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Chapter 131 – Beitang Mo

Long Chen was alarmed, but upon noticing one of them was an acquaintance, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Of the two people, one was the charming Liu Lan.

Liu Lan was now walking behind the man, looking deferential. The languid and seductive ways she previously had disappeared, and in place of it was solemnness and graveness.

Liu Lan's behaviour gave Long Chen a clue— the person that was walking with her must have a substantial amount of power and status.

Long Chen glanced over and found that this man was around twenty years old, and his features were quite plain. However, his eyes were like two deep abysses, like ancient wells with no ripples, giving off a very profound aura.

Of the young experts Long Chen had seen who were weaker than Mo Xiaolang, there was Dongfang Tianyu at the Heaven Martial Realm. However, while Dongfang Tianyu seemed more impressive than this young man, Long Chen could tell that he was far from this person's match.

“Long Chen, this person is a cultivator at the Heaven Dan Realm. He's just one rank weaker than Mo Xiaolang.”

Lingxi's weak voice sounded by Long Chen's ear.

Such an expert had even gathered Liu Lan's respect, which meant he was probably a member of the inner faction of the Lingwu Family.

Long Chen concluded.

The young man entered the underground city with Liu Lan, and even they were stunned at the sight that met them.

From their line of sight, none of the girls who had been kidnapped had died, and the thousand followers of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect had somehow turned into withered corpses.

This was far from what they had expected to see.

The scene in front of them was far too spectacular.

Long Chen brought Yang Lingqing and stood before Liu Lan, who turned her attention to him, looking appalled.

“Long Chen, you did this?”

Feeling the man’s profound, abyssal gaze on himself, Long Chen had no choice but to nod.

Liu Lan was stunned, and sighed after a long while. From the situation here, it was obvious that Long Chen had solved the issue. Liu Lan exchanged a glance with the man, and then spoke to Long Chen, “Where’s the sect leader?”

Long Chen honestly pointed to the black ashes on the ground, “That’s him. He looks quite good, doesn’t he?”

While asking this, Liu Lan already had some expectations, but she still found it hard to accept the truth even after seeing Yan Chixue at the Earth Dan Realm burnt to ashes.

When she had first seen Long Chen, he was merely at the eighth dragon vein, and Liu Lan had hence not paid much attention to him. Unexpectedly, Long Chen then killed Huang Feiyang and defeated Feng Wutian, and even killed Yan Chixue who was at the Earth Dan Realm!

“Not bad for someone at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm to be able to kill a person at the Earth Dan Realm, .”

The young man spoke matter-of-factly.

Whether it was the tone of his voice or his movements, everything seemed quite calm, but it was precisely this calmness that Long Chen feared. It felt as if all his thoughts could not escape this person.

Even Liu Lan had to believe what this young man had said. She then introduced him, “Young master Mo, he is Long Chen from my Green Sun Hall. Yang Lingqing is his sister.”

She then turned to Long Chen, “Long Chen, this is Young Master Mo of the Northern Black Tortoise* in the Lingwu Family. Quick, greet him.”

(TL note: Northern Black Tortoise is written as Beitang, which is his surname.)

“Long Chen greets Young Master Mo.”

Though he had no idea why this person was here, Long Chen was more than aware that he lacked strength and therefore needed to behave well. If Liu Lan could easily put him in order, then so could this Beitang Mo, which was why he bowed hastily.

He shot a glance at Long Chen, and then shifted his gaze over to Yang Lingqing, who had been holding onto Long Chen. His calm voice sounded.

“Yang Lingqing, are you willing to join my Northern Black Tortoise in the Lingwu Family?”

These sudden words stunned both Long Chen and Yang Lingqing. Li Jing and the other two who were behind them were similarly confused.

Seeing Long Chen and his sister bewildered, Liu Lan immediately gave him a meaningful look and added, “The Beitang martial clan uses Yin and water type battle techniques as their foundation. Long Chen, your sister has the Abstruse Shadow Body, and as long as she enters the Beitang Family, the techniques there will definitely help her improve leap and bounds. It would be easy for her to even surpass you.”

Ever since Long Chen had entered the Lingwu Family, Yang Lingqing knew how power was divided in the Lingwu Family. She also knew that Long Chen had merely joined the outer faction, while the inner faction was where the truly strong were.

Someone was now inviting her to just enter the inner faction of the Lingwu Family like this?

Yang Lingqing had just escaped death, and the people she wished to see the most was her parents and family. The appearance of Beitang Mo caused her some worry, and she did not dare speak and hid beside Long Chen.

Seeing this young girl so flustered, Liu Lan really felt like she was going crazy. This was a great opportunity that many could only wish for.

“Long Chen, you can make the decision. Your sister hasn’t been able to obtain a suitable cultivation method, which is why she’s still at the Dragon Pulse Realm. If she enters the Northern Black Tortoise, she’ll definitely soar to the skies. If not for Gan Lin having heard your conversation, I wouldn’t have known about your sister having the Abstruse Shadow Body. Honestly speaking, the reason why we’re here is to help you take care of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, but I guess we were late.”

The gears in Long Chen’s mind were now turning quickly.

“If it’s the Abstruse Shadow Body, then she does need a compatible cultivation method to blossom. In a year or two, she’ll definitely be able to reach the Heaven Dan Realm. Long Chen, it’s not bad if your sister enters this Northern Black Tortoise.”

Lingxi had much knowledge, and her opinions helped clear Long Chen’s doubts.

Beitang Mo, who had been silent all this while, exclaimed, “Think about it. Your life will be completely different if you choose to enter. If you don’t want to be a nobody for your entire life, leave with me. You don’t need to worry at all. Your brother will gain access to even more resources in the Lingwu Family, and your own family can be secretly protected by Earth Dan Realm cultivators. All the people around you will benefit because of you.”

Though Beitang Mo's words were concise, they cut right to Yang Lingqing's concerns. She raised her heads, eyes sparkling as she watched him, speaking clearly, "Do you mean my brother will be nurtured even more than he is now, and nobody will be able bully my family?"

"Unless the enemy is more powerful than the Lingwu Family."

Beitang Mo smiled slightly, a boundless self-confidence held within.

Everyone knew that in the Yuanling County, there was no power stronger than the Lingwu Family. In other words, as long as the Yang Family was still in Yangling County, they had nothing to worry about.

"Brother..."

Just by looking at her eyes, Long Chen could tell Yang Lingqing had made her choice.

"It's your life, so decide by yourself. No matter what, I'll stand by your side and protect you."

Long Chen laughed wryly. He was really quite happy for Yang Lingqing, since it was very difficult to enter the inner faction even from the outer faction.

"No."

Yang Lingqing giggled craftily, "It'll be my turn to protect you, as well as our family!"

Hearing her words, Liu Lan heaved a sigh of relief. Yang Lingqing had agreed.

Seeing this girl not going crazy with excitement at being invited to the Lingwu Family, only wanting to protect her family, Beitang Mo nodded.

"Alright, I'll join you."

Yang Lingqing answered formally.

Beitang Mo smiled, "Many years later, you'll definitely be grateful for the decision you made today. Northern Black Tortoise is the most suitable place for you to be."

Long Chen could guess the uniqueness of the Abstruse Shadow Body. After all, how could blood that was equal to over a thousand young girls' blood be anything simple? Hence, Northern Black Tortoise needed new blood like this to cultivate, which might one day even be its trump card.

Since Yang Lingqing had already agreed, Long Chen had nothing to say. He spoke to Beitang Mo, "Young Master Mo, my sister just escaped death, and her grandfather and father are both waiting outside worriedly. I was thinking we could go back home for a while and take care of matters there before returning to the Lingwu Family. What do you think?"

Beitang Mo nodded, "That's not an issue. Lingqing, I'll wait for you at Northern Black Tortoise. The Earth Dan Realm cultivators that I told you about will be dispatched to Poplar Town by today. That's all for now. Till we meet again."

Having said this, Beitang Mo did not hang around and headed outside. Liu Lan looked towards Long Chen, "Leave this place as soon as possible. I'll help to send those girls back."

Liu Lan was slightly late in getting Beitang Mo here, but it was easy to tell her intentions were true. She now spoke to him amiably, and Long Chen did not bicker with her. He thanked her and, with Yang Lingqing in tow, left the underground city.

"Long Chen, remember to return to the Green Sun Hall. You still have a chance for the Inner Faction Selection."

Before Long Chen left, Liu Lan exclaimed. When Long Chen's figure disappeared from the underground city, Liu Lan shifted her gaze, looking emotional.

"If he can get a place in the inner faction, he might be of help to me. But this doesn't seem to be fair to him..."

Long Chen, of course knew nothing of what Liu Lan was thinking. When Long Chen brought Yang Lingqing before Grandfather Yang and Yang Yuntian, their eyes filled with tears.

“Chen’er, Qing’er...”

Seeing Yang Lingqing crying in Yang Yuntian’s arms, Grandfather Yang was filled with pride and was pleasantly surprised. While looking towards Long Chen, he wiped his tears, “Chen’er, you are what I am most proud of in my life...”

Long Chen laughed, “You’re wrong. You should be most proud of your precious granddaughter, because she’s been invited to enter the inner faction of the Lingwu Family.”

Chapter 132 – Eccentric Man

It had been a long since he had returned to Poplar Town. Now that he was back and realised how backwards it was, Long Chen had an indescribable sense of superiority.

Here, he was the only powerful person here. Nobody was on the same level as him.

“I can’t stay here for my whole life, or else this will be my limit. Now that the matter with the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect has been dealt with, I’ll focus on staying in the Lingwu Family. Lingqing is going there as well; that is the place that I should stay in.”

“In the Lingwu Family, Liu Yuan did not dare offend the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect on my behalf. Unexpectedly, Beitang Mo paid no heed to all considerations and came to the headquarters of the sect with the intentions of killing people. Beitang Mo is really something. He’s even sending Earth Dan Realm cultivators to protect the Yang Family. This way, the Yang Family will definitely not come to any harm.”

The Yang Family had no worries for the future now that the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect had disappeared. From hereon, Long Chen just needed to put all his focus on the Lingwu Family.

The people of the Yang Family had heard the news that Yang Lingqing was going to enter the inner faction of the Lingwu Family. Everyone in the family, or really everyone in Poplar Town celebrated for a whole day.

Long Chen and Yang Lingqing were celebrities of Poplar Town and even of quite a few towns surrounding them.

Long Chen had initially been a no-good hedonistic son born to rich parents who had slept his life away. Now, however, things had taken a 180-degree turn. He now had the image of a shining hero, which he was extremely proud about.

Two days later, under the eyes of the numerous people in Poplar Town, Long Chen brought Yang Lingqing away from Poplar Town and headed in the direction of the Lingwu Family.

“Lingqing, we’ll walk for awhile more before I introduce you to someone very important to me.”

The two of them each rode a good horse and were jolted along the way.

Long Chen had already told Yang Lingqing about the Ebony Scaled Horse she had gifted him. Yang Lingqing did not blame him, and instead reproached herself for the trouble it had caused Long Chen.

“Very important?”

Glancing at this young man who had been born on the same year, month and day as she had, Yang Lingqing was quite curious about how important this could be.

Riding into the forest after passing through the town, Long Chen turned back, looking like he had some secret. Yang Lingqing now glanced around and asked, puzzled, “Is the important person you talked about here? Why can’t I see anyone?”

Long Chen laughed and snapped his fingers, “Little Xi, come out!”

Under Yang Lingqing's startled gaze, Long Chen's stud earring suddenly emanated bright white light. A figure that was about two metres tall and was shrouded in white mist floated out. Soon, she appeared before Yang Lingqing and it was evident that her looks were the type enough for the masses to go crazy

Yang Lingqing was immediately stunned.

"Wha- What is this?"

