Long Chen's words and felt a deep admiration for him. His insight remained as keen as ever, and these simple words served as enlightenment to her. It seemed that being with him, it would be hard not to constantly advance.

“Big Sister Qingyun, you’re amazing!” Bai Xiaole couldn’t help praising her. He always felt great admiration for Mu Qingyun.

“Xiaole, how are your pupil arts so weak?” Long Chen turned and frowned at Bai Xiaole.

Bai Xiaole’s pupil art covered a huge range and contracted very fast. Even the Ghost Dao lifeform, with his fast reactions, was caught by it. That meant that this technique was very powerful.

However, despite being bound, the Ghost Dao lifeform still managed to easily escape. Long Chen didn’t know where the problem lay.

“Of course, he’s weak! This idiot could die of idiocy! Do you know how many months he took just to learn this one technique!? He didn’t even learn it properly! Long Chen, you’ve really conned me!”

Just then, a furious roar rang out, and a fox with violet eyes appeared on Bai Xiaole’s shoulder.

It was precisely the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox that Bai Xiaole had summoned back then.

Now, it was glaring at Long Chen so much that flames almost burst out of its head.

“You... you’re... What happened to you? How did you become so weak?” Long Chen almost couldn’t believe his eyes. Back in the three thousand worlds, this fox’s aura had been so terrifying. But now, it was only in the Immortal King realm.

“You have the face to speak?! Isn’t it all because of you?! After merging with this fellow, all my power was absorbed by him! Most hateful of all, this fellow is too stupid! He’s unable to use his pupil arts in unison with me. I’m really going to die of rage one day!” roared the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox.

Despite being cursed at, Bai Xiaole didn’t say a word. After all, forming a contract with this fox had bestowed upon Bai Xiaole a significant advantage. In contrast, the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox had endured immense suffering. Thus, Bai Xiaole bore the curses without protest.

“Wow, what a cute fox! I want this fox.”

Just as the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox was venting its anger, a group of people in the distance surrounded Long Chen and the others.

Chapter 4185: Unexpected Violet Blood

A group of people emerged in the distance, appearing to be young experts. There were seventy to eighty of them, and all of them were dressed extravagantly.

To Long Chen’s surprise, they were all Triple Supremes. Even after being in the Sage King Prefecture for so long, he had never seen a faction with so many young Triple Supremes before.

“Long Chen, they...!”

When Luo Bing and Luo Ning saw them, they were particularly shocked and hastily sent Long Chen a message.

“Don’t say anything for now. Let’s just watch first.”

The reason Luo Bing and Luo Ning were so shocked was because they could sense a powerful bloodline resonance with these people. These people were actually part of the Violet Blood race.

However, their Blood Qi was far stronger, and violet divine radiance flowed around them, bestowing upon them a majestic and sacred aura. It was clear that their bloodline was significantly purer than that of the Luo Clan.

As this was Luo Bing and Luo Ning's first time encountering the Violet Blood race in the outside world, they were incredibly excited. They directly wanted to greet them, but Long Chen stopped them.

Long Chen also sensed this resonance. Although his Spirit Blood had been taken away, in the end, he still had his mother's bloodline. Violet blood had once flowed through his veins as well.

However, Long Chen had a queer feeling about the appearance of these people. Luo Zichuan had never told Long Chen about their existence. While these people's violet blood was of high purity, it didn't reach Luo Zichuan's level. Furthermore, there seemed to be some slight differences between them and the Luo Clan. But as for what was different, Long Chen was unable to tell.

These people instantly surrounded Long Chen. Their leaders, a divinely handsome man and a peerlessly beautiful woman, advanced toward him. They looked like a golden couple, yet the inherent arrogance they radiated didn't sit well with those around them.

This woman was attracted to the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox on Bai Xiaole's shoulder and was very fascinated by it.

"Hey, are you selling that little fox? Perhaps we can trade other immemorial demonic beasts for it," said the woman.

The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox was still enraged, so for someone to treat it as a housepet for sale, its fury instantly switched targets. "You have a mental illness, don't you? If you have an illness, treat it. Don't provoke me here. I'm not in the mood."

"Oh, what a temper. We'll see how I treat that!"

Feeling enraged, she summoned a violet gold bell in her hand, and violet divine radiance filled the sky.

"An Eternal divine weapon?!"

When this bell appeared, Long Chen and the others couldn't hide their astonishment. Blood runes flowed on top of the bell, indicating that this was clearly an Eternal divine weapon belonging to their bloodline.

Upon feeling this aura, Long Chen instantly attacked, piercing a spear at the bell.

"Scram!"

As if long since expecting him, the man beside the woman unsheathed his sword, colliding against Long Chen's spear.

BOOM!

Everyone felt like the Heavenly Daos themselves had detonated, as the violent impact left them gasping for breath and forced them back.

On the other side, both Long Chen and that man grunted and took a few steps back, with each step causing the void to quiver and intense rumbling to resound.

That man's expression shifted noticeably. He clearly hadn't expected Long Chen to be so powerful. In that exchange, neither side had gained the upper hand.

