

## War God 551

### Chapter 551- Illusory Sword Technique

Long Chen had tried fighting someone at the First Earthly Martial Stage. If he was lucky, he could defeat them, but the gap between him and someone at the Second Earthly Martial Stage was far too wide. The Void Sword Saint was clearly on Jiang Wuya's level. He was also just slightly weaker than Long Yue.

The three of them never needed to face such danger with Long Yue holding off the pursuers. They could only blame their luck since the Void Sword Saint was not here to actively hunt them. He was only coincidentally nearby.

Coincidences like these happened all the time.

Long Chen looked at Jian Chen, the oldest of the trio. He had to shoulder the most responsibility here. However, his expression changed when he saw the Void Sword Saint. "Ling'er, Long Chen, this is the last time I'm begging you. I can buy you some time to escape. If I don't, all three of us will die here today."

Long Chen and Lan Ling'er looked at each other and nodded. Long Chen replied, "Then let us die together. If we can't face off against a strong foe together, we are not comrades."

Jian Chen didn't know what to do with the two of them being stubborn. He was wary of the Void Sword Saint and didn't have time to chase both of them away.

"Sister Lan, can you hold off the Flower Martial King? Me, Third Brother, and Xiaolang will surround the Void Sword Saint. We might have a chance..." Long Chen whispered to her.

"Xiaolang?" Both Jian Chen and Lan Ling'er were confused. Xiaolang was only at the Category Nine Heaven-tier. Could he be as strong as Long Chen?

Long Chen chuckled mysteriously. "He's a Sun Devouring Wolf, and he's quite a special one. Have you seen a demonic beast that could increase its tier?"

Xiaolang had indeed consumed the solar fire and increased his strength, much to the surprise of the others.

Long Chen and Xiaolang nodded before the latter entered the Primordial Realm. Xiaolang's only lethal attack against the Void Sword Saint was the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. He would only have one chance to pop out of the Primordial Realm and give the Void Sword Saint a surprise.

Jian Chen could only consent to the plan after seeing how prepared Long Chen was. "Fine, just this once. Let's do this."

It wasn't easy for him to make that decision, because he didn't want Long Chen and Lan Ling'er to die.

They came up with the best solution in the shortest amount of time.

Just then, the obscene sounds from the Flower Martial King became louder. She raised both of her arms and hung them around the neck of the Void Sword Saint. She kept grinding her plump buttocks against the man's body like a water snake.

"That's enough, my darling. I will make sure to make love to you for three days and three nights after this is over," the Void Sword Saint whispered to her.

"Three days and three nights? That's so mean! You know I can't handle how strong you are! Can't you take pity on me?" the Flower Martial King replied in a shy voice.

"Have you ever heard of oxen that were worked to death, but no fields were ever tilled until they were destroyed? Especially a field like you ..." The Void Sword Saint smiled obscenely when he took his hands out of the Flower Martial King's clothes and sniffed it. "What a lovely scent."

"Disgusting. What a pervert. Both of them need to die." Lan Ling'er almost puked.

Lan Ling'er's words made the Void Sword Saint focus on her.

"Oh? Is that the legendary Ever-Changing Demon Girl? You are the girl of every man's dream. If I get my hands on you, I could make you change your face every day and not have to find new women all the time." The Void Sword Saint stared at her longingly.

"Scram. You want to play with women when you're that old? You should just get a coffin so that you can bury yourself. Don't go around scaring others with your face. No wonder my Third Brother hates you. If I had a master like you, I would slap ... No, I would cut off a piece of your flesh every day!" Lan Ling'er never stopped scolding him.

The Void Sword Saint's face became more and more vicious.

"It seems that I have to fight for real today. My darling, I will leave her to you. Don't harm a single strand of her hair, or I will let you 'starve' for half a month. You will only be able to relieve yourself when I allow it. I will go ahead and deal with that wretched disciple of mine."

His sharp gaze fell on Jian Chen.

However, he had ignored Long Chen.

The Flower Martial King wanted to remind him that Long Chen was hard to deal with too, but then she thought she could just focus on Lan Ling'er while Long Chen would be dealt with by the Void Sword Saint.

Jian Chen shouted, "Don't you dare call me that! I no longer have anything to do with you! We are sworn enemies!"

“You no longer have anything to do with me? Then don’t use the Illusory Sword Technique on me.” The Void Sword Saint chuckled and leaped down from the top of the wall. He stood thirty meters away from Jian Chen, and the Flower King followed him down.

Everyone on the wall repositioned to watch the battle.

It was going to start soon.

With the two of them fighting, Long Chen was the only one being ignored.

“Bitch, come over here. Let me pummel you.” Lan Ling’er was disgusted by the Flower Martial King and started cursing at her.

The Flower Martial King was outraged. She saw that Lan Ling’er had chosen her battlefield and immediately chased after her. Only Long Chen, Jian Chen, and the Void Sword Saint were left.

Long Chen and Jian Chen stood together as they observed their foe warily.

An enemy at the Second Earthly Martial Stage was not to be trifled with. Even though Jian Chen was close to advancing into the Second Earthly Martial Stage, he was weaker than the Void Sword Saint. Long Chen was even worse off since he was not even at the Three Martial Realms yet. He only had strong and bizarre techniques.

Jian Chen said nothing as he unsheathed his pure-white Cloud Sword.

“That’s the Cloud Sword that I requested from the Martial Overlord as a gift to you when you entered the Three Martial Realms.” The Void Sword Saint was pissed. He had never thought the gift he had given his disciple would be pointed at him one day.

Jian Chen took out another sword and gave it to Long Chen. “This is the advanced Heaven-tier Desolate Cleaving Sword. I used it when I was at the Heavenly Passage Realm. It should be better than yours. Use it for now. You don’t use swords to begin with and will go back to learning fist arts when you reach the Three Martial Realms, so a good sword would be wasted on you.”

He was right. Long Chen had only used a sword for the sake of the Demon Emperor Sword Technique and later on for the Heaven Sword Array. His understanding of sword arts was extremely low compared to those born as Armament Warriors.

Long Chen took it.

In front of him was the Void Sword Saint, Jian Chen’s previous master. His understanding of the sword was naturally very deep. The Void Sword Saint reached into his Universe Pouch and took out a jade-green sword, similar to Jian Chen’s Cloud Sword.

“That is the Jade Sword, an elementary King-tier Divine Arms. It’s of the same series as the Cloud Sword,” Jian Chen whispered to Long Chen.

Three men, three swords.

“This is your last chance to beg for forgiveness from the Martial Overlord. Do you yield?”

“Of course, if you kill yourself in front of me.” Jian Chen chuckled.

The Void Sword Saint relented. He knew that it would be impossible to convince Jian Chen. He slowly raised his Jade Sword. “It seems that we will settle everything here today.”

“You’re so old yet so talkative.” Jian Chen smiled.

No one would admit that they were old, much less the Void Sword Saint. He was angered by Jian Chen’s words and his eyes slowly grew bloodshot. Of course, they did not look as bad as Jian Chen’s eyes.

“I was the one who taught you the Illusory Sword Technique. Do you think you can defeat me with it?” The Void Sword Saint chuckled.

Jian Chen said nothing and slowly raised his sword too. With a *whoosh*, he disappeared. The Void Sword Saint disappeared with blinding speed too. The two of them started fighting furiously!

*So fast! Did they forget about me?* Long Chen held up the Desolate Cleaving Sword and slowly inched towards where they were fighting.

Sword.

The sword arts of those at the Earthly Martial Realm followed the same concept as those who used fists. The two of them were fighting as if their legs were stuck to the ground. Every single sword movement was chained to the soft pulse of the earth. Even though their movements were simple, they were profound and carried destructive powers beyond what one would imagine. The Void Sword Saint accidentally tapped the ground once with his sword, causing the ground to shake violently.

It was clear that Jian Chen was being suppressed from the very start. The Void Sword Saint was stronger in all aspects.

“Illusory World, Killing Words.”

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The sound of screeching metal could be heard as the Cloud Sword and the Jade Sword crashed into each other. Since the clash didn’t result in a shockwave, Long Chen was certain that their attacks were contained within the blades.

Jian Chen was repelled by the attack. He stood in front of Long Chen, and the latter could see that Jian Chen was visibly paler. He had used a lot of energy to fight the Void Sword Saint.

The Void Sword Saint also retreated.

“Third Brother, could you use your sword to stop him from moving for a single breath?” Long Chen whispered.

“Of course.”

“Then trust me. We will move together.” Long Chen prepared himself.

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Jian Chen believed in Long Chen even though he didn't know what the plan was.

"I can make sure he stops moving for two breaths." Jian Chen disappeared once more and he charged towards the Void Sword Saint after he said that.

Long Chen followed him quickly and secretly used the Dragon Soul Transformation to assume his strongest form.

"Old man, I know my mastery over the Illusory Sword Technique is at least equal to yours." Jian Chen was certain that the only advantage the Void Sword Saint had over them was the difference in their cultivation levels. They were equal in strength in terms of the Illusory Sword Technique.

Jian Chen's words caught the Void Sword Saint's attention. "Is that so? Then let's try again."

The Cloud Sword and the Jade Sword clashed once more. The two of them appeared to be glued together as they attacked.

"Binding Words?" The Void Sword Saint laughed. "You dare use it against me? Don't you know that I'm better at it?"

The Cloud Sword was the one binding the Jade Sword until now, but the situation had completely reversed. The two of them were stuck together like glue.

*Now!* Long Chen knew this was his chance. He quickly ran to the side and slightly caught the attention of the Void Sword Saint. Still, the latter hadn't paid attention to any cultivators at the Ninth Passage Stage for years.

Just then, the strength of the Binding Words increased. Jian Chen twisted his sword, and a hurricane engulfed the Void Sword Saint.

"You dare use your strongest attack on me? Hahaha!" The Void Sword Saint twisted his sword too, and a larger hurricane engulfed Jian Chen.

"Illusory World Massacre."

Long Chen knew that while it looked simple, the strength of the techniques was enormous. If he faced them head-on, he would be shattered to pieces.

But there was no need for him to get close.

At the last moment, he activated his technique.

"Blood Devouring Domain!" His Qi expanded and unleashed a torrent of energy similar to a cultivator at the First Earthly Martial Stage. It formed a blood-red space that engulfed the Void Sword Saint. Its powers were exerted only on the Void Sword Saint while ignoring Jian Chen.

