

War God 101

Chapter 101

After entering the Human Dan Realm, Long Chen was promoted from being a fourth grade disciple to a third grade disciple. From his previous residence in the area where the fourth grade disciples lived, he had now moved to where the third grade disciples were. The whole time he was in the Lingwu Family, he had spent most of his time cultivating or going on excursions, rarely socializing with others. Hence, he did not recognise most of the third grade disciples. His new residence was bigger than the previous one, and there was even an independent courtyard. With birdsong and fragrant flowers, how could it not be beautiful? After returning, Long Chen quickly entered the basement and sat in a lotus position, tightly holding the cosmos pouch that Lingxi had stolen. “Quick, look at what’s inside! I remember this is the pouch from which he took out the Thunder Flame Crystals! That fellow also has another cosmos pouch that I wasn’t able to obtain. I imagine it’s where all his other valuables are!” The moment Long Chen opened the cosmos pouch, a very concentrated sense of the power of lightning and flames attacked him. Though all this power was contained within the Thunder Flame Crystals, it was already quite formidable. He spread out the Thunder Flame Crystals, and excitement appeared in Long Chen and Lingxi’s eyes. “There are 47 of them here!”

After counting them, Lingxi was extremely excited. Long Chen knew that with 10 Thunder Flame Crystals, he would be able to attain the Thunder Flame Physique and become a Thunder Flame cultivator! These 47 crystals were definitely enough for his use. “I think the headquarters of the Daybreak Merchants Union gave him 50 crystals. He gave me one to fuse with, and two to other people, leaving him with 47.” After leaving the quiet room in the Daybreak Merchants Union, Long Chen had returned the remaining four crystals to Zhao Tianfang. However, it was now back in his possession.

If Zhao Tianfang knew the truth of what had happened, he would definitely be coughing blood. “Through the steel hearts, he found out how durable my body is and that my potential was out of the ordinary. He wanted to use the Thunder Flame Crystals to test me and so, treated me very well. If the results showed that I was suited to the Thunder Flame Crystals, he would probably make use of the crystals and get me to join the Daybreak Merchants Union...” Long Chen had seen through Zhao Tianfang’s intentions, and no longer had any inhibitions towards him. “Long Chen, there are only a few days left to the Sky Martial Realm Competition. You’d better fuse with the crystals and see what your limit is!” Long Chen nodded. In the individual rooms of the Lingwu Family, doors could only be opened with jade identity cards, so there was a certain level of privacy. In the basement where he could cultivate, Long Chen kept the Thunder Flame Crystals and left one in his hands. “When I fused with one crystal, I could endure it despite it being very uncomfortable. It shouldn’t be a problem for me to fuse with another one.” With a deep breath, Long Chen immediately fused with the crystal. At that moment, the pain similar to what he had experienced the previous time rushed into his body. During this entire process, Long Chen was in pain, yet still happy. The attack of the second Thunder Flame Crystal was even more powerful than before. It was basically twice the power of the first crystal, and

with the destructive force of lightning and fire, Long Chen could do little but grit his teeth in pain. Lingxi had initially been a little worried, but upon seeing that Long Chen could handle it, she joyfully danced in circles and giggled at the suffering look on his face. At this point, the power of lightning and fire was circulating throughout and destroying his body. At the same time, it was also reconstructing his body, and with every step, his body became even more solid and durable. Long Chen had spent less than an hour fusing with the first Thunder Flame Crystal. The second crystal was essentially the same as the first, but the Thunder Flame Crystal was a strange thing where the difficulty in fusing with the second was more than two times more challenging than the first. If he fused with three crystals, it might even be twice as difficult as the second crystal. The difficulty multiplied every time he fused with another crystal. One could imagine the difficulty that came with fusing with numerous Thunder Flame Crystals. The second crystal took Long Chen a total of around two hours. By then, it was already deep into the night. Long Chen stood up and happily stretched his body. "Compared to before, the strength of my body has increased a lot, as expected. Of course, the power of lightning and flames in the real Qi in my dantian has also increased." "How is it? Want to try another one?" Lingxi waited by Long Chen's side and asked in anticipation. She could sense that this was not Long Chen's limit.

"Sure." All the pain from fusing with the Thunder Flame Crystal vanished after the process was successful. All that was left was a numb feeling in his muscles.

Though this feeling made Long Chen a little worried, this was not enough to scare him.

The third Thunder Flame Crystal was absorbed into his body. As expected, the difficulty in fusing had increased by a lot.

This time, Long Chen took about four hours to finish fusing with the third crystal. Whether it was his physical body or real Qi, both had increased in power by a certain amount. However, the pain this time was much more terrifying than before. Long Chen had gritted his teeth and, after much difficulty, pulled through and endured the process of fusing with this crystal. This experience was rather scary. "You've managed to fuse with three, which is already past what Manager Zhao expected you to be able to do. Long Chen, let's leave it at this. It looks like you can't endure for much longer." Seeing Long Chen catching his breath, Lingxi was rather worried.

"That was just three Thunder Flame Crystals! It's not my limit yet. There are still about four hours till daybreak. I want to try again!" Long Chen was stubborn and his gaze showed his resolution. Lingxi could not persuade him against this and could only let him be. In addition, though the fusion with the third crystal was quite terrifying, Long Chen evidently still had the strength to challenge another one.

He began the fusion with the fourth Thunder Flame Crystal immediately. Unsurprisingly, this was even more terrifying than the third crystal. Long Chen felt as if there were swords hidden in his body, constantly being swung around and slashing his body to pieces.

The pain this time made Long Chen turn green. Lingxi noted the electricity and flames emitted out of his body, his pained expression and tightly clenched fists, and gazed at Long Chen nervously. Time flew by. Long Chen endured the intense pain and, as expected, it was difficult to make the power of the crystal submit to him. The force from the crystal entered Long Chen's body, and it was as if the force was combining with the power from the previous three crystals and fighting against Long Chen's Dragon Soul Qi.

“Struggle! Persevere! Only then will I have a chance at succeeding!”

Within Long Chen, his conviction was as solid as ever.

The Yang family needed him to save them, and Lingxi, too, needed him to save her. He knew he needed to become stronger for them. “Does this tiny Thunder Flame Crystal think it can stump me, Long Chen?”

To make himself stronger, Long Chen was going to throw caution to the wind. For a regular person, this pain could tear his heart and wreck his lungs, but Long Chen gritted his teeth, steeled his expression and pressed on!

“At this rate, I can only fuse with a maximum of four Thunder Flame Crystals. This seems to be quite a distance from the Thunder Flame Physique, and becoming a Thunder Flame cultivator...” Long Chen was dissatisfied, but what he did not know was that in the Daybreak Merchants Union, the number of young cultivators who had just entered the Human Dan Realm and were able to fuse with four Thunder Flame Crystals, was few and far between.

Those were all the top geniuses of the Yuan Ling City!

“By the way, Long Chen, how did we forget about Dragon Soul Transformation? You're a true dragon cultivator only when you're in that form.” Lingxi's voice sounded. Only after Lingxi brought up this, did Long Chen remember this. There were many brands related to dragons on his body while he was in

his Dragon Soul Transformation form. The real Qi in his body increased by 4 to 10 times the usual! This meant that he could take advantage of this fact and fuse with the Thunder Flame Crystals in that form!

At this thought, Long Chen brightened up and in an instant, completed the transformation. Perfect, orderly red scales and sharp bony spikes surfaced upon his skin.

In a moment, Long Chen had transformed into a very flashy appearance. After transforming, Long Chen could feel as if multiple dragon auras were surrounding himself.

The suffering that the fourth Thunder Flame Crystal was giving him actually vanished after his transformation!

Long Chen realised that whether it was his Dragon Soul Qi or current dragon body, they completely overpowered the crystal!

The power of the fourth Thunder Flame Crystal was nothing at all, and Long Chen easily absorbed it into his body, causing an enormous change in his body.

“The rate of fusion seems to be a lot faster than when I fused with the first crystal?”

Long Chen was stunned at this Dragon Soul Transformation.

After turning into this form, even the number of Thunder Flame Crystals he could fuse with had multiplied. This could be said to be opposing the heavens!

“It’s effective!” Seeing that Long Chen had taken just a bit of time to fuse with the crystal that he had already spent four hours trying to absorb, Lingxi was astonished by the mysteriousness and strength of dragon cultivators. “Hey, how many Thunder Flame Crystals do you think you can fuse with in this form?” “We’ll know if I continue trying!” Long Chen laughed brightly. He had first thought he would not be able to fuse with the fifth crystal, but the fact was that he had already done it. From the looks of it, it had been effortless.

“This freak...” Seeing Long Chen enjoying himself, Lingxi was a little speechless. Her beautiful eyes were fixed on Long Chen, pride obvious in her expression.

After all, without Lingxi, Long Chen would have never been able to obtain so many Thunder Flame Crystals.

In less than an hour, he fused with the fifth crystal. Long Chen opened his eyes, looking satisfied.

“The fifth Thunder Flame Crystal seemed to be even easier than fusing with the first. Girl, just see how I’ll do tonight. I promise I’ll be so cool and charming that you wouldn’t know what to do with yourself!”

“Tsk, by the time you get to the seventh or eighth, the difficulty will become a hundred times that of the first. How do you think you’re going to deal with that? Can you stay so arrogant?”

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It was now dawn. There were six more days till the Sky Martial Realm Competition.

During this time, most people would be cultivating intensely in their rooms, so nobody would bother with disturbing Long Chen.

“Though the sixth Thunder Flame Crystal did not really cause me much pain, it actually took four hours to completely fuse into my body!” Long Chen thought to himself as he tested out his body, feeling the tyrannical strength within.

“One can imagine that if I did not have my Dragon Soul Transformation, I would’ve long been dead when I tried to fuse with the sixth crystal. The more crystals I fuse with, the higher the difficulty in fusion. I wonder what is the limit for my dragon body?”

In the last few days, Long Chen tried his hand at these crystals.

The Sky Martial Realm Competition was imminent, and it was no use for him to cultivate. It was much better to use these Thunder Flame Crystals and increase the sturdiness of his body and strength of his real Qi.

“With my current strength, it’s alright for me to deal with opponents who are at the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm. If it’s someone at the perfect mastery stage, then there’s definitely no chance for me. It’s even more impossible for me to deal with Feng Wutian, who has all sorts of amazing battle techniques and a great bloodline.”

The peak of the Human Dan realm, which was the perfect mastery stage, was a small distance away from the Earth Dan Realm. If he had many resources, it was not a problem for him to have a battle power comparable to someone at the perfect mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm.

“With your current strength, you’ll be killed in one strike if he really attacks you.” Lingxi furrowed her brows and exclaimed.

At the thought of Feng Wutian, Long Chen wrinkled his brows. He knew that the key to succeeding at the Sky Martial Realm Competition lay with the seventh Thunder Flame Crystal he now held in his hands.

“I don’t care anymore! Whatever Tian his name is, when the time comes, I’m going to bash him up with one strike!”

Seeing Long Chen so agitated, Lingxi shook her head inside. The difference between him and Feng Wutian wasn’t something that could be compensated with a little emotional outburst from Long Chen. However, she couldn’t bear to emphasise this gap to him. The fusion with the seventh Thunder Flame Crystal had caused Long Chen, who had undergone the Dragon Soul Transformation, to feel some stress. However, this was not as bad as when he had fused with the fourth crystal. In terms of the amount of time spent, however, it took much longer for this process to complete.