Long Chen was equally taken aback. This man's Blood Qi was astonishing and seamlessly merged with the Heavenly Daos, which meant that he could use Heavenly Dao energy at will, and every single one of his movements was backed by the Heavenly Daos. Other than Luo Zichuan, Long Chen had never encountered someone with such a high level of merger with Heavenly Daos.

At this moment, the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox let out a startled cry. Violet runes had appeared on top of its body like a net binding it, and it began to fly toward the bell.

"Release it!"

Bai Xiaole shouted furiously. He swiftly formed hand seals, and a three-flower mark materialized in his eyes.

"Don't!" Long Chen shouted. The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox was now caught by the violet gold bell. If Bai Xiaole rashly tried to pull it back, it would be like smashing his eyes against the bell.

"A dragonfly trying to shake a tree!" The woman sneered mockingly at Bai Xiaole's efforts.

Buzz.

As the bell shuddered, Bai Xiaole screamed and blood gushed from his eyes.

However, to everyone's astonishment, even in the face of such an injury, Bai Xiaole refused to surrender. With blood streaming from his eyes, he bellowed, "Heavenly Eye Slashes the Cosmos!"

BOOM!

The three flowers then twisted, converging into a single blade. Receiving an impact from it, that woman grunted, her body swaying.

The violet gold bell had caught the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox in an invisible hand. Usually, this was a technique with a one-hundred-percent success rate that could catch anything.

However, Bai Xiaole's pupil art had forcibly severed that invisible hand, crushing her technique and even injuring her soul.

Looking at Bai Xiaole's bleeding eyes, Long Chen was enraged, his killing intent exploding out of him.

"Long Chen, don't!"

Seeing that gaze, Luo Bing and Luo Ning were horrified. With their understanding of Long Chen, they knew that a massacre was about to occur.

Luo Bing and Luo Ning grabbed his elbows, afraid of him attacking. If he were to attack, there would no longer be any room to talk.

“You idiot! Do you not want your life anymore?!” The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox flew back to Bai Xiaole’s side and cursed him furiously. Bai Xiaole’s eyes were covered in cracks, on the verge of shattering.

“They were going to take you away! I know I have no ability, and you’ve suffered by having to stay with me. So, the least I can do is go all-out for you!” said Bai Xiaole.

Bai Xiaole was currently blind, and his eyes burned like they were on fire. However, there was a rather foolish smile on his face now, a smile of remarkable innocence.

“You...” The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox was speechless. It seemed both vexed and moved.

“Long Chen, don’t! We can talk this through!” begged Luo Bing as she held onto Long Chen.

Bai Shishi was also blazing with killing intent. Her hand already turned gold, and her icy killing intent locked onto that woman.

Bai Xiaole was her little brother. Although the two didn’t get along well normally, for Bai Xiaole to be injured triggered a burning rage in her.

“Xin-er, what happened? Who dares to make things hard on my Violet Blood’s Xu family? Whose guts are that big?”

Just as Long Chen was hesitating about whether to kill this woman as revenge for Bai Xiaole, an enormous ship covered the sky.

Chapter 4186: Arrogant Xu Family

“Daddy, I saw a housepet that I wanted to buy, but they refused to acknowledge my kindness! They even insulted me!”

This woman instantly put on an aggrieved expression, as if she was the one being bullied.

Her sudden act of “thief crying thief” enraged Guo Ran and the others. She was the one who was unreasonable and rude as she tried to snatch the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox.

However, when everyone heard that these unreasonable people were from the Violet Blood race, they finally understood why Luo Bing and Luo Ning were holding onto Long Chen with their lives.

So these people were from the Violet Blood race just like Luo Bing and Luo Ning. However, they were too infuriating.

Everyone knew that Long Chen had a relationship with the Violet Blood race. However, they didn’t know just how deep that relationship was.

“Hmph, how brazen! If the sale doesn’t work, then that’s whatever. But to dare to harm my daughter, today, none of you will leave here alive!”

Like a flying fortress, the giant battleship stopped in front of them, unleashing the pressure of an entire world.

Following that, the door opened, and a middle-aged man in violet-gold robes and a violet-gold crown walked out.

He was an innate Heaven Venerate with violet qi swirling around him. Moreover, strange runes flowed within his eyes like the sun and moon. When his gaze swept over everyone, they all felt a chill in their bones, as though his gaze was seeing through all their secrets.

When he saw Long Chen though, he revealed a hint of surprise. But his expression grew odd when he looked at Luo Bing and Luo Ning.

“You’re from the Violet Blood’s Luo family?”

Luo Bing cupped her fists. “Reporting to senior, we are from the Violet Blood’s Luo family. There is a whole story for this matter. Senior, you cannot just listen to your daughter’s one-sided narration-”

“Since you’re from the Violet Blood race, there’s no need to say so much. Come over here. How can the noble Violet Blood race be with a bunch of rabble?” The middle-aged man interrupted her and frowned.

“Senior, you...” Luo Bing’s heart sank.

