

Chapter 4341: Old Enemies Meet Once More

The Dragonblood warriors charged into the tribulation clouds like bandits invading a city, and they crazily slaughtered the lightning beasts.

Normally, heavenly tribulation wasn't something people actively provoked; it was something they endured passively. However, the Dragonblood warriors showed no fear as they took the initiative to attack.

Influenced by the Dragonblood Legion, the High Firmament Academy, the Battle God Palace, and the Starry River Sect's disciples also went crazy, attacking the lightning beasts ferociously.

Those lightning beasts had shocking auras and possessed the power of Heaven Venerates at the very least. Moreover, their numbers seemed endless in the sky, and their roars struck terror into even the half-step Eternals.

Nonetheless, the Dragonblood warriors showed no mercy. They swept through the heavenly tribulation, seeking the area with the most lightning beasts as if they were afraid that they wouldn't get to kill enough of the beasts.

Gu Yang, Li Qi, and Song Mingyuan were fighting on their own, and these frightening lightning beasts were like paper paste in front of them, unable to even endure a single blow.

However, the most terrifying one out of them all was Yue Zifeng. With every stroke of his sword, he tore the tribulation clouds apart and wiped out countless tribulation beasts, which then transformed into lightning runes.

For the onlookers, the captains of the Dragonblood Legion were like hungry wolves devouring a thick piece of meat in front of them. That thirst, that craziness, gave them the chills.

"These lightning beasts were the final wave of our tribulations. However, they are actually nothing in front of Long Chen and his companions." A Triple Supreme couldn't help but gulp as he watched their crazy assault.

Having undergone their tribulations, all these disciples knew just how terrifying these lightning beasts were. In a one-against-one or even one-against-ten, these disciples wouldn't be afraid of these beasts.

However, during their heavenly tribulation, they had been besieged by hundreds of lightning beasts at the same time. Even with Long Chen's protection, even knowing that they wouldn't die, it had been very tough on them. Every single second had been terrifying.

On the contrary, these terrifying lightning beasts were like lambs for the slaughter in front of the Dragonblood Legion. They were running rampant within the sea of lightning beasts, blasting them apart with each attack.

In truth, the Dragonblood Legion had no choice but to go all-out, as they were worried that the tribulations wouldn't have enough power behind them. After all, they needed it to completely refine

their new armor and weapons, activate their latent dragon blood, and root their manifestations into the primal chaos qi of the world.

After some time, mysterious marks appeared on their armor and weapons. They were the runes that Xia Chen and Guo Ran had meticulously inscribed. When these runes illuminated, it signified that a resonance was forming between them. With a constant influx of thunderforce entering them, their armor and weapons were gaining spirituality. Once their spirits were born, complete integration would occur.

Currently, they had managed to reach the level of resonance, and that stimulated them into attacking even more frantically. With every lightning beast they killed, they sensed the connection between their armor and weapons growing stronger. Each surge of thunderforce further empowered them.

“Kill!”

Even Guo Ran was swept up in the frenzy. With his golden armor, a pair of golden wings on his back, and a pair of golden battle sabers in his hands, he looked like an armored god. His armor was different from everyone else’s, consisting of three hundred and sixty interconnected pieces, each supported by its own independent formation. However, this meant he had to kill even more than everyone else, as he needed hundreds of times the energy.

Other than Yue Zifeng, Guo Ran’s killing prowess was the highest. With each enemy he killed, he absorbed more lightning runes, enhancing his armor and propelling his strength to new heights.

The lightning beasts only lasted for a brief moment before they were gone. Following that, one strange lifeform after another appeared in the heavenly tribulation. The clouds suddenly shrank, surrounding them like a cage.

“This is...!”

As they witnessed this transformation, shock overcame the onlookers.

“Isn’t that the martial stage from the Sage King Convention?!”

People recognized the familiar setting. The heavenly tribulation had replicated the stage and summoned numerous figures.

All of a sudden, an enormous lily appeared, and one of those figures attacked as quick as a bolt of lightning.

“The Undying race’s Lian Wuying!”

These were all figures from the Sage King Convention. Lian Wuying was replicated by the heavenly tribulation, and her aura had reached the World King realm.

BOOM!

Gu Yang directly clashed with her, and with a grunt, he was hurled backward like a shooting star.

Just then, a sword tore through the void and attacked Gu Yang from the rear.

“It’s Ye Wuchen!”

These figures were all powerful heavenly geniuses, and the heavenly tribulation even replicated the Ye clan's Ye Wuchen.

"There's also Zhao Xingtian! Didn't they all die?!" People couldn't believe their eyes.

"They died, but their karmic connection was grasped by the heavenly tribulation. These individuals all participated in the Sage King Convention and were affected by that karma. That's why they've manifested here," explained an elder.

"That sounds troublesome. It's said that when the heavenly tribulation is determined to prevent someone from passing, it will summon entities with strong karmic ties to eliminate the person undergoing the tribulation. Such a heavenly tribulation ceases to be called a tribulation; it becomes heavenly punishment," another elder added solemnly.

"Is it because they attacked the heavenly tribulation so crazily that it enraged the heavens?"

"Who can say? After all, heavenly punishment is something that exists only in legend. However, for the experts who died on the Sage King martial stage to appear now, it doesn't bode well," sighed that elder.

What he actually wanted to say was that no matter how strong a person was, how could they be stronger than the heavens? Their method of undergoing tribulation was absolutely crazy. However, he couldn't say such a thing out loud here.

Amongst the crowd, a group of experts were fraught with worry. They were from the High Firmament Academy.

"Don't worry. Long Chen hasn't even unleashed his aura. Everything is under control," said Bai Xiaole's mother. She could feel just how worried these elders were.

BOOM!

Just then, startled cries rang out, and the conjured Lian Wuying exploded with one stroke of Yue Zifeng's sword. Even the powerful Lian Wuying was nothing in front of him.

"Zifeng!" Guo Ran's cry resounded, and he swiftly rushed to the scene.

Yue Zifeng instantly understood his cue and left, allowing Guo Ran to take his place. As he assumed his position, his armor radiated a brilliant glow, resembling a vacuum that devoured the residual lightning runes left behind by Lian Wuying.

At this moment, Gu Yang also managed to slay Ye Wuchen. When Ye Wuchen exploded, Gu Yang absorbed the lightning runes left in the wake of the explosion.

The Dragonblood warriors were still fearless against the conjured lifeforms from the Sage King Convention. They charged forward like ravenous wolves, and in another short incense stick's worth of time, the number of lifeforms present started to diminish.

It was at this time that an enormous gate appeared high in the sky. When this gate materialized, everyone's expressions changed, and they stared in disbelief.

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“Isn’t that the gate to the humanless world?!”

As the enormous gate slowly opened, people saw a group of figures inside it. However, upon closer inspection, even Yue Zifeng and the others were struck dumb.

“No, it’s not a gate! It’s a mirror!”

Within this gate, they saw a world that was an exact duplicate of their own. Inside that mirrored world, they could see Yue Zifeng, Gu Yang, and all the other members of the Dragonblood Legion. It seemed that every individual here was replicated within this surreal reflection.

“It’s not a mirror! It’s a replication formed by the Heavenly Daos. This is their heavenly tribulation!” exclaimed an elder.

“Kill!”

Suddenly, Gu Yang and others from the mirror world roared. With a torrent of killing intent, they charged through the gate.

The disciples of the Battle God Palace, High Firmament Academy, and Starry River Sect had never seen such a thing before. Seeing copies of themselves, they were stunned.

“It’s nothing more than a copy from the Heavenly Daos. Fight!” Gu Yang led the charge against his own copy. This scene was not unfamiliar to the Dragonblood Legion, and they met it with unwavering battle intent.

“DIE!”

Both Gu Yangs let out thunderous roars, launching identical techniques with matching weapons. It was like two mirrored figures colliding in an intense clash.

BOOM!

A giant black hole exploded into the void, resembling the mouth of a monster that wanted to devour this world.

Gu Yang's arms trembled as blood seeped from his wounded hands. His duplicate's power proved to be no less formidable than his own.

Just then, the heavens split open, and everyone in the heavenly tribulation felt a sharp pain in their souls. When they looked up, they could see Sword Qi tearing through the void and actually encapsulating all of them.

In response to this, Yue Zifeng unsheathed his sword. His Sword Qi cleaved through the void, and the two Sword Qis collided, causing the tribulation clouds to shatter before gradually mending once more.

“Find your own opponents! Don’t mix them up!”

At this time, the disciples of the High Firmament Academy, Battle God Palace, and Starry River Sect were in a mess. They had never confronted a heavenly tribulation like this and were uncertain of how to respond. The sight of their duplicates launching an assault against them left them in a state of panic.

Just then, multicolored divine radiance illuminated the void, and a terrifying flame rose.

“It’s the Heavenly Rainbow Flame!”

Yu Qingxuan’s copy appeared and formed hand seals. The next moment, her rainbow divine radiance raged, seemingly about to ignite the very world.