"How rude. This is your sister-in-law." Long Chen made a weird sound.

"Sister-in-law?"

Yang Lingqing was even more puzzled.

Lingxi was humiliated at being called Long Chen's sister-in-law and spat at Long Chen, and then skilfully smiled at Yang Lingqing, trying to act like a senior to her, "Sister Lingqing, my name is Lingxi. Don't listen to his rubbish; I'm not your sister-in-law."

When Lingxi began to speak, Yang Lingqing stared at the two of them in shock and gloomily asked, "You two... Explain this to me! What's going on?"

Long Chen spent much energy and told Yang Lingqing some information regarding Lingxi, and also spoke about what they had gone through together.

After hearing that Lingxi had rescued Long Chen countless times, Yang Lingqing quickly accepted this girl. Lingxi was in a rather pitiful situation now, and Yang Lingqing couldn't help but take pity on her. The two of them got on good terms with each other soon enough, completely forgetting about their middleman, Long Chen.

Seeing them playing together and treating him as a third party, Long Chen had a sour expression on his face.

It was Lingxi that had suggested to meet Yang Lingqing. Long Chen was the closest to Yang Lingqing and agreed cheerfully. Unexpectedly, this was how the situation had turned out. Long Chen could only complain deep inside as they became more familiar with each other.

“It’s all karma...”

While Lingxi and Yang Lingqi were having fierce conversations, they soon arrived at Yuanling City. Once they were there, there were already people waiting at the gates to the city to receive Yang Lingqing. When this happened, Lingxi had no choice but to return to Long Chen’s earring.

The person receiving Yang Lingqing was Beitang Mo.

Due to Yang Lingqing’s connection to Long Chen, Liu Lan had accompanied Beitang Mo out. Two famous people of the Lingwu Family had gathered here, which attracted much attention.

“Looks like they’re welcoming someone.”

After a while, Long Chen and Yang Lingqing appeared before them, and everyone then knew who Beitang Mo was looking for.

“Where is this girl from, for even Beitang Mo and Liu Lan to be waiting here?”

“Who knows? There’s one just at the Human Dan Realm, while the other is at the Dragon Pulse Realm. In Yuanling City, they’re like needles thrown into an ocean. They aren’t enough to cause any ruckus.”

“Exactly. Don’t consider how bright and beautiful Yuanling City looks. How many geniuses have been buried here?”

Under envious and jealous gazes, Long Chen and his sister went to Beitang Mo’s side. Without another word, he brought them into a luxurious carriage and headed towards the Lingwu City.

On the way, Beitang Mo did not speak a word. Only after they were almost there did he speak to Yang Lingqing, "Once we're at the Beitang Family*, listen to everything I tell you to do, though I'm not worried since you seem obedient and not the type to cause trouble. If you have any questions, ask me."

(TL note: Beitang Family = Northern Black Tortoise)

"Alright, I understand." Yang Lingqing nodded.

Yang Lingqing's mind was blank, but Long Chen was very worried.

Yang Lingqing was merely at the Dragon Pulse Realm, but an exception had been made for her to enter the inner faction. There were sure to be many who were jealous of her, and even if she did not provoke anyone, there were definitely people finding excuses to provoke her. If she was not careful, she might even die without knowing what happened.

Holding Yang Lingqing's hand, Long Chen could tell that she was actually nervous, but was not displaying it.

"Qing'er, remember this well. If there's anyone who bullies you, tell me, no matter how strong they are. I'll take care of them for you."

While separating, Long Chen leant his head towards Yang Lingqing's ear and exclaimed in a tone that could not be declined.

"I understand, but if I don't do anything, nobody will bully me."

Though Yang Lingqing was afraid, she tried her best to squeeze out a smile and waved her little fist at Long Chen, threatening him, "You need to take care of Sister Lingxi, or else I'll hurt you."

Long Chen had no choice but to nod, smiling wryly.

The two of them then truly separated. However, Beitang Mo seemed to have heard what Long Chen said to Yang Lingqing. He looked at Long Chen closely, "Seems like you've already submitted the application for the inner faction selection?"

Long Chen nodded.

Beitang Mo suddenly snickered, "Don't be so naive. The enemies Lingqing will be taking on are going to be far from what you can handle. All you need to do is try harder so that it doesn't reflect badly on Lingqing."

Having said this, he flung his robes and left.

As Yang Lingqing left as well, she kept turning back to look at him occasionally. He suddenly realised that she would have to face a lot of matters alone in the future, and Long Chen couldn't help but be concerned.

"I don't know if it was the right decision for her to enter the Lingwu Family..."

Long Chen pondered over this matter. In order for Yang Lingqing not to be bullied in the Lingwu Family, he would need to get stronger.

"He said that I don't have any qualifications to deal with the opponents that Lingqing will face? Hehe, just watch and see..."

Anyone who had intentions of causing trouble for Yang Lingqing had to be within the inner faction. Long Chen knew that in order to protect her, he first had to enter the inner faction.

"I wonder if I'll have a chance in this inner faction selection..."

Long Chen's gaze was filled with an unyielding stubbornness as he watched Yang Lingqing leave. Liu Lan took all this in and smiled sweetly, "So? Are you unconvinced?"

She was naturally referring to what Beitang Mo had said before he left.

"I won't accept it for now. I'll convince you in the future."

Long Chen raised his head and stared straight at Liu Lan, spouting very big words.

“You’ve turned gutsy.”

Liu Lan shook her head, seeming to exclaim coquettishly.

Looking at this resolute young man, she felt slightly dazzled.

Noticing her eyes that had turned a little strange while staring at him, Long Chen was startled and laughed, “Why are you looking at me with such emotion? Are you planning to prey on young men?”

Having said this, Long Chen suddenly felt an icy-cold gaze on himself and turned. At a pavilion far away, a young man was staring at him without moving. Long Chen couldn’t tell who it was, nor did he care.

Liu Lan did not get mad at Long Chen’s teasing and instead, played along with him and placed her fair fingers that were like cogongrass on his shoulder, “Of course I’m planning to eat you up. Would you let me?”

Long Chen suddenly went limp. He still found it difficult to tolerate such spicy words and immediately drew back, laughing in embarrassment.

“Coward...”

She rolled her eyes at him and got serious, “What are your plans?”

“Of course, it’s to obtain the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon. Time is of essence; I won’t talk to you anymore. Bye.”

Without saying anything more, Long Chen went past her and, uncaring of Liu Lan’s fury, proceeded forth.

“Liu Lan seems to be too enthusiastic towards me, especially in such a public area. What does she want?”

Recalling the man who had been staring at him from the pavilion, Long Chen felt something was off.

“I didn’t even take his girl. What’s his problem?”

Chapter 133 – Not Closing the Door When Bathing

Back to the Green Willow Residence, Long Chen headed towards his home.

He was already at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, and by the request and arrangement of the Lingwu Family, he was now moved to where First Grade Disciples resided in. It was the first time Long Chen was going there, which was why he was unfamiliar with the route.

“There are 240 contribution points left, and it costs 300 points to get the Spirit Grass. However, old geezer Yang wants me to use 500 contribution points to exchange for the level 6 profound grade beast spirit because he thinks highly of me.’

“Then just go into the Sky Martial Realm!”

“Hm, I’ll first take a look and see what my new residence is like.”

While in Poplar Town, Long Chen had gotten more than enough rest, and it was a good time for him to use all that energy.

The Lingwu Family was unbelievably rich. All the buildings were very luxurious, and even Third Grade Disciples resided in rather elegant places, not to mention the First Grade Disciples.

Using his identity jade, Long Chen quickly found the doorway to a large courtyard. It seemed to be tiled with white jade and was a splendid mansion.

“Is this where I’m going to live? The Lingwu Family truly is generous.”

Just as Long Chen was planning to use the jade to open the door, Lingxi suddenly exclaimed, “Look at the house over there. The door isn’t closed properly, and the person inside seems to be the enforcer’s sister.”

“Liu Ling? Has she reached the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm too?”

Liu Ling was actually a neighbour to him, and she didn’t even close her door properly. Would it make sense for Long Chen not to pay her a visit?”

“After entering the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, she must have her nose high up in the air. I’ll go tease her for a bit!”

At this point, Long Chen opened the door to her courtyard and entered.

“The places where Grade One Disciples live in must be similar to where immortals must reside in.”

“She seems to be in that room. I wonder what she’s doing.”

Lingxi could only sense where people were, but she had no idea what they were doing.

Long Chen stealthily pressed himself close to the door and pushed in. Just as he was about to play around and scare Liu Ling, he was suddenly stunned at the sight in front of him.

Liu Ling was now comfortably lying in a bathtub with her eyes closed.

Long Chen took a look and had pretty much seen everything.

“In a year or two, this girl is going to be like her sister...”

Long Chen felt his mouth go dry and turned to escape. At this moment, Liu Ling had also seen him and she covered her vital areas, giving a loud shriek.

“I’m doomed.”

Long Chen hurriedly returned to his own residence and closed the door properly. Without his identity jade, Liu Ling would not be able to enter.

“She doesn’t even close her door while she’s bathing...”

Remembering her alluring body and fair skin, Long Chen regretted not seeing more, but he did not dare go over again.

“I think you’re elated!”

Lingxi’s furious voice travelled from the Lingxi Sword, and Long Chen felt a sharp pain in his ear.

“Little Xi, forgive me! It definitely wasn’t on purpose!”

Long Chen kept trying to explain himself and he was pure. Only after that did Lingxi forgive him and said ruthlessly, “If you dare look again next time, I’ll want your worthless life. Hmph!”

Even Long Chen had not expected this to happen. However, he knew that Liu Ling had once hated him, and with what had just happened, she would harbour even more hatred towards him and perhaps even cause him trouble.

“Whatever. She’s definitely outside waiting. I’ll leave after I fuse with more Thunder Flame Crystals.”

The real Qi he had at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm was much more firm than before, and could suppress even more Thunder Flame Crystals. While Long Chen was in Poplar Town, he had already fused with 21.

“Based on my calculations, my limit should be 30 now.”

Though he still had a level 1 Thunder Flame Physique, Long Chen’s body was able to be strengthened through fusion with the Thunder Flame Crystals.

The crystals were extremely effective. With each one, he could feel his strength increase.

“Three days have passed, and I’ve fused with the 25th. The Spirit Grass is a guarantee for Lingxi’s life, so I can’t waste anymore time. Looks like I’ll have to go to the Sky Martial Realm.”

Long Chen did not believe that Liu Ling would still be lying in wait outside. When he opened the door, he heaved a sigh of relief. As expected, there was nobody there, and he quickly headed towards the Sky Martial Realm.

Long Chen’s name was beginning to be known in the Green Faction, and most people knew him. However, Long Chen had yet to have any good friends in the Lingwu Family.

“The matter with the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect is finally dealt with. It’s time to live my own life.”

Long Chen was very confident in himself. This confidence came from the mysterious dragon jade that Long Qinglan had given him, as well as that mysterious drop of blood essence.

Dragon Soul Transformation, Blood Transmutation, and the other version of Blood Transmutation, Blood Engulfing Zone.

“Blood Engulfing Zone is even more bloody and cruel. Unless I’m in a dire situation, I can’t use it.”

This was similar to a domain. The domain could affect everyone within, and it could even suppress the boiling blood Qi in them and cause their battle might to be reduced. If they were weak, basically all of them could be devoured by Long Chen.

“If used well, Blood Engulfing Zone would be an even more heaven-defying ability.”

Long Chen knew that as long as it was related to blood, everything had to do with that mysterious droplet of blood essence.

“With such a powerful blood-related ability, that blood essence is probably that of the ancient ruler of blood and slaughter- the immemorial Blood Spirit Dragon!”

Lingxi furrowed her brows and spoke.

