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Chapter 391: Sages Off Limits, The Emperor's Opportunity Of Fortune Is Reserved For The New Generation Sky-Prides

"Qian Imperial Palace, you've finally shown up."

Chu Kuangren took out the Jade Amulet that he obtained from Yuan Wudao.

This Jade Amulet was radiating with a faint glow.

He looked toward the distance. He knew that the Qian Imperial Palace had reemerged and that those unknown lands would surely have made their move there long ago.

"It seems that I must go and join in the fun as well."

Chu Kuangren said as he held the Jade Amulet in his hand.

Before he left, he summoned Elder Ruyan.

"Ruyan, I've set up a formation in the Black Heaven Sect. I'll teach you its activation technique. If anybody invades our territory and you guys can't handle it, then activate it," Chu Kuangren told her.

He did not want to lose his own home while he was away.

"Sure." Elder Ruyan nodded gently.

She was slightly surprised.

Her Sect Leader knew how to set up a formation?

Nonetheless, there were many things that Chu Kuangren knew how to do, and now, they could add setting up formations to the list. In fact, this did not come as a surprise for Elder Ruyan.

However, the Black Heaven Sect already had the Mountain Protection Formation, which was a very rare Sage-grade formation. Could this new formation that Chu Kuangren had set up be even better than this Sage-grade formation?

Elder Ruyan was a little doubtful.

Chu Kuangren passed the formation's activation technique to Elder Ruyan. After pondering for a moment, he said, "How about this? I'll demonstrate it for you once."

Chu Kuangren then took out a stone tablet. This tablet was carved out of Celestial chalcedony, and it was as shiny as pure jade. It was the key to activating the formation.

There were marks on top of the stone tablet.

Those were the respective nodes for the Astonishing Sea of Clouds Formation.

He channeled his spiritual thoughts into the stone tablet.

Very soon, the Astonishing Sea of Clouds Formation's nodes gradually lit up one after another, and the whole Black Heaven Sect shook. A sky full of misty clouds came out of nowhere and enveloped the entire sect as countless Daoist Rhymes circulated, displaying a magnificent scene!

Elder Ruyan was baffled.

She could sense how extraordinary this formation spell was just by looking at it. Through the stone tablet in front of her, she was able to see some of the obstacle levels inside the Astonishing Sea of Clouds Formation, be it trapped alive or killed inside. It was extremely mysterious.

This formation spell was not as simple as the Sage-grade one.

Did the Sect Leader really set this up?

It was incredibly powerful!

"With this formation, the Black Heaven Sect now has extra security."

Elder Ruyan muttered in tears of delight.

Others might not know, but because she had been assisting Chu Kuangren in some of the sect's internal affairs, she knew quite a lot about those unknown lands.

She knew what kind of situation the Black Heaven Sect was in, and with this formation, she felt more relieved.

"I shall leave this formation to you now. It's time for me to leave."

"Have a safe journey, Sect Leader."

Chu Kuangren's figure flashed before he turned into a stream of light and left.

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There was a crowd outside the glorious Qian Imperial Palace.

Meanwhile, surges of mystical forbidden sealing force circulated around the Qian Imperial Palace like a giant net that had encased the entire palace.

However, this giant net was slowly disintegrating on its own now.

"This forbidden sealing force must have been left behind by the Qian Emperor. The Qian Emperor must have calculated this exact moment for the Imperial Palace to resurface, so this forbidden sealing force has no use anymore," one of the Sages said.

This person came from the unknown lands.

He stared at the Imperial Palace, his eyes filled with hunger. "The Emperor's Opportunity of Fortune is the rarest Opportunity of Fortune for the last hundred and fifty thousand years. Whoever obtains this Imperial Palace would be guaranteed to advance by leaps and bounds!"

The giant forbidden sealing net slowly dissipated.

The moment the giant net disappeared, a few Sages dashed into the Imperial Palace. However, they were rebounded by an invisible barrier.

“What is this?!”

“Isn’t the forbidden sealing force gone?”

The group of Sages was rather surprised.

Suddenly, a few golden letters appeared in the sky.

‘Only those below the Sage level can enter’.

“What is this? Sages can’t enter?”

“What kind of rule is this?!”

“D*mn, did we make the trip here for nothing?”

Some of the Sages were very unhappy.

They had been Sages for so many years, hence they were all looking forward to becoming an Emperor. Although they knew that the Opportunity of Fortune for becoming an Emperor did not exist in their generation, now that this unprecedented Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune was in front of them, how could they bear letting it go?

“I don’t care. I must obtain this Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune.”

One of the Sages said unwillingly. Incredibly powerful Sage Daoist Rhyme started coursing through his body as he charged towards the Qian Imperial Palace.

However, the more force he used, the stronger that invisible barrier became. He was flung out violently and smashed into the ground.

This scene stunned everyone at the scene.

In many people’s eyes, Sages were the pinnacle of elites.

However, an obstacle that was left behind by an Emperor a few hundred thousand years ago was enough to humble a Sage to that extent. This showed that an Emperor’s strength was beyond anyone’s imagination.

“Forget it. The Qian Emperor has already made it clear that his inheritance is only reserved for the next generation’s sky-prides.”

A Sage said calmly. Then, he looked toward those sky-prides who hailed from the various great forces with an envious look in his eyes.

All he could say was that they were born in the wrong era.

“Xue Zheng, you must be careful when you enter the Imperial Palace. That Jade Amulet in your hands must be protected by all means. It will be of great use when you’re inside the Imperial Palace,” Ethereal Rapture’s Sage advised Xue Zheng.

“Yes.” Xue Zheng nodded thoughtfully.

The remainder of the forces were giving their respective sky-prides some last advice too.

Inside Acheron Manor’s camp.

“Wudao, although your Jade Amulet is lost, the Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune is still there. Once you’re inside, you must act according to chance. Remember, don’t act on your emotions again,” Blackwillow Sage said as he looked at Yuan Wudao.

“Yes.”

Yuan Wudao nodded. He seemed a little off at the moment.

One of his arms was originally chopped off by Chu Kuangren in the Demonic Hoarder Forefather’s secret realm, but now, he had been reattached with a new arm. This arm was covered with many bandages, and it emanated ominous energy.

The sky-prides entered the Imperial Palace in succession.

Among them, the empyrean walkers stood out the most.

To many people, the biggest Opportunity of Fortune inside the Imperial Palace would most likely be taken by one of the empyrean walkers.

After all, no matter how great the sky prides from the rest of the orthodoxies were, they were only an Honorable or an Honorable Supreme at best.

On the other hand, these empyrean walkers could take on Sages!

They were a whole different level of sky-prides.

“The reemergence of the Imperial Palace has proven that our previous assumptions were correct. The Emperors did indeed leave all kinds of Opportunities of Fortune behind.”

One of the Sages said.

Some of the unknown lands’ Sages were gathered together.

When the other Sages heard it, their eyes lit up.

“It seems that the act of burning books and hiding Emperors was not in vain. We’re the only ones who possess the records regarding the various great Emperors these days. This would be of great help for us to get more Emperor’s Opportunities of Fortune in the future.”

“That’s right. It all comes down to the skills of each sect’s sky-pride now.”

“Hah. The biggest Opportunity of Fortune in the Imperial Palace will and shall belong to us, the Acheron Manor.” Just then, a voice was heard.

An old man walked up to them in huge, confident strides.

“Your Acheron Manor’s empyrean walker is indeed quite strong, but our own empyrean walkers are not any weaker either.”

“Oh, are you that confident, Purplevoid Sage? If the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique fails miserably inside the Imperial Palace, don’t you eat your own words.”

The Sages looked disgusted when they saw the old man.

“We shall see then.”

A look of arrogance appeared on Purplevoid Sage’s face.

He was very confident in Xiao Lintian. Of those below the level of a Sage, not many amongst the empyrean walkers could rival him.

“Quick, look. It’s him.”

At this moment, astonished gasps came from the crowd.

Outside the Imperial Palace, a person was levitating in the sky. He was donned in a long-sleeved white robe with an exquisite sword strapped to his waist. His appearance looked otherworldly, and his demeanor was alluring.

A lot of the Sages narrowed their eyes when they saw this person.

Chapter 392: The Sages Combine Forces, Stopping Chu Kuangren From Entering The Imperial Palace

Chu Kuangren levitated in the air in his wide-sleeved white robe and jet-black hair.

Everyone could not help but narrow their eyes when they saw him.

“Chu Kuangren has arrived.”

“D*mn it. He has come to join the fun at the Imperial Palace as well. If he goes in there, will other people stand a chance?”

“They might as well surrender.”

“No chance.”

The crowd whispered under their breaths.

Everyone saw Chu Kuangren as a sky-pride who was on a different level than the others. The rest of them stood no chance against him.

If he were to go into the Imperial Palace, he would surely get a clean sweep over everyone and everything!!

“This b*stard. We can’t let him in there. With his ability, this Emperor’s Opportunities of Fortune will most likely fall in his hands.”

The Sages of the unknown lands glanced at each other.

One of the Sages stood in front of Chu Kuangren and said with a smile, “I didn’t expect to see you here, Brother Chu.”

Chu Kuangren gave him a side-eye. “Step aside!”

That Sage did not have any intention to let him through. He merely smiled and said, "Brother Chu, you're the head of an orthodoxy, a Sect Leader. I don't think it's appropriate for you to compete for the Opportunities of Fortune with your juniors."

"My junior? Pfft, please. You're an almighty Sage, but you don't even think before you speak. If you do your math, I should be of the same seniority as the rest of them. My status is indeed higher than theirs, but we're similar in age."

Chu Kuangren snorted.

Never once did they think about him as their junior when they were battling him back then. Yet now that they were trying to stop him from entering the Imperial Palace, the thought suddenly came to their mind.

"Chu Kuangren, do you really want to go in?"

"Since the Opportunities of Fortune have presented itself, it's there for the taking."

Swoosh swoosh swoosh...

The Sages leaped forward one after another, blocking Chu Kuangren's way.

It was clear by now that they did not want him to go into the Imperial Palace.

