

Chapter 4331: Seeking Blood

When Long Chen entered the mountain valley, a powerful surge of primal chaos qi engulfed him. While it wasn't as dense as the primal chaos qi in the primal chaos eye, it far exceeded the concentration found in the humanless world.

Inside this valley, the Dragonblood warriors were sitting in meditative state, crazily absorbing the dense primal chaos qi.

"Boss!"

When Xia Chen and Guo Ran saw Long Chen, they immediately put down what they were working on and ran over.

"How is it?" asked Long Chen.

"It's going well! It's even better than we expected! Our brothers are absorbing so much primal chaos qi without any issues. We are using a support formation to fine-tune the density to a level perfectly suited for their bodies," said Guo Ran.

"It's too bad that it wasn't Gu Yang, Li Qi, and the others who went with you to the primal chaos eye. The two of us practically wasted that chance," said Xia Chen regretfully. Due to their weak bodies, the two of them had not managed to absorb much from the primal chaos eye.

Long Chen smiled slightly. Some things simply couldn't be forced. After all, the three of them couldn't afford to bring anyone else with them to the humanless world, as only the three of them could cooperate so flawlessly. If one more person had been brought, they might not have lived to tell the tale.

"How long do you think it will take for their bodies to reach full saturation and be ready to undergo tribulation?" asked Long Chen.

"Half a month would be the fastest. But even if we're slow, it won't take more than a month," said Xia Chen.

Long Chen nodded. That was quite fast. This way, their cultivation speed would not fall behind anyone else.

As the gate was gradually opening, the laws were stabilizing, quickly reaching equilibrium.

It probably wouldn't be long before all the powerful experts started undergoing tribulation at once. When their tribulations started, it would push the gate open bit by bit.

Therefore, undergoing tribulation before the gate fully opened was crucial, but that shouldn't be a problem with the Dragonblood Legion's speed.

"However, boss, we do have one problem," said Guo Ran.

"What is it?"

“Many of our brothers didn’t enter the three thousand worlds, so they lack the nourishment of good dragon blood, and their Dragon Blood Body Tempering Art has weakened a great deal. Although Xia Chen and I have gathered some dragon blood, it’s not of very high quality. If we are unable to make up for this difference, it will pose a major problem when we form up into a formation. After all, the Dragon Blood Body Tempering Art is the foundation that links us when we join forces,” said Guo Ran worriedly.

This was a problem that had worried him for a long time. He and Xia Chen had been thinking of how to get more dragon blood ever since the Sage King Convention ended.

The Huayun Trading Company had provided them with assistance, and they had acquired a significant amount of dragon blood. However, the quality fell short in comparison to the dragon blood they had collected in the three thousand worlds.

The pressing issue was the quantity. It was only enough for a few dozen people to absorb. Furthermore, if they were to absorb different types of essence blood, it would mess up their formations.

Just the day before, they had received reports from the Huayun Trading Company that their warehouse had no true dragon essence blood. If they wanted to gather some, they would need to do a large-scale search. However, such a large-scale search was too time-consuming and demanded an excessive amount of effort, which they couldn’t afford to spare.

In principle, this was a problem that they should have handled on their own. They couldn’t have Long Chen handling every minor issue, or he would never have a moment for himself. However, they truly couldn’t think of anything at the moment.

“Dragon blood...”

Long Chen also felt a headache coming. Dragon blood? Where was he supposed to get dragon blood from? It would be best to obtain it now because their tribulations were coming. With the power of the heavenly tribulation, they could merge the dragon blood and primal chaos qi into their bodies to unlock their full potential.

All of a sudden, Long Chen’s eyes brightened. He gritted his teeth and said, “You two keep going. I’ll be back soon.”

Long Chen ran off. In a short moment, he was standing in front of the palace master.

“You want my essence blood?” The palace master was dumbfounded.

When Long Chen saw the palace master, he jumped in shock. The palace master’s aura was unstable, like the surging tide. Even just standing in front of him, Long Chen could feel a powerful pressure pressing down on him.

“Palace master, you... you became a true Eternal?” Long Chen cried out in shock. The palace master had actually advanced in such a short time.

“I was originally just one step from Eternity. So, when the primal chaos qi erupted, I directly advanced. However, this is a top secret of the academy, so don’t go telling anyone about it. I’m waiting for those displeasing fellows to send themselves to my door,” said the palace master.

Long Chen's heart shook. The palace master had just advanced to the Eternal realm, but his aura was even more terrifying than those old Eternals of the humanless world.

Before this, Long Chen had been a bit worried, but now, he was at ease. Even if all the humanless world's experts came to attack the High Firmament Academy, there was nothing to fear.

"Palace master, my brothers cultivate the Dragon Blood Body Tempering Art, but because of some circumstances, they have large gaps in their cultivation bases. So, I'm wondering if you could kindly provide a few drops of your essence blood as a guide to reconsolidate their Dragon Blood Body Tempering Arts. Could you do me this favor?" asked Long Chen with a hint of anxiety.

The palace master was no petty person. However, as someone from the dragon race, he was extremely prideful and valued his bloodline a lot. Long Chen couldn't be certain that he would readily part with his essence blood.

"It's no problem if you want my essence blood. But I've just advanced, so its power is extremely explosive at the moment. Are you sure that they can absorb it? A single mistake could result in terrible consequences," warned the palace master.

Long Chen was delighted to hear that the palace master didn't refuse, so he quickly reassured him, "Palace master, don't worry. I am an alchemist. I can expel that explosive power and keep just the essence."

Following that, the palace master extended his hand, and his five fingers curved like hooks. Streaks of blood-colored lightning appeared between his fingers. Then, a minuscule drop of blood materialized. This drop of blood was no larger than a grain of rice, yet it caused the room to tremble, and the void thundered violently. It was as if this tiny drop of blood held enough power to obliterate the entire world.

The drop of blood continued to grow until it reached the size of a chicken egg. Space began to contort, resembling a compressed star on the brink of detonation, threatening to destroy the world.

"That's enough! Palace master, that's more than enough!" Long Chen cried out. This essence blood was incomparably precious, so Long Chen had only requested a few drops to enhance his brothers' Dragon Blood Body Tempering Arts.

Long Chen hadn't planned to increase their power with it because doing so required an exorbitant amount of essence blood. Long Chen didn't even dare to request such a favor. To his surprise though, the palace master instantly condensed hundreds of drops of essence blood, causing Long Chen to panic.

"My dragon race isn't so petty. Back then, you helped me out, so this can count as repaying the favor."

Finally, a fist-sized globe of blood appeared in front of Long Chen. Staring at it, Long Chen gulped, unable to even speak.

Chapter 4332: Switching Blood

"Many thanks, palace master!"

Long Chen offered a deep bow to the palace master, recognizing the immensity of this great favor.

After all, the palace master had just advanced to the Eternal realm, and it was all too easy for his realm to fall from such an impact. Seeing the palace master's aura weaken after giving him so much essence blood, Long Chen couldn't help but feel moved and somewhat guilty.

"Go. They can absorb as much as they can. If it's not enough, come find me. If it's too much, remember to return it to me," the palace master instructed, his voice hoarse, bearing the strain of expelling such a significant amount of essence blood.

Long Chen nodded in understanding and carefully stored the essence blood in the Earth Cauldron, not daring to come into direct contact with it. After all, the energy contained within it was too violent. If he handled it improperly, it would blow him apart.

Long Chen immediately left, knowing that the palace master needed to quickly recuperate. He didn't wish to impose any further delay and just etched this favor deeply into his heart.

When Long Chen returned to his residence, he immediately started refining the essence blood. After all, the palace master's essence blood was too violent and couldn't be directly absorbed.

Also, his essence blood possessed the power of Eternity. Let alone the Dragonblood warriors, even if Long Chen tried to absorb a drop of it, he would instantly explode. This was the difference in realms that couldn't be bridged. If the Dragonblood warriors could absorb Eternal blood and instantly become Eternal experts, it would undoubtedly throw the Heavenly Daos into chaos.

Thus, the first thing to do was to eliminate its violent power and the power of Eternity. This was a laborious task, but fortunately, Long Chen had the Earth Cauldron. Otherwise, he wouldn't have asked the palace master for his essence blood.

