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Chapter 381: Striking A Palm On Ravengale Island, How Should This Matter Be Settled

Tremendous amounts of spiritual power gathered and formed into a gigantic vortex above Ravengale Island. All the cultivators on the island had felt its incredible aura. Even the only Sage there had sensed it too.

“This aura, can it possibly be...”

The Sage of the Ravengale Island, the old man with a talon-shaped nose who previously went to demand the Ravenblade Sage’s corpse from the School of White Lotus, suddenly opened his eyes.

He stared into the skies above the Ravengale Island with a face full of horror.

There was no way he would mistake that particular type of aura!

“Godd*mnit, why is he here of all places?!”

The talon-shaped nose old man cursed and hurriedly flew into the air.

In the sky, a vast and majestic Buddhist Light radiated from the spiritual power that Chu Kuangren was channeling and formed into a huge golden palm sign which came down to the island!

The whole Ravengale Island was already trembling violently before the palm sign landed.

“That palm energy is horrifying!”

“If that palm attack were to land on us, I don’t even know whether Ravengale Island will still exist after that. That’s bad. We have to stop that attack!”

The Ravengale Island cultivators were extremely terrified.

Some of the stronger ones among them teamed up and launched multiple bursts of Daoist Rhyme continuously at the incoming golden palm attack.

However, the golden palm was so powerful that it easily destroyed every surge of Daoist Rhyme that landed on it. It was unstoppable.

A thousand meters, seven hundred meters, five hundred meters, three hundred meters...

As the palm sign got closer to the island, its horrifying pressure instantly caused the weaker disciples to explode and die.

That surge of energy was hard to deal with even for Battle Monarchs and Honorables. All of them fell to the ground and hopelessly watched as the golden palm came crashing down.

During that moment of crisis, a figure suddenly appeared before everyone.

It was the talon-shaped nose old man.

He roared and channeled his spiritual power. When his Sage Daoist Rhyme erupted, it formed into a black barrier that blocked the incoming palm sign.

The whole island shook crazily the moment those two energies collided.

“I’m going to block this no matter what!”

The talon-shaped nose old man growled while he desperately channeled his spiritual power.

However, his black barrier eventually succumbed to the might of the incoming attack and shattered, allowing the golden palm sign to strike the island.

With an earth-shaking boom, the sea shook.

The palm sign hit the ground and smashed a hole on the ground, sending billows of smoke and dust everywhere. The area of impact was destroyed, and huge cracks were spreading outwards like a spiderweb...

A burst of wind from the aftershock sent countless cultivators flying...

Multiple shock waves spread outward from the island and into the seas...

By the time everything was calm, what everyone saw was the devastated island which had crumbled into pieces...

There was a large pit at the center of the remaining Ravengale Island. As countless waves crashed, numerous gigantic cracks spread outwards from the center before the whole Ravengale Island was split into dozens of pieces!

That scene shocked everyone.

They then looked at Chu Kuangren, who was dressed in white and hovering in the air with a resentful and fearful gaze!

The talon-shaped nose old man glared and screamed at Chu Kuangren in the air. "Chu Kuangren, what the h*ll do you want?!"

Chu Kuangren's eyes were as cold as ice. "Shouldn't I be the one asking that instead? When did your balls get so big, huh? How dare you lay your hands on items that belong to me!"

The talon-shaped nose old man froze for a while. He was slightly confused.

When did they touch Chu Kuangren's items?

"What do you mean?"

“What do you think? Hand over the Cloudfloor ore right now! Otherwise, I shall send Ravengale Island into the depths of the ocean once and for all!”

One of the elders among the crowd instantly turned pale the moment he heard Chu Kuangren’s words.

The disciple beside him was no better too. The former’s legs immediately went limp, and he slumped onto the ground with a horrified look on his face.

“Cloudfloor ore; I can’t believe that the supply of Cloudfloor ore belongs to you,” that Ravengale Island elder said in horror while he looked at Chu Kuangren.

The talon-shaped nose old man immediately returned to his senses the moment he heard that. He could not believe that the Ravengale Island people had taken something that belonged to Chu Kuangren.

“What is the meaning of this?!”

The talon-shaped nose old man remarked coldly towards that elder. By then, he already really wanted to skin the elder alive.

‘Knowing full well of Chu Kuangren’s tremendous strength and that he is someone who shouldn’t be provoked, why did you guys still go looking for trouble? Do you want to die?’

‘You guys can die for all I care, but why do you have to drag Ravengale Island into this!’

The talon-shaped nose old man felt very helpless.

“Honorable Sage, the story is this. When we were gathering sacrificial offerings, we came across a merchant ship which had a large pile of Cloudfire ore onboard...”

The elder then explained how things happened.

He looked at Lu Jia, who robbed the merchant ship, with a gaze that could swallow him whole. ‘Of all the ships you can rob, why did you guys have to go for the one with Chu Kuangren’s stuff onboard!’

Lu Jia’s face was so scared that his face paled and his heart was about to explode.

He then looked at the black-clad cultivator beside him with a similar gaze. It was all because of that person. If not for that person’s idea to rob the merchant ship, how would he and the Ravengale Island indirectly incur Chu Kuangren’s wrath?

The black-clad cultivator looked around but could not find anyone to blame.

He, too, looked at Lu Jia with a troubled expression.

‘Can you even blame me?!’

‘If you want to blame someone, go and blame the Serpent Deity. If not for its demand for sacrificial offerings, why would we need to kidnap people at sea in the first place? And to anger Chu Kuangren as well!’

“Hand over the items now.”

The talon-shaped old man ordered coldly.

The elder could only hand out a Yin and Yang Ring obediently. Chu Kuangren immediately sucked across the air and took it in his hand before he urged his spiritual thoughts to sense its contents.

His expression suddenly turned cold. “Are you messing with me? This CloudfLOW ore is not all of it. I know there’s still more!”

The amount of CloudfLOW ore he wanted was ten thousand tonnes, yet there were only seven or eight thousand tonnes in that Yin and Yang Ring. It was clear it was several thousand tonnes short.

“Sect Leader Chu, this is all the CloudfLOW ore that we obtained. We’re really telling the truth,” that elder uttered innocently.

However, Lu Jia’s face paled even more, and his expression kept shifting.

He did not dare to come clean with the truth.

That was because he had secretly kept the remaining CloudfLOW ore for himself. If he were to admit this, the elders would never let him off that easily.

If he remained, his elders and the Sage could deal with Chu Kuangren.

He was just a nobody after all.

He figured that Chu Kuangren would never blame him no matter what. Besides, that stash of Cloudflow ore was hidden so well that Chu Kuangren would never find it.

“Very well, it’s good to hear that you’re not lying to me.”

Chu Kuangren sneered.

He then activated his Treasure Locating Skill and headed in a certain direction.

The talon-shaped nose old man and others followed on as well.

Soon, everyone arrived at a quiet and empty mountain valley. One glance and there was nothing there at all.

However, Chu Kuangren came to a particular side of the mountain.

A streak of sword qi soon swept out from between his fingers.

When the sword qi landed on the mountain wall, it touched an invisible barrier, and the mountain wall revealed a cave.

It was a misleading formation technique that could conceal the cave entrance well.

Without careful observation, no one would notice it even if someone's spiritual thought swept past.

Hidden inside was the remaining thousand tonnes of Cloudfow ore!

Lu Jia's face turned even paler the moment he saw this.

That elder trembled with rage, and after he had put the pieces together, he looked towards Lu Jia and roared, "I'm going to f*cking kill you!"

The elder unleashed a palm attack, and Lu Jia instantly erupted into a mist of blood!

Chu Kuangren watched on with an indifferent look as he kept the remaining Cloudfow ore into his Yin and Yang Ring.

After that, he uttered, "First you guys steal my Cloudfow ore, and then you hide some of them even though I've come looking for them. So tell me, how should this matter be settled!"

Chapter 382: Extremely Unreasonable, The Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands' Sacrificial Offerings, Three Thousand Young Boys And Girls

"So tell me, how should this issue be settled?!"

Everyone's eyes were wide open with shock upon hearing what Chu Kuangren said.

'What do you mean about settling this issue?'

'You've already gotten the Cloudfow ore and smashed Ravengale Island into pieces. Shouldn't we be the ones who have issues to settle with you?'

"Chu Kuangren, you are free to take the Cloudfow ores with you. As for the damage you caused to Ravengale Island, we shall let you off the hook. So, you better don't take this too far!"

The talon-shaped nose old man said as he held back his anger.

"Let me off the hook? What is there for you guys to let me off the hook?!"

"Because your people stole my stuff, I had come all the way here and sought you guys out just to get it back. Some of you even dared to lie to me in the process as well. So let me ask once more, what is there for you guys to let me off the hook!"

Chu Kuangren questioned in a chilling tone. Then, a horrifying surge of Sword-based Daoist Rhyme emanated from his body, and like a mountain, its power weighed upon the talon-shaped-nose old man.

Under his suppression, the old man was so red with rage that his body trembled. "Didn't we return everything to you? Besides, the one who tricked you was that disciple earlier and not us. So what else do you want us to do?"

“Hmph, who’s to say whether that person might be carrying out your orders instead. Since this issue was exposed, you killed him so that there is no opportunity for questioning. Do you guys take me for a fool? If you don’t come up with some compensation today, I will never let you off the hook!”

Chu Kuangren snorted coldly.

The talon-shaped nose old man and others were dumbfounded.

They had never encountered such a brazen and impudent person like him before!

He had damaged their Ravengale Island to such an extent, yet he was still demanding them compensation. Why was Chu Kuangren such an extremely unreasonable person?!

Then again, he had the capability and strength to show for it, so what else could they do but comply?

“State your terms then.”

Said the talon-shaped nose old man held his tongue.

