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Chapter 481 - Second Layer of the Demon World

Fifteen minutes later, Long Chen arrived at the peak of Demon World Mountain.

There was a large, secure perimeter around the mountain, so no cultivator would be able to sneak in unless they were at the three Martial Realms. Long Chen had a feeling that the true core of the Ancient Demon Domain was inside the Seven Layered Demon World's last three layers.

The guards of Demon World Mountain were only average cultivators. That was because no one could sneak into the Ancient Demon Domain.

Long Chen had the right to enter, so there was no risk. He stood at the peak of Demon World Mountain and looked down at the bottomless abyss. It was pitch-black inside, and if they did not know about the Seven Layered Demon World within, no one would dare enter.

"Hey, kid, you haven't been to the Seven Layered Demon World, have you? Do you know what is the most interesting thing about the entrance?" one of the guards asked dramatically when he saw that Long Chen was still standing on the edge.

"I don't," answered Long Chen, shaking his head.

"Hehe. Many Ninth Passage Stage masters have flown into the hole in the past. Deeper and deeper they went, only to realize that it was bottomless. I heard that the record depth was five hundred kilometers, and still, he did not see the bottom! However, if we jump inside without using Qi, we enter the first layer of the Seven Layered Demon World after falling about five hundred meters! Don't you think that's amazing?"

Long Chen was stunned. What kind of rule was that? A person who flew inside would not reach the Seven Layered Demon World even after five hundred kilometers, but if they jumped inside, they would reach it after falling just five hundred meters?

The Dragon Continent was vast and unfathomable. The Divine Martial Empire was just a small corner of it, but even this tiny corner had such a miraculous thing. This meant that other places were even stranger.

After the guard spoke, Long Chen spread his arms and jump into the gigantic hole.

He fell quickly.

The wind roared in his ears. It was an exciting feeling, and Long Chen had once fallen like this at the Star Devil Prison too. It was a similar feeling. He believed that if the ground appeared now, he would turn into a meat patty even though he had supernatural powers.

However, after falling for about five hundred meters, he slammed into an invisible membrane. He instantly knew that he had arrived in another world. There was no pain, and his momentum was gone, allowing him to fall gently.

Looking at the vast, black land, Long Chen knew that his strength would skyrocket from today onwards, just like when he first arrived at the Counter Essence Realm.

The wolf had entered the herd of sheep.

In Long Chen's eyes, demonic beasts were all sheep. Of course, except Xiaolang ...

"Is this the first layer?" Long Chen studied the vast land. Although the soil was black, it was not the burnt color of the Burning Heaven Mountain Range. It was an extremely pure shade of black, and every single grain of sand was completely black.

Gray clouds loomed in the sky, though they did not give the feeling that it was about to rain. Gray was their original color. Black mist swirled in the space between the heavens and the earth.

Admittedly, the Earthly Qi in the first layer of the demon world was indeed thicker than outside. It was too bad that the land was even more barren here. Only the occasional beast roar proved that there truly were living beings present.

Powerful auras moved in from far away.

There are only category three and under beasts in the first layer. I need to find a way to get to the second layer, thought Long Chen.

Since I'm only a regular disciple, I can freely roam the first two layers, but not the third. If the second layer still doesn't have the beasts I need to kill, I'll need to think of another way. Right now, the most urgent thing is to make it to the second layer! I'll go there now!

When he was thinking this, a ripple appeared in the sky and a young man in his twenties fell from it. He opened his eyes slowly and then spotted Long Chen.

Long Chen eyed the young man carefully. He was approximately at the Fifth Passage Stage, meaning he was a regular disciple when taking his age into consideration. He had an average face, and there was kindness in his eyes. After he saw Long Chen, he broke into a grin. Long Chen knew he was a friendly person instantly.

Perhaps this person was nobody in the Ancient Demon Domain, but if he were in the Cangyang Kingdom, he would be like a god. Even the Sword Emperor would be an ant to him.

This person stopped next to Long Chen and asked with a smile, "Little Brother, is this your first time in the Seven Layered Demon World?"

Long Chen nodded and said, "Yes."

He studied Long Chen for a while, then he said, "I can see that you're only at the first three Passage Stages. You need to be very careful here, even at the first layer. Don't go to the second layer."

This was Long Chen's chance.

"Big Brother, I don't even know how to get to the second layer! Are you heading there?" he asked hurriedly. It was a good opportunity to ask someone where the second layer was.

"I am indeed going there. If you make your way to the end of the first layer, you will find a large canyon. Jump inside, and you will reach the second layer. If you find a canyon while you are training, don't progress any further. Every layer has many black

whirlpools on the ground. If you step on one, you'll be able to get out of the Seven Layered Demon World," the young man explained carefully.

Long Chen sensed that he was quite a caring person too. After he had gotten the information he wanted, Long Chen replied gratefully, "Thank you, Big Brother! I will definitely be very careful! I'll turn around if I see the canyon."

"Mhm. Your life is the most important thing. You can train, but you must stay alive to continue training!" advised the young man.

"Are you going to the second layer now?" Long Chen asked again.

"Yes. There's a girl I like, and she's training there right now. I'm worried about her, so I'm going to help her now. Little Brother, I don't have much time. She's likely waiting for me. I'm going now! Take care!"

Then he hurried off. Long Chen did not even know his name.

Since this was the entrance, more people would soon emerge. Long Chen did not want to meet anyone else, so he quickly left and started his hunt.

Only Category One, Two, and Three Heaven-tier beasts were in the first layer, and he could easily kill them without even using his Dragon Soul Transformation. Category One Heaven-tier beasts were the most common, so Long Chen found them everywhere.

They were useless to him, so he activated his Soul Swallowing Gaze to walk around them and even avoided many disciples. He headed straight to the depths of the first layer.

After walking for a while, he started seeing Category Two Heaven-tier beasts. They were also useless to him, so he carried on and quickly arrived in the area with Category Three beasts. Xiaolang had swallowed the demonic core of a Category Three beast to enter the Heaven-tier. Since he was only at Category One, a Category Three fire-type demonic core would still be effective for him.

Therefore, Long Chen did not avoid them but continued straight ahead. Whenever he came across a fire-type Category Three Heaven-tier beast, he killed it. Even though they were useless to him, they were useful to Xiaolang.

At this moment, Long Chen pulled the Demon Emperor Sword from the neck of a Blazing Lion. The beast rolled several times on the ground and soon stopped moving. Xiaolang pounced and tore at it with his jaws. Then he plucked a fire-red demonic core out of its body and swallowed it.

They had only received a Blazing Lion's demonic core but had not witnessed the magnificence of one for themselves. Despite being only at Category Three Heaven-tier, it was an extraordinary beast with great mastery over fire. If Long Chen had not used the Dragon Soul Transformation, he would not have been a match for it.

In order to finish the kill efficiently, Long Chen had activated his Dragon Soul Transformation.

Very quickly, Xiaolang finished digesting its demonic core, though he was still at Category One Heaven-tier. He could feel that demonic cores were not very effective at making him stronger. He

estimated that he would need at least ten Category Three Heaven-tier demonic cores in order to ascend to Category Two.

However, it was still very rare for a beast to be able to increase its tier by swallowing fire-type items!

As long as he could continue growing in this manner, then one day, he would become a beast that would shock the entire Dragon Continent!

Long Chen was looking forward to that day too. Of course, he hoped he would not be weaker than Xiaolang when that day arrived. How could he continue being Xiaolang's big brother if he was weaker?

After Xiaolang finished absorbing the demonic core, Long Chen continued heading forward. There were many more Category Three beasts on the way, but Long Chen believed that Category Four beasts would suit both of them better, so he didn't stop.

After about an hour, he spotted a deep canyon. It was a similar situation to the entrance of Demon World Mountain.

"Do I need to jump into this canyon to reach the second layer?" Long Chen sensed that the concept was similar to the entrance.

There was only black mist on the opposite side of the canyon, and there was no other way to go. It looked like this was the only path towards the second layer.

"Let's jump, then."

Chapter 482 - True Form of the Ancestral Dragon

Long Chen felt the same falling sensation.

He closed his eyes and enjoyed the feeling. Very soon, after falling about five hundred meters, he slammed into an invisible membrane again. The membrane was strong but soft, and after the impact, his momentum was completely gone and he slowly entered another space with his feet landing firmly.

He opened his eyes and saw the same scenery as before—black soil and black skies. Everything was barren, though with a trace of terror. Here, the beast roars were louder and almost constant.

Long Chen felt a slight pressure.

He knew that there were likely many beasts here that he could not defeat. There were many masters here too, so he had to be much more careful here to complete his objective.

His first task was to quickly leave the area. He soon found a safe spot to stop and used the Soul Swallowing Gaze to observe his surroundings. After scanning everything within a five-hundred-meter radius, he discovered a Category Four Heaven-tier beast. Of course, he did not know what it looked like since he had spotted it with the Soul Swallowing Gaze. However, the beasts in this area were mostly at Category Four, while Category Five and Six only appear deeper in the demon world.

Seeing its soul allowed him to estimate its strength.

“You’re a lucky brat for getting the Inherited Blood Essence of the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon. No one has ever received the blood essence of an ancestral dragon before, so you’re considered their only descendant. With the boost of the blood essence, you might even become a dragon yourself, the violent and bloody Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon!” Little Cat suddenly said.

The Inherited Blood Essence came from the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon. With Little Cat’s confirmation, Long Chen was now certain of this fact. He acknowledged that although Little Cat did not have any combat abilities, he was very knowledgeable.

“You’ve known all along? But you never said a thing?” asked Long Chen. He knew that Little Cat had awakened a long time ago, so he must have known about Long Chen and Xiaolang’s situation for a long time. In fact, he knew almost all of Long Chen and Xiaolang’s secrets.

Usually, one would find their situation hard to believe even while knowing their secrets. However, Little Cat had likely seen many things, and thus, he had only made this comment when he witnessed Long Chen’s Blood Transmutation.

“It’s a small thing; of course I know about it,” Little Cat said haughtily.

He acted like it wasn’t a big deal, but it was a huge thing. Long Chen knew that this was the reason Little Cat was with him. Otherwise, someone as arrogant as the cat would not have wasted the power he had saved for ten thousand years in order to revive Long Chen, let alone follow him around while being considered a little brother.

This was all because of the dragon’s blood.

It did not matter if Little Cat had any malicious intent. He had once saved his life and everyone in Baiyang Town, so Long Chen would repay him. The boy, wolf, and cat got along well anyway. They would be the most extraordinary trio in the Dragon Continent in the future.