This man’s cultivation base and air showed that he had an extremely high status. Originally, Luo Bing had hoped that he would resolve this problem and make his daughter apologize to Bai Xiaole. Then their conflict could be settled.

However, he refused to even listen to her. His impatience and condescending attitude toward Long Chen and his companions left her feeling disheartened.

“Come over here now! This is an order!” barked the middle-aged man.

Upon hearing this, Luo Bing was gradually angered. This man was completely overbearing and as unreasonable as his daughter.

“Bring those two back. Don’t let them embarrass the Violet Blood race.” The middle-aged man impatiently gave orders when he saw Luo Bing and Luo Ning disobeying.

Two Heaven Venerates immediately walked over to them, ignoring Long Chen and the others.

“You’re the embarrassing bunch here. If you two dare to touch any one of us, I guarantee that you won’t see tomorrow’s sun,” declared Long Chen. He had reached his limit, so his voice was icy.

Long Chen had never heard of the Xu family of the Violet Blood race. According to reason, his grandfather wouldn’t conceal such a thing from him.

Moreover, his grandfather had endured in silence for so long, all for the sake of saving his people. However, he had never wanted to join forces with this Xu family. There had to be a reason.

Luo Zichuan had been willing to risk his life alone rather than work with the Xu family. Long Chen had been wondering why his grandpa did this when he first saw these people, but seeing how tyrannical they were, Long Chen immediately thought of one possibility.

Now, the Xu family actually wanted to take their people? Long Chen stood in their way, his hand on the Minghong Saber's hilt.

"Hahaha, who would have thought that there is someone so arrogant outside of my Xu family? Brat, my Xu family can be arrogant, but you can't. If you want to be arrogant, you should have the ability to back it up. Seize them! Execute anyone who gets in your way!" ordered the middle-aged man.

All this time, the Xu family's young disciples kept sneering disdainfully at Long Chen and the others, looking down on them as if they were a group of prisoners.

"The two of you still aren't coming?"

The two Heaven Venerates walked straight to Luo Bing and Luo Ning, who were seething with anger. The two sisters looked at the countless experts behind the middle-aged man and then at the few members on their side.

Luo Bing exchanged a meaningful look with Luo Ning, who promptly understood. After that, they stepped forward together.

"There's no need for you to do anything. We--"

"You cannot leave. As long as I am here, no one can bring you away," interrupted Long Chen.

Luo Bing and Luo Ning were unwilling to implicate Long Chen and the others. After all, the power disparity between the two sides was far too great. Although they harbored no good feelings toward this Xu family, considering that they were all from the Violet Blood race, the two sisters didn't think that the Xu family would make things hard on them.

"A mantis trying to stop a chariot."

Those two Heaven Venerates sneered and directly attacked. Their hands, bathed in violet divine radiance, extended toward Luo Bing and Luo Ning. At the same time, an imperceptible ripple surged toward Long Chen.

This was a spiritual attack, as they not only grabbed the two sisters but also used the Violet Blood race's specific Spiritual Strength to teach Long Chen a lesson.

Rather than calling it a lesson, it might be more appropriate to call it a shameless sneak attack. That was because the Violet Blood race's spiritual attack was very powerful, and someone who was caught off-guard or someone with weak Spiritual Strength might have their soul directly shattered.

These two were Heaven Venerates, and although on the surface they appeared to be grabbing Luo Bing and Luo Ning, in truth they were secretly attacking a little Immortal King. This act was not only shameless but also treacherous.

"Long Chen, don't!"

When the two used a spiritual attack on Long Chen, Luo Bing's expression completely changed. She saw Long Chen's eyes transform into the coldest expression she had ever witnessed.

Before Long Chen understood the relationship between the Luo family and the Xu family, he didn't actually want to kill anyone. But his fury could no longer be contained.

Just as Luo Bing let out a startled cry, the Minghong Saber flew out of its sheath, colliding against the two Heaven Venerates' spiritual attacks.

The saber was like a divine dragon flying out of the sea. Its heaven-shaking saber cry erupted along with icy killing intent, as well as Long Chen's will.

As a result, the spiritual attacks were like eggs smashing into a city wall, instantly shattering.

Following that, the Minghong Saber slashed toward them.

Seeing this scene, the middle-aged man representing the Xu family was startled and swiftly raised his hand. However, just as he was about to interfere, his gaze shifted toward an empty space.

At that precise moment, two heads flew into the air, and a cascade of violet blood rained down.

Chapter 4187: Fight?

With a slash of the saber, two Heaven Venerates became headless corpses, unable to form the slightest bit of resistance in front of that saber.

Although these two elders were not innate Heaven Venerates, they were still incredibly powerful. But they should not have sneak attacked Long Chen.

When their spiritual attack was shattered by Long Chen's will, the backlash shook their souls. With their souls in chaos, their minds practically turned blank. As a result, Long Chen's saber could instantly sever their necks while they stood there like blockheads. In essence, their fates were sealed the instant they attacked Long Chen.