Not only did he have the Earth Cauldron, but he also had Huo Linger by his side. Huo Linger's Ice Soul energy had grown increasingly pure, and she also possessed the powers of the Moon Flame and Sun Flame. Hence, her efficiency in refining this essence blood was nothing short of astonishing.

Originally, Long Chen had thought that refining it would take at least seven days. However, to his surprise, it was completed in a mere three days, and not only was the essence blood purified, but there was even more of it than before.

It was originally only the size of a fist, but now this globe of blood was three feet wide. There was no way around it, Long Chen couldn't risk letting the Dragonblood warriors directly absorb the palace master's blood.

Although this essence blood was now much gentler without the power of Eternity and its violent nature, it still possessed the power and will of the barbarian dragon race. Hence, to ensure safety, Long Chen diluted it to a ratio of one part in a hundred for the Dragonblood warriors to absorb.

On this day, Long Chen gathered the Dragonblood warriors and told them about the origin of this essence blood. When they learned that the palace master had taken the risk of lowering his realm to give them this essence blood, a profound sense of gratitude washed over them.

The moment Long Chen took out this globe of blood, the Dragonblood warriors' bodies rumbled. Their very own dragon blood power responded, circulating through their bodies rapidly. It was an instinctual reverence for the dragon blood.

“Are you ready?” shouted Long Chen.

“Ready!”

The Dragonblood warriors shouted in unison. Their eyes were full of thirst to get stronger.

Long Chen formed hand seals and pressed a hand against the globe of blood. Following that, needles of blood extended out of the blood sphere, stabbing into the chests of the Dragonblood warriors.

The Dragonblood warriors quivered, sensing an intense heat akin to lava surging into their chests. After that, the dragon blood in them ignited and was expelled from their bodies. In its place, the new dragon blood asserted itself tyrannically, transforming their bloodline.

“AHH!”

Just as this trace of blood entered their bodies, one miserable shriek rang out, and it came from Guo Ran.

Xia Chen had to undergo the same transformation with his weak physical body. In fact, his physique was likely even weaker than Guo Ran's, so the process was much more painful for him, yet he hadn't even screamed.

“Shut the hell up! What right do you have to scream?” Xia Chen kicked Guo Ran in the butt, causing the latter to fall to the ground and roll about.

Xia Chen was enduring immense pain, but seeing Guo Ran rolling about like that, he almost laughed. This fellow really didn't have the slightest shame.

The other Dragonblood warriors had long since gotten used to this sight. They all knew that Guo Ran hated pain the most. In this regard, he was inferior even to the female warriors of the healing squad.

Long Chen almost coughed up blood from rage when he saw Guo Ran acting like this. What was he doing?

Xia Chen directly slammed a palm on the back of Guo Ran's neck, causing him to pass out. The screams came to a stop, and the world was peaceful again.

“Fine, you win. How shameless.” Long Chen shook his head, shaking his head in disbelief. He realized that this was precisely what Guo Ran had intended. He wanted to undergo the blood switch while unconscious to avoid the pain.

However, undergoing this process while unconscious might result in some minor imperfections. Guo Ran seemed to prefer these imperfections over experiencing the pain firsthand.

His scream was a calculated move to make Long Chen impatient with him and knock him out. It was a classic case of 'a dead pig not fearing boiling water.' After all, Guo Ran's life didn't depend on his physical body, so he was willing to take the easy way out if possible. Long Chen had no way to stop him. However, his comeuppance would come sooner or later.

After a while, most of the Dragonblood warriors had adapted to the process. However, there were still quite a few Dragonblood warriors with their faces twisted in pain and bitterly enduring.

These Dragonblood warriors had not run into any good opportunities upon ascending to the immortal world. They were weaker as a result and needed more time to get used to this new blood.

However, this setback would soon be overcome. They had consumed the Triple Supreme Heavenly Dao Fruits and now had primal chaos qi to absorb. Adding on this dragon blood infusion, they would quickly catch up, but it would probably be more painful for them.

Soon after, all the Dragonblood warriors had successfully adjusted to the new blood. It coursed through their bodies, and their auras had undergone a complete transformation.

“Alright, next is to absorb the dragon blood yourselves based on your own power. There is immense power in this globe of dragon blood. If you could absorb even half of it, that would already be not bad. So don’t worry about there not being enough. Absorb as much as you can until you reach your limit. This kind of opportunity will only come once, so don’t miss it. Especially the brothers who returned later, this is your chance to make up for the gap. Work hard,” said Long Chen.

“Yes!”

The Dragonblood warriors responded in unison and formed hand seals, circulating the Dragon Blood Body Tempering Art. They started to draw in that essence blood.

Threads of blood came out of the blood globe, entering their bodies. As they absorbed the dragon blood with all their power, the blood globe slowly shrank.

With Long Chen standing guard over them, every Dragonblood warrior was absorbing as much as they could. As time passed, their auras grew increasingly powerful and terrifying.

As they absorbed this dragon blood, dragon figures appeared around them without them having to summon their manifestations. Instead, these figures spontaneously manifested themselves.

These manifestations were all linked and resonated with each other, forming a particular force field. Moreover, they appeared to possess a life of their own, emitting a distinct rhythm.

One day, two days, three days... On the seventh day, the blood thread connecting to Gu Yang’s chest shattered. He finally reached his limit and was no longer able to absorb more energy.

“HAHAHAHA!”

Gu Yang raised his head and laughed, emanating a dragon cry at the same time. A powerful Blood Qi then erupted, changing the color of the wind and clouds.

Chapter 4333: Troublemakers of the Other Worlds

“Boss, I feel full of power!” Gu Yang shouted excitedly. Feeling violent power surging within him, he had the urge to fight an enemy expert right here and now.

After Long Chen checked Gu Yang’s condition, he was shocked. The potency of the palace master’s blood surpassed his expectations, and this could be seen from Gu Yang’s heaven-toppling transformation. His skin was akin to dragon hide. Although it might not be able to block an Eternal divine weapon, an ordinary World Domain divine item was unable to even pierce his skin.

The defensive power of the body was linked to its physical power. As a result, based on Gu Yang's defensive power, Long Chen could judge just how great Gu Yang's real power was.

Following that, Li Qi and Song Mingyuan reached their limits as well. They felt like absorbing just the slightest bit more of dragon blood energy would cause their bodies to explode.

Their physical bodies had also been strengthened to an unprecedented level. Although the two didn't rely on power to fight, powerful physical bodies would let them circulate their energy without worry. This enabled them to execute formidable techniques without concern for the strain on their bodies.

The Dragonblood warriors quickly began to reach their limits as well. When they sensed the changes in their bodies, their eyes shone with excitement.

Xia Chen was the second last to finish. Due to his weak physical body, he absorbed the dragon blood energy very slowly and carefully.

Last place was Guo Ran, and he was still unconscious. In his unconscious state, his absorption was even slower.

After adjusting their condition, the Dragonblood warriors started to practice punches and kicks. Every punch brought with it a whistling gale and ripples in the void. They were amazed by their new power.

It was an hour later that Guo Ran finally woke up. When he stood and sensed the changes in him, he couldn't help laughing crazily. It was like he was already unrivaled.

"What are you laughing at? Do you think that this is it? How many times have I said this? There are no such shortcuts on the path of cultivation. You might have gotten through this, but when the heavenly tribulation comes, we'll see if you can still cheat your way through," said Long Chen irritably.

This little fellow always liked to play some tricks. However, because he was unconscious during the absorption of the dragon blood, there would be some flaws in his merger, which would be rectified in his next heavenly tribulation. The heavenly tribulation would be like a furnace that refined those impurities. The pain he would experience later would be several times more intense than what he had just undergone.

Most importantly, there would be no cheating during a heavenly tribulation. To put it frankly, he reaped what he sowed.

"Hehe, today's affairs are for today. Tomorrow's affairs are for tomorrow." Guo Ran didn't mind as he was still excited. Seeing his excitement, Long Chen was speechless. He couldn't wait to see how Guo Ran cried when the time came.

After they were done absorbing the dragon blood, the globe of essence blood had shrunk to the size of a fist, and Long Chen immediately brought it back to the palace master.

