

## The Ages 821

### Chapter 821 - Kill Him While He's Weak

"Stop blabbering nonsense. It happened once," Dugu Jin said in the distance.

"It doesn't matter. Once is enough to show that we share a predestined affinity," said Xue Yi.

"No. You're you and I'm me," said Dugu Jin.

"Don't be a stranger. At least for today, we share the same goal," added Xue Yi.

Dugu Jin laughed and waved his hand. "Are you really not going to stop me? Then I'll begin."

"Don't worry. May I take the liberty to ask if Brother Dugu's clan has something to do with this formation?" Xue Yi smiled.

"No comment."

With that, Dugu Jin swooped down. While they were speaking, the Hexapath Swordfiend had returned the Photondragon to Xue Yi. Then, he stared at Tianming with those sharp eyes. Tianming knew he was thinking about the tribulation manna and artifacts.

He was considered a top expert in Sixpath, but unfortunately their overall strength wasn't as good as the Yinyang Divine Realm. Feng Qingyu needed resources like tribulation manna and artifacts to improve their overall strength. In that way, he would have more authority in the future.

Xue Yi had already described Tianming's power and his blessing from Great Emperor Xuanyuan to him. As an ally, he alone couldn't stop Dugu Jin, Xue Yi, and You Ying from attacking the formation on the crimson star, especially since they had already spoken about it.

"Li Tianming, once the sealing formation is destroyed, you're finished," Feng Qingyu said indifferently and started attacking. For a while, all four of them attempted to destroy the formation. Such an outcome gave Tianming a headache.

"This is the source of the sealing formation? If it's broken, will they regain their strength?!"

Tianming only had two choices now. First, he could run and try to escape from the Kilostar Domain. It wouldn't be a problem for him to break out of here. Once he left, there would definitely be many top powerhouses outside. Without the sealing formation, Tianming wouldn't be able to escape if even one of the ghoulish kings was present. The risk was monumental.

His second option was to kill them before they succeeded in destroying the formation. At the very least, he had to get rid of them and cause some trouble.

When they first noticed movement here, Xue Yi and the others were ecstatic. They even gave up chasing me. That shows that the benefit of breaking this formation isn't necessarily as simple as just breaking the sealing formation. Could the real treasure be inside?! Tianming was perplexed. It was difficult to make a decision in such a tense moment. He wasn't the kind of man who would escape from battles. Instead, he was wondering if he should stake it all this time.

“Alright then. Let’s see if I’m able to pass through this formation!”

As his opponents attacked the formation, which was close to shattering, Tianming descended to the surface of the bloody-mist-filled star. He opened a path with his dark arm.

As soon as he arrived, the surrounding bloody waves roiled. Countless bloodthirsty dragons gathered around him, biting in his direction. Because they were all constructed from heavenly patterns, Tianming's dark arm could break them, to a certain extent. But the key was, the ferocious dragons regarded Tianming as a great enemy and refused to let him in.

This crimson formation had a completely different tone from the formations he had previously encountered. Tianming managed to remain standing for a while before he was almost swept in and bitten to pieces by the dragons.

“This isn’t going to work. I can’t enter!”

Thus, he was forced to escape and ascend into the sky. Together with their lifebound beasts, the other four were attacking the formation from all directions with all their strength.

This formation might seem tough, but after all, it had existed for quite some time and the attackers had chosen a spot where the formation had begun collapsing already. If this continued, the formation would soon completely disintegrate. Tianming didn’t have much time left.

“Trying to escape?!”

As soon as he rushed out of the star, Xue Yi temporarily gave up on trying to break the formation and came for him instead. He didn’t expect Xue Yi to think he was going to flee.

"Acknowledge your fate. Once the source of the sealing formation is destroyed, you’ll be as fragile as an ant in my hands. Li Tianming, if I don’t show you my true power, you’ll actually think you’re standing at the top of the Flameyellow Continent after killing Qing Ming,” Xue Yi said coldly. He was obviously satisfied with their progress on the formation, which was why he could stop Tianming from fleeing.

“Your words reminded me of something....”

Blood surged in Tianming's chest. His mind was originally chaotic, but Xue Yi’s actions had completely eliminated his opportunity to escape. He understood his thoughts instantly and his heart boiled with rage. There was only one thing left.

“What did I remind you of?” Xue Yi asked coldly.

“To kill you while you’re weak!”

As Tianming let out a low roar, his lifebound beasts appeared above the crimson star.

“Don’t you know how weak you really are without the power of the Kilostar Photondragon?” Xue Yi laughed.

“So you think I killed Long Cangyuan relying on the power of the Photondragon alone?”

Behind him, Ying Huo, Meow Meow, Lan Huang, and Xian Xian were filled with fighting spirit. This time there was no retreat; they could only fight!

Tianming had a strong feeling in his heart. Perhaps it stemmed from the Photodragon and the Great Emperor Xuanyuan.

"I can't allow them to destroy the formation! Kill!!!"

Filled with a strong killing intent, Tianming was well aware that every moment was now a battle between life and death.

Xue Yi shook his head and laughed. He felt as if Tianming had underestimated him.

"How many years has it been since I've experienced this? This kid probably thinks there's no difference between a third- and ninth-level samsaran. How could he know that I'm all the way up in the sky, while he's still crawling on the ground? Not even Fang Taiqing is my match... Brothers, don't you find this ridiculous?" Xue Yi turned to joke with his two lifebound beasts as Tianming shot towards him.

"Do you need help?" asked You Ying.

"No, continue doing your best to break the Blooddragon Sealing Formation. This kid is always running away. This time, he's finally dared to face me, so I must play around with him. But there's more urgent matters at hand. Make sure to pay attention to Dugu Jin's every move. If there's any treasure, inform me at once," Xue Yi solemnly said.

"Alright." You Ying nodded.

The moment their conversation ended, Tianming had already appeared in front of Xue Yi with the Grand-Orient Sword in hand.

Xue Yi's lifebound beasts stood in front of Tianming. They were two terrifying behemoths with nine hundred and sixty stars in their eyes. Tianming had yet to come across beasts with as many stars, except for his own lifebound beasts. They were even more powerful than Fang Taiqing's phoenixes. Xue Yi's self-righteousness and belief that he was stronger than the entire Archaion realm wasn't entirely without basis. On this aspect, he and Qing Ming were indeed of a different caliber.

But no matter how strong he was, his powers were currently restricted to the seventh-level death phase. Cultivation strength was the foundation of combat effectiveness. Even if his cultivation level was way above Tianming's, seventh-level death phase was as far as he could go.

"There's no need to fear him. He's not a ghoulish king, just an extremely powerful seventh-level death phase samsaran!"

Once he put aside Xue Yi's identity, Tianming was no longer in awe of the man. He knew very well that he had only managed to kill all these powerhouses with the help of the sealing formation. Therefore, he didn't actually think he was a match for the third-origin tribulation elders, ghoulish kings, and sect masters.

He had to kill Xue Yi while he was weak.

The current state of these experts was equivalent to suffering from a severe injury and losing most of their combat effectiveness. Why wouldn't he kill them? When would he get such an opportunity again, once he had left the Kilostar Domain?

Tianming was stark raving mad.

“Kill!”

One man and four beasts went up against Xue Yi and his two beasts.

The two gigantic, blood-red beasts were extremely ferocious. Tianming had long known of one of them—the heartsourge fiend.

### **Chapter 822 - The Heartsourge Fiend And Skyscorch Bloodfiend**

The heartsourge fiend was a gigantic broodmother beast. Apparently, it was one of the two most powerful broodmother beasts in the entire Flameyellow Continent.

The heartsourge fiend was a heartsourge worm, only infinitely magnified. It was a 400-meter-long fleshy worm that resembled a giant, blood-red snake. The difference was that its body was far more terrifying than any snake. At the front end was a huge, ferocious mouth. When opened, one could see hundreds of rings of teeth inside that could tear its prey apart.

At the other end of its body was a hole meant for birthing offspring. At this moment, countless heartsourge worms were emerging from there, floating in the starry sky like a bloody river. Other than its mouth and reproductive opening, the worm’s body was covered in scarlet scales.

Almost all of the circular scales bulged in the middle and each had spikes on them. The spikes dripped with blood and were obviously poisonous. In short, the heartsourge fiend was a giant insect covered in scales and stingers, with one hole in the back and another in the front meant for birthing and eating respectively. It was a simple, yet terrifying life form.

Xue Yi’s other lifebound beast was also known throughout the Flameyellow Continent for its ferocity. It was the skyscorch bloodfiend.

As Tianming studied the beast, he realized that its appearance was quite similar to the Archaionfiend; they both had burly physiques, sturdy limbs, a dragon head, a tail covered in spikes, and a pair of bat wings. The difference was that the skyscorch bloodfiend had sharper teeth and seemed more bloodthirsty. It was also much larger than the Archaionfiend.

Even if Xue Yi’s current state was equivalent to having sustained a severe injury, he was still a force to be reckoned with, with his two ninth-order tribulation beasts. He wielded a wide sword that was black in the middle, while the edges of the blade were drenched in blood. The shape of the sword resembled a flat, nine-layered pagoda. Each layer had a bloody groove in the shape of a heart. There were a total of sixteen tribulation patterns dancing across the blade.

Surging with bloodlust and killing intent, the sword resembled a living thing, rather than just a weapon. The bloody grooves throbbed with something like a heartbeat. With every pulse came a resounding roar that assaulted Tianming’s ears. This was the Blood Pagoda Sword. Powerful and domineering, the pagoda-like sword radiated a devastating suppressive force.

Tianming was ready for a deadly battle.

“Even if he’s much weaker than normal, he’s still terrifying. I can’t be careless!”

They were up against Xue Yi, the heartsourge fiend, the skyscorch bloodfiend, and countless heartsourge worms.

One heartsourge worm alone was a nightmare, but now there were hundreds of millions of them, piled up into blood-red waves that instantly enveloped the entire battlefield. This was a larger threat than the greenvoid skydevourer.

“More food!” Xianxian's eyes gleamed. The more heartsourge worms there were, the happier it would be.

Now that the opponent had appeared, Xian Xian mobilized the Evernight Curse to deal with the bloody sea of heartsourge worms without having to be told. The Evernight Rose's dark pollen dispersed and invaded the bloody sea.

