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Chapter 1781: Di Baishi Activated the King's Mark, Two Great Physiques On One Person

"Holy f*ck! The Heavenly Sword was forced back!"

"What terrifying power that was, but that was as expected of the Temple's Fourth Seat. The Emperor's Double Pupils seems to be a more overpowered version of the Fully Realized Emperor Physique."

"No, the Emperor's Double Pupils aren't the only thing. More importantly, Di Baishi has achieved the Five-Step Arch Gilded Intent!"

Di Baishi stood proudly in the air, his Emperor aura sweeping in all directions.

He had both hands behind his back as his aura spread. Di Baishi looked down on Chu Kuangren and said, "Your abilities are truly admirable, Heavenly Sword. Alas, you're not one of the Nine Kings, let alone the true Heavens itself. Against my Emperor's Double Pupils, your Fully Realized Overlord Physique pales in comparison!"

"Besides the Emperor's Double Pupils, I also possess an Emperor Physique with eight unlocked shackles. How can you possibly hope to defeat me?!"

His words hit everyone hard.

To have an Emperor Physique with eight unlocked Dao shackles, one would already be considered an Outlier. Before he gathered all his soul fragments, Di Qianqiu also possessed the same physique with the same conditions.

With that Emperor Physique with eight broken Dao shackles, Di Qianqiu reigned as the first on the Heavenly God Leaderboard for hundreds of years!

However, not only did Di Baishi possess an Emperor Physique with eight unlocked shackles, but he even had the Emperor's Double Pupils!

Strengthened by the Double Pupils, there was no telling how terrifying his combat power was.

If Di Qianqiu was deemed an unsurpassable Prodigy over the last ten eras, Di Baishi would be a Prodigy that only appeared once every ten or even a hundred eras!

Many Prodigies and sky-prides felt hopeless facing such an existence like him!

"If someone like him is only the Fourth Seat, what kind of monsters are the top three like?"

"Tsk tsk, I'm afraid they'll only be more extraordinary than him."

"When the seven stars align, the Nine Kings will return. This era is indeed magnificent. To think that so many powerful Prodigies have appeared one after another."

Everyone was engaged in a discussion.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren just stood on the Heavenly War Peak. His expression was calm, with no visible change.

That made everyone a little surprised.

"Could it be that the Heavenly Sword has a way of turning the tide?"

"Beats me. The Heavenly Sword's capabilities are equally unpredictable. Perhaps he really does have a way out."

Everyone felt differently about Chu Kuangren's current situation.

Some were cautious of his actions while some admired his courage.

Despite Chu Kuangren being at a disadvantage, no one dared to conclude that he was going to be defeated.

"Your capabilities are truly more impressive than Di Qianqiu. However, if that's all you got, it's far from enough to defeat the Heavens!

"Do you... have any more powerful techniques left?" Chu Kuangren asked indifferently.

Upon hearing that, Di Baishi's eyes narrowed. "Since we're already at this point, why are you still so stubborn and unwilling to face reality?"

He snorted coldly, and an incredibly dazzling divine light burst out from his eyes. Immensely powerful waves of Emperor qi swept out everywhere without holding back, causing the surroundings to tremble!

"My next technique will be the one that ends your legend, Heavenly Sword!"

Di Baishi's aura rose to its limit, and the surrounding runes lit up brighter than ever. There were even sounds of Daoist chimes reverberating from the void.

"Emperor's Double Pupils' Third Calamity, Overworld Calamity!"

The Emperor's Double Pupils' power was channeled to the maximum!

A surge of black and white Emperor qi gushed forward like a raging river, with the force to destroy worlds!

Chu Kuangren did not move an inch and took the full blow of that technique with his body!

As countless explosions sounded, the whole Heavenly War Peak trembled. Billows of smoke and dust were everywhere.

Di Baishi stood with both hands behind his back and his emotionless eyes staring into the heart of the energy storm. "Everything has ended!"

He was confident that no one in the younger generation could survive that attack.

Even the Heavenly Sword, whose fame was known throughout the Central Heaven Universe, would be no exception to that.

With that, he turned around and was about to leave.

However, when the smoke and dust gradually settled, a great burst of laughter suddenly sounded. "So that's your most powerful attack?"

Di Baishi's eyes widened with slight disbelief. "How can this be?!"

He turned around and looked toward the center of the location where his attack landed.

That was when he saw Chu Kuangren standing with both hands behind his back and swirls of domineering purple-red qi around his body. He was unscathed!

"Impossible. Even with the Fully Realized Overlord Physique, there's no way you can emerge unscathed after taking an attack like that. What is going on?"

Di Baishi's expression was filled with confusion.

Chu Kuangren merely shot him a glance and said, "Pairing the Emperor Physique with the Emperor's Double Pupils is quite impressive. However, how can you possibly comprehend the limits of the Heavens itself?"

"Impossible!"

The mark of a seal appeared on Di Baishi's forehead.

Then, to the shock of every onlooker, an even more brutal and powerful Emperor qi erupted from his body.

"What's this? How can he continue getting stronger?"

"What is that mark on his head?"

Everyone looked at Di Baishi confusingly.

Chu Kuangren's eyes lit up. "Ah, so you've finally decided to use the King's Mark."

"Heavenly Sword, I shall let you witness my most powerful attack!"

Channeling the power of the King's Mark with his Emperor Physique and Emperor's Double Pupils, terrifying waves of Emperor qi continued surging out from Di Baishi. Due to the sheer might of his Emperor qi, the surroundings began crumbling.

Even Di Qianqiu, who was watching from afar, also had a serious look on his face. "At this very moment, he is undoubtedly the strongest cultivator among the Emperor Tribe's younger generation!"

Di Baishi let out a long roar as his Emperor's aura erupted.

Then again, such a powerful aura was nothing but a spring breeze to Chu Kuangren. It could not even make him budge. "Hosts of the Emperor Physique and Overlord Physique have always been arch-enemies since ancient times. However, have any of you ever wondered what level of power can be unleashed if the powers of these two physiques are gathered on one person?"

He said it while looking at Di Baishi, seemingly asking the same thing of him, the members of the Emperor Tribe, and the members of the Conqueror Tribe.

Upon hearing that, the cultivators from those two tribes could not help but frown.

"What kind of nonsense is the Heavenly Sword talking about?"

"That's right. The Emperor Physique and Overlord Physique are like oil and water. How can these two physiques appear on the same person? I've never heard of such a case since ancient times too."

"Is there something wrong with the Heavenly Sword?"

Despite that, Chu Kuangren ignored the onlooking crowd.

Standing where he was, he unleashed his purple-red domineering qi into the air, gradually forming an Overlord apparition clad in black armor!

His Fully Realized Overlord Physique was completely activated!

However, everyone's jaw dropped when they witnessed what happened next!

After the purple-red domineering qi was released, it was followed by a surge of golden Emperor qi. Similarly, an Emperor apparition wearing a grand imperial robe manifested in the void!

It was an Emperor and Overlord, with their Emperor qi and domineering qi!

The two physiques and their respective powers had appeared on a single person at the same time!

Members from both tribes could not even believe their eyes.

"What the hell is happening?!"

"H-How is this even possible?! How can there be someone who possesses Two of the Great Physiques? This is impossible!"

"What kind of monster is the Heavenly Sword?!"

"Wait, this Emperor Physique's aura... It's a Fully Realized Emperor Physique!"

"I can't believe the Fully Realized Emperor Physique and the Fully Realized Overlord Physique have appeared on the same person. How did he even manage to accomplish something like this?!"

The Fully Realized Emperor Physique and the Fully Realized Overlord Physique, any host of the two would be powerful enough to reign undefeated for a whole era, achieving unparalleled feats and glory!

However, no one had ever dared to imagine that those two great physiques would appear on the same person at the same time. How powerful could that person be then?!

Di Feitian, Di Qianqiu, Overlord Liu, Xiang Tiancang, and the members of these two tribes were all dumbfounded!

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It was the Fully Realized Overlord Physique and the Fully Realized Emperor Physique!

Ever since ancient times, the situation where those two great physiques appeared on a single person was absolutely unheard of. Hence, the cultivators of the Emperor Tribe and the Conqueror Tribe were stunned with disbelief by what Chu Kuangren displayed!

"He's a freaking Outlier! An Outlier, I say!"

"I can't believe he has both the Emperor and Overlord Physiques. One can only imagine the things he can accomplish in the future."

"This is just too powerful."

Despite being overcome with shock, everyone was having a heated discussion about it.

However, one could say Di Baishi was the most shocked. After all, as the one facing Chu Kuangren directly, he could sense the terrifying power exuding from his opponent.

"Damn it. So what if you have both Emperor and Overlord Physiques? I'm one of the Nine Kings, the one who will be the most favored in this era! I will surely defeat you!" Di Baishi roared.

Bursts of divine light could be seen in his eyes when he activated his Emperor's Double Pupils.

Without a moment's notice, he immediately unleashed the second calamity, the Heaven-Earth Calamity!

Enhanced by the King's Mark, the power of that attack became even more horrifying.

However, Chu Kuangren merely responded with a punch. His Emperor and Overlord qi intertwined, forming a great torrential-like blow that landed on the divine light.

The divine light filled with life-death Emperor qi immediately disintegrated!

Di Baishi was blasted hundreds of meters away, and his face was as pale as paper.

"Damn you!"

