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Chapter 4081: Sage King Convention

In the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, there existed countless races and channels to other major worlds. In other words, compared to other heavens, it was possible to directly enter the Netherworld, Devil World, Undying World, and other worlds from here

Based on the historical records, after the Nirvana Overflow Heaven underwent that great battle, the flames of war spread throughout all worlds, piercing the walls between them. Even now, they had not healed.

This resulted in there being many pathways to other worlds from here. Since it was possible to directly reach the Netherworld from here, Long Chen instantly thought of Leng Yueyan and Ming Cangyue, as well as his brother, Wu Tian.

He hadn't known Wu Tian for long, but the two were truly like-minded and were sincere brothers. He could tell that Wu Tian felt the same toward him.

Their fates were extremely similar, as were their characters, resulting in them being close. However, Wu Tian's situation was not much better than Long Chen's. He had even more enemies than Long Chen, and they were also stronger.

"If I have a chance, I'll definitely go take a look in the Netherworld." Long Chen took a deep breath and settled this. The world was enormous, and with his current power, he was too miniscule.

However, even so, arriving at the Nirvana Overflow Heaven brought him endless drive. If the Nirvana Overflow Heaven was connected to every major world, then his old friends would also be coming soon.

After getting a general understanding of the situation between the races and worlds of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, Long Chen then focused on the human race's information. When he read through it, he couldn't help sighing.

He was shocked to find that over half of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven's human forces were subordinates to Lord Brahma.

It had to be known that this was the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Those who could actually establish a footing in this world had unimaginable power.

Just what kind of power did Lord Brahma possess to make the majority of the human race here loyal to him? This was beyond Long Chen's expectations.

"Lord Brahma has not revealed himself in countless years, and the name of Divine Venerate Brahma is also something from countless years ago. No one knows what realm he has reached now. Has he already become Eternal? Otherwise, how could so many powers submit to him?"

Long Chen had known that Lord Brahma would be incredibly powerful. Otherwise, there was no way that a crafty schemer like Enpuda would be so loyal to him.

If Lord Brahma had truly reached the Eternal realm, then he would truly be terrifying. It had to be known that he was a god cultivator, and god cultivators were almost unmatched in the same realm. If Lord Brahma was an Eternal expert, then he had to be one of the strongest experts within the Eternal realm.

"Fuck, how is this bastard so powerful?!"

Long Chen cursed inside. Originally, he had thought that the distance between him and Lord Brahma was shrinking. But the closer he got, the more he realized that what he had seen was just the tip of the iceberg.

It seemed that he couldn't truly fight Lord Brahma yet and still had to be careful. Before he had the power to challenge his subordinates, it would be foolish to go at him directly.

Long Chen also found that the human race had many domineering existences here. Some experts from mysterious sects and powers caused even the other races to feel great trepidation.

Amongst those forces were the four immemorial sects: the Zither, Chess, Calligraphy, and Painting Sects. They rarely fought with the rest of the world, but their reputation was such that even the other races didn't dare to provoke them.

What Long Chen found particularly surprising was that the Wine God Palace was also present here. Long Chen didn't know why Xia Guhong hadn't mentioned it to him.

However, the Wine God Palace in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven was in tatters. It was said that it became ruins after the immemorial battle.

These ruins still had terrifying laws that prevented even Heaven Venerates from entering. Even getting close would make them light-headed, as if they were drunk. To his surprise, he found that some people had died of alcohol poisoning near the ruins.

Thus, this place was called the Wine God Palace, as well as the ruins of the Wine God. Legend was that Wine God's portrait was present inside the ruins, but no one knew the truth of that.

Many people had asked the Violet Flame Heaven's Wine God Palace to provide confirmation, but the latter never did. If the Wine God Palace was still present, why did they not repair the ruins? It was puzzling to the outside world.

Other than the four immemorial sects, there were other ancient inheritances as well. However, they were mostly low-key and rarely interacted with the outside world. As a result, people only knew their names, but not their true bodies.

Of course, no one dared to test them either because anyone who had previously done that had perished.

Other than the four immemorial sects and those mysterious powers, the most conspicuous forces would have to be the eight Eternal clans. They were all said to be part of the Heavenly Divinity race: the Long, Ye, Jiang, Zhao, Ji, Wang, Wei, and Qin clans.

Contrary to the other human forces, these eight clans were not low-key. Their activity was spread over a wide area, and they also had business with other races.

These eight clans were extremely powerful, nurturing innumerable prodigies who emerged with each passing day. Also, their relationships with other races were a mix, with them being friendly to some and hostile to others. But due to their immense power, even other races did not wish to provoke them.

It could be said that the eight Eternal clans were the representatives of the human race here. They were what intimidated the other races. If there was a war between the human race and other races, it was always these eight clans that mediated things. Normally, the other races would at least give some face to these eight clans.

Since that was the case, the eight clans were gradually pushed into being the representatives of the human race in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Of course, this only happened after they received approval from certain forces.

However, some mysterious forces with ancient inheritances didn't show any interest in them. The four immemorial sects were also uninterested, being only spectators. As long as others didn't provoke them, they wouldn't provoke others.

"No wonder the Ye clan was so arrogant. It seems that they really view themselves as overlords of the human race. No one from the human race can defy their will," said Long Chen.

The most active members of the human race were the eight Eternal clans, so they were practically in control over all the human race's activity. Moreover, any forces that could compete with them simply ignored them, resulting in them being so arrogant.

"The Long, Ye, Jiang, Zhao, Ji, Wang, Wei, and Qin clans. I wonder what kind of relationships they have between themselves? If they are all united, it will be a bit troublesome." Long Chen frowned.

According to the information that he had, the eight clans had little to do with Lord Brahma's forces. They seemed to be afraid of him though and didn't get involved with him.

Anyway, Lord Brahma was Long Chen's mortal enemy, and now the Ye clan was also his enemy. It was not a good situation to be in.

"Boss, the guild master wishes to see you." Just then, Guo Ran came in.

"Invite them in," said Long Chen hastily. This was their territory, so he couldn't be rude.

"Mister Long Chen, we just received some information today. I think that you will be very interested in it." The guild master smiled and handed Long Chen a golden invitation card.

"Sage King Convention?"

Long Chen was confused when he saw the words on the invitation.

Chapter 4082: Sage King Crown

"This is one of the largest conventions of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. All the Immortal Kings of the nine heavens and ten lands will come to compete for the Sage King Crown," said the guild master.

"Everyone in the nine heavens and ten lands?" Guo Ran was delighted to hear that. He and Long Chen thought of the same thing. Wouldn't that mean that the Dragonblood Legion would be reunited?

"Ah, a slip of the tongue. Only the most apex Immortal Kings of the nine heavens and ten lands will come. Normal geniuses would only be qualified to watch," said the guild master.

"Can you explain what this Sage King Convention is in detail?" Long Chen was instantly interested.

This Sage King Convention actually had a longer name: Nirvana Overflow Ten Thousand Race Sage King Convention.

Every time it was held, its contents were different. Also, it wasn't held by any one person or power but automatically held by the Sage King World.

The Sage King World was in the center of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, a wild land that no one showed any interest in during normal times.

However, every few hundreds of thousands of years, or perhaps even millions of years, the Sage King World would open, and the Sage King Martial Stage would descend. It was said that the Sage King Martial Stage was created jointly by the ancestors of the ten thousand races in the primal chaos era, so it contained the karmic luck of ten thousand races. It was only through their combined efforts that it was constructed.

Anyone from any world, from the initial Immortal King realm to the full circle of the Immortal King realm, could attend this convention.

Legend had it that there was once a period of comparative peace in the primal chaos era, and a major reason for this period of peace was the Sage King Martial Stage.

It was said that the construction of the Sage King Martial Stage was proposed by the Spirit Race's Sage Emperor. He was the one who had led the ten thousand races in drawing up the agreement and laws of the stage.

In the primal chaos era, the Sage King Martial Stage was activated once a century, and the winner would obtain the Sage King Crown.

This so-called Sage King Crown was the karmic luck that the Sage King Martial Stage had accumulated from the nine heavens, and it would all fall to one person, the champion.

What was interesting was that the person who obtained the Sage King Crown essentially had a one hundred percent chance of reaching the Eternal realm.