"Heh, you guys are so shameless that you don't mind throwing away your dignity so quickly." Chu Kuangren chuckled.

"No matter what, we're not letting you into the Qian Imperial Palace!"

"Do you really think that you guys can stop me?"

Chu Kuangren said indifferently.

He leaped and surges of terrifying Daoist Rhymes swept across the whole place. With one hand lifted, majestic spiritual power amassed and a boundless Buddhist Light manifested.

A huge ancient Buddha appeared and struck out a palm technique!

He was using an Emperor Technique for his first move!

In the face of such a powerful blow, one of the Sages' expressions changed. He threw out a palm attack in response too, but he was still blasted off his feet by this incoming palm attack.

"D*mn, why does it feel like this guy has gotten stronger again?!"

That Sage was a little shocked.

He had only received a palm attack from Chu Kuangren, yet he could feel his whole arm going numb. This power of his was truly quite astonishing.

"Don't tell me this guy is already preparing for ascension??"

"I remember that his breakthrough to Honorable Supreme was not long ago. If he's going to ascend so soon after that, then that's a massive improvement."

“It won’t be any good if he becomes a Sage.”

The Sages around them started to exchange whispers.

However, Chu Kuangren could not care less.

He scanned his eyes across Sages that were huddled up around him and activated his Eye of Revelation to see through the identities and cultivation levels of these people before him.

All of them were from the unknown lands.

Only they were brave enough to stop Chu Kuangren.

After all, Chu Kuangren was the biggest obstacle that stood between their orthodoxies and the Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune!

“A kind suggestion, all of you should join hands.”

Chu Kuangren said nonchalantly with his hand pressed onto his sword handle.

These Sages glanced at each other.

“I reckon that none of you would be able to stop him. Why don’t we all work together and go against him? Your ego doesn’t really matter anymore at this point.”

Blackwillow Sage from Acheron Manor said.

Upon hearing what he said, the other Sages nodded too.

That was true. Even a Great Sage would not be able to hold off an opponent of Chu Kuangren’s level. So, if their goal was to stop him from entering the Imperial Palace, they had to work together to increase their chances of success.

“I can’t believe an old man like me would still have to join hands with a bunch of Sages to go against a junior.” One of the Sages smiled bitterly and lamented.

The rest of the people felt as helpless as he did, too.

This Qian Imperial Palace was prepared for the sky-prides to go in and compete with each other. That would have all made sense.

However, things were different for Chu Kuangren.

His combat strength was way too powerful and scary.

If he were to go in, the other sky-prides would not stand a chance. As such, these Sages had no choice but to join forces to stop this guy.

“Let’s go.”

Blackwillow Sage led the charge.

He slammed out a palm and his spiritual power surged into a black skull. Suddenly, an ominous, chilly presence pervaded the air.

“Finger of Despair!”

A Sage from the Sacred Palace of Death attacked as well.

His first strike was an Emperor Technique.

After that, the remainder of the Sages also joined in succession.

The Descendant Self Sword on Chu Kuangren’s waist unsheathed itself, and his Three Great Daoist Physiques were activated. Altogether, the sword qi, ferocious qi, battle intent, and the Transcendental Might erupted!

A dazzling sword ray tore through the sky.

Various energies and forces began to collide!

Instantly, the violent shockwaves from the terrifying energies spread outward.

Everyone was hit by the shockwave, including Chu Kuangren, who was blasted several hundred meters backward. Then, Chu Kuangren looked up into the sky.

An enormous Mountain River Seal was crashing down from the sky!

That seal contained an incredibly tremendous earth qi!

This was the Immovable Sect’s Emperor Technique, the Mountain River Seal!

“Crush him!”

High up in the sky, an old man yelled at the top of his lungs.

When Chu Kuangren saw that, he channeled the ferocious qi around his body to form a giant black avatar. Waves after waves of battle cry reverberated through the entire sky!

The Divine Ferocious Avatar smashed both its fists skyward.

The appalling ferocious qi soared outward like the tide, sending a quiver across the void!

With a loud bang, the Mountain River Seal was crushed!

The attacks from the rest of the Sages made their way to him as well.

Chu Kuangren controlled the Divine Ferocious Avatar and kept the two fists prancing in the air, striking bouts after bouts of fist energy in all four directions.

The space between them exploded as all types of Daoist Rhymes constantly collided with each other.

Unable to deflect the various Sages’ attack eventually, the Divine Ferocious Avatar crumbled abruptly, and Chu Kuangren was blasted back again.

However, Chu Kuangren’s figure turned into a stream of light and swooped in the direction of the Imperial Palace.

“Don’t even think about it!”

“Pfft, the only way you’re breaking free of our blockade is in your dreams.”

The few Sages scoffed at him and successfully blocked his way.

Chu Kuangren’s speed was quick, but there were quite a few Sages there who were good at speed as well, and their powers were not far off from his.

Boom, boom...

Sounds of explosions kept coming from the void.

Chu Kuangren continued to dash through the air as if trying to find an opening into the Imperial Palace.

Unfortunately, the unknown land Sages had set up a watertight defense, leaving Chu Kuangren no chance to pass through.

After an intense battle, Chu Kuangren still could not achieve a breakthrough.

“This is too hard. There are a dozen or so Sages here. About a handful of them are Great Sages, and the remaining of them are all close to the Great Sage level. It won’t be easy for Chu Kuangren to break through their barricade.”

“Exactly. Aside from a Sage Ruler, who else could break through that, really?”

“A dozen or so Sages working together to fight a person below the Sage level. This is a rare sight to behold. Chu Kuangren is really amazing.”

“It doesn’t seem like Chu Kuangren will get the Opportunity of Fortune from the Qian Imperial Palace this time. What a shame. If he could make it inside the Imperial Palace, not even the sky-prides or empyrean walkers from the unknown lands would stand a chance.”

The battle was ongoing in the sky. Chu Kuangren was flanked by over a dozen Sages, making it extremely difficult for him to break free and enter the Imperial Palace

“Chu Kuangren, not even you can break through the barricade that we have formed. You’re not going to get into the Qian Imperial Palace. Just give up already!”

One of the Sages from Ethereal Rapture laughed, feeling quite satisfied.

Chapter 393: The Power Of Rune Dao, Entering The Imperial Palace, Teaming Up Against The Strong

The Ethereal Rapture’s Sage did not have a very good impression of Chu Kuangren.

The other day, Chu Kuangren had taken away so many of their Exquisite-tier chalcedonies and even Celestial cores that they would kill to eat him up right now.

Now that their adversary was in a perilous position, the Ethereal Rapture’s Sage was very delighted.

However, he was soon let down again.

That was because Chu Kuangren showed no signs of frustration or worry even in such a tricky situation.

That peerless face of his remained calm and composed throughout this entire time.

If the Ethereal Rapture's Sage looked closer, he could even see a slight incline at the edge of Chu Kuangren's mouth curled up into a smug.

"This fella..."

The Ethereal Rapture's Sage quickly grew disgruntled.

It was not just him. The other Sages, too, felt like they were throwing blank punches at a wall, not accomplishing anything at all. They were starting to feel dejected.

It was clear that they had outnumbered Chu Kuangren and had successfully stopped him from entering the Imperial Palace. Yet, why did they feel like they were the ones who had lost?

After they glanced at the looks that the cultivators around gave them, the dejected feeling became more obvious.

They seemed to have understood something by the looks of the crowd.

A dozen Sages were attacking their junior. How could they be proud of that?

A dozen Sages were attacking their junior, but their target was not the slightest bit harmed. How dare they say that they were some mighty Sages?

"Screw it. As long as we stop Chu Kuangren from entering the Imperial Palace, nothing else matters."

Blackwillow Sage said nonchalantly. As a demonic cultivator Sage, his face was thicker than the other Sages. He did not feel any remorse at all for their ganging up on Chu Kuangren.

"I mean, don't you guys notice anything at all?"

Suddenly, Chu Kuangren spoke up.

Upon hearing what he said, everyone at the scene frowned. Nobody knew what he was talking about.

Chu Kuangren shook his head at their confused faces before he raised his hand and made a snap.

Within an instant, a strange energy fluctuation appeared in the air.

This energy fluctuation made the group of Sages flinch. All of them were now vigilant as they checked their surroundings.

"What's going on?"

"Why is there such a strange occurrence?"

Mysterious runes began to appear in the void. Some looked like swords, some looked like flames, while others looked like beasts...

All types of runes gleamed the sky in various colors. They looked incredibly mystical.

However, the sight of that baffled everyone at the scene.

"Runes... Why are there suddenly so many runes here?!"

"When did this bugger carve out these runes? This b*stard. How did he pull this off?!"

The Sages were gasping in astonishment. They never knew Chu Kuangren had knowledge of a runic technique!!

How did this guy know of runic Dao?!

The Sages could not scratch their heads over this.

The hundred thousands of cultivators at the scene were even more puzzled.

“Ladies and gentlemen, may you all enjoy this runic hodgepodge.”

Chu Kuangren let out a slight smile.

As soon as he finished his sentence, the many types of runes that were carved in the sky abruptly exploded. All kinds of energies struck down at the Sages.

Fire energy, ice energy, sword qi, gravitational energy...

At once, the entire sky was illuminated in colorful lights, looking extremely dazzling.

The Sages were so caught off guard by Chu Kuangren’s knowledge of runic Dao that they frantically fended off those runes in helter-skelter.

“See you.”

Chu Kuangren did not continue his fight with the Sages. Instead, he seized this opportunity to dash towards the Imperial Palace.

“Don’t you dare!”

The Sacred Palace of Death Sage shouted and thrust a finger towards Chu Kuangren’s back. A horrific qi of death amassed and transformed into a dreadful finger strength.

“Finger of Despair!”

Despite that, Chu Kuangren continued to make his way to the Imperial Palace without looking back.

Just as that finger strength was about to strike onto Chu Kuangren’s body, a golden rune emerged in the sky and turned into a golden light barrier.

With a loud bang, the finger strength shattered the light barrier but also disintegrated itself in the process, not dealing any damage to Chu Kuangren at all.

“D*mn it!!”