Just when Di Baishi was about to attack, Chu Kuangren, who was standing on the Heavenly War Peak, suddenly disappeared.

"Where is he?"

Di Baishi's expression changed slightly.

"Right behind you."

A calm voice came from behind him. When Di Baishi turned around, he was instantly met with a tremendous burst of energy. Once again, he was sent flying from where he stood.

From an onlooker's perspective, Di Baishi was blasted toward the Heavenly War Peak with a stomp from Chu Kuangren.

The whole Heavenly War Peak trembled as that happened. A huge crater was created following that impact, with Di Baishi's body lying at the center.

"Overworld Calamity!"

Di Baishi stood up and immediately retaliated with the Emperor Double Pupil's third calamity. That technique was also the most powerful he had unleashed as it had been enhanced by the King's Mark.

"Oh, I shall allow you to have a taste of this technique then."

Chu Kuangren slowly raised his hand, gathering Emperor qi and domineering qi within it to form a long purple-red spear with a golden glow!

Countless ancient runes were swirling around it, accompanied by vague Daoist chimes that sounded in the void.

"Is this the Overlord's Spear?"

Overlord Liu's gaze narrowed. "No, this Overlord Spear is formed by merging with the Fully Realized Emperor Physique's Emperor qi!"

That was the Emperor Overlord Spear!

Whoosh!

The Emperor Overlord Spear shot across the sky, carrying an unstoppable divine aura that would tear anything apart!

In an instant, the divine aura ripped apart the Overlord Calamity attack!

As Di Baishi could not dodge the attack, the spear went through his chest, pinning him to the ground. However, that was not the end of it!

Terrifying bursts of Emperor Overlord energy continued flowing out from that spear.

Their terrifying energy caused the whole Heavenly War Peak to crumble, despite having been fortified earlier. The Heavenly War Peak, known for being indestructible to anyone below a God King's level, immediately broke apart, splitting into several pieces in the air!

The Heavenly War Peak was destroyed again!

Having been pierced through by the spear, Di Baishi was still pinned on one of the Heavenly War Peak's fragments, which was now a boulder levitating in mid-air.

At that time, a figure emerged from the Daoist law's starry sky.

It was Di Hong!

He could not stand back idly and watch the temple's Fourth Seat, the host of the Emperor's Double Pupils from the Emperor Tribe, die just like that.

"You can't save him!" Chu Kuangren said calmly.

Then, he reached his hand out into the void and gently closed his fist.

As if it had been activated, the energy within the Emperor Overlord Spear erupted, and Di Baishi's body instantly blew up into a mist of blood!

The temple's Fourth Seat was dead!

Di Hong blocked the residual energy that swept out, but his expression had turned grim.

He glared at the Heavenly Sword. "Heavenly Sword, this is not the first cultivator ranked on the Temple Sequence you've killed. Doing things with such insolence and arrogance, aren't you afraid you'll be everyone's target?"

Upon hearing that, Chu Kuangren chuckled. "Targeted by everyone? Haven't I, the Heavenly Sword, become a target of you guys long ago?"

"You..."

Di Hong was very tempted to kill Chu Kuangren there and then. However, with God King Sikong and Overlord Liu around, he could never do something like that.

Besides, Chu Kuangren also possessed the Fully Realized Emperor Physique, which he was concerned about.

"The Fourth Seat is dead. Let's see who will be the next person to chase after the Heavens."

Chu Kuangren waved his sleeves, and his gaze swept across the void. That prideful look of his was seemingly staring down at everyone else.

Many Immortal Consciousnesses had gathered in the void.

However, none of them dared to speak out.

It was clear that Chu Kuangren's power had far exceeded his past self. That was why everyone present was cautious and did not dare to act rashly.

"Oh, it's alright. The Heavens is a master of patience.

"But the Heavens do hope that he won't be waiting for too long."

Standing with both hands behind his back, Chu Kuangren grinned and returned to his residence.

That robe of his was as white as snow when he arrived and was just as spotless when he left. Everyone was startled by his peerless display of strength.

At that very moment, they had seemingly witnessed the true power of the Heavens!

It was simply unsurpassable and unattainable!

"To think that the Heavenly Sword possesses both the two great physiques. I still can't believe it."

"That's right."

"The Fourth Seat wasn't even a match before the Heavenly Sword's Emperor Overlord power."

After that intense battle, all that was left to everyone was their endless reverie.

Meanwhile, Di Qianqiu remained where he stood. As he watched Chu Kuangren's back, he took a deep breath. Although he possessed a Supreme God King's Daoist core, he was shaken.

He could not help but wonder, could he even catch up to someone like that?

"Oh, wait a second. Is that..."

Suddenly, Di Qianqiu noticed something.

He saw Di Hong in the distance picking up and keeping two items from the battlefield. It was a pair of eyes and a... King's Mark!

Those items were left behind by Di Baishi after his death.

Chu Kuangren did not take them earlier because he knew that Di Hong would surely stop him.

With the current situation he was in, some of his trump cards were still not suited to be revealed right now.

It would be unwise to forcefully go against a God King.

Besides, the Emperor's Double Pupils and the King's Mark were not useful to him.

The Double Pupils?

Were they as powerful as the Emperor Overlord's power?

The King's Mark?

He did not want to merge with it. Besides, he already had one in his possession.

However, Di Qianqiu was not the same. After seeing those two items, a few ideas began to appear in his mind.

"I possess the Fully Realized Emperor Physique. If I can refine the Emperor's Double Pupils and the King's Mark to become one of the Nine Kings, I might even stand a chance against the Heavenly Sword!"

Di Qianqiu was filled with excitement and hope.

He did not wish to live in Chu Kuangren's shadow and glory forever.

As long as there was an opportunity, he would surely grab onto it!

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Inside the Heavenly Sword Peak, having fought against Di Baishi, Chu Kuangren finally understood the extent of his Emperor Overlord's power.

It was quite satisfactory to him.

Although it still paled in comparison to his Ultimate Almighty Source Physique, not many physiques out there in the Central Heaven Universe could ever compare to it.

"Now, the next thing to do would be to find out the identities of the rest of the Temple Sequence and figure out which one of them is one of the Nine Kings."

If nothing happened to the Temple Sequence and the Nine Kings, those individuals would surely become the pillars of support of the Central Heaven Universe. Some of them might even have the chance to become Primordials too.

'The heroes of this universe are the enemies in mine, after all.'

Those cultivators were the future pillars of Central Heaven Universe, which meant they would be great enemies of Pan Gu Universe.

Hence, he sought to kill as many as he could.

"Then again, there's no need to rush for now. Let's see if any of them can't stand it any longer and reveal themselves first."

Several months later, there was some activity from the Chaos Green Lotus inside Chu Kuangren's body.

His eyes lit up. "It's time!"

His figure disappeared in a flash, leaving the Central Heaven Temple. He found a barren planet in the Central Heaven Universe and landed there.

Throughout the next few months, he spent most of his time setting up countless restrictions and seals.

After the preparations were done, he released the Chaos Green Lotus.

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On an unnamed ancient planet somewhere in Central Heaven Universe, Chu Kuangren released the Chaos Green Lotus from his body. As the green lotus bloomed, a figure in white could be seen within it.

That person's appearance and figure were exactly the same as his concealed appearance.

Even the transcendental qi exuding from that person was the same as his.

The only difference was he was a clone manifested from the Chaos Green Lotus and had a green lotus mark on his forehead, flowing with mysterious Daoist Rhymes.

Chu Kuangren grinned a little. "It's finally complete."

That Green Lotus Clone was the same as his true self. One could even say that the clone was another copy of him.

Even in terms of strength, that clone would still be on par with him.

Besides, that Green Lotus Clone could even channel the power of the Chaos Green Lotus. If Chu Kuangren's true self were to not use any trump cards, he might even lose to that green lotus clone of his.

Chu Kuangren was very satisfied with the results.

"Alright. Next, I'm going to use the Timespace Treasure to create an opening into the universe's boundary. Once you step inside, it's all up to you whether you'll be able to return to Pan Gu Universe," Chu Kuangren said calmly.

The Green Lotus Clone nodded gently. "Yeah, I understand."

"By the way, I can't really use these items while I'm here, so I might as well let you bring them back with you."

Chu Kuangren handed over his Yin Yang Ring to the Green Lotus Clone.

That ring contained every treasure and item he obtained back in Pan Gu Universe. For instance, Fuxi's Guqin, the Blooded Crimson Sword, the Great Wasteland Halberd, and many more.

He could not use those items and reveal them while in the Central Heaven Universe. Hence, he could only give them to the Green Lotus Clone.

"Oh, there's two more items I have here. I shall give them both to you as well."

A white bundle of light emerged from Chu Kuangren's body. It was the... Immortal World's Will!

"I suppose the Battle of the Heavenly Champions will be coming to an end soon. Take the Immortal World's Will with you. It might be useful to you if you manage to return to Pan Gu Universe."

Besides the Immortal World's Will, there was also a... flower.

That was the Desire Flower Chu Kuangren obtained back when he was inside the Desire Heaven. When he came to Central Heaven Universe, the Desire Flower ended up falling into a deep slumber, maybe because the will and rules of the Universal Dao were different. Hence, Chu Kuangren handed her over to the Green Lotus Clone. If the Green Lotus Clone managed to return, the Desire Flower might have a chance to wake up.

The Green Lotus Clone then absorbed the Immortal World's Will and the Desire Flower into his body.

"Now, get ready."