“Heavenly Rainbow Slash!”

Seeing this move, the real Yu Qingxuan was shocked. It was a divine ability she had recently gained insight into and had never used before. But astonishingly, the Heavenly Daos managed to replicate it. If she allowed this move to be unleashed, the consequences would be unthinkable.

BOOM!

A rainbow light flew out of her duplicate’s hand. However, before that rainbow divine radiance could fully gather, Yu Qingxuan pierced it through, and it exploded like a firework.

“Don’t touch the sparks!” warned Yu Qingxuan.

With that warning, the others hastily got out of the way. When the fiery sparks landed on the ground, they scorched deep, leaving behind bottomless pits that continued to burn with searing intensity.

Suddenly, the land exploded and two earthen giants rose as if enraged by the sparks, towering high into the clouds.

“Not good!”

Li Qi and Song Mingyuan’s expressions changed upon seeing those earth giants. Their duplicates had made the first move and sucked away the earth’s power, leaving none for them to use.

They had never dreamed that the heavenly tribulation would be able to replicate all of their techniques. Furthermore, without any hesitation, these duplicates unleashed their strongest trump cards as soon as they appeared.

“Metal power, peak of the Heavens, born of the great earth...”

Two Bai Shishis chanted in unison and formed hand seals at the same pace.

“... Golden Lotus Buries Heaven and Earth!”

The moment the final syllable left their lips, two holy golden lotus platforms broke the surface of the earth, causing the world to shudder as if the ten thousand Daos were weeping. Those two enormous lotus platforms then flashed with divine light and smashed toward each other like two shooting stars.

As this scene unfolded, countless people let out cries of shock and fear. The sharp metal energy contained within the two lotus platforms sent a chill down the spines of even the half-step Eternals. This force was not something that they could receive.

Furthermore, this was the result after the world's metal energy was split between the two of them. What would happen if the metal energy was concentrated in one attack?

BOOM!

In front of everyone's horrified gaze, the two golden lotus platforms collided with a resounding impact. Countless beams of golden light then illuminated the heavens, causing even the stars in the sky to tremble.

As a blinding flash engulfed everyone's vision, the shockwaves blew apart the earth giants situated near the epicenter of the collision. The clumps of earth then flew through the air and transformed into lightning runes.

"Many thanks!"

Li Qi and Song Mingyuan delightedly charged toward those lightning runes. As soon as they got close, they instantly absorbed the runes, and their auras rose tremendously.

BOOM!

However, before they could feel too delighted, an earth giant deployed by their duplicates struck both of them with a massive pillar. Despite their combined effort to defend, they were still sent flying. It turned out that their duplicates had merged into the foreheads of two earth giants and came after the two of them.

Li Qi and Song Mingyuan had lost the initiative and were unable to summon any earth giant. As a result, they could only rely on their divine weapons and powerful physical bodies to fight their duplicates. Just like that, two earth giants attacked ferociously, repeatedly driving them backward. There were several instances when the two of them came dangerously close to being flattened.

The other experts undergoing tribulation were in no better position. Guo Ran was attacked by an armored monstrosity and was constantly fleeing, refusing to face his copy head on.

However, Guo Ran had the upper hand. In each clash, some lightning runes would shed from that armored monstrosity, and Guo Ran immediately absorbed them. If this continued, he would definitely win.

Meanwhile, Xia Chen faced a more challenging situation. With a wave of his hand, his duplicate summoned so many talismans that they filled the sky, and every single one of them was capable of crushing the void. As a result, Xia Chen didn't dare to receive them directly and could only face them with his own talismans.

The most hateful thing was that his duplicate seemed to have limitless talismans, while he was losing talismans at a painful rate. These were trump cards that he was unwilling to reveal, but now he was forced to. His heart was dripping blood. Even if he could pass this tribulation, he would be broke.

The Dragonblood Legion descended into a bitter battle, and the other experts were also caught in dire straits. Their duplicates seemed to have limitless power, while they were pushing themselves through their limits. Their defeat seemed inevitable.

Buzz.

Just then, furious roars rang out in the distance, causing a commotion among the crowd. A group of lifeforms breached their encirclement and surged forward.

“They’re finally here.” A cold smile appeared on Long Chen’s face.

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“Bastards!”

Furious roars split the air as thousands of lifeforms broke through the encirclement with ease.

Although the heavenly tribulation had expanded to an unprecedented scale and stretched the defensive line to its limit, it should have been impossible for thousands of lifeforms to just sneak in and breach the defenses unnoticed. A mole had to have helped them in.

It had to be known that these invaders were all in the Immortal King realm, and there were only a few thousand of them. If the person on watch had given a warning, then by joining forces, they could have definitely stopped the invaders.

These invaders were charging into the ongoing tribulation. It was clear that they had strategically chosen to attack when the people inside were in a vulnerable state. That way, their arrival would instantly tip the scales. Now, the Dragonblood warriors and their companions were at risk of suffering terrible casualties, and the worst-case scenario could involve their complete annihilation.

Hence, a sense of shock, anger, and panic gripped the ones defending the perimeter. By the time they reacted, the invaders had already charged into the heavenly tribulation, rendering any attempts to halt them futile.

At this moment, the heavenly tribulation quivered, unleashing swords of lightning upon the invading lifeforms.

When these lifeforms got into the heavenly tribulation’s area, the tribulation’s power raged even more, but their figures weren’t duplicated. Clearly, by joining in midway, the heavenly tribulation had to give them a bit of time before duplicating them.

“Long Chen, you damnable bastard! Do you recognize me?!”

Two voices boomed at the same time, their loudness eclipsing even the sound of the heavenly tribulation.

Looking over, everyone was shocked to see a two-headed lifeform standing not far from Long Chen and his companions. His manifestation was a blend of black and white light, creating a strange Yin Yang monstrous face that bore a striking resemblance to a fiendish mask.

When Xia Chen and Guo Ran saw him, they felt a jolt in their hearts. This person was one of the nine top heavenly geniuses from the humanless world.

Despite having not undergone the baptism of the primal chaos spirit pool, his manifestation still pulsed with primal chaos qi, a clear sign that he had rooted himself into primal chaos.

“So what if you stole our energy?! We could still obtain enough primal chaos qi. As I said, you will pay a terrible price for your actions!”

As the two-headed lifeform’s faces twisted with fury, the fiendish mask in his manifestation grew even more frightening.

“So what if you could obtain enough primal chaos qi? Do you want to make me pay for it? Just with you? Where are the others?” Long Chen regarded him with a disdainful gaze and then scanned the surroundings. He then added with a sardonic tone, “Did you come for payback because you couldn’t stand the humiliation of the three of us infiltrating the humanless world and escaping unscathed?”

“Hmph, the others are having their tribulations, and only I was unwilling to leave things as they were, so I came to settle things with you,” retorted that two-headed lifeform in a sinister tone. He clearly had immense pride and confidence in himself. After all, Long Chen, Xia Chen, and Guo Ran had not only stolen the opportunity that should have been theirs but also humiliated the humanless world’s lifeforms.

Unable to accept this humiliation, the two-headed lifeform had been patiently bidding his time, even forsaking the chance to undergo tribulations with his fellow people. And finally, the traitors of the human race yielded to their desires and took the risk to set up a formation to secretly guide him over.

However, these traitors only had an average proficiency in formations, a far cry from Xia Chen’s mastery. So, they had originally wanted to send over a full hundred thousand of these lifeforms, but due to some imperfections in their formation, these lifeforms had to endure a terrifying pressure as they passed through the gate. As a result, many of them were directly crushed by the gate’s pressure.

This two-headed lifeform managed to lead the survivors through, albeit heavily wounded. After finding a place to recuperate, they waited for their chance.

With the traitors exposing Long Chen’s actions, every single one of Long Chen’s movements fell under this lifeform’s surveillance. But in reality, Long Chen never tried to conceal anything.

While Long Chen and the others underwent their tribulations, the lifeform’s troops were watching through their concealing formations. Now that the opportunity had ripened, they launched their sneak attack.

“Warriors of the humanless world, the time to wipe away our humiliation has come! Kill them all!” roared the two-headed lifeform.

“Kill!”

Those lifeforms roared with him, and all of them unleashed their full power. After summoning their true bodies, they charged over.

“You really are lacking some brain cells. Playing with your lives, sigh... I suppose you won’t learn your lesson until you’re given a beating. Did you think that my tribulation was something that you could barge into?” sneered Long Chen.

Suddenly, a heaven-shaking dragon cry rang out, and an enormous lightning dragon materialized. Its claw then swiped at the two-headed lifeform and covered all his people in an instant, causing the two-

headed lifeform to be taken aback. As this claw descended, the very fabric of heaven and earth twisted, and a fearsome lightning domain enclosed them.

In response, the two-headed lifeform roared and transformed into an enormous black python. His true form was originally that of a two-headed black python, so when he opened both of his mouths, a beam of black and a beam of white light shot forth to intercept Lei Linger's lightning claw.