Xue Yi didn't know how Tianming had defeated and killed Qing Ming; therefore he was still unaware of Xian Xian's power over a broodmother beast's offspring. The heartsourge worms rained down on Xian Xian, covering its branches, leaves and vines. In an instant, the Radiant Daffodil and Evernight Rose were submerged in wriggling worms. Xian Xian's roots split up into countless strands that soared into the sky, piercing and devouring the worms and leaving no trace behind.

If that was all, there was no way Xue Yi could fight Tianming. However, the heartsourge fiend wasn't at all like the greenvoid skydevourer, not to mention that he still had the skyscorch bloodfiend.

At that moment, the heartsourge fiend let out a heartrending and desolate cry that sounded like it had come from the deep sea. It was the sound of whale song. The heartsourge worms that had been confused by the Evernight Curse exploded upon hearing the sound.

Such an explosion threatened to overwhelm the Radix World Tree. This was just the start of the battle, yet half of Xian Xian's branches, leaves, vines, and flowers had already been blown up.

“It hurts!”

In his lifebound space, Xian Xian's spiritform turned ashen. It was rarely ever in such a state.

It was their first exchange, yet the heartsourge fiend had used unconventional means to prevent Xian Xian from devouring its offspring. What was even more uncomfortable were the beast's continuous wails. The mournful sound triggered fearful emotions and magnified its horror. This was its ability, the Soulhide Curse.

“How does it feel?”

Xue Yi felt that Tianming was too arrogant. Just because he had been lucky enough to kill one ghoulish king, did Tianming really think he could take him on?

“This is just the beginning. Please enjoy.”

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Lan Huang was in the middle of a one-on-one battle with the armored bloodfiend. With each attack, the earth shook and the sky darkened.

Although the bloodfiend's cultivation realm was currently suppressed, its flesh remained strong, comparable to Lan Huang's. It spewed Skyscorch Bloodphlegm, an ability that resembled Meow Meow's Soulchasing Hellthunder in that it could invade the body and burn the blood. Lan Huang's body soon turned red as it began burning from within.

"It burns!" Lan Huang circulated its nine kui seas, but dispelling the heat wasn't that easy.

Every time the bloodfiend bit its flesh, it would inject Lan Huang with Skyscorch Bloodphlegm. Although Lan Huang's Kilofold Rings had ripped numerous wounds in its opponent's body, that kind of physical injury wasn't as lethal. If this continued, Lan Huang wouldn't be able to keep fighting alone. Xian Xian could have lent support, but it was now struggling to protect itself after the massive detonation.

"We have to deal with the heartsourge fiend first, so it can't keep making that sound!" Tianming turned to Ying Huo and Meow Meow.

They reacted quickly; it had only taken them one glance to realize the crux of the problem. The heartsourge fiend that continuously produced heartsourge worms and cast its curse over the battlefield was key.

However, Xue Yi had seen this thousands of times. Guarding the heartsourge fiend, he sneered at them. "How funny! Even when I was ten, my opponents wanted to get rid of it first. It's been more than two hundred years, but your tricks are the same."

"Good ideas never go out of style!"

In an instant, Tianming and the two beasts shot toward him. On the left, Ying Huo unleashed Infernal Haze; on the right, Meow Meow flashed with lightning. Meanwhile, Tianming went straight for Xue Yi, the three of them attacking at the same time.

Hexapath Samsara Sword—Animacorpus Eradication! Splitting the Grand-Orient Sword into two, Tianming pierced through the void. Wherever his sword went, he was able to rip a hole in space.

Xue Yi held the Blood Pagoda Sword in both hands. At the same time, the Soulhide curse, which had been magnified several times, had already affected his opponents' souls. Tianming was able to resist the curse, but Ying Huo and Meow Meow were both affected to a certain extent, thus slowing down.

Bloodriver Devourer! The heartsourge fiend bellowed, its huge mouth spewing a stream of blood. The torrent swept across like stormy waves, then condensed into a huge blood-red ocean.

The beast took to the bloody ocean like a water snake in a pond, moving freely. Unfortunately, Tianming and his lifebound beasts were all trapped in the cold, poisonous blood. Once contaminated, their entire bodies began rotting. Not even Tianming's Ancient Deepstar Godbody could resist its power.

Proficient in various battle arts, Xue Yi flaunted the arrogance of a man capable of taking on his enemy alone. In his hands, his sword almost seemed light. The power of the sword transformed, forming blood-red lotus flowers that blocked the Grand-Orient Sword with ease. At the same time, Ying Huo and Meow Meow were forced into retreat by the heartsourge fiend's abilities.

Under such circumstances, Xian Xian and Lan Huang would most likely be crushed; Tianming didn't have much time.

“He’s strong, worthy of his position as the third ghoulish king!” Tianming took a deep breath.

“What should we do?” Despite its best efforts, Meow Meow found it hard to move freely in the bloody ocean. Its lightning abilities had been completely suppressed.

“Let’s try something else.”

Although Tianming seemed irritated, he had thought of numerous strategies in his head.

“What?”

“You two distract Xue Yi while I slay the heartscurge fiend!”

The formation on the crimson star seemed to shake even harder, an indication that it was about to break.

“Alright!”

Xue Yi was surprised when Ying Huo and Meow Meow aimed for him instead. After all, they were the smallest opponents he had ever encountered.

Ying Huo's Skyscorch Featherblast and Meow Meow's Myriad Thundernet were simultaneously unleashed. Although they were small, they were beasts with nine hundred and ninety-nine stars in their eyes and Xue Yi didn't dare dismiss their abilities. Swerving to avoid their attacks, Xue Yi swung his sword, creating a massive, bloody wave that broke Meow Meow's Myriad Thundernet.

“What are you up to?”

Xue Yi froze for a moment, only to watch as Tianming wrapped the heartscurge fiend in his chain. Then, pulling hard, he slammed the beast to the bloody ground.

### **Chapter 823 - Breaking My Wing To Protect You**

Using Archfiend, Tianming broke through the sea of blood, rushed to the front of Ghoulish King Xue Yi, and slammed into the heartscurge fiend like a meteor.

“You’re courting death!” Xue Yi coldly snorted as he waved his sword, forming uninhibited sword shadows.

At that moment, Chaos Disaster crazily rained down on his head like a lightning hell descending upon him.

“I’m going to rip your mouth, Slit-mouthed Monster!”

With a cry, Ying Huo unleashed Infernal Blaze hidden within Animacorpus Eradication. However, Xue Yi was able to block the attack right before it hit him.

His gaze was icy cold. Although the Blood Pagoda Sword was huge, it was as fast as a phantom. With one strike, the blood-red stars suddenly expanded and exploded in front of Ying Huo, detonating its Infernal Blaze ahead of time.

A thunderous explosion reverberated through the sea of blood. A red spark burst, forming a fireball that stood in Xue Yi's way.

"You little beasts just won't give up, will you?"

Cracking his mouth wide open, he laughed coldly, his gaze bone-chilling. However, it was undeniable that he had been stopped by them and wouldn't be able to help the heartsourge fiend for the time being.

However, he wasn't worried. From his combat experience, he could tell at a glance that despite their vigor, Tianming and his lifebound beasts had quite a few inadequacies in battle in the face of a man who had cultivated for over two hundred years.

"How can my heartsourge fiend be so easy to deal with? Fine then. Since you sent this little chick and cat to me, I'll chop them first!"

Xue Yi's attacks were fierce, the third-origin samsara battle arts in his hands seemingly endless. In a short period of time, he displayed at least eight different sword arts, each of them as profound as the Hexapath Samsara Sword. This was the crystallization of all the top Nonahall powerhouses' knowledge over a hundred thousand years.

As Ying Huo and Mew Meow did everything they could do to obstruct Xie Yi, Tianming climbed onto the heartsourge fiend. Although the beast vehemently shook its four-hundred-meter-long body, Tianming managed to hold on with the Archfiend. Even so, he was dragged thousands of meters into the starry sky.

He crashed into the formation several times and was bitten by the dragons. The heartsourge fiend's blood-red venom crazily spread throughout Tianming's body, tearing his Ancient Deepstar Godbody apart.

For the moment, Tianming didn't dare use the Dragonhide due to its large consumption of energy. If it was used improperly, his opponent would remain standing while he would be weak and easy to kill. Under such circumstances, he had to persist as long as he could.

"Losing means dying. I'm finished if the formation below is destroyed and the sealing formation is gone. I'll only be implicating the four of them. There's no retreat!"

Tianming's eyes were red. From the moment he had entered the Kilostar Domain up until yesterday, he had been planning and strategizing, but now he was on the border of life and death. He could almost see it.

"I don't want to die! I can't die!"

With an earth-shaking roar, he thrust his sword into the heartsourge fiend. The Imperealm Sword Formation on the Grand-Orient Sword burst out at once, countless threads of gold and black sword ki enveloping the beast.

However, the heartsourge fiend's armor was rather hard. The sword ki did nothing to it, but the sword itself ripped out a wound. Tianming immediately discovered that the beast possessed a strong self-



healing ability. Its offspring could actually cover up its wounds, merge with its flesh and blood, and become a part of its body, thus repairing the damage.

The worms were full of energy and vitality because they had just devoured many of Xian Xian's branches and leaves. As long as the heartsourge fiend stood, their number would only continue increasing. Ghoul King Xue Yi used his experience and odd ways, as well as methods accumulated over two hundred years, to make Tianming suffer."

"You won't die?!"

His eyes were bloodshot and blue veins were throbbing on his neck. Tianming knew what a heavy responsibility he carried; he had to give it his all. Fleeing meant death, but there was hope if he fought. Such a situation aroused the violence in him, instead of a desire to give up.

Letting go of Archfiend, Tianming wielded the Grand-Orient Sword in both hands, slashing down on the heartsourge fiend. With a roar, he exhausted all his strength as he dragged the sword in a downward motion, tearing a bigger wound in the beast's body.

In that moment, blood spurted from the wound, splattering all over Tianming. The highly poisonous blood corroded and riddled holes in Tianming's flesh. Right now, he was completely unrecognizable, like an ugly ghost.

"If it weren't for the Kilostar Domain, the heartsourge fiend could destroy me with a single ability. Killing it would be my fortune, so what's there to be afraid of?!"

Ignoring his own safety, Tianming continued hewing at the wound until it stretched thirty meters long.

The heartsourge fiend finally ceased using its Soulhide Curse and screamed miserably instead. At that point, its heartsourge worms stopped exploding.