When Long Chen arrived outside the palace master's room, the essence blood quivered and vanished.

Long Chen knew that the palace master had absorbed it back, so he simply bowed outside the room and left without entering.

Long Chen then returned to his residence and searched for Bai Shishi and Yu Qingxuan. However, he couldn't see them because the two were in seclusion, so he could only walk around the academy.

The academy's construction was progressing at a rapid pace. But somehow, Long Chen noticed a significant reduction in the number of individuals within the academy. After asking around, he learned that the academy's disciples were already starting to undergo their tribulations, with most of the academy's elders departing to safeguard them against potential attacks from experts of other worlds.

Amongst the elders were Bai Zhantang, Bai Xiaole's mother, and Bai Shishi's mother, and they were overseeing the disciples as they confronted their tribulations.

Also, some of the academy's senior experts, who had been stuck at their bottlenecks for many years, found their bottlenecks loosening as the new influx of primal chaos qi reinvigorated their bodies. This encouraged them to attempt breaking through to higher realms.

It didn't matter how old they were. As long as their Blood Qi had not started regressing, they still had a chance of breaking through their bottlenecks. It could be said that the primal chaos qi had brought countless people new hope.

As a result, there were many experts with unsteady auras inside the academy. Clearly, they had just advanced and could not fully control their power yet.

Long Chen asked around and flew southwest. With his golden Kunpeng wings, he arrived in a wildland after flying for a bit.

There were four transportation formations in the surroundings, but they couldn't be used as people were constantly undergoing tribulation here, resulting in the laws of space being unstable. Hence, people could only rely on their own power to come here.

This location had served as the site where High Firmament Academy's disciples underwent their tribulations in the past. The region was known for its exceptional attributes, boasting abundant spiritual qi and relatively gentle and comprehensive laws. It was considered one of the nine most distinguished holy lands in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven for undergoing tribulation.

As a result, countless experts who wanted to undergo their tribulations were drawn to this place. Originally, it had been under the jurisdiction of the High Firmament Academy, but due to their long absence, this place had long since become a masterless location. Even though the High Firmament Academy had reclaimed this land, it was still regarded as a masterless place, with people coming from far and wide to undergo their tribulations here.

However, the High Firmament Academy had announced that only members of the Spirit race and humans could undergo their tribulations here. As for the rest, they could go to hell for their tribulations.

The current High Firmament Academy was no longer the old High Firmament Academy. With the peerless Long Chen among the younger generation and the intimidating palace master among the senior generation, the academy had risen to unparalleled fame, and no one dared to challenge them at this point.

As a result of this, no one dared to force their way in to undergo their tribulations in this region. However, recently, some insidious experts from the other worlds had resorted to launching sneak attacks on those in the midst of their tribulations.

Furthermore, this was not a one-time thing. These invaders had originally been in the Immortal King realm, but they underwent their tribulations in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven to become World Kings before sneak attacking the experts here.

It was rumored that it was extremely difficult for World Kings to pass through the gate, whereas it was notably easier for Immortal Kings, so the invaders chose to come through the gate first and undergo their tribulations here.

These invaders were incredibly powerful, and they kept coming and going like phantoms. On numerous occasions, they had slain the human race's heavenly geniuses during their tribulation, leaving the human race's experts uneasy.

Therefore, the disciples from various factions all underwent their tribulations under the vigilant protection of their seniors, deeming it far too dangerous to do otherwise.

Some factions had even formed alliances, so that dozens of their disciples could undergo their tribulations together, with all their seniors providing protection.

However, the attacks of the invaders still led to some terrible casualties. The human race's experts seethed with anger, but the invaders were exceptionally cunning, vanishing immediately after their attacks. Pursuing them was futile.

At times, the attacks were carried out by small squads, each consisting of dozens of individuals. If they dispersed in various directions when fleeing, then their pursuers might even fall into a trap by dividing their forces. After all, these invaders were incredibly powerful, with their World Kings being on par with half-step Eternals of this world.

Thus, all the human race's heavenly geniuses were apprehensive about their tribulations. Undergoing tribulation in such a state significantly increased the risk of failure, yet no one in the human race had any solution to this dilemma.

"You damn bastard, come out and fight if you have the guts!"

Long Chen had just arrived at the tribulation land when he heard a furious roar in the distance. Following that, a lifeform with two wings flew in Long Chen's direction.

Chapter 4334: Great Desolate World

This was a lifeform from the other world, and its Blood Qi and pressure were astonishing. Despite just becoming a World King, its aura was as strong as that of a half-step Eternal.

It had just snuck its way to the border of the heavenly tribulation and launched a sneak attack on a heavenly genius. Fortunately, this sneak attack was noticed quickly and thwarted in time; otherwise, that heavenly genius would have died.

Seeing that a single invader had dared to charge over all alone, the human race in this area was enraged and chased after it.

However, this lifeform was so incredibly fast that even half-step Eternals were unable to catch up to it. This left them grinding their teeth in frustration.

At this time, a seven-color streak of divine light pierced that lifeform's head, causing the human race's experts to shout in excitement.

Following that, a golden figure appeared in front of that lifeform and blew its head apart with a punch.

"It's Long Chen!"

Startled cries rang out from the group of people. The attacker was the new Sage King, and their enthusiasm intensified when they recognized him.

However, when they saw his cultivation base, they couldn't help being shocked. Long Chen's realm hadn't advanced, but his power had already transcended anything he had displayed during the Sage King Convention.

It had to be known that the slain lifeform had launched a sneak attack that required seven half-step Eternals working together to block it. However, such a terrifying expert was simply crushed by the Immortal King Long Chen.

Furthermore, they could tell that Long Chen could have slain it in one move. The reason he had launched two attacks was only to do a soulsearch.

Long Chen's hand shattered that lifeform's head and soul. After scanning its soul fragments, Long Chen found that this lifeform came from a realm known as the Great Desolate World.

Unlike the humanless world, there were humans in the Great Desolate World. However, the human race there occupied the lowest stratum of the castes. Their cultivation bases were restricted, and they were raised as slaves.

Under the control of the powerful lifeforms, the human race in the Great Desolate World was forced to do grueling tasks such as mining ores, constructing palaces, and forging weapons. In that harsh world, human lives were regarded as even lower than those of ants, so they had to endure a wretched fate.

"Courting death!"

Upon seeing the memories of this lifeform, Long Chen's killing intent exploded. These bastards were even more vile than the lifeforms of the humanless world.

"Dean Long Chen, why have you come?"

An expert of the High Firmament Academy came over to greet Long Chen. Even though he was a half-step Eternal, he still bowed toward Long Chen reverently.

"I came to take a look," said Long Chen with a dark expression. He had yet to recover from his rage.

"Dean Long Chen, you are incredibly powerful. We all admire you. What did you see from its soul?" asked another half-step Eternal not from the academy.

Their combined power was unable to hold back that lifeform, but Long Chen had slain it with a wave of his hand. The disparity in power was truly immense, instilling in them a profound respect for Long Chen. After all, throughout history, power had always commanded respect.

Long Chen told them about what he had seen, causing their expressions to change.

“Those bastards, those absolute animals!” cursed an elder with an explosive temper.

Upon learning that members of their race were being raised as slaves, they all burst into furious roars.

“How hateful! I swear I’m no human if I don’t avenge this insult!”

“As long as I still breathe, I will fight them to the death!”

These elders gnashed their teeth furiously, unable to accept this news. The elder from the High Firmament Academy said, “Dean Long Chen, the vice palace master is at the front. You should go and talk to him!”

Long Chen nodded and followed them deeper into this land. Here, lightning was raining down as hundreds of experts were undergoing tribulation.

Even the outer edge of this tribulation land was locked down by senior experts from various human factions. They didn’t dare to slack off in the slightest, afraid that a single opening could be exploited by the invaders.

Long Chen’s arrival caused quite the commotion. After all, he was the most famous expert of the junior generation, and even the seniors here regarded him as a supreme existence. They all knew once Long Chen became a World King, half-step Eternals like them would become insignificant in his presence.

Long Chen looked around and saw hundreds of thousands of disciples waiting. They were clearly lining up to undergo their tribulations.