BOOM!

The heads of the two-headed black python represented two different laws, and his attacks were incomparably sharp. However, they still shattered upon contact with Lei Linger's dragon claw.

"What?!" The two-headed black python was left in disbelief. This was his innate divine ability, but it was unable to shake Lei Linger's dragon claw in the slightest.

With a deafening impact, the dragon claw crashed down, encasing the thousands of experts from the humanless world, including the two-headed black python. They were all compressed into a small spherical lightning domain.

They crazily attacked this lightning domain, but it was firmly caught by the dragon claw and didn't even budge.

Somehow, the enormous two-headed black python was unable to endure a single blow from Lei Linger. Now, it simply looked like a dragon was holding a fish.

"Heavens, what is that?!" Everyone was stunned to see the enormous lightning dragon.

"Isn't that senior apprentice-brother Long Chen's divine lightning beast?"

"Heavens! That's terrifying! That two-headed monster is completely suppressed!"

At first, the onlookers had been worried for Long Chen, but it seemed that their worries were unwarranted, or rather, they needed to redirect their worries to these lifeforms from the humanless worlds.

Those lifeforms were still assaulting the barrier that Lei Linger had trapped them in. However, Lei Linger was now comparable to an Eternal expert, and within the heavenly tribulation, her power was limitless. As the two-headed python had yet to break through to the World King realm, he couldn't even shake her.

"What a pity. I thought that I'd get more of you. Are you looking down on me? They ended up sending a good-for-nothing like you!" Long Chen eyed the trapped two-headed python and shook his head in obvious disappointment.

Originally, he had been hoping to get all nine of those experts to come. Then, they could undergo tribulation together and settle their grievances. However, only one of them had come, and he had been directly suppressed by Lei Linger's claw.

Seeing Long Chen's disappointed expression, the two-headed python cursed him furiously. However, Lei Linger's thunderforce firmly kept him trapped. He and his people were now completely isolated, and the heavenly tribulation had lost interest in them, returning to its original appearance.

Unable to receive the baptism of heavenly tribulation, they knew that their power wouldn't advance, leaving them incensed.

Long Chen simply ignored them. His attention was fixed on the heavenly tribulation and the struggling combatants. Many of them were starting to falter, their breaths growing labored and a sense of despair taking hold of them.

"The path of cultivation is one where you can only go forward, not backward! Our greatest challenge is ourselves. In the past, you hated yourselves for being weak, for being powerless. But what about now? Are you going to lose to your weak self?"

"Senior apprentice-brother Long Chen, this isn't fair! We're constantly exhausting our energy, but they seem to have limitless power!" argued a disciple from the academy. He was covered in blood and looked as if he was on the verge of collapse.

Long Chen replied, "You are talking about fairness? When has this world ever been fair? You see what is unfair to you, but you don't see what is unfair to others. The Heavenly Daos has made a replica of you when you just started your tribulation. Although they have limitless energy, their power is limited. As for you? After fighting for so long, have you not noticed the changes in yourself? Your power has been growing all this time, while they are still stuck where they were. To cultivate is to constantly advance, to constantly get stronger. You are already stronger than a minute ago. With every breath, you have to get stronger, and with every breath, you grow. They are only your past. If you can't even beat your past self, how will you face the future?"

Long Chen's voice resounded through the tribulation, reaching deep into their very souls. Even the spectators felt their blood heating up as a surge of valor swelled within them, tempting them to charge into the heavenly tribulation and join this trial.

"Boss is right, to cultivate is to defy the heavens and pursue immortality. We must continue to climb. The past must remain in the past so that we can advance to the future. How could I lose to my past self?"

Yue Zifeng was a bit pale after fighting his duplicate for so long, clearly having depleted his energy. However, all of a sudden, he sheathed his sword.

His copy seemed to sense something and trembled, likewise sheathing his sword.

"Goodbye. My past self, I will remember you, but I will not let you become a stumbling block for my future."

Yue Zifeng closed his eyes, his expression devoid of any emotion. He seemed to have merged with all of heaven and earth.

Out of nowhere, two swords were unsheathed simultaneously, and two beams of sword-light cleaved through the very fabric of heaven and earth, slicing through the tribulation clouds.

BOOM!

The moment these two Sword Qis clashed, one of them instantly crumbled, and Yue Zifeng's duplicate was cleanly cut in two.

Yue Zifeng then resheathed his sword. Looking at his duplicate, he smiled and waved his hand.

“I will remember you.”

BOOM!

That slain copy exploded, transforming into lightning runes that merged with Yue Zifeng. In the blink of an eye, Yue Zifeng’s aura crazily climbed, and a divine radiance blazed behind his head. A trace of a World King’s aura emanated from him.

“Kill!”

After Yue Zifeng vanquished his duplicate, a frenzy swept over everyone else, as they too launched relentless assaults on their respective duplicates.

Chapter 4344: Long Chen’s World-Destroying Heavenly Tribulation

The Dragonblood Legion was the first to react, launching a ruthless and almost suicidal assault. Just like that, their duplicates started to explode one by one. Following these explosions, pure thunderforce entered the Dragonblood warriors, and a certain divine radiance appeared behind their heads.

“The World King divine radiance has appeared. They have stepped into the World King realm!” cheered someone.

Even in front of such a terrifying heavenly tribulation, the Dragonblood Legion still succeeded. They were truly powerful.

“Help me!” Xia Chen shouted. His copy had limitless talismans, so there was no way for him to beat it. Without any help, once Xia Chen’s talismans were used up, he would definitely die.

Answering his call for help, Gu Yang, Li Qi, and Song Mingyuan attacked Xia Chen’s copy at the same time. However, it suddenly waved its hand, summoning millions and millions of talismans.

“What the fuck?!”

Gu Yang, Li Qi, and Song Mingyuan hastily retreated. When those talismans activated, the immense explosion caused the three of them to cough up blood.

“Where did he get so many talismans?!” The three of them cried out in shock. If they hadn’t retreated fast enough, the detonation of that many talismans would have killed them.

Just as those talismans exploded, Sword Qi slashed through the air, cutting Xia Chen’s copy in two. Their savior was none other than Yue Zifeng.

Following that, Xia Chen thanked Yue Zifeng and quickly absorbed those lightning runes. The World King divine radiance also appeared on the back of his head.

“Don’t slack off! Help the others!” shouted Gu Yang as he saw many people unable to beat their duplicates even after going all-out. Similar situations, like Xia Chen’s, were happening in other locations as well, so they had to assist them.

Just then, a group of figures appeared in the sky. Surprisingly, they were the lifeforms from the humanless world, also duplicated by the Heavenly Daos, and a wave of lightning beasts advanced from behind them.

“Boss, our armor still needs more thunderforce!” shouted Guo Ran.

He knew that their tribulations were essentially done, and they had become World Kings. However, their armor and weapons had yet to fully manifest their spirits.

“Dragonblood warriors, stay behind! Everyone else, leave the heavenly tribulation’s core area!” shouted Long Chen.

Immediately, all the disciples of the High Firmament Academy, the Battle God Palace, and the Starry River Sect left the core of the tribulation. Having finished their tribulations and reached the World King realm, they were only missing the final step—igniting their World King divine radiance.

However, they would have to wait until the heavenly tribulation finished before they could do it. Due to the addition of the humanless world’s lifeforms, the tribulation became longer.

“Kill!”

When the heavenly tribulation’s two-headed black python appeared, Gu Yang and the others immediately attacked it, launching their sharpest attacks.

The real two-headed python who was trapped by Lei Linger was incensed. If their opponents, their copies from the heavenly tribulation, were slain and their energy was absorbed by others, they would be doomed, unable to advance to the World King realm in this lifetime.

Seeing this scene, the two-headed lifeform assaulted the barrier with renewed fervor, but he was still unable to shake it.

“Bastards! If you have the guts, let me out and fight me!” shouted the two-headed black python.

The Dragonblood warriors cut down the lightning beasts and the duplicated lifeforms of the humanless world. After absorbing their lightning essence, they were pleasantly surprised to find that this lightning contained the laws of primal chaos. In just a moment, their armor and weapons started to shine brightly, and an air of life appeared around them. Their equipment had finally awakened their spirituality and could now be considered true Eternal weapons.

The Dragonblood warriors cheered, while Xia Chen and Guo Ran were so moved that they almost cried.

Although they believed in this method, they had still been nervous the entire time. The crazy idea of using the power of heavenly tribulation to bestow divine items with spirituality had proven to be a success.

Their armor and weapons flashed, a sign of their item-spirits being born. After their spirits awoke, they vanished, merging into the Dragonblood warriors.

Although their spirits had been born, they still couldn’t be considered true divine weapons. It would be up to the Dragonblood warriors to use their souls to continue nourishing them.

After all, their item-spirits had just been born and were still very immature. They were like tiny flames that needed to be nourished until they one day became the blazing fire known as true Eternal divine weapons.

In the end, only Guo Ran's armor remained unawakened because it consisted of over three hundred and sixty pieces instead of one.