“One billion soulstones!”

“You might as well go and steal it!” The talon-shaped nose old man replied in anger.

“Steal? Don’t lump me in the same category as you guys. I pride myself in doing things reasonably and will never do things like pillaging or killing others.”

“Y-you...” The talon-shaped nose old man’s face paled. His whole body was trembling, and his Daoist core was shaking so bad that he nearly spurted out a mouthful of blood.

“Alright, alright, we’ll do as you say.”

The talon-shaped nose old man had no choice but to agree.

They had no choice after all!

They could not defeat Chu Kuangren in a fight.

So what else could they do?

“I’ll give you all three months to prepare that amount. If I don’t see that pile of soulstones at my Black Heaven Sect within the next three months, I shall visit you guys again.”

Chu Kuangren uttered with a chilling tone.

Just as he was about to leave, he suddenly recalled something.

“When you robbed that merchant ship, what happened to the people on board? Don’t tell me you killed them all.”

Chu Kuangren asked with coldness seething through his gaze.

“No, they’re still alive, but they’re now on the way to the Serpent Deity’s Oceanic Domain.”

The talon-shaped nose old man bit the bullet and replied.

“The Serpent Deity’s Oceanic Domain?”

“That’s right. Today is the Serpent Deity’s sacrificial ceremony, and each of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands must offer at least ten thousand people as sacrifices.”

An uncontrollable rage erupted from Chu Kuangren. “So you’re saying that during the sacrificial ceremony, at least tens of thousands of people will be devoured by that so-called Serpent Deity?”

“Yes.”

“Did you guys kidnap all of those people as well?”

“Chu Kuangren, this is an internal matter only for those of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands. Do you truly want to meddle in this as well?” the talon-shaped nose old man asked coldly.

"I see. I don't mind you presenting sacrificial offerings to the Serpent Deity. You can do anything you want as long as the people sacrificed do not come from my Black Heaven Sect's territories. However, because the people tasked to deliver the Cloudfow ores are considered my workers, I have to check out the sacrificial ceremony," Chu Kuangren replied coldly.

"Are you going to go against the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands over a few low-leveled cultivators and common folk?"

The talon-shaped nose old man could not believe how Chu Kuangren could always do things that were beyond everyone's understanding.

"Cut the crap and bring me to that so-called Serpent Deity's Oceanic Domain!"

Chu Kuangren uttered indifferently.

"Alright, alright. Let's see what you can possibly do to the Serpent Deity under the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands' very noses!!"

The talon-shaped nose old man said coldly. After all, the main reason why he agreed with Chu Kuangren's demand was that he, too, had some plans of his own.

The amount of one billion soulstones would prove too huge of a burden on Ravengale Island. However, if they could borrow the strength of the Serpent Deity, they might be able to have Chu Kuangren dealt with.

By then, they would not have to provide the soulstones.

“Let’s go.”

The talon-shaped nose old man said as he led Chu Kuangren towards the Serpent Deity’s Oceanic Domain.

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At this time, somewhere in the seas.

Thirty-six huge ships slowly gathered, and onboard each ship, there were groups of people who were bound together.

The people who were bound to the deck seemingly knew the fate that was to befall them, as all of them looked as white as paper.

Eventually, all thirty-six huge ships had gathered.

“Greetings, fellow Chieftains.”

The Chieftain of the Ravengale Island put his hand into a fist salute and greeted each Chieftain.

“A good day to you as well, Ravengale Island Chieftain.”

“Sapphire Island Chieftain, I notice that your sacrificial offerings this time are not bad at all.”

“Haha, you’re overpraising us.”

The Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands continued to greet each other.

At the same time, they were secretly noting down what everyone else had brought as sacrificial offerings too. In some way, the sacrificial ceremony was indirectly a comparison of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands. Whoever had the best sacrificial offerings would obtain the blessings of the Serpent Deity.

That was somewhat the main consensus among the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands.

For instance, in hopes of a successful ascension to become a Sage, the previous Ravengale Island Chieftain sacrificed his wife to the Serpent Deity. As such, he received an ascension treasure item which ensured his success in becoming a Sage.

“Take a look at that. The Sapphire Island Chieftain has brought a lot of people this time!”

Everyone then looked at the Sapphire Island Chieftain.

His huge ship was crowded with people. There were at least thirty or forty thousand of them, all of whom were strong men.

Many of them were cultivators as well.

“Sobs....”

A burst of crying was heard.

Everyone looked in the direction of the sound in shock.

There were many children, who were around the age of seven or eight, aboard another huge ship. As if sensing that something was about to happen, all of the kids started bursting into tears.

“Papa, mama, where are you...”

“Sobs... I want to go home.”

On that ship stood a benevolent-looking elderly man dressed in white robes and holding a cane in his hand.

“I only have three thousand young boys and girls with me. It’s nothing much.”

The elderly man chuckled.

The other Chieftains looked at him with a cautious gaze.

“Three thousand young boys and girls, huh? Tsk, I guess only the Whitesmoke Island Chieftain is crazy enough to do something like this.”

“He beat all of us this time.”

“It seems like the Whitesmoke Island Chieftain will be taking first place in this sacrificial ceremony.”

The sacrificial-offering people on board the other ships were all mad when they saw the three thousand young boys and girls.

“All of you are animals! How can you stomach doing such an inhumane thing!”

“Those are kids for heaven’s sake! You b*st*rds, imbeciles! People like you should suffer the pain of a thousand cuts and go to f*cking hell! F*ck all of you!”

“You animals! If you still have any bit of decency left in you, please let the children go! You can pick on us instead. I dare you!”

“*sshole. *sshholes like you guys will not die in peace...”

No matter how the people cursed and yelled, the Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands were unmoved. They simply only stared at the people with a cold gaze.

They had long gotten used to that scene.

“Why are these sacrificial offerings always so noisy during the Serpent Deity’s sacrifice offering ceremony? They buzz like a bunch of flies,” one of the Chieftains complained.

“Let them curse all they want. They’re not going to last long anyway.”

“I think the Serpent Deity is going to come anytime now.”

Chapter 383: The Sacrificial Ceremony Starts, The Serpent Deity’s Brutality, Chu Kuangren’s Arrival

As the countless sacrificial offerings continued to curse, a huge black shadow gradually emerged from the sea. At that, the Chieftains’ expressions turned serious, and they quickly knelt on the deck respectively.

It did not take long before a gigantic serpent head that was the size of a small hill appeared from the ocean surface. Its head was dark green while its eyes were yellow and seething with a chilling and merciless gaze.

What attracted everyone’s attention the most was the strange horn protruding from the serpent’s head, which was surrounded by Daoist Rhymes. It emanated a haunting power.

The originally noisy crowd were scared speechless at the sight of that gigantic serpent, and they shuddered as if they were dipped in ice-cold water.

“All hail the Serpent Deity!”

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The Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands greeted it respectfully.

However, the Serpent Deity ignored them as it swept its gaze across all the sacrificial offerings on the thirty-six ships. When the three thousand young boys and girls caught its eye, a pleasant expression appeared on its face.

“Well done, Whitesmoke Island Chieftain.”

The Serpent Deity spoke. Its voice sounded like a man’s voice, yet it was so sharp that it could pierce through everyone’s eardrum at any moment.

The three thousand young boys and girls cried louder at the sound of its voice.

“Please accept my gratitude for your praise, almighty Serpent Deity. As long as the Serpent Deity is pleased, I’m willing to do anything in your stead,” the Whitesmoke Island Chieftain replied excitedly.

“Very well. I will now enjoy the sacrificial offerings. You all can leave now,” the Serpent Deity said.

“Yes.”

The Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands got up and flew away from their ships.

As soon as they left, the Serpent Deity dived back into the depths of the ocean. However, that whole area was engulfed with a deadly and chilling atmosphere.

Then, a gigantic tail suddenly shot out from the sea and landed on one of the large ships.

With a loud boom, the ship was instantly split into pieces. The voices of thousands of people cried for help incessantly as they fell into the ocean and sucked into the Serpent Deity's open mouth. Suddenly, the ocean surface was dyed red with blood.

"No, somebody help me!"

"Sobs.... I don't want to die..."

Endless screams and wails rang out from the surface of the sea.

Some cultivators also tried to fight back amidst the carnage. However, how could low-level cultivators like them resist the might of the Serpent Deity?

The speed at which the Serpent Deity devoured humans was incredibly fast. Hundreds of humans could be sucked into its mouth with just one gulp. It can even swallow them all in one go without chewing.

Not long after, thousands of people were dead in the Serpent Deity's belly.

Yet, that was only the sacrificial offerings on the first ship.

They were merely appetizers to the Serpent Deity before the main course.

Its cold and huge yellow eyes looked at the ship with three thousand young boys and girls on it, and the Serpent Deity could not help but lick its lips.

"Best to leave the tastiest for last."

The Serpent Deity then shifted its gaze onto another large ship.

With just a swing of its tail, the large ship was destroyed.

Countless people fell into the ocean, and the endless screams started once again.

Similar scenes like the one before continued to play out with the other ships.

Thousands upon thousands of cultivators and common folk had been devoured by the Serpent Deity.

There was no pity or sadness in the Chieftains' eyes as they watched from the air. They had long gotten used to that scene.

One, two, three...

A total of ten ships had sunk into the ocean by then, and the thousands of people onboard had met their end in the Serpent Deity's belly.

At that time, the Serpent Deity was already in front of the Ravengale Island's ship.

Among the ones bound were the group of people from the Four Seas Merchant Guild who were tasked to deliver the Cloudfow ore. All of them felt hopeless by that point.

"I never thought that my life would end like this just because of a simple Cloudfow ore delivery."

"Same here."

"D*mn it, I don't want to die now!"