“Are you saying that I will turn into a dragon one day?” Long Chen asked seriously.

“When you absorb all of the Inherited Blood Essence, you should be able to awaken the dragon’s true form. However, you will only be an infant dragon. A truly powerful dragon requires millions of years to grow. Even then, you will be very weak. Of course, you will be weak to me, but to the other beings, an infant dragon is the peak of existence. That is why you must work hard! Work hard for your true dragon form!” the Little Cat said lazily.

“Little Cat, I have a question.” Long Chen was very excited after hearing about the true dragon form.

“Spill it.”

“After I have awakened my true dragon form, will I be strong enough to marry Ling Xi?” Long Chen asked hopefully.

“Nonsense! Do you think the true dragon form is as weak as cabbage or something? A few brats at the Divine Martial Realm are nothing! Of course, if there are masters at the Tribulation Realm in her place, then it'll be a little more difficult.”

A few brats at the Divine Martial Realm? What was the Tribulation Realm?

Long Chen was stunned and once again, he realized just how tiny he was. To him, people at the Heavenly Martial Realm were peak masters, while the Divine Martial Realm was just a legend. However, to Little Cat, they were just brats.

At the same time, Long Chen had gained a better understanding of his potential. He had already absorbed a hundredth of the Inherited Blood Essence. Next time, he would be able to absorb a tenth of it, and after, he would be able to absorb all of it! As long as he could reach that second absorption, he would be strong enough to stand up to Ling Xi's family. He would become the first Ancestral Dragon Warrior. He had even more potential than the extraordinary Sun Devouring Wolf!

That was why he had the potential to become the Dragon Continent's peak existence within a short time! When that happened, cultivators at the Divine Martial Realm would be nothing in front of him!

If he could one day become a true ancestral dragon, one who could destroy worlds on a whim, who would be a match for him?

Long Chen set a new goal for himself. He knew that he would become a super master and get everything he ever wanted one day. However, he needed time to grow right now. That was why he had to be cautious and at the same time improve himself. Perhaps he did not need ten years! Maybe he would be able to snatch Ling Xi back in one!

“That is why you need to work hard, boy. Just like the little black dog, you two are miracles that accidentally appeared on the Dragon Continent. Right now, you two are only tiny miracles. I look forward to the day you become gigantic miracles! Then I can brag to other people that you two masters once served me!” Little Cat was immersed in his dream.

Dreams were beautiful, but turning them into realized required hard work in the present.

Long Chen and Xiaolang looked at each other and saw the bright flames in each other's eyes.

One day, both of them would stand at the peak of the Dragon Continent. No one would be able to stop them!

To make these dreams come true, they had to work hard now. Long Chen had extraordinary talent, so now he needed to progress stably. After they locked eyes, they sped up and hurried along toward the Category Four Heaven-tier beast.

Little Cat's words had ignited a fire in Long Chen's heart, but now that it was time to act, his heart calmed down. He knew that this was the most suitable way to progress. He would set everything aside and focus on the next step in front of him.

This teenager is like an apple that fell onto a chessboard. His appearance will mess up the whole game! Will the secrets that disappeared be unraveled one by one as he grows? Why did the ancestral

dragons, who were at the peak of existence, disappear overnight without a trace? If they had not gone extinct after ruling the Dragon Continent for millions of years, regular beasts like us would never have appeared. In fact, would such low-level beings like humans have appeared if the dragons were still around?

Little Cat's gaze turned infinitely solemn.

Right now, Long Chen was close to his target. It was not a fire-type beast, so he let Xiaolang return to the Primordial Realm while he examined the huge creature, trying to search for memories of it.

“Seven Killings Ape. Category Four Heaven-tier. Very strong ... Very fast ...”

Information about the beast appeared in his mind.

It was a tall, white demonic ape. It was about ten meters tall, which was gigantic to Long Chen. While it was white all over, black runes were swirling on its body. Its most attention-grabbing feature was its horrifying claws.

Long Chen would not allow himself to get scratched even in his dragon form. He could tell that those sharp claws paired with its superstrength would deal a lot of damage!

Ape-type beasts were also decently agile!

Long Chen immediately took out the Demon Emperor Sword and turned into a red shadow as he charged at the Seven Killings Ape! He was trying to ambush it. Since he wanted to grow as fast as he could in the Seven Layered Demon World, he would have to ambush beasts for efficient kills!

He guided the energy within his body for the next attack. Other than the Demon Seed Planting Technique, Long Chen activated everything else. Immediately after, he restricted the ape's movements using the Blood Devouring Domain. At the same time, he raised the Demon Emperor Sword high in the air! The sword glinted, and then sword symbols fell like a storm onto the Seven Killings Ape!

“Heaven Sword Array!”

When he approached the Seven Killings Ape at top speed, he unleashed his most powerful move. Every time he used the Heaven Sword Array, Ling Xi's beautiful smile would appear in front of him. That girl was deeply etched in his mind.

“Ling Xi!” he shouted, approaching madness. The gigantic ape had turned into Wang Chao. Long Chen knew that this was a hallucination, but he swore that he would one day make Wang Chao understand that he was a terrifying presence!

The Seven Killings Ape was strolling along casually when all the fur on its body suddenly stood on end. Due to the difference in their tiers, Long Chen's Blood Devouring Domain wasn't all that effective, though it still made a huge difference at this critical moment when its life was in danger.

Long Chen's Heaven Sword Array could have killed Zhao Wuji, who was at the Fourth Passage Stage. Right now, Long Chen was stronger than he was yesterday, while the ape was only at the Category Four Heaven-tier.

Chapter 483 - Ghost Shadow Fox

Most importantly, Long Chen had ambushed the Seven Killings Ape.

Little Cat's words had greatly motivated Long Chen to work hard to increase his strength. Instead of fighting the ape, he had chosen to use the simplest method to kill it. This was proof of his growth.

The ape stood no chance against Long Chen's terrifying attack. At the very last moment, it blocked the arc of cold light with its arms, which caused them to be slashed to pieces. Then the Heaven Sword Array pierced its body, pulverizing its internal organs. The ape let out a cry of agony and then died.

Long Chen stored the Seven Killings Ape's body and blood in the Primordial Realm as quickly as possible. The Primordial Realm was perfect for this and was much more useful than a Universe Pouch. As he became stronger, the space would expand too.

The Seven Killings Ape's cry might have attracted attention of other people or beasts, so Long Chen left immediately. He went to an obscure corner, and after ensuring that his surroundings were clear using the Soul Swallowing Gaze, he let Xiaolang out.

"Xiaolang, keep watch! I'll work towards the Third Passage Stage!"

Long Chen did not need a very long time to accumulate his strength in order to advance to the next stage, thanks to the ancestral dragon's powers. As long as he had enough beast blood and Heavenly Passage Pills, he could grow very quickly. He had only just reached the Second Passage Stage, but now he was already working towards the Third.

Long Chen swallowed all of the Seven Killings Ape's blood. Its large body quickly shriveled up into a dried carcass in front of him. This was the horror of the ancestral dragon. Since the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon was also the dragon of massacre, it was considered an evil-type dragon, so it was normal for it to utilize such scary methods.

The thick energy contained within the Seven Killings Ape's blood was slowly absorbed by Long Chen. Over ten tons of blood was mostly rendered useless as Blood Transmutation only turned a tiny portion of it into Qi. Under his guidance, the blood that turned to Qi entered Long Chen's Qi.

The Qi he obtained from Blood Transmutation was much purer than the Qi from the Demon Light, and it suited Long Chen better. Using Blood Transmutation was a much better way to grow than absorbing Qi every day.

After some time, the blood had been transformed into Long Chen's Qi, and he soon became strong enough to attempt a breakthrough to the Third Passage Stage. It had barely been three days since he entered the Ancient Demon Domain, but his cultivation level had risen considerably. The people who looked down on him during the qualifiers, especially the Red Ghost King, would likely be completely shocked if they saw him now!

Long Chen cultivated quietly.

When he had enough Qi, he attempted to clear the third meridian point. The first meridian point was at the dantian, the second was in his chest, and the third and fourth points were in both his feet. More specifically, they were in the soles of his feet. That was why the clearing of those two points would be much more difficult than the first two.

Of course, he would benefit greatly after these two meridian points were cleared. The Qi in one's legs was directly connected to speed. After reaching the Third Passage Stage, a cultivator's speed would increase greatly as their legs could be used to their full potential.

There were a total of six meridian points in the body. Two were in the torso, while four were in the soles and the palms. Those four supplied great strength to the four limbs. After these six meridian points were cleared, the cultivator would have to clear the two earthly meridian points and the heavenly meridian point.

Long Chen placed all his attention on his left foot. Now that he had experience clearing the central meridian point, he only had to be a bit more careful when clearing the third meridian point.

Of course, the most important thing was to have Heavenly Passage Pills. Long Chen did not hesitate to stuff large handfuls of Heavenly Passage Pills into his mouth until he felt satiated. He counted about three thousand Heavenly Passage Pills. Long Chen only had a hundred thousand in total, and a twentieth of them had already been used up just to reach the Third Passage Stage. Every subsequent tier would require even more Heavenly Passage Pills, so a hundred thousand would evaporate very quickly!

The three thousand Heavenly Passage Pills allowed his Qi to reach satiation.

There were only two starry veins in his leg, so Long Chen carefully guided his Qi into them and then towards the sole of his foot. The vessels in the feet were naturally fragile, so this was a huge endeavor. At least Long Chen could withstand the pain. About fifteen minutes later, almost all the Qi had gathered in the sole, and it was time for the final clearing.

Whoosh ...

Under Long Chen's control, the third meridian point appeared and slowly expanded. There was not much space in the foot in the first place, so when the third meridian point expanded to the size of his dantian, his foot didn't grow much bigger.

He studied it closely and realized that the meridian points were related to his sea of consciousness. The sea of consciousness did not exist in any part of his body, but it did exist. It was the same for the meridian points. Although the meridian point in his foot was as big as his dan meridian point, it was physically only the size of a soybean.

This was due to the limitation of space, sort of like Demon World Mountain. A vast place like the Seven Layered Demon World was inside it, but from the outside, it was not a particularly large mountain. Long Chen only realized how vast it was when he was inside.

After stabilizing the meridian point, Long Chen started the final push to break through. Under his control, all of his Qi entered the meridian point. Due to having a sufficient amount of Heavenly Passage Pills, he did not face many obstacles and successfully formed the white whirlpool. A white meridian pill appeared above it soon after.