By the time Long Chen was done, half the day was already gone, and only then was the seventh crystal finally absorbed into his body!

“Next is the eighth crystal!”

The day of the Sky Martial Realm competition was approaching. Long Chen did not dare neglect his training. When it came to fusing with the eighth Thunder Flame Crystal, the suffering he had to go through was already comparable to when he had fused with the fourth crystal.

However, at the thought of the pressure that Feng Wutian placed on him, Long Chen knew he definitely could not back down at this point! “Only people who can endure will be able to succeed. If I can’t even get through this, then I am nothing!”

He gritted his teeth, and Long Chen put in so much effort that Lingxi’s voice was beginning to get hoarse in her worry.

Seeing this diligent and intelligent young man, Lingxi did not know what to say. This time, it took an unexpectedly long time for the fusion to complete. Long Chen spent a total of two days fusing with the eighth Thunder Flame Crystal!

At the beginning, it was indeed unbearably painful. However, nearing the end, he was pretty much numb to the feeling. His resolution had spurred him on to endure up till this point.

“Long Chen, let’s not fuse with the ninth crystal, alright?” Lingxi asked worriedly. Long Chen’s stubbornness and toughness had reached a level where she now held admiration for him.

“What are you talking about? This bit of pain is nowhere near my limit!”

Long Chen chuckled, and then retrieved the ninth Thunder Flame Crystal from the cosmos pouch. Now, he had already fused with eight Thunder Flame Crystals. Under the tempering from the crystals, his body was now several times stronger than before. Within his dantian, the power of lightning and flames had already begun to seep into his dantian. This power twined along the surface of the Human Dan, and they soon began to merge! “As long as they merge completely, I can become a Thunder Flame cultivator!”

Long Chen was very clear about this fact. Without further ado, he quickly began to fuse with the ninth Thunder Flame Crystal. This time, the difficulty was several times higher than fusing with the eighth, and was that much more painful. In general, Long Chen had already turned green. Long Chen was now bathed in blue flames and electricity, looking extremely sinister. A powerful aura gradually exploded

forth from his body. Flames covered his entire body, and within the flames was lightning that rapidly traversed!

Luckily, after so many days of this torture, Long Chen had somewhat adapted to the pain from the Thunder Flame Crystals. Though it was challenging, he gritted his teeth and endured till the end.

“I actually took almost three days to fuse with the ninth crystal. Seems like it’s impossible for me to attempt fusing with the tenth, since the Sky Martial Realm Competition is tomorrow.”

At this thought, Long Chen was a little disappointed. He was on the verge of becoming a Thunder Flame cultivator, but there was not enough time left.

“Though I don’t know if I’ll be able to fuse with the tenth crystal, the chances of me surviving the Sky Martial Realm Competition will be largely increased if I manage to do so.”

However, Long Chen was not discouraged. “I now have Profound, middle-grade techniques- Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, and the constitution battle technique- Origin Reversion. I also have the Profound, low-grade technique- Nine Heavens Dragon Roving Step. With the Thunder Flame Crystals, whether in terms of my body or the nature of my real Qi, both have been strengthened by large amounts. With my Dragon Soul Transformation and my Blood Transmuted Qi, I would even be able to contend with someone at the perfect mastery level at the Human Dan Realm.”

Long Chen was confident. After fusing with so many Thunder Flame Crystals, he spent another day trying to get used to his body. The second day arrived quickly, and when dawn came, Gan Lin brought him to the the Green Willow Residence. “The enforcer has already brought Liu Ling and Feng Wutian in. Within the Green Sun Hall, we have our elites as well as Lord Liu Yuan, an expert at the Heaven Dan Realm. You must remember to be respectful towards Lord Liu Yuan, the chief elder of our Green Sun Hall.”

Long Chen silently took these words to heart. There were countless experts in the Lingwu family. Long Chen was now but a tiny ant in their midst who had yet to catch the eye of anyone. Now that he was going to meet yet another powerful person, he could not help but feel excited. Come to think of it, Mo Xiaolang and this Liu Yuan were the strongest people Long Chen had ever met. Liu Lan had already brought Feng Wutian and Liu Ling over, causing Long Chen to feel a little gloomy. “Is she looking down on me?”

That seemed to be the only explanation. This Sky Martial Realm competition, as well as the conflict between Long Chen and Feng Wutian had been stirred up by this beautiful Liu Lan. Long Chen had no idea what she was trying to achieve, but it was definitely not because she had nothing better to do.

In the Green Sun Hall, there were a total of five enforcers who were in charge of five residences each, amongst which included the Green Willow Residence. As one of the eight halls in the Green faction, the Green Sun Hall was obviously even more developed and luxurious compared to the Green Willow Residence.

If one wanted to talk about the Green Willow Residence which was taken care of by young disciples, the Green Sun Hall was home to experts. The moment Long Chen entered, he could see a few middle-aged or elderly people who were obviously past the Human Dan Realm. Within the hall of the Green Sun Hall, there were only people with huge potential.

In each hall, the chief elder was the strongest. Next was the enforcers who took care of disciples at the Human Dan Realm. Besides the enforcers, if one was at a specific age and had a huge potential, they could gain the name of an elder. Besides the five enforcers in the Green Sun Hall, there were four other elders. At this moment, a middle-aged, sage-like scholar was seated in a chair at the centre of the room. On his left were four old men who had suppressed their spirit, while on the right were five males and females who were a little younger. The exquisite and charming Liu Lan was one of them. In front of them were the outstanding disciples at the Human Dan Realm, who would represent Green Sun Hall in the Sky Martial Realm Competition by the Green Faction.

When they first arrived at this hall, Gan Lin had greeted the people within and then sent Long Chen in, before respectfully leaving and returning to the Green Willow Residence.

As Long Chen had arrived a little later and there were also rumours regarding him and Feng Wutian, he now had a poor reputation. From the moment he entered, everyone was staring right at him.

“What the hell are you looking at? I’m not some beautiful maiden. Do you have to stare so hard at the area below my garments?” He scolded inwardly, but did not actually dare to be so rude. Long Chen quickly raised his head and bowed towards the people sitting in front, “Disciple Long Chen greets Chief Elder, the four elders and the five enforcers!”

The four elders were probably so old that they could not move their facial muscles, staring at Long Chen indifferently. The four enforcers smiled at Long Chen, and Liu Lan’s behaviour was the same as the others, as if she had just met him for the first time.

“I wonder what this stupid woman is thinking...” Only now did Long Chen pay attention to Liu Yuan. Liu Yuan sized Long Chen up for a while, and then remembered what his little daughter had spoken to him about. He glanced at his older daughter, Liu Lan. That gaze evidently spoke volumes. Liu Lan had determined Long Chen to be three stars, despite his unremarkable condition, which was not really acceptable.

“He’s only just entered the Lingwu Family, doesn’t have any bloodlines, and did not turn up after agreeing to a duel. This young man called Long Chen only has the power of someone who just entered the Human Dan Realm. Why did Little Lan rate him as three stars?” Though he was not very pleased with Long Chen, the name list had already been sent forth, and Liu Yuan could not be bothered to change it. He simply spoke, “You’re Long Chen, yes? Though you only just entered the family, you’ve already received the great opportunity of entering the Sky Martial Realm Competition. I hope you can grasp this chance and not humiliate the Green Sun Hall.”

“This is a battle amongst the various halls in the Green Faction. It has to do with the pride of every single person here, so the ten of you here must do your best. Is that understood?”

Chapter 103 – Sky Martial Hall

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Eyes staying on Long Chen for a brief moment, Liu Yuan scanned the young faces of the ten other powerful cultivators.

Long Chen made sure he looked well behaved on the surface. From the depths of his heart, however, he really did not like this sort of environment. Under Liu Yuan’s stern words, the ten youngsters did not dare make a sound.

Long Chen, however, was not in the mood to listen. He had originally been looking forward to meeting this powerful man, but Liu Yuan had considered him someone invited to join in just to make up numbers. Long Chen, too, did not have a good impression of him.

“Looks like not participating in the match with Feng Wutian at the Platform of Life and Death earned me quite a reputation in the Green Sun Hall.”

Taking in the gazes of the elders and enforcers that hinted at contempt, Long Chen could guess that it had to do with that matter.

“Feng Wutian, Liu Ling...Your actions caused me to be looked down upon...”

While Liu Yuan continued to speak, Long Chen secretly turned and discovered that little beauty, Liu Ling, speaking with her father.

As if noticing someone was looking at her, Liu Ling turned and sneered at Long Chen.

“If I ever get a chance, just see if I punish you!”

While Long Chen was still thinking about ways to deal with them, Liu Yuan had already nodded towards his audience, “There’s not much time left. You are to proceed to the Sky Martial Hall at the Green Faction. In this competition, Feng Wutian will be the leader. All of you are to listen and execute tasks based on his commands. Always prioritise the reputation of the Green Sun Hall.”

He turned to look at Liu Lan, “Lan’er, bring them to the Sky Martial Hall now.”

Liu Lan nodded and got up, showing off her slim and graceful body. She nodded towards Liu Yuan and then brought the eleven of them out of the Green Sun Hall, and proceeded towards the Sky Martial Hall.

Liu Yuan watched them leave and then turned to the four elders, “What do you think of our chances this time?”

One of the elders quickly spoke up, “The contest over the Zenith Crystal Sword is a fight between the best of the best. The others are just there to make up the numbers. In general, even though our Green Sun Hall isn’t very strong, we have an absolute talent like Feng Wutian who has both a bloodline and talent at the Human Dan Realm. In my opinion, this should not be a problem!”

Another elder, shook his head, “If we talk about the best of the best, those from other halls are not half bad either, especially the Green Emperor Hall. The leader they’re sending out this time should be elder

Chu Fengqing's sixteen year old daughter by the name of Chu Yunyao. Wutian might be under some pressure when dealing with this little genius."

Liu Yuan furrowed his brows and nodded, "Chu Yunyao's might will surely give Feng Wutian some pressure. However, she's still young and is at a disadvantage in terms of her sex. Our chances of winning are not that meagre!"

"If the Green Sun Hall is able to clinch the champion this time, we will definitely gain a better reputation. When that happens, the Head Elder will surely take care of us. It's a chance for us to rise to power..."

At this thought, everyone present was stirred up and chatted for a while longer before dispersing.

"By the way, Chief Elder, there seems to be some conflict between Long Chen and Liu Ling. Do you think he'll cause trouble for Ling'er during the Sky Martial Realm competition?"

Liu Ling was the princess of the Green Sun Hall, and everyone loved her dearly.

Liu Yuan laughed coldly, "It's just an outsider who recently entered the family. If he really has some strange intentions, Wutian will definitely dispose of him on my behalf. Besides, Ling'er herself is at the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, and can hold her own against that fellow!"

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"He promised to the battle but didn't even have the guts to keep to his promise. This Long Chen really sucks."

One of them shook his head and then whispered to the person beside him.

Cowardliness is a trait built into the very being of those that come from small areas. We might even be burdened by him since he's competing with us in the Sky Martial Realm Competition."

“I think it’s better if he dies as soon as possible. What if he flees just before a battle? Our Green Sun Hall will definitely be humiliated and Chief Elder will probably punish all of us. If that happens, we’re done for.”

“Don’t even talk about it. I’m sure Feng Wutian wouldn’t let him leave this place alive. I heard rumours that Huang Feiyang, who used to follow Feng Wutian, was killed by Long Chen using dirty tricks.”

