

Chapter 3711: Supreme Domain

Everyone clearly saw that just before stamping his foot down, Xia Chen reached out and attached a talisman to the bottom of his shoe.

Xia Chen's foot then stamped into He Changtian's chest. He was so fast that he didn't give He Changtian a chance to react.

As for He Changtian, he was still in a defenseless posture after unleashing that back-arching attack. That wasn't a position that was easy to move from, so Xia Chen's foot solidly smashed into his chest.

BOOM!

It was like a volcano exploding. The talisman on the bottom of Xia Chen's foot exploded, and Xia Chen himself was blown high into the sky from the explosion.

As for He Changtian, his chest caved in and he smashed into the ground like a meteorite. A huge ripple then erupted. Above the ripple was Xia Chen flying back, and below the ripple was He Changtian falling.

When the surrounding people saw that, their expressions changed. Some people decided to quickly retreat.

As He Changtian smashed into the ground, flames exploded in every direction. It was like a star exploding.

The earth quivered. However, there was no giant hole that people had anticipated. There was simply a slight depression with raging flames. Fortunately, the surrounding people had retreated quickly, or they would have been caught up by those flames.

This was the Violet Flame Heaven Capital. The earth had special laws protecting it, so the ground was far tougher. Even the ruins left behind from long ago were very difficult to damage.

At this moment, He Changtian coughed up three mouthfuls of blood. The place where his chest had caved in slowly rose again, and he returned to his original appearance.

"The Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor's reputation is not for nothing. Even such a terrifying attack is unable to damage it in the slightest." People looked at the perfectly intact battle armor, as well as He Changtian whose aura had not weakened in the slightest.

They didn't know how powerful Xia Chen's attack was exactly, but based on the ear-splitting explosion and the ripple that appeared, it was clearly no ordinary attack.

It had to be known that He Changtian had not had any defenses at the time. He had simply been struck just like that. Without this battle armor, he probably would have died.

At the same time as people sighed over the Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor's power, they were also awestruck by the power of this talisman cultivator. They had heard of talisman cultivators but had never seen one actually fight. Xia Chen's talismans were terrifying.

Now they knew why Xia Chen could look so harmless yet give off such an immense sense of pressure. That pressure didn't come from him but from his talismans.

"You damnable bastard! You've really pissed me off! An idiot that relies entirely on external power also dares to show off?!" He Changtian roared furiously.

The crown on his head had long since fallen, and his hair was a mess. His blood ignited into mist as soon as he spat it out.

Following his roar, that blood was like gunpowder that ignited the surrounding space instantly. A majestic Supreme aura unfurled.

"He's igniting his Supreme Blood?!"

Startled cries rang out. What He Changtian had just spat out was his core essence blood. He was actually igniting that precious essence blood.

It had to be known that Supreme Blood was incomparably precious. It could not be lost without consequences, especially at this time when He Changtian had to maintain his max essence blood in preparation for breaking through to the Immortal King realm.

At this moment, the void beneath He Changtian's feet exploded and his battle armor blazed. Every scale had its own rune, but now those runes transformed into ancient beasts. It was as if they had come to life. As all their power was being offered up, He Changtian's power soared by several times.

By sacrificing his essence blood to activate the Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor, he drew out its terrifying power. He now looked like a flame god and once more shot toward Xia Chen.

People could see that this battlefield had become He Changtian's domain. Endless flames whirled about, blocking Xia Chen's retreat path. They even pushed him toward He Changtian.

"External power? What a huge joke. As long as it's a power that I control, it is my power. Your flame energy mostly comes from the Heavenly Daos. Is that not external power? If you want to fight, then let's fight. Where did so many useless words come from?" Xia Chen sneered. Even in front of He Changtian in this state, he was unafraid.

Xia Chen was overflowing with battle intent. It was like he had returned to the time on the Martial Heaven Continent when he followed Long Chen in battles against all their enemies. The stronger the opponents, the more excited he grew.

"Let's see how you teleport around in my Supreme domain!" shouted He Changtian, his spear suddenly dancing through the air. Spear-images pierced toward Xia Chen.

He Changtian's original flame domain wasn't strong enough to stop Xia Chen from using consecutive transportations throughout it.

However, now he was burning his Supreme Blood, and it caused his domain to be connected to the Supreme Blood in his body. If Xia Chen used his transportation art again, He Changtian would instantly know his location and would be able to predict where Xia Chen was going in advance. He had completely broken Xia Chen's technique, forcing him into a direct clash.

“Your domain is far weaker than Liao Bencang’s faith domain. If I want to use spatial transportation inside of it, can you even stop me? Also, did you think that talisman cultivators don’t dare to face people in combat directly? I’ll show you a talisman cultivator’s true power today,” sneered Xia Chen.

When Xia Chen mentioned Liao Bencang, countless experts were shocked. The name of the Nine Underworld Hall’s master was known to almost everyone. Had Xia Chen previously fought Liao Bencang?

“Dragon Blood Battle Armor!”

Xia Chen roared and a sacred dragon cry rang out, resounding throughout heaven and earth. After that, a layer of golden dragon scales appeared on Xia Chen, and a holy dragon might radiated from him.

“Boss, when did Xia Chen...?!” Guo Ran jumped in shock.

“Did you think that I would only favor you? Xia Chen never abandoned the Dragon Blood Body Tempering Art. I gave him the true dragon essence blood, and he gradually merged with it. Do you think everyone is like you and would require such a fuss?” demanded Long Chen irritably.

Although Xia Chen was a talisman cultivator, focused on pursuing runic arts, he had always kept up with the Dragon Blood Body Tempering Art. Furthermore, his dragon blood could be merged with his talismans before permeating into his body. This was a very simple and painless method to train.

Xia Chen naturally wouldn’t tell Guo Ran about this method because Guo Ran would feel that it was unfair. Thus, Guo Ran hadn’t known about Xia Chen merging with Long Chen’s true dragon essence blood.

Xia Chen was covered in golden scales, and his Blood Qi soared. He seemed like an entirely different person now. His powerful Blood Qi shook countless people’s hearts.

“This... this is a talisman cultivator?!”

Everyone was stunned. How could a talisman cultivator possess such terrifying Blood Qi? That toppled their understanding.

BOOM!

Just as everyone was stunned, Xia Chen actually let out a simple punch at He Changtian’s mighty attack.

“What?!”

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Xia Chen’s fist smashed into He Changtian’s spear tip. As a result, a giant sphere of light erupted between them. It was like two worlds colliding.

BOOM!

Astral winds raged. Their spear and fist remained locked in the air, neither moving even an inch.

Both of their battle armors shone brightly as they tried to suppress the other. But they remained deadlocked. Was neither able to defeat the other?

“Wow, I didn’t expect junior brother Xia Chen to be so powerful!” Yin Ting was delighted to see Xia Chen be so powerful. He actually blocked that spear barehanded.

All the Vermilion Bird Empire’s experts were delighted to see this. They clenched their fists as if that could help Xia Chen fight.

“Boss, when did Xia Chen get so strong?” Guo Ran was dumbfounded. This was too strong, wasn’t it? It was only because Guo Ran had a Supreme Bone that he dared to receive divine weapons with his bare hand. But Xia Chen didn’t have one, so how could he do this?

“Xia Chen was originally very strong. It’s simply that he was restricted by Liao Bencang’s faith domain on the Nine Underworld Island, so he never had a chance to display his power. Furthermore, he’s smart. Look more closely. Every single one of his dragon scales has a tiny talisman embedded within it. 108,000 scales, 108,000 talismans. For him to activate so many talismans at once, tell me, how could he not be strong?” asked Long Chen.

With Long Chen’s reminder, Guo Ran looked more closely. He saw the tiny talismans now, but they were so small that they couldn’t be seen without looking very closely.

“I knew it! This fellow’s Dragon Blood Battle Armor is almost as strong as yours! So it’s because of the support of so many talismans.” Guo Ran nodded. If it was like this, he didn’t feel it to be too shocking. In fact, he felt it to be simply natural.

Xia Chen’s talismans were all amazing. A single talisman had shocking power. If there were so many talismans together, then it was only natural for them to be so powerful.

BOOM!

Suddenly, the light between the two of them exploded. Both of them were blown back as the two of them ended up even.

“You only rely on talismans! Do you think that relying on those external powers is enough to survive?!” He Changtian sneered and once more shot toward Xia Chen.