The third core had formed in his body. The eighteen heavenly rivers in his body now flowed quicker and stronger.

After the Heavenly Passage Pills' energy dispersed, Long Chen reached the Third Passage Stage successfully and his strength increased once more! In terms of Qi, he had ten times more than before!

He stood up and once again felt the power in his body.

Although I'm much stronger than before, I am weak compared to the true masters. Even in the tiny Ancient Demon Domain, I am at the bottom despite being at the Third Passage Stage. With that thought, Long Chen was not at all satisfied with his cultivation level.

He then set his sights on the deeper region of the second layer of the demon world.

“My next target is a Category Five Heaven-tier beast. At the same time, I need to find fire-type beasts for Xiaolang.”

Traveling, cultivating, hunting, and breaking through to the Third Passage Stage had taken him a lot of time. One day had probably passed outside. Long Chen continued to travel ahead, strengthening himself and killing beasts. His Qi continued to grow from the base level of the Third Passage Stage. During this process, he encountered a Category Four Heaven-tier Blue Eyed Fire Fox. After killing the fox, its demonic core helped Xiaolang ascend by one tier, so he was now at the Category Two Heaven-tier.

Xiaolang's increase in strength was of great help to Long Chen.

Both of them defied the laws of nature, and the speed of their growth was unprecedented.

The second layer of the demon world was larger than the first. Long Chen traveled for a long time to arrive in the region where Category Five Heaven-tier beasts appeared. The beasts here were more sparse, but they were all powerful. Long Chen used the Soul Swallowing Gaze to search for a long time until he found signs of a beast. He approached stealthily and observed from far.

I think it's a Category Five Heaven-tier Ghost Shadow Fox. Its offensive abilities are only average, but its speed surpasses even regular Category Six Heaven-tier beasts. When it travels, it is like a shadow. Its blood will indeed help me reach the Fourth Passage Stage!

One of the meridian points in his feet was already cleared, so when he reached the Fourth Passage Stage and both feet had cleared meridian points, his speed would increase by several times! Of course, he was already quite fast now.

Long Chen quietly activated the Dragon Soul Transformation, then he snuck towards the Ghost Shadow Fox. He needed to make this kill to reach the Fourth Passage Stage.

He had entered the Seven Layered Demon World for the sole purpose of increasing his cultivation level, so his determination was unwavering.

He suddenly sprinted like a madman, turning into a red line as he charged towards the Ghost Shadow Fox!

The Ghost Shadow Fox had excellent hearing, so it looked up and spotted Long Chen immediately. It was a Category Five Heaven-tier beast, while Long Chen was only at the Third Passage Stage. Theoretically, it was not supposed to be afraid of him, but Long Chen had underestimated how timid it was. When it spotted him, it ran off with a *whoosh!*

“Think you can run?” Long Chen chuckled coldly and accelerated, giving chase. The Ghost Shadow Fox was fast, but Long Chen was not slow either. The upgrade to his physical strength had boosted his speed too! The gap between both of them slowly shrank.

The gap was not large in the first place. Long Chen was relying on his physical strength, while the Ghost Shadow Fox was relying on its demonic power, making Long Chen's dash more sustainable.

The Ghost Shadow Fox was running towards the depths of the second layer.

Chapter 484 - Fourth Passage Stage

If Long Chen continued chasing after the Ghost Shadow Fox like this, there was a chance he would run into unpredictable threats. His mind raced, and he quickly decided on the spot to use Blood Warp. He only used it for a short moment, but his speed increased by tenfold and he instantly found himself in front of the Ghost Shadow Fox.

He deactivated Blood Warp as fast as he could. That was more than enough to complete his objective, which was to advance more than a hundred meters to appear in front of the Ghost Shadow Fox.

Long Chen rarely used Blood Warp and Blood Sacrifice.

After he pounced in front of it, he attacked using the Heaven Sword Array. Since it was an attack that covered a large area, it was perfect for dealing with a fast beast like the Ghost Shadow Fox. It had nowhere to run, as it was surrounded by the Heaven Sword Array.

The Ghost Shadow Fox did not understand how Long Chen had accelerated so much so quickly. It was a smart beast, but it could not figure it out.

Long Chen's Heaven Sword Array enveloped the Ghost Shadow Fox.

Its first thought was to run some more.

However, could it escape the looming attack?

The Heaven Sword Array was an advanced Heaven-tier attack, and it came from Ling Xi. He was completely confident now that there were Divine Martial Realm cultivators in Ling Xi's clan. A Heaven-tier technique from one of those people was definitely a cut above the rest, so a tiny beast like the Ghost Shadow Fox would never be able to escape.

When the Heaven Sword Array's storm of sword symbols fell, the Ghost Shadow Fox had nowhere to run. Being a Category Five Heaven-tier beast, its retaliation before death was quite terrifying. Long Chen dodged its attack with great difficulty, then he used the Heaven Sword Array to kill it instantly.

The Ghost Shadow Fox was not weak, but Long Chen was slowly growing stronger. The pressure from Ling Xi's clan made him grow fast. Right now, Category Five Heaven-tier beasts were unable to withstand the might of his Heaven Sword Array.

After he put its body away in the Primordial Realm, Long Chen hurriedly used the Soul Swallowing Gaze to survey his surroundings. Due to the chase, he was now deep in the second layer of the demon world, so he had to ensure his own safety.

Thankfully, there were no beasts nearby, though there was one person. This person was only a hundred meters away, and despite the huge commotion, he had not approached. Instead, he seemed to be spinning around on the spot, as if searching for something.

Long Chen initially wanted to find a spot to use Blood Transmutation to increase his strength, but after seeing this person, he was intrigued.

“This is the same guy who told you how to get to the second layer when you had just arrived in the first layer. Something seems to be up with him,” Little Cat said.

“I’ll go check it out.” Long Chen was not worried about him. That guy was at the Fifth Passage Stage, so even if he held malicious intent, he would not be able to defeat Long Chen. Just like the Category Five Heaven-tier Ghost Shadow Fox, he was not a threat to Long Chen.

Didn’t he say he was looking for the girl he likes? Why is he here alone? Did something happen to his girl?

He covered a hundred over meters very quickly and soon saw the young man. When Long Chen spotted him, he froze. Previously, the young man was a gentle, elegant person, but now his hair was messy, he had dark circles around his eyes, and there was even some violence in his gaze.

“Big Brother, do you remember me?” Long Chen asked cautiously. It had been about a day since his arrival in the Seven Layered Demon World.

“It’s you!” The man gasped, then he said coldly, “You entered this place even at your cultivation level? You should leave. I don’t have time to talk!” Then he turned to leave.

Long Chen did not move. He thought it was strange, though it was none of his business and he was too lazy to ask.

After taking a few steps, the guy turned around again and asked coldly, “It looks like you aren’t planning to leave.”

“I’m free to stay here. But what’s up with you?” This person had previously helped him, so Long Chen wanted to be nice. If someone had threatened him, Long Chen would not let them go so easily.

“Die, then.” After hearing Long Chen’s reply, he suddenly charged at him.

Long Chen was exasperated. He had only just deactivated his Dragon Soul Transformation, but now he had to use it again. Long Chen could not be bothered to fight, so he used Blood Warp and disappeared.

Is he sick in the head? He wanted to kill me for no reason! Since you told me how to get to the second layer of the demon world, I’ll let you go this time. If this happens again, I won’t show mercy.

Using Blood Warp, Long Chen left the man and found a safe spot to digest and absorb the Ghost Shadow Fox’s blood so he could advance to the Fourth Passage Stage.

Everything went smoothly once again. When the fourth meridian point was cleared in his right foot, Long Chen reached the Fourth Passage Stage. His Qi reserves increased again as a result. In his current state, his body’s toughness was the greatest contributor to his strength, and this would continue until approximately the Sixth Passage Stage. His advanced Heaven-tier body would become less effective against opponents at that level, so he would have to start relying on his Qi soon.

Many cultivators who had reached the Sixth and Seventh Passage Stages also cultivated advanced Heaven-tier body tempering techniques, though theirs were a few times weaker than Long Chen's dragon body. Long Chen's body was almost as tough as the body of someone at the three Martial Realms.

Long Chen had used up three thousand Heavenly Passage Pills to reach the third Passage Stage, and it took him almost ten thousand to reach the Fourth. This also meant that he had used fifteen thousand Heavenly Passage Pills out of the one hundred thousand he had received. At this rate, to Long Chen's horror, his Heavenly Passage Pill stash would only last him until the Fifth Passage Stage ...

My rate of Heavenly Passage Pill consumption is terrifying. It looks like I will only be able to reach the Fifth Passage Stage at most. I don't have enough Heavenly Passage Pills, and the strongest beasts in the second layer are only at the Category Six Heaven-tier, which will only help me reach the Fifth Passage Stage at best. After I leave, I need to find another way to get more Heavenly Passage Pills and meet stronger beasts. If I continue to grow like this, I will definitely be able to face an opponent at the Eighth Passage Stage in just a month!

What Long Chen lacked most was good support. If he had a strong person backing him, he would be able to get much stronger, much quicker.

Of course, even though I'll be stuck at the Fifth Passage Stage, no one under the Seventh Passage Stage will be a match for me, including Zhao Wuji and Qin Huanyu. I have become the strongest among all the regular disciples in just one or two days; I wonder how they'll react when they find out? Long Chen was excited.

His quick progress was made possible by his super strong body, which was one of the benefits of absorbing the one hundredth of the Inherited Blood Essence.

Next, I must find a Category Six Heaven-tier beast to boost my cultivation level up to the Fifth Passage Stage. Long Chen set his goal, then he looked towards the depths of the demon world and walked ahead.

On his way, he encountered a few more Category Five Heaven-tier beasts. He only killed them if they were fire-type, though they made for good targets to test his new strength. He happened to find a fire-type beast among the few that he saw, so to its misfortune, it died beneath Long Chen's sword and its demonic core ended up in Xiaolang's belly. Xiaolang successfully leveled up to Category Three Heaven-tier.

Some beasts never leveled up in their lifetimes, but a psycho like Xiaolang could absorb fire energy to level up twice in such a short time.

Category Six Heaven-tier beasts were rare even in the second layer. It was difficult to distinguish between Category Five and Six beasts with the Soul Swallowing Gaze, so Long Chen had no choice but to search through the land on his own.