“He’s not a man since he has no power and only knows to attack from the shadows.”

The group of them walked and whispered amongst themselves.

Listening to their conversation, Liu Ling was secretly delighted. At the thought of Long Chen’s repulsive face, she was even more pleased.

Their discussion not too far away from Long Chen, and Liu Ling knew he could definitely hear all of this. She turned, wanting to see him stewing in rage, but unexpectedly, he was strolling along with his head down, looking indifferent.

“Is he trying to pretend that he’s unperturbed, or does he not have the guts to fight back?”

Liu Ling wondered, and then turned her attention to Feng Wutian who was walking beside her and looking into the distance. That high nose bridge and determined expression charmed her further.

“Brother Feng Wutian really is the most perfect man of all time. Even if there were ten thousand Long Chens, none of them could compare to one Brother Wutian...”

Imagining that she would get married to such a man, Liu Ling was full of joy.

At this moment, Feng Wutian looked at her with gentle eyes, and her heart palpitated like a baby deer ramming into its surroundings.

“Ling’er, were you the one that leaked the news that Long Chen had agreed to the battle but did not have the guts to appear?”

Feng Wutian’s voice showed a trace of displeasure, and Liu Ling panicked, “Whose fault is it that he’s so annoying? He even dared to humiliate you like that! Just that wretched appearance of his makes me angry!”

Feng Wutian shook his head and patted her head, “Be good. Don’t do this in the future. The weak will always pay for their actions, so don’t waste your energy dealing with him. He’s courting death anyway. Why bother with this kind of person?”

“Oh...” Liu Ling obediently nodded and then happily said, “Thank you Brother Wutian, I’ll keep that in mind.”

Liu Lan had also heard Feng Wutian’s words. She turned and smiled at him, and then hastened her footsteps.

“Feng Wutian has matured quite a bit in these two years. Ling’er won’t suffer when she follows him in the future. What about me? Father actually made me marry him. What should I do?”

Flustered, Liu Lan looked back and found Long Chen who was walking alone. The eleven of them were extremely close to each other, and in other words, Long Chen would have been able to hear everything Feng Wutian had said.

However, from the looks of it, his expression was calm despite being alone.

“He has a very strong spirit, but he loses out in terms of his background.”

Liu Lan evaluated and then focused on the journey.

Outside the Green Sun Hall, there were quite a number of people. After about half an hour, they finally arrived at the entrance to the Sky Martial Realm- the Sky Martial Hall.

In the Green Faction, besides the Treasure Exchange Pavilions and Hall of Achievements, this was the most lively place.

The members of the Lingwu family's daily life consisted of cultivation, tests, and completing missions. One of the tests was to enter the Sky Martial Realm and battle with beasts to hone their battle techniques. At the same time, they could also obtain items from these beasts and then exchange them for contribution points.

Long Chen knew that in the Sky Martial Realm, there were three large regions, namely the Human Dan Region, Earth Dan Region and the Heaven Dan Region.

In the Human Dan Region, the most powerful beast was merely a Profound level beast at the fourth grade. In the Earth Region, the most powerful beast was at around the sixth or seventh grade, and those that were even more powerful were in the Heaven Dan Region.

The place where disciples of the Green Faction at the Human Dan Realm trained was in the Human Dan Region. Usually, it was the most crowded place in the entire Sky Martial Realm.

However, this was the day when a competition between people of the Green Faction at the Human Dan Realm took place. The other eight large factions knew this and withdrew their disciples from the Sky Martial Realm, leaving a space for them to compete.

“The timespan of this competition is eight days. Within eight days, you have to find the Heart Corroding demonic beast and then steal the Zenith Crystal Sword in its stomach. If nobody is able to obtain the Zenith Crystal Sword, the competition will end. After all, those from other factions still need to enter the Sky Martial Realm!”

After entering the Sky Martial Hall, Liu Lan repeated this point once more.

“Eight days?”

Long Chen calculated, “I would need seven to eight days to fuse with the tenth Thunder Flame Crystal. Anyway, the Zenith Crystal Sword doesn't really suit me. I should just find a place somewhere and fuse with the tenth, and after that happens...”

Long Chen murmured to himself in a low voice. Within the sword, Lingxi heard his words and spoke up worriedly, “Long Chen, don’t be too optimistic. Let’s not talk about that tenth crystal. Whether you’ll be able to leave on your own after entering the Sky Martial Realm is still a question. I’ve seen the look in their eyes, and they don’t seem to have good intentions...”

Lingxi’s observations were even more meticulous than his.

Long Chen lifted his head and looked at the other nine, realising there seemed to be bloodlust in their expressions.

The person who looked the most indifferent was Feng Wutian.

Out of all of them, he had the biggest issue with Long Chen. However, he did not appear to even be bothered by Long Chen.

With Lingxi’s reminder, Long Chen knew he had to be careful with his actions.

At this moment, everyone had followed Liu Lan into the Sky Martial Hall. In the vast Sky Martial Hall, it was empty save for a few groups of people. There were around ten people in each group.

“These must be the outstanding disciples at the Human Dan Realm of the other halls in the Green Faction. Altogether, there should be about a hundred people...”

All of these people had an intimidating aura, and were evident not easily dealt with. There were quite a number of people who were around Long Chen’s age and already experts at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm.

The Sky Martial Realm Competition officially began!

Chapter 104 – Chu Yunyao

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The teams from the other halls arrived one after another. Soon, eight teams assembled in the Sky Martial Hall.

From the corner where Long Chen's team from the Green Sun Hall was, he began to size up the people from the other groups.

Long Chen knew that in the various large halls of the Green Faction, the combined power of Green Sun Hall was in the last place. However, with Feng Wutian, they had a hint of a chance at winning.

Unfortunately, it wasn't as if there were no experts at the peak of the Human Dan Realm in the other halls. The young girl from the Green Emperor Hall attracted the attention of everyone present just by her entrance.

The Green Emperor Hall was the most powerful branch of the Green Faction. Whether in terms of its strength or potential, it was an absolute power ranked number 1.

"Is that girl Chu Yunyao of the Green Emperor Hall?"

Liu Ling wondered while gritting her teeth. The girl was in a long yellow skirt, face exquisite despite the cold expression on her face, and there was an indescribable elegance to this young lady.

Jealousy was evident in her tone.

Despite being the daughter of a Chief Elder as well, the difference between the two of them was huge.

Liu Ling was at the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm, but Chu Yunyao was already on the verge of breaking through to the Earth Dan Realm.

In addition, all eyes were on Chu Yunyao, while Liu Ling merely hung around Feng Wutian's side and occasionally received some compliments.

Even Feng Wutian was now sizing up Chu Yunyao. Liu Ling gritted her teeth while she fumed, wishing she could forcefully turn her Brother Wutian's head back in her direction.

Long Chen also curiously glanced at the girl. Her strength was at the same level as Feng Wutian, despite being younger than him.

Most importantly, her looks were out of the ordinary. Though she did not have the mature charm that Liu Lan possessed, she was on a whole other level compared to Liu Ling.

At this point, Liu Lan and the leaders of the other seven halls had come together.

Though the Green Sun Hall was just average, Liu Lan's beauty was known throughout the Green Faction.

As the leaders spoke, their eyes occasionally rested on her sexy, delicate frame.

"Since everyone's here, shall we commence the Sky Martial Realm Competition?"

"Let us not waste time. Guide them into the pathway to the Sky Martial Realm. Before coming here, all of you have already spoken to your juniors about things to take note of, yes?"

"Naturally."

After some discussion, Liu Lan returned to where people from the Green Sun Hall stood.

There were already people calling the juniors in their hall, heading towards the pathway not far from Long Chen.

The pathway was about ten metres wide, and at the end was a membrane of light. This membrane rippled like water and produced glimmering reflections. It was a thing of beauty.

A mysterious aura was being emitted by these reflections.

“This is the entrance to a Small Cosmos World, which appears to have been left behind by some expert!”

Within the sword, Lingxi exclaimed in surprise.

“Does that mean there’s something amazing in there?”

“I doubt it. The Lingwu family has been here for so many years, and this place isn’t all that big either. It’d long since have become their personal assets. All the good things are probably gone by now.”

Long Chen then gave up on his intentions in this area.

The Sky Martial Realm Competition was something he was forced to participate in. All he wanted was to train and get stronger.

Team after team passed by Long Chen and headed into the entrance to the Sky Martial Realm.

After a while, the Green Emperor Hall which had about twenty people approached them. The leader’s status was not as high as Chu Yunyao’s, and hence, she walked in front.

When they got nearer, Chu Yunyao suddenly advanced towards Liu Lan, “Yunyao greets Sister Lan. My brother wanted me to pass the message that he has something on and cannot get away from it this time, which is why he isn’t here. He says he misses you.”

Upon hearing this, Liu Lan’s expression became unnatural, “Alright, I understand. Yunyao, be careful in the Sky Martial Realm Competition.”

Yunyao nodded and left.

This young girl was extremely cold to everyone. Only when she spoke to Liu Lan was there a hint of respect in her eyes.

“Brother? Does that mean this woman and her brother are together?”

At the thought that this charming woman already had someone, Long Chen had a feeling like all the good things in the world belonged to those who didn't deserve it.

Liu Lan suddenly turned and spoke indifferently, “You must always think of the big picture in the competition. I'll wait for you here. I wish you luck.”

Feng Wutian and the others complied, and he then brought everyone towards the entrance.

As Long Chen walked past Liu Lan, he kept staring at her. She had a smile about her face as she looked straight back at Long Chen, seemingly not the least bit guilty about arranging Long Chen's participation in this dangerous competition.

After Long Chen left, Liu Lan shook her head and thought to herself, “He's only just entered the Human Dan Realm. Under the pressure from cultivators at the perfect mastery stage of the Heaven Dan Realm, how could he survive? Is my training method too harsh?”

At the thought of that person, Liu Lan frowned, “If nobody can hinder it, my fate does not seem to be able to be changed. Could this be karma?”

While she was deep in thought, Long Chen followed the others and entered the membrane of light.

A refreshing feeling surrounded him, and Long Chen felt as if he had fallen into a pool, rapidly descending. In a few moments, his body stopped and he suddenly found himself standing on yellow soil.

He looked around. On this huge land, all he could see was solid yellow soil. Short, sturdy trees and shrubs dotted the land, and while it could not be said to be a pretty sight, it wasn't exactly ugly either.

He looked up at the sky, finding that it was yellow. There were dense yellow clouds that crowded the sky.

A desolate feeling was produced from this area, and Long Chen knew that he was now in another world.

“Is this... the Sky Martial Realm?”

The only person who was at a loss in this situation was Long Chen, as compared to others who had already entered the Sky Martial Realm before.

Seeing him looking like a bumpkin, the others sneered and mocked him.

In the Green Faction, all the other teams who had already arrived at the Sky Martial Realm had left. Feng Wutian first brought them all to a place with short shrubbery.

The search for the Heart Corroding demonic beast really depended on luck.

Feng Wutian looked around and pointed in a direction. “Follow me. None of you are allowed to wander off.”

Having said this, he gave Long Chen a long look, as if giving him a warning.

However, Long Chen had no plans on staying with them. At this moment, he spoke, “I’m relying on you guys to find the Zenith Crystal Sword! I’ll make a move first.”

He wasn’t on good terms with Feng Wutian nor the rest of the team, and there was no point in staying here. He wasn’t going to bother with wasting time.