Fortunately, there were still many opponents for him to fight. As Gu Yang and the others no longer needed more thunderforce, they just helped Guo Ran kill the lightning lifeforms. Just like that, Guo Ran was absorbing an enormous amount of thunderforce by himself.

His battle armor was constantly flashing as it absorbed endless thunderforce. When Gu Yang's spear pierced through the two-headed black python's copy, lightning runes exploded, and Guo Ran's armor blazed with light.

"Success!"

Guo Ran shouted excitedly. When the two-headed black serpent's copy was killed, his armor instantly absorbed its energy. Every piece of his armor had a spirit born and awakened within it, and it instantly became a part of him. Moreover, there was a bloodline resonance that made him feel particularly close to his armor.

BOOM!

Just then, the gate high up in the heavens crumbled, and heaven and earth returned to their original appearance.

"The heavenly tribulation is over!"

People let out sighs of relief. This terrifying tribulation was finally over.

"No, why didn't senior apprentice-brother Long Chen go through his tribulation?"

"Some of them don't have their World King divine radiance ignited!"

Sounds of confusion and concern rippled through the crowd. Now, the Dragonblood warriors had the World King divine radiance behind their heads. It was evident that they had obtained the recognition of the Heavenly Daos and formally became World Kings.

However, everyone else was still lacking this light even though the tribulation was over. The onlookers were dumbfounded. What was going on?

Just then, the earth started to shake, and everyone's expression changed.

This time, the ground's shaking was not just as far as they could sense... no, this entire world was shaking. Even the experts standing guard far in the distance felt the ground shaking beneath their feet.

"Heavens, what is that?!"

When people pulled their gazes up from the ground, they saw nothing but darkness. Pitch-black tribulation clouds were gathering from every direction.

After these tribulation clouds appeared, the world darkened as if the end of days had come.

Right at this moment, numerous jade plates that the people here carried on their waists flash rapidly. When they looked at the message, their expressions changed.

They had all received urgent messages from their sects. The sects that were spread throughout this world were suddenly covered by terrifying tribulation clouds, and the terrifying pressure directly shattered their grand formations. It seemed that they were under some unknown attack.

These experts then looked at the tribulation clouds above them in terror. Those clouds devoured all light, and this so-called unknown attack was the unmatched pressure from these tribulation clouds.

With great difficulty, people gulped and sweat silently rolled down their foreheads.

"This heavenly tribulation has covered the entire Nirvana Overflow Heaven." At this moment, a voice that startled Bai Zhantang and the others rang out.

"Palace master, why are you here?"

Unexpectedly, the palace master had personally come.

The palace master didn't reply and just looked at the tribulation clouds covering the heavens with a hint of graveness.

"This is a world-destroying tribulation. Long Chen is in danger."

Chapter 4345: A Different Tribulation

"Palace master, didn't you say that you wouldn't expose yourself?"

"I wasn't planning to at first, but Long Chen's heavenly tribulation is just too enormous, and it has thrown the laws of the entire Nirvana Overflow Heaven into chaos. The gates to the humanless world and the Great Desolate World are being affected by this heavenly tribulation, so their real experts might arrive soon. The original plan was for Long Chen to be the bait and draw over some dislikable fellows, but now the situation has changed. I'm worried that the bait will be eaten," said the palace master.

"You're afraid that the Eternal experts of the other worlds are coming?!" exclaimed Bai Shishi's mother.

The palace master nodded. "Some old fellows of the human race have stealthily advanced thanks to receiving some benefits from the invaders. Originally, I was planning on killing them, but given the scope of this heavenly tribulation, the powerful pull might cause the gates to fully open. There might be a bloody battle in a bit."

Just as they spoke, the tribulation clouds filled the sky in every direction, plunging the world into darkness.

It was like the heavens were closing their eyes. As the tribulation clouds condensed, everyone's hearts pounded with terror. An icy chill sank into their bones, and the feeling of impending death enveloped them all.

"Long Chen...!"

Upon seeing the terrifying tribulation clouds covering the sky, Yu Qingxuan and Bai Shishi were filled with worry. This heavenly tribulation was absolutely terrifying.

“I’m fine. Leave!” Long Chen smiled at the two of them and indicated for them to leave with the others.

Long Chen had not unleashed his aura this entire time. But when the Dragonblood warriors were undergoing tribulation, he clearly sensed that the heavenly tribulation had started to grasp his aura.

The reason it took so long to descend was because it was accumulating power. All the energy of the Nirvana Overflow Heaven had been gathered by it.

Looking at the boundless heavenly tribulation, Long Chen understood why his father had so decisively told him that they had to split up to undergo their tribulations. A tribulation on this scale would suck away an entire world’s power. Hence, if the two of them were to undergo tribulation in the same place, there might not be enough power for them.

Although the Dragonblood warriors had undergone many heavenly tribulations with Long Chen, they had never seen one on this terrifying scale, so they were also worried for Long Chen.

However, they didn’t want to show it and just retreated with everyone else to avoid getting drawn in.

On the outer ring, quite a few people looked as pale as paper, trembling as they involuntarily knelt. In front of this supreme heavenly might, they could only submit and didn’t dare to show the slightest resistance.

On the other hand, the disciples whom Long Chen had protected during their World King tribulation didn’t kneel even though they also felt reverence for heaven and earth. Still, under this pressure, they were barely able to remain standing.

After all, in order to save time back then, Long Chen had told them to attack their tribulations, so they had a certain resistance toward this pressure.

BOOM!

The tribulation clouds had now completed their gathering, and there was no longer a glimmer of light in the world. It had become a realm of absolute darkness, inducing a sense of despair, akin to an impending apocalypse.

Suddenly, lightning materialized within the tribulation clouds and gathered toward the central point directly above Long Chen's head. Within the black tribulation clouds, lightning dragons emerged one after another, numbering in the thousands—no, tens of thousands, and all of them were flowing into the tribulation clouds right above his head.

As these lightning dragons limitlessly gathered from every direction, the ground began to collapse, crack, and explode from the pressure.

With the ground beneath their feet collapsing, the onlookers hastily fled in terror. Some people were so affected by the heavenly pressure that they were paralyzed and could only beg others to drag them away.

No one knew how many lightning dragons had appeared, but they continued to flow into the tribulation clouds above Long Chen's head. After a full hour, the tribulation clouds above him had turned into a swirling vortex.

As the vortex spun, it grew larger and larger. Its terrifying suction force warped the entire world, rendering it surreal.

The land beneath the tribulation clouds also underwent a transformation, turning into another vortex. The earth was collapsing, and a bottomless hole appeared. In the midst of the two vortexes, Long Chen appeared incredibly small, utterly powerless.

Despite the chaos unfolding around him, Long Chen remained remarkably composed, looking calmly at the tribulation clouds above his head. In stark contrast, the humanless world's experts who were trapped in the lightning barrier felt uneasy.

Witnessing the unfolding spectacle, they were filled with horror and astonishment. Even the once-arrogant and indomitable two-headed black python had abandoned its attack on the barrier and now gazed in stupefied terror at the heavenly tribulation.

"Release us! We want to go home!" The two-headed black python suddenly cried out, its tone carrying a note of desperation and even a trace of sobbing.

"This fellow's head must be broken!"

The Dragonblood warriors were utterly dumbfounded by his reaction, especially Xia Chen and Guo Ran, who had witnessed firsthand the sheer terror of the nine peak experts from the humanless world. However, one of these terrifying experts actually said something so brainless? Had he been scared shitless?

This guy had attempted a sneak attack to kill them all, but now he wanted them to release him and his people? No one dared to believe their ears.

"Release you? Go home?" Long Chen's gaze shifted from the heavenly tribulation to the trapped two-headed python, his expression taking on a sneer.

"You know how to return home at this time? What about the human race in your world that you wiped out to the last? Did you let them off? Did you think about how much they wanted to go home?"

BOOM!

Suddenly, the spinning vortexes within heaven and earth came to a stop. Following that, a terrifying sensation of death enveloped Long Chen's heart.

Long Chen jumped in shock. Without hesitation, his Kunpeng wings quivered, and he vanished. In the same instant, Lei Linger disappeared as well, causing the barrier trapping the humanless world's experts to vanish with her.

For a moment, those liberated experts were simply stunned. Before they could react, a pillar of lightning crashed down, enveloping all of them.

"Join forces-!"

Seeing that there was still time, the two-headed black python roared. His scales exploded in a bloody mess as he used a sacrificial technique to unleash his absolute maximum power. His people also unleashed their full power.

BOOM!

An enormous pillar of lightning crashed down, drowning the two-headed black python and his people's all-out attacks. They didn't even cause a ripple before being wiped out of existence. Just like that, thousands of experts were simply annihilated.

This enormous pillar of light pierced the ground. Following that, some smaller pillars of light also flew out of the earth, soaring into the tribulation clouds and instantly turning this space into a cage.

Long Chen's expression changed. This time, his heavenly tribulation was truly different, as it started with a killer move.

