

## War God 131

Chapter 131 - Beitang Mo

Long Chen was surprised, but he sighed in relief when he saw a familiar face.

One of the two people was Liu Lan.

In front of her was a man. She was much more serious and dignified than usual.

Liu Lan's demeanor made Long Chen realize something. The man in front of her was not an average cultivator, both in terms of lineage and strength.

Long Chen looked at the man and determined that he was around twenty years old. Even though he looked normal, his pupils were as black as deep pools of water. His gaze was very penetrative as well.

The only person who was this strong at such a young age other than Mo Xiaolang was Dongfang Tianyu. But compared to the latter, the man in front of him was much stronger. Long Chen had a feeling Dongfang Tianyu could never defeat the man in front of him.

Ling Xi explained, "Long Chen, this man is at the Heavenly Core Realm. He's just slightly weaker than Mo Xiaolang."

Such a strong individual, and one that could make Liu Lan act so respectfully, was no doubt from the inner family.

Long Chen noted down the man's appearance.

When they arrived at the underground city and saw what had happened, they were surprised.

They saw that none of the captured women had been killed, and the thousands of Blood Saints had been reduced to mummified husks.

This was far out of their expectations.

Long Chen brought Yang Lingqing towards Liu Lan, who was very surprised to see him coming out alive.

"Long Chen, did you do this?"

Sensing the man's gaze trained on his body, Long Chen nodded.

Liu Lan sighed and stared at the scene. It was clear Long Chen had resolved the issue. She looked at the young man before questioning Long Chen. "And where is the Great Priest?"

Long Chen pointed at a pile of ashes. "That's him. Not bad, right?"

Liu Lan had a feeling something like that would happen, but she had a hard time believing it even though Yan Cixue, an Earthly Core Realm cultivator, had been reduced to ashes.

Long Chen was only at the Eighth Draconic Stage when they first met. Liu Lan had never paid much attention to him before, but to think he had eliminated Huang Feiyang, defeated Feng Wutian, and even killed Yan Cixue!

“Killing an Earthly Core Realm cultivator at the late Human Core Realm? Not bad,” the man said plainly.

His movements and speech were extremely calm, but it was the calmness itself that made Long Chen nervous. It was as if his inner thoughts were being read as well.

Liu Lan had no choice but to believe it after the man said it. “Young Master Mo, this is Long Chen from the Turquoise Sun Hall, and that is his sister, Yang Lingqing.”

She then quickly said to Long Chen, “Long Chen, this is Young Master Beitung Mo from the Northern Black Tortoise family. Greet him quickly.”

“Greetings, Young Master Mo.”

He had no idea why Beitung Mo was here. Still, he was too weak in the grand scheme of things, so he had to abide by the rules. Even Liu Lan could defeat him, much less Beitung Mo. That was why he quickly greeted the man politely.

He looked at Long Chen before looking at Yang Lingqing. His calm voice came again.

“Yang Lingqing, will you join the Lingwu family and enter the Northern Black Tortoise family?”

Both Long Chen and Yang Lingqing were shocked. Even Li Jing and the two brothers were shocked.

Seeing how Long Chen and Yang Lingqing didn’t know what was happening, Liu Lan quickly explained the situation. “The Northern Black Tortoise family specializes in martial techniques based on water and Yin energy. Long Chen, your sister has the Dark Yin Body. If she joins the Northern Black Tortoise family and cultivates their technique, her strength will grow by leaps and bounds. In fact, she could even surpass you.”

After Long Chen entered the Lingwu family, Yang Lingqing had done some research to learn about the power of the Lingwu family. She knew that Long Chen had only managed to join the outer family. The inner family was where the core strength of the Lingwu family was.

And now someone was inviting her to join the inner family directly?

Yang Lingqing had just come back from the clutches of death and wanted nothing more than to see her parents. When Beitung Mo invited her, she felt nervous and hid behind Long Chen.

Sensing how nervous Yang Lingqing was, Liu Lan started cursing in her heart. *This is a massive opportunity that no one would refuse!*

“Long Chen, you decide for her. Your sister doesn’t have a suitable cultivation technique, which is why she’s stuck at the Draconic Realm. If she joins the Northern Black Tortoise family, she will quite literally improve in ways no one can imagine. If Gan Lin hadn’t overheard your conversation, I wouldn’t even know that your sister has the Dark Yin Body. We came here to destroy the Blood Saints, but it seems we were here slightly late.”

Long Chen was quickly weighing out the pros and cons.

“She needs a proper cultivation technique that can allow her talent to blossom. The Dark Yin Body should allow her to reach the Heavenly Core Realm within two years or so. Long Chen, I think it’s best if your sister enters the Northern Black Tortoise family,” Ling Xi said.

Ling Xi was much more knowledgeable than him. After discussing with her, his mind became clearer.

At the same time, Beitang Mo said, “Decide for yourself whether you would like to join or not. If you don’t want to remain nameless for the rest of your life, come with me. I can ensure that you won’t meet any troubles. Your brother will obtain more resources from the Lingwu family and your family will be protected by cultivators at the Earthly Core Realm if you do. Everyone around you will benefit from it.”

Beitang Mo’s proposal was simple, but it was everything Yang Lingqing needed. She raised her head and asked, “Are you saying that my brother will obtain more resources for his cultivation and no one will bully my family again?”

“Not unless they are stronger than the Lingwu family.”

Beitang Mo smiled plainly, exuding confidence.

Everyone knew that no one in Yuanling County was stronger than the Lingwu family. As long as the Yang family was within Yuanling County, they would be safe.

“Brother ...”

Yang Lingqing turned around, and Long Chen knew what her choice was.

“This is your life. You decide on your own. No matter what you choose, I will protect you.”

Long Chen smiled. He was actually very happy for Yang Lingqing. Entering the inner family was very difficult, even for members of the outer family.

“No.”

Yang Lingqing smiled slyly. “It’s my turn to protect you and our family!”

Liu Lan sighed in relief. If it was clear Yang Lingqing had accepted it.

Beitang Mo nodded approvingly when he saw that she was more concerned about her family than reveling in happiness.

“Alright, I agree to join you,” Yang Lingqing said.

Beitang Mo smiled. “You will be happy with your choice in a few years. You will know that you’ve made the correct decision, because the Northern Black Tortoise family suits you the best.”

Long Chen somewhat understood how special the Dark Yin Body was. How could he not after learning that her blood was equivalent to the blood of a thousand girls? The Northern Black Tortoise family needed someone with such a strong bloodline to join them. Maybe she would even become the strongest person in their family.

Since Yang Lingqing had agreed, Long Chen had nothing else to say. “Young Master Mo, my sister had just escaped the clutches of death. Her grandfather and father are still waiting for her anxiously. I would like your permission for us to return to our home for a while before heading back to the Lingwu family.”

Beitang Mo nodded. “Sure, there’s no need to hurry. Lingqing, I will wait for you in the Northern Black Tortoise family. The Earthly Core Realm cultivators arrived at Baiyang Town today. I will be going now. Goodbye.”

Beitang Mo didn’t wait for them and headed out. Liu Lan looked at Long Chen and said, “You guys can leave first. I will help send the women back.”

Even though Liu Lan was slightly late, her intentions were clear. Long Chen actually hated her, but now he was talking with her peacefully! He decided not to think about it too deeply and just thanked her before he left with Yang Lingqing.

“Long Chen, remember to return to the Turquoise Sun Hall. You still have a chance to win the qualifiers.”

Liu Lan gave one last reminder to Long Chen before he left. She then averted her gaze when he left the underground city, her eyes filled with anticipation.

If he wins the qualifiers, he might be able to help me. But ... It wouldn’t be fair to him.

Long Chen naturally didn’t know what she was thinking. When he brought Yang Lingqing back to the Yang patriarch and Yang Yuntian, both of them started crying.

“Chen’er, Qing’er ...”

The Yang patriarch was filled with joy and pride when he saw Yang Lingqing and Yang Yuntian hugging each other. He wiped off his tears and said to Long Chen, “Chen’er, you are the greatest pride of our lives ...”

Long Chen smiled. “You are wrong. Your greatest pride will be your granddaughter. She has just been invited into the inner family of the Lingwu family.”

## Chapter 132 - Weird Man

Long Chen felt refreshed upon finally returning to Baiyang Town. He felt a sense of superiority here.

He was now the strongest person in town—no one could stand up to him.

But I cannot stay here my entire life, or I will be stuck at my current cultivation level. Now that the Blood Saints have been dealt with, I should return to the Lingwu family to cultivate. Lingqing will also be there, so all the more reason for me to be there too. Not even Liu Yuan was willing to fight the Blood Saints for me; to think Beitang Mo would go to their headquarters directly. Beitang Mo was even generous enough to send Earthly Core Realm cultivators to protect the Yang family from danger. My family is safe for now.

Now that the Yang family was no longer in crisis and the Blood Saints had been eradicated, Long Chen could focus on the Lingwu family completely.

The Yang family quickly learned that Yang Lingqing would join the Lingwu family's inner family. Everyone celebrated her achievements for an entire day and night.

Long Chen and Yang Lingqing were Baiyang Town's most famous people.

Long Chen, who was once an useless bum that everyone hated, had transformed into a hero everyone adored. He was embarrassed by their praises.

Two days later, he and Yang Lingqing left Baiyang Town. Many people sent them off towards the direction of the Lingwu family.

"Lingqing, I will introduce you to someone very important to me later on."

Both of them were riding on horseback along the road.

Long Chen had told her about the Black Scaled Dragon Horse, but she was not mad. She was even sad that it had inconvenienced him.

"Someone very important?"

Yang Lingqing was wondering exactly how important the person was to him.

They took a quick detour and entered a small forest. Long Chen looked around to see if anyone was nearby, while Yang Lingqing searched for the person in question.

"Is the person here? I don't see them."

Long Chen smiled and snapped his finger. "Xiao Xi, come out!"

A hazy, white glow engulfed Long Chen's ear stud, and a two-centimeter-tall lady appeared from it right in front of Yang Lingqing's shocked eyes. The lady was the most beautiful person she had ever seen.

Yang Lingqing was stunned.

"What ... What is this?"

"Don't be rude. This is your sister-in-law," Long Chen said cheekily.

"Sister-in-law?"

Yang Lingqing was even more confused.

Ling Xi felt disgraced and spat at Long Chen before looking at Yang Lingqing seriously. "Sister Lingqing, my name is Ling Xi. Don't listen to him, I'm not your sister-in-law."

Yang Lingqing was still confused. "You guys ... Can someone explain to me what's going on?"

Long Chen had to start from the beginning. He recounted how he met her and their adventures so far.

When she heard that Ling Xi had saved Long Chen numerous times, Yang Lingqing instantly accepted the girl as part of her family. Also, Ling Xi's current predicament was very pitiful. Both of them soon became friendly and started talking to each other, ignoring Long Chen altogether.

Long Chen felt like a third wheel and was disgruntled.

It was Ling Xi's suggestion to talk with Yang Lingqing. Since Yang Lingqing was the closest person to him, he had no objections. But now he was disgruntled after seeing how friendly they were.