Long Chen already knew that while Feng Wutian looked calm, he had long since wanted to take care of Long Chen. Of course, after hearing his words, the expression on Feng Wutian’s face became icier.

“Chief Elder has already said that everyone has to listen to my orders in this operation. Are you going to disobey me?”

“Disobey? I wouldn’t dare do that. However, my lack of strength will only tie down all of you geniuses. In my opinion, you should let me leave on my own and focus on obtaining the Zenith Crystal Sword. That would be more worth it.”

Long Chen’s tone was a little sarcastic.

From the very beginning, the others did not think well of Long Chen. Now, he had suddenly become so firm and resolute! This made everyone quite interested and ready to ridicule him, as they all viewed Long Chen to be a clown.

Liu Ling hated Long Chen the most. Now that there were no seniors around and Long Chen actually dared to challenge the situation, she sneered, “Brother Wutian is our leader. His words are law, and if he wanted you to die, you’ll have no choice but to die. Do you still want to contradict him?”

Long Chen analysed the situation while glancing at them.

“If Feng Wutian is prioritising the Zenith Crystal Sword, he wouldn’t bother with me and would let me leave. If he says something to stop me, it means he’s already thought up a way to deal with me. Then again, if it were me, I wouldn’t allow a thorn in my side to continue existing in this world.”

As expected, Feng Wutian spoke, “Chief Elder has given me authority. In the expedition in the Sky Martial Realm, I am in charge. Long Chen, if you don’t know what’s good for you and cause me trouble, I have permission to kill you!”

“I’m afraid that if I follow you, I might die by your hand, Feng Wutian.” Long Chen smirked as he said something that caused Feng Wutian’s expression to change. Even Liu Ling could not help herself but shout, “Are you courting death!”

Seeing that she was on the verge of attacking, Feng Wutian held her back. The bloodlust in his eyes was finally apparent, and his voice become incomparably icy.

“Everyone, Long Chen refuses to listen to orders and is a hindrance to our operation. On behalf of the elders, I shall punish him with death. Does anyone have any objections?”

The other eight were extremely respectful to Feng Wutian. In their eyes, Long Chen was but a dispensable character anyway.

They all laughed, "Please make your move, Senior Brother. If anyone asks, we will also take the blame!"

They were haughty, and yet Long Chen was not the least bit afraid.

"Feng Wutian usually pretends to be magnanimous. Has he finally revealed his cunning side?"

Feng Wutian, who had gained approval from the elders, advanced from within the crowd and made his way towards Long Chen, step by step.

Chapter 105 – A Lesson!

Translated by: Ying

The moment Feng Wutian bloodlust was apparent, that powerful aura put pressure on Long Chen's body. The imposing aura of one at the peak of the Human Dan Realm was something that really could not be ignored!

In Long Chen's eyes, Feng Wutian was now like a huge mountain peak that was pushing him down. Long Chen tensed his body and was able to resist the pressure being placed on him.

Long Chen was rather annoyed to be pushed around by Feng Wutian like this, but he was well aware that he was not a match.

"This Feng Wutian really is looking down on me. Though I'm not a match for you, it's a simple task for me to escape. However, if I just escape like this, you'll just complain a lot in front of that old man!"

Though Long Chen wasn't an opponent for Feng Wutian, the gap between them was not that big. Feng Wutian also had to take into consideration the Green Sun Hall team, and he could not simply abandon the rest and try to take Long Chen's life alone.

Long Chen was confident about this and relaxed.

At this point, Feng Wutian was already behind him, less than ten metres away.

“You killed Huang Feiyang. Today, I guess I’m seeking revenge on his behalf...”

At these words, Feng Wutian clenched his fist and a powerful undulation formed around his fist.

“I don’t even need to use any battle techniques to deal with a little brat like you who just entered the Human Dan Realm,!”

Feng Wutian looked at him disdainfully, and like a tornado, headed towards Long Chen. That surging force seemed to possess an earth-shattering strength!

“Is that so?”

With just a look, Long Chen could tell that to withstand this attack, not only would he need to do the Dragon Soul Transformation, he would also need to use the Seal of the High Profound Dragon. This consumed a lot of mental and physical power, and with a step back, Long Chen used the fastest speed he could muster and exhibited the Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step. While Feng Wutian was moving, he ‘roamed’ away from the attack through Feng Wutian’s side!

Long Chen did not transform and was able to accomplish this. The main reasons were that Feng Wutian believed that he had only just entered the Human Dan Realm, so he used lesser strength. On top of that, Long Chen had almost gained the Thunder Flame Physique. The rise in the sturdiness of his body resulted in a bonus in his speed and agility. Hence, though Feng Wutian was strong, Long Chen was still able to dodge the attack!

Seeing Feng Wutian about to kill off that distasteful guy, Long Chen, everyone from the Green Sun Hall was filled with feelings of anticipation.

This was especially so for Liu Ling. Just as she was about to see her hero, Feng Wutian, elegantly eliminating Long Chen, Long Chen slipped away from the side in a flash and rushed towards her!

“How is this possible? His speed is even faster than mine!”

At this thought, a look of incredulity appeared on her face.

As for the others, they were similar stunned at Long Chen being able to dodge Feng Wutian’s attack.

However, what they did not expect was at the moment Long Chen avoided the attack, he charged towards Liu Ling at an even faster speed!

The distance between the two were originally not that far apart, and Long Chen’s actions were a huge surprise.

Liu Ling was not able to react in time and, in a short moment, Long Chen appeared before her, slightly red eyes seeming to be teasing as he looked at her!

“You bastard!”

Liu Ling cursed, aiming to attack Long Chen. In her eyes, though Long Chen’s speed was faster than the average person at the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, his attacks must be lacking in might!

In her hurry, she shouted loudly in a feminine way and clenched her fist nervously, aiming for Long Chen!

The attack from someone at the initial mastery stage would have beaten him half to bad if Long Chen encountered this. However, after fusing with 9 Thunder Flame Crystals, he was not the least bit afraid of this level of attack from Liu Ling!

Besides, Liu Ling was a young girl and had not gained any life or death experiences. In terms of battle experience, she was definitely lacking. At least, from what Long Chen could see, she basically had none!

Hence, in that short amount of time, Long Chen struck out with his fist, the faint red real Qi at his dantian gushing, accompanying it the power of flames and lightning, jolting Liu Ling's fist!

The two fists slammed to each other, and what was shocking was how Long Chen, who was supposed to be defeated, was entirely fine. Liu Ling, however, yelled in pain and on the verge of tears.

In Long Chen's real Qi, the force from the lightning and flames smashed into her fist, causing her tender little fist to become slightly charred!

Where would she ever have experienced such pain? She immediately began to wail, tears covering her face.

At this moment, Long Chen suddenly leapt behind her, hands turning into claws as he gripped the back of Liu Ling's pale throat, throwing her backwards!

"You bastard! Are you looking to die?"

Feng Wutian turned back, face turning crimson in his anger at the sight. A spectacular attack was aimed at Long Chen!

The other seven were also furious as they attacked Long Chen from all sides!

"This brat only just entered the Human Dan Realm and was actually able to evade Feng Wutian's attack. He even managed to sneak an attack on Miss Liu Ling?"

In the hearts of everyone present, they all felt unbelievably shocked. They had originally believed that Long Chen was a coward who had come from the countryside, but now, they all had a different perception of him!

"He even dared to sneak an attack on the Chief Elder's daughter! This Long Chen is really looking to die!"

Everyone had gone all out to attack Long Chen, but unexpectedly, he was not the least bit afraid. Amidst Liu Ling's shrieks, he picked her up and lifted her high, blocking the attacks.

Feng Wutian was momentarily shocked and quickly stopped his attack. Taking advantage of this, Long Chen quickly retreated and coldly spoke, "If you want her dead, then attack me! Stand right there! If anyone moves, I'll kill this little doll in front of you!"

Hearing Long Chen's vicious words, feeling his firm grip on her neck and the pain on several parts of her body, Liu Ling was so terrified that she began to tremble.

She had never met with such a terrifying situation before, face as pale as could be while she wailed, "No! No, don't kill me! Brother Wutian, quick, save me! Wah..."

The Feng Wutian who she thought was invincible was now spitting fire. He glared at Long Chen and yet did not dare move, and could only roar, "Long Chen! Liu Ling is the daughter of the Chief Elder. If you touch even a hair on her head, he will definitely chop you into a million pieces! If you still have some common sense, let her go! You're looking to die like this!"

"Is that so?"

Long Chen laughed coldly. "Do you think I'm an idiot? Weren't you already planning on killing me? I'm going to die either way, so why shouldn't I find someone else to go down with me?"

Seeing the little girl trembling in fear, Feng Wutian could do nothing. Only then did Long Chen heave a sigh of relief.

In this time, he had seized Liu Ling and retreated around 30 metres!

"This little girl has quite a strong backing. I should not go too far."

At this thought, Long Chen did not joke around any longer and, under the gazes of everyone present, Long Chen suddenly pressed Liu Ling to his knee, spreading his palm and raising it high!

“You little bitch! You actually dared to spread rumours and slander me! I’ll make sure you get it today!”

In front of Feng Wutian, Long Chen’s palm mercilessly landed on Liu Ling’s buttocks. A clear ‘pak’ sound resounded in the air, and Liu Ling gave a miserable shriek that was enough to shake the heavens. Her originally dainty and pale features were now full of blood...

On such pale buttocks, a handprint would probably stay there for a long period of time!

At this point, Feng Wutian eyes were huge in his anger.

“Ling’er! Long Chen, die!”

Long Chen ruthlessly continued the beating until he was content, provoking Feng Wutian as he smiled. “I’m beating your girl. I’m pretty sure you don’t feel good about this, do you?”

He did not care for Feng Wutian’s expression that had turned black, and threw Liu Ling with all his strength towards Feng Wutian!

Feng Wutian had planned to kill Long Chen, but seeing Liu Ling’s body flying towards him, how could he not try to be careful and catch her?

At the moment he caught her, Long Chen laughed brightly, and with explosive speed, fled into the distance!

By the time Feng Wutian put down Liu Ling, Long Chen was long gone!

As for the others, they chased him for a period of time. However, since Feng Wutian had not moved from where he was standing, they could only return. His gloomy face kept them quiet out of fear.

At this moment, Liu Ling who felt her buttocks burning had begun to wail loudly. Feng Wutian tried to console her to no avail, flustered at the situation.

“What are you still standing there for? Brother Wutian, aren’t you going to kill him?!”

Facing the questions from the little beauty whose face was filled with tears, Feng Wutian revealed a bitter expression. “Ling’er, that bastard runs too quickly, and we still need to find the Zenith Crystal Sword...”

“You scoundrel! You- go away! All you think about is the Zenith Crystal Sword and not me! I was bullied by him so much and you still aren’t killing him. Feng Wutian, you- you’re not a man!”

“Enough!” Feng Wutian’s face was ashen as he exclaimed, “Ling’er, I promise the next time I see him, I’ll capture and let you chop him up! Don’t make a fuss now!”

“Woo woo... But it hurts, it hurts!”

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Having fled far out of sight till they could not follow him, Long Chen heaved a sigh of relief and hurriedly spoke, “Little Xi, find some concealed area. I want to try fusing with the tenth Thunder Flame Crystal!”

“You bastard, did you only just remember that I’m here? Weren’t you very impressive just now?” Lingxi spoke behind gritted teeth, voice transmitting from the Lingxi Sword.