The Sacred Palace of Death Sage cursed out. “I can’t believe this fella has even mapped out the route to the Imperial Palace. He had already set up some runes to prevent anyone from giving chase. D*mn him, how does he know runic Dao?”

Runic Dao is extremely mysterious. There were less than a handful of cultivators who could cultivate runic Dao to full realization. Moreover, Chu Kuangren was still young, so how did he have such a comprehensive ability in runes?

Everyone did not understand.

Regardless, they could only watch as Chu Kuangren made his way into the Imperial Palace.

“I really hate this guy!”

“What are those sky-prides going to do now?!”

Everyone exchanged nervous glances. Compared to Chu Kuangren, those sky-prides inside the Imperial Palace were like a herd of sheep.

Now, a tiger was entering the sheep herd, but who could stop him now?

“Sigh, is this fated?”

“Is Chu Kuangren destined to become an Emperor in this era?!”

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Qian Imperial Palace.

As a residence of an ancient Emperor, this place had always been sealed in the void until its reappearance now. Thus, this place did not look too dilapidated. Conversely, it looked incredibly magnificent and glorious.

After entering the Imperial Palace, Chu Kuangren immediately initiated his Treasure Locating Skill.

Information about all kinds of treasures was fed back to him.

Nonetheless, something made him raise an eyebrow.

“Not that there’s a lack of treasures here, but all of these are Sage-grade treasures. Compared to the Serpent Deity’s private stash, these things are not really precious and useful for me. Are there no Emperor-grade treasures in here?”

Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

Emperor-grade treasures were what he really yearned for.

He continued using the Treasure Locating Skill for a while more but still could not find any traces of Emperor-grade treasures. That was when his Treasure Locating Skill touched a layer of strange barrier and was deflected back.

He looked toward the very center of the Imperial Palace. “Oh, is it in there?”

After pondering for a moment, Chu Kuangren decided to make a move.

He could sense that the barrier was a layer of forbidden seal force. Perhaps the forbidden area had not revealed itself to the realm because the time was not right yet.

“Let me just loot the other treasures in the meantime.”

Chu Kuangren thought.

Although these Sage-grade treasures were not very helpful to him, they were still a pile of extremely valuable cultivation resources.

It would serve some great use if he brought it back to the Black Heaven Sect.

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Inside the Qian Imperial Palace.

A group of sky-prides was gathered in an elixir field.

Numerous herbs and pills grew on this herb field. There were even large piles of sage-grade pills that were extremely rare in the outside world.

Not counting the other treasures of the Imperial Palace, this elixir field alone was enough to drive any orthodoxy in Firmament Star ecstatic.

The sky-prides who were there stared at those elixirs with desire-filled eyes.

Nevertheless, most of the sky-prides dared not do anything.

It was because a dozen or so empyrean walkers were gathered at the very middle of this elixir field. All they were doing was standing there, but their mere presence was enough to intimidate everyone.

"How shall we divide these supreme elixirs? Does anyone have any suggestions?"

Xue Zheng from Ethereal Rapture said.

"Pfft, how else do you want to divide this? Whoever's stronger here gets the biggest share, of course." Heavenly Golden Palace's Xiao Lintian flashed a cold grin and said.

Of all the sky-prides here, he was the strongest.

Hence, his extreme confidence!

"Brother Xiao, you really are straightforward. However, can you alone take on the combined forces of all of us?" Ling Xiao said bluntly.

Upon hearing that, the other empyrean walkers threw glances at Xiao Lintian too. A hostile look beamed from their eyes.

Xiao Lintian frowned at the scene before him and let out a scoff. "Intimidating a lone person with numbers... Is this how you guys do things?!"

"We call this teaming up against the strong," Ling Xiao replied.

"Pfft."

Xiao Lintian jeered back.

Although he was alone, he was not afraid of anyone here.

However, to take on so many empyrean walkers at once would still be an extremely arduous task for someone as powerful as him.

Chapter 394: Cut To The Chase, Not Battling, What Nonsense Are You Talking

Ling Xiao's suggestion of teaming up against the strong had forced Xiao Lintian to reconsider his plan.

The group of empyrean walkers then began to discuss who this elixir field should belong to. However, after disputing it for a good while, they still could not come to a conclusion that could satisfy everyone.

This elixir field was way too precious.

Nobody was willing to let it go that easily.

"I've said it. I want half of it. The rest shall be distributed amongst the rest of you. Otherwise, I don't care if you all team up and fight me. I'll fight you guys if I need to. By then, who knows who'll emerge victoriously?"

Xiao Lintian said ruthlessly.

The other few people did not look happy when they heard that.

"Half is too much."

"I'm the strongest amongst everyone here. It's only logical that I take the largest share."

Xiao Lintian's statement silenced everyone. Whoever was strongest should take the largest share was, truth be told, completely logical.

"Oh, the strongest takes the most?"

Right then, a cool voice was heard from afar.

"Naturally, yes."

Xiao Lintian was still oblivious to the situation as he replied subconsciously. However, at the very next moment, his expression stiffened.

The rest of the empyrean walkers looked flabbergasted too.

Gasps of shock spread throughout the crowd of people as they looked toward their backs.

Nobody knew when the peerless young man in white robes had arrived at the elixir field, standing majestically behind the crowd of people.

"Chu Kuangren!"

Ling Xiao said his name out grimly. The remaining empyrean walkers were also staring at him with a frown and a bitter pain in their hearts.

"Why is this guy here?"

"How could the Sages in the outside world let him in here? They want us to compete for the Opportunity of Fortune with him? They've overestimated our capabilities."

The empyrean walkers could only let out a bitter smile. This was especially true for Xiao Lintian, who looked like his soul had just departed his body as expressions of horror flashed past his eyes every now and then.

Back when they battled at the Empyrean Peak, Chu Kuangren had left too deep a psychological trauma in him. As the almighty Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique, he was struck down in just one hit by his adversary. Such a humiliating defeat was hard for him to grasp even to this day.

Chu Kuangren slowly walked toward the group of empyrean walkers.

The crowd knowingly parted a route for him.

Everybody looked at that white-robed figure with mixed emotions in their eyes. Some afraid, some worried, some motivated to be like him, while some revered him enthusiastically.

However, most of them felt helpless.

“If this guy is here, why else are we fighting?”

“Forget it, let’s just take this as a holiday trip then.”

“This is too depressing.”

Under everyone’s limelight, Chu Kuangren strode to the front of that elixir field. He smiled and said, “Whoever’s strongest gets to take the biggest share. I can concur with that, and with that said, I want the entirety of this elixir field!”

Then, Chu Kuangren lifted his hand and activated his Yin and Yang Ring.

Acres after acres of elixirs were siphoned into his ring.

This scene shocked every single empyrean walker. One of them, who could not hold it any longer, shouted at him, “Chu Kuangren, don’t go too overboard!”

Chu Kuangren did not pay heed to that person.

Seeing that he was ignored, this empyrean walker’s expression sank and charged towards Chu Kuangren in an attempt to stop him.

All Chu Kuangren did was gently wave one hand.

A bout of tremendous Daoist Rhyme instantly erupted. All the earth qi gathered into a Godly Mountain which struck out and slammed onto that empyrean walker’s body.

The almighty empyrean walker was rendered defenseless in the face of this one palm attack, and he was hurled into the air immediately

“Chu Kuangren, do you really intend to take this whole elixir field for yourself?”

“Don’t be too greedy!”

Xiao Lintian could not help but question him angrily.

Chu Kuangren stared back at him and said calmly, “Whoever’s strongest takes the largest share. Wasn’t that what you said? Why? Do you suddenly have any objections?”

“You...” Xiao Lintian was at a loss for words.

Yes, that was indeed what he had said earlier.

However, Chu Kuangren was taking the whole elixir field!!

“Ling Xiao, let’s have a go at him together.”

Xiao Lintian secretly sent a message to Ling Xiao and the others.

After that, he signaled them with his eyes.

‘It’s about time you showcase your tactic of teaming up against the strong!’

Ling Xiao silently stepped backward instead.

Team up against the strong?

It was more like getting wiped out in one hit.

“D*mn it!” Seeing that Ling Xiao had forfeited, Xiao Lintian could not help but curse and glared at Chu Kuangren unhappily.

He then glanced at the other people.

To his dismay, none of them was willing to step up.

All of them were very clear of Chu Kuangren’s strength. As for those who had not battled him before, they could also tell how bad the situation was just by witnessing that attack and the reaction from Ling Xiao and a few others. Hence, they were not willing to step up.

“Why? Do you want to fight me?”

Chu Kuangren said mockingly.

“D*mn you, Chu Kuangren. Don’t be so arrogant!” Xiao Lintian sneered coldly. Deep down, he felt incredibly flustered. All this time, he had been the only one who was arrogant toward others. Yet after meeting Chu Kuangren, he had been embarrassed by the latter so many times.

These were words that other people used to say to him, and now, he was the one who was saying them back to Chu Kuangren instead. This feeling frustrated him to no end.

“Just cut to the chase. Are you battling me or not?!”

Chu Kuangren flashed him a cold gaze and yelled out.

The yell unleashed his valiant battle intent.

It frightened all empyrean walkers at the scene so much that they stumbled backward. Xiao Lintian also could not help but stammer.

Under Chu Kuangren’s gaze, Xiao Lintian could only feel the eerie chill seep through the soles of his feet and up to his head. His scalp went numb.

“I-I’m... not battling...”

Xiao Lintian said through gritted teeth. His voice was trembling.

The rest of the empyrean walkers looked at Xiao Lintian sympathetically. After all, he was a Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique, one of the strongest among the group of empyrean walkers. However, in front of Chu Kuangren, he had lost even the courage of waging a battle against him.

This was all too ironic.

“If you’re not battling me, then why all this nonsense?”

Chu Kuangren smacked his lips and retracted his battle intent.

That statement made Xiao Lintian so scared that he could not rebut a single word.

Ling Xiao and the others were more sympathetic towards him now.

“Sigh, you knew you can’t beat Chu Kuangren, but you still chose to get on his nerves. You brought this upon yourself.”