“Just talismans? You really are foolish. If it weren’t for your Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor, if it weren’t for the talismans on it, you would already be a corpse. You dare to say such big words?” retorted Xia Chen. He Changtian kept accusing him of using external powers, while forgetting that the majority of his combat power stemmed from his battle armor.

He Changtian was enraged but had no way of arguing. His mocking now became a slap to his own face.

At this moment, He Changtian’s spear quivered and ten thousand spear-images shot out. He was expelling all of his anger.

With the protection of the Dragon Blood Battle Armor, completely barehanded, Xia Chen swung his fists and dragon cry rang out. Without retreating, he received He Changtian’s attacks just like that.

As a result, rubble flew through the air, and flames devoured the sky. The spectators were all amazed. A battle on this level was truly rarely seen.

“What is going on? Talisman cultivators actually fight in close range? Brothers, I’m also a talisman cultivator. Why did my master never tell me about this?” shouted someone in the crowd.

“Most importantly, he’s in close-range combat against someone possessing Supreme Blood. Is he challenging our understanding of the world?” shouted someone else.

Talisman cultivators, spirit cultivators, soul cultivators, magic cultivators, and others had weak physical bodies. This was simply common knowledge. However, Xia Chen was toppling that common knowledge. If they didn’t personally see it, they wouldn’t believe it.

Xia Chen and He Changtian continued to fight. Xia Chen’s fists danced against the flying spear. Both of them were fighting intensely.

Long Chen smiled as he watched Xia Chen fight. This fighting style was very similar to his own. Xia Chen was clearly imitating Long Chen’s close-range fighting style.

However, Xia Chen’s power stemmed mostly from the talismans on his dragon armor. His dragon blood was only the vector carrying the power of his talismans. After all, he wasn’t really a close-range fighter. There was some loss in the power transfer, and that was difficult to avoid.

Despite that, it was more than enough to fight He Changtian. After all, Long Chen had never lost to anyone in close-range combat. For Xia Chen to be able to learn this much was enough.

However, at this time, Xia Chen’s talismans began to flicker badly. Guo Ran also noticed this problem. “Boss, it seems that if this continues, Xia Chen won’t be able to last much longer?”

Long Chen nodded. “Xia Chen’s talismans are still affected in He Changtian’s domain. His talismans should normally be able to absorb the energy of heaven and earth as an unending supply of energy. With this number of talismans together, it’s practically equivalent to a sect’s grand formation. But it’s only been an incense stick’s worth of time before they start flashing. That’s a warning that the amount of energy that they’re absorbing is unable to keep up with their energy usage. But don’t worry, Xia Chen is currently borrowing He Changtian’s power to test his talismans’ power and endurance. He hasn’t used his true trump cards. Hehe, the real thing has yet to appear.”

As expected, as they continued to fight at this intensity, Xia Chen began to show signs of weakening. He was gradually forced back by He Changtian. Although it wasn’t to the point of being defeated, he was clearly the one being pressed.

“As I said, relying on external power means nothing! If you have no power yourself, all that awaits you is death!” shouted He Changtian. Seeing Xia Chen weakening, He Changtian’s Blood Qi circulated rapidly, and his aura strengthened once more.

“Heavens, He Changtian still wasn’t using his full power? He was waiting for this!”

“He wants to decide life and death in the next few moves! He’s not giving Long Chen a chance to save him!”

People could tell that He Changtian was hell-bent on killing Xia Chen and was waiting for this chance to suddenly overwhelm him.

People glanced at Long Chen, looking for his reaction. But unexpectedly, there was no reaction at all from Long Chen. He was still calmly watching.

“Heavenly Ruler Seal Revival, Ten Thousand Beasts Appear, Wild Lion Awakening, Devour the Nine Heavens!”

He Changtian swept out his spear and formed seals with his other hand. As his entire body began to burn, tens of thousands of rays of divine light shot out of his armor. Every light contained its own flaming beast.

Tens of thousands of beasts appeared at once, instantly locking down this entire space. Just like that, all the beasts that had been sealed in the Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor were awakened at once, and their sharp killing intent instantly locked onto Xia Chen.

Furthermore, the Heavenly Ruler Seal Wild Lion within He Changtian’s manifestation actually stuck half its head out of the manifestation.

It roared, and the tens of thousands of beasts opened their mouths. Flames then shot out like furious arrows toward Xia Chen.

“Die! Ten Thousand Flames Burn the Heavens!”

He Changtian roared. Those flames all converged on Xia Chen, who was instantly devoured by a domain of death with nowhere to run.

Chapter 3713: Who Is Courting Death

This sudden attack made everyone jump. It seemed that He Changtian had been holding back this entire time just to have the opportunity to kill Xia Chen in one move.

BOOM!

Over ten thousand flames crashed down upon Xia Chen from all directions. When the void exploded, Xia Chen was devoured by flames.

Everyone was shocked to see this. Xia Chen had no chance to get out of the way. This attack had definitely crushed him.

When Xia Chen’s figure vanished amidst the raging flames, the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire’s people cheered.

“Did he die?”

The spectators were stunned. Although this attack was well-planned, they still felt that there was something off. But they couldn’t say what was off about it.

“Death Substitution Talisman! Watch out, behind you!”

A warning rang out. Following that, people looked behind He Changtian just in time to see Xia Chen’s figure appear out of the void. He silently struck He Changtian’s back with his palm. Within his hand was a Heaven Shaking Talisman.

With this warning, He Changtian hastily turned back. There was no time to block with his spear. Xia Chen's palm was right in front of him, so he instinctively extended his left hand to block.

BOOM!

He Changtian's left arm was blown apart. The immense force of Xia Chen's attack almost blew his head apart as well.

Seeing Xia Chen just barely fail to kill him due to that person's warning, Guo Ran furiously cursed, "What rat bastard is such a busybody?! Everyone already agreed that it was a fair one-against-one fight! You're cheating!"

Everyone looked in the direction of that voice and saw a violet-robed elder standing in the distant sky.

"It's a Divine Venerate!"

"The Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire's Southern Wall King. He actually came." Some people recognized this elder. He was clearly a famous existence.

He Changtian was shocked and enraged. He barely escaped death just now. Xia Chen's attack was truly vicious, striking right after the Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor's power had been unleashed and had yet to gather once more. It was when its defenses were at its weakest. Without that warning, he definitely would have died.

"Battle Souls Return!"

He Changtian didn't tarry. The scattered flames and runes within the world shook and rushed back toward He Changtian, wanting to return to his battle armor.

"You think you can pull them back now? Keep dreaming!"

Xia Chen laughed and suddenly formed hand seals. Hundreds of talismans then appeared behind him.

"Heavenly Water Prison!"

After that, those hundreds of talismans exploded and giant water dragons came flying out.

Every water dragon gave off immense pressure and crashed toward He Changtian like lightning. Water qi filled the air, forming a special water barrier that separated all the flame runes from He Changtian.

Hundreds of water dragons in this barrier began to spin in opposite directions, compressing space. Heaven and earth rumbled. Just like that, the space within this water sphere fractured. Even the laws of the Heavenly Daos were being torn apart by it.

He Changtian was shocked. This water barrier was separating him from the outer world's flame runes. Those flame runes simply bounced off this water barrier, unable to barge in.

If he couldn't recall those flame runes to his battle armor, his battle armor's power would diminish by quite a bit. Most importantly, if those runes completely ran out of energy, then the Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor would be ruined.

He Changtian roared. Flame runes then condensed into a new arm for him. Wielding his spear with both hands, he stabbed it into the water dragon barrier.

BOOM!

He was actually knocked back by the barrier. In that one blow, he was shocked to find that a great deal of his flame energy simply evaporated.

Only now did he realize that the water that Xia Chen had summoned was no ordinary water. It had a suppressive effect against his flames.

Just then, something that he couldn't bear to see occurred. He didn't know what Xia Chen did, but a flame dragon somehow appeared outside the barrier and began devouring the flame runes that were stuck outside.

With every rune that the flame dragon outside devoured, a scale on his armor shattered. In just the blink of an eye, dozens of his scales were destroyed.

That flame dragon was not summoned by Xia Chen. It was Huo Linger who couldn't contain her greed. She didn't want these runes to end up using all their energy and be wasted, so she came out to devour them.

"Courting death!"

A cold shout rang out. That violet-robed elder in the distance finally couldn't hold back any longer and directly charged into the battlefield, reaching out toward Huo Linger.