“But Long Chen, the immemorial Blood Spirit Dragon is very powerful. You need to hold fast to your principals in order not to be lost in the pursuit of strength. Use it as little as you can.”

Long Chen kept Lingxi’s warnings in mind.

Soon enough, Long Chen arrived at the Sky Martial Realm.

Compared to the Green Faction’s competition before, the Sky Martial Realm was now bustling with life. There were around two thousand people in the Green Faction, and about a thousand were frequent visitors to the Sky Martial Realm. There were now two hundred or so people leaving and entering the Sky Martial Realm.

Within the Sky Martial Realm, there was one route through the Heaven Dan region, five through the Earth Dan region, and ten through the Human Dan region.

Long Chen was right about to enter the Sky Martial Realm and was looking around, when he felt a look of hatred focusing on himself. Long Chen turned, and who else could it be than Liu Ling, who was quivering in anger while glaring at him?

“Crap!”

Without even having the opportunity to escape, Liu Ling had already appeared before him. Long Chen noticed there was a middle-aged man wearing skintight clothing meant for cultivators, which had red and white alternating on it.

“He’s an Earth Dan Realm cultivator, but thankfully, he’s only just entered this realm.”

Now that he knew the strength of this middle-aged man, Long Chen was calm.

“You lewd bastard!”

Approaching Long Chen, Liu Ling could only grit her teeth and scolded, knowing she could not attack him here.

“Hm? What are you saying? I didn’t do anything to you, so why are you calling me that?”

Long Chen was fearless as he spoke with a thick skin.

“You’re still not admitting it. Three days earlier, didn’t you...”

At this point, someone made a loud shushing noise, and only then did Liu Ling realise that people were crowded around and watching her. Recalling her words, it might cause some misunderstandings and she went pale, fervently hoping for a hole to hide inside.

Previously, Liu Ling and Feng Wutian had been on good terms. Now that Feng Wutian had been defeated by Long Chen...

“Long Chen is pretty amazing. He dealt with Feng Wutian and even took care of Liu Ling.”

“Such a love-hate scene only appears in novels. I didn’t expect it to happen in real life.”

“Damn it, all the good stuff have been taken by pigs. I’m so talented, so why aren’t any of these happening to me?”

Amidst these discussions, Long Chen looked extremely proud, while Liu Ling felt like killing herself. All she wanted to do was to have it out with Long Chen, but just when she was about to act, the middle-aged man behind stopped her.

“Ling’er, follow me into the Sky Martial Realm.”

“No! Uncle Yan, I want to kill him!”

The middle-aged man stared at Long Chen coldly, “Are you going to enter the Sky Martial Realm?”

Seeing the provocation in his eyes, Long Chen did not back down, “Of course. Are you going to entertain me?”

Anyone could see that this expert at the Earth Dan Realm was preparing to teach Long Chen a lesson in the Sky Martial Realm. However, Long Chen, who was still at the Human Dan Realm, had taken on the challenge. He was truly fearless and unafraid of death.

“I told you, all the pigs that get the good stuff will be slaughtered sooner or later.”

“Looks like after defeating Feng Wutian, Long Chen’s becoming too cocky.”

Amidst the comments, Uncle Yan’s expression did not change as he held Liu Ling’s hand and spoke to Long Chen, “Well then, let’s meet in the Sky Martial Realm.”

Long Chen was about to reply, but Liu Ling suddenly began to laugh. “Long Chen, there’s something else you don’t know yet, right?”

Long Chen was stunned and answered, "Could it be that you're planning to give me your heart after what happened?"

There was a roar of laughter from their audience, and Liu Ling really wanted to explode from her anger. Her voice trembled as she spoke, "My Brother Wutian entered the Earth Dan Realm, and he's been recruited into the Southern Vermillion Bird Family. Long Chen, just wait to die!"

She then entered the Sky Martial Realm with Uncle Yan.

Long Chen reacted after a while and laughed bitterly, "Southern Vermillion Bird? Has the inner faction become so easy to enter lately?"

"It must be because he has the bloodline of the Vermillion Bird. Long Chen, that girl hates you to the bone, and she also has Feng Wutian backing her. She's definitely going to cause trouble for you again."

Lingxi explained with a sour expression on her face.

"Then let's see who's even more powerful! After being defeated by me once, they won't be able to win against me ever again!"

At the mention of Feng Wutian, everyone knew that Long Chen was in deep trouble. Feng Wutian had lost to Long Chen while not having a clear mind. How could he take this lying down?

"He's been doing well, but he's much too haughty. Looks like he's dead meat."

Listening to the comments, Long Chen who had seemed impressive now had the opposite image.

"Just watch me!"

Long Chen did not bother defending himself and, entered through Human Dan into the Sky Martial Realm.

Chapter 134 – Gold Faction!

The Human Dan region in the Sky Martial Realm.

Long Chen wanted to kill the level 4 profound grade demonic beast. The reason he had entered through the Human Dan region was for insurance.

If he had entered directly through the Earth Dan region, there would be level 4 profound grade demonic beasts everywhere, and it would be a surprise if Long Chen was not killed there. On the other hand, if he entered the Earth Dan region through the Human Dan region, the demonic beasts were placed such that it was a gradual progression. The Heart Corrosive demonic beast previously, for instance, had been at the boundary between the Human Dan and Earth Dan region.

Within the Sky Martial Realm, there was a clear and boundless sky as per normal.

If one could kill quite a few level 3 profound grade demonic beasts, it would be possible to obtain around 300 contribution points. However, these beasts were not much of a challenge for Long Chen. Only level 4 profound grade demonic beasts were difficult enough for him.

The Sky Martial Realm belonged to the Lingwu Family. All those who entered were of various factions, and there might even be some from the inner faction.

However, because of how large the Sky Martial Realm was, Long Chen went deep into the Earth Dan region and had yet to see anyone else despite staying in there for more than half a day.

He did, however, meet with quite a few demonic beasts.

It was evident that there were more demonic beasts in the Sky Martial Realm than there were people in the Lingwu Family.

“The Sky Martial Realm really is a little Cosmos World used to raise demonic beasts. The Heavenly Spirit Qi in the air here is mixed with some Demonic Qi, which is very suitable for demonic beasts to grow and mature in. The Lingwu Family truly is rather lucky to be able to find a place like this.”

Seeing there was nobody around, Lingxi stayed on Long Chen's shoulders.

"I guess the Lingwu Family was established by relying on this Sky Martial Realm. Didn't you say this was a small-scaled ruin?"

"That's correct, but too much time has passed and everything here has been excavated."

"What a bunch of idiots. They should have left a few things behind for me..."

"I'm going inside. There's someone in front."

Lingxi was about to speak, but suddenly exclaimed and disappeared into the Lingxi Sword. Long Chen quickly became vigilant and raised his head while taking a few steps and going through the forest. He suddenly saw a group of people gathered together, and they seemed to be roasting meat.

With Long Chen's appearance, they all turned back to glance at him. These youngsters were actually around fourteen to fifteen years of age, but there were two who were already at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm.

Amongst these young men and women, there was a sloppy looking man who was drinking. He seemed to be almost thirty years old, and though he looked this way, it was evident that he was an expert.

"Another expert who just entered the Earth Dan Realm."

Yan Chixue, Uncle Yan from just now and this slipshod man had about the same level of strength.

"Little brother, are you in the mood for some drinks?"

Seeing that Long Chen was alone, his eyes brightened and he beckoned to Long Chen.

This was the first time Long Chen had met anyone so cordial in the Lingwu Family. Though his smile looked slightly nauseating, it was definitely from the bottom of his heart. Long Chen went over and laughed, "Of course I'm in the mood for drinks, but are you going to give me the good stuff?"

"Don't give me that rubbish, everything that I, Ma Tianyang drink, is the good stuff. Quick, take a seat, and eat and drink something. These little kids are eating the meat, but none of them can drink with me. It's terrible!"

Ma Tianyang did not hesitate and pulled Long Chen down beside him. He then grabbed a bit of meat that a youngster had just roasted and passed it to Long Chen, giving him a pot of wine and then exclaiming brightly, "Kid, are you going to give me face?"

"Of course! Since you're a few years older than me, I, Long Chen, shall call you Brother Ma!"

After taking the good wine, Long Chen finished it with relish and showed the shining bottom of the pot to Ma Tianyang.

"Good, good! I've finally found a little guy that suits my tastes!"

Ma Tianyang became increasingly satisfied the more he looked at Long Chen.

The youngsters he was leading all wore beautiful garments, and every movement was graceful. Not to mention drinking, they even ate so slowly that Ma Tianyang was getting anxious.

At this moment, all of these youngsters stared at Long Chen coldly, especially the one who had had his meat stolen. His expression displayed his fury and he wanted to act upon his desires, but did not dare do so.

"Don't bother with these brats. They're all little geniuses and very arrogant. Come, Long Chen. Let us go somewhere else to drink heartily and have a great talk!"

Ma Tianyang ignored the unhappy looks from those youngsters and pulled Long Chen deep into the forest, finding a thick branch. They then sat facing each other and began to chat.

“I wonder which faction Brother Ma is from, and why are you bringing these young men and women into the Sky Martial Realm?”

Brother Ma smiled helplessly, “Well, I’m just an errand boy in the Gold Faction, and I’ve been given the task by the great elder to bring these little geniuses at the Human Dan Realm to see some level 4 profound grade demonic beasts. To be honest, this is really a very boring task. All of them are uncommunicative and always suspicious of each other. They’re great at competing with each other, but when it comes to drinking, all of them are useless!”

So that’s what was happening. Long Chen ran his eyes over the youngsters who were quietly having their meal, and somewhat understood Ma Tianyang’s feelings. Ma Tianyang was an irritable and very direct man, and what he could not stand the most were people like these. It really was difficult for him to have to stay with these youngsters, which was why it seemed he really regretted not having met Long Chen earlier.

“I come from the Green Faction, and the reason why I’m in the Sky Martial Realm is also to take a look at a few level 4 profound grade demonic beasts.”

Long Chen drank and silently praised the flavour of this wine, and then spoke.

“This is high quality Monkey Wine. It took me a lot of effort to get it, so take it easy.” He first took care of his own wine before looking Long Chen up and down, “Kid, you’re not half bad. You’re young, and yet you’ve already reached this level, and you’re even much stronger than those youngsters. Others might think you’re looking to die by coming in here alone and even heading towards the Earth Dan region, but I think you have guts. You’re a real man!”

Ma Tianyang was a very honest man, and Long Chen found him very likeable.

“This meat was roasted well.”

“It’s because that kid roasted it well that I dared give it to you. It looks like he wants to teach you a lesson though.”

Ma Tianyang glanced in the direction of the kids and laughed indifferently.

“My task this time is really very boring. Long Chen, if you really want to meet level 4 profound grade demonic beasts, how about you come with me?”

Long Chen initially wanted to reject Ma Tianyang’s kind invitation, but it was fate that he had met someone he truly liked, so he nodded, “How can I reject Brother Ma’s invitation? Besides, I haven’t had enough of Brother Ma’s wine yet.”

Ma Tianyang patted Long Chen’s shoulder roughly, “You really suit my tastes. If there’s anything in the future, just find me in the Gold Faction. I’ll make sure you get everything you need!”

The two chatted for awhile more, and by then, the youngsters were done with their meal. Ma Tianyang brought Long Chen back, packed up, and they then set off together.

Those youngsters all glared at Long Chen, and the person whose meat had been stolen exclaimed unhappily, “Mentor Ma, is he coming with us?”

“Yes, he’s an amazing guy called Long Chen. Get along with him!” Ma Tianyang grinned.

“But Mentor Ma, isn’t this experience meant for just us four-starred geniuses of the Gold Faction? Why is someone who has nothing to do with this here?”

“Exactly, I don’t want anyone from another faction here to pull us down. Kid, which outer faction are you from?”