With the Sage King Crown, there would be no bottlenecks. Even if you just slept all day, the Heavenly Daos would merge power and comprehension into your body, and it lasted all the way until you reached the Eternal realm.

"Is this real?!" Long Chen jumped in shock. This Sage King Crown was basically cheating.

"Of course it's real. However, in the current era, things have changed. The Sage King Martial Stage used to appear every century, but now it takes hundreds of thousands of years to millions of years before it can form. That is because it needs to condense enough karmic luck before it appears. In the primal

chaos era, it only took a century. But now there is less energy in the world, and everything has changed. Counting the years, it has been a full eight million years since the last opening of the Sage King World. Furthermore, in these eight million years, no Eternal expert appeared in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Clearly, even with the support of the Sage King Crown, it is not so easy to enter the Eternal realm," sighed the guild master.

Eight million years, and no one had reached the Eternal realm? Then it really had to be difficult. No wonder he said that all the apex geniuses of the nine heavens and ten lands would come.

Becoming Eternal? That would be the true peak of the immortal world. Someone like that would even be able to fight Lord Brahma. Upon thinking of this, Long Chen's heart was instantly set ablaze.

"Ah yes, the Sage King Crown isn't the only treasure there. Anyone who enters the top ten thousand will receive the blessing of karmic luck, and the top thousand will obtain primal chaos qi that cleanses the body and soul. Starting from the top hundred, they will have their pick of various divine weapons, battle armor, medicinal pills, cultivation techniques, Battle Skills, and other treasures. Even just getting in the top ten thousand is no small thing. Obtaining the karmic luck blessing alone will give a person more acknowledgment from the Heavenly Daos. To the Heavenly Daos, it would be like you were their son. The support of karmic luck is something extremely desirable, let alone the cleansing of primal chaos qi. You should know that the Sage King Martial Stage needed eight million years to gather the energy for these rewards, so they definitely aren't ordinary. Thus, as long as they receive word of this, every major power's heavenly geniuses will go crazy. Heavenly geniuses that have been sealed for countless years will also awaken. At the time, the Sage King Convention will truly be a land of heavenly geniuses."

"Excellent! Then I'll be able to see Meng Qi, Chu Yao, Wan-er, Zi Yan, Mingyu, Zhiqiu, Xiaoqian, and the others." Long Chen's heart was set ablaze. He had previously been thinking about how to reunite with everyone.

But now, his opportunity had come. Long Chen believed that everyone would see each other again soon. The Dragonblood warriors would know that Long Chen would attend, and so they would definitely do everything they could to come over.

"The Sage King Martial Stage is in the midst of activating. It will probably be fully activated in half a year. Mister Long Chen, you have to make your preparations in advance. If you need anything from my Huayun Trading Company, just ask. Don't stand on courtesy."

"I truly do need your help. I have some things on hand that I don't need, and some materials that I do need." To the side, Guo Ran finally had a chance to interject.

In the three thousand worlds, Guo Ran and Xia Chen had gained countless treasures. However, they didn't have an immediate use for most of them. Later on, they were always too busy to deal with them.

Now, they finally had a chance, so Guo Ran naturally wouldn't let it go. He directly tossed out all the divine weapons and battle armor and various oddities from the three thousand worlds. Keeping them on hand was a waste of space.

The majority of these treasures were obtained from that odd tomb. Many of the divine weapons had already rotted, and some of the runes had lost their spirituality. However, they did have some value in terms of research.

In Guo Ran's hands, they naturally weren't worth any money, as they had long since made copies of the runes. However, by giving them to the Huayun Trading Company who could sell them to people who needed them, they could get a huge amount of money.

Most importantly, the Huayun Trading Company's business channels were incredibly widespread. They were always able to find a suitable buyer. When Guo Ran took out these treasures, even the experienced guild master was moved. He immediately called over some appraisers. Just like Long Chen, Guo Ran didn't even look at how they calculated it. He simply handed a list to the guild master.

After that, Guo Ran directly asked them to gather the materials on the list. If the value of the treasures that he took out wasn't high enough, he told the guild master to directly ask for money from Long Chen.

Hearing this, Long Chen rolled his eyes. It seemed that even now, he had to be raising Guo Ran. However, there was no way around it. Who asked him to be the boss?

Long Chen also took this chance to toss out a random assortment of items that he had in the primal chaos space. Anything that he couldn't use, he took out.

He directly said that if it had value, sell it, and if it didn't have value, just throw it out. In any case, he fully trusted them.

At this time, another elder of the Huayun Trading Company suddenly came running over. His expression was rather serious.

"What is it?" asked the guild master, startled.

"The Soaring Dragon Company's people have come. They're probably here for mister Long Chen."

Chapter 4083: Business Dao, Human Dao

The Soaring Dragon Company?

Long Chen was startled. They had actually come here? Did they come to look for him?

Long Chen and the Soaring Dragon Company shared a tumultuous history, marked by an indelible stain of bloodshed. The Soaring Dragon Company's people were responsible for the tragic demise of the last surviving siblings from the Bai clan, an act that had left an unquenchable thirst for vengeance in Long Chen's heart.

The brother and sister, known for their inherent purity and kind-heartedness, fell victim to a web of manipulation and extortion orchestrated by the Soaring Dragon Company, and Long Chen didn't have a chance to save them.

Thus, in Long Chen's heart, the Soaring Dragon Company's destruction was already set in stone. However, due to various matters, he hadn't found time to cause trouble for the Soaring Dragon Company.

Now, they had actually come to him, obviously not with good intentions. Judging by the swiftness with which information flowed between the Violet Flame Heaven and the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, it was highly likely that news of his plundering of the Soaring Dragon Company had just reached their ears.

Whether it was the Huayun Trading Company or the Soaring Dragon Company, they had no way to directly transmit news between two heavens. Otherwise, the information on the Earth Cauldron's appearance would have long since spread throughout the Nirvana Overflow Heaven.

After all, to reach the Nirvana Overflow Heaven from other heavens, it was necessary to cross the heavenly river between the Nirvana Overflow Heaven and the Violet Flame Heaven. There was no way to use a transportation formation across heavens.

Even the High Firmament Academy, with their foundation stones, could only move between the Darklight Heaven and the Violet Flame Heaven. But it was impossible for them to directly reach the Nirvana Overflow Heaven.

Thus, the information from the Violet Flame Heaven would take at least half a year to reach the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. In other words, it had been half a year since Long Chen had started plundering the Soaring Dragon Company.

However, that estimation was during normal times. Just yesterday, a huge change had gone through the Nirvana Overflow Heaven—the appearance of the Sage King Martial Stage was reported to have caused even the heavenly river to change. It seemed that the fiend eyes had been affected by some unknown force and had closed.

With this, there was no need to go through long detours in the heavenly river, and it was possible to cross directly. Some Heaven Venerates also took advantage of this opportunity to cross the heavenly river, and they weren't attacked by the terrifying lifeforms within the heavenly river.

It seemed that the appearance of the Sage King Martial Stage had caused heaven and earth to become more peaceful. None of the major forces was willing to be wildly hostile.

After all, back when the Sage King Convention was first initiated, it was upheld by the ten thousand races, leading to an era of peace. So whenever it was held, the large races stopped attacking each other. They abided by the wishes of their ancestors and the agreements that they made.

More importantly than that, if anyone dared to launch any large-scale invasions against another race, there was a legend that it would be sensed by the Heavenly Daos, and the attacker would be struck by calamity.

There were plenty of legends regarding this matter. As for their veracity, no one was willing to be the test subject. But one thing was for sure: when the Sage King Convention occurred, most of the races of the nine heavens and ten lands wouldn't make any large movements. Unless they were forced to, they wouldn't lightly do anything during this time.

The Sage King Martial Stage had just appeared yesterday, so that was why Long Chen was sure that information about the battle of the Vermilion Bird Empire had not reached this place yet.

"Have them wait a moment. I'll arrive shortly." Seemingly used to such a thing, the guild master sent his reply indifferently.

"I'll go with you. I also want to see what the Soaring Dragon Company is planning," said Long Chen.

The guild master hesitated for a moment but then nodded, agreeing to go with Long Chen.

For this matter, it wasn't convenient for Guo Ran and the others to tag along. After all, it wasn't a fight. The Huayun Trading Company only talked about business, so Long Chen alone was enough to accompany the guild master.