"Sigh ... Why did I agree to this?"

They talked happily along the way and soon reached Yuanling City. There were already people waiting to receive Yang Lingqing. Ling Xi returned to Long Chen's ear stud.

The one receiving Yang Lingqing was none other than Beitang Mo himself.

Due to Long Chen and Yang Lingqing's relationship, even Liu Lan had accompanied him. Two famous people from the Lingwu family were gathered here, attracting many gazes.

"Look at them. Are they waiting to receive someone?"

Soon, Long Chen and Yang Lingqing appeared in front of them. The others finally knew who Beitang Mo was waiting for.

"Who are they? Beitang Mo and Liu Lan are waiting for them."

"I don't know. But one of them is at the Human Core Realm, while the other is at the Draconic Realm. They are considered weaklings here in Yuanling City."

"Sigh ... The city is beautiful, but who knows how many geniuses have been buried underneath it?"

Amidst their envy and admiration, Long Chen and Yang Lingqing approached Beitang Mo. The latter said nothing and guided them to enter a beautiful carriage before departing for Lingwu City.

Beitang Mo said nothing until they were almost at the city. "Once you reach the Northern Black Tortoise family, you must do as I say. But since you look like an obedient girl, I don't think you will cause any trouble. If you have any questions, you can just ask me."

"Understood." Yang Lingqing nodded.

Yang Lingqing might not have any questions, but Long Chen was filled with them.

Even though Yang Lingqing was at the Draconic Realm, she had been invited to the inner family through a special exception. Therefore, many people would envy her. Even if she did not cause any trouble, someone would be bound to find a reason to pick a fight with her. She could die if she wasn't careful.

He held her hand and somehow felt that she was nervous too, but she did not want him to see it.

When it was time for them to separate, Long Chen whispered to Yang Lingqing, his voice filled with authority, "Qing'er, remember, if someone bullies you, no matter how strong they are, just tell me. I will whack them."

"I know. But I won't cause any trouble, so no one will bully me."

Even though Yang Lingqing was afraid, she still forced a smile and playfully punched Long Chen. "You must take care of Sister Ling Xi, or I will whack you instead."

Long Chen nodded and smiled bitterly.

They finally separated, but Beitang Mo clearly heard what Long Chen had said.

“I heard you’ve submitted an application to enter the qualifiers.”

Long Chen nodded.

Beitang Mo suddenly scoffed at him. “Don’t be naive. The enemies Lingqing will face in the future are not the kind of people you can go up against. You just need to work hard not to embarrass her.”

He then waved his sleeves and left.

Yang Lingqing left with him, but she turned around to look at Long Chen. Long Chen was still worried because Yang Lingqing would have to face so many things on her own now.

Was it right for me to ask her to join the Lingwu family?

Long Chen thought about it and decided he needed to get stronger. That way, no one would bully her.

Hehe, he said I can’t fight against the enemies she will make in the future. Just you wait ...

Long Chen understood what Beitang Mo meant. The only ones who would bully Yang Lingqing were the people of the inner family. If he wanted to protect her, he had to enter the inner family himself.

I hope I have a chance to enter the inner family this time ...

Long Chen eyes were filled with relentlessness and resolution, as well as love. Liu Lan saw everything and chuckled. “What’s wrong? Are you not satisfied with that idea?”

She naturally meant what Beitang Mo had said before he left.

“I will make sure all of you submit to me next time.”

Long Chen raised his head and stared at Liu Lan. He dared to challenge her!

“Hmph! Looks like you became more brave.”

Liu Lan shook her head. It was clear she was still somewhat underestimating him.

Staring at Long Chen’s resolute eyes, she suddenly had a sense of confusion.

Seeing how Liu Lan was staring at him funny, Long Chen teased, “Why are you looking at me like that? Are you planning to rob the cradle with me?”

When he said that, Long Chen suddenly felt an icy gaze staring at him. He turned around and saw a young man staring at him from a pagoda. Long Chen didn’t know who he was.

Liu Lan was not angry from his teasing, but she complied instead. She placed her pale hand on his shoulder and chuckled. “Of course, would you like to follow me back?”

Long Chen’s skin tingled. He was still not used to such seduction and quickly stepped back.

“Coward ...”

Liu Lan rolled her eyes and became serious. “What do you plan to do next?”

“I need to go get the beast soul of the Violet Demonic Lizard. I’m rushing for time, so goodbye!”

Long Chen ran past her, ignoring her fuming gaze.

Why is she being so warm to me today, and in public? What’s her goal?

Long Chen recalled the man glaring at him from the top of the pagoda and felt that something was amiss.

I didn’t even flirt with his woman, nor do I know him. Why was he staring at me like that?

Chapter 133 - Not Closing The Door

When he returned to the Turquoise Willow Residence, Long Chen went back to his place immediately.

Now that he was at the late Human Core Realm, the Lingwu family had assigned him to the housing area of the Level One disciples. This was his first time there, so he was confused about how to get there.

“I have two hundred and forty contribution points, and I need three hundred for the herb. But that old man Liu wants to give me a Category Six Black-tier beast soul for five hundred points. It’s clear that he wants me to support him.”

“You can enter the Heavenly Martial Realm again.”

“Yeah, let’s go and try that later. We need to find my new house now.”

Long Chen had rested enough at Baiyang Town, but he was more than happy to take a stroll.

The Lingwu family was extremely rich, so every building was very grand. A Level Three disciple already had a very good place to stay, much less a Level One disciple.

With the aid of his identity jade token, he soon found the gate leading to a massive courtyard. The courtyard was beyond beautiful.

“Is this where I will be staying? The Lingwu family is quite generous.”

Long Chen was about to open the door to his house with his identity jade token when Ling Xi suddenly whispered, “Hey, look. That door is slightly open. I think the sister of Administrator Liu is in there.”

“Liu Ling? Has she entered the late Human Core Realm too?”

To think that Liu Ling was his neighbor and her door had been left ajar. Long Chen naturally wanted to pay a visit to her.

She must be feeling quite haughty after making a breakthrough! Let me go and tease her a bit!

Long Chen carefully opened the gate to her courtyard and entered.

“So this is where the Level One disciples live. It’s so pretty ...”

“I think she’s in that room. I have no idea what she's doing.”



Ling Xi could sense the presence of others, but she had no idea what they would be doing.

Long Chen carefully crept over and stood just beside the door. He carefully pushed it open in an attempt to make himself seem like a ghost, but he was shocked when he spotted Liu Ling.

She was relaxing in a bathtub, her eyes closed, fully naked.

Long Chen took one peek and pretty much saw everything.

She will become like her elder sister in another two years ...

Long Chen felt his lips dry up and immediately ran away. Liu Ling saw him at the last moment and covered her body. She then wailed like a maniac.

“I’m fucked.”

Long Chen quickly ran back to his place and locked the door. Without the corresponding identity jade token, Liu Ling would never be able to enter his house.

“What a pervert. She doesn’t shut the door while bathing ...”

He recalled her sexy body and pale skin and was tempted to go spy on her again, but it was impossible.

“I think you’re the pervert!”

Ling Xi was mad and came out of the sword. At the same time, Long Chen felt a piercing pain in his ear.

“Xiao Xi! Mercy! I didn’t do it on purpose!”

Long Chen had to explain it numerous times before Ling Xi finally relented, but she still glared at him. “If you dare do that again I will kill you! Hmph!”

Long Chen had never expected an accident like this to happen today, but he knew Liu Ling hated him. Now she would hate him even more. There might be even more trouble for him in the future.

“Aaaah, this is so frustrating. She must be waiting for me outside my door right now. I have to merge with more Blazing Thunder Crystals before I head out.”

He had become much stronger after his breakthrough, so he could even suppress more Blazing Thunder Power now. When Long Chen was in Baiyang Town, he had already merged with the twenty-first crystal.

“According to my calculations, my limit should be at the thirtieth crystal.”

Even though his Blazing Thunder Combat Body was only at Level One, his body was becoming stronger by absorbing more crystals.

The Blazing Thunder Crystals were indeed very strong. Every time he merged with one, he felt his combat power increase.

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Three days have passed, and I've already merged the twenty-fifth crystal. Ling Xi needs the Soul Grass to extend her life, so I cannot delay it any longer. I need to enter the Heavenly Martial Realm again.

Long Chen refused to believe that Liu Ling would still be waiting for him after three days. He gingerly opened the door and saw that she was indeed not there. He sighed in relief before quickly running towards the Heavenly Martial Realm.

Now that he was quite famous in the Turquoise family, everyone recognized him when he ran on the streets, but he still hadn't made a single friend.

Now that the issue with the Blood Saints is over, I can start my new life.

Long Chen was filled with confidence stemming from the Dragon Jade Pendant that Long Qinglan had left him, as well as the Inherited Blood Essence.

Dragon Soul Transformation, Blood Transmutation, and the enhanced version of Blood Transmutation: Blood Devouring Domain.

The Blood Devouring Domain is even more savage than Blood Transmutation. I shouldn't use it unless the situation is extremely dangerous.

It was a domain-type technique. Anyone within the domain would be under Long Chen's control. Strong cultivators would have to use part of their Qi to suppress their uncontrollable blood, causing their battle strength to be reduced. Weaker ones would just die outright.

If I use it correctly, it might become even more valuable than Blood Transmutation.

Long Chen knew that any technique that derived its power from blood was from the mysterious Inherited Blood Essence.

"To think that the Inherited Blood Essence would contain so many strong techniques related to blood. That single drop of blood truly must be the Inherited Blood Essence of the legendary Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon that governed over bloodshed and massacre!" Ling Xi frowned. "But it's still an evil dragon. You have to ensure your heart doesn't go astray, or you will be seduced by power itself. Don't use it unless you need to."

Long Chen took her advice to heart.

He soon arrived at the Heavenly Martial Palace.

The area was much more lively than last time. Out of the two thousand disciples of the Turquoise family, at least half of them regularly visited the Heavenly Martial Realm. There were around two hundred people in the vicinity today.

Within the palace, there was one path leading to the Heavenly Core area, five to the Earthly Core area, and ten to the Human Core area.

Long Chen had just entered the palace and was looking around when an intense gaze filled with hatred locked onto him. He turned around and saw that it was Liu Ling! Her body was trembling from anger.

“Oh shit!”

Before he could run away, Liu Ling was right in front of him. Long Chen also saw that a middle-aged man was following her. He was wearing a red-and-white colored garb and looked strong.

Earthly Core Realm, but thankfully he’s only at the initial Earthly Core Realm.

Long Chen had a good grasp of that man’s power, so he relaxed.

Liu Ling knew they couldn’t fight here, so she just gritted her teeth and shouted, “Pervert!”

“Huh? What did you say? I didn’t do anything to you, so why are you calling me that?”

Long Chen was not afraid and just feigned ignorance.

“You still won’t admit it?! Three days ago, you ...”

When she raised her voice, everyone around them shushed each other and became quiet. Liu Ling blushed when she realized that everyone was trying to eavesdrop on their conversation. If she said it out loud, everyone would misunderstand her! She wanted to dig a hole and bury herself.