Long Chen immediately realised that the method he had bullied Liu Ling was what had made her angry. He quickly tried to flatter her, “Darling, don’t get it wrong! I was merely teaching her lesson. Don’t you find her behaviour irksome? That’s why I was so ruthless!”

“What does that have to do with me? It’s not like I’m related to you in any way!”

Chapter 106 – Highly Effective Origin Reversion

Translated by: Ying

In the Sky Martial Realm, it wasn’t a boundless plain. There were many hills and mountainous regions.

The terrain in the external world was very similar to this place.

“The Sky Martial Realm actually looks the same as the external world! It’s hard to tell that it’s a small cosmos world. It’s amazing!”

Seeing this world, Long Chen could not help but be in awe. The immense size as well as mysteriousness of this world far exceeded his expectations.

“That’s true. However, when you get to the extreme ends of this small cosmos world, you’ll be able to feel the walls of this world, while in the outside world, nobody truly knows where the walls are.”

Long Chen was aware that this ‘wall’ was too far for him to consider.

At this point, he had entered a valley, made from strange rocks. Long Chen carefully advanced forward, and finally found a place where he could hide.

This was a naturally formed crevice. After shifting a few large rocks away, Long Chen entered the crevice and covered it up with a large rock.

“I’ve turned into a gopher, hiding inside like this!”

Long Chen was a little gloomy that he had to conceal himself like this, but the people outside were searching for some Zenith Crystal Sword. It was obvious that they would be searching everywhere, and if Long Chen wanted to absorb the tenth Thunder Flame Crystal, he would definitely need a quiet environment.

If anyone interrupted him or if he were found by Feng Wutian, his life would be over.

“Long Chen, are you certain you’re going to fuse with the tenth Thunder Flame Crystal?” At the thought that Long Chen might not be able to take it, Lingxi was extremely worried.

However, while she was still speaking, Long Chen had already undergone Dragon Soul Transformation and was now in his most powerful state. He then sat cross-legged, retrieving the tenth Thunder Flame Crystal from his cosmos pouch.

While looking at this Thunder Flame Crystal, Long Chen's eyes showed his determination.

"Don't worry about this. I know what my limits are, and if I can't even deal with this, would I still be Long Chen? Besides, I behaved in such an unpleasant manner just now and they're definitely more keen on killing me now. If I don't have a breakthrough, it's obvious I will die tragically."

Seeing she was unable to persuade him, Lingxi merely sighed, "Be careful."

If Long Chen was unable to hold on, she'd have to think up some ways to help him.

Long Chen looked at the Thunder Flame Crystal in his palm, smiled slightly, and quickly drew it into his body without any hesitation.

The moment it entered his body, the crystal transformed into a streak of fire and electricity, fusing with the force of flames and lightning at his dantian. They combined, creating a huge, explosive reaction!

"The tenth Thunder Flame Crystal is indeed terrifying!"

It was just the start, but Long Chen was shocked to find that he could already feel short bursts of pain periodically. From a small to a large area, it engulfed his body. Even after having transformed, Long Chen still found this hard to withstand!

He could feel that this force was constantly destroying the composition of his body. This level of destruction exceeded the rate at which he could regenerate, and in no time, Long Chen felt a pain that was even more intense than he had felt from the ninth crystal. The pain tore at every corner of his body, and it was as if there were countless little blades hidden at every corner of his body, violently twisting into him.

This twisting was enough to make anyone want to go crazy. At this moment, Lingxi suddenly saw blood flowing from the corner of Long Chen's mouth.

However, he was still gritting his teeth and persevering.

The lightning and flames constantly twisted in his body, wave after wave, and even his dragon scales were damaged to a certain extent.

"At this rate, no matter how much he perseveres, he won't be able to escape his fate of death. What should I do?"

Lingxi was frantic in her worry.

Aware of his current situation, Long Chen endured the pain and the destructive power of the crystal and tried to think up a plan.

"My body has been badly damaged. With the tempering and burning from lightning and flames, it's probably more than my body can take!"

At this thought, Long Chen suddenly brightened up.

"Origin Reversion has a great regenerative effect on every minuscule injury in the body. I can test its effects here!"

At this thought, Long Chen immediately began to put Origin Reversion to use. This was a profound, middle-grade constitution battle technique. Even if he had received a grievous injury, Long Chen would be able to heal from it using Origin Reversion.

Streams of warmth began to move around in between the flames and lightning in Long Chen's body. Wherever it went, muscles and flesh seemed to have been nourished and slowly restored themselves.

"It's actually effective!"

Long Chen was exhilarated at this and quickly increased the power of this technique. Immediately, a hot rush travelled inside him. The areas that were damaged by the lightning and flames but were unable to be regenerated by his own body were nourished with the help of Origin Reversion.

This allowed the newly regenerated flesh that had been burnt and tempered to become even more durable and tough.

After taking in the tenth Thunder Flame Crystal, Long Chen looked to be in a pitiful state. However, after just a short moment, Lingxi could see that Long Chen was gradually becoming less pale.

“This is... the aura of Origin Reversion.”

Lingxi suddenly remembered that Origin Reversion might be useful in reducing the pain for Long Chen.

If he were to take Spirit Medicine, he would first need to refine the medicine before he could make use of the power within. Long Chen’s real Qi was now all focused on withstanding the force of lightning and flame. How possible would it be for him to put half his attention on refining the medicine?

However, Origin Reversion itself was within Long Chen’s body. With just a thought, he could use it.

This was the amazing part about constitution techniques. They were quick, convenient and very effective. Most importantly, they were limitless and free of charge.

“This fellow is really lucky.”

If not for Origin Reversion, Lingxi had no idea if Long Chen would be able to get through this stage. The situation was slightly better now, and Lingxi felt a little more relieved.

With Origin Reversion, Long Chen was somewhat able to hold on. However, keeping this up for five to six days was an extremely arduous task. With his situation, this did not bode well for him.

After all, using Origin Reversion would consume real Dragon Qi. However, the moment it diminished, it was a chance for the flames and lightning to gain the upper hand.

Long Chen was sharp and anticipated this issue. By the time his real Qi was diminished, around two days had passed.

In these two days, Long Chen's body rapidly increased in sturdiness. He was on the verge of obtaining the legendary Thunder Flame Physique.

With the exhausting of real dragon Qi, the force of flames and lightning began its counterattack. Originally quite obedient, it suddenly became wild and, like a swarm of bees, spread throughout Long Chen's body.

Lingxi had noticed that it was considerably quiet around Long Chen's body, lightning and flames peacefully tempering Long Chen's body. However, all of a sudden, this force suddenly seemed to rebel, invading his body and charging towards his red Human Dan!

"This is bad! This is the precursor to the body exploding!"

Long Chen was now in cold sweat. The might of the lightning and flames was now on top of his Human Dan at his dantian. All the real Qi he had left was insufficient for him to resist it.

If this force entered his dantian, with Long Chen unable to withstand without his real Qi, his Human Dan would be destroyed. Those who had fused and had their bodies explode while fusing with the Thunder Flame Crystal had been in the exact same situation as Long Chen was in now.

"Am I just that little bit too far away from being able to fuse with the tenth crystal? I... I'm not willing to accept this!"

Thinking about all the things he had yet to do, Long Chen was filled with reluctance. The Yang family was still waiting for him to rescue them, and Lingxi, too, required his assistance.

When he had chosen to fuse with the tenth crystal, Long Chen had already thought of this situation. Anything with risk meant there was a possibility of failing. Long Chen had somewhat underestimated the might of the tenth Thunder Crystal Flame, so it would not be unexpected if he were to die here.

“No! I won’t die here!”

A cold glint exploded from Long Chen’s eyes! The stubbornness he had was incomparably strong. If he were to die just like this because of the Thunder Flame Crystals, it would be too much of a waste!

“How can I, Long Chen, die!”

Long Chen practically roared his sentence, his voice resounding in the little valley!

At this moment, the might of flames and lightning turned into blue streaks of flames and lightning, aiming to destroy his dantian.

Within his dantian, only a dim Human Dan existed. As he had used too much real Qi, his Human Dan was not very useful.

Within the blood-red Human Dan, the dark veined pattern of a dragon finally made itself known.

Seeing that the force was about to enter his dantian, Long Chen gritted his teeth and prepared to block the attack with everything he had. Suddenly, at his dantian, the pattern seemed to come to life, emitting a piercing light.

A pair of blood-red rays were shot out from the eyes of the dragon-shaped pattern, aimed towards the force.

Bloody mist permeated the force of lightning and flames, and under the control of this immense power, Long Chen felt as if this the force of lightning and flames was undergoing a huge change.

Not long after, Long Chen actually saw that the blue force of lightning and flame stuffed full in his dantian had now completely turned red, lightning and flames existing in his dantian.

Chapter 107 – Thunder Flame Physique

Translated by: Ying

This sudden change startled Long Chen.

He could never imagine that the red, dragon imprint on the Human Dan was able to turn the power of the ten Thunder Flame Crystals crimson, with just a ray of light.

Long Chen felt that he seemed to be able to control this force of lightning and flames, which was crimson in colour!

“Has the might of the Thunder Flame Crystal fused into my real Qi?”

Currently, this lightning and fire was attached above Long Chen’s Human Dan. The Human Dan, which was originally red, was now burning with crimson flames, at the same time having crimson lightning winding around it.

The force of flames and lightning from the Thunder Flame Crystal had completely mixed with Long Chen’s real Dragon Qi.

This real Qi was now ten times- no, even more than that when compared to before, in terms of its nature and offensive abilities!

At the same time, under the gentle tempering of the crimson flames and lightning as well as nourishment from Origin Reversion, time flowed slowly. Long Chen’s flesh body became increasingly stronger, and in one or two days, Long Chen believed he would reach the critical boundary.

Before this, Lingxi suddenly felt the rebellion within Long Chen’s body and that had scared her half to death. However, in the blink of an eye, Long Chen had tamed this power, and Lingxi could only gaze at this young man in surprise.

“What kind of secret does Long Chen have? When he had first obtained the inheritance of the ancient dragon, he was on the verge of death but was miraculously able to survive and get the inheritance. Now, he’s not supposed to be able to withstand the force from the Thunder Flame Crystal, but miraculously survived it again. From the looks of it, he must be successful in fusing with the tenth Thunder Flame Crystal...”

Though Lingxi was very knowledgeable, she still knew nothing about whatever secrets there were on Long Chen’s body.

Long Chen could feel himself reaching the boundary, and as long as he could break through, he could gain the Thunder Flame Physique and become a Thunder Flame Cultivator!

If this was in the past and the force of lightning and flames rebelled in his body, it would be extremely difficult for Long Chen to break through.

However, things were different now. Long Chen was now capable of manipulating the force of lightning and flames, and able to slowly temper and forge his body. Time slowly passed, and with all his energy spent on controlling this force, he was naturally able to break through.

“A Thunder Flame Cultivator...”

He could feel the power rapidly increasing within his body.

Long Chen laughed, stood up and opened his palm. He found that the image of a Thunder Flame Crystal had appeared at the centre of his palm, though there was a small difference- it was crimson.

Long Chen knew that this was the symbol of a Thunder Flame Cultivator. He now had another identity on top of being a dragon cultivator; he was a Thunder Flame Cultivator!

A Thunder Flame Cultivator had a large quantity of real Qi, and had very resilient flesh. Long Chen only had a level 1 Thunder Flame Physique, but the effects could be even better than Profound, middle-grade Body Refining battle techniques!