The enormous lightning cage rapidly closed in, compressing the surrounding space as if attempting to forcibly crush Long Chen just like that.

"Seven Star Battle Armor!"

Long Chen had a bad feeling and directly entered his strongest state. Then, he spread his arms.

BOOM!

With a heaven-shaking explosion, the enormous cage shrank to just a few feet in size, firmly trapping Long Chen. This sudden change elicited startled cries from the onlookers.

Seven stars flowed behind Long Chen as he struggled against the cage's constriction. He did stop the cage from shrinking any further, but the immense force caused his bones to creak under pressure.

"Break!" Long Chen roared, veins throbbing on his forehead as he pushed with all his power.

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As the seven stars behind Long Chen quivered, his power exploded against the heavens.

BOOM!

The lightning cage shattered. But the moment its pieces went flying, Lei Linger formed hand seals and transformed those shattered lightning fragments into lightning swords that stabbed toward Long Chen.

Everyone jumped in shock upon seeing this scene. Was Lei Linger attacking Long Chen?

However, before they could think it through, the very sky split apart, and a giant lightning saber slashed down from it. When that happened, intense agony seared through the onlookers' souls, and they felt like their heads were about to explode.

"It's the Minghong Saber!"

Guo Ran couldn't believe what he saw. The massive saber slicing through the very fabric of heaven and earth was, in fact, Long Chen's Minghong Saber, now being replicated by the heavenly tribulation. The

only distinction was the staggering size of this Minghong Saber, with its blade stretching across an entire prefecture. It was as if an invisible hand in the cosmos was slashing it at Long Chen, and it completely locked down heaven and earth. There was no escape from this blow.

Let alone blocking it, just glancing at it could cause a person's will to crumble. No one had expected Long Chen's heavenly tribulation to start so hardcore, without any buffer room.

"Seven Peak Slash!"

In front of that massive lightning saber, he didn't retreat. Instead, he stepped forward and attacked it.

BOOM!

The collision shook the world. Unable to handle the pressure, Long Chen's Seven Peak Sword exploded, and the lightning saber struck Long Chen, causing blood to spray out of his mouth.

"How can this be?!"

Yu Qingxuan and Bai Shishi were pale. This was only the start, but Long Chen was already injured. How was he going to face the rest of the tribulation?

Seeing this scene, the Dragonblood warriors clenched their fists tightly and were no longer able to cover up their nervousness. Even after undergoing so many tribulations with Long Chen, they had never seen a tribulation like this. It was not following the normal pattern.

BOOM!

Fortunately, the lightning saber also exploded after blasting through the Seven Peak Sword and striking Long Chen.

After it exploded, Lei Linger formed hand seals once more and transformed that lightning into swords that stabbed toward Long Chen like before.

Those lightning swords then vanished after stabbing Long Chen. Finally, the onlookers understood that Lei Linger was helping Long Chen.

"The heavenly tribulation isn't giving Long Chen any chance to grow. It wants to crush him in the simplest, most direct way, and Long Chen can only create his own chance to get stronger. Shishi, don't worry. Long Chen still has a chance." Bai Shishi's mother held her daughter's hand comfortingly.

Although she was comforting her daughter, she herself felt that her words were not convincing enough.

Even she had never seen or heard of such a heavenly tribulation. In any case, this couldn't even be considered a tribulation; it was an execution. This was a battle between a man and the heavens.

At this moment, some whirlpools appeared in the tribulation clouds, and a figure appeared in each of them. However, it was impossible to see what they were.

As these whirlpools spun, it seemed like something was brewing. Even as they stored up power, they didn't give Long Chen any chance to breathe, hurtling spears, halberds, immortal swords, and wild sabers toward him.

Each of these attacks was on par with the previous assault of the Minghong Saber. Long Chen blocked them with all his might, but he kept coughing up blood. Cracks then appeared throughout his body as if he would shatter.

The heavenly tribulation seemed to contain some cosmic giant who was hurling one divine weapon after another at Long Chen.

Without being in the heavenly tribulation, all the experts present already felt suffocated. They quivered, overwhelmed by a terrifying heavenly might present in every attack. This power was so overwhelming that it induced despair.

Countless disciples involuntarily trembled, realizing that if they were inside the heavenly tribulation, they wouldn't even be able to summon the will to resist such heavenly might. Their only option would be to allow the heavenly tribulation to annihilate them, as defying the edicts of the heavens was beyond common sense.

Long Chen was pressed back by those terrifying lightning weapons, unable to even retaliate. With every blow, he sustained further injuries.

It wasn't that Long Chen wasn't strong enough but that the heavenly tribulation didn't give him any time to grow. It had been trying to wipe him out with its greatest power right from the start.

Countless hearts clenched every time Long Chen was injured. They were afraid that the next blow would be the one to push him over his limit. Some female disciples even closed their eyes, unable to keep watching as they were afraid to see Long Chen being wiped out by the heavenly tribulation.

"This is not a solution. The heavenly tribulation will simply continue, giving him no time to breathe. He'll definitely die!" Bai Zhantang gritted his teeth nervously, but there was nothing he could do.

"Hey, don't spout nonsense!" Bai Xiaole's mother hastily scolded him.

In his panic, Bai Zhantang had actually jinxed Long Chen, but he couldn't care about such a thing. "Palace master, do you have a way to save Long Chen?"

"No."

The palace master's reply was frank and direct. However, everyone's expressions sank after hearing his reply. If even the palace master was helpless, would Long Chen really die to his heavenly tribulation?

"Shishi...!"

Suddenly, Bai Shishi's mother cried out to see her daughter's figure swaying. She almost collapsed, and the people around her hastily rushed to her side to support her.

In truth, during her fight against her duplicate, she had suffered a rather significant injury. After all, in a clash between metal masters who focused on direct clashes, victory always came at a cost.

With no time to tend to her wounds and her worry about Long Chen, her will almost collapsed, especially after hearing the palace master's opinion. Her will was typically extremely powerful, but a woman in love always had such a weakness.

“Now isn’t the time to worry yet,” said the palace master.

BOOM!

All of a sudden, an explosive sound followed by a round of cheers caused Bai Shishi to look up once more.

She managed to see Long Chen holding the Seven Peak Sword. He then swung it at a lightning weapon, and both of them exploded.

That scene rejuvenated Bai Shishi’s spirit. Long Chen had just pulled off a miracle and was now capable of resisting the lightning weapons.

“Long Chen was at a disadvantage before, but by absorbing the energy of dozens of lightning weapons, he has gained the qualifications to resist this heavenly tribulation. Having successfully overcome the most challenging phase, he should be able to even face the later stages,” stated Bai Shishi’s mother with immense relief.

In truth, her vision was very accurate. Long Chen truly had been at an immense disadvantage at the start, though it wasn’t fatal. Because of this, Long Chen had chosen not to let Lei Linger help him, instead using his own power and the imminent threat of death to force himself toward a breakthrough.

Under this threat of death, his powerful instinct to get stronger was triggered, allowing him to absorb the lightning at an even faster rate.

All of this was precisely as he had expected. After absorbing this lightning, he hastily sent it throughout his body. His qi, blood, tendons, bones, meridians, spirit, soul, will, mind—countless energies awakened within him, and he instantly entered his strongest state.

“There is a problem with this heavenly tribulation, so I can’t just sit back and wait. I have to take the initiative.”

After taking a deep breath, his gaze sharpened. A pair of resplendent golden wings sprouted from his back, and a chorus of astonished cries filled the air as he shot up against the heavenly tribulation like a bolt of lightning.

Chapter 4347: The Settling of Karma

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

Wielding the Seven Peak Sword, with his divine ring pulsating in the background and his Blood Qi ablaze, Long Chen was like the reincarnation of a battle god defying the very heavens. With every slash, the Seven Peak Sword would explode along with a lightning weapon, unleashing terrifying shockwaves that reverberated throughout the world.

“As expected of Boss!”

Guo Ran clenched his fists, his eyes filled with admiration. Long Chen had just managed to claw his way out of his desperate straits and was already charging fearlessly toward the heavenly tribulation. His indomitable spirit inspired all who watched.

Fighting the Heavenly Daos was a daunting task, and it was impossible not to be afraid. However, after stepping onto the path of cultivation, there was no turning back. Everyone within the Dragonblood Legion, from top to bottom, had to force themselves to continue forward.

As for Long Chen, he constantly pushed himself to the point of desperation, never taking a single step back. Any sign of retreat would spell disaster for him.

The tribulation clouds continued to tremble, giving rise to a turbulent vortex that enveloped the entirety of Nirvana Overflow Heaven. Long Chen appeared incredibly miniscule in front of the heavenly tribulation.

However, his unwavering will affected everyone. Even in the face of the world's overwhelming pressure, his fighting spirit was not suppressed in the slightest.

In a bold act of defying the heavens, Long Chen flew up, his Seven Peak Sword shattering the lightning weapons flying at him. With each swing, his aura grew increasingly powerful.