“Only a few hundred people can undergo their tribulations at once? Just how long are we supposed to wait?” Long Chen frowned. If this continued, the gates would fully open before the Nirvana Overflow Heaven’s disciples finished undergoing their tribulations.

“There’s no way around it. If too many people do it at once, we won’t be able to look after them all. This is our limit,” sighed a half-step Eternal helplessly.

“Long Chen, why are you here?”

Bai Zhantang was surprised to see Long Chen, and similarly, Long Chen was also taken aback by the aura of Eternity that surrounded Bai Zhantang, who had already reached the level of a half-step Eternal. The cultivation bases of the High Firmament Academy’s elders had always been a mystery to Long Chen.

Before Long Chen could reply, he spotted a lifeform on the ground. To his surprise, it was a member of the Shadow race. However, it was on its last breaths. There wasn’t a single wound on it, but the fire of its soul was about to extinguish.

“Senior is amazing!”

Long Chen looked at Bai Xiaole's mother, who was behind Bai Zhantang, and gave her a thumbs-up. Perhaps only a pupil art master like her could kill someone with a mere look.

Bai Xiaole's mother smiled, but Bai Zhantang irritably said, "I asked you a question. Stop fawning."

Bai Xiaole's mother immediately glared at her husband. This fellow really didn't know how to talk nicely.

Long Chen smiled. "My brothers will have to face their tribulations soon, so I came to scout things ahead of time."

"Scout? Do you think you're a bandit scouting a target?" Bai Zhantang sighed. Long Chen's choice of words left him speechless. However, he could understand if Long Chen wanted to check the terrain.

Long Chen asked, "How is the situation here?"

"What do you think? You already saw it. These hateful fellows are buzzing around like flies. They'll launch a sneak attack and then run. As these children cannot be affected by them while undergoing their tribulations, we have set up a layer of defense. But it's only enough for a few hundred people to undergo tribulation at the same time. Tell me, isn't it frustrating?" Bai Zhantang was extremely irritated with the situation.

That was why as soon as they caught any sneak attackers, he would want to tear their muscles and skin apart to vent. The problem was they were forced into a passive position, so being able to capture two or three in ten sneak attacks was already not bad. Most of the time, they could only watch as these sneak attackers fled, driving Bai Zhantang crazy.

"Take note of your image. You shouldn't just say anything that crosses your mind," scolded Bai Shishi's mother.

Long Chen smiled. "It's fine. I can resolve this problem. Leave it to me!"

"Leave it to you?" Bai Zhantang stared at Long Chen.

"Yes, leave it to me. I guarantee that not one person who dares to sneak attack us will get away."

Long Chen smiled, but there was an icy killing intent in his eyes. The Great Desolate World's lifeforms had fully enraged him.

Chapter 4335: Cheating the Tribulation

"Ten thousand people undergoing tribulation together?! Are you crazy?!"

Bai Zhantang and the others jumped in shock when they heard Long Chen's proposal, not daring to believe their ears.

Furthermore, he wasn't suggesting that these ten thousand people should undergo individual tribulations like they were currently experiencing. He wanted them to undergo their tribulations together. That was crazy.

After all, this was the World King tribulation, where a single mistake could cost someone their life. If several people underwent tribulation together, they would affect each other and increase the power of

the heavenly tribulation, most likely resulting in them all being wiped out. As for ten thousand people undergoing tribulation together? That had to be a joke.

“It’s fine. Leave it to me!”

Seeing their shocked expressions, Long Chen couldn’t be bothered to explain. He turned to the academy’s disciples who were still waiting for their turn.

“Brothers, do you trust me?”

“We trust you!”

These disciples had once stood shoulder to shoulder with Long Chen in battles against the heavenly geniuses of the various races. During those perilous moments, they had glimpsed life and death from a unique perspective.

It could be said that this life of theirs had already been forfeited back then, only to be picked back up by Long Chen. As a result, they held profound admiration for Long Chen and had absolute faith in him. If Long Chen said that they could do this, they would do it.

“Alright, then there’s nothing else to say. Ten thousand brothers will go first. Just listen to my instructions.”

After he said this, practically, every single disciple in the area tried to rush to the queuing line. But unfortunately, many of them were too slow to get a spot.

All the disciples who did manage to get a spot were incredibly excited. Bai Shishi’s mother and the others all sighed upon seeing this. Long Chen’s charisma was truly too strong.

These disciples had no idea just how dangerous ten thousand collective tribulations would be. It was a completely preposterous idea.

However, these disciples didn’t mind. Even if Long Chen wanted them to charge into a lost battle and throw their lives away, they wouldn’t hesitate. Their faith in Long Chen had surpassed the realm of common sense.

“Lei Linger!”

Lei Linger appeared in the form of a pretty girl beside Long Chen. However, her face now was arrogant and icy, completely different from usual.

This was how Long Chen had told her to act this time. She needed to appear distant and aloof, rather than overly cheerful and excited.

“These brothers will be under your protection.” Long Chen cupped his fists to her.

“Big Brother Long Chen, don’t worry.” Lei Linger solemnly nodded. However, she was not that skilled in acting, and her eyes contained a hint of a joyous smile.

“Start!”

In front of everyone's gaze, ten thousand disciples of the academy entered the core of this region, and all the other disciples retreated.

Then, their auras erupted, shattering their respective bottlenecks. As black tribulation clouds covered the sky, a berserk aura permeated the world.

At that moment, a palpable tension gripped the hearts of all. As ten thousand disciples faced their tribulations together, the tribulation's might grew exponentially. The tribulation cloud's range was nothing short of extraordinary, blanketing an area of a hundred thousand miles.

Left with no other choice, the senior experts had to spread their defensive line, but that filled them with worry. Their defensive line had been designed for maximum protection, so spreading them thinner would cause holes to appear. When sneak attacks came, they might not be able to react in time.

"Don't worry, they probably won't dare to approach a heavenly tribulation of this scale. After all, once the heavenly tribulation senses them, they'll definitely die. We just need to block any long-range attacks that they might launch. Furthermore, long-range attacks will also be sensed by the heavenly tribulation and will probably be extinguished by the time they reach the core. The main question is whether or not these children will be able to endure this tribulation," said one expert.

The next moment, the tribulation clouds quivered, and lightning arrows rained down on the disciples.

Seeing this scene, the senior experts' hearts sank. In most cases, the first wave of the heavenly tribulation was like a gentle drizzle, gradually intensifying into a downpour before transforming into lightning arrows.

However, this time, the tribulation skipped the customary warm-up phase, giving these disciples no time to adapt. In just the first wave, quite a few of them were already injured, and all they could do was protect their vital areas. They instantly started to panic.

Their boiling excitement had been doused with a bucket of ice water, replaced by an overwhelming sense of fear.

"Dean Long Chen, this is not good...!" cried out an elder of the academy. If this continued, the ten thousand disciples might be wiped out by the heavenly tribulation.

"I can see that it's not good either... But... there's nothing I can do. I can't stop the heavenly tribulation." Long Chen shrugged helplessly.

"You...!"

"Elder Xu Feng, don't panic. Long Chen is just joking. He's confident inside," said Bai Shishi's mother hastily when she saw that this elder was about to go crazy.

Seeing that this elder was really anxious, Long Chen said, "It was just a joke. Don't take it seriously. I apologize."

That elder was speechless. Long Chen was supposed to be the dean of the academy. How could he make such a joke? He was taking things far too lightly. However, Elder Xu Feng was merely an elder and lacked the qualifications to criticize Long Chen.

On the other hand, Bai Shishi's mother understood Long Chen better. She knew that despite his youth, Long Chen was always serious about important matters and wouldn't do something he had no confidence in. Moreover, he would never put the lives of the academy disciples at risk for the sake of a joke.

"What are you all waiting for? Are you just going to get hit and not hit back? How long are you going to take? Attack the tribulation and get it over with! We have more people waiting behind you!" shouted Long Chen to the people undergoing tribulation.

Suddenly, startled cries echoed through the air as the heavenly tribulation trembled, and a bolt of lightning shot toward Long Chen. Speaking to the people undergoing tribulation clearly counted as an interference, causing the tribulation to retaliate.