Liu Ling and Feng Wutian’s relationship was very good last time, but after Feng Wutian was defeated by Long Chen ...

“Long Chen is amazing. Not only did he defeat Feng Wutian, he also ‘defeated’ Liu Ling.”

“I thought only novels would have these kinds of narratives, but to think we could see it happen in real life too.”

“Shit! I can’t believe he got all the girls. I’m so handsome and yet I don’t have one!”

Long Chen was pleased with their discussions, while Liu Ling wanted to bury herself in a hole. She wanted to fight Long Chen, but the man behind her stopped her.

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

“No! Uncle Yan, I want to kill him!”

Uncle Yan glanced at Long Chen. “Do you want to enter the Heavenly Martial Realm?”

Staring at the taunting gaze, Long Chen did not back down. “Of course. Do you want to greet me there?”

Everyone knew that the Earthly Core Realm expert wanted to teach Long Chen a lesson in the Heavenly Martial Realm, but to think he dared talk back even though he was only at the Human Core Realm. It was too reckless.

“Well, he’s dead now.”

“Looks like Long Chen became overconfident after defeating Feng Wutian.”

Uncle Yan did not show any emotions even though the others were talking about him. He pulled Liu Ling’s arm and said plainly to Long Chen, “Then I shall see you in the Heavenly Martial Realm.”

Long Chen was going to retort back when Liu Ling suddenly chuckled. “Long Chen, so you still don’t know about the news?”

Long Chen was stunned. “Do you want to marry me after what happened a few days ago?”

Everyone laughed, and Liu Ling almost exploded from anger. Her voice was trembling when she spat, “Senior Wutian has entered the Earthly Core Realm and was invited directly into the Southern Vermillion Bird family. Long Chen, just you wait!”

She then entered the Heavenly Martial Realm with Uncle Yan.

Long Chen smiled bitterly. “Southern Vermillion Bird family? Since when was it that easy to enter the inner family?”

“It’s probably because he has the Vermillion Bird family bloodline. Long Chen, she hates you a lot. Now that she has Feng Wutian backing her up, they will definitely cause trouble for you,” Ling Xi explained with a sour expression.

“Then let them come. I will show them who’s stronger. There’s no way for him to win against me again after losing to me once!”

Everyone was certain Feng Wutian was going to kill Long Chen in their next encounter. Feng Wutian had lost to Long Chen while he was under the effect of the Heart Eater Magic last time, so how could he let it go?

“A talented youth, and yet too proud of himself. He’s dead this time.”

Everyone’s perception of Long Chen soon changed for the worse.

I will prove them all wrong.

Long Chen didn’t want to argue with them and headed straight for the Human Core area of the Heavenly Martial Realm.

Chapter 134 - Gold Family

Long Chen once again found himself in the Human Core area of the Heavenly Martial Realm.

He was planning to hunt Category Four Black-tier beasts, but he had entered the Human Core area to reduce the risk.

If he entered the Earthly Core area directly and was surrounded by Category Four Black-tier beasts immediately, he would be dead. His plan was to make his way to the Earthly Core area from the Human Core area, as doing so would reduce the chance of encountering numerous strong beasts at once. The Heart Eater was actually encountered at the border between the Human Core area and the Earthly Core area.

The Heavenly Martial Realm remained the same. It looked equally beautiful.

If he killed several Category Three Black-tier beasts, he would be able to accumulate three hundred contribution points eventually, but Long Chen felt that it was not challenging enough for him. He wanted to hunt a Category Four Black-tier Beast instead.

The Lingwu family had total control over the Heavenly Martial Realm. Currently, any family member could enter it, including the inner family.

But because the realm was massive, Long Chen saw no one even after traveling for half a day.

He encountered numerous beasts, however.

It was clear that the beasts in the Heavenly Martial Realm far outnumbered the members of the Lingwu family.

Ling Xi came out of the ear stud and sat on Long Chen's shoulder.

"The Heavenly Martial Realm is indeed being used to rear a bunch of demonic beasts. There's a strong demonic aura hidden within nature's spiritual energy here. It's very beneficial for demonic beasts. The Lingwu family is lucky to have such a place."

"I think the Lingwu family relied on this place to come into power. Didn't you say it was basically a small ruin or the tomb of someone strong?"

"Indeed, but so much time has passed that the treasures were probably already taken."

"Sigh. If only they left some for me."

"I will enter the ear stud now. There's people ahead."

Ling Xi suddenly disappeared into the Ling Xi sword, and Long Chen became more alert. He raised his head and walked through the forest until he saw a group of people sitting together. They were roasting some food.

Everyone turned around when Long Chen appeared. Long Chen realized that they were all teenagers around fourteen or fifteen years old, but two of them were already at the late Human Core Realm.

Sitting among them was a disheveled man drinking beer. He appeared to be around thirty years old, and even though he looked disheveled, he was not weak.

He's at the initial Earthly Core Realm ...

Yan Cixue, Uncle Yan, and now the disheveled man. All of them were equally strong.

"Young man, care for a drink?"

When he saw Long Chen pop out of the forest, he immediately greeted him.

This was the first person Long Chen had met that was friendly to him. Even though the man's smile was disgusting, it was genuine. Long Chen walked over and smiled politely. "Of course, but I hope it's some good liquor."

"Ha! How could I, Ma Tianyang, drink lousy beer? Come and sit with us for a meal and a drink. These brats only care about eating—none of them can drink. I've been so bored."

Ma Tianyang didn't have any reservations and pulled Long Chen down to sit. He then grabbed one of the skewers that was just done and gave it to Long Chen before passing him a gourd full of beer. "Young man, come and have one!"

“Of course! I am Long Chen. Since you look a few years older than me, I will just call you Senior Ma!”

Long Chen grabbed the gourd and drank it all. He even showed Ma Tianyang that the gourd was empty.

“Excellent! I’ve finally found someone who can drink that much with me!”

Ma Tianyang was more than happy to talk with Long Chen.

The youths he was escorting were all wearing grand clothes and had strict etiquette. They ate their meal slowly and meticulously, making Ma Tianyang almost go mad from how slow they were.

Some of them were staring at Long Chen with unfriendly gazes, especially the youth whose meat had been taken. He wanted to fight Long Chen, but he didn’t dare to do so.

“No need to pay them any mind. They are all little geniuses and are too snobbish. Long Chen, let’s go to that corner. We should drink and talk to our fill!”

Ma Tianyang ignored them and pulled Long Chen into the forest. They found a rather thick branch and sat down before talking.

“Senior Ma, which family are you from, and why are you escorting them?”

Senior Ma smiled. “I’m just an errand boy of the Gold family. I was ordered by the Grand Elder to take the Human Core Realm geniuses to have their first look at a Category Four Black-tier beast. But I’ve been feeling nothing but boredom and frustration! They’re always quiet and are constantly plotting against each other, yet none of them can drink!”

Long Chen looked at the gloomy youths eating their meal and sympathized with Ma Tianyang. Senior Ma was clearly the straightforward and honest type. He loathed people like those youths, and it was difficult for him to spend so much time with them. This was why he was overjoyed when he saw Long Chen.

“I am from the Turquoise family. I’m also looking for a Category Four Black-tier beast.”

Long Chen took another sip of the beer and silently appreciated how nice it tasted.

“This is a top-grade monkey beer. It took me a lot of effort to get it. Drink it slowly.”

Ma Tianyang was a bit worried about how much beer he had left before he re-evaluated Long Chen. “I must say, I’m impressed. You are so young and you are already so strong. You must be even stronger than them if you’re coming into the Earthly Core area on your own. Everyone else would think you are reckless, but I think you are a brave man!”

Ma Tianyang was simple and straightforward, the kind of person Long Chen liked.

“The roasted meat is amazing too.”

“That’s because that young man is great at roasting meat. That’s why I took it from him, but looking at his gaze, he seems to want to teach you a lesson.”

Ma Tianyang looked at the youths and chuckled.

“This mission is such a headache. Long Chen, you should follow us if you want to see a Category Four Black-Tier beast.”

Long Chen was reluctant to accept the invitation, but it was hard to meet someone he could get along with. “I have no reason to reject your kind offer, and I still want to drink more of your beer.”

Ma Tianyang slapped Long Chen’s shoulder joyously. “That’s great! And I think I get along well with you too! If you ever run into any trouble, you can come find me in the Gold family. I assure you that you will be treated right!”

They talked until the youths finished their meal. Ma Tianyang brought Long Chen back, tidied up the area, and continued their journey.

The youths were staring at Long Chen. The one whose meat got taken away even objected to it. “Senior Ma, must we bring him along?”

“Yep. His name is Long Chen, and he is an incredible person. Make sure to become friends with him.” Ma Tianyang smiled.

“But Senior Ma! Wasn’t this training exercise supposed to belong to only us, the prodigies with a four star rating? Why is an outsider here?”

“Yeah! I don’t want someone from another family to drag us down. Brat, which family are you from?”

Ma Tianyang looked at Long Chen with a look of embarrassment on his face, but the latter was fine with it.

“I am from the Turquoise family. Do you have any objections to that?”

“The Turquoise family?”

The young man scoffed. “The turquoise family is the second weakest family! How could you compare to us from the Gold family, the strongest family?”

Ma Tianyang was completely embarrassed by their behavior. His joyous attitude was replaced with a gloomy face. He released his strong aura and silenced them.

“The Grand Elder said that I have full command over the training exercise. If you have any objections, send your complaints to him once we get back. If you continue to stall us, I will whack you!”

All of them remained silent after Ma Tianyang threatened them. But they still hated Long Chen.

“Long Chen, I hope you are not offended by those brats.”

“Naturally I’m not.”

Long Chen smiled and ignored them. He walked with Ma Tianyang at the forefront. “Senior Ma, is there really a ranking of the nine outer families?”

“Only an idiot would care about that. As long as you are from the outer family, you have to obey everything the inner family says. There’s no reason to compete with each other,” Ma Tianyang said. “But the Gold and Silver families are indeed stronger than the other families, the difference just isn’t as drastic as the brats make it seem.”

Long Chen had a slightly better understanding now.

“Say, your potential ranking should be four stars too, right? There’s a qualifier coming up to enter the inner family soon. Have you registered for it?”

Long Chen nodded. “My Grand Elder has submitted my name. They are processing it now.”

Ma Tianyang’s eyes lit up. “Not bad. If you have the Grand Elder’s recommendation, that must mean you are the elite of the Turquoise family.”

Long Chen smiled politely.

“I heard that Chu Yunyao from the Turquoise family managed to obtain a spot directly, and someone from the Gold family was given one too. As for the tens of others, all of them are being assessed.”

“There are more than ten people? That’s pretty scary. By the way, how strong is the one from the Gold family?”

“Him? He’s definitely strong. He has been famous ever since he was young. Some people call him the little prince of the Gold family. He’s at the mid Earthly Core Realm even though he’s only eighteen years old. He’s even stronger than me. Everyone calls him the second strongest prodigy of the outer family ...”