However, Xian Xian's branches and leaves were almost completely shattered and most of the Radiant Daffodil and Evernight Rose had been eaten by the worms. In his lifebound space, Xian Xian was bitterly crying. Its girlish sobs broke Tianming's heart.

"Xian Xian, it won't hurt anymore. Don't be afraid. It's your turn to eat them!"

Tianming's voice was filled with pain.

But now that there was a glimmer of hope, Tianming hoped Xian Xian could pull itself together.

"Alright, I'll stop crying. These naughty bugs made Half-daddy sad!"

Although Xian Xian was in a sorry state, it didn't forget to use Tianming's nickname. This showed that it wasn't defeated. After all, they were Primordial Chaos Beasts; what creatures could truly frighten them?

The Evernight Rose began working again. Without the support of the Soulhide Curse, the worms sank into confusion, killing each other and being devoured by Xian Xian's black roots.

Xian Xian's angry outburst resulted in attack after attack. Under such circumstances, its branches, vines, and flowers began to regenerate and regain their vitality at a speed visible to the naked eye. It was ravenous and all the more ferocious.

“When Xian Xian gains the upper hand, it can support Lan Huang, reverse the situation, and begin a counterattack!” It showed how important it was for Tianming to restrain the curse. However, the heartsourge fiend wouldn’t allow Tianming to lead it by the nose.

As Tianming ripped apart its flesh, the heartsourge fiend twisted and writhed like a snake, or perhaps more like a cord in a knot. Using its own body to form an enclosed space, it contracted, the spikes on its scales inching ever closer to Tianming. It was like a snake's constriction coil, which could crush men into mush.

At the same time, its huge mouth appeared on the top of Tianming's head. Blood gushed out and engulfed Tianming. This was clearly a turkey shoot.

Tianming's completely corroded flesh had turned black, his Infernal Armor long broken. His entire body prickled with pain, a feeling that was worse than death. But at least he had prevented the beast from using the Soulhide Curse. As long as Xian Xian and Lan Huang could gain an advantage, his persistence would have meaning.

But what Tianming was most worried about was whether or not Ying Huo and Meow Meow could resist Xue Yi.

“He has endless methods. If even Ghou King Qing Ming possessed the Greenwater Ghou Art, what more does Xue Yi have in store?”

Proficient in various battle arts, Xue Yi was a powerhouse on par with Fang Taiqing.

“I must kill it!”

A fire raged in his chest.

In fact, his worries were reasonable. Right now, Ying Huo and Meow Meow were indeed in mortal danger.

“Cat Bro, be careful!”

Just as Ying Huo shouted that and Meow Meow unleashed its abilities, Xue Yi disrupted the lightning with the Blood Pagoda Sword.

“Die!” Xue Yi roared.

His thunderous cry seemed to be some sort of battle art, similar to Lan Huang’s Primordial Soundwave. It condensed into a beam that rattled Meow Meow’s eardrums.

In that instant, Meow Meow began bleeding from all seven orifices, its expression miserable. Ghou King Xue Yi followed up with another slash of his sword, shattering the Ninefold Chaos Thunderscape and slashing down on Meow Meow's forehead. Despite its urgent attempt to strengthen itself by transforming into the Regal Chaosfiend, the power of this blow easily hacked through its flesh, right down to the bone.

Fortunately, it possessed the Venus Fiendbone, otherwise Meow Meow would have been split in half. Even so, that terrifying power cracked Meow Meow's skull. Black blood spouted as it screamed in agony, its gaze drifting. Meow Meow swayed unsteadily on its feet.

"So the ultimate tribulation mana made your bones this hard? Such hard bones indeed! If it weren't for the sealing formation, I could break your bones with my fingers!" Xue Yi sneered.

Tianming couldn't kill the heartscurge fiend, yet he could easily kill Tianming's two lifebound beasts. Wasn't that wonderful?

"The fact that he dared to fight instead of flee shows that he actually thinks it's possible to defeat me. How naive! If he did attempt to flee, I might not go after him since the formation is here."

That was the reason he didn't want help from Ghoul King You Ying. If You Ying joined in the battle, Tianming would definitely escape. At the moment, You Ying was the only one he trusted. For Xue Yi, the Blooddragon Sealing Formation was the most important thing in his life.

"You'll pay the price for underestimating me!"

Xue Yi unleashed another blow upon the dizzy cat. All Meow Meow could do was wait for death to come.

Right then, a blazing phantom shot toward Meow Meow as Ying Huo used its body to block the sword.

Drawing a breath, Ying Huo let out a gut-wrenching scream. Half of its wing was broken!

#### **Chapter 824 - Vampire Whale**

The Skypiercing Diablos Feathers and Imperial Radiance combined hadn't fully blocked Xue Yi's blow. After the strike connected, Ying Huo looked down and saw that one of its wings had been partly severed, with the cut off part flying off and stabbing into one of Xian Xian's branches. At first, all Ying Huo felt was numbness, but unimaginable pain soon caught up with its senses and its face contorted from the sheer pain.

"Go!" It didn't have time to even suffer the full extent of the pain, as Xue Yi was charging up to it again. Ying Huo backed off and protected Meow Meow, who just snapped back into consciousness. For now, their rampaging abilities still managed to force back the ghoul king and allowed them to just barely survive.

"Chicken Bro, your wing...." Meow Meow was so shocked that tears were about to form as its mouth shook.

"What are you crying about? You're a male feline! Don't be so sentimental!" Ying Huo said with its chest puffed out despite the pain it was still feeling.

"No, I was just thinking that your wings aren't symmetrical anymore. It's actually bothering me quite a bit."

"Damn you!" It stretched its injured wing up, only to notice something that drove it even wilder.

"Dammit, I can't even touch my head with this! How can I style my hair now?! I'll mess you up, you slit-mouthed monster! Aaaaagh!"

If they were able to survive, there was still a chance for its wing to be reconnected. However, recovery might take a long time. Ying Huo had truly paid a huge price to save Meow Meow, so much so that Meow Meow was tearing up over it. Ying Huo was the earliest brother to come to Tianming and had grown alongside him the longest, and it had taken care of Meow Meow like its own little brother ever since the cat was born. Saving Meow Meow was a given.

"Chicken Bro, you sacrificed a wing to save my life. From now on, I'll definitely work hard to earn more nap time," Meow Meow promised with a hint of sadness. However, whether it would remember that oath in the event of their survival was a wholly different story.

For now, the two of them unrelentingly struggled against Xue Yi's attacks! Even though they might lose even more, perhaps even their very lives, there was still hope.

"Tianming, if I really end up dying today, you must treat them even better. Don't be too sad." Ying Huo received the slashes from Xue Yi's swords as its body glowed brightly with Imperial Radiance. The little flaming bird looked like a sun as it intercepted the ghoulish king.

"I'm here too!" Meow Meow crackled with lightning, its head bleeding and hurting. However, it didn't back off even the slightest. Fighting was its core instinct, and it had learned much about responsibilities and protecting its siblings in the time it had spent with Tianming. There was also the spirit of never giving up and fighting to the bitter end. All of that made Tianming and his lifebound beasts different from everyone else!

While Tianming couldn't see what they were experiencing right now, their lives were intertwined. The bond between beastmaster and lifebound beasts wasn't simply that of cultivation partners. Instead, they were more like different lifeforms that shared the same body and mind. They were born into the world together, and fought by each other's side until the end of their lives. In other words, they were a part of Tianming's life! Their pains, their joys, even their feelings of love and hate were everything to him. He could feel their intense determination to struggle in the face of death.

"Ying Huo... Meow Meow...."

He often doubted whether he was a good leader. In fact, he didn't think he was a leader at all. He had learned as much from them as they had from him, even though he was born some ten plus years earlier than them.

"You must hold on! Not a single one of the five of us can be lost!" Tianming had already suffered the loss of a lifebound beast once. During those three grueling years, he suffered from nightmares every night, always seeing the sight of Midas crying in pain and grief as it died by his feet. He never wanted to be reminded of that again.

He let out a harrowing howl as his tears flowed. Now, he was completely charred and covered in countless wounds, but he truly felt like a murderous demon more than ever.

"Newfound courage can often be found in despair. It can often manifest into the biggest threat the world has faced! Perhaps fighting with one's life on the line is the true essence of the Ninesky Beastsoul Formation!"

The will to defy the fate decreed by the heavens was something nobody could impede. It had never occurred to him before this, but he was always at his most savage and murderous when it came to defending his own family. That was the defining drive behind his Ninesky Beastsoul Formation!

When his will and sword intent fused into one, it allowed him to unleash a slash that was beyond the limits of the Kilostar Domain. The sword formation went wild as it attacked the heartsourge fiend, gouging out one part after another and triggering a bloody slaughterfest. Countless holes were made in the body of the heartsourge fiend, out of which torrents of blood flowed. The beast let out a blood-curling cry with hints of the Soulhide Curse. The whale-like song almost seemed like an accompaniment for a bloody waterworks show.

The huge insect shook rampantly in the air. There were so many wounds on it that not even the countless heartsourge worms were able to help heal them. Its blood was rapidly being drained out by Tianming's attacks. Though it was still alive, it would only continue shrinking as Tianming continued attacking it. It was just a matter of time until it expired for good.

Not to mention, Xian Xian had grown rather big. The pollen from its Evernight Curse had completely seeped into the heartsourge worms before they were consumed by Xian Xian. Without its little minions, the heartsourge fiend fared even worse.

Now, Xian Xian had come to Lan Huang's aid and was fighting against the skyscorch bloodfiend. It was two-on-one, which balanced the scales of the battle. In fact, the scales seemed to be tipping in Tianming's favor.

Xue Yi was naturally aware of how both his beasts were being suppressed. But it had all happened too quickly right after he had almost managed to kill Meow Meow and managed to wound Ying Huo. It was so unbelievable that he was a little taken aback. How could the third-ranked ghoulish king, a figure that towered over countless people in the Nonahall Divine Realm, be afraid of some little brat? Just because of some sealing formation? He smirked coldly, almost in defiance. Since his first killing blow had been blocked by Ying Huo, he had been making preparations to kill those two beasts. Almost at the same moment Tianming began ravaging his heartsourge fiend, he made his move.

"Very well. I'll let you have a taste of Nonahall's forbidden art. It is a little embarrassing for me to be forced to use a move like this before my two good friends, the Hexapath Swordfiend and Dugu Jin." Though he said that, he didn't feel the slightest bit of shame as he pressed his hands against his abdomen.