The Blood Devouring Domain still worked on the Void Sword Saint, especially when it appeared so suddenly. The Void Sword Saint was stunned and had no choice to use some of his Qi to suppress his blood. That caused his final attack to become weaker.

Jian Chen barely managed to deflect that attack.

“Xiaolang!” While Jian Chen and the Void Sword Saint were stuck together, Long Chen got close and shouted for Xiaolang. The black wolf leaped out of the Primordial Realm and released a wave of burning flames towards the Void Sword Saint.

The cold flames made the Void Sword Saint shiver in fear.

*Run.* That was the only thought in his mind. He now realized that Jian Chen was only a distraction. Their real killing technique was the attack from the wolf!

Even though it was not befitting of him to escape, his life was more precious than anything.

He wanted to run, but Jian Chen suddenly changed his sword stance and used Binding Words again. His Jade Sword was glued to the Cloud Sword!

If he wanted to run, he would have to let go of the Jade Sword since breaking the Binding Words would cost him the time of a single breath. By then, the flames would hit him.

*Shit. Why should I be scared? I have a King-tier Body Tempering technique. I don't have to fear some random flame.* The Void Sword Saint broke open the Binding Words with his sword. Since he had wasted so much time, his only choice was to use the Jade Sword to defend himself from the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire.

“Jade Windfall.”

The technique released a massive wheel of wind. The flickering sword hidden inside the wind blocked the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. Soon, the Void Sword Saint would be able to escape.

*Hmph! Two amateurs.* The Void Sword Saint was about to back away when he felt a sense of danger from his back. He turned around and saw a massive sword array falling on him.

“What is that!?” the Void Sword Saint shouted. To his knowledge, only those at the Earthly Martial Realm could unleash an array of that size, but the Qi coming from it didn't belong to an Earthly Martial Realm cultivator.

The Void Sword Saint could only block one of the attacks. He had a strange feeling that he would be injured no matter which one he chose.

He never thought he would be forced into a corner like this.

*You are smart. But once I endure it, I will make sure you suffer.* The Void Sword Saint howled in rage.

He remembered Long Chen. He had ignored him, but now he knew that Long Chen was more dangerous.

The Heaven Sword Array and the fire—he had to endure one of them. The fire was the better option. He was wary of it, but it probably wouldn't harm him; the array looked more dangerous. Though it wasn't powerful enough to kill him, it would leave a lot of injuries, and he wouldn't like that.

“Die!” The Void Sword Saint swung his sword, and a hurricane dispersed the Heaven Sword Array with ease. Even the person behind the Heaven Sword Array disintegrated.

*Did I kill him?* The Void Sword Saint was confused. He thought the person behind the array would be severely injured at most. He was trying to destroy the array, not Long Chen.

But by the time he realized what had happened, it was too late.

“Demonic Illusion.” The Heaven Sword Array had been used by the Demonic Illusion! He turned around and was engulfed by the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire. The Void Sword Saint was on fire.

“AAH!” A painful scream came from beneath the flames. The Void Sword Saint’s arms flailed around as he rolled on the ground furiously. He used his Qi to form a barrier to protect himself from the flames, but some parts of the barrier failed to protect him properly.

Even so, the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire would not be able to defeat the Void Sword Saint.

Xiaolang could only control a small part of it for now.

But Long Chen was ready.

The moment the Void Sword Saint was engulfed by the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, Long Chen used the Heaven Sword Array with the strength of the Golden Crow soul remnants. The attack landed on the Void Sword Saint without any difficulty. The burning flames from the Golden Crow soul remnant and the freezing flames of the Nine Devils ANcestral Fire caused the Void Sword Saint’s body to crumble when he was hit by the Heaven Sword Array.

Long Chen used the Heaven Sword Array to tear open the Void Sword Saint’s body, allowing the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire to spread to his insides. The Void Sword Saint howled in pain and stopped completely after three breaths. All that was left of him was a black statue made of ice.

They had won.

Jian Chen paused in shock and stared at the corpse. Everything had happened too quickly.

Jian Chen never thought they would win; he had thought that he and Long Chen would die here today, and Lan Ling’er would be humiliated, but the Void Sword Saint was dead.

He looked at Long Chen in a daze. He knew that all he had done was hold the Void Sword Saint down—Long Chen was the one who had delivered the killing blow.

Everything was within his control.

The Binding Words, the Blood Devouring Domain, the Nine Devils Ancestral Fire, the Demonic Illusion, and the Heaven Sword Array. All these techniques had been used in quick succession, and the Void Sword Saint fell to the Heaven Sword Array even though he had withstood the attack from the Demonic Illusion.

One of the ten strongest people in the Martial Alliance was now a block of ice. All of that had happened because of Long Chen.

Jian Chen couldn't breathe.

He realized that Long Chen was much scarier than Long Yue. At the very least, Long Yue's strength was within his expectations, but Long Chen was perfect even though his cultivation level was lower.

Not only was Jian Chen shocked, the spectators on the wall were shocked too. They knew how strong the Void Sword Saint was.

There was One Martial Overlord, Three Martial Emperors, and Ten Martial Saints. The Void Sword Saint was one of the Ten Martial Saints.

And he had died to some random person.

All of them focused on Long Chen.

Who is the youth beside Jian Chen?

Now only the Flower Martial King was left.

She had been taking it easy because she knew she only needed to distract Lan Ling'er until the Void Sword Saint dealt with the rest.

But now the Void Sword Saint was dead.

Chapter 553 - Monster

The Flower Martial King had watched the Void Sword Saint die. She knew about Long Chen's final Heaven Sword Array and wanted to warn the Void Sword Saint, but she was too late. By the time she had that thought, he was already an ice sculpture.

"He's dead?" The Flower Martial King was shocked by Long Chen. It was unheard of for someone weaker and younger to do something like this. She looked at him as if he was a monster.

"Monster. He's a monster." The Flower Martial King was shocked and afraid. She had been indulging in her desires just now, but her body trembled with fear after learning that the Void Sword Saint was dead.

"Die." Due to her momentary distraction, Lan Ling'er's punch landed on the Flower Martial King's shoulder. She cried out in pain and was blown back by the impact.

She rolled over on the ground and got covered in dirt. She looked absolutely disheveled, but she didn't dare to stop. She quickly stood up and was about to run when a white blade stabbed her back and came out of her chest.

Life quickly left her body.

Jian Chen took out his sword and turned her body around. Her chest was a pool of red.

Her largest source of pride now had a hole.

She took one last look at Jian Chen before slumping to the ground.

“Bitch. You deserved to die like one.” Lan Ling’er stomped her enemy’s body a few times before feeling better. She then looked at Jian Chen. “Third brother, I know you are upset, but at least we’ve completed our revenge and we are alive.”

Jian Chen nodded. “Ling’er, no need to console me. I’ve lived for a long time and I’m used to it. The dead have departed, and the only thing I could do for them was take revenge since I share the same blood as them. Now it's time for them to rest.”

Lan Ling’er nodded, but she didn’t really understand what he meant.

But Long Chen understood. It seemed a lot of people around Jian Chen had died, or maybe the people he cared for had died. That was why he had left the Martial Alliance and joined Long Yue.

With the Void Sword Saint dead, no one here could threaten.

But the Flower Martial King’s belongings were still there. Lan Ling’er opened her Universe Pouch, and what she found made her blush. She took ten royal crystals before throwing the entire Universe Pouch away.

“What a whore. To think she carried so many things,” Lan Ling’er said.

Long Chen didn’t look, but he could guess what was in there. With her behavior, it would be weird if she didn’t have at least one in her Universe Pouch.

“Not bad, you did an excellent job. These are for you.” Lan Ling’er passed the royal crystals to him. Long Chen was stunned, but he didn’t refuse them.

royal crystals were important for those at the Martial Realm, and Long Chen only had one.

“Let’s find somewhere peaceful.” Jian Chen called for his Golden Lightning Stallion. Long Chen and Lan Ling’er followed him. Even though he looked calm, his heart was most likely suffering.

They wanted to find a peaceful place.

That was what Long Chen had thought as well when he wanted to bury Long Qinglan.

*It feels like my life started after that day.* Long Chen sighed. He had only managed to get this far thanks to the mysterious Dragon Jade Pendant.

They followed Jian Chen for quite some time before they found the perfect place. They needed to bury over thirty people, but thanks to Long Chen and Lan Ling’er helping him, it took them less time than they had thought.

Jian Chen found a large rock and used his sword to carve out thirty tombstones before engraving the names on each one.

Everything was done.

“Third Brother, it’s time to leave. Big Sister is waiting for us,” Lan Ling’er said to Jian Chen, who was kneeling in front of the graves.

“Yes.” Jian Chen stood up and hopped onto his Golden Lightning Stallion. Long Chen and Lan Ling’er smiled at each other before following him towards the Cloud Dream Swamp.

They could only be considered comrades if they lived and died together. Long Chen had a feeling that he had integrated well into their group.

Dragon Clan... It’s a good name.

Time slowly passed.

Jian Chen no longer traversed the paths where people were walking, so there weren’t any obstacles. After learning their lesson at the Swirling Cloud Mountain Range, Jian Chen increased his awareness. His white hair was much more attention-seeking than he had thought.

“Cloud Dream Swamp. We will reach it in a day,” Jian Chen told them after they traveled for three more days.

His face appeared normal as if nothing had happened, but Long Chen and Lan Ling’er knew he was still upset.

They continued to travel.

Time slowly passed, and Long Chen realized that the closer they got to the swamp, the more people they encountered. All of them were cultivators. Many of them were at the Heavenly Passage Realm, but some were at the Heavenly River Realm.

Lan Ling’er assessed the situation. “So the Scarlet Emperor Seal has indeed appeared. Some of them are here to test their luck. There will probably be tens of thousands of people surging into the swamp when it opens up. That’s good for us since we can blend in, but in the end, only those at the Earthly Martial Realm will truly have a chance to obtain the Scarlet Emperor Seal.”

“Tens of thousands?” Long Chen was shocked. The allure of a treasure was indeed hard to resist.

Since there were too many people, Jian Chen decided to use a path that was seldom used. Everyone was heading towards the Cloud Dream Swamp, while Jian Chen was heading to Cloud Heaven City, which was beside it. Once they arrived, Long Chen had Xiaolang enter the Primordial Realm as well as the two Golden Lightning Stallions. Of course, he told them that he was using a Beast Soul Crystal.