It must be noted that Profound, middle-grade Body Refining battle techniques were quite rare. Long Chen's Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist had come from that mysterious metallic tile, and his profound middle-grade constitution battle technique had come from the Origin Reverting fruit.

In the entire green faction, the reward given to the most outstanding cultivator at the Human Dan Realm was only a profound, middle-grade spirit sword and battle technique. This implied the preciousness of profound middle-grade objects!

Long Chen had only just entered the Human Dan Realm, and he now basically possessed three types of battle techniques, mainly offensive, refining and constitution type techniques, and all of them were extraordinary!

"Long Chen, have you become a Thunder Flame Cultivator?"

Lingxi was overjoyed and quickly went in circles around Long Chen, constantly prodding at his body. Long Chen had now dispelled his Dragon Soul Transformation, and was in his most harmless state.

Come to think of it, Long Chen still had some concerns regarding his Dragon Soul Transformation. He was thought to be a Beast Warrior, and now that he was in the Human Dan Realm, he obviously needed to refine a new beast spirit.

Long Chen's transformation gave people the feeling that he was still using the spirit of a huang-grade beast, which implied that Long Chen had yet to kill a profound-grade beast!

However, Long Chen was not going to think about this for now. Now that he was a Thunder Flame Cultivator, he could relax.

With this amount of strength, he might not be able to contend against Feng Wutian, but surviving was something that was extremely easy!

"Hm, aren't I great now that I have the Thunder Flame Physique, Little Xi?"

Seeing Long Chen so proud of himself, Lingxi spoke with disdain, "Tsk, back in the day, I was more powerful than you by ten thousand times! Only an idiot like you would be so proud despite achieving so little. Don't celebrate too soon!"

In her heart, she actually understood that with the environment Long Chen was in and possessing so little resources, it was amazing to be able to reach this stage in such a short period of time.

At the very least, it was much more difficult than it had been for her to reach this level of strength.

Inside her heart, she was in awe of Long Chen, but she was definitely unable to say this aloud.

"If I praise him just a little, he's going to be so proud that his nose is going to point so high in the air."

Lingxi thought to herself.

Long Chen calculated and found that only four days had passed since he had entered the Sky Martial Realm.

"I wonder if that bunch of idiots have found the heart-corrosive beast yet. There's still a lot of time, and I haven't used my Blood Transmuted Qi in a long time. It's a good opportunity for me to go out there and take a look, and maybe even kill a few beasts!"

After leaving his hiding spot, Long Chen came to a valley. This valley was narrow and long, and there were dark forests everywhere. There was a very massive aura hidden in the deepest part of the forest.

While strolling in the Sky Martial Realm, Long Chen met numerous beasts, and the least powerful one was at the first level of the Profound grade. There was not even a single Huang-grade beast here.

"If utilised properly, this Sky Martial Realm is basically heaven for me..."

Long Chen sighed to himself, and gradually entered the deeper parts of the forest. With Lingxi guiding him, Long Chen quickly met a few beasts that were in a group.

“This is the Large Devil Ape and is at the first level of the Profound grade. Its advantage is in its amazing strength and is a very good match for you.”

“Is that so?”

Long Chen looked at the few Large Devil Apes that were roaring and chasing after him.

They were almost three metres tall and had dark furs all over their bodies. Their flesh was as hard as rock.

“You pass! You’ll be my food for today!”

Having said this, Long Chen roared towards the apes and charged.

After the increase in his strength, his power was incomparably stronger compared to the Large Devil Ape despite being in the same realm. They were not his match and in less than fifteen minutes, they had all turned into corpses.

Long Chen used his Blood Transmuted Qi and refined them, but immediately after, he furrowed his brows.

“What’s wrong, did you make a breakthrough?” Lingxi asked in concern.

Long Chen shook his head.

“No. I think it’s only a first level profound grade beast, and its blood essence is useless to me. I need to find a beast of a higher level. I believe no matter how many first level beasts I find, there won’t be any effect.”

“That’s true. While you were at the fifth Dragon Vein, you swallowed a seventh level Huang grade Underground Blood Lizard king. When you were at the eighth Dragon Vein, you swallowed a first level profound grade beast, the Blue-Eyed Snow Lion.”

At this point, Long Chen had retrieved the demonic cores of the Large Devil Apes and taken out four transparent beads.

“Their demonic cores and beast spirits can be exchanged for contribution points. I can’t waste them.”

Seeing the transparent beads in Long Chen’s hands, Lingxi asked, “When did you bring the Spirit Congealing Beads? Why didn’t I see it?”

“When I want to bring something, do I have to report everything to you?”

He laughed, and used the Spirit Congealing Bead and extracted the beast spirits.

This Spirit Congealing Bead had a powerful suction force that was used on dead beast spirits. These spirits had to exist in the beads, or else they would dissipate.

“Long Chen, tell me this. Do I seem like these beast spirits trapped in the Spirit Congealing Beads?”

At this, Lingxi voice was fuelled with sorrow.

Long Chen was startled, “You fool! What are you saying? You’re ten thousand times cuter than these beasts. Don’t compare yourself to them. It’s not as if you’ll be stuck in that sword forever.”

In actuality, the Lingxi sword was an item that was mysterious to the extreme. Long Chen knew that Lingxi must have been extremely powerful then, but even she had been unable to withstand this sword. It was definitely treasure, just that whether it was Lingxi or Long Chen, neither of them had found the secret to the sword yet.

As for the name, the “Lingxi sword”, this was purely something she had made up for fun.

After congealing the beast spirits, Long Chen began to find his next target. In a day, he killed quite a few level 2 profound grade beasts and gained many useful items.

“I’m really going to strike it rich! Little Xi, calculate this for me. How many contribution points can I get from this?”

“Demonic cores and beast spirits can be sold to Martial Families. The level one profound grade beasts can be exchanged for around two to three contribution points, while level 2 beasts can be exchanged for around 10 points.”

While at the Lingwu Family, Lingxi would occasionally poke around Long Chen’s room and look at some books regarding the Lingwu Family. She probably knew more than Long Chen did about the Lingwu Family.

“Does that mean my contribution points total more than 50?”

He was rich again! Like a newly rich person, Long Chen was overjoyed.

However, though he had used the Blood Transmuted Qi on a few level 2 profound grade beasts, it was a pity that they were not much use to Long Chen. Though there were quite a few of them, it was not enough for Long Chen to enter the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm.

“I wonder if the search for the Zenith Crystal Sword is over yet. Lingqing learnt the Seven Hallucinatory Sword Slash, and if possible, once she’s at the Deity Dan Realm, I can probably give her the “Way of the Zenith Crystal Sword”. As a brother, I really must work harder.”

“However, before that, I need to find a level 3 profound grade beast. I don’t believe a level 3 profound grade beast more powerful than a beast at the perfect mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm isn’t enough for me to rank up!”

Chapter 108 – Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast

Translated by: Ying

In the Human Dan Realm, level 1 Profound grade beasts were everywhere. There was the occasional level 2 Profound grade beast, but when it came to level 3 Profound grade beasts, they were nowhere to be found.

These beasts were situated at different zones. Long Chen was now in an area where there were few beasts, and he thus had no choice but to change his location and head in the direction that Lingxi pointed.

While moving, Long Chen did not see any teams.

“The Sky Martial Realm is now being held by the Green Faction. Within the Human Dan Realm, there shouldn’t be anyone from other factions. This is a very large area where there are only eight teams around, so it’s not unusual not to see any of them.”

“This implies that the Heart-Corrosive Beast hasn’t been found yet. If not, the Sky Martial Realm Competition would have concluded earlier, allowing those from other factions to enter this realm. When that happens, I’ll see more people from other factions.”

The Sky Martial Realm was about the size of the Lingwu City, and Long Chen resided in a small area within the Lingwu City.

After walking for about half a day, Long Chen arrived at a barren sand dune. Here, forests and plants were sparse, and there were only a few cacti growing in this area where water was scarce.

“It’s just a Sky Martial Realm but it has forests and even a desert.”

Long Chen couldn’t help but praise.

After exploring this desert for a period of time, Long Chen felt his surroundings growing increasingly hotter, and he asked, “Little Xi, there shouldn’t be beasts here, right? Even if there are, they wouldn’t be level 3 Profound-grade beasts.”

“Let’s walk further and see how things go.”

With Lingxi's request in mind, Long Chen had no choice but to proceed further. Not long after, the sandy area ahead suddenly caved in, and Lingxi quickly had him stop.

"What's wrong?"

There was a hint of excitement in Lingxi's voice as she whispered, "Deep in the sand there, there's a beast crawling. It's probably sunbathing and cultivating at the same time."

Long Chen advanced, and after walking for a long while, laid on the ground, and glanced at the area where the sand had caved in. Immediately after, a flash of excitement glinted in his eyes.

"Isn't this... the level 3 Profound-grade Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast?"

The beast at the bottom looked like a large lion. This Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast was about ten metres long. If it were to actually stand up, it would be about as tall as a house.

Its fur was a gold colour, and the fur at its neck was even more dense, causing it to look majestic. The one thing that could make anyone get scared witless was the dim red flames on its fur, and its two eyes which were like two bundles of flames the size of a lantern.

"It really is the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast! Even amongst the third level Profound grade beasts, this Suan Beast is a very powerful existence."

Long Chen guessed.

"This beast is probably at the same level as Feng Wutian. Looks like I can use you to measure the durability of my Thunder Flame Physique!"

After making his mind, a boundless fighting spirit exploded forth.

While dealing with the level 2 Profound grade beast, he hadn't needed to use Dragon Soul Transformation. However, with this strong enemy, the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast, he really had to be in his most powerful form.

Perfect dragon scales and spurs appeared on his body. Now that he was a Thunder Flame Cultivator, crimson lightning and flames winked in and out of existence around his body, a frightening power erupting.

The pattern of the crimson Thunder Flame Crystal was the opening where the force of lightning and flames in his body connected with his own might.

"The strength I have now is now a lot more powerful than before. With just the durability of my body, I should be able to take care of someone at the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm. On top of that, my Dragon Qi has the force of lightning and flames..."

Long Chen was confident that he could deal with this Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast.

After Long Chen completed his Dragon Soul Transformation and appeared a distance away from the Suan Beast, it finally noticed him!

It had been getting some rest, but upon noticing this little fellow brazenly entering its territory, it was instantly enraged.

In this region, it was basically a king. To think there was a nameless little thing that dared to offend it! It quickly got up, towering above Long Chen and staring hard at him, flames of ire soaring from its body.

Though Long Chen was small, there was a strange quality about his body that caused the Suan Beast to feel a sense of fear.

Lions were usually the rulers, the kings, but Long Chen seemed to possess more of this aura and quality.

Roar!

With a large bellow of rage, the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast crawled on the ground, speed suddenly increasing. Tremendous bloodthirstiness was aimed at Long Chen, who was charging forth, and these two bodies, one a human and one a beast with a large difference in size, collided mid-air. That enormous power from flames was like a hurricane as it whirled towards Long Chen!

“Now that I have the Thunder Flame Physique, do you think I’m afraid of these flames?”

With a sneer, Long Chen rushed into the sea of flames, and an attack that was like a storm flew towards the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast!

With the Thunder Flame Physique and the added bonus from Dragon Qi, Long Chen suddenly released an attack.

“Seal of the High Profound Dragon!”