Ma Tianyang looked at Long Chen, feeling a little awkward at how Long Chen was being interrogated, but he merely laughed, “I’m from the Green Faction. Any problems with that?”

“Green Faction?”

That youngster sneered, "In the nine great outer factions, the Green Faction is ranked second from last. How can it be compared with our Gold Faction, which is first?"

This youngster's obvious taunt really made Ma Tianyang feel humiliated. At first, he was full of smiles, but in the next second, his expression turned cold, and a powerful aura exploded forth. This caused everyone to get caught in a daze, not daring to move.

"The great elder has already said that I will be the one leading you. If you have any objections, tell the great elder. If you give me this rubbish now, I'm not going to show mercy."

Startled by Ma Tianyang, they did not dare speak in their embarrassment, but their gazes towards Long Chen were filled with poison.

The group of them continued their journey.

"Long Chen, you won't be so petty as to bother with them, will you?"

"Of course not."

Long Chen laughed, not minding at all. Long Chen and Ma Tianyang walked at the front, and on the way, Long Chen suddenly asked, "Brother Ma, in the nine great outer factions, is there such a thing as ranking?"

"Only idiots would care about that blasted thing. As long as we're part of the outer faction, we all need to answer to the orders of the inner factions. Is there a point in a short person and a dwarf comparing heights?" Ma Tianyang asked matter-of-factly.

"In the nine outer factions, the Gold and Silver Factions are probably a little stronger, but it's not to the point that their strength is that exceptional."

Long Chen understood a little better.

“By the way, your potential rating should be around four stars, right? Did you sign up for the inner faction selection that’s coming up?”

Ma Tianyang began to talk about the contest, and Long Chen nodded, “The elder of my hall has already put up my name, and I’m on the waiting list.”

Ma Tianyang’s eyes brightened, “Not bad, kid! To be able to get the recommendation of the elder, you must be the top genius in one of the halls in the Green Faction!”

Long Chen laughed but did not deny this.

“I heard that in this struggle to enter the inner faction, there’s someone called Chu Yunxi in the Green Faction who’s already got a place. There’s also a genius like that in the Gold Faction, as well as tens of people on the waiting list.”

“Tens of people? That’s quite scary. Oh right, how strong is that genius you spoke of?”

“Him? He’s quite something. Since young, he’s always been famous and has been nicknamed the little prince of the Gold Faction. He’s eighteen and already a cultivator at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm, and is much stronger than me. He’s known as the second genius of the outer faction.”

“Second?” Long Chen was stunned, “Then who’s the first?”

“The first?”

Ma Tianyang’s expression darkened, and he spoke in a low voice, “The first, ah, he’s a legend. His name is Mo Xiaolang...”

Chapter 135 – Five Great Divine Weapons

At this name, Long Chen’s heart faltered and his expression changed.

“What’s wrong?”

Ma Tianyang was bewildered at the change in Long Chen.

When Long Chen had asked Gan Lin about Mo Xiaolang, Gan Lin had been unwilling to give him information. Now, he had finally heard something about Mo Xiaolang from Ma Tianyang.

“Brother Ma, do you treat me, Long Chen, as a brother?”

He raised his head, eyes shining as he looked at Ma Tianyang.

Seeing Long Chen suddenly so serious, Ma Tianyang’s expression turned sober as he nodded, “Though it hasn’t been long since we met, I like your personality, so you can be considered half a brother of mine. If we experience a battle where we fight together and undergo a life and death experience, we will truly be brothers.”

“Half a brother is enough. Honestly speaking, it’s been less than a month since I entered the Lingwu Family. I would like to know more about Mo Xiaolang. Please tell me more!”

Ma Tianyang was startled and turned back to look at the elites of the Gold Faction, and then told Long Chen gravely, “The faction has orders for us not to spread more information about him. If you really want to know, though, I’m willing to take this risk. It’s nothing much, but first, you’ll need to tell me your relationship with him.”

They didn’t have much of a close relationship. Long Chen was basically grateful towards Mo Xiaolang, and he told Ma Tianyang everything.

Ma Tianyang nodded. Since Long Chen was concerned over Mo Xiaolang due to his gratitude towards him, it was evident that Long Chen was one to place importance on these ties and spoke in a low voice, “Just don’t spread whatever I say. Mo Xiaolang’s aptitude is really up there. Even the geniuses of the inner faction would be envious of him. At fourteen, he was already at the initial mastery stage at the Heaven Dan Realm. Isn’t that terrifying?”

Fourteen years old, and already at the initial mastery stage at the Heaven Dan Realm?

This basically meant that he was even stronger than old monsters like Liu Yuan, and was near the strength of the nine great elders of the outer factions. In Poplar Town, Long Chen was seen to be a monster, but in the Lingwu Family, Mo Xiaolang was the devil.

“When he was ten, Mo Xiaolang entered the Silver Faction and his cultivation improved by leaps and bounds, resulting in a commotion over him. If not for his own persistence, he would long since have entered the inner faction, instead of his landing himself in his current state.”

Long Chen was puzzled. If Mo Xiaolang had such an aptitude, why had he not entered the inner faction?

“Why didn’t he enter the inner faction?”

Ma Tianyang shook his head, “I don’t know either. Do you know about the five great divine weapons of our Lingwu Family?”

“Divine weapons?”

Long Chen had never heard of it before.

“Of the five great divine weapons, four have been distributed to the four great inner factions. They are the Azure Dragon’s Battle Halberd, Vermillion Bird’s Devil Crest, White Tiger Sacred Sword and the Black Tortoise Deity Hatchet. The last is shared among the nine great outer factions and is named the Sky Wolf Phantom Blade. I think Mo Xiaolang might have wanted this blade, which was why he decided to stay in the outer faction. He did acquire it, and what is more terrifying is that not only did he gain the acknowledgement from the Sky Wolf Phantom Blade, he also trained in the ‘Ways of the Sky Wolf Phantom’, and can thus control it!”

Long Chen knew nothing about these five great divine weapons, but what he was most concerned about was Mo Xiaolang’s whereabouts.

“Brother Ma, what happened to him after that?”

Ma Tianyang shook his head and sighed, "About this... I heard he killed a few experts in the inner faction and even some young geniuses. He's been locked in the Infernal Celestial Jails."

"What?"

Long Chen was stunned. He had assumed that Mo Xiaolang had fled after that, but he had been taken prisoner. He was grateful towards Mo Xiaolang, and at the thought that he was in this state, Long Chen did not feel good about this.

"How did this happen?"

"I don't know, but that's what I heard. I don't think they made public who died, but he can only blame himself for not entering the inner faction. Isn't it out of the norm for someone of the outer faction to kill the higher levels in the inner faction?"

At the thought of Mo Xiaolang, Ma Tianyang sounded a little regretful.

"Brother Ma, where is the Infernal Celestial Jail?"

Long Chen calmed himself and asked.

Ma Tianyang turned back and said grimly, "The Infernal Celestial Jail is where our Lingwu Family locks up all sorts of criminals. It's incomparably dangerous, and is located right in the centre of the Sky Martial Realm. There are high levelled profound great demonic beasts guarding, so it's best if you give up all thoughts of saving him. Though your aptitude is quite something, it'll be hard for you to pass through the Earth Dan region, much less the Heaven Dan region and the Infernal Celestial Jail."

"It's deep inside the Heaven Dan region?"

Long Chen hung his head, crestfallen.

Patting Long Chen's shoulder, Ma Tianyang sighed ruefully, "There is much to the Lingwu Family. The two of us are like two little ants in the eyes of this great family. If you want to do anything to make others acknowledge you, you should wait till you become a lion."

Hearing Ma Tianyang's words, Long Chen then decided to suppress thoughts of rescuing Mo Xiaolang deep within his heart.

Having discussed Mo Xiaolang, Long Chen felt even more solemn, and Ma Tianyang did not bother him. Instead, he slowed his footsteps and spoke to the youngsters who were gesturing at the two of them, "Little rabbits, we're almost at the Earth Dan region. When we're there, you need to focus 100%. If anyone dies, I'm not going to be responsible for you!"

Upon hearing that they were almost at the Earth Dan region, all of them shivered in fear and looked around worriedly. In order to protect them, Ma Tianyang joined them, together with Long Chen.

Seeing Long Chen settled here, one of the youngsters muttered, "Cramming yourself here so that we can protect you? How naive."

Long Chen merely dismissed this with a laugh.

"Stay with them. I'll probably be fighting in a while and I can't take care of you. Just don't run all over the place."

Ma Tianyang arranged for Long Chen to be there.

However, the moment Long Chen went closer, these young people quickly avoided him and formed a group, staring at Long Chen hostilely, as if he had a strange smell on him.

"Damn it, those little bastards!"

Ma Tianyang was about to get cross, but Long Chen stopped him, "Brother Ma, it's fine. Don't worry. I promise I'll be safe even if they aren't around."

Only then did Ma Tianyang nod. In his eyes, for Long Chen to obtain a recommendation from an elder, he had to be stronger than these little elites.

“What a coward. He only knows how to fawn on others.”

“He’s been sweet-talking Mentor Ma. What if he’s planning to get his hands on the beast spirit and demonic core? We can’t let him have his way!”

Long Chen could not be bothered with them and strolled to the back.

If not for Ma Tianyang, he wouldn’t even want to walk with them.

He had heard about news regarding Mo Xiaolang from Ma Tianyang, which meant he had made the right choice.

“If the information they gave me is right, there’s a level 4 profound grade Giant Demonic Vicious Bear in a cave not far away. This guy is quite violent and very powerful. Even cultivators who’ve just entered the Earth Dan Realm would find it hard to deal with, excluding me.”

At the name ‘Giant Demonic Vicious Bear’, the youngsters all quivered in fear, and one spoke, “Mentor Ma, is our training with this Giant Demonic Vicious Bear?”

Ma Tianyang impatiently turned back, “Kid, you’ve asked this more than ten times already. Are you afraid? If you are, get lost. You’re only watching the battle, and I’m not even getting you to do anything. What are you so scared of?”

Only then did this child duck his head, not daring to speak.

“The information says that there is a Giant Demonic Vicious Bear there, which is why I was asked to lead them. I’m a speed-type Earth Dan Realm cultivator, and I’ve killed three of these bears. In other words, I am somewhat experienced. These little kids are all treasures of the faction, so I hope nothing goes wrong!”

Ma Tianyang arranged for them to be in a hidden area from which they could view the battle. He gave Long Chen a meaningful glance, and then elegantly walked towards the cave.

This was a secluded, peaceful mountain stream, with a bluish green natural pond opposite it. Beside it was a cave full of moss, but it was evident there were signs of the moss being stepped over. The rocks that were nearby also had giant claw marks, which sent a chill down the spine.

“Look at how high the cave is. Looks like this Giant Demonic Vicious Bear is really huge...”

Long Chen estimated.

Walking into the nest of the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear, Ma Tianyang’s expression was grim as he picked up a rock and threw it into the cave with a whooshing sound.

“Stupid little bear, come out!”

The deafening cry of Ma Tianyang travelled into the cave, along with the rock. Right after, the snarl of a bear sounded in the cave, causing the cave to tremor!

“What?”

Ma Tianyang, as well as Long Chen and the others, turned pale. What they heard were two different tones!

“There are two demonic beasts? To be able to stay in the same cave as the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear, it must also be a level 4 profound grade creature!”

At this thought, Ma Tianyang’s expression changed. Even he had not foreseen this.

He only had some time to tell everyone ‘run’, when two demonic beasts able to cover the skies pounced out, causing the earth to quake.

Long Chen raised his head and saw a giant bear that was already four metres tall while only on all fours, trembling with fear.

The two demonic beasts that had appeared were both Giant Demonic Vicious Bears. They had pitch-black fur all over, with thick and solid flesh that were like metal. Their teeth were like steel drills, eyes revealing their thirst for blood.