"Guild master, our Huayun Trading Company conducts its business in good faith without cheating anyone. So, why is the Soaring Dragon Company capable of competing with you in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven?" asked Long Chen as he walked with the guild master.

Within the information that the Huayun Trading Company had given him, shockingly, the Huayun Trading Company only had thirty percent of the market share in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Yet, even more shocking was the fact that the Soaring Dragon Company owned sixty percent of the business here.

As for the remaining ten percent, it was taken by a bunch of random trading houses that couldn't compare to the Huayun Trading Company or the Soaring Dragon Company.

This proportion was incomprehensible to Long Chen. In his perspective, the Huayun Trading Company had consistently upheld the pinnacle of business ethics, at least in Long Chen's opinion. On the other hand, the Soaring Dragon Company was like a bandit group. There was simply no comparison.

"Their methods." The guild master smiled slightly.

"Oh? What do you mean?"

"Before joining the Huayun Trading Company, I was once a fugitive who walked the line between right and wrong. It was thanks to the Wealth God's guidance that I came to the Huayun Trading Company. There was a line in the Wealth Scripture that touched me profoundly, changing my fate. Translating it simply: every person is a businessman in the midst of exchanging goods for what benefits them. Everything that you have in your hands is a commodity. As long as there is enough benefit, those things can be sold for limitless money. Amongst those things are your youth, life, soul, and even faith. In the face of conflicting profits, you lose yourself and your direction, in the end, you are willing to use any means necessary to gain profit. Businessmen are truly frightening, because in their eyes, all things have a price tag. As long as the other side offers a high enough price, they are willing to do anything. Things that can be sold include family, friendship, love, truth, and faith. If a businessman with no faith is allowed to control this world, then this world will not be far from destruction."

"Senior's words are enlightening, truly admirable," praised Long Chen.

These words truly were enlightening to Long Chen. To put it another way, the Business Dao was also the Human Dao, because the nature of business was also the nature of humanity, so the two were connected.

"This is the Wealth God's divine teaching. It wasn't something that a foolish old fellow like me could come up with. When I joined the Huayun Trading Company, the senior who tested me asked me a question. In your heart, what cannot be sold?"

"And what was your answer?" asked Long Chen.

"I said my wife and children," laughed the guild master.

Long Chen also laughed. "And then what?"

"And then there was nothing."

"That can count as passing?" exclaimed Long Chen.

"Of course. I passed."

Long Chen nodded. "So that's the case. In truth, this question is asking where your bottom line is."

"Mister is wise. I was befuddled by that question for a long time before understanding that," said the guild master.

"Then I understand. The Huayun Trading Company has its bottom line, so it doesn't engage in certain businesses, for example, selling out their sense of justice, of right or wrong."

The guild master laughed and didn't reply. It seemed that this question didn't truly have an answer. After all, everyone had different opinions.

Long Chen couldn't help sighing. The Huayun Trading Company's people truly were admirable. On this point alone, there were countless inheritances that couldn't compare to them.

Most importantly, Long Chen could see that they were both selfless and fearless. Every one of them lived life to the fullest. That kind of satisfaction was something that Long Chen greatly envied.

"Long Chen, you brazen thief!"

Just as Long Chen and the guild master were laughing and talking, they walked into a large hall. But as soon as they walked in, they heard a savage shout.

Chapter 4084: Come At Me If You Have The Guts

As Long Chen walked into the hall, his gaze fell upon a group of over ten experts wearing the robes of the Soaring Dragon Company. In particular, their leader, a Heaven Venerate, was blazing with killing intent.

A couple of months ago, Long Chen might need to be a bit careful. But now, he no longer felt much fear toward Heaven Venerates.

His source of confidence was the completely refined Kunpeng wings. At this full speed, even Heaven Venerates could not catch him.

Moreover, the Dragonblood warriors' combined might was now enough to challenge Heaven Venerates. Even if they had to face a Heaven Venerate directly, they would still have the ability to fight.

Most importantly, Long Chen had seen so many Heaven Venerates that he no longer found them special.

The Soaring Dragon Company had sent over ten people, with one Heaven Venerate among their ranks and the rest Earth Venerates. Although they still had mighty Blood Qi and could not be considered elderly, making them much stronger than the average Earth Venerates that Long Chen had fought, it didn't matter. They were still Earth Venerate and unable to threaten him.

Looking at the Heaven Venerate indifferently, Long Chen curled his lips and said, "Can you not switch to a different opener? You don't need to praise me every time like that. I already know that I'm brazen, and my guts have always been big. If you keep praising me like that, I'll feel embarrassed."

"Impudent brat!" barked one of the Earth Venerates, reaching back for the hilt of his blade.

Long Chen's expression sank. "This conduct of yours is very dangerous. I know that you came to intimidate me, but that action will only anger me. As the Huayun Trading Company's land isn't for fighting, I don't want to have to kill you here."

This Earth Venerate was truly idiotic as he actually tried to use his qi to lock onto Long Chen and embarrass him.

However, he was far weaker than Long Chen, so his attempt was utterly futile. In Long Chen's view, he was like a mouse trying to brandish fangs at him, making Long Chen feel the urge to slap him to death.

At this distance, if Long Chen wanted to kill him, not even that Heaven Venerate would be able to stop him.

However, Long Chen felt great respect for the Huayun Trading Company, so he didn't wish to kill anyone on their territory.

In truth, he could have first slapped that idiot to teach him a lesson, but due to cultivating the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art during this time, his power had soared, leaving him unable to perfectly control it. He was afraid he might accidentally kill this Earth Venerate with his slap.

"You...!"

That Earth Venerate was enraged by Long Chen's disdain for him, but he was also shocked that he couldn't lock onto Long Chen. This indicated that Long Chen's power was very likely above his, and Long Chen's soul would have to be even stronger.

The Soaring Dragon Company's people were surprised by Long Chen's power. Based on their information, although Long Chen could defeat ordinary Divine Venerates, his power was below that of Earth Venerates.

However, all the Earth Venerates were unable to lock onto him, and that Heaven Venerate was also unable to see through Long Chen's spiritual fluctuations.

"Was our information false?"

A thought rose in all of their minds at the same time.

What they didn't know was that back then, Long Chen's power truly was below that of an Earth Venerate. It was only after Long Chen entered the Vermilion Bird Empire and underwent the trial by fire, starting to cultivate the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art, that he completely transformed. Although his realm hadn't changed, his power could not be compared to before.

"Everyone, let's talk nickel. Is there some misunderstanding between us? We can just resolve it with words. When doing business, it is amiability that makes you rich. Going to war is not the Business Dao," said the guild master.

Within the hall, there were only three experts of the Huayun Trading Company, so in terms of number, they were outnumbered by the Soaring Dragon Company. Furthermore, the Soaring Dragon Company had come ferociously, practically waving their weapons, exuding frightening killing intent.

At this moment, their Heaven Venerate angrily said, "Hmph, I came here today to demand an explanation from the Huayun Trading Company. Long Chen has looted dozens of my Soaring Dragon Company's strongholds in the Violet Flame Heaven. He is a hateful bandit who must be punished. For him to seek asylum in the Huayun Trading Company as soon as he arrives in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, he must be trying to shed responsibility for his actions. Furthermore, we suspect he is using your Huayun Trading Company to get rid of his stolen goods."

The guild master was about to reply when Long Chen took the initiative. "What are you talking about? We're all in the same profession. Why must we attack each other?"

"Who is in the same profession as you?!" barked the Heaven Venerate.

"How are we not? You plunder people secretly, while I plunder people openly. In essence, we're the same. Also, you treat others as sacrifices, taking their wealth and then offering their lives as a sacrifice. You not only take people's treasures, but you also kill them. As for me, I only take your wealth, not your lives. In this aspect, aren't I much better than you?" declared Long Chen indignantly.

While speaking, Long Chen kept a close eye on their reactions. The Earth Venerates were only further enraged, but Long Chen saw the flicker of panic in the Heaven Venerate's eyes.

It seemed that the matter of sacrifices was a high level secret in the Soaring Dragon Company, so only their most important members were aware of it.