“The second? Who’s the first?” Long Chen was curious.

“The first?”

Ma Tianyang’s face became gloomy and then he said in a low voice, “The first ... Sigh. He’s nothing but a legend now. His name was Mo Xiaolang.”

Chapter 135 - Five Divine Weapons

“What’s wrong?” Long Chen was surprised by Ma Tianyang’s response.

He was puzzled by the change in mood.

When Long Chen asked Gan Ling about Mo Xiaolang, Gan Lin told him to forget everything about Mo Xiaolang. And now Ma Tianyang was talking about Mo Xiaolang!

“Senior Ma, do you think of me as a comrade?”

Long Chen raised his head and stared at Ma Tianyang.



Sensing his seriousness, Ma Tianyang also became serious and nodded. “Even though we’ve just met, I like your attitude. I will consider you half a comrade. I will consider us true comrades once we risk our lives to fight against a greater enemy.”

“Half a comrade is more than enough. To be honest, I joined the Lingwu family less than a month ago and I would love to learn more about Mo Xiaolang. Can you tell me more about him?”

Ma Tianyang glanced back at the little geniuses from the Gold family and then said in a serious tone, “My family has ordered us to never leak anything about Mo Xiaolang to outsiders. But if you really want to know, I don’t mind risking it. But first, you must tell me your relationship with him.”

It wasn’t a very deep bond. Long Chen was just indebted to Mo Xiaolang, so he didn’t mind sharing it with Ma Tianyang.

Ma Tianyang nodded and decided to tell him about Mo Xiaolang after seeing how much Long Chen seemed to care about others. “As long as you don’t tell anyone I was the one who said it. Mo Xiaolang’s talent is so incredible that even the prodigies of the inner family are envious of him. He’s only fourteen years old and he’s already at the mid Heavenly Core Realm. Don’t you think that’s scary?”

Fourteen, mid Heavenly Core Realm?

Mo Xiaolang was even stronger than that old bastard Liu Yuan! He was almost as strong as the nine Grand Elders of the outer family! Long Chen was considered a prodigy back in Baiyang Town, but Mo Xiaolang was the true prodigy in the Lingwu family!

“Mo Xiaolang joined the Silver family when he was ten, and his cultivation level skyrocketed. Everyone was talking about him back then. If it wasn’t for his stubbornness, he would’ve joined the inner family. Sigh ... To think that he ended up like that ...”

Long Chen was confused too. Why wouldn’t someone as talented as Mo Xiaolang join the inner family?

“Why didn’t he join the inner family?”

Ma Tianyang shook his head. “I’m not sure. Do you know about the five Divine Weapons of the Lingwu family?”

“Divine Weapons?”

Long Chen had never heard of them before.

“The five Divine Weapons... Four of them belong to the four inner families, the Azure Dragon Halberd, the Vermillion Bird Fan, the White Tiger Blade, and the Black Tortoise Axe. As for the remaining one, it was given to the nine outer families to control. It’s called the Heavenly Wolf Dagger. I think that Mo Xiaolang stayed in the outer family because he wanted the Heavenly Wolf Dagger. Not only did he manage

to get it, he also received its approval and cultivated the Heavenly Wolf Demonic technique, granting him full control of the Divine Weapon.”

Long Chen knew nothing about the five Divine Weapons; he was more concerned about where Mo Xiaolang was.

“And then what happened to him, Senior Ma?”

Ma Tianyang shook his head and sighed. “And then ... I heard he killed some of the experts of the inner family and even some of the younger prodigies. He’s now being imprisoned in the Star Devil Prison.”

“Something like that happened?!”

Long Chen was shocked. He had thought Mo Xiaolang betrayed the Lingwu family and ran away, but to think he was imprisoned instead! Long Chen didn’t feel right that Mo Xiaolang was imprisoned.

“How could this happen?”

“I don’t know. I don’t even know who died, but everyone pinned the blame on him. Not only did he not join the inner family, he even killed the experts of the inner family. It was clear he betrayed the Lingwu family.”

Ma Tianyang sighed pitifully when he mentioned Mo Xiaolang.

“Senior Ma, where is the Star Devil Prison?”

Long Chen tried to remain calm.

Ma Tianyang answered calmly, “The Star Devil Prison is where we, the Lingwu family, imprison the criminals. It’s a very harsh place. As for its location, it’s at the center of the Heavenly Martial Realm, protected by strong Black-tier beasts. If you want to save him, give it up. Even though your talent is good, you can’t even clear the Earthly Core area right now. There’s no way you can go through the Heavenly Core area and reach the Star Devil Prison.”

So it’s at the depths of the Heavenly Core area?

Ma Tianyang patted Long Chen’s shoulder and sighed. “The Lingwu family is not as simple as you think. We are just two minor characters, mere ants compared to the massive Lingwu family. If you want to do something that’ll make everyone notice your strength, at least wait until you’ve grown a little.”

Long Chen had no choice but to suppress his desire to save Mo Xiaolang for now.

After hearing what had happened to Mo Xiaolang, Long Chen was slightly depressed, and Ma Tianyang was smart enough to leave him be for now. He even slowed down a little and ordered the youths, “Brats, we are reaching the Earthly Core area right now. Make sure to pay attention, and don’t blame me if you die.”

Hearing that they are reaching the Earthly Core area, they started paying attention and kept scanning their surroundings. Ma Tianyang asked Long Chen to join the group so that he could protect everyone.

Seeing Long Chen amongst them, one of the youths scoffed. "You think you'll be protected if you squeeze in here with us? Dream on."

Long Chen ignored him.

"Just stay with them for now. I'm afraid I might not be able to save you if we meet a strong beast. Just don't run away."

Ma Tianyang tried pushing Long Chen into the group.

But whenever Long Chen got close, they moved away like a blob of slime. They stared at him in disgust, as if Long Chen was a pile of poop.

"These brats!"

Ma Tianyang was about to get angry when Long Chen stopped him. "Senior Ma, no need to worry. Just take care of yourself. I assure you I will be fine even without them."

Ma Tianyang nodded. *Since Long Chen was able to get his Grand Elder's recommendation, that must mean he's quite strong.*

"What a bastard. He keeps sucking up to Senior Ma!"

"Maybe he's trying to steal the beast soul and demonic core. We must never let him do that!"

Long Chen ignored them and walked to the back.

If it wasn't for Ma Tianyang, he wouldn't even bother walking with them.

After learning about Mo Xiaolang, he knew he had done the right thing.

"If the information they gave me is correct, there will be a cave up ahead. There's a Category Four Black-tier Giant Devil Bear inside. It's aggressive and strong, to the point that even someone at the initial Earthly Core Realm would have trouble fighting against it. Excluding me, of course."

Hearing the Giant Devil Bear's name, the youths started trembling. "Senior Ma, is fighting the Giant Devil Bear part of our training?"

Ma Tianyang turned around and answered, not even attempting to hide his irritation, "You've already asked the same question ten times. Are you afraid? If you are, you can go back now. I'm just asking you to observe the fight. You don't even have to fight yourself, you coward!"

The youth shrank a little from shame.

"Our informant has accurately recorded that there's a Giant Devil Bear up ahead, which is why they sent someone as fast as me to lead them. I've killed three Giant Devil Bears, so I have experience dealing with them. These brats are the treasure of the Gold family, so it's best if nothing happens to them," Ma Tianyang explained to Long Chen.

Ma Tianyang ordered them to hide somewhere where they could see the entire battle. Ma Tianyang then gave Long Chen a signal before he headed to the cave.

The cave was quaint. There was an emerald-colored pool at the front, and the entrance was partially hidden by moss. But there were several bear paw prints on the moss ...

“Looking at the size of the cave, it seems that the Giant Devil Bear is massive ...”

Long Chen roughly imagined how big it would be.

Ma Tianyang stood at the front of the cave and threw a rock into its depths!

“Stupid bear, come out and fight!”

Ma Tian Yang's loud voice echoed into the cave along with the rock. All of them heard a bear's bellow in no time, causing the cave to shake.

“What the?!”

Ma Tianyang panicked at the same time as Long Chen and the rest, because all of them heard two different roars.

“There's two of them?! If it's in the same cave as a Giant Devil Bear, the other beast must be in the same category!”

Ma Tianyang had not expected something like this to happen.

Before he even managed to shout at them to run, two massive beasts ran out of the cave and blocked the sun. The entire area shook from their footsteps.

Long Chen raised his head and saw the four-meter-tall bear. To think it was this tall even though it was still standing on all fours!

Both of them were Giant Devil Bears. Their bodies were covered in dark fur, their muscles were as strong as steel, their teeth were massive, and their eyes were filled with bloodlust.

Both of them roared at the same time. They were truly angered by Ma Tianyang's taunt. One of the girls cried when she was overwhelmed by the loud noise.

Long Chen had no idea why the bears were so angry until he saw their crotches.

So that's why there were two bears in the cave instead of one. One of them managed to get a mate and was halfway through the deed when Senior Ma interrupted them. No wonder they are so angry ...

Chapter 136 - Giant Devil Bear

Life had a sense of humor. The Lingwu family's intel agent had indeed only found one Giant Devil Bear. Unfortunately, however, the bear had recently gotten into a relationship and was currently working hard to produce offspring. That was why Ma Tianyang was now facing this tragedy.

The Giant Devil Bear was number one in terms of both strength and combat abilities amongst all Category Four Black-tier demonic beasts.

With Ma Tianyang's intermediate Black-tier technique, he would have a slight advantage against one bear. But in the face of two, he was far outnumbered.

The pair of bears, one male and one female, were almost similar in size. They pounced towards Ma Tianyang the moment they emerged from the cave. He only had time to warn everyone to run before the bears arrived next to him. One swiped at his waist with an arm several times larger than his body!

If he was caught, Ma Tianyang's thin waist would snap in two!

Ma Tianyang let the Gold family's young men and women leave first. As long as they had a head start, based on the bears' speed, they would not be able to catch up to him, and he would be able to escape unscathed too. Unfortunately, the teenagers' minds were too weak!

The Giant Devil Bear looked more fearsome than any beast they had ever seen before, so the moment they heard a hint of panic in Ma Tianyang's voice, most of them were paralyzed with fear. One girl sobbed, while the rest felt their knees go weak. Only a few were sensible enough to run!

The bears had excellent hearing, so there was no way they would miss such a huge commotion. This was their territory, and they had been interrupted while they were in the middle of something good. They desperately needed to smash Ma Tianyang into a patty to vent their anger!

When they realized that there were others nearby, and that all of them were weaker than Ma Tianyang, one of the bears breathed raggedly and unleashed a violent roar before sprinting towards Long Chen. It arrived in front of them in the blink of an eye. A few of them hadn't even begun to run!

“No!”

Ma Tianyang let out a furious roar and broke free from his opponent, sprinting as fast as he could over to the other bear.

However, due to the brief delay caused by his opponent, he had missed the window of opportunity. Even if he managed to run over in time, he would only arrive to corpses strewn on the ground.

Each Giant Devil Bear was strong enough to kill all the teenagers in one strike!