I wonder if there's a canyon at the end of the second layer? Is that how you enter the third layer? With that thought, Long Chen made his way to the deepest part of the second layer, though to his frustration, he was wrong. The end of the second layer was a membrane that he could not approach. Long Chen knew that this was the boundary of the miniverse. With his current strength, he would never be able to enter.

Looks like I need to find another way to get to the third layer. With that thought, Long Chen had no choice but to continue his honest search for Category Six Heaven-tier beasts.

Two days later, after circling the area for a long time, he finally found one.

He had also found two Category Five fire-type beasts in that time, whose cores turned into Xiaolang's food. Xiaolang's demonic power experienced a great boost, although he had not reached Category Four Heaven-tier yet. The effects of the demonic cores were not outwardly noticeable.

After discovering the beast, Long Chen did not dare to move recklessly. It was a Category Six Heaven-tier beast after all. Even at his current cultivation level, he still had to stay alert.

“Category Six Heaven-tier Frostflame Twin Headed Snake!”

Chapter 485 - Frostflame Twin Headed Snake

This beast's characteristics could be deduced from its name alone. To be honest, this was Long Chen's first encounter with a large snake-type beast. It was also a two-headed snake, so Long Chen was shocked by its terrifying appearance even from far away.

It was a twenty-meter-long snake with scales covering its whole body. Half its body was covered in blue scales, while the other half was red. There was a fork at its abdomen that led to two separate heads, which were red and blue. Flames curled from the red snakehead, while frosty air surrounded the blue snakehead and thick ice formed all around it.

These two extreme characteristics had manifested in one beast.

“The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake has two demonic cores, right?” asked Long Chen.

“Of course. Beasts like that are very unique, and they are considered peerless among beasts of the same tier. Having two demonic cores also means that it's twice as strong as other beasts, especially since it has two extreme elements. Unfortunately, this little snake is weak. Years ago, I saw a Divine Nine Headed Snake that had ten times more dominic Qi than me. It was a terrifying presence, though unfortunately, it was no match for my reincarnation powers.”

Golden Crow. Reincarnation Beast. Nine Headed Snake. Based on Little Cat's explanation, they were beasts that slowly became stronger after the ancient dragons had gone extinct.

Just based on Little Cat's description of the Golden Crow, Long Chen understood exactly how powerful they were.

These beasts only existed in legends.

Long Chen put aside the reverence in his heart and studied the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake closely. The snake was very fierce; even though there were no threats around, it did not relax. Both pairs of eyes took turns surveying their surroundings, constantly on high alert. A snake tongue that resembled a bright, red flame flickered from one of its mouths, while the other mouth had a tongue that resembled a blue blade. There was a fierce glint in its eyes.

The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake was much fiercer than the Ghost Shadow Fox. Long Chen believed that the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake would rush over immediately to tear him to pieces if he made his presence known.

The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake was considered a king-like presence in the second layer of the demon world. It was used to being king, so naturally, it had a terrible temper.

Long Chen did not plan to waste any time. He calmed his mind, then he prepared to attack.

That was when he suddenly heard a commotion coming from behind him. He was startled and his hair stood on end as he hurriedly hid himself. At the same time, he approached the source of the sounds. He was now a hundred meters away from the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake, and also about a hundred meters from the sounds.

Long Chen needed to confirm the intentions of these people before he could focus on fighting the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake.

Using his Soul Swallowing Gaze, he saw two people fighting each other. The Soul Swallowing Gaze also allowed him to keep an eye on the snake, he was not worried that the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake would run away. He predicted that instead of running, it would probably attack the moment it detected the commotion.

Long Chen rushed over and hid himself. He saw that the two people fighting were a man and a woman. One of them was the young man he had met twice. The first time they met, he had been kind enough to tell him the method to enter the second layer of the demon world. The second time, he had a bizarre expression and wanted to kill Long Chen. Right now, he had a manic expression on his face as he attacked the woman.

The woman's age and cultivation level were similar to his, around the Fifth Passage Stage, which was no match for Long Chen. She was good-looking and curvy, a sexy-type woman who was hard to come by. Unfortunately, the man did not seem to realize this at all, because he continued to attack her.

"Fu Yang! You liar! You said that you loved me, but you're attacking me now because of the Black Emperor Seal!" the woman said with extreme resentment.

"Aren't you the same? You said you would marry me, but you hid in the second layer just because you wanted to take the Black Emperor Seal for yourself! And when I found out, you even tried to kill me! If I wasn't smart enough, I would be dead by now! You venomous woman! How dare you call me a liar when you are one too?" the man yelled as he increased the speed of his attacks.

"I found the Black Emperor Seal on my own; it has nothing to do with you! Why do I need to share it with you? You said that you would die for me, yet now you are fighting me for the Black Emperor Seal! This shows that you are trash! You refuse to follow through with your promises!"

"Do you feel like you have suddenly seen the real me? Ptui! I am the one who has finally seen the real you! All I wanted was to share the treasure with you, and yet you

tried to kill me, you venomous woman! I was the one who told you about the legend of the Emperor-tier combat technique, the Five Emperor Seals! You were the one who crossed the river and destroyed the bridge! Whatever! Since you have decided to betray me, then I will do the same! I will be taking the Black Emperor Seal, so accept your fate and die!"

Based on their conversation, Long Chen could tell that the woman was the person that Fu Yang had said he liked, and Long Chen figured out the plot. The couple was fighting each other over a treasure. Their desire for the treasure had caused their love to burst like a bubble.

Long Chen could not understand this at all. The love he knew of was the kind that made Dongfang Xuanxiao wait for Xuanming for twenty years, the kind that made him and Ling Xi willing to wait for ten years. Love would never cause two people to kill each other over a mere treasure.

Their version of love was a great shock to Long Chen because he suddenly understood just how shallow love could be in this world.

He did not hate them, though he pitied them. If they knew what sacrifice meant, then they would not die today. They would be able to gain success through this treasure instead.

Most importantly, Long Chen had heard them mention an Emperor-tier combat technique.

Beyond the Heaven-tier was the King-tier, which was equivalent to the Earthly Martial Realm. Beyond that was the Emperor-tier, which corresponded to the Heavenly Martial Realm. The dead Jiang Cheng had explained that Emperor-tier treasures were peak-level treasures across the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. Why would a peak-level combat technique be here? Long Chen genuinely thought he had made a mistake.

In reality, he had heard right. He had been listening carefully, and the man had indeed mentioned the legend of a Emperor-tier combat technique called the Five Emperor Seals.

The Five Emperor Seals likely consisted of five portions. From their conversation, Long Chen guessed that the Black Emperor Seal was one of them, though he did not know what it did.

If he could get his hands on an Emperor-tier combat technique, it would be even more effective than the Emperor Flame Pearl. The pearl would allow him to reach the Ninth Passage Stage, but the Five Emperor Seals was a technique that he would be able to use for a long time. Long Chen knew that perhaps no one possessed an Emperor-tier combat technique in the whole Divine Martial Empire.

It was a rare chance. Long Chen did not know the specifics of the situation, but all he could do was snatch it and even kill them. He did not mind killing a couple like them.

With such a huge opportunity presented to him, Long Chen would not let it go.

The fight between the couple grew more intense, and their attacks grew more vicious, as if they were ready to kill each other. Long Chen grew very uncomfortable.

Perhaps this is human nature. I cannot even imagine what they were like when they were loving each other. Xiao Xi and I would never come to this.

Just as he thought about this, he was suddenly startled by a powerful aura behind him. Their fight had attracted the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake's attention. The snake was a violent Category Six Heaven-tier beast, so even if the couple worked together, they would never defeat it!

It was quick, covering about two hundred meters instantly. Long Chen had no choice but to activate the Dragon Soul Transformation and change his hiding spot. Since the snake was here, he decided to wait for a suitable time to snatch the Black Emperor Seal.

He no longer cared if the couple lived or died.

By the time the couple sensed the approaching threat, the gigantic snake was right in front of them. It looked down at them from high above!

"Frostflame Twin Headed Snake!" the woman cried in terror. She was initially in an attacking stance, but when she saw the snake, she stopped and fled. She knew exactly how powerful this beast was!

Whoosh!

The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake first let out a hiss, then its first attack landed on the woman! This was its territory, and it was the king here. Not only had these two puny living beings disturbed its peace, they had even tried to run from it!

The gigantic snake's tail flew in an arc in the air, then swept towards the couple. The woman was closer, and due to the large range of attack, it was impossible to escape. It would be difficult for both to dodge this attack!

"Fu Yang, save me!" she cried in despair. She used all her Qi to withstand the impact from the snake's tail. The strength of a Fifth Passage Stage cultivator paired with an intermediate Heaven-tier attack was a formidable combo, so if the man launched the same attack, they would both be able to escape!

However, the man did not attack but instead ran in the opposite direction. He chuckled coldly, and as he expected, the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake's powerful tail flung the woman into the air. A large mouthful of blood sprayed out of her mouth and her face turned pale. Almost all her bones had been broken, and it was clear that she had little time to live.

"If you die, you deserve it! The Black Emperor Seal is mine!" She was flying towards him, and when he saw that she was about to die, he suddenly grew excited and ran after her!

Chapter 486 - Emperor-Tier Combat Technique

In reality, the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake was only punishing them. If they escaped successfully, it would not chase them. Due to the woman blocking its strike, the man had managed to create a lot of distance. If he could get the Universe Pouch in her hand, he could leave unscathed!

When Fu Yang saw that the woman was about to land and the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake did not intend to chase after them, he looked ecstatic. He shouted excitedly and then pounced!

He could run the moment he snatched the Universe Pouch! He couldn't care less about the woman!

When he was about to reach her, something unexpected happened. There was a sudden red flash, and something caught the woman. At the same time, a hand quickly searched her clothing. In less than a moment, the hand fished out a Universe Pouch from her voluptuous chest.

Fu Yang fell from heaven to hell in an instant!

“Who are you?! You’re looking for death!” Fu Yang roared in fury, then he pounced on Long Chen. Unfortunately, Fu Yang was no match for Long Chen in his dragon form. His Qi was on par with Fu Yang’s, and he had a super strong body. That was why when Fu Yang lunged at him, Long Chen dodged him in a flash using Traceless Demon Shadow, reappearing in front of Fu Yang.

“What?!” Fu Yang looked at the bony spikes and claws that had pierced through his internal organs in despair. He understood that he was about to die. Long Chen’s quick attack had caused him injuries as severe as the woman’s.

In just a flash, Long Chen was able to kill him. It was clear just how large the gap between them was!