Chu Kuangren took out the Timespace Treasure.

In an instant, an incomparably terrifying wave of space-time energy poured out from it, causing the void in the surroundings to tremble!

Since that item was a Chaos Supreme Treasure, the power unleashed was very frightening!

As Chu Kuangren activated that item at full power with his current cultivation level, he could already tear open a rift in the Central Heaven Universe's boundary for a brief moment.

As for whether the Green Lotus Clone could locate Pan Gu Universe in the unknown void between the two universes, the possibilities of success were still unknown.

Terrifying waves of space-time energy swept out everywhere.

If not for the layers of restrictions and seals Chu Kuangren placed on that ancient planet beforehand, such a sudden burst of energy would surely attract the attention of the Primordials in this universe.

Boom!

The void immediately blew up, revealing a tear!

That tear into the void had shattered a portion of the Deep Void, creating an opening within it.

That was the universe's boundary.

"Alright, I'll be counting on you, the other me!"

Chu Kuangren looked at the Green Lotus Clone and said.

The Green Lotus Clone chuckled. "If everything goes well, we'll meet again someday."

"Of course."

Whoosh!

The Green Lotus Clone stepped into the Deep Void, crossing through the universe boundary, and arriving in the unknown void.

When everything was complete, Chu Kuangren kept the Timespace Treasure away.

"If the Green Lotus Clone can return smoothly to Pan Gu Universe, he and I will be in each universe respectively. This means that the two of us can cooperate and plan our next moves better. We can achieve so much more if that's the case."

Chu Kuangren touched his chin and said mischievously.

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The Green Lotus Clone... No. The other Chu Kuangren was now in the unknown void.

As usual, there was nothing there.

Only chaotic and turbulent flows of spatial energy were flowing in the space.

He released his Immortal Consciousness, trying very hard to sense the aura from Pan Gu Universe. However, he sensed nothing.

Chu Kuangren was not surprised by that.

After all, that clone of his was prepared to stay for hundreds or even thousands of years inside the unknown void. If he truly was lost inside there, he could only wait for the real Chu Kuangren to break through to the Primordial Realm or transcend the universe's rules to save him, the Green Lotus Chu Kuangren, from the unknown void using the connection between the two of them.

After some time, perhaps a year or even ten years, he sensed the aura of Pan Gu Universe. Although it was faint, that aura was the most familiar aura he knew.

He quickly followed that aura and soon arrived at a certain location within the void.

Following that, he made a sword hand sign while Daoist Rhyme flowed from the Green Lotus mark on his forehead.

"Open!"

He swung his sword hand sign, unleashing a sword ray that tore through the void.

He quickly dashed into the tear.

The next instant, he appeared at a gigantic volcano.

An incomparably dense flame-attribute aura enveloped the surroundings, causing even the Phoenix's Flame within him to get excited.

That clone of his had obtained a huge portion of the true body's blood essence.

Hence, he possessed whatever the true body possessed, like the Phoenix's Flame. That was the main reason why Chu Kuangren addressed that clone as another him.

"Who is it? Who dares intrude the Restricted Area?"

At that time, an emotionless voice rang out.

Endless lava surged from the gigantic volcano before him, taking the form of a lava giant.

That terrifying flame-attribute aura grew denser and denser!

It possessed Peak Five Qi Arch Gilded Immortal Realm cultivation!

Chu Kuangren immediately identified the lava giant at first glance.

Besides that, he even figured out the lava giant's origin. It must be some form of high-purity Divine Fire that gained sentience through the Dao, making it a lifeform born from nature.

'Interesting.'

Chu Kuangren looked excited. 'The Restricted Area?'

From his memory, Pan Gu Universe only had that many Restricted Areas. One of them was known as the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area, where the cultivators were all lifeforms born from nature!

It seemed to match the lava giant's characteristics.

However, how did he end up here of all places?

He shook his head helplessly. The last time he broke through the universe boundary, he appeared at the Spiritual Sword Tribe's Ancestral Land. Now, he ended up inside a Restricted Area.

The latter was many times more dangerous than the former.

Fortunately, he was many times more powerful than he was before.

"I'm Chu Kuangren. I apologize for intruding inside this place. I hope you can forgive me," Chu Kuangren said calmly.

After returning to his universe and accidentally intruding inside the Restricted Area, he decided it would be better to be more polite.

"Chu Kuangren? Don't make me laugh. Chu Kuangren has been dead for decades! Are you trying to fool me? Intruders in the Restricted Area must die!" the lava giant said coldly, and his gigantic lava palm immediately slammed toward Chu Kuangren!

'Dead for decades?'

'Has it been decades since I left Pan Gu Universe?'

Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

Meanwhile, facing the incoming lava giant's palm, he made a sword hand sign and released a sword ray. He managed to slice through it without trouble.

"Fighting against the Heavens, huh? How unwise of you— Ugh... Wait..."

The corner of Chu Kuangren's mouth twitched.

It seemed like he had gotten addicted to roleplaying as the Heavenly Sword back in the Central Heaven Universe. He had gotten so used to referring to himself as the Heavens that he had trouble acting normal.

"Such power!"

"You're a Great Perfected Arch Gilded Immortal!"

The lava giant was shocked.

Except for the Embodiers, the Great Perfected Arch Gilded Immortals were undoubtedly the strongest beings in that universe.

"I haven't been here before and have mistakenly entered here. It's my fault for doing so. I shall take my leave now."

After returning to Pan Gu Universe, Chu Kuangren did not immediately go on a killing spree.

Instead, he disappeared in a flash, dashing into the distance.

"Hmph. Do you think you can enter and leave Heavenly Spiritual Restricted Area whenever you wish?!"

The lava giant snorted coldly and quickly contacted the others in the Restricted Area.

Although Great Perfected Arch Gilded Immortals were powerful, the Heavenly Spiritual Restricted Area was not short of Arch Gilded Immortals. They, too, had a few Great Perfected Arch Gilded Immortals within their ranks!

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The emergency message reached the elites inside the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area at the same time.

An intruder had entered the Restricted Area.

The sudden news caused great anger among them. The main reason the Restricted Area was known as the Restricted Area was that outsiders were not allowed in.

Those who did so would most likely end up dead!

Now that an outsider had intruded the area, what would it mean for the intruder in question?

"I don't care what the outsider's motive is. Since he dares to intrude into the Restricted Area, he must be prepared to die!"

"That's right. All outsiders shall be killed!"

"Hmph, do they think they can just barge into the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area? Who do they think we are?"

"I heard that dozens of years ago, the Soul Restricted Area was broken into by Chu Kuangren, who then turned their whole place upside down. That incident has made the Soul Restricted Area a joke among the other Restricted Areas, and the Soul Restricted Area has since lost its reputation. We must not allow the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area to become the second Soul Restricted Area."

"That's right!"

Moments after, the elites of the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area started to act.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren picked a certain direction and was about to leave the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area. However, he noticed the entire Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area was shrouded by a gigantic light barrier!

That was the Restricted Area's restriction barrier!

"It looks like they won't let me leave that easily."

Noticing the dozens of powerful Arch Gilded auras approaching him from behind, Chu Kuangren shook his head helplessly.

He did not expect to be hunted down upon returning to Pan Gu Universe.

By that point, his good mood was ruined.

"Outsider, prepare to die!"

One of the elders dressed in long blue robes snorted. He raised his arm, gathering endless torrential force from the surroundings in the palm of his hand.

He was a water-attribute natural spirit that gained sentience through the Dao.

Immensely terrifying power was contained in every drop of liquid within the endless torrential force. Besides, the liquid was as dark as ink. It was the Mysterious Weighted Black Water technique!

That attack was so powerful that even the Great Perfected Arch Gilded Immortals might not successfully resist it.

"Blade of Zhou, Berserking Torment!"

Chu Kuangren made a sword hand sign and unleashed the Berserking Torment attack!

His sword qi tore through the Mysterious Weighted Black Water and sent that elderly cultivator flying.

"What kind of Arch Gilded Intent is this?"

The elderly cultivator's expression changed.

He could sense a trace of Transcendental Intent within Chu Kuangren's Arch Gilded Intent, and it was several times stronger than his.

Besides, it was already extremely close to the Five-Step Arch Gilded Intent level.

'This is no ordinary Great Perfected Arch Gilded Immortal, it seems.'

"Heavenly Wind Blight Slash!"

A sword ray shot out of nowhere. Having been concealed within the storm initially, it instantly enveloped Chu Kuangren in all directions.

"Blade of Zhou, Tyrannical Ascension!"

Chu Kuangren unleashed the Tyrannical Ascension attack with his sword hand sign.

A gigantic sword shadow descended from the sky.

The endless storm was instantly ripped apart into nothing by the sword shadow.

"Lightning Beast Descent!"

At that time, a lightning spirit arrived above Chu Kuangren. He gathered endless lightning to form a ferocious lightning beast that descended on Chu Kuangren.

"Blade of Zhou, Infinite Void!"

Chu Kuangren twisted his sword hand sign, gathering countless Daoist patterns that appeared and turning them into a giant sword shadow. The ferocious lightning beast shattered right after!

The remaining Heavenly Spirits also attacked but soon found their techniques destroyed or countered effortlessly.

"Such power!"

"This person's power is not to be underestimated. He must have some hidden agenda for coming to the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area. We must not let him escape at all costs!"

A hulking figure with a golden glow all over his body charged toward Chu Kuangren.