Seeing as it was impossible for them to run, Ma Tianyang's eyes widened and he screamed, “Don't run! Attack!”

As long as someone stepped up to block the first strike, Ma Tianyang would be able to arrive in time.

Although he didn't really have much of a relationship with these people, they were all born into the Lingwu family and had parents at least at the Administrator level. If they died, not only would the Gold family severely weaken in the future, but he would also be killed!

As long as they could block one strike, Ma Tianyang could arrive in time. But what made him speechless was that everyone who was on the stronger side, at the late Human Core Realm, and had the strength to defend themselves against the bear, had already escaped! The remaining ones were the weakest few!

As long as the bear arrived and swiped with a paw, the teenagers would be reduced to pulp!

Ma Tianyang was already feeling hopeless when he imagined what would happen at the next moment. Squeezing every drop of strength out of his muscles, he sprinted as fast as he could!

They looked upwards as the gigantic shadow large enough to block out the skies approached, the thick scent of blood creeping into their nostrils. The few remaining prodigies were almost in tears, shaking badly. Their legs had given out and they had lost the ability to stand, much less the strength to fight. "I'm dead, I'm so dead ..."

Ma Tianyang lost all hope when he saw them.

While everyone despaired, someone suddenly slammed into the charging Giant Devil Bear, knocking it back a few steps. The person was also thrown more than ten meters back by the impact before stabilizing himself!

"Long Chen!"

When Ma Tianyang saw that Long Chen had stopped the bear, his despair turned to joy. He'd completely forgotten about Long Chen, and he had never expected him to be the one to attack at the critical moment to save the brats.

"Why isn't he injured?"

Although Long Chen was dusty, everyone could see that he wasn't injured. In fact, he was unscathed.

But Long Chen was privately cursing. *That damn animal! I'm definitely no match for it without my Dragon Soul Transformation. I hit it directly with the Primordial Dragon Seal, but all it did was push it back a few steps.*

The bear had also been pushed back more than ten meters. By now, Ma Tianyang finally arrived and stood in front of the two bears, also blocking in front of Long Chen.

The remaining teenagers had mentally prepared themselves to die, but when they saw that Long Chen had saved them at the last moment, their jaws dropped. Their faces turned red when they recalled how they had mocked and looked down on him.

With Ma Tianyang and Long Chen blocking the bears, they finally woke from their paralyzing fear and quickly ran off, hiding far away. They reunited with the ones who had previously escaped.

"What happened? Weren't you guys going to be hit just now?"

The people who left first hadn't seen Long Chen's attack.

"It was that Turquoise guy ... He saved us ..."

"That's impossible. He's only at the Human Core Realm, how could he face a Category Four Black-tier Giant Devil Bear?"

"I think I saw that too, but I'm guessing that the bear is not a strong one. Brother Bei, Brother Dong, you two are late Human Core Realm cultivators. You guys can go fight the bear too. Don't let that Turquoise brat steal the limelight!"

When one of the girls said this, the two taller teenagers puffed up instantly. But when they glanced at the terrifying bears, they deflated just as quickly. "Since the brat is so impatient to show off, we'll let him have it this time. The Gold family is a huge, reputable family, so we must be generous."

“Wow, Brother Dong! What you’re saying makes sense!”

Everyone started their ass-kissing once more, completely oblivious to how pathetic they looked.

On the other side, Ma Tianyang had finally blocked the Giant Devil Bears. Although he was shocked by Long Chen’s strength, it was still impossible for him to fight two Giant Devil Bears.

He immediately instructed, “Long Chen, please do me a favor and bring the brats back to the Human Core area. Once I shake these two bastards off, I’ll meet you guys again.”

He thought Long Chen would be obedient and leave, but Long Chen didn’t even move and said calmly, “Brother Ma, aren’t we here to see a Category Four Black-tier beast today? These Giant Devil Bears look like they will sell for a lot of money.”

Long Chen, whom he thought was trustworthy, had suddenly said something so wildly untrustworthy that it stunned Ma Tianyang. The bears attacked once more. “Quick, Long Chen! I can’t hold them off any longer ...”

As he spoke, he saw dense, red scales and sharp, bony spines emerging from Long Chen’s body. In the blink of an eye, they covered his body entirely, resulting in a complete transformation. It looked very cool.

Ma Tianyang gasped. “You’re a Beast Warrior?”

“Why don’t we have a competition to see who kills their enemy first?” Long Chen turned and grinned.

Ma Tianyang was left confused.

The rest of the teenagers were also stunned by Long Chen’s awesome getup. One of the girls’ eyes sparkled immediately, resting her chin on one hand as she sighed. “So handsome ...”

“Handsome? All it takes is one slap from the bear and all his scales will shatter,” scoffed the teenager known as Brother Bei.

“He’s a Beast Warrior, which means he wasn’t in his most powerful form just now. Brother Bei, do you think he’s stronger than you?”

Brother Bei thought for a long time, then he shook his head. “Although he is extraordinary and is considered a top prodigy in the Lingwu family, he’s likely still a bit weaker than I am.”

At this point, Long Chen and Ma Tianyang were already engaged in an intense battle with the bears.

Before Ma Tianyang could react to Long Chen’s challenge, Long Chen charged directly towards one of the Giant Devil Bears! “Primordial Dragon Seal!”

The blood-red dragon image smashed into the bear’s thick arm with a loud *boom* just as it swiped at him. When the two forces collided, the bear let out a furious roar and retreated. There was a wound on its arm caused by the Primordial Dragon Seal.

“Getting angrier, are we?” Long Chen smirked and used the Nine Heavens Dragon Step, quickly circling around the bear so he was behind it. A powerful demonic

energy wave erupted from the Giant Devil Bear. In terms of attacking abilities, this bear was much more powerful than the average initial Earthly Core Realm cultivator.

Long Chen had successfully diverted the bear's attention.

Has he cultivated the Nine Heavens Dragon Step already? He should be able to hold out for a while. It'll use this chance to quickly finish off this bear and then help him!

After making this decision, Ma Tianyang fought the other Giant Devil Bear!

The rest of the teenagers watched the two battles with wide eyes. This scene was very similar to their original plan, though there was an extra person and bear involved.

"Why do I feel like that Turquoise brat's fight is more impressive?" mumbled the girls.

Although they didn't know how long Long Chen could last, at least they weren't so averse to him anymore.

In fact, they were grateful. If it wasn't for him, some of them would've been dead.

But when they recalled how they previously mocked Long Chen, they felt like they had been slapped across the face ...

This fight against the Giant Devil Bear was exactly what Long Chen wanted. *This bear is extremely powerful. This is the perfect opponent to test the Blazing Thunder Combat Body on. Let's see who is stronger!*

#### Chapter 137 - The Crazy Animal

Blood-red lightning flashed on Long Chen's body. Upon closer inspection, there were visible blood-red flames on his skin.

After merging with more Blazing Thunder Crystals, the power of lightning and fire had strengthened his body and merged with his Qi.

With the merging of his twenty-fifth crystal, Long Chen's body had become extremely powerful, comparable to that of someone utilizing an intermediate Black-tier Body Tempering technique.

Relying on the formidable Blazing Thunder Combat Body, a terrifying battle between Long Chen and the bear commenced.

On Ma Tianyang's side, he used a strange step technique to dodge the Giant Devil Bear, then he looked for opportunities to attack. Long Chen used a different strategy—he relied on his body's toughness to attack the bear directly!

If an outsider were to hear that he had attacked a Giant Devil Bear directly, they would think that Long Chen had gone mad. However, Ma Tianyang and the others knew that Long Chen was not crazy, because not only did he not lose, but the brutal collisions even caused the bear to cry in pain, unleashing furious roars that constantly shook the surrounding trees.

The two bragging teenagers no longer dared to speak.

After all, the battle was terrifying. If any one of them were in Long Chen's current position, they would've been flattened by now.



“You can do it!” muttered the group as their opinion of Long Chen rose steadily. Long Chen didn’t seem to be much weaker than Ma Tianyang. In fact, his fight looked more effortless.

Ma Tianyang’s eyes darted at Long Chen out of his peripheral vision, and he was shocked. *Indeed, my luck was terrible to have encountered two Giant Devil Bears at the same time, but I also made a friend in Long Chen. In the end, the good luck exceeded the bad luck. All in all, I have ended up with a huge gain!*

His tightened heartstrings finally relaxed, and he focused on his opponent. *Fighting this animal is tiring! But I can’t lose to him.*

After battling for a while, the bear was left covered in injuries, while Long Chen had lost his initial excitement.

He suddenly retreated. The bear thought he was going to run away and unleashed an even louder roar. What it didn’t expect was that after Long Chen took a few steps back, the Qi in him surged and he punched with a loud cry! “Burning Devil Sun Fist, Devil Sun Collision!”

The Fist Seal, which resembled a black sun, slammed into the bear, which shrieked in agony as it was launched into the air. It momentarily blocked out the sun with its size, then crashed in the direction of the teenagers!

Fresh blood flew in all directions!

The teenagers screamed and dispersed.

When the crowd glanced over fearfully, they saw that there was a large hole in its abdomen, its internal organs shattered by Long Chen’s attack.

The terrifying Giant Devil Bear was dead.

Long Chen rushed over and stored the bear’s carcass in his Universe Pouch in one swift move. He had done it so casually that the teenagers stared in a daze, not knowing what to do.

“What? Are you guys thinking of taking my war spoils?” Long Chen asked fiercely.

“We wouldn’t dare ...”

They quickly retreated a few steps, their legs shaking. Brother Bei and Brother Dong might have bragged loudly earlier, but after realizing that Long Chen was ten times stronger than them, they were extremely embarrassed.

“Good.”

Long Chen smiled, then he headed towards Ma Tianyang’s battle.

At this point, both Ma Tianyang and the bear had witnessed Long Chen’s victory. Ma Tianyang was filled with shock, while the bear, who had seen its lady die, raged even more.

“The animal has lost its wits.”

Ma Tianyang knew that this was his chance.

“Brother Ma, I’ve won our bet. Don’t you hide your good wine from me later!” said Long Chen while Ma Tianyang fought.

Ma Tianyang sulked bitterly. Previously, he treated Long Chen as his junior and naturally could decline any request from him. Now that they were close and it was clear that Long Chen’s strength was on the same level as his, Ma Tianyang knew that the precious wine he was hiding would probably need to be given to the teenager!

He vented his frustration on the Giant Devil Bear.

Ma Tianyang’s strengths were speed and ambush, so he was perfectly suited to defeat this beast. It was easy for him to fight one bear alone, especially when it had lost its motivation.

After fifteen minutes, only a carcass was left at his feet.

“Stupid bastard! I can’t believe you were hooking up with another bear at a time like this. You almost got me killed!” He kicked the bear hard, then prepared to put it away. He initially planned to store the whole carcass in his Universe Pouch like Long Chen had, but Long Chen asked him, “Brother Ma, other than the demonic core and its Beast Soul, do you need the rest?”

“Nope. The flesh and hide aren’t worth much money,” Ma Tianyang said straightforwardly.