Without a mount, they looked considerably inconspicuous. Lan Ling’er also used her technique to transform herself, Long Chen, and Jian Chen. No one would be able to recognize them.

When they got close to the city, some people walked past them in a hurry, while others walked slowly. All of them were discussing what had happened in the past few days.

“Have you heard of Long Chen? He was originally a disciple from the Ancient Demon Domain, but apparently, he killed the Demon Emperor’s son and was rescued by the Dragon clan. A few days ago, people were saying that he appeared outside of White

City and helped Jian Chen to kill his master. Now the Void Sword Saint from the Martial Alliance as well as three Martial Kings are dead.”

“That’s incredible! He must be at the First Earthly Martial Stage! Is he the original Long Chen?”

“No. I’ve heard that he looks different.”

“But exteriors can be changed. Look at the Ever-Changing Demon Girl. She can change her appearance every day; she might even be a man. It’s so disgusting! Why would the Dragon clan risk their lives to save Long Chen? Is it because he’s the brother of Long Yue, the Icy Dragon Queen?”

“You have a point.”

They then walked past Long Chen.

Long Chen almost burst out laughing when he heard them talking. First, he found Long Yue’s title funny. She must’ve acted so cold that she scared the others away.

The second funny thing was what they had said about Lan Ling’er. They were disgusted at the prospect of her being a guy, and now she was disguised like one ...

“What are you laughing at? I will tear off your mouth! I’m a man, so what? Are you laughing at me, little miss?” Lan Ling’er glared at Long Chen.

Long Chen then realized that the disguise she had set up for him made him look like a woman. It was probably a joke of hers.

“What a rascal.” He wiped the makeup off.

“You look like a tabby cat, hahaha!” Lan Ling’er laughed when she saw Long Chen’s face.

Long Chen wanted to smack her. He quickly ran towards a spring and washed his face off. Thanks to them fooling around, Jian Chen’s mood appeared to have improved.

“You are famous now. Long Yue probably knows about what happened to you.” Lan Ling’er chuckled once Long Chen was done.

“That’s good. We won’t have to explain why we are late.”

Cloud Heaven City was just in front of them.

Before they got close, a voice called for them. “Third Brother, over here.”

They turned around and saw that it was Chi Ying. His informants had most likely spotted them, so he had come over to take them directly to Long Yue. On the way, Chi Ying stared at Long Chen like an oddity. He then raised his thumbs in approval. “Seventh Brother, I heard that you killed the Void Sword Saint.”

“Third Brother took his attention and held him down while I attacked. I fear I wouldn’t have been able to land a single attack without his help.”

“Even so, that’s an incredible feat. I wouldn’t be able to do the same.” Chi Ying smiled, revealing his white teeth.

He brought the three of them into a cave on a mountainside. Lei Zhen was standing guard outside and there was a gazebo inside. Jiang Wuya and Long Yue were playing chess there. Long Yue stood up when she saw Long Chen.

But Jiang Wuya stopped her. “Don’t run away. You are losing.”

Long Yue rolled her eyes and slammed the table. The chess pieces turned to dust.

Jiang Wuya could do nothing but smile bitterly.

Despite how strong she was, there was still a childish side to her.

Long Chen now became the center of attention, and even Long Yue realized that she had underestimated him ...

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Long Chen was feeling a bit shy when everyone started staring at him like that. “Dear brothers and sisters, I know I’m handsome, but there’s no need to keep staring at me lustfully like that.”

All of them laughed at his joke, even Long Yue. When Lan Ling’er saw that Long Yue was laughing, she shouted in surprise, “Everyone, look! The Icy Dragon Queen can actually laugh!”

Long Yue’s face fell and she stopped smiling. She didn’t even give others a chance to tease her as she looked at Long Chen. “Not bad. Once the issue of the Scarlet King Seal is over, we will help you advance into the Earthly Martial Realm. All six of us know what to do, so we should be able to lend you some help with our experiences.”

“What do you mean ‘not bad?’ It’s a miracle!” Lei Chen chuckled. His body was large, so his voice was loud too.

Long Chen knew that thanks to the Red Souls placed all over the Divine Martial Empire, all of them had up-to-date information. Their information network was on par with a faction like the Ancient Demon Domain. That was why they knew everything that had happened a few days ago.

Jiang Wuya stood up and assessed what had happened. He looked at Long Chen with pride. “Long Chen killed the Void Sword Saint. He wouldn’t have been able to do it without the assistance of his demonic beast and our Third Brother, but what’s important is that his scheme and the tools at his disposal brought about that result.”

His compliment was the greatest assurance that Long Chen could get right now.

Long Chen felt that thanks to his newfound strength, he had finally integrated into the group. At least he wouldn’t be dragging them down, and more importantly, he was no longer the weakest amongst them. At least Lan Ling’er couldn’t defeat him.

As for the rest, Long Chen dared not challenge them. Jian Chen was strong, and he knew Long Chen’s moves. Long Chen would lose the moment he got close to him. Lei Zhen and Chi Ying were

strong too. Lei Zhen had a Category Three King-tier beast soul with the lightning attribute, white Chi Ying specialized in assassination.

Every member of the Dragon clan was strong.

“Alright, now that everyone is here, we should depart for the Cloud Dream Swamp. There are tens of thousands of people heading there right now, but the swamp is a large place. Who knows where the Scarlet King Seal will be located? We can only enter there and wait for it to appear.” Long Yue then looked at Lan Ling’er. “Ling’er, there will be a lot of people around, so we need your help to disguise us.”

“Alright.” Lan Ling’er used her male voice to talk. She was now a gentleman that appeared to be delicate and handsome, just like how Xiaolang was previously.

If Xiaolang reached the King-tier, he would be able to take human form.

Long Chen was looking forward to that.

With Lan Ling’er’s skill, everyone had their disguises ready in an hour. It would be hard for others to notice that they were the Dragon clan. Of course, those within the upper echelons of the Ancient Demon Domain and the Martial Alliance would be able to tell.

Their preparations were done.

At this time, Long Yue informed them about what she knew so that they would be ready. “One more thing. The Martial Alliance has sent out two Martial Saints and ten Martial Kings to kill us. I’ve killed three of them, but the others should be making their way here after learning about the news of the Scarlet Emperor Seal. We will have to face formidable foes. I’ve also heard that one of the Martial Overlords, Yang Ningfeng, was also heading here.”

The three Martial Overlords of the Martial Alliance. Each of them was at the Third Earthly Martial Stage, on par with Long Yue. Yang Ningfeng was most likely as strong as Long Yue, and there were two Martial Saints and seven Martial Kings reinforcing him.

“Who else do we have to face?” Long Chen asked.

“Most cultivators belong to the Martial Alliance and many factions work under them, but there are a few exceptions. The stronger cultivators are given the title of Martial King, but some become Martial Saints instead. Those who have allied themselves with the Martial Alliance include the Huangfu family and the Ancient Demon Domain, but they are not completely loyal. They will prioritize themselves when it comes to obtaining treasures, so I don’t know if they will be there. Though I don’t think people like Jiang Wuxie and Huangfu Fengchen would stay still.”

Long Chen understood her explanation.

He had thought the Ancient Demon Domain worked for the Martial Alliance, but that wasn't the case. The Ancient Demon Domain had its own system, it was just that the Martial Alliance was huge and they had to submit to them by name, or they would be branded as fugitives just like Long Chen was.

Lei Zhen was worried. “The Northern Battle clan in the Warring Kingdom is actually quite far from here, but the influence of the Martial Alliance still reaches there. We are proud warriors who would rather die in battle than be enslaved. We are the only major force that hasn’t submitted to the Martial Alliance.”

“The Martial Alliance controls a lot of kingdoms in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. Only the Warring Kingdom refused to submit to their rule, so they stuck out like an eyesore. Fourth Brother, you should ask your tribesmen to be careful, or they might invade your kingdom,” Jiang Wuya said.

“My people are worried about it, but we do not fear death from battle. Even if we die, the Martial Alliance will never make us submit.”

“Battle clan ...” Long Yue’s eyes twinkled before saying, “The Phantom Ravine is no longer safe. If the Martial Alliance intends to destroy the Battle clan, we should head towards the north to help them once this is over. We also need a safe place to stay.”

Hearing her words, Lei Zhen knelt on the ground and said, “Big Sister, I thank you. Even if you make me work myself to the bone, I will follow you.”

Long Yue quickly pulled him up. “I’ve actually intended to do this for a long time. We are a family, and we will live or die together. Don’t kneel again, or I will have to disown you.”

Lei Zhen stood up upon hearing that.

Everyone laughed.

Looking at the six of them, Long Chen had a feeling of belonging. It was just like his bond with Xiaolang. They would live or die together. Even though Long Chen had joined their group very recently, he was already quite fond of them.

All of them looked after each other.

After talking, they started making their way towards the Cloud Dream Swamp. To prevent the others from noticing them, they rarely talked in public. They weren’t afraid, but there was no reason to attract unwanted attention.

After passing by Cloud Heaven City, Long Chen finally spotted the Cloud Dream Swamp in the distance. He was shocked to see how even the skies were blackened by the gas escaping the swamp. The black gas rose and lowered like the grinning face of a ghost.

Under the dark sky was a gray mist that contained the gasses of the swamp. The miasma was poisonous, and those below a certain cultivation level would not be able to enter.

Underneath the miasma was the endless black swamp. Due to the mist, Long Chen could only see part of the swamp, but the black mud and large bubbles were enough to scare him.

Staring at Long Chen’s expression, Lan Ling’er looked at him slyly. “My dear brother, it seems that it’s your first time seeing the Cloud Dream Swamp.”

“I’m afraid I know nothing about this place.”

“In that case, I will be merciful after seeing how pitiful you are. There are two forbidden areas in the Divine Martial Empire.”

“Two?” It was the first time Long Chen had heard of this.

“The reason they are forbidden areas is because they’re havens for demonic beasts. Both places are home to powerful demonic beasts that can decimate regular cultivators with ease. The first is the Cloud Dream Swamp and the second is the Immortal Sea. The most powerful demonic beast in the Immortal Sea is the more fearsome one out of the two, but most cannot reach it to begin with, so not a lot of people know of its existence. The Cloud Dream Swamp, on the other hand, is called the land of the dead. The name itself should tell you why.”

“Immortal Sea.” Long Chen had heard of it numerous times, and the Heavenly Phoenix was always mentioned. It was most likely the strongest beast in that area.