The two bears were roaring, and it was evident that Ma Tianyang had infuriated them. Those roars were so loud that they caused a girl to start crying in fear.

Seeing how furious these two bears were, Long Chen was slightly annoyed and looked towards their crotches. Then, all was clear.

“I was wondering why a single Giant Demonic Vicious Beast turned into two. So one of them found a lover and was trying its best to reproduce, but Brother Ma interrupted them. The result... is rather obvious...”

Chapter 136 – Giant Demonic Vicious Bear

Life often played tricks like this. The information given by the Lingwu Family had stated there would only be one Giant Demonic Vicious Bear here, but suddenly, the bear had lost its single status and was trying its best to create more young. This time, Ma Tianyang was in trouble.

Amongst level 4 profound grade demonic beasts, the Giant Demonic Vicious Beast was an elite existence in terms of strength and offensive power.

Ma Tianyang trained in a profound middle grade technique and could skilfully take care of one bear. Two, however, were more than he could handle.

There was one male and one female bear who had just charged out from the cave, pouncing towards Ma Tianyang. Ma Tianyang only had the chance to get the rest to escape first, before the bears had reached him. The bear's arm that was even thicker than his body grabbed towards his waist.

If he was caught, Ma Tianyang's slender waist would definitely be sliced into two.

Ma Tianyang got the youngsters of the Gold Faction to leave first. As long as they left, these Giant Demonic Vicious Bears would definitely not be able to catch him, and he would be able to flee. However, the issue was that these youngsters' hearts were far too weak.

The Giant Demonic Vicious Bears looked much too terrifying, which was why when they heard Ma Tianyang's flustered voice, most of them were intimidated. One of the girls cried, while the others began to quiver, their legs shaking. There were few who left obediently.

With such a loud sound coming from their side, how could the bears not have noticed with their hearing abilities?

This was their territory, and with the interruption, their wrath could not be calmed by anything other than Ma Tianyang being smashed into meat patty.

Noticing there were still people who were frail and weak around, one of them huffed roughly, and with a great roar, darted in Long Chen's direction. In the blink of an eye, it had appeared before everyone.

"No!"

Ma Tianyang yelled, breaking away from his opponent and, with his greatest speed, chased that bear.

However, as he had been held back for that short moment, he was too late. Even if he hurried there, all that would be left were corpses.

With the strength of this bear, it would be impossible for the youngsters to even survive one strike from it.

Knowing they could not escape, Ma Tianyang's eyes widened and he yelled, "Don't flee, attack!"

As long as somebody stepped up to block that attack, Ma Tianyang would be able to get there in time.

Though Ma Tianyang was not exactly fond of these guys, they had statuses. Since young, they had grown in the outer faction of the Lingwu Family, and their parents were enforcers or even higher-ranking members in the family. If they were to die, not only the Gold Faction would lose value, but Ma Tianyang would also die.

As long as that one attack could be blocked, Ma Tianyang could get there in time. However, what made him speechless was that all the youngsters at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm who had the ability to block the attack had escaped far away in terror. All that was left were the weakest amongst them.

With just a palm strike, these guys would be flattened!

At the thought of this scene, Ma Tianyang's heart went cold. Squeezing out all his potential, he tried to increase his speed further.

Seeing the figure of a bear reaching them from above, the thick smell of blood already in their nostrils, the little geniuses were on the verge of crying. They kept trembling and collapsed to the ground, and it was impossible for them to attack anyone.

"I'm doomed, I'm doomed..."

Ma Tianyang had lost all hope.

At the moment everyone had given up, a human figure suddenly collided with the body of the bear, and caused it to take several steps back. The human figure, too, retreated tens of metres before he could steady himself.

"Long Chen!"

Seeing that Long Chen had blocked the bear, Ma Tianyang, who had despaired, was now pleasantly surprised. He had forgotten about Long Chen, but unexpectedly enough, it was Long Chen who had come out at the last second and saved those guys.

“How is he unhurt?”

Though Long Chen had some dust and grime on his face, everyone could tell that he was unharmed, and could be said to be in perfect condition.

However, Long Chen was cursing inside.

“That lousy bastard. Since I haven’t undergone Dragon Soul Transformation, I really am not a match for it. Using the Seal of the High Profound Dragon, it was pushed just a few steps back.”

Those few steps of the bear amounted to ten or so metres. Now, Ma Tianyang could finally stand in front of Long Chen, blocking everyone from the two bears.

Those few guys had originally been prepared for their deaths, but at the last second, they could only gape at how Long Chen had rescued them. Recalling how they had scorned and taunted him before, a flush rose onto their faces.

With Ma Tianyang and Long Chen shielding them, they finally fled after recovering from their fear, meeting up with the rest who had already escaped.

“What’s going on? Weren’t you about to be killed?”

The people who had first escaped had not seen Long Chen’s act.

“It’s that guy from the Green Faction who rescued us...”

“That’s impossible. He’s only at the Human Dan Realm. How can he contend with a level 4 profound grade Giant Demonic Vicious Bear?”

“I think I saw it too, but I think that bear isn’t strong at all. Brother Bei, Brother Dong, you’re all cultivators at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm. You can go take care of it as well. Don’t let that kid from the Green Faction take all the limelight!”

Hearing one of the girls say this, two young men who were slightly taller were filled with heroism. However, turning and seeing the frightful body of the bear, all that spirit was drained from them as they waved their arms, “That kid’s too eager to show off. Let’s leave this chance to him. The Gold Faction is a great faction, and should thus maintain the generosity that all great factions should possess.”

“Wow, Brother Dong makes so much sense!”

A few of them immediately began to flatter him, completely unaware of how pitiful they had looked while fleeing just moments before.

On the other hand, Ma Tianyang had finally pinned down the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear. Though he was shocked at Long Chen’s strength, it was still impossible to take care of two of these bears.

He then exclaimed, “Long Chen, help me bring those brats back to the Human Dan region. I’ll shake off these two beasts and then meet you guys.”

He had expected Long Chen obediently leave, but Long Chen stayed where he was and hurriedly spoke, “Brother Ma, aren’t we here to see level 4 profound grade demonic beasts? Your Giant Demonic Vicious Beast seems to be able to give a good price.”

Long Chen, who had initially been reliable, suddenly said something so ridiculous that Ma Tianyang was stunned. At this moment, the bear’s attack approached once more.

“Quick, Long Chen! I can’t hold on for much longer!”

However, what he now saw were dense crimson scales and sharp bone spurs emerging from Long Chen’s body. In a second, Long Chen’s body was covered and he looked completely different.

This appearance was extremely stylish.

“You’re a beast cultivator?” Ma Tianyang was amazed.

“Let’s have a competition and see who takes care of their opponent faster. How’s that?”

Long Chen quirked his lips in a grin.

Ma Tianyang was confused.

Upon seeing Long Chen’s cool equipment, these youngsters were all stunned. One of the girl’s eyes became starry-eyed as she supported her chin with her palm, “How cool...”

“What cool? Those scales can withstand at most one pat from the bear before it shatters.”

The young man called Brother Bei spoke confidently.

“He’s a beast cultivator, which means he wasn’t at his peak condition just now. Brother Bei, do you think he’s stronger than you?”

Brother Bei pondered over it for a while and then shook his head, “Though he’s extraordinary and can be considered a great genius in the Lingwu Family, he’s still weaker than me.”

At this moment, Long Chen and Ma Tianyang were already engaged in battle.

When Long Chen had said that, Ma Tianyang did not have the time to react before Long Chen charged forward, slamming head-on into a Giant Demonic Vicious Bear.

“Seal of the High Profound Dragon!”

A crimson dragon crashed into the thick arm of a bear that was pouncing over. The two forces collided, and the bear let out a long roar and withdrew. There were already traces of the Seal of the High Profound Dragon on its arm.

“Is it even more furious now?”

Long Chen snickered and displayed his Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step, quickly circling to the bear’s back. Meanwhile, the boundless demonic force from its body exploded out. Just its offensive power was much more formidable than the average cultivator who had just entered the Earth Dan Realm.

This bear was led away by Long Chen just like this.

“Trained in Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step? Looks like he can contend with that bear for a while more. I need to take advantage of this and take care of this bear as quickly as I can, and then aid him!”

Having made his mind, Ma Tianyang then fought with the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear!

Seeing these two battles, many of the young men and women widened their eyes. This was indeed what they had planned to see, though there was one more Long Chen and one more bear.

“Why do I feel like the kid from the Green Faction has a more entertaining fight?” The females murmured.

Though they had no idea how long Long Chen could hold on for, they now no longer looked down on him. Instead, they were filled with gratitude. If not for him, a few of them would have died just now.

However, at the thought of how they had teased Long Chen, it felt like they were slapping themselves as they watched him.

Long Chen was very skilled at dealing with the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear.

“The physical body of this bear is extraordinary. I have the Thunder Flame Physique as well, so it’s just as well that I can fight it out with you to compare who’s stronger!”

Chapter 137 – This Beast is Crazy

On Long Chen’s body, crimson electricity flashed. Upon closer inspection, crimson flames could be seen on the surface.

After fusing with the Thunder Flame Crystals, the force from the lightning and flames constantly tempered his body, and had even fused with his real Qi.

After taking in 25 crystals, Long Chen’s body had become extremely durable. Even when compared with medium profound-grade constitution techniques, his body would still be considered amazing.

With this powerful Thunder Flame Physique, Long Chen began an astounding battle against the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear.

At Ma Tianyang’s side, he used exquisite footsteps to evade the bear, before finding opportunities to attack. However, it was different with Long Chen. He used his entire body and, with brute force, battled it out with the bear.

If anyone heard Long Chen was attacking a Giant Demonic Vicious Bear with brute force, they would think he was crazy. However, whether Ma Tianyang or anyone else present, they all knew he was not crazy, as he was not on the losing end. Instead, the bear roared miserably and with anguish, causing the surrounding trees to shake.

The two youngsters who had been bragging now did not dare speak.

Long Chen’s battle was really quite terrifying. If either of them were in his position, they would be smashed into meat patty in a few seconds.

“Good luck!”

A few girls prayed. Long Chen’s placing in their hearts was constantly rising. He now seemed not much weaker than Ma Tianyang, and even seemed to be more relaxed.

Ma Tianyang found a chance to glance at Long Chen and was astonished.

“I really am too unfortunate to have met with two Giant Demonic Vicious Bears, but I managed to have the fortune of making friends with Long Chen. In general, my good luck outweighed the bad, and so I’ve made a profit here!”

He had initially been very tense, but could now relax and focus on his opponent.

“This is really an interesting fight, but I can’t lose to Brother Ma.”

After battling with the bear for a while till it was full of injuries, Long Chen began to lose interest.

All of a sudden, he drew back. The bear had the impression he was going to escape and immediately snarled. Unexpectedly, the moment Long Chen took several steps back, the real Qi in his body began to emerge with a rumble. He shouted, aimed his fist forward, and the world began to shake!

“Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, Piercing Earth Demonic Sun!”

This image of a fist was like a black sun, striking the body of the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear and causing it to howl while its body sent flying. It began to fall in the direction of where the youngsters were.

Fresh blood sprayed all over.

The youngsters shrieked and immediately dispersed, before the bear landed on the ground with a thud.

When everyone looked over in fright, they realised there was a huge hole in its stomach. All its organs had been destroyed under Long Chen's attack, and the originally terrifying Giant Demonic Vicious Bear was now dead.

Long Chen rushed over and, with a wave of his arms, kept the corpse in his cosmos pouch, looking elegant while going about this. The youngsters stared at him in a daze, unsure of what to do.

"What? You want to steal my spoils of battle?" Long Chen fiercely questioned.

"Of course not, of course not..."