All of a sudden, the phantom of an ancient dragon surged up violently and attacked the Suan Beast. Upon seeing Long Chen actually charging into its flames, the Suan Beast was astonished, but it was not enough to cause it fear. However, Long Chen’s attack, the Seal of the High Profound Dragon, caused its heart to sink.

The Seal of the High Profound Dragon actually had intense crimson lightning breaking out within, and crimson flames blazed on the phantom of the crimson ancient dragon. Even the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast did not dare let its guard down in the face of such a terrifying attack!

Roar!

It snarled loudly, and the Suan Beast opened its huge mouth. A scarlet fireball with a diameter of more than a metre long was like a hurricane as it approached Long Chen’s Seal of the High Profound Dragon!

Rumble!

The Seal of the High Profound Dragon collided with the large fireball, and this clash caused tremors to form, sand and rocks flying, and smoke and dust filling the sky!

“This is merely a scarlet fireball and it can actually wipe out my Seal of the High Profound Dragon? As expected, it isn’t so easy to deal with!”

In terms of quantity, Long Chen possessed lesser real Qi than the demonic power the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast had. However, he had the upper hand in terms of abilities, which was how their battle power was similar!

Long Chen had realised that this Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast was the most powerful opponent he had ever seen.

“These demonic beasts have trained and developed techniques through generations of battles. Just a simple attack has the might of a battle technique, and that huge scarlet fireball by the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast must be one of the unique techniques it is proficient in!”

The Seal of the High Profound Dragon actually had a bonus of the force from lightning and flames, and yet it had been wiped out just like that. Long Chen was not discouraged and, like a red tornado, charged towards the Suan Beast!

In terms of agility, this little thing seemed to be several times quicker than the Suan Beast itself, and it was alarmed at this thought. It immediately snarled, scarlet fireballs rising one after another, and at least ten bundles of fire flew in Long Chen’s direction.

Long Chen was shocked and quickly used the Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step, his nimble body turning into afterimages as he dodged from the sides of the fireballs. The heat from the flames did cause him some harm, but this was not enough to affect him!

Long Chen was unable to avoid the very last scarlet fireball, and he had no choice but to use the Seal of the High Profound Dragon here!

Rumble!

The scarlet fireball burst, and Long Chen waved off the smoke and pierced towards the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast like an arrow.

Demonic beasts had bodies that were typically quite powerful. Compared to cultivators who had trained and tempered their bodies, these beasts' bodies were even more durable. The Suan Beast was furious that Long Chen had actually gotten so close to its body, and it slapped its claws that were stronger than steel towards Long Chen.

Long Chen was not to be outdone. However, immediately after clashing with the scarlet fireball, he was met with the attack from the claws, which made him feel a little suffocated.

“My Thunder Flame Physique isn't afraid of something like you!”

A fist and a claw collided with a rumble, and the tremors were so strong that the human and beast were both pushed backwards. What surprised the Suan Beast was that Long Chen, who was but a small thing, had actually been able to block its claws with just the power of his body.

This enraged the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast further!

Roar!

Its huge body pounced towards Long Chen!

“You're so heavy and clumsy, and you still want to do a close-ranged battle with me?”

Long Chen laughed sarcastically, displaying his Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step, leaping away from under his opponent's body. The Suan Beast's body of flames was really making him feel quite uncomfortable.

“Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist has a fire attribute, and my real Qi also has the power of flames. I wonder how powerful this attack will be if I use it?”

At this thought, Long Chen dodged the furious attacks from his opponent and made preparations to attack using the Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist.

“I’m creating quite a ruckus while battling with it. Looks like it’s time to land the final attack!”

Only after battling with the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast could Long Chen tell how powerful the Thunder Flame Physique was. Of course, this also included the power of lightning and flames in his real Qi. It must be noted that the body and demonic power of the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast was extremely tyrannical, even amongst third level Profound grade demonic beasts.

In terms of his body and real Qi, it was extremely difficult to be at the same level as the Suan Beast, considering he had only just entered the Human Dan Realm.

The scarlet fireballs seemed to be inexhaustible, and the aftereffects of the attacks caused ashes to fly everywhere, almost affecting Long Chen’s sight. Long Chen stayed close to the body of the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast, preventing it from launching more attacks.

“This ends now, Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast!”

This time, Long Chen jumped away from under its body, and the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast focused its attention on his figure. Immediately after, seven to eight scarlet fireballs appeared.

At this moment, Long Chen’s figure was burning with crimson flames, and on his fist, a crimson bundle of fire was rapidly taking shape. When the Suan Beast released its scarlet fireballs, Long Chen punched forward with a shout.

“Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, crimson flames that burn the heavens!”

A crimson imprint of a fist made of fire was launched, and there seemed to be a human face in the middle of the fist.

The large fiery fist smashed the scarlet fireballs of the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast to smithereens, and struck the entire head of the Suan Beast.

Chapter 109 – Initial Mastery Stage at the Human Dan Realm!

Translated by: Ying

Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist struck the Scarlet Flaming Suan Beast head on, and that tumultuous strength smashed its skull!

The Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast gave an earth-shattering howl, and its large body collapsed to the ground. The whole ruckus here thus ended.

Long Chen was extremely emotional having killed this Suan Beast. He quickly retrieved a scarlet demonic core the size of a fist from its brain, and then collected its beast spirit using a Spirit Congealing Bead.

“I must really have struck gold having these two items.”

The Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast was a demonic beast at the third level of the Profound grade. The demonic core and beast spirit would be able to be exchanged for a large amount of contribution points.

Long Chen was now afraid to go to the Daybreak Merchants' Union. With his current Thunder Flame Physique, things would be troublesome if he were to be discovered. He could only go to the Treasure Exchange Pavilion and exchange for items there, and what he needed was contribution points!

While refining the beast spirit, Long Chen was planning to use Blood Transmuted Qi on the Suan Beast, but at this moment, a group of people appeared in his line of sight, charging in Long Chen's direction.

Long Chen knew that his battle with the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast had caused a large commotion, which resulted in all these people rushing here. They were all the cream of the crop, and their speed was naturally very fast. Just after Long Chen had refined the beast spirit, there were already three young men who were almost twenty years old surrounding him.

The others rushed over in quick succession.

Upon seeing Long Chen, they were stunned. They all had no idea which hall Long Chen had come from.

The three young men who had first arrived were actually experts at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm.

They were so young, and yet already had such a high ranking, which proved they were truly geniuses. Long Chen placed the Spirit Congealing Bead into his cosmos pouch, a half-smile on his face, "From the way you're looking at me, could it be that all of you think I'm extremely charming and are now bewitched by me?"

The three young men were stunned, and one of them coldly spoke, "Which hall are you from? Why have I never seen you before?"

"That should be my question. Who are all of you, and why have I never seen you before?"

While in the Sky Martial Hall, Long Chen had actually seen them before, but did not know which hall they were from.

"We are from the Green Piercing Hall. Kid, tell me, did you kill this Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast?"

Long Chen was now in his Dragon Soul Transformation state and now had the aura of a king. Of course, he also had a malicious aura, but in their eyes, Long Chen did not seem to be powerful enough to kill the Suan Beast.

"What are you saying?" Long Chen teased them, "How could I have killed such a large beast? Finder keepers okay, the beast spirit and demonic core are all mine. Are you trying to rob me?"

The three experts from the Green Piercing Hall glanced at each other, and the desire was apparent in their eyes. Though they were a little suspicious of Long Chen's lack of fear towards them, this did nothing to extinguish the greed in their hearts.

"Go!"

The three of them acted immediately, attacking Long Chen from all sides.

"So they really want to rob me?"

From the moment they appeared, Long Chen knew that they coveted the corpse of the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast. In their eyes, Long Chen was just a disciple who had come across this treasure by chance and would be easily taken care of.

The three of them were experts who were at the perfect mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm. Though none of them were a match for the Suan Beast, their combined battle power when they worked together was even stronger than that of the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast.

However, Long Chen had no plans to clash with them. All of a sudden, Long Chen made a hole in the chest of the Suan Beast and escaped!

That heavy Suan Beast actually began to move at a high speed!

“Escaping?”

The faces of these three young experts changed, and they began to chase after Long Chen. The movement of the corpse of the Suan Beast was not as fast as them, but while they were chasing, they seemed to be able to see the corpse slowly decaying...?

In the blink of an eye, the Suan Beast began to dry up, and the three were shocked.

“What’s going on? Why did this happen?”

They dashed forward, grabbing towards the dried up body of the Suan Beast. At this moment, the body suddenly exploded, blood and flesh flying everywhere, and out of all this, the largest piece of meat smashed into the three young experts!

The seemingly harmless piece of flesh still possessed a lot of force, and the three were forced to halt.

At this moment, crimson light filled the sky and Long Chen, who had disappeared just now, appeared in front of them. However, his eyes were now even redder and his gaze was firmer. It seemed like he was even more powerful.

“Kid, you’re finally showing your face? Hand over the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast’s demonic core and beast spirit, and I’ll reward you by not killing you!”

Long Chen paid no heed to his words, laughing slightly.

At this point, the blood that was boiling in his body had been suppressed. The Human Dan at his dantian had shrunk in size, becoming more solid.

If the Human Dan from before was a size of 9, it was currently 8. Long Chen knew that as long as he persevered on, it would decrease in size and, by the time he was at the perfect mastery stage of the Heaven Dan Realm, it would be the size of a bean.

The cultivation at the Human Dan Realm would result in there being more real Qi, meant to attack the Human, Earth or Heaven Dan at the dantian. The Human Dan would then be tempered and become more solid, and when there was enough real Qi to attack it, Long Chen could go up a rank.

Previously, he had been stuck at the entrance of the Human Dan Realm. After refining countless level 2 Profound grade demonic beasts, he had accumulated enough Qi such that he was not far from the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm. After refining the essence of the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast, he had gained a large amount of crimson real Qi which charged at his dantian, causing his Human Dan to become even more solid. This allowed him to advance to the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm. Long Chen’s real Qi had thus increased in quantity by many times!

“Is this the power at the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm?”

Previously, when he had just entered the Human Dan Realm, he was already able to kill a level 3 Profound grade Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast. Now, with an increase in his power, Long Chen could now disregard the people in front of him.

“I wonder what kind of surprise I’ll give Feng Wutian when I fight him next!”

At this thought, Long Chen was very excited.

He had entered the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm, and had successfully become a Thunder Flame cultivator. His goal in coming to the Sky Martial Realm had been reached. Next was to

see if he was able to obtain the Zenith Crystal Sword for Yang Lingqing, and that battle technique, 'Way of the Zenith Crystal Sword'.

In the eyes of the three young men at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, Long Chen seemed to have suddenly gotten stronger, but he was still merely at the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm.

Any one of them could easily kill Long Chen. However, during this competition, relatives and elders had warned that they were not to create a large conflict, and it was best not to kill anyone.

Hence, one of the experts spoke coldly, "Kid, I'll give you one last chance. If you still don't listen, you can't blame us if you die!"

"I'll count to three. After three, we won't care about how we're all part of the Lingwu Family. We won't be lenient if you don't hand over the demonic core and Spirit Congealing Bead!"

Feeling the surge of power in his body that had reached the limits, to the point that it did not feel like his own, Long Chen had the urge to try it out.

"Just see if I don't beat you three fools until you're crawling and looking for your teeth!"