As the two Heaven Venerates of the Xu family were slain, a cascade of violet blood rained down. Seeing this scene, Luo Bing sighed. It was over. This enmity could no longer be settled.

However, Xia Chen, Guo Ran, and the others almost clapped. This retribution was perfect as these fellows were too hateful.

After a moment of shock, the Xu family's experts were enraged. Their disciples then took out their weapons, their eyes blazing with killing intent.

However, what startled them was that their mighty family head didn't do anything after that. Some of them looked at him, only to see him staring at a certain space.

When they followed his gaze, they noticed that a large man like an iron tower had appeared in the air behind Long Chen and the others at some point.

This man appeared to be in his thirties, with tanned skin and flowing long hair that cascaded naturally. Not a hint of his aura leaked, rendering it impossible to discern his cultivation level.

Standing in the air, he was like a nail that had been nailed into heaven and earth. If they hadn't seen him here, they wouldn't have been able to sense his existence at all. However, when they did look at him, it was like their souls were clutched by an invisible hand.

It was as though just a thought from him would be enough to wipe out all life. He was silent, just looking at the Xu family's head.

This individual was the master of the Battle God Palace, and his arrival at this pivotal moment was not by chance. Long Chen had summoned him.

Back then, Bai Zhantang had given Long Chen a spiritual jade. If something that he couldn't deal with by himself happened, he could activate it and the palace master would personally come.

Long Chen had already activated the spiritual jade when he decided to kill these people. That was the reason the Xu family head had abruptly stopped just now. Only he had managed to sense the presence of the Battle God Palace's master.

"Fight?"

The palace master eyed the Xu family head for a long time before finally spitting out a single word. This one word contained a heaven-shaking battle intent, and the very laws of the world changed because of it.

Seeing that this existence could cause the heavens to quiver and the earth to rock with one word, the Xu family's experts were all shocked and terrified. They had to circulate all their power just to resist this invisible pressure.

Xia Chen, Guo Ran, Bai Shishi, Bai Xiaole, and the others were all excited. They hadn't expected the Battle God Palace's master to be so terrifying. He was practically a god. With the support of such a terrifying expert, who would they need to fear?

"Who are you?" demanded the Xu family head.

The palace master simply looked at him coldly, not replying. He was frighteningly silent.

"He is the High Firmament Academy's Battle God Palace's master! His name... his name isn't for the likes of you to know!" shouted Guo Ran. The main thing was that Guo Ran didn't know his name either.

Let alone him, even Long Chen and Bai Shishi didn't know it. The palace master's identity was top secret in the High Firmament Academy.

"High Firmament Academy?" The Xu family head's expression twitched.

Standing beside Long Chen, Guo Ran replied, "That's right! And this person is our High Firmament Academy's youngest dean in all of history, Dean Long Chen! Isn't your Xu family very arrogant? Using numbers and seniority to bully juniors, why don't you just keep going? The palace master has already said what needs to be said. Are you fighting or not?"

Seeing that the palace master was such a terrifying existence, Guo Ran immediately used him to put these people in their place. He wished that they would try to fight the palace master.

“Family head, let me.”

Just then, a person appeared beside the family head. He had violet runes covering his entire body, looking like tattoos.

“What powerful Blood Qi!”

Sensing his power, Guo Ran and the others were startled. Luo Bing and Luo Ning in particular jumped in shock. This person’s violet blood had been condensed to the pinnacle and was erupting like a volcano. With him around, the world grew illusory, like everything was underwater.

This was a terrifying innate Heaven Venerate. He had been behind the family head the entire time, and no one had noticed him. But now that he stepped forward, heaven and earth changed because of his existence.

When he circulated his violet blood, it felt like heaven and earth were recognizing him as master. The power of heaven and earth was his to command.

“His violet blood energy is even purer than our family head’s!” exclaimed Luo Bing.

“It’s powerful but not necessarily purer,” said Long Chen, shaking his head.

Long Chen had once exchanged blows with Luo Zichuan, and Luo Zichuan had personally taught him. Thus, Long Chen knew far more about Luo Zichuan’s power than them.

Back then, Luo Zichuan was only in the Immortal King realm, but his violet blood’s purity far surpassed that of this innate Heaven Venerate. The only reason Luo Bing had such a feeling was because she was unable to tell the difference between quality and quantity.

When this innate Heaven Venerate stepped forward, the palace master’s eyes lit up. A divine radiance that made people shudder flickered in his eyes.

“Hold it!”

Suddenly, the Xu family head stopped this innate Heaven Venerate. Looking at the palace master, he said, “It was nothing more than a minor matter. There’s no need to fight.”

“Family head, you...!” That innate Heaven Venerate was stunned. He hadn’t expected the family head to really retreat. He almost couldn’t believe it. It had to be known that Long Chen had just slain two of their experts!

The rest of the Xu family were also stunned. Just who was this palace master to be capable of making the Xu family retreat?

“Dad?”

That girl called Xin-er looked at Bai Xiaole’s Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox, clearly unwilling to let it go. After all, she had never been denied anything she wanted.

“We’re leaving!”