An elderly person closed his eyes.

Suddenly, an extremely powerful aura erupted from his body. As the Serpent Deity was approaching them, he took the chance and summoned his full strength before he attacked it with a punch.

The fist energy tore through the air, leaving shockwaves in its path.

In that attack was a secret technique which set aflame his life essence!

“Old Man Liu!”

This elderly man was the leader of the group that delivered Cloudflow ore, and he possessed a Golden Core cultivation level. However, he was later beaten by the Ravengale Island disciples and had been secretly recovering from his injuries ever since he was brought to the ship and bounded.

Coupling his recovery with that reckless technique of setting his life essence ablaze, the power of his attack had reached the level of a Nascent Soul cultivator.

However, when that attack landed on the Serpent Deity, it fizzled like a bubble. The Serpent Deity simply looked at him playfully, implying that it felt nothing.

“As expected... My attack is useless.”

Old Man Liu smiled bitterly. After all, how could he ever hope to fight back against a deity that was worshipped by the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands as their God?

In the next moment, he was swallowed into the Serpent Deity’s belly.

“D*mn, d*mn...”

“D*mn it.”

“Please don’t eat me, please don’t eat me...”

Many voices cursed and begged for mercy.

By then, the whole ship was shrouded in despair.

“It’s all over.”

A young woman closed her eyes as she waited for her impending death.

Suddenly, she seemed to hear a rumbling sound that stood out among the mix of screams and curses from everyone else.

She could not help but open her eyes.

The Serpent Deity, which was about to devour everyone on that ship, had now lifted its head and stared into the sky with a serious look in his eyes.

The rumbling sound that she had heard came from the sky as well.

The rumbling sound continued. It sounded as if something was heading towards them at a breakneck speed and it could pierce the surrounding void. The Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands looked towards the source of that sound as well.

“What’s that?”

“Over there.”

A surge of horrifying atmospheric wave then shot down from above the Serpent Deity. Upon close look, that was... a sword!

It was a beautiful jade white longsword!

A sword that made the Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands gasp with fear!

The incoming sword pierced through the air before it landed on the Serpent Deity’s head with a loud explosion. Its terrifying energy slammed the Serpent Deity’s head into the ocean, sending a huge splash of water into the air and huge waves rolling over.

The surrounding ships were pushed away by the waves.

“It’s him!”

“G*d d*mn it, why is he here?”

The Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands fixed their eyes at the sea.

The splash of water rained down like a storm, and amidst the mist in the air, everyone could see a white figure standing on the sea surface.

That black-haired figure was dressed in white and had a gorgeous ancient sword in his hands. He possessed an otherworldly and handsome face that looked awfully cold at the moment.

The one who arrived was Chu Kuangren!

When he saw the remains of the ten ships and the surface of the bloodstained sea, he knew that he was a little too late. Many had already died in the Serpent Deity's belly.

Then, he saw the three thousand crying young boys and girls, and an extremely fierce killing intent immediately welled up within him.

His cold gaze swept towards the Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands that made them shiver uncontrollably.

"Can someone tell me what's going on here? Why is Chu Kuangren here?!" one of the shocked Chieftains asked angrily.

Chu Kuangren was very famous in Firmament Star.

It was accurate to name him the strongest in the world!

“I’m the one who led him here.”

At that time, the talon-shaped nose old man appeared before everyone.

The Ravengale Island Chieftain’s expression changed, and he quickly greeted him. “Honorable Sage, what is going on here?”

The talon-shaped nose old man then briefly told him what happened.

He said coldly, “Chu Kuangren’s threat to us is just too big to ignore, so we shall let the Serpent Deity get rid of him today once and for all!”

The other Chieftains breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing those words.

That was right; they had the Serpent Deity on their side.

They were fully aware of how strong the Serpent Deity was as well.

Chapter 384: Battling The Serpent Deity, Reviving After Being Blown Up, Winged Serpent Ancient Wild Beast

Chu Kuangren stood proudly on the ocean's surface.

He looked at the surrounding ships and then took out his Illusive Mirage, which set off massive waves the moment it appeared above the ocean.

Then, he then channeled his spiritual power and lifted up the ship with the three thousand children onboard, placing them onto the Illusive Mirage.

He did the same for the remaining surviving ships too.

With how large the Illusive Mirage was, there was more than enough space to fit all those ships onboard.

However, just when he was about to place the last ship onto the Illusive Mirage, an incredibly huge whirlpool emerged from the sea!

The whirlpool was so huge that it could engulf the Illusive Mirage within it.

The Illusive Mirage started to shake. To everyone's surprise, the Serpent Deity wanted to drag the whole Illusive Mirage into the ocean and devour all the sacrificial offerings onboard in one go!

"Hmph, what a fool!"

Chu Kuangren snorted coldly.

Even if it were any other ordinary ship that was as large as or larger than the Illusive Mirage, it would be dragged into the ocean depths by the Serpent Deity's power.

However, the Illusive Mirage was no ordinary ship!

Having mastered the Illusive Mirage's controls, Chu Kuangren signaled his thoughts and activated its defensive formation technique.

A gigantic light barrier instantly surrounded the whole Illusive Mirage. No matter how hard the Serpent Deity tried with the whirlpool, it still could not do anything to drag the ship down.

Eventually, the Illusive Mirage escaped from the whirlpool's effect and rose into the skies.

Chu Kuangren stood on the ocean surface while he stared into the whirlpool with a serious look. All he saw was a gigantic serpent head that was slowly sticking out.

Its cold, yellow eyes glared at Chu Kuangren. Despite having received a sword attack from Chu Kuangren, it did not seem injured.

Only a few scales had broken off from its head.

Its physical body was even stronger compared to the Nine-Headed Snakelet.

“Why did you interrupt my feast?”

The Serpent Deity asked with its sharp voice.

“You were going to devour my people. Besides, how dare a mere mongrel like you prey on the human race? This act of insolence should be paid with... your death!”

“These humans are my sacrificial offerings. If you want to settle this matter, you should start with the ones who sent them here in the first place,” the Serpent Deity replied coldly.

“I will, of course, but only after I kill you.”

“Just you alone, puny human?”

“I alone am enough!”

Without another word, a terrifying surge of Sword-based Daoist Rhyme exploded from Chu Kuangren’s body and his Three Great Daoist Physiques were activated.

He struck out his sword, and along with the combined energy of Transcendental Might, ferocious qi, and sword qi, a bright colorful sword ray shot out toward the sea!

Facing that incoming sword attack, the Serpent Deity’s eyes narrowed. Then, with a roar, the seawater surrounding him boiled and streams of waterspout erupted from the ocean before it dashed at the incoming sword qi with great impact.

Boom, boom, boom...

As soon as the overbearing sword qi clashed with the numerous waterspouts, the water exploded into mists that filled the sky.

Just as Chu Kuangren was about to continue his attack, a gigantic tail suddenly swept out at him from the side with a might enough to shatter a whole mountain. Even a Sage would not be able to handle an attack of that level.

“Giant Palm of Exorcism!”

Chu Kuangren channeled his spiritual power and formed a huge golden palm with his majestic Buddhist Light.

The instant those two energies collided, Chu Kuangren felt an immeasurably powerful force shattered his golden palm.

The serpent’s tail then brutally landed on his body, breaking his limbs with its explosive and destructive power.

Chu Kuangren’s whole body instantly exploded into pieces of flesh in the air!

The Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands were stunned. Did the renowned Chu Kuangren whose very name had shook the whole world just... died?

“That’s as expected of the Serpent Deity! It’s remarkable!”

“Haha, it’s too powerful.”

“I guess Chu Kuangren’s power is nothing before the likes of the Serpent Deity.”

The talon-shaped nose old man could not believe his eyes.

Did Chu Kuangren die just like that?!

Why did it feel so unreal?

At the ocean’s surface, the Serpent Deity could not help but sneer as he looked at what remained of Chu Kuangren’s body. “Your arrogance is commendable, but that strength of yours is just not worth mentioning at all.”

Suddenly, he noticed that something was wrong.

Despite being blown into pieces, Chu Kuangren’s Descendant Self Sword remained levitating above the ocean. There were surges of sword qi could swirling around it as well.

“Its master is dead but thy is this sword behaving so strangely?”

“What the hell is going on?”

“Hold on, can it be...”

The Serpent Deity’s pupils trembled when he saw the scattered pieces of flesh gathering together at a crazy speed and formed into a lump of flesh, gradually taking the shape of a human’s body. It was Chu Kuangren!

He was still alive!

“How is this possible!”

“He can revive himself even though his body was blown into pieces?!”

The Serpent Deity was shocked.

Chu Kuangren moved his limbs and then, he took out a set of robes from his Yin and Yang ring and put it on to cover up his newly reborn physical body.

Besides a few female cultivators, the others did not care. They simply stared at Chu Kuangren in disbelief.

Reviving from a body that was shattered and blown apart?!

Even for Sages, these things only happened in a fantasy!

“The Serpent Deity’s strength is somewhat remarkable.”

Chu Kuangren looked at the Serpent Deity and activated his Eye of Revelation.

“Winged Serpent, category – ancient wild beast, cultivation level – Sage Ruler. Compared to his spiritual power and cultivation level, the strength of his physical body should be taken more seriously...”

“Comparing both parties’ combat strength, excluding external factors, the Host’s chances of winning do not exceed ten percent. Please proceed with utmost caution.”

“Not even a ten percent chance of winning?” Chu Kuangren chuckled as he gripped the Descendant Self Sword. “I won’t lose either!”

A fighting intent lit up in his eyes before his body turned into a stream of light. With a layer of overbearing sword qi covering his body, he shot towards the Serpent Deity at lightning speed!

“Let’s see if you’re truly unkillable!”