Suddenly, a bloody aura surged from his body as his abdomen began rapidly bloating, making him look like a bloody toad, and his mouth seemed to enlarge considerably. Then he opened his huge mouth, revealing the complex structures within. There was no tongue; instead, the whole mouth looked just like the insides of the heartsourge fiend's mouth, sporting rows and rows of teeth that seemed to spiral infinitely inwards.

"Witness my forbidden art, Vampire Whale! Let's have some fun!"

His abdomen suddenly expanded, causing an incredibly strong suction to form near his mouth, which he aimed at Ying Huo and Meow Meow. Countless bloody tentacles sprouted from his open mouth and wrapped around the two of them. They weren't real flesh, but rather ethereal structures formed from

energy, so they wouldn't snap easily. Additionally, they covered the entire area much like Xian Xian's black roots, making them almost impossible to evade!

For now, his heartscurge fiend could still hold on for a short time. As long as it had blood, it could recover from any injury, so Xue Yi wasn't too concerned about it.

"I'll kill this little cat and chicken and free myself up to take care of Li Tianming!" he exclaimed as Vampire Whale activated with full force. Ying Huo and Meow Meow began to realize that their blood was being sucked out by the formless tentacles and promptly struggled with all their might. But no matter how far they ran, the tentacles stuck to their bodies unrelentingly. In fact, some even got onto Lan Huang and Xian Xian's bodies. The only thing that surprised Xue Yi was how it had no effect on Xian Xian at all, but it mattered not. The moment he finished sucking out the other three's blood, they would be dead for good.

"Enjoy. The only reason this was classified as a forbidden art is its cruel nature. However, the results of using this move are always interesting to behold."

Xue Yi snickered coldly, his laughter sounding like a nightmarish requiem to Tianming. That forbidden art seemed to turn the tables for Xue Yi once again. Now that Lan Huang was entangled by those tentacles, it wasn't able to put as much pressure on the skyscorch bloodfiend. Even with Xian Xian's help, it wasn't able to stop the bloodfiend from starting to overwhelm it.

The three seemed to be struggling in futility against the forbidden art, and the desperate situation caused Xian Xian to cry from anxiety once again. It had only been born less than six months ago, yet it had to face off against odds like these. The enemy it was facing was far beyond its means.

"Save us!" Tianming's brothers' and sister's voices pleaded weakly through their telepathic link.

"Everyone..." That was the situation Tianming had found himself in right as he was about to completely crush the heartscurge fiend.

## **Chapter 825 - Fighting for Love**

As if Tianming's earlier rampage wasn't enough, he was about to go even wilder. He charged toward Xue Yi like a madman! Though the heartscurge fiend tried to stop him, it only ended up with another bloody orifice carved into its body. Tianming bore a hole through the heartscurge fiend's body, ending up covered in blood. However, the insect didn't have any vitals to speak of, and could even survive being bisected like an earthworm. It wouldn't have caused Tianming so much trouble otherwise.

"Xue Yi!" he roared as he executed the Ninesky Beastsoul Formation once more. Boundless sword ki pierced through the bloody ocean, forming nine great beasts behind him that hammered down on Xue Yi. It was clear to him that Xue Yi's forbidden art had a weakness: it couldn't be interrupted halfway. He still had hope!

However, Xue Yi had been ready for it long ago. He had been paying attention to what was happening at the bloody formation beneath him and saw that it had begun to fail, and cracks were working their way through it. It looked like an eggshell that was about to crumble. The Blooddragon Sealing Formation was going to crumble!

We did it! Xue Yi thought before he had even used his forbidden art. As far as he was concerned, it would be worth it if the formation crumbled even if his heartsourge fiend ended up dead. Seeing Tianming about to ruin his plans, he roared, "Brother Feng, give me a hand!"

You Ying didn't even need to be ordered and charged straight to Dugu Jin's side. Now that the formation was crumbling, they needed to be extra careful. After all, they didn't know the real reason Dugu Jin wanted to break the formation. With You Ying watching Dugu Jin, Feng Qingyu could come to join the fight.

Killing this little scum by myself? Xue Yi wasn't the least bit humored by that notion at all. With the power and status he had, there was no need at all for him to prove himself by fighting this junior alone. All he was concerned with was keeping Tianming occupied before the formation crumbled.

Now that Feng Qingyu was coming, Tianming wouldn't be able to escape even if he wanted to. As Feng Qingyu was attacking the barrier, he had been keeping an eye on Xue Yi's battle. Calm as he seemed after hearing the order, he acted with blazing speed. "Deal," he said.

His Hexafirmament Eradicator was already shimmering with power. The instant he heard the order, he stretched out his hand and fused the six swords into one before sending it straight toward Tianming with a speed so quick that it practically pierced through space itself. He seemed to be much stronger than Xue Yi. The moment Tianming even spotted the attack, he was already about to die from it.

"To hell with you! I'll take all of you down together!" Xue Yi snapped.

There was no way Tianming would be able to save his lifebound beasts from Xue Yi the moment before his death. This could be it. Tianming gasped at the lesson he had learned today: not a single person who managed to climb to such heights was weak by any means. Seeing Feng Qingyu's fatal attack humbled him and he could already imagine the scene of his death. However, he wouldn't give up!

At the last instant, he summoned the Prime Tower, but the Hexapath Swordfiend's attack was far too quick and ferocious. It completely knocked the Prime Tower aside, giving off blinding sparks at the moment of contact, not to mention the horrible ear-piercing sound it gave off. Even so, it managed to divert its trajectory a little bit, causing it to bore a hole through Tianming's chest and barely miss his heart instead of instantly slaying him.

Even though he immediately used the Dragonhide the moment before being struck, it was still pierced through. The blood-curdling sound of his flesh and sinew being ripped apart rang in his ears. He suddenly felt a chill in his chest where the hole was just bored. Every breath he took sent searing pain through him, causing him to pale immediately. Was this the end of his story?

The bloody formation had completely crumbled beneath him. Now, the entire blood star seemed to be collapsing in on itself. The formation could no longer be saved.

"Soon, the sealing formation's effects will disappear and they'll all regain their peak abilities.... I'll be helpless on their chopping block...."

Ying Huo and the rest were being suppressed by the Vampire Whale and were closer to death than ever, while he was heavily injured. If their enemies regained their power after the formation crumbled, it

would turn out to be the biggest predicament that he had ever found himself in. Even a senior like Yi Xingyin would break down in such a situation, let alone Tianming.

Life was like a nightmare for him now. With every breath he took, he felt a numbing pain spreading through his whole body. The smile on Xue Yi's face seemed to be mocking him for challenging a senior like him without knowing his place. Even with the sealing formation, he shouldn't have dared to step out of line in the first place! The world felt deathly silent to him. Nothing but the pain in his chest and the sight of Xue Yi's cruel smile filled his senses, accompanied by the weak cries of Ying Huo, Lan Huang, and Meow Meow.

Should I stop breathing, close my eyes and accept my fate? Is that the only way for me to escape this pain? However, would he really be afraid to breathe just because of the pain in his chest? The voices of Ying Huo and the rest reminded him of their cheerful conversations over the past few years. There was a bond that would last to their dying breaths. Could he really pretend not to hear their cries and choose to accept death? I can't do it! I can never!

He wasn't the sort to tear up and cry. But now, he opened his eyes to let the tears and blood flow. He continued breathing heavily, taking in all the pain and looking at nothing but the four of them. Without you all, I wouldn't exist as I do right now. We killed countless people in Kilostar Domain, but it still isn't enough!

He tightly gripped his swords and took in everything before his eyes. Ying Huo, Lan Huang, Meow Meow, and Xian Xian were looking at him with gazes filled with trust. They didn't want to die either!

There are still many things I want to do in life. I want to do right by Feiling. I want to protect her for the rest of my life. I want to stand with my parents one day and face their troubles with them. I want to take all of you on a journey all over the world to walk the path to godhood! I love you all. I don't want to die! I don't want to die!

Those were his most earnest thoughts, and they were enough to make him forget even this pain. His eyes were completely bloodshot. To protect those that I love, I shall fight and never stop until I'm dead for good!

At that moment, he charged toward Xue Yi like a meteor, burning himself up.

"As expected, my power is coming back now that the sealing formation is about to disappear." Xue Yi smirked when he watched Tianming suicidally charge at him. "Do young people these days really not fear death at all? Come to think of it, it's really nostalgic to see someone with such blazing willpower. It's a shame people like this usually die the fastest."

Xue Yi could see part of himself in Tianming. He felt both nostalgia and embarrassment over it. The childish single-mindedness Tianming displayed by risking his life like this was too laughable for him.

He turned to look at Feng Qingyu, satisfied that he was launching another attack with his Hexafirmament Eradicator. Now, it was targeted at Tianming's left chest—in other words, his heart!

Since you've stopped caring about your own life to try to save your lifebound beasts, your life is forfeit! Xue Yi thought joyously. Through the tentacles, he had tasted the blood of Ying Huo and the rest and found it all too delectable. A single drop was enough to warm his body. If things went as planned,



Tianming would die in the next moment from Feng Qingyu's attack. The collapse of the Blooddragon Sealing Formation would also make it much easier for him; there was nothing more joyous than that.

Feng Qingyu's second strike had pierced the void and arrived at Tianming's back. Would the brat finally die from that?

Feng Qingyu only got the better of me the last time because I wasn't ready! But now... Tianming already had a good idea of when the second strike would come. During the critical moment, he summoned the Prime Tower again with the entrance facing him. Before he even moved, the Hexafirmament Eradicator rammed straight into Prime Tower, causing it to slam against him.

A loud clang rang out, but Tianming survived! He entered the tower right as the strike connected, though the shockwave from the strike still shook him around and caused him to cough out blood. Even so, he was alive.

"Feng Qingyu's still at the level of a seventh-level death samsaran. Not to mention, he was too far away from me. No matter how fast his sword is, it's still far inferior to when he's at his peak!" If that weren't the case, Tianming wouldn't even have had the chance to summon Prime Tower.

Now, he was calm. He had turned his back on Feng Qingyu's attack and still managed to survive the fatal blow with a most unconventional method, much to Feng Qingyu's shock.

"Interesting.... A divine artifact, eh? Break for me!" Once more, he launched Hexafirmament Eradicator toward the Prime Tower, striking it and sending it in Xue Yi's direction. He seemed to be really confident in his divine artifact. After all, it had managed to pierce through the Dragonhide, too. However, the second strike was still unable to break through the tower all the same. "It's that tough?"