Everyone jumped in shock, while Bai Zhantang and the others fell back, afraid of antagonizing the tribulation further. If this suddenly escalated into a Heaven Venerate heavenly tribulation, all of these ten thousand disciples would be instantly turned to dust.

BOOM!

Long Chen simply waved his hand and shattered the lightning. For him, a heavenly tribulation on this level was nothing more than an itch.

"Hurry up! Show some manliness and stop hesitating!" shouted Long Chen.

Once more, the heavenly tribulation quivered, and this time, it manifested a giant lightning spear that surged toward Long Chen. The force behind this attack was a hundred times stronger than the previous one.

Clearly, the previous attack was just a warning, but this time, the tribulation truly wanted to kill Long Chen.

BANG!

Long Chen swiftly thrust his palm forward, shattering the lightning spear once more. Seeing Long Chen confront their heavenly tribulation, those disciples were invigorated.

"Fuck, I'll go all out!"

One of the disciples gritted his teeth and roared. In front of countless astonished gazes, he charged through the lightning and actually attacked the heavenly tribulation.

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"Kill!"

With that person taking the lead, the other disciples also went crazy and charged toward the tribulation clouds.

"Crazy! They've all gone crazy!"

All the senior experts felt their scalps turning numb. How could these disciples trust Long Chen to this extent?

On the other hand, the heavenly tribulation seemed to be enraged by their actions. It seemed to boil, and the lightning arrows turned into lightning spears and pierced toward them.

Some disciples struggled to block those spears and spat out blood, while some were impaled right through. Most of them were enveloped by the wild power of the thunderforce, and a burning smell came from them.

However, those disciples continued to follow Long Chen's orders and charge over. Several Triple Supremes were the first to go against the flow of lightning and strike the tribulation clouds.

"ROAR!"

As a result, lightning beasts emerged from the heart of the tribulation clouds, pressing them back, but more and more disciples continued to climb up.

All of a sudden, a Triple Supreme had his chest pierced through by one of those lightning beasts. And just as the lightning beast was about to tear him apart...

BOOM!

A black lightning arrow flew out and blasted that lightning beast apart, saving that person. Then, the petite Lei Linger appeared.

Lei Linger was immersed in the heavenly tribulation. As this lightning was her nourishment, she naturally wouldn't let it go.

However, now wasn't the time to absorb everything yet. She would only start taking her cut when the disciples couldn't endure it any longer.

The weaker disciples were quickly at their limits. When they reached their breaking point, a lightning dragon would wrap around them, absorbing the lightning attacking them.

Lei Linger's appearance reinvigorated the disciples. Now, they finally understood why Long Chen had told them to attack the tribulation head-on.

Hence, they unleashed all their power. The first reason was so that they would no longer be able to resist the thunderforce. When they reached that state, the thunderforce would be drawn into them naturally. The second reason was to extract the huge power of the tribulation. They had to constantly attack it to shorten the time of the tribulation.

Finally, even the Triple Supremes reached their limit, but they were quite strong and didn't need Lei Linger's help. Right before they couldn't do it anymore, the tribulation ran out of energy and dissipated.

In less than an hour, this tribulation came to an end and ten thousand people had become World Kings. Thanks to Lei Linger's protection, they didn't need to hold back at all and could freely absorb the blessing of the heavenly tribulation while avoiding the danger. The result was amazing. Now that they were World Kings, their auras were shockingly concentrated. It wouldn't be long before they advanced to the first Heavenstage of the World King realm.

Seeing that it had such a good effect, everyone was stunned. Even the disciples who had undergone the tribulation found it difficult to believe; it felt like they were dreaming.

“Next batch!” said Long Chen indifferently.

With this success, everyone instantly stopped worrying, and the elders of other factions ran over, asking if their disciples could join in.

Previously, they had only watched, and even if Long Chen had asked them, they wouldn’t have been willing to let their disciples take this risk. However, it was different now.

This time, Long Chen increased the numbers, and thirty thousand people underwent tribulation together. The decision came after Lei Linger complained about the lack of essence for her to absorb. She needed more lightning essence, as ordinary thunderforce was no longer enough to satisfy her.

In the second wave, thirty thousand people would undergo tribulations together. Despite their nervousness, they didn’t dare to voice their doubts.

This time, half of the people were from the academy, while the other half came from various factions. After enough people gathered, the tribulation started.

Just like last time, although the heavenly tribulation was powerful, with Lei Linger’s protection, everything went smoothly.

By the third wave, their numbers swelled to fifty thousand. In the fourth wave, they reached eighty thousand participants. Then, Long Chen intended to increase the number to one hundred thousand for the fifth wave. However, he realized that they somehow couldn’t trigger the heavenly tribulation.

“What’s going on?”

The ten thousand disciples were standing at the core, flabbergasted as they looked at the sky. Even the seniors were stunned as they had never seen such a phenomenon before.

“Too many people have undergone their tribulations in rapid succession, so the Heavenly Daos are out of energy and unable to invoke another heavenly tribulation. The Heavenly Daos will need some time to recover,” Bai Xiaole’s mother explained, using her Three Flower Pupils to stare into the sky.

Before her eyes, the sky had a giant hole, with Heavenly Dao energy flooding over from every direction. It would likely take several hours to replenish the energy deficiency in this space.

Today’s tribulations had toppled everyone’s understanding of the world. Such a cheat-like method was something that they had never thought of.

“How was it?” Long Chen asked Lei Linger who had returned to the primal chaos space.

“Hehe, I feel full. I am starting to transform.” Lei Linger’s serious expression vanished, and she giggled.

Long Chen could also see that Lei Linger had started to have the aura of the World King realm. Her thunderforce was going through a qualitative transformation.

“It’s too bad that their thunderforce is too weak. I’m looking forward to Big Brother’s heavenly tribulation.” Lei Linger was full of anticipation, like a gluttonous foodie waiting for a feast.

“That meal of yours will definitely come. However, you have to grow stronger, or it will be too tough for you to swallow,” said Long Chen with a smile on his face.

Whether it was the dragon expert or his own father, they had all said that his impending tribulation would be frighteningly strong. This was also Long Chen’s first time feeling an immense sense of pressure from his upcoming tribulation. He had a premonition that his next heavenly tribulation would carry an immense weight of karma with it, making it possibly a life-threatening ordeal.

Thus, Lei Linger had to grow stronger. That way, she would be able to truly help during his tribulation. After all, she was his life-saving trump card.

A few hours later, the Heavenly Daos had restored themselves, and experts from more factions had flocked over in search of Long Chen’s aid.

The news that Long Chen could help people undergo their tribulations had spread far and wide. Hence, countless experts were enticed and had come to ask for his aid.

Some of them even directly said that they would be willing to make a spiritual contract with the academy if he could help them. In the future, no matter what difficulty the High Firmament Academy was in, they would help with all their power.

“Dean Long Chen, the experts of the other worlds are running rampant. The human race is in great peril. Please let us in!”

“We’re all members of the human race and should assist each other. Otherwise, how would we face our mutual enemies?”

Countless sects had sent representatives to ask for Long Chen’s aid. However, Long Chen looked at them with a touch of scorn.

“Have you forgotten how those races hunted me down during the Sage King Convention? Why don’t you tell me what you did in response?”

“We...”

Those experts’ expressions grew unsightly.

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Long Chen’s response rendered them utterly speechless. During the Sage King Convention, when Long Chen was being hunted down, they had chosen to sit still and watch like it was a show.

Long Chen naturally wouldn’t turn away the people who had helped him. They had been the first factions to come to the High Firmament Academy, and the High Firmament Academy had agreed to let them undergo tribulation here.

However, these factions that came after hearing the news? They had wisely chosen to look after their own hide during the Sage King Convention, and they now had the audacity to ask for aid.

"Dean Long Chen, a noble expert like yourself need not bicker with us over such matters. Besides, this isn't the time for internal conflicts. We should be united against our enemies. Please think about the big picture," advised one elder.

"Well said. We should be united and think about the big picture. When my brothers and I were attacked by countless enemies, why didn't you think about being united and the big picture? What a nice double standard. You are allowed to just protect yourselves, while I must think about the big picture? Based on what?" sneered Long Chen.