It was a Metal-Attribute Heavenly Spirit.

His whole body was made from extremely tough metal.

With just one punch, his fist created energy storms that locked onto Chu Kuangren. Even the void surrounding him immediately crumbled.

"Comparing raw physical strength now, huh?"

Instead of evading or escaping, Chu Kuangren unleashed a similar punch in return!

His terrifying raw physical power erupted!

After all, that body of his was made from the Chaos Green Lotus itself!

How many individuals in this universe could destroy the Chaos Green Lotus?

Besides the Great Dao, there had been no account of anyone destroying a Chaos Green Lotus. Even the Primordial cultivators might not succeed if they went at it without using any items.

Bam!

The two fists collided brutally against each other.

Powerful waves of punch strength spread everywhere. The hulking man screamed in pain as half of his arm was blown up, and as a result, he was blasted away from the impact!

That very sight made everyone else's hearts pound with fear.

"How does he possess such raw physical strength?!"

"Who the hell is he?"

There was fear in everyone's eyes.

At that moment, an elderly man took out a large flagpole with a green flag and said coldly, "I'm afraid this person will be very hard to defeat. Everyone, let's activate the Great Innate Five Elemental Formation!"

Upon hearing that, the others exchanged gazes and nodded.

Each of them then took out a large flagpole with different colored flags.

There were a total of five flagpoles.

When Chu Kuangren saw the great flags, his eyes lit up. That Green Lotus body of his started trembling a little, seemingly reacting in response to their presence.

A sense of hunger appeared from within his body, seemingly desperate for the five great flagpoles.

"If I'm not mistaken, these must be the Innate Five Elemental Flags[1]." Chu Kuangren smiled.

"What a wonderful find!"

The Innate Five Elemental Flags was an Innate Source Supreme Treasure!

That treasure consisted of five parts, the Yellow Pentagram Apricot Flag, Green Lotus Treasure Color Flag, Scorching Ground Flame Flag, Plain Overworld Cloud Flag, and Mysterious Prime Water Control Flag. Each of the five flags represented one of the Five Elements and could be combined to form the powerful Great Innate Five Elemental Formation.

However, that was not the reason Chu Kuangren was attracted to it.

He was so attracted to the Innate Five Elemental Flags mainly because it was formed by five lotus leaves from the Chaos Green Lotus merging with the five-elemental qi.

If he could absorb the Innate Five Elemental Flags, it would greatly benefit his Chaos Green Lotus body.

That clone of his would also become more powerful.

"I wanted to leave this place without causing any trouble, but since you guys are determined to stop me, don't blame me for what I'm about to do next," Chu Kuangren said.

He admitted his fault for entering the Restricted Area by mistake, breaking their rule of not allowing outsiders inside. That was why he did not kill anyone during the battle.

However, that did not mean he was a kindhearted person. Since the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area's cultivators did not allow him to leave and unleashed even a powerful killing technique like the Great Innate Five Elemental Formation, he might as well... accept their "gift"!

Chu Kuangren grinned.

'You guys were the ones who attacked me first, so it's not my fault.'

"Great Innate Five Elemental Formation, activate!" the leading Heavenly Spirit commanded.

In that instant, the Five-Elemental energy started surging in the surroundings. The powers of metal, wood, water, fire, and the earth started intertwining. Countless beams of light shot out toward Chu Kuangren without mercy.

Knowing that he was in the Restricted Area, Chu Kuangren understood that a prolonged battle would only be disadvantageous to him.

If he were to startle the Embodier here, leaving would not be so easy anymore.

"Within the Chaos lies a lotus, the master of creation and destruction!"

"Green Lotus, Light of Destruction!"

Chu Kuangren's eyes flickered. As he raised his arms, countless mysterious Great Dao runes appeared in the surroundings, radiating green light, and a devastating destructive qi swept out!

Whenever it went, the incoming Five-Elemental Light was broken down and dispelled!

The Five-Elemental energy and the void itself were shattered by that inexplicably powerful energy.

The Great Innate Five Elemental Formation was destroyed!

"How is this possible?!"

The Heavenly Spirits' eyes widened with shock and horror.

Boom!

The ones who set up the formation were the first to be hit by the Green Lotus's destructive power and Five-Elemental power, so the impact immediately sent them flying!

Their Innate Five Elemental Flags also flew out of their grasp.

Taking that opportunity, Chu Kuangren quickly grabbed the Five Elemental Flags. Following that, his figure turned into a ray of light and dashed into the distance.

Then, he unleashed his Green Lotus's destructive power in the form of a light pillar and brutally tore open a rift in the Restricted Area's barrier. He immediately flew out before disappearing into the vast universe.

"Argh!"

"Our Five Elemental Flags!"

The Heavenly Spirits were left behind, enraged and heartbroken by what happened.

[1] Previously coined as "Innate Five Cardinal Directions Flag"

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Chapter 1785: Ling Hua of the Seven Celestial Demon Cultivators, a Great Contribution

Inside the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area, the Heavenly Spirits were heartbroken and furious. After all, they could only stand and watch as their Innate Five Elemental Flags were stolen.

Some of them almost lost their spiritual form because they were severely injured and overcome with rage.

"Who the hell was that person? To think that he possessed such power. He even stole our Innate Five Elemental Flags. Someone go and find out who that person is!"

"We can't let this matter end just like that."

The few enraged Heavenly Spirits said.

At that time, an indifferent voice rang out in the void. "You should let go of this matter."

Upon hearing that voice, the Heavenly Spirits were very puzzled.

"Supreme Overlord, why are we letting him go?"

The one who spoke was the Restricted Area's Supreme Overlord!

Despite hearing the Supreme Overlord's orders, the Heavenly Spirits were still very confused.

"I said, just leave this matter be. Do I make myself clear?"

The tone of the Heavenly Spirit Supreme Overlord's voice became colder.

He seemed to be in a rather bad mood.

Although they did not know why, the Heavenly Spirits did not pursue the matter any longer. As such, they could only let that matter go.

Within the depths of the Restricted Area, a man in white robes was standing on a mountain peak.

That man possessed an unfathomable aura. He was none other than the Supreme Overlord of the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area, the one who stopped the others from hunting down Chu Kuangren.

However, he did not do that out of benevolence or mercy.

Instead, it was because... of the gust of green storm swirling before him.

An astonishingly powerful energy was contained within that storm as Daoist laws were circling it. One could vaguely see a slender feminine figure within that storm.

That person was an Embodier!

"Your magnanimity is highly appreciated, Heavenly Spirit Supreme Overlord."

The slender figure within the green storm chuckled. There was a hint of elegance in her voice.

Upon hearing that, the Heavenly Spirit Supreme Overlord's face sank. Then, he snorted coldly. "You Celestial Demon cultivators are all bandits!"

"It's not that bad, Heavenly Spirit Supreme Overlord." The figure in the storm chuckled before she said, "Alright, it's getting late. I shall take my leave soon. I need to meet that little guy later as well."

"Hmph, he's truly lucky. To think he's alive after what happened."

"Pan Gu Universe is very fortunate for that."

"Is that so? From what I've heard, everything he has done over the years has either caused great outrage or great dissent. Why is that, huh? And you call this our universe's fortune?"

"Be it his deeds or misdeeds, only the future generation can be the judge of that."

The green storm gradually dispersed.

The Heavenly Spirit Supreme Overlord stood on the mountain peak for a very long time. His gaze was as deep as a ravine. "Chu Kuangren... I shall wait and find out what kind of change you can bring to the Pan Gu Universe!"

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In the universe, Chu Kuangren's figure dashed through space like a shooting star.

Countless planets passed by him from his perspective.

He mobilized his Immortal Consciousness, and after confirming that no one from the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area was chasing after him, he breathed a sigh of relief.

"That's strange. I caused such a huge commotion, yet why hasn't the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area's Embodier done anything?"

Chu Kuangren could not help but wonder.

No matter what, it was a good thing that he managed to escape. Besides, he even obtained the Innate Five Elemental Flags.

With that item, the Green Lotus body of his would surely benefit a lot.

"Hey, little guy, you seem to be in a rush. Afraid that they'll catch up to you?"

A chuckle suddenly sounded.

Chu Kuangren's gaze narrowed.

"Who's there?"

'Being able to get close without me noticing is not something ordinary Arch Gilded Immortals can do.'

'It must be an Embodier!'

'Can it be the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area's Embodier?'

If that were the case, Chu Kuangren would have to prepare to fight for his life to escape.

"Relax, there's no need to be on guard. After all, Xu Wu and I once fought in the Immortal Hall because of you."

A green storm appeared.

Within the storm, a slender figure vaguely appeared.

As the storm dissipated, a stunning woman was standing before Chu Kuangren.

Her long and green crystal-like hair casually rested on her shoulders, surging with seemingly invisible Daoist Rhymes. What was more alluring was her fair and gorgeous face.

She was wearing long green robes that wrapped around her waist tightly, revealing her curvy figure.

However, her beauty was not the thing that attracted Chu Kuangren.

What surprised him more and also made him relieved was the Celestial Demon qi swirling around her.

She was a member of the Celestial Demon Tribe.

"Apologies, Senior..." Chu Kuangren was a little curious. 'An Embodier, huh? She must be one of the seven Celestial Demon cultivators.'

"My name is Ling Hua."

Ling Hua chuckled.