“Tsk tsk. The great Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique was yelled at like a dog, and he doesn’t even dare to retaliate. Who would believe it?”

The group of empyrean walkers was amazed at how things had turned out. Very soon, Chu Kuangren had absorbed all the elixirs into his Yin and Yang Ring.

“See you next time, my fellow friends.”

Chu Kuangren even bade farewell to everyone before he left.

Everyone could barely muster a smile.

‘What a jerk.’

‘What do you mean ‘see you’? It’s best that we never see you again.’

After parting with Chu Kuangren, the people continued to scour for stuff inside the Imperial Palace.

Since it was the place of residence for an Emperor, who had left behind quite a few Opportunities of Fortune, it did not take long before the people discovered a new Opportunity of Fortune!

It was a giant stone tablet.

Mysterious Dao patterns were carved atop this stone tablet, forming a picture. In the picture, a person was yelling to the sky with his fists held high, and a terrifying Daoist Rhyme flowed within it.

There were also several rows of small letters on the stone tablet.

‘Strike this stone tablet with the technique illustrated on it, and you shall receive the Opportunity of Fortune!’

Everybody’s eyes lit up when they realized what it was.

“What this stone tablet meant is that we need to apprehend the cultivation technique written on it and then use the technique to obtain the Opportunity of Fortune inside it.”

“The technique illustrated on this stone tablet seems like some sort of fist technique. Hah, fist techniques are my forte. This Opportunity of Fortune shall belong to me!”

“Pfft, it’s still not certain who can gain insight from this tablet.”

The people began to sit in front of the stone tablet to study it.

Then, they realized that the cultivation technique recorded on this stone tablet was very mythical. It was even more profound than most other Sage Ruler Techniques.

“I’m afraid this is an Emperor Technique!”

Ling Xiao shook his head and said.

“Yes, this is indeed an Emperor Technique.”

At that moment, a voice rang into Ling Xiao’s ear. Upon hearing this voice, his expression froze, and he helplessly turned his head around to look at the person.

“Brother Chu, why are you here again?”

Chapter 395: A Drop Of Emperor’s Blood, The Real Qian Imperial Palace, The True Opportunities Of Fortune

“Brother Chu, why are you here again?”

The person who came was indeed Chu Kuangren.

He saw the crowd around this stone tablet, so out of curiosity, he came as well. He had also seen the small letters on top of the stone tablet.

Based on his understanding of Dao techniques, he was able to tell the technique with one look. The technique recorded on the stone tablet was a mysterious Boundary-Emperor technique related to martial arts Dao.

He could not be bothered with a Boundary-Emperor technique.

After all, he already had several Emperor Techniques.

However, he was interested in the Opportunity of Fortune inside this tablet.

As such, he waded past the crowd and began to study it.

The crowd looked rather surprised when they saw him approaching. Nevertheless, they stopped caring about him after a while, as they had also begun to gain insight into the cultivation techniques in this tablet.

Pfft.

This Opportunity of Fortune tested a person’s ability to gain insight and not combat strength.

What was there to be afraid of?

They were all sky-prides, and they had a certain amount of confidence in their respective cognizance.

They refused to believe that Chu Kuangren would overpower them in cognizance as much as he did in combat strength.

Xiao Lintian, especially, believed so.

He stared at the cultivation technique on the tablet with an arrogant look in his eyes. "The Dao that I cultivate is martial arts Dao, and the technique recorded on the tablet is also a martial arts Dao. With my level of cognizance, I'll surely gain insight from it in no time!"

"Chu Kuangren, I am not as strong as you when it comes to combat strength, but this Opportunity of Fortune is mine. I will gain insight on this the fastest!!"

Xiao Lintian could hardly resist a chuckle when he imagined Chu Kuangren's humiliated look. He could not wait to complete gaining insight from that technique on the tablet.

Yes, it was indeed a Boundary-Emperor Technique.

Yet with his ability, he would surely obtain the results he wanted in three days!

Xiao Lintian smiled.

Even in this Era of Great Battles, where there were many sky-prides, comprehending a Boundary-Emperor Technique in the span of three days was still an astonishing feat.

"Oh, I see."

When Xiao Lintian was just getting into comprehending the tablet, he suddenly overheard Chu Kuangren's voice beside him. It was as if he had realized something.

After that, he saw Chu Kuangren raise his arm and form a fist. Incredibly powerful Daoist Rhyme instantly emanated, and it shocked everyone present.

It was not because of how powerful the Daoist Rhyme was but the familiarity between it and the one recorded on the stone tablet was... almost identical!!

Everyone at the scene gasped.

"Has he... completely apprehended it?!"

"Unbelievable!"

"What's this?"

Everyone could not believe their eyes.

Chu Kuangren had only been there for a few moments. All he did was stand there and look at the stone tablet for a while, yet he had managed to apprehend this technique?!

Some of them had not even gone into comprehending it yet!

Outrageous!

This was simply outrageous!

Boom!

At that moment, Chu Kuangren threw out a punch.

The fist energy struck onto the stone tablet, which quivered abruptly. As a result, the picture and the Daoist Rhyme on it slowly disappeared.

Then, a red glint of light swooped past everyone.

It was a drop of red fluid. It looked like fresh blood, but there was an incredibly strong Emperor's Aura contained within.

This was a drop of... Emperor's blood!

All the cultivators stared at that Emperor's blood with hunger-filled eyes.

Legend had it that even one drop of an Emperor's blood could grant a person transcendent power. This drop of Emperor's blood alone would be enough to alter a person's natural endowment. It could even improve a Sage's cultivation base by leaps and bounds...

Either one of its uses was extremely tempting.

"Emperor's blood? Not bad I guess."

Chu Kuangren, on the other hand, was not as crazed as the other people were.

The Emperor's blood was indeed a very rare and precious treasure. However, for Chu Kuangren — a person who had seen way too many treasures — it only felt mediocre.

After all, he still had a female Emperor's head inside his Yin and Yang Ring. Compared to a whole head, one drop of blood paled into insignificance.

Nevertheless, Chu Kuangren may have no way of refining that head, but he could with this Emperor's blood. The energy would match that of the Nine-Headed Snakelet's and the Serpent's Sage Ruler bodies.

"He managed to gain insight from a Boundary-Emperor Technique in such a short time. How is that even possible?!"

Xiao Lintian looked at Chu Kuangren with a face full of shock.

He had not even started yet!

It was not just Xiao Lintian. The other empyrean walkers, too, looked like they had been dealt a massive blow. A feeling of dejection hit hard inside them.

He owned them in combat strength, and now, in cognizance as well!

There was nothing left for them to fight for!

Those sky-prides, who were not empyrean walkers, saw the looks of despair on Ling Xiao's and the rest's faces and felt sympathetic toward them too.

These empyrean walkers had yet properly introduced themselves to the world, and Chu Kuangren had already defeated them so badly.

“To compare cognizance with this guy? Quit joking. I heard that a few years back, he gained insight from eight thousand techniques in just half a day. Do you have any idea how terrifying that is?”

“After all these years, his cognizance has become even more appalling. Now, he can even apprehend this Boundary-Emperor Technique so quickly.”

“Is he still human?”

Several of the sky-prides started to discuss.

They had long abandoned their ambitions of competing with Chu Kuangren.

Such an act would only devastate them.

“Is this guy really a cultivator who’s from the same world as us? Could he be one of those immortals that have descended from the sky?!” Thousand Flower Valley’s empyrean walker, Feng Yaorao, exclaimed with admiration.

Upon hearing what she said, the other people began to ponder on this as well.

Chu Kuangren had an incredibly handsome look, and his demeanor was extraordinary. To say that he was an immortal was not that hard to accept... but it was!

Immortals were ethereal in existence, and nobody knew whether they existed or not.

Yet, Chu Kuangren had beat them in everything!

Buzz buzz...

Just then, a fluctuation appeared in the void.

The entire Imperial Palace subsequently began to shake.

Chu Kuangren’s eyes lit up.

“That layer of forbidden seal, it’s about to vanish.”

At the center of the Imperial Palace, a surge of dazzling golden light suddenly burst out, and a dense Emperor’s Aura swept out across the place.

A golden palace appeared from nowhere!

Within an instant, incredibly strong spiritual qi gushed toward the direction of the palace. Bursts of auspicious light emerged, and golden lotuses started to circle around the horizon. Daoist Rhymes began to reverberate throughout the entire place...

Different kinds of strange Daoist Transformations symbolized the otherworldliness of this golden palace.

“What is this?”

“These transformations are so incredibly mystical. This must be the biggest Opportunity of Fortune inside this palace. Quick, let’s go have a look.”

One after another, the sky-prides all made a beeline towards the palace that was suspended in the air.

However, at this moment, all of them were pushed back by an invisible force, preventing them from stepping inside. This left them staring at the golden palace outside with desperation.

“Wait, why can’t we go in?”

“What’s going on?”

“Hey, look. There’s a plaque on top of this palace... I think it writes... Qian Imperial Palace!!”

“Huh, what does that mean? Could it be that the place we’re in right now is not actually the Qian Imperial Palace? That this palace right in front of us now is the real Qian Imperial Palace instead?!”

“Even a palace that isn’t the Qian Imperial Palace has so many Opportunities of Fortune. I can’t even begin to imagine how incredible the Opportunities of Fortune that lie inside this real palace!”

The crowd gulped as they stared at the real Qian Imperial Palace.

“This is the true Opportunity of Fortune right here!”

Just then, a spark of brilliance gleamed in Ling Xiao’s eyes. He took out a Jade Amulet, which was glowing with bright illumination. The light that shone was the same as the light from that Imperial Palace.

Another few empyrean walkers took out their respective Jade Amulets as well.

These included Xiao Lintian, Feng Yaorao, Xue Zheng, Gui Wuchou, Ye Xin, and Li Fuping. There were a total of seven of them, with seven pieces of Jade Amulets.

“The records in the ancient archives are true. Only those who hold the Jade Amulets can enter the Imperial Palace and obtain the true Opportunities of Fortune that were left behind by the Qian Emperor!!”

Xiao Lintian laughed out loud.