"What nonsense are you spouting?" roared the Heaven Venerate. His expression was now one of a wrongfully accused victim, but icy killing intent now filled his eyes.

Wanting to kill someone to silence them? Long Chen instantly saw through his intentions.

"I'm sure everyone is well aware about whether or not I'm spouting nonsense. Do you really need me to speak more clearly? If you're wise, you'll scram now. Remember, don't throw dirty water on the Huayun Trading Company, or well... you understand." Long Chen chuckled at the Heaven Venerate.

This elder instantly understood. Long Chen wanted their enmity to not implicate the Huayun Trading Company. Otherwise, he would make this information public.

Hence, the elder was actually delighted to be told to scram. That meant that Long Chen was temporarily not planning on announcing anything.

"Hmph, my Soaring Dragon Company won't leave this matter be! You, Long Chen, will pay the price sooner or later!" declared the Heaven Venerate.

Long Chen simply smiled. This elder at least wasn't a complete idiot and could tell what Long Chen meant.

As long as they didn't implicate the Huayun Trading Company, they could come at him as they pleased, and he would accompany them to the end. Did they really think that he would stop after just plundering

a few of their branches? Did they think the enmity of the Bai clan's brother and sister would be settled just like that? They were too naive.

"Goodbye!"

The Soaring Dragon Company's Heaven Venerate cupped his fists to the guild master, flung his sleeve, and then led his party away.

Once they left, an Earth Venerate hastily asked that Heaven Venerate, "Senior, are we letting him off just like that?"

"Letting him off? Do you think that's possible? Inform the Shadow race that we want Long Chen's head! They can ask for any price."

A cold light appeared in the Heaven Venerate's eyes, while a sinister smile hung on his face.

Chapter 4085: The Situation

"Mister Long Chen, the Soaring Dragon Company will send endless assassins after you, as they are afraid of you publicly announcing this matter. In my opinion, they'll want to silence you as fast as possible." The guild master turned to Long Chen gravely once the Soaring Dragon Company's people left.

The guild master knew of the matter of the sacrifices, because back in the Violet Flame Heaven, Long Chen had passed this secret to the Huayun Trading Company.

However, Long Chen had not made this matter public and still kept it secret, waiting for a suitable moment to once more deal a grievous blow to the Soaring Dragon Company.

The Huayun Trading Company also didn't expose this secret. After all, they were businessmen who focused on business, so they didn't put much energy into such things.

Furthermore, since it was the secret that Long Chen discovered, if Long Chen didn't make it public, they wouldn't do it without Long Chen's approval either.

"My enmity with them has long since reached the point of no stop until death. Also, there are plenty of people in this world who want to kill me. One Soaring Dragon Company won't make the difference. If I don't toy with them to death, how will I make it up for the Bai clan's brother and sister? Anything is fine as long as it doesn't implicate the Huayun Trading Company," said Long Chen with a smile.

In truth, if Long Chen had announced this secret earlier, the Soaring Dragon Company would have simply pushed all the responsibility onto a few scapegoats, and after executing them for justice, this matter would have been covered.

Long Chen had long since seen through this play, which was why he was still waiting, or perhaps it should be said that now wasn't the time yet. As for the pursuit of the Soaring Dragon Company, he really didn't care.

Even if Heaven Venerates came after him, he could still run. And if they dared to attack him, he would dare to keep plundering their branches. It just so happened that he was worrying about not having a chance to get good treasures.

"Guild master, you mentioned that one of the reasons why the Huayun Trading Company isn't as great as the Soaring Dragon Company in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven is because they use any means necessary for their business. Then is there another reason?" asked Long Chen suddenly.

On the way here, Long Chen had chatted with the guild master, and the latter had said that there were actually two main reasons.

One reason was that many sects and powers were followers of Lord Brahma, and so they chose to work with the Soaring Dragon Company. It was said that the Soaring Dragon Company had a close relationship with Lord Brahma.

However, some powers weren't necessarily Lord Brahma's subordinates, but they were afraid of the Soaring Dragon Company abusing their power to intimidate them, so they had no choice but to work with the crooks. Thus, the guild master said that the Soaring Dragon Company would use any means necessary to conduct business.

In truth, this wasn't business. Frankly, it was being bandits. You had to do business with them whether you wanted to or not, or they would crush you.

These manners might appear lacking, but in truth, within the entire Nirvana Overflow Heaven, the human race's powers were essentially like that.

For example, the Ye clan. Many powers had been extorted by the Ye clan to do what they wished.

There was no way around it. Even if they weren't pressured by the Ye clan, other powers would subdue them. The Ye clan or the Soaring Dragon Company were all typical models of the human race in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven.

As for the Huayun Trading Company, they focused only on business and didn't participate in these kinds of politics, not forcing anyone to buy or sell to them. Although their reputation was unmatched, and countless people wished to do business with them, these people simply didn't have the guts.

Only some comparatively stronger powers dared to collaborate with the Huayun Trading Company without the need to fear the pressure from others. Some smaller powers also secretly collaborated with the Huayun Trading Company, but they were always tense and afraid of being discovered.

Thus, it was only natural that the Huayun Trading Company could not beat the Soaring Dragon Company. One was a nobleman; the other was a rogue.

"The second reason is due to the lack of medicinal pills that we can provide. Medicinal pills are the bloodline of any sect. In the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, the Sacred Pill Hall produces the majority of pills, and other than selling them themselves, they will also allow the Soaring Dragon Company to sell them. Thus, in order to obtain those pills, some powers have no choice but to collaborate with the Soaring Dragon Company," said the guild master helplessly.

Long Chen came to a sudden understanding. It seemed that the Sacred Pill Hall used the carrot and stick method. If you wanted their medicinal pills, you had to collaborate with their side, or you would get no pills.

"But that doesn't make sense. In the Violet Flame Heaven and the Darklight Heaven, the Huayun Trading Company's pill production isn't bad. Why can't you provide pills in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven?" asked Long Chen.

"It is due to the difference in laws here. In the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, it is many times more difficult to refine pills. Furthermore, natives who consume pills refined outside this heaven will find that they are much less effective. There will even be signs of rejection. Thus, even when our alchemists come to the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, we have great difficulty producing medicinal pills. The effect is worse, and the pill quality cannot be improved. This has been a problem for countless years, and we've never managed to find a good solution," said the guild master.

"There was such a thing? But Qingxuan was still refining pills yesterday, and she wasn't affected," said Long Chen.

"What? That's impossible!" Now, it was the guild master's turn to be shocked.

However, it was true. Yu Qingxuan had refined pills yesterday, but for fear of causing a disturbance, she had intentionally only refined treasure pills, not golden pills.

In truth, she had been paying close attention to the influence of the Heavenly Daos in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven on her Pill Dao. After all, she was very dedicated to the Pill Dao.

After hearing this, the guild master quickly gathered dozens of alchemists. They then all gathered in the Huayun Trading Company's specific alchemy room.

Yu Qingxuan refined a furnace of pills in front of them. This time, she didn't hold back, and that very day, tribulation clouds gathered in the sky, stunning the guild master and the alchemists around.

It had to be known that they had been refining pills here for countless years, but it was their first time seeing tribulation lightning.

When the lid opened, they saw two top grade golden pills. Even having watched the refinement, they still found it inconceivable.

"How can this be? Do you come from the Sacred Pill Hall?" asked an alchemist.

Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan were startled, and a sudden bout of comprehension directly struck them.

"Could it be ...?"

Although the two didn't say it, they were thinking the same thing—Dongfang Zichu.

The Sacred Pill Hall was one of Lord Brahma's four halls. As for Dongfang Zichu, he was an alchemy master, as well as a servant of Lord Brahma. Thus, he had to have a close relationship with the Sacred Pill Hall, and perhaps he even came from there.

In order to lower Yu Qingxuan's guard, and considering her shocking talent in the area of alchemy, he must have transmitted all his alchemy techniques to her. If not, Yu Xiaoyun would not have trusted him.

In Dongfang Zichu's view, Yu Qingxuan would be sacrificed sooner or later, so he had no misgivings about transmitting techniques to someone who would die soon. Doing so allowed him to gain their full trust.

However, Dongfang Zichu didn't pass on too many skills in terms of fighting. One reason was because Yu Qingxuan wasn't interested, while another reason was because he didn't wish for her to grow too strong to the point that she couldn't be controlled. Thus, in order to keep her vulnerable, he merely transmitted his full alchemy skills to her.