Ling Hua was one of the seven Celestial Demon cultivators. Besides Bei Ming and Xu Wu, she was the third Celestial Demon cultivator Chu Kuangren met out of the seven.

"Greetings, Senior Ling Hua." Chu Kuangren greeted with a fist salute.

"For stealing inside the Heavenly Spirit Restricted Area, you're quite brave. Unless... Do you have a way to deal with the Heavenly Spirit Supreme Overlord?" Ling Hua asked curiously.

"You think too highly of me, Senior Ling Hua. I had no choice."

"Oh, is that so? So, you had no choice but to steal inside the Restricted Area?"

"Um... Well, the Innate Five Elemental Flags will prove to be quite useful to me. That was why I took it."

Facing one of the seven Celestial Demon cultivators, Chu Kuangren was quite frank with her.

Besides, he understood that Ling Hua had something to do with the fact that he could escape the Restricted Area safely. It was very likely that she was the one who held back the Restricted Area's Embodier.

"That's a very unique way of taking things." Ling Hua laughed.

"Senior Ling Hua, why are you in the Restricted Area?"

"Oh, it's nothing. I just happened to be passing by and was going to have a mental sparring match with the Heavenly Spirit Supreme Overlord. I didn't expect to bump into you."

"Mental sparring match? Aren't outsiders forbidden from entering the Restricted Area?"

Chu Kuangren was a little surprised.

"Do you think he dares to turn down a mental sparring request from the Celestial Demon Tribe?" Ling Hua raised her brows.

"Nice."

'It looks like even the Restricted Areas are wary of the Celestial Demons' might.'

"Where have you been all these years, little guy? Do you know Xu Wu and Bei Ming turned the whole universe upside down just to look for you?" Ling Hua said.

Back when the universe-connecting portal disappeared, Bei Ming immediately received news of Chu Kuangren's death.

Xu Wu also learned of that later.

However, the two of them did not believe it. They searched far and wide throughout the whole Pan Gu Universe but still could not find any sign of Chu Kuangren.

It was as if he was really dead.

As time went by, the two of them started to lose hope.

However, while the two were unsuccessful, it was Ling Hua who ended up finding him.

"Well, to sum it up, I went on a trip to the Central Heaven Universe," Chu Kuangren said calmly.

Upon hearing that, Ling Hua's expression immediately turned serious. "Tell me in detail what happened."

It was related to the Central Heaven Universe, so she had to be serious when facing such matters.

Chu Kuangren told her briefly about how he fell into the unknown void and how he managed to return by using the Timespace Treasure.

However, he concealed the fact that his true body was still in the Central Heaven Universe.

After all, one must keep some cards hidden if they wanted to succeed.

Even with the more trustworthy seven Celestial Demon cultivators, Chu Kuangren inadvertently kept some crucial facts concealed.

"You truly are a lucky one, do you know that?"

Ling Hua could not help but feel a little moved by what Chu Kuangren went through.

Chu Kuangren then took out a jade scroll and said, "Here you go, Senior Ling Hua. This scroll contains every piece of information I obtained about the Central Heaven Universe. Senior Ling Hua, I believe you'll know how to utilize this the best."

"I got it." Ling Hua accepted the jade scroll with a serious look on her face. "With this item, if the Void Battlefield opens again, we won't be at as much of a disadvantage as before."

She clearly understood the significance of the information inside the jade scroll.

It could be said that Chu Kuangren had made a great contribution to Pan Gu Universe!

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Chapter 1786: Luo Shui In Danger, Desire Flower Offered A Helping Hand

After meeting up with Ling Hua, Chu Kuangren found an ancient planet to refine his newly gained Innate Five Elemental Flags.

The flags were made from the Chaos Green Lotus, so it was extremely useful to him.

Several months later, a fleet of warships arrived near the ancient planet. Lasers shot across space as they were fired at each other.

Explosions echoed across the universe.

On one of the warships, a woman wielding a red lance was staring at a bunch of armored cultivators in front of her.

"Luo Shui, give up. You've lost," said the leading man in front of Luo Shui.

As he raised his hand, a terrifying aura blasted forward, carrying the might of heaven and striking fear into people's hearts.

"As the Firmament Empire's general, I would rather die in battle than surrender to our enemies. If you want a fight, I will give you a fight."

Luo Shui wielded her lance and channeled her Immortal's Core energy. A blast of terrifying energy was released like a torrent, scaring her opponents away.

"If you insist, I will send you to meet your maker," the man said and grunted coldly. Another blast of energy was released to counter Luo Shui's aura.

Luo Shui swept her lance forward, but a palm attack forced her backward.

The difference in strength was too great. The man was a Peak Gilded Immortal, whereas Luo Shui was just a Third-grade True Immortal.

"From today onwards, the Firmament Empire will lose one of its generals."

"The Thirteen Firmament Generals and the thousands of soldiers in the Five Ways Divine Shadow Army are invincible. My death will not impact them." Luo Shui grinned.

The man's expression turned sour when he heard her words.

She was telling the truth.

The Firmament Empire had risen to power rapidly in recent years, and it seemed to be supported by a mysterious power. In just a few decades, it became a force to be reckoned with in the universe, and it had more than a thousand galaxies under its command.

Even the ancient orthodoxy like the Heavenly Dao Sect was forced to take them seriously.

"Hmph! Luo Shui, I know what's going on within the Firmament Empire. The Firmament Empire's strongest support is the Five Ways Divine Shadow Army, and those thousand Gilded Immortals were the ones who brought the empire to its current status today. However, a decade ago, the Divine Shadow Army went into a deep slumber and could not wake up.

"As for the Thirteen Firmament Generals, no matter how strong they are, they're just Gilded Immortals. They're no match for the Heavenly Dao Sect," the man said.

Luo Shui's expression turned bitter, and it fueled the man's delight. "I've done my homework. The reason why the Firmament Empire rose to prominence so quickly is because of Chu Kuangren. Now that Chu Kuangren is dead, his followers are held back by other forces in the Immortal World and can't come back to help the empire. You're destined to lose!"

The man could not help but exclaim, "Chu Kuangren used to dominate the universe, and he alone could support the rise of an entire empire. He was the one who pushed the Firmament Empire into the public's eye and made it one of the strongest forces in the universe. If he were still alive, I would like to meet him."

"You're not worthy of talking to the King," Luo Shui scoffed. "Based on what I know, our King killed the Heavenly Dao Sect's eight Divine Daoists, so what are you to us?"

"Hmph! No matter how powerful he is, he's dead! Now, his empire shall follow!"

The man raised his hand and signaled his men to attack.

The battle continued.

The remaining soldiers of the Firmament Empire were forced into a desperate situation as their numbers greatly decreased. Even Luo Shui's power was halved. She looked pale and had sustained severe injuries.

Bang!

The man threw a punch to blast Luo Shui away, smashing her onto a planet.

The warships then turned their cannons at the planet and fired non-stop at where Luo Shui crashed.

"Fire!"

A barrage of lasers was instantly fired at their target.

"Is this the end?" Luo Shui muttered.

Suddenly, she thought of the figure in white.

The man who helped Firmament Star to rise to prominence, the greatest King of the planet in history, but everyone said he had died in the Immortal World.

She refused to believe it because the King would never lose and he was unkillable.

If the King was not dead, where would he be now?

Luo Shui was consumed by her thoughts as countless lasers were fired at her face. All it took was one more moment, and the lasers would obliterate her.

Then, a mystical flower bloomed in space. Its petals danced around and mitigated all the incoming lasers from the warships.

"What's going on?" Luo Shui was somewhat surprised.

The beautiful flower floated in space, and an adorable girl was lying in the center of it.

The girl looked nonchalant, and her fair skin was alluring.

All it took was a glance for the cultivators to fall for her charms. With their inner desires revealed, they took over their sanity.

"No!"

"Something is wrong with this flower!"

The face of the Heavenly Dao Sect's leading man sank. Then, he steadied his Daoist core, and the jade talisman at his waist glowed.

It was the jade talisman that enabled him to steady his Daoist core.

As for the others, they all fell into the vortex of desire. Their blood, bones, and even soul disintegrated into light particles and were absorbed into the strange flower.

"Is that the Desire Flower?"

The man remembered reading about it from an ancient archive that explained everything about the Desire Flower.

The Desire Flower was the manifestation of Desire, the root of all evil. It was also one of the biggest calamities in the world.

Why would the Desire Flower appear here?

The man was confused but knew he was no match for the Desire Flower, so he immediately left.

The Desire Flower did not care about him as she was busy absorbing the desires of the other cultivators.

"I just woke up to a great appetizer. Not bad." The Desire Flower stretched her arms.

Further away, Luo Shuai saw what happened, and it shocked her. Her eyes were gleaming with fear.

"I heard you talking about Chu Kuangren. Are you one of his followers?" the Desire Flower asked Luo Shui.

"You know the King?"

"King? Uh... Yeah, there's a girl who called him that. I guess you're one of his people," the Desire Flower said. The girl she was referring to was Shang Honghua.

"Who are you to the King? Where is he now?" Luo Shui asked excitedly.

"You ask too many questions at once."

"I'm sorry, Senior. Can you tell me where my King is?"

"He's far but near."

Luo Shui could not understand what the Desire Flower said. Could the King be nearby?

She looked at the ancient planet behind her and pondered. She then went inside and started to explore the place.

However, after a few days of scouring every corner of the planet, she did not find Chu Kuangren.