Lei Linger followed behind Long Chen, sending the shattered lightning runes into him after refining them with her core energy.

Lei Linger hadn't eaten any of the thunderforce, as she had to help Long Chen get stronger as quickly as possible. It was fortunate that she was there, or Long Chen might have fallen to this wild heavenly tribulation.

With the power of the heavenly tribulation pouring into Long Chen, his Spirit Blood started to boil. As if it was being smelted, he was constantly getting stronger. Hence, in front of countless shocked gazes, Long Chen cut his way through all the obstacles to reach the enormous vortex in the heavens.

When Long Chen arrived, he saw several small whirlpools within the vortex. One figure after another had condensed within those whirlpools. However, upon seeing one of those figures, Long Chen's expression completely changed.

"Dad?"

Long Chen saw a figure standing in the whirlpool. Though the face remained obscured, a distinct aura emanated from it—an aura he recognized all too well. It was his father, Long Zhantian.

The fact that the heavenly tribulation had chosen to replicate Long Zhantian left Long Chen utterly astonished. Furthermore, the whirlpool was constantly absorbing more of the tribulation's power and injecting it into Long Zhantian.

Long Chen suddenly felt an icy chill. This heavenly tribulation really was different from the ones before. It only had one move, and all of its power was concentrated on this one move.

Long Zhantian's power was particularly terrifying. Furthermore, it continued to grow as the heavenly tribulation's power merged into him.

Long Chen suddenly realized that the extraction of his father's essence blood had suppressed his father's cultivation realm for too long, so it was entirely plausible that he had advanced to the level of a Heaven Venerate or even reached the Eternal realm. Such a circumstance implied that Long Zhantian might have endured multiple heavenly tribulations.

Realizing this, Long Chen was struck by both shock and anger. The malevolence of the heavenly tribulation, duplicating Long Zhantian to kill Long Chen, was truly out of this world.

"Not good, I have to stop the heavenly tribulation from gathering more power. Otherwise, I'd fall to my own father's hands." Long Chen felt an icy chill.

Long Chen had faced countless experts before, but the only one whom he felt could compare to the five Sovereigns was his father. After all, his father's cultivation techniques and divine abilities were all created by himself. He was shockingly talented, and Long Chen definitely didn't want to fight him.

Most importantly, if the Heavenly Daos replicated Long Zhantian in the Heaven Venerate realm or even the Eternal realm, Long Chen would definitely die today.

Just as Long Chen was thinking of interrupting the lightning whirlpool around Long Zhantian, he glanced at the other whirlpools and his mind directly turned blank.

"The Earth Cauldron!"

Long Chen saw a bronze cauldron quivering inside another whirlpool with endless thunderforce pouring into it. He couldn't believe his eyes. It was half of the legendary Heaven Earth Cauldron—the Earth Cauldron.

"The heavenly tribulation has even replicated the Earth Cauldron?! It really wants me dead!" Long Chen was shocked. If the heavenly tribulation ended up replicating the Earth Cauldron in top condition—no, even just one ten-thousandth of its power would be enough to wipe Long Chen out.

After all, his own Earth Cauldron was still recuperating, so he was unable to utilize its divine abilities.

When Long Chen looked at the next whirlpool, he saw a pitch-black dagger, and he was instantly covered in cold sweat. That dagger was the one he had given to Dong Mingyu. To his astonishment, even this dagger had been duplicated. Moreover, he remained in the dark regarding its true origins.

Long Chen continued to look at the next whirlpool and saw a large figure with three heads.

"Big Brother Wu Tian, what the fuck..."

Long Chen gritted his teeth. Wu Tian's eyes were closed and he was holding a spear, looking like a statue. However, his sinister aura sent shivers down Long Chen's spine.

Wu Tian, the overlord of the Netherworld, had also been duplicated by the Heavenly Daos. In a twist of fate, Long Chen had inadvertently released Wu Tian from his countless years of confinement. Then, in a subsequent encounter during Long Chen's journey into the Netherworld, Wu Tian recognized him as a brother. However, regrettably, after sending Long Chen back to the Darklight Heaven, they didn't manage to communicate any further. Unexpectedly, their brief encounter still invoked some karma between them.

When Long Chen looked at the next whirlpool, he suddenly felt a resonance, and his divine ring quivered as if receiving some call.

“Nine star heir!”

All of a sudden, he realized that this indistinct figure was the nine star heir from his last tribulation. Back then, if it hadn’t been for him suddenly awakening and tearing apart the heavens, Long Chen would already be dead.

Unexpectedly, he had also manifested. Due to him letting Long Chen pass last time, the heavens had replicated him in this tribulation. Long Chen wondered if the karma born because of heavenly tribulation would also end because of it.

Finally, when Long Chen looked at the last whirlpool, he almost fainted. That whirlpool had no human figure inside of it; instead, a single claw loomed within.

Long Chen instantly recognized its aura—it was that of the dragon expert. The dragon expert whom Long Chen had never seen before had also been duplicated by the Heavenly Daos. It seemed that the heavenly tribulation was unable to duplicate its full form, so it could only bring out a single claw.

However, even as a single claw, it possessed the power to destroy heaven and earth. The whirlpool that contained it dwarfed the others by several times, and the amount of thunderforce it absorbed exceeded all calculations.

“Senior really is senior. In the end, you are the one who gives me the greatest threat. Sorry for this.”

Long Chen had been planning on destroying his father’s whirlpool, but after seeing the dragon claw, he instantly changed his ideas.

Long Chen directly stabbed that whirlpool with his Seven Peak Sword.

BOOM!

The Seven Peak Sword exploded like tofu but was unable to shake that whirlpool in the slightest, leaving Long Chen dumbfounded.

“Big Brother Long Chen, its power is too concentrated. Brute force can’t break it. Let us switch methods!” Lei Linger transformed into an enormous pair of wings on Long Chen’s back. As endless lightning fell, Long Chen was perfectly protected.

BOOM, BOOM, BOOM...!

The heavenly tribulation continued to constantly attack Long Chen, but with Lei Linger’s protection, those lightning weapons just exploded upon contact.

Long Chen didn’t condense the Seven Peak Sword once more. Instead, he reached both of his hands toward that whirlpool.

Chapter 4348: Defying the Heavens

When Long Chen placed his hands on that whirlpool, the dragon claw suddenly shook.

In an instant, blood sprayed out as the dragon claw plunged through Long Chen, eliciting cries of shock from Bai Shishi and the others. A divine light flowed on top of the dragon claw, its unparalleled might casting a shadow over the world, draining it of color.

To everyone's surprise, Long Chen started to glow, and golden marks appeared beneath his skin. Those were his tendons, dragon tendons made of dragon blood.

Long Chen's dragon tendons bulged, crazily absorbing the dragon claw's energy. However, the dragon claw possessed so much power that it cracked Long Chen's meridians, pushing them to the brink of rupture.

Fortunately, the resilient meridians cushioned the blow, allowing Long Chen to absorb the majority of the claw's explosive power. The rest of it was unable to pose a serious threat to him.

Nevertheless, the continuous flood of energy still left Long Chen with the sensation that he would explode at any moment.

BOOM!

Suddenly, a dragon image appeared in Long Chen's divine ring, accompanied by a sacred dragon cry. With no alternative left, Long Chen chose to summon the Dragon King Battle Armor, as he realized that he could only resolve the dragon claw's terrifying might by drawing it into his manifestation.

Within the manifestation that stood behind Long Chen, a draconic figure roared, and its runes lit up as it absorbed the surging thunderforce.

"Lei Linger, absorb it together with me! I'm at my limit!" shouted Long Chen.

This whirlpool contained a tremendous amount of energy, and Long Chen felt like he would explode if he tried to absorb it all. Even his manifestation struggled to withstand the sheer magnitude of this energy.

However, he had to absorb it now. If he pulled out the dragon claw and allowed it to power up even more, he knew he wouldn't be able to endure it later.

Lei Linger blazed like the sun, banishing the darkness and allowing people to see further. However, being able to see further actually caused them to feel even greater fear.

Having transformed into lightning wings, Lei Linger's light pierced the tribulation clouds, revealing the boundless tribulation clouds. However, even as her light pierced high into the sky, the onlookers were unable to see the end of the tribulation clouds.

This ocean of tribulation clouds concealed an endless tempest of lightning within its depths, and its power was constantly pouring into those whirlpools. The sight of those whirlpools alone made people feel immense terror.

Upon arrival, Lei Linger directly alleviated a lot of pressure off Long Chen's shoulder. However, under the constant influx of thunderforce, he gradually found it difficult to endure once more.

Lei Linger now bore the weight of the thunderforce alongside Long Chen, leaving her unable to help him break down and refine the wild and berserk Heavenly Dao will within the thunderforce. Previously, Lei

Linger had aided Long Chen in expelling that part so that he could absorb it directly, but now he needed to do it himself.

Over eighty percent of the thunderforce was absorbed by Lei Linger now, and her lightning wings grew, stabbing into the heavenly tribulation.