“Give them to me, then. I need them.”

Ma Tianyang nodded. Although he didn’t know what Long Chen was going to use them for, he didn’t ask. He extracted the Beast Soul and demonic core, then Long Chen took the carcass. *The Giant Devil Bear has a lot more blood than the Heart Eater. Two Category Four Black-tier beasts should be enough for me to improve my cultivation.*

The higher his cultivation level, the more Qi he needed. Although he was only at the late Human Core Realm, Category Four Black-tier beasts were still not enough to break through to the Earthly Core Realm. These two Giant Devil Bears were barely a meal to him.

I wonder, how much more powerful will the beasts need to be when I reach the Heavenly Core Realm ...

Once they both killed their respective bears, the teenagers finally dared to walk up to them. They didn’t dare look at Long Chen directly, only glancing at him secretly and then immediately looking away awkwardly.

“We’ve all experienced danger together, so let’s all be friends. Come, come. This is your Brother Long. Let me hear you greet him.”

Ma Tianyang was not one to remain silent, for he knew the contempt they bore for Long Chen before this. And Long Chen’s performance was the equivalent of a hard slap to their faces, so it was the best time for Ma Tianyang to embarrass them even more.

*These cowards! If I don’t teach them a lesson here, they will continue to be arrogant,* thought Ma Tianyang.

Although they were unwilling, they all mumbled, “Brother Long Chen.”

Meanwhile, Long Chen suddenly felt like he was the boss, as this was his first time experiencing this feeling.

Now that the bears had been killed, their training session was over, and Ma Tianyang had to return. Long Chen nodded and suddenly looked in a direction not far away. “Why are you sneaking around? Are you going to show yourself?”

Ma Tianyang and the rest froze, not knowing what Long Chen was talking about. However, two people suddenly emerged from behind the boulders not far away. That was when they realized that two people had been watching them.

These two people were Liu Ling and Uncle Yan.

The battle between Long Chen and the Giant Devil Bear had caused a huge commotion. They hadn’t been far away, so when they hurried over, they coincidentally witnessed Long Chen killing the bear.

Liu Ling initially wanted Uncle Yan to teach Long Chen a lesson in the Heavenly Martial Realm, maybe even kill him in order to wash herself clean of the filth. However, Long Chen’s battle had hit her like a tsunami.

At the time, Uncle Yan said in exasperation, “Ling’er, Long Chen killed the Giant Devil Bear so easily. I don’t think I’m a match for him.”

His words made Liu Ling feel helpless, though when she thought of how Feng Wutian was at the Earthly Core Realm, and also in the inner family, she was filled with confidence again.

Uncle Yan can’t beat you, but Brother Feng Wutian will teach you a lesson! I’ll go look for him the moment I get out of the Heavenly Martial Realm today!

That was what Liu Ling was thinking when Long Chen called them out.

“You were watching us. Why? Want to steal our spoils?” asked Long Chen rudely.

“It’s only a Category Four Black-tier beast—I have no desire for it!”

Liu Ling was extremely uncomfortable under Long Chen’s fiery glare.

“What do you want, then? Unless ... is it Brother Ma? Brother Ma is a prodigy; he wouldn’t fall for an ugly person like you! You should just give up. Brother Ma, let’s go before this ugly person wastes your time!”

Long Chen mocked her, then he pulled Ma Tianyang along and left.

The Gold family teenagers looked at Liu Ling, who was seething with rage, then at each other, and finally decided to leave.

“Long Chen! You’re the ugly one! You bastard! You must die!”

Liu Ling was so angry that she started crying. This was the first time in her life that she was wronged like this. “Uncle Yan, I want to go meet Brother Wutian! I must!”

On Long Chen's side, after walking for a while, Ma Tianyang slapped Long Chen's head and jokingly scolded, "You brat! I don't care if you're trying to get girls, but you used me!"

"Pfft. I'm not trying to get her. Whatever, you wouldn't understand even if I explained. Let's go drink!"

"What are you talking about? I know more about girls than you. The more you bicker, the more you love someone. You guys fight so much; how can you say that isn't love?"

Long Chen smiled, not knowing how to answer.

The person he bickered and joked around with most was Ling Xi.

Chapter 138 - Soul Grass!

After bidding Ma Tianyang farewell, Long Chen walked towards the Treasure Pavilion. "Hey, have you really decided to abandon the Violet Demonic Lizard's Beast Soul? It can be sold for a lot of money," said Ling Xi hesitantly.

"Boss, I have explained many times that I must first get the Soul Grass. As for that Beast Soul, getting another five hundred Contribution Points should not be difficult for someone at my cultivation level, right?"

Ling Xi pursed her lips, not talking.

In reality, she knew very well that Long Chen was the type of person who never felt safe. He was worried about her, so he wanted to get her some insurance as soon as possible so he could do everything else with peace of mind.

This touched her to the depths of her heart.

Once he entered the Treasure Pavilion, Long Chen found the pretty girl from last time. "Hey, little brother, you're here again! You want more Soul Nourishing Fruits?"

She remembered the teenager who only wanted Soul Nourishing Fruits.

"Would you believe me if I said I wanted to buy the Soul Grass?"

"You have three hundred Contribution Points?" asked the girl, her mouth agape.

"No," said Long Chen indignantly.

"You're naughty!" The girl giggled, then she waved and said, "Alright, enough with the jokes. Tell me what you need."

"Wait for me. I don't have it now, but I'll have it very soon."

Long Chen quickly ran off while the staff member smiled and shook her head. "That little brat seems to hold many secrets ..."

When he arrived at the collection point for Beast Souls and demonic cores, Long Chen placed the Giant Devil Bear's demonic core and Beast Soul on the counter.

“Category Four Black-tier Giant Devil Bear?” The person inside was slightly shocked as he could see that it was Long Chen. “Who gave you these?”

“I picked them up in the Heavenly Martial Realm,” said Long Chen casually, yawning.

If a Giant Devil Bear was so easy to find, everyone would be rich. That was why the guy did not believe him.

If Long Chen wasn't willing to tell, he wasn't going to press further, so the guy collected the demonic core and Beast Soul. “Based on the pricing list, you should receive four hundred Contribution Points. Give me your identity jade token.”

Long Chen gave him his identity jade token. Very quickly, the number on it changed to “641.”

“One stalk of Soul Grass will cost me three hundred points. That leaves me with three hundred and forty-one points. That's not enough to get the Violet Demonic Lizard's Beast Soul ...”

He was a little frustrated knowing that if he truly wanted the Violet Demonic Lizard's Beast Soul, he would need to enter the Heavenly Martial Realm again.

His excursion was considered successful, as he had not only earned four hundred contribution points, he had also made a friend in Ma Tianyang and got to learn about Mo Xiaolang.

Returning to the spiritual herb section, Long Chen showed the girl his token. She was shocked. “Six hundred and forty-one points? What did you sell just now?”

“The demonic core and Beast Soul of a Giant Devil Bear. Do you believe me?” Long Chen chuckled.

“Giant Devil Bear? That's a Category Four Black-tier beast! I'm not believing that! But I know you've been in the Heavenly Martial Realm for a while. You must've killed many Category Three Black-tier beasts, right?”

“You guessed right! I want the Soul Grass; would you be able to get it for me?”

The girl eyed Long Chen carefully with her beautiful eyes, then she smiled and nodded. “You must've killed more than ten Category Three Black-tier beasts. You have a great attitude, brat. Just from this fact alone, I have no choice but to help you ...”

“Thank you so much, sister.”

She liked him even more now. After taking Long Chen's jade identity token, she walked up to the second floor.

“I don't know your name yet.”

“Hm? I'm Qing Ya. You may call me Sister Ya.”

If she could go up to the second floor of the Treasure Pavilion, it meant she was at least at the Earthly Core Realm.

After a while, Qing Ya returned and placed a box and his identity jade token in his hand. “This is the Soul Grass. Use it wisely. Don’t waste it.”

“I guarantee all of it will be eaten up.”

Long Chen was overjoyed, putting it away carefully. Within the Ling Xi Sword, Ling Xi was also excited when she sensed the presence of the Soul Grass.

“The Soul Grass isn’t eaten, silly! It’s refined.”

Long Chen nodded. “Thank you, Sister Ya. Once I have enough contribution points, I’ll definitely come back. See you soon!”

Then he left excitedly. Qing Ya smiled as she watched him leave. “I heard that this brat even registered for the inner family’s qualifiers. But he’s not at the Earthly Core Realm, so he won’t stand a chance.”

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Once he returned to his quarters, Long Chen shut his door.

“Quick, quick! Soul Grass!”

Ling Xi was also an impatient person, so once she entered the room, she hopped out of her sword and ran around Long Chen in circles.

After he entered the underground room, Long Chen took out the box with the Soul Grass from his Universe Pouch. When opened it, he found a small stalk of grass that resembled white jade, and a relaxing fragrance wafted into his nose. Long Chen sniffed and felt like he was getting drunk.

“Indeed, an intermediate Black-tier herb is no simple herb. This is more than ten times more expensive than the Recovery Fruit.”

The Ling Xi Sword floated in front of Long Chen, and then there was a gust of white mist and the Soul Grass disappeared.

“I’m going to refine the Soul Grass!”

After finding a suitable corner, Ling Xi started her refining excitedly. Long Chen felt accomplished when he saw how anxious she was. *I now have two Category Four Black-tier demonic beasts’ blood essence and more Blazing Thunder Crystals. I’ll decide what to do once I’ve finished them all.*

The room quietened down. Long Chen wasn’t in a hurry to use the beasts’ blood essence, because he had only just attained the late Human Core Stage. So he started merging with the Blazing Thunder Crystals instead. Since he was on his twenty-sixth crystal, he needed to activate the Dragon Soul Transformation for the merging.

Time passed slowly. After approximately one day, Long Chen finished merging with the twenty-sixth crystal. Ling Xi had long completed her refining and was waiting anxiously for him.

After using the Soul Grass, her body was much clearer and her aura far more condensed. She had clearly become much stronger and looked prettier too. She would be able to provide some assistance in Long Chen’s future battles.

“Xiao Xi, what’s the matter?” asked Long Chen hurriedly when he saw how anxious she was.

“Liu Ling went to get Feng Wutian, and he’s waiting for you outside right now. They’re threatening to break the door down if you don’t open it!”

“Feng Wutian?”

Long Chen suddenly recalled that he’d angered Liu Ling quite severely the last time they met. Liu Ling had gone to the inner family to ask Feng Wutian for help. It seemed that Long Chen was going to suffer greatly this time.

“He’s already lost to me once; now he’s here again?” He stood up without a hint of fear.

“Be careful. That guy is probably stronger than Yan Chixue and Ma Tianyang.”

Feng Wutian had the blood of the Southern Vermilion Bird family, and now he was one of them. Long Chen also understood that Mo Xiaolang was imprisoned because he had killed members of the inner family, so he knew to be careful to avoid the same fate.

Once he opened the door, he saw Liu Ling clutching Feng Wutian’s arm while glaring maliciously at himself. Long Chen was amused. It seemed that the bath incident really had driven her mad.