So, the fact that Yu Qingxuan was still able to refine pills with the same ease as before without being affected by the laws of the Heavenly Daos was all thanks to Dongfang Zichu.

"I wonder if..." started one elder.

"Mister Zisong! Please conduct yourself with dignity," said the guild master. He knew what this elder wanted to say.

Yu Qingxuan looked at Long Chen. Seeing him nod, she smiled.

"It's alright. I can transmit my alchemy skills to all of you."

Upon hearing this, even the guild master revealed an expression of absolute joy. They couldn't quite believe their ears.

Chapter 4086: Nirvana Divine Rune

"That... that's a bit inappropriate!" This sudden change left the guild master stuttering, well just a bit.

It had to be known that the Sacred Pill Hall's secret arts were unique, and they were only transmitted to the most devout followers of the Sacred Pill Hall. These techniques were what allowed them to refine pills easily in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven.

Over countless years, the Huayun Trading Company and other powers had longed to learn those secret arts. That was the only way they could break the Sacred Pill Hall's monopoly on the pill market.

The price of the Sacred Pill Hall's pills was incredibly high. However, no matter how high they raised the price, the demand never slowed down. As for the Soaring Dragon Company, they were an even bigger scammer and actually used auctions to sell these medicinal pills.

During their auctions, the Soaring Dragon Company's own people would make bids to drive the price up. Unless it reached their ideal price, they wouldn't sell the pills.

It could be said that the Soaring Dragon Company and the Sacred Pill Hall had gone too far in many ways, but there was no way around it. Unless all those cultivators suddenly stopped requiring medicinal pills, they had to let themselves be ripped off.

As a result, countless human experts sorrowfully said that the reason the human race was bullied to this extent was largely thanks to the Sacred Pill Hall's contributions.

If the Sacred Pill Hall wanted to make money, that wasn't a problem, but they couldn't be too evil. Roping in believers was also no problem, but it couldn't be done while harming the entire human race just for the development of Lord Brahma's followers.

The Sacred Pill Hall prioritized selling to Lord Brahma's followers. This was why Lord Brahma alone could occupy the majority of the human race's powers.

Hence, at this moment, if Yu Qingxuan could pass the secret arts to the Huayun Trading Company and they became capable of refining medicinal pills containing the laws of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, then the human race's entire structure would change.

The guild master was still filled with disbelief. Long Chen smiled and said, "There's nothing inappropriate about it. I really look down on the Sacred Pill Hall and Soaring Dragon Company's actions, so I won't ask for anything in exchange. As long as they're unhappy, I'm happy."

Seeing that Long Chen was serious, the guild master immediately gathered the core alchemy Elders of the Huayun Trading Company.

Yu Qingxuan directly shared the alchemy arts that Dongfang Zichu had taught her. As for what aspect of her technique was the main crux to being able to refine pills in this heaven, she was unaware of it. They would need to search for it themselves.

However, Yu Qingxuan's alchemy arts were vast, so these Elders would need some time to digest her extensive skills.

But then, the Huayun Trading Company had plenty of people in it, so such a thing was not difficult for them. After Yu Qingxuan shared her alchemy arts with them, the Elders immediately set off to secretly gather alchemy masters.

If they could resolve the problem of medicinal pills, many human forces would not be forced to submit to the Sacred Pill Hall or Soaring Dragon Company. Then the Huayun Trading Company would be able to wrest away some of their market dominance. As a result, there would probably be some changes in regard to those powers that only joined Lord Brahma for medicinal pills.

In order to allow these alchemists to comprehend the essence of her techniques faster, Yu Qingxuan even specifically explained some of the more profound aspects, adding her annotations and interpretations. Seven days passed just like that.

Finally, thanks to everyone's efforts, they found the crucial aspect of it—when Yu Qingxuan refined pills, she condensed a divine rune.

Yu Qingxuan said that this rune was something Dongfang Zichu taught her after she had obtained the Heavenly Rainbow Flame.

Furthermore, many of the pills that she had refined were taken by Dongfang Zichu. In truth, by that time, Yu Qingxuan's skill in alchemy had far surpassed Dongfang Zichu's.

This rune that Dongfang Zichu taught Yu Qingxuan was called the nirvana divine rune, and it stemmed from the original Nirvana Scripture.

He didn't tell Yu Qingxuan because he didn't want her to know certain secrets. Actually, just transmitting the nirvana divine rune to her was already a taboo.

However, in order to obtain those pills, he had no choice but to take that risk. In any case, Yu Qingxuan's life and death was under his control, so he didn't have that many misgivings about doing so.

But never in his dreams would he have thought that this action of his would cause endless trouble for Lord Brahma.

Once they found the nirvana divine rune, these alchemists immediately got to work. The first few volumes of the Nirvana Scripture were no secret, so many alchemists had a chance to read them.

Anyway, the nirvana divine rune was something only those who had trained in the Nirvana Scripture could condense. Fortunately, many amongst them had learned the Nirvana Scripture, and so they quickly condensed the nirvana divine rune.

When refining pills, by adding the nirvana divine rune to the pill furnace, the energy of the Heavenly Daos no longer showed any rejection at all. When the refinement was complete, even the guild master couldn't help jumping excitedly.

"The pill condensed! It really did condense! And the medicinal energy is the exact same as the Sacred Pill Hall's!" The alchemists cheered, and some were so emotional that they cried.

"The human race now has hope for rising. With these medicinal pills, the human race's overall power will quickly rise. We will no longer be bullied and slaughtered by others!" shouted one alchemist.

Long Chen was also moved. For these alchemists to be thinking of other people, of the entire human race first, it was truly rare. Most would be thinking about making more money or beating their competitors. This kind of aspiration, this kind of heart, it was something that those businessmen who only thought of money could not compare to. The Huayun Trading Company truly was a pure land in the business world.

The alchemists repeatedly thanked Yu Qingxuan and Long Chen. Now that they had the nirvana divine rune, they started gathering and raising alchemists in large numbers.

As for the matter of keeping it secret, Long Chen didn't have to worry about it. The Huayun Trading Company was always meticulous. The alchemists that they recruited and trained were fervent followers of the Wealth God, so they were definitely trustworthy.

The guild master expressed that he would immediately report this to the higher-ups, and the profits from the medicinal pills would quickly come down to them.

However, he also apologetically said that at the start, the medicinal pills might not make much money. After all, these medicinal pills were a must-have for the human race's development, and the Huayun Trading Company wouldn't use them to make such a huge profit. They had their own bottom line.

Long Chen replied that it was fine. The money was a minor matter. As long as it made the Soaring Dragon Company and the Sacred Pill Hall unhappy, he was happy. That was a typical case of someone with money not minding spending a lot for happiness.

Having collaborated for so long, both in the mortal world and in the immortal world, Long Chen was indebted to the Huayun Trading Company. Although it was called a joint collaboration, Long Chen was still very grateful to them.

Long Chen didn't participate in the rest of this matter, so Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan left the alchemy room. When they did, they found that there were now hundreds of barriers set up in the surroundings. From this, it could be seen just how importantly the Huayun Trading Company viewed this matter.

Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan then took this chance to stroll around, holding hands. It was their first time getting a break since arriving in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, and this rare moment of peace was spent roaming the Huayun Trading Company's flower garden.

This place was only for the people of Huayun Trading Company; its scenery was beautiful and peaceful. It was a place for their disciples to rest and relax.

Many people waved and greeted Long Chen when they arrived, but then made their excuses to leave, letting the two of them enjoy this place to themselves. That made Long Chen feel a bit embarrassed.

After a while, Long Chen and Yu Qingxuan arrived at a small lake. Just as they took out chairs to sit in, Long Chen's expression suddenly changed. He then pointed at a large tree, and in response, a gust of wind swept through the area.

Chapter 4087: Shadow Assassins

Yu Qingxuan jumped in shock, not knowing what had just happened. Just as she was about to ask whether Long Chen was seeing things, her expression suddenly changed when she noticed the tree's shadow moving on its own.

The tree's shadow swayed, and with a rustling sound, a black figure shot up the tree.