The rest of the sky-prides glanced at each other in confusion. They had no idea what he was talking about.

What records of the Qian Emperor?

Why had they never heard of such a thing, yet these empyrean walkers seemed to know it very well?

Chapter 396: I Have One of Those As Well, Yuan Wudao’s Blood Dragon Claw

With the appearance of the Qian Imperial Palace, Xiao Lintian and the others took out their Jade Amulets. They were not surprised by the scene that had unfolded before them.

However, the other sky-prides were confused.

“Geez, these unknown lands have such a deep foundation and background; they could have known about the Qian Imperial Palace’s appearance long ago.”

One of the sage orthodoxy’s sky-pride sighed.

Compared to the empyrean walkers, they were not only lacking talent and resources but also short of generations of historical knowledge.

“Haha. Chu Kuangren, I’m sure you’re aware you need a Jade Amulet that the Qian Emperor left behind to enter the Qian Emperor Palace, right?”

Xiao Lintian said happily at that time. He had finally found something to show off to Chu Kuangren.

To him, Chu Kuangren was a sky-pride from the outside world, so he definitely would have no idea about anything regarding the Emperors, let alone the Jade Amulets.

Moreover, he definitely would not have a Jade Amulet with him right now.

Putting it simply, Chu Kuangren could never enter the Qian Imperial Palace!

Xiao Lintian was incredibly delighted upon thinking of this.

Not only him, but Ling Xiao, Xue Zheng, Li Fuping, and the other empyrean walkers were also relieved.

The pressure that Chu Kuangren had on them was just too immense.

They were not capable of competing with Chu Kuangren at all.

The fact that Chu Kuangren could not enter the Qian Imperial Palace was great news to them, as this meant that he could not compete with them for the Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune. Now, they all stood a chance.

“Good thing he doesn’t have the Jade Amulet, otherwise...”

Ling Xiao was just speaking when he suddenly noticed Chu Kuangren fiddling with a shiny object from the corners of his eye.

From the looks of it, that seemed like a piece of the... Jade Amulet!

Xiao Lintian, Ling Xiao, and the others were stunned.

They stared speechlessly at the Jade Amulet in Chu Kuangren’s hand.

“How does he have a Jade Amulet?”

The hopeful empyrean walkers had now fallen back into a harsh bout of despair. Everyone looked at Chu Kuangren, helpless.

“How could this be? How did the final piece of Jade Amulet be in Chu Kuangren’s hands? Where and how did he even get it in the first place?”

“Why do things always have to turn out like this...”

After all, there were only a total of eight Jade Amulets.

Seven of the eight pieces were taken by Xiao Lintian and the others, but out of all the people in the world, why did the last piece have to fall into Chu Kuangren’s possession?!

This was just too much of a coincidence!

The other sky-prides looked at Xiao Lintian and the others pitifully.

"I bet they're feeling very sh*tty right now."

"Sigh, even I have started to wonder whether Chu Kuangren is the son of the Heavenly Dao. Why is everything always in his favor?"

"Is this the so-called child of destiny?"

"Being born in the same era as this person is very sad."

The sky-prides shook their heads and lamented.

Meanwhile, Chu Kuangren looked at Xiao Lintian and smiled faintly. "Pardon me, what were you saying earlier? I think it's something about needing a Jade Amulet to enter the Qian Imperial Palace, right? Well, what a coincidence. I happen to have one with me here."

"Y-you..." Xiao Lintian was so mad that he almost spewed blood.

Buzz...

A horrifying fluctuation suddenly spread from the void.

A black beam of light that contained a deadly and eerie demonic qi was heading towards Feng Yaorao!

Taken by surprise, Feng Yaorao hurriedly channeled her spiritual power to resist the incoming attack. Despite that, she was still blasted away and heavily injured.

Her Jade Amulet slipped from her grasp as she fell backward. Immediately, a black figure swooped in and grabbed that Jade Amulet before it quickly dashed towards the Qian Imperial Palace.

That person was the Yuan Wudao of the Acheron Manor!

"D*mn you! Give me back my Jade Amulet!"

Feng Yaorao's expression changed as she chased after him.

However, the injuries that she had gotten from Yuan Wudao were so heavy that she could not catch on to him. Just when she was starting to panic, a stream of light suddenly shot past her and darted towards Yuan Wudao. In the blink of an eye, the light had caught up to him.

Yuan Wudao was rushing towards the Qian Imperial Palace. He was only a few meters away from its entrance when he suddenly felt a terrifying pressure catching up from behind that sent chills all over him. Without another word, he quickly unleashed a palm attack behind him.

A surge of demonic qi gushed out like a wild torrent!

That attack was so powerful that it made the void rumble.

Even so, his attack was easily shattered by a white jade palm. That same hand immediately reached out, grabbed Yuan Wudao by the neck, and tossed him in the opposite direction from the Qian Imperial Palace, brutally slamming him into the ground.

An explosion erupted, and the ground smashed into a large crater. Numerous cracks began to spread outwards like a spiderweb.

Lying in that crater was Yuan Wudao, who was in a terrible mess.

He looked at Chu Kuangren in the air with horror.

It was Chu Kuangren who slammed him into the ground earlier.

His original plan was to snatch Feng Yaorao's Jade Amulet and make a run towards the Qian Imperial Palace while Chu Kuangren was not paying attention. After he was inside, he would obtain the Emperor's Opportunity of Fortune.

Unexpectedly, he had underestimated Chu Kuangren's abilities.

Even if he took everyone by surprise, he was still caught by Chu Kuangren.

"Chu Kuangren, I didn't come looking for you when you took my Jade Amulet. Are you going to stop me now that I've taken someone else's?"

Yuan Wudao questioned out loud as his Daoist Rhyme surged and demonic qi circulated around his body. A bloody red mist was also seeping out from his bandaged arm, as if some terrifying being was trying to break free from its restraints.

"I don't care whose Jade Amulet you plan to take, but didn't the Acheron Manor's Sage bring you my message?"

"What message?"

"It looks like you guys really didn't take my words that seriously, huh? Forget about it. I'll repeat them for you one more time. My message was... I'm taking your life no matter what, and no one can save you from me!!"

Chu Kuangren then raised his arm to gather the spiritual power from the surroundings and formed a huge majestic golden palm that radiated with Buddhist Light, which crashed down on Yuan Wudao!

A horrifying pressure struck Yuan Wudao. Under the majestic Buddhist Light, his demonic qi was continuously disintegrating.

That palm attack was more powerful compared to the last time he witnessed it at the Demonic Hoarder Forefather's secret realm and in the School of White Lotus!

"He has gotten stronger in such a short time!"

"Godd*mn it, I have no choice but to use this."

Yuan Wudao growled as the bandage around his left arm was suddenly burnt to ashes by a bloody red flame.

A terrifying demonic arm that was covered in red scales and had razor-sharp claws suddenly appeared before everyone.

After that, a horrifying and devilish surge of scarlet demonic qi emanated from it!

“The Acheron Manor’s Blood Dragon Claw!”

“Legend has it that the Blood Dragon Claw originated from a terrifying demonic beast in the underworld. After being slain by the Acheron Manor’s Forefather, its claws were preserved and refined into a top-tiered Boundary Emperor Weapon. However, no one has been able to use it because of its immensely evil nature. I can’t believe Yuan Wudao has managed to subdue and use it!”

Xiao Lintian, Ling Xiao, and the others were slightly shocked.

By then, Yuan Wudao’s Blood Dragon Claw had already collided with the golden palm attack. Horrifying bursts of energy exploded, and upon impact, the huge golden palm was destroyed!

“Chu Kuangren, behold the might of my Blood Dragon Claw!!”

After destroying the golden palm with one move, Yuan Wudao leaped into the air and attacked Chu Kuangren with his claws.

Chu Kuangren immediately unleashed his Human Mountain Stamp the moment he saw it coming!

As soon as he struck out his palm, his human mountain power clashed with the Blood Dragon Claw. The impact from the two energies did not affect Chu Kuangren, as he stood there unmoved. However, Yuan Wudao was blasted back several meters.

Chu Kuangren was a little shocked.

“So you can withstand my attack. It looks like that arm of yours has given you quite some strength.”

Chu Kuangren smiled playfully as he said with a slight interest.

“Go to hell, Chu Kuangren!”

Yuan Wudao roared and continued to attack his opponent. Upon a closer look, the veins on his Blood Dragon Claw had spread to his neck, and they were bulging. Even his left eye was riddled with blood, making him look inhumanly brutal.

Chapter 397: Killing Yuan Wudao, I Have An Idea, Not Letting You Guys Enter

With the Blood Dragon Claw, Yuan Wudao’s combat strength increased drastically!

One claw struck out as if it was going to tear through the void. Large amounts of scarlet demonic qi were unleashed in the air, and it dashed towards Chu Kuangren!

Chu Kuangren merely raised his arm and shattered that demonic qi effortlessly.

The gap in power between them was just so big that despite being armed with the Blood Dragon Claw, Yuan Wudao still could not bridge that unimaginable gap.

“Die, Chu Kuangren! Just die, for heaven’s sake!”

However, Yuan Wudao continued to claw his way forward as if he did not notice the difference in strength. His blood-shot eyes made him look crazy.

Chu Kuangren could tell that Yuan Wudao was not in control of the Blood Dragon Claw. In fact, he had been taken over by the weapon's evil nature. If he were to use it for a long time, Yuan Wudao would eventually be consumed by evil and end up as a madman who only knew how to kill.

"No wonder that arm of his was wrapped up earlier. That bandage was to suppress the Blood Dragon Claw's evilness from getting to him," Chu Kuangren muttered.

After understanding the full strength of the Blood Dragon Claw, Chu Kuangren was no longer interested in continuing their fight.

That long sword tied to his waist unsheathed itself with a clang and made a strike.

The purple sword ray shot out, seemingly covering most of the sky. In the eyes of countless onlookers, that terrifying but amazing sword ray was all they could see.

"Roar!!"

Yuan Wudao let out a loud inhuman roar as the demonic qi within his Blood Dragon Claw rose to its limit. Then, he struck out his claw.