"That's right, based on what? On the martial stage, senior apprentice-brother Long Chen protected us. Outside of the martial stage, he led us through the blockade of enemies and didn't toss aside a single one of us. As for you? When there was danger, you hid. Now that there's something you want, you immediately come to suck up. How shameless! Who could possibly trust you?" Other disciples on Long Chen's side started to speak up for him.

"United? When have you ever been united? Do you even view yourself as a member of the human race?"

"Exactly, who knows whether or not you'll think about yourself again and side with the other races when the gate opens? You might be the first to stab us in the back."

The disciples on Long Chen's side, as well as the disciples who had undergone their tribulations and were still here, indignantly cursed those elders.

The majority of these disciples had fought alongside Long Chen on the Sage King martial stage, and some of them had lowly backgrounds and didn't even have a half-step Eternal standing guard over their family or sect. However, the High Firmament Academy still allowed them to come. Even when the academy could only protect a few hundred people at once during their tribulations, the academy still let them queue up.

This gesture made them feel extremely grateful. The fact that tens of thousands of people would take the risk of undergoing tribulation together, solely based on Long Chen's word, was a testament to their unwavering trust in him.

Now, these shameless old fellows had the audacity to appear and ask for a favor in front of them? They were just asking to be cursed.

The faces of those elders were red after being cursed by a group of juniors, but they couldn't retort.

"Dean Long Chen, we know that we were wrong. If you are angry, we will kowtow to you as an apology. But our children are innocent. It wouldn't be fair to punish them for our foolish decisions. They are still young and have futures. If those futures are ruined because of us, we really will never be able to atone, even in death!" One elder stepped forward and slowly got on his knees toward Long Chen.

Long Chen waved his hand, and that elder was instantly forced back, unable to kneel.

"Dean Long Chen, are you really not willing to forgive us foolish fellows?" The elder wore an expression of despair, and two teary eyes welled up with sorrow.

"Shut up!"

Long Chen sneered at him. "Mountains and rivers may change, but people don't. You're only willing to kowtow because you are begging for my aid, and you're even crying. Who are you trying to deceive? Playing with someone's emotions? I've seen such a thing often, and it is meaningless. I have never claimed to be a saint. As long as I don't have a heart, others cannot exploit my compassion."

Bai Shishi's mother curled her lips and exchanged a look with Bai Xiaole's mother. Long Chen's resolve was truly unyielding, impervious to either soft or hard tactics.

That elder could only shake his head and sigh. There was a hint of rancor in his eyes, but he didn't dare to express it.

"No need to beg like this. It's not like I said that I would not permit them to undergo their tribulations here," said Long Chen lightly.

"What?"

Those elders had been about to leave. When they heard this, they didn't dare to believe their ears.

"The High Firmament Academy is the academy of the human race. All the precious tomes here are treasures of the human race, and the academy is only the overseer. In the same vein, the academy's sacred tribulation grounds are also open to the entire human race. Anyone can undergo their tribulations here," said Long Chen.

"Then are you saying that you will permit our disciples to undergo tribulation here?" asked one elder with a quivering voice.

"Of course. They can use it whenever they want," said Long Chen, shrugging.

"May I ask if our disciples will receive your protection during their tribulations?" asked a sharper elder who saw the crux of the problem. After all, it would be meaningless if Long Chen didn't protect them during their tribulations.

"Do you wish to undergo tribulation with us?" asked Long Chen as he turned to the disciples behind the elders.

Those disciples were silent, and not one of them dared to make a sound. That was due to their guilty consciences.

"You don't even dare to say a word. What's the point of cultivating then? Just bury yourself in the ground and get it over with," sneered Long Chen.

"Yes! We want to undergo tribulation under your protection!" shouted a young disciple.

"Then I ask you this. If I protect you now, when I am in trouble, will you throw stones at me? Will you stab me in the back? Will you raise your blade against the human race?" asked Long Chen sternly.

"No, definitely not! I can swear on my soul to forever be loyal to senior apprentice-brother Long Chen!" shouted that disciple.

"Then what if one day I become a bad person and start slaughtering the human race? What if I raise my blade against my own race?" asked Long Chen.

"I..." That disciple was struck dumb, not knowing how to respond.

The others were also startled as they didn't know the point of this question. However, it was rather frightening.

"I can protect you during your tribulation, and I won't require anyone to swear fealty to me. However, I need you to swear on your hearts to remain righteous forever, to swear your loyalty to the human race. You cannot let yourself be driven by profit, to be forced by pressure. You can never go against your conscience!" declared Long Chen.

"I swear! I will dedicate myself to the human race, to be righteous, to not bend for profit or pressure! I will never betray my conscience!"

Countless disciples immediately stepped forward, raising their hands toward the heavens and swearing.

Long Chen slowly smiled upon hearing their oath. With this, even if the senior generation betrayed the human race, the new generation of experts would not be led astray by them.

"Those who have sworn, line up! The first wave of a hundred thousand disciples will begin their tribulations!"

Seeing a hundred thousand disciples queue up, Long Chen was delighted inside.

"So many people are undergoing tribulation. I can definitely turn Lei Linger into an Eternal-level existence!"

Chapter 4338: Millions of Split Bodies

The news of Long Chen helping people undergo their tribulations spread far and wide, and anyone from the human race or a race with positive affiliations with humanity was welcome to participate.

They only had to swear to never betray the human race and to keep righteousness in their hearts. Once this pledge was made, they could join the ranks of those undergoing their tribulations.

With this, even factions that had bad relationships with Long Chen allowed their disciples to come. In any case, Long Chen's actions had moved countless experts.

Countless heavenly geniuses flocked toward this place. Long Chen didn't care about their talent or origins; as long as they came and took the oath, they could line up to undergo their tribulations.

However, too many people were undergoing their tribulations here that the sacred land did not have enough Heavenly Dao energy to maintain a constant tribulation. After a hundred thousand people went through a collective tribulation, the Heavenly Daos needed two hours to recover their depleted energy.

Long Chen felt that this was too slow. If they didn't have to wait, they could undergo four tribulations during this period. As a result, Long Chen ordered the construction of a supreme-range transportation formation.

Once the tribulation was done in one area, Long Chen directly went through the transportation formation to another area. After all, the Nirvana Overflow Heaven had several sacred lands for undergoing tribulation.

After undergoing tribulation in one sacred land, Long Chen brought the next group to the second sacred land. The Heavenly Daos might need to recover their energy, but Long Chen didn't, so they kept cycling through four sacred tribulation lands.

To protect the human race's disciples while they underwent their tribulations, Long Chen had Lei Linger slaughter all the invaders who came to cause trouble. As a result, they were swiftly dealt with before they could even get close.

After every tribulation, Lei Linger's power rose, gradually starting to exceed even Long Chen's. Hence, the invaders simply had no chance to run. Faced with the combined swiftness of Long Chen and Lei Linger, they had no hope of fleeing.

Long Chen spent a whole day working, making countless experts grateful to him. Some experts even suggested him to rest while looking at him with worshipful eyes. After all, he was about to break through to the World King realm as well, and he shouldn't delay his cultivation.

However, Long Chen dismissed their kind suggestions. He continued to work day and night to support these disciples. As countless people were moved by his generosity, Long Chen was overjoyed inside.

Lei Linger's growing power sent shivers down Long Chen's spine. Fortunately, she was not a pet but a cherished member of his family. Otherwise, her betrayal would definitely be fatal to him.

Lei Linger continued to grow stronger, but Long Chen didn't reveal that to anyone. Her aura gradually reached a point where concealing it became increasingly challenging.

Therefore, Long Chen thought of a solution: having her split into nine bodies, dividing her power into nine equal portions. While the others rested, one continued to work. This would guarantee that her aura remained stable. As a result of this technique, over the next few days, tens of thousands of her split bodies emerged within the primal chaos space, each radiating a terrifying aura.

With Long Chen going crazy helping others undergo their tribulations across multiple sacred lands, tens of millions of heavenly geniuses managed to advance without a single casualty.

The number of people coming gradually diminished, and they no longer needed all four sacred lands. Four dwindled to three, three to two, and after twenty days, only the High Firmament Academy's sacred land remained in operation.