When a gust of wind pierced the tree, an abrupt explosion-like noise rang out, drawing the attention of the Huayun Trading Company's people. Following that, the sound of an alarm rang out and multiple grand formations activated.

Long Chen arrived at the bottom of the tree, looking at it. This tree was so large that it would take several people to wrap their arms around its trunk. From its surface, droplets of blood fell steadily.

Long Chen then rubbed the blood between his fingers and sniffed it.

"This aura is dark, and the blood is cold. Hmm, the fluctuations are strange..." Long Chen solemnly examined the blood on his fingers. Even as he spoke, the blood grew lighter and lighter, its red color slowly fading until it was like pure water. In the end, that water also evaporated as if it had never existed.

"What kind of lifeform is that?"

Yu Qingxuan walked over as well, stunned. She actually hadn't sensed it at all. How frightening.

"It should be an assassin from the Shadow race."

"Mister Long Chen!"

At this moment, the guild master also rushed over and examined the scene gravely.

"The evil spirit race's shadow spirit race?" asked Long Chen, his expression changing.

"Yes. The Shadow race specializes in assassination arts. Their natural talent allows them to freely switch between bodies of shadows and bodies of flesh and blood. Due to this, they can kill people and then vanish without a trace. Fortunately, mister Long Chen could see through their camouflage, or it would have been dangerous."

In terms of actual power, the Shadow race wasn't very strong. But their camouflage and assassination arts could not be guarded against. As a result, even Heaven Venerates might be killed by an Immortal King from the Shadow race.

"I didn't really manage to see through their camouflage. I sensed it when they tried to get close to me. But then, I couldn't lock down their position. It was when they moved into the shadows that Qingxuan's hairpin reflected light and exposed their position," said Long Chen.

At first, Long Chen had only sensed that someone was present but had been unable to tell their exact location. At that time, he was quite shaken, as he knew that he had encountered a master of disguise.

Originally, he had thought that the other side was hidden within the void. But no matter how he tried, he was unable to sense any spatial fluctuations. It was when Yu Qingxuan turned her head that the sunlight reflected off of her hairpin.

That light flashed by the tree's shadow, only to mysteriously vanish, so Long Chen almost instinctively attacked.

Long Chen's reaction speed was quite fast, but the enemy still managed to escape, not exposing their appearance at all.

"We have no enmity with the Shadow race, so why would they target us?" asked Yu Qingxuan.

"The Soaring Dragon Company must have asked them to. After all, the Shadow race has a close relationship with the Soaring Dragon Company. Some problems that the Soaring Dragon Company finds inconvenient to settle will be handled by the Shadow race. Sometimes, when a power offends the Soaring Dragon Company, their leaders will be assassinated by the Shadow race not too long after that. Their relationship is no secret in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. The Shadow race are assassins that the Soaring Dragon Company hires to wipe away any blockades stopping their growth. For now, I will increase the defenses around here. You should stay here for some time," said the guild master.

Long Chen smiled and said, "Guild master, you don't need to bother with it too much. I have experience dealing with assassins. So, if the Soaring Dragon Company wishes to play, I'll accompany them."

The guild master wanted to convince him, but Long Chen simply brought Yu Qingxuan away into seclusion. Seeing him go into seclusion, the guild master sighed with relief.

He thought that Long Chen had said some tough words for face, but in reality, he was still keeping his distance from the Shadow race.

"Long Chen, you don't need to face them directly. Instead, you should take this time to increase your cultivation base," advised Yu Qingxuan. She knew Long Chen's temper, so she didn't want him to spend so much energy on dealing with the Shadow race.

Long Chen said, "The main thing is that my cultivation path is different from everyone else's. It just so happens that I have nothing else to do at this time, and I was even thinking about how I could deal with them. After all, you can dodge them temporarily but not forever. I'll have to face them sooner or later. Don't worry, I won't do anything I'm not confident about. You can focus on your alchemy in peace. Once I've settled down enough, I'll make some minor adjustments."

Since Long Chen had said this, Yu Qingxuan didn't pester him and entered her own alchemy room.

As for Long Chen, he entered a cultivation room. Once the formation was activated, he asked, "Senior, I've waited a long time. It's about enough, right? If I keep waiting, I feel like I'm going to rust."

"You really lack patience. Fine, the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art's foundation has been ninety-nine percent complete. If you start merging with the laws of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven at this time, it won't affect the foundation. You can start," said the dragon expert, feeling a bit helpless.

Based on its plan, Long Chen should keep resting for about a month to see how the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art settled.

It had to be known that Long Chen's Dragon Soul Body Forging Art was in its most foundational stage. It was also the most important stage, so there couldn't be the slightest flaw.

As soon as there was a flaw in the foundation, there was no fixing it without tearing the whole thing down, which meant that Long Chen's future with the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art would be limited.

Although Long Chen's display had surpassed the dragon expert's expectations, in order to be safe, it was best to keep waiting a while longer on the off chance that there were some adjustments that needed to be done.

However, Long Chen was also unable to settle himself without cultivating after all this time. Even his emotions grew a bit unstable. If he were to wait another month while doing nothing, he might go crazy.

In the end, the dragon expert belonged to the dragon race and possessed an unimaginable lifespan. A month? That was nothing to it. But the human race's nature was frantic.

Although the dragon expert had never fully experienced what it meant to be human, it did understand Long Chen's character. Perhaps if it told Long Chen to keep waiting, he would rebel, so it helplessly agreed.

With the dragon expert's approval, Long Chen smiled and began to form hand seals.

The next moment, a seven-colored divine ring appeared. With the support of many formations, Heavenly Dao energy was sucked inside of the divine ring, and the laws of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven flowed into Long Chen's body.

Long Chen absorbed it all, not rejecting anything. The spiritual qi of heaven and earth poured into his body. As a result, his sealed cultivation base finally loosened.

"Hehe, it's time to exercise my fists in the Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Boss Long San is about to rise once more!"

Chapter 4088: Dragon Spirit Blessing

When the spiritual qi of heaven and earth was absorbed by the divine ring, the dragon-shaped runes in Long Chen's body began to slowly awaken. Gradually, an invigorating force surged through his body, akin to a bottomless supply of energy.

Long Chen had refrained from cultivation for a long time, and thus, the profound impact of this phenomenon caught him off guard, leaving him in a state of awe and wonder.

"The Nirvana Overflow Heaven is ranked second within the nine heavens. It is currently the world with the most perfectly preserved Heavenly Daos. In the Darklight Heaven and the Violet Flame Heaven, due to the Heavenly Daos being incomplete, your cultivation speed is limited. It is a bad thing, but also a good thing. It might have slowed down your advancement rate, but the good thing is even with the incomplete Heavenly Daos, you could still merge with the power of heaven and earth, which causes your body to thirst for the complete Heavenly Daos without you even being aware of it. Now that you are in this world with the complete Heavenly Daos, your body will rapidly assimilate the power of the Heavenly Daos, drawing you closer to them and increasing your rate of advancement. This is an advantage that the native experts here do not possess. The path of cultivation is like a race, so no one loses at the starting line. Just like that, running fast might not necessarily be a good thing, and running slow might not be a bad thing. In the end, what matters is how far you can run. As for you, you have always been too impatient, always running with your life on the line. It makes it easy for you to miss important things," said the dragon expert.

Long Chen had been constantly trying to increase his cultivation speed and had no time to stabilize his base. This was a problem he had from the start.

"I can't do anything else. Fate is like an invisible hand forcing me forward, and there's a boulder behind it chasing me. The moment I pause, it will crush me to death. What else can I do? I wish I could slack off too," said Long Chen sullenly.

The dragon expert didn't reply, but Long Chen suddenly said, "Senior, why don't you tell me about the Nine Star Master? Let me see a bit further, so I can plan my own future. Just like you said, I should follow the set order."

"Give it up. Just pretend I didn't say anything just now. Don't try to dredge anything out of me."

"…"

Long Chen had tried to get the dragon expert to divulge more secrets relating to the nine star lines many times, but the dragon expert's mouth was air-tight. It didn't let a single word slip.

Since the dragon expert refused to speak, Long Chen simply continued to absorb spiritual qi.

His body was like a dry riverbed greedily absorbing the rain. After receiving the nourishment of the spiritual qi, Long Chen felt like his body had become a part of heaven and earth.