Mixed with surges of devastating Daoist Rhyme, that scarlet demonic qi of his formed into a hideous blood dragon shadow that flew towards his opponent.

The sword ray and the blood dragon shadow collided.

Tremendous shockwaves were sent everywhere.

However, the blood dragon shadow could not hold on for even a second before it was immediately torn apart by the domineering sword ray.

A tearing sound was heard.

It was the sound of the sword ray piercing through flesh.

Huge amounts of blood spurted out as the sword ray tore the Blood Dragon Claw apart, detaching it from Yuan Wudao's body.

The onlooking empyrean walkers were shocked.

'It is too horrifying.

'The sword ray's power is just horrifying.'

If it were them, they would stand no chance before sword ray.

Yuan Wudao let out a heart-piercing screech as his Blood Dragon Claw was sliced off his arm. He then fell from the air like a broken kite and crashed onto the ground. His pale face stared at Chu Kuangren with a horrified expression.

Having lost the Blood Dragon Claw, Yuan Wudao soon regained his sanity. However, he was also well aware of his predicament, and he shuddered with fear as an immense terror enveloped him.

Chu Kuangren's sword sheathed itself, and the sword ray in the sky dissipated.

After that, he reached out and grabbed that Blood Dragon Claw, studying it carefully.

That Blood Dragon Claw was covered with fine scales, and it emanated a scarlet demonic qi and certain evilness. It was as if the consciousness of the deceased demonic being had never truly dissipated.

Just that arm alone contained an incredibly domineering blood and flesh essence, which was no weaker than a fully intact Sage Ruler's corpse.

While Chu Kuangren was examining the Blood Dragon Claw, Yuan Wudao desperately summoned all his remaining strength to get up and flee from the scene.

However, a terrifying surge of domain energy suddenly crashed down upon him, pushing him down onto the ground as if thousands of mountains were on him.

"How can you possibly think of escaping in a state like this? Aren't you a bit too naive for the Acheron Manor's empyrean walker?" Chu Kuangren kept the Blood Dragon Claw away and slowly walked towards Yuan Wudao. The chill in his eyes became more intense with every step he took.

Pinned to the ground in a mess, Yuan Wudao pleaded, "Chu Kuangren, please let me go. I don't want the Opportunity of Fortune in this Imperial Palace anymore. They're all yours to take, and I swear to never get in your way again..."

Chu Kuangren replied to Yuan Wudao's desperate begging. "Competing for the Imperial Palace's Opportunity of Fortune is just a small matter."

"Fighting against me is just a small matter too."

"However, your bold actions of instructing the Underworld Palace to harm my Black Heaven Sect disciples is no small matter! Even a Sage Ruler won't be able to save you!"

With that, Chu Kuangren raised his hand and unleashed a palm attack at Yuan Wudao's skull. The majestic Buddhist Light instantly blew the latter's head apart!

Then, he activated the Gluttonous Devouring Technique and absorbed his opponent's body into the Avarice dimension for refining. This gave Chu Kuangren a large amount of blood and flesh essences.

It was no less than a Great Sage as well.

Although Yuan Wudao's cultivation level was not at the level of a Great Sage, the top-tier Daoist Physique he possessed enabled his body to contain quite a lot of blood and flesh essences.

After seeing Chu Kuangren use the Gluttonous Devouring Technique from afar, the Sacred Palace of Death's Gui Wuchou's eye lit up with desire. However, that gaze soon disappeared.

He really wanted to obtain that technique, but he was not a match for Chu Kuangren. Hence, he had to put that desire on hold for now.

Once he had dealt with Yuan Wudao, Chu Kuangren picked up his Jade Amulet from the ground.

Only then did Feng Yaorao walk up to him.

She gratefully thanked him with an ogling gaze. "Brother Chu, many thanks for helping me get my Jade Amulet back. I shall forever remember your kindness."

She had already developed weird feelings for Chu Kuangren when he last defeated her, and seeing him kill without mercy in such a heroic manner today had made her heart flutter even more.

Now that he had killed Yuan Wudao and retrieved her stolen Jade Amulet, she finally confirmed her admiration for Chu Kuangren.

A man like that would definitely impress a woman.

Feng Yaorao stared at Chu Kuangren with a little obsession in her eyes.

However, she soon started to notice that something was wrong. Chu Kuangren was still fiddling with her Jade Amulet with no intention to return it to her.

"Uh, Brother Chu, can I have my Jade Amulet back now?"

"Who said that I took this Jade Amulet for you?"

Chu Kuangren replied.

'What?!'

Feng Yaorao was slightly dumbfounded.

'Hold on. There's something wrong about how things are turning out now.'

"I suddenly have an idea."

Chu Kuangren said to himself as he took out his Sacred Emerald Sword Case.

One by one, countless treasured swords flew out from the sword case to form a terrifying sword formation, trapping every empyrean walker present inside.

The horrifying surges of sword qi that circulated the void were unnerving!

That sword formation could trap and kill even a Sage Ruler!

With Xiao Lintian, Ling Xiao, and the others' level of strength, they stood no chance at defending themselves. They could only stare at the sword formation before them in horror.

"What are you doing, Chu Kuangren?"

Xiao Lintian asked loudly.

"Brother Chu, please, we can talk this out."

Ling Xiao was slightly puzzled as well.

"There's no need for all of you to enter the Imperial Palace anymore, so please hand me your Jade Amulets now." Chu Kuangren chuckled.

That was the idea he mentioned.

Although he desired the Emperor's Opportunities of Fortune within the Imperial Palace, he still had no clue as to the type of trial that the Qian Emperor had set up to select his successor. What if he was not suitable to inherit his legacy?

What if something happened which led to him losing the Opportunity of Fortune?

To ensure that he could successfully obtain the Opportunities of Fortune inside, Chu Kuangren had decided that only he would be allowed to enter the Imperial Palace. With his competitors out of the picture, would that not make him the only one suitable to receive the Opportunities of Fortune?

Chu Kuangren silently patted himself on the back for coming up with such a brilliant idea.

The remaining people had seen through Chu Kuangren's intentions as well, and they all stared at him with disbelief.

"D*mn you! Have you gone mad, Chu Kuangren!!"

"You've gone nuts. You've really gone nuts this time!"

Xiao Lintian, Ling Xiao, and the others glared at Chu Kuangren. They were so angry that they trembled with rage. After all, that Jade Amulet was their ticket to enter the Imperial Palace.

Besides, being able to enter the Imperial Palace meant competing for the Emperor's Opportunity of Fortune. Even if their opponent was Chu Kuangren, they would still have a chance.

However, Chu Kuangren was not giving them any chance this time. Since he did not allow them to enter the Imperial Palace, then how could they compete for the Opportunities of Fortune?!

Chapter 398: Dare To Punish Me? That's Right, It's Just Me

The empyrean walkers were all trapped within the sword formation in the air.

Ling Xiao, Xiao Lintian, and others stared daggers at Chu Kuangren. It was as if they desperately wanted to skin him alive.

However, Chu Kuangren remained composed despite everyone's gazes and said, "Hand me your Jade Amulets now. Don't make me do this the hard way."

His tone was calm, as if he was only talking about something trivial.

Everyone gritted their teeth in anger.

"Chu Kuangren, aren't you going a bit too far by doing this?"

Xiao Lintian took a deep breath and said.

"I can go even further if you don't hand them over right now."

"You..."

"Stop it with the stuttering. I don't have much time to waste with you guys anymore. If you don't hand it over willingly, then I shall take it from everyone by force. If that happens, I won't be able to guarantee whether you'll live by then."

Everyone immediately felt a chill run down their spine.

They were fully aware that Chu Kuangren was telling them the truth. Besides, he was fully capable of doing so.

That was the most frustrating and scary part for them.

“Chu Kuangren, you’re ruthless!”

Gui Wuchou held his Jade Amulet tightly and eventually had no choice but to toss it over to Chu Kuangren. After all, he did not dare gamble his life in a fight with Chu Kuangren.

Upon seeing that, everyone else also handed their Jade Amulets over reluctantly to Chu Kuangren.

They were extremely unwilling and dissatisfied.

This was a precious chance to obtain an Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune!

Yet, just like that, their opportunity was crushed by Chu Kuangren!

“That’s the spirit. If everyone’s willing to cooperate, we can save a lot of effort. I do not wish to clash swords and make things violent for everyone as well.” Chu Kuangren grinned as he kept all the Jade Amulets.

Everyone was so enraged that their mouths twitched upon seeing Chu Kuangren’s delightful expression. Even Feng Yaorao, who admired Chu Kuangren, could not help but think that he was more evil than the devil himself.

“The heart of a devil, yet with a face of an immortal. This is... unbearably enchanting.” Feng Yaorao licked her lips as she blushed.

“Chu Kuangren, aren’t you afraid that the heavens will punish you by damnation?”

Xiao Lintian glared at Chu Kuangren and uttered fiercely.

“Punished by the heavens?”

“Why don’t you go and find out? Do the heavens dare to punish me?!”

Chu Kuangren stood proudly with his arms crossed, looking like he had turned into a peerless sword. A razor-sharp Sword-based Daoist Rhyme emanated from his body and soared into the sky. It was as if he was going to pierce a hole through the heavens itself.

Everyone trembled.

Feng Yaorao crossed her legs even tighter as she looked at Chu Kuangren’s domineering demeanor. Her gaze became more obsessed.

Meanwhile, Ling Xiao, Xiao Lintian, and others cursed him in their hearts.

‘This b*st*rd.’

‘He’s too pretentious!’

‘Almighty heavens, can’t you just strike this guy with a lightning bolt or something?!’

All of them secretly cursed.

Then, numerous clouds rolled in the sky while thunder boomed. At that, everyone’s eyes lit up. ‘Has the heavens heard our wishes?’

However, there was only a slight thunderstorm before the sky cleared up. Nothing happened.

Everyone was disappointed.

Could the heavens be afraid of Chu Kuangren too?

Chu Kuangren put away his sword formation, and in a flash, he dashed towards the Imperial Palace.

All everyone else could do was go crazy and unleash terrifying Daoist Rhymes to vent their anger as they watched his silhouette leave.