He retrieved his swords and prepared to attack it himself. But what he didn't know was that the chance Tianming had been waiting for was finally here. He had found the perfect angle. Before, he was sandwiched between Xue Yi and Feng Qingyu. But now, as the Prime Tower floated past Xue Yi's head, Tianming emerged and charged toward the ghoulish king, intending to risk everything on this gamble. Luckily, it worked out! When his eyes met the ghoulish king's, he knew that this was his only chance. Ying Huo and the rest were still struggling to live.

"Kill him!" the four of them yelled.

"Die!" Tianming's eyes were completely covered in tears of blood as he used the Soulshaker Eye. Then he slashed using the Ninesky Beastsoul Formation. The Human Emperor's Dragonhide was still shining brightly and the Grand-Orient Sword was split into two. This would be the last and only chance he had.

"Even if I die, I'll take you down with me, Third Ghoulish King!"

Xue Yi froze for a moment from the Soulshaker Eye. Tianming evading Feng Qingyu's fatal attack with a method like that had been completely out of his expectations, and it had all happened just fractions of a second ago. Feng Qingyu had underestimated him too; if he had come to attack Tianming himself instead of launching his divine artifact to do the job, the brat would have been dead for sure.

All those coincidences enabled an insignificant junior like him to continue struggling for his life and rewriting his fate! His sword strike was far stronger than before.

Even so, Xue Yi continued laughing. "My power should be back now!"

Right at that moment, the Blooddragon Sealing Formation shattered completely, immediately causing the samsara rings around the lifesprings and deathsprings in Xue Yi to surge as power began returning to him. He immediately stopped using the Vampire Whale. Otherwise, he would have to take a beating.

"Naive brat...." All he needed to do was to stop using his forbidden art to block Tianming's sword. However, the sound of wet flesh parting could be heard. Stunned, Xue Yi looked down and saw a bloodied bird impaled in him.

It had piggybacked on the last remnants of suction from his forbidden art to propel itself with its wing held out like a sword and aimed toward his heart. The bird savagely looked up at him, its wing having cut his heart in half. "I am the Aeternal Infernal Phoenix! Slit-mouthed monster, do you yield?!"

Ying Huo then spat a Sixpath Infernal Lotus at Xue Yi's face.

"Ugh!" Of all the things he could've expected, a dying lifebound beast piercing its wing into his heart wasn't one of them. I'm in big trouble...

Xue Yi's face finally paled as his whole body shook. Despair even surfaced in his eyes. "Noooo!" he cried.

Struggle as he might, it was already too late. The moment the Sixpath Infernal Lotus hit his face, Tianming's Ninesky Beastsoul Formation strike clashed against his head, immediately turning his entire body into minced meat. He was dead in the truest sense of the word, unable to even utter a final cry of agony. His power had returned in full at the very last instant before his death, but alas, it was far too late! He had died at Tianming and his lifebound beasts' hands!

Blood and flesh scattered all across the area, seemingly freezing time itself. Tianming wiped off his bloody tears and looked at Ying Huo, Meow Meow, Lan Huang, and Xian Xian. "Guys..."

He opened his arms wide and hugged all of them tightly, letting their blood intermingle. His voice sounded even more harrowing than before. "Same old deal—we live and die together without regrets."

"Waaaah!" Xian Xian broke out in tears.

"Stop messing around! My wing is still out there!" Ying Huo groaned.

"Chicken Bro saved me by risking his life! I don't have any riches to speak of, so I can only repay you with my body!" Meow Meow said.

"Get the fuck away from me!"

## **Chapter 826 - Grey Star**

Tianming had survived impossible odds and finally reunited with them.

"Now that the sealing formation is destroyed, I can no longer throw my weight around here." Tianming knew this far too well. "Without the sealing formation, the battles they fight aren't something I can take part in. I was already more than lucky to kill Ghoulish King Xue Yi, so I should settle down a bit!"

The main reason he found himself in such a predicament was because he recklessly wanted to do everything he could to turn his situation around. Now that he had managed to survive, and even lucked out by killing two ghoulish kings, he decided he wouldn't take risks like that anymore. When he hugged his beasts, he took them back into the lifebound space. Lan Huang had long since given up on its enemy and was the last to disappear back into the lifebound space.

The next moment, Tianming entered the Prime Tower and hid with all he could. He had moved as quickly as he could, for the others were already recovering their powers and would pose even larger threats to him. Feng Qingyu and You Ying aside, even the dead Xue Yi's lifebound beasts would never let Tianming off after they recovered their full power.

The heartscourge fiend was heavily wounded and couldn't really move well as its power returned. The skyscorch bloodfiend, on the other hand, roared with anger and spat out Skyscorch Bloodphlegm that was ten times more potent than before. If it weren't for the sealing formation, Lan Huang would've never been able to escape from it.

Tianming managed to enter the tower right before the burning phlegm reached him. The blast sent the Prime Tower floating off again. In the meantime, Feng Qingyu attacked the tower with countless slashes, but not one of them got through.

"By the way, did you manage to get the Photodragon back?" Ying Huo asked.

"Of course." Tianming had made sure of it the moment he delivered the finishing blow.

"Then bring out the trident and start murdering away. Kill Feng Qingyu while you're at it!"

"Nonsense. Even with the power of the stars, it can only enable me to fight tribulation elders in the ninth-level life phase. These guys are eleventh level and above, and their sword-ki-infused spit alone is enough to kill me...." As he spoke he grit his teeth from the pain in his chest.

"Come to think of it, that's true.... To think that alpha wolf of a slit-mouthed monster would end up being killed by a puny dog."

"Who are you calling a dog?!"

"Oh, you misunderstand. I wasn't talking about you. Why did you admit to it?"

"You little...."

As they bantered, Tianming felt an even larger shock. The skyscorch bloodfiend and Feng Qingyu continued raining down attacks on the Prime Tower, so he had no choice but to will his soul servant to help them escape. It was too bad that the speed at which the tower traveled was akin to a snail's, now that his enemies' powers had returned. Though Tianming wouldn't die, he would still have to take a nonstop beating.

"Since we're in trouble already, let's just sit here and wait." He seemed far more optimistic after his close brush with death.

"You got us into this trouble! I don't want any part in it!" Meow Meow said as it lazily stretched, tenderly touching its broken scalp as it winced and glared at Tianming.

There was no way they would be able to imagine how those outside were feeling right now. Feng Qingyu in particular had allowed Xue Yi to be killed because of his carelessness. Ying Huo's final strike had changed everything. He felt a chill just by contemplating how even the third ghoulish king himself had died in such a humiliating fashion. It had all happened in an instant.

Xue Yi might have needed only three breaths' time to be able to kill Tianming for good. Yet an existence like him had actually been killed in such a comedic fashion that it stumped Feng Qingyu completely.

Now, Xue Yi's two beasts had lost all reason and were rampaging nonstop, causing countless spatial tears to appear within the Kilostar Domain. It seemed to be too weak to endure the full extent of their power.

Faring far worse was Ghoulish King You Ying. She had heard Xue Yi cry out right as she arrived by Dugu Jin's side. Turning back, she'd seen his death and her eyeballs had almost popped out. "Nooooo!"

Cry as she might, there was nothing she could do.

"Stop hitting it. The tower won't break. Let's just take it with us for now. He'll have to come out of it sooner or later," she said with a hint of grief.

If Qing Ming was an impressive figure, Xue Yi was at least ten times as impressive. The gap between the two ghoulish kings was like that between heaven and hell!

Hearing what You Ying said, Feng Qingyu gave up on cutting through the tower. "You, stop it too! Don't let him escape!"

However, the two beasts didn't seem to listen to him and were still using all they had at their disposal to break the tower and avenge their master. With their master gone, they no longer had any future to speak of, no matter how powerful they were.

Right then, something even more shocking happened. After the blood-colored formation beneath them shattered, the thick bloody mist began scattering while the hundred thousand blood-colored dragon patterns zipped toward Dugu Jin.

He didn't even look like he was consciously drawing them in. Instead, he knelt on the ground with tears flowing as he kowtowed to the patterns. After the bloody mist dissipated, all that was left was a grey star. Its color had completely changed.

"Don't tell me the blood was just the formation's color? Is the original star grey?" Tianming mused, watching from the tower. The moment he set eyes on the grey star, he felt a primal fear that caused his eyelids to twitch, scalp to numb, and spine to chill.

Then, loud rumbles rang out from the grey star. Tianming noticed that it was increasing in size like an inflating balloon, and at a far faster rate than he could have imagined. Even though the star had seemed rather far off at first, he only had time to blink once before it had expanded and collided with the Prime Tower.

Tianming saw a sea-like fog that seemed to cover the whole star, which made him unable to clearly see the things beneath it. Even weirder were the countless heavenly patterns that flowed around the

surface of the star, so densely packed together that he wouldn't notice them if he wasn't paying attention.

"What's that?" His heart had skipped a beat when the star expanded so fast it crashed into the tower. Even Feng Qingyu, You Ying, and the two masterless beasts were unable to avoid the sudden expansion and were sent flying with great force. Tianming felt the world around him shake and was injured from being flung around the tower by the force. He tried his best to look outside and noticed that nobody was there.

"Did I just manage to escape a dangerous situation?" He still couldn't fathom the reality of the situation. Why would they be knocked flying all of a sudden? "There's no way Xue Yi and the rest would focus on destroying the blood formation so intently if all it did was undo the sealing formation's effects, right?"

There were many things he still couldn't figure out for now, but the sudden expansion of the star seemed to confirm that there was more behind Xue Yi's motivation than just recovering their powers.

"So the blood formation was the sealing formation after all... but it seems to have another function entirely."

As he continued considering what it could be, the grey star had already expanded to the point that it was closing in on the Prime Tower again. There were even more heavenly patterns than before, all of them like savage beasts flowing around the surface of the star.

"So was the blood formation's true purpose to keep this grey star sealed?"

Tianming looked around and noticed that the grey star had expanded to the point it was about to touch the other stars in the Kilostar Domain. The moment it contacted the first star, which was ten times the size of Taiji Peak Lake, the smaller star seemed to implode into countless fragments before being swallowed up by the mist on the surface of the grey star!