As Long Chen absorbed the lightning, the onslaught of lightning weapons toward him persisted. However, they were all blocked by Lei Linger.

Thanks to them though, Long Chen's Spirit Blood, Spirit Root, and Spirit Bone underwent a profound awakening and harmonious fusion, evolving with each passing moment.

It could be said that Long Chen's aura and strength were skyrocketing during this period. However, he couldn't feel glad at all.

As time went on, more and more thunderforce poured into the other whirlpools Long Chen was indeed getting stronger, but he could clearly sense the auras of his father, the Earth Cauldron, the mysterious dagger, the nine star heir, and Wu Tian growing in tandem crazily.

A chilling realization dawned upon him—the heavenly tribulation was channeling its formidable power to empower them all, fueling them to slay him.

The Heavenly Daos and tribulation seemed to have changed, and Long Chen wasn't sure if it was because of the gates to other worlds or his newfound status as the Sage King. Nevertheless, he could sense that this world was both supportive and hostile toward him.

It was like the Heavenly Daos had two conflicting sides, and Long Chen couldn't tell which side was real. However, during this tribulation, he was unable to feel any closeness to heaven and earth, unable to sense that support of karmic luck any longer. In this place, there was only the will of annihilation.

"Lei Linger, can you absorb the other whirlpools' energy?" asked Long Chen.

"Big Brother Long Chen, this is my limit. I can't absorb more energy. If I go to absorb the other whirlpools, the pressure on you here will increase. I'm afraid that you won't be able to endure it," said Lei Linger with a nervous tone. She could also see the problem.

"I just need time. However, the heavenly tribulation also sees my weakness and won't give me time. Fine, let's just absorb this one. We'll get rid of the greatest threat first," said Long Chen.

Amongst all these whirlpools, the dragon claw's power was the most terrifying, so Long Chen had to deal with it first. As for the rest, he didn't have the luxury of thinking about them.

In the distance, everyone had thought that Long Chen was dead from being pierced by that claw. However, seeing that it simply remained in him and his aura was rapidly climbing, they slowly sighed with relief.

With the influx of thunderforce, Long Chen's physical body began a remarkable process of integration. His Supreme Blood, violet blood, Spirit Bone, Spirit Root qi, dragon energy, astral energy, and Spiritual Strength—once entirely distinct—were gradually merging through the baptism of the heavenly tribulation.

Long Chen's aura grew stronger and stronger as if it had no upper limit.

He was like a forge smelting all of his powers together. If all his energies could merge into one, Long Chen would reach an unprecedented level.

However, Long Chen was in no mood to celebrate. He had reached a limit when it came to his absorption of thunderforce, and the heavenly tribulation seemed to have calculated his speed in advance. It was not going to give him time to reach his strongest state.

"What do I do? What do I do?!"

For the first time in forever, Long Chen felt panic, his head a jumble of random thoughts. He could only go on like this. The power of the heavenly tribulation was being sent to the many whirlpools, and he was only absorbing a single one. After two hours, the world gradually brightened as the heavenly tribulation's power dwindled.

Others would celebrate seeing the tribulation clouds growing sparse because that meant that the tribulation was nearing its end.

Only Long Chen was well aware that once the tribulation's power was gone, an immense battle to the death would start. What was frustrating was that he still had a great deal of room for improvement in his state, but he couldn't absorb the power of the tribulation clouds any longer.

As a result, Long Chen was incensed, seeing the Heavenly Daos cheating against him. How shameless. If even the Heavenly Daos were unfair, how could there be anything fair in this world?

BOOM!

Suddenly, the whirlpool Long Chen was absorbing exploded, and all of its remaining thunderforce poured into him. The sky, once dominated by dark tribulation clouds, now cleared up completely, leaving only a serene and bright expanse above.

It was at this time that a terrifying scene occurred. The other whirlpools split open, and one figure after another attacked Long Chen.

"If the Heavenly Daos are unfair, then I will defy the heavens!"

Long Chen's killing intent exploded at this point. Wielding the Seven Peak Sword, he faced his first opponent.

Chapter 4349: How To Break Free

BOOM!

Long Chen charged forward, but his advance was halted as a spear-image collided with his Seven Peak Sword, shattering it upon impact.

The force of the blow sent Long Chen flying, blood spraying from his mouth. His head bore visible cracks from the powerful strike, leaving him teetering on the brink of defeat.

Wu Tian had launched his sharpest killer move right from the outset. A surge of thunderforce erupted, overpowering Long Chen so much that he was unable to block it.

What made the situation even more daunting was Wu Tian's exceptionally concentrated power, depriving Long Chen of any thunderforce to absorb.

Just as Wu Tian sent Long Chen flying, a streak of black light pierced through Long Chen's chest, bringing with it a splatter of blood. The mysterious black dagger was incomparably sharp, rendering even Long Chen's powerful physical body akin to paper in its presence.

BOOM!

An enormous hand then slammed down on Long Chen as the nine star heir attacked. Seven stars cascaded atop his palm, embodying a strike that defied the very laws of heaven and earth

In response, Long Chen bellowed in fury and unleashed his strongest attack—the Cloud Dragon Immolation Claw.

BOOM!

The dragon claw erupted in a burst of power and forced back the nine star heir. However, Long Chen found himself staggering back as well, stars spinning in his eyes. He was on the brink of coughing up blood.

In that critical moment, a seven-color sword descended toward him. Long Chen dodged instinctively, narrowly avoiding this attack.

As Long Chen dodged this sword, his heart trembled. His father had launched an attack, but it was different from Wu Tian and the nine star heir's strikes. Somehow, his father's technique was extremely rigid, lacking any pressure lock, making it all too easy to dodge.

"Dad, did you—"

Before Long Chen could finish his sentence, a bronze cauldron smashed toward him ferociously, enveloping him in an intense sensation of death.

Seeing this, Long Chen gritted his teeth and took out the real Earth Cauldron.

BOOM!

The collision of the two Earth Cauldrons drained all color from the world. A ripple of death then spread, sending Wu Tian, the nine-star heir, Long Zhantian, and the black dagger all hurtling away.

The replicated Earth Cauldron suffered some damage from the real Earth Cauldron, and its fragments exploded into lightning runes.

"Big Brother Long Chen!"

However, Long Chen almost lost consciousness after that heaven-shaking collision. Lei Linger's frantic cries echoed in his ear, but they seemed distant, as if emanating from an entirely different world. It was too far for him to even react.

Long Chen's mind drifted away, and he could no longer think, feeling like he was already dead. Even as Lei Linger cried out and tried to wake him up, he felt too tired to move, so he gave up on resisting.

Following that, a scene appeared before his eyes. He saw a broken world with blood dyeing the ground red. As far as he could see, corpses littered the ground.

Those corpses belonged to people he was familiar with. He saw the Dragonblood warriors lying in a pool of blood, dead.

Xia Chen's lifeless body was gruesomely impaled on a wall by a blade. Guo Ran's armor, drenched in blood, lay in tatters, but his body was nowhere to be found.

Long Chen's blood surged with boiling anger, his killing intent reaching its peak. Unable to bear the sight any longer, he ceased looking and unleashed a furious roar.

BOOM!

The vision before him vanished, and he came back to his senses. Before him stood Lei Linger in her lightning dragon form, stabbed by Wu Tian's spear. Her aura was rapidly diminishing.

When Long Chen had fallen unconscious, Lei Linger had gone all-out to protect him. However, the attacks of Wu Tian and the others were incredibly strong, capable of harming her source energy. In other words, they possessed the power to kill her.

Lei Linger fought valiantly, with Huo Linger joining the fray. However, the flames she wielded were unable to effectively block the thunderforce. As her power was rendered ineffective, she could only watch as Lei Linger's aura weakened.

With a quiver, Wu Tian's spear blasted away Lei Linger, breaking through her defenses to strike Long Chen. In a sudden surge of strength, Long Chen extended a claw and caught the tip of the spear. Following that, Wu Tian's berserk thunderforce erupted.

A searing pain shot through Long Chen's arm as his flesh erupted, leaving behind a gruesome spectacle. His bones and tendons were laid bare in the aftermath.

"I won't die. I *can't* die. There is no one in this world that can kill me! Not even the heavens!!!"

Long Chen's gaze intensified, his eyes reflecting an unwavering determination. The next moment, his robes started to billow without a breeze, and a will that exceeded the Heavenly Daos rose within him.

"Boss is back!"

Seeing Long Chen enter this state, Guo Ran, Xia Chen, and those familiar with Long Chen erupted in cheers.

"What absolute confidence! The real boss Long Chen has returned!" This was the strongest state of Long Chen in their hearts, the embodiment of true strength.

At this moment, a black ray of light shot at Long Chen—the mysterious dagger in action. Rather than releasing Wu Tian's spear and using his hand to block, Long Chen swayed, using the spear to block the oncoming black dagger instead.

BOOM!