Although the human race had plenty of heavenly geniuses, they eventually exhausted their reservoir of talents. Toward the end, it took several hours just to gather a hundred thousand people for their tribulations.

Lei Linger's split bodies numbered in the millions now, and every single one of them possessed a terrifying aura.

At this moment, she couldn't just merge them into one. It was because as soon as she did, she would undergo a qualitative change. After that, even if she split herself again, it would be useless as her aura would be fundamentally different.

Two days later, only seventy thousand people underwent a collective tribulation, and that was it.

"Is it over?"

Lei Linger was a bit disappointed. She still had room for improvement, but there were no more tribulations for her to gain power from.

"Lei Linger, let's find a place for you to merge your split bodies. We'll see what kind of results we got," said Long Chen.

"Alright." Lei Linger, who had long since wanted to merge all of them, was already itching to get on with it.

"Dean Long Chen, thank you!"

Tens of thousands of half-step Eternals cupped their fists toward Long Chen.

These elders were essentially living fossils and were only hanging on with their last breaths just to intimidate some of their mortal enemies.

The influx of primal chaos qi did not allow them to advance. However, it did increase their longevity by quite a bit. At the very least, they would still be around for a few extra centuries.

These old fellows had personally brought their disciples here to secure opportunities for them and to express their sincerity. Once their disciples finished their tribulations, they didn't immediately leave. Instead, they stood with everyone else, guarding the sacred land.

Seeing that Long Chen was about to leave, they all thanked him together.

"Everyone, there's no need for such formality. Helping others is in a way helping myself. However, I do have an important matter that I need your help with," said Long Chen.

"Dean Long Chen, please speak. As long as we can do it, even if you want us to walk through burning oil, we will not hesitate," said one elder.

Three disciples from his faction possessed immense talent, and following their tribulations, a trace of primal chaos qi had appeared in their manifestations, a symbol of them taking root in primal chaos. It signified that these disciples could potentially reach the Eternal realm. Witnessing this, the elder was so moved that tears welled up in his eyes.

After all, his sect had declined, and without his presence to provide a deterrent effect, his enemies could just attack and destroy his sect.

Now, he finally had descendants who could protect his legacy, and his sect no longer required the protection of an elderly individual who should have long since been resting in the grave. Thus, his gratitude toward Long Chen could not be expressed with mere words.

“Senior is being too serious. This junior still has matters to deal with, so if I may trouble everyone, please stay here for a few more days. If anyone else comes here, please protect them during their tribulations. Don’t let those troublemakers from the other worlds sneak attack them,” said Long Chen.

“Dean Long Chen, don’t worry. If we can’t even do such a small thing, we won’t have the face to see you. We’ll just dig a hole and bury ourselves to get it over with,” laughed an elder, and the others laughed with him. Hearing this, Long Chen nodded and waved goodbye. Seeing the warm gazes of this group of senior experts, Long Chen’s heart warmed a bit.

Humans were the most complicated, most fickle lifeform. Yet, the bright side of human nature was always the most touching. Since those sincere gazes could pass on their true feelings, just how wonderful would it be if human hearts could be a tad more straightforward?

Golden wings appeared on Long Chen’s back, and he flew off. An hour later, he landed in a desolate land.

BOOM!

The moment he arrived, millions of lightning dragons manifested in the air.

“Wait!” Long Chen suddenly cried out.

BOOM!

Unfortunately, his shout came out too late. The millions of lightning dragons instantly merged into one, plunging heaven and earth into eerie silence. Following that, an explosive aura erupted in every direction like an unstoppable tsunami.

The earth ruptured, and the void itself tore apart. Long Chen felt as though a shooting star had collided with him, causing blood to spew from his mouth.

“You foolish child! I already told you to wait!”

Chapter 4339: Terrifying Lei Linger

A terrifying lightning explosion sent Long Chen flying. Before he could even summon his defenses, the impact already struck him, causing stars to spin in his vision and sending him smashing through several large mountains.

He didn’t even know how far he went flying before he came to a stop. Just then, a streak of lightning flew toward him.

“Big Brother Long Chen!” called out Lei Linger.

“Don’t come over!”

Long Chen cried out and immediately summoned the Dragon King Battle Armor.

BOOM!

Lei Linger brought over a powerful shockwave as she charged over. Even before she could get near him, the shockwave already sent Long Chen flying once more.

Fortunately, this time he was somewhat ready and was only sent flying, not injured.

"I'm sorry! I didn't know this would happen!" Lei Linger felt so bad that she began to cry, especially upon seeing the blood around Long Chen's mouth.

"Foolish girl, I'm very happy to see you get stronger. I'm fine." Long Chen hastily consoled her. No matter how strong Lei Linger grew, her original heart didn't change.

Seeing Long Chen smile and comfort her, Lei Linger smiled. At this moment, lightning was flowing around her, transforming an enormous space of ten thousand miles into a sea of lightning. Her explosive aura was like heavenly tribulation as it bore an overwhelming destructive will.

Lei Linger's thunderforce scoured heaven and earth, inciting intense rumbling explosions that mirrored the rhythm of her breath. Its resonance affected the workings of the Heavenly Daos.

Seeing this scene, Long Chen was filled with delight. Lei Linger was even stronger than he had expected. Now, even if she encountered an Eternal expert, she would still have the power to fight them. Her power had truly grown explosively.

Long Chen then had Lei Linger start to practice her control of this newfound power. However, her Spiritual Strength was too weak, so she needed to borrow Long Chen's.

Lei Linger was so powerful and out of control now that she couldn't return to the primal chaos space. With her control now, her power would only harm the Moon Trees and Fusang Trees. This was why Long Chen had her do her fusion in the outside world.

Long Chen accompanied Lei Linger as she grew accustomed to this power. One day later, the sea of lightning around her had shrunk to just a few dozen miles. It was only then that Long Chen let her return to the primal chaos space.

She continued to slowly refine and digest her new power inside the primal chaos space. Meanwhile, Long Chen returned to the academy.

When he arrived, he immediately entered seclusion as he needed to adjust his essence, qi, and spirit to their peak condition.

He calmed all of his distracting thoughts, letting himself enter a state of forgetting everything. This was all so that he would be in his strongest state for his tribulation.

Seven days later, Long Chen came out of seclusion, and the Dragonblood warriors were also fully gathered. What shocked Long Chen was that they were all wearing new sets of armor with new weapons on their backs.

Seeing Long Chen's shock, Guo Ran smiled proudly. "Boss, what do you think? Xia Chen and I worked day and night to make them."

"Isn't this too fast? What tier are these sets of armor and weapons?" Long Chen couldn't help asking.

"They have no tier. All the materials put into them are the finest immortal and divine metals used to forge Eternal divine weapons. However, based on our calculations, Xia Chen and I would need to reach at least the Divine Venerate realm before we could create Eternal divine weapons. We couldn't wait that long, so we went another way. These are battle armor and weapons that are capable of growth, and we plan to use the power of the tribulation and the blood soul energy of our brothers to awaken the spirituality of the armor and weapons. We are very confident that it will work. Of course, the only requirement will be a strong enough heavenly tribulation," said Guo Ran confidently.

Seeing that Guo Ran was so confident, Long Chen nodded. While Guo Ran was not reliable in other areas, when it came to forging, this fellow never slacked off in the slightest.

"Will this armor affect their Dragon Blood Battle Armor?" asked Long Chen.

"Of course not. Once these battle armor's spirits are born, they will seamlessly merge with their masters, allowing our brothers to summon them as they please. Only when their physical bodies reach their limits will the armor manifest automatically. Furthermore, these armor come equipped with their own energy reservoirs in the form of primal chaos spirit stones, and they link with their weapons as well, so they're capable of both offense and defense. When our brothers' dragon blood energy is exhausted, they can tap into these energy reservoirs, and it will be enough for them to charge out of an encirclement. It is a final life-saving trump card." Guo Ran was very pleased with his work.

"Nice job!"

Long Chen gave him a thumbs-up. Guo Ran and Xia Chen's creation was truly amazing.

"Let's go. It's time for our tribulation."

Hearing that it was finally their turn to undergo World King tribulations, everyone was excited as they would become stronger soon.