They quickly took several steps back, their footsteps uneven in their fear. Even Brother Bei and Brother Dong who had been bragging could only wish for a place to hide, after realising Long Chen was several times stronger than they were.

"That's better."

Long Chen smiled slightly and then headed towards Ma Tianyang's battle.

Ma Tianyang and the other Giant Demonic Vicious Bear had seen Long Chen's victory, and Ma Tianyang in shock. The bear, on the other hand, noticed the carcass of the female that had just been under him, and broke out in furious howls as the body was kept.

"That beast has gone crazy."

Ma Tianyang knew this was his chance.

"Brother Ma, I won this bet. Bring out whatever good wine you have and don't hide it, or else I'll look down on you."

While Ma Tianyang was battling, Long Chen teased him from a distance away.

Ma Tianyang instantly forced a smile in answer. Previously, Long Chen was younger than him, and he could thus reject his requests. However, Long Chen and he were now more familiar with each other, and with Long Chen's strength, they were at a similar level. Ma Tianyang knew that all of his precious treasures would probably be taken by Long Chen.

He could only vent his annoyance on the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear.

Ma Tianyang was proficient at speed and sneak attacks. He was naturally the nemesis of these bears, and it was rather effortless for him to deal with one Giant Demonic Vicious Bear. Besides, it has lost its will to fight, and moments later, all that was left under Ma Tianyang's feet was a carcass.

"Damn this guy. Why did you choose now of all times to get a girl? You almost cost me my life!"

He kicked at the bear a few times and was prepared to keep the body. Like Long Chen, he was about to place it in his cosmos pouch, but Long Chen suddenly asked.

"Brother Ma, besides its beast spirit and demonic core, do you have a need for anything else?"

"No. The flesh, muscles, bones and fur aren't worth much." Ma Tianyang answered.

"Then give them to me. I have a use for them."

Ma Tianyang nodded. Though he had no idea what Long Chen needed them for, he did not ask and instead, extracted the beast spirit and retrieved the core. Long Chen then kept the body.

"The body of the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear has more blood than the Heart Corrosive demonic beast. Two demonic beasts at the fourth level of the profound grade should be enough for me to advance."

The higher the realm, the more real Qi required. Long Chen was now only at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, but to break through to the Earth Dan Realm, level four profound grade demonic beasts were insufficient. Two of these vicious bears could probably only fill his stomach.

“I wonder how powerful the beasts have to be when I reach the Heaven Dan realm or even beyond that...”

Ma Tianyang and Long Chen each took care of a demonic beast. Only then did the youngsters dare approach them, not daring to look Long Chen right in the eye. At most, they would glance at him and immediately turn away, feeling awkward.

“After this dangerous experience, it’s good for you all to make some friends. Come on, this is your Brother Long. Try saying his name.”

Ma Tianyang was not an idiot. How could he not have noticed their disdain for Long Chen? Now, Long Chen had basically slapped them hard, and he could use this opportunity to make a dig at them.

“If I don’t give it to them, they will always think too highly of themselves.” Ma Tianyang thought to himself.

Though they were unwilling, they could only call ‘Brother Long’ a few times under Ma Tianyang’s instructions. It was the first time Long Chen was being called like this, and he felt rather superior.

Having taken care of the bears, this experience was over. Ma Tianyang was prepared to return, and Long Chen nodded in agreement. He suddenly looked into the distance and spoke, “You’re being so suspicious there. Aren’t you going to come out?”

Ma Tianyang and the rest were stunned, unsure of what Long Chen was talking about. However, when they realised there were two people walking over from a hill, they realised there had been people watching them.

These people were Liu Ling and Uncle Yan.

While Long Chen had been fighting with the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear, it had caused a huge ruckus. The two of them had been nearby and rushed over, right in time to see Long Chen making quick work of a bear.

Liu Ling had originally planned for Uncle Yan to teach Long Chen a lesson, or even kill him in the Sky Martial Realm. However, that scene was like a huge tide that gave her a huge blow.

On the way there, Uncle Yan could only say, "Ling'er, Long Chen could deal with that bear with such ease. I doubt I am a match for him."

For even Uncle Yan to say this, Liu Ling felt powerless towards Long Chen. However, at the thought that Feng Wutian was at the Earth Dan Realm and in the inner faction, she regained her confidence.

"Uncle Yan may not be able to win against you, but Brother Feng Wutian will definitely beat you up. The moment I leave the Sky Martial Realm today, I'll go look for him!"

When Long Chen shouted for them, that was what Liu Ling was thinking inside.

"What were your plans when you spied on us? Do you want to steal our gains?" Long Chen scolded her without hesitation.

"It's just a level four profound grade demonic beast. Why would I need that?"

Upon noticing Long Chen's intense gaze, she felt extremely uncomfortable.

"Then what would you need? My Brother Ma? Brother Ma is so handsome and wouldn't even want to see an ugly person like you. You'd better give up. Brother Ma, let us go, or else this ugly person here will start pestering you!"

Long Chen sneered, pulling at Ma Tianyang and immediately leaving.

The youngsters noticed Liu Ling, who was on the verge of exploding from her anger, and left after looking at each other.

"Long Chen, you're the ugly one! I wish you a painful death!"

Liu Ling was so enraged that she felt the urge to cry. This was the first time she was feeling so wronged.

“Uncle Yan, I want to look for Brother Wutian. We must find him!”

On the other end, Long Chen walked a distance before Ma Tianyang patted his head, half-joking as he scolded, “Kid, you can pick up girls however you like, but don’t drag your Brother Ma into this and humiliate me!”

“Bah, I wasn’t picking her up. You wouldn’t understand anyway. Let’s go drink some alcohol!”

“What did you say? I know much more about women than you do. Have you heard the phrase that fighting is a way to show love? Isn’t whatever you have with her love?”

Long Chen laughed but did not deny this.

The person he was fighting and having fun with, was Lingxi.

Chapter 138 – Spirit Grass

After bidding Ma Tianyang farewell, Long Chen headed towards the Treasure Exchange Pavilion.

“Hey, are you sure you don’t want that Enchanted Purple Dragon’s beast spirit? It can exchange for a lot of deity jades!” Lingxi was conflicted.

“Come on, you’ve asked that so many times. I’m going to first get the Spirit Grass. Besides, with my level of strength, getting 500 contribution points shouldn’t be that difficult.”

Only then did Lingxi pout and back down.

She knew that Long Chen was someone who was insecure. He was worried that something might happen to Lingxi, which was why he wanted to ensure she was safe before he could focus on doing other things.

This was very touching to her.

After entering the Treasure Exchange Pavilion, Long Chen found that beautiful girl from before.

“Little brother, why are you here again? Are you going to buy the Spirit Recovery Fruit?”

She had a very deep impression of this young man who only wanted Spirit Recovery Fruits.

“Would you believe me if I told you that I want the Spirit Grass this time?”

“You already have 300 contribution points?” The girl gaped, shocked.

“No.” Long Chen spoke confidently.

“You brat!” She giggled and waved her arms, “Stop joking with your sister. If there’s anything you need, tell me.”

“Wait, I did say I don’t have it now, but I’ll have it soon enough.”

Long Chen immediately ran away smugly, and the beautiful woman shook her head, “That guy seems to have a lot of secrets...”

Upon reaching the area collecting beast spirits and demonic cores, Long Chen handed over those of the Giant Demonic Vicious Bear.

“Level 4, profound grade Giant Demonic Vicious Bear?” The person inside was slightly surprised and looked up at Long Chen.

“Who gave you this?”

“I found it in the Sky Martial Realm.” Long Chen laughed and exclaimed.

If this was so easily picked up, then everyone would be striking the jackpot. The person did not believe him so easily.

If Long Chen was unwilling to answer, he did not ask further. He took the beast spirit and demonic core, “Based on the price list, you should get 400 contribution points. Give me your identity jade.”

Long Chen handed his identity jade over, and in a while, the number of contribution points changed to 641.

“Buying a Spirit Grass will cost me 300 contribution points and leave me with 341. It’s definitely not enough for me to exchange for the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon.”

Long Chen was a little gloomy. He knew that if he really wanted the beast spirit of the Purple Enchanted Dragon, he would need to enter the Sky Martial Realm once more. This trip was actually very smooth-sailing, where he obtained 400 contribution points, befriended someone like Ma Tianyang and gained information regarding Mo Xiaolang.

After returning to the region selling spirit medicine, Long Chen showed his identity jade to the beautiful woman, and she was stunned.

“641 contribution points? What did you sell?”

“The demonic core and beast spirit of the Giant Demonic Vicious Beast. Do you believe me?” Long Chen laughed.

“The Giant Demonic Vicious Beast? That’s a level 4 profound grade demonic beast! How would I believe you? I think you must have killed quite a few level 3 profound grade demonic beasts in the Sky Martial Realm, yes?”

“Ha, you actually got it right! I would like a Spirit Grass. Could you get it for me?”

The beautiful woman’s eyes that were like peaches glanced at Long Chen softly and chuckled as she nodded.

“You must have killed at least ten or so level 3 profound grade demonic beasts. You’re quite tough, and based on this alone, your sister here would have to help you.”

“Thank you, sister!”

Long Chen was now becoming increasingly likeable. She took Long Chen’s identity jade and went up to the second floor.

“I still don’t know sister’s name...?”

“Hm? My name is Qingya. You can just call me Sister Ya.”

To be able to enter the second level of the Treasure Exchange Pavilion, one had to be at least at the Earth Dan Realm.

After a while, she came downstairs and placed the identity jade, as well as a box, in Long Chen’s hands. “This is the Spirit Grass. You’d better use it with care and not waste it.”

“I promise I’ll eat every bit of it.”

Long Chen was overjoyed and carefully kept the Spirit Grass. From within the Lingxi Sword, Lingxi felt the presence of the Spirit Grass and was immediately stirred up.

“Little guy, you can’t eat the Spirit Grass. You have to refine it.”

Long Chen nodded, “Thank you, Sister Ya. Once I have enough contribution points, I’ll come over again. Goodbye!”

He then hastily left. Watching his back, Qingya couldn’t help but laugh, “I heard that this guy even signed up for the inner faction selection, but he hasn’t reached the Earth Dan Realm yet. Looks like he doesn’t stand a chance.”

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Having returned to his residence, Long Chen closed the door.

“Quick, quick, the Spirit Grass!”

Lingxi was very impatient. The moment his foot went through the door, she came out from the sword and fluttered around Long Chen.

After they went to the basement, Long Chen produced the box with the Spirit Grass from within his cosmos pouch. As he opened it, what he saw was a little grass that was like white jade that gave off a very refreshing scent. Just a sniff of it made Long Chen feel intoxicated.

“A medium profound-grade medicine is truly extraordinary. Compared to the Initial Returning Fruit, this Spirit Grass is several times more expensive.”

The Lingxi Sword began to dance and floated before Long Chen. A white fog then swept past, and the Spirit Grass in the box disappeared.

“I’m going to refine it!”

After finding a corner, Lingxi quickly began the process. Seeing how hurried she was, Long Chen had a sense of accomplishment.

“The blood of two level 4 profound grade demonic beasts and Thunder Flame Crystals. I’ll deal with them now.”

Everything quietened down. As he had just entered the perfect mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm, Long Chen was in no hurry to use the blood of the demonic beasts. Instead, he used the Thunder Flame Crystals and fused with up till the 25th. Any more than that, and he would need to use Dragon Soul Transformation.

Time slowly passed. By the time a day went by, Long Chen had fused with the 26th. At this moment, Lingxi had finished with her refining and was anxiously waiting for Long Chen.

After refining the Spirit Grass, Lingxi’s body looked clearer, and her aura became more dense. It was evident that she had become much stronger and looked prettier. In the following battles, she would definitely be able to offer Long Chen some assistance.

“Little Xi, what’s wrong?”