“Who the hell are you?” Fu Yang looked at the Beast Warrior in front of him. His face was ghostly pale and he had lost all hope.

“We’ve met twice. I’ll be taking the Black Emperor Seal. Thank you for telling me where the second layer of the demon world was,” Long Chen said with a grin.

When the man heard him, his eyes widened in disbelief. He remembered Long Chen, of course, but wasn’t he only at the Second Passage Stage? How was he this strong?

“You’re the three-time consecutive champion.” The man suddenly recalled someone at the last moment. At this point, he regretted underestimating Long Chen.

“I am. The first time we met, you helped me; the second time we met, you wanted to kill me. They cancel out. Since we’re both fighting for the same thing now, and no one must hear about the Black Emperor Seal ...”

“Don’t kill me!” the man cried in panic, but it was too late. Long Chen twisted gently, and his neck snapped. Long Chen let go, and his body slumped to the ground. His eyes were still wide open in shock, even in death.

Long Chen’s icy stare turned to the woman, who was on the brink of death.

“Jiang ... Jiang Cheng... Don’t kill me ... I’m willing to be your woman; I won’t tell a soul! I’ll obey your every command ... Please?” The woman had heard of Long Chen too.

Unfortunately, there was a woman Long Chen knew who was much more beautiful than she was.

“I, Long Chen, am not worthy of such an offer from a beautiful woman like you. Since you two could not love each other sincerely while you were alive, I hope you’ll do better in hell,” Long Chen whispered into her ear, his voice ice-cold.

One of Long Chen’s bony spines pierced through her heart.

In the end, she was still confused over the name “Long Chen.” His name was Jiang Cheng, so why had he called himself “Long Chen?” And why was the name Long Chen so familiar?

Someone named Long Chen was ranked third on the bounty board, and he was at one of the three Martial Realms. He was not that Long Chen.

In a very short time, Long Chen had taken two lives. He arranged their bodies so they were in a tight embrace, then he turned around. At this point, the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake was furious because it had caught yet another human causing trouble in its territory.

Something about Long Chen’s aura truly stirred its anger. Although it was faint, there was something terrifying about him. The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake was used to being king, so it refused to acknowledge the feeling of submission it evoked, and it flew into a rage as a result.

Furthermore, Long Chen had killed prey that belonged to it, right in front of it too!

There was thick tension in the air as the man and snake approached each other.

Long Chen knew that he was only one step away from completing his objective in the Seven Layered Demon World—kill the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake and ascend to the Fifth Passage Stage!

The Black Emperor Seal, which was one of the Five Emperor Seals, a Emperor-tier technique, had come as a surprise. It was a secret he could never make public, because if he did, he would be in mortal danger.

Masters were as common as clouds in the Ancient Demon Domain, and he was still part of the bottommost tier of society, or in the middle tier at most.

During the standoff, Long Chen took out the Demon Emperor Sword. There was no time to waste. Long Chen charged and swung the blade, sending a powerful blade of Sword Qi flying at the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake!

“Demon Emperor Sword Technique, Supreme Demon Sword!” The power unleashed by the Supreme Demon Sword technique could not be underestimated. A dense swarm of black blades flew at the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake!

The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake let out two screams, and both heads rushed towards Long Chen. Their jaws opened, then red fire and blue ice shot out of each mouth, which mixed together and clashed with Long Chen’s Supreme Demon Sword! The gigantic force it produced far surpassed the Supreme Demon Sword!

Rumble!

The Supreme Demon Sword attack dispersed from the impact, and the remaining fire and ice flew towards Long Chen. Long Chen gasped and quickly used Traceless Demon Shadow to dodge the residual waves of the impact.

The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake is strong! What a difficult opponent! Long Chen's eyebrows were deeply furrowed. He had hoped to kill it in one strike, but it was not going to be easy. There were few openings for him to use the Heaven Sword Array, and if the snake survived the attack, it would be very difficult to kill it afterward. And the commotion would probably attract more people!

That was when he heard Xiaolang's voice. "Big Brother, try getting close to it. I'll try hitting it with my Nine Devils Ancestral Fire!"

It was indeed a good idea. If Xiaolang suddenly emerged from the Primordial Realm, he would catch the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake unaware, especially while using the terrifying Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. Xiaolang had become stronger, and so had the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire.

Long Chen grunted in agreement, then he used Traceless Demon Shadow to quickly approach the snake. Since his objective was merely to get closer, it was easy!

Whoosh!

The snake's gigantic tail swept beneath Long Chen's feet. Long Chen quickly leaped to dodge the attack, then he stepped off its tail and shot toward its heads!

The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake raged, and one of the heads suddenly turned and shot a volley of flames at Long Chen!

"Xiaolang!" The moment he shouted, Xiaolang leaped out of the Primordial Realm. The flames that he had been accumulating within him shot out all at once at the head. Since the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire was fundamentally a much stronger fire, the snake's fire was swallowed instantly. Then the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire grew stronger and leaped on the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake's red head!

This time, the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake could not react in time because Xiaolang's appearance had been too sudden. Even the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire was very unexpected, so it completely engulfed the red head. The head was pulverized quickly!

The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake let out a hiss of agony at the pain of losing one head. If it was not still engaged in battle, it would have rolled on the ground in pain. However, it had no time to roll around, because it was Long Chen's turn to attack right after Xiaolang.

"Heaven Sword Array!" A violent storm of Sword Qi was unleashed. The Frostflame Twin Headed Snake could not withstand it at all, so it was dead a moment later. Long Chen put its carcass away, not even wasting a drop of blood, then prepared to leave.

Before he left, Long Chen inspected the couple's bodies but did not find any more Universe Pouches. Then he checked the Universe Pouches he obtained and found a black, normal-looking seal inside. He assumed that it was the Black Emperor Seal. Once he confirmed that he had obtained the seal, he said to Xiaolang, "Just to be safe, I think we need to destroy the bodies to destroy the evidence."

Xiaolang nodded. Faced with the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, the couple disappeared completely.

“It’s too bad you destroyed the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake’s fire-type demonic core along with the head. It would have been useful for your growth,” said Long Chen, shaking his head with regret.

Then he set off to find a safe place to perform Blood Transmutation. After he reached the Fifth Passage Stage, he would leave this place and return to the Clear Shallows Pavilion.

I think training was supposed to begin on the day after the Demon Light Bath. Although the strict cultivation style of the Ancient Demon Domain is effective, it doesn’t suit me. I wonder if they will cause me trouble again when I return ... I did stay in the Seven Layered Demon World for almost three days after all ... thought Long Chen worriedly.

Chapter 487 - Fifth Passage Stage

This was his third breakthrough in the demon world. This time, Long Chen had reached the Fifth Passage Stage using the Frostflame Twin Headed Snake’s blood. The fifth meridian point was located in his right palm, and unlike the dan meridian point at his dantian, it was not small at all. He took some time to examine the outside of his hand, but it looked the same as before.

Almost everyone used their hands when using weapons or combat techniques, and the palm was where Qi was directly ejected. When the fifth meridian point was cleared, it shortened Long Chen’s attack time and greatly increased the strength of his attacks. If he could clear his sixth meridian point in his left palm, a perfect cycle would form in his body.

Progressing through the Heavenly Passage Realm was equivalent to the process of evolution.

What frustrated Long Chen was that he had spent about thirty thousand Heavenly Passage Pills to reach the Fifth Passage Stage. After adding the approximately ten thousand Heavenly Passage Pills he had taken from the couple, he had only about seventy thousand left. Since every tier consumed triple the amount of the previous tier, he estimated that he would need about ninety thousand Heavenly Passage Pills to reach the Sixth Passage Stage.

This meant that he would not only be unable to get to the third layer of the demon world, he also lacked Heavenly Passage Pills. It was crucial to find a method to increase his strength, or he wouldn’t be allowed to participate in the fight for the Emperor Flame Pearl in a month’s time.

Since he had completed his cultivation goal, he had no choice but to return.

Before that, he took out the Black Emperor Seal and inspected it carefully. It was completely black and did not look special at all. It looked like a very normal seal.

“Little Cat, this can’t be fake, can it?” Long Chen lamented.

“The more normal something looks, the more likely it is to be a piece of treasure. The Black Emperor Seal is likely a key. Don’t they call it the Emperor-tier Five Emperor Seal? Once you collect the other four Emperor Seals, you will unlock the Five Emperor Seal combat technique. That’s just my guess though.”

Long Chen nodded. The Black Emperor Seal was useless to him for now. Since he couldn’t find anything special about it, he put it away and prepared to leave. There were a bunch of exits in the second layer of the demon world. When he was walking around searching for Category Six Heaven-

tier beasts, he encountered quite a few. They looked like black whirlpools on the ground, and they would transport him to the foot of Demon World Mountain when he entered them.

He was not very familiar with the area, so he had to search for the exits. However, after searching for a long time, he found an even larger black whirlpool. There were many people guarding it, and the leader was, to his surprise, Demon General Typhoon.

I haven't been able to find the entrance to the third layer anywhere. Since a high-ranked person like Demon General Typhoon is guarding this black whirlpool, it must be the entrance to the third layer.

Only advanced disciples above the Seventh Passage Stage were allowed into the third layer. With Demon General Typhoon guarding the entrance, Long Chen knew that it would be impossible for him to enter. He made a mental note of its location, then he left to search for the exit.

After a while, he appeared at the foot of Demon World Mountain.

Long Chen then returned to the Clear Shallows Pavilion. He was very different now compared to a few days ago. He had just reached the Second Passage Stage when he left, but now he was at the Fifth Passage Stage. In terms of combat abilities, disciples under the Seventh Passage Stage were no match for him.

Only several days had passed since he joined the Ancient Demon Domain. How shocked would other people be if they found out that he had shot from the First to the Fifth Passage Stage in just a few days?

Long Chen thought hard. If he returned to the Clear Shallows Pavilion like this, what would Qin Huanyu and Demon General Strongman do? Before this, they had emphasized being disciplined. He guessed that he would be in a lot of trouble.

Of course, he was not afraid.

He soon arrived in front of the Clear Shallows Pavilion. Before he entered, a regular disciple came forward, eyed him for a while, then asked coldly, "Are you Jiang Cheng?"

"What's the matter?" Long Chen nodded, proving that he was Jiang Cheng.

"Demon General Strongman instructed us to bring you to the training grounds the moment you showed up. Do you need me to take you there?" the disciple asked straightforwardly.