"So when pillars of light shot out from the other stars toward the blood formation, they were probably trying to reinforce it. Now that it's finally out, the grey star seems to be tearing the entire Kilostar Domain apart."

At the end of the day, those were nothing but his own guesses. He watched as the grey star continued swallowing up the other stars in the domain like a great beast as it constantly expanded. The domain that had existed for countless years was actually being destroyed by the grey star of death.

"What in the world could it be?!" He felt it getting harder to breathe the more he watched. He didn't even dare to take a single step out of the tower in fear that he would be swallowed up by the star too.

"There seems to be another barrier that's trapping the mist within the star..."

If the blood formation was used to seal the grey star, then the formation beneath it seemed to serve a similar purpose. However, there was only so much an individual like Tianming could do. His power was far from enough to affect things on this cosmic scale.

The Kilostar Domain's status quo had first been completely changed with the irreversible death of Xue Yi. Then the Prime Tower had been rammed into by the expanding star more than ten times, each time sending Tianming crashing into the walls, ceiling, and floor. But something even more terrifying

happened in the meantime: the Kilostar Domain had ruptured for good, with all of its stars swallowed up by the grey one. Now that the blood formation was gone, Tianming noticed that the formation that had sealed off the entire domain was gone as well.

### **Chapter 827 - Blooddragon Sealing, Skysource Hellshaker**

"In other words, from now on, the Kilostar Domain can be entered from any direction—if it even still exists."

Tianming was floating across the starry realm as he watched that gigantic object. The whole domain had been replaced by a gigantic grey star. It was so big that his sense of scale felt messed up. When he looked beneath him, he saw the Flameyellow Continent stretching far and wide. When he looked up, he could no longer see the curvature of the star, but instead saw a gigantic piece of grey land. What was even more terrifying was that it was still increasing in size.

"Is it returning to its original size, or is it growing? Now that the domain is gone, I wonder if the ninth black hole star is still there...."

Things were beginning to get troublesome. He hadn't gone to the last black hole star yet, and somebody was waiting for him there. Now, the starmap was useless and the black hole star had disappeared into the grey star.

"Fucking hell."

"Damn, this is exciting. Things never go according to plan, eh?" Ying Huo exclaimed.

"Whatever. We were as good as dead when we were brought here in the first place. It's already more than plenty for me to escape. Asking for the last black hole star might be a bit much."

Even though he was being bounced about within the Prime Tower due to the expansion of the star, there were still many elites from the five divine realms outside. And now their powers were completely unsealed.

"I'm still in a dangerous spot. Let's focus on surviving first." He continued being bumped back by the star again and again as the star's expansion continued. "Does this even end? Don't tell me it'll grow so large it'll flatten the Flameyellow Continent..."

Finally, the star seemed to stop growing. Tianming felt a little lightheaded when he looked at how large it had become.

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Everyone living on the Flameyellow Continent had witnessed something inexplicable. It was a day that would go down into the annals of history. Countless people left their houses and looked at the sunny sky. At the very beginning, a grey dot had appeared beside the sun. Nobody had paid it much heed at the time; however, the dot began growing at a speed visible to the naked eye. Soon, it was comparable in size to the sun.

"What's that?"

"A grey sun?"

"Hey, come out and take a look!"

Billions of people were drawn out of their homes as staggering celestial changes took place.

"Heavens! What in the world is going on?"

"The birth of a grey sun?"

Their shock and awe were only just the beginning. Soon, the grey star had grown larger than the sun. They even heard rumbling sounds that resulted from the expansion. By now, the star was far closer to the continent than the sun. Eventually, it became twice the size of the sun... thrice... four times... then a hundred times!

Everyone was stunned when they saw the gigantic celestial body stretching for tens of meters across the sky. For scale, the sun only seemed to be centimeters wide. It looked like the sky had grown a single eye. The people on the continent could even see roiling grey mist on the star's surface.

"It looks like the star is right on the cusp of the cosmic aether...."

"Isn't that where the Kilostar Domain is?!"

The entire Flameyellow Continent boiled over.

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A man in red and black robes hovered near the grey star, a hundred thousand blood dragon phantoms rushing into his third eye like they had wills of their own. He held his arms wide and his mouth was open as tears of blood flowed from his eyes.

"Oh my ancestors... help me awaken my Extinction Dragoneye. One day, I shall teach the world of us once more! History will once more remember our Blooddragon Clan.... That cruel tyrant and his descendants will pay millions of times over!"

As the countless blood dragons flowed into his forehead, they made a bloody hole that even bore through his bone, splattering blood all around. Even so, his expression still retained complete fervor. When the dragons were finally dissipating, Dugu Jin underwent a complete change. A cut appeared between his brows and he suddenly started laughing abruptly.

"It's been two hundred thousand years.... I'll avenge our clan and pay them back many times over! Too many people have wronged us far too much. They didn't deserve to be allowed to propagate all this time. Everyone shall pay for the sins committed back then!"

Then the cut between his brows opened wide, revealing a crimson eye within, made of a hundred thousand blood dragon patterns. A bloody beam shot out of it toward the skies.

"It's now my turn to ascend as the eleventh god of the Flameyellow Continent...."

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The Specter Mountains in Nonahall Divine Realm were located at the very center of the Flameyellow Continent. From there, the grey star looked to be right in the center of the sky.

"What is that?"

"It looks like an eye in the sky."

"It's far too cold and mysterious!"

Countless disciples stopped cultivating and gathered together, marveling at the star like everyone else on the continent.

At that moment, the doors of the Black and White Skypalaces abruptly burst open. Two figures rushed out of the shroud of smoke. The one that left the black building looked old and frail, while the one who emerged from the white building looked like a fairy shrouded in white fog. In fact, they had fair skin like a young prepubescent girl.

What was even more confusing was that the old black-robed man's voice sounded like a young boy's, while the young girl sounded like an old crone. They were speechless when they saw the expanding grey star.

"The Blooddragon Sealing Formation has been destroyed! Third and the rest managed to do it!" the man in black said, tears flowing from his eyes.

"We waited for so long, and this day has finally arrived. The true Ninefold Hell has finally appeared. For this day, we waited one generation after another.... We've waited a hundred thousand years, and our dream will finally come true. We will achieve what the Nonahall Specter wasn't able to..." said the girl's hoarse old voice. Her body shook with emotion as she spoke.

"The mission in Kilostar Domain is finally complete. Third and the others have rendered us a huge service. Our clan's mission is half complete! It's a shame that the foolish child still thought we were focusing our efforts on the Kilostar Domain for mere treasure... Hahaha...." The man wiped his tears off and smiled.

"When Third returns, we have to give him a good rest. After this, it'll be the turn of old bones like us! All that remains is the Skysource Hellshaker Formation on Ninefold Hell. The Monorigin Sect, the Heaven Cauldron, and the divine body of Great Emperor Xuanyuan... Hehehe.... The sealing of the blood dragon has finally ended after two hundred thousand years. Now, the hells shall shake from the sky."

They leaned against each other as they sat on a large stone, passionately watching the grey star.

### **Chapter 828 - In Danger Once More**

At that moment, Ghoul King Zi Xiao's voice was heard from outside. "May I have an audience?"

"Enter," said the black-robed man.

"Have you left seclusion? Did it work?" Zi Xiao asked as he approached with a serious expression.



"Naturally. Today is the day when history will be made. It's about time we made our contribution," said the girl in white.

"Very well. I suppose you two already know about the good news. However, there's also some bad news to report." Zi Xiao lowered his head.

"Speak." Their expressions were stern.

"Third has passed on. His lifesoul stone shattered. However, we aren't sure what exactly happened yet," he mumbled.

The monochrome couple looked each other in the eye, distraught.

"Investigate it," the man said, sighing.

"Understood."

Silence fell for a time.

"How's Jiang Wuxin developing?"

"He's about eight-tenths of the way there. He'll be operational soon," Zi Xiao said.

"While Third is gone, he rendered many contributions to the sect and his deeds are worth spreading. We'll prepare more blood as tribute for our brother's journey to the afterlife!"

The old man stood up and looked at the grey star. "Let the entire divine realm know that the war is going to begin. We'll claim the lives of a billion enemy soldiers as a tribute to Third."

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"Tianming!"

Underneath the grey star, Tianming heard someone calling out to him in the distance. "Palace Lord Yi?"

Just as he was about to exit the tower, he suddenly stopped when he saw how weary and worn Yi Xingyin looked. He recalled that after rescuing him, he had recovered somewhat. So why did he look worse off than before?

"It's definitely Li Caiwei!" He had already been duped once, so he wouldn't fall for it again. "Damn it... I didn't think I'd be so unlucky as to meet her again right now!" The Prime Tower immediately moved further away. "If the sealing formation was still here and I encountered her alone, I'd definitely kill her. It's a shame that opportunity slipped by."

He also noticed that now that the stars in the domain had vanished, the extra power that had supercharged the Photondragon was now gone. Right now, the trident might well be weaker than the Grand-Orient Sword.

Tianming decided he would give it to Xuanyuan Dao in hopes that it would help increase his strength. After all, he was a direct descendant of Great Emperor Xuanyuan. If he could become stronger, the Xuanyuan house would end up having more say in the sect. Right now, nobody was too relieved to see Fang Taiqing calling most of the shots.

However, it didn't seem like he would be able to escape. When the figure noticed the tower moving, it immediately changed back into a seductive and beautiful woman. Tianming was right! It had been the lunar master, Li Caiwei, after all.

"Are you a thirsty stalker or something? I don't want to be your boy toy! Stop following me!" To think that he had just survived a date with death, only for him to run into death's beautiful assistant, who was as lethal as she was charming.

"Shut your trap! You really fucked me over when you had the sealing formation in that domain! Now that I've recovered my power, I'll teach that inexperienced little pecker of yours what being fucked over feels like!" Li Caiwei snapped.

"No thank you, hag! I already know what it's like by watching your example! I admit that I can't defeat you, alright? Surely you can't blame me for running?!" He turned back, only to see that the 'pink-eyed girl' had caught up to the Prime Tower, her dress and hair fluttering from the air resistance.

"Of course not! You still have a hundred thousand tribulation artifacts and lots of other treasure on you!" She licked her lips with a sly smirk. "Oh, my little Tianming, I'll gobble you up! Don't think I'll let you slip out of me... oh, I mean the palm of this ol' gal here this time!"