Long Chen had never had such a feeling before, so he was pleasantly surprised. He felt like he had reached the realm of merging with heaven and earth, the realm belonging to Heaven Venerates.

"Senior, have I reached the height of a Heaven Venerate in advance?"

At this moment, Long Chen felt close to heaven and earth, as though their energy would follow his will. This energy was now swirling around his body.

When Long Chen extended a hand, Heavenly Dao energy instantly covered it. That feeling of having the world move as he pleased was beautiful.

"That is the dragon spirit blessing of the Heavenly Daos. When the dragon blood eggs first formed, they went to slumber. That is one reason I wanted you to wait; it was for the slumber to finish. The dragon blood eggs have now become dragon spirit eggs with the nourishment of the spiritual qi of heaven and earth, receiving special care from heaven and earth. Because of that, you naturally can control the power of the Heavenly Daos, and the feeling you have now does share commonalities with the power of Heaven Venerates. The only difference is the strength. Although my dragon race receives special favors from heaven and earth, we don't cultivate magical arts. Thus, even this special care will not provide you much help during battle, as it is only used to rapidly strengthen the physical body. As for using it in battle, I've never even thought of it. You can test it out yourself," said the dragon expert.

Only then did Long Chen realize that it was the effect of the Dragon Soul Body Forging Art. Even so, he was delighted.

Looking inside his body, he found that the dragon blood eggs had become golden and translucent. He then saw strange runes within them.

After three days of secluded cultivation, an explosive sound came from within his body, shaking the void. The next moment, giant cracks spread in every direction.

The training room that Long Chen occupied quaked, its sturdy walls fracturing. At this moment, countless formations were blown apart, and the ceiling disintegrated, giving way to a golden pillar of light that soared into the sky.

After that, a majestic dragon cry resounded throughout heaven and earth, a sign that Long Chen had advanced to the first Heavenstage of the Immortal King realm.

However, the disturbance was so great that Long Chen himself was stunned. This was a top tier training room, but it was still blown apart.

At this time, Yu Qingxuan, Guo Ran, Xia Chen, and the others ran in to see what was going on.

When they saw Long Chen's cultivation base, they instantly understood. Thus, seeing the state of his cultivation room, they got even more excited.

"Boss, you advanced to the first Heavenstage, but you already caused such a disturbance! Hehe, boss really is the boss. Now, we'll dominate the Nirvana Overflow Heaven," chuckled Guo Ran.

The stronger Long Chen was, the more excited they grew. He had just reached the first Heavenstage but already caused such a terrifying qi wave. In the future, just how powerful would their boss grow?

Having recovered from his shock, Long Chen hastily apologized to the Huayun Trading Company. Fortunately, the guild master simply laughed him off and praised him for being powerful. The aura that erupted from him advancing to the first Heavenstage was comparable to when others advanced to the Earth Venerate realm.

With this, Long Chen felt even more embarrassed, and he swore inside not to keep cultivating in this kind of training room.

After advancing to the first Heavenstage, Long Chen felt like he had become one with the Dao. With every move of his, the power of the Heavenly Daos followed him, and he had a constant supply of energy. It was a wonderful feeling.

Long Chen even had a feeling that he would be able to fight directly against Heaven Venerates. The current him was completely different.

Although it was just the first Heavenstage, Long Chen could feel the power of the Heavenly Daos working with him, something that had never occurred before. Thus, it filled him with confidence.

"Guild master, thank you for your care the past few days." Long Chen bowed to the guild master.

"Mister Long Chen, are you...?!"

"Yes. We're leaving."

"Are you sure? The Soaring Dragon Company and the Shadow race are waiting for you!" The guild master's expression changed.

"The path of cultivation is originally one where you must face difficulties head-on. You cannot retreat. If they want me, I can't let them wait too long."

No matter how the guild master urged Long Chen to stay, Long Chen had made his determination. So, he directly left the gates of the Huayun Trading Company.

Seeing this scene, the guild master hastily alerted the higher-ups. In his opinion, by going out like this, Long Chen had signed his own death warrant.

Furthermore, as soon as Long Chen walked out, he felt several subtle fluctuations. As a result, a sinister smile appeared on his face.

"I'll be able to get some practice now."

Chapter 4089: Plunder the Rich to Help the Poor

It was noon when Long Chen and the others walked out of the Huayun Trading Company, and the sunlight was bright. However, Long Chen could sense strange fluctuations in the shadows of countless buildings.

After advancing to the first Heavenstage, thanks to the dragon spirit blessing, Long Chen became closer to the Heavenly Daos, and so his perception increased.

To use the dragon race's words, this kind of perception was called a bloodline perception, which could sense any lifeform with Blood Qi.

On a higher level than that was the soul perception. After all, some lifeforms could seal their Blood Qi to avoid being detected.

However, the Blood Qi could be sealed, but the soul couldn't. Even if it really was sealed, this kind of concealment was meaningless.

Alas, Long Chen was not a member of the dragon race. Without a dragon soul, he could only use bloodline perception.

Even with that limit, it was already enough. Previously, Long Chen had only been able to sense the other side's killing intent but had been unable to lock down their position. But now, he could clearly sense over ten fluctuations in the shadows. As he walked, more of those fluctuations appeared.

It seemed that they were using some kind of method to move here through the shadows, leaving no spatial fluctuations. It was quite bizarre.

Long Chen acted as if he didn't notice them. He then smiled and said goodbye to the Huayun Trading Company, and simply swaggered down the road in the city. He had no intention of concealing himself whatsoever.

"Boss, where are we going?" asked Guo Ran.

"When your pockets and hands are empty, you have to root out the strong and support the weak, plunder the rich to help the poor," said Long Chen righteously.

"Hahaha, good!" Upon hearing this, Guo Ran and Xia Chen's eyes lit up with excitement.

"What does that mean?" asked Yu Qingxuan, her large eyes filled with innocent curiosity.

In an instant, Long Chen was put in an awkward position, and he didn't know how to explain himself. He couldn't directly tell her that they were going to loot people.

They quickly arrived at a set of buildings. Amongst them was a beautiful domed building with the name of the Soaring Dragon Company written in bold characters on top of it. It was then that Yu Qingxuan seemed to understand something.

The Soaring Dragon Company here was even greater than the Huayun Trading Company. The buildings were also even more majestic. In the Nirvana Overflow Heaven, anywhere the Huayun Trading Company was, there would also be the Soaring Dragon Company. Sometimes, the Soaring Dragon Company would be right across from the Huayun Trading Company.

This was why it didn't take them long to walk over to the Soaring Dragon Company from the Huayun Trading Company's gates.

As they walked toward it, Long Chen could sense more and more fluctuations appearing. Long Chen instantly realized that the Shadow race's people were hidden within the Soaring Dragon Company.

Previously, Long Chen had thought that the Soaring Dragon Company and the Shadow race were two villains working together, but in order to put on an act, they maintained a certain distance from themselves. Now, he found that he was wrong. They really were arrogantly open about their position.

It seemed that even these members of the Shadow race were very curious as to why Long Chen would leave the Huayun Trading Company. Furthermore, instead of running, he actually went directly to the Soaring Dragon Company.

Originally, Long Chen had sensed that these people were restless, seemingly about to attack at any moment. But now, they began to calm down, as if waiting.

Long Chen simply ignored them and swaggered toward the Soaring Dragon Company.

When Long Chen arrived in front of the gates, he smiled derisively. The Soaring Dragon Company's steps were very tall. You had to look up from here in order to see the guards at the gate.

How was this doing business? Business stressed two sides acting fairly from equal positions. But from the position of this gate, it showed the attitude of the Soaring Dragon Company. To do business with them, you had to lower your head first.

The two Divine Venerate guards at the gate looked down on Long Chen disdainfully. "Stop! You're-"

Long Chen sneered. It seemed that they clearly knew that he was coming. He refused to believe that the Soaring Dragon Company always had two Divine Venerates at the gates.

"I've come to collect taxes!"

Long Chen's Minghong Saber slashed down on the gate.

BOOM!

The entire city rocked and that giant gate was directly blasted into smithereens. As for the two Divine Venerates, they hacked up blood. The gust from that attack almost blew them apart.

They had not expected Long Chen to directly attack, challenging the Soaring Dragon Company head-on. That was insane.