“Ignore the Immortal Sea. Let me tell you about the Cloud Dream Swamp. It’s a very vast area, around the size of two kingdoms in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory. It’s a swamp with countless Poison Insects and Poison Beasts. This place is like heaven to them. Due to the advantages in the terrain and their poison, the beasts are very hard to deal with. There’s also legends of numerous King-tier beasts in the depths of the swamp. All of them can assume human form too!” Lan Ling’er tried to scare Long Chen with her suspenseful tone.

She wanted to see him frightened, but she was disappointed when Long Chen showed no hint of fear.

#### Chapter 555 - Two Demon Saint

In the past, Long Chen would’ve thought that this place was heaven to him since there were so many demonic beasts. But now he knew that progressing through the Three Martial Realm not only required an increase in his essence, but also an increase in his comprehension. The blood essence of demonic beasts could help him reach the peak of every stage quickly, but it was not the key to making him become stronger.

Long Yue turned around when she heard them talking. “The King-tier demonic beasts hate humans. Their lair is at the depths of the Cloud Dream Swamp. If we respress on their territory, they will definitely retaliate. If the Red Emperor’s Seal appears there, we will have some trouble on our hands.”

“I don’t think so. We will not be the only cultivators there—the people from the Martial Alliance will definitely show up. There are also the people from the Ancient Demon Domain and the Huangfu family. I doubt that the beasts will do anything when faced with so many people,” Jiang Wuya explained.

“We should still be careful. We should not become the vanguard at a time like this,” Long Yue warned.

They continued trudging forward. A lot of people were entering the swamp, and Long Yue chose the path with the least amount of traffic. When they got close, Long Chen had a feeling that the place was even more dangerous than the Ancient Demon Domain. A vile stench assaulted them; it was a mix of rotting corpses and mud.

Lan Ling'er quickly flew up a meter to avoid the mud. She didn't want to even touch it.

"The muddy terrain will impede our combat abilities. Long Chen, you've just reached the Ninth Passage Stage. Have you tried flying?" Long Yue sounded serious when she asked him.

Long Chen had tried before. He already had access to his Heaven Meridian. While they were moving towards the Cloud Dream Swamp, Lan Ling'er had taught him how to fly. Still, he could only float half a meter high as a beginner.

"I can stabilize my body in the air, but I still can't fight midair." Long Chen smiled bitterly.

Long Yue nodded. "Usually, those at the Ninth Passage Stage can only do so much. Still, when you reach the Earthly Martial Realm, you will have to fight on land even though you will be familiar with flying. The basis of the Earth Martial Realm lies in the earth. You need to feel and comprehend the pulse of the earth. Even though you can fly, you cannot escape being on the ground."

"Doesn't that mean flying is useless?"

Long Yue shook her head. "No. Once you reach the Heavenly Martial Realm, most of your battles will be done in the air. To be honest, I don't even know the specifics of it. But since the strength of those at the Earthly Martial Realm comes from the earth, then the strength of those at the Heavenly Martial Realm should come from the skies. Only a few of them exist in the Ten Thousand Nations Territory."

Jiang Wuya sighed. "Even though the Divine Martial Empire is one of the Ten Great Empires, we were always the weakest among all of them. The other Empires look down on us because our strongest fighter, the Martial Overlord, is only at the Fourth Earthly Martial Stage. He's not even qualified to fetch the shoes of the strongest cultivators in the other Empires."

Long Yue nodded. "The news of the Five Emperor Seal has been contained by the Martial Alliance so that the other Empires don't find out about it, or the Divine Martial Empire would be bathed in blood. I hope that the Emperor-tier technique, the Five Emperor Seal, allows an extremely strong cultivator to arise in the Divine Martial Empire."

Long Chen listened to them silently.

He had a rough understanding of the Ten Great Empires now.

The Divine Martial Empire is the weakest of the ten, but I think that the people here are already strong. Thankfully, I didn't go to the other empires, or I would be dead by now.

Long Yue then continued, "Anyway, you should learn how to fly better. There's a very strong technique in the Huangfu family called the Willow Step. It's an intermediate King-tier technique that allows one to dodge in the air like a falling willow leaf. It allows the user to evade attacks mid-air."

A King-tier martial technique, and an intermediate one too.

It was one of the highest-tiered techniques in the Divine Martial Empire.

There were probably no advanced King-tier techniques in the Divine Martial Empire.

It was clear that the Emperor-tier Five Emperor Seal was an incredibly rare technique here.

As they spoke, they made their way into the swamp. Even though there were tens of thousands of people gathering here, the place was massive. If they needed to hide, they could take one of the more hidden routes to shake off pursuers.

The seven of them walked carefully through the gray miasma.

There were many dangers hidden in the swamp, so Long Chen's Soul Swallowing Gaze played a big role. It could detect any souls in the swamp, including incredibly small ones. None escaped his eyes.

After walking for more than ten Li, they noticed that more and more Poison Beasts and Poison Insects were around them. They didn't know how long they had been here, but they saw that the mud beneath them was bubbling nonstop. Long Chen used Sight and saw that there were numerous crocodiles underneath the mud. There were thousands of them!

They were not normal crocodiles, but ones at the Heaven-tier. They were around Category Three to Five, and each of them was more than five meters long. Their bodies were black and robust with sharp spikes covering their tails. Their strong jaws were filled with dagger-like teeth.

"Demon Crocodiles," Lan Ling'er warned Long Chen.

As if sensing the presence of humans, the massive crocodiles poked their heads out of the swamp and revealed their teeth, making the place look like a land filled with swords.

"Who wants to open up a path for us?"

The Demon Crocodiles did not understand how strong they were, so they would attack if no one scared them away.

"Let me do it." Lei Zhen laughed and walked to the front. Lightning formed on his fist and he punched the swamp in front of him. The lightning shot out and took the shape of a fist before crashing into the swamp. The lightning traveled through the swamp and quickly spread to cover a wide area. Most of the Demon Crocodiles cried out in pain before dying. Using the lightning, Lei Zhen killed more than half of the Demon Crocodiles.

Lei Zhen is very strong too. He might be stronger than Jian Chen if he uses the Heavenly Mantra Thunder Beast.

Thanks to that single attack from Lei Zhen, the Demon Crocodiles were scared and immediately plunged back into the depths of the swamp. While they were fierce and would attack humans, they were smart enough to know when they were outclassed.

Long Chen used Sight and saw that the Demon Crocodiles were swimming back into the depths as fast as they could.

They were about to leave when Long Yue suddenly turned around. Long Chen turned around and used Sight. Four people were closing in on them from just one Li away. In the blink of an eye, they appeared in front of Long Chen.

They were from the Ancient Demon Domain, and the person at the front was Jiang Wuxie. The person on his side was Jiang Wushang. There were two more white-haired old men following them. One was taller than the other, and both wore the outfit of the grand elders, but their strength was unmeasurable.

“To think the two of them are still alive. They probably ran here the moment they heard that the Red Emperor Seal was showing up,” Lan Ling’er complained beside Long Chen.

“How strong are they?”

“They are the trump cards of the Ancient Demon Domain. Those two are at the Second Earthly Martial Stage. They are also the two Demon Saints of the Ancient Demon Domain. To think they are still alive. We never ran into them when we entered the Ancient Demon Domain, so they were probably in isolated training.”

Second Earthly Martial Stage.

They were as strong as Jiang Wuya.

The Ancient Demon Domain was actually very strong. If Jiang Wuya were still in the Ancient Demon Domain, they would actually have three Demon Saints.

There were four of them, while Long Chen’s party had seven people. They stood there and looked at each other before Jiang Wuxie smiled coldly.

“We were wondering who it was when he detected movements here. So it’s the Dragon clan.”

“I thought the Demon Emperor already had the Black Emperor Seal. Are you here for the Red Emperor Seal too? You greedy bastard,” Long Yue said.

“I don’t have it, but, Long Yue, I know you have the Azure Emperor Seal in your hands.” The Demon Emperor’s eyes kindled with a dangerous light.

“Your information is wrong.” Long Yue did not flinch at all.

The Azure Emperor Seal is in Long Yue’s hands?

Long Chen thought that this was possible. They traveled everywhere to find the Five Emperor Seals, so they had to have at least one of them.

If that was the case, adding in the Red Emperor Seal, three out of the five seals had appeared. But no one would have thought that the Black Emperor Seal was in Long Chen’s hands. Jiang Wuxie had been feeling very frustrated because everyone thought he had the Black Emperor Seal.

Jiang Wuxie did not press the matter since Long Yue denied having the Azure Emperor Seal. He looked at Jiang Wuya before staring at the youth at the back of the group.

“Long Chen.”

Long Chen’s name has been spread far and wide. The death of the Void Sword Saint was related to Long Chen, but many did not believe it since they had not witnessed it with their own eyes. How could someone at the Ninth Passage Stage kill someone at the Second Earthly Martial Stage?

Killing someone at the Four Basic Realms was one thing, but killing someone at the Three Martial Realms was another ...

Chapter 556 - Blood Ocean Viper

Jiang Wuxie was not the only one looking at Long Chen. Jiang Wushang and the two Demon Saints were staring at him too. Jiang Wuxie could easily tell that Long Chen was only at the Ninth Passage Stage.

“It seems that you used the Emperor Flame Pearl to reach the Ninth Passage Stage during the Day of the Nine Suns,” Jiang Wuxie said without any emotion.

“I have to thank you for that. If not for you, I wouldn’t have had the chance to progress so quickly.”

“Hmph.” Jiang Wushang scoffed and taunted, “You are nothing but a cripple, so it’s almost impossible for you to progress further. So what if you reached the Ninth Passage Stage with the help of an external object? You will never reach the Three Martial Realm in your life, and you will never become strong again. I think the rumors of you killing the Void Sword Saint are fake.”

The Demon Emperor had examined Long Chen’s body when the latter used Blood Sacrifice, so he knew that Blood Sacrifice had left him crippled. Jiang Wushang knew this too.

Long Chen did not deny it.

It was better for them to look down on him so that they would let their guard down.

The Demon Emperor assumed that Long Chen would remain at the Ninth Passage Stage for the rest of his life.

But Long Chen’s body was fine. The third stage of Blood Sacrifice had only injured part of his body. Thanks to Long Yue’s treatment, as well as the golden energy that had healed him during the Day of the Nine Suns, Long Chen’s body had completely recovered. It was even stronger than before.

“He’s only at the Ninth Passage Stage and yet you brought him here. Aren’t you afraid that he will die?” Jiang Wushang scoffed.