*Why are you so mad? It was just one time. You can see mine if you really want,* Long Chen thought to himself, then he looked at Feng Wutian. *This guy has changed a lot. It looks like he ended up benefiting from our trip to the Heavenly Martial Realm.*

Feng Wutian looked much more energized, and he had a lively look in his eyes. Although he wasn’t deliberately showing off, he radiated the aura of a master, which caused Long Chen to squint. *Feng Wutian is a powerful enemy indeed.*

Liu Ling gave a mocking look when she saw Long Chen emerge. “Has the cowardly tortoise finally emerged from its shell? I thought you’d stay inside for a few days. You must’ve peed your pants a few times!”

In the face of Feng Wutian’s intimidation, Liu Ling’s mocking, and the surrounding bystanders’ amusement, Long Chen chuckled and said, “Senior Liu, how did you know I peed my pants? Unless ... are our hearts connected?”

Liu Ling didn’t want to look too crazy in front of Feng Wutian, so she stabilized her emotions, suppressed her rage, and smirked. “I’m not here to argue. Today, Brother Feng Wutian is using his position as a member of the inner family to invite you to a duel at the Mortal Arena. Do you think you can back out this time?”

Inner family! Inner family again!

Feng Wutian said mildly, “It’s Long Chen, right? I heard that I lost to you when I was possessed by the Heart Eater. I haven’t lost to anyone in my life, so I’ll admit that the first point goes to you. However, that duel didn’t count. Come to the Mortal Arena with me. Do you have the guts to?”

Although Feng Wutian's tone was flat, his direct invitation meant that if Long Chen dared decline, the image he had worked hard to build would vanish like a bubble and he would once again be the joke of the Turquoise family.

Everyone knew that Long Chen was no match for Feng Wutian. *This brat has gotten more thorough and vicious in his tactics since entering the inner family.*

Long Chen deeply understood that he had no way of hiding from this again. Not that he intended to. *Feng Wutian may have attained the Earthly Core Realm and received great rewards from the Southern Vermilion Bird family, but I have beaten Yan Chixue and the Giant Devil Bear, so I still stand a chance.*

Long Chen had beaten Feng Wutian once before. Also considered a prodigy, Feng Wutian was a dignified and arrogant person who would never live that down. If Long Chen had hurt an inner family member in any other scenario, he would be in deep trouble. Since Feng Wutian himself had invited Long Chen to duel at the Mortal Arena, Long Chen wouldn't be held accountable if the former ended up injured. That was why this was actually the best opportunity for Long Chen.

"I just know that you have no guts. Long Chen, even if you agree, you're not going to show up, just like last time!" Liu Ling jeered as she clutched Feng Wutian's arm tightly, glaring at Long Chen with contempt.

Recalling that incident, the bystanders started to whisper and point, mocking him.

"Is that so?" Long Chen gave a small smile and raised his voice. "We'll keep the past in the past. This time, I'll accept your challenge. Alright?"

"What?"

The crowd was confused that Long Chen had actually agreed to duel.

"Are you going to agree, then stand us up like last time?" Liu Ling looked at him arrogantly. "You know that Brother Wutian is a few times stronger than Uncle Yan, right? That he can defeat you in one move?"

"If you're so worried about me not coming, why don't we go to the Mortal Arena right now? What do you think?"

Long Chen's nonchalant voice rang across the Turquoise Willow Residence.

News of this incident spread quickly across the Turquoise family.

Chapter 139 - Dragon vs. Phoenix!

News of Long Chen dueling Feng Wutian at the Mortal Arena quickly traveled throughout the Turquoise Sun Hall, even across the whole Turquoise family.

When Long Chen and the other two arrived at the Mortal Arena, Liu Yuan and the four Elders, as well as five Administrators, had already arrived.

Now that Feng Wutian was an inner family member, Liu Yuan and Liu Lan could no longer give him commands. However, they used to be friendly, so they should be able to negotiate.



“Wutian, what is all this?”

After Feng Wutian had attained the Earthly Core Realm and entered the inner family, Long Chen had taken his place as the prodigy representing the Turquoise Sun Hall’s Human Core Realm cultivators. Feng Wutian approached them with a fierce look. They were going to be in trouble if he severely injured or even killed Long Chen.

Once a duel began in the Mortal Arena, no one would be blamed for a resulting death.

“Sect Elder, he has agreed to duel at the Mortal Arena. You do not need to say anything more.”

In the past, Feng Wutian used to speak to Liu Yuan with reverence and respect. Now, his tone was much flatter.

It didn’t matter if it was for Liu Ling or himself. This time, he had to thoroughly teach Long Chen a lesson. His current status was higher than Liu Yuan’s, so the latter couldn’t stop him.

Liu Yuan was frustrated when he turned to Long Chen, saying anxiously, “Long Chen? You accepted the challenge? You’re being ridiculous! Wutian is an inner family member now! If you are injured or killed, you’ll have no one but yourself to blame. But if you hurt him ...”

At this point, he recalled that Feng Wutian had attained the Earthly Core Realm, so there wasn’t much possibility that Long Chen would win.

“Don’t worry, Sect Elder. Deaths cannot be blamed at the Mortal Arena. You have my word.”

Although Long Chen was his archnemesis, at least Feng Wutian was a righteous person.

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

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

“Then why did you accept?”

Long Chen rolled his eyes. “It looks like you’re only mature in *certain areas*. Don’t you know that a man has to finish what he started?” You’re so grown already, yet you don’t understand the saying ‘the arrow on the bow has no choice but to be fired’?”

His tone was fully implying, whether deliberate or not, that Liu Lan had huge breasts but no brain. She raged and scolded him. “You lecher! You’re looking for death, so don’t you blame us if you die later! Now that Feng Wutian has entered the inner family, I wanted to advise you not to get into any conflict with him! I didn’t expect you to go looking for death so soon!”

Long Chen grinned, not knowing what to say.

Many people had gathered by now. After hearing about the news, most were pointing and gossiping about Long Chen.

To them, the inner family name brought with it power and terror. How dare Long Chen fight a well-known, newly conferred member? He was too bold.

The five Elders and the other Administrators except Liu Lan retreated to a side as this matter did not involve them. They looked at each other, and one of the Elders with the surname Chen asked, “Who do you all think will win?”

The oldest Administrator was almost the same age as the Elder and bore the surname Zhang. He eyed Long Chen and Feng Wutian, then said, “Feng Wutian has attained the Earthly Core Realm and is being trained by the Southern Vermilion Bird family. Therefore, his strength must have exceeded the average initial Earthly Core Realm cultivator. Long Chen is at the late Human Core Realm, and although that’s far from Feng Wutian’s level, Liu Lan said that he killed the Grand Priest. It seems he might be able to hold up against Feng Wutian.”

Another Elder, with the surname Liu, pursed his lips. “That’s not necessarily true. Liu Lan didn’t personally witness Long Chen killing the Grand Priest. There is a huge gap between the Earthly Core Realm and the Human Core Realm. He might’ve been able to defeat Feng Wutian previously, but now the gap is too huge.”

“That’s true too.”

Administrator Zhang nodded. “Have you all seen an inner family member lose to a teenager from an outer family?”

The rest of them shook their heads. They were now more certain of the outcome.

Liu Yuan knew that advice would be useless now, so he and Liu Lan stepped aside. He asked her worriedly, “Lan’er, you said that Long Chen killed the Grand Priest?”

“That’s for certain. Also, I even heard that he killed a Giant Devil Bear in the Heavenly Martial Realm a few days ago. Uncle Yan saw it himself and admitted he was no match for Long Chen.”

“Oh? If even Old Yan said that, Long Chen might have a chance to keep his life ...”

Liu Yuan’s primary objective was to keep Long Chen alive.

“Let’s hope he’ll be smart and not force it too much. It’ll only anger Feng Wutian,” said Liu Lan, shaking her head and sighing. Long Chen had already bravely walked up the stage with Feng Wutian.

She was familiar with Long Chen’s temper, so his odds were not looking good. *If Long Chen dies, my plans will be ruined.*

She mulled over the undisclosed plan in her heart.

Countless pairs of eyes were fixed on Long Chen and Feng Wutian, standing far apart on the wide, hard stage. “Looking at their surnames, it is a battle between the dragon and the phoenix, though the phoenix is stronger than the dragon this time.” [1]

Long Chen could faintly hear the discussions from the audience.

He had expected the audience to not have confidence in him, seeing as Feng Wutian was a solid Earthly Core Realm expert, while Long Chen was only at the Human Core Realm. Also, the gap in their statuses was huge.

“Our last battle might have been the most humiliating event in my life, but that was when I was completely unconscious. Long Chen, I would like to rid myself of that humiliation today.”

“Rid yourself of that humiliation? Just make sure not to humiliate yourself even further ...” Long Chen shrugged, smiling insincerely.

“You deserve to die.”

Feng Wutian didn't get angry. His Earthly Core Realm Qi started to boil angrily, then a tornado appeared in front of him, spinning quickly!

The force of a mountain pressed on Long Chen! *Based on his aura, he is indeed much stronger than the Grand Priest ...* Long Chen was secretly surprised, but he was not afraid. His Qi was not weak either!

“Dragon Soul Transformation!”

His Qi was elevated to a state where it was ten times stronger than normal. This caused his Qi to rise to the Earthly Core Realm level, which was almost similar to Feng Wutian.

Feng Wutian has only just entered the inner family. Even if he has gotten a good combat technique, he probably hasn't had enough time to cultivate it.

After his Dragon Soul Transformation, blood-red Qi surged through his body and the power of lightning and fire swirled around him.

“Long Chen's Beast Soul Transformation seems to have boosted his strength greatly. I think his Draconic Realm Beast Soul isn't the Underground Blood Lizard, but the Category Seven Yellow-tier Underground Blood Lizard King,” mumbled Liu Yuan. He then said with great pity, “If Long Chen can survive this and receive the Violet Demonic Lizard's Beast Soul, he'll definitely get much stronger. It's a pity ...”

Liu Lan initially wanted to tell Liu Yuan that Long Chen had already spent three hundred contribution points on the Soul Grass, but the fight started, so she shut her mouth and watched the battle closely.

“Burning Devil Sun Fist, Blazing Flames!”

“True Vermilion Bird Technique, Fire Spirit Seal!”

Feng Wutian's Fire Spirit Seal was at least ten times stronger than previously. A gigantic firebird collided with Long Chen's fiery fist seal. The two fire-based attacks collided with a loud boom, causing shockwaves of worldly spiritual Qi to spread across space and the whole Mortal Arena to shake!

“It was a tie!”

The crowd was shocked to see that Long Chen could withstand Feng Wutian's attack. Even an average initial Earthly Core Realm cultivator would have found it difficult to come out unscathed.

“Looks like Long Chen has some decent techniques. Maybe he really killed the Grand Priest.”

Administrator Zhang nodded, revealing a hint of rare approval.

“But the outcome of the battle will still be the same. Long Chen definitely can’t withstand Feng Wutian’s most powerful technique, the Fire Bird Transformation,” said Elder Chen, shaking his head.