The Serpent Deity roared.

As if the sound waves had materialized, another extremely powerful waterspout was launched at Chu Kuangren.

Right as Chu Kuangren approached the Serpent Deity, the sword qi on his body spread and turned into numerous sword qi clones!

Chu Kuangren then took out the Sacred Emerald Sword Case. One treasured sword after another flew out and into the hands of the sword qi clones. Together, they attacked the Serpent Deity.

Surges of sword qi continuously erupted in the skies.

The battle between Chu Kuangren and the Serpent Deity was so intense. The water in the entire ocean surrounding them was so turbulent that it set off several tsunamis.

Even the islands located thousands of kilometers out were affected, let alone some of the smaller islands that could not escape their fate and sank.

Clang!

Guqin sounds suddenly resounded through the area.

Sitting with his legs crossed in the air and his Descendant Self Sword guarding him, Chu Kuangren took out his guqin, the Lingering Song, and placed it before his lap. A domineering surge of guqin music Daoist Rhyme instantly erupted!

Sixth Movement of the Eight Celestial Demonic Chords, Devastating Cyclone Barrage!

Seventh Movement of the Eight Celestial Demonic Chords, Synchronous Overworld Anarchy!

Eight Movement of the Eight Celestial Demonic Chords, Grand Melodic Void!

Along with the seawater, the three terrifying pieces of guqin music blast out at the Serpent Deity. The combined might of that attack was so terrifying that the scales of his opponent broke and fell apart.

“Roar!!”

The Serpent Deity roared, unleashing its menacing Daoist Rhyme and spiritual power to form a tsunami that swept out in all directions. One by one, the sword qi clones were destroyed. Following that, large amounts of seawater suddenly rose into the air!

Since the seawater was under the Serpent Deity’s control, Chu Kuangren was now surrounded by a huge water prison, trapping him within!

Chu Kuangren tried to force his way through it, but it did not work. There was an extremely powerful barrier present in each of the water prison’s walls.

At this moment, Chu Kuangren was akin to being in the depths of the ocean!

“Let’s see how you’re going to fight me now!”

The Serpent Deity laughed as it entered the water prison.

Only then did Chu Kuangren got a look at the Serpent Deity's true form.

Its body was dark green and more than dozens of kilometers long, while its abdomen was white, and it had a single horn on its head. There were some bumps from its back as well.

Chu Kuangren immediately knew those were the wings that his opponent had hidden.

Winged Serpent, an ancient wild beast that was fond of preying on humans. It had a single horn on its head and a pair of wings on its back. It belonged to the same family of snake-type beasts as the Nine-Headed Snakelet!

Chapter 385: The Serpent Deity's Great Hidden Treasure Stash, Sealed Within The Depths Of The Sea

"Now die!"

The Serpent Deity let out a low growl, and the currents inside that water prison suddenly turned into numerous invisible Torrential Manacles, tying Chu Kuangren up.

After that, the Serpent Deity immediately dashed towards him.

Since it possessed incredible physical strength, even a mountain would instantly crumble upon the impact of that attack. Chu Kuangren being blown into pieces earlier was the best example of what would happen next.

At this time, a layer of forcefield suddenly appeared around Chu Kuangren's body.

Now that most of the torrential force was isolated, sword qi emanated from his body and destroyed all the incoming Torrential Manacles. Then, Chu Kuangren's figure turned into a stream of light and evaded the Serpent Deity's attack.

The Serpent Deity was slightly surprised. "You can break free from the Torrential Manacle?!"

With its cultivation level, even a Great Sage would not be able to escape his Torrential Manacle so easily.

Yet despite not being a Sage, Chu Kuangren could break free easily!

"Wait, that forcefield around your body..."

Only then did the Serpent Deity notice something when it looked at the forcefield surrounding Chu Kuangren's body. A sudden realization flashed across its eyes. "So that's how you did it. I can't believe you have an item that can isolate the torrential force from you."

Other than surprised, the Serpent Deity was slightly annoyed as well.

The reason it formed that water prison was to drag Chu Kuangren into an underwater battle in hopes that his opponent's combat strength would be much weaker. This was the only method he could deal with his opponent easily.

However, it did not expect Chu Kuangren to have an item that could isolate torrential forces from him.

“Don’t worry. There are plenty more things I can do that will still shock you.”

Chu Kuangren sneered.

The item which helped isolated the torrential force from his body was indeed the Water Evasion Pearl — an item that he once used when he wreaked havoc upon the Scaled Tribe.

Armed with the Descendant Self Sword, he then activated the Three Great Daoist Physiques and started a new round in the battle against the Serpent Deity. Chu Kuangren relied on his Immortal Body’s ability and faced the Serpent Deity head-on, not fearing his opponent’s attacks at all.

Emperor Techniques like the Heaven-Slaying Sword Drawing Technique, Tathagata Rebirth Mantra, Heart Piercing Finger, and Raging Gods Fist were all unleashed at the Serpent Deity in one go.

“That’s just too scary. How can a mere cultivator like him, who isn’t a Sage, know so many Emperor Techniques? Is he a monster or something?”

“How does he do it?”

“Monster!”

“And that undying body of his as well. What the hell is that?”

The Chieftains of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands were stunned silent as they watched from the air.

They knew Chu Kuangren was powerful, but they had never expected his strength to be at such a terrifying level.

To unleash one Emperor Technique one after another, even an Emperor would not have so many Emperor Techniques on him, let alone a Sage!

“This guy is truly formidable. No wonder the whole Firmament Star was shocked. However, no matter how powerful he is, he’ll only fall in defeat before the Serpent Deity!”

The talon-shaped nose old man remarked.

The other Chieftains agreed while they continued watching the battle.

From what they could see, the Serpent Deity could defend against all Chu Kuangren’s attacks with its impenetrable body, no matter what Emperor Techniques the latter unleashed.

All the Serpent Deity suffered was a few minor injuries at most.

Being able to rule over the seas for so many years and worshipped by the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands as their deity, the Serpent Deity was undoubtedly powerful.

The Serpent Deity could be considered one of the strongest beings on the Firmament Star.

Even the ones from the unknown lands would not dare to provoke it.

“Even you, Chu Kuangren, will end up as the Serpent Deity’s food. You will pay the price for your arrogance!”

The talon-shaped nose old man glared at Chu Kuangren.

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Inside the water prison.

The heated battle between Chu Kuangren and the Serpent Deity was still ongoing.

One possessed an incredibly strong physical body and could take on the might of an Emperor Technique without any major issues.

On the other hand, another possessed an Immortal Body, which enabled him to attack without fear.

“This guy’s combat strength is remarkable. Ever since ancient times, I have never heard of anyone as powerful as him.”

“He’s already so powerful despite being below the level of a Sage. Can you imagine how strong he’ll become when he becomes a Sage in the future? If the Emperors don’t interfere, will this person stand undefeated in the world?!”

“He’s terrifying!” The Serpent Deity stared at Chu Kuangren as a chilling and never before seen killing intent appeared in its yellow eyes.

It would be bad if an opponent like Chu Kuangren was not dealt with soon.

Even the Serpent Deity could not help but grow fearful upon imagining how powerful its opponent would become in the future.

“This Serpent Deity is harder to deal with than the Nine-Headed Snakelet.”

Chu Kuangren frowned as he looked at the Serpent Deity.

With its physical body dead for many years, the Nine-Headed Snakelet did not even possess half its true strength when it was awakened. However, the current Serpent Deity was a Sage Ruler through and through.

Countless ideas ran through his mind.

‘Should I use the Soul Reaper?’

‘No, I can’t. My opponent is a Sage Ruler whose soul is stronger than mine. Besides, I haven’t hurt it enough yet, so its spiritual state is still at its peak.’

If he used the Soul Reaper, Chu Kuangren’s spiritual power would be completely depleted before he could pull his opponent’s soul out.

‘What about the Four Seasons Sword Formation?’

‘Hmmm... I don’t think it’ll work as well. Based on my current strength, even the highest form of the Four Seasons Sword Formation will not be able to hurt it.’

‘Besides, the torrential force within the water prison will also hinder the sword formation, preventing it from exerting its full power.’

“Puny human, your Immortal Body is really fascinating. But I can tell that despite your inability to die, your current strength is still limited!”

“I shall seal you in the depths of the ocean and make you my prisoner. After that, I shall take my own sweet time to come up with a method to kill you!”

A large amount of Daoist Rhymes surged on the Serpent Deity as it said that.

The water prison was then dragged into the ocean, and at the same time, an immense force dragged Chu Kuangren into the depths of the sea too!

Not long after, the Serpent Deity had dragged Chu Kuangren dozens of kilometers under the sea. They soon arrived at a huge trench.

Numerous sparkles of light flickered in that huge trench. They were all crystals and Supreme Elixirs that emanated a dense spiritual power.

There were countless treasures hidden under the sea!

“Shocking, right?”

“The sea is far wider and more mysterious than you guys can imagine. Even the Scaled Tribe who claim to be the overlords of the sea have barely scratched the surface of what lies beneath the oceans. However, I’m not the same as them, for I am the Serpent Deity!!”

“I’m the strongest being in the sea. After all, the sea is my backyard. I can go anywhere I wish and take anything I wish. These items before you are my collection of treasures that I’ve gathered from all corners of the sea!”

“There are corals that can help hasten a person’s cultivation progress, seashells that can block divine lightning, Supreme Elixirs that can help one breakthrough to another cultivation level...”

The Serpent Deity excitedly showed off its collection of treasures to Chu Kuangren.

He was not worried that Chu Kuangren would take these treasures at all. From his perspective, Chu Kuangren was already his prisoner.

“The Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands worship you because of this collection of treasures I suppose.” Chu Kuangren looked at the treasures in the trench and uttered.