He actually wanted to take Long Chen in as his aide, but now that Long Chen had killed his brother, one of the Demon Kings, and numerous grand elders, he felt nothing but hatred. Long Chen would’ve died if the Dragon clan hadn’t shown up.

Long Yue did not back down. “Since everyone from the Ancient Demon Domain is here, I should let you know that Long Chen is the seventh member of the Dragon clan. He will follow us wherever

we go. We will fight to the death if anyone dares to touch him. Jiang Wuxie, we are done here. Goodbye.”

Long Yue ignored them and turned around. The others shot looks at the people from the Ancient Demon Domain and left too.

With so many people guarding him, Long Chen was not afraid, so he smiled at Jiang Wuxie. “You already lost a son and yet you brought him here? Aren’t you afraid that you will lose another?”

He then quickly followed Long Yue.

That comment made Jiang Wushang angry and he was about to attack, but Jiang Wuxie stopped him. “There’s no reason to attack just because they said something about us. Our goal is to get the Red Emperor Seal. There are a lot of experts here right now, so we should let the Dragon clan and the Martial Alliance fight each other while we reap the rewards. If you really hate him, you will have a chance to attack him later.”

“Yes, Father.” Jiang Wushang nodded.

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They continued traveling deeper into the swamp.

The deeper they went, the stronger the Poison Beasts and Poison Insects. Everyone exercised caution as they went forward. After traveling for a long time, they finally reached the vicinity of the deepest part of the Cloud Dream Swamp. Many others were also arriving at this location. Long Chen saw numerous groups of people around him.

Some had started fighting even though the Red Emperor Seal hadn’t appeared.

After seeing the strength of Long Chen’s group, many chose not to approach them.

Killing others to snatch their treasures was always the fastest way to become rich. The appearance of the Red Emperor Seal had attracted a lot of strong people here, and many of them were quite rich. That meant there was a lot of money to be earned here. Many of the cultivators present weren’t targeting the Red Emperor Seal, but the treasures of others.

“They have started killing each other.” Looking at the blood pooling on the mud, Long Chen frowned and looked around. The faint scent of blood mixed with the stench in the air.

They weren’t just killing each other, but also the demonic beasts. Many of them were already engaged in battle with the strong demonic beasts that called the Dream Cloud Swamp their home. There were also demonic beasts at the Category Nine Heaven-tier here in the swamp. They stood at the peak of the food chain, so they were very sensitive when it came to their territory. Seeing people entering their territory as they pleased made them angry.

Howls of beasts could be heard in the depths of the Cloud Dream Swamp from time to time.

The painful screams of people could be heard too.

But the demonic beasts could not stop Long Chen and the rest. With Lei Zhen clearing the path, even beasts at the Category Nine Heaven-tier were killed with just a single punch. His lightning

attribute countered the beasts that were affiliated with the Yin or cold attribute, so none of them could escape Lei Zhen's attacks.

Bam!

Lei Zhen's fist killed a black snake in one hit. The snake was more than twenty meters long and was close to one meter thick. Its mouth was filled with venom. It was a Category Eight Heaven-tier beast that boasted strong offensive capabilities, but it had been killed by Lei Zhen in one hit.

After Lei Zhen killed the snake, a strange sound came from the depths of the swamp.

"Careful. It's a King-tier beast," Long Yue warned them. She then pushed Lei Zhen back. The others huddled together and watched carefully.

The swamp started bubbling just ten meters away from Long Yue. Suddenly, the mud burst forth and a massive, black body shot out. Long Chen was immediately attracted to the red eyes that were larger than dinner plates. Wild animosity exuded from those red eyes.

Long Chen took a closer look and realized that it was a snake's head! The head was the size of a small house.

"Category One King-tier, Blood Ocean Viper," Lan Ling'er whispered.

"What a massive beast." Long Chen was in awe. This was the first King-tier beast he had ever seen. It was indeed out of his expectations because the head of the snake could easily scare off many people, especially with those blood-red eyes. They were like two pools of blood that radiated bloodlust.

The snake glared at Long Chen and the rest. Dark miasma suddenly covered the snake and then it disappeared, revealing a youth in a black shirt in midair in its original location.

The youth was still beast-like, however. His face and eyes were slender and his skin was fairly black. His eyes were small, but they were similar to his eyes in his beast form. The demonic beast's aura radiated from the youth's body.

The youth opened his mouth and his tongue flickered. Long Chen realized that his tongue was still a snake's tongue. No matter how he looked, Long Chen could tell that the youth was just like a snake.

It's the human form of a King-tier demonic beast. I can't tell how strong it is, but its body is so much smaller now.

The youth stared at them and opened his mouth. He waited for some time before finally saying, "You ... Strong ... Scary ..."

It had just comprehended speech and wasn't good at it.

Long Yue did not interrupt it and waited for it to finish.

"Here ... Our ... Home ... We eat ... Those who trespass ... Go away ..." Its eyes were fierce as it glared at everyone.

“We are here to find the Red Emperor Seal. It’s useless to you but priceless to us. We just want to take it. We have no intention of taking your territory,” Long Yue explained calmly.

“No ... Territory ... Sacred ... Go ... If not ... My King ... Will eat ... You ...” The youth struggled to say the words, but he was adamant.

“Sorry. We need to get the Red Emperor Seal no matter what.”

“Die.” Seeing that Long Yue refused to go, he submerged back into the swamp after glaring at them one last time. The mud rumbled and bubbled. Long Chen assumed that the snake had turned around and went away under the mud.

“Its appearance means that we are close to the center of the Cloud Dream Swamp,” Long Yue explained.

“Big Sister, is the king he mentioned the legendary ...”

“Yes, it’s the second strongest demonic beast recorded in the Divine Martial Empire, the Black Water Viper. The Dream Cloud Swamp is its nest. Every beast here obeys it.”

“How strong is the Black Water Viper?”

“Category Three King-tier, and it’s at the top of it. It’s only weaker than the Heavenly Phoenix of the Immortal Seas. The Black Water Viper has lived for thousands of years and is a very strong beast. It’s probably ten times larger than the Blood Ocean Viper.”

The Blood Ocean Viper was at least hundreds of meters long. That meant the Black Water Viper was thousands of meters long. It was a horrifying concept.

Long Chen was extremely shocked to learn this.

“The Black Water Viper might be strong, but it can’t stop us. Me, Jiang Wuxie, and also Yang Ningfeng should be able to force it to retreat if we fight together, but there are too many other experts around. It will be difficult to get the Red Emperor Seal ...”

Long Yue frowned.

“One finds riches amidst danger. We should prioritize protecting our lives and consider the Red Emperor Seal a secondary objective,” Jiang Wuya suggested.

They then continued to make their way to the depths of the swamp. The Blood Ocean Viper had merely warned them to leave after sensing how strong they were.

Many others were also making their way to the depths of the Cloud Dream Swamp. It was rumored that the Red Emperor Seal was going to appear at the center of the Cloud Dream Swamp.

Long Yue suddenly stopped. “The Martial Alliance is here.”

Chapter 557 - Martial Emperor Yang Ningfeng

After hearing Long Yue's warning, the whole group immediately held their breaths. This time, the Martial Alliance had not discovered them first, but the other way around. They could exchange some insults with people of the Ancient Demon Domain, but if they encountered the Martial Alliance, due to the enmity between them, it would surely end in a huge fight.

Engaging in a huge fight before the appearance of the Red Emperor Seal was not a wise move. That was why everyone was extremely tense.

"Lay on your stomachs," Long Yue instructed softly. If they dropped to their stomachs, held their breaths, and sealed their energies, it would be difficult to find them unless someone had Long Chen's Soul Swallowing Gaze.

Lying prone did not mean their bodies would touch the mud, since they were all high-level cultivators. In fact, with the pressure from Long Yue's essence, a large depression formed in the mud. All of them entered the ditch, and only their eyes emerged to look in the direction Long Yue was pointing at.

Indeed, just a few hundred meters away, Long Chen saw a group of people dressed in golden-yellow clothing. These people did not attempt to hide their presence, which was why Long Yue had noticed them with ease. Due to the distance, Long Chen could not see their faces clearly. However, he sensed that they were surely at least as strong as their group.

There were nine of them in total, and one of them was obviously one of the Three Martial Emperors, Yang Ningfeng. Being at the Third Earthly Martial Stage, he was considered one of the highest-level cultivators in the Divine Martial Empire.

Having Third Earthly Martial Stage cultivators was what turned a faction into a major superpower.

Long Chen eyed the group of Martial Alliance members. They were not heading towards the Dragon clan, so as long as they left, they would be safe.

Long Chen could hear their conversation. One of them asked, "Any signs of the Red Emperor Seal?"

Another replied, "The Fire Soul Crystal hasn't lit up yet. Perhaps the fire energy in this area isn't strong yet. Martial Emperor Yang, let's try again when we go deeper."

Yang Ningfeng replied, "If we go any deeper, we'll reach the Black Water Viper's territory. However, anyone who gets in our way, even if it's that snake, must die. Carry on the search with the Fire Soul Crystal."

As they spoke, they moved further from Long Chen's group.

"Fire Soul Crystal? I can't believe they brought something like that here. Although it's not very useful, it is very sensitive to fire energy. It'll be much, much easier for them to find the Red Emperor Seal ..." Long Yue said with furrowed brows when they were far away.

At this point, the people of the Martial Alliance had completely disappeared into the mist. Even Long Yue could no longer see them.

"Why don't we just follow them?" asked Long Chen.

“If we follow too closely, they’ll discover us. If we follow from too far away, it’ll be difficult to find them. Just like right now. I don’t even know where they’ve gone,” Long Yue answered with some frustration.

“I have a way to follow them from afar and not get discovered. You guys can just follow me,” Long Chen said suddenly, standing up.

“Hmm?” Everyone else stood up and peered at him with surprise. Long Yue asked, “You really have a way?”

Long Chen nodded. He would use the Soul Swallowing Gaze.

With the Soul Swallowing Gaze, he could follow them from five hundred meters away, so they would not be found easily. He was decisive, so he immediately set off to follow them. Everyone else trusted him, so they looked at each other and then followed him.

“If we can’t get the Red Emperor Seal, the Martial Alliance must not get it either,” Long Yue said softly. Following the Martial Alliance closely would work; plus, if there was trouble ahead, they would face it first. In the end, the Martial Alliance would be the ones to suffer. This plan served to benefit the Dragon clan!