This time, even the family head who pampered her did not listen. Just as he turned away...

“Hold it!”

This time, it was Long Chen’s turn.

“Brat, do you want to die?”

The man who led the Xu family’s young disciples turned to him furiously, his killing intent exploding out of him.

However, Long Chen didn’t even look at him. He instead turned his gaze to Bai Xiaole.

“Xiaole, what do you want? You are my brother, and you cannot be bullied for nothing. Do you want her eyes or her life? Boss will help you find justice.”

Upon hearing this, the expressions of all the Xu family’s people changed. They all clutched their weapons angrily.

Chapter 4188: Fight or Fuck Off

That girl called Xin-er had tried to forcibly take the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox. She was tyrannical and even used an Eternal divine weapon directly, nearly causing permanent damage to Bai Xiaole’s eyes.

It had to be known that Bai Xiaole cultivated pupil arts. If his eyes were permanently damaged, he would be a complete cripple. Such an outcome would be even more agonizing than death for him.

From top to bottom, not one person in the Xu family was reasonable. The younger ones tried to take the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox, and the older ones tried to capture the Luo sisters. Due to this, Long Chen’s fury could not be quelled any longer.

He no longer cared about any misgivings. Who gave a shit about the relationship between the Xu family and the Luo family now? The most important thing was to get justice for Bai Xiaole.

“As I see it, you’ve gone insane! If you want to die so badly, I’ll kill you right here and now!”

That Xin-er bellowed furiously. When she heard Long Chen’s demand for either her eyes or her life, her eyes became filled with a murderous intent. She summoned her violet-gold bell once more into her hand.

The rest of the Xu family were also shocked and enraged. Long Chen was practically not placing the Xu family in his eyes, causing the Xu family head to seethe with anger. He had taken a step back, but this fellow actually pushed him even further.

Bai Xiaole remained silent, and it was the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox on his shoulder who said, “No need. This is our enmity, and we will exact our own vengeance. Have them scam. Brat of the Xu family, just wait. I’ve remembered this enmity. The next time we meet, you will regret your foolishness.”

The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox glared at the woman. To be treated as a mere housepet to be seized was a profound insult to the proud and arrogant creature.

“A little fox dares to say such big words! The next time we meet, I’ll turn your fur into a scarf!” sneered Xin-er.

"It's meaningless to say vicious words now. If you have the power, use it at the Sage King Convention!" said the young man of the Xu family. He had exchanged a single blow with Long Chen and actually wanted to fight him again, but the family head refused to permit him to do this.

The Xu family then returned to their giant ship and slowly flew off. Once it was far off in the distance, Xia Chen, who had been examining the giant ship the entire time, suddenly cried out.

"That ship is actually an Eternal divine weapon!"

"What? How can there be such an enormous Eternal divine weapon?" Guo Ran was stunned.

Bai Shishi and the others were also shocked. If this giant ship was really an Eternal divine weapon, then its power would be enough to destroy the entire world, no?

"Thank you for your work, palace master."

Long Chen cupped his fists to the palace master to express his thanks. If it hadn't been for him coming, they would have been doomed today.

"It's too bad. Just a bit off. Next time, work harder." The palace master looked at the battleship regretfully and sighed before vanishing.

The palace master's words befuddled everyone here. They didn't know what he was referring to when he said just a little bit off.

The disturbance here had drawn the attention of countless people. However, they didn't dare to reveal themselves in front of the Xu family head and the palace master. They could only hide in the distance and observe.

In truth, the moment they fought Gui Xuan, people already started observing from a distance. However, they simply didn't dare to get too close.

Just as a large batch of experts were closing in on them, the Xu family's people came. When both the Xu family head and the palace master unleashed their divine might, those people didn't dare to approach, afraid of getting caught in their battle.

"Long Chen, you dare to swindle me! Hand over my treasures and I'll spare your life!"

Just then, the devil expert who had won the auction of Long Chen's second bronze cauldron appeared.

Just like Gui Xuan, he had been swindled by Long Chen. Back then, Gui Xuan had furiously slain that innate Heaven Venerate of the Soaring Dragon Company, throwing everything into chaos.

Because Long Chen had escaped back then, Gui Xuan and this devil elder could only cast their fury on the Soaring Dragon Company's people.

They really did think that Long Chen and the Soaring Dragon Company had worked together to swindle them. Witnessing their wrath, the Soaring Dragon Company's experts could only flee in terror, knowing that any attempts to explain would be futile.

They had worked hard to set up this auction, only for it to be blown apart. After venting his anger, the devil expert mobilized all his people to search for Long Chen's tracks.

As for Gui Xuan, he knew that Long Chen wasn't in this region, so he waited for Long Chen to return to his base.

His battle with Long Chen then alerted the others, and the devil expert immediately rushed over, only to see that a battle was about to erupt between the palace master and the Xu family head.

The palace master's divine might had terrified everyone, including this devil expert, who was a powerful innate Heaven Venerate. Even though they were both innate Heaven Venerates, this devil expert knew that he was a far cry from being a match for the palace master.