Moreover, as their dragon blood required the baptism of heavenly tribulation to complete its fusion with them, they also didn't know how strong they would be after this tribulation. However, they had a premonition that they would experience a profound transformation, shedding their old selves entirely.

"Alert our other brothers. Prepare to gather," said Long Chen.

"Hehe, no need. Everyone already gathered three days ago. The strongest elites of the Battle God Palace and the High Firmament Academy, as well as seven million disciples from the Starry River Sect, are all awaiting your command," laughed Guo Ran.

"Good. Move out!"

After the Sage King Convention, Long Chen learned that the Starry River Sect had around eight million experts, with seven million of them being Immortal Kings. Since that was the case, Long Chen had sent word to the Starry River Sect to not let their disciples undergo tribulation and just wait for him. As a result, all their disciples had been flocking over upon Long Chen's return.

The moment they saw him again, their eyes blazed passionately. Their admiration for Long Chen was plain to see.

After all, Long Chen had completely changed their fates. The comprehension they had gained from him in the ruins of the Starry River Sect had allowed them to set foot onto the correct path. They were no longer milling around randomly.

“Dean Long Chen, you can’t undergo your tribulation here.”

Just then, a group of elders came running in, and they wore panicked expressions.

“What is it?” asked Long Chen hastily.

“We just received a report! In front of the humanless world’s gate, some traitors have set up transportation formations! A large batch of invaders have entered the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, and their target is most likely you.”

Hearing this piece of information, Xia Chen and the others were seething with anger. In the end, traitors had emerged within the human race.

“Boss, this isn’t good. If one of those nine monsters came...” said Xia Chen. Those nine heavenly geniuses were particularly terrifying. If they were already World Kings and took advantage of the tribulations to attack, Long Chen and the others might be fully annihilated.

“Tch, even if all nine of them come at once, so what? As usual, we’ll beat them up until their heads are as swollen as a pig’s head. Let’s go. We’ll see if they have the guts to cause trouble!” Long Chen disdainfully stepped forward. They wanted to disturb his heavenly tribulation? Perhaps they had grown tired of living.

Long Chen thanked those elders for their good intentions and brought his group away. Following that, they heroically descended upon the sacred land.

Chapter 4340: Defiantly Slashing Heavenly Tribulation

“Boss, are you sure?” Guo Ran whispered.

“Don’t worry. Anyone who approaches my heavenly tribulation will simply die. Even if the entire humanless world’s experts come, they will just be throwing their lives away,” said Long Chen.

This wasn’t Long Chen’s confidence in himself but in the terrifying scale of his heavenly tribulations.

“Then why don’t you undergo your heavenly tribulation in the humanless world?” asked Guo Ran.

“Are you a fool? Even if I were to do such a thing, once they realize that they’d definitely die, would they just charge right into it?” Long Chen scolded. This little fellow was only intelligent in forging.

“Oh, that’s right!” Guo Ran palmed his forehead.

If they were to undergo their tribulations in the other worlds, their enemies would simply wait for the end of their tribulation and attack them in a weakened state. At that time, Long Chen would be powerless to resist.

“Well, if they really dare to charge into our heavenly tribulation, they will be sending themselves to their deaths. I suspect they’ll launch an attack as soon as the tribulation concludes, so be mentally prepared.

However, don't need to worry too much; by facing this tribulation together, I assure you that I'll be the last to complete it. When you've reached your limits, you can just exit the core of the heavenly tribulation. Once my part is over, you will naturally advance. Everything will be the same as always," said Long Chen.

Long Chen had undergone tribulations with everyone before, and since they faced it collectively, they had to wait until everyone had completed it before they could all advance. By the end of the tribulation, Long Chen was always facing it alone, and the rest would enjoy a break to recover before the tribulation concluded entirely. As a result, when they became World Kings, they would still be in peak condition.

The place that Long Chen chose this time was not the High Firmament Academy's sacred land. Instead, it was another sacred land located in the wilderness.

Due to their numbers and unstable auras as they were about to have their tribulations, they didn't use a transportation formation. Instead, they spent six hours flying before they arrived, and this place was already packed with experts.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, we will guard you. Please go through your tribulation without any misgivings. As long as we have a single breath left in us, we will not allow anyone to disturb you!"

Millions and millions of the human race's experts shouted in unison, their voices shaking the heavens. They consisted of disciples who had just finished their tribulations and their elders, and they had all come to be Long Chen's protectors.

Having heard of the invaders coming to cause trouble for Long Chen, these people gathered from every corner of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Some disciples even abandoned their seclusion to come to protect him.

Seeing so many people cheering for him, Long Chen felt his blood heating up. He even had the urge to cry a bit.

The existence of these hot-blooded people proved that his decision was right. While he had never asked for anything in return when he made his decisions, their fervent passion deeply touched him.

Hence, Long Chen cupped his fists toward them. At the same time, he felt even greater confidence for his upcoming tribulation, and an invisible energy was welling up within his heart.

At some point, the golden lotus seed inside the primal chaos space started to shine like the sun. Its golden divine radiance spilled across every corner of the primal chaos space.

With the cheers and shouts of countless people, Long Chen and the others entered the core region of this sacred tribulation land. Meanwhile, the supporters formed a human wall on the perimeter.

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, be careful! Traitors have emerged within the human race, and it's possible they may be in our midst!" one of them urgently exclaimed.

Another expert added, "Indeed, I've heard rumors that some humans are aiding the other races, even disguising them as our own kind. It seems nearly impossible to identify them!"

Long Chen smiled and waved to them, indicating them to be at ease. He said, "Don't worry. During my tribulation, I am invincible. Let alone them, even an Eternal expert would be sending themselves to their

death if they came. For you to come here already moves me deeply. However, I'll have to ask you to retreat further back. The scale of this upcoming tribulation... might be a bit big!"

His domineering roar elicited a cheer from the protectors, and they immediately fell back.

"Begin!"

Millions of experts directly unleashed their auras and shattered the seals on their cultivation bases, directly charging through their bottlenecks.

The next moment, the sunny sky instantly turned dark, and tribulation clouds covered the world.

"By the heavens, it's so large!" Originally, people had thought that they had retreated too far, only to see tribulation clouds appear beyond the horizon. So, they hastily retreated further and further as it would not be good for them to be caught in this tribulation.

"But if we go any further, we won't be able to form a solid defense!"

"Based on this, we might be the ones who need to be defended! Run! Don't mess around and actually end up causing trouble!" shouted an elder.

These elders had come for two reasons. One reason was simply etiquette. After all, Long Chen had helped them immensely, so they had to come. Even if they were useless, just cheering him on counted as something.

The other reason was due to their experience. If there really was a sneak attack, old fellows like them would be more useful than the new World Kings of the junior generation. They hoped that their greater experience would be of use.

However, seeing the limitless heavenly tribulation, even the half-step Eternal elders felt terrified, so they directed everyone to continue falling back.

BOOM!

Just then, a torrent of lightning crashed down at the center of the heavenly tribulation. It was like a dam being broken, and the resulting flood smashed into Long Chen and the others.

"It's starting...!"

Everyone's heart clenched. This was their first time seeing such a supreme heavenly tribulation. Furthermore, just the first wave was already so terrifying, looking as if they would be directly crushed by it.

"Attack!"

Just as the heavenly tribulation descended, Gu Yang raised his spear and roared. He charged against the flow of lightning.

When everyone was shocked by his actions, rays of sword-light slashed through the air, slicing the tribulation clouds into pieces.

"What?!"

This time, they saw it clearly. The one to slice apart the heavenly tribulation clouds was the peerless sword cultivator who had sliced the Sage King martial stage apart, Yue Zifeng.

“Heavens, they’re all monsters!”

At this moment, the Dragonblood warriors charged up against the tide. Rays of divine light streaked through the air as they assaulted the tribulation clouds.

Following this wild assault, the disciples of the Battle God Palace, the High Firmament Academy, and the Starry River Sect followed suit. Only Long Chen remained standing on the ground.

“What is going on? Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen isn’t undergoing his tribulation!” At this moment, people realized that Long Chen’s aura was still the same, stuck in the Immortal King realm.

Just then, furious roars shook the heavens, and endless lightning beasts appeared in the sky, surrounding everyone.