“That’s right, and in return, they bring me sacrificial offerings to feast on. Whoever performs the best will be given a treasure from my collection that I no longer desire to keep. The reason the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands are so powerful today is all because of me!”

The Serpent Deity laughed as he dragged Chu Kuangren deeper into the trench.

It did not take them long before they arrived at the deepest part of the trench.

Placed over there was a cage similar to a birdcage. It had strange black rune symbols swirling around it.

“This cage is something that I obtained thousands of years ago. I suppose it’s an item that someone powerful left behind as it contains an incredibly terrifying sealing ability. Even a Sage Ruler can only accept their fate of being locked in there!”

“Puny human, you shall stay inside there forever!”

The Serpent Deity laughed and channeled an overbearing torrential force to push Chu Kuangren into that cage.

Chapter 386: Power of the Sea King’s Halberd, Control The Ocean, Skin You Alive

The insides of the black cage radiated with a peculiar light, and the countless runic symbols on it started to circulate.

A surge of terrifying sealing power emerged!

Chu Kuangren could feel as if the spiritual power within him had been heavily suppressed.

He attempted to retaliate with a sword technique, but his power had been reduced to one-tenth of his full potential, and his remaining power was suppressed by the cage.

“Haha, it’s no use now. This cage is capable of even trapping a Sage Ruler within it, what more a petty non-Sage like you!”

The Serpent Deity grinned as it stared into Chu Kuangren with its deep, yellow eyes.

“Little one, be a part of my treasure chest. You should be honored to share a room with so many precious treasures.”

The Serpent Deity said.

“I didn’t expect you to have a hoarding disorder.”

Chu Kuangren could not help but sneer at the Serpent Deity’s remark.

“Little one, I must admire your ability to still laugh in the face of your situation. Did you think you could do anything you want with your Immortal Body? Even if you can’t die, there are countless ways to torture someone. Be rest assured that I’ll try every method on you, one by one.”

The Serpent Deity straightened its spine and stared deadly at Chu Kuangren with bloodthirsty and violent killing intent.

It wanted to see the fear on Chu Kuangren’s face. Alas, Chu Kuangren had been nothing but calm since the beginning.

He was like a frozen lake, unmoved.

Chu Kuangren stared back at the Serpent Deity which, despite being the stronger one, could not help but feel a sense of panic inside it.

‘There’s no way this b*stard is escaping this cage. I must be overthinking. Let’s just leave him here for now.’

The Serpent Deity thought to itself before it turned around to leave the trench.

At that moment.

Chu Kuangren’s voice stopped the Serpent Deity in its path.

“You have so many treasures lying around, yet none of it is an Emperor Weapon?!”

The Serpent Deity was puzzled.

Why was Chu Kuangren still worried about an issue like this?

“An Emperor Weapon is a rare treasure. How could it be found so easily? To be frank, I haven’t come across an Emperor Grade Item even though I’ve searched this ocean for several millennia. But what does this have to do with you?” The Serpent Deity laughed coldly.

“Sigh, that’s too bad then.”

“You should feel sorry for yourself. A stellar sky-pride like you can only spend his remaining life trapped in this deep ocean.”

“You should be honored that after so many years, you finally have the chance to witness an Emperor Weapon with your own eyes.”

Chu Kuangren said as he lifted his hand.

A Trident Halberd appeared in Chu Kuangren’s hand, and it unleashed a terrifying Emperor’s Aura into the deep ocean.

Even the cage that entrapped him began to shake violently. Eventually, the runic symbols began to crack, and its sealing power was nullified!

The Serpent Deity widened its eyes at the sight of that. “An Emperor Weapon!”

The Serpent Deity was shocked.

Never in its life would the Serpent Deity imagine that Chu Kuangren had an Emperor Weapon with him!

“I shall let you witness the power of an Emperor Weapon!”

Chu Kuangren struck the Trident Halberd in his hands into the ground.

A burst of terrifying aura erupted, sending the entire ocean into a tremor. Under Chu Kuangren’s command, an endless flow of current around him began to bash onto the cage that entrapped him!

The countless runic symbols shattered one by one!

At last, with a deafening explosion, the cage exploded into pieces.

“The power to command the sea. That’s the Sea King’s Halberd!”

“It’s the Sea King’s Trident Halberd of the Scaled Clan! But rumor has it that this Emperor Weapon had long split into three parts, never to be found. How did it find its way to your possession?!”

The Serpent Deity was terrified.

Having dwelled within the ocean for countless years, it was familiar with the legends and mysteries that resided within it. One of them was, of course, the tale of the Scaled Clan's Sea King's Halberd.

Even as a Sage Ruler, the Serpent Deity never thought itself worthy of possessing an Emperor Weapon. Hence, it definitely did not expect Chu Kuangren to possess such a treasure of value!

What more, it was the long-lost Sea King's Halberd!

"Ever since I've refined the Sea King's Halberd, I never got the chance to use it. It looks like you'll make the perfect test subject!" Chu Kuangren said firmly.

With the Sea King's Halberd in his hand, his aura increased and the seawaters surged. It was as if the entire ocean was cheering for him.

Chu Kuangren no longer had to use the Water Evasion Pearl.

The ocean was no longer a threat to him!

The power of the Sea King's Halberd lied in its ability to command the entire ocean!

Chu Kuangren charged at the Serpent Deity with the Sea King's Halberd. His speed was now three times faster than he was on land.

With the strike of the Halberd, a boundless amount of torrential force gathered at its tip, crushing the entire force of an ocean directly on the Serpent Deity's head.

One blast and countless scales shattered as copious amounts of blood splattered into the ocean!

After such a long battle, this was the first time the Serpent Deity had suffered significant damage. All it took was a single strike of the Halberd.

"Damn it, damn it!"

"So what if you have the Sea King's Halberd? I'm the mighty Serpent Deity!"

The Serpent Deity unleashed a deafening roar and channeled its Daoist Rhymes to its limit. Then, its thousand-meters long body tumbled in the sea and launched a terrifying torrential force towards Chu Kuangren!

The attack was beyond magnificent.

Even a Great Sage peak would likely perish in its power.

However, Chu Kuangren pointed the Halberd at the incoming attack and released a surge of mystical Daoist Rhymes at the incoming torrential force. "Disintegrate!"

The torrential force was immediately dispelled!

“I wield the Sea King’s Trident, and therefore I control the ocean!”

“Do you think that little torrential force of yours can do anything to me?”

Chu Kuangren sneered. Lifting his Sea King’s Halberd once again, he said calmly, “I’ll show you what the fury of the ocean looks like!”

As he waved the Halberd, the water around them began to surge and form a ginormous whirlpool that surrounded the Serpent Deity in the middle.

The whirlpool flowed with such violent force that the Serpent Deity’s mighty physique began to rupture in the whirlpool. Its scales, too, began to break, and it bled even more.

“Ahh...”

The Serpent Deity let out a painful wail.

It looked at Chu Kuangren in terror, finally conceding to the fact that its Sage Ruler power was no match for the mighty Emperor Weapon.

If it did not do anything, the ocean might just become its burial place!

Run!

With a low grunt, the Serpent Deity used its horn to unleash a rippling Daoist Rhyme, sealing the power of the whirlpool momentarily.

Then, it spread its wings outward and dashed for the ocean's surface.

"Planning to leave? No way!"

Chu Kuangren glared at the Serpent Deity coldly. "I won't be called Chu Kuangren if I don't skin you and turn it into my gunny sack!"

A torrential force exploded below Chu Kuangren's feet, launching him towards the ocean's surface.

On land, the Thirty-Six Island Chieftains and the talon-shaped nose old man were keeping a close eye on the ocean's surface. They were uncertain about the situation below.

Just before that, they felt a surge of terrifying Emperor's Aura that sent the entire oceans into unrest.

"That energy must've come from the Serpent Deity. Chu Kuangren has wronged the Serpent Deity, and the only punishment for him is death."

"That's right. It must be the Serpent Deity."

The Chieftains said with excitement in their eyes.

Right then, an enormous shadowy figure began to float to the ocean's surface. The Serpent Deity, now with its wings spread outwards, abruptly emerged from the ocean.

"It's the Serpent Deity!"

Chapter 387: I Can Hardly Tolerate This World, I For Sure Can't Tolerate You, Slaying The Serpent Deity

The Serpent Deity emerged from the ocean's surface and cast a great shadow in the sky!

The residents of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands sang their praises.

"It's the Serpent Deity!"

However, they soon realized that something was off.

It was too wretched.

The Serpent Deity was wretched. Its scales were shattered, its body was filled with scars, and blood flowed violently from its pores.

The residents were dumbfounded to witness the Serpent Deity in such a dire state for the first time.

It was no mystery who had caused this. It was obviously Chu Kuangren, who had just fought with the Serpent Deity.

The residents were in disbelief. Chu Kuangren had caused such massive damage to the Serpent Deity!

“What did he do?” The talon-shaped nose old man gulped. He had intended to destroy Chu Kuangren through the power of the Serpent Deity. However, it looked like he had committed a grave mistake!

Never mind that Chu Kuangren could not be killed, but it looked like the Serpent Deity was now at the brink of death!

Was Chu Kuangren truly that terrifying?!

Boom...

At that moment, the ocean trembled.

An enormous waterspout surged out of the surface. On it was Chu Kuangren, who was wielding a halberd.

Chu Kuangren stared at the fleeing Serpent Deity and waved his weapon, summoning dozens of waterspouts that attempted to ensnare the Serpent Deity.

The Serpent Deity roared as it broke through the waterspouts with its massive body, shattering them into droplets of water.

However, even if it had disrupted the attack, the force of the current was still enough to bind him to the ocean's surface. The Serpent Deity could not flee far from the ocean, what more to flee away from Chu Kuangren.