He had no choice but to interfere now. If Huo Linger continued to devour them, the Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor would be ruined beyond repair.

An uproar exploded amongst the crowd. Was the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire really going back on their own word? They had agreed on a one-against-one fight. However, that previous warning was already an infraction. Now that he was directly interfering, was he not afraid of the whole world laughing at them?

"Are you talking about yourself?"

Just as the violet-robed elder shot out, a voice filled with unquestionable dignity rang out. Another figure appeared.

He wore no crown and no imperial robes. But when he appeared, his ruler qi radiated and a natural noble air spread, one that could make the entire world submit.

Xia Guhong showed up, blocking the violet-robed elder. The violet-robed elder then slammed his palm forward without hesitation when he saw someone block his way.

Xia Guhong only extended a single finger. The wind from this finger tore a hole through that elder's palm and continued to pierce through his shoulder. As a result, blood rained down.

The rain of blood fell, and people saw the drops of blood turn into runes that slowly vanished. The blood of this expert was actually reabsorbed by the Heavenly Daos.

"What?!"

Countless people were shocked. They stared in shock and amazement at this new expert that radiated ruler qi. Xia Guhong's name was known to everyone in the senior generation, but many of the junior generation didn't know him.

Even if people knew of him, they had never seen him, so they didn't recognize him. Amongst the ones who didn't recognize Xia Guhong was this violet-robed elder.

This elder was enraged at being injured. He shouted, "Who are you?!"

"You don't even recognize the famous monarch of the Grand Xia Nation, Xia Guhong? You really are a worthless character. A person can be lacking knowledge but not common sense. Do you think that there is a second person in this world that can produce such a noble aura? When Xia Guhong participated in the immortal world's wars, your grandfather had yet to be even born. Youngsters should know respect." A mocking voice rang out.

Unexpectedly, the one to mock this violet-robed elder was the Bloodkill Hall's master, Enpuda.

Furthermore, when Enpuda reported Xia Guhong's name, countless people were shaken. They were bearing witness to a legendary figure.

"Seventh uncle, save me!"

Just as Xia Guhong was shaking everyone, He Changtian's terrified cry rang out.

Chapter 3714: Price

Xia Guhong's arrival drew everyone's attention, causing people to forget about He Changtian for a moment. But when He Changtian screamed, people saw that his battle armor had lost its original light. Its scales were destroyed, and it was riddled with holes, on the verge of complete collapse.

Moreover, the flame runes in the air had been devoured by Huo Linger. She had long since returned to the primal chaos space to digest them.

At this time, He Changtian was trapped within the water barrier. The water dragons in the barrier were constantly mixing up space, suppressing his flame energy. Having lost the Heavenly Ruler Seal Battle Armor, he had no choice but to ignite his Supreme Blood just to resist it.

However, Xia Chen's talismans used Nine Heaven Spirit Water, which was exceptionally precious and had an astonishing suppressive effect on flames. Although it wouldn't be able to affect the flames in the top ten of the Heavenly Flame Ranking, Xia Chen had activated hundreds of these talismans, which was more than enough to suppress He Changtian.

The water dragons roared, compressing the prison. On the other hand, He Changtian was doing his best to resist. Flames circulated around him, but space was still being compressed. Originally, He Changtian was able to maintain a space of several miles, but now he was reduced to a space of merely a few dozen meters.

That space was continuing to shrink. The more it shrank, the greater the pressure grew, and cracks were appearing in the space around him. His entire body was about to be crushed.

Although his voice did ring out, it sounded as if it came from an extremely distant world. It was very muffled.

The violet-robed elder's expression changed. He hadn't expected Xia Chen to be so powerful. He had pushed He Changtian to a life-and-death juncture so quickly.

"Xia Guhong. You're a senior. Please forgive this junior for my previous offenses. But my Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire has no enmity or grievance with you. Why must you bully the weak like this? I hope senior can give me a bit of face. This Southern Wall King of the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire, He Hongzhang, will definitely remember this favor." The violet-robed elder, He Hongzhang, began to panic. He directly brought out the name of the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire and revealed his own status.

However, this person seemed overly arrogant or simply lacked emotional intelligence. He was clearly begging for mercy, but his tone was still tough. There was even a threatening note to it.

"There's no need for a favor. I came to stand up for my brothers, so I'm not interested in favors." Xia Guhong shook his head.

"Your brothers?" He Hongzhang's heart pounded wildly.

"The three of us are protected by big brother Xia. What? You don't like it?" Guo Ran looked down on him arrogantly. With Xia Guhong's protection here, he felt like he had gained face.

"What do you want?! You wish to be enemies with my Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire?!" shouted He Hongzhang, his expression sinking.

Xia Guhong frowned. This He Hongzhang was an idiot. At this time, he actually brought out the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire as a threat?

"I say, does your Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire have any face at all? It was already agreed that this was a life-and-death battle, a one-against-one match. Now that you've lost, you want to go back on your word in front of all the heroes of the land? Do you really think you can eat the crap that you've shat out?" sneered Long Chen, answering in place of Xia Guhong.

"Nonsense! Youngsters are all temperamental! How can you simply take their word? It naturally doesn't count!" shouted He Hongzhang angrily. He then turned to Yu Qingxuan. "Princess Qingxuan, you are the princess of the Vermilion Bird Empire. Do you wish to cause a war between our two empires? Shall the blood of our empires fill the battlefield?"

Yu Qingxuan was immediately put in a difficult position. Before she could reply, Long Chen pointed at He Hongzhang and cursed, "You old bastard, you dare to play this game with me? Then let's play! I am telling you that the reason I want to kill He Changtian is simply because I find him displeasing to the eye! This matter has nothing to do with the Vermilion Bird Empire. You dare to threaten me? I really admire your guts! I'll state it plainly right now, if I want He Changtian dead today, then no one in this world can save him!"

Long Chen was enraged. Before this, although He Changtian had drawn his ire, it wasn't to the point of enraging him.

However, He Hongzhang actually threatened Yu Qingxuan, making Long Chen's fury soar. If he hadn't promised to leave He Changtian to Xia Chen, he'd crush him right now.

Seeing Long Chen's fury, Yu Qingxuan was moved. Long Chen was extremely protective of her.

"Ignorant junior, you'll pay the price for your foolishness!" roared He Hongzhang, his face twisting. Killing intent filled his eyes.

"The price? Do you know what the price is? Xia Chen, teach them what the price is!" shouted Long Chen.

"Alright!" Xia Chen smiled. A talisman appeared between two of his fingers, and he cast it through the air.

The talisman instantly vanished. Within the water barrier, He Changtian screamed. His leg was ripped off from the knee by some mysterious force.

Hearing that scream and seeing that strange scene, everyone felt a chill. Xia Chen's technique was absolutely bizarre. No one even saw how the talisman flew out, so they had no idea how it had broken his leg.

They were unable to tell what happened, but He Changtian was already severely wounded. This bizarre move terrified people. The most terrifying things in this world were those that people couldn't see.

"Little brute!" He Hongzhang roared furiously. His aura erupted.

Xia Chen then threw out another talisman. This time, people saw a streak of light enter the water barrier. However, it vanished on contact with the water barrier, and then He Changtian's other leg was severed by something sharp.

This strange sight caused countless jaws to drop. They hadn't seen it clearly the first time because they hadn't expected it. But this second time, they were completely focused and still didn't see how He Changtian's leg was severed.

"Old fellow, keep cursing," Xia Chen sneered. When he showed his hands, dozens of talismans appeared on them. If those all had the same effect, then He Changtian would be torn to pieces.

At this moment, people realized that the fight was over. If Xia Chen wanted to take his life, he could take it effortlessly. He Changtian was defeated.

He Hongzhang was enraged. Suddenly, his sword came out of his sheath. The moment he pulled it out, the aura of a Divine Venerate radiated.

The winds and clouds raged; the world changed color. A layer of haze then shrouded this land along with a murderous aura.

"A Divine Venerate is really going to fight?!" Terrified cries rang out. If a Divine Venerate were to fight for real here, then this world would be destroyed. They wouldn't even have time to run away.

"If you dare to attack, I guarantee that it will be your last time."

Xia Guhong had his hands clasped behind his back. He eyed He Hongzhang who had taken out his weapon indifferently. His calm demeanor possessed unquestionable domineeringness.