"Are you trying to find him? Fool," the Desire Flower said with a scoff as she watched Luo Shui make a fool of herself.

Chu Kuangren was indeed on the planet refining the Innate Five Elemental Flags, but with his level of restriction seals, there was no way Luo Shui could locate him based on her cultivation level.

The ancient planet trembled.

A green arc-shaped light rippled in the air and scattered outward from a certain part of the planet.

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Chapter 1787: Life Opportunity, Chu Kuangren Out of Closed-door Meditation, Kingdom Guardian

Wherever the green arc-shaped light reached, life flourished.

All kinds of natural resources and ingredients appeared in succession. Luo Shui also sensed the power contained in the green light.

She was heavily injured from the battle with the Heavenly Dao Sect, but when she was basking in the green light, she felt a strong vigor in her body, and her injuries started to recover.

"What a strong life energy!"

Luo Shui's eyes widened in disbelief.

She looked at the natural resources and treasures that sprung out from the ground and gulped. She had a feeling that one piece of those resources could help her greatly in her cultivation.

Yet, all the rare resources and treasures grew on the ground like weeds.

What was the source of the green arc-shaped light?

She headed to the source of the green arc light and soon arrived at a mountain peak. She had searched the place before but found nothing.

Yet now, it seemed like the space around the mountain peak was distorted and someone had placed heavy restriction seals around.

"Is this where the King is?" Luo Shui's eyes shone.

She waited patiently as the green arc-shaped light continued to scatter outward and cover the entire planet with life.

The ancient planet was not originally rich in spiritual energy and had limited resources.

Now that it was basking in life energy, it flourished and produced all kinds of resources. It was a planet of treasures.

Luo Shui cultivated on the mountain peak, and with the help of the green arc-shaped light, her cultivation level rose rapidly.

She soon broke through the Third-, Fifth-, and Seventh-grade True Immortal Realm to the Ninth. She only slowed down when she was near the Gilded Immortal Realm.

"What terrifying energy. What is it exactly?" Luo Shui muttered.

"The Chaos Green Lotus controls creation and destruction. This is the lotus' creation power."

A mystical flower bloomed in the void and spoke to her. It was the Desire Flower.

With that, she looked at the green arc-shaped light, and even she could not help but be impressed by it. "The lotus is amazing."

Then, the space around the mountain peak started to shake.

Ripples started appearing in space, and a figure in white emerged from the void in a cross-legged sitting posture.

Just by looking at his back, one could feel his astounding transcendental presence.

It was a mystical feeling.

However, Luo Shui was deeply moved because she was familiar with the figure.

It was the figure who led Firmament Star out of the Dark Ages and broke free from the Gods' rule. The people of the planet owed him their freedom.

It was the figure who founded the empire and made it a prominent force in the universe.

"My King..."

A zeal appeared in Luo Shui's eyes as she stared at the figure.

Even the Desire Flower was emotional seeing the person.

The man possessed an incredible charm that seemed to make everyone around him unconsciously admire or trust him with fervor.

Chu Kuangren savored the energy in his body and smiled in satisfaction.

He stood up and turned around to Luo Shui. "Luo Shui, it's been a while."

Luo Shui was one of the Firmament Star's Daoist Celestials.

Now, with Firmament Star growing as an empire, she had also become a True Immortal.

"My King..."

Luo Shui knelt before him sincerely and said, "Welcome back, my King."

"How's Firmament Star?"

"Decades ago, news of your fall spread. The Empire was in turmoil, but with the Queen's power, the empire is still going strong. However, other forces have been trying to annex our territories recently," Luo Shui said.

Chu Kuangren nodded when he heard Luo Shui's update. "Don't worry. Now that I'm back, they're all going to die."

"With you here, my King, the empire doesn't need to worry anymore."

Luo Shui trusted the man with all her heart.

"Desire Flower, you did great." Chu Kuangren looked at the Desire Flower and was referring to her saving Luo Shui earlier.

"I was just having a stretch after waking up from a nap in that universe," the Desire Flower said as she yawned.

Due to the different Great Dao's will and rules, the Desire Flower's power, which originated from people's desires in Pan Gu Universe, was restricted in the Central Heaven Universe. To conserve her energy, she went into a deep slumber and only woke up when Chu Kuangren came back.

As for Chu Kuangren, his fate was beyond the Great Dao of all the universes, so the Great Dao's will and rules could not restrict him.

"Let's go back to the empire for a while," Chu Kuangren said.

Meanwhile, at Firmament Empire, Gu Linglong and the other elders of the empire gathered in front of a massive furnace.

Countless rare metals melted in the furnace to form the shape of a sword that emanated a strong sword intent as it took shape.

"Can we succeed this time?"

Gu Linglong, in her golden dragon robes, stared at the furnace with anticipation.

With the strongest support of the empire, the Five Ways Divine Shadow Army, in deep slumber and the news of Chu Kuangren's fall spreading like wildfire, many forces were eyeing to annex the empire.

Everyone wanted a piece of the dying empire, or so they assumed.

While handling internal affairs and fending off external threats, Gu Lingling gathered rare metals from all over the universe to forge a Kingdom Guardian Weapon.

It was not a thoughtless move.

She coincidentally came across a forging technique. It was an extremely smart technique, and together with the empire's ability to gather all kinds of rare Immortal Metals, the weapon they sought to forge would bear unimaginable power, rivaling even a Great Perfected Arch Gilded Immortal.

However, they had tried forging it thrice, and all ended up in failure.

The remaining amount of rare metals was only enough for them to try one more time.

Terrifying flames burst from the furnace, releasing a powerful aura. Every Immortal at the scene was frightened.

"Roar!"

Suddenly, a dragon's roar sounded from within the furnace.

Then, eight dragons gathered around the weapon they forged, and a boundless divine aura scattered.

"The eight dragons have appeared! The forging is a success!"

The cultivators around the furnace were delighted.

The flame in the furnace grew so much stronger that it pushed all the Immortals away.

In the end, the eight fiery dragons surrounded the weapon before they flew into the sky, dying the sky red, and the entire planet was shaking.

The cultivators of the empire were over the moon.

"It's the Divine Weapon! The Divine Weapon has been forged!"

"The Queen did it!"

After the eight dragons dissipated, a black iron sword fell from the sky and plunged into the ground in front of the palace.

Everyone went over to take a look, but they were surprised and disappointed by what they found.

The iron sword was pitch-black and rusty, and it looked no different than a piece of metal. It did not even have sword qi nor the mighty aura that it emanated earlier.

"Did we fail?"

"We failed. This isn't a Divine Weapon. It's just a piece of metal."

The Immortals shook their heads in disappointment.

They had invested a lot of effort and resources only to forge nothing but a useless metal.

Anyone would be devastated by the outcome.

Elder Ruyan looked at Gu Linglong with worry.

She knew Gu Linglong barely ate or slept in recent days because of the forging, yet the outcome was not only disappointing but also discouraging.

Gu Linglong was the most disappointed and sad among the others.

As though she noticed Elder Ruyan's concern, Gu Linglong inhaled deeply and looked at her with determination. "Even without the sword, I can protect the empire!"

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Chapter 1788: Firmament Star's Humans, Can Never Be Enslaved, Just Kill Him With One Slap

Gu Lingling glanced at the piece of metal before she prepared to leave.

Suddenly, clouds rumbled, and a domineering aura swept over half of the capital.

Several figures emerged from the clouds and slowly descended.

They were all True Immortals or Gilded Immortals who were considered the strongest cultivators in Firmament Star.

However, when Gu Linglong and the other elders had a good look at the figures, their expressions turned bitter.

"Tai Yunzi, Master Daoist Blue Carp, and Yue Wufang, what are you people doing here?"

Each of them was renowned in Firmament Star, yet they had gathered together in the capital.

Knowing their personalities and characters, Gu Linglong had a bad feeling about their visit.

"Your Majesty, we heard you were trying to forge a Kingdom Guardian Weapon to protect the empire, so we came to have a look. However, it seems like you've failed."

The old man, Tai Yunzi, glanced at the piece of rusty metal and sneered.

He, a Sixth-grade Gilded Immortal, was the strongest among all the cultivators present.

"The Kingdom Guardian Weapon was nothing but a joke."

Master Daoist Blue Carp was a lot more straightforward with his words. He voiced his contempt without holding back.

Gu Linglong and the other generals reacted grimly to their words.

"How dare you speak to the Queen like that?"

War Admiral Chaos, also known as Chaos Daoist Celestial in the past, stepped forward, channeled his Chaos Immortal's Core energy, and blasted it at Tai Yunzi and the others.

However, Tai Yunzi and the others ignored him. The old man simply raised his hand and dissipated the Immortal's Core energy blast.

Then, a handsome young man said in disdain, "The Thirteen Firmament Generals are renowned generals on this planet, but only War Admiral Chaos and War Admiral Nangong are here today. Since the others are all defending the empire at the border, this spacious palace cannot hold us back."

"Hmph! If the Five Ways Divine Shadow Army were here, even if you were given the chance, you wouldn't set foot in the capital," Elder Ruyan said.

"Chu Kuangren was the one who left behind the Five Ways Divine Shadow Army, and since they were closely related to him, I believe Chu Kuangren's fall caused them to go into slumber. Without either one of them, my Queen, you alone cannot rule over the empire."

The mention of Chu Kuangren stung Gu Linglong's heart.

Everyone said he had fallen for the past decade, but she refused to believe it.