"Training grounds? Alright, I'll go there now." Long Chen nodded, then he walked past him, clearly communicating that he could find his own way.

The corners of the disciple's mouth curled up as he watched Long Chen leave. "What an ignorant brat. The Ancient Demon Domain has a very strict system, yet he dared to skip three consecutive days of training right after he joined. More importantly, he doesn't even know that this is punishable by death ..."

Long Chen did not hear his words, but he knew what he was in for. After taking a few steps, he said, "Xiaolang, bring Huangfu Qi to the training grounds. It's best if you can lure the Clear Shallows King over too. Demon General Strongman isn't likely to kill me with them present. Without them, he won't let me live since I made his nephew lose his chance to become the three-time champion."

Xiaolang knew how urgent this matter was. He emerged from the Primordial Realm and disappeared from Long Chen's sight.

Huangfu Qi had many secrets; Long Chen could sense it. Also, the Clear Shallows King treated her very well. With her there, Demon General Strongman wouldn't dare act recklessly.

Long Chen slowed down and headed towards the training grounds. Many people would have recognized him, but he barely saw anyone on the way because the regular disciples were training at this hour.

Long Chen made a rough estimation and guessed that Huangfu Qi would arrive soon, so he finally made his appearance outside the training grounds. When the other regular disciples spotted him, they stopped what they were doing and stared at him in shock. This newcomer had become a hot topic for them after meals.

He had just arrived at the Ancient Demon Domain but had disappeared for three days and kept the Demon General waiting. They could not believe how bold Long Chen was! Everyone assumed that if Long Chen appeared again, he would face certain death.

"Why would he show up here? I thought he fled the Ancient Demon Domain."

"Isn't he just looking for death? Lord Demon General has been in a terrible mood these few days because of how Jiang Cheng disrespected him. He injured several people due to his foul mood!"

"I heard that Zhao Wuji is Lord Demon General's nephew. Why did he return after being absent for three days? He's looking for trouble!"

More and more people stopped cultivating and whispered among themselves. They all talked about Long Chen with pity and shock on their faces.

"Jiang Cheng looks clueless. The last time a guy didn't show up for two days, Demon General Strongman snapped his neck. And this guy was absent for three days right after becoming a disciple ..."

"What a gigantic idiot."

Everyone continued to talk about him.

Two people separated from the crowd. One was Qin Huanyu, who was in charge of training newcomers, the other was Demon General Strongman. When he saw Long Chen, a malicious sneer appeared on his face. Without a word, he stopped ten meters away from Long Chen and eyed him up and down. "Jiang Cheng. I remember your name was Jiang Cheng. Do you know the rules of the Ancient Demon Domain? Especially my rules?"

"I don't know them. What rules do you have, Demon General Strongman?" Long Chen asked mildly. He had not asked in an ingratiating manner at all, and everyone sighed at his ignorance in the face of death. He could not be saved.

"Hehe ..." Demon General Strongman laughed and said, "As a newcomer, you did not come for training for three days. That is an act of insubordination. Respecting your

teacher is the number one rule of the Ancient Demon Domain, and you have broken it. That is a death sentence for you, and there is no room for negotiation. Even the emperor of the heavens cannot save you.”

From Long Chen’s perspective, all this talk about rules was just an excuse for Demon General Strongman to kill him. He knew that Strongman wanted to kill him, but he did not react because he had spotted Huangfu Qi and the Clear Shallows King just five hundred meters away using the Soul Swallowing Gaze.

“Do you have the right to kill the innocent too? The one who makes the decisions in the Clear Shallows Pavilion is the Clear Shallows King, right? Whether or not I should be killed should be the Clear Shallows King’s decision to make,” Long Chen said indignantly.

Demon General Strongman smiled. “Do we need to trouble the Clear Shallows King just to kill you, an irrelevant, minor disciple? Let’s do it this way. Huanyu, you’re the Clear Shallows King’s favorite disciple. I’ll hand over the responsibility of Jiang Cheng’s death sentence to you. Don’t waste time; we must carry on with the training as soon as possible.”

Qin Huanyu was standing next to Demon General Strongman. After hearing his instruction, he smiled and said, “Indeed, there is no need to ask for my master’s permission to kill a tiny individual like Jiang Cheng. Let’s do it this way: I’ll eliminate him in my master’s name. He even took the power of the crystal for himself ...”

As he spoke, he looked at Long Chen in contempt and started to approach. Suddenly, he accelerated towards Long Chen.

The power of a Sixth Passage Stage cultivator erupted from him.

At this moment, Huangfu Qi and the Clear Shallows King already arrived and saw Qin Huanyu attacking Long Chen from afar.

Chapter 488 - Snow Moon Knife

“Big Brother!” Huangfu Qi cried when she saw Qin Huanyu attacking Long Chen. She could not move fast enough to save him, nor was she strong enough to!

She placed her last hope on the Clear Shallows King, who was behind her. However, there was no time, so all she could do was turn in a panic and shout, “Master!”

If the Clear Shallows King wanted to save Long Chen, it was indeed possible, even without Huangfu Qi’s reminder. However, the Clear Shallows King did not move, and instead watched Qin Huanyu coldly.

This lasted only a moment, which was over in a blink.

Everyone was watching to see how Qin Huanyu would kill Long Chen. Huangfu Qi was the only one that cared. Everyone else’s hearts were icy, as they were jealous of his record-breaking miracles during the qualifiers!

A hundred thousand Heavenly Passage Pills! Most people present would never own that many in their lifetimes!

Qin Huanyu targeted Long Chen partially because of the one hundred thousand Heavenly Passage Pills. There were only twenty to thirty thousand pills in his own Universe Pouch after all. He had almost exhausted the one hundred thousand pills he had received as a three-time consecutive champion, and he had not received many during the past two years.

The twenty thousand pills he had on hand were not enough for him to advance to the Seventh Passage Stage, as he needed fifty thousand for it. If it were Long Chen, he would have needed almost five hundred thousand pills.

Qin Huanyu attacked with the intent to kill. He used an intermediate Heaven-tier combat technique paired with his Sixth Passage Stage Qi. How could Long Chen, who was not even at the Third Passage Stage, survive this?

The Clear Shallows King did not intend to help Long Chen. This meant that only death awaited him.

Everyone else was also terrified. The Ancient Demon Domain looked so glorious from the outside, but inside, they had learned that if they disobeyed instructions or did not do something well, they would be killed. Just like Long Chen. He was the prodigy who had won three consecutive times, yet he would be killed just a few days after he entered the Clear Shallows Pavilion.

However, what happened next made their jaws drop.

Qin Huanyu pulled out a sparkling knife that looked to be made of ice crystal. The knife was as strong as the Demon Emperor Sword, so it was also an intermediate Heaven-tier divine weapon! It was even much higher in quality than the Demon Emperor Sword. The moment it was revealed, a cold Yin aura radiated in all directions!

“Snow Moon Knife, Blizzard Strike!”

He used an intermediate Heaven-tier strike as his first attack. Qin Huanyu hated Long Chen from the start. This was a huge opportunity for him, and he would even make Demon General Strongman happy! He would never miss this chance, so he shot to kill!

Rays of light shot out like a blizzard at Long Chen. Long Chen was likely going to be chopped to pieces!

“Big Brother!” Huangfu Qi screamed in despair. It was clear that she truly cared about him. She was starting to tear up, and her chubby face turned ghostly white.

Just as everyone thought he was about to die, Long Chen remained calm and a black sword appeared in his hand. He slashed it horizontally, and black sword shadows clashed with Qin Huanyu’s Blizzard Strike!

“Demon Emperor Sword Technique, Supreme Demon Sword!”

Rumble!

The sword shadows collided with the rays of sword light, causing huge ripples. The equally strong attacks from both sides made everyone ask themselves one thing: how could one casual slash of Long Chen’s sword be strong enough to withstand Qin Huanyu’s attack?

It was unbelievable.

Everyone's eyes widened. When Qin Huanyu's attack was completely neutralized, he quickly retreated several steps and stared in shock. Everyone stared with equal magnitudes of shock.

Although Qin Huanyu hadn't used all of his strength just now, not even a Fifth Passage Stage cultivator could have blocked his attack this easily. How had Long Chen done it?

During the qualifiers, he had beaten the Fourth Passage Stage Zhao Wuji while only being at the First Passage Stage. This was because of his extra tough body. However, his advanced Heaven-tier combat body should not have been an obstacle to Qin Huanyu at this point. So what had Long Chen done to stay alive?

"How could he be that strong? He actually blocked Senior Qin's attack!"

"That is impossible! I saw how casual his defense was!"

"I saw Long Chen in action during the qualifiers, but even after his Beast Soul Transformation, he wasn't as strong as he is now!"

"It's only been three days! Did Jiang Cheng take some kind of miracle pill for this?"

The regular disciples started to discuss.

This turned Qin Huanyu and Demon General Strongman's expressions sour, though they had to admit that Long Chen's performance was extraordinary. After seeing Long Chen's attack, Demon General Strongman was able to determine his cultivation level, so he cried in surprise, "Jiang Cheng, when did you reach the Fifth Passage Stage?! Shouldn't you be at the Second Passage Stage?"

He knew that Long Chen had reached the Second Passage Stage after the Demon Light Bath, but it had only been three days since then. Yet Long Chen had already reached the Fifth Passage Stage! This meant that he had climbed one stage per day! Strongman had never heard of such a thing before!

Demon General Strongman's remark shocked the crowd once more.

"Fifth Passage Stage? Did I hear him right? Even Huangfu Qi and Zhao Wuji are only at the Fourth Passage Stage! How did Jiang Cheng rise to the Fifth Passage Stage so suddenly?"

"No wonder he disappeared for three days! Did he encounter a miracle? If a miracle like that happened to me, I would be willing to disappear for three days too!"

"Initially, Long Chen was not taken seriously because of his low cultivation level and the fact that he is older than others. Now he has surpassed the prodigies, and he even possesses advanced Heaven-tier body tempering techniques and combat techniques. He is as talented as Senior Qin Huanyu! Jiang Cheng has an advanced Heaven-tier body tempering technique, while Senior Qin's cultivation level is higher. They're similar in age though!"

What they were saying was exactly what Demon General Strongman was thinking. Strongman had no choice but to look at the Clear Shallows King, because he knew that the reason she had not defended Long Chen just now was because she looked down on him. Now that Long Chen had proven that he was extremely talented, would she still look down on him?