"You b*stard, let me leave! Are you going to continue until one of us is dead?" The Serpent Deity let out a sharp screech.

At that sound, the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands' people felt goosebumps all over their bodies.

The Serpent Deity was attempting to escape!

In the face of Chu Kuangren, the Serpent Deity wanted to flee!

It was devastating news for the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands' people. After all, the Serpent Deity was the Almighty God to them!

It could be said that without the Serpent Deity, the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands would not come close to the achievements it had today. The residents had nothing but the utmost respect for the Serpent Deity.

Even the Sages listened obediently to the Serpent Deity's council.

Hence, seeing that their Almighty God now wanted to flee away from Chu Kuangren was an incomprehensible scene.

Their worldview was close to collapsing!

“Leave? As if you stand a chance! I said that I’m going to turn your skin into my gunny sack, so you have no choice but to die today!” Chu Kuangren sneered as he triggered the Sea King’s Halberd.

An even devastating torrential force gushed towards the Serpent Deity. The ocean began to boil, and the myriad of sea creatures trembled in fear...

It was a display of Chu Kuangren’s fury!

Now, it became the ocean’s fury too!

“Curse you! Now you’re leaving me with only this option!”

The infuriated Serpent Deity let out a deafening shriek and unleashed an explosion of Daoist Rhymes. As its veins began to protrude from its yellow eyes, a terrifying ferocious qi spread outward from its body.

“Oh, using a secret technique to boost your abilities I see.”

“So what?”

Chu Kuangren laughed mockingly.

Normally, Chu Kuangren would only stand one-tenth of a chance of beating the Serpent Deity in a battle. However, with the Sea King's Halberd, his odds had dramatically increased to a near one hundred percent!

This was the mighty power of an Emperor's Weapon!

"Roar!"

The Serpent Deity let out a battle roar that was infused with its powerful Daoist Rhyme. It shattered an enormous waterspout nearby before it quickly dashed in a certain direction.

It was heading toward the Illusive Mirage.

The Serpent Deity was clear that even if it had resorted to a secret technique, he was no match for the Sea King's Halberd.

So in the spur of a moment, the Serpent Deity came up with the idea of holding the countless people and cultivators on the Illusive Mirage as hostages. Only then, Chu Kuangren may allow him to leave.

The Serpent Deity saw the human race as a pretentious species.

Since Chu Kuangren was a just and righteous person, he would definitely yield to its demand, especially when there were three thousand children on the Illusive Mirage.

“Oh no, the Serpent Deity’s coming!”

The thousands of cultivators and civilians were terrified.

However, when the Serpent Deity was close to reaching them, it crashed into an invisible barrier that blocked him from the Illusive Mirage.

Although the Illusive Mirage was shaken by the impact, it was still intact.

The hundred thousands of people on board were relieved as well.

“What’s going on?!”

The Serpent Deity was puzzled.

It was clear of its strengths.

That crash packed enough force to shatter dozens of mountains, yet the Illusive Mirage’s barrier had completely absorbed the damage!

How was the Illusive Mirage’s defensive formation so powerful?!

“Hmph, you fool.”

Chu Kuangren snarked coldly.

The Illusive Mirage was a Starlight Grade Item. The defensive formation that imbued the structure was one of the best Sage Grade mega formations around!

Chu Kuangren did not need to activate the formation. As long as there was enough kinetic energy on the Illusive Mirage, the formation would be at its maximum capacity!

Although the Serpent Deity was formidable, it could not shatter the Sage Grade mega formation!

“Now, time for you to die!”

Chu Kuangren grunted softly, and his body began to burn with crimson flames. Nine Deaths Blazing Blood Art, activated!

Chu Kuangren channeled copious amounts of energy into the Sea King’s Halberd, enhancing his ability to command the ocean.

An endless amount of ocean water was lifted into the air to form an unprecedented ferocious and magnificent Water Dragon!

The Water Dragon was more than thousands of meters in length, and it radiated a terrifying aura, instilling fear into all cultivators present, including the talon-shaped nose old man.

In the face of the Water Dragon, the Serpent Deity now seemed insignificant.

“No, no!” The Serpent Deity was fearful.

For countless years, the Serpent Deity had devoured many living beings and had grown accustomed to sensing the fear others had of it. Now, it was the Serpent Deity’s turn to be struck by fear.

It was a sense of fear that it had never felt before!

“Die!”

With a wave of Chu Kuangren’s Halberd, the Water Dragon roared, and out came a surge of water pressure that devoured the Serpent Deity.

Having devoured other beings all its life, this was the Serpent Deity’s first time becoming the prey itself. As the Water Dragon swallowed it into its tummy, the terrifying water current inside crushed the Serpent Deity’s body incessantly.

Its scales, bones, and flesh ruptured even further as the blood dyed the entire Water Dragon into a crimson color.

At last, the Water Dragon dissipated and landed back into the ocean with a boom, sending a tsunami in all directions.

All that was left floating on the ocean was the motionless body of the Serpent Deity.

Chu Kuangren grabbed his Sea King's Halberd and came to the Serpent Deity.

"You little rat, you're too uncanny! The world will not tolerate a being like you. You'll surely suffer a fate that's a thousand times worse than mine!"

The Serpent Deity stared at Chu Kuangren as it cursed in a broken voice.

"I can hardly tolerate this world, but now, I for sure cannot tolerate you!" Chu Kuangren said as he took out the Soul Retriever. Once its chain penetrated the Serpent Deity's body, Chu Kuangren began to extract the Serpent Deity's soul that was severely weakened by the imminent destruction of its physical body.

"Enjoy the pain that'll be inflicted onto your soul!"

Chu Kuangren activated the Soul Retriever, releasing a surge of chilling energy that began to erode the Serpent Deity's Soul.

As sharp, painful wails echoed throughout the realm, the Serpent Deity's soul was eventually reduced into an endless amount of soul orbs that floated around the air.

Before these soul orbs began to fade away, Chu Kuangren activated his Universal Cauldron Physique and absorbed all the soul orbs into his body.

The Universal Cauldron Physique was capable of absorbing all forms of strange energies in this world.

A soul was one such form of strange energy!

Chapter 388: All Of You, End Yourselves, Even Their Sages Wanted Them Dead

Despite being in a weakened state, a Sage Ruler's soul energy was not to be underestimated. Just like the demonic pus, the energy was stored within Chu Kuangren's body, awaiting its time for Chu Kuangren to use to cultivate the Supreme Sage Foundation Level.

Then, Chu Kuangren stored the Serpent Deity's corpse in his Yin and Yang Ring.

On top of the Nine-Headed Snakelet that Chu Kuangren had previously acquired, he now possessed two Sage Ruler Grade corpses aside from the Boundary Emperor's body he found on the unnamed island. These will form the essential ingredients that Chu Kuangren needed for the Supreme Sage Foundation Level.

"Now all that's left to deal with is you lots."

Chu Kuangren stared at the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands' Chieftains in the air.

His eyes were burning with ice-cold killing intent, which caused the Chieftains to attempt to flee. However, they soon realized that they were unable to move their bodies.

“Chu Kuangren... W-what are you planning to do?”

The talon-shaped nose old man gulped and said.

Chu Kuangren had just slain the Serpent Deity. There was no way they would think of fighting Chu Kuangren now.

The youngster who stood before them was nothing but a terrifying being!

A being whose terror was unprecedented!

“All of you, end yourselves.”

Chu Kuangren said calmly.

The Chieftains widened their eyes.

“Chu Kuangren, please let us go.”

One of the Chieftains pleaded helplessly for his life.

“Chu Kuangren, we haven’t offended you directly. There’s no need to do this to us just for a bunch of commoners.”

“We, the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands, have many Sages backing us as well.”

“Chu Kuangren, must you be so merciless?”

The Chieftains each took their turns to convince Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren merely responded with indifference, “If you end yourselves now, your orthodoxies will continue to survive. Otherwise, all Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands shall perish within the ocean!”

The ocean roared ferociously as soon as he said those words. Giant waves formed on the surface as if the ocean was resonating with Chu Kuangren’s threat.

Wielding the Sea King’s Halberd, Chu Kuangren was the master of the ocean!

No one below the level of an Emperor was capable of fighting him in the ocean now!

Since the Thirty-Six Oceanic Island Chieftains lived close to the ocean, they were no different as well. Forget about the Sages, not even the Bottomless Chasm was a match for Chu Kuangren.

The Chieftains were mortified.

After witnessing Chu Kuangren's capability, none of them doubted his ability to follow through with his threat!

"Chu Kuangren, is there no room for negotiation at all?"

One of the Chieftains said helplessly.

Swoosh...

At that instance, a white figure dashed out from nowhere, charging at Chu Kuangren with at least a Sage-level speed. It was the Whitesmoke Island Chieftain.

The usually kind-hearted Whitesmoke Island Chieftain was now brewing with vicious ferocity.

The Whitesmoke Island Chieftain hurled a poison dagger at Chu Kuangren. Its poison was powerful enough to kill a Sage!

"Chu Kuangren, die!"

The Whitesmoke Island Chieftain said maniacally.

Chu Kuangren stared ahead and waved his Sea King's Halberd lightly.

A powerful torrential force was unleashed to form a large water orb that encased the Whitesmoke Island Chieftain in it.

Within the water orb, the Whitesmoke Island Chieftain struggled desperately but to no avail. Just like a person who was about to drown, he frantically thrashed the water with his limbs.

Chu Kuangren extended his hand into the orb and grabbed the dagger in the Chieftain's hand before Chu Kuangren sank the blade slowly into the Chieftain's chest.

The poison worked its way into the Chieftain's body. Instantly, his face turned purple, and as he bled from all his orifices, he took his last breath.