She could not help herself from worrying but could not afford to fall because she had to rule the empire.

"You can try me and see if I can rule it alone."

Gu Linglong swung her sleeve behind and released a vast surge of Immortal's Core energy forward. It even contained a strong Gilded Trait.

When Chu Kuangren was still in Pan Gu Universe, he delivered many resources back to the empire.

It was because of him that the empire could rise to a prominent status.

With the help of the resources, Gu Linglong also broke through to the Gilded Immortal Realm.

As Gilded Immortals were considered elites in the Immortal World, Tai Yunzi and the others were deterred, not daring to act recklessly.

"My Queen, you're a prestigious symbol of the empire, and we wouldn't want to hurt you. So, I hereby deliver a message on behalf of the Heavenly Dao Sect. Surrender to the Heavenly Dao Sect and pay your offerings in time. Then, we can protect the empire," Tai Yunzi said.

"What a joke! We finally ended the Age of Gods and returned freedom to the people of Firmament Star, and now you're telling us to become slaves of the Heavenly Dao Sect? You have knelt for so long that you can't stand up for yourselves, but we rather die fighting than stay on our knees." War Admiral Chaos grunted and bellowed at them.

He had experienced the Age of Gods and knew how hard the lives of the people were.

Due to his experience, War Admiral Chaos refuted stronger than anyone because the people of Firmament Star would never be slaves again.

"In that case, don't blame us for being rude."

Yu Wufang scoffed and said, "The Heavenly Dao Sect made it clear that we will be in charge of the empire after we eliminate you people."

The empire had grown so big that its territories had extended to more than a thousand galaxies.

Firmament Star alone had expanded countless times and was no longer what it used to be in ancient times.

Being in charge of such a powerful empire was a thrilling prospect in and of itself.

"Do it!"

Tai Yunzi ordered his men to attack.

Master Daoist Blue Carp took a step forward to release his Immortal's Core energy at War Admiral Chaos.

The energy was like a tidal wave carrying countless blue carps in it, drowning its opponent.

In retaliation, War Admiral Chaos raised his hand to channel the Chaos Immortal's Core energy and unleashed it forward.

The two different energies collided and caused an explosion to explode in the space around them. Both of them were sent flying backward.

On the other hand, War Admiral Nangong, who was Nangong Huang of the Black Heaven Sect, fought Yue Wufang.

Yue Wufang was the top swordsman in Firmament Star and was a Second-grade Gilded Immortal, whereas Nangong Huang was just a True Immortal.

However, he could match Yue Wufang in terms of power because he had two powerful Arch Gilded items on him — an armor and a sword.

"Hmph! You've got all the treasures from Chu Kuangren." Yue Wufang grunted in jealousy. "We're all people of Firmament Star, yet he's biased toward you. If he really is the King of the human race, he should be fair to all of us. Why did you get the Arch Gilded Weapon and not us? Why must we search for our own materials to forge our own sword?"

Nangong Huang was amused by Yue Wufang's ignorant comment. "You? Are you questioning the King?"

"In that case, let me ask you. Where were you when the Gods oppressed the human race? Where were you when the Blood Tribe invaded? Where were you when we fought at the borders to defend Firmament Star?"

"You're just a pity boy who grew up under the King's protection. You have no right to question him! You calling him the King is an insult to his name!"

Nangong Huang was sharp with his words, and it left Yue Wufang speechless.

Yue Wufang was shaken, but he released a shout, and the sword qi on him rumbled. He continued to attack Nangong Huang.

The War Admirals and the empire's elders fought the enemies.

Meanwhile, in the sky above the capital, two figures were confronting each other.

It was Tai Yunzi, a Seventh-grade Gilded Immortal, and Gu Linglong, a Third-grade Gilded Immortal.

Their Immortal's Core energy collided and stirred up a storm around them.

"Your Majesty, based on what I know, other than Chu Kuangren, who was the strongest in Firmament Star, his followers Lan Yu, Shang Honghua, and the Godly Phoenix are also elites, but they are all caught up in the Battle of Heavenly Champions.

"They have their own problems to deal with, and there's no way they can come to your aid. You're destined to lose!"

"Other than you and the other few, who else has sided with the Heavenly Dao Sect?" Gu Linglong asked.

"There are many more of us. We all know that the capital has hidden many treasures and we all want a share," Tai Yunzi said with a smile.

"Sometimes, I wonder why you and the others would want to side with the enemies when the empire protects you from all kinds of invasion. Why? Was it me? Did I not do a good job?

"Then, I realize that when the forest grows bigger, all kinds of birds will live in it, and as the number grows, there ought to be a few stupid ones."

She swung her sleeve and released her vast Immortal's Core energy, which manifested into a golden palm. "All I need to do is slap them all to death!"

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Gu Linglong gathered her Immortal's Core energy and manifested it into a giant golden palm to crush Tai Yunzi.

Tai Yunzi narrowed his eyes at the impactful attack, and his gaze turned solemn before he countered with his own punch. When the punch and palm clashed, the clouds rumbled.

It was a Seventh-grade Gilded Immortal versus a Third-grade Gilded Immortal.

However, the blast from the collision put the Seventh-grade Gilded Immortal at a disadvantage, and he was sent flying away. At that, his face paled.

"You're strong! There's no way you can achieve such strength with that cultivation level. It's the weapon you wield!" Tai Yunzi said grimly.

He realized Gu Linglong's golden robes had Immortal Sparks surrounding it like a powerful Immortal Weapon.

"That's not all of it."

Gu Linglong raised her arm.

Light burst from the palace, and a golden seal flew into the sky.

It was the human race's Supreme Treasure, the Human King Seal!

"The Human King Seal?!"

Tai Yunzi's eyes widened in fear.

Following the expansion of the empire, the human race's Supreme Treasure, the Human King Seal, gained extraordinary power since it was closely related to the fate of Firmament Star's people.

Now, the Human King Seal possessed the power to rival an Arch Gilded Weapon.

"Suppress!"

Gu Linglong shouted and channeled the Human King Seal's power, which she unleashed at Tai Yunzi, attempting to crush him.

Bang!

Tai Yunzi was blasted away by the seal, and blood gushed from his mouth.

"As expected of the Human King Seal, but I heard it can only be fully utilized in Chu Kuangren's possession. With you wielding it, how much power can you draw?"

"At least it's enough to kill you."

Gu Linglong channeled the power from the Human King Seal again. As she raised her hands, the seal flipped into the sky. Her aura of the Human Queen expanded and pressured the entire airspace with unrivaled power.

Elder Ruyan saw the battle in the sky and somehow saw Chu Kuangren's shadow in Gu Linglong.

"Is this what they meant by loving a person so much that she becomes him?" Elder Ruyan thought.

Then, she unsheathed a sword to fight her enemy. She blasted a powerful sword qi forward, and its sharpness frightened her enemy.

It was another Arch Gilded Immortal Weapon.

The enemy was frightened, to say the least. How could every single one of them possess an Arch Gilded Weapon?

Should it not be a rare weapon? How could it be mass-produced to the point that everyone was given one?

How ridiculous!

"How many treasures did Chu Kuangren leave behind?"

"Even when he's dead, he's here haunting us."

"Hmph! The more treasures, the better. Kill them, and we can get all of them for ourselves!"

Back in the sky, Gu Linglong used the power of the Human King Seal to overwhelm Tai Yunzi, forcing him to a disadvantage.

Then, Tai Yunzi shouted and released a powerful energy aura. It was the power of the Heavenly Dao!

The Heavenly Dao's energy expanded outward, and its domineering aura pressured the entire airspace.

"The power of the Heavenly Dao Sect!"

Gu Linglong raised a brow. "It's not easy mastering this level of Heavenly Dao energy. It seems like you've sided with them for a long time."

"From the moment Chu Kuangren offended the Heavenly Dao Sect and killed their Divine Daoists, the Firmament Empire has been their target since. The Heavenly Dao Sect has planned for this to happen within, and your fate is sealed," Tai Yunzi said as he cackled coldly.

"It is your fate that's sealed!" Gu Linglong said. Then, she channeled her Immortal's Core energy to the limit.

The Human King Seal was aimed at Tai Yunzi.

This time, Tai Yunzi did not avoid or dodge it. Instead, the Heavenly Dao energy in him overflowed and manifested into a massive palm.

"Splendid Heaven-shattering Palm!"

With a bang, the Human King Seal was blasted away.

Tai Yunzi's energy presence surged, and he pulled out a whisk from his sleeve. It was also a powerful Arch Gilded Immortal Weapon.

"This is the Heavenly Dao Whisk given to me by the Heavenly Dao Sect Master. With this and my cultivation, I have absorbed more than ten planets worth of lives and finally mastered the Heavenly Dao energy. Gu Linglong, you shall die today!" Tai Yunzi flung his whisk forward.

As the whisk was flung forward, Immortal Sparks shone, and Heavenly Dao energy erupted.

The power blasted Gu Linglong away.

"It's premature to speak of the outcome with such certainty."

Gu Linglong refused to back down even if she was in a difficult situation. As the ruler of an empire, she had to live up to her identity and pride, so she maintained her commanding presence.

As she raised the Human King Seal into the sky, it grew in size before it crashed down at Tai Yunzi.

"It's just a dying struggle."

Tai Yunzi flung his whisk forward, and tens of thousands of Immortal Sparks were blasted at the Human King Seal.

The collision between the two energies shook the entire capital.