Xiao Lintian struck out a fist that landed on a nearby pavilion, which instantly turned into a pile of rubble.

Feng Yaorao remarked. “When he’s around, you guys don’t dare to move a muscle. So what’s the point of venting your anger on these innocent stones now that he’s gone?”

Everyone’s expression became even worse upon hearing her words.

“Although her words are harsh, Sister Feng is right. It’s best if we explore somewhere else and see whether there are any other Opportunities of Fortune.”

Ling Xiao said as he took a deep breath.

Everyone then parted ways.

During this time, in the outside world.

A crowd of Sages was delighted when they saw the glorious palace that had appeared out of thin air.

“Now that’s the real Imperial Palace.”

“A Jade Amulet is required to gain entry into the Imperial Palace. Since Chu Kuangren will not have a Jade Amulet with him, the Opportunities of Fortune he can obtain will surely be limited.”

One of the Sages breathed a sigh of relief.

The others did the same as well.

At that moment, Blackwillow Sage sighed frustratingly. “Actually, Chu Kuangren does have a Jade Amulet.”

With that, the Sage’s newfound hope was shattered.

Blackwillow Sage then told everyone about how Yuan Wudao’s Jade Amulet was stolen.

The other Sages let out a whirl.

“D*mn it, how is this guy so lucky?”

“Could he be a child of destiny?”

“D*mn, f*ck this.”

“There’s no point feeling down about this. Although Chu Kuangren’s strength is remarkable, the Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune doesn’t judge people based on power alone. There are other types of trials as well, so our sky-prides will still stand a chance too.”

The Purplevoid Sage of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Palace uttered.

“Yeah, that’s true.”

“We can only hope that’s the case.”

They no longer cared about who the Emperor’s Opportunity of Fortune ended up with, as long as it was not Chu Kuangren.

Unfortunately, due to the invisible Emperor’s Aura surrounding the Imperial Palace, their spiritual thoughts could not peer in and see what was happening inside.

Otherwise, they would know that no one else could compete with Chu Kuangren anymore. After all, Chu Kuangren was the only one who could enter the Imperial Palace.

“What?!”

Blackwillow Sage suddenly exclaimed with shock.

He was holding a communication compass with a terribly grim expression. It seemed as if he had received some bad news.

“What happened, Blackwillow?” a Sage asked.

“An empyrean walker from my Acheron Manor... has died!!”

Blackwillow Sage replied in a gloomy tone, “Chu Kuangren, it’s definitely Chu Kuangren who did it. He once said that he will kill Wudao the next time he sees him. I did not expect that he would really have the guts to do it!!”

Blackwillow Sage was consumed by rage.

After all, Yuan Wudao was a peerless sky-pride whom the Acheron Manner had handpicked and trained to be their best candidate for becoming an Emperor!

Yet now, Chu Kuangren had killed him just like that!

How could they possibly stomach this?!

“Chu Kuangren, my Acheron Manor shall never forget this!”

Blackwillow Sage said in a deep voice.

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At that time, Chu Kuangren, who had become the topic of conversation for the Sages outside, had entered the real Qian Imperial Palace. The moment he stepped foot inside, a vast and majestic Emperor's Aura immediately wafted past his face, giving him the feeling of wanting to submit right away.

Since Chu Kuangren had experienced the Emperor's Aura from many Emperors and had a few Emperor Scriptures with him, that incoming Emperor's Aura was nothing but a slight breeze to him. It simply blew past him without any effect.

Then, he started to observe the Imperial Palace.

The first thing that he saw in the Imperial Palace was the eight zafus placed before him. They were clearly prepared for the eight people who had the Jade Amulets.

At this time, a golden light suddenly illuminated before the zafus.

An illusory figure had appeared before Chu Kuangren.

It was a figure of a man donned in golden long robes with ink-black hair draped over his shoulder and his eyes closed. A powerful surge of Emperor's Aura was emanating from that man's body.

"Greetings, sky-prides of the future."

The man opened his eyes to reveal how bright they were. However, he could not help but look stunned when he saw Chu Kuangren before him, as if something unexpected had just happened.

"It's just you?" the man asked in surprise.

Chu Kuangren walked up to that man and immediately sat on one of the zafus. He then laid out all eight pieces of Jade Amulets before the man and chuckled. "That's right. It's just me."

Chapter 399: The Outer World's Nine Heavens, The Qian Emperor's Trial, That's It?

"That's right. It's just me."

Chu Kuangren laid out the eight Jade Amulets and said, "It seems that I'm the only one who's qualified to inherit your inheritance, Qian Emperor."

The man who was the Qian Emperor was slightly stunned.

According to his prediction, all eight Jade Amulets would eventually gather at his Imperial Palace. That meant that eight top-tier sky-prides would come and compete for his inheritance.

So why was there only one left?!

Was his prediction wrong?

"Sky-pride of the future, please state your name."

"Chu Kuangren."

"How did you get all the eight Jade Amulet pieces?"

The Qian Emperor asked, puzzled.

“The others gave them to me willingly.”

Chu Kuangren said and chuckled after a while.

“Willingly?”

“Does it matter?”

“No.” The Qian Emperor shook his head and then said, “Although you’re the only person here, it doesn’t mean that my inheritance will be given to you. A trial is still required regardless.”

“Of course. But before we start, I have a few questions that have been bugging me for quite some time now. Honorable Qian Emperor, do you mind clearing these doubts of mine?”

“Go on.”

“Qian Emperor, have you passed away?”

Chu Kuangren looked at the Qian Emperor before him and asked. He could tell that the Qian Emperor standing before him was just a manifestation of spiritual thought.

It was similar to the Mindful Emperor that he met previously.

“I’m still alive,” the Qian Emperor replied.

“Where are you currently at?”

“Above the skies.”

“Above the skies?” Chu Kuangren was slightly surprised, but he proceeded to ask, “Could it be the immortal world that was spoken in legend?”

“The immortals really exist in this world?!”

“That’s not it. The immortal world you speak of is incredibly ethereal and otherworldly. The place that I’m talking about is known as the... Outer World’s Nine Heavens!” Qian Emperor smiled as he said

“What is the Nine Heavens?”

“Beyond the skies of Firmament Star lies the Nine Heavens!”

“Is it a higher-level world?”

“It’s not accurate to put it that way, because the Nine Heavens was created by a group of Emperors. It is just like how Sages create secret realms. Strictly speaking, it’s not a higher level than Firmament Star.”

“Then what’s the reason for the Emperors to create the Nine Heavens?”

Chu Kuangren was full of questions.

At this moment, he wished to ask and understand everything.

“To protect the Firmament Star!” The Qian Emperor said loudly.

“Protect Firmament Star from what?”

“Sky-pride of the future, that’s too many questions you have there. The moment my spiritual thought manifestation is activated, it won’t be able to last very long. Do you still want to obtain the Opportunities of Fortune that I’ve left behind?” As if not wanting to answer any other questions, the Qian Emperor chuckled

Chu Kuangren’s eyes narrowed slightly. “Alright, I understand.”

“Then, are you prepared for the trial?”

“Please start.”

The grandiose Imperial Palace suddenly disappeared, and the scene was replaced by an ancient battlefield.

At that moment, a raging battle was happening on this battlefield.

That great battle was chaotic, and it included various tribes and cultivators of all levels. There was quite some Emperor’s Aura in the air as well!

It was a great battle that even involved the Emperors!

Chu Kuangren appeared minuscule compared to the scale of that battle. It was as if a random burst of energy could destroy and decimate him right away.

“This is... an illusion realm?!”

Chu Kuangren muttered.

He was still inside the Imperial Palace one moment ago, so a battlefield like this could not have appeared out of thin air. This meant that he was inside the Qian Emperor’s trial now.

“That’s right, sky-pride of the future. You’re very smart. This is indeed my trial.” The Qian Emperor’s voice rang beside Chu Kuangren’s ears.

“What’s the requirement to pass this trial, honorable Qian Emperor?”

“It’s simple. You’ll just have to go through this battlefield!”

‘Go through this mess of a battlefield?!’

Looking at the endless armies and that never-ending battlefield, Chu Kuangren grinned.

“Is this a trial of the Daoist core?”

“I’m afraid that I’ll have to disappoint, honorable Qian Emperor.”

Chu Kuangren replied.

He then got up and started walking towards the end of that battlefield.

At this time, an incomparable terrifying surge of Daoist Rhyme suddenly appeared from beside him, and a powerful palm strength was unleashed towards Chu Kuangren.

However, Chu Kuangren merely stood still and appeared calm.

That palm strength was destroyed as soon as it landed on his body.

It seemed to cause no damage to him.

One step after another, Chu Kuangren walked towards the end of the battlefield. The shockwaves from the battles and Emperor's Aura around him had no effect on him at all.

In other words, they were ineffective against his Daoist core at all.

His Daoist core was rock steady and immovable!

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"How can this sky-pride of the future's Daoist core be so firm!"

Inside the Qian Imperial Palace.

In front of the Qian Emperor was a light display screen. It was displaying the scene of Chu Kuangren traversing through the battlefield. Seeing Chu Kuangren's calm and composed manner despite everything happening around him, the Qian Emperor could not help but be surprised.

That illusion realm was indeed a trial to test a person's Daoist Core.

However, knowing that it was an illusion and not being affected by it were two completely different things!

There were some illusions where one would still be affected even though they knew they were inside one. They could even die from the effect of the illusions.

Some illusion realms were so realistic that it was no different than reality itself!

Anyone whose Daoist core was not strong enough would easily be trapped within it.

The current illusion realm cast by the Qian Emperor was known as the Ashura Illusory Realm. A Sage would no doubt be affected by it no matter how powerful they were.

The Qian Emperor's requirement for Chu Kuangren to go through that Ashura battlefield was actually a joke. In fact, he did not have to walk through the entire battlefield. As long as he had traversed a satisfactory distance, the Qian Emperor would regard him as passing the trial.

He initially planned for the eight qualified sky-prides to do the trial together and see which one among them could walk the furthest.

However, he did not expect it to be just Chu Kuangren.