“Xia Guhong, it’s been many years, but you are still as arrogant as ever. However, the Grand Xia Dragon Sparrow has vanished. I don’t know where your confidence comes from.”

Just then, thunder rumbled and lightning flashed; black clouds filled the sky. A man wreathed in lightning descended from amongst those black clouds.

Chapter 3715: Violet Thunderclap Empire’s Weng Taibei

As soon as that person appeared, the world changed color, the nine heavens quivered, and endless thunder roared. It was as if heavenly tribulation had descended. When this person showed up, everyone felt like a giant boulder was crushing them. Even breathing became difficult.

Even Divine Venerates felt their hearts shaking. Despite this figure also being a Divine Venerate just like He Hongzhang, the pressure that he gave off was on another level. It was like a single thought from him could destroy the entire world.

As for the heavenly geniuses present, they were quivering from the pressure. This was their first time seeing such a terrifying figure in their lifetime.

This middle-aged man was built like an iron tower. He had shoulder-length hair, and his face looked as if it had been carved by a knife. Lightning runes flickered within his eyes, which were as sharp as a blade. They made others not dare to look at him directly.

“The Violet Thunderclap Empire’s seventeenth generation monarch, Weng Taibei! He’s still alive!” A fellow Divine Venerate recognized this lightning-wreathed expert.

“Rumor is that before the Grand Xia disbanded, those two empires were at odds. There were even several wars fought between them. But every time, it was the Violet Thunderclap Empire that lost. Back then, Xia Guhong and Weng Taibei were young heroes rising up, the strongest heavenly geniuses of their empires. Hence, they were fated to be mortal enemies. Weng Taibei possesses an innate heavenly lightning body, and his blood has lightning runes flowing within it. It can even be said that he isn’t human, but a humanoid lifeform made of lightning. With his talent, Weng Taibei swept through everyone he encountered. His only two defeats were to Xia Guhong. The second time, Xia Guhong pursued him through half of the Violet Flame Heaven, almost slaying him. One battle was in the Immortal King realm, one was in the World King realm. Later on, Weng Taibei became a Divine Venerate. It was said that his Supreme Blood had been cultivated to the point of becoming one with the heavens. After that, he was preparing to wipe away all his disgrace from his losses against Xia Guhong. Regretfully, Xia Guhong lost his lover and was completely disheartened. He even disbanded the Grand Xia and vanished afterward, so the anticipated third battle between them never occurred. Now that Xia Guhong and Weng Taibei have appeared once more, that third battle might just occur after all,” said a Divine Venerate.

“That doesn’t sound likely. No matter how great their enmity is, they won’t fight all-out here. After all, too many people are here, and the three thousand worlds are about to open. If they were to fight, they would become enemies with everyone here,” said someone else, shaking his head.

If Divine Venerates fought, that terrifying pressure would be enough to destroy the entire Violet Flame Heaven Capital.

Furthermore, one of the entrances to the three thousand worlds was located here. If they were to destroy this entrance, then even as Divine Venerates, they would be inflicted with a terrifying karma.

Weng Taibei's aura alone shook the nine heavens. He was like a lightning god descending from the heavens.

As for Long Chen, when he looked at Weng Taibei, he was shaken. Even Lei Linger couldn't sit still and almost flew out of the primal chaos space.

Long Chen had Lei Linger calm down. This was a Divine Venerate, someone from the same generation as Xia Guhong. He still didn't dare to set his sights on someone like this.

However, this person's violent lightning spirit energy made his heart itchy. It was his first time seeing such a terrifying lightning cultivator. Seeing him, Long Chen's first thought was that if Lei Linger devoured him, just what realm would she instantly rise to?

But this thought had to be put aside for now. Long Chen knew his own power. He was still too small in front of Divine Venerates.

When Weng Taibei appeared, the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire's He Hongzhang looked as if he had seen his saving star. He cupped his fists toward him.

"Senior, please save Changtian."

At this time, Yu Qingxuan whispered into Long Chen's ear, "It seems that the reason the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire is targeting the Vermilion Bird Empire is because of the support of the Violet Thunderclap Empire."

Yu Qingxuan had just arrived in the Vermilion Bird Empire and was unaware of many aspects of the empire. However, based on what she was seeing, even she could understand something.

The Vermilion Bird Empire had always been enemies with the Violet Thunderclap Empire throughout all of history. Their relationship had never been good. Also, He Hongzhang's current expression showed everything. The reason why the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire dared to challenge the Vermilion Bird Empire was due to the Violet Thunderclap Empire inciting things.

"To put it frankly, the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire is a pack of idiot dogs. Back then, they were afraid of the Vermilion Bird Empire and wagged their tails pitifully, listening to their orders. Now they have someone else supporting them and start to bite." Long Chen shook his head. He had seen such a thing often.

Just as Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan were whispering, Weng Taibei said, "Xia Guhong, the two of us will have a fight sooner or later. However, now still isn't the time. You're also someone with status. Don't interfere in matters between juniors."

"Are your eyes on your butt? Which of your eyes saw my big brother interfere in matters between juniors? It was clearly the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire's people that went back on their word. After beating the junior, the senior comes out. My big brother is only beating that shameless old fellow. How does that count as interfering in matters between juniors?" Even before Long Chen could reply, Guo Ran was arrogantly pointing and cursing at Weng Taibei.

He knew that with Xia Guhong's support, there was nothing for him to fear. If he didn't show off a bit now, he wouldn't be Guo Ran.

Guo Ran's pointing and cursing at Weng Taibei stunned the crowd. This fellow's guts were too big, weren't they? Did he not know that if Weng Taibei was enraged and wanted to kill him, he would be crushed like an ant?

However, Guo Ran didn't care. Today, he had no chance to fight, so he had to find some other way to show off. Furthermore, this also saved Xia Guhong from having to waste words on this fellow.

"Brat, you are courting death!"

Before Weng Taibei even replied, someone shouted from behind him. Only now did people notice that Weng Taibei had over ten people behind him.

All of them were wrapped in lightning, like humanoid lightning standing within the sea of lightning behind Weng Taibei. Before one of them spoke, no one even noticed their existence.

These people were all lightning cultivators with shocking auras. But the most shocking thing of all was that four of them were emitting Supreme auras. They actually had four Supreme experts.

Even those that didn't have Supreme auras had auras that were as heavy and solid as mountains. They were experts amongst experts, geniuses amongst geniuses. Those non-Supreme experts gave off a pressure that was only slightly inferior to actual Supreme experts.

As for their leader, he was a man with shoulder-length hair and a sword on his back. A lightning halo could vaguely be seen behind his head. This person was a peak Divine Lord but had condensed a Heavenly Dao Crown. His aura was exceptionally shocking.

This person actually had violet hair, and looking closely, his violet hair had tiny marks within them with flickering light.

"Another heavenly lightning body?!"

A Divine Venerate cried out in shock. This person actually possessed the same constitution as Weng Taibei.

"Then isn't another Weng Taibei about to be produced?"

People were shocked. If this man also grew up and became a Divine Venerate, then the Violet Thunderclap Empire would truly climb to the peak of all empires.

"You're the one courting death. What? Do you want to fight? Come and report your name! I, Guo Ran, do not kill nameless people!" Guo Ran pointed at the violet-haired man disdainfully.

In truth, the moment Guo Ran spotted the violet-haired man, he felt a chill. He could sense that the latter was a terrifying opponent.

However, with so many people watching, he refused to retreat and put on an arrogant appearance.

"Since you're courting death, I, Weng Tianyao, will fulfill your wish."

That violet-haired man, Weng Tianyao, immediately agreed to Guo Ran's challenge. He walked out of the violet lightning sea behind Weng Taibei.

"AH!"

Just then, a miserable scream rang out.

Chapter 3716: Disadvantageous Praise

Xia Chen's water barrier had shrunk to just thirty meters. However, its power was rapidly diminishing.

At the same time, within the barrier, He Changtian had reached his limit. His body was cracking, and he had used up all of his Supreme Blood. Following his scream, his physical body exploded.

"Changtian!"

He Hongzhang cried out and his face twisted. Xia Chen really had killed He Changtian.

But then, He Changtian's flame spear pierced through the void, shooting straight toward He Hongzhang.

BOOM!

All of a sudden, a flame sword cut through the air, striking the spear.

"No!"

What shocked people was that He Changtian's unwilling roar came from within the spear.