Due to this, he only dared to come out after the palace master left. Although he spoke firmly, people knew that he was intimidated.

"It was a fair deal, and you simply lost the gamble. I've never said that the bronze cauldron was the Heaven Earth Cauldron. The Soaring Dragon Company was the one who pushed that rumor. As for all of you, you were willing to test your luck, so why are you blaming others? There were so many people there, but they didn't fall for it. Why did you two fall for it? You can only blame your own fate for drawing you into this tribulation," snorted Long Chen.

Trying to reclaim what Long Chen had seized? This fellow truly didn't know Long Chen.

"You... you damnable human race, are you forcing me to drag you down with me?!" roared the devil expert.

"What has entered my hands never leaves. Acting shamelessly has no effect on me, so either fight or fuck off," sneered Long Chen. Just like that, he swaggered past the onlookers, going deeper into the human race's territory.

"You...!" The devil expert trembled with rage, about to go crazy. However, he didn't dare to attack Long Chen for fear of the curse.

"Patriarch, as long as you give the order, we'll slaughter them," said one of the devil race's heavenly geniuses. Hearing his words, tens of thousands of the devil race's disciples stepped forward.

"If you dare to attack, not one of you brats of the devil race will leave this region alive." Just then, another cold voice rang out.

Following that, millions of experts appeared; they were the Starry River Sect's disciples. Upon learning that Long Chen was battling some experts here, they swiftly assembled.

Since many of them were in seclusion comprehending the star diagrams, they only brought this many people. But all the free ones had come.

The Starry River line had many people. Furthermore, all of them were powerful, so those devil experts turned pale when they appeared. Just these disciples were enough to completely crush them. If they were to fight, all the devil experts might be completely exterminated.

Just like that, Long Chen and the others swaggered out of their view, and not one of the devil experts dared to move.

Chapter 4189: Little Nine

The palace master and the Xu family head hadn't actually exchanged blows. But a single word from the palace master was enough to terrify countless innate Heaven Venerates.

These devil experts had planned to force Long Chen to hand over the Eternal corpses and Eternal divine weapons, but a single word from the palace master left them utterly terrified.

The appearance of the palace master intimidated countless people, and they now understood why Long Chen had the audacity to plunder the Soaring Dragon Company. So he actually had such a terrifying expert supporting him.

Seeing Long Chen leave, the devil experts could only clench their teeth furiously. As for the Soaring Dragon Company's people, the survivors had long since fled in every direction, and the unlucky ones could only become resentful ghosts.

The Soaring Dragon Company might be powerful, but its power was spread throughout an extremely wide area. Due to constantly doing business everywhere, it was very difficult to gather all their experts.

Given their immense power, they had never dreamed that Long Chen would trick them like this. As for those two swindled fellows, they were driven to extreme actions and began slaughtering the people of the Soaring Dragon Company.

The Soaring Dragon Company also became a huge laughingstock because of this matter, and Long Chen was given the title of a supreme swindler.

This supreme swindler had profited immensely. In front of countless gazes, he swaggered back to the High Firmament Academy.

When Long Chen returned to the academy, he found that it had become much more peaceful. There were more outsiders present studying the stone tablets, but now they were all very obedient.

Let alone causing trouble, not one person even raised their voice. They all followed the rules religiously. When they saw Long Chen, their gazes were worshipful.

"A group of idiots with no skill. Give them an inch, and they'll demand a yard," Luo Ning scoffed, her disdain for such individuals evident. She held people like them in the lowest regard.

Previously, they had voiced all sorts of complaints against the High Firmament Academy, despite being granted free access. But upon Long Chen's arrival, they all became obedient children.

"Brother Long, were you looking for me?"

Long Chen had just returned to the High Firmament Academy when Xu Changchuan arrived with over ten of the Fullmoon race's experts.

Two of those experts had veiled auras, so they must be true experts. It seemed that Xu Jianxiong was so worried about Xu Changchuan that he had two of their top experts guarding him.

When Xu Changchuan arrived, he greeted everyone. After all, he was once a disciple of the High Firmament Academy.

"I have something important to give. I've been too busy lately, so it wasn't convenient for me to go to you," said Long Chen.

More and more experts had now arrived in the Sage King Prefecture, so the various territories were becoming rather complex. If Long Chen were to travel to the demonic beast race's territory again, he might have to fight through several factions.

Long Chen might not be afraid of them, but he really didn't have that much time at the moment. He could only send word to the Fullmoon race to send someone over.

"This is...!"

When Long Chen handed the world stone to Xu Changchuan, the latter almost couldn't believe what he was seeing. The Fullmoon Rhinoceros's corpse was lying inside of it.

"This is a major matter. We have to return immediately and show it to the race leader!" The two elders behind Xu Changchuan also checked the contents of the world stone and were even more excited than he was.

It was an ancestor of the Fullmoon race, an Eternal expert. Moreover, the corpse was perfectly intact, so perhaps they could inherit many of its divine ability runes. This corpse was truly a priceless treasure for them.