"So show me how steady your Daoist core is then."

The Qian Emperor muttered.

Inside the Ashura battlefield, Chu Kuangren continued to walk through the area. Despite countless lethal energy and shockwaves landing on him, he was not the slightest bit affected. By now, he had arrived at a sea of skeletons.

That sea of skeletons was a part of the Ashura battlefield.

Countless skeletons were wailing and screeching around Chu Kuangren. As they crawled towards him, their surges of rage qi rushed toward him, seeking to attack his mind.

“How dare you mere vengeful ghouls block my path?!”

Chu Kuangren grunted lightly.

Buddhist Light then manifested around him, and a giant ancient Buddha appeared in the air!

The millions of skeletons immediately turned to black qi and dispersed under the vast Buddhist Light.

Outside the illusory realm, the Qian Emperor was stunned at that sight. “He’s using his Daoist core to unleash an Emperor Technique. By the heavens, this guy’s Daoist core is no weaker than any Emperor out there. Where and when did a monster like him come from?”

The Qian Emperor commented as he gulped.

Inside the Ashura battlefields, Chu Kuangren unleashed his Tathagata Rebirth Mantra and instantly purified the whole skeleton sea, causing the whole Ashura Illusory Realm to tremble!

Multiple cracks appeared in the skies within the illusory realm.

The Qian Emperor shook. Even a spiritual thought manifestation like him was trembling violently. It was as if he was startled by what happened.

“The Ashura Illusory Realm can’t handle his Daoist core’s strength?!”

The Qian Emperor gasped in shock. That alone was more shocking to him than Chu Kuangren reaching the end of the Ashura battlefield.

“This trial can’t go on any longer.”

The Qian Emperor waved his arm and dispersed the Ashura Illusory Realm’s battlefield.

Only then did Chu Kuangren slowly open his eyes and said, “Why did you put away the illusory realm? Are we going to continue with the trial?”

The Qian Emperor rolled his eyes.

‘You still want to continue?’

‘And, eventually, destroy my illusory realm?!’

“You’ve successfully passed the trial,” the Qian Emperor said.

“Wait, that’s it?”

A look of disappointment washed over Chu Kuangren’s face.

‘That’s it?!’

‘That’s the Emperor’s trial?’

Chapter 400: The Emperor’s Inheritance, Something Big In The Future, The Sages’ Decision

“Now that you’ve passed the trial, you’re worthy to inherit my inheritance.”

The Qian Emperor chuckled.

After that, he waved his arm and revealed three items.

The three items were a wooden box, a yellow booklet, and a black armor that emanated with grim murderous qi.

Not to mention the other two items, but just that armor alone was enough to grab Chu Kuangren’s attention. Through his Treasure Locating Skill, he could tell that the black armor was an incredibly powerful... Emperor Weapon!

“This wooden box contains a scroll while the booklet here is an Emperor Scripture that I’ve personally written and compiled. It has some of my cultivation experiences recorded in it. As for this armor, this was an Emperor Weapon that I came across during my early days. Since I have a similar Emperor Weapon with me, I’ve decided to leave it here for someone else.”

“These three items are the Opportunities of Fortune that I’ve left behind.”

“Sky-pride of the future, I shall tell you one more thing before this spiritual thought manifestation of mine disappears. This is the Era of Great Battles. After tens of thousands of years of the Era of Dharma’s End, this great change from deprivation to prosperity means that not only those from Firmament Star but those from the Nine Heaven are also interested in competing for the opportunity to become an Emperor!

“This opportunity of becoming an Emperor will soon appear on the Firmament Star!”

“Hence, many more sky-prides shall be appearing in the future as the orthodoxies in the Nine Heavens will not sit idly by as well. These orthodoxies have roots tracing to the ancient and even archaic ancient times. They each possess the complete inheritance from their respective Emperors, so they will not be easy opponents. You should be careful...”

The Qian Emperor chuckled.

After all, Chu Kuangren was a sky-pride that had obtained his inheritance, so the Qian Emperor did not wish to see Chu Kuangren failing so soon on his path to Emperor-hood.

“People from the Nine Heavens? I’ll be looking forward to it.”

Chu Kuangren chuckled.

“Perhaps there are others besides the Nine Heavens as well.”

“Oh? Honorable Qian Emperor, do you mean...”

The Qian Emperor pointed to the ground.

Only then did Chu Kuangren understand. “The Underworld Demonic Realm?”

The Qian Emperor nodded.

Chu Kuangren was silent for a while before his grin widened. "It seems like the party is just getting started."

After that, he kept away all the items the Qian Emperor had given him, got up, and gave the latter a bow. "Thank you very much for the Opportunities of Fortune, honorable Qian Emperor."

"You're welcome. Other than mine, I suppose the other Emperors' Opportunities of Fortune will appear soon too. It'll be up to you to get your hands on them." The Qian Emperor smiled as his figure started to disappear.

"I understand. Farewell, honorable Qian Emperor."

Chu Kuangren lightly nodded and bowed again.

The Qian Emperor took one last look at Chu Kuangren before he fully disappeared.

As soon as the Qian Emperor's spiritual thought manifestation dispersed, the whole Qian Imperial Palace suddenly shook. The auspicious visions in the sky were gradually disappearing as well.

With a boom, the Qian Imperial Palace dropped from the sky and onto the ground. It was now no different to any of the other palaces around it, and its mysteriousness was gone.

That sudden change attracted the attention of many. Everyone knew that this undoubtedly had something to do with Chu Kuangren.

"What happened? Has Chu Kuangren obtained the Emperor's Opportunity of Fortune?"

"It must be. Why else would something like this happen?"

"D*mn it..."

Xiao Lintian, Ling Xiao, and the others ran toward the front of the fallen Qian Imperial Palace.

All they saw was Chu Kuangren slowly walking out from it.

"Chu Kuangren, have you obtained the Emperor's Opportunities of Fortune?" Xiao Lintian could not help but ask.

Chu Kuangren simply walked out of the palace without replying.

That area was no longer worth exploring to him. After all, he did obtain the most valuable Opportunities of Fortune that place can offer.

Before he left, he took out the Jade Amulets and tossed them at Xiao Lintian and the others. "There, you guys can have these back now."

This made Xiao Lintian and the others fuming with rage. 'You've already taken the Emperor's Opportunities of Fortune, so what's the point of having these Jade Amulets back?'

Looking at Chu Kuangren's departing figure, Xiao Lintian crushed the Jade Amulet in his grasp and threw it away.

He then dashed right inside the Imperial Palace.

However, the Imperial Palace was deserted. Not a single person was found inside.

They even searched the whole Imperial Palace, but there were no Opportunities of Fortune.

It was clear to them that the Opportunities of Fortune had already been taken by Chu Kuangren. Although they had expected this to happen, they still felt incredibly dissatisfied.

Outside the Imperial Palace, the group of Sages noticed that the surge of Emperor's Aura surrounding it had dispersed.

Everyone hurriedly rushed inside the Qian Imperial Palace.

Inside, they saw Xiao Lintian and the others. The Purplevoid Sage quickly asked. "Lintian, who got the Emperor's Opportunities of Fortune?"

Having noticed Xiao Lintian's unpleasant expression, he could more or less guess what had happened. However, there was still some hope in him when he asked.

"Chu Kuangren!" Xiao Lintian gritted his teeth as he replied.

The Sages let out a bitter laugh.

"Sure enough, it's him!"

"This guy really doesn't leave any room for others."

"He's already a monster. Now coupled with the Emperor's Opportunities of Fortune, I wonder how terrifying he'll be!"

The Sages discussed, and deep down, they could not help but tremble.

"Not only that, but he even stole our Jade Amulets! He didn't allow us any chance to compete with him!"

Xiao Lintian spoke again.

Now, the Sages were furious.

"Why is this Chu Kuangren so unreasonably crazy?!"

"D*mn it, he has gone too far now!"

"Did Chu Kuangren kill the Acheron Manor's empyrean walker?"

Blackwillow Sage asked.

"Yes!"

Xiao Lintian nodded.

"It's really him!" The Blackwillow Sage gritted his teeth with anger. He then looked at the other Sages around him and said, "Fellow Sages, we cannot sit idly by any longer. Chu Kuangren's existence has blocked the paths of our respective orthodoxy's sky-prides from progressing further."

“Imagine if another Emperor’s Opportunities of Fortune were to appear in the future and only sky-prides are allowed to enter and compete for it, who else could stop Chu Kuangren? From now on, are we going to let all the Emperor’s Opportunities of Fortune fall into Chu Kuangren’s hands? It’s time we do something right now.”

The Blackwillow Sage’s words made all the other Sages ponder.

The Purplevoid Sage then took a deep breath and said, “I think the Blackwillow Sage is right. I shall go inform my Palace Lord regarding this matter. No matter what, we cannot let Chu Kuangren prevail and gain the upper hand any longer. Otherwise, our respective orthodoxy’s sky-prides will forever live under his shadow.”

The other Sages trembled upon hearing that.

Each sky-pride would eventually be the pillars that hold up their orthodoxy in the future. If these sky-prides were too traumatized from being badly defeated by Chu Kuangren, their cultivation would no doubt be hindered. Even worse, their cultivation could end up crippled.

At that thought, every Sage at the scene shuddered.

Not only had Chu Kuangren hindered their sky-prides’ chance to become an Emperor, but he was also destroying their orthodoxy’s future!!

‘Enough is enough!’

“Chu Kuangren must not be allowed to exist any longer!”

Some of the Sages started to have that thought.

“No, I must discuss this matter with the Sect Leader when I return.”

“The threat that Chu Kuangren poses is just too great. It far exceeds what we thought of him. If we don’t get rid of him soon, there will be endless consequences to face!”

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Chu Kuangren was not aware of the Sages’ decision to take action against him at this moment. In fact, he was on his way back to the Black Heaven Sect.

He had gained a lot from this trip to the Imperial Palace.

What he was most happy with was that Emperor Weapon he obtained. Having witnessed the power of the Emphyrean Neptune’s Trident Halberd, he was now even more excited to see what that Emperor Weapon could do in the future.