The moment the sword struck the spear, a translucent ripple spread. People saw He Changtian's Yuan Spirit explode.

Apparently, He Changtian had given up on his physical body and placed his Yuan Spirit in his spear in a vain attempt to escape with his Yuan Spirit.

Even Xia Chen had been tricked. That was because He Changtian's spiritual fluctuations were covered up by the flame spear. Regretfully, He Changtian was unable to escape Huo Linger's senses. Long Chen's sword had destroyed his Yuan Spirit.

The True Fire Sword then returned to Long Chen's hand, and he returned it to the primal chaos space, his expression calm. He indifferently said, "We've already agreed to decide life and death with this battle. You might not care about keeping your word, but Boss Long San always keeps his word."

He Changtian was dead, and just like that, a Supreme expert was slain. The three thousand worlds weren't even open, and he was already dead. This fact shook everyone.

Supreme experts were rare. A sect might not produce a single one in tens of thousands of years. Hence, for one to be slain just like that was truly shocking.

"Long Chen!"

He Hongzhang was quivering with fury. His eyes were scarlet, like a lion about to eat its prey.

“You know I’m Long Chen? Good. I killed He Changtian to tell everyone that I won’t cause trouble, but I’m not afraid of trouble. I won’t bully people, but I will not allow others to bully me. Anyone who wants my life is my enemy, and I, Long Chen, have only one rule for my enemies. To kill!” declared Long Chen.

The final ‘kill’ for some reason shook everyone’s heart. When this word came out of Long Chen’s mouth, although his tone was calm, it made people see a blood-soaked battlefield.

“Good, good! Long Chen, is it? Aren’t you from the High Firmament Academy? A declined academy also dares to be so arrogant here? As you killed someone from my He family, I will slay everyone from your academy. And you, you won’t be leaving the three thousand worlds. You’ll be hunted down by the heavenly geniuses of the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire. As for your High Firmament Academy, my Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire will wipe it off the map. Your master, your apprentice-brothers and sisters, everyone you care about, we will kill them all!” roared He Hongzhang.

“Hahaha!”

He Hongzhang had just finished roaring when someone laughed as if they had just heard the world’s funniest joke.

“You are courting...”

He Hongzhang turned furiously to the person laughing at him, only to find that it was actually the Bloodkill Hall’s Enpuda. He was then startled.

He was unable to figure out why Enpuda, who had no enmity or relationship with him, would target him. Although the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire was powerful, they never dared to offend Enpuda.

The Bloodkill Hall’s believers were spread throughout the nine heavens and ten lands, and every single one of them was an expert assassin. Hence, anyone who offended Enpuda would sooner or later find themselves the target of endless assassins.

Most importantly, Enpuda himself was a terrifying assassin. Despite only being a peak World King, once he used his faith energy, even a Divine Venerate who encountered him would have to flee.

“Hall master Enpuda, my Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire has no enmity with you. What is the meaning of this?” demanded He Hongzhang. Although he was enraged, he didn’t dare to say anything too excessive.

His tone was clearly different from when he had been asking who was courting death. Everyone who wasn’t a fool could tell that He Hongzhang was afraid of Enpuda.

Enpuda smiled and waved his hand at him. “I’m simply laughing. It has nothing to do with our relationship. I just couldn’t help laughing at your joke. Destroy the High Firmament Academy? Hahaha, that has to be the biggest joke that I’ve ever heard. Do you know the High Firmament Academy’s dean Bai Letian’s true cultivation base? Do you know who the master of the High Firmament Academy’s Battle God Palace is? Do you know the origin of their ancient High Firmament Divine Sword? Do you know that the High Firmament Academy has another living fossil in their ranks that has lived through time immemorial?”

Enpuda’s words rang throughout heaven and earth, causing shock to appear on people’s faces. Clearly, they hadn’t known the High Firmament Academy’s true power.

As for Long Chen, he narrowed his eyes at Enpuda. He refused to believe that this crafty fatty would say anything for him out of kindness.

Enpuda continued, "The High Firmament Academy is the number one academy of the nine heavens and ten lands. Its history is ancient, and its foundation is thick. It's not an existence that you can even imagine. As for Long Chen, he is the High Firmament Academy's youngest branch dean in all of history. He is also the future head dean. An academy with millions and millions of years of history chose him as a successor. Do you think that he is an existence that you can provoke? When Long Chen joined the High Firmament Academy, he joined as a worker. But in less than a year, he swept through everyone in the same generation, and finding no one who could match him in the Darklight Heaven, he came to the Violet Flame Heaven. As soon as he arrived in the Violet Flame Heaven, he repeatedly plundered the Soaring Dragon Company's strongholds, slaughtered formidable experts within the Heavenly Flame World, and even personally killed the son of the Flame Sovereign, Yan Xu. Did you not hear about any of this? Long Chen's group of three even slaughtered their way to the Nine Underworld Island."

"You damn fatty, shut your mouth! What do you think you're saying?!" Liao Bencang cursed Enpuda as soon as he mentioned the Nine Underworld Island.

Enpuda ignored him, continuing, "The three of them joined forces and wiped out the millions and millions of experts on the Nine Underworld Island. In the end, the Nine Underworld Hall's master, Liao Bencang, personally attacked them, mobilizing the faith energy that had been accumulating for tens of millions of years, and he was still unable to stop them from leaving. As for you, He Hongzhang, you are nothing more than some nameless fellow. For you to dare to say that you would take dean Long Chen's life and destroy the High Firmament Academy, do you not think that it is laughable?"

After Enpuda was done, countless people stared at Long Chen in shock. Only now did they learn that Long Chen had such amazing accomplishments under his belt. He actually had such an illustrious background.

Guo Ran and Xia Chen were also dumbfounded. Enpuda was praising them? Had the sun risen from the west today?

However, they quickly noticed countless burning gazes amongst the crowd. Without exception, those people were all Supreme experts.

"Damn, this fatty really is sinister! He's making us the number one target of everyone!" Guo Ran instantly understood.

Supreme experts were all arrogant and conceited. The stronger the opponent, the more they wanted to fight them. Those with the greatest reputations in particular were their main targets.

Enpuda had praised Long Chen to the highest level. As a result, even Xia Chen and Guo Ran were being eyed by countless people. Once they entered the three thousand worlds, they would have to deal with endless challenges before even getting to do anything.

"Who cares about some dogshit academy or being the youngest? I have no match beneath the heavens. Comparing the Darklight Heaven to the Violet Flame Heaven? You're nothing more than a frog at the bottom of a well. Long Chen, I challenge you to a life-and-death battle. All heroes of the heavens will bear witness. Do you dare to accept?"

Weng Tianyao was the first to step forward and point his lightning sword at Long Chen, arrogantly shouting at him from high above.

Chapter 3717: Supreme Heavenly Dao Fruit

Weng Tianyao stepped forward and pointed his sword at Long Chen. Arcs of lightning then flashed on top of his sword in brilliant, blinding light. This was a lightning attribute divine weapon. When this sword appeared, lightning raged in the nine heavens.

“The Wild Blade? Isn’t that Weng Taibei’s personal divine weapon? Why is it in his hands? What is going on?!” A startled cry rang out.

The Wild Blade was a divine weapon that Weng Taibei had obtained in an ancient secret realm during his youth. It followed him through battle and gained its own reputation, so it was a weapon that caused countless experts to quiver in fear.

It was a very famous World Domain divine item. Furthermore, lightning attribute divine weapons were very rarely seen, making it even more famous.

Legend had it that Weng Taibei had used this Wild Blade to defeat all his opponents. Although he was defeated by Xia Guhong twice, he relied on this divine weapon to flee both times. It could be said that this divine weapon was equivalent to Weng Taibei’s life.

For this weapon to now appear in Weng Tianyao’s hands, it seemed that the relationship between the two of them was not ordinary. Although the two of them were surnamed Weng, having the same surname in the immortal world was nothing special. Even between father and son, their relationship might not be very close at all.

After all, in the immortal world, experts had immense longevity and could produce many offspring in one life. Thus, many times it was master-disciple relationships that were closer than father and son.

For Weng Taibei to pass down his personal divine weapon to Weng Tianyao, it seemed that he viewed him as the one to inherit his legacy.

When Weng Tianyao took out his sword, lightning appeared all around him. A shocking aura then erupted along with a terrifying pressure. His battle intent locked onto Long Chen.