This matter was too important for their race, so Xu Changchuan couldn't bother with courtesies. After saying goodbye to Long Chen, he rushed back in a hurry.

After all, such a major affair had to go through the race leader. They would need to immediately discuss just how to deal with this corpse.

After dealing with the Fullmoon race's matter, Long Chen returned to the inner academy. He then checked on Bai Xiaole's eyes and couldn't help but gasp.

"You little brat, you were just a bit away from crippling your eyes! What on earth possessed you to act so impulsively?! With your boss present, no one can bully you," cursed Long Chen.

The meridians in Bai Xiaole's eyes were severed into tiny bits. Fortunately, their positions were still correct, and they could be reconnected. If they were instead blasted everywhere, no one could save his eyes.

"I wasn't thinking. But anyone who dares to take my Little Nine must be stopped with my full power!" Bai Xiaole smiled foolishly.

"Little Nine?"

Everyone stared at him in confusion.

"How many times have I told you not to call me Little Nine?! I'm older than your grandparents!" The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox once more appeared and cursed him.

Long Chen and the others almost burst into laughter. The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox was a desolate species that was famous everywhere. Its body could cover up the sky and sun, so the name of Little Nine was rather comical.

Bai Xiaole didn't respond to the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox's curse, still smiling foolishly. However, his eyes were lightless, and his appearance was distressing.

Long Chen solemnly said, "Little Nine, let me tell you—"

"I already said not to call me that! Are you deaf?!" roared the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox.

"Then what do I call you? Little Tail?"

"Little Violet?"

"Little Pupil?"

"Little Fox?"

Long Chen listed off several names.

"Fine, just call me Little Nine!"

The Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox seemed to accept its fate. When these were the options, it seemed only Little Nine was a bit better.

Long Chen continued, "This foolish brother of mine isn't truly foolish. It's just that he has a foolish father who has beaten him ever since he was a child, resulting in him having some deficiencies in his mind. The more you howl and shout at him, the more his head turns blank just like a fool. Since you've already formed a contract with him, you will share fates in the future. You need to understand, help, and support each other, as you now share wins and losses. I know you've suffered by forming a contract with Xiaole. Your powerful cultivation base was suppressed to this point, so you naturally must not feel good..."

Long Chen's words made the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox much calmer. It seemed rather pleased. Long Chen then continued, "However, you can also see that while he might be foolish at times, his feelings toward you are sincere. He is willing to risk his life for you and even almost crippled his eyes. His eyes are more important than his life, and you are even more important than his eyes. Why don't you tell me just how he treats you?"

Hearing this, the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox looked at Bai Xiaole with a complicated expression. It truly was moved that Bai Xiaole had risked everything for it. That was something that it had not expected.

After all, while it was with Bai Xiaole, it constantly cursed and scolded Bai Xiaole. It hadn't expected Bai Xiaole to treat it this nice.

"In truth, Bai Xiaole is very smart and talented. You've now gained the inheritance of the Six Dao Heavenly Eye, so you should try to study it calmly. I believe that you will make unimaginable gains if you do so," said Long Chen.

“That’s enough. You prattle on so much that it becomes annoying. We don’t need you to manage our affairs. We’ll deal with it ourselves. Xiaole, we’re leaving. We’re going to heal,” said the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox with a snort, dragging Bai Xiaole away.

Watching as they left, Long Chen smiled. After going through this tribulation, the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox and Bai Xiaole’s relationship had improved. If the Violet Pupil Nine Tail Fox sincerely accepted Bai Xiaole, then once their souls merged, their power would definitely be astonishing.

BOOM!

Suddenly, the High Firmament Academy swayed, delighting Bai Shishi.

“The High Firmament Palace has appeared! Let’s take a look!”

Chapter 4190: High Firmament Palace

The High Firmament Academy’s core region was an area that not even the academy’s disciples could get close to.

Inside that core region was the High Firmament Palace, the final building of the academy to appear. The reason why the disciples weren’t allowed there was because this palace wasn’t a region where the weak could enter.

If a person’s life was not tough enough, they would directly die inside. After all, the High Firmament Palace contained the High Firmament Academy’s highest level tomes.

Afraid of the disciples losing their lives for nothing, the higher-ups didn’t allow anyone to go near the palace even before it fully emerged.

Now that it finally appeared, all the High Firmament Academy’s disciples rushed over to take a look, and by the time Long Chen and the others arrived, there were already hundreds of thousands of disciples around it.

“When did our High Firmament Academy have so many experts?” asked Long Chen.

“We’ve never been lacking talented disciples. We just like to keep them hidden.” Just then, a burst of fragrance washed over them.

“Mom?” Bai Shishi cried out in delight. The speaker was her mother.

Her mother smiled warmly at Bai Shishi and remarked, “You’re finally acting like a girl instead of a block of ice. Good.”

“Mom!”

Bai Shishi blushed. The fact that she understood what her mother was saying was already proof that she had changed, and this change was brought on by Long Chen.

“Greetings, Aunt.” Long Chen cupped his fists toward his future mother-in-law.