Countless cultivators saw the battle and prayed for their Queen. Once Gu Linglong was defeated, they would become slaves again, not to the Gods but to the Heavenly Dao Sect.

"King, please watch over us!"

A cultivator knelt before the towering statue of the Human King in the capital and prayed with deep reverence.

Bang!

Gu Linglong was sent flying away by the powerful energy.

By then, Tai Yunzi had also noticed the people praying before the statue in the capital. He looked at Chu Kuangren's statue and grunted coldly. "There's no use praying to a dead person. The statue is an eyesore. When I take control of the empire, I will erase the name from history!"

He wielded his whisk and flung it at the statue.

The massive power destroyed the statue, causing it to collapse. The chunks and debris were falling down on the people.

"No!" Gu Linglong's eyes widened anxiously.

When she wanted to save her people from the collapsing statue, Tai Yunzi locked onto her weakness and channeled his Immortal's Core energy to the limit.

He flung the whisk forward, blasting powerful Heavenly Dao energy at her.

"Your Majesty!"

Elder Ruyan, War Admiral Chaos, and the others were horrified by the scene.

Just then, the entire Firmament Star trembled as if it sensed something coming from space.

Following that, an indescribable force expanded from the sky and shrouded the entire capital

The Clouds and wind stopped for a moment.

The falling chunks of statue and debris froze in space as well. Even the rumbling Immortal's Core energy fluctuation and the energy that swept across the realm — everything froze.

As if the world was paused, everything stayed still.

The only thing that remained active was the people's thoughts and senses, but they were moving and reacting at a much slower rate.

It felt like their thoughts would freeze if they stopped thinking.

What was happening?

Tai Yunzi's eyes were overflowing with fear.

The power that paused the world, what was it?

He tried using the Heavenly Dao energy in him, but it was not reacting.

His Heavenly Dao energy was inferior before that massive power.

"The statue is quite nice. It's a pity that it's destroyed," a voice said indifferently.

Then, a figure in white appeared among the people.

He stood in front of the falling statue and snapped his fingers. Then, a strange and mystical power enveloped the entire statue, and the chunks and debris flew back in reverse.

The statue was magically pieced back together, one by one.

It was like time was turned back.

"This voice..."

Gu Linglong could not hold her joy back when she heard the voice.

When the statue recovered back to its former state, the power that enveloped the entire capital disappeared.

Everyone was granted freedom to move around again, but all kinds of Immortal's Core energy were erased following the disappearance of the mysterious energy.

Tai Yunzi, Yue Wufang, and the others were horrified as they looked at the figure in white standing on top of the statue.

"It's him! He's back!"

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Chapter 1790: Kingdom Guardian Heaven Stabilizer, Chu Kuangren, You Idiot

"It's him. He's back!"

Tai Yunzi, Yue Wufang, and the others looked at the white figure on top of the statue, and their eyes were overflowing with fear.

They knew the figure in white all too well.

Back then, he led the human race to overthrow the Gods' rule and fought courageously in the Blood War in the Extraterritorial Region.

However, they never took him seriously back then.

"How is this possible? You should be dead! How did you come back? It's impossible!" Tai Yunzi was drowned in disbelief.

Yu Wufang and Master Daoist Blue Carp also had grim looks on their faces.

"Is he the King of the human race?" Master Daoist Blue Carp said in reverence. He came to Firmament Star from the Extraterritorial Region recently and had never seen Chu Kuangren before, but he had heard a lot about him.

Especially when he experienced the power of freezing space and time, it was unbelievable.

Was that something a human could do?

"It seems like the news of my fall has attracted many monsters and demons."

With a swift movement, he teleported to the side of the rusty sword lying on the ground.

The rusty sword was considered a failed Kingdom Guardian Weapon.

However, when Chu Kuangren arrived beside it, the rusty sword buzzed strongly as if it was thrilled to be in his presence.

The unusual phenomenon was unbelievable.

"What's going on?"

"What is he doing? Isn't that a rusty sword?"

Chu Kuangren glanced at the rusty sword before he held it.

The moment he touched it, the boundless sword aura erupted, and the rusty sword started to release Immortal Sparks.

As it basked in Immortal Sparks, the rust on the blade slowly cracked and fell off.

A snowy white blade was revealed underneath, engraved with countless mystical runes.

Master Daoist Blue Carp's heart raced when he saw the sword.

Even he, who was known as the top swordsman in Firmament Star, could not help but be shocked, and his sword heart also started trembling non-stop.

"The Kingdom Guardian Weapon is a success!" Gu Linglong muttered.

The attempt to forge the Kingdom Guardian Weapon was a success, but the weapon itself fell into a ruined state, and only people with true power could bring out its power.

"Great. I don't have any weapon on me yet, and this sword will do great."

Chu Kuangren flicked the blade with his finger, and it released a clear chime.

The sword emitted a resounding chime that reverberated throughout the capital, causing all the invading cultivators, regardless of their level of cultivation, to burst into clouds of blood mist.

The irresistible power left Tai Yunzi and the others trembling in fear. It felt like an invisible hand was clutching their hearts, almost suffocating them.

"This power..."

Tai Yunzi had speculated how strong Chu Kuangren had gotten, but the latter using a single sword chime to kill so many of his men far surpassed his speculation and expectation.

The King was a thousand times stronger or even more.

All they could do was look at him in awe.

Chu Kuangren held the weapon in his hand and smiled in satisfaction. "From now on, you will be named the Heaven Stabilizer."

With one sword, he could stabilize the empire and even the heaven.

The sword's blade buzzed as if it was replying to Chu Kuangren.

Then, the name Heaven Stabilizer appeared on the blade itself.

Chu Kuangren was more satisfied than before.

The Void Sword was in Central Heaven Universe and Descendant Self Sword was in the deep void to prevent himself from getting lost while traversing between universes.

Until now, Chu Kuangren had no handy weapon that he could use. The Blooded Crimson Sword was a decent choice, but it was just an Arch Gilded Weapon, which was slightly weaker than his current level.

The Heaven Stabilizer was a unique one. It was forged using countless rare Immortal Metals, and it was somehow connected to the fate of the Firmament Empire, so it possessed great growth potential.

It could certainly grow into an Embodier Weapon.

"Retreat!"

Tai Yunzi and the others lost the will to battle when Chu Kuangren appeared. They wanted to leave the battlefield immediately.

They hated to admit it, but Chu Kuangren left a strong impression on them. In fact, he was the synonym of invincibility.

Who did they think they were up against?

He was the strongest and greatest King of the Firmament Empire!

"Run? Did I permit you to leave?" Chu Kuangren said.

He swung the Heaven Stabilizer forward and released the sword intent in the form of an arc-shaped light.

The void was frozen in its wake.

That was when the True Immortals and Gilded Immortals realized that their Immortal's Core energy was frozen and that they could not channel it anymore. After losing their power, all of them started to fall from the sky.

Some of them struggled and shouted nervously as they fell.

Bang! Bang!

They fell to the ground, with their blood and bones splattered all over the floor.

The Immortals had fallen to their death!

Even if the news got out, no one would believe it.

Only Tai Yunzi, Yue Wufang, and several others with stronger physical bodies survived the fall. However, they were heavily injured as well.

They all looked at Chu Kuangren in fear.

He was able to freeze everything with the slightest movement of his hand and even stop Immortal's Core energy from functioning.

They felt like clay puppets before him, and he had total control over their lives.

"My King, please spare me!"

"I was wrong! We will never do this again! It's the Heavenly Dao Sect. They're behind this!"

Yue Wufang crawled up to Chu Kuangren and begged him for mercy, throwing away his dignity as the top sword cultivator of Firmament Star.

Chu Kuangren did not even glance at him before he swung his sword at the man, and Yue Wufang's physical body and soul disintegrated into ashes.

Then, he looked at the remaining others. Right before he swung the sword at them, Gu Linglong came up to him. "Hold on."

"What is it?"

"I want to know how many more of them are hiding in the capital."

Gu Linglong rolled her eyes at Chu Kuangren. "I was planning to stall it out and wait for all of them to show up so that I can take them all out at once. Now that you are back and have killed almost all of them, those in hiding won't come out that easily anymore."

She tried her best to calm down, but her voice was slightly trembling from the excitement.

Deep down, she was thrilled to have Chu Kuangren back.

"You want to know how many more of them are hiding in the capital? That's easy," Chu Kuangren said with a smile.

He grabbed Tai Yunzi's head and used the Soul Scouring Technique.

A large amount of information was extracted from the man's head and converted into a jade talisman. "Here. It's done."

Due to the effects of the Soul Scouring Technique, Tai Yunzi lost his sanity. His eyes went black, and he started to drool uncontrollably like a retard.

Gu Linglong took the jade talisman and glanced at it before she gave it to War Admiral Nangong. "War Admiral, I'll leave it to you."

"Yes, Your Majesty," Nangong Huang said with a nod.

After that, he looked at Chu Kuangren with excitement. He had a lot to say to him, but his priority would be dealing with the underlying danger that the empire was facing.

"As for you, follow me."

Gu Linglong brought Chu Kuangren back to the palace and sent the other ministers and servants away.

"Linglong, what are you—"

Before he could finish, Gu Linglong threw herself into his arms and hugged him tightly.

"Chu Kuangren, you idiot!"

Gu Linglong sobbed.

She was no longer the commanding queen before him but a weak and timid girl begging for her lover's care and comfort.