An enormous explosion followed as the black dagger struck the center of the spear, effortlessly cleaving it into two.

As a result, Long Chen was holding half of the spear, while Wu Tian ended up with a short stick. It was a strange sight for a moment before the spear in Long Chen's hand exploded.

All of a sudden, Lei Linger appeared again, and the lightning of that spear stabbed into Long Chen.

Long Chen trembled intensely as that powerful thunderforce poured into him, its vast energy raging through his meridians.

Wu Tian, Long Zhantian, the nine star heir, the Earth Cauldron, and the black dagger launched successive attacks against Long Chen. Despite fighting with every ounce of his strength, he found himself consistently pushed back. He was in a dire state where blood was constantly spewing from him.

Nevertheless, Long Chen had finally managed to grasp some of their patterns. Of them all, the Earth Cauldron was the strongest. Long Chen had to dodge its attacks, as he would be at an immense disadvantage in a direct clash.

He also found that although his father had been replicated by the Heavenly Daos, he was the least threatening among the enemies present. His movements were all stiff and rigid, looking very odd. Moreover, he kept repeating the same few moves.

"Could it be that Dad knew he would be replicated?" Long Chen's heart shook. Seeing his father's copy suddenly thrusting a sword at him, Long Chen twisted his body mid-air and let this attack strike the Earth Cauldron.

BOOM!

Long Zhantian's Seven Peak Sword exploded. Despite his rigid technique, the power he wielded was still formidable. As the sword detonated, lightning runes scattered, and Lei Linger swiftly collected them, injecting the energy into Long Chen.

"I understand. My dad definitely sensed something and set up this move. If I use this move properly, I can break free of this death trap."

Long Chen found that the replicated Long Zhantian could be easily guided by his seven-color Supreme Blood.

Just then, the nine star heir attacked, so Long Chen guided Long Zhantian over to block the nine star heir, while Long Chen swung his Seven Peak Sword.

BANG!

It solidly struck the nine star heir's neck, and a head went flying.

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Long Chen's Seven Peak Sword slashed through the air with deadly precision, severing the head of the nine-star heir. The detached head then flew into the air before erupting into a burst of thunderforce.

However, what shocked Long Chen was that even after losing his head, the nine star heir didn't die. While his aura had weakened a bit, he still had the strength to deliver a punch toward Long Chen.

"He's weakening while I'm growing stronger. This is what I have to do!" Long Chen's confidence doubled after this unexpected turn of events.

In the midst of this realization, the Earth Cauldron smashed toward Long Chen. While aware of the impending danger, Long Chen hesitated to use his father's copy as a shield. After all, the Earth Cauldron was too terrifying, and it possessed the power to destroy his father's copy.

BOOM!

Despite doing his best to dodge, Long Chen found himself unable to escape the impending collision. Without any alternative left, he summoned the real Earth Cauldron. However, each clash between the two cauldrons left Long Chen dazed, his ears echoing with a persistent ring.

This time, however, Long Chen had learned a valuable lesson. Even though he was still forced to block it, he swiftly transitioned into an absolute defense stance, aiming to mitigate as much of the damage as possible.

Furthermore, with every collision, Long Chen's Earth Cauldron remained unharmed, but the duplicated cauldron would spew out some lightning runes. These runes were incredibly powerful, and as Long Chen absorbed them, his Spirit Blood, Spirit Root, Spirit Bone, dragon tendons, bloodline, and soul exhibited signs of intense agitation.

It was like he was a furnace that needed to be heated to a certain level to merge all his powers, and the thunderforce served as the fuel necessary to raise the heat. Only after he had absorbed enough fuel would he reach a state of complete fusion—his strongest state.

As time elapsed, Long Chen repeatedly used his father's copy to mount a joint attack against Wu Tian and the nine star heir. Eventually, the nine-star heir succumbed, shattering under the impact of Long Chen's blow.

Cheers erupted from the Dragonblood warriors and the others, while a mix of tears and relief streamed down the faces of Yu Qingxuan and Bai Shishi.

Both of them had been worried the entire time, fearing that one slip would spell Long Chen's demise. For them, the feeling of being powerless while consumed by such worry was more excruciating than death itself.

As Long Chen vanquished the nine star heir, he seized the opportunity to absorb the thunderforce around. In an instant, rainbow flames enveloped Long Chen, casting a myriad of colors across the entire world, and his Blood Qi erupted in a spectacular display.

Long Chen's seven-color Supreme Blood was boiling as it was the first to ignite. The boiling seven-color Supreme Blood then circulated through him, filling him with power.

Long Chen grew fearless. At this moment, it felt like everything within heaven and earth was under his control.

Once more, Long Chen condensed the Seven Peak Sword. This time, a blood-like energy surged within the core of the sword, adding a crimson aura to its blade.

BOOM!

Long Chen's Seven Peak Sword slammed into Wu Tian's spear, but this time, his Sword didn't shatter.

Long Chen looked at his father, a warm feeling flowing within his heart.

"Dad really is a peerless genius. He calculated this step as well. The heavenly tribulation wanted to use him, but he turned the tables on it. Without his help, I would probably have died here."

Long Zhantian had managed to buy Long Chen some crucial time. If it hadn't been for him, Long Chen wouldn't have had the chance to absorb the thunderforce and grow.

"Last time, the nine star heir let me pass, and this time, I had my father's help. What about next time? Can it be that I, Long Chen, have to depend on others to save my life? No, I have to get stronger, strong enough to protect myself." Long Chen's heart suddenly shuddered.

This heavenly tribulation had almost taken his life. In the future, he knew he would accumulate even more karma, and the heavenly tribulation would only intensify. Thus, he had to get much stronger than he was now.

The nine star heir had lent him a hand last time, and now his father also came to his aide, causing a dent in his pride.

In the Martial Heaven Continent, he had always defied the heavens to reach his position. In his weakest moments, he had never asked for anyone's help. But today, even as he grew stronger than ever, he found himself reliant on others for survival. This realization pierced his heart.

"Dad, thank you. However, your son will walk his own path now. No matter how thorny this path is, I will still walk it to the end. Please trust me, because I am your son."

BOOM!

Long Chen swung the Seven Peak Sword at Long Zhantian, targeting a weak spot that Long Zhantian had intentionally left open for him. From the beginning, Long Chen was capable of exploiting Long Zhantian's rigid movements to destroy him, but he had refrained from doing so.

Long Zhantian exploded. However, just before that happened, his mouth seemed to curl up ever so slightly as if forming a smile. He then transformed into a mass of lightning runes.

"Dad, your child has grown up. Forgive my rudeness." Long Chen bowed deeply toward Long Zhantian's departing figure.

At this moment, Wu Tian's copy launched an attack, and a spear pierced through the air. The replicated Wu Tian continued to employ the same move, not transitioning to a second move.

Long Chen knew that this was because the real Wu Tian had used this move to pierce the wall of the heavens to send him to the nine heavens. As a result, only this one move was replicated by the Heavenly Daos.

Back then, Long Chen hadn't known what realm Wu Tian was in. He had only speculated that the latter might be in the World King realm or perhaps the Divine Venerate realm. However, now he understood that Wu Tian's power transcended the confines of mere realms.

After all, even an Eternal expert was unable to pierce the walls between worlds to transport people through.

Furthermore, the replicated Wu Tian had, at most, eighty percent of real Wu Tian's power. The heavenly tribulation was only able to replicate Wu Tian's destructive power but not his core energy.

"Big Brother Wu Tian, wait for me. Your little brother will definitely find you. When we two brothers meet again, we'll drink until we drown the underworld!"

With the Seven Peak Sword in hand, Long Chen struck Wu Tian's copy seven times, pushing him to his limit until he finally exploded.

Wu Tian's copy was powerful, but Long Chen had used him to block the black dagger several times, depleting a lot of his energy. He now succumbed to Long Chen's tactics.

After Long Chen absorbed Wu Tian's lightning runes, his aura soared once more. Something inside of him rumbled as though lightning was flowing through his veins. The thunderous sound also carried a dragon's cry within its echoes.

"Still missing a bit."

Long Chen shifted his attention to the black dagger and the Earth Cauldron. The decisive moment had come, signifying the start of a bitter fight.

With renewed determination, Long Chen lunged toward the black dagger. After all, its aura was a bit weaker than that of the Earth Cauldron. However, the moment Long Chen shot at it, something stopped him right in his tracks.

BOOM!

The black dagger actually exploded. However, its runes didn't flow toward Long Chen; instead, they flowed into the Earth Cauldron. In a sudden surge, the Earth Cauldron grew, covering all of heaven and earth. Long Chen then felt the fabric of space warp, and before he knew it, he found himself within the confines of the Earth Cauldron.

Following that, the earth split open, and the ten thousand Daos were torn apart. Flames danced around the Earth Cauldron, leaving onlookers in awe and shock.

"Something's wrong. This heavenly tribulation seems to be under someone's control," Long Chen declared, his gaze piercing. A sense of alarm and fury then surged within him—a premonition of impending danger.