"Ol' gal? I didn't think you were self-aware enough to know that! You're an old hag! Quit pretending to be someone your great granddaughter's age! Aren't you embarrassed, constantly having to infantilize yourself like that?!" Tianming knew that he was far from her match. Though, that didn't ease his pent-up frustrations from letting her get the better of him twice. To think that I managed to kill Xue Yi, and got away with it too.... But now I'm running with my tail between my legs.

Li Caiwei probably wasn't aware that he had killed Xue Yi. Using the Fatedream Shawl, she managed to stop the Prime Tower from moving. Since she had recovered her powers, she could now exert monstrous power and pulled the tower right to her. "Get. Out."

"In your dreams. Wait outside if you want, I'll just stay in my comfy tower." Tianming wasn't afraid of dying, though he was more than frustrated that his plans to return to the sect—and Feiling—had been ruined by her. "Li Caiwei, you pathetic excuse of a rotting mummy playing dress up as a young girl, your shamelessness knows no bounds!"

"Shut up!" Her anger flared as she drew a sword and slashed at the tower, breathing heavily.

"I won't shut up, you animal! You want my treasures? Why don't you stretch your beastly claws into the tower and get them?"

"Li Tianming.... Do you think I can't trap you and stop you from ever leaving here?"

"Oh, then I'd better thank you for it. Then I can finally cultivate in peace. On the day I come out, I'll behead you. It's not too late to submit to me, lest you end up like Qing Ming, Long Cangyuan, and Xue Yi."

"Ghoul King Xue Yi? What happened to him?"

"I offed him. It was no big deal."

"Keep boasting. I'll take you back to my sect." She couldn't be bothered to humor his nonsense and started dragging the Prime Tower along behind her. The whole way, Tianming's mouth flapped nonstop slanderously, causing her to shake from the anger.

"By the way, do you know what's up with this grey star?" he suddenly asked.

"No!"

"Ah. I guess you were tricked by Nonahall then. To think that you were used like a tool back inside the Kilostar Domain. I guess there is some truth to the phrase 'boobs for brains'."

"Stop trying to provoke me, you dumb brat! You know nothing!"

"Well, unlike you, Feng Qingyu knew this would happen in advance. He helped Xue Yi bring it about, after all."

"What did you say?" She seemed to finally stop to think.

"I thought you were purposefully being a little airheaded because it would match your cute image. Turns out you're just plain dumb. And they say you're five hundred years old...."

"I'm not even a hundred, you know." Her compulsion to just up and leave without the tower grew proportionally to the time she spent next to it.

No matter how much Tianming tried to think, he couldn't figure out a way to escape. Now that the sealing formation is gone, I should start taking things step by step instead of hoping for a lucky break.

Now, he was at the fifth-level death phase. As long as he could return to the sect, he would definitely be able to stand at the top of the echelon of power one day, given his talent. Seeing that he was being dragged further and further away from the starry skies above, he was growing ever more anxious.

All of a sudden, he saw a bright light of hope. A large group of people had appeared from their flank and surrounded Li Caiwei while she was distracted by Tianming's nonstop droning voice and insults. By the time she noticed, it was too late!

They were Fang Taiqing, Jian Wuyi, and around thirty others, all of whom were tenth-level samsarans and above! Even Beigong Linlan and Lin Yuntian were there. They were the top elites of the four sects. Tianming also saw Yi Xingyin with them; so he had been rescued as well. Unlike before, Li Caiwei couldn't use Tianming as a human shield now.

"Release him!" Fang Taiqing ordered.

"Sect Master, don't bother! Just kill her! I'm completely safe, trust me!" Tianming said from the absolute safety of the tower.

Fang Taiqing and the rest immediately attacked when they heard that.

"You cursed brat!" As much as she wanted to squash him dead, there were far too many people for her to handle. If she didn't run, she would be killed without question. Before the others closed in on her from all directions, she immediately fled, but Tianming moved the tower in the opposite direction to slow her down.

"I'll kill you one day, boy toy!" She had no choice but to release him.

"Those are my lines! Keep your neck clean! I don't want to dirty my sword when I come to behead you!"

When she loosened the Fatedream Shawl, Tianming had finally regained his freedom. Now, he was finally protected by his rescuers, much to his relief; he had been really bored being cooped up in the tower that whole time. When they reunited, he gave Yi Xingyin a hug while Fang Taiqing and the rest continued giving chase.

"Sect Master, now that we got him back, it's better if we don't chase her. We won't be able to kill her swiftly. Not to mention, Nonahall's men are still nearby. They have tens of thousands with them," Beigong Linlan said.

While they had the advantage of numbers, it would be lots of trouble for them to hunt down Li Caiwei and kill her. Not to mention, they had noticed quite a few of Nonahall's cultivators on their way here. While the grey star had swallowed all the other stars, it didn't seem to have harmed the cultivators; it was almost like the surface formation of the star had purposefully kept them alive.

"Li Caiwei really has lots of tricks up her sleeve," Jian Wuyi said.

"Forget that. The imperial son is back safe and sound, and with treasure to boot," Li Yuntian said.

"Good!" Fang Taiqing returned to join them with the rest. "I heard you killed more than ten thousand tribulation elders, got the treasures, and even killed Ghoulish King Qing Ming and Long Cangyuan. You truly are amazing, Li Tianming."

"Currently, the Quadform Divine Realm has fallen into chaos and temporarily stepped out from the battle at Pentaphase. Their internal power struggle for the position of sect master has begun, and it's all thanks to you," Beigong Linlan said.

"Oh, you aren't aware of the latest update?" Tianming said.

"What?" The others seemed rather confused. Yi Xingyin hadn't seen the latest battle, after all.

"Third Ghoulish King Xue Yi is also dead."

They all looked at one another with blank expressions. "Who killed him?"

Tianming smiled without saying a word. He didn't even need to answer.

"How does it feel to be a junior who managed to kill a sect master and two ghoulish kings, thanks to the sealing formation?" Yi Xingyin asked.

"Better than you can even imagine."

It was nothing but good news—except for the grey star above them. What in the world was it?

## **Chapter 829 - Five-colored Column**

"Tianming, are you aware of what that grey star is?" Fang Taiqing asked.

"Nope. However, I do know how it came about...." He described everything that had happened back in the domain. "So a blood-colored formation was keeping this star sealed. After Ghoulish King Xue Yi saw the formation appear, he actually gave up on hunting you down? But not only did you kill his daughter, you also had all that treasure...." Fang Taiqing really couldn't figure out why.

"Regardless, we can at least be sure that the manifestation of this grey star is beneficial to the Nonahall Divine Realm," Beigong Linlan said. Though she was Jian Wuyi's wife, the two didn't talk much.

"There's also some sort of formation on the surface of the grey star that prevents us from entering. I guess we have no choice but to go back for now, and check if there are others who know about it," Fang Taiqing said. The group had already explored the grey star before they found Tianming, and knew something about it already. "By the way, Tianming, did you say that Dugu Jin was the one who found the blood-colored formation?"

Fang Taiqing had competed with Dugu Jin for a long time before finally becoming the sect master of the Heaven Branch, but he'd had help from the Sterling House of Fang. When it came to their actual power, they were close to equals.

"That's right. Do you know anything about it, Sect Master? I have a feeling he knew what he was doing. He probably knows something about the grey star as well. The Hexapath Swordfiend, on the other hand, tried to stop him in the beginning."

"There's still too many questions about this we need clarified. Dugu Jin has always been a solitary man. Very few people truly understand him," Fang Taiqing said.

During their excursion, they had left their sects rather short handed. Now that their tracks had been revealed and they had their hands on all that treasure, Fang Taiqing wanted to make sure they returned as soon as they could, lest the enemy take advantage of their absence. Since the Kilostar Domain was already gone, there was no longer any need to worry about outsiders going in to pilfer it.

"Sect Master, I want to take a longer look at this. Please give me some time," Tianming said.

"What's he going to do?" the others asked.

Tianming explained the matter of the black hole stars to them. "The things I've gotten so far are all left by the founding ancestor. Maybe there's another secret waiting for us at the last black hole star."

"Great Emperor Xuanyuan...." They all looked each other in the eye.

"Very well. See if you can still find the black hole star," Fang Taiqing said after discussing it with them. "Make sure that all of us move stealthily. Let's try our best to avoid encountering them."

Even though Xue Yi was dead, the enemy still had three ghoulish kings and three sect masters, among whom You Ying stood out. There were also tens of thousands of tribulation elders. Even with thirty of the three sects' most powerful elites, they might not stand a good chance against all those odds.

Tianming summoned the Dragonhide. "Hope it can lead me to the black hole star like before."

They traveled along the surface of the star without making any noise. Tianming stuck close to the surface and watched as the roiling grey mist beneath him formed giant clumps that seemed to swim

beneath the surface of the star. Subtle red glows flashed here and there in the mist, making for a rather eerie sight.

"Those red lights can't be pairs of eyes, can they?!" Tianming suddenly felt a chill down his spine.

Roughly an hour later, one of the third-origin elders from the Fang house suddenly said, "Tianming, is this the black hole star you were talking about?"

She was a gentle and mature woman of considerable beauty who often lingered by Fang Taiqing's side, called Fang Yuqing.

"That's right!" Tianming's eyes shone as he went over to look. As expected, there was a black hole star on the surface of the grey star, still revolving. "To think that it hasn't been swallowed up..."

He noticed that the Dragonhide didn't react to it at all, so it was probably one that he had visited before. "Let's continue looking."

They continued along, all the while trying to avoid those from the other five divine realms, who also seemed to be exploring the grey star. As Tianming and the rest were all peak elites, they were quickly able to cover a lot of ground. Soon after, they had located five black hole stars, all of which merely revolved on the surface. By the time they found the sixth, the Dragonhide finally reacted to it. This was the one!

"This is also on the surface of the formation," Fang Taiqing said.

Tianming noticed that all the black hole stars seemed to be embedded in the surface of the grey star. All nine of them were probably integrated into the surface to some degree. The grey star's formation seemed really thick, but it resembled a translucent wall. The nine black hole stars, on the other hand, were embedded deep enough that Tianming would probably have to go through part of the formation to enter it.

"Since your arm could tear through the Pentadragon Seal Formation, can it do the same to this one? You don't even have to go all the way in. A third of the way is probably enough," Fang Taiqing said.

"Let me try." Tianming recalled that he was attacked by the blood dragons when he tried to do the same to the blood-colored formation. He landed on the formation's surface. If I can tear through this and enter, I'll finally find out what the grey star's deal is.