Long Chen exclaimed unhurriedly, and the three of them were hopping mad in answer. They were about to make their move, but all of a sudden, fireworks bloomed in the air, and a loud rumble was heard. The three experts were stunned, but immediately glanced at each other, "The Heart Corrosive demonic beast has appeared!"

"What should we do?"

They should rush there with the fastest speed they could muster, but Long Chen...

They knew their priorities. Long Chen had offended them, but as long as they were all in the Lingwu Family, there were definitely opportunities to seek revenge. Hence, they quickly made their choice to lead the disciples in their hall and rushed in the direction where the fireworks had been set off.

“Everyone, follow me!”

After glaring at Long Chen, the three from the Green Piercing Hall ran ahead.

Everyone else from the Green Piercing Hall was mostly at the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm and rushed to follow them at the fastest speed they could. There was one youngster who had just entered the Human Dan Realm and was merely around thirteen years old. Unfortunately, he was left behind by the others.

He restrained his tears and tried to match the pace of the large group, but with the appearance of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, who would bother with him? He was thus left far behind.

“Is the Heart Corrosive demonic beast appearing now? I guess I should go there and have a look.”

At this thought, Long Chen laughed and quickly ran alongside the youngster from the Green Piercing Hall. The youngster was shocked to see Long Chen, and tried to intimidate him, “Don’t even think about attacking me. My Senior Brother Li, Senior Brother Zhang and Senior Brother Wang will take care of you!”

“Do you mean those three who wanted to steal my stuff?” Long Chen laughed, not feeling the least bit intimidated.

“What rubbish! They want what you have because you’re not strong enough and aren’t qualified to have it!” This youngster spoke righteously.

“Really? Then do you believe that I can keep your three senior brothers here such that they won’t be able to see the Heart Corrosive demonic beast?”

The youngster was dazed at that, and then sneered, “Are you dreaming? My three senior brothers are experts of the Green Piercing Hall at the perfect mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm. With just your pitiful skills, you actually dare brag like that?”

“I’m not bragging. You’ll see...”

Long Chen laughed, and under the stunned gaze of the youngster, his speed increased by over a hundred times, overtaking an expert at the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm. Like a gust of wind, he charged to the front of the group!

Chapter 110 – Heart Corrosive Demonic Beast!

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“How- How is he so fast!”

The boy at the back of the group was stunned.

He hurriedly rubbed his eyes, and what he really did see was Long Chen, who had already dashed to the frontmost of the group.

The experts at the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm that had been surpassed by Long Chen had the same expression as the boy. Senior Brother Li, Senior Brother Wang and Senior Brother Zhang had also noticed Long Chen.

Just like the others, they were extremely shocked. As the Heart Corrosive demonic beast was now their top priority, they were at their fastest speed. How had Long Chen been able to catch up to them?

“Kid, you’re looking to die by coming here!”

Senior Brother Zhang, who was the furthest back, sneered at Long Chen while still hastening ahead. He had thought that this would scare Long Chen off, but unexpectedly, Long Chen still had an evil grin and pounced towards him!

This speed cause Senior Brother Zhang’s expression to change!

Real Qi surged in Long Chen’s body, turning into crimson flames that blazed about his body. Flames had already formed at Long Chen’s fist.

With Long Chen's Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step, he seemed like a phantom as he charged to Senior Brother Zhang's side. That explosive aura from Long Chen's fist caused Senior Brother Zhang much fear. He couldn't be bothered to think anymore, gritted his teeth and used his most powerful technique to counter Long Chen's attack!

"Surging Tide of the Angered Sea!"

"Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, Crimson Flames Blazing Heavens!"

Rumble!

The two who were advancing at a rapid pace slammed into each other with a loud rumble, causing an explosion in the air. Everyone behind them was stunned. Senior Brother Zhang, who had been running in front, had been overtaken by Long Chen and sent flying with a punch. His clothes were now burning fiercely, a mouthful of blood shooting into the clouds.

"Senior Brother Zhang!"

"Old Zhang!"

To everyone trying their best to keep up, this scene was spectacular. This was especially so for that boy whose legs were still moving subconsciously despite his bewilderment.

"Was- Was he for real when he said he was going to teach our three Senior Brothers a lesson?"

"That can't be. They've never lost before..."

Even though he could not believe it at all, the truth was right in front of him. At the sight of the crimson figure in front, the boy lost all hope.

Senior Brother Zhang was beaten up, and nobody knew if he was still alive or dead. Those who were dashing forward quickly went to help Senior Brother Zhang, who had collapsed. Meanwhile, Long Chen's first attack was successful and he decided to use it again. While using the same 'Crimson Flames Blazing Heavens' move of the Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, he pounced towards Senior Brother Wang.

"Senior Brother Wang, be careful!"

Just after this had been shouted, the enraged Senior Brother Wang used his most powerful attack and clashed with Long Chen. Time seemed to turn back and, yet again, another figure was sent flying while spitting out blood. Everyone took a closer look, finding that the person in this terrible situation was their Senior Brother Wang.

"It can't be!"

At this moment, Senior Brother Li who was running at the very front could not believe this. The others were now numb to the sight, having seen this scene twice already. Senior Brother Li was the leader of their team and also the strongest. Hence, everyone glanced at him, pinning their last hopes on him.

Senior Brother Li was still heading in the direction of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, and upon turning back, he was met with the sight of Zhang and Wang in a terrible state. Long Chen was now advancing in his direction, and that malicious grin caused shivers to go down Senior Brother Li's spine.

"Goodness, what kind of freak is he? What bad luck I have today. What did I do to provoke him?"

Senior Brother Li had completely lost his will to fight. Seeing Long Chen approaching, he quickly stretched his feet and broke out his fastest speed, fleeing!

Seeing that even their strongest Senior Brother Li was escaping, everyone stopped and exchanged glances, astonishment apparent in their eyes. That boy at the back had his eyes so wide they were on the verge of falling out at the sight of Senior Brother Wang and Zhang's injuries.

"Just- Just who is he?"

Their last hope, Senior Brother Li, was escaping like his life depended on it, yelling desperately as he ran, "Who exactly are you? Which hall are you from? There is no enmity between us and you've already harmed two of my people. Are you still not satisfied?"

"What do you mean there's no enmity between us? You wanted to steal something from me just now."

"I just said that in passing. Could you- Could you forgive me? Our Green Piercing Hall will withdraw from the contest for the Zenith Crystal Sword. Is that enough?"

While saying this, he could feel Long Chen's deadly aura approaching himself step by step. Senior Brother Li was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

"What does it matter to me whether you withdraw or not?"

Senior Brother Li was now merely two to three metres away from Long Chen. Seeing the perky butt Senior Brother Li had moving from side to side, the gears in Long Chen's mind began to turn, and he quickly flitted past Li's body and disappeared.

Senior Brother Li was now bewildered. In the time he had been in a daze, Long Chen had disappeared.

"Why? Why didn't he hurt me?"

Senior Brother Li's expression displayed his confusion, and he slowly turned back to face the front, his mind drawing a blank. No matter how much he wondered, he couldn't understand the reason why Long Chen had let him off.

"Is he afraid of Green Piercing Hall?"

At this thought, Senior Brother Li finally had an explanation and quickly walked to the front of the other disciples. However, they were all staring at him in shock, and he was startled, "What's with that look on your faces?"

“Senior- Senior Brother Li, you, you don’t have... any clothes on.”

Senior Brother Li looked down, and then produced an ear-piercing shriek.

Apparently, while Long Chen had flitted past him, Long Chen had pulled off his clothes in a practised manner...

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“The Heart Corrosive demonic beast is a Profound grade level 4 beast. Though it doesn’t specialise in offensive attacks, it has this skill called “Heart Corrosion”. It can affect a person’s willpower, and is not any ordinary technique.”

Long Chen recalled memories regarding the Heart Corrosive demonic beast.

“Long Chen, you actually did that to Senior Brother Li. Do you- do you like men...?”

Lingxi asked in a low voice from the Lingxi Sword, at a loss.

Long Chen was now in cold sweat, twitching his lip as he spoke nonchalantly, “Girl, when I peel the clothes off your skin and push you down onto the bed, you’ll know whether I like men or women.”

“You- You hoodlum!”

Amidst the laughter and curses, Long Chen could feel the auras of multiple people in the forest ahead.

This region was completely different from the sand dune.

The earth here was black and more fertile. Hence, there were many tall trees that formed a forest, little hills and rocks in a disarray, all of this creating a complicated terrain. Long Chen entered this forest, along with many others.

Long Chen could hide his footprints, and thus, not many people saw him. Soon enough, Long Chen sensed a very dignified and mysterious aura lying in wait deep within the forest.

“This forest is very dark and wet, and the Heart Corrosive demonic beast is one of the dark element. It will naturally hide itself here, and is the direct opposite of the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast.”

Following the aura, Long Chen quickly advanced and an open space appeared in front of him. Long Chen concealed himself behind a tall tree, observing the situation.

At this moment, there were many people entering from all sides and were surrounding the pure black demonic beast.

“Is this the Heart Corrosive demonic beast?”

This demonic beast was a little smaller than the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast. It was four-legged and black from head to toe. There were strange crimson patterns on its fur, forming a symbol that looked like a rune. What stood out the most were its blood-red eyes that were like a fog. If they were stared into closely, one would be lost in those eyes, unable to extricate oneself from them.

This demonic beast was somewhat like a wolf or a dog, with a long snout and four sharp claws. Its tail was like a ponytail filled with thorns and held up high, and seemed to hold within a very powerful attack.

“As expected, this Heart Corrosive demonic beast is much stronger than the Scarlet Flamed Suan Beast.”

Meanwhile, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast was being surrounded by so many people and was gradually becoming enraged. However, amongst all these people, there were a few that struck fear in its heart, which was why it had yet to make its move.

This Heart Corrosive demonic beast’s intellect was a lot higher than that of the Suan Beast.

At the back of the crowd, there were a few experts. By this time, the experts of all the other seven halls had arrived.

The only hall that was not here was the Green Piercing Hall. There were some who wondered why the Green Piercing Hall had not arrived, but nobody really cared.

Not counting the Green Piercing Hall, the people who were going to be useful in battle were only people at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm. Out of the hundred or so people around, there were only around ten who met this requirement. As for the cultivators who were at the peak of the Human Dan Realm like Feng Wutian, only Chu Yunyao was his equal.

The others who were at the perfect mastery stage were almost as powerful, but compared to these two people, there was still a large gap between them. Currently, Feng Wutian and Chu Yunyao were standing in front and behind the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, deterring it.

Long Chen chanced a glance at Feng Wutian who was extremely high-spirited, and a sneer raised on his lips.

“You can be all impressive now, but when I make my move, you’re gonna be in trouble.”

He found Liu Ling in the crowd. Quite a few days had passed, and Liu Ling still looked the same, her beautiful eyes nervously fixed on Feng Wutian.

“I wonder if that huge bloodied handprint on her buttocks has disappeared yet...”

Long Chen wondered elatedly, before turning his focus to Chu Yunyao.

“Though this girl is still young, she has a very mature temperament and is very charming. If not for Lingxi watching, I’d definitely put my hands on her!”

Just as he was fantasizing, Lingxi suddenly asked, “What kind of evil plan are you hatching up?”

Long Chen was startled and immediately sighed, “I was just thinking. Why is it that they’re also females, yet my Lingxi is so pretty and they’re so ugly?”

At this moment, the Heart Corrosive Monster finally could not hold it anymore and decided to attack.