“We’re all a family. There’s no need for such courtesies.”

Upon hearing this sentence, Bai Shishi's blush deepened. Her mother was talking far too frankly for her liking, so she hastily changed the subject.

"Mom, why didn't you tell me that you are coming? And where is my other mother?"

This other mother referred to Bai Xiaole's mother. It was perhaps Bai Shishi's first time voluntarily referring to her as her own mother.

Previously, Bai Shishi had been very cold to her own mother, Bai Xiaole's mother, and her father. After all, she had been unable to accept two women sharing one man. However, after encountering Long Chen, she found that it didn't matter how high your cultivation base was, you could only accept your fate.

As she lowered her head to love, she finally understood her mother. Now, when she looked at her mother, the familiar maternal bond from her childhood seemed to have rekindled.

"Your other mother is looking after Xiaole. After all, he is injured, and his injury distresses her badly. But the palace master only let her visit him at this time. Let's not talk about it. Your father and the palace master have entered the High Firmament Palace. We can go in as well." Bai Shishi's mother held her daughter's hand and walked in with everyone.

When they walked through the gate, a towering palace appeared in front of them. But curiously, this palace was impossible to see from the outside.

Once they walked through the gate, an ancient and sacred aura washed over them. The palace was decked in glorious splendor, its divine light washing over everything. It felt like there were dragons swimming around the palace, bestowing it with their light.

The sacred aura enveloped all, instilling a profound sense of reverence in those who approached. In front of this palace, Long Chen felt himself to be miniscule, as though he was standing in the river of history, watching as time flowed around him. Even as time flowed rapidly around this palace, it stood eternal.

It was like a spectator watching the time pass. The spectator had watched the rise and fall of the nine heavens and ten lands. Regretfully, it could not express what it saw, or perhaps it should be said that it did not wish to express it.

Three gilded characters were written on a horizontal sign board, but Long Chen didn't recognize these characters. Actually, they didn't resemble characters but appeared more like runes with complex lines, almost like mystical formations.

They exuded an aura of soaring beyond the clouds and standing at the peak of the ten thousand Daos, embodying a supreme will that transcended all life.

This aura had the feeling of looking down on everything beneath the heavens, like that of an overbearing bully. It was a feeling that made people willing to kowtow and worship it.

Although no one recognized these characters, they could guess their meaning. These three characters were High Firmament Palace.

These characters should be first-generation Jiuli immortal characters. Long Chen could read third-generation Jiuli immortal characters and recognize a few second-generation characters, but he didn't recognize any first-generation Jiuli immortal characters.

There were countless disciples wearing robes of the High Firmament Academy outside the High Firmament Palace. Long Chen also saw many disciples wearing similar robes, but there was a large Battle character emblazoned on their chests.

Seeing Long Chen eyeing those disciples, Bai Shishi's mother said, "Those are disciples of the Battle God Palace. They have a different system from the academy."

Long Chen nodded. The High Firmament Academy had its own plans, and this time, for the Sage King Convention, they summoned their hidden experts one by one.

However, even these disciples could only mill around the outside of the High Firmament Palace. After all, the immense pressure exuding from the High Firmament Palace was so great that they had to gradually get accustomed to it before they could enter.

As for Long Chen and the others, they directly walked through a barrier of light at the gate. When Long Chen passed through this barrier, he felt some kind of mysterious ripple go through his body.

It was an extremely odd feeling, and it seemed to be directed at his heart, as if it was asking his heart a question. As for how his heart responded, even he himself didn't know.

Long Chen glanced at Bai Shishi and the others and saw that they didn't seem to have sensed anything. Long Chen couldn't help being curious. Could it be that this mysterious ripple only affected him?

Beyond this gate lay countless figures, with many more layers of divine light and gates stretching ahead.

"These are the gates of destiny," explained Bai Shishi's mother. "There are three levels, each consisting of three gates. However, you can only access the palace's interior if you pass through all nine gates of destiny. Within the palace, the secrets of the Grand Dao are enshrined, but if you want to learn about them, you need a strong life. Without it, your longevity will be stripped away and you will die inside. Here, the main requirement as to whether or not you can enter is the toughness of your life. If you feel a stabbing pain in your soul, you must immediately stop. The High Firmament Palace might not be able to defy the heavens and change your fate, but as our High Firmament Academy's sacred land, it can help change your karmic luck. However, every person's karmic luck has an upper limit. If you reach that limit and still can't pass through the nine gates, it can only be said that you have no destiny with the High Firmament Palace," she concluded.

While speaking, they all passed through seven layers of light. It was when they reached the eighth gate that Zhong Ling and Zhong Xiu felt that it was getting difficult to proceed.

Bai Shishi's mother told them not to force it. At this time, they basically had entered and just needed some time to adjust.

The two sisters were very obedient. After feeling like it was getting too much, they stopped while Long Chen and the others continued on.

Once they were through the nine layers of light, they reached the palace gate of the High Firmament Palace. The moment Long Chen set foot on it, a vast pressure crashed down on him.