Long Chen slowly smiled. He had long since known that this damn fatty would not be helping him. He was praising Long Chen to get him killed. His praise turned him into everyone’s target.

No cultivator liked to be beneath others, especially when it came to those within the same realm. They had to decide who was stronger. It was unknown just how many heavenly geniuses ended up dying just because of this.

It was a very simple plan with an obvious purpose. However, it was very effective. Countless Supreme experts were now eyeing Long Chen, itching to fight him. It could be said that Enpuda had achieved his goal.

In front of all their hostile gazes, Long Chen’s own arrogance was stimulated. He coldly said, “I like that weapon of yours. I’ll take it from your corpse.”

This response caused a stir amongst those experts. This was an incredibly domineering response. Two experts were about to fight.

“Hahaha, big words! Since you dare to say such big words, why are you hiding in the back like a tortoise? Do you refuse to step out?” sneered Weng Tianyao.

“I just can’t be bothered to waste the effort. Once I beat you, your old fellow will interfere. Then my big brother Guhong will also interfere. But I don’t want to make my big brother get involved in my matters. I feel like their own enmity should be settled by themselves,” said Long Chen.

“You think you can definitely beat me?” sneered Weng Tianyao mockingly.

“Naturally, I will beat you. But killing you will be a bit difficult. After all, you have so many people, and we don’t. There’s also that sinister fatty and the mule-faced Liao Bencang. They’ll definitely take advantage of a chaotic fight here. So, don’t shout in the streets like some vixen. You’re only exposing the limit of your intelligence. If you want to challenge me, I’ll await you in the three thousand worlds.”

After saying that, Long Chen turned toward the others. “I know that you’ve fallen for fatty Enpuda’s ploy. You want to trample my corpse for your own prestige. But that’s fine. Cultivation is a path of no return. I don’t mind others challenging me, as experts aren’t made through restraint or reason. Anyone can use any reason or excuse to challenge me. In the same vein, I don’t need any reason or excuse to kill you. Just like He Changtian, you can come at me arrogantly and then beg for mercy after being crushed, but it’s meaningless. Everyone is an adult and responsible for their own actions. So go ahead and challenge me if you want. But after being defeated, don’t bother kneeling and begging for mercy, because I won’t have any mercy.”

Perhaps it was due to experiencing too much, but Enpuda’s current move felt like child’s play.

However, it was this child’s play that actually drew a bunch of fools against Long Chen. During normal times, if they challenged him, people could fairly exchange pointers. It would mean nothing.

But in the three thousand worlds, everyone’s time was precious. There would also be countless dangers all around. For them to challenge him at such a time, that would be equal to trying to take his life. Thus, as long as anyone was so brainless as to challenge him, he would definitely slaughter them.

Based on his principles, Long Chen would kindly give them a single warning in advance. If they didn’t listen, they couldn’t blame him. In the end, when he killed them, his conscience wouldn’t even twitch.

Also, the moment Long Chen killed He Changtian, he made a shocking discovery. A red fruit had condensed at the very top of the Heavenly Dao Tree.

That fruit contained flame runes and gave off terrifying fluctuations. Those were the fluctuations of a Supreme expert.

Long Chen had killed the Alldevil race’s Supreme heavenly genius Alldevil Tianye. He had also killed the Bloodkill Hall’s Ji Wuying. However, neither had caused any reaction in the Heavenly Dao Tree. Long Chen had assumed that the Heavenly Dao Tree’s fruits were limited to Primals.

However, after killing He Changtian, the Heavenly Dao Tree actually produced a strange fruit. Based on his experience, this was probably a Supreme fruit.

Long Chen then thought of Alldevil Tianye and Ji Wuying's deaths. Ju Wuying's Supreme Bone had been transferred to Ju Wuming somehow; it hadn't returned to heaven and earth. Thus, the Heavenly Dao Tree was unable to absorb its power. As for Alldevil Tianye, his Supreme Bone had been taken by Guo Ran.

However, He Changtian was slain, and his Supreme Blood was scattered throughout heaven and earth before being absorbed by the Heavenly Dao Tree. This condensed into a Supreme Heavenly Dao Fruit, and this discovery startled Long Chen.

At this moment, he couldn't help forming a very moving thought, and that was to slay even more Supreme experts. Then wouldn't he have even more Supreme Heavenly Dao Fruit?

However, slaughtering people to plunder their wealth when they hadn't offended him would make Long Chen feel bad. But thanks to this speech from Enpuda, he became everyone's target. While Long Chen was enraged, he had his own evil thoughts. Since they wanted to die, they shouldn't blame him.

"If you don't dare to fight, then just say it. Why waste so many words? Are you covering up your fear? The High Firmament Academy's youngest dean is even worse than dogshit." Another Supreme expert beside Weng Tianyao sneered disdainfully. He clearly thought that Long Chen was just making excuses.

"Long Chen, if you want to kill people, just go ahead. As long as I, Xia Guhong, am present, no one will dare to interfere," said Xia Guhong. The moment Xia Guhong spoke, countless people's hearts quivered.

Chapter 3718: Targeted by Everyone

Xia Guhong's tone was calm but full of confidence and unquestionable domineeringness.

Even in front of his old enemy Weng Taibei, a Divine Venerate in the form of He Hongzhang, as well as threats like Liao Bencang and Enpuda present, Xia Guhong dared to make such a declaration. Countless people were shaken. At the same time, they also felt deep veneration.

Xia Guhong was a figure that had led an entire era, a hero filled with a legendary flavor. Perhaps only such an expert would have this kind of confidence. This was a true expert.

"I know that my big brother has that ability," said Long Chen. "However, look at that damn fatty's gaze roving around. He wants me to fight as a lesson to his disciples, for them to study my weaknesses. I'm not afraid of anyone in the same realm, but if someone is trying to con me, I'm not going to just foolishly jump in. That would be falling for this fatty's scheme. It's not worth it. I'll let him live a bit longer. In any case, I'm in no rush to obtain that sword."

Perhaps amongst all these people, the one that gave Long Chen the greatest sense of danger was Enpuda. He was more dangerous than anyone here.

They had fought before in the Darklight Heaven. At that time, Enpuda had been much more reserved and cautious than he was right now. The more Long Chen thought about it, the more he felt it to be off. This fellow was too sinister, so Long Chen had no choice but to be cautious.

Since Long Chen said this, Xia Guhong nodded and didn't say anything further.

"Xia Guhong, I've searched for you for many years. So you were hiding in the Wine God Palace. Are you no longer planning on hiding now? Today, let's decide who is stronger right here and now. Let us settle all our grievances." Seeing Long Chen refuse to fight, Weng Taibei directly challenged Xia Guhong with an electric gaze.

Xia Guhong indifferently said, "I am now a disciple of the Wine God Palace. My old grievances have long since become smoke and clouds in my eyes. Ever since my wife left me, I've lost interest in this kind of battle."

Everyone's heart was shaken when they looked at this peak hero possessing ruler qi. They all sighed inside.

Just what kind of hero was he? But he was unable to get past his love. After Luo Qingying died, Xia Guhong's fighting heart also died with her. A generation's hero no longer had any interest in the world.

Even in front of his old enemy, he was still calm. Many people wished to once more see Xia Guhong's grand figure.

"What? An old hero actually uses a dead person as an excuse? Xia Guhong, you've fallen." Weng Taibei still didn't give up after Xia Guhong rejected him.

At this moment, countless people's expressions changed. Xia Guhong and Luo Qingying's story was a pure symbol, and Xia Guhong's undying love for Luo Qingying was something countless people felt admiration and longed for. Now, Weng Taibei was actually using Luo Qingying to antagonize him? That was absolutely despicable.

"You fucker, do you know how to speak? If you don't, then shut your butt and stop spouting all that crap!" roared Guo Ran furiously, pointing at Weng Taibei. He looked to be on the verge of attacking him.

In just this short time together, Xia Guhong already treated both Guo Ran and Xia Chen like his little brothers. Hence, other than Long Chen, Xia Guhong was the person whom Guo Ran revered the most. He refused to allow Weng Taibei to insult him like this.

"My cultivation base is low right now. If I had your cultivation base, I'd change my surname to yours if I couldn't crush you." Guo Ran clenched his teeth.

It wasn't just Guo Ran and Long Chen's side that was enraged. There were countless experts who glared at Weng Taibei furiously now. Despite him being a powerful senior, his words were too sinister. They completely lacked the style of an expert.