In the end, the Chieftain died in his own dagger.

"Which island does this Chieftain belong to?"

Chu Kuangren asked calmly.

The remaining Chieftains looked at one another.

Unable to tolerate the oppressive aura that filled the air anymore, one of the Chieftains said with a trembling voice, "The white... the Whitesmoke Island."

"Whitesmoke Island, I see."

The crowd was puzzled for a moment about what Chu Kuangren was planning to do.

Then, Chu Kuangren simply closed his eyes and spread his spiritual thoughts outwards into the ocean. Not only could the Sea King's Halberd allow Chu Kuangren to 'see' the entire ocean, but Chu Kuangren could hear every sound that resided within as well.

Soon, Chu Kuangren locked into the position of Whitesmoke Island.

On the surface, Whitesmoke Island looked like a paradise. However, with Chu Kuangren's spiritual thought unveiling its facade, he realized that the island was filled with filth and vermin. The cultivators were cunning and at odds with each other. Some of them even cultivated evil techniques.

Besides that, Chu Kuangren also saw some elders using children as ingredients in their medicinal pills.

Paradise?

No, that was a demonic hub!

A demonic hub that was far eviler and hid itself better than the demonic orthodoxies!

"Down with you!"

Chu Kuangren said firmly.

A terrifying tsunami erupted more than ten thousand kilometers away, charging ferociously towards Whitesmoke Island.

Having sensed its presence, the cultivators of the Whitesmoke Island immediately descended into a state of panic.

“What’s going on?!” The Whitesmoke Island’s Sage rushed out to the shore only to see a megatsunami that had eclipsed the sun.

“Hurry, activate the Island Defense Mega Formation!”

The Whitesmoke Island’s Sage screamed.

An enormous white barrier immediately enveloped the island within.

Alas, it was a futile measure.

The defensive formation was just like a harmless bubble in the face of the terrifying tsunami. When the wave came crashing down, the formation was instantly shattered into smithereens!

The water then began to sink the entire island. In just a few seconds, its tremendous force had destroyed the island’s foundation, and countless disciples who were crushed by the waves were smashed into dead pulps!

The Whitesmoke Island's Sage was no better too. He had dealt a huge blow from the tsunami. With blood bleeding from his mouth, he stared into the ocean with a deep sense of hatred and yelled, "Why? What has Whitesmoke Island ever done to deserve this?!"

"Oh, Serpent Deity, why didn't you protect us?!"

Never would he have thought that the calamity that struck his island was the result of his Chieftain's desperate attempt to stay alive.

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The Serpent Deity was long slain by Chu Kuangren's Halberd!

Just like that, a tsunami had wiped Whitesmoke Island out of existence!

All of this was triggered by a single spiritual thought from Chu Kuangren, who was standing ten thousand kilometers away!

The destruction of Whitesmoke Island had garnered the attention of the remaining Island Sages as well. With their spiritual thoughts, they began to search the ocean for the root cause of that tsunami.

**In the Serpent Deity's Oceanic Domain, the talon-shaped nose old man watched in horror.
"Whitesmoke Island... is gone!"**

Now, the remaining Chieftains were even more terrified as they trembled helplessly. Chu Kuangren was nothing but an evil monster to them.

They knew that it was all Chu Kuangren's doing!

With the Sea King's Halberd, Chu Kuangren could practically play God, commanding the entire ocean and wiping a faraway island out of existence.

"Chu Kuangren, you're a monster! How could you destroy Whitesmoke Island for these sacrificial offerings? Those were hundreds of thousands of human lives!"

One of the island Chieftains asked.

"So what if it is?"

"I believe this isn't the first time the Serpent Deity's Sacrificial Ceremony was held. Do you dare to suggest that the number of human sacrifices that you've offered is less than a million?!" Chu Kuangren snarked coldly.

The Chieftain could not refute those words.

"This is your last chance. End yourselves, or we shall witness a few more tsunamis!" Chu Kuangren said calmly.

“All of you, end yourselves.”

At that moment, a voice echoed from above.

One of the Chieftains was surprised. “It’s the Sages!”

“End yourself!”

“End yourself!”

Soon, more and more voices joined in the chorus.

Those were the voices of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands Sages. With each voice affirming Chu Kuangren’s suggestion, the Chieftains’ faces turned even paler.

At last, they were left with no hope.

Even their Sages wanted them dead!

Chapter 389: The Thirty-Six Island Chieftains End Themselves, So This Is How A Sage Behaves

“End yourselves.”

“Please end yourselves.”

More and more voices joined in to persuade the Chieftains.

These were the voices of the Thirty-Six Oceanic Island Sages. They had investigated the tsunami’s cause and were petrified of Chu Kuangren’s power. Having these Chieftains commit suicide was their only option left to save their orthodoxies.

The Chieftains’ faces had gone white.

If it was only Chu Kuangren who wanted them dead, they would merely feel resentful.

Yet, even their Sages wanted them dead now. A deep sense of sorrow welled up in the Chieftains’ souls!

Alas, the greatest pain did not come from an enemy.

It came from the betrayal of their own people!

“Haha, Chu Kuangren. I will yield to your request. If anything happens to Sapphire Island, I will haunt you from my death.”

The Sapphire Island Chieftain laughed, yet everyone could sense the sadness within him. After that, his body began to expand dramatically.

With a boom, the Sapphire Island's Chieftain exploded into a mist of blood.

A look of struggle flashed across the remaining Chieftains' eyes. At such a conjecture, it was no use resisting anymore.

Chu Kuangren wanted them dead.

The Sages wanted them dead as well.

How could a bunch of Honorables resist?

They might as well make it quick.

"Chu Kuangren, I won't forgive you if anything happens to Moutan Peony Island," said the Moutan Peony Island Chieftain. Then, with a light grunt, he too exploded like the Sapphire Island's Chieftain.

"Chu Kuangren, I shall seek revenge from you in another lifetime!"

"Haha, who would've thought I'd end up like this!"

"Hilarious, just hilarious!"

The Chieftains began to explode in succession.

Of course, some made a desperate attempt to flee.

One of the Chieftains transformed into a ray of light and dashed into the distance, but an enormous palm qi slapped him back into his original position.

That palm qi did not come from Chu Kuangren. Instead, it came from a Sage.

“End yourself. Don’t make me do it.”

The Chieftain lost all sense of hope, and in the end, he could only grind his teeth as he exploded.

Soon, all of the Chieftains were dead!

Chu Kuangren endured the Chieftains’ mockeries before he watched them kill themselves. However, he was unmoved by it.

“Chu Kuangren, I believe this matter should be put behind us now!”

One of the Sage’s voices rang out.

“Hehe... Hehe... Hahaha...”

Chu Kuangren put his hands on his forehead and burst into a peal of laughter.

The Sages were confused.

“Sages? Is this how Sages behave?!”

“Everyone’s been saying that a Sage is a pillar of an orthodoxy, yet today’s the first time I’ve witnessed a Sage drive their own people to their deaths. So this is how the pillars of an orthodoxy function?! Haha...”

“How hilarious.”

The Sages were silent.

Rather, they were fuming with so much anger that they could not utter another word.

Only Chu Kuangren’s manic laughter reverberated above the ocean. The people on the Illusive Mirage were dumbfounded at what they had just witnessed.

Chu Kuangren was laughing so hard that he had tears in his eyes.

“That’s enough!”

One of the Sages screamed in anger.

To them, Chu Kuangren’s laughter was an unbearable insult to their dignity. Each word of his stung their hearts.

After all, Chu Kuangren was the one who drove them to such a decision.

Yet, he still had the audacity to mock them.

As the saying went, words could torture more than a weapon!

As Chu Kuangren’s laughter began to fade, the ocean resumed its state of calmness. He stored the Sea King’s Trident and returned to the Illusive Mirage.

Before he left, he was still muttering something in his mouth.

His voice echoed in the air.

“Sages?! To hell with these stupid Sages!”

The Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands' Sages heard it loud and clear.

Many of their Daoist Cores almost collapsed.

On one of the islands, a terrifying aura abruptly exploded, shattering a mountain into pieces. An elder emerged from his residence as he stared furiously into the distance. His face twisted like a bloodthirsty demon.

"Chu Kuangren, Chu Kuangren..."

The elder ground his teeth; his anger fuming beyond his usual limit.

However, at the thought of Chu Kuangren's terrifying abilities, a sense of helplessness overwhelmed him. He had no choice but to suppress his insatiable anger.

Even so, the more he thought, the angrier he became, and the more he was reminded of his helplessness.

At last, the elder spurted a mouthful of blood and fainted on the spot.

"Why could such a person exist in this world?!"

The elder was not the only one in the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands with such a predicament. Some of the Sages' Daoist Cores were even destroyed.

"Chu Kuangren, Chu Kuangren, oh merciless Chu Kuangren!"

"Ahhh, Chu Kuangren, you must suffer a horrible death!"

"I hate you!"

"Oh heavens, why do you allow a being like Chu Kuangren to exist in this world? This world cannot deal with an anomaly like him!"

"He has killed the Serpent Deity! Help us! Help us!"

The Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands' disciples were puzzled.

Seeing the Sages was a rare enough occurrence for them, but why were they suddenly releasing such a huge burst of energy?

The disciples could feel resentment in this energy as well. Who was the resentment directed to, and why did the Sages feel helpless?

The ocean was not at all peaceful that day.

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Chu Kuangren returned to the Illusive Mirage.

Hundreds of thousands of cultivators were so excited as they stared at him in admiration.

Chu Kuangren ignored the crowd and headed straight for a room, where he unlocked a seal to the door.

When he finally settled in, Chu Kuangren's face immediately paled, and he felt his body went limp before he collapsed into the bed.

"Holy hell, looks like the Emperor's Weapon is not to be used lightly."