Seeing the anxiety in her expression, Long Chen quickly asked.

“Liu Ling found that guy called Feng Wutian. They’re already outside waiting for you, and they say if you don’t open the door, they’re going to force their way in!”

“Feng Wutian?”

Long Chen suddenly recalled that he had angered Liu Ling, which was probably why she had entered the inner faction and pulled Feng Wutian out. It seemed like Long Chen was going to be skinned this time.

“He lost to me once. Is he back for it again?”

Fearless, Long Chen stood up.

“Be careful. He’s probably stronger than Yan Chixue and Ma Tianyang.”

Feng Wutian had the bloodline of the Southern Vermillion Bird, and was now part of that family. Long Chen naturally knew that Mo Xiaolang was imprisoned because he had killed someone of the inner faction, and thus knew he should avoid this.

He opened the door and found Liu Ling pulling Feng Wutian’s hand while giving Long Chen a poisonous glare. Long Chen laughed involuntarily at that. It seemed like being seen bathing had driven her mad.

“What’s there to be so angry about? I only saw it once. At most, I can just let you see me if you want.” Long Chen teased her and looked towards Feng Wutian.

“This guy has really changed. Looks like this trip to the Sky Martial Realm has benefited him.”

Feng Wutian now looked much more energetic, his eyes shining with spirit. Though he did not intentionally show it off, the aura of an expert that leaked out caused Long Chen to narrow his eyes.

“Feng Wutian truly is a large enemy.”

Seeing Long Chen come out, Liu Ling sneered at him, “Does the terrified tortoise finally dare show its head? I thought you’d stay in there for a few days. I’m sure you must have wet your pants a few times inside there, no?”

In the face of Feng Wutian’s suppression and Liu Ling’s taunting, as well as passers-by ready to watch a good show, Long Chen chuckled, “Senior sister Liu even knows that I wet my pants. Perhaps your mind and mine are connected?”

Liu Ling did not want to seem too fierce in front of Feng Wutian and calmed herself, suppressing the fury she had towards Long Chen and laughed coldly, “I won’t try to talk you around. Today, Brother Wutian is here as a member of the inner faction and wants a battle with you on the Platform of Life and Death. You must go.”

Inner faction. It was always about the inner faction.

Feng Wutian spoke matter-of-factly, "It's Long Chen, right? I heard that when I was possessed by the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, I lost to you. I, Feng Wutian, have never lost to anyone in my life, and you are the first. However, that battle doesn't really count. Do you have the guts to fight me on the Platform of Life and Death?"

Though Feng Wutian sounded calm, his words made it hard for Long Chen to reject him. The image that Long Chen had constructed for himself was now on the verge of crumbling, and he would be made the laughing stock of the Green Faction once again.

Anyone could tell that Long Chen was not a match for Feng Wutian.

"After entering the inner faction, he's become more crafty and ruthless."

Long Chen knew that there was no way for him to avoid this. Then again, he had no wish to avoid it.

"Feng Wutian has entered the Earth Dan Realm and has gotten many rewards from the Southern Vermillion Bird. However, I've defeated Yan Chixue and a Giant Demonic Vicious Bear, so it's not certain that I will lose to you."

Long Chen had once defeated Feng Wutian and was also a genius. Feng Wutian was an arrogant person and definitely would not take this lying down. If this was in any other situation where Long Chen injured him slightly despite his status as a member of the inner faction, Long Chen would be in trouble. Today, Feng Wutian had invited Long Chen to the Platform of Life and Death, and even if Feng Wutian were to get injured, there was nothing he would be able to say about it. This was actually a great opportunity for Long Chen.

"I know that you lack the guts. Long Chen, even if you agree, you wouldn't dare go to the Platform of Life and Death like what happened the last time!" Liu Ling snickered, holding onto Feng Wutian tightly and staring at Long Chen proudly.

At the thought of what had happened previously, everyone began to whisper amongst themselves and point at Long Chen.

“Is that so?” Long Chen smiled slightly and raised his voice, “What happened has already happened. This time, I’m agreeing to this. What’s it to you?”

“What?”

Now that Long Chen had actually agreed, everyone was bewildered.

“Are you going to agree and then not show up?” Liu Ling glanced at Long Chen with contempt, “You know that my Brother Wutian is several times stronger than Uncle Yan. You’re not even a match for one attack from him.”

“Since you’re afraid I won’t go, how about we go to the platform right now?”

Long Chen’s bright voice rang in the Green Willow Residence, and this news began to spread amongst the Green Faction.

Chapter 139

News of Long Chen and Feng Wutian going to the Platform of Life and Death quickly spread throughout Green Sun Hall, and even the entire Green faction.

By the time Long Chen and the others reached the platform, Liu Yuan, the four grand elders and five enforcers were already there.

Feng Wutian was now a member of the inner faction, and Liu Yuan as well as Liu Lan no longer had any hold over him. However, they had been on good terms, and it was thus possible to negotiate with him.

“Wutian, what are you doing?”

Honestly speaking, Feng Wutian had reached the Earth Dan Realm and left for the inner faction. Now, Long Chen had taken over his position and was now the genius within the Human Dan Realm in the Green Sun Hall.

Feng Wutian now seemed very imposing and fierce, and it would be extremely troublesome if Long Chen were to be heavily injured or killed here.

Once they were on the Platform of Life and Death, the result would only be life or death.

“Elder, he has already agreed to go up to the Platform of Life and Death with me. Please don’t try to say more.”

Feng Wutian used to be extremely respectful to Liu Yuan, but his tone right now had become indifferent.

This battle was not just for Liu Ling, but also for himself, and his intention was to teach Long Chen an unforgettable lesson. Liu Yuan’s status was not higher than his own, and thus, could not stop him.

“Long Chen, you really agreed to this?”

Looking towards Long Chen, Liu Yuan seemed slightly grim and anxiously exclaimed, “Stop causing trouble! Wutian is part of the inner faction, and it will be your own doing if you get injured or killed. However, if you wound him...”

At this thought, he recalled that Feng Wutian had already entered the Earth Dan Realm, and it was basically impossible for Long Chen to win. Liu Yuan’s speech thus ended here.

“Don’t worry, Elder. Once we’re on the platform, nothing will matter but who lives and who dies.”

While Feng Wutian was Long Chen’s arch-enemy, he was still a very candid and frank person.

Meanwhile, Liu Lan pulled Long Chen aside and asked in a low voice, “Are you confident?”

Long Chen smiled wryly and shook his head. “I don’t know.”

“Then why did you agree to this?”

Long Chen rolled his eyes at her, “You’ve been alive for so long already. Don’t you know that once an arrow is on the bow string, it has to be released?”

By mentioning her age and unwittingly lowering his gaze towards Liu Lan’s pale breasts, he was basically mocking Liu Lan and saying that she had a large chest and no brains. Exasperated, Liu Lan scolded, “You bastard, you can’t blame us if you want to die so badly! Feng Wutian entered the inner faction, and I actually wanted to advise you not to create conflict with him. To think you’re already seeking your death before I could say anything!”

Long Chen laughed, not expressing his opinion.

At this point, more and more people had gathered. Having heard this, everyone began to gesticulate at Long Chen.

The inner faction meant power and terror to everyone else. For Long Chen to dare fight with a person who had recently entered the inner faction, he was truly much too gutsy for his own good.

The five grand elders and the other four enforcers, besides Liu Lan, found that this situation had nothing to do with themselves and retreated to a corner. Exchanging glances, one of the elders whose surname was Chen asked, “What do you think the outcome of the battle will be?”

Out of the four enforcers, the oldest one whose surname was Zhang, was about the same age as an elder. He was now looking Long Chen and Feng Wutian up and down, “Feng Wutian entered the Earth Dan Realm and has been nurtured by the Southern Vermillion Bird Family. His cultivation must be far from someone who has only just entered the Earth Dan Realm. Long Chen is at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm and is still far from Feng Wutian’s strength. However, Liu Lan did say that he’s killed the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect leader, which means he might be able to put up a fight with Feng Wutian.”

Another elder whose surname was Liu pursed his lips, “That depends. Liu Lan did not personally see Long Chen killing the sect leader. There is a large gap between the Earth and Human Dan Realm. Long Chen might have been able to defeat Feng Wutian then, but there must be a large difference between them now.”

“Makes sense.”

Enforcer Zhang nodded, “Have you seen any instances in battles between youths of the inner and outer factions, where the inner faction has been defeated before?”

Everyone shook their heads, the answer and outcome obvious to them.

Seeing that Liu Yuan’s words fell on deaf ears, he could only head to the side with Liu Lan. Liu Yuan was now beginning to look anxious, “Lan’er, did Long Chen really kill the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect leader?”

“That’s for sure. I even heard that a few days ago, he killed a Giant Demonic Vicious Bear. Uncle Yan saw this for himself, and even said that he would not be a match for Long Chen.”

“Oh? For even old Yan to say that, it seems Long Chen does have a chance...”

Liu Yuan had achieved his goal of getting Long Chen to stay here.

“I hope you can be shrewd and don’t overdo it by infuriating Feng Wutian.”

Watching Long Chen calmly walking with Feng Wutian to the Platform of Life and Death, Liu Lan shook her head, sighed and exclaimed.

It was not as if she did not know Long Chen’s nature. This time, he would probably be in trouble.

“The moment Long Chen dies, my plan is done for.”

While still thinking about this plan of hers, everyone’s eyes were fixed on Long Chen and Feng Wutian, facing each other on the spacious, firm platform.

“Based on their surnames, this is a battle between Long and Feng*. However, the phoenix seems to be at an advantage now.”

(*Long = Dragon, Feng = Phoenix)

Long Chen seemed to hear these comments in the background.

It was expected that nobody would think well of him. After all, Feng Wutian was an expert at the Earth Dan Realm, while Long Chen was still at the Human Dan Realm. On top of that, there was a large difference between their statuses.

“The previous fight with you was a disgraceful moment in my life. However, that was in a situation where I had lost my consciousness, so I’m going to erase that humiliation with this battle.”

“Erase it? Don’t shame yourself more by turning into a huge-lipped handsome young man...”

Long Chen yawned and then laughed indifferently.

“How stupid.”

Rather than getting angry, Feng Wutian gathered his real Qi at the Earth Dan Realm, which began to surge crazily and formed a tornado in front of him.

Such earth-shattering power began to suppress Long Chen like a huge mountain.

“He’s much stronger than the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect leader...”

Long Chen was apprehensive but not afraid. His real Qi that was at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm was not to be underestimated either!

“Dragon Soul Transformation!”

Under this technique, his real Qi increased its quality by ten times, allowing it to rise to the Earth Dan Realm, and he could somewhat be on equal grounds with Feng Wutian.

“Feng Wutian just entered the inner faction. Even if he managed to obtain a good battle technique, he probably hasn’t had time to cultivate in it yet.”

After using Dragon Soul Transformation, crimson real Qi surged within his body, the force of electricity and flames crackling around Long Chen’s body.

“Long Chen’s beast transformation seems to be able to amplify his strength by a huge degree. I reckon that beast from when he was at the Dragon Pulse Realm should not be the Underground Blood Lizard, but the level 7 huang grade Underground Blood Lizard King.”

Liu Yuan mumbled, and then looked regretful, “If Long Chen can get through this and then obtain the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon, his strength will definitely increase by a huge amount. It’s a shame...”

Liu Lan planned to tell Liu Yuan about how Long Chen had used 300 contribution points and exchanged them for a Spirit Grass. However, Long Chen and Feng Wutian were now beginning their battle and she shut her mouth, watching them closely.

“Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, Scarlet Flame Burning Heavens!”

“Vermillion Bird Law, Fire Spirit Seal!”