The Clear Shallows Pavilion was in great need of talent, so it was likely that the Clear Shallows King would not kill Long Chen!

The Clear Shallows King was indeed shocked. As a master at the three Martial Realms, she had seen a great deal, but never a monster like Long Chen. Looking at the speed of his progress, she could only describe him as a monster.

Since Qin Huanyu had halted his attacks out of shock, the fight had come to an end. In Huangfu Qi's eyes, Long Chen had always been powerful, so she was not too shocked. She leaped into his arms and sobbed heavily. "Big Brother, you jerk! I thought I would never see you again, sob ..."

"Don't cry, Qi Qi. I'm very strong now! How could a tiny ant kill me?" Long Chen said nonchalantly with a smile.

The phrase "tiny ant" enraged Qin Huanyu, who roared, "Little Junior Sister! Move! Jiang Cheng has committed a sin punishable by death! I was careless just now and did not manage to kill him. I won't let him live this time!"

"I'm not moving! I'm not! Senior Brother Six, you're a bad person! Your son will not have a butthole!" Enraged, Huangfu Qi scolded Qin Huanyu while pointing at his nose.[1]

Qin Huanyu twitched with rage, but he could not do anything, because she was the Clear Shallows King's favorite disciple. He looked at the Clear Shallows King for help, who waved and gestured for him to step back. Then she walked up to Long Chen.

"You disappeared for three days, breaking the rules. Was it to reach the Fifth Passage Stage?" the Clear Shallows King asked, looking at him coldly.

"Of course! There are many people here who want to kill me. If I don't get stronger, aren't I just a fish on their chopping board?" Long Chen answered with a small smile.

Long Chen did not blame her for not defending him, as she did not have a reason to defend a disciple who did not have much potential. However, it was completely different now. Long Chen was old enough to understand that profit was key. The Clear Shallows King would keep him alive no matter what if she could gain something.

"Alright. Seeing as you've just joined the Ancient Demon Domain and don't know the rules, you may go." The Clear Shallows King nodded. She felt like Long Chen would be grateful because she did not press further.

When Demon General Strongman saw that the Clear Shallows King had decided to keep Long Chen alive, he wanted to say something but decided against it. In the end, he shook his head. Long Chen had relied solely on his own strength to survive this ordeal, and he and Qin Huanyu looked at each other in frustration.

“What? How could we let this go?” Long Chen asked. He tapped Huangfu Qi’s cheek and looked up. “When the son of heaven breaks the law, he is the same as a lowly criminal. I am just a mere disciple; I should not be forgiven because of my ignorance! I need to atone for my sins!”

The Clear Shallows King froze, then she asked, “What do you suggest, then?”

Long Chen looked at Qin Huanyu and said, “Senior Qin Huanyu’s cultivation level far surpasses mine. Let him teach me a lesson. In fifteen minutes, I will duel Senior Qin on the training grounds. Let everyone in the Clear Shallows Pavilion watch. I’m sure Senior Qin will teach me a harsh lesson! Then everyone in the clan will understand that breaking the rules is a very unwise thing to do! I believe that after they witness my lesson, the other disciples will follow the rules better! Let me atone for my sins by making this tiny contribution to the Clear Shallows Pavilion.”

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After Long Chen finished, he looked at Qin Huanyu in a goading manner.

Everyone was impressed by Long Chen’s shamelessness. He clearly wanted to challenge Qin Huanyu to a duel in public, yet he had presented such a noble reason. Only someone with thick skin would do such a thing!

He was clearly challenging Qin Huanyu to a duel. Qin Huanyu was the three-consecutive champion from two years ago, and after growing for two years in the Clear Shallows Pavilion, he had already reached the Sixth Passage Stage and was close to the Seventh Passage Stage. He was one of the top three prodigies of the Clear Shallows Pavilion!

On the other hand, while Long Chen was the three-consecutive champion of the most recent qualifiers, he had been abandoned by the Red Ghost King due to his lack of potential. One was a prodigy, while the other was just an average joe. Now the average joe wanted to challenge the prodigy.

“Just now, Senior Qin obviously did not use his full strength. Jiang Cheng doesn’t know when to stop! The Clear Shallows King has shown him mercy, yet he still wants to cause trouble. Isn’t he looking for death?”

“Who knows what Jiang Cheng is thinking? Maybe there’s resentment in him because the Red Ghost King abandoned him and he wants to prove himself through Senior Qin. If he can defeat Senior Qin, he will indeed prove that he is a prodigy. It’s just a pity that the opponent he picked is just too difficult to beat!”

“He doesn’t even need to do this. As long as he shows that he is at the Fifth Passage Stage, he is already considered a prodigy. He has an advanced body tempering technique and combat technique after all.”

Everyone discussed among themselves while the Clear Shallows King and the others looked at him.

In the beginning, the Clear Shallows King remained silent. When the crowd was done with their discussions, she looked at Qin Huanyu with a dark expression and said, “Huanyu, what is your decision?”

Without hesitation, he said, "I'll do it! Master, if I can't even beat him, can I still call myself your disciple?"

"Good, good. Just don't embarrass me." The Clear Shallows King nodded and turned to Long Chen. "You said fifteen minutes, so we will do it in fifteen minutes. Everyone, clear out the training grounds and call all the people of the Clear Shallows Pavilion here. Let them watch this 'lesson.'"

Following the Clear Shallows King's instructions, the training grounds quickly emptied out. An empty space remained for Long Chen and Qin Huanyu to fight. The regular disciples ran to different parts of the Clear Shallows Pavilion to call all the disciples over, including the older ones.

In the Ancient Demon Domain, anyone who failed to reach the Ninth Passage Stage by the age of thirty was no longer considered a disciple; they were given the title of Elder. If they were not even at the Sixth Passage Stage, then they would be kicked out of the Ancient Demon Domain. Guang Yuan, who was the founder of Heavenly Demon Palace, was likely in this group.

After becoming an Elder, they would become a Demon General if they reached the Ninth Passage Stage. However, people usually exhausted their potential by the time they became Elders. There were many Elders in the Ancient Demon Domain, and most of them were between the Sixth and Eighth Passage Stages. There were more than a hundred of them in the Clear Shallows Pavilion alone, and Elders formed the bulk of the Ancient Demon Domain's strength.

Of course, due to their exhausted potential, they did not undergo examinations like the disciples did. For example, the fight for the Emperor Flame Pearl, which would happen in a month. It was a grand examination held every five years, and the highest reward was the Emperor Flame Pearl.

Fifteen minutes later, everyone from the Clear Shallows Pavilion was present. There were more than a hundred Elders above the Sixth Passage Stage, as well as about three hundred regular disciples. The disciples of the Clear Shallows King were also present.

Long Chen could not help but smile when he saw the Clear Shallows King's disciples. He whispered, "It looks like the other disciples of the Clear Shallows King aren't much to talk about either. She doesn't even have one at the Eighth Passage Stage."

"Yeah. I hear that in the other pavilions, the strongest disciples are at the Eighth Passage Stage. The strongest disciple in the Clear Shallows Pavilion is Senior Yiyi, who is at the Seventh Passage Stage, though she's almost at the Eighth. Of course, these are not the best disciples of the Ancient Demon Domain. The best prodigies are all in the legendary palace. I hear that the Demon Emperor has a son who is at the Earthly Martial Realm. That's almost the same as my master," said Huangfu Qi.

"The Demon Emperor's son again?" Long Chen remembered hearing about a person named Jiang Wushang during the Heavenly Demon Pillars round at the qualifiers. Jiang Wushang had left a palm print on the pillar when he was at the Ninth Passage Stage.

Long Chen revered true prodigies like that.

Of course, Qin Huanyu was not one of them.

Both of them stood in one corner while the direct disciples of the Clear Shallows King stood in another corner. The Clear Shallows King had about ten disciples, and other than Huangfu Qi and two young Fifth Passage Stage teenagers, the other disciples were at the Sixth and Seventh Passage Stages. There were four of them, and one was Senior Yiyi, mentioned by Huangfu Qi.

Long Chen looked at Senior Yiyi, who was a teenage girl around the same age as himself. She wore a long white dress, her skin was as white as snow, she had a gentle countenance, and her hair fell like a waterfall down to her waist. Her eyes were bright and emotive, and she had the ethereal aura of a fairy who had come to the mortal realm.

“Xiao Xi ...” Long Chen was mesmerized and called her name out instinctively, but he quickly smiled bitterly to himself. He had made a mistake. This girl named Yiyi was very similar to Ling Xi in both looks and aura, but she was not Ling Xi. Instead of the cuteness that Ling Xi had, she emanated sophisticated elegance.

“Xiao Xi? Senior Yiyi’s name is Liu Yiyi. She’s my master’s daughter! Big Brother, you look mesmerized! You haven’t fallen for her, have you?” Huangfu Qi huffed, pouting hard.

“Don’t say things like that.” Long Chen quickly covered her mouth. Huangfu Qi often did not think before she spoke, and since she wasn’t speaking softly, Liu Yiyi must have been able to hear her as she was not far away. She turned to cast Long Chen a glance with a hint of enmity in her eyes.

“Senior Sister, how dare that brat look at you! I’ll knock all his teeth out!” cried Qin Huanyu, gritting his teeth as he stood in front of Liu Yiyi.

“Mhm.” Liu Yiyi nodded. In reality, she could tell that Long Chen was only looking at her without any romantic intention like Huangfu Qi had said. The main character of the day was Long Chen, so she took a longer look at him. She found that he looked calm and composed, making him much scarier than Qin Huanyu, who was gritting his teeth next to her.

Both Long Chen and Qin Huanyu were three-consecutive champions of the qualifiers, but they received very different treatment. Qin Huanyu had great potential as he was close to the Seventh Passage Stage at just sixteen. He would probably reach the Eighth Passage Stage before twenty and become a pillar of the Clear Shallows Pavillion disciples like Liu Yiyi was.

Long Chen had been abandoned from the beginning.

His story was full of ups and downs. During the few days she had spent with Huangfu Qi, she had heard the little girl talk a lot about Long Chen, so she was curious about this person.

“Huanyu.”

“How may I be of service, Senior Sister?” Qin Huanyu asked hurriedly.

“Do not kill him. It’s just a small disagreement; don’t take someone’s life over it. The heavens appreciate it when you show mercy ...”