He stretched his left hand out like usual. It bumped firmly against the formation like it hit a thick wall. It's hard....

He furrowed his brow. This was easily the hardest formation he had come across so far.

The blood-colored formation from before wasn't hard, but I couldn't enter it because I was attacked. However, my black arm seems to be unable to make this one budge in the slightest!

He had even managed to break through the Hexapath Sword God's formations, yet the grey star's seemed beyond him. There was probably only one person stronger than the Hexapath Sword God in history, and it was likely to be Great Emperor Xuanyuan. So he was probably the one behind this formation and that blood-colored one as well.

Tianming sullenly returned to them. He was sure he wouldn't be able to go through the ninth black hole star until he could somehow go through that formation.

"Did it fail?" Fang Taiqing asked.

"Yes."

"Do you think you'll stand a chance in the future?"

"It is a possibility."

"Alright. Then we'll come again when you're more confident about it. The black hole stars are embedded here, and I doubt others will be able to get to them either."

Meanwhile, Tianming thought, Dad said that I wouldn't be considered a true member of the Skyplunderer Clan without the Archfiend Eye. If I can remove it from Archfiend, I might be able to give it a try.

That was something he would think about trying after returning to the sect. He looked back at the ninth black hole before leaving with the rest. His chest still pulsed with pain where he had been punctured. Thankfully, the light from the Prime Tower was helping him recover. Meow Meow had only suffered a cracked bone, so it wasn't a huge issue. What was more troublesome was Ying Huo's severed wing.

Xuanyuan Yu, who had some experience with healing, said that she could try healing Ying Huo. She happened to have tribulation herbs that promoted regeneration, so she applied them to Ying Huo without hesitation. After reconnecting the wing, and with an extra boost from Prime Tower, it seemed to be recovering rather well.

"Don't move it about for the time being. It'll recover better that way," she said.

"Thank you, pretty lady!" Ying Huo said.

"You little rascal." She rolled her eyes.

Ying Huo returned to Tianming's side and snickered as he whispered, "Bro, I have a proposition for you."

"What is it?"

"You gun for Muxue, and I'll go for her mother. Then, you can call me Father-in-law. That way, you'd become my Son-in-law of the Ancients."

"You... shameless! You're such scum I really can't stand you."

"'Twas but a joke to liven the atmosphere! You're a tough one, eh? But seriously though... If you really give your last ultimate tribulation manna to Muxue, she might just fall in love with you and—"

"All I want to do is to see Ling'er now. I bet she's worried sick." Living through impossible odds like this made him realize how much more he had to cherish the time he spent with her. She's been able to do nothing but worry for my safety the whole time. She must feel horrible. I have to give her a pleasant surprise.

Right then, he suddenly saw a bright light coming from the Flameyellow Continent beneath them as a large five-colored column burst out towards their location.

"Run!"

Fang Taiqing pulled Tianming away from the column of light. When it passed them, it made their ears ring.

"What in the world was that?!"

"That seemed to have come from Archaion. Was that Taiji Peak Lake?"

"It could be!"

Tianming and the rest immediately looked out and saw the column of light crash against the grey star before it spread all over, dyeing the star many colors in a few short moments.

"Did the star change color?"

"No, only the translucent formation on the surface was affected."

The column of light was still there, stretching all the way from the continent to the grey star.

"What kind of power is this?" Tianming was shocked to marvel at it. "How did the formation change after contact with the light? Did it grow stronger or weaker? Was it destroyed?"

"We have to go back and take a look!"

Since they hadn't gone far, they decided to return to the grey star. They soon noticed that they could no longer see the grey mist on the star; instead, their surroundings were filled with nothing but those five colors.

### **Chapter 830 - The Godbane**

"The formation has grown stronger."

"If the column of light continues shining, the formation will keep growing stronger."

"Where's the beam of light coming from?"

"Go down and have a look."

Since the formation was more powerful, there was no point in staying there. They followed the direction of the column of light

"It's coming from the direction of Taiji Peak Lake."

"The five-colored beam is coming from our sect?"

"There's only the Old Deepstar Path and Heaven Cauldron in the sect. The Old Deepstar Path only has one use, so it must be the Heaven Cauldron!"

"We'll find out if we go back and take a look."



They sped up and quickly returned.

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Next to the grey star, many people from the five divine realms were studying the star's changes. There were tens of thousands of elders there, all frightened and uncertain, their eyes staring blankly.

With the big commotion on the grey star, the matter of Tianming slaying Xue Yi had been tossed to the back of their minds. The only ones still violent and furious were the two gigantic beasts, the heartscourge fiend and skyscorch bloodfiend. They were still searching for Tianming while everyone else was only thinking about the grey star. With the appearance of the five-colored column of light, they were even more surprised.

"It's coming from the Monorigin Divine Realm...."

"What on earth is it?"

The tribulation elders looked at each other.

"I want an explanation."

With his hands behind his back, Feng Qingyu turned around to look at the three ghoulish kings behind him. They were You Ying, Fu You, and Lan Yi. Lan Yi had been keeping guard outside the Kilostar Domain.

"My apologies, Brother Feng. We really don't know. At first, Xue Yi thought that destroying the red formation would break the seal. He guessed right. But we don't know why this grey star suddenly appeared." You Ying seemed puzzled.

"You really don't know?" asked Feng Qingyu.

The three ghoulish kings nodded. It seemed they were still grieving for Xue Yi's death.

"Two ghoulish kings dead, we have none of the treasure from the Kilostar Domain, countless tribulation elders have died, and now the Kilostar Domain is gone. Wouldn't you have to commit suicide to make up for your mistakes when we return?"

A cold voice sounded in the distance. They didn't need to look to know that it was Li Caiwei.

"We're guilty, but the best thing to do is destroy the Monorigin Divine Sect and avenge the dead. It won't be too late to accept punishment from the sect after we've accomplished that." You Ying lowered her head.

"Those are empty words. I don't believe you don't know what the grey star is. I wonder if this was the real reason you wanted to open the Kilostar Domain." Li Caiwei sneered.

"That's venomous slander!" Lan Yi shouted.

"Stop this nonsense. They've paid a heavy price," said Feng Qingyu.

"You're a man of virtue and prestige. I trust your words."

Curling her lips, Li Caiwei said, "So what's next? Our original plan was to get the treasures of the Kilostar Domain and divide the four divine realms among us. But now we have nothing, and even lost two ghoulish kings to a kid. Our alliance has suffered a heavy blow to its morale. Are we still going to war?"

"Of course we are. The three of you are invited to the Specter Mountains to discuss the specifics in detail."

You Ying sounded extremely respectful.

She meant Feng Qingyu, Li Caiwei, and Changsun Shenqiong.

"As for Quadform, they'll join our great cause once their competition for a new sect master is resolved," added Fu You.

"I think you three are the errand boys. Now that Xue Yi is gone, we have to speak to the other two if we want clear answers, don't we?" said Li Caiwei.

"You can think that way, Lunar Master," said You Ying.

"Are the two of them willing to come out?" asked Li Caiwei.

"Now that it's come to this, they'll lead us in trampling the Monorigin, Triflair, Pentaphase and Octagram Divine Realms," said You Ying.

"It's strange, I've never met anyone willing to display their power only after they've suffered a setback. If they'd shown up earlier, perhaps the battle would be over by now." Li Caiwei said with a smile.

"Who could've thought that the Kilostar Domain would be turned upside down by a junior?" You Ying said helplessly.

As she was leaving, Li Caiwei took one last glance at the grey star above her head. It was now a five-colored star.

"What on earth is it..."

She looked at Feng Qingyu, who had his back to her. He was walking with the three ghoulish kings and Changsun Shenqiong.

"Am I being left out?"

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The Quadform Seadragon Hall was built at the bottom of the sea. Luxurious and magnificent, it stretched over thousands of miles. The hall was decorated with countless pearls and gems that reflected the sunlight.

However, endless turmoil had taken place in that giant glimmering city under the sea, and many areas were now ruined. The clear water was stained red with blood and littered with floating corpses.

The sudden death of Long Cangyuan left the entire Quadform Divine Realm unprepared. Upon hearing that he had been killed by Tianming, the citizens of Quadform felt greatly humiliated.

Long Cangyuan was their emperor. For a period of time, the divine realm was in turmoil. In order to take control of Quadform, many forces began fighting in secret, then eventually went to war. The battles weakened their realm, which had already been vulnerable to begin with.

Finally, a brief but fierce battle ended with the slaughter of Long Cangyuan's two sons, as well as each and every one of his younger brothers. The new emperor of Quadform was chosen.

As the only one among the nine divine realms that maintained the dynastic system, Quadform's emperor had great authority. The new seadragon king stepped on a bloody sea of corpses to rise to the throne, showing her courage and ability.

Yes, she was a woman! Her name was Long Youyue, and she was Long Cangyuan's younger sister. From the start, nobody was optimistic about her. But with the strength to rival her elder brother Long Cangyuan, she personally slaughtered her younger brother and both of her nephews, then used ruthless methods to subdue the masses.

There were many people in Quadform who were ashamed by Long Cangyuan's sly and cowardly behavior, and Long Youyue's rise allowed them to find new hope. The first thing she did after receiving support was to ascend to the position of seadragon.

"Long live the king!"

As the news spread, the turbulent divine realm would soon settle down. After all, the grey star that appeared in the sky garnered a lot of attention.

In the Quadform Seadragon Hall, a gorgeous woman dressed in black and red dragon robes sat on the throne. She could be considered the nation's greatest beauty. The years hardly left any traces on her; instead, she seemed to only grow more charming as she matured. However, she hid the charm beneath majesty and dominance. Her every word and move reflected her supremacy.

Soon after taking the throne, Long Youyue had many matters to deal with. At that moment, someone brought news.

"Sect Master, someone forcibly broke into the Seadragon Hall, possibly intending to steal the Godbane."

The tribulation elders below laughed upon hearing that.

"The Godbane is our ancestor's weapon. For more than a hundred thousand years, no descendant has been able to use it. Who would be stupid enough to steal the Godbane?"

"By the way, our ancestor has instructed that every new seadragon king who succeeds to the throne try out the Godbane. Sect Master, won't you give it a try?"

"Although you're a woman, your strength is indisputable. If you're able to pick up the Quadform Seagod's divine artifact, our sect will surely rise in these troubled times!"