"Guo Ran, leave it be. What is the point of quibbling with someone who hasn't made the slightest improvement even after living countless years? He can only spit at others to keep up appearances. Let's go drink." Xia Guhong smiled slightly and patted Guo Ran's shoulder, having him calm down. He also patted Long Chen and Xia Chen's shoulders because he saw that Long Chen's expression was a bit frightening.

What kind of figure was Xia Guhong? He instantly saw through Long Chen's intentions. He was going to agree to Weng Tianyao's challenge and kill him as a slap in Weng Taibei's face.

However, when Xia Guhong patted his shoulder, Long Chen restrained his anger. Xia Guhong might have transcended such matters, but Long Chen hadn't. Perhaps Long Chen would never be able to reach Xia Guhong's height.

Since Xia Guhong had said this, Long Chen could only put aside his anger. Inside, he cursed them and swore to kill them.

"Qingxuan greets senior." When Xia Guhong walked over, Yu Qingxuan hastily bowed.

"What senior? Call him big brother. Don't mix up the seniority, or you're going to have to call me senior too." For some reason, seeing Yu Qingxuan's face caused most of Long Chen's fury to vanish. His mood instantly improved and he smiled.

"Yes, you can call me big brother." Xia Guhong also smiled.

Yu Qingxuan blushed slightly. Long Chen was doing this on purpose. This would make them appear even closer. Yu Qingxuan then gave Long Chen a cute face before once more bowing to Xia Guhong.

"Qingxuan greets big brother Guhong."

Following that, the other disciples of the Vermilion Bird Empire behind her also bowed. They all had worshipful expressions. This was a legendary existence. How many experts in this world would have a chance to even see him?

After a few more courteous words, they directly returned to the restaurant to drink. As for Weng Taibei and the others, they no longer said anything else. They just watched as Long Chen and the others left.

This conflict ended with the Heavenly Ruler Seal Empire's prince being killed. Countless people had personally witnessed a Supreme heavenly genius fall. Although the next battle between Long Chen and Weng Tianyao didn't occur, people were still shaken.

"Long Chen's life is mine. I'll kill anyone who dares to interfere," declared Weng Tianyao coldly as he watched Long Chen leave.

Long Chen had said such arrogant words but refused to fight him. Hence, Weng Tianyao was enraged and directly announced that Long Chen was his target.

"What a joke. I'm the one who's going to kill him. If you don't like it, I'll kill you too." As a result of his declaration, the Nine Underworld Luocha was instantly provoked.

"Youngsters, don't be too arrogant. Be careful of swallowing your tongue," sneered Long Qianian.

"Long Chen is the most famous person from the Darklight Heaven. He represents the Darklight Heaven's greatest heavenly genius. Whoever takes his head will instantly soar in fame. Do you think that people will let him off just because of you? You're too naive. If you want to kill Long Chen, then you'll have to use your real skills!" Ji Wuming also spoke up. However, just like his master Enpuda, he brought up all the benefits of killing Long Chen.

Following the declarations from the Nine Underworld Luocha, Long Qianian, and Ji Wuming, the other Supreme heavenly geniuses also added in their own words, clearly dissatisfied with Weng Tianyao's words.

“Hahaha, what a joke. If anyone disagrees with me, then just come. I’ll send you to your death,” laughed Weng Tianyao. His lightning sword came out of its sheath once more, and he pointed it at the crowd.

Killing intent instantly appeared in the Nine Underworld LuoCha’s eyes. Just as she was about to step forward, she was held back by Liao Bencang.

“These tough words are meaningless at this time. Everyone can fight in the three thousand worlds!”

Following that, all the heavenly geniuses snorted and began to scatter. A satisfied smile slowly crept across Enpuda’s face.

Chapter 3719: Xia Chen’s Shortcomings

“Xia Chen, when did you get so powerful?! That He Changtian wasn’t even a match for you. How could you hide this from me? You even made me worry about you!” Within the restaurant, Guo Ran cried out indignantly. From start to end, Xia Chen had been fighting in a graceful and suave manner before completely crushing He Changtian. It was overflowing with the style of an expert.

“No, you really do need to worry about me. Let’s go!” Xia Chen rose.

“Where are we going?” asked Guo Ran. The five of them had just sat down and ordered more food. They hadn’t even had a chance to eat yet, but the two of them were going now?

“Where do you think we’re going? We have to set up a stall! In that battle, I used up all the profit that we just made. If I don’t make some more, what am I going to use in the three thousand worlds?!” said Xia Chen bitterly.

That battle definitely was suave. But having used up so many talismans, it would be a lie to say that it didn’t hurt. Talisman Masters fought by burning money. Although Xia Chen had plenty of money by following Long Chen, giving him a thick foundation, in order to be safe, he always had to keep a large stock of them.

The most frightening thing for a Talisman Master was running out of talismans. Thus, every Talisman Master would make sure that they kept an ample stock of them.

Although the food had just arrived, Xia Chen was in no mood to eat. He had to make up for his losses this time. Hence, he only managed to say a few words with Xia Guhong and the others before being in a rush to make more money.

“Why don’t you set up the stall yourself? I’ve pretty much sold everything that I have to sell. I need the rest of the things for my own research. Also, it’s not like I can help you anyway...” Guo Ran didn’t really want to move.

“You have to help me sell them! I’ll inscribe more, while you help me swindle people- no, not swindle, just be a good seller. Don’t I need a good businessman to sell my wares?” said Xia Chen.

Guo Ran wanted to keep arguing, but he was dragged away by Xia Chen. Xia Chen didn’t give him a chance to be lazy.

With the two of them leaving, it was just Long Chen, Yu Qingxuan, and Xia Guhong at the table. Seeing Guo Ran's unwilling expression as he was dragged away, Yu Qingxuan laughed.

At the same time, she felt moved. She could clearly feel the close bond between Long Chen's group of three. That was something that she had never had in this lifetime. She had never thought that people could have such a level of trust in each other.

She had been in the Blazing Heaven Divine Sect ever since she was a child. Although her master was Dongfang Zichu, she didn't spend a large amount of time with him. Normally, it was the servants in the Blazing Heaven Divine Sect that looked after her.

Everyone respected her, but she had no companions, no childhood friends. The only thing she liked was cultivation and alchemy.

Yu Qingxuan had previously not felt anything in particular about that kind of life. That was because that was simply her life. She had thought that this was what life should be.

But when she grew up and began to experience more, she found that other people had friends. They had companions that played and braved danger together with them. It was at that time that she felt a certain emotion called loneliness.

She tried to make friends, but her status and position made it so that she was far above others. Even if she tried lowering her attitude, the reverence that others had for her position created a wall between them and her.

Some people also only came to her in pursuit of medicinal pills. She was the Pill Fairy. Any pill that she gave away was a life-changing treasure to others. Hence, Yu Qingxuan tried to sincerely help others, but she still wasn't able to feel any sincere friendship. No one viewed her as a friend.

Thus, when she encountered Long Chen, his firm gaze moved her. In this lifetime, she finally experienced the taste of wholeheartedly trusting someone.

Seeing them act without reservation between them, she felt moved. To be surrounded by a group of people that you could fully trust was a blessing that could not be described with words.

"Xia Chen truly is powerful. However, talisman cultivators are infamous for being money-burning existences. Long Chen, you have to be mentally prepared," said Xia Guhong with a smile.

"It will be fine. After all, other than fighting and killing, I also have some occasional business," said Long Chen.

"Is your business plundering the Soaring Dragon Company?" laughed Xia Guhong.

"It can't count as plundering. At most, it can be considered robbing the rich to help the poor. In any case, they didn't earn their money cleanly. As long as they refuse to admit to that matter, I can keep plundering them with no qualms," said Long Chen very naturally, as if this was simply right.

Long Chen already explained what the Soaring Dragon Company had done to him. Yu Qingxuan despised the Soaring Dragon Company for using innocent people as sacrifices, so she felt no problem with Long Chen plundering the Soaring Dragon Company.

Xia Chen and Guo Ran had just left when a ruckus came from below. The Vermilion Bird Empire's experts didn't feel right going up to the restaurant with them, yet they also didn't dare to go too far. Thus, they were just roving the area around the restaurant.

When Xia Chen and Guo Ran came out, they asked the two of them what they were doing. Hearing that they wanted to set up a stall for business, the Vermilion Bird Empire's people immediately volunteered to help them.