The only people in the depths of the Cloud Dream Swamp were masters, because people below the Seventh Passage Stage would find it difficult to get here.

From this region onwards, they were in the territory of King-tier beasts. That was why Long Chen no longer saw any beasts in the area, not even tiny venomous insects.

The higher level a beast was, the more territorial they became. Entering their territory was the most severe act of provocation to these creatures. That was why the moment the Martial Alliance group entered this area, the whole muddy swamp trembled.

The people of the Martial Alliance halted and glared ahead menacingly.

A large patch of mud in front of them bubbled furiously, as if boiling, and endless mud flew into the air. Consecutive ear-piercing hisses sounded, making their hairs stand on end. It was clearly the cry of a snake-type demonic beast.

There was a huge *boom*, and a gigantic beast shot into the air. The portion of its body that was above the mud was already a hundred meters long. Sensing such an immense presence made Long Chen and the rest stop too. A pair of bright, red eyes glared at the Martial Alliance members—it was the Blood Ocean Viper, the same one who had warned Long Chen and the others.

A red line extended from its head to its tail.

They did not know how much of the beast’s body was under the mud. This time, the Blood Ocean Viper was clearly furious. It had already warned the humans once, so why were they still here?

It did not matter how powerful the humans were—they were not allowed in this territory. This was the home of the beasts of the Cloud Dream Swamp, and they saw themselves as powerful. How could they not get furious when puny humans tried to enter their land?

The Blood Ocean Viper let out an earth-shattering hiss and lowered its head. The snake's head shot towards the Martial Alliance members like an arrow. *Whoosh!* When it was close to them, it suddenly spat out a cloud of red mist!

This was the Blood Ocean Viper's venom mist. If a person was caught within, all the blood in their body would turn bad, causing the body to rot and die. It was a terrifying attack. Those beneath the Earthly Martial Realm were basically defenseless against it.

"Just a useless trick." There was a white-haired old man standing at the very front of the Martial Alliance members. He was not very tall, but his shiny, white hair was tied into a ponytail, making him look clean and elegant. What differentiated him from the rest was the long, white robes he was wearing, which had golden embroidery, signifying that he was highly ranked.

This person was one of the Three Martial Emperors, Yang Ningfeng.

With Yang Ningfeng present, the others were not worried about the Blood Ocean Viper. The red mist quickly shot towards them, but Yang Ningfeng waved his hand gently. A gust of wind blew towards the Blood Ocean Viper's face, blowing the venom mist back at it!

"Hiss!"

"You're just looking for death." Without another word, Yang Ningfeng disappeared in a flash. The next time he appeared, he was already right in front of the Blood Ocean Viper's eyes. The snake cried out in surprise due to the human's sudden appearance and retreated in a panic. Unfortunately, it was too late—Yang Ningfeng threw a punch right at its head. There was a loud *boom* and a ripple traveled from the snake's head to its tail, along with numerous cracks and snaps. Those were the sounds of the Blood Ocean Viper's bones breaking in many places.

The snake's head had taken the most damage from his punch.

The Blood Ocean Viper let out a cry, then it collapsed. Its gigantic body fell on the surface of the mud, causing another loud boom as mud flew in all directions.

The Martial Alliance members cheered.

"You deserve the title of Martial Emperor! Killing a King-tier beast was as easy as chopping vegetables."

"I might've lost to the Blood Ocean Viper even if I put my life on the line to beat it. Yet the Martial Emperor killed it with just one punch! I am completely floored."

Yang Ningfeng nodded when he listened to their praises and said, "Martial King Zhao, keep the useful parts of the Blood Ocean Viper, especially the Beast Soul. Someone in the Martial Alliance needs a King-tier Beast Soul, right?"

The Martial King in question, whose surname was Zhao, nodded hurriedly and started to deal with the carcass. The rest of them looked around cautiously. Yang Ningfeng had just killed a King-tier

beast, an act that was sure to create a grudge between them and the beasts of the swamp. They believed that revenge would come soon.

However, Yang Ningfeng was not worried at all. The Martial Alliance was the number one faction of the Divine Martial Empire. They had always acted like this; what was there to be afraid of?

Very soon, Martial King Zhao finished cutting up the carcass and took everything he wanted to. The remaining flesh and blood were useless to them.

“Let’s go. The Black Water Viper sees this puny thing as its guard dog. I’m just showing him what we’re capable of so that he knows to stay away from us. The only ones who can’t be angered are the Martial Alliance,” said Yang Ningfeng with a smile.

The Martial Alliance members continued to travel ahead.

The Dragon clan looked at each other and immediately followed.

The people they were tailing were indeed crazy.

“Yang Ningfeng was initially one of the top five in the Divine Martial Empire as the Great Priest of the Wind God Sect. However, the Martial Alliance absorbed them and he became just a slave to the Martial Alliance. I can’t believe that he has become their loyal dog after merely ten years. I guess it’s a huge improvement going from slave to dog.” Long Yue’s tone was filled with mockery and contempt.

Since the Martial Alliance continued moving forward, they did the same.

“I don’t know where the people of the Ancient Demon Domain have gone, but with their personalities, they must have also arrived in the King-tier beast area. Now that the Martial Alliance has made an opening here, I’m sure many people will rush in through this hole. We must move quickly so that other people do not notice us.”

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As expected, many masters started entering this area, following the Martial Alliance’s footsteps. However, Ninth Passage Stage cultivators benefited the most from this excursion.

Usually, cultivators who reached the Earthly Martial Realm were recorded in the Martial Alliance’s database. Unless they were very good at running away, they would be caught by the Martial Alliance, who would give them two choices. Either they pledge loyalty to the Martial Alliance, or die. That was why the vast majority of Earthly Martial Realm cultivators had been absorbed by the Martial Alliance already, or at least had to call themselves members of the Martial Alliance. Even a major faction like the Ancient Demon Domain had to call themselves part of the Martial Alliance, let alone the others.

When the number of humans increased, the other King-tier beasts strangely disappeared.

The Martial Alliance members traveled for a long time, but they did not run into any more King-tier beasts. Places that should have been home to King-tier beasts were empty.

“Perhaps they’ve ... run away?” Long Chen said.

These King-tier beasts could take human form, so they also had intelligence. With so many experts here, the beasts around Category One King-tier must have hid themselves temporarily as they knew that fighting the Martial Alliance would only mean trouble.

Long Chen had a feeling that the Red Emperor Seal would appear in this place.

They continued to venture deeper.

At this point, many people surpassed Long Chen's group to sneak toward the Martial Alliance members. With them around, the Dragon clan could finally follow without sneaking around.

There were now many people following the Martial Alliance.

"Martial Emperor Yang, shall I kill them?" asked one of the Martial Kings.

"There's no need. They are insignificant figures; what can they do? Even if I put the Red Emperor Seal in front of them, they would not dare take it," said Yang Ningfeng, who did not even take one look at them.

That was when one of the men said, "The Fire Soul Crystal is heating up! It has likely sensed the presence of the Red Emperor Seal! That way!"

The Martial Alliance members quickly rushed in the direction the man had pointed to.

"They've discovered something." Long Yue gestured for her group to quickly follow them. They were fast and good at hiding themselves, so they soon closed in on the Martial Alliance while blending in with the crowd. Of course, they still made an effort to keep themselves hidden.

Boom!

There was an explosion, and sky-high flames burned brightly ahead. Firelight lit up half the sky, then it suddenly disappeared! The humid air of the Cloud Dream Swamp suddenly turned dry and hot!

"The Red Emperor Seal is that way!"

"Yes, it must be!"

Everyone started shouting, and Long Yue's face changed. She quickly instructed Jiang Wuya, "Protect them!"

Then she disappeared right in front of Long Chen's eyes!

*She's fast.* Long Chen was startled. With such a huge commotion, there would surely be a huge crowd coming to this area. They had a great advantage because they were so close. Since Long Yue had gone to fight for the Red Emperor Seal, they did not dare slow down. With Jiang Wuya leading them, the Dragon clan quickly passed countless people and followed the Martial Alliance members closely. In fact, they were not much farther from the Red Emperor Seal than the Martial Alliance!

Just like Long Yue, the leader of the Martial Alliance's squad, Yang Ningfeng, had also long disappeared. They were the strongest, so it was expected that the fight for the Red Emperor Seal would be initiated by the strongest people. Long Chen and the rest merely took supporting roles.

The Dragon clan and the Martial Alliance instantly left everyone else behind as they shot off towards the location of the fire. The Martial Alliance had already discovered the Dragon clan, and they had two Second Earthly Martial-Stage Martial Saints leading their team!

They were a little stronger than Long Chen's squad.

However, the real fight had yet to begin, so they did not attack Long Chen's squad. As for the Dragon clan, they knew that they would meet a tragic end if they fought without a huge advantage!

That was why neither side had attacked.

The true fight would be between Long Yue and Yang Ningfeng.

Long Chen and the rest quickly arrived at a location just two hundred meters away from Long Yue's target location. Everyone halted here because Long Yue and Yang Ningfeng were heading towards the same destination!

"Long Yue! You again! You're looking for death!" The moment Yang Ningfeng saw her, he knew who it was. There were only a handful of Third Earthly Martial Stage cultivators in the Divine Martial Empire.

Both of them ran as fast as they could!

Long Chen looked up and saw a fireball floating in the air fifty meters ahead. He could not see it clearly, but if there was a fire in a wet and humid place like the Cloud Dream Swamp, then it had to be the Red Emperor Seal!

Although it was a precious treasure, the first ones who noticed it were two of the strongest people in the Divine Martial Empire. This meant that other people did not have much of a chance to take it for themselves.

Everyone was watching the battle between Long Yue and Yang Ningfeng. One was the Glacier Dragon Emperor, while the other was the Martial Emperor of the Martial Alliance. Who was stronger?

Everyone was curious.

However, Long Chen sensed that something was off. When he used the Soul Swallowing Gaze, his face changed and he roared, "Long Yue! Careful of the swamp!"

To prevent any confusion at such a critical moment, Long Chen had yelled her name. Long Yue was in a race against Yang Ningfeng, and she heard Long Chen's shout.

She recognized Long Chen's voice, so she diverted some of her attention to the swamp beneath her as she ran forward. The moment she noticed it, her face changed and she quickly dodged sideways!

Yang Ningfeng both heard Long Chen and saw Long Yue's reaction. He was no idiot, so he knew that if Long Yue was dodging something, it was a good idea to pay attention to the swamp below. After sensing the being beneath the mud, his face changed.