“I understand, Senior Sister. Even if I wanted to kill him, I’m afraid Master wouldn’t let me do it. His potential is now on par with mine. And what does the Clear Shallows Pavillion lack most? Talent. That is why Master won’t kill him. She got him from the Red Ghost King, and if Jiang Cheng grows strong, it will be a slap to the Red Ghost King’s face. Master loves doing things like that.” Qin Huanyu was doing his best to show off his wisdom in front of Liu Yiyi.

“That’s good. Remember to show mercy ...”

At this point, the disciples and Elders who had not seen Long Chen before were all talking about him. He had first become the three-time champion, then he was abandoned by the Red Ghost King, and he had disappeared for three days and withstood Qin Huanyu’s attack. News of him spread through the whole clan, and they were all shocked by this person. Looking at his accomplishments, they felt that he was both mysterious and powerful.

The Clear Shallows King sat in her seat along with two of the four Demon Generals. Fifteen minutes were up, and Demon General Strongman gestured at Qin Huanyu, who nodded and walked into the grounds.

All eyes were focused on Long Chen.

Long Chen asked Huangfu Qi to sit still, then he left and stood fifteen meters away from Qin Huanyu.

“Big Brother! Beat him up!” Huangfu Qi was completely ignorant of whose side she was supposed to be on. Although she was the direct disciple of the Clear Shallows King, she was cheering for Long Chen ...

When Huangfu Qi shouted, the duel began. Qin Huanyu did not waste time with Long Chen and immediately took out his Snow Moon Knife. He pointed it at Long Chen and said, “You escaped from my blade before. This time, it won’t be as easy.”

Long Chen took out the Demon Emperor Sword slowly and held it in front of him. His eyes were as tranquil as the surface of a lake.

There was only one thought in his mind, which was for all to witness how terrifying he was.

That was the only way he would make them take him seriously. Then his path in the Ancient Demon Domain would grow wider. Seeing how the Clear Shallows King acted before, he was now aware of the rules of the Ancient Demon Domain.

Long Chen wanted the Clear Shallows King and everyone else to watch this duel because this was his only way to appear powerful and show off his talent in front of everybody. Then he would be able to become an influential figure in the Clear Shallows Pavilion.

As for Qin Huanyu, he was just someone who had coincidentally arrived in front of his blade and would soon become his springboard.

Chapter 490 - Snowing Heavens

The two most attention-grabbing items were the Demon Emperor Sword and the Snow Moon Knife. These were both intermediate Heaven-tier weapons, and both cultivators were equal in many aspects. That was why there was much to look forward to in this fight. In fact, many people were excited.

Of course, these were the opinions of other people.

This was Qin Huanyu's first time proving his strength in front of so many people. He was a little nervous, so he gritted his teeth to suppress the discomfort in his heart. Then he decided to face the battle with passion in his blood. During his previous strike against Long Chen, he had indeed not taken Long Chen seriously.

The blades were out and the battle had begun. Qin Huanyu turned into an illusion and charged at Long Chen, leaving glints of light in the air where his Snow Moon Knife passed!

Qin Huanyu let out a low growl. With a dark gaze, he swung the Snow Moon Knife like a madman!

"Blizzard Strike!" This technique was like a blizzard in deep winter barreling towards Long Chen. The magnitude of this attack was much larger than the last time he used it against Long Chen. In the face of a threat like Long Chen, he had no choice but to use all his strength to achieve a glorious victory!

He had received two years of mentorship from the Clear Shallows King, so this was only right!

The crowd was awed by Qin Huanyu's attack. Even the elders were impressed and said, "Huanyu's knife technique has gotten more and more precise. The Blizzard Strike is an advanced Heaven-tier knife technique, though he is using the first strike of the sequence, which is at the intermediate Heaven-tier. However, it's impressive that he has mastered it so thoroughly. If he proceeds to use the most powerful move, even I am no match for him."

"Of course. How can we compare to someone who has received personal mentorship from the Clear Shallows King?"

The elders were powerful individuals for sure, but as they were already over thirty years old, they lacked potential.

While Qin Huanyu's attacks impressed the crowd, Long Chen maintained his calm composure, just like before. However, there was a cold flash in his eyes.

He slashed his sword at the last moment. He used the Supreme Demon Sword, which was as powerful as before!

Rumble!

The sword and knife techniques collided, and powerful ripples radiated. The crowd quickly stepped back, and even their clothes billowed in the wind created by the attacks.

Their eyes remained glued to the battlefield.

Just as they expected, Long Chen was out of tricks. Qin Huanyu's attack was more powerful this time, so it blasted Long Chen backwards, even flipping several times in the air.

“As expected, a newcomer can never be a match for a direct disciple ...” This thought popped into everyone’s minds.

This included the Clear Shallows King’s disciples, who thought the same. The stronger fighter was already determined just from this first exchange.

I hope Huanyu will listen to me and not kill him ... There was worry in Liu Yiyi’s eyes.

Long Chen was about to crash into the ground, but to the crowd’s surprise, he easily resisted the momentum from Qin Huanyu’s attack and lightly tapped the ground with the tip of his foot when he landed. Then he shot out like a gust of wind at Qin Huanyu.

To be honest, Long Chen would not need to use much of his power to finish Qin Huanyu if he used his Dragon Soul Transformation. Long Chen had tested this already. If he did not use his Dragon Soul Transformation, he was no match for Qin Huanyu.

Using the Dragon Soul Transformation multiplied the amount of Qi in his body by ten times, plus it was an advanced Heaven-tier combat body!

While he shot forward, blood-red dragon scales quickly covered his whole body, and a blood-red dragon image appeared on every single tiny scale. He radiated an ancient and regal aura, and he was suddenly ten times faster than before!

No one could even react to the sudden change!

He was almost as strong as Qin Huanyu before, but now he was ten times stronger. To him, Qin Huanyu was slow!

Cries of surprise came from the crowd. The expressions of the Clear Shallows King’s direct disciples changed, especially Liu Yiyi’s. She saw a glint of bloodlust in his eyes, and she had a bad feeling!

Does he intend to kill Huanyu? Liu Yiyi realized this immediately. Qin Huanyu was a junior she had known for two years, and other than the fact that he was a little arrogant, he had no other issues. However, Long Chen’s gaze was dark and violent, with killing intent hiding within!

Liu Yiyi would never let Qin Huanyu die. She ignored everything else and started to run towards the two people. If the duel started to become fatal, she would protect Qin Huanyu immediately.

Before Long Chen accelerated, she was confident Qin Huanyu would win. Now, however, she was very worried.

Qin Huanyu also saw the violence in Long Chen’s eyes. This was his first time realizing that Long Chen had a method of becoming stronger in battle, and his hair stood on end as he watched Long Chen approaching at a speed he could not dodge.

No way! He’s terrifying! If I don’t use that move, I will be killed! This thought popped into his mind in the extremely small window he had to react. He clenched his jaw and waved his Snow Moon Knife towards Long Chen again. He was preparing to use the final move of the Blizzard Knife technique.

Cold air spread from the Snow Moon Knife, and a cold gust of wind wrapped around Qin Huanyu. As he waved the knife, the wind quickly strengthened into a full blizzard.

Long Chen chuckled coldly. When he paired his current strength with the Heaven Sword Array, his opponent would lose even if he used an advanced Heaven-tier technique. Techniques in the same tier differed in strength after all.

Whoosh!

There was the sound of a loud tear!

“Blizzard Knife Technique, Snowing Heavens!”

Qin Huanyu roared, then the Snow Moon Knife duplicated into millions of knives. Every knife glinted like a snowflake, making them look like a blizzard of blades.

Snowing Heavens was an advanced Heaven-tier technique that truly lived up to its reputation because it was truly powerful!

Long Chen was a little surprised by the move’s power, though it did not exceed his expectations. It was difficult for even a Seventh Passage Stage cultivator to use this attack to this magnitude, so when he launched the attack, the crowd thought that Qin Huanyu would surely win.

“Snowing Heavens can kill cultivators above the Seventh Passage Stage, let alone a Fifth Passage Stage cultivator.”

“It’s a pity the new kid has to die this way. Huanyu must have felt threatened, so he pulled out his strongest move against him. The kid will surely die unless the Clear Shallows King protects him.”

Everyone looked at the Clear Shallows King, who remained calm and did not move. It was clear that she had no intention of protecting anyone.

The crowd gasped when Snowing Heavens was used, but it did not scare Long Chen. It was admittedly powerful, but could it beat Ling Xi’s Heaven Sword Array?

The Demon Emperor Sword flashed and Long Chen accelerated. Then many sword symbols appeared in front of him and exploded into the Heaven Sword Array, which far exceeded Snowing Heavens in scale. It completely trapped Qin Huanyu inside.

This time, the Heaven Sword Array was more powerful than ever before because the more Qi Long Chen had, the more powerful the attack would become. In fact, this was the first time he could somewhat use the technique to its full potential!

The wind howled in their ears. Under the crowd’s shocked gazes, the blizzard from Snowing Heavens was completely swallowed by Long Chen’s Heaven Sword Array! Millions of sword symbols trapped Qin Huanyu’s attack, which completely disappeared!

“How is that possible!?” Cries of shock rang out like gushing water.

“A cultivator needs to be at least the Seventh Passage Stage to use such a powerful attack! Is Jiang Cheng a monster?”

“I saw him use this attack during the qualifiers, but it definitely wasn’t as scary as this!”

“Has he become that much stronger?”

Even the two Demon Generals' faces twitched. Long Chen was insane to use a sword technique as powerful as this at just the Fifth Passage Stage!

“No! Huanyu will die!” The Clear Shallows King's direct disciples were also shocked by Long Chen's strength, but they were even more concerned that Qin Huanyu would die if the fight continued. Just a few moments ago, they thought Long Chen was the one who would die, but now Qin Huanyu was the one in mortal danger!

They yelled for the Clear Shallows King, begging for help, but then they realized that her gaze was still calm. However, there seemed to be an additional fire burning within it.

Liu Yiyi's gaze also fell on the Clear Shallows King.

Mother really isn't going to save Qin Huanyu... Liu Yiyi thought bitterly to herself. She knew that the Clear Shallows King would definitely not rescue Qin Huanyu, so it was up to her. No one else knew what Liu Yiyi was thinking.

“Stop it!” yelled Liu Yiyi. Her white dress billowed and she quickly rushed towards Long Chen.

“Stop?” Long Chen chuckled coldly. At this critical moment, not only did he not stop, he intensified his attack. Snowing Heaven had completely died down due to the powerful Heaven Sword Array by now. Then, to everyone's shock, Long Chen's Demon Emperor Sword pierced through Qin Huanyu's heart, causing blood to spray!