Feng Wutian utilised his Fire Spirit Seal, which was now at least ten times stronger than before. A giant fiery bird collided with Long Chen’s blazing fist imprint. Two fire-based attacks struck each other, and with a loud explosion, the spiritual force of the heavens and earth surged violently in all directions. The Platform of Life and Death even began to shake!

“These attacks are both just as powerful!”

Noticing that Long Chen was able to take on this attack of Feng Wutian's, everyone was astonished. It must be noted that Feng Wutian's Fire Spirit Seal was something that even cultivators who had just entered the Earth Dan Realm found difficult to withstand.

"Looks like Long Chen isn't all talk. He might really have killed the leader of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect."

Enforcer Zhang nodded, a rare look of approval on his face.

"The result will still be the same. Long Chen will definitely be unable to withstand Feng Wutian's most powerful attack, Sole Flaming Deity Bird." Elder Chen shook his head.

On the platform, Long Chen displayed his Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step, and was rapidly exchanging attacks with Feng Wutian.

"Looks like you aren't half bad. You're merely at the Human Dan Realm and can take on my Fire Spirit Seal. I guess I underestimated you."

Feng Wutian's dull voice rang by Long Chen's ear.

"Don't be in such a hurry. The surprise is yet to come."

Long Chen acknowledged the power of the Fire Spirit Seal, which had shaken Long Chen so much that he had sustained injuries. However, Long Chen's miraculous constitution technique, Origin Reversion, was able to take care of these wounds.

"I heard my Sole Flaming Deity Bird lost to you before. This time..."

While Feng Wutian was speaking, his aura was rapidly increasing. What could be seen was a Vermillion Bird Imprint flashing on his forehead, and his aura as well as real Qi increased by a twofold.

"Long Chen, stop wasting time. Try my most powerful attack- Sole Flaming Deity Bird!"

At the moment, a sharp whistling sound hurtled towards Long Chen, sending him flying.

What he could see was intense flames in front of him, and the image of a deity bird that pounced towards Long Chen fiercely. Everyone watching could also feel this mighty aura, their legs turning weak in their fear.

“Feng Wutian is truly powerful...”

“Even if he doesn’t die, Long Chen is going to be badly injured.”

“That can’t be. Doesn’t Long Chen also have another offensive technique?”

The moment this person spoke, Long Chen had decided he was in a tough spot and needed to use Piercing Earth Demonic Sun!

After reaching the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, the might of Piercing Heavens Demonic Sun Fist had increased tenfold. The black demonic sun fist imprint appeared with a rumble and smashed into Feng Wutian’s Sole Flaming Deity Bird.

“They’re actually evenly matched?”

Everyone’s expressions were marvellous, especially that of the four elders and enforcers, who quickly exchanged glances and looked extremely embarrassed.

“My previous words were truly embarrassing...”

Liu Yuan was delighted that Long Chen possessed this level of strength, while Liu Lan’s beautiful eyes were fixated on Long Chen.

Suddenly, Feng Wutian’s icy voice was heard.

“You really aren’t half bad, but if you’re forcing me to use this move, you definitely won’t be able to survive!”

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“An attack that’s even more powerful?”

Everyone had been admiring Long Chen’s might, but when Feng Wutian threw out this icy sentence, everyone was stunned.

“Long Chen has even used his ultimate technique to contend with Sole Flaming Deity Bird, but to think Feng Wutian has another one! This...”

The higher-ups of the Green Sun Hall had now acknowledged Long Chen’s skills, but upon hearing Feng Wutian’s words, they could tell what the outcome would be. Their expressions were that of regret.

Liu Ling, who had become extremely gloomy upon seeing Feng Wutian and Long Chen on equal grounds, immediately rejoiced after hearing he had a more formidable technique. She yelled, “Brother Wutian, defeat him and teach him a lesson. Don’t hold back!”

Liu Yuan and Liu Lan shot each other a glance, having a bad feeling about this.

“Father...”

“Don’t worry. When the time’s right, I will make my move. After all, Feng Wutian is of the inner faction, and Green Sun Hall can only pin our hopes on Long Chen.”

With Liu Yuan’s word, Liu Lan relaxed. No matter what, Long Chen had now fulfilled all her requirements. Even if Long Chen were to lose to Feng Wutian here, it did not matter.

“There’s still another technique, huh.”

Long Chen narrowed his eyes.

Honestly speaking, in order to withstand Feng Wutian’s Sole Flaming Deity Bird, Long Chen had already expended all his effort. He had expected that he and Feng Wutian would not be able to win against each other, but unexpectedly, Feng Wutian still had another card up his sleeve!

When Feng Wutian said that, a powerful aura locked on Long Chen, and he could immediately feel his movements being restricted.

“Don’t worry. This technique will be a unique experience for you, Long Chen! I didn’t want to kill you at first, but you’re making me feel threatened...”

Feng Wutian’s cold voice continuously sounded.

“You talk too much.”

Using Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step, Long Chen was already forced to the edge of the Platform of Life and Death. At this moment, Feng Wutian began preparing his following technique. Just the energy and aura it possessed was several times more powerful than the Sole Flaming Deity Bird technique!

“A year ago, the Southern Vermillion Bird family gifted me this technique in secret. I have only recently managed to perfect it. Long Chen, you’re going to be the first person to die under this technique. You should be honoured!”

Feng Wutian now had a sinister expression.

Though Liu Ling supported Feng Wutian, that devilish grin of his was something she could not get used to. Liu Yuan and Liu Lan furrowed their brows.

“Feng Wutian was defeated by Long Chen the previous time. Though he does not mention it, that must have been very traumatic for him, which is why he must kill Long Chen now.”

Liu Lan’s voice displayed her concern.

At this moment, Feng Wutian suddenly produced a shrill bird call, and real Qi that turned into flames emanated out of his body. A pair of giant flaming wings suddenly formed, giving off a menacing aura.

“Die!”

Feng Wutian charged towards Long Chen.

“Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens!”

This great technique immediately left everyone trembling in fear. Even the enforcers, who were at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm could not confidently say they could take on this attack.

What was even more surprising was tha

t instead of escaping, Long Chen was dashing towards Feng Wutian!

“He’s gone crazy!”

“Isn’t he seeking death?”

“Father!”

Liu Lan reminded, and Liu Yuan realised that he should be saving Long Chen. No matter what, he was an elder and had helped Feng Wutian in the past few years. Feng Wutian would not attempt to take his life just because he had saved Long Chen.

At this moment, blood-red spirals that numbered thousands appeared and began to rotate above Long Chen's crimson dragon scales.

In that moment, a bloody mist shrouded the platform. All within the range of the mist was under Long Chen's control!

Blood Engulfing Zone. Activate!

This was the second time Long Chen was using Blood Engulfing Zone. Compared to the first time, he found it much easier to manipulate, and the range it covered was now smaller.

Blood Engulfing Zone was a heaven-defying technique of the Immemorial Blood Spirit Dragon. As its user, he could take control of everything within the scope of the technique. Based on the previous usage of the technique, it had covered almost half the underground city. That was Long Chen's limit.

Blood Engulfing Zone was something like a domain, and of all his enemies, the weakest would have their blood devoured by him, while those at a higher level than Long Chen like Feng Wutian would feel their blood boiling, and their movements restricted.

If it was someone Long Chen had no issues with, such as Yang Lingqing and the hundreds of girls from before, they were entirely unharmed despite not having cultivated before.

This technique would grow along with Long Chen, which was why Long Chen had no clue how powerful it would become. When he reached the apex in the continent, he would probably be able to decide the life and death of all living things with a mere thought!

This was the might of the Immemorial Blood Spirit Dragon.

Blood Engulfing Zone was not an offensive ability, but for Feng Wutian who was about to display his Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, it would have a large effect on him.

This was the first time Feng Wutian was employing this attack, and he could not control it skilfully yet. By making use of the absorption abilities of the Blood Engulfing Zone, there would be chaos in Feng Wutian's body.

Long Chen's attack was used at a very opportune time.

If he had used Blood Engulfing Zone while Feng Wutian displayed his Fire Spirit Seal or Sole Flaming Deity Bird, it would not be as effective as it was now.

At this moment, the blood in Feng Wutian's body seemed to have been summoned by some master and was now incredibly excited. It turned into little fine daggers and, within Feng Wutian's veins, began to attack the channels.

Feng Wutian, who had placed all his attention on Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, couldn't have expected this situation where his blood acted against him. Though it did not injure him and would at most restrict his movement in normal situations, this situation now caused his energy to stray away.

Under his bewildered gaze, Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens abruptly exploded, sending himself flying!

Coughing out a mouthful of blood, he collapsed from the acute pain.

This unforeseen circumstance happened so quickly that even when Feng Wutian fell, everyone still had stiff expressions and had yet to react to the situation.

Long Chen never expected Blood Engulfing Zone, that he had employed in a hurry, had such a marvellous effect. He did know that Feng Wutian could not fully control Phoenix Dance of the Nine Heavens, which was how Long Chen was able to find this loophole.

If this was a very proficient technique, Long Chen might only be able to stop one attack and perhaps somewhat hinder his opponent's movements. It wouldn't be to the extent of causing someone to have their move backfire on themselves.

However, now that he had defeated Feng Wutian, Long Chen could finally heave a sigh of relief.

Feng Wutian had been completely defeated under the eyes of the public. The issue was finally resolved.

Since Feng Wutian was now unconscious, the battle was over. Long Chen removed his Dragon Soul Transformation and smirked at the audience.

“What’s wrong? Didn’t Feng Wutian use his most powerful attack? Why did he hurt himself?”

“”He must have been unable to control such a powerful move, which resulted in it backfiring on him. Long Chen truly is fortunate to be able to survive.”

These low-ranked disciples could not tell what had happened, but the four elders knew this was definitely not the case.

“Did you see that? In that instant, many tiny crimson spirals appeared around Long Chen, before Feng Wutian’s attack backfired on him!”

“It must have been Long Chen. If Feng Wutian dared to use it, he must have been somewhat confident in his abilities. Say, what mysterious battle technique do you think Long Chen used?”

The four elders and enforcers’ gazes were completely different than before. In the past, they might have been condescending towards Long Chen, but now, all they had for him was reverence.

“It wasn’t obvious before, but Long Chen seems very mysterious.”

Long Chen’s playful grin gave rise to embarrassment in these elders. They turned away, and Enforcer Zhang as well as two elders who had thought little of Long Chen wished they could find a hole to hide in.

Out of everyone present, the person who found this the most unbelievable was Liu Ling.

Her attention was not on Feng Wutian, but Long Chen on the platform with his mischievous smirk.

Before, Feng Wutian had been defeated by Long Chen under unexpected circumstances.

This man was fated to be her nemesis.

Liu Ling suddenly felt like breaking down. When Feng Wutian had been defeated by Long Chen the first time, she had given up all hope. However, because Feng Wutian later proved himself capable, she believed that she could take on Long Chen without any issues. Unexpectedly, the more formidable Feng Wutian had actually lost against Long Chen.

Face turning deathly pale, Liu Ling shook her head in disbelief before darting away.

“Ling’er!”

Liu Lan shouted, but Liu Ling did not turn back.

Liu Lan found it implausible for Long Chen to be able to turn the tables at the last minute. This was not the first time something like this had happened, but this was the first time that she was fully convinced.

In her eyes, Long Chen could truly fit the title of the ultimate genius!

“Wutian!”

This was the first time Liu Yuan had personally seen Long Chen’s heaven-defying display, and torrential waves rose in his heart. The image of the young man, Long Chen, was carved in his mind.

However, Feng Wutian’s terrible state was also extremely worrying. He couldn’t be bothered to speak to Long Chen just yet. If anything were to happen to Feng Wutian, Liu Yuan would definitely be in deep trouble. For this reason, he quickly called out to everyone and told them to help Feng Wutian.

Most of them gathered at Feng Wutian's side, and under shocked gazes, Long Chen strolled away alone.