Chu Kuangren took a deep breath.

An Emperor Weapon was indeed a mighty weapon. However, wielding the weapon with his current cultivation level was not an easy task.

Chu Kuangren had almost exhausted all of his spiritual energy reserves this time

Nevertheless, his spiritual energy was the lesser of his concerns.

After all, with the Gluttonous Devouring Technique, Chu Kuangren could easily convert blood essence into spiritual energy. Most importantly, the experience had taken a lot out of his spirit!

Using an Emperor's Weapon and unleashing the Emperor's Aura was a huge test of a cultivator's Daoist Rhyme, Daoist core, and mental strength!

"Looks like I'm lucky enough this time to have been able to fake it till I made it."

Chu Kuangren heaved a sigh of relief and murmured.

He then swallowed some pills and began to rejuvenate his energy.

As for his mind...

The spirit and spiritual thoughts were elements of a cultivator's soul, but soul techniques were uncommon in Firmament Star. The only way one could rejuvenate their soul was through improving their cultivation realm, and this process required time, even for Chu Kuangren.

Although there were treasures that could boost one's spiritual strength, those were completely out of the ordinary, and Chu Kuangren did not possess such an item.

It took Chu Kuangren three days to fully recover. Half a day to recover his spiritual energy, and the rest to rejuvenate his soul.

Only then did Chu Kuangren finally walk out of his room.

He was immediately greeted by hundreds of thousands of individuals outside his room. When the cultivators and citizens saw him, they all knelt in unison.

“Thank you, Sect Leader, for saving our lives!”

“Thank you, Sect Leader, for saving our lives...”

The people knelt before Chu Kuangren and expressed their gratitude with their utmost passion.

The three thousand children were no longer crying nor throwing a tantrum. Together with the adults, they knelt to Chu Kuangren, whom they stared at curiously.

“Come, there’s no need to kneel,” Chu Kuangren said calmly. Upon observing that some of them were injured, Chu Kuangren activated the Spring Breeze Healing Technique.

As the spring breeze greeted the people, their injuries healed.

Chapter 390: Setting Up A Mega Formation, Elystia Emperor Scripture, The Qian Emperor Palace Appears

With Chu Kuangren’s help, the cultivators quickly recovered from their injuries. Then, Chu Kuangren asked, “Who here is from the Four Seas Merchant Guild?”

“We’re the delivery personnel of the guild.”

Some of the individuals stepped forth.

Chu Kuangren looked at them and said, "Hm, please send a message to Master Qian and inform him to wait for us at the closest prefecture."

"Master Qian?"

"Which Master Qian?"

The individuals stared at each other puzzledly.

These individuals only held low positions in the guild, so they never knew Master Qian, the most influential guild member behind the scene, let alone had a way of contacting him.

"Nevermind, I'll tell him myself."

Chu Kuangren said nonchalantly.

Then, he stared into the ocean, and his eyes glimmered with excitement. Chu Kuangren smacked his lips greedily before he dashed to the ocean floor.

With the help of his Water Evasion Pearl, Chu Kuangren soon reached the ocean's depth and arrived at the trench where the Serpent Deity stored its treasures. Looking across the countless treasures before

him, Chu Kuangren could not help but grin from ear to ear. “Oh, Serpent Deity, I shall gladly help myself to it.”

The Serpent Deity had hoarded so many underwater treasures that its value would significantly dwarf all the combined treasures that the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands had!

It was, for sure, one of the largest treasure troves in Firmament Star!

Chu Kuangren began to store all of the treasure items in his Yin and Yang Ring scouted around the trench.

“Eh, what’s this?”

Suddenly, Chu Kuangren looked at a precious ocean medicine that resembled a faint blue coral in his hands and could not help but feel a little surprised.

There were many other treasures in the trove which Chu Kuangren could not recognize either. However, this medicinal item caught Chu Kuangren’s attention because it radiated a surge of strange energy. When Chu Kuangren came close to it, he felt an invigorating sensation.

It was as if the sensation had come from... his soul.

“Could this medicine be applied to the soul?”

Chu Kuangren exclaimed in excitement, "Amazing. I may be an Alchemy Grandmaster, but I couldn't even recognize this medicine."

Then, Chu Kuangren activated his Treasure Locating Skill.

Only then did he discover the name of the medicine... It was called the Soul Rejuvenation Herb!

Soul rejuvenation, soul rejuvenation...

It seemed like a medicine that could be applied to the soul.

With that, Chu Kuangren carefully kept the medicine away.

After a long time of looting, Chu Kuangren left the trench happily.

Once he was back on the Illusive Mirage, Chu Kuangren led the people away from the oceanic domain.

Outside the oceanic domain, in a prefecture.

Having long received Chu Kuangren's message, Qian Fugui waited for his arrival with a few other members. When the enormous Illusive Mirage arrived, Qian Fugui hastily went to greet them.

"Sect Leader Chu."

When Qian Fugui saw the countless citizens on board, especially the children, anger welled up within him.

“The Serpent Deity and the Thirty-Six Oceanic Islands are a bunch of despicable beings. How could they involve the children too?” Qian Fugui vented his anger.

He was familiar with the Serpent Deity’s Sacrificial Ceremony.

“Master Qian, I’ve received the Cloudfow ore. Thank you for your help. As for these people, I’m afraid I must trouble you to help them settle down.”

Chu Kuangren said.

“Not a problem. Leave it to me.”

Qian Fugui thumped his chest and said. Since he was well-connected and possessed many businesses in the world, it was an easy feat for him.

“Well, that’s all for now.”

Chu Kuangren nodded and began to leave.

“Safe trip, our savior.”

“Please have a fruitful trip, our savior.”

“Farewell, savior.”

The countless citizens and cultivators bid farewell to Chu Kuangren.

The children looked at Chu Kuangren’s departing figure with a great sense of ambition in their eyes. One of the boys said, “One day, I’ll become an amazing cultivator just like our savior and protect everyone.”

“Me too.”

“Count me in.”

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In the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren immediately busied himself upon his return.

Now that the Cloudfloor ore and the Celestial chalcedony were in place, the last part was to set up the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation. It was nothing like a simple formation. Even with a blueprint, Chu Kuangren had only completed one-tenth of it after a few days worth of work.

“Mega formations are so complicated. It doesn’t help that my knowledge on formation is only half-baked, and none of the people in the Black Heaven Sect has knowledge about it either. This is tough.”

Chu Kuangren shook his head.

He did not wish to consult an outsider, too, as there was no guarantee that the outsider would leak the core information of the formation to others.

Hence, Chu Kuangren could only learn as he went along, and fortunately, his understanding skills were astounding. As he picked up more insights of his own, his knowledge of formations improved drastically.

Soon, he became quicker in setting up the formation.

About a month later, the Astounding Cloud of Sea Formation was complete.

“Finally, it’s done.”

Chu Kuangren stood at the peak of a mountain.

He channeled his spiritual thoughts over a ten thousand kilometers radius from the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren could see the key locations of the Astonishing Cloud of Seas Formation within that perimeter. Now, this Emperor-level mega formation could be activated anytime under his command.

“With this mega formation, the Black Heaven Sect’s safety is now guaranteed.” Chu Kuangren smiled. A huge weight was finally lifted off his shoulders.

Since he was now well-known and notorious, Chu Kuangren could be targeted by anyone at any time, especially by the forces of the unknown lands. He must be cautious as the Black Heaven Sect could also be caught in these crossfires.

If the unknown lands began attacking the Black Heaven Sect, it would be difficult for the Black Heaven Sect to defend themselves. Now, the mega formation was the perfect solution for such a concern.

“Let’s draw a prize to celebrate.”

Chu Kuangren grinned happily.

“Congratulations, Host. You’ve won a Legendary Grade Item, the Elysian Emperor Scripture!”

Another Emperor Scripture!

Chu Kuangren got so excited that he instantly went to read the item’s description. Before he retrieved the Emperor Scripture, he first set up a couple of sealing spells around him.

A powerful Emperor Aura instantly emanated, but thanks to Chu Kuangren’s sealing spell, it did not spread outward.

Chu Kuangren began to read the Emperor Scripture.

“Is this... a runic scripture?!”

Chu Kuangren was surprised. The Elystial Emperor Scripture originated from an Emperor who was known as the Great Elystial Emperor. He had ascended into the Emperor Realm by relying on the power of runes. Hence, the scripture that the Great Elystial Emperor had left behind also heavily revolved around the subject of runes.

Chu Kuangren had long been exposed to the subject of runes. He had always found the subject to be mysterious, and he had been looking to learn more about it.

This Emperor Scripture was the perfect opportunity to do so.

In the next few days, Chu Kuangren began to go into a closed-door meditation.

Three days later, a massive disruption occurred in Firmament Star.

An enormous palace had suddenly appeared out of nowhere, and upon verification by many cultivators, they discovered that the palace was related to the Qian Emperor!

The Qian Emperor was the last recorded Emperor in Firmament Star.

Now that a palace that was tied to him had emerged, many cultivators in Firmament Star were shocked, and many quickly went to check it out.

Even the people of the unknown lands could not resist their curiosity.

“The Qian Emperor Palace has finally appeared.”

“The legends are true. In the past, the Emperors had left many Opportunities of Fortune throughout Firmament Star. When the time is right, each of them will slowly appear from hiding.”

“We’re almost at the Era of Great Battles.”

“Let’s not waste such an opportunity. The Qian Emperor Palace is the first Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune. Whoever grabs it first will have an advantage in the subsequent Opportunities of Fortune. We can’t miss out on this palace...”

The unknown lands were making their moves.

All the sky-prides began to swarm towards the palace.

In the Black Heaven Sect.

Chu Kuangren had also completed his closed-door meditation.