Xia Chen quickly found a suitable spot. This was actually an occupied spot, but the person who had set up their stall here was selling items that were extremely specialized, and thus there weren't many buyers.

Xia Chen then directly gave him three talismans to get this spot. Seeing the talismans, that person immediately gave up his stall, and Xia Chen started inscribing talismans right in front of everyone, while Guo Ran was in charge of selling. As for the Vermilion Bird Empire's disciples, they were drumming up business, calling out the bystanders. A crowd quickly formed.

Xia Chen's fame soared in this place. He had easily killed a Supreme expert, He Changtian. Hence, countless people had witnessed just how powerful his talismans were.

Seeing Xia Chen creating and selling talismans right there and now, countless people came to buy them. However, Xia Chen no longer had that many extra talismans to sell. After they were all gone, they could only wait for him to make more. A long line then formed. His business was doing excellent.

Xia Chen naturally wasn't inscribing any talismans that were too high level. Creating those talismans took too long. He only made the simpler ones at the moment, but these simple ones were also very useful. For example, Spatial Transportation Talismans, Appearance Transforming Talismans, Body Concealing Talismans, Aura Suppressing Talismans, Body Substitute Talismans, etc. They weren't very powerful but could save their lives.

For these talismans, Xia Chen had arranged many inscription fluids. With his brush, he made one with a wave of his hand. After that, a sheet of paper that had looked completely ordinary instantly gave off lively fluctuations. Even personally seeing it, people had difficulty believing.

While Xia Chen made and sold the talismans, the buyers that had materials for talismans, formations, or other talismans had priority. That was what Xia Chen was lacking. When it came to immortal king crystals, he wasn't particularly interested.

Xia Chen had a thrumming business now with countless people coming to buy from him. Fortunately, he had the help of the Vermilion Bird Empire's disciples, or if it was just Guo Ran alone, it would be completely chaotic.

"Qingxuan, why don't we set up a stall too? You refine pills in front of everyone, and I'll raise the price. We'll split the profit fifty-fifty." Seeing Yu Qingxuan smiling as she watched Xia Chen and the others' busy figures, Long Chen sensed that she was very interested.

"No. If eunuch Wei learns of it, he'll prattle for a long time. He'll even report it to my imperial father and get me scolded." Yu Qingxuan shook her head somewhat helplessly.

Suddenly, rumbling sounds rang out from the distance, and the originally clear and sunny sky became dark. Long Chen's heart shook. Raising his head, he saw black devil qi covering up the sky.

"Now it'll be interesting. Another opponent has come."

Chapter 3720: Old Enemies of the Devil World

"The devil world's experts have come!"

As the black clouds covered the sky, startled cries rang out. Most of the experts then stared vigilantly at the oncoming darkness. Some of them even had expressions of terror.

Devil qi filled the air. Within it, they saw countless lifeforms with the devil world's aura. Their gazes were icy, overlooking the humans with cold sneers.

The devil race. They had always been the enemy of the human race, and there was an irreconcilable enmity between the two races. The devil race viewed the human race as food, as nourishment. They even called them pills in human form.

Countless wars had been fought between the two sides. After every battle, both sides took hideous losses. Afterward, both sides would slink away and lick their wounds.

However, when they weren't in wars, there would often be some entanglements between them, especially in places where the devil world bordered the human world.

There were even places where humans and devils lived together. There, they would carry out business between the two races. Sometimes, there would even be marriages between the two races, producing mix-blooded descendants.

However, the next war that erupted would result in those mix-blooded descendants being hunted down by both the human race and the devil race; neither side accepted their existence. They felt like the mixed-blooded people should have never appeared in this world.

Then after the war, the two sides would have a long period to recover, and once more carry out business, and once more intermarry. This was truly an inexplicable phenomenon, and yet neither the human race nor the devil race was able to stop it.

Thus, during times of peace, although the human race and the devil race viewed each other as enemies, it wasn't to the point of immediately slaughtering the other side as soon as they met.

However, although they wouldn't directly attack, everyone knew that if they had a chance, both sides would not hesitate to wipe out the other.

Thus, when the devil race's experts descended, the humans instantly tensed. Some hot-blooded heavenly geniuses were already clenching their weapons, wishing to slaughter the devil race. That was every human's mission and an opportunity for glory.

The black clouds and devil qi covered this land. It was a shocking scene. The number of lifeforms within the black clouds numbered in the hundreds of millions, and they coldly overlooked the human race. But they seemed to have no intention of fighting.

There were countless terrifying auras amongst them. Other than the auras of Divine Venerates, people also sensed Supreme auras. They had their own Supreme heavenly geniuses.

The devil race's experts whizzed over aggressively. But they weren't coming directly to where the human race had settled down. Instead, they went to a rather secluded place outside.

"Is this a show of might?" Long Chen eyed the devil army with a mocking smile.

The devil race came in such a grand manner, causing a huge commotion. Clearly, it was an announcement to the human race that the devil race had come. It was a warning.

Once the devil army landed on the ground, the devil qi slowly dissipated and the black clouds vanished. The world once more became bright, but now there were hundreds of millions of devil experts.

Some of those devil experts were as large as mountains, while some were as small as babies. There were all kinds of strange forms. It was a large mix of races.

Also, they had over a hundred Divine Venerates, and the half-step Divine Venerates numbered in the tens of thousands. The sight of so many experts was extremely shocking.

Amongst the Divine Venerates, four in particular had large blades on their backs. Their ferocious faces truly made them look like monsters. They had horns on their heads and fine fur on their bodies. Their auras were terrifying.

Their gazes shot toward Long Chen's side when they appeared. Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan's hearts shook. It was like bloodthirsty beasts were staring at them.

"The Alldevil race's monsters! They're looking at..."

Long Chen instantly recognized that the auras of those four monsters were a bit similar to Alldevil Tianye's aura. They had to have a certain connection with him.

Being stared at by them, an intense sensation of danger welled up within Long Chen. Those four monsters were terrifying. Even just a gaze from such a distance made Long Chen feel extremely uneasy.

Most shocking of all was that the focus of their gaze wasn't him. It was Xia Guhong.

"Big brother, do you know them?" asked Long Chen.

Xia Guhong stared at those monsters. A cold light slowly appeared in his eyes, and he nodded.

"I know them. When I slaughtered my way into the devil world, it was them who drove me back in the end."

Long Chen gasped. So these four monsters were from the same generation as Xia Guhong. They had even seriously wounded him.

"At that time, there were eight of them. I killed four before they managed to severely wound me. Perhaps this is the will of the heavens, for us to once more meet." Xia Guhong eyed them with a trace of grief, but more so, killing intent.

Long Chen knew that Xia Guhong was thinking of his past. Even after so many years, he was still full of hatred for the Alldevil race.

“Big brother, let’s attack them right now. You handle the old ones, and I’ll handle the small ones,” said Long Chen, eyeing the devil army.

Yu Qingxuan jumped in shock. His guts were too big, weren’t they? He wanted to attack the devil army with just him and Xia Guhong? Was he serious?

It had to be known that the devil army, by a conservative measurement, had thousands of Supreme heavenly geniuses amongst them, even more than the human race.

Xia Guhong smiled and shook his head. “When I came out this time, I promised the High Priest not to release my anger due to my personal affairs. I won’t attack due to selfish reasons. Otherwise, I won’t be able to face him again. My mission is just to protect you. Perhaps the arrival of these old opponents was entirely within the High Priest’s predictions. This can be considered a test for me.”

Long Chen could hear the reverence and worship that Xia Guhong had for the Wine God Palace’s High Priest. Hence, Long Chen regretted never having a chance to see him and couldn’t help being curious.

Just what kind of existence was the High Priest to make a peak hero like Xia Guhong feel worship for him? The High Priest was even able to draw in an expert from the winged devil race to the Wine God Palace.

Long Chen could sense that every single person within the Wine God Palace was extraordinary. However, those people were all willing to live an ordinary life, immersing themselves entirely in the Wine Dao without involving themselves in the outside world. The Wine God Palace itself was an enigma, and so was the High Priest.

Xia Guhong ignored those four devil monsters. As for the four of them, after staring at Xia Guhong, they began to talk amongst themselves. It was unknown what they were discussing.

BOOM!

Suddenly, a heaven-shaking explosion blew apart the void, and a pair of heaven-covering wings appeared. Countless giant figures flew out from a spatial channel.