Just like Long Yue, he swerved!

Suddenly, the whole Cloud Dream Swamp trembled. This was tens of times more severe than the commotion caused by the Blood Ocean Viper! The whole swamp seemed to be boiling and mud flew in all directions!

There was a *boom*, and the moment Long Yue and Yang Ningfeng dodged, their previous location exploded. Mud shot into the sky and something that looked like a black mountain shot out. The black mountain was actually a black snakehead!

Indeed, it was the king of the Cloud Dream Swamp, the Black Water Snake!

Its head alone was a small hill, and it was ten times larger than the Blood Ocean Viper. If the head alone was that big, its body had to be more than a thousand meters long!

“Fuck!” Yang Ningfeng was upset because the moment the Black Water Viper emerged, it swallowed the Red Emperor Seal. Then it gradually emerged from the swamp. When a third of its body was above ground, the mud level lowered by a whole meter!

This showed how immense this creature was!

Everyone looked up at the gigantic black snake slowly emerging right in front of them.

The Black Water Viper’s head was hundreds of meters above the ground. Its emerald, shining eyes looked down at them. They were just like ants in its eyes.

“The Black Water Viper!”

Many people cried in surprise. To them, the Black Water Viper was just a legend of the Cloud Dream Swamp as it had not revealed itself for countless years. They had not expected to see it today.

However, it was not a pleasant surprise in the least.

After it swallowed the Red Emperor Seal and postured itself above, it looked down and spat out black mist!

Due to its size, the black mist covered a large area. Everyone felt like a black tsunami was crashing towards them, causing their scalps to go numb from fear.

“Run!”

“The poison gas will eat into our bodies! We’ll be done for the second we touch it!”

“Save me!”

The other cultivators screamed in agony as they ran. However, only those at the Ninth Passage Stage and above managed to break free. Those who were too close could not escape, not even the people at the Ninth Passage Stage.

Long Chen and the rest were in the thick of it, so the black mist reached them first!

“Protect yourselves with essence!” commanded Jiang Wuya, then he immediately pulled Long Chen to his side and protected him.

*Rumble!* The thick, black mist crashed through the area.

The Martial Realm cultivators could protect themselves with their essence. The rest were simply unlucky. A single attack from the Black Water Viper had killed half of the people here!

The remaining half were terrified and quickly hid themselves far away. Some of them were already screaming for their parents as they ran off. Some were unwilling to give up and watched from far away. The only remaining people were the stronger cultivators, which were a few Earthly Martial Realm cultivators, as well as the Dragon clan and the Martial Alliance.

However, another team approached.

They had been hiding amongst the crowd until now, but after the black mist, they were exposed. They were the Ancient Demon Domain members.

Chapter 559 - Wind God Kick

With the emergence of the Ancient Demon Domain squad, all of the top parties were present.

After the Black Water Viper's show of might, its massive body rose once more, blocking out the sun as it looked down on the crowd. It was deeply nervous about three specific humans, which were Long Yue, Yang Ningfeng, and Jiang Wuxie.

Long Yue landed in front of Long Chen and the others and said, "Everyone, back off. The Black Water Viper has swallowed the Red Emperor Seal, so we have no choice but to kill it. There will be a huge battle, and you all must stay safe. Wuya, protect them well."

Jiang Wuya nodded and led Long Chen and the rest to retreat quickly. On the other side, everyone from the Martial Alliance except for Yang Ningfeng left as well. Since the Red Emperor Seal was in the Black Water Viper's body, this meant that the only useful person in their group was the Martial Emperor.

"I know who you are! You're the Demon Emperor of the Ancient Demon Domain! I am Yang Ningfeng; how have you been?" Yang Ningfeng said with a smile.

When Jiang Wuxie saw that his identity had been exposed, he did not continue to hide himself. He instructed the two Demon Saints to retreat with his son, then he said with a smile, "So it's Great Priest Yang of the Wind God Sect! It's been a long time."

Jiang Wuxie had purposely not used the title the Martial Alliance had given him, but instead hit him where it hurt the most. There was an intention to mock him within his words, and Yang Ningfeng was painfully aware. However, this was not the time for him to rage, so he said coldly, "What was the Wind God Sect worth anyway? I am one of the Three Martial Emperors of the Martial Alliance, Yang Ningfeng. And you, Demon Emperor, are a grand elder of the Martial Alliance. In fact, we're actually comrades."

Long Yue and the Martial Alliance were enemies, and she also had a terrible relationship with the Ancient Demon Domain. On the other hand, Jiang Wuxie was part of the Martial Alliance. If he and Yang Ningfeng worked together, they would likely succeed in beating both Long Yue and the Black Water Viper.

But the Demon Emperor was no idiot. If he agreed to it, who would get the Red Emperor Seal in the end?

If he fought as a member of the Martial Alliance, he would never get the Red Emperor Seal. That was why Jiang Wuxie said, "True, true, but right now, the Black Water Viper has swallowed the Red

Emperor Seal. Let's work together to deal with the Black Water Viper first, then we'll talk. Long Yue, what do you think?"

He intended to remain neutral, which was why he had chosen to seek an opinion from Long Yue.

*He's an old fox.* Long Yue smirked to herself and said, "Since we have all come for the Red Emperor Seal and the Black Water Viper has swallowed it, how will we ever get the seal without killing it first?"

"In that case, let the three of us work together. All grudges can wait until after the Black Water Viper dies. What do you think?" said Jiang Wuxie, looking at the two of them.

Long Yue and Yang Ningfeng could only nod.

This was the only way.

Of course, there were too many unpredictable factors, so all of them remained cautious.

Long Chen was paying close attention to them. The Martial Alliance and the Ancient Demon Domain were considered allies, and both also wanted to exterminate the Dragon clan. If they worked together, Jiang Wuya and the others would also be in danger.

Jiang Wuya also had the same thought, so he said, "The Ancient Demon Domain and the Martial Alliance have four Second Earthly Martial Realm cultivators in total. If the four of them work together, they can definitely kill us all. No one expected this to happen. If we stay here, we'll only become a burden to Yue'er. That is why we must leave."

Everyone thought about it and realized it made sense. Long Yue was very strong and she could retreat safely if the Martial Emperor and the Demon Emperor worked together to kill her. However, it would be different with them nearby. If they were held hostage, it would end badly.

Everyone nodded.

"In that case, we'll leave now!" Jiang Wuya instructed.

Long Chen, however, suddenly said, "Everyone, I would like to stay."

"Why?" Jiang Wuya asked hurriedly. They had already come to an agreement, but Long Chen suddenly wanted to stay?

"I have a technique that allows me to travel five kilometers very quickly. At my current level, even a Third Earthly Martial Stage cultivator cannot catch me. I want to stay and watch for a while so that if anything happens to Big Sister, I can inform you guys. If someone tries to attack me, I can use my technique to escape," Long Chen explained.

Everyone knew about his technique.

It was a good idea for Long Chen to stay behind and become their lookout. That was why Jiang Wuya nodded and said, "We will be five kilometers away in this direction. If you're in danger or Yue'er is in danger, you must come to us immediately! Remember that!"

“Second Brother, everyone, don’t worry. I know my limits,” Long Chen said solemnly.

They knew his personality well too.

Now that their next course of action had been decided, they all looked at each other and started moving immediately. Jiang Wuya led the other four away while Long Chen remained in the same spot. Everyone else saw them leave, but without the Martial Emperor or the Demon Emperor’s instructions, they did not move.

The Red Emperor Seal was their highest priority. To prevent further unexpected events, they did not instruct their people to give chase.

However, the fact that the Dragon clan had left behind a teenager at the Heavenly Passage Realm surprised them, especially Jiang Wushang.

Long Yue was happy with Jiang Wuya’s decision, because this was exactly what she needed. If the Martial Alliance and the Ancient Demon Domain worked together, the Dragon clan would surely die. But why had Long Chen stayed?

Then she thought of his escape technique and understood.

In that case, she could now focus completely on the battle ahead.

Long Chen was also watching closely. This battle would help him comprehend the Martial Realm greatly.

“Hiss!”

The Black Water Viper felt an immense pressure when it was surrounded by three Third Earthly Martial Realm cultivators. This also provoked it greatly. There was a crackling sound coming from its body, and they realized that it was shrinking!

*That gigantic body is its original form, which could easily kill off tens of thousands of regular cultivators with just one breath of the venom mist. However, now that it’s battling stronger cultivators, shrinking down will make its attacks more concentrated and it’ll be much faster and more agile. The only drawback is that his range will be smaller!* This was Long Chen’s guess.

Very soon, the Black Water Viper was now only a hundredth of its initial size and a tenth of the Blood Ocean Viper’s size. The Blood Ocean Viper was previously hundreds of meters long, but now, the Black Water Viper was only thirty meters long and less than half a meter wide!

However, it was now more terrifying because it was both tough and agile!

Long Chen guessed that this was its strongest form.

The three Third Earthly Martial Stage masters were nervous when it shrank down to its smaller form. There was a thick tension in the air and no one dared to move first.

The Black Water Viper held its head high up and emerged completely from the mud and coiled up. As its body twisted and turned, it displayed shocking strength.

Strange trails were left behind as it moved its tail, and to Long Chen’s surprise, even the King-tier demonic beast's movements were connected with the pulse of the earth. The King-tier and the Earthly Martial Realm were both on the same level.

This was why King-tier beasts were so powerful.

“Hiss!”

A bright, red forked tongue darted in and out of its mouth.

Jiang Wuxie and Yang Ningfeng looked at each other. Jiang Wuxie said, “Yang Ningfeng, I hear that your Wind God Kick is the number one kick technique in the whole Divine Martial Empire! Will I have the honor of witnessing it?”

Yang Ningfeng smiled and said, “I hear that the Demon Emperor’s Ancient Demon Punch is the Divine Martial Empire’s number one punching technique! Will I have the honor of witnessing it?”

“You two are dilly-dallying and being absolute cowards! You have lost my respect,” Long Yue said expressionlessly when she heard their banter. Then she disappeared and reappeared in front of the Black Water Viper.

Red scales covered her whole body. Long Chen was familiar with this because it was the Dragon Soul Transformation! The transformation was quickly completed. Just like Long Chen, not only was her body much tougher than before, but the quality of her Qi was much more concentrated. Of course, it had not strengthened as much as Long Chen’s Qi, which became ten times stronger.