BOOM!

Dozens of experts had been hidden behind the gate. Thus, when it exploded, they tumbled out wretchedly, smashing into the surrounding buildings and blowing them apart.

"Give me your money!"

Long Chen charged into the gate and roared. The entire city could hear him.

"Boss, aren't we here to collect taxes?" asked Guo Ran.

Long Chen glared at him. "Taxes need to be documented. Plundering people is faster. Get to work!"

"How dare you?! You little brat, you are courting death!" Just then, a furious roar rang out. Even before he appeared, Long Chen already recognized his voice. He was the Heaven Venerate who had gone to the Huayun Trading Company to threaten Long Chen.

As expected, he appeared, blazing with killing intent. But there was also a hint of excitement in his eyes. He had been in the midst of pondering how to silently kill Long Chen. But unexpectedly, Long Chen came straight to him. It was a nice surprise.

"This path was opened by me, these trees were planted by me! Everything here is mine! I'd advise you to not resist. After all, money belongs to the business, but your lives are your own. We're only here for money, not lives. If you don't resist, you can keep living!" shouted Long Chen.

"Hahaha!" The Heaven Venerate laughed furiously. This was the greatest joke that he had ever heard in his lifetime. Someone was trying to rob him? "You idiot, do you think this is the Violet Flame Heaven? Today, not one of you will be leaving alive! Activate the grand formation! Slaughter them all!"

The next moment, the entire Soaring Dragon Company floated into the air, and barriers lit up. Dozens of them activated, instantly turning this place into an inescapable prison.

"Long Chen, you can die with your secret!"

Once the barriers formed, the Heaven Venerate laughed and waved his hand, causing the world to darken. A sinister chill then appeared, sending shivers down everyone's spine. It was like they were transported into the darkness of night.

Long Chen also laughed. "Are you really looking down on me that much? A few Immortal King rookies wish to kill me?"

Long Chen suddenly stabbed his saber into the ground and summoned a sphere of lightning in his left hand. Just like that, the darkness of night was pierced. Under the light of the lightning, it was possible to see multiple figures charging at Long Chen with sharp blades in their hands.

Guo Ran, Xia Chen, and the others jumped in shock. They hadn't even sensed these existences nearing them.

Exposed by the lightning, they instantly fled like startled rabbits.

"Too late! World Extermination Lightning Radiance!"

The sphere of lightning exploded, transforming into a wave of berserk lightning that instantly devoured those lifeforms.

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In front of everyone's shocked gazes, those Shadow race lifeforms simply exploded. Their blood mist filled the air before suddenly vanishing.

The Soaring Dragon Company's Heaven Venerate was greatly shocked by this. The Shadow race's assassins were terrifying existences. How could they have been annihilated?

There were thirty-six Immortal King assassins, all of them at the peak of the Immortal King realm. However, even elite assassins that had been specially picked out were unable to endure a single attack from Long Chen.

It had to be known that any one of those thirty-six assassins was comparable to an Earth Venerate. Adding on the natural talent of the Shadow race, they even had the capability to assassinate a Heaven Venerate, so mobilizing thirty-six of them could already be considered giving Long Chen a high estimation. But unexpectedly, they were instantly annihilated.

"What idiots. As expected, you die as soon as the light of day touches you. Once you're exposed, you immediately think of hiding again. Assassins always run if they fail their attack, but by concealing yourself, you lose your defense. When that happens, a random attack with no gaps will instantly take your lives," sneered Long Chen.

Although he was not familiar with the Shadow race, he was very used to dealing with the Bloodkill Hall and the Nine Underworld Hall. Thus, he could predict their movements.

The reason assassins had such terrifying killing power was because they could instantly concentrate all their power during their assassination attack.

Assassins also had great fleeing capabilities because they had abandoned all thoughts of defense and offense in pursuit of greater evasion and concealment abilities.

Thus, an assassin would instantly flee after failing. But if they were caught, they couldn't do anything but be slain as easily as crushing a bug.

This Heaven Venerate only understood why the Shadow experts were slain so easily when he heard Long Chen say this. Although he had business arrangements with the Shadow race, he hadn't known about their fatal weakness.

"Hmph, so you have some skill, but it still won't change the fact that you're all dead! This old man will do it personally!" The Heaven Venerate sneered and extended a hand, materializing a spear in his grasp.

For him to use his personal weapon against a group of Immortal Kings, it could be seen that he wasn't looking down on Long Chen.

Long Chen told Guo Ran and Xia Chen, "Follow the plan. You'll be fine, right?"

"Of course. It'll be easy." Guo Ran gestured for Long Chen to relax. Summoning his battle armor, he led everyone straight to the rear of the Soaring Dragon Company.

"Fools! Die!" Seeing this scene, the Heaven Venerate was enraged. The direction that they were going was their treasury. Even at this time, the Dragonblood warriors were still thinking of plundering their treasury, treating him as nothing but empty air. Thus, he furiously stabbed his spear at them.

However, the moment he moved, a chilling killing intent locked onto him, causing his hair to stand on end.

With his divine ring lit up behind him and golden scales covering his body, Long Chen launched his saber, slashing down on the Heaven Venerate.

Long Chen had actually unleashed his full power in the blink of an eye. It was like a sheep had instantly become a dragon.

Before this, Long Chen wouldn't dare to unleash all his power like that because his body wouldn't be able to endure it. Yet, with his strengthened physique and the dragon spirit's blessing, his energy was now more elastic and flexible; it wouldn't harm him.

"What?!"

The Heaven Venerate's reaction was one of astonishment as he swiftly retracted his spear in a defensive maneuver. However, his manifestation barely materialized before Long Chen's saber struck him.

As a result, he was sent flying like a shooting star, smashing through countless buildings which directly exploded on contact.

BOOM!

In the end, the Heaven Venerate smashed into the barrier. He had flown from the front gate to the rear gate before bouncing back upon contact with the barrier.

Due to the impact, he coughed up blood. To his surprise, Long Chen's first blow had instantly injured him. Shock, anger, and a sense of encroaching fear then surged within him. After all, he had only evaded death by summoning his manifestation at the last possible moment.

He had thought that his power alone would be able to crush Long Chen and the others. Due to his carelessness, he hadn't even thought of summoning his manifestation.

At the same time, he had been worried about damaging this area. After all, this was their territory, and everything damaged would cost money to repair.

This misgiving almost cost him his life.

"Cloud Dragon Immolation Claw!"

Just then, Long Chen's roar resonated like the bellow of a celestial god, its intensity shaking the heavens. A resounding dragon cry followed suit. After that, from within his divine ring, a golden dragon claw emerged out of his divine ring.

Before this claw even landed, the earth had been torn asunder along with countless buildings. As for the Heaven Venerate, his clothes began to fly off of him in tattered pieces.

At that moment, he was completely horrified, unable to comprehend how an Immortal King could possess such terrifying power.

"Three flowers ignite the world, Venerate of the heavens!"

The three-colored world behind the Heaven Venerate instantly split into three flowers. As they ignited, all the power of heaven and earth seemed to ignite as well. At this moment, the Heaven Venerate was using a self-damaging technique just to fight Long Chen.

For him, maintaining the Heaven Venerate realm cost him a large amount of longevity. Thus, now that he had ignited his three flowers, his longevity was rapidly withering away.

If he ignited his three flowers with his manifestation, then it would give him ten times the power for an instant. But after one attack, all his longevity would be exhausted, and even if he won, he would die.

So, by splitting his three-color manifestation back into the three flowers and then igniting them, he could unleash double his power. Although it was less effective, the price was within the realm that he could endure.

The Heaven Venerate's spear lit up, its runes shining brightly as he poured all his power into it. When he was done, he stabbed it at Long Chen's dragon claw.

BOOM!

After the dragon claw smashed into the ground, a wave of destruction spread, destroying all the buildings within the barrier. As for the countless experts inside, they were obliterated.

When the dragon claw exploded, it revealed the Heaven Venerate lying at the bottom of the giant hole. His eyes were lifeless.

He had ignited his three flowers, but even then, his attack was unable to suppress Long Chen's dragon claw. When the barrier covering the Soaring Dragon Company shattered, countless experts inside the city stared in shock and horror. The entire city was stunned.