Long Chen used the Nine Heavens Dragon Step and started battling Feng Wutian at high speed!

Feng Wutian’s flat voice reached Long Chen’s ear. “Not bad. You were able to withstand my Fire Spirit Seal despite being only at the Human Core Realm. I have underestimated you.”

“Don’t worry, I still have more surprises.”

Long Chen had to admit that the Fire Spirit Seal was indeed powerful. The vibration from the impact had shaken him greatly, but with Recovery, which was his peculiar Life Combat Technique, common minor injuries healed quickly.

“I heard that my Fire Bird Transformation lost to you the last time. This time ...” While Feng Wutian spoke, his aura intensified greatly and the Vermilion Bird Mark on his forehead became visible again. Both his aura and Qi level doubled! “Long Chen, let’s not waste any more time! I’ll give you a taste of my most powerful technique, the Fire Bird Transformation!”

A shrill cry rang out, and the attack charged towards Long Chen, throwing him into the air with sheer force!

All he saw was a burst of flames rushing towards him, and the image of a bird flying fiercely. Everyone felt their knees go weak upon witnessing the formidable attack!

“Feng Wutian is indeed powerful ...”

“If Long Chen isn’t killed, he’ll be severely injured ...”

“No way! Doesn’t he also have a fist technique?”

When this person spoke, Long Chen used the Devil Sun Collision once more. He had no choice!

After attaining the late Human Core Realm, his Burning Devil Sun Fist had become at least ten times more powerful. When the black fist seal appeared, it brought with it a force that was equal to Feng Wutian with his Fire Bird Transformation!

“It’s a draw?!”

Everyone had shocked expressions on their faces, especially the four Elders and Administrators. They all looked at each other awkwardly. “What we said just now was embarrassing ...”

Liu Yuan was happy to see that Long Chen was this strong, while Liu Lan’s eyes remained glued to Long Chen, and a strange light returned to them.

That was when Feng Wutian's cold voice sounded once more. "You're indeed something! But now that you've forced me to use this next technique, you're definitely going to die!"

Chapter 140 - Blood Devouring Domain

"He has an even more powerful technique?"

The crowd was still feeling impressed by Long Chen's prowess, but after Feng Wutian's cold declaration, they were shocked! "Long Chen had already used his most powerful technique to counter the Fire Bird Transformation. Feng Wutian now has one last trick up his sleeve. This is ..."

The top management of the Turquoise Sun Hall all approved of Long Chen's performance, but when they heard Feng Wutian, they could guess the outcome of the battle and thought it was a great pity.

Liu Ling was initially depressed over the fact that Feng Wutian and Long Chen's battle was a draw. When she heard that her beloved had a more powerful technique, she leaped and cheered, "Brother Wutian! Beat him! Teach him a lesson, don't hold back!"

Liu Yuan and Liu Lan looked at each other. They had a bad feeling. "Father ..."

"Don't worry. I will step up at the right moment. Feng Wutian is now an inner family member after all, and Long Chen is our only hope for the next generation."

Liu Lan relaxed after receiving Liu Yuan's guarantee. Long Chen had already surpassed the benchmark she had set for him, so it didn't matter now even if he lost to Feng Wutian.

"So, you have one more trick ..." Long Chen squinted.

To be honest, Long Chen had used all his strength to deal with Feng Wutian's Fire Bird Transformation. He thought this fight would end in a draw, not expecting Feng Wutian to have yet another attack!

Afterwards, a powerful gust of energy locked on Long Chen. He could even feel his movements being restricted—it was getting difficult for him to move!

"Don't worry, you'll enjoy this, Long Chen! I didn't want to kill you, but it's too bad you made me feel threatened ..." said Feng Wutian in an icy tone.

"You're spouting a lot of nonsense."

Long Chen had already retreated to the edge of the stage using the Nine Heavens Dragon Step. Feng Wutian closed in, building up an attack. Judging by his aura, it was already several times more powerful than the Fire Bird Transformation! "The Southern Vermilion Bird family secretly gave me this technique a year ago, and I only successfully mastered it recently. Long Chen, you should feel honored to be the first person to die from this attack!"

Feng Wutian sneered maliciously.

Although Liu Ling supported Feng Wutian, she felt a little uncomfortable upon seeing such a twisted sneer. Even Liu Yuan and Liu Lan's brows were knitted.

“After Feng Wutian was defeated by Long Chen last time, although he never said it out loud, it deeply traumatized him. I’m afraid he won’t quit until he kills Long Chen.”

Liu Lan’s voice was filled with concern.

Feng Wutian suddenly let out the shrill call of a divine bird, and his Qi turned into blazing flames, burning angrily on his body. A pair of fiery wings suddenly sprouted as his aura exploded! “It’s time to die! Have a taste of this!”

Feng Wutian charged at Long Chen with great fury! “Nine! Heavens! Phoenix! Strike!”

Everyone was startled by how formidable the attack was. Even the mid-Earthly Core Realm Administrators were not confident that they could withstand this attack!

What shocked them even more was that Long Chen had not only decided not to flee, but he was actually charging at Feng Wutian!

“He’s gone mad!”

“Isn’t this suicide?”

“Father!” reminded Liu Lan.

After her reminder, Liu Yuan reacted to save him. No matter what, he was the Sect Elder and he had supported Feng Wutian. Feng Wutian wouldn’t kill him because he saved Long Chen.

Suddenly, thousands of blood whirlpools appeared above Long Chen’s blood-red dragon scales, spinning wildly!

A thick layer of blood Qi hung over the whole stage. Long Chen was in control of the whole space covered by this blood Qi!

Blood Devouring Domain, activate!

This was Long Chen’s second time using the Blood Devouring Domain. Compared to the last time, he was much more familiar with it, and it was used over a much smaller area!

The Blood Devouring Domain was one of the powers of the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon. After learning more about it, Long Chen could control its coverage. The last time he used this technique, it spanned over half of the underground city, which was currently Long Chen’s limit.

The Blood Devouring Domain could cover an area of a certain size. Anyone at a lower cultivation level within this area would find their blood being consumed by Long Chen. Opponents like Feng Wutian, at a higher cultivation level than Long Chen, would feel their blood and Qi boil and have their movements restricted!

Anyone that Long Chen didn’t target, just like Yang Lingqing and the hundreds of girls from before, would not be affected at all!

This technique would grow in strength along with Long Chen’s cultivation. That was why Long Chen didn’t know how powerful the Blood Devouring Domain would be once he became the strongest person in the city. Perhaps the life of every living being in the land would be in the palm of his hand!

That was the power of the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon.

Although it wasn't an attack-type technique, the Blood Devouring Domain had a huge effect on Feng Wutian, who was about to use his Nine Heavens Phoenix Strike!

This was his first time using the Nine Heavens Phoenix Strike, so he didn't have absolute control over the technique. The vacuum created by the Blood Devouring Domain wreaked havoc on Feng Wutian's body!

Long Chen had activated his technique at just the right time; the timing was even better than if he had used it when Feng Wutian used the Fire Spirit Seal or Fire Bird Transformation.

The blood in Feng Wutian's body suddenly seemed to grow excited, as if it heard the call of its master. It turned into tiny blades that started to surge within his veins and arteries!

Feng Wutian, who had been fully focused on launching the Nine Heavens Phoenix Strike, never would've expected this. The chaos in his blood was nowhere near enough to kill him; it would at most make movements difficult in regular circumstances. However, at a moment like this, it was enough to knock the wind out of him.

The Nine Heavens Phoenix Strike he'd been preparing suddenly exploded, and Feng Wutian was launched back by the blast. He was in shock.

Blood sprayed out of his mouth, and he crashed into the ground. The intense changes in his body caused blood to rush into his heart, resulting in him fainting!

The series of unexpected events had unfolded far too quickly. By the time he hit the ground, the crowd was still frozen in shock!

Even Long Chen never expected the Blood Devouring Domain, which he had used out of desperation, to be so effective. He knew that he had only taken advantage of a tiny window of opportunity because Feng Wutian hadn't fully mastered the Nine Heavens Phoenix Strike yet.

If Feng Wutian had been familiar with the technique, Long Chen would've at most weakened the attack and slightly restricted his movements. He would not have caused Feng Wutian to hurt himself with his own attack.

However, he had defeated Feng Wutian nonetheless, so he heaved a sigh of relief.

This time, Feng Wutian had lost to Long Chen in front of many people. This problem could be considered resolved.

Feng Wutian was unconscious, so the fight was over. Long Chen returned to his normal form and smirked, looking at the spectators.

"What happened? Wasn't Feng Wutian going to use his most powerful attack? Why did he suddenly hurt himself?"

"He probably couldn't control such a powerful technique and caused it to implode, I guess. Long Chen is lucky to have survived because of that ..."

The lower-ranked disciples might not have seen anything, but the four Elders and the others knew that it was not that simple.

“Didn’t you guys see them? Many tiny blood whirlpools appeared around Long Chen’s body, and then Feng Wutian’s attack hurt himself!”

“Long Chen must have done something. If Feng Wutian dared to use that technique, he must’ve been confident. What technique do you guys reckon Long Chen used? It’s so mysterious!”

The four Elders and Administrators looked at Long Chen with completely different eyes. They previously looked at him with contempt, but now they were filled with respect. “I couldn’t tell before, but Long Chen is actually quite mysterious.”

When they saw Long Chen’s amused look, the old folks couldn’t stand it anymore and looked away. Especially Administrator Zhang, who had previously made a bet against Long Chen. The two other Elders wished the ground would swallow them whole out of shame.

Of course, the one in most disbelief was Liu Ling.

She paid no attention to Feng Wutian. At that moment, all she saw was Long Chen on the stage and that evil grin.

Last time, Feng Wutian had also, to her surprise, lost to Long Chen.

This man was fated to be her unlucky star.

Liu Ling suddenly felt like breaking down. This time, she felt true fear. Seeing Feng Wutian lose to Long Chen once had left her in a state of despair, but Feng Wutian grew stronger afterwards, so she was confident he could defeat Long Chen. But this time, to everyone’s surprise, he lost once again despite being much stronger.

Liu Ling was paler than ever. She shook her head in disbelief, then ran off.

“Ling’er!” yelled Liu Lan, but her younger sister didn’t turn around.

Liu Lan was also in disbelief that Long Chen had turned the tide at the last moment. However, this was not the first time such a thing had happened. Though Liu Lan was completely floored this time!

To her, Long Chen was the definition of an ultimate prodigy!

“Wutian!”

This was Liu Yuan’s first time witnessing such an impressive performance from Long Chen. A huge wave of emotions surged through him, and the memory of the teenager was now deeply etched in his mind.

He was still shaken by Feng Wutian’s tragic state and didn’t have time to talk to Long Chen. If anything happened to Feng Wutian, Liu Yuan would be the one in trouble. That was why he quickly called for the others to save him.

Most people ran towards Feng Wutian, leaving Long Chen bored.

Under their shocked gazes, Long Chen left the Mortal Arena alone.