Long Yue was not a true Dragon Warrior after all, only the descendant of one.

Light red dragon scales covered her entire body. It looked like a layer of clothing fit tightly on her body, revealing her graceful curves. Due to her feminine figure, her Dragon Soul Transformation looked better than Long Chen’s form.

Of course, that was from a male perspective ...

After seeing Long Yue’s Dragon Soul Transformation, Fat Cat scoffed. “So it’s the lowest-level dragon, the Red Dragon. Green Dragons and Red Dragons were the equivalent of normal humans who did not cultivate in the Ancient Era. The difference between them and the Ancient Bloodsoul Dragon is as big as the distance between heaven and earth. Of course, that girl thinks you’re part of her family since you’re both red.”

Long Chen nodded. Her Dragon Soul Transformation indeed looked similar to his.

However, Green and Red Dragons were only normal people? How terrifying was the Dragon Continent in the Ancient Era?

Long Chen really wanted to travel back in time to see how the dragons who ruled the Dragon Continent went extinct.

Such terrifying creatures should have been able to survive! Why had they all disappeared?

Long Chen could not figure it out.

Long Yue’s mocking tone and her Dragon Soul Transformation had provoked the Black Water Viper.

“If you guys don’t want the Red Emperor Seal, I’m taking it.” Then, with a *whoosh*, she rushed towards the Black Water Viper. The two emperors locked eyes and quickly

attacked. They only needed a person to begin. With her leading them, they followed suit.

The three Third Earthly Martial Stage cultivators surrounded the Black Water Viper in three directions.

“Hiss!”

The Black Water Viper let out ear-piercing hisses!

The battle had begun!

Chapter 560 - Heaven Piercing Five Dragons

When they truly began the battle, Long Chen suddenly realized that they were moving so fast that he could barely see them clearly. All he saw were afterimages swooping past. Even the Black Water Viper had turned into a black silhouette, darting in all directions.

But it never broke free from the trio!

The Black Water Viper had lived for more than a thousand years, and none of them would ever be able to defeat it if they fought alone. However, it was a different story when the three of them worked together. All of them were individual opponents that the Black Water Viper had to take seriously, and when they attacked simultaneously, it suffered.

The three masters' attacks were lightning-fast. Shadows flickered in front of Long Chen, and he could only hear snake hisses!

*Whoosh!* The three humans and the snake separated. Long Chen realized that the snake was already bleeding profusely and its body was covered in claw marks. Those scratches must have been caused by Long Yue. The Demon Emperor and the Martial Emperor both used punch and kick techniques, so although the wounds could not be seen from the outside, the viper must have sustained internal injuries.

It did not matter how strong the Black Water Viper was when it was three against one. After about ten breaths' time, it retreated. The previously arrogant viper sensed that its opponents were no simple humans, but powerful members of their species!

After the first skirmish, the Black Water Viper started to plan its retreat. It moved quickly and attempted to burrow back beneath the swamp. The three masters hurriedly gave chase. The Demon Emperor was the closest to it, so he was at the very front of the trio. That was when the Black Water Viper's tail suddenly turned into a shadow whipping in his direction!

The Demon Emperor's face changed and he retreated hurriedly!

“Think you can run? You'll never escape!” Yang Ningfeng laughed coldly. If they let the Black Water Viper burrow underground, all their plans would be ruined. When the Demon Emperor was forced backward, the Martial Emperor stomped on the ground, causing a large patch of mud to fly up. Even the part of the viper that had just entered the mud flew into the air from the force of the stomp!

Long Yue remained calm. After they stopped the snake, she took this opportunity to move. The viper had been thrown close to her, so without a word, she scratched its side with her sharp claws!

There was a vibration!

Her five claws swiped past, turning into five blood-red dragon shadows that swirled around the Black Water Viper!

“Soul Dispersing Dragon Claw, Five Piercing Dragons!”

Five earth-shattering dragon cries rang out along with the Black Water Viper’s cries of pain. Long Chen had watched Long Yue swipe her claw, forming five blood-red dragons that pounced on the Black Water Viper’s body. Five slashes appeared on the viper’s side, leaving wounds so deep that bone could be seen! A huge chunk of flesh had been cut off!

*That move was powerful.* Long Chen was shaken. He had long heard that Long Yue had an intermediate King-tier combat technique called the Soul Dispersing Dragon Claw. When Long Chen encountered the Eagle Martial King, the latter had used the Soul Dispersing Talons, which was merely an imitation of the Soul Dispersing Dragon Claw. Long Yue’s version was on a whole other level!

Long Chen was amazed by Long Yue’s technique.

He made a mental note of the name—Five Piercing Dragons!

The dragons had indeed pierced through the Black Water Viper, and a huge chunk of its flesh had been torn off. The Black Water Viper let out a cry that trembled the skies, and its emerald eyes turned blood-red!

Long Yue’s attack sent the Black Water Viper flying in Yang Ningfeng’s direction. It was now heavily injured. Yang Ningfeng’s expression turned cold and he disappeared in a flash. When he reappeared, a strong gust of wind blew towards the viper and slammed into its body. The gust of wind was actually an endless storm of kicks!

The Black Water Viper was now utterly incapacitated. Three masters that were on the same level as itself had worked together to defeat it, so it did not even have a chance to flee. When it was hit by the Martial Emperor’s attack, its life force was cut in half and it landed near the Demon Emperor.

“Since you two have made your moves, let me end it all!” The Demon Emperor let out a roar and threw a punch. A blurry shadow appeared behind him, which concentrated into a terrifying fist seal that slammed into the Black Water Viper’s head, causing it to cave inwards!

The Black Water Viper let out its last cry.

Then it died.

It did not matter how strong it was. With three people attacking it, it was helpless.

After all the life force had been drained from its body, it quickly expanded and returned to its previous size. The gigantic body was like a mountain range lying right in front of Long Chen!

The group froze when the Black Water Viper died, then they realized that it was time to fight for the Red Emperor Seal.

The first to react were the three masters. Without a word, they shot through the Black Water Viper's body. It was too large for them to take away, and they did not have Universe Pouches that could fit it. That was why the only option was to pierce through the carcass to search for the Red Emperor Seal!

They did not care how disgusting it was, because the Red Emperor Seal was priceless.

All three of them had tough bodies, especially Long Yue, whose sharp claws allowed her to move through the corpse very smoothly! The toughest part was the skin; she easily dug through its muscles and internal organs with her claws!

After the three masters entered, the Martial Alliance and the Ancient Demon Domain members all looked at each other, then they swarmed towards the viper's carcass. They all unsheathed their various weapons and chopped up the carcass. If they were lucky, they would strike the Red Emperor Seal!

Long Chen also wanted to join in.

Jiang Wuya and the rest had left, so Long Chen had nothing to worry about. If he could not hold on any longer, he could just use Blood Warp. Therefore, he took out the Desolate Cleaving Sword and rushed to the viper.

If he came across an enemy inside, Long Chen knew they would start fighting.

To the Dragon clan, the life of a member was more important than getting the Red Emperor Seal, so it was best that they did not participate in this chaotic rush for treasure.

Long Chen had just approached the carcass when someone stopped him. It was Jiang Wushang.

"I was thinking ... If Long Yue gets the Red Emperor Seal and I hold you hostage, won't it end up in my hands?" Jiang Wushang said with a smile.

"And if Jiang Wuxie gets the Red Emperor Seal and I hold you hostage, won't it end up in my hands?" Long Chen threw him the same question.

It was a good thing that Jiang Wushang had stopped him. Trying his luck out here was better than going into the snake. He would be dead if he accidentally encountered the Martial or Demon Emperor inside. He would not even be able to use his Blood Warp in such a small space.

Everyone else had entered the viper's carcass by now.

Jiang Wushang froze for a moment because Long Chen did not seem afraid at all, and he had even thrown his words back at him. Then Jiang Wushang smiled and said, "I remember what you did at the Ancient Demon Domain. Do you really think you can defeat an Earthly Martial Stage cultivator?"

"Less of that nonsense. Come if you dare." After Long Chen spoke, he ran away from the Black Water Viper, and Jiang Wushang quickly gave chase.

Long Chen had first heard of Jiang Wushang soon after he entered the Ancient Demon Domain. He was the number one prodigy of the Ancient Demon Domain who had left a handprint on the Heaven Passage Pillars while only at the Ninth Passage Stage. At the time, Long Chen had only just entered the Heavenly Passage Realm himself.

Only two months had passed, but Long Chen was now as powerful as Jiang Wushang.

The rest of the people were fighting vigorously within the viper carcass. They did not know that the battle taking place outside would affect the whole field. Long Yue would never let Long Chen die, while Jiang Wushang was Jiang Wuxie's hope for the future. This meant that the result of the battle between Long Chen and Jiang Wushang would decide if the Red Emperor Seal would end up with the Martial Alliance.

Of course, Jiang Wushang was confident that he would win.

"It seems like you don't even have a King-tier combat technique," said Jiang Wuxie with contempt as he eyed Long Chen.

Long Chen only had the True Martial Demon Body and the Demon Illusion.

"Long Yue was likely going to teach you the Soul Dispersing Dragon Claws, but unfortunately, it's too late for that now. Of course, even if you had learned it, so what? The Ancient Demon Domain's Ancient Demon Punch is ten thousand times better."

Does that mean that this brat has mastered the Ancient Demon Punch?

Long Chen felt a little threatened.

Of course, he would never let himself be a burden to Long Yue.

*A person can't be considered a master without reaching the Earthly Martial Realm. I really need to start working harder to break through.* Long Chen set his next goal with great determination.

He could only do his best against Jiang Wushang.

He gently raised the Desolate Cleaving Sword and said, "I don't need King-tier combat techniques to deal with you."

"You're brave!" Jiang Wushang gave a small smile. Long Chen's brazen arrogance was within his expectations.

The battle for the Red Emperor Seal was about to reach its climax, and Jiang Wushang had to fight for every extra second. After he spoke, he immediately charged at Long Chen!

Dragon Soul Transformation!

Long Chen immediately took his most powerful form!

The Golden Crow's soul remnants burned in his nine meridian points.

Long Chen became a heat source in the cold and damp Cloud Dream Swamp. Thick water vapor rose from the mud around him due to the sheer heat.

Whoosh!

A Demon Illusion clone holding an intermediate Heaven-tier sword appeared next to Long Chen and then positioned itself behind Jiang Wushang.

Then both figures charged at Jiang Wushang at the same time!